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18 Infantry Brigade

March 1944

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Army Form C. 2
(adapted.)

Unit HQ 18 AUST INF BDE Date and Time.—From 1 Mar 44 To 31 Mar 44

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DUMPU		1	C Tp 2/2 Aust Commando Sqn came under comd 18 Bde. Amendment to 18 Aust Inf Bde Op Order No 2 issued.	Att as Appx "B"																								
		2	Div Adm Comd Brig F O CHILTON DSO visited HQ 18 Aust Inf Bde 2/2 Aust Commando Sqn less 'A' Tp under comd 18 Aust Inf Bde. 'C' Tp moved overland FAITA to ISARIBA																									
		3	GS01 Col WILSON visited Bde HQ and thence to inspect 2/9 Bn defs, accompanied by Bde Adm Comd Lt-Col C J CUMMINGS OBE.																									
		4	18 Aust Inf Bde Adm Order A9 issued.	ATT as Appx "C".																								
		5	Muster and Inspection Bde HQ by BM Maj O D JACKSON followed by Church Service in Bde Area.																									
		6.	Bde Staff Officers changed around as follows:- Capt R J S SEDDON BM(L), Capt C B PARBURY SC, Capt S G GRIFFITHS SC(L), Capt W A BROCKSOPP LO(1).																									

15 APR 1944

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Unit..... Date and Time.—From..... To.....

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	7		Div Adm Comd Brig F O CHILTON DSO visited Bde HQ for conference with Bde Adm Comd Lt-Col C J CUMMINGS OBE.	
	8		18 Aust Inf Bde Adm Instn A10 issued.	Att as Appx 'D'.
	10		Capt D C COOMBE evacuated to Hospital. Lieut C K ROWLANDS assumed duties as BASCO.	
	11		Plan for attack on WARDS village by 2/12 Bn. Completed Notes on conference.	Att as Appx 'E'.
	12		Air strike by 18 airacobras and 12 bostons on WARDS village. 2/12 Bn occupied WARDS finding it evacuated. Div Adm Comd Brig F O CHILTON DSO accompanied by Brig EASTICK, RAA visited Bde HQ. Adm Comd 7 Aust Div Brig F O CHILTON DSO visited 2/10 Bn. Bde inspection by BM(L) Capt R J S SEDDON followed by Church Service.	
	13		2/10 Bn took up new disposns as per Int Summary No 71. Lieut D M SCOTT IO 2/12 Bn assumed duties as Acting IO 18 Bde.	
	14.		Div Adm Comd Brig F O CHILTON DSO visited 18 Bde and discussed Div policy, with regard to ground to be held. Line to be held by 18 Bde EVAPIA R - CAMP 1 - WARDS.	
	15		Jap plane shot down by 11 Lt AA Bty, crashed in 2/9 Bn area 0400 hrs. Picqueted by 2/9 Bn until USAAF assumed responsibility. 2/6 Aust Commando Sqn less B Tp reverted to Comd 7 Aust Div. 18 Aust Inf Bde Trg Instn No 16 issued.	Att as Appx 'F'.

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	16		Africa Star Ribbons issued to members of this HQ in accordance with GRO 30/44. 140 natives handed over from 18 Aust Inf Bde to 15 Aust Inf Bde.	
	17		Lt-Col CULLEN 2/1 Aust Inf Bn, Lt-Col CAMERON 2/2 Aust Inf Bn, Lt-Col HUTCHINSON DSO, 2/3 Aust Inf Bn visited Bde HQ and then visited area Operation "CUTTHROAT".	
	18		BM Maj O D JACKSON left for PT MORESBY to inspect 18 Bde LOB Gp. Op Instruction No 25 issued.	Att as Appx 'G'.
	19		Bde Adm Comd Lt-Col C J CUMMINGS OBE during a visit to 2/10 Bn took salute at march past. Bde HQ inspection followed by Church Service.	
	20		SC Capt C B PARBURY and Bde Sig Offr (1) Capt A B TILEMANN visited 15 Bde to discuss preliminary arrangements for change over of Bde areas.	
	21		Bde Adm Comd Lt-Col C J CUMMINGS OBE and SC Capt C B PARBURY visited 15 Bde in connection with proposed change over.	
	22		BMs	
	22		Maj MURRAY and Maj MAYBURY, /16 and 19 Bdes respectively visited 18 Aust Inf Bde and visited area Operation 'CUTTHROAT' with LO(1) Capt W A BROCKSOPP.	
	23		BM(L) Capt SEDDON left by plane for DOBADURA. 6 Bde BASCO Capt CHANDLER returned to DOBADURA from HQ 18 Aust Inf Bde.	

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	24		18 Aust Inf Bde Initial Training School Course No 1 opened. Capt K B THOMAS MC 2/12 Bn Chief Instructor. Brig J SANDOVER, Comd 6 Bde visited 18 Aust Inf Bde and stayed overnight.	
	25		Capt G S REICHENBACH Legal Offr left for PORT MORESBY. Bde Adm Comd Lt-Col C J CUMMINGS OBE visited Div HQ. 6 Reinft Offrs taken on strength, 3 to 2/9 Bn, 3 to 2/10 Bn.	
	26		BM Maj O D JACKSON returned from PORT MORESBY accompanied by Maj D R JACKSON DSO, GII NGF.	
	27		15 personnel from 2/2 Aust Commando Sqn left for leave in accordance with 7 Aust Div Instn. A 5100.	
	28		Maj D R JACKSON DSO lectured on the SWPA to all Offrs of 18 Aust Inf Bde in the Bde Offr's mess.	
	29		Div Adm Comd Brig F O CHILTON DSO accompanied by Lt-Col FLETCHER GI visited HQ 18 Aust Inf Bde.	
	30		BM Maj O D JACKSON addressed students at 18 Aust Inf Bde Initial Training School.	
	31		Div Adm Comd Brig F O CHILTON DSO gave a lecture to all offrs 18 Aust Inf Bde on lessons from Operation "CUTTHROAT". Lecture held in 2/10 Bn area. 4 Tac/R Sqn dropped comforts on HQ 18 Aust Inf Bde. Routine Orders and W3008 and W3009 for month Mar att as Appx 'H'.	

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			<p>GENERAL:</p> <p>1. Personnel. Effective strength of units in RAMU VALLEY area for Mar 44 averaged the following percentages of WE.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">2/9 Bn - 87.65%; 2/10 Bn - 87.81%; 2/12 Bn - 65.57%.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">These figures excluded LOB Gps. Strengths on 31 Mar were as follows:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">2/9 Bn - 27 Offrs 675 ORs; 2/10 Bn - 30 Offrs 674 ORs; 2/12 Bn - 28 Offrs 530 ORs. 2/2 Aust Commando Sqn 20 Offrs 275 ORs.</p> <p>2. Health. Strict supervision of anti-malarial precautions reduced the high incidence of malaria as shown by the following figures.</p> <table style="margin-left: 40px; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="padding-right: 20px;">Week Ending 10 Mar</td> <td style="text-align: right;">80 cases.</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-right: 20px;">" " 17 Mar</td> <td style="text-align: right;">54 "</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-right: 20px;">" " 24 Mar</td> <td style="text-align: right;">63 "</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-right: 20px;">" " 31 Mar</td> <td style="text-align: right;">39 "</td> </tr> </table> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Typhus figures were only available to 10 Mar 44 up to which date there had been 4 cases. Total figures for sickness evacuations for month of Mar are as follows:-</p> <table style="margin-left: 40px; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th style="text-align: center;">2/9</th> <th style="text-align: center;">2/10</th> <th style="text-align: center;">2/12</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Malaria</td> <td style="text-align: center;">41</td> <td style="text-align: center;">33</td> <td style="text-align: center;">154</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dengue</td> <td style="text-align: center;">32</td> <td style="text-align: center;">28</td> <td style="text-align: center;">55</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dysentery</td> <td style="text-align: center;">1</td> <td style="text-align: center;">-</td> <td style="text-align: center;">-</td> </tr> <tr> <td>PUC excl dengue and malaria</td> <td style="text-align: center;">26</td> <td style="text-align: center;">21</td> <td style="text-align: center;">-</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Other diseases, injuries, etc</td> <td style="text-align: center;">15</td> <td style="text-align: center;">15</td> <td style="text-align: center;">41</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">Total evacuations</td> <td style="text-align: center; border-top: 1px solid black;">115</td> <td style="text-align: center; border-top: 1px solid black;">97</td> <td style="text-align: center; border-top: 1px solid black;">250</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Week Ending 10 Mar	80 cases.	" " 17 Mar	54 "	" " 24 Mar	63 "	" " 31 Mar	39 "		2/9	2/10	2/12	Malaria	41	33	154	Dengue	32	28	55	Dysentery	1	-	-	PUC excl dengue and malaria	26	21	-	Other diseases, injuries, etc	15	15	41	Total evacuations	115	97	250	
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- 3. Amenities. AS per Amenities Offr's report att as Appx 'J'.
- 4. War Eqpt. During the month there have been no major issues or deficiencies within the Bde.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCESECRET18 AUST INF BDE INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 58
(Infm to 1800 hrs 1 Mar 44.)LANDOPSOWN-ENEMY18 AUST INF BDE2/2 Aust Cav (Comdo) Sqn

C tp arrived DUMPU 29 Feb and came under comd 18 Bde.

15 AUST INF BDE57/60 Aust Inf Bn

Patrol leader reported missing SAIPA 2 area now returned.

58/59 Aust Inf Bn

AMUSON patrol and line party returned after laying line to AMUSON.

AIROPS

28 Feb 12 bostons bombed and strafed ERIMA area. Bostons again bombed and strafed area 29 Feb and Tac/R later reported bombing accurate, area well covered, and MT set on fire.

TAC/R

Further to Tac/R report 28 Feb (Summary No 56). Diggings 574728 on fairly open ground. Posn has fair command to south and probably SAIPA 1. Only two diggings appeared fresh, but def area could go back into jungle.

Fairly well worn foot track leads NW from posn 574733, but could not be followed from the air. Probable log faced dugout in side of hill at 583713, with good command to south. Several probable camouflaged diggings lower down ridge from dugout. Long slit trench on clearing east of WARDS village.

W. H. H. C. G. for Maj
BM 18 Aust Inf Bde

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

SECRET

18 AUST INF BDE INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 59
(Infm to 1800 hrs 2 Mar 44)

LANDOPS

OWN-ENEMY

18 AUST INF BDE

2/9 Aust Inf Bn

Patrol (Lieut DONNELLY) reached KESAWAI 011700L, returning to 2/9 Bn 2 Mar. Patrol reports Jap def posn under construction (one pillbox and three foxholes observed) at 499766, located 28 Feb. No enemy observed but considerable talking heard in rear of posns. 29 Feb further 19 Japs seen on MT rd. From OP at 515755 patrol observed RAP or possible HQ 551771. Japs seen on rd went quickly to ground as some of our a/c appeared overhead. These parties appeared to use the eastern rather than the western half of loop in rd 5477.

2/10 Aust Inf Bn

Patrol (Lieut MORGAN) en route ORGORUNA-MATALOI biv night 2/3 Mar ISARIBA area.

2/12 Aust Inf Bn

Patrol found recently built hut at 557712. Patrol from 57/60 Bn, accompanying personnel from 2 Aust Mtn Bty, contacted 2/12 Bn standing patrol on NIGGER KNOLL 021625L. C Coy less one pl, moving to relieve A Coy CAMERONS KNOLL, reached CAMP 1 2 Mar.

2/2 Aust Cav (Comdo) Sqn

Sqn HQ established ISARIBA am 2 Mar. Disposns. Sqn HQ, B and C tps ISARIBA. (under comd 18 Bde). A tp FAITA. (under comd 7 Aust Div.)

2/6 Aust Cav (Comdo) Sqn

Recce patrol (Lieut BALL) en route high ground overlooking DAUMOINA-YOKOPI biv night 2/3 Mar at KESAWAI.

15 AUST INF BDE

Bde HQ 671582.

24 Aust Inf Bn

Disposns. Bn HQ 673593. HQ Coy less 4 pl 671591. 4 pl 669633. A Coy less 9 pl 670594. 9 pl 669633. B Coy 676593. C Coy 676594. D Coy less two pls 663606. 17 pl 643696. 18 pl 659608.

57/60 Aust Inf Bn

Disposns. Bn HQ PROTHERO 2. HQ Coy less 6 pl 644665. 6 pl GUYS POST. A Coy less 8 pl 634663. 8 pl CANNINGS SADDLE. B Coy less 10 pl 643634. 10 pl 637662. C Coy less 15 pl 623668. 15 pl 625667. Standing patrol 597689. D Coy 645652.

58/59 Aust Inf Bn

Disposns. Bn HQ 653666. A Coy less 9 pl 658663. 9 pl 670653. B Coy 650669. C Coy 647675. D Coy 644665.

AIROPS

18 AUST INF BDE

011045L one sqn airacobras successfully divebombed and strafed Jap def posns SAIPA 2.
18 mitchells 16 liberators attacked LORENGAU area (ADMIRALTY ISLANDS)

TOPO

Patrol of Lieut DONNELLY (2/9 Bn) reports:-

TIMES:

SOLU River Xing 457702	- Old camp site 469727	2½ hrs
Old camp site 469727	- Ck junc 485737	4 " Very difficult.
Ck junc 485737	- Hill 2100 (4974)	3½ "
Hill 2100 (4974)	- 509758	3 " Following ridge line

Patrol returned from 509758 to KESAWAI in 1½ days.
 Patrol reports waterfalls at 478737 (100 ft high, detour to west.)
 and 475729 (250-300 ft high, Detour to east).
 There are NO huts at 505760. Clearing at hill 2100 (4974) is
 larger than shown on map, contains native garden and hut as
 marked, and is visible from Jap OP vic 500764.

P. Dawson
 Maj
 BM 18 Aust Inf Bde

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

SECRET

18 AUST INF BDE INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 60
(Infm to 1800 hrs 3 Mar 44)

LANDOPS

OWN-ENEMY

18 AUST INF BDE

Bde HQ 595554.

2/9 Aust Inf Bn

Disposns. Bn HQ 604559. A Coy 602562. B Coy 604562. C Coy
606560. D Coy 604562.

2/10 Aust Inf Bn

Disposns. Bn HQ 578574. A Coy 578573. B Coy 575575. C Coy
574577. D Coy 581576.

2/12 Aust Inf Bn

C Coy less one pl arrived CAMERONS KNOLL 031415L for relief A Coy.
Disposns. Bn HQ 531603. Standing patrol from 4 pl at CAMP 2.
A Coy less one pl CAMERONS KNOLL. One pl CAMP 2 (en route KESAWAI).
Standing patrol NIGGER KNOLL. B Coy less one pl 496640. 10 pl
520666. C Coy less one pl CAMERONS KNOLL. One pl CAMP 1. D Coy
less one pl 491645. 18 pl CAMP 1.

2/2 Aust Cav (Comdo) Sqn

2/2 Cav Sqn less A tp ISARIBA. A tp FAITA.

2/6 Aust Cav (Comdo) Sqn

Sqn HQ 611568. A tp less 3 sec 615567. 3 sec 585630. B tp
610572. C tp less two secs 614626. 7 sec 603636. 9 sec 611568.

AIROPS

020950L one sqn airacobras led in by boomerangs again successfully
divebombed and strafed enemy posn SAIPA 2.

P. Stoney Capt.
Maj
BM 18 Aust Inf Bde

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

SECRET

18 AUST INF BDE INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 61
(Infm to 1800 hrs 4 Mar 44)

LANDOPS

OWN-ENEMY

18 AUST INF BDE

2/10 Aust Inf Bn

Patrol (Lieut MORGAN) biv night 3/4 Mar ORGORUNA 2. On 4 Mar patrol split into two parties, first to KISA, second to KOBA, both reporting no movement seen.

2/12 Aust Inf Bn

2 Mar patrol located recently vacated Jap posn complete with fire lanes at 562707.

A Coy less one pl passed through KESAWAI am 4 Mar en route bn area. One pl arrived KESAWAI pm 4 Mar.

Native apprehended on 2 Mar is considered by ANGAU to have been working for the enemy.

2/2 Aust Cav (Comdo) Sqn

Patrol to ORGORUNA 2 on 2/3 Mar reports NMS.

2/6 Aust Cav (Comdo) Sqn

Patrol (Lieut BALL) leaving 469726 early am 4 Mar reached 494746 for night 4/5 Mar. Report progress difficult owing SOLU and HAILE Rivers in flood.

15 AUST INF BDE

Patrol from CANNING SADDLE observed one Jap eating with natives at 618652. Jap escaped and intensive search failed to locate him.

AIROPS

031030L one sqn airacobras bombed and strafed camp area SW of MABELUBU.

P. O'Connell Cap.
Maj
BM 18 Aust Inf Bde

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

SECRET

18 AUST INF BDE INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 62
(Infm to 1800 hrs 5 Mar 44)

LANDOPS

OWN-ENEMY

18 AUST INF BDE

2/12 Aust Inf Bn

A Coy now located LANDSLIDE HILL 539609.

2/2 Aust Coy (Comdo) Sqn

On 3 Mar a one day patrol from ISARIBA to feature 453753 reported
RMS

2/6 Aust Coy (Comdo) Sqn

Patrol (Lieut BALL) report tracks recently used through kunai
patch 488759. The patrol has established an OP overlooking the
YOMPI-BOCADJIM rd at these points - 548774, 552770, 554767.
Patrol biv night 5/6 Mar 516754.

Disposns. A tp. One sec 535630, one sec 603636 and one sec
614626. C tp 615567.
Otherwise unchanged.

15 AUST INF BDE

57/60 Aust Inf Bn

On 4 Feb, a patrol from PAIPA 1 contacted 3 Japs at 593707. Cas.
Enemy 3 killed. Own 1 killed.

AIROPS

NGF Airops. At 020930L 16 airacobras led in by boomerang bombed
and strafed ERIMA biv area (sq 6503). All bombs in target area.
At 040930L one sqn airacobras led in by boomerang bombed and straff-
ed enemy occupied huts in AIYAU area (593905).
On 4 Mar 16 liberators bombed BUT. (33 miles west WEWAK).
On 5 Mar 13 airacobras successfully bombed, destroying 2 huts at
MABELUBU.

TAC/R 3 Mar. Recce after strike on ERIMA biv area, shows area
along coast 678034-681037 contains more extensive posns than at
first thought.

3 Mar. ERIMA plantation and ATO (615053) show signs of consider-
able mvt. Track joining these places is in very hy use.

5 Mar. Little mvt seen in MATALOI area. Track REIZAN Ridge-
YAULA well used.

SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS WEEK ENDING 1 MAR 44.

The landing of an Allied force in the ADMIRALTY ISLANDS on 29
Feb has been the outstanding feature of the week's operations. The
force, carried in destroyers and landing craft, landed at 0815 hrs
under cover of naval and air bombardment, at HYANE HARBOUR, LOS
NEGROS ISLAND. Apparently complete surprise was gained, and MOMOTE
airstrip was quickly captured. Operations are continuing.

Allied occupation of the ADMIRALTY ISLANDS will completely
obstruct enemy supply of his forces bordering the BISMARCK SEA
except by isolated small craft and submarines, and, apart from
extending the radius of action of the Allied air forces, will
virtually seal the fate of the SOLOMON ISLANDS and NEW BRITAIN
garrisons.

LAND

Allied forces west of SAIDOR have crossed the MOT RIVER,
occupying a number of villages, and have patrolled as far west as

KEPLER POINT. Patrol activity has continued in the RAMU VALLEY.

SEA

A SOUPAC destroyer force carried out a successful sweep of the NEW HANOVER and NEW IRELAND coastal waters on 22/23 Feb, in the course of which an enemy destroyer, a 4000-ton freighter-transport, a large freighter and a number of barges were sunk and KAVIENG was bombarded.

The surprising feature of this operation was the complete absence of enemy air opposition despite the fact that our units operated off KAVIENG and in the eastern BISMARCK SEA in daylight.

AIR

The enemy has undertaken no offensive air action during the past week. This is surprising in view of the many suitable targets which must have been offered to the concentration of aircraft which he has maintained in the WEWAK-HOLLANDIA area. The enemy's inability to provide an effective striking force in the BISMARCK ARCHIPELAGO was revealed in his failure to intervene against the Allied destroyer force which was active within easy range of his operational airstrips.

Heavy raids have been carried out by us along the NE coast of NEW GUINEA from BOGADJIM to WEWAK. HOLLANDIA was attacked by 15 heavy bombers on 29 Feb - this was its first bombing other than by single aircraft. RABAU has been bombed daily. A notable feature has been the lack of enemy fighter interception.

(Extracted from NGF Weekly Intelligence Summary No 163.)

ENEMY OOB - LAND

The enemy is in the process of reorganising his forces in BRITISH NEW GUINEA. It is believed that this reorganisation will entail the following changes in dispositions:-

- 51 Div To concentrate in the WEWAK - BUT area.
- 20 Div To concentrate in the HANSA BAY - AITAPE area.
- 41 Div To remain in the MADANG area.

Reinforcement of 20 and 51 Divs is thought to be already progressing and no doubt the eventual reinforcement of 41 Div is also contemplated.

20 Div: It is thought that when this division has concentrated at HANSA BAY it will be reinforced to a total strength of 15000. Although the withdrawal of 20 Div troops from MADANG is probably not yet complete, all elements have been removed from the estimates of strength at MADANG., in anticipation of the completion of this movement. These elements are now carried, with 2300 reinforcements, at HANSA BAY.

41 Div: The dwindling in the fighting strength of the MADANG garrison will no doubt entail a reduction in the numbers of base troops required to service the garrison.

This reduction will be partly offset by the reinforcement of 41 Div. It is thought that some 2000 reinforcements are already en route to NEW GUINEA. The rear echelon of 41 Div has been tentatively estimated at 1000 and is carried at WEWAK.

51 Div: With the arrival of 20 Div at HANSA BAY, 51 Div is free to continue its withdrawal to the WEWAK area. In assessing strengths, this withdrawal has been regarded as complete and 1500 reinforcements have been taken into account.

It is thought that the total reorganised strength of this division will be approximately 10000.

(Extracted from NGF Weekly Intelligence Summary No 163.)

TOPO RAMU River crossing at 577556. Water at that point swift and waist deep, rope or wire necessary to enable successful crossing (Patrol 2/10 Bn, Lieut HERDEN 3 Mar.)

P. J. Connors
Maj
BM 18 Aust Inf Bde

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

SECRET

18 AUST INF BDE INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 63
(Infm to 1800 hrs 6 Mar 44)

LANDOPS

OWN-ENEMY

18 AUST INF BDE

2/10 Aust Inf Bn

Patrol (Lieut MORGAN) entered KOBA at 051130L. 2 Japs made off towards MATALOI 2. KOBA is a probable Jap listening post, one foxhole being found and tracks made by about 12 Japs observed. Tracks made by 2 Japs, moving west, were found at 422778. These tracks appeared to be about one day old. Patrol reached ISARIBA for night 6/7 Mar.

2/12 Aust Inf Bn

Patrol of C Coy 58/59 Bn contacted 2/12 Bn standing patrol on NIGHER KNOLL at 061500L.

2/6 Aust Cav (Comdo) Sqn

B tp moving to 5800 feature, biv night 6/7 Mar KESAWAI.

Patrol (Lieut BALL) from biv area 516754 moved to 528736 reporting NMS. Japs were observed patrolling saddle in sq 5274. The patrol will biv night 6/7 Mar at 516754.

2/3 Aust Cav (Comdo) Sqn

A two day patrol from ISARIBA to 3200 feature 467773 returned at 061900L, NMS.

15 AUST INF BDE

58/59 Aust Inf Bn

Adv party, 1 officer and 20 ORs, of patrol en route to the coast via KABENAU River, reached DDEBI village 689773 at 051745L.

AIROPS

NGF Airops 5 Mar.

18 liberators attacked MOMOTE area (ADMIRALTY ISLANDS). 051030L one sqn airacobras led in by boomerangs made another successful attack on camp area SW MABELUBU, destroying huts and starting fires.

TAC/R

Tac/R 5 Mar. reports:-

MATALOI 2. Some fresh tracks seen passing through village, diggings do not appear to be occupied, hut at 502817 covered with creepers, hut at north end of village appears in fair order. Track KOBA-MATALOI 2 appears to have had recent use, NMS, but some secondary growth appears to have been cleared.

Track MATALOI 2-MATALOI 1 appears to have had recent use. While diggings at MATALOI 1 appear in fair order, they do not appear to be occupied.

Track MATALOI 1-BIRI 490843 has had very little use, village deserted, huts in very bad order.

Track MATALOI 1-REIZAN RIDGE has not been used extensively, but track from REIZAN RIDGE to the MT rd is well worn and shows signs of fairly recent regular use. NMS along REIZAN RIDGE. Recent bombing has not opened up jungle sufficiently to make observation possible.

TOPO

REIZAN RIDGE from 498825 NNW to 480863 (JAPPA 1/25000 series).

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18 AUST INF BDE INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 64
(Infm to 1800 hrs 7 Mar 44)

LANDOPS

OWN-ENEMY

18 AUST INF BDE

2/10 Aust Inf Bn

Patrol (Lieut MORGAN) biv night 7/8 Mar at 466732 en route to CP overlooking MATALOI.

2/12 Aust Inf Bn

6 Mar. Arty accurately engaged Jap posns WARDS village and 560715 firing 220 rds.

2/6 Aust Cav (Comdo) Sqn

3 tp less one sec CAMP 1. One sec 5800 feature.
No report from patrol. (Lieut BALL).

15 AUST INF BDE

58/59 Aust Inf Bn

Patrol from DDEBI departed for BOIMBI (considered to be the same as NANGAPO) at 060845L, reaching 694804 for night 6/7 Mar. Good covered track, up to 12 ft wide, crosses river several times.

1 Officer, 51 ORs, ANGAU rep and 124 natives of the coastal patrol now at DDEBI.

AIROPS

061010L. One sqn airacobras bombed and strafed Jap camp area SW of AIYAU, causing fires.

061230L. Boomerangs, on recce, strafed 4 by MT on BOGADJIM RA, rendering them unserviceable.

TOPO

High feature in sq 6068 will be known as **SQUARE HILL**

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18 AUST INF BDE INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 65
(Infm to 1800 hrs 8 Mar 44)

LAND OPS

OWN-ENEMY

18 AUST INF BDE

2/10 Aust Inf Bn

Patrol (Lieut MORGAN) reached OP 469780, observing enemy in occupation MATALOI 1. Patrol returning from OP 9 Mar.

2/12 Aust Inf Bn

C Coy standing patrol on NIGGER KNOLL relieved by one pl 57/60 Bn pm 8 Mar, returning to C Coy.

C Coy patrol to 553714 found recently vacated Jap def posn at 556714. Track at 552715 running NW (marked on map) shows signs of much Jap and native traffic.

2/6 Aust Cav (Comdo) Sqn

Patrol (Lieut BALL) returned to KESAWAI pm 8 Mar.

15 AUST INF BDE

57/60 Aust Inf Bn

Ambush posns established at 594706 and 595706. At 070930L three shots were heard from approx 597707, five shots were returned and ambush party heard bushes breaking.

A Coy less 7 and 8 Pls 594702. 8 Pl en route PAIPA1.

B Coy less 12 Pl 634663. 12 Pl CANNINGS SADDLE.

D Coy less 5 Pl arrived track junc 600684. 5 Pl PAIPA2 (relieving 58/59 Bn standing patrol).

58/59 Aust Inf Bn

Patrols from base at DDEBI will be referred to as "Base patrols" and patrols from most fwd base towards the coast will be referred to as "fwd patrols."

Fwd patrol from 694804 to ck junc 690803, unable to cross southern creek, followed ck north to 4500 feature square 6881. No tracks found and going extremely difficult.

Unable to locate track reported by Tac R to run from 690804 NW across saddle. Patrol returned to 694804 071200L.

Fwd patrol from 694804 along river to 699813 reports track fair condition, 12 feet wide, but fades out.

Patrol from CRATER HILL via MOSA R arrived DDEBI.

Patrol to MOSA R to locate JAP airman returned 7 Mar. No trace of A/C or airman found. (Tac R 6 Mar circled landslide area square 6869, finding no trace of JAP A/C.

9 Pl withdrawn from CAMS SADDLE returned to B Coy.

TAC/R

Tac/R 6 Mar reports:-

(Ref map MT KUBARI 1" series)

NMS NANGAPO village. No defences observed. No signs of extensive use.

New hut at 730868. Track runs West from village up ridge to hut then North. No defences observed on ridge, which commands village and valley to SW.

Tac R (continued)

Track NE from NANGAPO recently used, cannot be followed past KADINAU R.

Track NANGAPO-BARUM being used extensively. Five new huts at 745898. BARUM appears deserted. Well used track through village to new huts. Track NW from BARUM shows signs of fairly heavy use.

Track through DAMUM to East still shows signs of heavy use. DAMUM (five or six huts) show signs of extensive use.

GERIK, SUNGUM, YANGAIUM appear deserted.

TOPO

7 Mar. 2/10 Aust Inf Bn patrol to RAMU R at 577556 (crossing reported in our Summary No 62), reported water shoulder deep and crossing impossible.

P. D. Lowery Capt.
for Major.
B.M. 18 Aust Inf Bde.

18 AUST INF BDE INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 56
(Info to 1800 hrs 9 Mar 44)

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OWN-ENEMY

18 AUST INF BDE

2/9 Aust Inf Bn

A and D Coys arrived KESAWAI 9 Mar for L of C duties KESAWAI-CAMP 2.

2/10 Aust Inf Bn

Patrol (Lieut MORGAN) from ISARIBA along high ground between SOLU and BOKU Rivers reached OP 469780. Following observations made:-

MATALOI 1 occupied (strength estimated one pl).
Small sentry posts on tracks leading NE and NW from MATALOI 1.

MG emplacement observed on feature 2150(sq 4780) facing towards KOBA.

2/8 Aust Cav (Comdo) Sqn

Patrol (Lieut BALL) up SOLU headwaters, following same route as Lieut DONNELLY (see Int Summary No 59) reported Jap posn 499766 found by previous patrol to be at least two pls strong with numerous shelters in rear of posn. Patrol continued and from OPS NE of base at 516754 good well used track observed running NE along creek from 534732 being patrolled by enemy every two days. Track at 538733 being repaired. Huts 549769 and 547772 being used. Br 540787 40 ft long 30 ft above creek level, rd at 541787 washed away.

2/2 Aust Cav (Comdo) Sqn

Patrol (Lieut FOX) departed ISARIBA am 9 Mar to recon left flank REIZAN RIDGE arriving KISA area for night 9/10 Mar. Patrol (Lieut TOOLEY) departed ISARIBA am 9 Mar for recon right flank REIZAN RIDGE. No further report.

15 AUST INF BDE

57/60 Aust Inf Bn

8 pl 596702. D Coy WIGGER KNOLL.

58/59 Aust Inf Bn

OP established at 691813.

Patrol from 695804 along KAPENAU River to 693833 NW to 688834 then east, returning by good track on east bank of river. NMS.

Patrol from OLD HILL 4100 to 636787 were unable to locate track junc shown on map at 627699, 645715 and 636787.

SAIDOR (Reproduced from 2 Aust Corps Int Report No 147).

At 0735 hrs 5 Mar Allied infantry supported by air and light naval forces landed at YALAU Plantation (sq 1193 POMERY BAY 1" series.. 17 miles east of KABENAU River mouth). A beachhead was secured by 1000 hrs and patrols were pushed out to the south and east towards DUMUM and MINDIRI. The patrol towards MINDIRI reached GAUGLAU and killed three unarmed Japs en route.

AC/R

Tac/R KABENAU River 8 Mar reports:-

Track from 679820 through NANGAPO 684846 to three huts at 689855 has had limited recent use. Huts appear occupied and ground is trampled in area. NANGAPO village does not appear occupied and is in disrepair. Area east of NANGAPO with huts (correctly marked on map) 679846 appears to be in use.

OPC

Track junc 596690 known as TALBOT JUNG

Ridge sqs 6781 - 6881 known as COLS RIDGE.

Well defined track running NW from 537698. (2/13 Bn patrol 7 Mar)

TRACK TIMES (2/13 Bn patrol-Lieut CUNNINGHAM 6/7 Mar).

CAMP 1	to Hut 535689	1 hr
535689	to 537698	1 "
537698	to 553693	3 1/2 "
553693	to CAMP 2	2 "

R. Cunningham
Lt Col
2/13 Aust Inf Bde

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18 AUST INF BDE INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 67
(Infm to 1800 hrs 10 Mar 44)

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OWN-ENEMY

18 AUST INF BDE

2/10 Aust Inf Bn

Patrol (Lieut MORGAN) from MATALOI area returned to 2/10 Bn 10 Mar.

2/12 Aust Inf Bn

Patrol (Sjt ARMSTRONG) left CAMERONS 101230L for recce DAUMONA area, following native pad from 549716 to 542717 where they will biv for night 10/11 Mar.

2/2 Aust Cav (Comdo) Sqn

Patrol (Lieut TOOMEY) reached 466774 for biv night 9/10 Mar. No further report.

No report from patrol (Lieut FOX).

2/6 Aust Cav (Comdo) Sqn

Biv patrol to SOLU River 10 Mar found fresh foot prints of two Japs at 521703 heading NNW.

15 AUST INF BDE

57/58 Aust Inf Bn

Patrol from NIGLER KNOLL to hq 587701 NMS.

58/59 Aust Inf Bn

Patrol via sq 7081 reached 704256 NMS.

Patrol up KABENAU to 699852 thence 706851 to sq 7184 where further movement impossible owing rugged country. NMS. No tracks found. 14 pl now at 628699 with standing patrol FRASERS OP 593733.

TOPO

Patrol 58/59 Bn reports country area sq 7081 very difficult owing dense secondary growth and bamboo.

SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS WEEK ENDING 8 MAR 44

LAND

Enemy counter-attacks in the ADMIRALTY ISLANDS have been repulsed and Allied troops have retained their control of MOMOTE airstrip and extended their hold to the eastern shores of SEEDLER HARBOUR by capturing DORAKA. This has the effect of splitting the enemy into two groups operating from the north and the south of LOS NEGROS ISLAND. Up to 3 Mar 1179 enemy were reported killed.

In NEW BRITAIN, an Allied landing was made on 6 Mar at VOLUPAI (six miles NW of TALASEA). Contact has thus been regained on the northern coast and enemy opposition is developing.

A further advance has been made by Allied forces on the Upper RAI Coast by an unopposed landing at VALAU on 5 Mar. Patrols have moved as far west as RIMBA (15 miles east of BOGADJIM). No serious resistance is expected east of the KABENAU RIVER.

SEA

Shipping sightings off NW NEW GUINEA have increased considerably. Severe losses have been inflicted in this area by Allied submarines which, during the last week, sank five vessels totalling 25000 tons.

AIR

Weather has limited our air operations. However, HANSA BAY was heavily attacked on 3 Mar and HOLLANDIA was raided for a second time, SOUPAC aircraft, in a series of attacks on RABAUL on 3 Mar, in which 180 tons of bombs were dropped, heavily damaged the town and harbour installations.

There has been a slight revival of enemy air activity on the north coast of NEW GUINEA and new air units are considered to have arrived in the area.

(Reproduced from NGE Weekly Intelligence Summary No 164.)

ENEMY COE - LAND

The regrouping of enemy forces in BRITISH NEW GUINEA continues to conform to the pattern which has been described in our Int Summary No 62. The nature of barge activity north of MADANG indicates that the withdrawal of 20 Div troops from the area is still not complete.

MADANG - The present distribution of 41 Div troops in this area suggests that 237 Inf Regt is deployed north of MADANG up to and including CAPE CROISILLES and MARKAR ISLAND, that the remnants of 238 Inf Regt are between the GUM and COGOL RIVERS, and that 239 Inf Regt is responsible for the defence of the southern approaches. Some elements of 20 Div may remain, associated with 239 Inf Regt. (Reproduced from NMF Weekly Intelligence Summary No 164.)

ENEMY AIR - NIGHT OPERATION AIDS

There are indications that the Japanese are utilising infra red in night air operations. It is requested that all personnel be advised to look for and immediately forward a description of any red bulbs found on the exterior of Japanese aircraft. These bulbs would be about the size of a 50-watt lamp.

(Reproduced from NMF Weekly Intelligence Summary No 164.)

SECURITY - CARE OF MAPS

In view of repeated warnings to safeguard our maps and prevent their falling into the hands of the enemy, whose maps are quite inadequate, the following extracts from AFIS SFA Bulletin 764 is of interest.

'Commendation'
2/Lt OHSUBO, Hirotochi of 7 Coy 79 Inf Regt.

On commencement of Div combat at ARNDT and JIVANINI area on 14 Oct 43 the abovenamed was ordered to reconnoitre the high ground west of ARNDT, and to occupy all key positions. While on his way to his objective with his pl, he encountered some enemy officers at close range. An attack was immediately carried out as a result of which three enemy officers were killed in action. From the dead bodies, he captured 2 detailed maps (scale - 1/25000, 1/50000) of this battle-field and 1 aerial photograph.

During the NEW GUINEA operations, inaccurate maps with a scale of 1/250000 were being used by us. Consequently, those maps captured by 2/Lt OHSUBO are a great contribution to our future plans and operations.

I hereby present him with a dagger in recognition of his distinguished services.

Dated 15 Oct 43
20 Div Comdr
Lt-Gen MATAGIHI, Shigori. "

(Reproduced from NMF Weekly Intelligence Summary No 164.)

P. A. Cannon
Maj
DM 10 Aust Inf Bde

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18 AUST INF BDE INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 68
(Infm to 1800 hrs 11 Mar 44)

LAND OPS

OWN-ENEMY

18 AUST INF BDE

2/12 Aust Inf Bn

Patrol (Sjt ARMSTRONG) on 10 Mar found unoccupied Jap pillbox at 555717 and at 552719 native garden with three huts which had been recently used. On 11 Mar patrol followed track running NW from huts to 528737 where strong recently vacated Jap defts were found. Estimated accommodation for 100 men. Track had been recently used by Japs and natives.

B Coy less two pls now CAMP 2, en route CAMERONS KNOLL.

Mtn Bty now has two guns ranged on all targets in WARDS area.

Air dropping ground 300 x 100 yds prepared at 546681. Approach is from NW (on bearing 310 deg).

2/2 Aust Cav (Comdo) Sqn

Patrol (Lieut TOOHY) reached 475774. From this base feeler patrols were sent forward to recce tracks round eastern side of MATALOI. Patrols to OPs at 469780 and 457792 observed no movement at KOBA or MATALOI 1 and 2.

Patrol (Lieut FOX), based at BIRI sent feeler patrols towards REIZAN RIDGE. These patrols also report no movement observed KOBA or MATALOI 1 and 2.

2/6 Aust Cav (Comdo) Sqn

The following infm is summarized from patrol report (Lieut BALL). Signs of recent Jap patrolling of saddle sq 5274. Patrols approaching along track from NE up creek approx every two days. Jap posn at 499766 has been enlarged to accommodate one coy, and is occupied by approx 50 Japs. Native tracks observed near posn. Huts in garden at 498770 are being used and track running north shows signs of recent hy use (to MATALOI?). L of 0 to this posn is believed to be from MATALOI.

Track at 488759 also shows signs of recent hy use.

Tracks observed fwd of posn 499766 to SW but no evidence of Japs having patrolled to SE.

Huts at 549769, 548773, 551771 believed to be occupied.

Observations from OP at 519762:-

20 Japs seen moving, in twos and threes, along DAUMOINA-YOKOPI rd on 6 and 7 Mar.

Huts at 551771 are occupied.

Observations from OP at 539745:-

Track 534752-538755, 100 yds from creek on southern bank.

Rd 540786, 40 ft high, 50 ft above creek level.

Washaways at 541788 and 553768 recently repaired.

Smoke rising from 549768 and 548773.

Observations from OP at 530770:-

Track 6 ft wide 538785 recently repaired.

Observations from OP at 511758:-

Smoke rising from MATALOI and huts at 498770. Track leading north shows signs very recent hy use.

Well defined track runs from 530744, SE then NW down spur 538744 to creek-junc 538749.

Sketch of Jap defts at 499766 is att (NOT TO ALL ADDRESSEES).

15 AUST INF BDE

58/59 Aust Inf Bn

DDEBI tultul contacted WANGAPO tultul, who gave the following infm:- No enemy east of KEIR River as far north as BARUM.

Approx 30 Japs moved to WANGAPO during recent ops in KANKIRYO area, but main party moved on two weeks ago, leaving 6 Japs in village. These Japs were surprised by low Tac/R a/c on 8 Mar and left immediately for the coast.

Japs have one AA and one naval gun in MALE area.

Natives do not know of any staging points or installations between ERIMA plantation and KABENAU River.

AC/R

Ref Tac/R KABENAU River 8 Mar reported in our summary No 66.
 Correct ref for huts mentioned in second last line is 679689.
 Tac/R JAPPA area 10 Mar reports:-
 Track JAPPA - WIYAI thence south appears well used.
 BOGADJIM Rd. Recent limited MT from br 13 south to br 25.
 Brs about same condition as last report.

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TRACK TIMES (From 2/6 Cav patrol Lieut BALL 3/8 Mar)
 KESAWAI to SOLU River xing 457702 - 3 hrs 10 mins. Very muddy.
 Patrol base 516754 to 528740 - 4 hrs. Very indistinct pad except on
 saddle where well defined track runs NE.
 " " " to 524756 - 4 hrs. Breaking bush, very steep de-
 cline, impossible to continue along spur.
 524756 to OP 530770 - 6 hrs. Via creek to junc at 529773
 thence south up spur-no track.
 516754 to 499766 - 2½ hrs. Very difficult. Tracks well
 defined NW of 500764.
 516754 to 493746 - 4 hrs.
 493746 to KESAWAI - 9 hrs.

NEMY EOPTJAPANESE HOLLOW CHARGE 75 mm HE SHELL

Description of above shell, found in dump at GOALING River (ref map SIO 1/25000 459417) is reproduced for infm.

The "hollow charge" principle has been recorded so far for the following Japanese weapons only:-

- Rifle grenade
- 1 Kg Aerial Bomb
- 1/3 Kg Aerial Bomb

Briefly, the increased effectiveness of hollow charge explosives is due to the mutual compression of the explosive shock waves within the hollow of the cone or cylinder.

The round is similar to other amm described for the Japanese 75 mm regtl gun, type "41". Its overall length (as packed, without fuse) is 16½ ins; length of the shell case is 7½ ins; and the diameter of the rim is slightly less than 3-5/8 ins. The code marking on the projectile is a red band (about 1 cm wide) at the nose and 1 cm yellow band 5.5 cm forward of the driving band, on a black back ground. All shell cases of this amm so far seen have been made of a steel coloured metal. The outstanding characteristics distinguishing it from other HE projectiles are:-

- (a) projectiles in two parts, body and head
- (b) two wrench flats on the head
- (c) absence of usual fuse adaptor, fuse screwing directly into head.

No fuses were found packed with these shells, but fuses found nearby were the usual conical type "88" percussion fuse, so for the present it may be assumed that this is the normal fusing.

(Reproduced from NGEF Weekly Intelligence Summary No 164.)

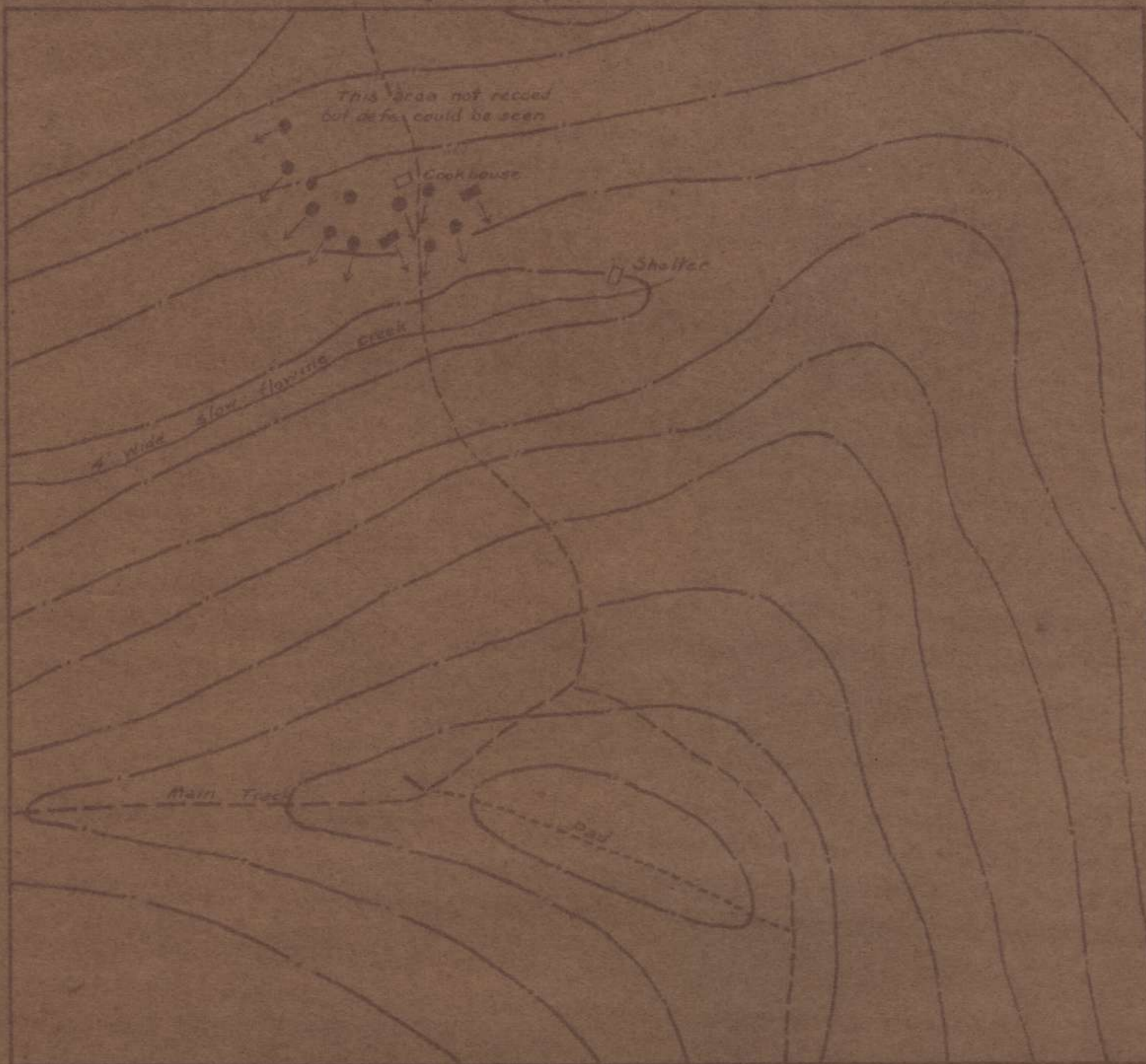
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JAP DEF POSN

Attached to
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Ref Map BOKU RIVER 1:25,000
(499766)

Int Summary No. 68



Scale 1" to 100'

Form lines sketched by eye

Approx VI 25

- Weapon Pit ■
- Pillbox □
- Fox hole ●
- Fire lane →

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18 AUST INF BDE INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 69
(Infm to 1800 hrs 12 Mar 44)

LANDOPS

OWN-ENEMY

18 AUST INF BDE

2/12 Aust Inf Bn

131000L one sqn bostons and one sqn airacobras accurately bombed and strafed WARDS village. All bombs in target area.

Probing patrol to WARDS village soon after airstrike reported area vacated by Japs. Extensive Jap posns, capable of accommodating at least one coy were found in the area. Posns appeared to have been vacated for a few days.

C Coy commenced moving up to occupy WARDS village early pm 12 Mar and B Coy continued moving up to CAMERONS KNOLL.

2/2 Aust Cav (Comdo) Sqn

Patrol (Lieut TOOHY) biv night 11/12 Mar at Jap posn (now vacated) at 500765. Posn now appears to be smaller than previously reported.

Patrol (Lieut FOX) reports MATALOI 1 occupied by enemy, strength unknown, with two pillboxes and trench system covering track to MATALOI 2.

Track BIRI-MATALOI has not been used for some time.

Patrol towards REIZAN RIDGE reports track shows no signs of use to 468824 where recent footprints of 4 Japs were observed. Patrol then followed track to 474828 where foxholes with four strand barbed wire fence covers track. Voices of 4 to 6 men heard.

15 AUST INF BDE

57/60 Aust Inf Bn

Patrol fired on two Japs at approx 576697 at 121700L. Japs fled towards SAIPA 2.

58/59 Aust Inf Bn

Air dropping ground being prepared in vicinity CRATER HILL.

Patrol en route YANGALUM reached 697845 for night 11/12 Mar.

Patrol to WANGAPO reports village unoccupied.

Natives are certain that there are no Japs at BARUM, and it is now established that WANGAPO is known to the natives as BOIMBI.

TOPO

Village 734883 will be known as SUNGUM 2.

TRACK TIMES (supplied by 2/12 Bn)

KESAWAI to CAMP 1 - 4 hrs out 3 hrs back

CAMP 1 " CAMP 2 - 1½ " " 1½ " "

CAMP 2 " CAMERONS - 3 " " 2½ " "

Times taken by 2/12 bn patrol (Sjt LEIGH).

538620 to 5800 feature - 4 hrs out 2½ hrs back

5800 feature to CAMP 1 - 1 hr 20 min out ½ hr back

The following infm (additional to that supplied by previous patrols) is summarized from patrol report 2/10 bn (Lieut MORGAN) 2/10 Mar.

BOKU River 422761 to ORGORUNA 2 - 2½ hrs out 1 hr back

Track good condition, 12 ft wide. Footbridge 422761 washed away, best crossing is approx 100 yds west of this point, where river forks.

KISA to KOBA - ¾ hr out 1 hr back.

Track good condition, runs along south side of feature 1700, NOT along top as shown on map.

P. G. ...
BM 18 Aust Inf Bde

18 AUST INF BDE INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 70
(Infm to 1800 hrs 13 Mar 44)

LANDOPSCWA-ENEMY18 AUST INF BDE2/9 Aust Inf Bn

131130L A and D Coys returned from KESAWAI to bn area.

2/10 Aust Inf Bn

Bn moved from 578574 to KESAWAI area arriving pm 13 Mar, in preparat-

2/12 Aust Inf Bn

ion for relief 2/12Bn

One pl C Coy en route to possible lookout 562743.

Patrol (Cpl EDWARDS) to feature 3600 528737 reached 534733 at 131600L.

Patrol (Sjt ARMSTRONG) returned at 131600L. Reports extensive Jap posns with good living quarters along the ridge NW from 528736.

Estimate Japs had vacated these about one day before.

Disposms. A coy LANDSLIDE HILL area. B coy WARDS village. C coy

less two pls WARDS village. One pl en route possible lookout 562743.

One pl en route 528737 to establish standing patrol. D coy less one pl

2/2 Aust Commando Sqn

KESAWAI. One pl CAMERONS KNOLL.

Patrol (Lieut FOX) reports MATALOI 2 clear of enemy, having been

vacated for the last few days. Strong defts were found covering KOBA

track. Track MATALOI 2 - MATALOI 1 has not been recently used.

Patrol (Lieut TOOHY). Feeler patrol towards right flank RELEAN RIDGE

found abandoned Jap camp at 483792. Followed well graded track,

lined with foxholes, from 484702 to 505798 where the patrol was fired

on by a Jap outpost. One ANGAU rep slightly wounded.

2/6 Aust Commando Sqn - B tp patrol left CAMP 1 at 131300L en route

area sq 5230, will biv night 13/14 Mar at HAILE-SOLU junc

15 AUST INF BDE57/60 Aust Inf Bn

During evening 12 Mar two coys commenced adv on SAIPA 2. By midday 13 Mar fwd elements had reached SAIPA 1 reporting SAIPA 2 and 1 clear of enemy. Br vic SAIPA 2 had been destroyed.

At 1300 hrs A Coy was fwd of SAIPA 1 en route YOKOPI with B Coy 400

yds in rear A Coy. C Coy was at SAIPA 2 and Bn Hq and D Coy SAIPA 1.

Booby traps were encountered along rd fwd of SAIPA 1.

58/59 Aust Inf Bn

Patrol en route YANGALUM reached SUNGUM 2 for night 12/13 Mar with small party moving fwd towards GERIK.

AIROPS

NGF Airops 12 Mar. 23 mitchells 36 bostons 16 liberators attacked

BORAM. 12 mitchells attacked LOS NEGROS. 12 bostons attacked

BRANDI plantation. (8 miles east WEWAK).

Attempted interceptio by enemy fighters over WEWAK area resulted in destruction of 26 enemy fighters and 6 probables 11 Mar and destruction of 18 enemy fighters and 4 probables 12 Mar.

TAC/R

Tac/R BOGADJIM Rd 10 and 13 Mar reports:..

Br 10 and brs 13 to 26 are in order, all other brs from 1 to 39 are out. From br 13 north little use seems to be made of rd. Recent

limited use by MT of rd between brs 13 and 25.

Signs of recent activity 569749.

NMS YOKOPI. Rd YOKOPI-DAUMOINA has had little recent use.

Camflg posn, possible MG, at 538789.

Recent foot traffic between 544803 and 540817. Track leads west from 544803 to well used area 540802.

Possible camflg posn or low hut, with opening facing south, at 539803.

Area to west and NW of 538817 shows signs of recent movement.

No movement seen MATALOI 1 13 Mar.

Tac/R JAPPA area 10 Mar reports:

JAPPA village consists of 8 huts, 3 of which appear in order, remainder in disrepair. Further observation of area prevented by low cloud.

TAC/R continued.

Tac/R for suitable air dropping sites BOGADJIM Rd 11 Mar reports:
 Satisfactory site NW side KANKIRYO SADDLE (further clearing needed).
 Possible site on top HYDE HILL.
 Satisfactory sites at WARDS village and kumai patch 561713.
 Long narrow site SW of river at PAIPA 1.
 Fairly difficult site east of YOKOPI village (would have to drop from not less than 500 ft).
 Fair site at clearings 549777 and 544786 DAUMCINA area.
 Best site along rd is at 550863 (YAULA area).
 No satisfactory sites AIYAU area.
 KISA-NATALOI area.
 Good site exists at KISA.

OPC

Village 665846 to be known as GELIM.

NATIVES

Extracts from report on interrogation by ADO ANGAU of SAIPA 1 natives. Regarding current conditions, the Japs are said to be scattered about the bush between SAIPA and YOKOPI. Natives have the idea that the enemy is occupying the high feature south of YOKOPI (556754) but this cannot be taken as more than rumour.

In my (ADO ANGAU) opinion we cannot expect to derive much in the way of current infm of operational value from any of the natives contacted in the SAIPA-YOKOPI area, firstly, because they are now avoiding the enemy, and secondly because of their natural limitations. That is, where formerly we would have been interested to learn which localities the enemy was occupying, now we require much more detailed infm to supplement infm gained by our aerial reces and ground patrols and it is on this detailed infm that the natives are inadequate.

ADO ANGAU proposes to recce a site for a village in the KESAWAI area in which he can concentrate the inhabitants of these villages as the Jap is cleared out. It is NOT considered that they will stray from this village which will be under ANGAU supervision.

A native named MIU, who was tul-tul of SAIPA, and one police boy are available at KESAWAI as guides if required by fwd bns.

Extracts from patrol report 2/10 Bn (Lient MORGAN):-

Kanakas approached our biv site every night, and even while patrol was camped on top of 3200 feature sq 4677, tracks of natives were found leading up to top of feature each morning. Natives could not be found in the day time

Native patrol men in employ of Japanese. (HQ Sec FSW Instn).

All FSW NCOs will maintain close liaison with ANGAU and all bn patrols in an endeavour to capture any of the natives listed below. Any natives found will be escorted by an adequate guard to ADO ANGAU, (Capt FEINBERG).

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| ARUGURA | KONDU | IWAKU |
| MORRIS | IKUKI | WAMGU |
| OMIKARU | SHIKUMA | GABEAA |
| DYDEWAI | AMGULE | NU |
| YOUNGBE or YOUNG | SHIRAKU | ANGURU |
| AMAKE | GURIKAN | KALIKA |
| UMERUMA | BAGUSA | AMASUKEN |
| CHICKIYA | KOKOTAMBI | IBIMAN |

This infm is yet another instance of the value of returning captured documents, as all these names are taken from documents returned to Div Hq by our patrols.

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18 AUST INF BDE INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 71
(Infm to 1800 hrs 14 Mar 44)

LANDCPS

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18 AUST INF BDE

2/10 Aust Inf Bn

Disposns. Bn HQ, B and C coys CAMP 1
A coy KESAWAI.
D coy 520666.

2/12 Aust Inf Bn

Patrol (Lieut CUNNINGHAM) left WARDS to contact 57/60 Bn and pl C coy
2/12 bn at possible lookout 562743. Patrol contacted Bn HQ and D coy
57/60 bn at SAIPA 1 and moved with them to possible lookout.
Pl C coy returned to WARDS village from possible lookout at 141845L.
Patrol (Lieut CUNNINGHAM) at 563741 at 141800L.
D coy less one pl 542608. One pl CAMERONS KNOLL.

2/2 Aust Commando Sqn

Patrol (Lieut FOL) sent out a sub-patrol from patrol base at BIRI
towards MATALOI 1. Sub-patrol was fired on by about 16-20 Japs from
a def posn at MATALOI 1. No cas. There are extensive defts on the
high ground immediately to north MATALOI 1. P tp less 6 sec with undc:
cond 9 sec departed for JAPPA area on 14 Mar.

2/6 Aust Commando Sqn

Elements of Sqn HQ, elements of A tp and B tp 575575.

15 AUST INF BDE

57/60 Aust Inf Bn

At 141130L coys were located as follows:-

A coy YOKOPI with patrols fwd to river junc 543787. B coy rd and
track junc 566750. C coy 573748. Bn HQ and D coy from SAIPA 1 en
route possible lookout. No contact yet made with enemy. Formed rd
SAIPA 1-YOKOPI but no signs of recent use. Rd YOKOPI fwd shows signs
of hvy MT traffic.

At 141500L A coy was in occupation of DAUCINA with a patrol one mile
fwd along rd. Bn HQ was at YOKOPI.

24 Aust Inf Bn

D coy now located 676594.

58/59 Aust Inf Bn

Patrol now at YANGALUM with W/T com to CRATER HILL.

KABENAU River is fordable at 731835. A small party arrived at 695804
from DDEBI.

AIROPS

131010L one sgn bostons attacked KULAU village (319078).

13 Mar 11 bostons led in by boomerang accurately bombed and strafed
a suspected gun posn at 915946. Light AA engaged a/c from RIMPA
926966 and from a posn NW MARAKUM.

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18 AUST INF BDE INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 72
(Infm to 1800 hrs 15 Mar 44)

LANDOPSOWN-ENEMY18 AUST INF BDE2/10 Aust Inf Bn

Coys now located as follows: Bn HQ 578574. A coy 578573. B coy .. one pl WARDS, one pl CAMP 1 and one pl KESAWAI. C coy 575575. D coy 581576.

2/12 Aust Inf Bn

B coy patrol (Lieut GUNNINGHAM) returned to WARDS village rejoining B coy late pm 14 Mar. Standing patrol of one pl C coy located at 528737 returned WARDS pm, 5 Mar.

Disposns. B coy KESAWAI. C coy less one pl KESAWAI. One pl WARDS. One pl D coy KESAWAI. Otherwise no change.

2/2 Aust Commando Sqn

On 14 Mar patrol moved along track to 462858 and report track overgrown and no signs recent use. Patrol then moved via 483860 and 487845 to 490848 report no defs or signs enemy activity that area. Patrol then moved to vic track junc 517847 and report track to 508845 12 ft wide and shows signs recent foot traffic. Biv night 14/15 KIBA. During an 15 Mar the same patrol (Lieut FOX) attacked a Jap posn, strength unknown at track junc 494837,, killing 8 Japs and capturing eqpt and documents. Own cas nil. Patrol returning ISARIBA 16 Mar. Patrol (Lieut TOCKY) no report as wireless unserviceable. Returning ISARIBA 16 Mar. No report JAPPA patrol

2/6 Aust Commando Sqn

Sqn less one sec on patrol came under comd 7 Aust Div 151500L. Patrol of one sec B tp biv night 15/16 sq 5076. No further report as wireless set unserviceable.

15 AUST INF BDE57/60 Aust Inf Bn

On 14 Mar patrol of 7 pl adv to approx 543786 and at 1530 hrs came under MMG, mortar and rifle fire from north bank of river at 544790. Cas one officer killed, one OR missing.

Disposns. BN HQ 558760. A coy less two pls 558760. B pl 556732. 7 pl 549775. B coy 565749. C coy MCKOPI. D coy POSSIBLE LOCKOUT

58/59 Aust Inf Bn

On an 14 Mar CP at SUNGUM observed approx 32 Japs in small parties moving west across mouth KABENAU River. 141330L a patrol passed through NANGAPO en route BARUM arriving there 15 Mar. Patrol to ARAWUM from YANGALUM to contact US forces biv night 14/15 Mar at SEKWANUM moving on to ARAWUM on 15 Mar.

AIROPS 13 Mar

At 130915L 16 aircobras led in by boomerang bombed and strafed SAGA SAGA village 987897. 12 bostons led in by boomerang were only able to strafe owing to low cloud the village at KULAU 320080. One straffing run was also made on ULILAI 946073.

TAC/R 15 Mar reports:

NMS 546782 and area, while the kunai patch was criss-crossed by tracks, some leading into jungle were observed at 539784. Tracks leave rd at 553844 rejoining rd at 549837. Track YAUJA-REIZAN RIDGE used, REIZAN RIDGE again use but NMS. Defs at MATALOI cleaned up. There is a possible MG posn at 478814.

ENEMY AIR

At approx 150430L 2 Jap planes were over bde area. One phosphorous bomb was dropped vic No 2 strip. Planes engaged by our lt AA. One shot down 618563. Another plane reported crashed vic SURINAM River. Plane down at 618563 destroyed by .. fire, at least three bodies in wreckage. Plane likely SALLY. Much infm of value secured from charred documents found in vic of crash.

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18 AUST INF BDE INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 73
(Infm to 1800 hrs 16 Mar 44)

LANDOPS

CWN-ENEMY

18 AUST INF BDE

2/12 Aust Inf Bn

Disposns. Bn Hq 532605. A coy 539609. B coy 542597. C coy less one pl 535604. One pl CAP 1. D coy 542608.

2/2 Aust Commando Sqn

Patrol (Lieut SMYTHE) left for METALGI 1 160800L.

Patrol (Lieut TOOHY) returned ISARIBA 161330L. A corrected report states that on 13 Mar the Jap posn encountered was at 493809 NOT 506798. A good track exists through huts 489303 to 493809. There is a well graded track probably leading to DAUMOINA from 483793 to 495787 from which point patrol moved up spur to 510805. The track shown from 500770 to huts 507774 exists but does not exist from there on. No report JAPPA patrol.

Patrol (Lieut FOX) returned 161600L.

2/6 Aust Commando Sqn

Patrol (Lieut ARCHER) to sq 5180 report base established 509757 15 Mar. A patrol left 161330L for 499765, the Jap posn previously located at 499766 still unoccupied.

15 AUST INF BDE

57/60 Aust Inf Bn

15 Mar. C coy patrol located recently vacated Jap posn 565763 which commands southern approaches to YOKOPI. There is no observation from POSSIBLE LOCKOUT where Jap defts not extensive. An alternative OP established 559749. An old hospital area located sq 5576

B coy patrol contacted pl C coy 2/12 bn WARDS 151350L

Disposns. A coy less 9 pl 548773, 9 pl 557760. B coy less two pls 564750, 11 pl 562753, 12 pl 567754. C coy less two pls 560756. 13 pl 559759. 14 pl 562757. Otherwise unchanged.

58/59 Aust Inf Bn

SEKWANUM tul tul reports Jap left that village 5 days ago and no Japs
MARAKUM. BARUM patrol reports DAMLUM NMS. No contact US forces
ARAWUM.

AIROPS 15 MAR

One sdn bostons attacked enemy camp and stores NANTANRAI area approx 538813 (AMUBA 1/25000 series).

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18 AUST INF BDE INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 74
(Info to 1800 hrs 17 Mar 44)

LAND OPS

OWN ENEMY

18 AUST INF BDE

2/10 Aust Inf Bn

A day patrol from pl 3 coy at WARDS left there at 170800L for 536731.
Another day patrol left CAMP 1 at 170800L for 512693.

2/2 Aust Commando Sqn

Patrol (Lieut SMYTHE) biv night 15/16 Mar feature 3300 sq 4677.

Patrol (Capt NESBIT) to JAPPA biv night 14/15 Mar KISA reaching feature 3150 sq 4685 on 17 Mar after having had difficulty in following track from KISA onwards.

2/6 Aust Commando Sqn

Patrol (Lieut ARCHER) contacted coy 57/60 bn at DAUCINA on 17 Mar after having missed the track shown on the map at 507775. Route followed was a long creek 529773 to 544782. Patrol returning to base 509757.

15 AUST INF BDE

57/60 Aust Inf Bn

On 16 Mar patrol located wired posn with pillbox which Japs probably building at night at 541786.

Patrol to 1500 feature sq 5477 were fired on from posn vic 540783.

No estimate strength either posn.

Standing patrol of one sec established 544787.

Bn HQ is now located at YOKOPI.

58/59 Aust Inf Bn

On 16 Mar patrol left YANGALUM for MARAKUM to endeavour to contact US forces. At 161300L another patrol left BARUM for KALIKO.

BOGADJIM tul tul reports no Japs BOGADJIM, the main body of Japs having withdrawn to MADANG.

AIROPS

TAC/R. 15 MAR reports MARAKUM NMS Track RIMBA-MARAKUM along coast very well used.

ENEMY AIR. Jap A/C reported in Summary No 72 as crashed SURINAM River area located at 762526. No identification.

SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS FOR WEEK ENDING 15 MAR 44.

LAND - The Allied situation in the ADMIRALTY ISLANDS has been further improved by the recent occupation of HAUEEI IS, PAPITALAI plantation, LOMBRUM plantation and BUTJO LOU IS. This has opened SEEADLER HAR to our use. In NEW BRITAIN Allied forces have extended their hold on WILLAUMEZ Peninsula by the occupation of TALASEA village and airfield and the enemy appear to have withdrawn towards CAPE HOSKINGS. Patrols from the ARAWE area have pushed eastwards to AJUT Bay and are now within 25 miles of GASMATA. There have been numerous native reports of the gradual evacuation of GASMATA which is consistent with other indications that the enemy is withdrawing his NEW BRITAIN forces eastwards towards the GAZELLE Peninsula.

AIR

The heavy scale of our air attacks in NE NEW GUINEA has been maintained. In four raids on successive days against WEWAK a total of 550 tons of bombs were dropped. RABAU has been subjected to continued air attacks and during the past week, the wharf areas have been selected for particular attention.

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18 AUST INF BDE INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 75
(Infm to 1800 hrs 18 Mar 44)

LANDOPSOWN-ENEMY.18 AUST INF BDE2/10 Aust Inf Bn

Patrol to 536781 returned to WARDS at 171700L reporting NMS.

Patrol to 512693 from CAMP 1 returned late pm 17 Mar reporting NMS and small village 551692.

2/12 Aust Inf Bn

Platoon C coy returned from WARDS rejoining G coy at 535604 late 17 Mar.

2/2 Aust Commando Sqn

Patrol (Capt NESEIT) biv. night 17/18 Mar WIYAI en route JAPPA, track overgrown and hard to follow NMS. Patrol leaving for JAPPA am 18 Mar.

Patrol (Lieut SMYTHE) reached MATALOI 1 am 18 Mar when an unestimated number of Japs fired on patrol wounding one.

2/6 Aust Commando Sqn

No further report Lieut ARCHER patrol en route sq 5180.

15 AUST INF BDE57/60 Aust Inf Bn

17 Mar. OP established 545778. Jap posn 542787 mortared by 3" mortar at 171600L and 171800L from gardens 541777. Tps moving up spur to 552789 were fired on by Japs, cas own 2 wounded.

Patrol en route 561791 reached 558785 at 171500L reporting no tracks in that area and movement difficult. Observed extensive Jap posn on top feature 3800 561791. Posn is of recent construction overlooking YOKOPI. Voices were heard by patrol at posn, patrol returning unobserved.

Patrol to 529762 reached 546757 at 171530L NMS.

58/59 Aust Inf Bn

Patrol via high ground east HT rd to observe DAUMCINA left 180755L returning 183005L reporting having reached 574781 from there being able to observe DAUMCINA and YOKOPI.

17 Mar OP established at BARUM, KALIKO not visible.

KALIKO patrol returned BARUM 171200L being seen at KALIKO by US recon patrol en route BOGADJIM. The US patrol followed 58/59 patrol to BARUM contacting them there. 181200L approximately 30 Japs attacked BARUM and in the ensuing fight 3 to 4 Japs were killed before our tps broke contact retiring to feature 3000 sq 6885 where def posn established. YANGALUM reports approx 56 Japs observed crossing KABENAU River west to east between 171615L and 171530L. MARAKUM patrol returned YANGALUM 171500L. No mvt or defs seen. The last occupation by Japs of MARAKUM about three days ago. Patrol reports GAUBE River difficult to cross and two derelict barges near mouth of that river. ARAWUM patrol returned YANGALUM 18 Mar NMS.

24 Aust Inf Bn

5 pl IRIE, 9 pl rejoining coy at 670594. Otherwise unchanged.

RAI COAST.

From 2/10 Mar an Australian patrol returning to KILIGIA from WEBER Pt killed 9 enemy, captured two prisoners and found 3 enemy dead at RUANGE, KIARI and WASU. The Japanese were in poor physical condition and armed only with grenades. Allied patrolling has continued towards BOGADJIM. Abandoned enemy posn sited for a bn def were found at POMMERN BAY (MINDIRI) designed to cover approaches from the east and from the sea. Inland patrols through KUBUK 179861, DUMUN 106889 and SAGA SAGA 988897 (ref 1" sheets) made no enemy contacts. The MINDIRI-YAGANON River area is reported clear of enemy. Slight opposition to Allied patrols was encountered on 9 Mar at BAU plantation. The enemy withdrew during the night 9/10 Mar after being engaged by mortar fire. Patrols along the coast have reached the KEMBARA River NE of MARAKUM.

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18 AUST INF BDE INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 76
(Infm to 1800 hrs 19 Mar 44)

OWN ENEMY

13 AUST INF BDE

2/3 Aust Commando Sqn

Patrol (Capt NESBITT) reached JAPPA 181630L reporting no signs of enemy occupation or movement. Base established 442898 and small patrol moving down NURU River.

2/6 Aust Commando Sqn

Patrol (Lieut ARCHER) arrived KESAWAI 181530L en route Sqn HQ from sq 5180.

15 AUST INF BDE

57/60 Aust Inf Bn

Patrol en route 529762 contacted enemy 2400 feature approx 527783 killing two Japs, own cas one OR wounded. On return patrol was fired on at 544782 from across the river. Patrol en route 3800 feature 531792 reached 559791 reporting NMS. Patrol now returning.

58/59 Aust Inf Bn

Patrol which left YANGALUM 16 Mar en route MARAKUM remained at ARAWUM until 181230L returning to YANGALUM 181730L reporting no contact with US forces.

5 AUST DIV

On 15 Mar on their return from KELANOA to the KILIGIA area, 30 bn reached 394037 (ref 1/25000 KALASA) and 4 bn was in the SIALUM area.

BAIDOR

An Allied patrol returning from SAGA SAGA to BAU plantation on 14 Mar killed two Japs along track and on 15 Mar a patrol to SAGA SAGA killed one Jap in that vicinity. Area between BAU plantation and KAMBARA River is now clear of Japs. On 14 Mar one Jap body was found at the mouth of the KAMBARA River. At 0730 hrs 15 Mar Allied tps made an attempt to cross the river but came under enemy LMG and MMG fire which was returned and hits scored with mortar fire. The Japs replied with three rounds arty fire which, however, caused no damage to our tps. 13 Mar, 17 more enemy dead found near MASIBANG (9 miles south of BILIAU). The MAMBITOP has reported that the enemy continues to pass through TARIKNGAN but now in small numbers. Between 11 and 13 Mar a total of 31 Japs passed through the village. These tps were in good condition but approx one half only were armed. The CP considers that there are still many Japs in TARIKNGAN and YOGANOGA.

ARAWE

An Allied patrol is moving from ARAWE to GASHANA.

ADMIRALTY ISLAND

On 15 Mar a large Allied force with air and naval support and supporting arty fire from HAUWEI and BUTJO LUC ISLANDS successfully landed at two beaches on MANUS ISLAND in the vic of POLUSU (approx 6500yds WNW LORENGAU aerodrome). Little opposition was encountered during the landing but there were some MG posts on one beach, and land mines and booby traps on the other beach. An Allied force then moved west towards LORENGAU aerodrome and after being delayed temporarily by mortar and MG fire at a point approx 2400yds west of LORENGAU aerodrome, reached the west end of the strip 1555 hrs. During the day 55 Japs were killed and Allied cas were very light.

Reproduced from 2 Aust Corps Intelligence Reports Nos 155-156.)

AIROPS

NGF Airops 17 Mar. 36 liberators attacked BORAM, 41 bostons and 14 mitchells attacked MOEM Peninsula (5 miles east WEWAK.) 18 Mar 99 liberators attacked WEWAK, 45 bostons and 43 mitchells attacked BRANDI plantation. (8 miles east WEWAK.) 19 Mar 12 airacobras successfully bombed and strafed Jap posn on 3800 feature 562792.

TAC/R 17 Mar. Reports camflg posn with dugout at 542787 commanding rd and river to south. Fresh well worn wide track from main rd 542788 to thick patch timber 543787. Undergrowth appears cleared. NMS in area. RA NAWZARAI-AIXAU does not appear recently used.

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18 Aust Inf Bde

18 AUST INF BDE INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 77
(Infm to 1800 hrs 20 Mar 44)

LANDOPS

OWN-ENEMY

18 AUST INF BDE

2/10 Aust Inf Bn

Patrols on 19 Mar to 527736 from WARDS, and to 518705 from CAMP 1 report NMS.

2/12 Aust Inf Bn

Disposns. C coy 552587. Otherwise unchanged.

2/2 Aust Commando Sqn

At 191800L patrol (Capt NESBIT) engaged Jap party 450923. Our cas one killed, no estimate enemy strength or cas. Booby trap north along track from JAPPA set off 192330L by Japs.

15 AUST INF BDE

57/60 Aust Inf Bn

Patrol left DAUMCINA 181300L and in vic 542785 came under by mortar, MG and rifle fire, fire returned. Own cas one wounded four missing.

19 Mar patrol B coy to 562765 NMS. Patrol B coy to recce east

slopes 3800 feature sq 5679 biv night 18/19 Mar at 568782. Patrol

D coy to feature 2600 529762 biv night 18/19 Mar 547747. Mtn Bn

at SAIPA 1 accurately engaged 3800 feature and suspected mtn gun posn 544800 on 19 Mar.

58/59 Aust Inf Bn

On 19 Mar patrol from NANGAPO and YANGALUM to SUNGUM 2 returned NANGAPO NMS. Patrol from NANGAPO reports BARUM now unoccupied, and 14 pl is now dug in there.

SAIDOR (ref maps 1")

15/16 Mar patrol from 32 US Div is having difficulty in contacting the Australian patrol which is in the SERWANAM area west of GAUBE River. This is due to radio jamming by suspected Jap stations. Our posn on the east bank of the KAMBARA River received fire from a Jap by mortar west of the river, causing 3 cas. The patrol south of SAU plantation reports a small biv area with a perimeter of foxholes and still smoking fires at 943930. One Jap killed at 942933. The patrol reports slit trenches and creeper fences across the track in vic of ISANGAN. It is estimated that 30 to 40 Japs have been in this area since 7 Mar. Two Jap prowlers were reported by the outpost at KALININ.

ADMIRALTY ISLANDS

HAUEEI IS

The total enemy cas were 75 killed. Two US 120 mm naval guns were found on the island. Patrols report that there are no Japs on LOU and BALUAN IS and that there are small isolated parties on PAK and PONG IS. (LOU IS 24 miles south MOMOTE, BALUAN IS 35 miles south MOMOTE, PAK and TONG IS are 14 and 24 miles east of MOMOTE respectively.)

MANUS ISLAND

By last light 13 Mar the LORENGAU strip had been completely occupied by the Allied force moving along the coast. At least a further 25 Japs were killed. Opposition was encountered at 352766. During the advance on LORENGAU strip, tanks and bazookas were used against Jap pillboxes.

IDENTIFICATIONS

The PUNJABIS and SIKHS who deserted from the Japanese on LOS NEGROS Is are stated to have been captured by the enemy at SINGAPORE. They have been working under compulsion as labourers.

(Reproduced from 2 Aust Corps Intelligence Report No-158)

AIROPS

5 AF Airops 19 Mar. A Jap convoy of 2/4000^{ton} merchant tpts, 4 corvettes and one barge completely destroyed 40 miles north WEWAK. Our losses two bostons.

TAC/R 18 Mar (ref 1/25000 series) reports rd DAUMCINA 536792^{NMS,} having fallen, track in poor condition. Rd northwards from that point has had recent use. Huts 556899, 543891, 531875 appear occupied and some cut timber seen lying about. Track 550866 through hut area 540783 to AIYAU ok appears to have been used. Possible gun posn 533818, where small thatched roof would cover pit of some description. More likely posn 546817, some mvt through area.

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18 AUST INF BDE INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 78
(Infm to 1800 hrs 21 Mar 44)

LANDOPS

OWN-ENEMY

18 AUST INF BDE

2/10 Aust Inf Bn

21 Mar patrols from WARDS and CAMP 1 to sq 5273 and 500696 respectively report NMS.

2/12 Aust Inf Bn

Patrols (Lieut THOMPSON and Lieut SKINNER) biv night 21/22 Mar at CAMP 2 and CAMP 1 respectively. Patrol (Lieut THOMPSON) en route WARDS and patrol (Lieut SKINNER) to CAMP 1.

2/2 Aust Commando Sqn

Patrol (Capt NESBIT) left for CROMUGE 487953 from base 443898 at 201500L. At 201800L patrol (Lieut SMYTHE) returned to ISARIBA from MATALOI 1.

15 AUST INF BDE

57/60 Aust Inf Bn

Patrol fired on enemy posns 542788 and 554788 pm 20 Mar. The enemy returned their fire.

Patrol to 2600 feature 529762 returned 201000L reporting unidentified footprints 532764.

Patrol to 3800 feature sq 5679 returned 201820L reporting summit of feature still occupied by enemy.

On 20 Mar Mtn Bty engaged 3800 feature 543787 and 545788, results unobserved.

Disposns. A coy less two pls 560756, one pl 559759, one pl 562757. C coy less one pl 548773, one pl 557760.

58/59 Aust Inf Bn

At 201330L patrol left BARUM for KALIKO. Natives report enemy cas at BARUM 4 killed, no estimate of wounded but stretcher cases observed.

At 201550L a patrol left YANGALUM for KUL 2 (ref map POMMERN Bty 1" 996958) to contact US troops.

Disposns. 12 pl 647675, 13 pl 653669, otherwise unchanged.

US TROOPS

The patrol which contacted 58/59 bn at BARUM on 17 Mar reached BOGADJIM plantation NMS. Patrol returned and is moving from YANGALUM on 21 Mar for KUL 2.

AIROPS 20 Mar

At 201020L one sqn airacobras successfully divebombed and strafed NE of KWATO 562885.

At 201030L one sqn bostons led in by boomerang attacked the suspected Mtn gun NANZANRAI area 540818.

21 Mar a satisfactory strike by 11 airacobras was made on area 542788.

TAC/R 21 Mar (ref 1/25000 series) reports brs 1 to 12 incl out and brs 13 and 14 possibly out. Rd shows signs little recent use and foxholes observed 542791.

TOPO

Patrol Lieut FOX 2/2 Aust Commando Sqn to left flank REIZAN RIDGE 9-16 Mar. The track from BIRI to 466824 is well defined, no br exists there but crossing is not difficult. Patrol followed track as shown on map, track being very narrow but excellent walking to MATALOI 1. It has not been used for some time. From an old garden at 469832 a rough track leads up spur to 478834 thence 484838, then follows form lines to 493837. The track from KISA to BIRI leaves KISA in a NW direction half way through village, thence to east of lake shown (approx 20 yds round) following contours more or less all the way. From the lake the track runs parallel to the track shown on the map and joins it at the junc 499823.

Patrol Lieut TOOHY 2/2 Aust Commando Sqn to right flank REIZAN RIDGE, 9-16 Mar. From 507775 to 513781 the track shown on the map does not exist.

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18 AUST INF BDE INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 79
(Info to 1800 hrs 22 Mar 44)

HANDOPS

OWN ENEMY

18 AUST INF BDE

2/10 Aust Inf Bn

At 220830L a patrol (Lieut BOYLAND) left KESAWAI en route sq 5181.

2/12 Aust Inf Bn

Patrol (Lieut SHIMMER) returned to D coy from CAMP 1 pm 22 Mar. NMS.

2/2 Aust Commando Bn

On 22 Mar patrol (Capt NESBIT) moved down NURU River towards ORANGE avoiding the main track. No further report.

Patrol (Lieut DMS) left ISARIBA at 220800L for NATALCI 1, biv night 22/23 Mar KISA. NMS.

15 AUST INF BDE

57/60 Aust Inf Bn

Patrol B coy en route 3800 feature sq 5679 biv night 21/22 Mar 568786.

Patrol D coy en route 3400 feature sq 5278 via 528777 located newly constructed foxholes 527783 and fired on 4 Japs at 530783. Enemy returned fire. Patrol returned 211930L. Patrol D coy left for 2600 feature 530782 reaching 544758 pm 21 Mar.

58/59 Aust Inf Bn

PM 20 Mar patrol to KALIKO returned to BARUM reporting being fired on by MG, mortar and rifle from approx 20 Japs at 716920.

Patrol from YANGUM to KUL 2 arrived there 211730L.

201835L possible submarine seen from BARUM approaching shore on north side of MINDJIM River mouth.

C coy HQ established WANGAPO 21 Mar.

AIROPS

5 AF Airops 21 Mar. 36 liberators and 24 mitchells attacked MAIRIRU. IS (approx 25 north WEWAK) causing large fires and explosions. Bombs fell among barges and a 500 ton freighter was hit. 38 bostons attacked BRANDI and WEWAK, bombing excellent, two large fires started, possibly fuel dumps. 25 beauforts successfully bombed PAMALAL (JACQUINOT BAY) TAC/R 20 Mar (ref 1st series) reports huts 470928 and 467225 appear to be in use. MINIK village (402021) is difficult to find as it appears to be the centre of many hamlets. Village as marked on 1/35000 GUNU sheet at 373996 is deserted. All villages in vic are reinhabited by natives. SARI 397037 is a prosperous village with many gardens in good repair. BAGABIN 391096 is a large village in disrepair, appears unoccupied but well worn track from SE runs through village towards ZADSCP 382122.

22 Mar. Tracks do not appear fresh at NATALCI 1. Foxholes seen at 479814. Tracks between foxholes and REIZAN RIDGE in recent use. Track REIZAN RIDGE-YAULA freely used.

TOPO

Patrol (Sjt THOMPSON) 2/10 Aust Inf Bn 19 Mar. CAMP 1 to junc 525682 track shown on map is well defined and fair going. Owing to numerous native pads at this point the track has now been clearly marked. From 525682 (old native garden with several burnt out huts) to 513705 track becomes a native pad bad in wet weather. Patrol (Lieut ARCHER) 2/6 Aust Commando Bn to sq 5180 13-19 Mar. There is a track from 548773 (near DAUMCINA) through garden 543775 (shown on map) thence to river at 539777, following river to 527773, NW following ck to 522778, 519777 then west to 513778. From there the track runs SW to old Jap posn 499765 through huts at 506774. It is a new cut track over difficult terrain. Track shown on knoll 525783 is inaccurate and should go north of knoll.

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18 AUST INF BDE INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 80
(Info to 1800 hrs 23 Mar 44)

LANDOPS

OWN-ENEMY

18 AUST INF BDE

2/10 Aust Inf Bn

Patrol (Lieut BOYLAND) biv night 23/23 Mar at 477735 and reached 484747 at 231200L. NMS to date.

2/12 Aust Inf Bn

Patrol (Lieut THOMPSON) biv night 23/23 Mar WAIDS and reached WIGGEB KNOLL 231200L. NMS.

2/2 Aust Commando Sqn

Patrol (Lieut ADAMS) to NATALOI 1, reached BIRI 231200L and are now patrolling towards NATALOI 3.

On 22 Mar patrol (Capt MESSIER) patrolled to 448936 and 447938 reporting no contact or sign of enemy activity. Being unable to move further up NURU River patrol proceeded up track to 459935 where at 231900L strong party of Japs were encountered. One Jap killed. After Japs broke contact patrol moved back towards base and at 453926 a party of Japs fired on patrol. The patrol biv night 23/23 Mar at 448925.

15 AUST INF BDE

57/60 Aust Inf Bn

At 221415L patrol B coy to 3800 feature sq 5579 returned being unable to move north along precipitous ridge in vic 557787.

At 221500L patrol C coy left DAUMONIA en route 3800 feature via spur to the north from vic 557776.

At 221700L patrol D coy returned from feature 3400 sq 5278 reporting NMS. Mtn. bty registered sq 5378 during 22 Mar.

58/59 Aust Inf Bn

At 221130L patrol left BARUM en route sq 7495 to overlook BONGGU.

AIROPS

5 AF Airops 22 Mar. At 221115L one B-24 Superfortress successfully bombed and strafed camp area SW of AIYAU 563897 starting fires and silencing light AA. 33 liberators attacked WEWAK and BORAM, all bombs in target area. BORAM runway left unserviceable. 13 Mitchell's 32 bostons attacked WOM PT and WALIS IS (approx 4 miles west WEWAK) sinking two gunboats and registering hits on barges near MUSCHU IS (10 mile north WEWAK). 35 Kittyhawks divebombed TADUI (2 miles east of AITAPE) destroying planes on strip and demolishing huts. 12 barges and luggers at TUMLEC IS (3 mile NE AITAPE) were also strafed and left burning. TAG/R 23 Mar reports:-- Some undergrowth cleared in area 530783, but no diggings observed on the ridge. Posn 539818 is camflg, dug tracks in area do not appear fresh. Camflg huts 551898, no movement in area. Three huts were observed at 594924.

TOPO

Spur in sq 5378 is known as LINTONS SPUR. Patrol 2/10 and 2/12 Aust Inf Bn and 2/6 Aust Commando Sqn Mar 44. Leading off track marked on map, in a NW direction from 557732, a track in bad condition but well defined as far as 538736, goes across a series of 3 pimples, (532734, 529736 and 527736) on 3700 feature sq 5273 then down spur to 523745, swinging north to 522752 then west to OP at 520752. From there track goes along top of feature in sq 5175 joining track junc shown on map at 505759. From 523774 to 515755 the track is indistinct. A track leads off the track as described above from 526739 in a NE direction down spur to 531743, north to 531749 following down ck to 548769. Steps are cut at 535752.

ARTY DISPOSNS AS AT 22 MAR (ref 1/25000 series)

12 Aust Fd Bty	537617
"	515644
2 Aust Mtn Bty	548676
"	575720
11 Aust Fd Bty	626524
4 Aust Fd Regt	"
2 Aust Mtn Bty	672602

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18 AUST INF BDE INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 81.
(Infm to 1800 hrs 24 Mar 44)

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OWN-ENEMY

18 AUST INF BDE

2/10 Aust Inf Bn

Patrol 23 Mar from WARDS to sq 5273 NMS.

Patrol (Lieut BOYLAND) biv night 23/24 Mar 499755

2/12 Aust Inf Bn

Patrol (Lieut THOMPSON) biv night 21/25 Mar 560624 NMS.

2/2 Aust Commando Sq

Patrol (Capt NESBIT) reports main track 453926-459935 is well defined but overgrown and shows no signs of recent use. Enemy is believed to be using GEREDSI Ck as a line of approach from CROMUGE towards JAPPA. On 24 Mar patrol returned to base 442898 to rest for a day before proceeding further up track along GEREDSI Ck.

Patrol (Lieut ADAMS) made base at 468836. Small sub-patrols are making recce 494837, 2900 feature 484819, MATALOI 1 and 2 and KOBA. Sub-patrol to MATALOI followed main BIRI-MATALOI track to 473818 then along track to 473818 where Jap def posn was encountered under construction. At 479818 a sentry post occupied a few enemy was observed. Patrol returned to base at 468836 unobserved.

15 AUST INF BDE

57/60 Aust Inf Bn

on 23 Mar

Patrol B coy to 3800 feature spur 5679/contacted enemy posn on top of feature killing four. Own cas NIL. Estimate enemy strength approx 20. Patrols on 23 Mar to 540784, 546788 report NMS.

Patrol C coy left for 2400 feature sq 5278 biv night 23/24 Mar gardens 542775.

58/59 Aust Inf Bn

Patrol left NANGAPO 120900L for JAM JAM via GELIM, 537855, 611849, ALIBU 1, WENGA. From WENGA can observe down MINDJIN VALLEY to BOGADJIM and east along coast to BONGGU. Patrol then moved to JAM JAM, a deserted village with old signs Jap occupation. Patrol returned 221720L. Patrol to sq 7394 moved from BARUM via BANA, 733917, 739937 and 736942 and observed in vic of gardens west of BONGGU and to north NMS.

AIROPS

5 AF Airops 23 Mar. 231200L 15 airacobras accurately attacked def posn 542788. 43 Liberators and 6 mitchells attacked AWAR, NUBIA and HANSA BAY (HANSA BAY area), bombing accurate. 36 mitchells attacked MUSOKU IS and DAGUA (WEWAK area), observation of results hampered by weather.

TOPO

(EVAPIA River sheet 1/25000 series)

ADDITIONAL TRACKS BY PATROLS OF:-

2/10 Bn 25 Feb. From 578575 track follows west bank of river to 581579 east to 585530, north to garden at 584584, north to garden 583588, ENE to 593589 thence to IOGE feature. At 592599 track runs east to THE GAP which consists of gardens, two huts and two lean-tos. Track is well defined.

2/10 Bn 24 Feb. From 571582 track follows YOGIA River to track junct 581589 where one track follows west bank of river to 584610, west to 582610. The other track from 581589 goes NW up spur to three deserted huts 576595, north to 576502, NE to three deserted huts 580605, along top of feature to 582610, NNW to three deserted huts 579631 then up spur to 5500 west.

2/6 Aust Commando Sq. From 544639 a track goes SE down spur to 553633, SSW to huts 548610. At 552627 there is a track SE to river 559624.

2/12 Bn 10 Mar. From 541622 a track runs NE up spur joining track shown at 549631.

NON-EXISTENT TRACKS.

2/12 Bn 25 Feb. The track shown on map from 550610 along EVAPIA River to 563640.

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18 AUST INF BDE INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 82
(Infm to 1800 hrs 25 Mar 44)

LANDOPS

OWN-ENEMY

18 AUST INF BDE

2/10 Aust Inf Bn

Patrol (Lieut BOYLAND) no further report.

2/12 Aust Inf Bn

Patrol (Lieut THOMPSON) returned coy area 251330L NMS.

2/2 Aust Commando Sqn

Patrol (Capt NESBIT) is now resting for a few days at new patrol base 439882. The duration of patrol has been extended 5 days making the date of return now 1 Apr.

Patrol (Lieut ADAMS) reports MATALOI 2 and KOBA clear of enemy there being no sign of occupation since the last patrol 15 Mar.

15 AUST INF BDE

57/60 Aust Inf Bn

24 Mar. Local patrols from YOKOPI along MINDJIM River northwards report NMS. Patrol observed enemy posn 543788 NMS.

Patrol to 2400 feature contacted enemy on razorback ridge 533783.

Jap mtn gun from vic 545805 shelled YOKOPI no cas being inflicted.

Our mtn bty returned fire, results unobserved.

Disposns. 15 pl 544779. 9 pl 556761. Otherwise unchanged.

58/59 Aust Inf Bn

At 241100L a patrol left NANGAPO for WENGA moving via GELIM and REREO returning via ALIBU 1.

TOPO (EVAPIA RIVER sheet 1/25000 series)

ADDITIONAL TRACKS BY PATROL OF:-

2/6 Aust Commando Sqn. From 603559 a track crosses ck and follows up spur to 610567.

From 610574 a track goes down spur crossing river at 605581, following west bank to 595598, up spur to 600604, NE to 604610, north to 603614, NE to 605618, up spur to 610628, NW to 608630 then west along spur to 5500 west. From 608630 a track goes NW to ARCHERS POST. The track from 5500 west goes NW to junc 576635 where one track leads SW to river 566629 and the other NW to 574640.

Infm from patrol of Lieut SMYTHE, 2/2 Aust Commando Sqn 16/20 Mar. The track from 467774 to 454791 is hard to find and going difficult. Native garden at 458791. The track from 454793 along BOKU River to KOBA is difficult after by rain. Track from KOBA to MATALOI 1 is well graded and in excellent condition. Movement is possible from 454793 to 422761 along BOKU River but after by rain impassable. Track marked on map along north of river is not to be found. MATALOI 1 is bare of huts and timber. Unoccupied enemy posn covering upstream was located at 448789. At 442771 a three strand barbed wire fence running from the river back to the foot of the hill was found. Unoccupied posns were encountered area 442771 on the flat and slopes all undergrowth in the area being cut.

TRACK TIMES

467774 via 454793 to KOBA	3½ hrs
KOBA to MATALOI 1	1 "
MATALOI 2 to MATALOI 1	1½ "
454793 to 422761 via BOKU R	4 "

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18 AUST INF BDE INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 83
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LANDOPS

OWN-ENEMY

18 AUST INF BDE

2/10 Aust Inf Bn

Patrol (Lieut BOYLAND) now based 599765. Sub-patrol moved from there to 2800 feature sq 5178, on 26 Mar.

2/2 Aust Commando Sq

25 Mar patrol (Lieut ADAMS) reports sub-patrol along track from 465825 to 494837, no contact. Former Jap posn 494836 has not been occupied. Sub-patrol to north of MATALOI 1 reached 492833, no contact. A further sub-patrol to 2900 feature 483818 reports that track MATALOI 1 runs on west side feature to 482820, east along feature to 488820 thence along contour 46490823. The terrain is difficult. There is an extensive wired posn stretching from 482820 to 490823, estimated enemy strength at least 2 pls with one MMG and one 4.2 mortar in that area. Patrol (Capt NESBIT) is still resting at base 439882 before further patrol activity.

15 AUST INF BDE

57/60 Aust Inf Bn

On 25 Mar patrol of C coy reached 545785 where mvt was seen in the kumai grass at approx 541786. Three Japs were seen at 545786 and enemy posns at 541788 could not be observed.

Patrol to 553783 were fired on by the enemy from approx 549782. No Cas.

No report patrol to sq 5178 to contact 2/10 bn patrol.

At 251730L enemy mtn gun shelled YOKOPI area, no cas.

58/59 Aust Inf Bn

On 25 Mar a patrol from BARUM observed Jap on guard outside enemy posn 716920.

At 251030L BARUM OP observed three Japs near weapon pits 716917.

At 251840L BARUM OP reports three enemy guns firing from vic MALAGA PT (692080 1" series) the shells falling in the sea near mouth MINDJIM R.

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18 AUST INF BDE INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 84
(Infm to 1800 hrs 27 Mar 44)

LANDOPS

OWN-ENEMY

18 AUST INF BDE

2/10 Aust Inf Bn

Patrol (Lieut BOYLAND) no further report.

Patrol (Sjt RYAN) left WARDS on 27 Mar moving NW along high ground to 505759.

2/2 Aust Commando Bn

Owing to enemy alertness in posns along track 483820 to 490823 (further to our summary No 83) the sub-patrol (Lieut ADAMS) was unable to investigate further in that direction, but in a small clash in that area killed one enemy without loss to themselves. A further sub-patrol (Lieut ADAMS) left base pm 26 Mar for track junc 494337.

15 AUST INF BDE

57/60 Aust Inf Bn

26 Mar. Local patrols YOKOPI-DAUMOINA area NMS.

At 260730K patrol left DAUMOINA for 546785 reporting NMS in area and returning to coy area at 261615K.

At 261800K 12 Japs with packs were observed moving northwards ab 543800. Mtn gun successfully engaged enemy. OP established 544782 with observation along rd to 543787 thence north incl MINDJIM VALLEY. Disposns. 17 pl 553778. Otherwise unchanged.

58/59 Aust Inf Bn

Patrol which left NANGAPO at 241100L for WENGA and returned 260950K following track 660886, REREO, 664934, 648936, ALIBU 1, 645878 and GELIM. No enemy movement seen but natives state that Japs were at WENGA on 25 Mar.

At 261750 and 261805K tps at BARUM engaged unknown number of Japs approaching DANUM with rifles, grenades and 5" mortar. The enemy replying with 3" mortar. Own cas NIL.

At 261330K patrol left NANGAPO for MINDJIM River.

27 Mar enemy has now withdrawn from immediate vic BARUM.

AIROPS

5 AF Airops 25 Mar. 37 Liberators and 37 mitchells attacked supplies, stores and pers in WEWAK causing fires and explosions. 28 bostons attacked CAPE WOM (WEWAK area) hitting fuel dump and special ecpt stn. 18 bostons successfully attacked BUNABUN mission and harbour (50 miles NW MADANG). 7 bostons bombed and strafed NIALLA plantation.

26 Mar 9 mitchells bombed barges and shipping WEWAK area as well as shipping incl 5/500-1000 ton freighters, 41 barges and 5 luggers near SUSCHU. One freighter 500-1000 ton, two 5000 ton, one 1000 ton cargo ships attacked 10 miles SE WEWAK with unobserved results. 7 mitchells bombed KANSA BAY starting fires and damaging one lugger. 27 mitchells and 22 liberators attacked AA posn, pers and stores at DAGUA. 22 liberators attacked AA posns at BUT, damage undetermined. 19 bostons carried out sweep on barges from BUT to ALTAPE as well as bombing and strafing stores and radio station ALTAPE area. On the coast three barges and one lugger were strafed. 12 bostons bombed and strafed ANSA mission (ALTAPE area), six direct hits observed on mission starting several small fires. 12 bostons bombed BONGGU causing several fires. 9 bostons bombed LORENGAU. 16 airacobras attacked suspected enemy gun posn 548811 and camp area south of br 14 on BOGADJIM Rd. 563887 (1/25000 series).

TAC/R 25 Mar reports dugin posn under trees at 718923 where a small track running NW appears unused. Main track to KALIKO is well used. Posn does not suggest it is held in strength. Track through BONGGU is well used, village could be occupied. Coastal track in that area generally appears freely used.

AIRSTRIPE - At 409721 (ISARIBA area) there is an airstrip clearly marked 325 yds long, 50 yds wide running in direction NE-SW.

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18 AUST INF BDE INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 85
(Info to 1800 hrs 28 Mar 44)

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18 AUST INF BDE

2/10 Aust Inf Bn

On 26 Mar patrol (Lieut BOYLAND) moved from base 499765 via 501773, 535775 to 537783 where an extensive enemy posn unoccupied (for about last three days) of about one bn strength with approx 1000 yds of trenches, pillboxes and dugouts, wire and booby traps. Biv night 26/27 Mar 538783 and on 27 Mar moved via 535775 up track to 513783 from where 3700 feature sq 5181 could be observed. NMS. Country very difficult. Biv night 27/28 Mar 495785 moving on 28 Mar to base 491764.

2/12 Aust Inf Bn

Patrol (Lieut DUNCAN) left coy area for CAMP 1 on 27 Mar, biv there night 27/28 Mar returning to coy area 281530K. NMS.

Patrol (Lieut McNAUGHT) left coy area for WARDS, biv night 27/28 Mar CAMP 2.

2/2 Aust Commando Sq

On 28 Mar patrol (Capt NESBIT) moved from base to recon GEREDSI Cr. Patrol (Lieut ADAMS) biv night 28/29 Mar KISA en route ISARIBA.

15 AUST INF BDE

57/60 Aust Inf Bn

On 27 Mar patrols to 546766 thence 548774 and 546784 report NMS. D coy patrol contacted pl 2/10 bn at WARDS.

58/59 Aust Inf Bn

After bombing and strafing of Jap posn at 716920, on 27 Mar patrol moved out from BARUM and drew fire from posn of approx strength 30 enemy with MMG and LMG.

AIROPS - 5 AF Airops 27 Mar. 24 Liberators 24 mitchells attacked HANSA BAY area, AA at NUBIA, CONDOR PT and AWAR village and ptr. 15 liberators and 6 mitchells bombed KAIRIRU IS (off WEWAK). 38 bombers bombed and strafed WOM PT (WEWAK area). 5 liberators attacked stores area ULIGAN HBR (50 miles SE HANSA BAY). 16 aircraft attacked stores area west BONGGU 271130K causing explosions and fires and at 271510K accurately bombed and strafed Jap def posn area 718923.

SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS WEEK ENDING 22 MAR

LAND Isolation of Jap garrisons in the BISMARCK ARCHIPELAGO has been completed by the Allied landing on EMIRAU IS in the ST MATTHIAS Group. In NEW BRITAIN the enemy withdrawal eastward to the GAZELLE PENINSULA appears to be continuing both along the north and south coasts. Small delaying parties are operating along SETTIM BAY, probably to cover evacuation of GAROVE IS and CAPE KOSKINS. GASMATA has been found abandoned.

SEA Almost 50000 tons of shipping were sighted off HOLLANDIA and WEWAK during the week. Of this shipping some 20000 tons were sunk by Allied A/c. MADANG has been supplied largely by barge, and WEWAK by sea truck, for some time - that the enemy has found it necessary to hazard a merchant ship run to WEWAK, after the convoy had been

already subjected to air attacks off HOLLANDIA, reflects urgency in his need to reinforce and supply the WEWAK area. Bombardment of WEWAK by Allied naval units without intervention on the night of 18/19 Mar amply demonstrates that the NE NEW GUINEA coast at least as far west as HOLLANDIA is now open to all forms of sea and air attack.

AIR - WEWAK, RABAUL and KAVIENG have all been subjected to by air attacks. Over 1000 tons of bombs were dropped during the week in a series of daily raids against targets in the WEWAK area and 570 tons of bombs were dropped in daily raids on RABAUL township and wharf installations. Enemy air intervention has been negligible except over WEWAK where 88 a/c in all attempted interception.

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18 AUST INF BDE INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 86
(Info to 1800 hrs 29 Mar 44)

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OWN-ENEMY

18 AUST INF BDE

3/10 Aust Inf Bn

Two day patrol (Cpl CLARKSON) returned from 5500 WEST pm 29 Mar NMS. Patrol (Lieut BOYLAND) returning to coy area late pm 29 Mar. Disposns. 15 pl KESAWAI. Otherwise unchanged.

3/12 Aust Inf Bn

Patrol (Lieut McNAUGHT) biv night 28/29 Mar WARDS. Patrol (Lieut COOK) left B coy for CAMP 1 290930K.

3/2 Aust Commando Sqn

Patrol (Capt NESBIT) no report.

Patrol (Lieut ADAMS) returned ISARIBA from MATALOI 1 at 291200K.

Patrol left ISAREBA for MATALOI 1 291600K.

15 AUST INF BDE

57/60 Aust Inf Bn

Patrol moved to 525782 established base there at 281515K. Sub-patrol moved east from there along LINTONS spur to 533783 contacting patrol moving west up LINTONS spur to 533783 that patrol now having returned to coy area. At 281600K a further sub-patrol left base 525782 moving to 2800 feature 513781 thence northwards along track shown on map.

At 280700K patrol left for 3800 feature sq 5379 via 556783, northwards to 556792 thence SE to 3300 feature. No further report.

At 280700K patrol moved along MINDJIM River reaching 544788 at 271530K finding recently vacated Jap camp and small def posns.

Patrols on 2400 feature sq 5278 and LINTONS spur report the only def's located were old weapon pits and a hut in that area. Posn at 533783, vacated in the last 24 hrs, consists of well constructed pillboxes and small foxholes estimated capacity 20-30 tps. To date no sign of posn reported by 3/10 bn patrol on 27 Mar.

58/59 Aust Inf Bn

At 270900K patrol left KUL 2 biv night 27/28 Mar ARAWUM arriving at SUNGUM 281320K. At 281200K patrol left NANGAPO for BONGGU reaching BARUM night 28/29 Mar. YANGALUM OP is now established at SUNGUM. Disposns. 3 pl 653669. Otherwise unchanged.

AIROPS

TAC/R 26 Mar. reports no diggings etc in sq 5480. Reported gun posn 545802 does not appear practical. Posn 548812 not damaged by recent strike, still in use. There are four possible gun posns in that area. Tracks and area north to NW loop rd 540816 are fresh and give impression fair amount avt.

27 Mar. reports DANUM NMS. 713825 NMS. Track from 709913 to KALIKO shows signs recent use. BONGGU village appears deserted and coastal track from there to MINDJIM River mouth shows signs recent use but NMS.

x Sq 5699 rubber ptn with MT tracks leading in appears recently used.

x Bns 663000 and 663006 in order, br over GORI River out. KUBALI mission 691989. Dug-in posn with log and dirt sides, galvanised iron roof

x camflg with creepers and netting does not give appearance recent use.

29 Mar reports no use coastal track GAUBE River to MELAMU ptn, and track MELAMU westwards recently used. MATALOI 1 appears unoccupied, track MATALOI 1- REIZAW RIDGE is freely used. Fresh MT tracks 548330 to 545834. Signs of rd repaired from MATEANRAI - YAULA. Foot traffic YAULA area.

(Refs given in Tac/R reports are in 1/25000 series except where marked 'x' which are given on 1" series.)

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18 AUST INF BDE INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 87
(Infm to 1800 hrs 30 Mar 44)

LANDOPS

18 AUST INF BDE

3/30 Aust Inf Bn

Patrol (Lieut BOYLAND) returned coy area 291800K. A corrected report states recce was made of 3600 feature sq 5180 on which stretching from 514804 to 509806 an extensive posn, previously reported as being at 527783 (summary No 85), was located.

18 pl biv night 30/31 Mar CAMP 2 en route WARDS.

3/12 Aust Inf Bn

Patrol (Lieut COOKS) returned to B coy from CAMP 1 301430K NMS.

Patrol (Lieut McMAUGHET) biv night 30/31 Mar 554625.

2/3 Aust Commando Bn

Patrol (Lieut TOOLIN) to NATALOI 1 expected to arrive there pm 30 Mar.

No further report from patrol on the effectiveness of today's air strike on that area. A late report from patrol reports NATALOI 1 un-

Patrol (Lieut FOLEY) and sec biv night 30/31 Mar KIMA (occupied).

On 30 Mar patrol (Capt NESBIT) reached high ground 455913 and is now moving down spur towards 457913. NMS.

15 AUST INF BDE

57/60 Aust Inf Bn

B coy moved out from YOKOPI 290700K to regain contact with enemy reaching 543804 for night 29/30 Mar where a landslide on rd impeded further progress. During am 30 Mar coy reced route round west side landslide. No further report sub-patrol from base 535782 to sq 5180. Patrol to 544804 via 544796, where unable to locate mule track, 543783 up track to 540794 thence north to rd following it to 544804. Patrol returned 291200K NMS.

Patrol to 3800 feature sq 5679 reported feature unoccupied.

At 291500K patrol left to recce track from 543786 to junct KOFEBI River 569822.

58/59 Aust Inf Bn

At 290900K patrol C coy left BARUM moving to vic 716920 where patrol fired on three Japs who did not return fire.

291230K patrol left BARUM for vic 734924 observing two Japs and native guide. Returned to BARUM 291700K.

At 291100K patrol from KUL 2 left SUNGUM en route WANGAPO arriving at SUNGUM 2 735883 at 291800K. Patrol which left WANGAPO at 261330K moved across country to JAI JAM thence south along MINDJIM River to 605832 NMS. Patrol returned WANGAPO 291710K.

AIROPS

5 AF Airops 29 Mar. 3 liberators bombed HOLLANDIA. No visible damage. 35 bostons accurately bombed WOM PT. 36 mitchells attacked pers and stores DAGUA. 20 bostons attacked stores BUNABUN. 16 bostons attacked shipping MUSCHU IS. 2 catalines attacked WOLEAI mission causing large explosions. (WENAK area). 16 airacobras attacked gun posn MALAGA 2. Six hits observed.

TAC/R 29 Mar reports NMS BARUM to 718924. NMS MARAKUM.

10PO (BOKU River sheet 1/25000 series) ADDITIONAL TRACKS BY PATROLS OF -
 2/6 Commando Sqn 26 Feb. Track from 428730 follows river to garden
 438737 thence up spur crossing 2300 feature sq 4575 continuing up spur
 to 3200 feature sq 4677, NW down spur to 458786 and garden 458792.
 7 Dec. Track from KOBA to huts 468795 follows up BOKU River to
 495735 south to garden and two huts 498770 east joining track 501769
 (well made track in good condition reported by 2/3 Comdo 17 Mar).
 Track leading down spur from huts 487759 to 481747 thence west to 469746.
 24 Feb. Track from 394790 crosses YAGUNBU River at 395795, NE to
 399798, east to 412798, SE to 422789 thence east to ORGORUMA l. From
 406798 a track goes NNW to 402810 (native pad, dense undergrowth,
 country very rough).
 7 Dec. A track goes from 403740 to 405736 then SE to BUNAGUNA. A
 track goes from 451743 east to 436742 thence SE to 438737.

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18 AUST INF BDE INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 88
(Infm to 1800 hrs 31 Mar 44)

LANDOPSOWN-ENEMY

18 AUST INF BDE

2/12 Aust Inf Bn

Patrol (Lieut McNAUGHEY) returned coy area 312400K. NMS.

2/2 Aust Commando Sqn

Patrol (Lieut TOOHY) reports 2900 feature sq 4881 clear of enemy, having been evacuated approx 3 days previously. Sub-patrol along track to 488236 NMS.

Patrol (Capt WESBIT), On 31 Mar sub-patrol crossed ck 457934 and 458923 reporting no signs of enemy in the vic.

Disposns. Nos 2 and 6 secs KISA. Otherwise unchanged.

15 AUST INF BDE

57/60 Aust Inf Bn

Sub-patrol from 525782 via 2900 feature sq 5178 reached 513790 and at 510796 found unoccupied Jap posn consisting of 20 weapon pits and 5 foxholes contained in wire. Estimate vacated approx 3 weeks previously. Patrol returned to DAUMOINA area 301000K.

At 301150K patrol left for Feature 3700 sq 5181 via 513782.

At 301600K a pl B coy reached MABELUBU where they were fired on by enemy IMGs from north and south banks of KOFEBI River vic 545535. Estimate enemy strength not large. Night 30/31 Mar mtn bty and mortars carried out HF on Jap posn 548234, 547833 and MABELUBU.

Patrol which left at 291500K to recce track from 545786 to June KOFEBI River 569822 is now with pl B coy 553813.

Two Jap stragglers seen vic 539798.

Disposns. B coy less two pls 553313. Two pls 545823. Otherwise unchanged.

2 Aust Mtn Bty one mtn gun now located 549772.

58/59 Aust Inf Bn

At 300900K patrol left MANGAPO for YAULA via GELIM, ALIBU 1 607855. Patrols to 716919 and 715914 report NMS.

AIROPS - 5 AF Airops 30 Mar. During night 29/30 Mar 7 liberators raided HOLLANDIA. Results unobserved. On 30 Mar 65 liberators attacked HOLLANDIA destroying approx 100 a/c on the ground as well as a large fuel dump. Bombers were intercepted by approx 40 enemy fighters which caused no damage. 59 lightnings intercepted 50 -- 60 enemy fighters shooting down 7 and 2 probables. 6 liberators attacked 500/1000 ton vessel MUSCHU IS. 23 mitchells rendered TADJI runway unserviceable. One sqn airacobras bombed and strafed Jap posns 716920 and strafed track northwards to KALIKO. Strafing accurate. One sqn bostons successfully attacked Jap def posns 2900 feature sq 4881. Patrol 2/2 Condo Sqn reports three bomb craters on track 484823 and signs of strafing in area. TAG/R 30 Mar reports two huts 547894 with signs activity in area. Brs 15-16 and culverts between unserviceable for MT. Clearing under trees 560885 could be extensive. Smaller clearing 559881 and tracks

running between two clearings mentioned. Many tracks suggesting fair body of men dispersed seen in sqs 6395, 6496 on east side of rd.

TOPO - (BOKU River sheet 1/25000 series) NON EXISTANT TRACKS reported by 2/6 Comdo Sqn.

Tracks between following refs do not exist:-

- 487759 -- 469746, 507775 -- 511780, 450744 -- 472734, 431743 -- 428738,
- 434742 -- 448746, 438744 -- 448756 -- 458786, 426762 -- 450793, KARONA -
- 402765, KARONA -- 402761, 387748 -- 396754.

D. M. Scott
 BM 18 Aus Inf Bde

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AMENDMENTS TO 18 AUST INF BDE CO NO 2 OF 28 FEB 44.1. Para 11. Delete sub para (b) and substitute

"(b) Establish outpost positions each of NOT less than one sec at 5800 feature and CAMP 1 3266."

Add new sub para (c)

"(c) Using 5800 feature outpost as a base, patrol the area NW of 2/12 Aust Inf Bn outposts to the line DAUMCINA-HAILE R-SOLU R all incl."

2. Add new para 11A.

"11A (a) Dets in 5800 feature- CAMP 1 area will be placed under comd 2/12 Aust Inf Bn in the event of enemy offensive ops in the bn area of responsibility.

(b) CO 2/12 Aust Inf Bn will coordinate any necessary withdrawal of these dets with that of 2/12 Aust Inf Bn outposts."

3. Add new para 13A."13A Track Construction

(a) Track construction within bn areas will be commenced at same time as initial defensive works.

(b) Tracks will, where necessary, be zig-zag type and NOT steps."

ACK.

W. Jackson
 Maj
 BM 18 Aust Inf Bde

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18 AUST INF BDE ADM ORDER NO AD

This Order is issued in conjunction with 18 Aust Inf Bde OO No 2.

1. RETURNS

As per 18 Aust Inf Bde Adm Order No A3 of 4 Jan 44 and AQ 1789 of 8 Jan 44. Return of native loads not required.

2. RESERVES

(a) One day's SWP ration and one day's fd op ration O2 will be held as a unit res. Two emergency A3 will be carried on the man.

(b) Any additional tactical res to be arranged through this HQ.

(c) Reserves of amm and supplies will be regularly checked and cover provided for protection.

(d) Stocks will on no account be used unless operationally necessary or under orders from this HQ.

(e) In the event of outpost posns withdrawing in accordance with 18 Aust Inf Bde OO No 2 of 28 Feb 44 all reserves of supplies and amm that cannot be carried out will be destroyed.

3. AMN

Available on demand through BASCO. AP is located at FARIA DID.

4. SUPPLIES

Supply depot for 18 Aust Inf Bde is located at FARIA DID.

(a) Units will notify ration strength to BASCO by 0800 hrs daily.

(b) Expense stores indents to be forwarded to BASCO by 0800 hrs each Thursday.

(c) Automatic issues - the following items are issued automatically without indent each Friday:-

Atebrin, razor blades, tobacco, cigarette papers and matches. Toilet soap - one cake per fortnight.

5. P.O.L.

Available on demand through BASCO. PP located at FARIA DID.

6. MEDICAL

(a) A lt sec ADS is established at KESAWAI.

(b) Evacuations from units to MDS as per 7 Aust Div Cir Q47.

7. STATIONERY

All requisitions for stationery will be made direct to "Q" Branch 7 Aust Div on the first and fifteenth of each month.

8. ORD STORES

(a) Ord stores are in short supply in this area. Units will ensure that demands are kept to a minimum.

(b) All requisitions for ord stores will be made direct to BOWO on this HQ.

9. M.T.

Allotment to units will be one jeep and trailer per inf bn.

10. ENGR STORES

(a) RAE stores dump is located at FARIA R.

(b) Units will submit demands for engr stores to this HQ.

11. WATER POINTS

(a) Water points are located as under:-

- (i) BEBEI
- (ii) FARIA R.
- (iii) MENE R.

(b) All water drawn from rivers, creeks, etc must be chlorinated prior to consumption.

12. PREVENTION OF MALARIA, DENGUE AND SCRUB TYPHUS

Attention is drawn to 18 Aust Inf Bde Adm Instn No A7 of 1 Feb 44.

13. NATIVES

(a) The allocation of natives to tasks within the Bde is made by this HQ.

(b) Any matters dealing with native labour in general will be referred to this HQ.

14. MAINTENANCE PLAN

A general maintenance plan has been drawn up to cover the closing of the rd from the old DID site on the EVAPIA to KESAWAI.

(a) 321 natives are held at the EVAPIA staging pt supplying tps at KESAWAI and patrols.

(b) 199 natives at KESAWAI carrying supplies to outpost posns on 5800 and the 2/2 Aust Cav (Comdo) Sqn at ISARIBA.

(c) 45 natives stationed at 5800 carrying to CAMERONS.

(d) 66 natives have been allotted to 2/6 Aust Cav (Comdo) Sqn carrying to 5500 and ARCHERS.

Capt.
S.C. 18 Aust Inf Bde.

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18 AUST INF BDE ADM INSTN NO A10

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8 Mar 44

Building up seven days' ration reserves at CAMERONS - 285 loads.

9 Mar 1. Jeeps take rations to KESAWAI 780 SWPA
 900 hard
 1190 O2
 400 native

This task to be reduced by any amounts of above at present held at KESAWAI. The above amounts must eventually go through so as to leave the post reserves at KESAWAI up to present figures.

2. Two coys 2/9 Aust Inf Bn move to KESAWAI - jeeps to carry blanket rolls to EVAPIA. 2/9 Aust Inf Bn QM to arrange rations for meals at KESAWAI for evening 9 Mar; day 10 Mar (both coys carrying to Camp 2) breakfast 11 Mar (return to Bn lines) and lunch on track back to camp.

3. 50 natives move from KESAWAI to Camp 2 with gear - to carry limited amount for mtn gun on way out.

NOTE:- this will leave only 70/80 natives to carry mtn gun gear.

10 Mar

1. Two coys 2/9 Aust Inf Bn carry 230 loads to Camp 2 or as far towards CAMERONS as possible for day's turn round and return to KESAWAI - lunch carried on man. It is essential that this carry be at least to Camp 2 to enable natives to make two trips per day on to CAMERONS.

2. 50 natives at Camp 2 to carry loads to CAMERONS and return to Camp 2.

11 Mar

1. 50 natives at Camp 2 make two trips to CAMERONS and return.

2. Two coys 2/9 Aust Inf Bn return to Bn lines.

12 Mar

1. 50 natives at Camp 2 make two trips to CAMERONS and return.

NOTE:-

1. It is considered that the difference between 230 loads carried by 2/9 Aust Inf Bn tps and total to be shifted (285) could be lifted by normal 2/12 Aust Inf Bn maint natives over period 9/12 Mar and by use of 30/50 natives at present on patrols, etc. Also natives at present held by 2/12 Aust Inf Bn at KESAWAI would be sufficient to maintain additional 50 natives at Camp 2.

It will be the responsibility of 2/12 Aust Inf Bn to get these res rations from Camp 2 to CAMERONS by 12 Mar using the 50 additional natives above, their own 45 at present at Camp 2, and by using own tps.

Capt.
 S.O. 18 Aust Inf Bde.

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COMDS STAFF CONFERENCE 110930L NOTES

Adm Comd Lt-Col C J CUMMINGS, BM Maj O D JACKSON, BM(L) Capt R J S SEDDON, SC Capt C B PARBURY, IO Capt P D CONNOLLY, LOs present.

US forces at ENKE PT. Sp and diversionary tps to assist them being prepared by 7 Aust Div. 15 Aust Inf Bde patrolling to contact US tps at YANGALUM.

7 Div Ops --

- (i) WARDS (ii) SAIPA 2 (iii) JAPPA
- (iv) Enemy must NOT withdraw unobserved.

18 Bde --

Capture WARDS and exploit to high ground overlooking YOKOPI (2/12 Bn then relieved by 2/10 Bn). Final disposns to be

- (a) Coy overlooking YOKOPI
- (b) Coy WARDS.
- (c) Coy CAMERONS.
- (d) Coy KESAWAI.

6 x 25 prs with 3000 rds of amn available to sp 15 and 18 Bde.

2 mtn guns. Amn very short.

D Day NOT before 13 Mar.

COMNS

Direct L/T to CAMERONS
No 11 Set at CAMERONS.

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19 AUST INF BDE TRG INSTN NO. 10

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APPX "F"

GENERAL.

1. In view of the present tactical situation and bde role, it is unlikely that the bde will be employed in any major ops in the near future.
2. This Instn outlines trg policy for the period commencing 30 Mar 44.
3. 3 days per week will be employed in preparing bn defensive posns and 3 days in trg.

PATROLLING.

4. Full use will be made of unit op patrolling to train inexperienced NCO's and jnr offrs. This will incl routine unit patrols and long range patrols ordered by this Hq.

TACTICAL TRG.

5. Equal attention will be paid to trg in open and jungle country.
6. Coy, pl and sec exercises will be carried out under unit control. Particular attention will be paid to:
 - (a) The value of high ground.
 - (b) The necessity to maintain contact and hold any high ground or enemy defensive posns once they have been captured.
 - (c) The value and methods of gaining surprise in the attack - difficult ground is NOT an obstacle to determined inf.
 - (d) All round defense.
7. Pl TWT'S will be carried out, each sec forming a syndicate.

INDIVIDUAL TRG.

8. Individual trg will incl weapon trg, close order drill and first aid (all ranks).
9. Minature range practices will be carried out using trg am already allotted.

SCHOOLS.

10. A Jnr Leaders Drill and Weapon Trg School for Lieuts, WO's and Sgt's will be organized by this Hq. Details later.
11. Bns will each establish a Jnr NCO's drill and weapon trg school.

SPECIALIST TRG.

12. Particular attention will be paid to wireless trg of sig pers.

LECTURES.

13.

Bns will arrange lectures as follows:

- (a) Offers lectures at least 4 times per week, to incl lecture by SG on AIm and bde staff. Other Bde Staff Offers are available on request.
- (b) AIm in the fi to be given by coy coms.
- (c) AEB lectures under normal arrangements.

J Jackson
Major
BN 18 Aust Inf Bde

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE
18 AUST INF BDE OP INSTN NO. 25

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Ref: AMUBA 1/25000 series
KUMBARUM
EVAPIA
KOBEN
BOKU RIVER

GENERAL.

1. The object of this instruction is to redefine the role of 18 Aust Inf Bde and bn responsibilities in the light of the present situation.
2. 2/6 Aust Comdo Sqn has reverted to comd 7 Aust Div.
3. There is still the possibility that enemy raids may be made with the object of either creating diversions or preventing our forward troops from exerting too much pressure against his forward troops.

BOUNDARIES.

4. Inter-brigade boundary - 3700 feature 510814 - track junction 514781 both inclusive 15 Aust Inf Bde thence 3600 feature 5175 - 3600 feature 5273 - WARDS VILLAGE all inclusive 18 Aust Inf Bde thence GOODWINS SPUR - track and creek junction 593668 - line of creek SE to CANNINGS SADDLE - CANNINGS SADDLE - HERALD HILL - BEIBI all inclusive 15 Aust Inf Bde.
5. Patrol boundary between 18 Aust Inf Bde and A Tp 2/2 Aust Comdo Sqn - ISARIBA - ORGORUNA - KISA/ASAKE - BIRI - JAPPA all inclusive 18 Aust Inf Bde.

ROLE OF 18 AUST INF BDE.

6. (a) Hold the high ground between the lower waters of the EVAPIA and MENE RIVERS.
(b) Maintain outposts of NOT less than one platoon each at WARDS VILLAGE, 5800 feature and KESAWAI.
(c) Patrol forward to REIZAN RIDGE - JAPPA areas.

METHOD.

7. 2/2 Aust Comdo Sqn.

- Tasks (a) Occupy an outpost defensive locality at ISARIBA with a view to patrolling from exclusive SOLU RIVER north to MATALOI - BIRI - JAPPA area.
- (b) Prepare alternative positions at feature 700 (4172) and feature 900 (4471). The three positions to be occupied alternately for a period of two weeks in each.
- (c) In the event of an enemy attack in strength the Sqn will withdraw in the direction of KESAWAI imposing maximum delay on the enemy force.

8. 2/9 Aust Inf Bn.

- Tasks (a) Hold the high ground in the area of 1400 feature. Area of responsibility MENE and MOSIA RIVERS

both inclusive,

(b) Maintain one rifle coy as Brigade reserve.
Probable roles:

(i) Anti paratroop.

(ii) Hold the coy defensive locality on the high ground south of the RAMU R approx 1000 yds south of HQ 18 Aust Inf Bde.

(c) Patrol the MENE R north to 5500 EAST and 5500 WEST and NE to HERALD HILL.

9. 2/10 Aust Inf Bn.

Tasks (a) Hold the high ground in the vicinity SCHWINDS OP. Area of responsibility inclusive YOGIA R exclusive MENE R.

(b) Maintain platoon outpost at each WARDS VILLAGE, CAMP 1 and KESAWAI.

(c) Patrol

(i) To 3700 feature 5273. Patrols to investigate feature every second day.

(ii) To YOKOPI to maintain contact with 15 Aust Inf Bde.

(iii) YOGIA R NE to 5500 WEST.

(iv) To JERRYS OP, THE GAP and IOGE FEATURE.

10. 2/12 Aust Inf Bn.

Tasks (a) Hold the high ground in the area LANDSLIDE HILL - METCALFE KNOLL. Area of responsibility inclusive EVAPIA R exclusive YOGIA R.

(b) Patrol

(i) The EVAPIA R to WARDS VILLAGE maintaining contact with 2/10 Aust Inf Bn.

(ii) 5800 feature and CAMP 1 maintaining contact with 2/10 Aust Inf Bn.

ADMINISTRATION.

11. Medical.

Evacuations from ISARIBA by CUB aircraft under arrangements by this HQ.

ACK.

Lt Col.
Adm Comd 18 Aust Inf Bde.

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APPX "H"

New Guinea

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE
ROUTINE ORDERS
BY
BRIGADIER P. C. CHILTON DSO
COMMANDING 18 AUST INF BDE

No 2-5

Part 1

1 Mar 44

2. CAMERAS AND CONTROL OF PHOTOGRAPHY

New Guinea Force Order No 641 of 21 Sep 44.

Attention of all units is drawn to the above Order.

3. ACF ISSUE FOR FOETNIKE INDIA 28 FEB 44

Receipt is acknowledged of the following articles which have been distributed to units of 18 Aust Inf Bde Gp.

Playing cards packs	49
Circles sets	6
Volley Ball sets	1
Medicine Balls	5
Quits sets	2
Softball bats	5
" balls	6
Footballis	5
Catchers' Gloves	5
Boxing gloves sets	2
Badminton sets	3
Chinese Checkers sets	17
Monopoly sets	2
Totopoly sets	2
Assorted games, sets	6
Handkerchiefs	20
Washers	10

The following were issued to HQ 18 Aust Inf Bde personnel. 2/9, 2/10, 2/12 Aust Inf Bns and 2/5 Aust Pl Amb have drawn these articles direct from ACF.

Tobacco cans	460
Cig papers	250
Toilet soap	250
Laundry soap	250
Shaving soap	25 0
Tooth paste	250
Foot powder	250
Tins sweets	250
Writing paper sheets	1000
Envelopes	500

Individual issue of comforts (monthly issue):-

Tobacco cans	2
Cig papers	1

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Toilet soap
Laundry soap
Shaving soap
Tooth paste
Foot powder
Sweets tins

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bb *Barbun* Capt.
for S.C. 18 Aust Inf Bde.

**AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE
ROUTINE ORDERS**

BY

**LT COL C. J. CUMMINGS OBE
ADM COMD 18 AUST INF BDE**

Nos 4-6

Part 1

24 Mar 44

4. 1943 ARMY UNIFORM BOOK.

GRO No G78/44 is repeated:-

"1. As the demand for the 1943 Army Uniform Book (Khaki and Green") has reached the maximum number that can be produced further orders will not be placed by members.

2. Orders which have been received by the Officer-in-charge, Military History Section, or which are now in transit will be delivered in their turn as quickly as supplies can be obtained from the printer.

3. After orders now in transit have been received, the Officer-in-charge Military History Section, will furnish to units which have placed orders a forecast of the dates of delivery of orders which have not yet been dispatched.

(To be republished in unit routine orders)

5. INCLUSION OF UNAUTHORISED ITEMS IN KITS DEPOSITIED IN KIT STORES

NGF Order No Q47/44 is repeated:-

"1. A serious fire occurred recently at an Aust Kit Store resulting in the total destruction of many thousands of kit bags and the partial loss of the contents of many others.

2. During the fire violent explosions occurred which indicated that ammunition had been deposited in kits. These explosions interfered with the firefighting and added to the spread of the conflagration.

3. Attention is directed to para 2(c) of GRO Q178/42 which reads:-

'No inflammables, explosives or loot of any description will be deposited in any kit store.'

The destruction which has been caused and possibly originated by disregard of the GRO will be brought to the notice of all ranks.

4. Disciplinary action will be taken against any officer or OR who contravenes para 2(c) of GRO Q178/42.

(To be republished in unit routine orders)

6. ACF ISSUES

Receipt is acknowledged of March issue of ACF comforts as follows:-

HQ 18 Aust Inf Bde

454 ozs tobacco
227 pkts cig papers
227 cakes toilet soap
227 " launiry "
227 tubes tooth paste
720 pkts PK's
227 " razor blades
227 pairs sox

4000 sheets writing paper
750 envelopes

INDIVIDUAL ISSUE

2 ozs tobacco 1 pkt cig papers
1 cake toilet Sp1 cake launiry soap
1 tube tooth paste
3 pkts PK's 1 pkt razor blades
1 pair sox *Let's hope* Capt.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

10,44 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 4/3/1944 *HQ 1st Div Long Rdw (Unit)*

W.E. *11/2/3* OFFRS. *12* O.R's. *69* + OFFRS. O.R's. ATT. BY W.E.

PART A.—POSTED STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

All Freely for D.P.T.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Rein'fts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'fts Required.
			1	Brigade					
			2	Lieut.-Colonels					
			3	Majors					
			4	Captains					
(NR) 1	1		5	Lieutenants					
				Quarter-masters					
				A.A.N.S and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.					
			3	Civilians Counting as Offrs.					
(NR) 1	1		17						

DETAIL.	A.I.P.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.P.	**	TOTAL
A.			17							17
E.(1)										
E.(2)										

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 10 of instructions for completion of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.
** Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Col. Particulars will be shown, e.g., 20 U.K. Forces; 10 N.Z. Forces

PART B.—PARTICULARS OF OFFICERS JOINED OR QUITTED DURING WEEK.

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit From.	Date.	CAUSE.

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO (Unit) IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED. / / 194

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).

HQ 18 Aust Div Unit

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 4/3/1944. (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Capt 4/4/44	Nx 331	CHILTON	FO	Comd	No	Det 7 Aust Div	20.2.44
Capt 4/4/44	Nx 13234	JACKSON	VD	Btry	Yes		
Trng	Tx 2017	SWAN	RG	Bnld	No	2/12 Bn	23.1.44
1/ Capt	Sx 1741	BERDON	RJS	At	Yes		
1/ Capt	Gx 1118	PARBURY	CB	At	Yes		
Lieut 4/4/44	Gx 9600	CONNOLLY	PD	JO	.		
1/ Capt	Gx 17549	McCOLM	HAM	JO	.		
Lieut 4/4/44	Gx 12375	GRIFFITHS	SD	20(1)	.		
Lieut	Gx 2163	McINTOSH	WF	20(2)	No	Det 2/9 Bn	20.2.44
.	Nx 126932	BERDON	LT	20(3)	Yes		
.	Nx 19309	IRVIN	ER	20	.		
.	Gx 10362	ANNAND	CD	AD	.		
Capt	Vx 14577	COMBET	DC	Sup D	.		
Lieut	Gx 2695	JONES	DB	Sup D	.		
Chaplain	Sx 2744	PHILLIPS	EB	Chap	No	Det 2/9 Bn	
.	Sx 91064	HOPKINS	JF	.	.	2/10	
.	Nx 139919	WOTTON	RAW	.	.	2/12	

PART E.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER UNITS.

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
Capt	Nx 126375	REICHENBACH	4th GS	7 Dec 30.7.43	Legal Officer (AFLAC)
Lt Col	Gx 5001	COMMINGS	2/9 Bn	20.2.44	Comd 12 Bde

4 Mar 44
Date of Despatch

f. Blarney Capt
Signature of Commander

AR 18 Aust Inf Bde Unit

10/446 Serial No.

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 4/3/1944.

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners	1	1		Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assis.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, R.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangetakers			
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Blvetters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevadores			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical			
Coppersmiths				Armourers	1	1		Signallers				Tailors			
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen	2	2	1(NR)	Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters				Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks	2	2		Woodturners							
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics											
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)											
Fitters	1	1		Driver-Operator											
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers											
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians											
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators											
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator											
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman											
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker											
Grinder, Precision				Hello Operator											
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator											
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	4	5									
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners											
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman											
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals											
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers											
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal											
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood											
Pattern Maker				Masons											
Pharmacist				Masseurs											
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.	1	1									
Photowriter				Miners											
Plumber				Moulders											
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained											
Surveyors				Observation Post Assis.											
CARRIED FORWARD	4	4	1	CARRIED FORWARD	9	10		CARRIED FORWARD	13	15		Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	69	74	3

NOTES.—(a) If rank other than private is involved give details on back.
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4 Mar 44
Date of Despatch

bb/burton
Signature of Commander

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

(Adapted) (Page 1)
(Revised Jan., 1943)

11 / 44 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 11 / 3 / 1944 *HQ 18 Aust Inf Bde* (Unit)

R/E
W.E. *II* / *2* / *3* . OFFRS. *18* O.R's. *69* + OFFRS. O.R's. ATT. BY W.E.

PART A.—POSTED STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

All Individually Fit D.P.I.

W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.					
1	2	3	4		5	6	7	8	9	10
Rein'fts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'fts Required.	
1	1		17	<i>1</i> <i>Brigadier</i> Lieut.-Colonels <i>2</i> Majors <i>6</i> Captains <i>5</i> Lieutenants Quarter-masters A.A.N.S and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs. <i>3</i> <i>Chap Dep.</i>						

	DETAIL.	A.I.P.	O.M.P.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	••	TOTAL.
Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).	A.	17									17
	E.(1)										
	E.(2)										

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.
 ** Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Col. Particulars will be shown, e.g., 20 U.K. Forces; 10 N.E. Forces

PART B.—PARTICULARS OF OFFICERS JOINED OR QUITTED DURING WEEK.

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit From.	Date.	CAUSE.

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO (Unit) IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED. / / 194

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).

MG 18 Aust Inf Bde Unit

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday...../...../194..... (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Col 2/Brig	Nx 231	CHILTON	FO	Comd 910		Det 7 Aust Div	20.3.44
Col 2/Brig	Nx 13234	JACKSON	GD	Bde	Yes		
Major	Tx 2017	SWAN	RG	Bde (1)	Yes	Det 2/12 Bn	23.1.44
Major	Sx 1741	SEDDON	RJS	Bde	Yes		
Major	Gx 1142	PARBURY	CB	Bde	Yes		
Lieut Colonel	Gx 9500	CONNOLLY	FD	Bde	Yes		
Major	Gx 17549	McCOLM	HA	Bde	Yes		
Lieut Colonel	Gx 12375	GRIFFITHS	SD	Bde	Yes		
Lieut	Gx 2163	McINTOSH	WF	20(2)	Yes	Det 2/9 Bn	20.3.44
	Nx 126938	REDDAN	LJ	20(3)	Yes		
	Nx 19309	IRVIN	ER	Bde	Yes		
	Gx 10362	ANNAND	GD	Bde	Yes		
Major	Vx 14577	COOMBE	DC	Bde	Yes		
Lieut	Gx 8695	JONES	DB	Bde	Yes		
Chaplain	Sx 2744	PHILLIPS	EB	Chap	Yes	2/9 Bn	
	Sx 91064	HEPKINS	JF			2/10	
	Nx 139919	WOTTEN	RHW			2/12	

PART E.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER UNITS.

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
Col	Nx 126375	REICHENBACH	MG		
		GS	7 Div	30.7.43	Legal Offr (A.P.C.)
Col	Gx 6001	CUMMINGS			
		CJ	2/9 Bn	20.2.44	Adm Comd 18 Bde.
Major	Sx 1431	BROCKSOPP			
		WA	2/10 Bn	7.3.44	ATT as APC (i)

11 March 44

Date of Despatch

W. Parbury Capt.

Signature of Commander

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 11/3/1944.

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners	1	1		Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.F.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, E.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangefinders			
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Rivetters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevedores			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical			
Coppersmiths				Armourers	1	1		Signallers				Tailors			
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen	2	2	1(NR)	Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's. Assl.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters				Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks	3	4		Woodturners							
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics											
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)											
Fitters	1	1		Driver-Operator											
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers											
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians											
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators											
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator											
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman											
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker											
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator											
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator											
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	4	5									
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners											
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman											
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals											
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers											
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal											
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood											
Pattern Maker				Masons											
Pharmacist				Masseurs											
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.	1	1									
Photowriter				Miners											
Plumber				Moulders											
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained											
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.											
CARRIED FORWARD	4	4	1	CARRIED FORWARD	9	11		CARRIED FORWARD	13	15		Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	69	77	1

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11 March 44
Date of Despatch

[Signature]
Signature of Commander

12.44 (Serial No.)

HQ 18 Aust Inf Bde

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 18/3/1944. (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Col 3/Brig	Nx 231	CHILTON	FD	Comd	no	Det 7 Aust Div	20.2.44
Col 3/Brig	Nx 13234	JACKSON	OD	B4W	yes		
Maj	Tx 2014	SWAN	RG	B4W	no	Det 2/12 Bn	23.1.44
2/Capt	Sx 1471	SEDDON	RJS	Ab	yes.		
Capt	Qx 1148	PARBURY	CB	Ab	no		
Capt	Qx 17549	McCORM	HA	JO	.		
Lieut 3/Capt	Qx 12375	GRIFFITHS	SD	20(1)	.		
Lieut	Qx 2163	McINTOSH	WF	20(2)	no	Det 2/9 Bn	20.2.44.
.	Nx 12693	REDDEN	LJ	20(3)	yes		
.	Nx 19309	IRVIN	ER	BO	.		
.	Qx 10362	ANNAND	CD	BO	.		
.	Qx 8695	JONES	DB	Boys	.		
Chaplain	Sx 8744	PHILLIPS	EB	Chap	no	Det 2/9 Bn	
.	Sx 91064	HOPKINS	JF	.	.	2/10	
.	Nx 139919	WOTTON	RAW	.	.	2/12	

PART E.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER UNITS.

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
Capt	Nx 126375	REICHENBACK	G.S. HQ 7 Div	30.7.43	Regt Offr (AFLC)
Lt. Col	Qx 6001	CUMMINGS CJ	2/9 Bn	20.2.44	Comd Bn 18 Bde
Capt	Sx 1481	BROCKOPP WH	2/10 Bn	7.3.44	Off as A/LPL
Lieut	Qx 1561	SCOTT DM	2/12 Bn	13.3.44	Off as A/IO
.	Tx 2586	ROWLANDS CK	HQ	13.2.44	Off as BASCO.

19. March 44.

Date of Despatch

[Signature]

Signature of Commander

18 Aust Inf Bde Unit

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 18/3/1944.

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I			Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)			Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)			Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)		
W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
			Surveyors, Engineering			Operating Room Assis.			G.P.O. Assistants		
			Surveyors, E.A.A.			Operator, Keyboard			Hammermen		
			Surveyors, Topographical			Operator, Line			Leather Stitchers		
			Surveyors, Trigonometrical			Operator, Signal			Orderlies, Nursing		
			Toolmakers			Operator, Switchboard			Orderlies, Nursing Mental		
			Turners			Operator, Wireless			Plate Layers		
			Watchmakers			Opticians			Rangetakers		
			Welders			Painters			Rivetters		
						Panel Beaters			Roughriders		
						Photographer, Dry Plate			Saddlers		
						Predictor Numbers			Saddletree makers		
						Printers			Shoemaker and Boot Repairer		
						Radiographers			Stevedores		
						Riggers			Stokers, Staty. Engine		
			GROUP II.			Sawyers			Storemen, Technical		
			Armourers	1	1	Signallers			Tailors		
			Axemen			Signwriters			Textile Refitters		
			Bakers			Telescope Identfn. Numbers			Tinsmiths		
2	2	1(NR)	Bty. Comd's. Asst.			Well Borers			Vulcanizers		
			Boilermakers			Wheelers			Wagon Erectors		
			Carpenters			Winchman			Whitesmiths		
			Carpenters and Joiners			Wireman					
			Cooks	3	4	Woodturners					
			Dental Mechanics								
			Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)								
			Driver-Operator								
			Drainers								
			Electricians								
			Electricians (Engineers)								
			Fire Control Operators			GROUP III.			DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.		
			Gun Operator			Battery Surveyors			3 pvt. Art 1 1		
			Hatchman			Butchers			19th Coy 9 9		
			Height Taker			Clerks	6	2	4th Coy 3 8		
			Helio Operator			Clerks, Supply	1	1	Water Coy 1 1		
			Instrument Operator			Clerks, Technical			Batment 18 17 1(NR)		
			Intelligence Duties	4	5 1(NR)	Coach Trimmers			Sig Coy 6 6		
			Joiners			Concretors			Signal Coy 2 3		
			Lineman			Cooks			Inf Coy 1 1		
			Lineman, Signals			Dental Clerk Orderlies			4th Coy 1 1		
			Lithographers			Despatch Riders			1 1		
			Machinists, Metal			Draughtsmen, Signals			ATTACHED BY W.E.		
			Machinists, Wood			Drivers, H.T. MT	6	6			
			Masons			Driver Mechanics					
			Masseurs			Driver Tptn. Plant					
			Mechanics, M.T.	1	1	Engine Hands, I.C.				43	48 1
			Miners			Equipment Repairers					
			Moulders			Farriers					
			Nurses, Trained			Fitters' Mates					
			Observation Post Assis.			Gun Layers					
CARRIED FORWARD	4	4 1	CARRIED FORWARD	9	11 1	CARRIED FORWARD	13	15	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	69	* 78 * 3

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19 Mar 44
Date of Despatch

a.w. Form W.3009

Signature of Commander

for S.C. 18 Aust Inf Bde

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 25/3/1944 *HQ 18 Aust Inf Bde* (Unit)

AIF
W.E. II / 2 / 3 OFFRS. 18 O.R's. 69 + OFFRS. O.R's. ATT. BY W.E.

PART A.—POSTED STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

All Medically Fit D.P.I.

W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.									
Rein'fts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.	Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'fts Required.						
			1	<i>Brigadier</i>										
			3	Lieut.-Colonels										
			4	Majors										
			5	Captains										
				Lieutenants										
				Quarter-masters										
				A.A.N.S and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.										
			3	Civilians Counting as Offrs.										
			3	<i>AACB Dept</i>										
3	3		15											
				DETAIL.	A.I.P.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.P.	••	TOTAL.
				A.	15									15
				E.(1)										
				E.(2)										

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 10 of instructions for completion of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.
** Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Col. Particulars will be shown, e.g., 20 U.K. Forces; 10 N.Z. Forces

PART B.—PARTICULARS OF OFFICERS JOINED OR QUITTED DURING WEEK.

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit From.	Date.	CAUSE.

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO (Unit) IS

PARTICULARLY REQUESTED. / / 194.....

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).

HO 18 Aust I of Bde Unit

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 25/3/1944 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Col 2/Brig	Nx 231	CHILTON	FD	Comd	No	Det 7 Aust Div	20.2.44.
Capt 4/Inf	Nx 13234	JACKSON	DD	BM	Yes		
4/Inf	Tx 2017	SWAN	RG	BM(4)	No	Det 2/12 Bn	23.1.44.
2/Brig	Sx 1471	SEDDON	RJS	SC	Yes		
Capt	Ox 1148	PARBURY	CB	SC(1)	Yes		
Capt	Ox 17549	MCCOLM	HA	TD	.		
Leut 2/Brig	Ox 12375	GRIFFITHS	SD	LO(1)	.		
Leut	Ox 2163	McINTOSH	WF	LO(2)	No	Det 2/9 Bn	20.2.44
.	Nx 126938	REDDAN	LJ	LO(3)	Yes		
.	Nx 19309	IRVIN	ER	ED	.		
.	Ox 10362	ANNAND	CD	AO	.		
.	Ox 8695	JONES	DB	Hys D	No	2/5 MDS	20.2.44
Chaplain	Sx 2744	PHILLIPS	EB	Chap	No	Det 2/9 Bn	
.	Sx 91064	HOPKINS	JF	.	.	2/10 Bn	
.	Nx 139919	WOTTON	RAW	.	.	2/12 Bn	

PART E.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER UNITS.

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
Capt	Nx 126375	REICHENBACH	GS HQ 7 Div	30.7.43	Legal Offr (AFLC)
2/ Col	Ox 6001	CUMMINGS	CJ 2/9 Bn	20.2.44	Adm Board 18 Bde
Capt	Sx 1481	BROCKSOPP	WA 2/10 Bn	7.3.44	Att as A/IO(1)
Leut	Ox 1561	SCOTT	DM 2/12 Bn	13.3.44	Att as A/I.O.
.	Tx 2586	ROWLANDS	CK HQ 7 Div	13.3.44	Att as BASCO

25 Mar 44
Date of Despatch

bb Parbury Capt
Signature of Commander

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE
ROUTINE ORDERS
BY
BRIGADIER F. O. CHILTON DSO
COMMANDING 18 AUST INF BDE

Nos 2-3

Part 1

1 Mar 44

2. CAMERAS AND CONTROL OF PHOTOGRAPHY

New Guinea Force Order No G41 of 21 Sep 44.

Attention of all units is drawn to the above Order.

3. ACF ISSUE FOR FORTNIGHT ENDING 28 FEB 44

Receipt is acknowledged of the following articles which have been distributed to units of 18 Aust Inf Bde Gp.

Playing cards packs	49
Circlos sets	6
Volley Ball sets	1
Medicine Balls	5
Quoits sets	2
Softball bats	5
" balls	6
Footballs	5
Catchers' Gloves	5
Boxing gloves sets	2
Badminton sets	3
Chinese Checkers sets	17
Monopoly sets	2
Totopoly sets	2
Assorted games, sets	6
Handkerchiefs	20
Washers	10

The following were issued to HQ 18 Aust Inf Bde personnel. 2/9, 2/10, 2/12 Aust Inf Bns and 2/5 Aust Fd Amb have drawn these articles direct from ACF.

Tobacco ozs	460
Cig papers	230
Toilet soap	230
Laundry soap	230
Shaving soap	230
Tooth paste	230
Foot powder	230
Tins sweets	230
Writing paper sheets	1000
Envelopes	500

Individual issue of comforts (monthly issue):-

Tobacco ozs	2
Cig papers	1

toilet soap
laundry soap
shaving soap
tooth paste
tooth powder
scento tins

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f. *bb* *Barbary*
S.C. 18 Aust INF Bde.
Capt.

**AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE
ROUTINE ORDERS**

BY
LT COL G. J. CUMMINGS OBE
ADM COMD 18 AUST INF BDE

Nos 4-6

Part 1

24 Mar 44

4. 1943 ARMY KITAS BOOK.

GRO No G78/44 is repeated:-

"1. As the demand for the 1943 Army Kitas Book (Khaki and Green") has reached the maximum number that can be produced further orders will not be placed by members.

2. Orders which have been received by the Officer-in-charge, Military History Section, or which are now in transit will be delivered in their turn as quickly as supplies can be obtained from the printer.

3. After orders now in transit have been received, the Officer-in-charge Military History Section, will furnish to units which have placed orders a forecast of the dates of delivery of orders which have not yet been dispatched.

(To be republished in unit routine orders) "

5. INCLUSION OF UNAUTHORISED ITEMS IN KITS DEPOSITIED IN KIT STORES

NGF Order No Q47/44 is repeated:-

"1. A serious fire occurred recently at an Aust Kit Store resulting in the total destruction of many thousands of kit bags and the partial loss of the contents of many others.

2. During the fire violent explosions occurred which indicated that ammunition had been deposited in kits. These explosions interfered with the firefighting and added to the spread of the conflagration.

3. Attention is directed to para 2(c) of GRO Q178/42 which reads:-

'No inflammables, explosives or loot of any description will be deposited in any kit store.'

The destruction which has been caused and possibly originated by disregard of the GRO will be brought to the notice of all ranks.

4. Disciplinary action will be taken against any officer or OR who contravenes para 2(c) of GRO Q178/42.

(To be republished in unit routine orders)

6. ACF ISSUES

Receipt is acknowledged of March issue of ACF comforts as follows:-

HQ 18 Aust Inf Bde

454 ozs tobacco
227 pkts cig papers
227 cakes toilet soap
227 " laundry "
227 tubes tooth paste
720 pkts PK's
227 " razor blades
227 pairs sox

4000 sheets writing paper
750 envelopes

INDIVIDUAL ISSUE

2 ozs tobacco 1 pkt cig papers
1 cake toilet Sp1 cake laundry soap
1 tube tooth paste
3 pkts PK's 1 pkt razor blades
1 pair sox *L. H. H. H.* Capt.

APPX "J"

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

AMENITIES REPORT - 18 AUST INF BDE
FOR MONTH OF MARCH 44

Hq 18 Aust Inf Bde
3 Apr 44

S.O.
18 AUST INF BDE

ENTERTAINMENT

Mobile Cinema. Locations - Bde Hq, 2/9 Bn, 2/10 Bn, 2/12 Bn. Units 85 and 86 operate in the Bde area. Number of showings for month: Unit 85 - 15; Unit 86 - 14. All programs were of good standard and well received by the good attendance at all showings.

Band Revue This concert party has been formed within the unit and though primarily for the entertainment of that unit, their concerts are being arranged within the Bde.
2/12 Bn Concert Party

SPORT

As very limited supplies of sporting material have been received the games played have been restricted to the class of eqpt on hand.

Softball is played in all units; also football, volley ball, deck tennis.

The following sporting eqpt was received from Amenity Service and distributed during the month.

- one set boxing gloves
- eight footballs
- 10 circles sets
- 16 softball bats
- 16 softballs
- three med. balls
- one volley ball
- three sets quoits

Indoor Games The philanthropic representatives YMCA and Salvation Army have kept units supplied with any indoor games required.

Comforts

The usual monthly issue of ACP comforts were received by units and distributed, the individual issue being:-

- | | | | |
|-------------|------|---------------|--------|
| Tobacco | 2 oz | Tooth paste | 1 tube |
| Cig papers | 1 | KE's | 3 |
| Soilet soap | 1 | Razor blades | 1 pkt |
| Laundry " | 1 | Box (knitted) | 1 pair |

Supplies of writing material obtained as required from ACP.

The following comforts were also received from 4 Tac Bn Sqn RAAF and were distributed proportionately to units of this Bde:-

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|------------|----------|---------------|-----------|
| Tobacco | 541 pkts | Shaving Cream | 161 tubes |
| Cig papers | 161 | Sweets | 60 |

65 A. d. Lieut.
A.O. 18 Aust Inf Bde.

NEW GUINEA YAULA

NETHERLANDS EAST INDIES GRID
EQUATORIAL ZONE

REFER TO THIS MAP AS
YAULA 3692 1:25,000 SERIES

CONTROL: Extended by Photo Triangulation from Survey Triangulation and Astronomical Fixation at Dumpu Lat. 05° 50' 34" Long. 145° 44' 29" 55" by 3 Aust Fd Svy Coy AIF
PROJECTION: Lambert Conical Orthomorphic
AIR PHOTOGRAPHY: 8th Photo Squadron Fifth Air Force
MISSIONS: 55x 101z 198y 214x 352y
COMPILATION and DRAWING: 3 Aust Fd Svy Coy AIF with aid of Air Photos and Intelligence Reports.
REPRODUCTION: 2/1 Aust Army Topo Svy Coy

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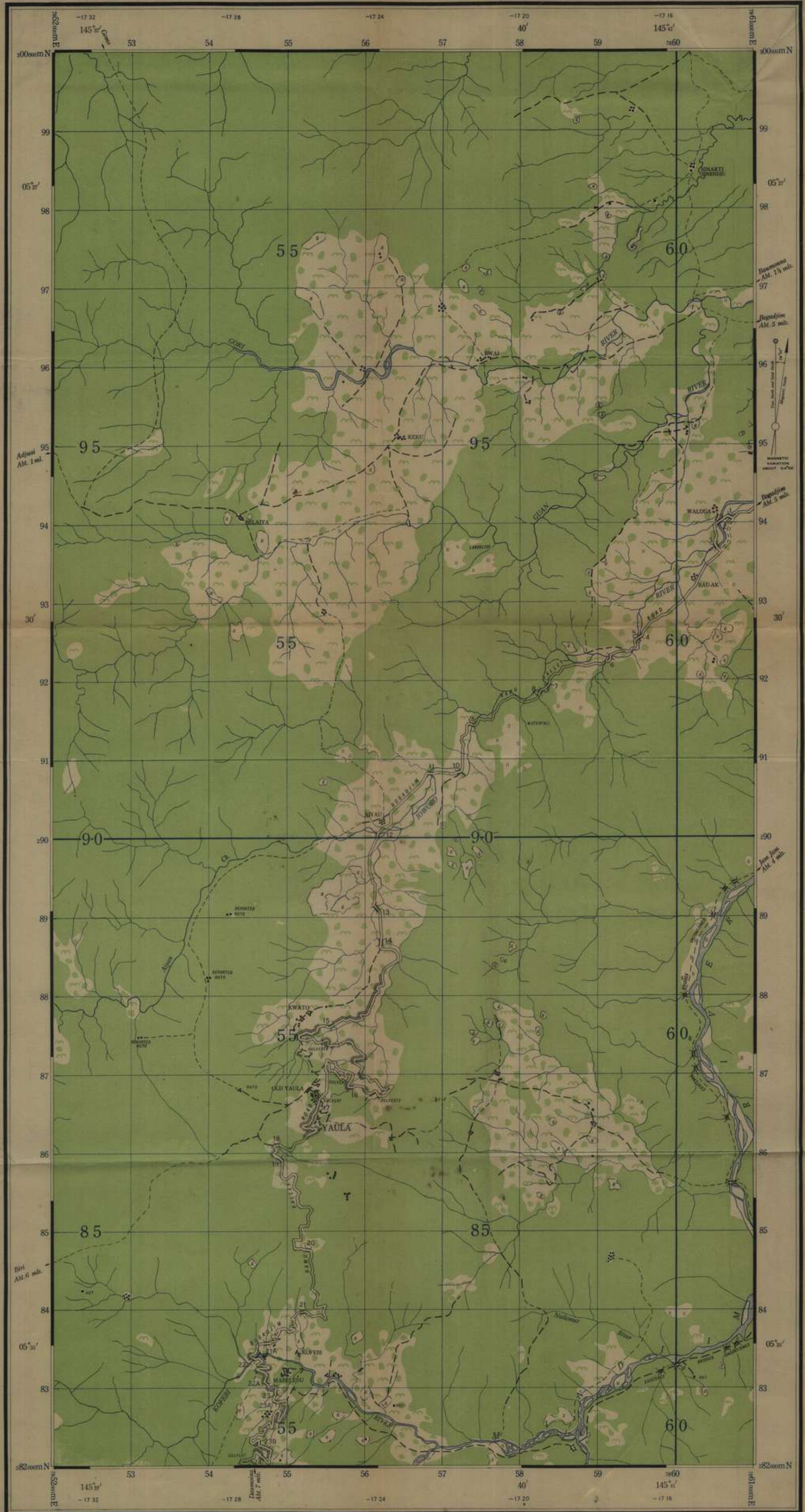
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Swamp	Spring Well	Waterfall	Mangrove	Dense Jungle Forest	Forest	Scattered Timber	Plantation	Secondary Growth	Outposts - Farm Lines	Ridge	Cliff
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NEW GUINEA MELAMU

NETHERLANDS EAST INDIES GRID
EQUATORIAL ZONE

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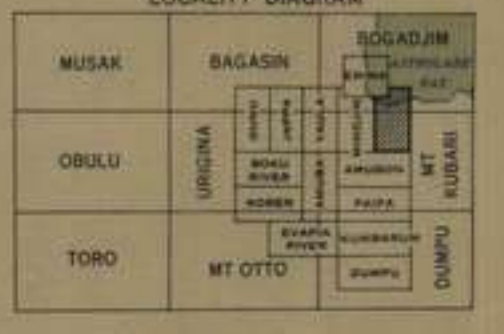
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by 3 Aust Fd Svy Coy AIF
PROJECTION: Lambert Conical Orthomorphic
AIR PHOTOGRAPHY: 8th Photo Squadron
Fifth Air Force
MISSIONS: 4m44z 101z 132xx 346w
COMPILED AND: 3 Aust Fd Svy Coy AIF
DRAWING: with aid of Air Photos
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REPRODUCTION: 2/1 Aust Army Topo Svy Coy

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LOCALITY DIAGRAM



Bridge	Motor Road	Foot Track	Repeted Track	Telegraph Line	Airfield	Sea Plane Base	Cemetery	Mission Station	Spot Height	Greenlands

Rail	First Class	Second	Third	Fourth	Astronomical Station	Native Garden	Native Village	Undiscovered Native Village	Building	River or perennial Stream	Non perennial Stream	Fusion Line

Swamp	Spring	Wet. Waterhole	Mangrove	Dense Jungle Forest	Forest	Scattered Timber	Plantation	Secondary Growth	Cultivated Farm Lines	Diagonal	Cliff

TO GIVE A GRID REFERENCE ON THIS SHEET AND AN ALTITUDE IN METERS OR FEET, THE COORDINATE AND ALTITUDE SHOULD BE PRINTED ON FACE OF THE MAP	
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Bridge	Motor Road
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Telegraph Line	Airfield
Sea Plane Base	Cemetery
Mission Station	Spot Height
Grasslands	

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by 3 Aust Field Survey Coy AIF

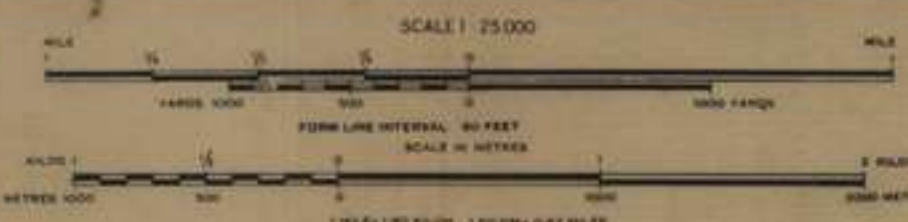
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MISSIONS: 82x 142x 148z

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Trig. Stations and altitudes	First Class	▲ 800'
	Second	▲ 650'
	Third	▲ 520'
	Fourth	▲ 300'
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Unidentified Native Village		○
Buildings		■
River or perennial Stream		—
Non perennial Stream		- - -
Fathom Line		—

Swamp	Spring Well, Waterhole
Mangroves	Dense Jungle Forest
Forest	Scattered Timber
Plantation	Secondary Growth
Contours - Form Lines	Ridges
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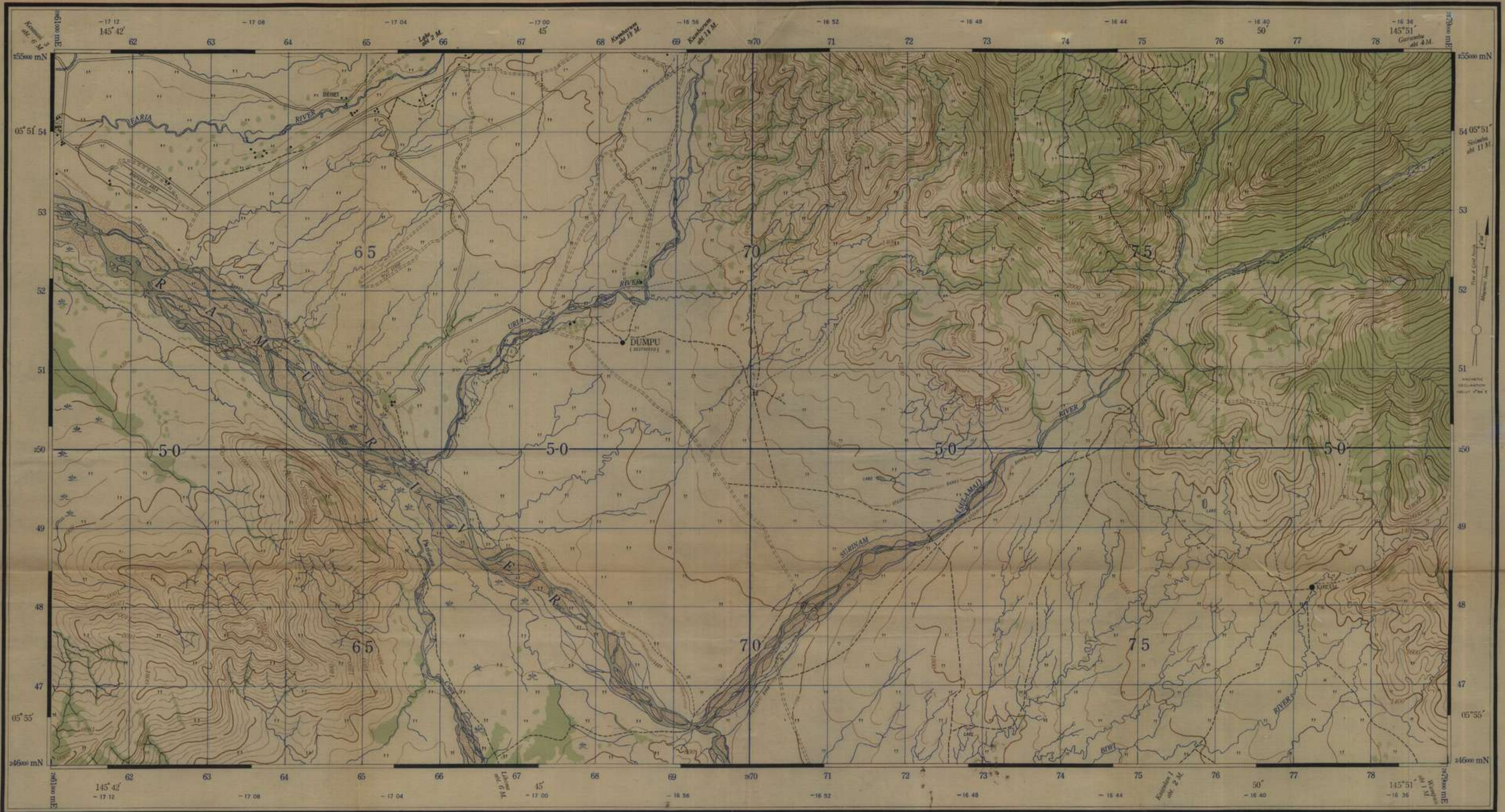
NETHERLANDS EAST INDIES GRID
EQUATORIAL ZONE

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SERIES WHICH IS SUPERSEDED.

NEW GUINEA DUMPU

SECOND EDITION

REFER TO THIS MAP AS
DUMPU 3671 1:25,000 SERIES



CONTROL: Astronomical Fixation at Dumpu
Lat. 05° 50' 34.40"
Long. 145° 44' 29.55"
Extended by Instrumental Traversing by 3 Aust. Field Svy. Coy. A.I.F.

PROJECTION: Lambert Conical Orthomorphic

AIR PHOTOGRAPHY: 8th Photo Squadron, 5th Air Force

MISSIONS: 264W 310Y 293Y 167Z 346W

COMPILATION & REPRODUCTION: 2/1 Aust. Army Topo. Survey Coy.



LOCALITY DIAGRAM

URIGINA	MT KUBARI	POMMERN BAY
MT OTTO	DUMPU	GUSAP
BENA BENA	FININTEGU	AMARI



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SEE ATTENTION TO THE SQUARE OR SQUARES PRINTED AT THE
CORNER OF EACH SHEET. THEY ARE THE CORNER POINTS OF THE
GRID PRINTED ON FACE OF THE MAP.

POINT

POINT	HEIGHT
1	100
2	200
3	300
4	400
5	500
6	600
7	700
8	800
9	900
10	1000



NETHERLANDS EAST INDIES GRID
EQUATORIAL ZONE

SECOND EDITION

NEW GUINEA AMUSON

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AMUSON 3618 1:25,000 SERIES
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Triangulation and Astronomical
Fixation at Dumpu Lat. 05° 50' 34" S
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by 3 Aust Field Survey Coy AIF
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8th. Photo Squadron Fifth Air Force
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with the aid of Air Photographs
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REPRODUCTION: 2/1 Aust Army Topo Survey Coy

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Foot Track	— — — — —
Reported Track	— — — — —
Telegraph Line	— — — — —
Airfield	⊠
Sea Plane Base	⊠
Cemetery	⊠
Mission Station	⊠
Spot Height	⊠
Grasslands	⊠

LOCALITY DIAGRAM

MUSAK	BAGASIN	BODAMM
OBULU	URIGINA	MT KUBARI
TORO	MT OTTO	DUMPU



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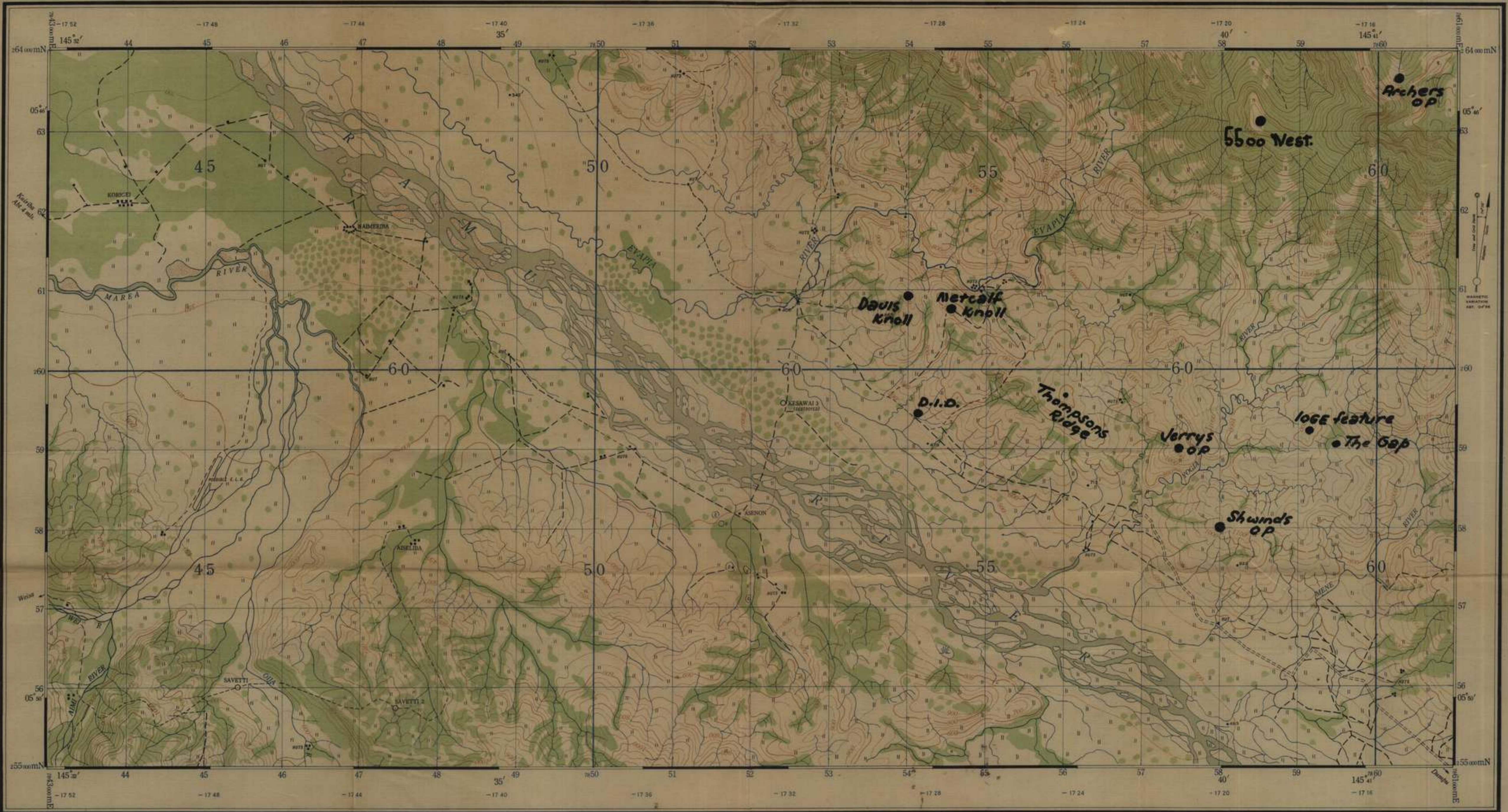
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