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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			NOTE: All map refs on 1 : 25000 maps in the ensuing narrative relate to 2nd edition of this series <i>for all refs South of WANDOKAI, and to 1st edition for all refs North of WANDOKAI.</i>	
	1 Dec	0830	A and C coys 2/15 Aust Inf Bn reported that they were 400 yards from NONGARA. The enemy was in occupation of a high ridge running NORTH - SOUTH on the EASTERN side of the village. Later a patrol attempting to reach the village was fired on from this area and sustained casualties - two PIB wounded.	
			2/13 Aust Inf Bn sent out a two day patrol of one pl to WILDE (ref PHOTOMAP 127136)	
		1100	Lt-Col BARHAM rang Lt-Col SIMPSON from div to notify him of a change in the div plan for future ops. The projected northward move of the bde on the axis of the NONGARA track is cancelled.	
			2/15 Aust Inf Bn would be withdrawn into mob reserve on PINO HILL or near KATIKA. The remainder of the bde would be responsible for the defence of the beachhead.	
			Later 2/13 Aust Inf Bn will accompany 4 Aust Inf Bde in its northward advance as a beachhead bn and will be prepared to move either by road or sea.	
		1430	Lieut MURISON (LO ii) went forward to 2/15 Aust Inf Bn.	
			After further patrolling 2/15 Aust Inf Bn attacked the enemy posns on the SOUTHERN end of the ridge with success, Casualties were severe on both sides. The enemy still occupies the NORTHERN edge of the ridge.	<i>[Signature]</i>
		1730	Lieut MURISON (LO ii) returned.	

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	2 Dec		This morning 2/17 Aust Inf Bn relieved 37/52 Aust Inf Bn in their posns SOUTH of SONG R and WEST of SCARLET BEACH.	
			Maj STRANGE took over comd 2/15 Aust Inf Bn. Lieut MURISON visited the bn.	
		1115	2/13 Aust Inf Bn reported that their two day patrol was in WILDE and had as yet encountered no enemy.	
		1200	The patrol encountered enemy 200 yards NORTH of the village and suffered casualties - two wounded. Later the enemy posn was accurately shelled.	
		1215	2/15 Aust Inf Bn reported that the enemy had pulled out of NONGARA village.	
		1315	Lt-Col SIMPSON and Maj WILSON visited 2/13 Aust Inf Bn and 2/15 Aust Inf Bn. 2/15 Aust Inf Bn re-established <sup>contact</sup> control at NONGARA.	
		1630	Bde Comd and EM returned.	
		1900	Lt-Col SIMPSON directed Maj STRANGE to patrol to 1800 feature (580718) and along track running EAST towards the lakes in order to gain information to assist 24 Aust Inf Bde.	
	3 Dec	0900	Bde HQ closed down at HELDSBACH and re-opened near KATIKA at 617668. Commencing to-day experienced personnel from this Bde ( 3 offrs 9 NCOs and 9 OR) have been att to 29/46 Aust Inf Bn in an advisory capacity for the forthcoming ops by 4 Bde. A patrol from 2/15 Aust Inf Bn to (ref PHOTOMAP)147137 reported NMS.	<i>Chryl</i>

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	3 Dec (cont)	1345	Lt-Col COLVIN, Capt SOMERVILLE and Lieut MURRAY (CO, Adjut and IO, 2/13 Aust Inf Bn) visited Bde HQ.	
		1545	Lt-Gen MORSHEAD (GOC-in-C NGF) Lt-Gen NORTHCOTE (CGS) and Maj-Gen WOOTTEN visited Lt-Col SIMPSON and Maj WILSON at Bde HQ.	
			A fighting patrol from 2/15 Aust Inf Bn to 142134 (Ref HUBIKA PHOTOMAP) was engaged by an enemy ambush party at 142134 and the patrol comd killed. A further patrol was sent up to reinforce our patrol. After shelling the enemy posn the two patrols were withdrawn.	
		2030	Enemy at NONGARA opened up with automatic fire but no attack eventuated.	
			Div instructed that 2/13 Aust Inf Bn would retain its present disposns and would not be used in conjunction with 4 Aust Inf Bde ops at present. 26 Aust Inf Bde would attack WAREO via NONGARA and the bn would be required to hold its present posns until WAREO is captured.	
	4 Dec		Our forward troops in NONGARA were fired on by the enemy early this morning.	
			Recce patrols were sent out to the enemy posns. A deep patrol was also sent out along the NE track (ref PHOTOMAP) from NONGARA.	
		1045	Lt-Col MANDER JONES and Lt-Col GARRETT visited Bde HQ.	
		1300	Lt-Col SIMPSON visited 2/15 Aust Inf Bn.	
		1445	B coy 2/15 Aust Inf Bn after an arty and mortar shoot moved north with the object of cutting NW track behind the enemy in sq 5771.	

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	4 Dec (cont)		At 582716 further progress was barred by a deep ravine.	
		1700	Lt-Col SIMPSON returned.	
		1800	2/15 Aust Inf Bn reported that B coy was returning to NONGARA. The coy had previously outrun its telephone cable but was now back at phone-head. It had been intended that this coy should occupy and hold a position dominating the NW track. It was reported by 2/15 Aust Inf Bn that the coy was coming in, because it was without sleeping and <del>necessary</del> <sup>messing</sup> gear. It was considered by Lt-Col SIMPSON that the arrangements which had been made were unsatisfactory. Lt-Col SIMPSON therefore ordered B coy to be held at phone-head fwd, and that another coy should be passed through them early to-morrow morning to take track junc 579727 as the first, and the 1800' feature as the ultimate objective.	
		2130	Div instructed that 2/15 Aust Inf Bn should not be employed in offensive ops but be limited to recce patrolling in the NONGARA area. 2/13 Aust Inf Bn is not to move yet. 2/15 Aust Inf Bn was accordingly informed. It was directed that B Coy be withdrawn and that the bn be held in the NONGARA area.	
	5 Dec		B coy 2/15 Aust Inf Bn was withdrawn to NONGARA and the bn sent a patrol NW to 577704.	
			2/13 Aust Inf Bn patrolled to the 1800 feature (Ref SATELBERG 1:25800, Sq. 5-567)	
		1900	2/15 Aust Inf Bn staged a demonstration of fire in NONGARA which evoked retaliatory fire indicating continued enemy occupation.	
	6 Dec	0600	2/15 Aust Inf Bn staged a further demonstration of fire. Enemy did not reply.	
			Lt-Col SIMPSON is indisposed due to Dengue fever.	<i>Quintan</i>

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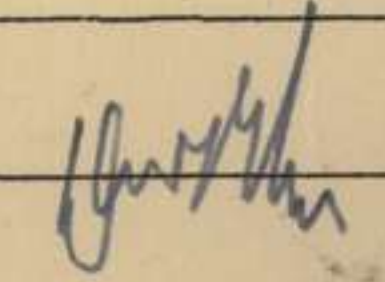
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	6 Dec (cont)	1400	Maj BROADBENT visited Lt-Col SIMPSON.	
		1500	A patrol from 2/15 Aust Inf Bn found the enemy posns vacated at 583706. We occupied the posns. Further patrols found the enemy in occupation at 586713.	
		2000	Div instructed 2/13 Aust Inf Bn to move to-morrow to take over beachhead at GUSIKA.	
	7 Dec		To-day 2/13 Aust Inf Bn moved from their present posns to GUSIKA to take over from 22 Aust Inf Bn. D coy 2/15 Aust Inf Bn relieved C coy 2/13 Aust Inf Bn at the dump area at 604684.	
		1400	Capt WORTHLEY (BM(L)) visited 2/15 Aust Inf Bn. During the afternoon a 2/15 Aust Inf Bn patrol contacted enemy at 579713.	
		1830	Div inquired why 2/13 Aust Inf Bn had not taken over exact disposns of 22 Aust Inf Bn. The reply was given that the bn was siting itself tactically to carry out its designated task.	
		2230	Div informed that 2/17 Aust Inf Bn would be required to move to GUSIKA probably the day after to-morrow.	
	8 Dec		Capt HOLTSBAUM (LO 1) Capt WORTHLEY (BM(L)) and Capt MAUGHAN (IO) visited 2/13 Aust Inf Bn and recced GUSIKA area <del>from</del> <sup>for</sup> Bde HQ posn.	
			2/13 Aust Inf Bn re-arranged its disposns. 2/15 Aust Inf Bn patrolled to (ref PHOTOMAP) 138133 where enemy were heard in posn to NW.	

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	8 Dec (cont)	1640	Lt-Col BARHAM rang to inform Bde that if 24 Aust Inf Bde secured the 1800 feature 2/15 Aust Inf Bn would be moved immediately to GUSIKA area.	
		2000	Div instructed that 2/15 Aust Inf Bn would not move from NONGARA until confirmation to-morrow, and in any case not before 1200 hrs.	
			Maj BROADBENT having been evacuated Maj PIKE has taken over comd 2/17 Aust Inf Bn.	
	9 Dec		Capt HOLTSBAUM (LO i) and Lieut WARD (OC HQ Gd Pl) and adv party moved to new bde HQ area. <i>Ref Fortification PE 1:25000, 620740</i>	
		0900	Maj WILSON held a conference at Bde HQ in connection with the defence of SCARLET BEACH - see Action Log.	
		1230	2/17 Aust Inf Bn moved to GUSIKA area, arriving at 1530 hrs.	
		1430	2/15 Aust Inf Bn commenced moving to SONG R area, where they arrived at 1600 hrs.	
		1830	Message received from Div laying down the tasks and area of responsibility of 2/17 Aust Inf Bn	
		1835	Maj STRANGE (Adm Comd 2/15 Aust Inf Bn) visited Bde HQ.	
	10 Dec		Bde HQ moved to new area at 620740 leaving a Rear HQ with Capt JENSEN (SC(L)) in charge at KATIKA. The main body arrived on foot at 1300 hrs.	
			2/17 Aust Inf Bn readjusted its disposns.	<i>[Signature]</i>

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	10 Dec (Cont)		2/15 Aust Inf Bn moved to GUSIKA area leaving SONG R early in the morning. They took up posn SOUTH of GUSIKA, in the jungle SOUTH and EAST of the kunai.	
		1400	Lt-Col COLVIN visited Bde HQ.	
			B Coy 2/2 MG Bn have been placed under cmd.	
		1730	2/4 Aust Inf Bde asked whether we would be willing to take over area incl garden 605753 to 620750 from 37/52 Aust Inf Bn. This was agreed to, 2/17 Aust Inf Bn to make the relief.	
		2010	Div approved proposed take over, to be made by two coys only, by 2/17 Aust Inf Bn, Bde to submit plan to-morrow for complete relief of 37/52 Aust Inf Bn by 2/17 Aust Inf Bn.	
	11 Dec		This morning A and B Coys 2/17 Aust Inf Bn moved to relieve 37/52 Aust Inf Bn at 606749 and 604745 respectively. The relief was completed by 1300 hrs.	
		<del>1000</del> 1030	<del>Lt-Col SIMPSON and Capt WORTHLEY (BM(L)) visited 2/17 Aust Inf Bn</del>	
		1145	Lt-Col McARTHUR ONSLOW visited Lt-Col SIMPSON at Bde HQ.	
		1400	Lt-Col SIMPSON and Capt WORTHLEY visited 2/13 and 2/15 Aust Inf Bns.	
			D Coy 2/17 Aust Inf Bn moved to 613743	
		1535	Div directed that 2/15 Aust Inf Bn take over from 22 Aust Inf Bn to-morrow to hold TUNOM R bridge-head and the road to the SOUTH in depth.	<i>[Signature]</i>

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	11 Dec (Cont)	1640	Maj PIKE (Adm Comd 2/17 Aust Inf Bn) visited Bde HQ.	
	12 Dec		2/15 Aust Inf Bn moved forward to the area NORTH of the LAGOON (6275) and SOUTH of the TUNOM R	
		1000	Lt-Col COLVIN, Capt SOMERVILLE and Lieut MURRAY visited Bde HQ and received instructions as to area to be reced with a view 2/13 Aust Inf Bn's projected forward move to-morrow to posns forward of 2/15 Aust Inf Bn.	
			Capt STANILAND (OC B Coy 2/2 MG Bn) also called.	
		1030	Maj WILSON nd Capt HOLTSBAUM visited 2/17 Aust Inf Bn.	
		1145	Lt-Col BARHAM rang Lt-Col SIMPSON in ref to the role of the Bde. Relief of 4 Aust Inf Bde units as the bde advances by 20 Aust Inf Bde units will be by mutual inter-bde arrangements.	
		1200	2/15 Aust Inf Bn arrived in new area.	
		1445	Visit by Lt-Col BARHAM (G 1).	
		1530	Maj BROADBENT visited Lt-Col SIMPSON.	
			Extensive patrolling was carried out to-day by 2/17 Aust Inf Bn.	
	13 Dec		2/13 Aust Inf Bn was relieved by 2/2 MG Bn and moved from GUSIKA.	
			The personnel attached from this bde to 4 Aust Inf Bde as advisers in ops returned to-day.	<i>[Signature]</i>
		0945	Lt-Col SIMPSON and Capt WORTHLEY (BM(L)) visited 2/7 Aust Inf Bn	

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	13 Dec (cont)	1115	Lt-Col COLVIN and Capt SOMERVILLE (CO and Adjt 2/13 Aust Inf Bn) called at Bde HQ. Maj WILSON asked Lt-Col COLVIN to move the bn up to SOWI R to area vacated by 37/52 Aust Inf Bn.	
		1430	Bde Comd and BM (L) returned. Lt-Col GRACE called in at Bde HQ.	
		2020	4 Aust Inf Bde requested this Bde to take over responsibility for the area from 605785 thence SW to SOWI R thence along river to 582760. Maj WILSON (BM) replied that the maintenance involved was beyond our supply capacity and suggested as an alternative that we should take over "DOG" beach (609775). The suggestion was subsequently approved of by the Bde Comd and confirmed by Div. Accordingly 2/13 Aust Inf Bn was instructed to take over the defence of the beach to-morrow.	
		2230	Lt-Col BARHAM (G1) ringing from Div stated that it was projected that COCONUT beach (616763) be made the supply base for further ops and that this bde would be responsible for defending the L of C from COCONUT beach (incl defending it from the rear) to 4 Aust Inf Bde. Bde Comd to consider how far forward from COCONUT we can protect.	
	14 Dec		As Maj PIKE is to be evacuated Maj STRANGE <sup>2/16 Bn</sup> will adm comd of 2/17 Aust Inf Bn. Lieut HESLOP (LOiii) was evacuated due to Dengue fever.	
		0945	Lt-Col SIMPSON, Maj WILSON and Capt MAUGHAN visited 2/13 Aust Inf Bn and recced "DOG" beach area. C coy and Tk/A pl 2/13 Aust Inf Bn with in support 2 pls B Coy 2/2 MG Bn took over close defence of the beach with D coy on the high ground and kunai	<i>[Signature]</i>

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	14 Dec (cont)		further WEST.	
		1400	Lt-Col SIMPSON and party returned.	
		1445	Maj HAMER (G11) and Capt BLACKBURN (G111(L)) visited Bde HQ.	
		1500	Brig FIELD and Lieut BLACKMORE (Comd and IOA <sup>7</sup> Aust Inf Bde) arrived. They are to stay for one day at Bde HQ as observers.	
			2/17 Aust Inf Bn sent out a standing patrol to track junction 587747.	
	15 Dec		2/15 Aust Inf Bn moved forward to area forward of 2/13 Aust Inf Bn and two coys 2/17 Aust Inf Bn moved forward to posns vacated by 2/15 Aust Inf Bn at 611755.	
			20 Bde LOB and 9 Div Carrier Coy moved up to COCONUT beach area.	
			2/13 Aust Inf Bn moved A Coy forward to 589772.	
			Last night disposns were: 2/15 Aust Inf Bn: Bn HQ 607777, A Coy 606782; B Coy South bank TUNOM R; C Coy 602778; D Coy 603780.	
			2/17 Aust Inf Bn: C Coy 615753; D Coy 610755; otherwise no change.	
	16 Dec		Capt MAUGHAN (IO) visited 2/15 Aust Inf Bn.	
			Lieut MURISON (LO ii) visited 2/13 Aust Inf Bde and 20 Bde LOB.	
			D Coy 2/13 Aust Inf Bn relieved C Coy 37/52 Aust Inf Bn at 600772.	
			B Coy 2/15 Aust Inf Bn rejoined its unit and took up posn at 608777.	

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	16 Dec (cont)		A patrol from 2/13 Aust Inf Bn found an enemy 20 mm AA gun at 605758.	
	17 Dec	0930	Lt-Col SIMPSON and Capt WORTHLEY visited 2/17 Aust Inf Bn and made a recon, from high ground, of FORTIFICATION PT.  Lieut WARD and adv party of Bde HQ moved to 4 Aust Inf Bde HQ area which this HQ will take over.	
			2/17 Aust Inf Bn moved to area NORTH of 2/15 Aust Inf Bn.	
		1530	B Coy 2/15 Aust Inf Bn moved to 599787. Lt-Col SIMPSON and Capt WORTHLEY returned.	
		1830	Div requested this bde to consider taking over from 4 Aust Inf Bde the responsibility for the area SOUTH of the SANGA R. The Bde Comd approved of the proposal and 2/17 Aust Inf Bn was instructed to move forward to LAKONA and to place one coy on high ground at 587781.	
	18 Dec	0900	Bde HQ moved to new area (613678)	
			2/17 Aust Inf Bn relieved 37/52 Aust Inf Bn SOUTH of SANGA R completing the relief by 1330 hrs.	
		1330	Maj KELLY reported at Bde HQ to relieve Maj WILSON as BM.	
		1700	Lt-Col SIMPSON ordered 2/13 Aust Inf Bn and 2/15 Aust Inf Bn to concentrate to-morrow in the forest cover near the coast SOUTH of MASAWENG R, 2/13 Aust Inf Bn to move in the morning and 2/15 Aust Inf Bn to a posn close behind them in the afternoon.	

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	19 Dec	0600	Maj WILSON left Bde to attend Senior Staff School, DUNTROON.	
		0900	Lt-Col SIMPSON and Capt HOLTSBAUM (LO i) visited 4 Aust Inf Bde. 2/13 Aust Inf Bn moved forward this morning en route to the area SOUTH of MASAWENG R.	
		1200	Maj BROADBENT visited Bde HQ. He will resume comd of 2/17 Aust Inf Bn.	
			Maj LOCKYER (DAAG) visited Bde HQ.	
		1230	2/15 Aust Inf Bn moved forward.	
		1400	2/13 Aust Inf Bn arrived in the area on coastal track at the 800 NORTHING Grid.	
		1500	Lt-Col CHINNER visited Bde HQ.	
		1520	Maj-Gen LUMSDEN accompanied by Lt-Col PALMER and Lieut SEARIE visited Lt-Col SIMPSON.	
		1530	Maj SUTHERS (Comd 20 Aust Inf Bde LOB Gp) visited Bde HQ. 20 Bde LOB disposns have been altered consequent on the concentration forward of the bns, see Action Log.	
	20 Dec		Maj KELLY (EM) and Capt HAMILTON (SC) visited all three bns.	
			Capt MAUGHAN (IO) visited 2/13 Aust Inf Bn and Div HQ.	
		1030	Lt-Col BARHAM outlined general div orders to Lt-Col SIMPSON for the NORTHWARD adv of this bde.	<i>[Signature]</i>

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	20 Dec (cont)	1330	Lt-Col SIMPSON issued orders at a gen conference of comds of units and sub-units of the bde gp which was held at 2/13 Aust Inf Bn. HQ. Our OO 27 refers.	
		1445	Maj JONES (IO 9 Aust Div) visited Bde HQ.	
	21 Dec	1140	Gen BLAMEY, Lt-Gen MORSHEAD (GOC-in-C NGF), Lt-Gen BERRYMAN (GOC-in-C 2Aust Corps) and Maj-Gen WOOTTEN (GOC 9Aust Div) visited Bde HQ.	
			The GOC directed that the Bde avoid unnecessary casualties by steady and careful advance.	
		1240	3 U.S. (ESB) recce offrs reported to Bde. One to act as IO, one to go to each of beaches MASAWENG and KILIGIA.	
		1930	In connection with air strike for 22 Dec, Maj KELLY advised G 111 (Air) that no 20 Aust Inf Bde troops would be forward of second objective before 1000 hrs 22 Dec.	
			The bde adv NORTH of the MASAWENG R commenced with 2/13 Aust Inf Bn leading. Two columns were used, one on coastal track, and one 1500 yds to WEST. No organised opposition was met throughout the day and forward elements 2/13 Aust Inf Bn entered HUBIKA 1640 hrs.	
			18 enemy dead were found in the gorge at 569846. Nearly all showed signs of wounds from arty, bombing or strafing and had subsequently died of starvation and exhaustion.	<i>[Handwritten Signature]</i>
	22 Dec	0730	(ref FORTIFICATION PT 1 : 25000) 2/13 Aust Inf Bn report two small beaches in HUBIKA area and	

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	22 Dec (cont)		requested that water be sent forward by first available barge.	
		0930	Lt-Col SIMPSON <sup>and</sup> Capt WORTHLEY left Bde to visit 2/13 Aust Inf Bn. At 1020 hrs he reported that they were at 2/13 Aust Inf Bn HQ and gave following particulars for ops for the days:-	
			(i) 2/13 Aust Inf Bn would stop on reaching the 3rd objective	
			(ii) 2/15 Aust Inf Bn was to move to HUBIKA.	
			(iii) 2/17 Aust Inf Bn no change.	
			Owing to the amount of work necessary to prepare crossings of creeks especially those WEST of HUBIKA, it appeared that bde would remain on 3rd objective for some days, during which time the L of C could be improved and recce made forward.	
		1130	Lieut HESLOP (LO iii) returned from hospital.	
		1230	Lt-Col SIMPSON and Capt WORTHLEY arrived back at Bde HQ.	
		1740	Lt-Col BARHAM (G1) and Capt BLACKBURN (9 Aust Div) arrived at Bde HQ.	
			Suspected enemy posns between HUBIKA and WANDOKAI were bombed and 2/13 Aust Inf Bn continued its advance to area of spur sq 5486 (ref map MASAWENG R WEST 1 : 25000). There was no enemy opposition. Water was found to be plentiful in the new area.	
			Throughout the day the jeephead remained at HUBIKA and many creeks on route covered during day were reported as needing engineer attention before jeeps or tanks could cross.	<i>[Signature]</i>

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	23 Dec	0900	Maj KELLY and Capt MAUGHAN left to visit 2/13 and 2/15 Bns.	
		0940	Maj MOULDS (2/3 Fd Coy) arrived at Bde HQ.	
		0945	Lt-Col BARHAM (G1) advised Lt-Col SIMPSON that arrangements had been made for 4 Aust Inf Bde to take over defence of FORTIFICATION PT with responsibility of patrolling of 1200 feature and ring contour to NW.	
		0950	Instructions were issued to 2/17 Aust Inf Bn to move to HUBIKA area 24 Dec.	
		1100	(ESB) Beach recce offr arrived at Bde HQ and reported the beach (NORTH HUBIKA) near HUTS 557854, as suitable for landing of craft.	
		1210	Capt GARNSEY(G 111(Air)) arrived at Bde HQ and later visited 2/13 Aust Inf Bn.	
		1530	Maj KELLY and Capt MAUGHAN returned.	
		2100	Maj KELLY informed 2/6 Fd Regt that 20 Aust Inf Bde intention for 24 Dec was deep patrolling.	
		2150	2/15 Aust Inf Bn was instructed to move C Coy to area vicinity 552855 on relief by 2/17 Aust Inf Bn, 24 Dec.	
			During the morning patrols from 2/13 Aust Inf Bn moved to area of cr 540876. There was no sign of the enemy. Redisposition of coys took place and patrols in late afternoon reached COCONUTS area Sq 5387, <del>(subsequently)</del> this area was subsequently occupied by our troops.	
			There was no change in dispositions of 2/15 Aust Inf Bn and 2/17 Aust Inf Bn.	

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	24 Dec	0845	Bde HQ personnel left for new Tac HQ at 575847 which opened at 0930 hrs. Main Bde remained area SOUTH of MASAWENG R.	
		1405	Brig WHITEHEAD and BM 26 Aust Inf Bde arrived.	
		1415	Lt-Col SIMPSON arrived at new Tac HQ.	
		1510	Lt-Col COLVIN requested that one coy 2/15 Aust Inf Bn be moved forward to COCONUTS area because 2/13 Aust Inf Bn now had one Coy forward WANDOKAI.	
			Lt-Col GRACE reported that one coy 2/15 Aust Inf Bn had moved to high ground sq 5486. Maj KELLY said that move would suffice	
		2200	The G1 advised Lt-Col SIMPSON that intention for 25 Dec was NOT to move forward. (The lack of arty support was reason given but it was hoped that by 1200 hrs 25 Dec enemy arty at AGO would be covered)	
			Later the G1 stated that the Bde would move forward 26 Dec if arty and tank support available by a.m. of that day.	
			2/13 Aust Inf Bn patrolled forward to WANKOKAI and by 1100 hrs the village had been occupied without opposition. Subsequently another coy moved through the village and occupied the dominating high ground to WEST of the river in sq 5087.	
			Many dead were found in the village also large dumps of amn and explosives.	
	25 Dec	0945	Lt-Col SIMPSON and Maj KELLY left Bde to visit 2/13 Aust Inf Bn.	
		1120	Div 0026 was received.	

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	25 Dec (cont)	1430	<p>Lt-Col SIMPSON informed the G1 that he considered the present arty support insufficient, otherwise the Bde would be ready to move to next Div objective on 26 Dec.</p> <p>Later the G1 replied that GOC did not desire any move until sufficient arty support provided.</p>	
			<p>28 Dec was suggested as likely day to continue adv.</p>	
		2030	<p>The following message was received from Div: "The GOC is anxious that some progress be made within the cover of the guns"</p> <p>To which the Bde Comd later replied with his intentions as follows:</p>	
			<p>(i) Advance to start from present FDL's 0830 D Day. <i>First Edition</i></p>	
			<p>(ii) (Ref map BLUCHER PT 1 : 25000)</p>	
			<p>(a) Objective 2/13 Aust Inf Bn - promontory in sq 4994 to 475937</p>	
			<p>(b) Objective 2/15 Aust Inf Bn 501923 to 490913.</p>	
			<p>(c) Objective 2/17 Aust Inf Bn - 523903 to 515896.</p>	
			<p>(iii) Arty requirements, one bty to shoot to BLUCHER PT and one bty to village sq 4796.</p>	
			<p>During night 24/25 Dec 83 shells fell on forward coys of 2/13 Aust Inf Bn but there were no casualties or damage.</p>	
			<p>There was no general adv on 25 Dec, however, redistribution of Coys of 2/13 Aust Inf Bn took place and patrols were sent forward along coast tr.</p>	<i>Smith</i>

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	25 Dec (cont)		2/15 and 2/17 Aust Inf Bns no change.	
			A large quantity of stores and 6 tanks were landed on WANDOKAI beach.	
			Apart from the necessary redistribution of coys and unloading of stores by 2/13 Aust Inf Bn, the day was spent in resting by all troops. Roast Turkey was provided for mid-day dinner for all troops and a free issue of canteen goods was made. ACF hampers were only available for a proportion of the Bde strength and none were delivered to Bde HQ. Assurances have been given that the remainder will be delivered at a later date.	
	26 Dec	0840	With reference to arty support for continuation of adv, Lt-Col SIMPSON informed G 1 that although he wanted two btys in support he would be prepared to advance with one bty able to fire DF.	
		1503	The GOC arrived at Bde HQ. During discussions GOC stated his policy was as follows: To incur the minimum casualties and to provide maximum support by arty, tanks etc. He acceded to Lt-Col SIMPSON'S request for support by two btys firing forward of the proposed objective of the forward bn.	
			GOC visited 2/17 Aust Inf Bn accompanied by Lieut MURISON.	
			During the day 2/13 Aust Inf Bn continued patrolling forward of FDL's. One patrol met a small enemy force at 519904 and this area was subsequently shelled. The WANDOKAI area was thoroughly cleaned and B Coy 2/13 Aust Inf Bn moved to 530899.	Ref: BLUCHER PT 1:25,000 (1st edition)

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	26 Dec (cont)		2/15 and 2/17 Aust Inf Bns no change. By evening two 3 gun troops of arty were in action in vicinity of WANDOKAI and eleven tanks in the area.  Bde OC 28 ( see Appx) Bde O 812 ( ref our OC 28) see appx.	
	27 Dec	1030	Instructions were received from 9 Aust Div that on reaching the objectives for the day a trong patrol was to be sent to HUPWA (467935)	
		1040	Lieut HESLOP, Lieut WARD, Lieut SHERRIFF and a det of Def Pl left the MASAWENG R beach by barge and moved to WANDOKAI to select a site for an establish, Bde Tac HQ vicinity river sq 5289 (Ref BLUCHER PE, 1:25,000 1st edition)	
		1110	2/17 Aust Inf Bn reached WANDOKAI and was informed of bn responsibilities of patrolling down ZAGALEMI tr, on reaching objective for day.	
		1200	Tac HQ (Bde) opened 526900.	
		1230	The Bde Comd received details of div intention as follows: (i) 2/13 Aust Inf Bn to continue up the coast, with two LCV's moving parallel carrying water and supplies, and if no opposition met, troops to push on to SIALUM. (ii) A Bn group to be moved by sea to SIALUM. (iii) Forward recce to be made by land and sea.	
		1600	Bde Tac HQ closed at old location.	<i>[Signature]</i>

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	27 Dec (cont)	2200	Lt-Col SIMPSON informed G1 that Bde ops for 28 Dec would be as per Bde OO 28.	
			To the accompaniment of an apparently successful air strike the Bde adv commenced at 0900 hrs. No opposition was met during the day and all objectives were taken by 1600 hrs. One Coy less one pl from 2/13 Aust Inf Bn continued the advance and by 1900 hrs had reached TEWAI R.	
	28 Dec	0700	A message was sent to Lieut HESLOP (at 2/13 Aust Inf Bn) to move to TEWAI R and recce a site for Bde HQ.	
		0900	Division gave permission for the move of 2/17 Aust Inf Bn as 26 Aust Inf Bde was taking over responsibility of flank and rear.	
			Capt WORHTLEY and Bde HQ personnel left for TEWAI R where Tac HQ was opened at 1445 hrs at 487957. (Ref BLUCHER Pt 1:25,000)	
		1420	Lt-Col SIMPSON and Lieut MURISON left old HQ site and moved to TEWAI R.	
		1722	Old Tac HQ closed and Maj KELLY left for TEWAI R.	
		1815	The Bde Comd informed G 11 that in event of continued advance he intended passing 2/15 Aust Inf Bn through 2/13 Aust Inf Bn.	
		1835	The GOC stated that arty posn was improving and should be satisfactory by 29 Dec.	
			Lt-Col SIMPSON outlined his patrolling policy for 29 Dec.	

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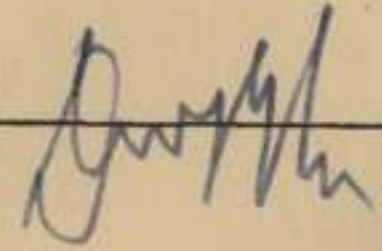
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	28 Dec (cont)		The GOC approved of the policy of "no general move and patrolling" while stores and amm were being brought forward.	
			The advance continued during the day without opposition until the cr SOUTH of KANOMI (4698) was reached.	
			At this point the forward elements of 2/13 Aust Inf Bn came under fire from an enemy MMG and LMGs. An 81mm mortar was fired from vicinity of BLUCHER PT, and a gun of unknown calibre was also used.	
			The enemy posns were mortared and shelled and the advance continued.	
	29 Dec		Bde O 819 - ops for 29 Dec ( see Appx)	
		1245	(ref map BLUCHER PT 1 : 25000) Division was notified of intention to move Bde HQ to KANOMI area sq 4601, 30 Dec.	
		1500	Maj JONES and Capt BURRELL (Div LOs) arrived at Bde HQ.	
		1515	Corps Comd and GOC arrived at Bde HQ and departed at 1620 hrs for 2/17 Aust Inf Bn	
		1700	Bde O825 was issued giving details of ops for 30 Dec.	
		2040	It was arranged that 2/13 Aust Inf Bn patrol towards NANDA 30 dec, should remain on objective until 1300 hrs to assist in arty registration.	
				

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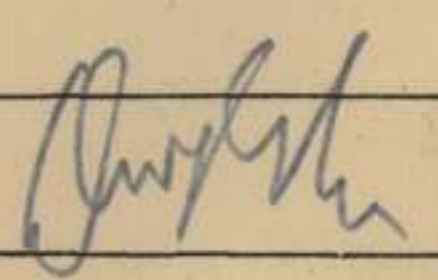
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	29 Dec (cont)		During the day patrolling was carried out forward of our FDL and to the WEST of each bn area.	
			Indications were that approx one coy had been left in the KANOMI area by enemy as a rear guard. A good deal of amm and stores including tents and medical items were found in the general area.	
	30 Dec	1000	Maj KELLY (BM) left Bde to visit 2/13 and 2/15 Aust Inf Bn HQ.	
		1310	Capt HILL arrived at Bde HQ to assume the appointment of BM. Maj KELLY, however, will continue to act as BM for the next 2 days.	
		1420	Maj KELLY notified Lt-Col COLVIN that exchange of IOs Lieut HELSOP and RYAN was to take place on 31 Dec.	
		1500	Bde O 831 issued.	
		1900	Lt-Col SIMPSON in a conversation with Lt-Col GRACE stated that the next objective would be SANGA R. Owing to the lack of water between O6 NORTHING and SANGA R it is desirable that this stretch be covered in one day providing no opposition encountered.	
			When questioned as to his opinion on possibility/achieving <sup>of</sup> this Lt-Col GRACE said that he considered it could be done provided no opposition was met during adv or at SANGA R.	
			During the day a patrol from 2/13 Aust Inf Bn with arty FOO and No 46 wireless set moved along coastal tr as far as 463012. The patrol was fired on by 1 LMG and grenade discharger from 461012 and 2 LMGs from 45900(.	

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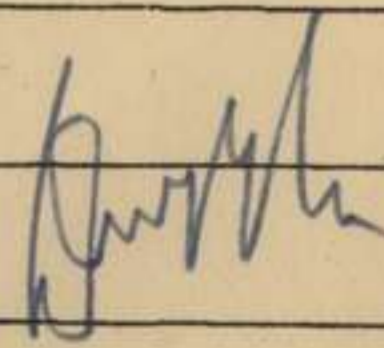
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	30 Dec (cont)		Arty fired on all enemy movements and registered targets at NUZEN and COCONUTS 428037.	
			Other patrols moved to WEST to vicinity village GA 9645 and village 474961 but no contact was made and there were no signs of recent enemy movement.	
	31 Dec	0830	Advance party consisting of Capt WORTHLEY, Capt LECKY, Lieut SHERRIF and a det of HQ Gd Pl left Bde HQ to find a new site in RUA area.	
		1210	Capt WORTHLEY informed Maj KELLY (BM) that site of new HQ was at 467005.	
		1240	Lt-Col SIMPSON and Maj KELLY left <sup>for</sup> <del>at</del> new HQ, RUA area.	
		1420	Maj BROADBENT (Adm Comd 2/17 Aust Inf Bn) arrived at Bde HQ and departed at 1435 hrs.	
		1540	Lieut RYAN reported to Bde to take over duties of LO (iii).	
		1635	Lt-Col SIMPSON advised G1 that :-  (i) No move was intended for 1 Jan because required arty support would NOT be available until the afternoon of that day.  (ii) The policy for 1 Jan was deep patrols to NUZEN area.	
		1715	Bde O 836 ops for 1 Jan ( see Appx)	

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Pilots report 6 Dec

0855 6 Japs at 240110 (1" KALASA series)

1015 Strapped on return trip

0910 3 Japs 269168 Strapped (1/25000 series)

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less use - (further parts of tr found  
particulars in later report)

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1. no difficulty in crossing BURI at  
mouth?

2. KAPUGARA R. (Gneiss, R) will be  
impassable as far bank has sheer  
500' drop (CRK anticipates that  
bridging will be impossible -  
gap in road from 3 to 5 miles.)

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MESSAGE FORM

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⊙	TCB <sup>P</sup> H	141144	for	short	30
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fd	fire	to	R MASAWENG	⊙	45
Numerous	digging	not	known	inf	50
occupied	156160	⊙	13 dec	SUT	55
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LOCATION APPARITION UNIT 4 AC SQN SORTIE No. 1. (9DIV) A/C No. - TYPE A46-115 A46-106 DATE 13 DEC '43

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE TAC/R

REF. MAPS <u>SAG SAG</u> <u>LAE</u> <u>4 MILES TO 1" SERIES</u>	PILOT <u>F/O LEE - WARNER</u> <u>XXXXXXXX</u> OBSERVER <u>F/O BIRRELL</u>	TIME UP <u>1126</u> TIME DOWN <u>1400</u> TOTAL <u>2 hrs 34 mins</u>	VISIBILITY <u>20 MILES +</u>	WEATHER <u>GOOD</u>
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Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
<u>REISS POINT</u> <u>SIO</u>			Flat country - no coastal track seen. Splendid landing beach between NEMAU and REISS POINT. Track going WEST into hills from SIO. At LEMBANGANDO, partially destroyed by bombing, with creek, which could be used by barges from sea. Many tracks around village. Apparently much movement between SIO and LEMBANGANDO.
<u>SIO ISLAND</u>			3 huts in good condition and 3 Type "B" barges, one with water inside on beach. Unable to state condition of barges.
<u>NAMBARIWA</u>			No well defined track noticeable between SIO and NAMBARIWA.
<u>GNEISENAU POINT</u>			River SOUTH of GNEISENAU POINT is approx 100x wide at mouth but sand bar affords natural defense against M.T.B fire from sea. Opening between sand bar and WESTERN bank is sufficient to allow barge to enter river. Water deep beyond sand bar to about 500x inland and deep foliage would afford splendid concealment. What appeared to be a light steel cable was stretched across the river mouth, inside the sand bar raised about 9' from water where a well worn sandy track with footprints was seen running along coast about 100x inland to KELANOA.
<u>KELANOA</u>			Crashed green single engine a/c red spots at 1/2 mile SW KELANOA. Well used single tracks lead WEST from KELANOA into hills. Several barges seen on good landing beach, condition unknown. Track not as prominent from KELANOA to CAPE KING WILLIAM. Surface of black soil and does not appear to have been so well used. Likely dump, timber area 700x SW KELANOA.
<u>CAPE KING WILLIAM</u> <u>SIALUM ISLAND</u>			Good track leading in between palm groves skirting lagoon as indicated on SIALUM PHOTOMAP. From CAPE KING WILLIAM to HARDENBERG POINT approx 6 graves at 169124 SIALUM PHOTOMAP. What might be barbed wire enclosure of 100x x 50x on SOUTHERN side of island was observed, no diggings were noticeable, unable to say what was inside.
<u>HARDENBERG POINT</u>			Two tracks were observed leading WEST into slope of terrace from coastal track at 189101 SIALUM PHOTOMAP. This position was elevated and the different coloured foliage around kunai attracted attention. From its position it is considered possible to have lines of fire to NORTH, EAST and SE.

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LOCATION: APPARITION UNIT: 4 AC SQN. SORTIE No : 1. (9 Div) A/C No - TYPE: A46-106  
 A46-115 DATE: 14 Dec 43.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE: TAC R

REF MAPS: PHOTOMAPS PILOT: F/O BIRRELL TIME UP 1015 VISIBILITY: 20 MILES WEATHER: GOOD.  
 F/O LEE-WARNER TIME DOWN 1240  
 TOTAL 2 hrs 25 mins

**SIALUM** 1045 hrs Single fairly well worn track visible between SIALUM - BLUCHER POINT. West of coastal track on edge of kunai terraces are two tracks parallel to coast linked by footpads to coast. Closer recce of elevated position 189 101 SIALUM PHOTOMAP reveals nothing suspicious. Possibly only an apparently recent mound of earth with kunai growing over surface.

**NUZEN** Tracks lead west into burnt kunai from NUZEN. One leads into creek bed at 136153(RUA). ~~Several others follow kunai into a well kept garden on slope at SQ 1216 RUA. River at NUZEN affords good opportunity for barge movement for 1/2 mile inland from mouth.~~ Several others follow kunai into a well kept garden on slope at SQ 1216 RUA. River at NUZEN affords good opportunity for barge movement for 1/2 mile inland from mouth.

**BLUCHER POINT** 1125 hrs JAP seen swimming on beach 197104. Numerous well worn tracks converge at 193106 from coast. This area was reported on 13 Dec as good positions for coastal gun at 196104. Signs of activity are evident.

**KANOM 1** Well worn tracks from coast lead through rectangular diggings 162168 WALINGAI thence into timber 159167. NMS. Nothing observed in diggings to indicate occupation. What appeared to be a ladder seen lying on ground on top of 6' cliff above beach.

**TOPOGRAPHICAL** The coastal track runs along the cliff which is about 6' above the beach. There is a gradual rise from the coast to about 2000' at 3000x inland.

**TEWAI R** In the general area of TEWAI R there has been some signs of activity. It is possible for barges to use the TEWAI R but it is not considered likely. A plank from creek crossing was observed at 178119 (WALINGAI). Fairly well used track was observed along NORTHERN side of TEWAI R, observation being lost in timber area, SQ 1512. Track is rather steep gradient. Village 163140 gives some indication of slight activity.

**WALINGAI** NMS. Extremely well used track between WALINGAI and LAKONA. Heavy recent movement.  
**HUBIKA** Further heavy recent movement on previously reported coastal track down to beach at 159139.  
**SANGA R** 1145 hrs Possible for barges to move up river to 143137 SIALUM. No foliage or overhanging would assist concealment.

(Sgd) R J C O'LOAN, Capt, ALO.  
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DIST :-NGF(2), 2AUST CORPS, 9DIV, 24BDE, 26BDE, 4BDE, A2.5AF, SATF, 35FG, 1AUST AL GP, 4 AC SQN, I/O 4 SQN, WAR DIARY, FILE.

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ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE TAC/R

REF. MAPS <u>PHOTOMAPS</u>	PILOT <u>F/O CARTER</u>	TIME UP <u>0815</u>	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
<i>Make before filing</i>	<del>XXXXXX</del> <u>F/O MAUGER</u>	TIME DOWN <u>1022</u>	<u>LIMITED</u>	<u>FAIR</u>
		TOTAL <u>2 hrs 7mins</u>		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
LAKONA	0900		Unable to discover suspected enemy gun at 590793. Observed loose palm leaves which could have been used to conceal object at convergence of two tracks from coast at 158148 LAKONA. Track follows EASTERN side of gully at 156156 disappears into gully.
VILLAGE SQ 1412 LAKONA			One JAP without shirt or pack seen walking in kunai in general direction of huts at 149129. From same village a well worn track follows the cliff top NORTHWARDS to SANGA RIV at 151140. Own ARTY were engaging the area.
MASAWENG RIV	0930		There appeared to have been some heavy movement through two damaged gardens at 146166. Two tracks from EAST and one from NORTH converge in same general location of MASAWENG RIV at 147164. A close recce of MASAWENG RIV did not reveal any further movement WEST or SOUTH. Ideal location for enemy water point. Small creek running through clump of trees at 156147, did not have much water.
HUBIKA	0925		Rain has recently fallen over area and track HUBIKA - LAKONA. It is considered that heavy recent movement has taken place along full distance. Impressions of footprints are noticeable in mud at numerous points. N.M.S. HUBIKA.
FORTIFICATION POINT			Several tracks are visible on high ground in area SQ 1511 HUBIKA. Most prominent track runs from timber 155112 in EASTERLY direction to timber at 173107, in which it is thought that there is some activity but heavy timber prevents close recce. Not much activity is apparent in kunai areas SOUTH FORTIFICATION POINT. Only track observed going from coast into kunai terraces inland was the one mentioned above. No signs of any defence lines SOUTH FORTIFICATION POINT. Terrain fairly open from HUBIKA to timber SQ 1710 HUBIKA and it is assumed that it would be possible to observe any heavily defended areas.

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LOCATION APPARITION UNIT 4 AC SQN SORTIE No. 1.(9DIV) A/C No. - TYPE A46-95 DATE 19 DEC '43.  
A46-121

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE TAC/R COASTAL AREA TO BLUCHER POINT FOR FRESH ENEMY ACTIVITIES.

REF. MAPS PHOTOMAPS AND  
1/25000 SERIES

PILOT F/O BIRRELL  
~~XXXXXXXX~~ F/O LEE-WARNER  
Lt. GREYDA ) US  
Lt. DIFFENDERFFER ) PILOTS

TIME UP 0845  
TIME DOWN 1120  
TOTAL 2 hrs 35mins

VISIBILITY  
GOOD

WEATHER  
CLEAR

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
<u>WANDOKAI</u>			<p>Approx 400x offshore black rubber dingy observed drifting - straffing passes made by 2 BOOMERANGS and 2 P39's - did not sink. Dingy considered empty. Size estimated 12' by 5' with pointed bow. 553894 cluster of foxholes observed on kunai ledge - unable to see whether occupied or not due to kunai providing cover for holes. Further foxholes at 544897 were observed on NORTHERN side of track. Much activity in WANDOKAI is apparent - a maze of tracks lead from the village centre to the coastal coral shelf. JAPANESE soldiers observed crouched in bomb craters in coconut plantation 541897 - area was thoroughly straffed.</p> <p>A barge excellently camouflaged was observed moored at 54158980 - camouflaged consisted of what appeared to be lines of white coral stones along floor of barge. Barge considered serviceable - was straffed.</p> <p>AGO PHOTOMAP.</p> <p>The ravine with mouth at 193147 is considered to be a centre of activity - numerous tracks lead off main coastal track between here and WANDOKAI, up onto high kunai terraces. A track was observed in the bed of ravine and one on each bank - these tracks are well worn. This ravine could possibly be the enemy dump area. On EASTERN bank of creek 188153 there runs inland a well used and worn track - this track continues on into foothills of range. From 173159 to 169153 a well used track observed. At 169153 are some native huts. The track passes through a garden at 171157 - garden appears in state of good repair.</p>
<u>WALANGAI</u>			<p>Two barges one NORTH one SOUTH of creek mouth at 186108 were observed. Barges considered serviceable - not straffed. At 18351190 two camouflaged barges observed. Palm leaves were used to conceal barges. To the SOUTH approx 100x were two additional barges - no attempt at concealment had been made. These 4 barges were straffed by two BOOMERANGS and 7 P39's - direct hits observed. P39's attempted to bomb barges with belly tanks but were unsuccessful. The track leading inland from 183120 is very well worn - track leads from beach head.</p>

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LOCATION..... UNIT..... SORTIE No. **1. CONT'D**..... A/C No. - TYPE..... DATE.....

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE.....

REF. MAPS.....	PILOT.....	TIME UP.....	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
.....	OBSERVER.....	TIME DOWN.....		
		TOTAL.....		

REPORT—INTERROGATION

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
TEWAI RIV MOUTH			On WESTERN bank of river leading inland from 2 native huts near coast line is well defined track-track disappeared into river valley at 174133. The native huts appeared to have white stones on their roofs.
173138 TO 164153			Along the coast line beach defence positions have been dug. Trenches of various shapes are spaced approx 15x apart. Some trenches have log covering - at 165142 a bunker is situated. In the coconuts at 167139 heaps of what appeared to be white bags were seen scattered at base of trees. From 165155 to 164144 on the first kunai terrace were observed numerous heaps of tins and a stack of boxes - considered ammunition boxes. This area was strafed by 2 BOOMERANGS and 7 P39's causing fires in vicinity of boxes - greyish smoke - area was left burning. A submerged barge observed at 166155.
162166			Numerous small tracks showing very heavy use converge into jungle patch at 159167. Diggings in the kunai were observed at 161167.
KANOM 1			There are no huts left in this village area. From 197107 a well defined track runs to the jungle at 192107 where it is lost to view.
GENERAL			The coastal track throughout its length from WANDOKAI to BLUCHER POINT is being used constantly - heavy foot traffic is taking place. Many fresh well used tracks were observed running from it to the beach. Following is list of points where these beach feeders were observed:-
			AGO PHOTOMAP 188150
			WALINGAI " 184114
			" " 180124
			" " 179127
			" " 180128
			" " 164155
			RUA " 197103

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LOCATION: APPARITION UNIT: 4 AC SQN SORTIE No. 1. (9DIV) A/C No. - TYPE: A46-115 A46-95 DATE: 21 DEC '43.  
 ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE: TAC/R EXAMINATION CREEK BEDS FROM 159139, 150142 AND COASTLINE TRACK HUBIKA - WANDOKAI FOR MOVEMENT SOUTHWARDS AND DEFENSIVE POSITIONS.  
 REF. MAPS: HUBIKA AGO PILOT: F/O LEE - WARNER TIME UP: 1400 VISIBILITY: 20 MILES WEATHER: CLEAR COASTAL REGION - OVERCAST ON HILLS.  
PHOTOMAPS OBSERVER: XXXXXX F/O BIRRELL TIME DOWN: 1615 TOTAL: 2 hrs 15 mins

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
HUBIKA AND CREEK BED RUNNING SW FROM 150142	1430		Own troops with tanks in support observed advancing towards HUBIKA - general line 1430 hrs was along creek running SOUTH from 159139. N.M.S. No defensive positions sighted.
HUBIKA - WANDOKAI COASTAL TRACK HUBIKA PHOTOMAP	1440 1540		During the hour spent over area N.M.S observed along track. In scrub at 10451670 number of coconut trees have been felled. These are lying in creek bed. Tracks criss cross at this spot and run to WANDOKAI village. Numerous diggings in creek bed - no JAPS seen. From WANDOKAI running to the SOUTH and SW are 10 distinct newly formed trails. These trails estimated to be 700x long - they lead to the foothills at 100163. The forward slopes of these foothills have numerous foxholes on them - no JAPS seen in any diggings. EAST of creek mouth at 107168 there is a native hut from which tracks radiate to the jungle patch where trees have been felled and diggings were seen. Where coastal track crosses creek at 105167 coconut trees have been felled - the tops are strewn in immediate vicinity possibly concealing positions. Coconut logs have been removed from area. On first kunai covered terrace between 107167 to 113167 numerous small tracks lead to crevices and natural rock holes indicating that JAP may be turning these into weapon pits and foxholes. At 118164 there is a cluster of 4 circular diggings - greyish - blue objects observed in this spot covering the freshly disturbed earth. Pilot unable to identify objects. The overhanging kunai prevented observing whether this position occupied or not. Track connects this position to coastal track - much recent movement evident. At 121163 covering an area estimated 100x square are numerous diggings - no movement observed in area - no JAPS seen. Gardens at 126165 have either been ravaged or are a center of a defensive position - the earth has been disturbed throughout entire garden area. Many tracks in area. The creek crossing at 140157 is covered by numerous diggings on WESTERN bank of creek.

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LOCATION..... APPARITION..... UNIT 4 AC SQN..... SORTIE No. 2. (9DIV)..... A/C No. - TYPE A46-121  
 20 B/P later if of any value  
 TAC/R COASTAL AREA SIALUM-KELANOA TO LOCATE ENEMY ACTIVITIES. DATE 21 DEC 1943

REF. MAPS SIALUM PHOTOMAP KELANOA 3608 PHOTOMAP	PILOT F/O MAUGER <del>ORSEVEREK</del> F/O CARTER	TIME UP 1630 TIME DOWN 1830 TOTAL 2 hrs	VISIBILITY FAIR	WEATHER LOW OVERCAST
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Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
KELANOA CHISSI POINT AREA SAPARO RIV			This area from track appearances does not suggest great activity on part of enemy.
SIALUM TO SAPARO RIV COASTAL TRACK SIALUM-KELANOA			At mouth of stream numerous footprints seen. A well used track observed on WESTERN bank as far SOUTH as 113154 - track then turns into the deep ravine and follows river bed inland. The deep ravine at 127147 is connected to coastal track by well worn track. No signs recent activity observed.
MOVEMENT SEEN			In this sector the coastal track shows signs of much activity - track is smothered with footprints and where it crosses the various creek mouths the footprints show up on beach very plainly. Groups of two JAPS at following points. All JAPS carrying large packs heading NORTH.
			REF SIO 3596 1/25000 series 547399. REF KELANOA HARBOUR 3597 1/25000 series 558399. SIALUM PHOTOMAP 113165 " " 138152 WALINGAI " 162168 AT AGO " 169164 5 JAPS seen moving NORTH. " " " 178155 2 JAPS " " "
NOTE			Recce a/c strafed 5 JAPS at AGO PHOTOMAP 169164 - JAPS quickly dispersed into cave on beach. This recce was completed rather hurriedly due to presence of enemy fighters in area throughout.

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ref HUBIKA and AGO photomaps

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LOCATION APPARITION UNIT 4 AC SQN SORTIE No 1. (9DIV) A/C No. - TYPE A46-121 DATE 22 DEC '43.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE TAC/R ENEMY MOVEMENT AND FURTHER DEVELOPMENT DEFENSIVE POSITION HUBIKA-WANDAKOI - AGO AREA.

REF. MAPS PHOTOMAPS

PILOT F/O CARTER

TIME UP 0935

VISIBILITY

WEATHER

~~OBSERVER~~ F/O MAUGER

TIME DOWN 1200

GOOD

CLEAR COASTAL  
SECTOR - HILLS  
CLOUDED

TOTAL 2 hrs 25 mins

Place or Ref.

Time

Height

REPORT—INTERROGATION

HUBIKA PHOTOMAP

Signs of enemy movement Observed on following tracks:-

- (a) Track which emerges from creek bed at 147135 and runs NW to village at 134144.
- (b) Track which runs along EASTERN bank of creek from 146146 to 143143 where it crosses creek and runs across spur to village 134144.
- (c) Track which branches from main coastal track at 147144 and runs SW up across kunai terraces to join track (a) at creek crossing 13951405.
- (d) Track from village 134144 to main coastal track 141157.

These tracks run through long kunai which affords natural covering by overhanging the tracks. At several points along these tracks there are suspected diggings but the overhanging kunai makes absolute identification most difficult. The village at 134144 has been well kept - activity has taken place within village area - has an occupied appearance. Kunai fires observed at 135143 and 137145. Pilot could discover origin of fires - no doubt craters or ARTY fire seen. Feeder tracks were seen coming from creek bed to NORTH, joining the track from village 134144 to coastal track. Creek which runs SW from 14151580 has a track in it. At creek crossing 140157 and 144154 probable defensive positions were sighted - again the overhanging kunai made positive identification impossible. Gardens in the coastal region have all been ravaged. On kunai terrace from 107167 to 113167 numerous tracks lead to natural rock holes and caves - diggings are suspected also. From appearances this ledge is a defended position. At 100165 on forward slopes of spur there are a number of caves with tracks leading into them. Some caves have dead branches hung over entrance. Across the flat kunai coastal belt immediately inland from WANDOKAI numerous tracks radiate. They end at any natural features such as rocks, caves and crevices which would give cover to enemy. In creek bed at 10451670 are three huts - a heavy creek bed track leads to these huts.

To the WEST of creek at 200148 for a distance of 400x between coastal track and beach there is a maze of tracks in the kunai. The whole WANDOKAI area is literally covered with tracks signifying much activity

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23/12/43

AGO PHOTOMAP





0900 ~~with~~ TAC R. dropped by pilot  
dropped message.  
0925 heavy footprints on sand  
at following Refs:

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111169, 106168, (193199), 171161  
166167.

0940 Two parallel thin continuous  
tracks. 166167 to 166169.  
approx 4' apart + similar to wheel  
tracks.

0955 A well worn recently used  
183120 + westward up ridge

0910 to 1010. NMS. Wandokai to  
Walingai

sketch (AK)

Received at 4 Bde 23/10 15 L.  
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HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde  
22 Dec 43.

TAC R (221145L).

- 1015 hrs. From track in region 147153 ~~and~~ many feeder tracks leads up<sup>to</sup> terrace caves.
- 1030 hrs. Area to SE of pt 138138 for 200x contains groups of foxholes.
- 1100 hrs. Own troops observed 146147.
- 1115 hrs. NMS track to AGO.

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LOCATION APPARITION UNIT 4 AC SQN SORTIE No. 1. (9DIV) A/C No. - TYPE A46-137 / A46-95 DATE 23 DEC '43.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE TAC/R AREA WANDOKAI - WALINGAI FOR ENEMY MOVEMENT AND DEFENCES.

REF. MAPS <u>PHOTOMAPS</u>	PILOT <u>F/Lt. WATCHORN</u>	TIME UP <u>0835</u>	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
	OBSERVER <u>F/O MCKENZIE</u>	TIME DOWN <u>1110</u>	<u>GOOD</u>	<u>FINE AND CLEAR</u>
		TOTAL <u>2 hrs 35 mins.</u>		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
WANDOKAI TO WALINGAI	0910 - 1010		ENEMY MOVEMENT :- No enemy movement seen in the recce area whatsoever.
WANDOKAI	0925		Heavy footprints on sand at following references:- HUBIKA PHOTOMAP from 111169 to 106168 - much activity on the black sand beach. AGO PHOTOMAP 171161 and 166167. ) At these positions some footprints noticed below " " along beach in SQ 1914.) high water level mark. All footprints had fresh appearance.
AGO			Barges could off-load at all above references. On the beach from 166167 to 166169 twin parallel tracks were observed estimated 4' apart. To NORTH and SOUTH of these references no signs of tracks seen. The particular patch of beach between these references is white coarse coral and it is considered an object of some weight would be necessary to cause tracks as reported.
WALINGAI PHOTO- MAP 183119			The track running inland in a WESTERLY direction to ZAGAHEMI shows signs of recent heavy use particularly in region beyond villages SQ 1511. N.M.S. U/s barges at 183119 still contain approx 12 full sacks.
GENERAL			The area generally does not convey impression that JAP is developing a firm base to fight our advancing troops. Numerous small tracks exist but when followed inland usually fritter out into a ravine or jungle patch. Positions reported recently show no great activity or development.
OWN TROOPS			Own troops seen advancing along coastline at 132164 - advancing in single file.

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Tac R.  
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1" abasaweng. — 1610

HOMPWA one top of ridge <sup>faint</sup> FCG east  
of west. track - along ridge west  
none visible

East track slight but well used  
Abasaweng R. could be used as  
track towards ZAGAHEMI although  
no signs of track seen in river -  
cloud & bad weather - track along  
ridge east of HOMPWA seen for 100'

1630 hrs. tracks (faint) back up all  
ridges going SW. from WANDOKAI  
area. track 524900. - 495875. well  
used but not recent. 241730

465959

dropped <sup>and</sup> defaced with gum from  
on ledge ~~try to bond~~ it  
around afternoon

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~~1991 1370~~  
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LOCATION.....	APPARITION	UNIT.....	4 AC SQN	SORTIE No.....	1. (9DIV)	A/C No. - TYPE.....	A46-107 A46-137	DATE.....	24 DEC '43.
ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE.....	TAC/R (a) WANDOKAI AND HIGH GROUND TO SOUTH AND SE (b) COASTAL RECCE WANDOKAI - WALINGAI AND INLAND TRACK WALINGAI-ZAGAHMI-WANDOKAI, FOR ENEMY MOVEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT OF DEFENSIVE POSITIONS.								
REF. MAPS.....	PHOTOMAPS	PILOT.....	F/O MAUGER	TIME UP.....	0820	VISIBILITY.....	GOOD	WEATHER.....	FINE AND CLEAR CLOUD DEVELOPING ON HILLS.
		OBSERVER.....	F/O CARTER	TIME DOWN.....	1050				
				TOTAL.....	2 hrs 30 mins.				

REPORT—INTERROGATION

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	
WANDOKAI			The village area continues to show signs of great activity - all tracks are well worn. No defensive positions were seen. Activity apparent as far inland as 102163. All creek beds have tracks in them and several feeder tracks branch from main coastal track to these valleys. The thick growth in these valleys prevent observation of the creek beds. These tracks are single file footpads. SE of WANDOKAI no great signs activity - no defensive positions seen.
AGO			At 166167 there is a short upright pole with two supports against it. This structure is situated on the track. Tracks reported on 23 DEC 43 on beach at 165169 were again observed - considered to be wheel tracks.
WALINGAI VILLAGE AGO PHOTOMAP SQ 1215			Numerous footprints on beach. No defensive positions seen. 3 JAPS were seen in kunai in this village. 3 cows seen in vicinity of 154136.
INLAND TRACK WANDOKAI-ZAGAHMI-WALINGAI	1512		This track shows signs of recent activity; but dense jungle prevents a close recce throughout. From village ref AGO PHOTOMAP SQ 1215 numerous tracks radiate out. No natives seen. A track from direction of MASAWENG RIV was located in vicinity of village REF AGO PHOTOMAP 174105. The jungle prevented plotting it but where visible showed signs recent use. Villages inland around ZAGAHMI are all connected by wide tracks - signs of movement apparent on tracks. Smoke seen in village REF WALINGAI PHOTOMAP 155110. N.M.S.

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LOCATION APPARITION UNIT 4 AC SQN SORTIE No. 1. (9DIV) A/C No. - TYPE A46-106 DATE 25 DEC '43.  
A46-107

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE TAC/R WANDOKAI -SIO FOR JAPANESE MOVEMENT ALONG COAST OR INLAND TRACK AND LEAD STRAFING ATTACK ON ANY MOVEMENT SEEN.

REF. MAPS PHOTOMAPS PILOT F/O CARTER TIME UP 0900 VISIBILITY WEATHER  
XXXXXXXX F/O MAUGER TIME DOWN 1145 GOOD FINE - HIGH OVERCAST.  
 TOTAL 2 hrs 45mins

REPORT—INTERROGATION

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
1. VINCKEPT TO SIO			N.M.S along coastal sector.
2. SIO TO GNEISENAU POINT			N.M.S. Signs of heavy recent activity in timber to SOUTH and SE of SIO lagoon. A well used new track leads from 154163 in a WSW direction to this timber. From track activity, this area suspected as bivouac area in use at present time. NAMBARIWA RIVER area continues to show signs heavy traffic. Much oil seen on water surface - sunken boat observed at 130143. Single strand of wire observed across river at 135153 and at 128160 - wires could not be traced in timber on banks of stream. Much activity in rising ground in area SOUTH of 128160 (Area not shown on Photomap) - many fresh gardens in this area. From appearances it is considered this area possible bivouac area of troops handling supply traffic in river. No barges observed in river. At mouth of KAPUGARA RIV an unserviceable M.T.B. barge and submarine observed - conning tower is missing from submarine - bow is submerged. A single wire observed across mouth of KAPUGARA RIV - unable to be traced on either bank due to timber.
3. GNEISENAU POINT TO KELANOA HARBOUR			N.M.S. In timber on coast at 136113 there is a reticulation of tracks which appear to be being used at present. Tracks at CHISSI POINT continue to show signs of use. The gardens between terrace and coast of harbour are in excellent condition. Very heavy tracks seen to lead NW from 3 native huts situated in gully at 107178. These tracks lead to the terraces which has numerous small natural caves with boulders overhanging the opening. The ground around these caves is worn bare. Rectangular whitish objects similar to mats seen lying in vicinity of some cave mouths. This area considered to be occupied.
4. TRACK INLAND FROM KELANOA TO KALASA			N.M.S. Track does not show signs much activity. KALASA appears deserted - NB Area not reced closely.

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LOCATION.....	UNIT.....	SORTIE No. <b>1. (9DIV) CONT'D</b>	A/C No. - TYPE.....	DATE.....
ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE.....				
REF. MAPS.....	PILOT.....	TIME UP.....	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
	OBSERVER.....	TIME DOWN.....		
	TOTAL.....			

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Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
5. COAST SIALUM TO BLUCHER POINT			N.M.S.
6. BLUCHER POINT			On track that leads from coastal track to patch of jungle at 160167 a JAP was seen - JAP appeared quite unconcerned at appearance of a/c - took cover after a/c had circled him 3 times. Tracks to this patch of jungle show continued signs of use.
7. VILLAGE 168140			The tracks in this area have been used extensively - numerous small tracks lead to the gullies on NORTH and SOUTH of <sup>VILLAGE</sup> <sub>163140</sub> - GA track. In coconuts on point at 177137 are numerous tins, bags and boxes - these are scattered about indiscriminately. Two old native huts in these coconuts have a greenish vine over them - gives appearance of an attempt at camouflaging yet could be vine growing over huts naturally. Numerous footprints on sandy beach which runs WEST from this point. 2 JAPS seen at 1785 1370 - these JAPS hid beneath trees - pilot straffed area.
8. WALINGAI			Nothing fresh observed.
9. AGO			2 JAPS seen hiding amongst holes in rocks on coast 168164. Much activity on tracks this area. Numerous tracks lead from creek WEST of AGO to overgrown gardens on terrace at 162167. There is an old native hut in these gardens. Much activity on kunai spur at 173157 - spur is a maze of tracks leading to the valley to NORTH. Pilot suspects diggings on this spur - overhanging kunai makes positive identification impossible.

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**45 AUST AL SEC (AC).**

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PILOT'S REPORT

Photomaps

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OBSERVATION.

- 0900 NMS BLANCHER PT
- 0915 HEAVY TRKS GOING INLAND ALONG CRK AT 164143
- 0925 5 FOX HOLES ON BEACH AT 165142
- 0930 2 GRASS HUTS (NEW) 177138 N.M.S
- 0950 PILE BOXES 188106
- 1000 GUN POSN EMPTY SHELL CASES ALSO SMALL SHELTER OPENINGS E & W. AT 192103 NO GUN IN POSN  
WALINGA 10365

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ROYAL AIR FORCE.

PILOT'S REPORT.

*Photomaps*

*KEYBOARD*

Map Ref. .... *3608 KELA No A*  
Visibility .....

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OBSERVATION.

*1518 TCKS VICINITY 125173 & 128176  
SLIGHT BUT WELL WORN*

*1535 GARDENS RECENTLY USED 129141  
(SCHARN. PT. 3610)*

*WEATHER B- AWFUL - COULD  
GET NO FARTHER UP COAST.*

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and name

Squadron

Date



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ROYAL AIR FORCE.

PILOT'S REPORT.

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Map Ref *Photo. map* .....

Visibility .....

OBSERVATION.

800

Beach from 165 142 *is OK* to 166 157  
for barge landings but tanks would  
find difficulties climbing bank except  
from 165 142 to 164 146.

At KANOM I. only small beach

196 102 suitable

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At SIALUM passage at 167 132  
leads to two good beaches at  
168 126 and 162 134.

8 Saps with packs seen in  
grass at 14 2 16 9 (RUA)

FLY CARTER

28-12-42

and name

Squadron

Date

DIV a arrived

seen 28/12/42

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LOCATION: APPARITION UNIT: 4 AC SQN SORTIE No: 1.(9DIV) A/C No. - TYPE: A46-106 A46-107 DATE: 28 DEC '43.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE: TAC/R LANDING BEACHES, DEFENCES AND MOVEMENT WALINGAI-KANOM 1 -SIALUM AND INLAND TRACKS THIS SECTOR.

REF. MAPS: PHOTOMAPS PILOT: F/O CARTER TIME UP: 0700 VISIBILITY WEATHER  
 KALASA 1" OBSERVER: P/O MAUGER TIME DOWN: 1010 GOOD FINE - BROKEN  
 TOTAL: 3 hrs 10 mins MOUNTAINS.

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
KANOM 1			REF RUA PHOTOMAP - Small beach of 300x at 196102 is considered suitable for landing of barges. There is a definite break in coral shelf and no coastal cliff. Considered our barges could off-load onto beach as beach falls away steeply. No JAP defences observed. Inland in vicinity of 193105 there is surface seepage water but main coastal track is considered suitable for Jeeps and tank movement.
NANDA			Nothing fresh to report. No fresh activity. Beach between BLUCHER POINT - NANDA considered unsuitable for barge landings.
NUZEN			Signs of activity still exist though nothing fresh about whole area. Numerous footprints on the sand at river mouths at both NANDA and NUZEN. Single barges could operate on small beaches at river mouths at NANDA and NUZEN. 8 JAPS seen at 142169 - carrying full packs - JAPS lying in kunai - unable to determine which direction moving. Single strand wire observed across creek at this point. No weapons seen with JAPS.
SIALUM			The passage considered best for crossing the coral shelf is at 166134 - water is deepest at this point. At 0830 hrs waves were breaking on coral shelf from 166134 to SANGA RIV mouth and from 166134 to HARDENBERG POINT. The actual beaches chosen as best for off-loading once inside the lagoon are at 1615145 and at 168126. At these two points beaches are free from (a) beach rocks and boulders (b) Cliff shoreline. At each of these beaches, considered 5 barges could off-load simultaneously. Terrain inland presents some obstacles to movement - narrow coconut plantation may hamper M.T and tank movement; and secondary growth in plantation would hamper foot traffic. Once coastal timber belt penetrated movement unrestricted.
			DEFENCES. No actual positions observed but much track activity in vicinity of SANGA RIV and jungle at 154140. These tracks continue inland to new garden area 135126 to 140126. On first terrace natural caves seen with barricades or shield of native grass and palm leaves in front of entrances. Numerous tracks lead to these caves. Caves mentioned seen between 150135 to 158128.

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LOCATION..... UNIT..... SORTIE No. **1. CONT'D**..... A/C No. - TYPE..... DATE.....

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE.....

REF. MAPS.....	PILOT.....	TIME UP.....	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
.....	OBSERVER.....	TIME DOWN.....		
		TOTAL.....		

Place or Ref.      Time      Height      REPORT—INTERROGATION

<b>SIALUM</b>			Track from 16351305 to jungle patch at 163127 very wide and worn - continues inland to KALASA, much narrower. Narrow wheel marks seen on track NORTH from track junction 16351305. No movement seen this area.
<b>INLAND KALASA TUNGE AREA</b>			This area does not indicate much activity - considered less activity this area than some two months ago. Many tracks being overgrown by kunai. No movement seen.

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LOCATION APPARITION UNIT 4 AC SQN SORTIE No. 1.(9DIV) A/C No. - TYPE A46-107  
A46-106 DATE 29 DEC '43.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE TAC/R BLUCHER POINT-SIALUM COASTAL SECTOR FOR JAP MOVEMENT AND DEFENCES - INLAND TRACKS FOR POSSIBLE COUNTER ATTACKS.

REF. MAPS <u>SIALUM 1/25000 2053 SERIES.</u>	PILOT <u>F/O MAUGER</u>	TIME UP <u>0835</u>	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
	<del>XXXXXXXX</del> <u>F/O CARTER</u>	TIME DOWN <u>1110</u>	<u>GOOD</u>	<u>HIGH BROKEN CLOUD</u>
		TOTAL <u>2 hrs 35 mins.</u>		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
1. COASTAL TRACK FROM NUZEN TO SHEDS AT 346126	0915-0922		Throughout this sector of coastal track a number of JAPS in groups of 2 to 4 were seen moving NORTH. All carrying heavy packs- some carried rifles. All took cover as a/c approached. Pilot strafed groups at NUZEN and track junction 365116. Coastal track from RUA to SIALUM shows signs heavy use during last 24 hrs. The kunai on either side of track has been trampled down - this particularly noticeable in long kunai to NORTH of RUA.
2. RUA TO NANDA			Every depression or gully between these villages shows signs of activity. The small caves on terrace face have small tracks leading to them - these tracks vary from single footpad in some instances to a definite worn track in others. Pilot unable to observe what these caves contain. This sector is a narrow defile, only timber growth is in gullies. In vicinity of NANDA many signs of activity - heavy tracks and felled coconuts and scrub. No positions seen. Gardens at 437030 are dilapidated - tracks lead to them - could be occupied.
3. NUZEN			Continued signs of activity. Number of single footpads seen on kunai spurs between NANDA and NUZEN. These tracks lead inland towards the hills - from appearances these footmarks could be the result of a hasty disorganized withdrawal to the inland villages and tracks of BAKOA area. Similar footpads seen leading inland from KANOM 1 to inland area. Signs of activity along creek which runs WEST from 425059 - well kept gardens in vicinity of 410060. Gardens NORTH from creek 410060 to SIALUM appear all well kept.
4. SANGA RIV MOUTH			Apparent activity this area - tracks well used from river mouth up to terraces and gardens. Natural caves this area appear to be occupied - small mats and sticks lying around cave mouths.
5. TRACKS INLAND			No movement seen. Large patch of kunai flattened in vicinity SIALUM - KALASA track at 370064. All villages appear occupied - no natives seen - no JAPS seen.

*2/15 Bm notified Rtd 30/4/44*

Time and Signature..... *Phelan*  
 CAPT. A.L.O.

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PILOT'S REPORT

KEYBOARD

Map ref.....

Visibility..... 20 MILES

TIME

OBSERVATION.

1 FLANGA HARBOUR

1500 BARGE HIDE OUTS ~~1500~~ 122206

1520 MICH ACT SE. SCHARNHORST PT.  
SCHARNHORST PT.

1530 ACT 125194

1540 LOT OF SMOKE (WHITE), NO FLAME  
107217.

Sio

1600 MICH ACT AREA 160193.

Much activity SE SCHARNHORST PT  
and Sio Area.

*Area + Div  
notified*

ROLL

Rank and Name

*L. Stearns*

Squadron

Date

*30/1/43*

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PILOT'S REPORT

KEYBOARD

Map ref... SIALUM. 1/25,000  
Visibility.....

OBSERVATION

1530 2 Japs with packs seen heading N along track at 414 070. otherwise NMS on coastal track between BLUCHER PT + SIALUM.

1540 3 Japs seen in caves at 380 100. Much track activity in this Area.

1600 Much track activity to caves + other cover from 455 017 to NANDA. possible foxholes in gardens at 437 030

rec 30/6502

FLYER F/O PARTER  
Squadron #A TR  
Date 30 12 -43  
Bms notified [Signature]

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LOCATION..... APPARITION..... UNIT 4 AC SQN..... SORTIE No. 3. (9DIV)..... A/C No. - TYPE A46-151 A46-92..... DATE 30 DEC '43.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE TAC/R SIALUM - SIO FOR ENEMY ACTIVITY AND MOVEMENT.

REF. MAPS..... PHOTOMAPS	PILOT..... F/O SHERMAN	TIME UP..... 1425	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
	<del>OBSERVER</del> ..... F/O COLMER	TIME DOWN..... 1705	20 MILES	CLOUDS ON MOUNTAIN
		TOTAL..... 2 hrs 40 mins.		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
KELANOA HARBOUR PHOTOMAP			N.M.S. this area. At 125153 two round holes seen in kunai connected by a small track - holes estimated 150x apart. 122206 six shelters - native construction seen on NORTHERN bank of creek shelters overhung waters edge - possible stores hideout - difficult to observe in dense jungle. Sand bar across river mouth.
SCHARNHORST POINT PHOTOMAP	13 15		In vicinity of lagoons SQ 1314 much track activity - tracks seen in jungle between lagoon and coast and between lagoon and main coastal track. Tracks extend inland as far as jungle patch 116146 - they follow valleys. Numerous footprints across beach at river mouth 131174 - these tracks considered fresh. At 125194 much track activity in jungle.
SIO PHOTOMAP	17		<u>GNEISENAU POINT</u> :- A ladder is suspended over cliff face at 12951010. A single wire observed across river mouth from 12951010 to 130103. Coastal track where it crosses river mouth show signs heavy use. Column dense white smoke seen to rise from jungle approx 100x EAST of 12951010. Pilot unable to discern cause of fire. N.M.S. Numerous tracks on EAST bank of creek this area. The WEST bank of this creek rises almost sheer to a height of 800'.
			<u>NAMBARIWA</u> . In river two rusty drums 44 gallon size seen floating at 127138. No barges seen on river. N.M.S. Area continues to show signs of activity.
			<u>SIO LAGOON</u> . The jungle patch to the SOUTH has been extensively bombed-area has been opened up considerably and considered now to be deserted. Most of bomb craters contain water.
			<u>TELIATA POINT</u> . In coconuts in vicinity of 160193 two JAPS seen. Much activity in these coconuts - tracks very worn - pronounced.
			<i>As noted</i>

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MISCELLANEOUS.

W/D  
SUBJECT: Int Track infm.

HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde.

Ref: 1. 20/24/43

5 Dec 43.

9 Aust Div.

Ref 2 Aust Corps GSI 676 of 22 Nov 43.

The following comments are made on the map att:-

Note: This refers to a  
SATELBERG 1:25,000 2nd ed.  
map funded by Corps with  
additions + corrections shown in  
red.

1. SATELBERG area:  
Track from 530663 east to SATELBERG is jeepable.
2. PALANKO-GARABOK area:
  - (a) Track NW from GARABOK and then north to R SONG does not exist south of 563683.
  - (b) Track from GARABOK to 1800 ft feature comes to an end in garden marked KUNAI 557678.
  - (c) Track from 554773 to 564775 thought not to exist.
  - (d) Track north from GARABOK crosses river at 575680 and continues to south of creek 574682. A track from 576682 crosses R SONG at 577680 and proceeds east along south bank to 583678. At 582 easting a track leaves this track southwards to 583669 then west to track at 575667.
3. SIKI Creek:  
West of 58 easting in both its arms is as shown on SATELBERG sheet first edition. This renders it impossible to discuss the tracks as shown in this area.
4. KUNAWA area:  
Tracks north-south and east from 546630 does not exist. Track south from 541636 does not exist.
5. KAPIKA Track: (See trace Appx 'A')  
Track leading south to SATELBERG road between 60 and 61 eastings is not known.
6. SONG R area:  
Tracks from 595686 to 593671 and SUSPENSION bridge do not exist. Track from SUSPENSION bridge SW does exist. Track continues from 592679 to SUSPENSION bridge. From 592679 another track goes east to join tracks as shown. Track follows south bank of river from 609681 to 588685. From this pt one track crosses to 58756875 - no defined tracks further SW and south. Another track follows crest of ridge to kunai 583673. Two tracks lead from native huts 604675, one to 60106795, the other to 596677.
7. Track to NONGORA: (See trace previously submitted)  
Tracks shown on att map SW of tracks shown on trace do not exist with exception of those marked in green. Track SW from NONGORA is correct to 58 easting but does not cross creek. No tracks leading west or NE of this track have been reported. A track runs out NE from NONGORA.
8. Track to Village 570715: (See Appx 'B')  
Tracks leading SW and SE from 57206799 do not exist. No distinct tracks lead off north-south track except where shown. No tracks emanate from 57056875. From 57206896 is a steep climb, no track. Tracks leading SW from kunai 571679 do not exist; track leading NW is not known.
9. Track leading west from 57886970 does not exist.

10. Square 5866:

Tracks shown in black do not exist; nor does track shown in purple 583653 to 583659.

11. Square 5966:

Purple tracks shown in SW corner should join.

12. Square 5865:

(a) Tracks shown in black do not exist.

(b) Tip and NE arm of purple arrow are 150 yds too far north.

(c) Track shown in purple on north bank of SIKI R follows south bank from 5905 easting to 576 easting.

(d) Track runs from 58256572 to 584656.

13. Square 5765:

North-south track shown in black does not exist. Otherwise see para 3.

14. TARREKO-JIVEVARENG:

Track from 584543 to JIVEVARENG runs on southern-not northern-side of ridge.

*Signed*  
Lt-Col.  
Adj Comd, 20 Aust. Inf Bde.

Comd seen  
Bn seen

(1) *[Signature]*

5 15/8/71

SECRET

Copy No. 8....  
3 Dec 43.

24 Aust Inf Bde O.O. No. 18.

Ref maps 1:25000 series

*[Signature]*

INFM

1. Enemy (a) 4 Bde is in contact with the enemy in the area NORTH of GUSIKA and SOUTH of Lagoon.  
(b) See latest sitreps and summaries.
2. Own Tps (a) 4 Bde is to commence adv along coast on D day which is NOT before 4 Dec 43.  
(b) The following tps are in sp 24 Bde  
1 Tp C Sqn 1 Aust Tk Bn  
24 Fd Bty  
Pl C coy PIB (in conj with 20 Bde)  
(c) The following tp are under comd 24 Bde  
C coy 2/2 MG Bn  
Det 9 Div Pro Coy
3. Boundaries Bndy between 24 and 20 Aust Inf Bdes all incl 24 Bde to junc 578717 creek at 585708 to R SONG thence excl R SONG to sea.

INTENTION

4. 24 Aust Inf Bde will capture hill 1800 whilst holding present area.

METHOD

5. Assaulting Tps 2/32 Bn less two coys with under comd  
Two coys 2/43 Bn  
One Tp C Sqn Tks  
70 native porters
6. Areas of Responsibility
  - (a) Right - 2/28 Bn from sea to incl PABU  
Centre - 2/43 Bn from excl PABU to incl kunai patch 595717.  
Left - 2/32 Bn excl kunai patch 595717 to incl HILL 1800 579718
  - (b) Rear bndy fwd lns 705 northing grid.
7. NORTH HILL area Two coys 2/32 Bn come under direct op comd HQ 24 Bde for defence of NORTH HILL - PINO HILL area and will be responsible for patrolling within Bde area SOUTH of fwd bn rear bndys.

8. Start Time As arranged by 2/32 Bn earliest possible on 4 Dec 43.

9. Arty One FOO with 2/32 Bn  
One OPC with 2/28 Bn on PABU

ADM

10. Rations One FOR and two emergency on man
11. Amn On man as arranged by 2/32 Bn
12. Carriers 70 native porters to be under comd 2/32 Bn for carriage of sups ect fwd.

INTERCOMM

- 13. Bde HQ is est on NORTH HILL.
- 14. Normal L/T and W/T with Bns.
- 15. ACK. ✓ *Deu.*

*9/7/70*

*P. J. B. Mita*

Issued through Sigs and L.O.  
Time of Signature *Brookes*

Maj.  
B.M. 24 Aust Inf Bde.

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2/32 Aust Inf Bn	2
2/43 Aust Inf Bn	3
Tp Tks	4
24 Fd Bty	5
C coy 2/2 MG Bn	6
9 Aust Div	7
20 Aust Inf Bde	8
Comd	9
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<b>TO</b>	<i>22 29/16 37/15 bus CTA 5/16 Fed Regt 2/7 Fed Coy</i>
<b>FROM</b>	<i>4 lde</i>
Originator's Number	<i>0138</i>
Date	<i>10</i>
In Reply to Number	

<i>SECRET</i>	<i>OO no 5</i>	<i>INFEM</i>
<i>20</i>	<i>inf</i>	<i>lde</i>
<i>responsibility both incl</i>	<i>620750</i>	<i>to garden</i>
<i>605753</i>	<i>INTENTION</i>	<i>no</i>
<i>METHOD</i>	<i>29/16</i>	<i>with</i>
<i>up</i>	<i>two</i>	<i>copy</i>
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<i>to</i>	<i>and</i>	<i>with</i>	<i>MG</i>
<i>one</i>	<i>pl</i>	<i>and</i>	<i>general</i>
<i>will</i>	<i>occupy</i>	<i>and</i>	<i>patrol</i>
<i>603753</i>	<i>to</i>	<i>607757</i>	

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<b>CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS</b>	IN	No. of Groups <b>GR.</b>	OFFICE DATE STAMP
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<b>TO</b>		<b>Originator's Number</b>		<b>Date</b>		<b>In Reply to Number</b>	
<b>FROM</b>							
mouth	and	NW	for	suitable	crossings		
over	SOUT	RIVER	⊙	23	but		
remains	in	all	no	and	responsible		
for	area	from	line	excl	60750		
to	each	gardens	605753	mouth	to		
Town	R	⊙	9 pl	PIB	will		
patrol	back	area	588747	and	report		

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TO *Rptd 20 Aust Inf Bde*

FROM *4 Aust Inf Bde*

Originator's Number *0142*

Date *11*

In Reply to Number

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<i>Secret</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>Confirming</i>	<i>verbal</i>	<i>order</i>	5
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<i>INFM</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>Aust</i>	<i>Inf</i>	15
<i>Bde</i>	<i>are</i>	<i>responsible</i>	<i>for</i>	<i>area</i>	20
<i>north</i>	<i>to</i>	<i>TUNOM</i>	<i>River</i>	<i>0</i>	25
<i>INTENTION</i>	<i>no</i>	<i>change</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>METHOD</i>	30
<i>0</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>bn</i>	<i>with</i>	<i>in</i>	35
<i>sp</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>th</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>sqn</i>	40
<i>tk</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>pls</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>Coy</i>	45
<i>MMG's</i>	<i>will</i>	<i>advance</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>Dec</i>	50
<i>along</i>	<i>coast</i>	<i>to</i>	<i>include</i>	<i>LAKONA</i>	55
<i>0</i>	<i>37/52</i>	<i>bn</i>	<i>well</i>	<i>retain</i>	60
<i>control</i>	<i>tracks</i>	<i>approx</i>	<i>607758</i>	<i>and</i>	65
<i>603763</i>	<i>patrol</i>	<i>for</i>	<i>crossings</i>	<i>over</i>	70
<i>SOWI</i>	<i>River</i>	<i>and</i>	<i>keep</i>	<i>two</i>	75
<i>coys</i>	<i>at</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>mins</i>	<i>notice</i>	80
<i>0</i>	<i>29/46</i>	<i>Bn</i>	<i>with</i>	<i>in</i>	85
<i>sp</i>	<i>th/atk</i>	<i>pl</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>bn</i>	90
<i>will</i>	<i>defend</i>	<i>beachhead</i>	<i>from</i>	<i>610777</i>	95
<i>to</i>	<i>incl</i>	<i>TUNOM</i>	<i>River</i>	<i>bn</i>	100
<i>relief</i>	<i>by</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>Bde</i>	<i>0</i>	105
<i>PIB</i>	<i>patrol</i>	<i>to</i>	<i>tracks</i>	<i>area</i>	110
<i>588747</i>	<i>and</i>	<i>report</i>	<i>enemy</i>	<i>movt.</i>	115
<i>all</i>	<i>informed</i>				120
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HQ RAA 9 AUST DIV 617 639

HQ 2/12 AUST FD REGT )  
1 Fd Sec 3 AUST SVY BTY ) 614 665  
DET MOB MET FLIGHT RAAF )

HQ 23 Aust Fd Bty 618 668  
"A" Tp 621 672  
"B" Tp 619 674

HQ 24 Aust Fd Bty 626 658  
"C" Tp 624 655  
"D" Tp 615 658

HQ 62 Aust Fd Bty 614 657  
"E" Tp 618 654  
"F" Tp 617 664

HQ 2/6 AUST FD REGT 617 668

HQ 11 Aust Fd Bty 610 631  
"A" Tp 614 651  
"B" Tp 611 635

HQ 12 Aust Fd Bty 602 667  
"C" Tp 604 667  
"D" Tp 601 668

HQ 56 Aust Fd Bty 615 677  
"E" Tp 615 680  
"F" Tp 614 678

HQ 2/11 AUST TK A BTY 631 628

HQ "I" Tp 632 628	HQ "J" Tp 621 559	HQ "K" Tp 621 642
No 1 gun 614 628	No 1 gun 621 559	No 1 gun 628 660
No 2 gun 614 627	No 2 gun 623 560	No 2 gun 628 661
No 3 gun 632 628	No 3 gun 637 554	No 3 gun 621 642
No 4 gun 632 627	No 4 gun 637 554	No 4 gun 620 641
No 5 gun 638 605		No 5 gun 617 638
No 6 gun 639 603		No 6 gun 616 637

HQ "L" Tp 622 677	HQ "X" Tp 651 570	HQ "Y" Tp 640 599
No 1 gun 623 679	No 1 gun 651 570	No 1 gun 640 599
No 2 gun 622 677	No 2 gun 651 569	No 2 gun 641 599
No 3 gun 622 675	No 3 gun 644 568	No 3 gun 650 602
No 4 gun 622 672	No 4 gun 641 569	No 4 gun 648 598
No 5 gun 621 671		
No 6 gun 620 669		

HQ 2/4 AUST LT AA REGT/...

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HQ 2/4 AUST LT AA REGT 631 606

HQ 10 Aust Lt AA Bty 618 675

HQ "A" Tp	621 675	HQ "B" Tp	612 665
No 1 gun	606 669	No 1 gun	621 674
No 2 gun	600 669	No 2 gun	612 653
No 3 gun	604 667	No 3 gun	613 664
No 4 gun	620 674	No 4 gun	616 657
No 5 gun	622 678	No 5 gun	610 659
No 6 gun	613 680	No 6 gun	603 660
O.P.	622 690		

HQ 12 Aust Lt AA Bty 634 607

HQ "A" Tp	608 629	HQ "B" Tp	642 586
No 1 gun	631 618	No 1 gun	644 596
No 2 gun	632 610	No 2 gun	629 594
No 3 gun	630 628	No 3 gun	635 592
No 4 gun	611 633	No 4 gun	635 588
No 5 gun	600 628	No 5 gun	637 582
No 6 gun	608 629	No 6 gun	644 587

HQ 2/3 Aust Lt AA Bty 608 547

HQ "A" Tp	638 536	HQ "B" Tp	643 569
No 1 gun	643 542	No 1 gun	643 568
No 2 gun	633 548	No 2 gun	636 576
No 3 gun	638 537	No 3 gun	616 563
HQ "C" Tp	622 542	HQ "D" Tp	647 595
No 1 gun	619 554	No 1 gun	650 602
No 2 gun	621 542	No 2 gun	652 594
No 3 gun	610 547	No 3 gun	647 594

HQ "M" AUST HY BTY 638 583

2 AUST MTN BTY (less one sec) 611 656

2/1 AUST COMP. AA REGT Adv HQ 631 606

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1 Fd Sec 3 AUST SVY BTY  
2/1 AUST COMP. AA REGT  
9 AUST DIV  
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HQ 2/6 AUST FD REGT

HQ 56 Aust Fd Bty 586 303  
"E" Tp 587 800  
"F" Tp 585 803

2/12 AUST FD REGT

23 Aust Fd Bty  
"A" Tp 600 788  
"B" Tp 593 788

HQ 2 AUST MTN BTY 616 681

HQ 2/3 AUST LT AA BTY (Airborne) 587 798

HQ "A" Tp 607 778 HQ "B" Tp 614 764  
A 1 597 736 B 1 614 761  
A 2 593 786 B 2 611 763  
A 3 604 781 B 3 608 767

HQ "C" Tp 593 791 "D" Tp - To move to HUBIKA  
C 1 590 793 area.  
C 2 583 802  
C 3 586 800

2/4 AUST LT AA REGT

10 Aust Lt AA Bty  
B 4 625 733  
B 5 618 732  
B 6 624 736

2/11 AUST TK A BTY

Delete :- 1 x 6 pr ) 622 548  
1 x 2 pr )  
1 x 6 pr ) 616 644  
1 x 2 pr ) (Awaiting movement)

Add :- 1 x 2 pr ) 584 805  
1 x 6 pr )  
1 x 2 pr ) 583 814  
1 x 6 pr )

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HQ 2/12 AUST FD REGT	607 655
HQ 23 Aust Fd Bty	596 788
"A" Tp	598 787
"B" Tp	586 791
1 FD SEC 3 AUST SVY BTY	607 655
No 9 DET MOB MET FLIGHT RAAF	607 655
HQ 2 AUST MTN BTY	616 668

2/1 AUST COMP AA REGT

HQ 2/2 Aust Lt AA Bty	612 601		
HQ "A" Tp	629 587	HQ "B" Tp	622 592
A 1	619 569	B 7	609 594
A 2	627 562	B 8	619 595
A 3	629 586	B 9	612 609
A 4	633 567	B 10	619 579
A 5	633 587	B 11	623 588
A 6	631 594	B 12	622 592
HQ 84 Aust A.A.S.L. Bty	610 602		
S 3 light	614 633		
S 5 light	617 600		
S 6 light	627 565		

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HQ RAA 9 Aust Div	608 780
HQ 2/6 Aust Fd Regt	608 784
HQ 11 Aust Fd Bty	616 764
A Tp	614 768
B Tp	614 767
HQ 12 Aust Fd Bty	612 773
C Tp	611 773
D Tp	608 769
HQ 56 Aust Fd Bty	623 734
E Tp	623 735
F Tp	622 735
HQ 2/12 Aust Fd Regt	614 665
HQ 23 Aust Fd Bty (under cmd 2/6 Aust Fd Regt)	To be notified when in action
A Tp	do
B Tp	do
HQ 24 Aust Fd Bty	614 681
C Tp	614 681
D Tp	622 680
HQ 62 Aust Fd Bty	604 667
E Tp	604 667
F Tp	601 668
1 Fd Sec 3 Aust Svy Bty	614 665
HQ 5 Aust Svy Bty	618 722
No 9 Det Mob Met Flight RAAF	614 665
2 Aust Mtn Bty (less one section)	611 656
HQ "M" Aust Hy Bty	618 578
No 1 gun	618 576
No 2 gun	618 577
HQ 2/11 Aust Tk A Bty	613 768
1 x 6-pr)	
1 x 2-pr)	608 777
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1 x 2-pr)	609 775
1 x 6-pr	
	612 773
1 x 2-pr	615 768



1 x 6-pr)		616 763	
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1 x 6-pr)		626 734	
1 x 2-pr)			
3 x 6-pr)		623 678	
3 x 2-pr)		to 622 672	
1 x 6-pr)		629 660	
1 x 2-pr)			
2 x 6-pr		617 638	
1 x 6-pr)		619 597	
1 x 2-pr)			
1 x 6-pr)		631 594	
1 x 2-pr)			
1 x 6-pr)		633 563	
1 x 2-pr)			
1 x 6-pr)		622 548	
1 x 2-pr)			
1 x 6-pr)		616 644	
1 x 2-pr)		(awaiting movement)	
HQ 2/1 Aust Comp AA Regt		613 600	
HQ 2/4 Aust Hy AA Bty		611 600	
H 1 gun site		623 574	
H 2 gun site		610 616	
2/2 Aust Lt AA Bty		To be notified when in action	
84 Aust SL Bty		To be notified when in action	
HQ 2/4 Aust Lt AA Regt		612 596	
HQ 10 Aust Lt AA Bty		621 674	
HQ A Tp	621 674	HQ B Tp	614 664
No 1 gun	607 669	No 1 gun	622 675
No 2 gun	601 669	No 2 gun	623 689
No 3 gun	605 668	No 3 gun	620 682
No 4 gun	620 674	No 4 gun	616 657
No 5 gun	623 678	No 5 gun	610 659
No 6 gun	614 679	No 6 gun	603 660
HQ 12 Aust Lt AA Bty		615 599	
HQ A Tp	608 630	HQ B Tp	622 581
No 1 gun	612 611	No 1 gun	625 589
No 2 gun	613 602	No 2 gun	610 586
No 3 gun	611 620	No 3 gun	616 584
No 4 gun	611 634	No 4 gun	617 582
No 5 gun	599 628	No 5 gun	620 576
No 6 gun	608 630	No 6 gun	625 579
HQ 2/3 Aust Lt AA Bty (Airborne)		613 767	
HQ A Tp	609 774	HQ B Tp	614 764
No 1 gun	609 773	No 1 gun	614 761
No 2 gun	607 776	No 2 gun	611 763
No 3 gun	601 781	No 3 gun	608 768

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HQ C Tp	593	539
No 1 gun	604	548
No 2 gun	605	536
No 3 gun	595	540

HQ D Tp	624	737
No 1 gun	625	733
No 2 gun	618	732
No 3 gun	624	736

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2/4 AUST LT AA REGT	7
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1 FD SEC 3 AUST SVY BTY	9
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22 Dec 43.

20 AUST INF BDE GENERAL STAFF INSTRUCTION NO 1.

1. General.

During this campaign, this brigade has received a number of reinforcements who, in the past, have not been disciplined to the standard set by the brigade. It is therefore important that strict supervision is maintained to prevent any laxity in battle drill which may tend to assert itself.

2. March Discipline.

From recent observations by the Brigade Commander, march discipline generally is not good and is to be improved.

In many cases troops tend to straggle in rear of their platoons causing the whole column to become disorganised. This is directly due to the lack of control by the platoon commander. In several instances no platoon NCOs were in rear of their platoons to assist in the supervision of march discipline. Lack of control by platoon commanders when troops are moving off from halts is most marked. Troops must be always in position on the road with equipment on ready to move at the required time.

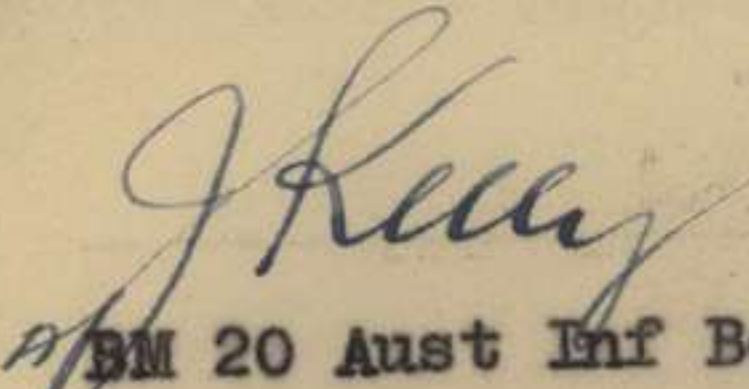
3. Hygiene.

During the advance of the brigade south of the MASAWENG R, many of the areas occupied by our troops were unhygienic due to the failure of troops who had occupied the areas previously to observe the rules of hygiene. To assist in safeguarding the health of our own troops, and those moving in rear of us, we must, at all times, ensure that there is no laxity in these rules and the principles of hygiene must be observed at all times, especially on the march, halts and battle areas.

4. Water.

The lack of water north of the MASAWENG R calls for the strictest supervision of water discipline by all commanders.

All possible steps are being taken to cope with the situation, and the close co-operation of all units is required in this matter.

  
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GEN SIR THOMAS BLAMEY GBE, KCB, CMG, DSO, Commander Allied Land Forces in SW PACIFIC AREA and Commander-in-Chief, Australian Military Forces, on leaving the forward area of 9 Aust Div which he visited on 21, 22 and 23 Dec, asked Commander 9 Aust Div to convey the following message :-

" Please express to all officers, WOs, NCOs and other ranks of 9 Aust Div, 4 Aust Inf Bde, 532 Regt 2 ESB, 2/4 Aust Cav (Commando) Sqn, 1 Aust Tk Bn, 2/6 Aust Fd Regt, 2/1 Aust Comp AA Regt, 11 Aust Tk A Bty, 1 and 3 Pls 2/1 Aust Mech Eqpt Coy, 2/2 Aust MG Bn, 2/3 Aust Pnr Bn, A and C Coys PIB and all other units and services under command 9 Aust Div, my congratulations on the great successes of their operations during recent months against the enemy in jungle clad and difficult mountainous country, which were achieved by the excellent co-operation with the Infantry of Artillery, Tanks, Engineers and Cavalry, and the great work of the Medical, Supply, Transportation and other services.

That these great results were achieved at such light cost in casualties shows a high standard of leadership and tactical skill as well as the bravery of all troops engaged. Troops who have had their first opportunity in battle have proved themselves worthy of the best Australian traditions. The enemy you have been fighting has been soundly and severely defeated and routed. Though much hard fighting and hard work still lie ahead we can all look forward to the future with confidence.

I send you all Christmas Greetings and wish you the very best of luck in the future".

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9 AUST DIV O O No. 23

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Ref maps 1/25,000 series.

INTENTION

1. . 9 Aust Div will adv along the coast to an ultimate objective to be notified later.

METHOD

- 2. The adv will be by phases.
- 3. In each phase the adv will be regulated by :
  - (a) Establishment of sup beachheads
  - or
  - (b) Failing these for any reason, sup by land along the coast.
- 4. (a) The leading bde will capture beachheads in succession as it advances and will protect each one in use by disposns of its fwd tps. Throughout the adv a beachhead in rear will be maintained until a fwd one is established.
  - (b) When the employment of more than one bde becomes necessary, the rear bde may be maintained from either the rear or fwd beachhead.
- 5. Phase One will comprise completion of capture of line BONGA - WAREO - SATELBERG, the holding of that line and the capture of FORTIFICATION HILL 58 82, 57 82, 56 82.

PHASE I

6. Fwd Tps

- (a) 4 Aust Inf Bde with -
  - under comd : C Sqn 1 Aust Army Tk Bn less 11 tks (total 7 tks)
  - A Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn
  - 9 Pl C Coy PIB
  - Two dets AASC - for beach duties
  - Two beach control parties, 532 Regt 2 ESB
  - One amphibious scout party, 532 Regt 2 ESB
  - 4 Aust Fd Amb (less one coy)
  - Det 2/8 Fd Amb
  - Det 9 Aust Div Pro Coy
  - Det ANGAU

and in sp initially :

- 2/6 Aust Fd Regt
- 2/7 Aust Fd Coy

will adv by coastal route in accordance with paras 3 and 4 above and capture FORTIFICATION HILL.

- (b) Assembly posn - area south and SW of BONGA.
- (c) The adv will commence on a D day, not before 4 Dec 43 and to be notified by HQ 9 Aust Div.

7. 24 and 26 Aust Inf Bdes will continue present tasks until the line BONGA - HILL 1200 579 718 - WAREO has been captured, when -

- (a) Bndy between 24 and 26 Aust Inf Bdes will become all incl to 24 Aust Inf Bde :
  - track junc 588 747 - track junc 576 719 - NONGORA - creek
  - and river junc 587 687,

7. (Continued)

- (b) Ground to be held by 24 Aust Inf Bde will incl area BONGA - EXCHANGE 616 723, NORTH HILL and HILL 1800 579 713.
- (c) Ground to be held by 26 Aust Inf Bde will incl high ground feature in 56 72 and WAREO and SATELBERG features.
- (d) 24 and 26 Aust Inf Bdes will be responsible for organising the def of their sectors against possible enemy attacks or penetration, will patrol all tracks leading into their sectors and on all approaches which are likely lines of enemy attack will establish standing patrols in depth and backed by local reserves.  
In addition, 26 Aust Inf Bde will prevent enemy movement on north south track through MARARUO.

8. (a) On D day 20 Aust Inf Bde will come into div res in area SCARLET BEACH - kunai spur through 510 663 - NONGORA and will have one bn and Adv HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde at 2 hrs notice and remainder of bde at 6 hrs notice to move.
- (b) Until notified 20 Aust Inf Bde will continue present tasks and operate with fighting patrols on north - south track through NONGORA.

9. RAA will sp the ops. Initial allotment as at present.

10. RAE will continue present tasks and in addition 2/7 Aust Fd Coy will be in sp 4 Aust Inf Bde for development of comms and beaches and co-operation with tks.

11. C Sqn 1 Aust Army Tpk Bn : Allotment :

C Sqn less 11 tks under comd 4 Aust Inf Bde

Rear C Sqn (11 tks) :-

One tp in sp 24 Aust Inf Bde  
One tp in sp 26 Aust Inf Bde  
Rear C Sqn, less two tps. in div res (five tks)

12. MG -

(a) 2/2 Aust MG Bn less two coys, with under comd LOB 26 Aust Inf Bde and LOB 2/5 Aust Par Bn, will protect SATELBERG RD south and east of excl SATELBERG and protect sup dump at KUMAWA.

(b) A Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn under comd 4 Aust Inf Bde.

(c) C Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn under comd 24 Aust Inf Bde.

13. PIB - tasks in accordance with orders already issued.

14. Malaria

(a) Attention is drawn to 9 Aust Div GSI No. 15.

(b) Least possible quartering subject to tactical requirements will be done in areas KAMLAGIDU LAGOON and LAKES 59 71 until treated.

(c) Special preparation will be made for the early and continued provision fwd of the amount of anti-malaria stores required for treatment of the large number of enemy staging areas which will be encountered.

ADM

15. See 9 Aust Div Adm Order No. 5.

URGENT

16 Main L/T trunk will follow 4 Aust Inf Bde.

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9 AUST DIV ADM INST NO 17.

MAINTENANCE - 9 AUST DIV

Ref maps 1/25000 series

1. GENERAL

Consequent upon recent op mvts the supply system of 9 Aust Div is adjusted in accordance with following paras.

2. SUPPLY INSTALLATIONS

3. ALLOTMENT OF UNITS TO INSTALLATIONS

4. RESERVES TO BE MAINTAINED

5. INSTRUCTIONS TO CLOSE INSTALLATIONS

6. RESPONSIBILITY OF FINCHHAVEN BASE SUB AREA TO SUPPLY CERTAIN UNITS

vide appx "A"

7. FORWARD SUPPLY BASE - COASTAL ROUTE

(a) "COCONUT" Beach will be developed as a fwd div base. Reserves in accordance with appx "A".

(b) Supply to units adjacent to beaches fwd of "COCONUT" will be by barge direct from Base installations under arrangements by "Q" 9 Aust Div. Reserves in COCONUT will be held for use if sea conditions are adverse.

(c) Beaches fwd of COCONUT will not be built up to more than three days sups and amm unless otherwise requested by fwd bde comd. These beaches will be operated and controlled by fwd bde or bdes. Two AASC dets and two Beach Control dets 532 Regt are allotted fwd bde for this purpose. Fwd bde or bdes are responsible for providing labour and beach protection for beaches in their area until relieved by this HQ.

8. UNIT RESERVES

(a) Units will NOT hold more than one day res of sups unless authorised by this HQ.

(b) Unit res of amm will be as required by comd units, confirmed by this HQ.

(c) Res held by units will be moved by units in event of change of location.

9. PROTECTION OF RESERVES

(a) Units or dets responsible for manning sup etc dumps will take all precautions to ensure that adequate protection from weather is provided for perishable items.

(b) Amm will be stacked on timber to clear the ground, covered from weather with air space between cover and top of stack, and not allowed to be open to direct sunlight.

(c) Provision will be made to ensure that amm such as MOR and 25 pr chargers, which particularly are subject to deterioration in this climate, are checked before issue to units.

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10. AASC PERSONNEL WITH BRIGADES

- (a) CASC 9 Aust Div will allot sufficient AASC pers to control receipts and issues in bde dumps where they are formed. For this purpose sup beach heads for bdes fwd of COCONUT are considered bde dumps.
- (b) Sup Depot Pl now under comd 26 Aust Inf Bde will be withdrawn when new sup route to 26 Aust Inf Bde via BONGA - WARRECO track is functioning completely.

11. AASC ASSISTANCE FOR BASE SUB AREA

By mutual arrangements between CASC 9 Aust Div and comd WINGHAVEN Base Sub Area, CASC will assist Base Sub Area by allotting pers where possible and required.

12. ORDNANCE

- (a) "Adv ADOS dump" is located at "COCONUT" 615763. Res of weapons and warlike stores will be held at this dump and issued only on authority of ADOS 9 Aust Div.  
This dump will serve as a transit/for stores addressed to units N of "COCONUT".  
area
- (b) "ADOS dump" is located at HELDSBACH 615649. Small res of weapons and warlike stores will be carried but its primary function will be a transit point between 44 FOD and units S of "COCONUT".
- (c) All losses and receipts of controlled stores will be signalled to "Q" 9 Aust Div rptd ADOS 9 Aust Div who will authorise release from most convenient depot or dump.
- (d) Indents for non-controlled stores will be checked and approved by BOWO's, Div troops Conductor or in the case of units or dets S of the SONG-River by sgt COX at ADOS Dump.  
ADOS will pass approved indents to 44 FOD by fastest means available. Units will endorse indents "ADOS Dump" or "Adv ADOS Dump" whichever is the more convenient point for collection by units or BOWO's.
- (e) Ferry service will be used as much as possible for mvt of ord stores by sea. If quantities require additional craft arrangements will be made with "Q" 9 Aust Div.

13. AEEME

- (a) CAEME will arrange with comd Base Sub Area to establish a wk/shop in SCARLET Beach area.  
This wk/shop will repair vehs of Base Sub Area as well as carrying out normal wkshops function of 9 Aust Div.
- (b) A lt sec wk/shops will be established in each of GUSIKA and COCONUT areas.
- (c) By arrangements with comd Base Sub Area a VRP will be established in Base Area. CAEME will allot one LAD to control. Normal evacuation procedure and accountancy will be enforced.
- (d) Vehs other than U/S not required, or not of correct type for present ops, will be transferred to VRP.
- (e) Vehs requiring repairs beyond capacity of local wk/shops will be evacuated to BUNA as opportunity offers.
- (f) LADs will move fwd with units to which they are att ONLY when the recovery posn warrants it. The lt sec wk/shops at GUSIKA and COCONUT should be capable of fulfilling all the required functions of rec and repair in their respective areas.

14. CANTEENS

Div canteen office will establish canteen sup points at GUSIKA and COCONUT. Units south of river SONG will draw from Bulk Canteen Store.

15. MEDICAL

- (a) Malaria Control )
- (b) Water ) vide instns previously issued.
- (c) Hygiene )
- (d) Fwd Medical installation  
As arranged by ADMS 9 Aust Div.
- (e) 2/2 Aust CCS at HELDSBACH
- (f) 2/3 Aust CCS at SIMBANG. This CCS will be moved to HELDSBACH as soon as possible.

16. PROVOST

- (a) DAPM will submit a plan for control of div beaches and traffic control within div area.
- (b) Sec Pro loaned to Base Sub Area will be left as long as possible providing sufficient pro pers remain to efficiently carry out div requirements.
- (c) For this purpose div area is all north of river SONG.

17. SALVAGE

- (a) 9 Aust Div Salv Unit will be based on GUSIKA with dets working fwd as required.
- (b) CC salv unit will make arrangements direct with Base Sub Area for evacuations.

18. POSTAL

OC 9 Aust Div Postal Unit will submit a plan for reception and delivery of mail, and locations required for use of Div Postal Unit.

19. ACK.

Signed at 1100 hrs

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SUPPLY ORGANISATION - 9 AUST DIV

Ser No (a)	INSTALLATION (b)	LOCATION (c)	STOCKS TO BE CARRIED				9 AUST DIV UNITS TO DRAW (h)	REMARKS (j)
			SWPA Rations (d)	Expense Stores (e)	POL (f)	DISTILLATE (g)		
1	DID	HELDSBACH	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)	Units south of River SONG	(a) As arranged by Base Sub Area. Units on LANGEMARK BAY will be supplied by arrangements Base Sub Area
2	DID	SATLEBERG (b)	20,000 500 fd op: rations	4 weeks for 700	264 gals	-	Units based on SATLEBERG	(b) CASC 9 Aust Div will maintain a det at SATLEBERG DID. Base Sub Area will take over replenishment by mutual arrangements with CASC 9 Aust Div. (c) To be cleared by CASC 9 Aust Div.
3	DID	JIVIVANENG	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)		(d) To be cleared by mutual arrangements CASC 9 Aust Div and Base Sub Area. Until cleared units in vicinity will draw from this DID. Thence as Ser No 1. CASC 9 Aust Div to notify all concerned when change-over is required.
4	DID	SCARLET BEACH	(d)	(d)	(d)	(d)		(e) To be closed. While stocks remain units now drawing will continue. Thence from GUSIKA DID. CASC 9 Aust Div to notify all concerned when change-over is required.
5	DID	NORTH POINT	(e)	(e)	(e)	(e)		(f) To be cleared as soon as possible by CASC 9 Aust Div. This HQ to be advised as soon as clear and protective det withdraw.
6	DUMP	KUMANA (f)	-	-	-	-		
7	DUMP	NONGORA (f)	-	-	-	-		
8	DID	GUSIKA BEACH (g)	35,000	1 week for 5000	1000 gls	500 gls	Units on BONGA - WAPREO track. North of river SONG and south of 75 northing	(g) Sup Depot P1 with 26 Aust Inf Bde will revert to comd CASC 9 Aust Div on a date to be notified. CASC will detail a det AASC to assist 26 Aust Inf Bde if required after Sup Depot P1 reverts to comd.
9	FSD	COCONUT BEACH (h)	100,000 2000 fd op: rations	2 weeks for 7000	3000 gls	1000 gls	Units north of 75 Northing	(h) Units in vicinity COCONUT beach will draw from DID to be established adjacent to FSD. Requirements of units on beaches fwd of COCONUT will be drawn from local DIDs as arranged by "Q" 9 Aust Div.

NOTE: If a beach suitable for development of a main div base is found fwd of COCONUT it is probable that the fwd beach will be developed. In the meantime 50% of reserves named in S No 9 will be placed in COCONUT.

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PROFORMA MESSAGE FORM

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SIGS : 2/2 MG BN : 2/3 PNR BN : A COY PIB : 532 REGT 2 ESB : COMD :  
G : AQ : REAR HQ 9 DIV : AASC : MEDICAL : ORD : BMB : WD (2)

FROM: ADV 9 AUST DIV 0 858 20

SECRET (.) OO number 24 (.) ref my OC 23 (.) INTENTION (.) NO change (.)  
METHOD (.) paras 2, 3 and 4 of OO 23 apply (.) PHASE TWO (.) phase two will  
comprise the holding of area GUSIKA - LANGEMAK BAY - WAREO and the capture  
of line coast at 5288 - spur 1000 in 5286 (.) on 21 dec 20 bde with under  
comd B coy 2/2 MG bn two dets AASC for beach duties and in sp A tk sqn less  
two tps fd arty as shown below 2/3 fd coy 5 pl PIB 2/8 fd amb two beach  
control parties and one amph scout 532 regt will adv by coastal route and  
capture line coast at 520880 to spur 1000 in 5286 (.) 24 and 26 bdes will  
continue present tasks (.) 4 bde will be in immediate div res for the  
coastal adv and will protect its own left flank and the rear of 20 bde (.)  
RAA (.) 2/6 regt with under comd 23 bty 12 fd regt will sp 20 and 4 bdes  
with three and one bty respectively (.) 24 bty in sp 24 bde (.) 32 bty in  
sp 26 bde (.) LOB 20 bde and carr coy pass to comd 4 bde in present area (.)  
det two 37mm guns and 50 calibre MGS ESB comes under comd 4 bde at KILIGIA  
20 dec (.) 20 and 4 bdes will continue to observe orders in 9 div 0749 and  
0751 regarding patrols left flank protection and beach def (.) malaria (.)  
9 div GSI 15 applies (.) special preparation will be made for early and  
continued treatment of former JAP staging areas (.) ADM (.) separately

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INFORMATION

1. Enemy

Jap forces in the FINSCHHAFEN area have suffered a major defeat and are retiring beyond R MASAWENG to the west and NW along the coast of HUON PENINSULA.

Although FINSCHHAFEN has been relieved from an immediate threat from land attack it is possible that the enemy may make a combined naval and military attack from seaward or attack by small landborne or airborne forces.

2. Own Tps

9 Aust Div and att tps less formations and div tps remaining in area GUSIKA - LANGEMAK BAY - WAREO are pursuing the enemy along the coast.

INTENTION

3. That part of 9 Aust Div remaining in the area GUSIKA - LANGEMAK BAY - WAREO will hold that area.

METHOD

4. (a) 24 Aust Inf Bde with

under comd, initially, 2/4 Cav (Commando) Sqn  
2/2 Aust MG Bn, comprising 2/2 Aust MG  
Pn less three coys with under comd -  
LOB 24 Aust Inf Bde  
LOB 26 Aust Inf Bde  
LOB 2/4 Cav (Commando) Sqn  
C Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn

and in sp, initially, 2/12 Aust Fd Regt less one bty  
2/7 Aust Fd Coy  
C Sqn 1 Aust Tk Bn with under comd two  
tps A Sqn

will hold the area GUSIKA - LANGEMAK BAY - WAREO.

(b) Ground to be held will incl GUSIKA, area EXCHANGE - PABU, CHRISTMAS HILL 579718, 2200 feature which runs through square 5672, WAREO feature, BAZULUO feature, SATELBERG feature.

(c) 2/2 Aust MG Bn and att tps will be employed in def GUSIKA beach-head.

(d) 2/4 Cav (Commando) Sqn will be employed for deep recce and protection to NW and west of BAZULUO.

(e) SATELBERG will be held with not less than one coy.

5. The def of the area against possible enemy attack or penetration will be based on:-

(a) Holding the ground shown in sub-para 4 (b) above.

(b) Maintaining constant and deep patrols along all routes leading into the area GUSIKA - WAREO - SATELBERG from the north, NW and west.



- (c) Establishing on all approaches which are likely lines of enemy attack standing patrols in depth and backed by local reserves.
- (d) Maintaining in res in general area NORTH HILL - SCARLET BEACH one inf bn and not less than three tk tps incl two tps A Sqn 1 Aust Tk Bn for def of SCARLET BEACH and prepared to operate anywhere in area GUSIKA - LANGEMAK BAY - WAREO.

6. RAA

CRA 9 Aust Div will with

2/12 Aust Fd Regt Gp, comprising initially :-  
2/12 Aust Fd Regt less 2/23 Aust Fd Bty  
2 Aust Mtn Bty  
M Aust Hy Bty  
2/1 Aust Comp AA Regt  
2/4 Aust Lt AA Regt less dets

- (a) Sp the def of the area GUSIKA - LANGEMAK BAY - WAREO with fd arty.
- (b) Furnish arty coastal def of LANGEMAK BAY - FINSCHHAFEN.
- (c) Provide AA def in priority for -
  - Area FINSCH HARBOUR
  - Area HELDSBACH JETTY
  - Fd gun areas.
- (d) Provide in accordance with separate orders, coast watching and challenging organisation in the area, also Tk A gun posts for beach def between both incl GUSIKA and LANGEMAK BAY.

7. RAE

CRA 9 Aust Div will continue with present tasks and comd the following units in the area, initially :-

2/7 Aust Fd Coy  
2/24 Aust Fd Pk Coy  
2/72 Aust LAD  
One pl 2/1 Aust Mech Eqpt Coy  
Stores Pl 2/23 Aust Corps Fd Pk Coy

8. Comd

- (a) Comd 9 Aust Div will have his HQ with that part of 9 Aust Div advancing along the coast.
- (b) Comd 9 Aust Div remains generally responsible for the conduct of both the coastal adv and the protective ops in area GUSIKA - LANGEMAK BAY - WAREO but in case of imminent or actual attack on that area Brig S W H K PORTER or, in his absence, the senior combatant officer there will assume responsibility for the military def of the area subject to any directions from HQ 9 Aust Div.

9. Planning

Brig S W H K PORTER will prepare and record plans for exercising his comd without delay when necessary.

ADM

10. Adm orders issued from time to time by HQ 9 Aust Div will apply.

INTERCOMN

11. The facilities of BONGA Sig Centre and HQ 24 Aust Inf Bde will be combined in the event of ops in the area GUSIKA - LANGEMAK BAY - WAREO.

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and  
deep  
approaches  
infiltration  
be

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TO

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FROM

Originator's Number

Date

In Reply to Number

established in	depths and	backed by		
local reserves	①	THREE	①	20
hole will	continue the	coastal adv		
and capture	line	R. SANBA	from	in
south to	371108	①	20	hole
will no	control its	adv		that
at fwd 4 kps	can	at	all	times

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Originator's Number

Date

In Reply to Number

FROM

be	covered	by	adequate arty	sp
for	20	bole	will	responsible
be	beach	def	in	its sector
move	four	26	bole	will
bole	in	immediate div	res	will
	close	in	that	20
	protect	play	of	bole

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Originator's Number

Date

In Reply to Number

and	to	own	left	flank	and
with	in	patrols	supported	by	PIB
control	that	part	of	the	inland
tracks	between	KALASA	and	ZAGRAHEMI	
which	lie	to	the	west	and
NW	of	the	base	of	southern
coastal	responsibility			26	base

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*wireless*

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**Originator's Number**

**Date**

**In Reply to Number**

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KANOMI	one	Ⓢ	26	be	will
be	responsib	for	beach	def	in
its	sites	Ⓢ	at	each	beach
defended an	off		will	be	appointed
or	cond	of	defences	a	mob
res	will	be	maintained		

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In Reply to Number

and	coast	watching	and	challenging
stars	will	be	established	and
adjacent	dump	and	installations	will
be	incl	in	the	defences
to	coy	2/13	Prns	on
be	employed	at	WALINGAI	ANCHORAGE
will	provide		labours	there

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Originator's Number

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DEC. '43.

FIELD RETURNS.



# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Army Form W.3008  
(Adapted) (Page 1)  
(Revised Jan., 1943)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 4 / 12 / 1943 (Unit)

(TROPICAL ZONE) W.E. 11 / 2 / 3 OFFRS. 18 O.R's 92 + OFFRS. 0 O.R's ATT. BY W.E.

(Serial No.)

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

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.							
NR	1		-	* BRIGADIER *												
NR	1		2	Lieut.-Colonels												
NR	2		7	Majors												
NR	3		3	Captains												
				Lieutenants												
				Quarter-masters												
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.												
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.												
NR	7		11													
				DETAIL	A.I.P.	C.M.P.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.P.	**	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.		"A" CLASS										
				E.(1)												11
				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.
H-13029	T/CAPT	WINDGUY H J	LOB	2.12.43.	

### OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
H-132875	CAPT	BRYSON A V	2/11 H D S	30.12.43.	SICK

## 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).







20 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 4 12/194 3**

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				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				Riveters			
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				Signallers				Tailors			
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				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)	2	2	-	Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners							
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics											
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)											
Fitters				Driver-Operator											
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers											
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians											
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors				MT ORDERLIES	9	6	NR
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers				MT DRIVERS	2	5	NR
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	6	6		WATER DUT.	1	2	NR
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply				HYG DUTY'S	1	2	NR
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical				BATHEN	13	9	NR
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	4	4		Coach Trimmers				SIG ORD'S	6	2	4
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors				GEN DUTIES	5	2	NR
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks				AAGC	2	1	NR
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies				AASC	4	1	NR
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals				AIME	3	2	NR
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.				AANC	1	1	NR
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics				AAGC	3	5	NR
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tpin. Plant				AACD	3	2	NR
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.							
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers							
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assis.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD				Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	69	*	49
	2	2	*			6	6				22	22			

NOTES.—(a) If rank other than private is involved give details on back.  
(b) Authorised trades or specialists not included in list will be added as required in spaces provided.  
(c) Where A.W.A.S. and/or A.A.M.W.S. personnel are desired show details on back.  
(d) Where replacement not desired note accordingly on return by insertion of N.R. in col. "Reints. Required."  
(e) Where any request or notation is made on back of form, the words "See Back" should be written in one of the blank spaces on this page.

6-12-43  
Date of Despatch  
A.W. Form W.3009

*[Signature]*  
Signature of Commander  
A. G. 20 Aust. Inf. Bde.



# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

(Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 21 / 12 / 1943 HQ 20 ABST  
INF 210 (Unit)  
(TROPICAL SCALE)  
W.E. 2 / 2 / 3 OFFRS. 33 O.R's 49 + OFFRS.    O.R's    ATT. BY W.E.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10					
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.									
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.					
BR	1		-	BRIGADIER *										
				Lieut.-Colonels										
BR	1		1	Majors										
BR	2		2	Captains										
BR	3		3	Lieutenants										
				Quarter-masters										
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.										
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.										
BR	7		33											
				DETAIL	A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
				A.										
				E.(1)		"A" CLASS								33
				E.(2)										

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in pars. 10 of instructions for compilation 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).

13 20 AUST INF BDE Unit

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 11 / 12 / 1943 (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.
Major	83328	WILSON	B V	BM	YES		
CAPT	835146	HAMILTON	H M	SC	"		
"	836156	JONES	H G	SCL	"		
"	8370449	WATERS	A J	MASCO	"		
V/CAPT	8329407	HELSBACH	G F J	IO 1	"		
"	8313029	WINSLOW	H J	IO	"		
"	8321195	MAURIN	D W B	IO	"		
GRAP	8312138	HOMIGINS	A J		NO	PARRIS-2/13 BM 19.11.42.	
LIEUT	83949	MORISON	W G	IO 11	YES		
"	8370770	WELSH	B W	IO 11	"		
V/LIEUT	8329475	FATHECH	H B	AO	"		

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.
LT-COL	8312221	SIMPSON H W	2/17th	14.11.43.	AIN COMD VICE BRIG
CAPT	836157	WINDLEY H G	9 DIV	21.9.43.	WINDEYER BVAC SICK

13-12-43  
Date of Despatch

*H. Jensen*  
Signature of Commander  
D. L. 40 Aust. Inf. Bde.

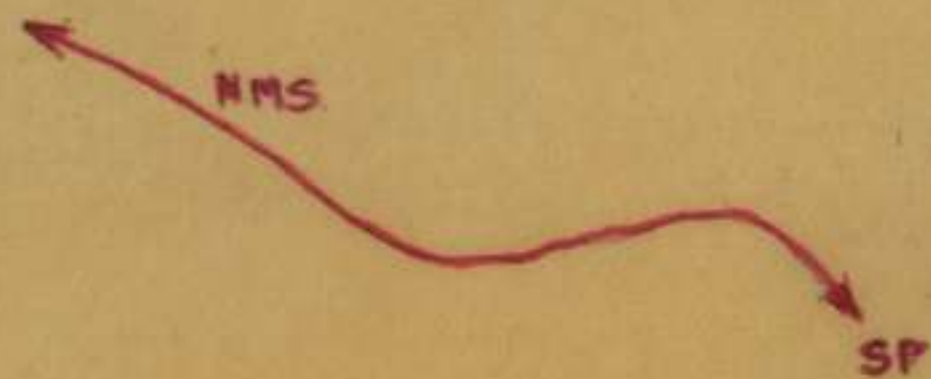
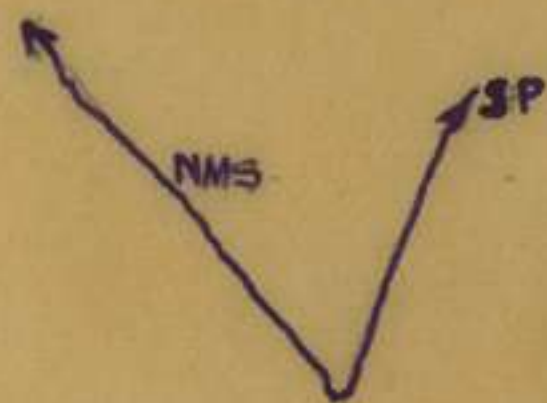






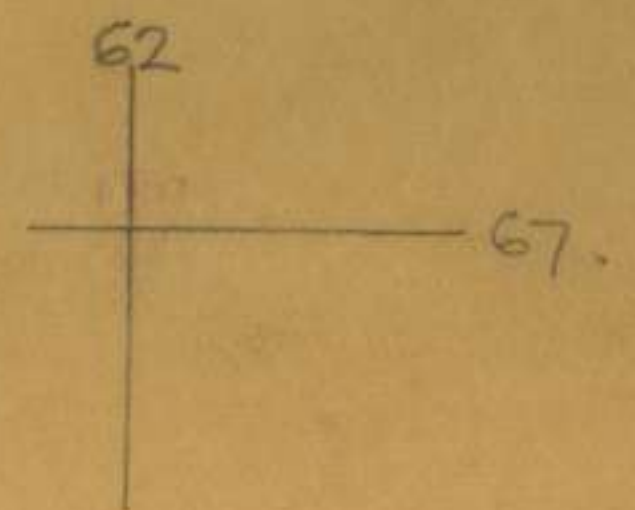


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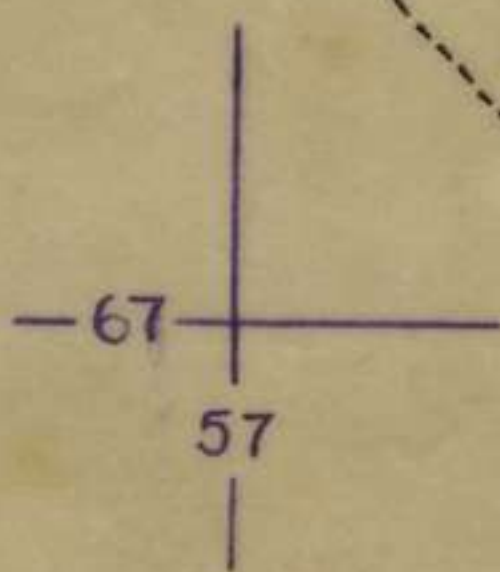
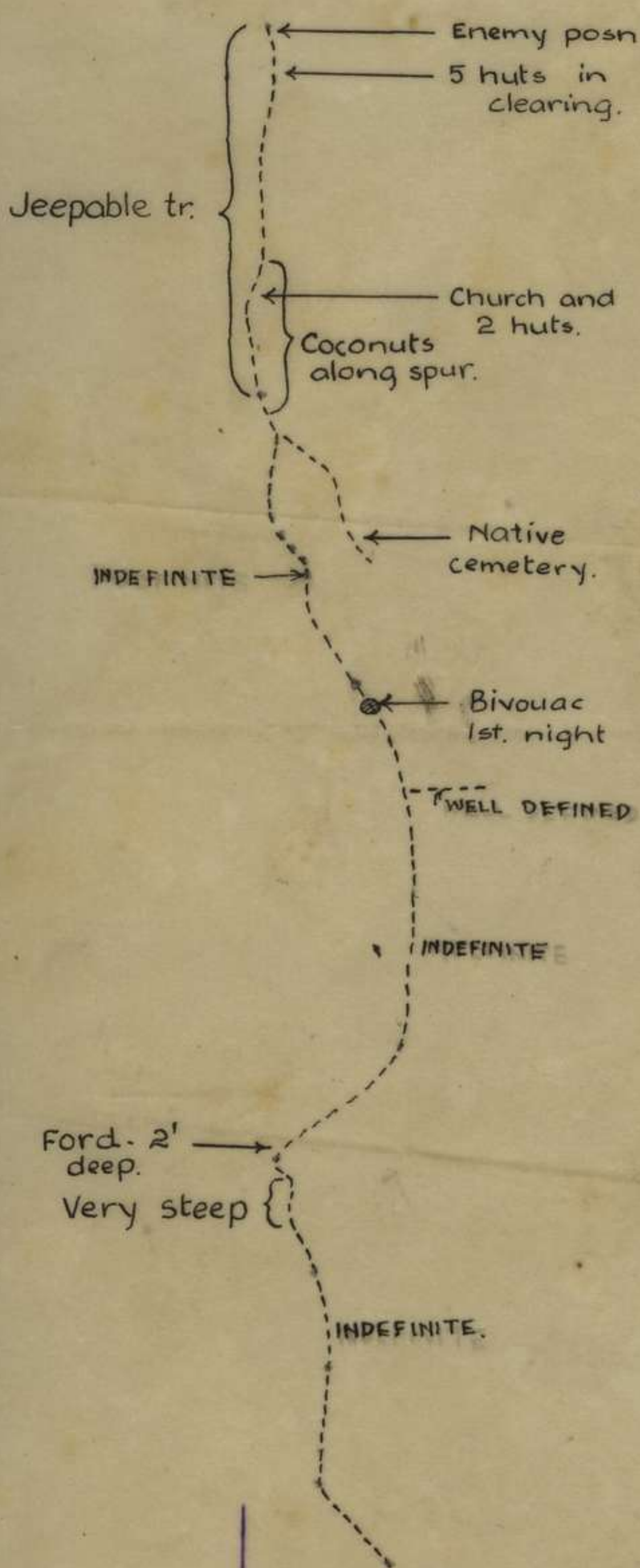


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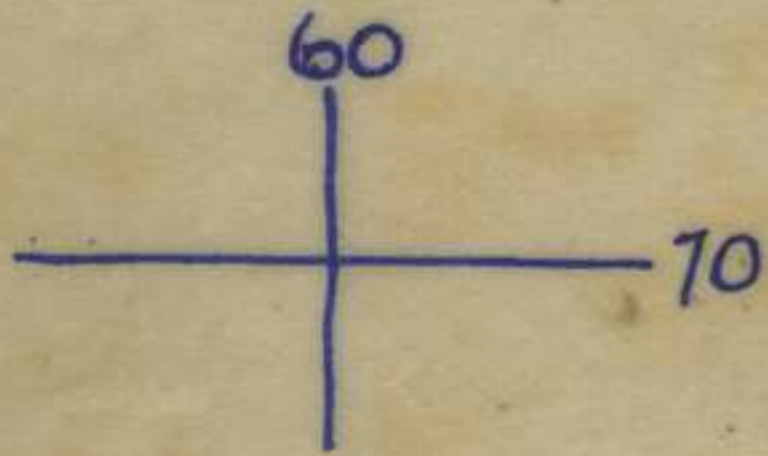
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 Patrol.  
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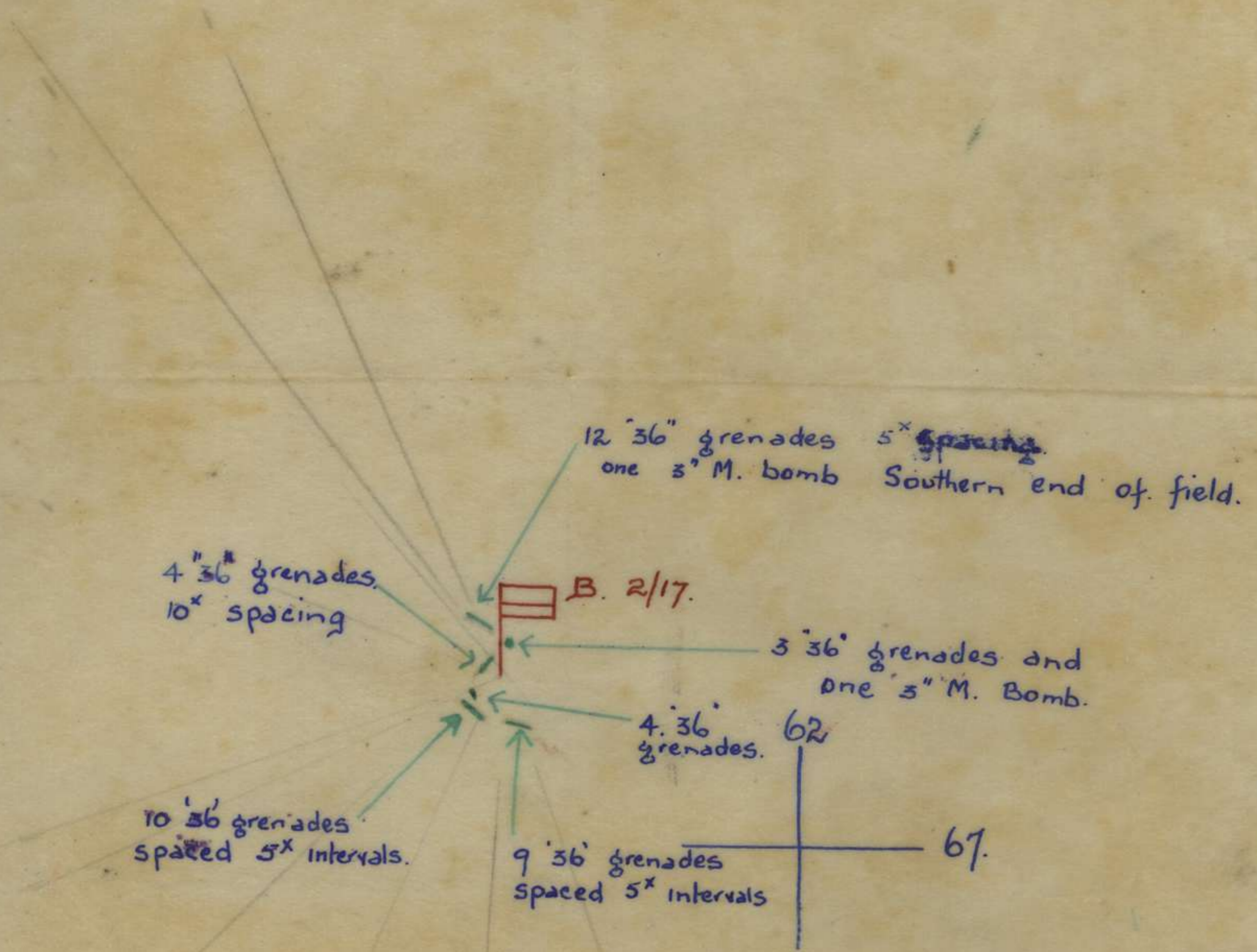
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B. Coy. Area. 2/17. Bn.

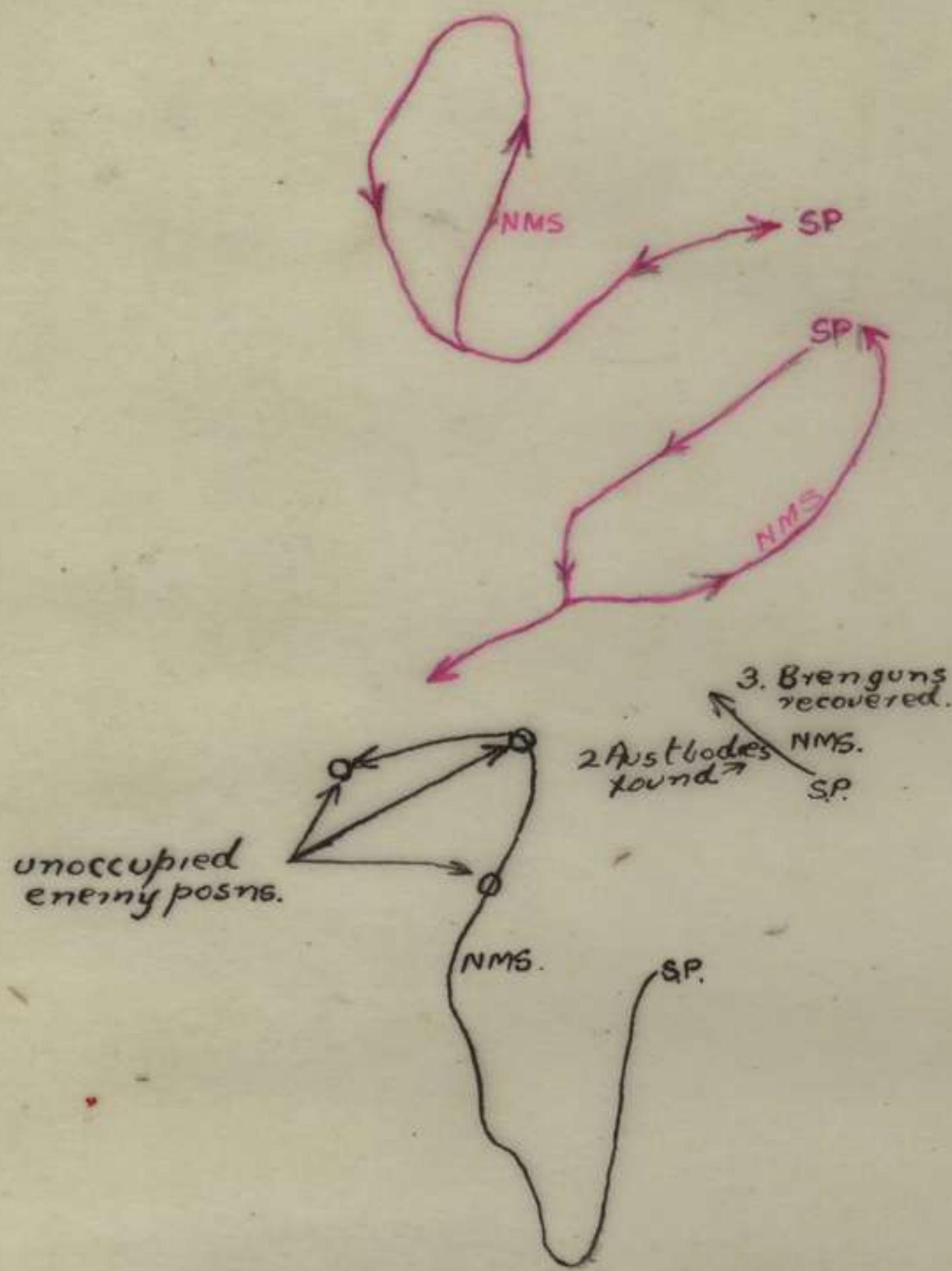
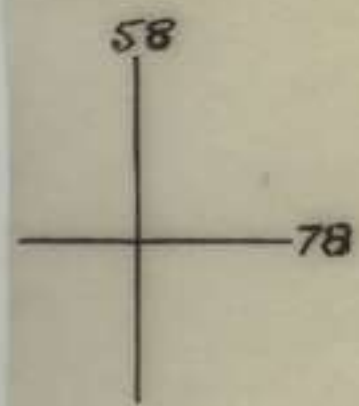


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Fields laid. 3 Dec. 43.

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Int. Sec.  
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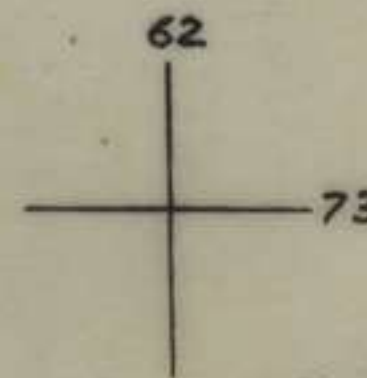
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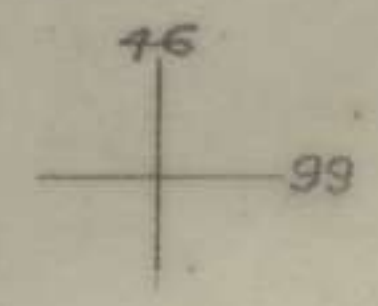
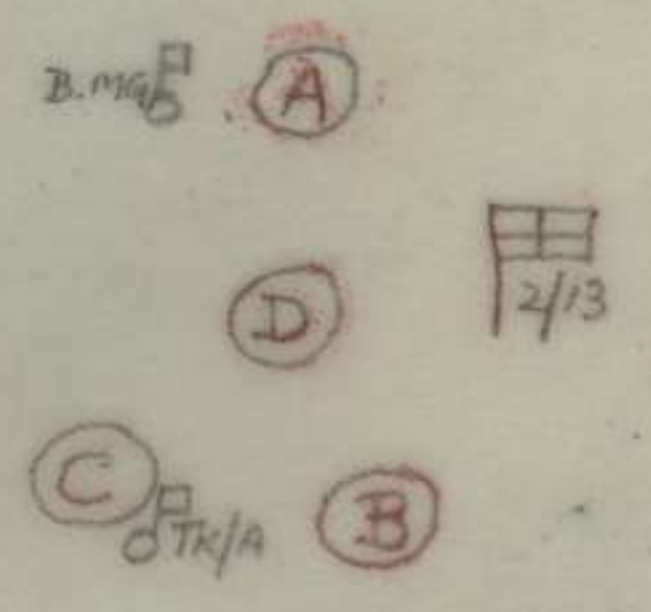
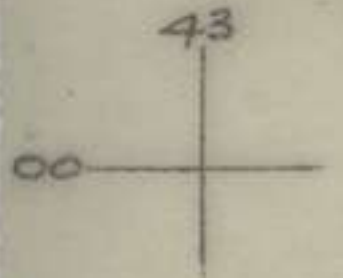
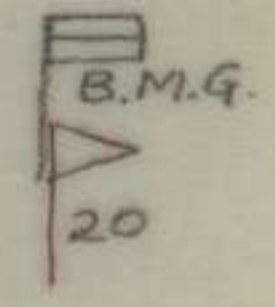
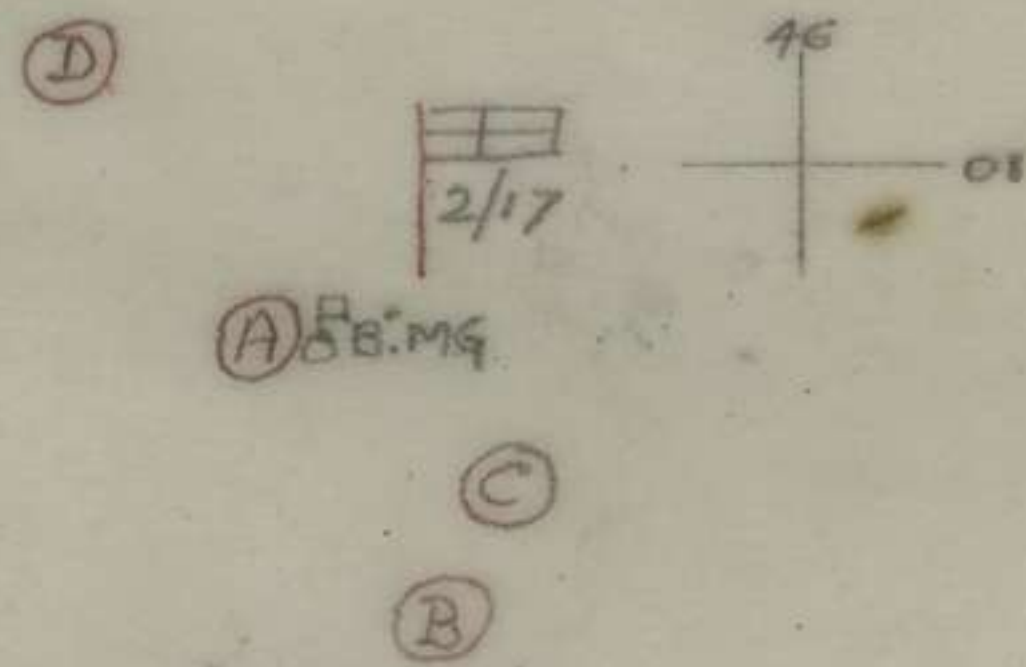
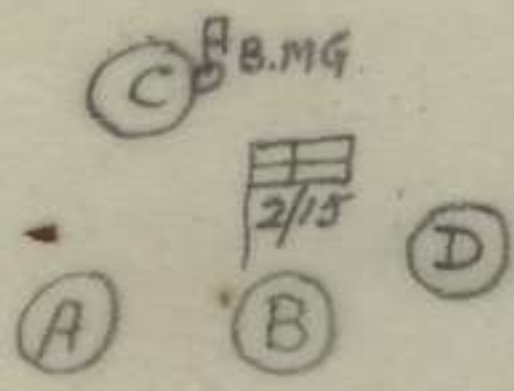
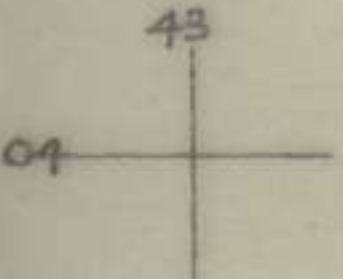
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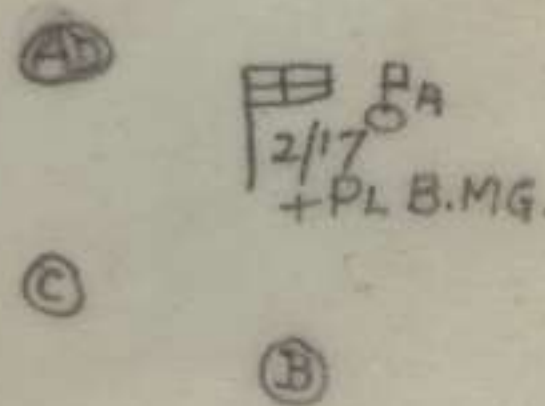
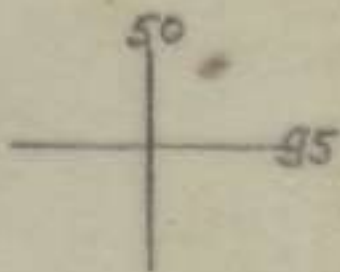
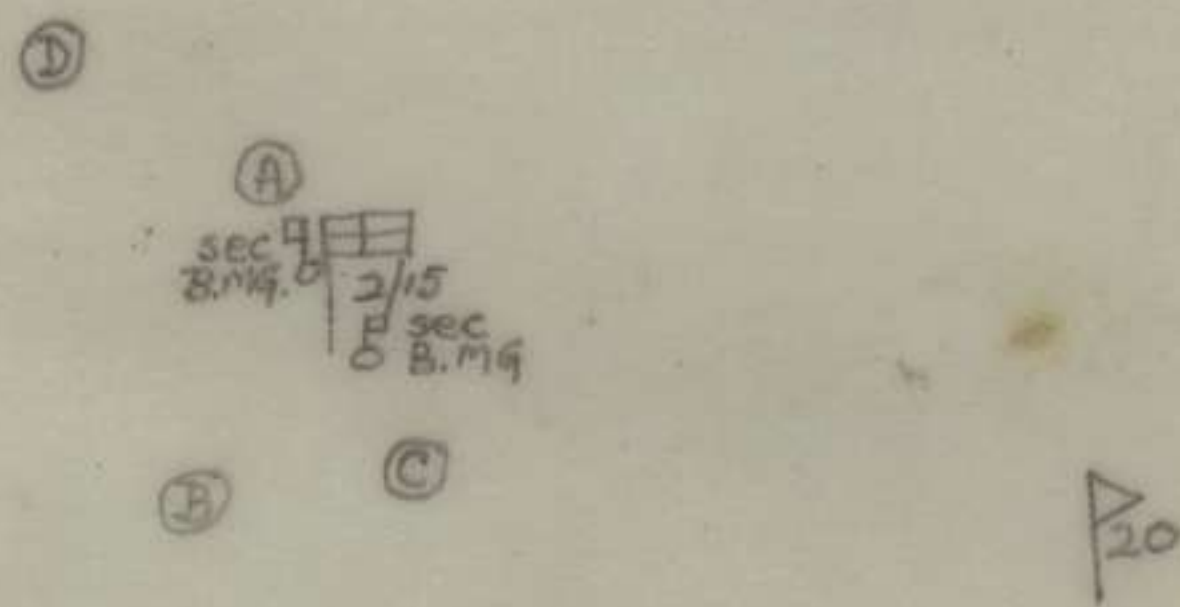
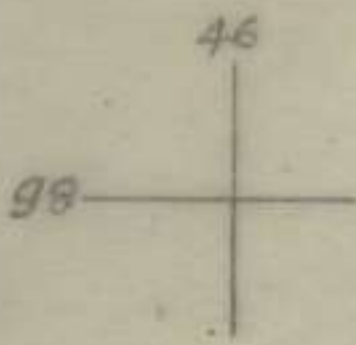
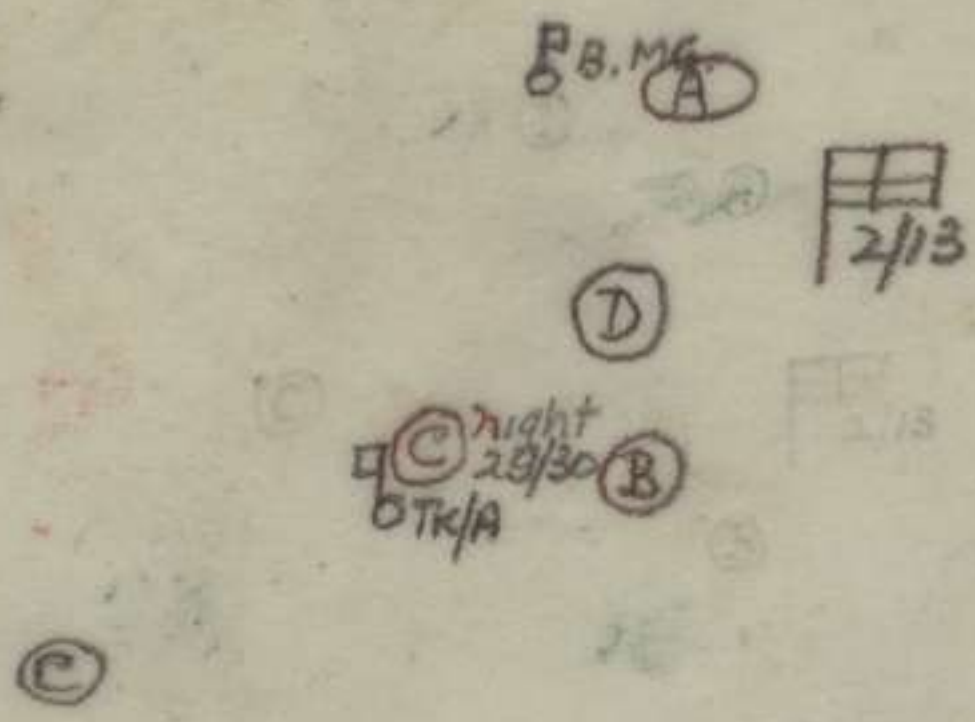
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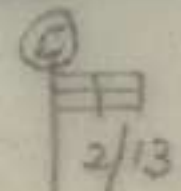


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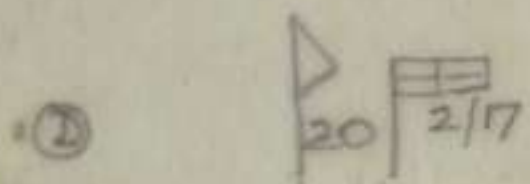
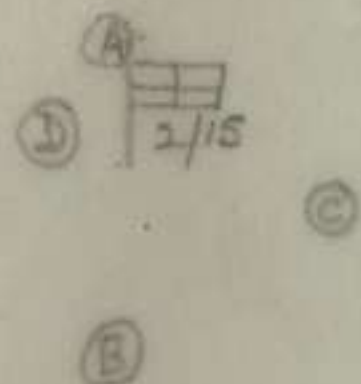
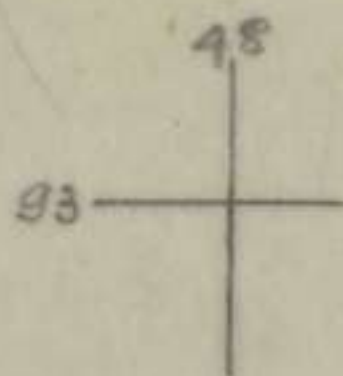


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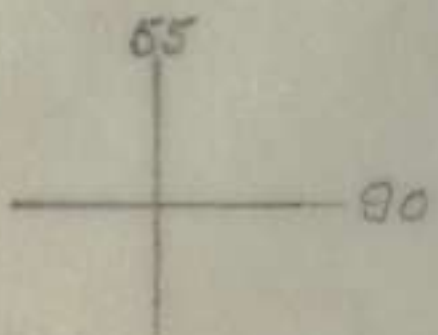


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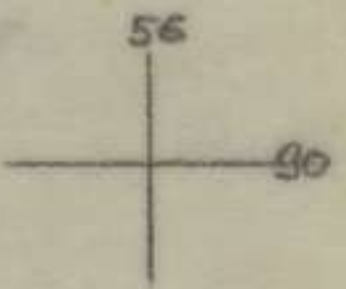
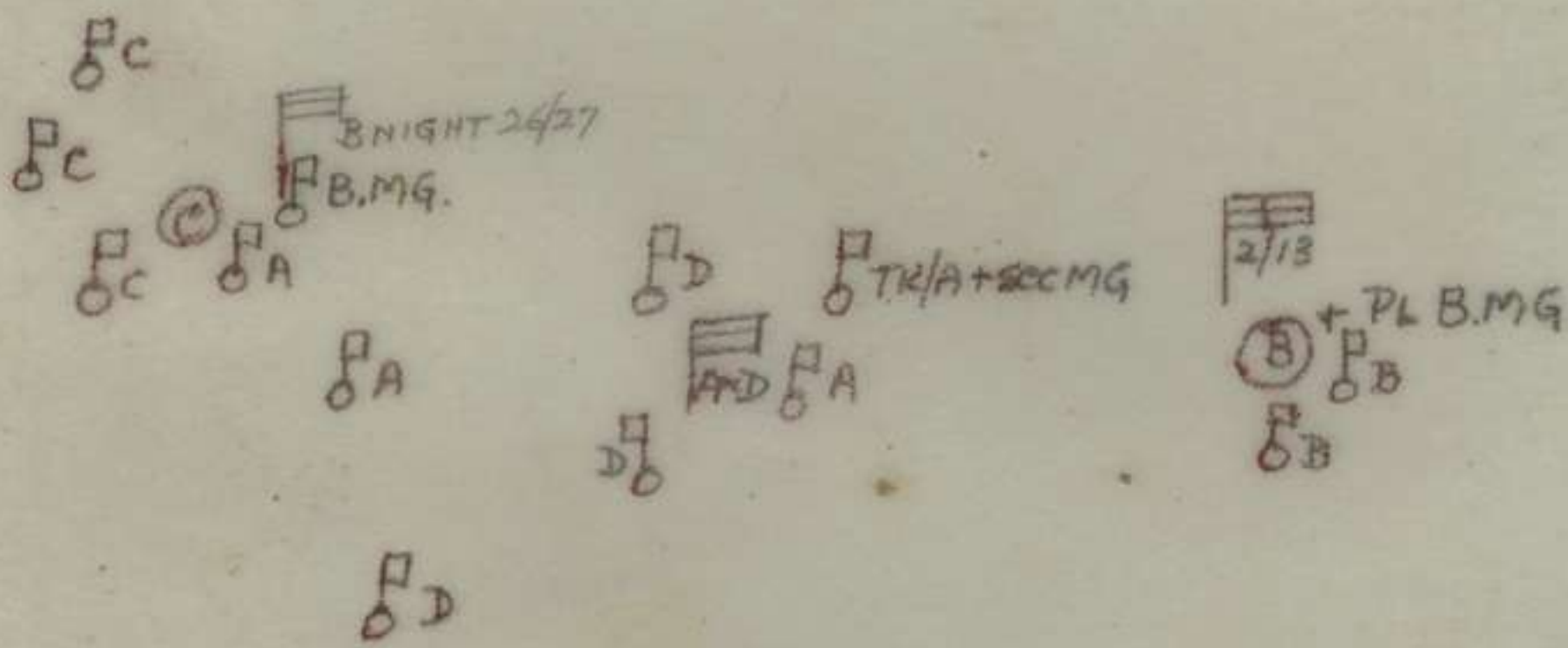
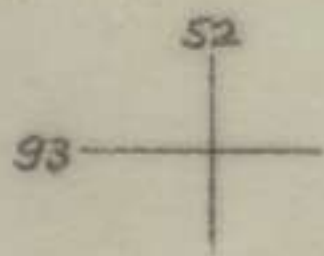
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Northern Sector

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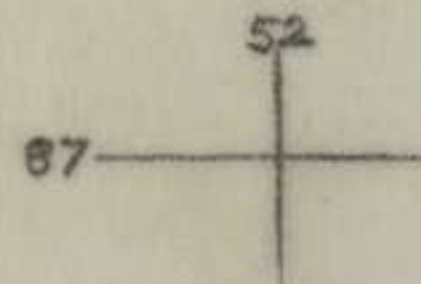


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Southern Sector

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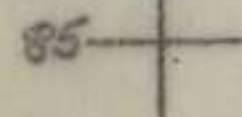
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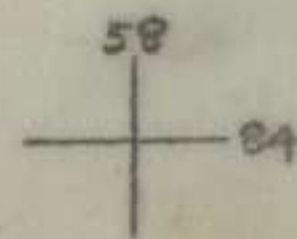
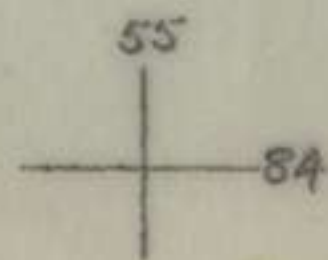
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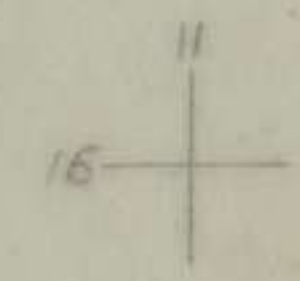
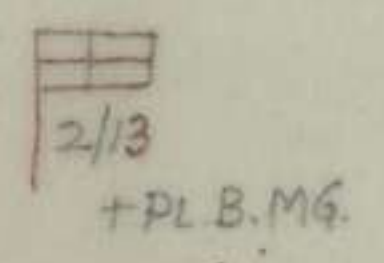
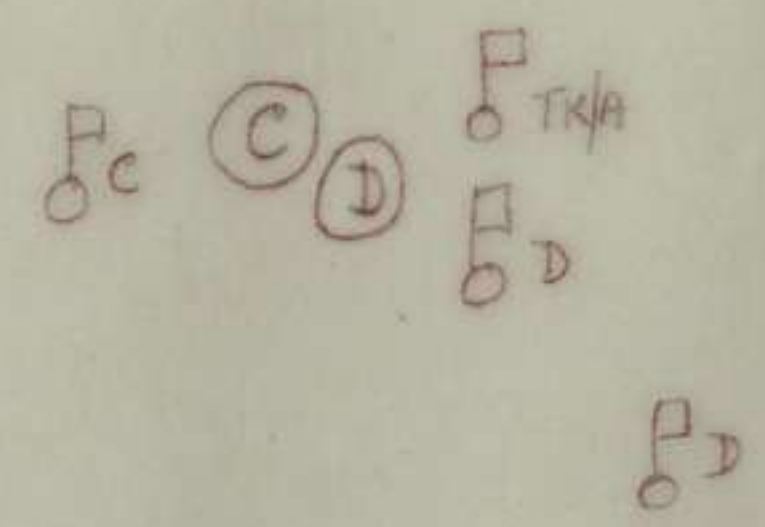
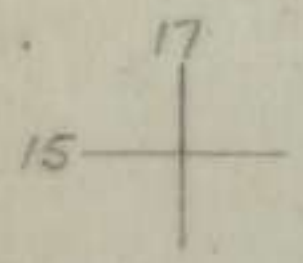


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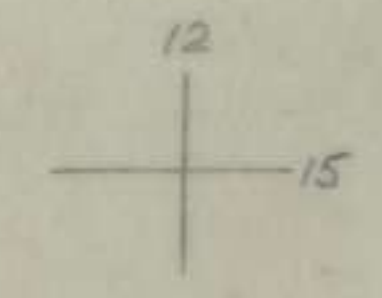
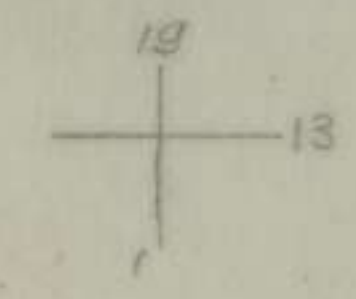
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Ref. Maps. HUBIKA & AGO PHOTOMAPS.



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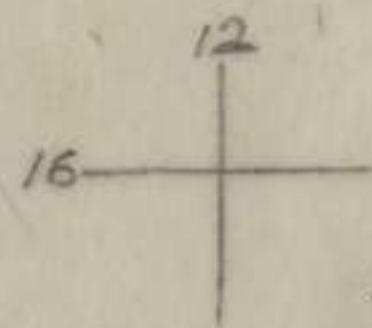
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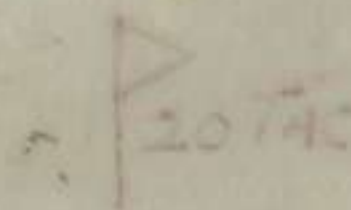
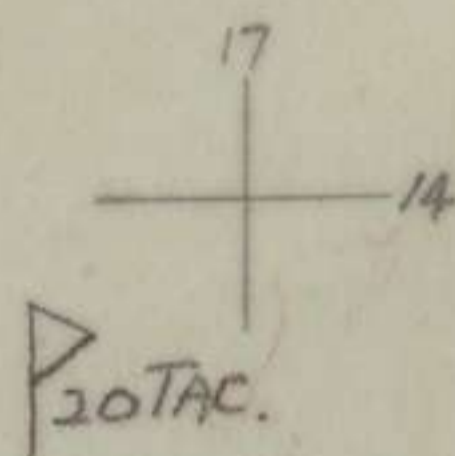
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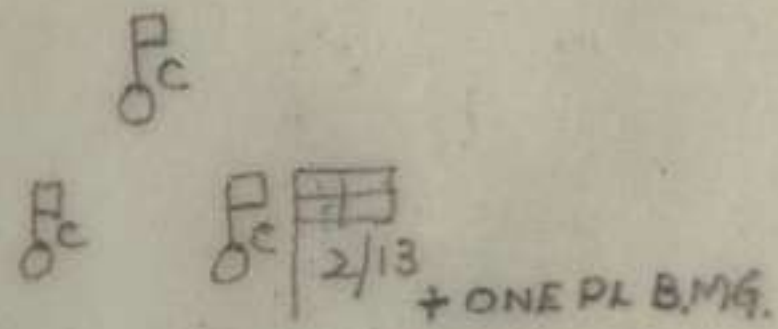
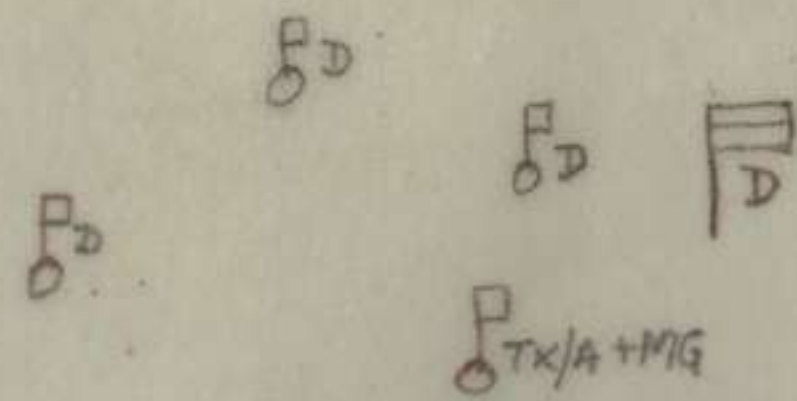
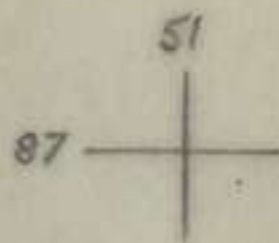
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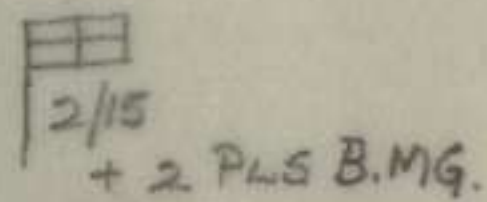
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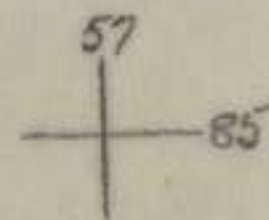
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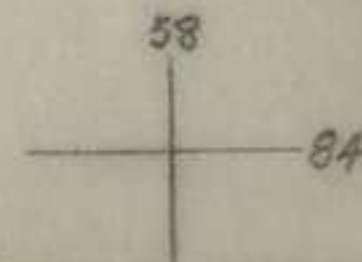
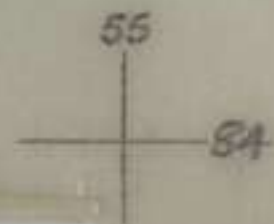
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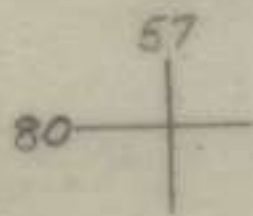


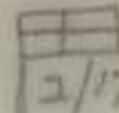
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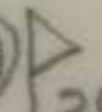
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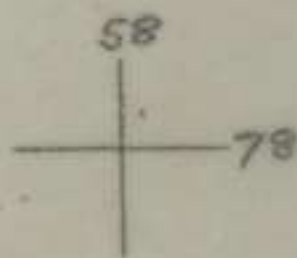
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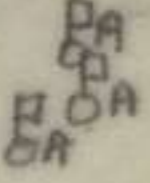
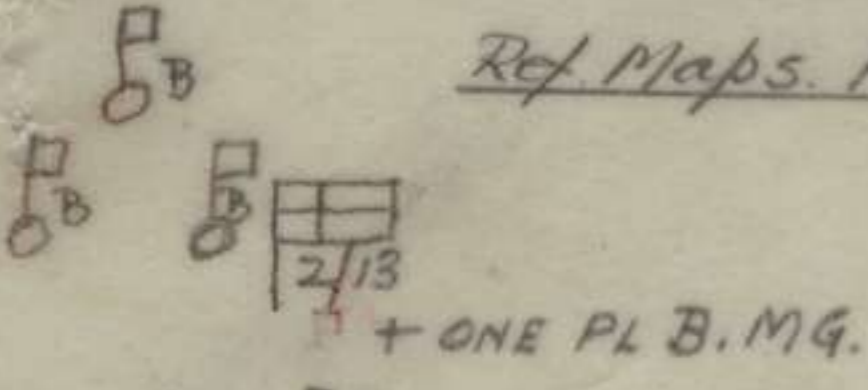




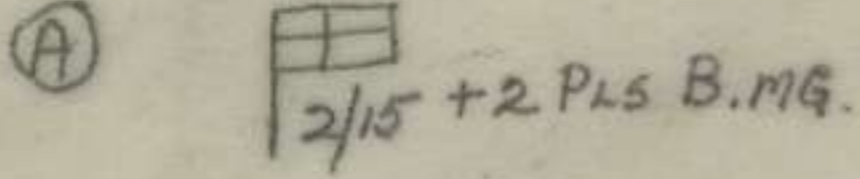
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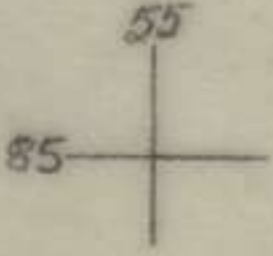
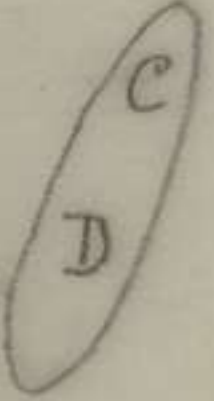
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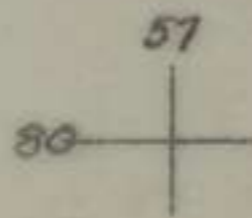
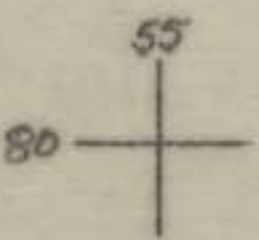
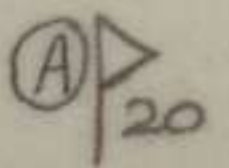
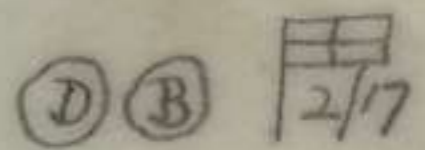
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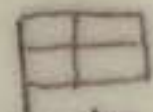


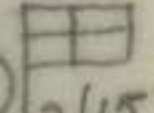
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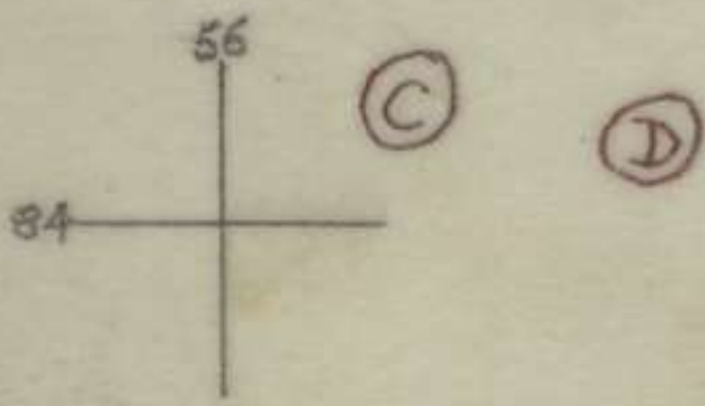
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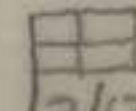
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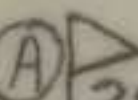
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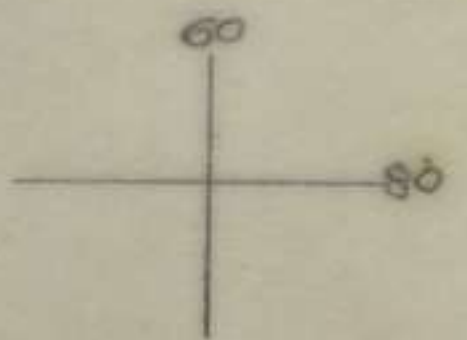
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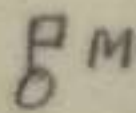


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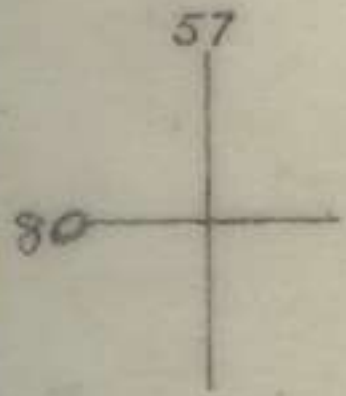


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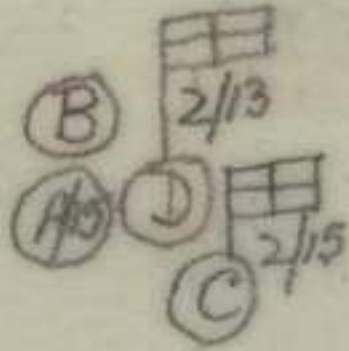
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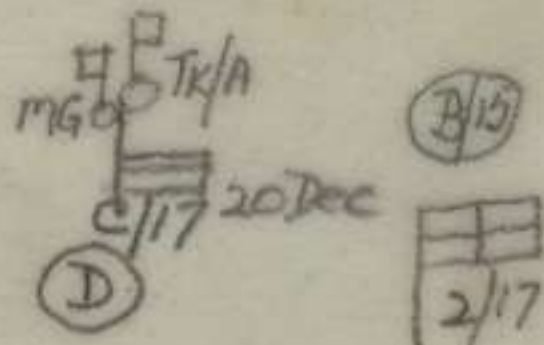
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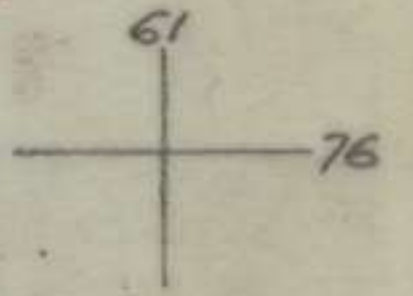
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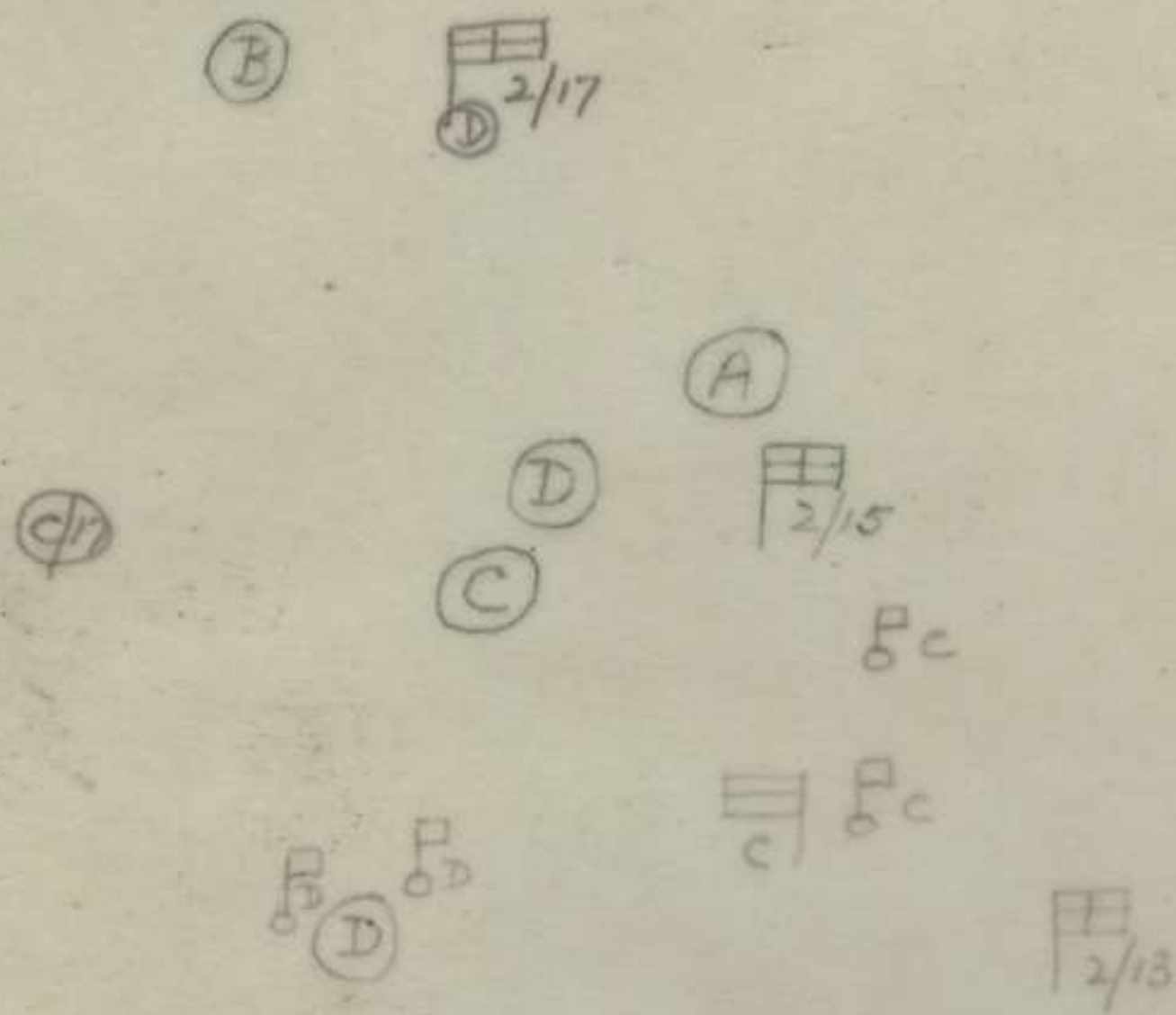
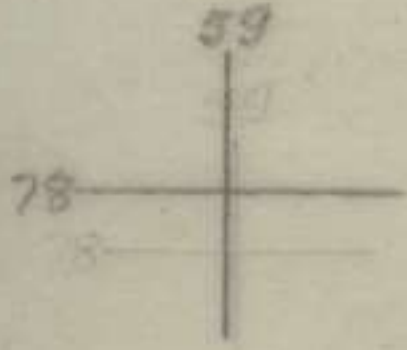
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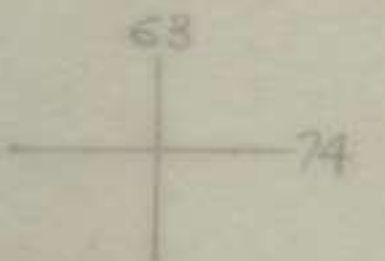
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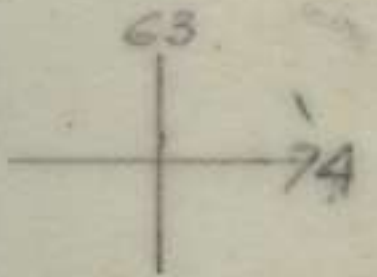
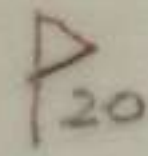
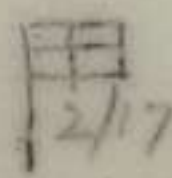
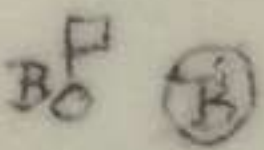
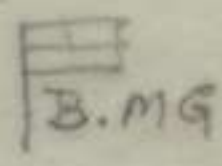
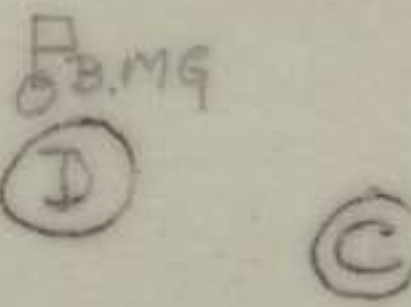
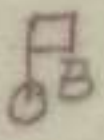
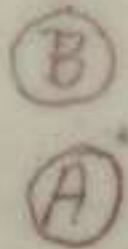
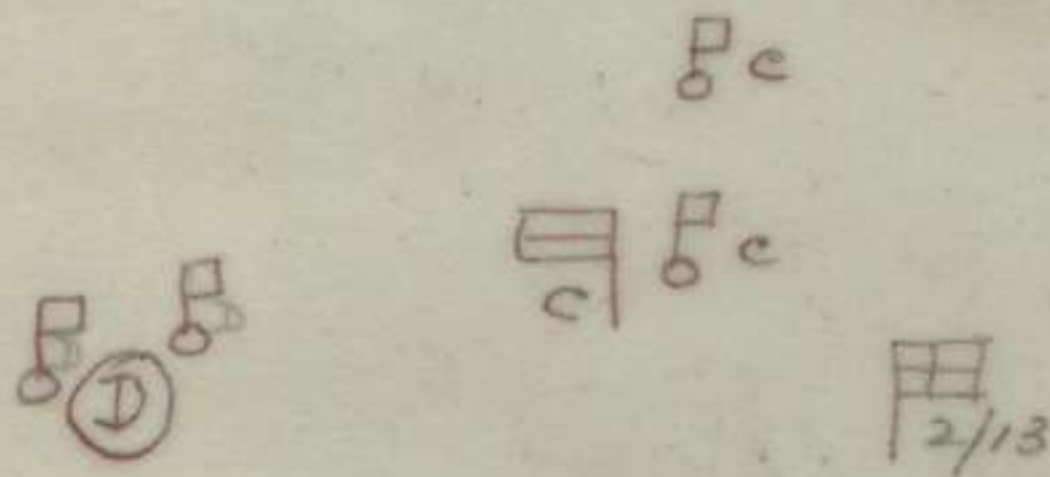
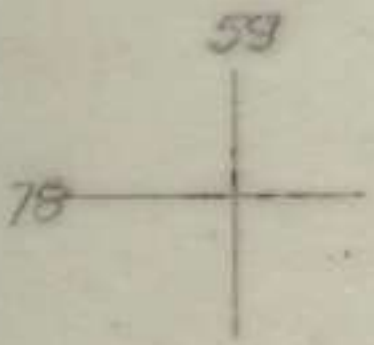
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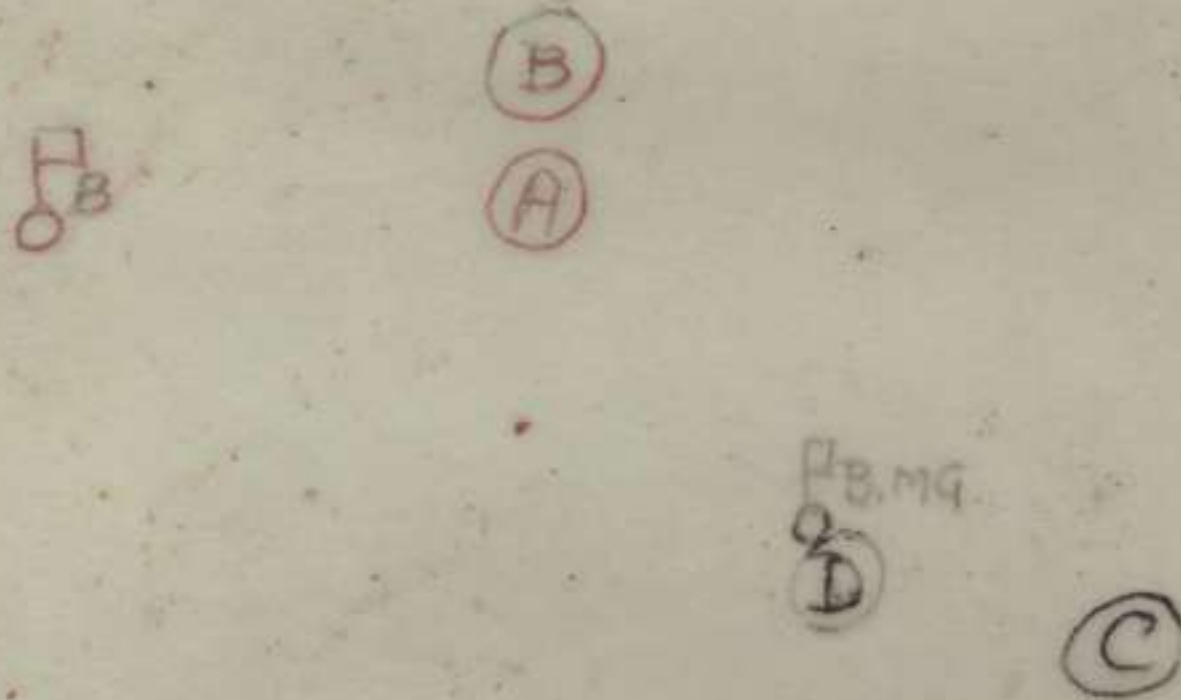
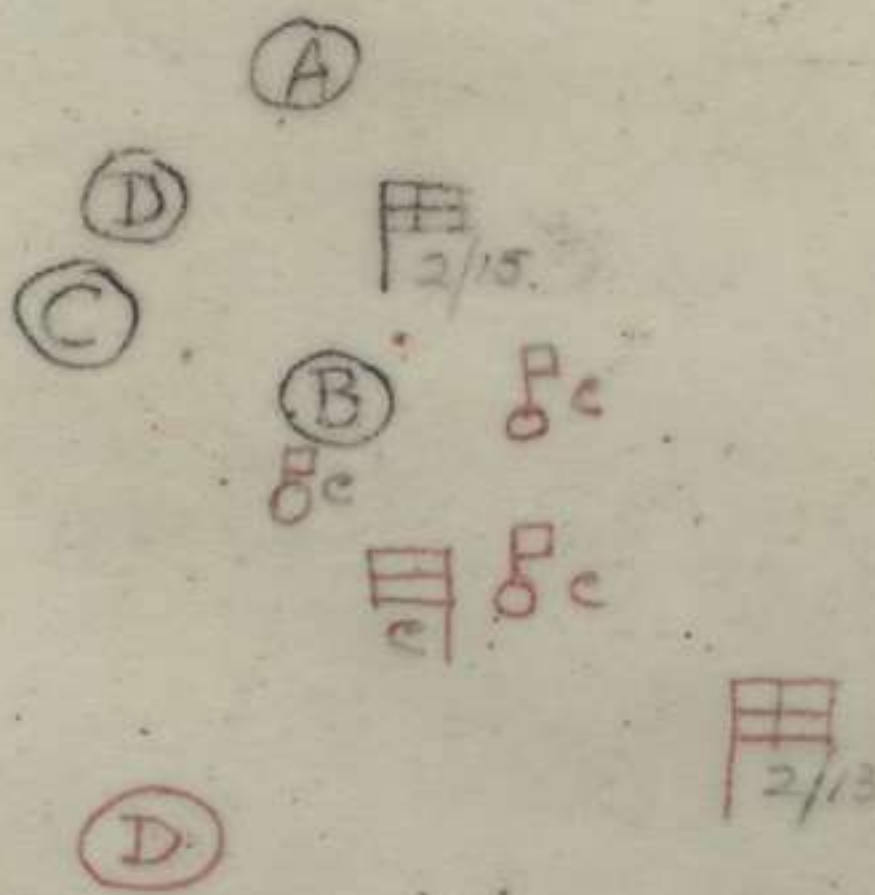
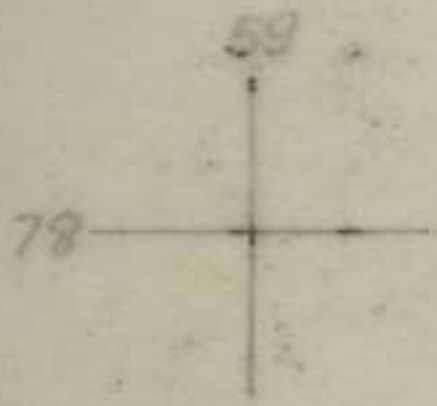
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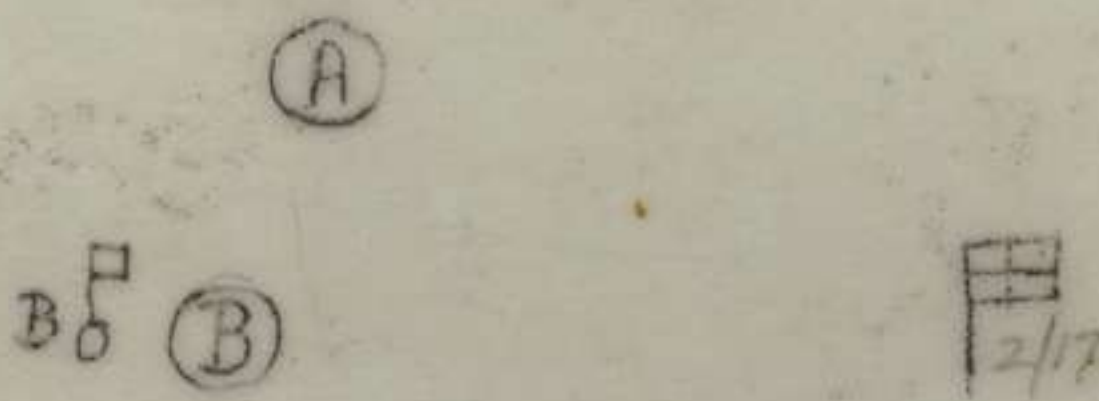
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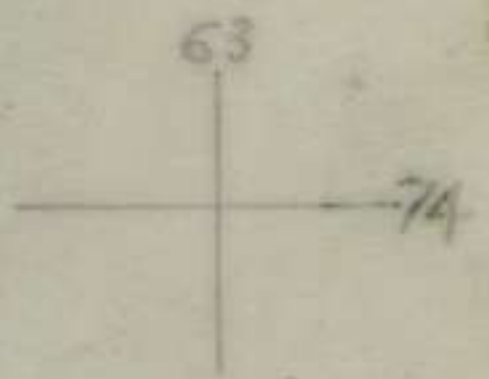


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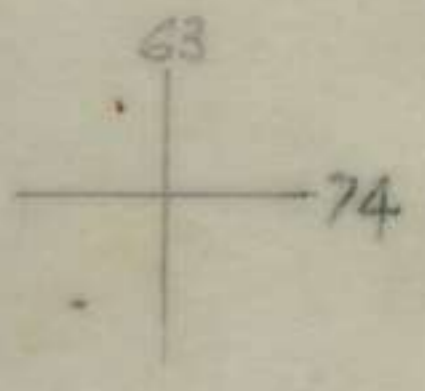
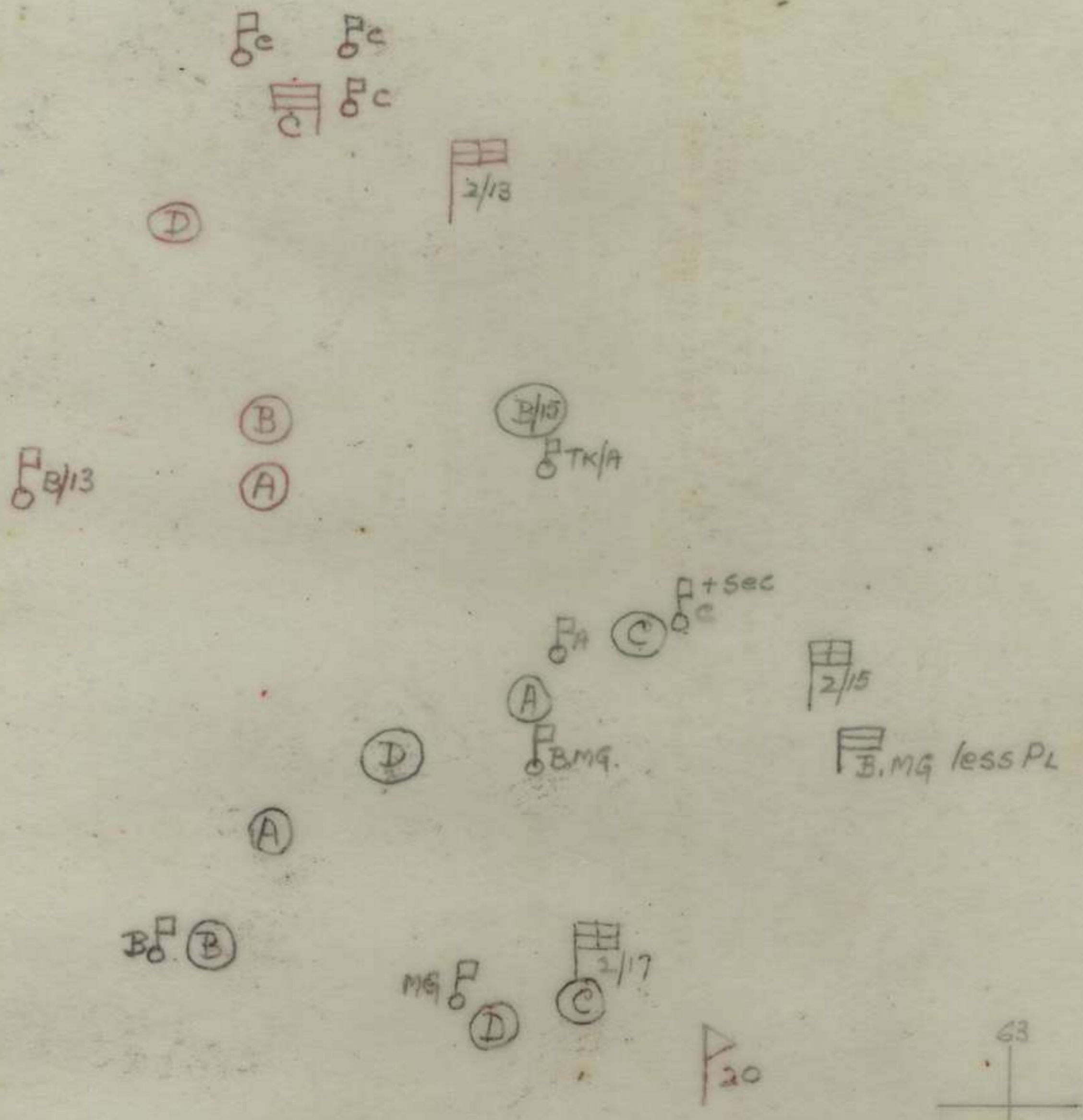
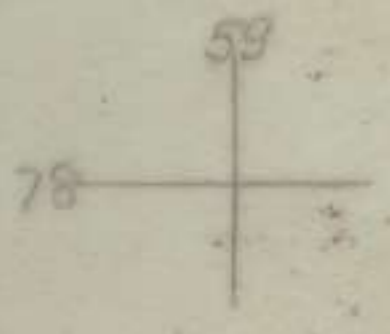
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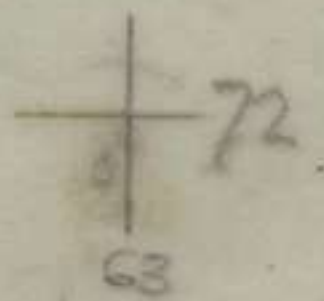
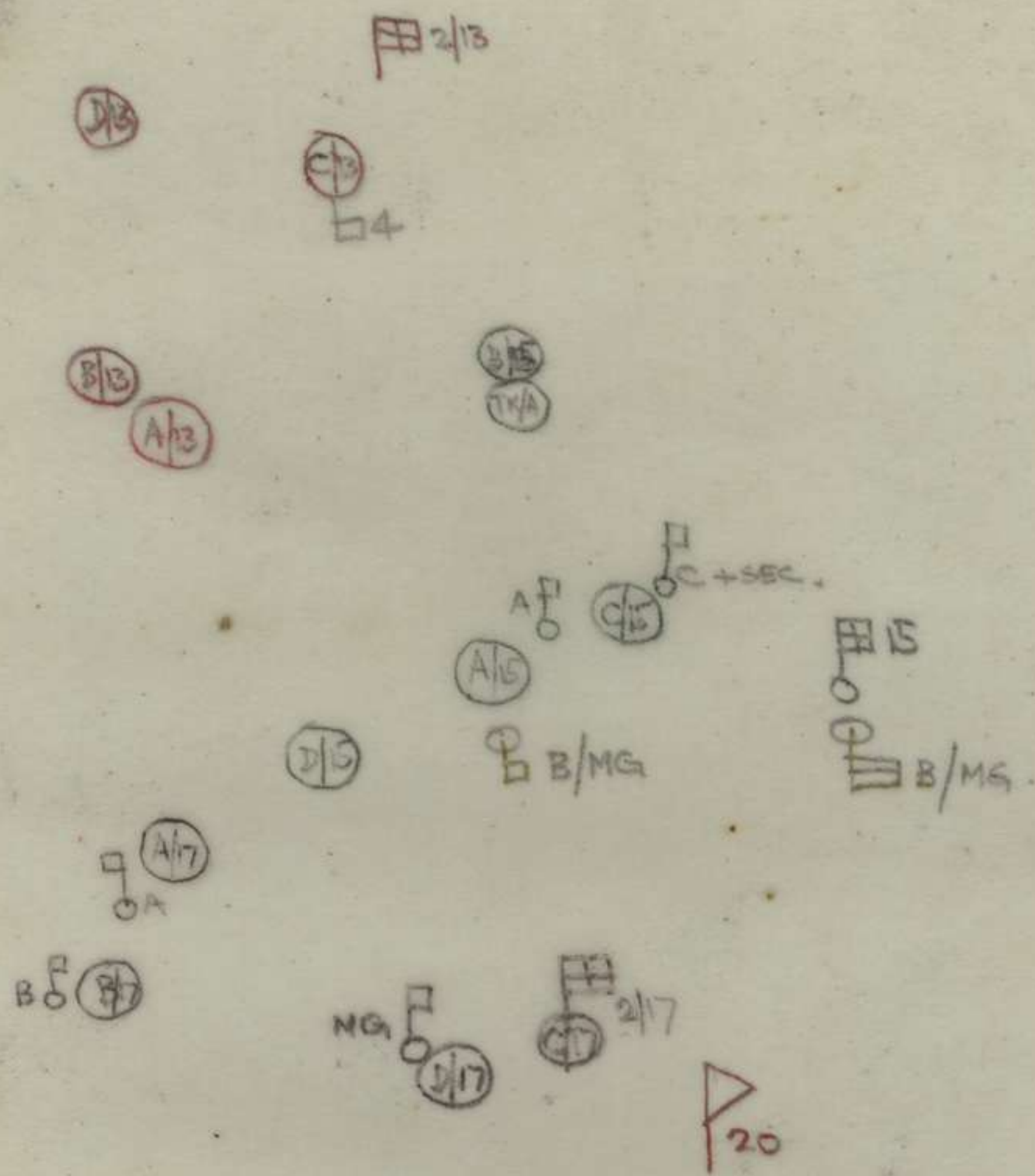
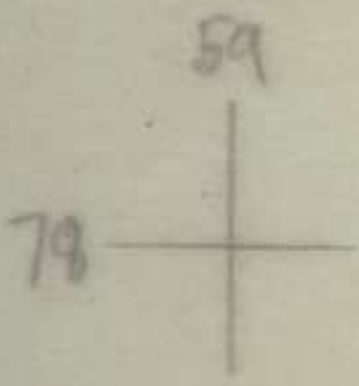




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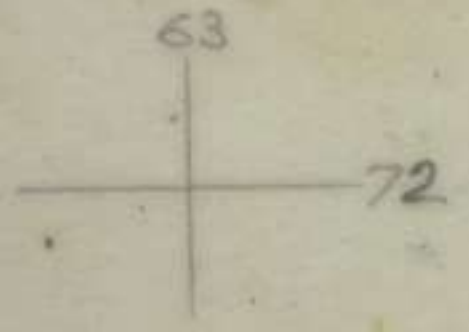
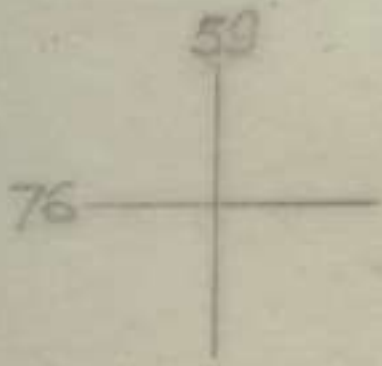
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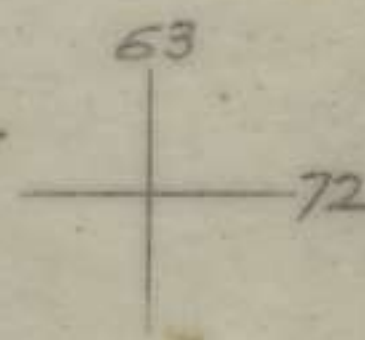
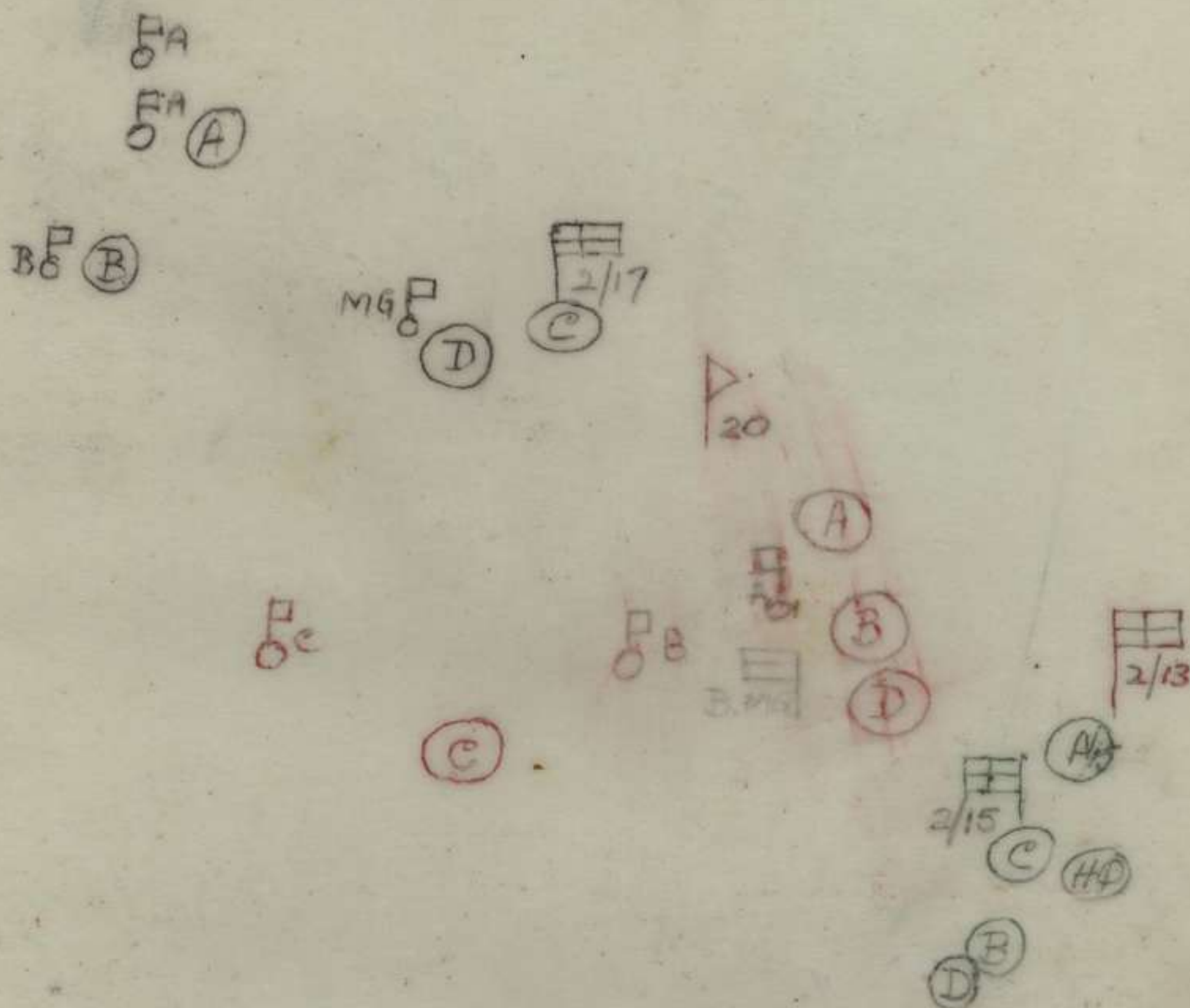
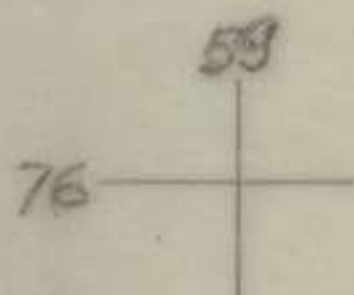
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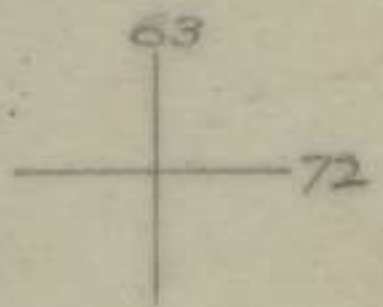
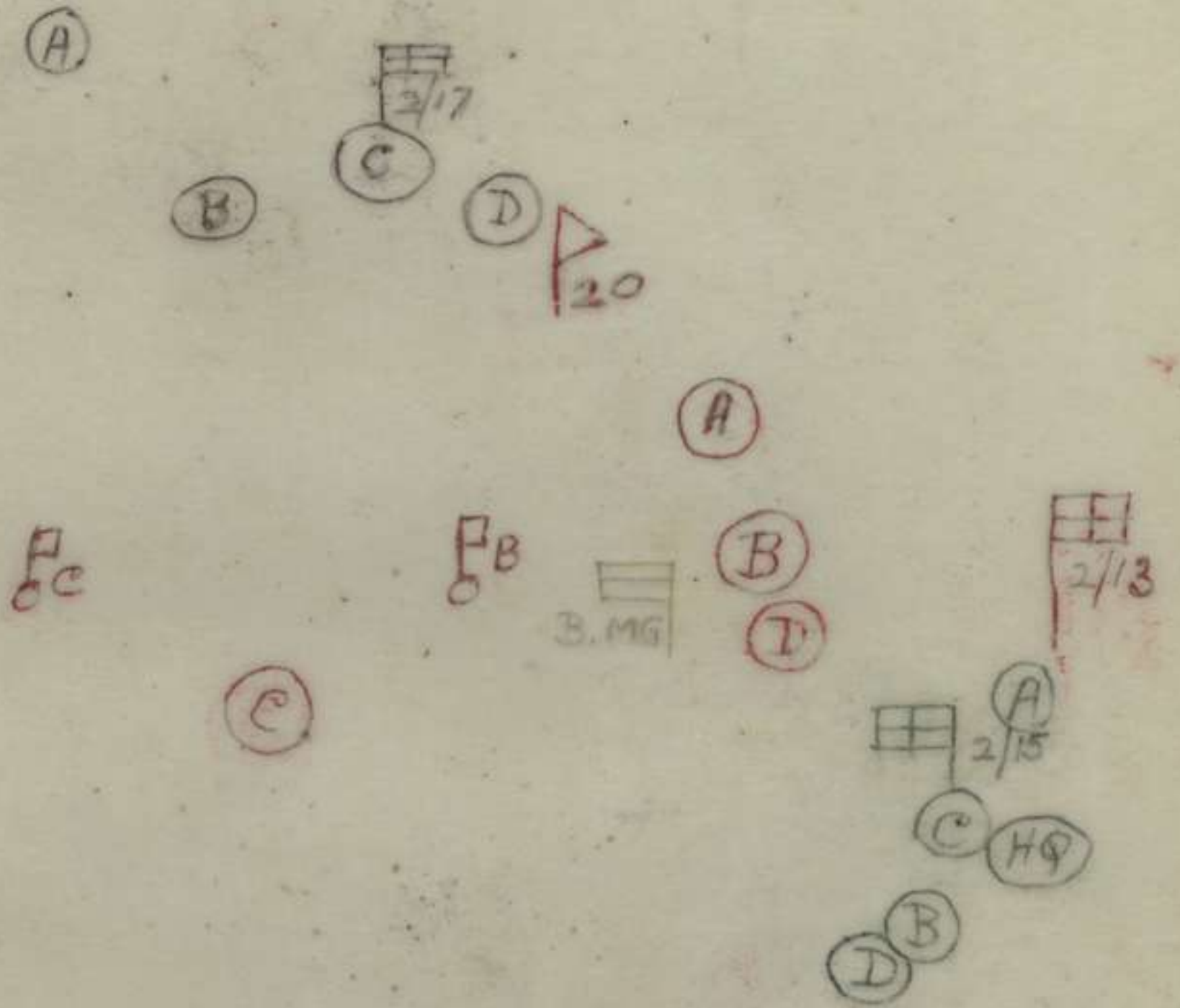
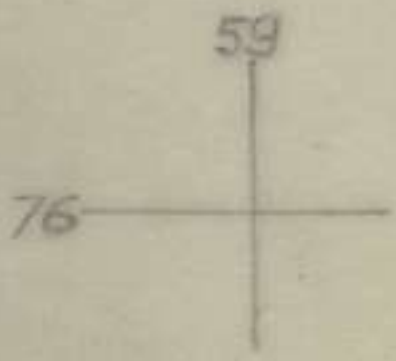
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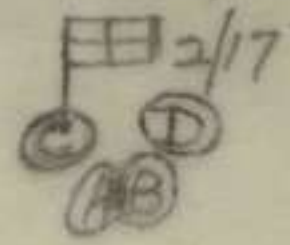
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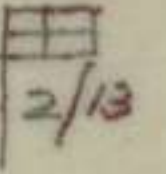


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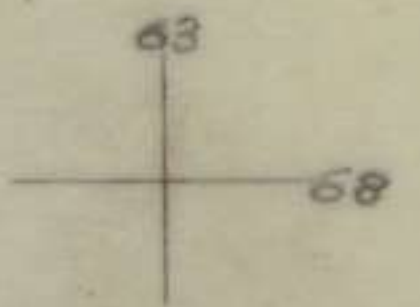
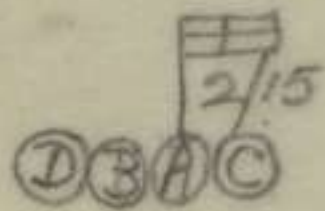
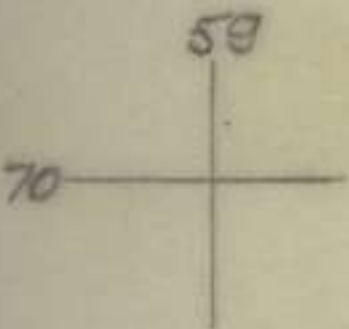
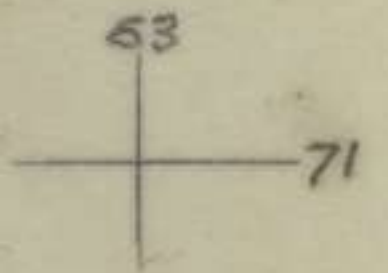
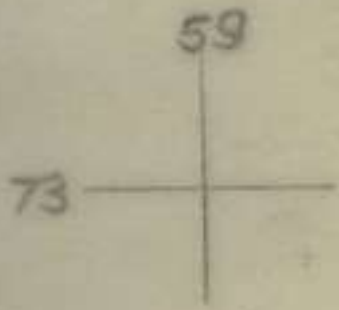
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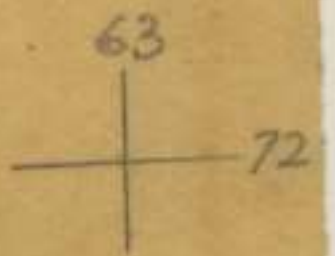
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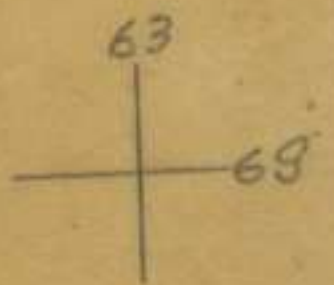


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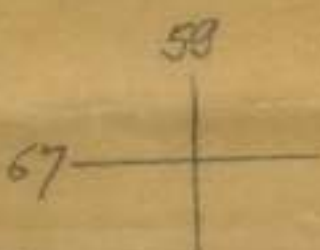
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DISPOSITIONS AS AT LAST LIGHT. 7 DEC 43

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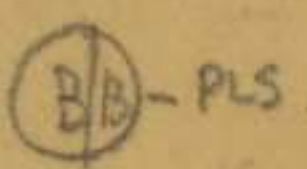
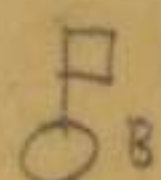
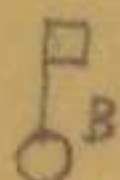
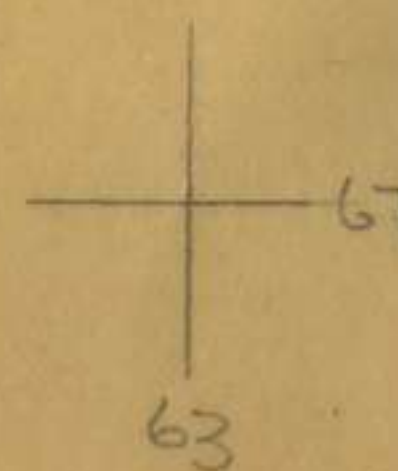
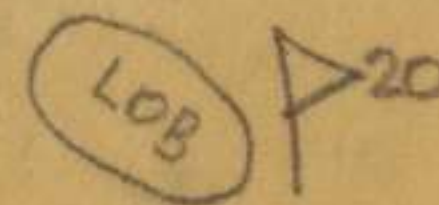
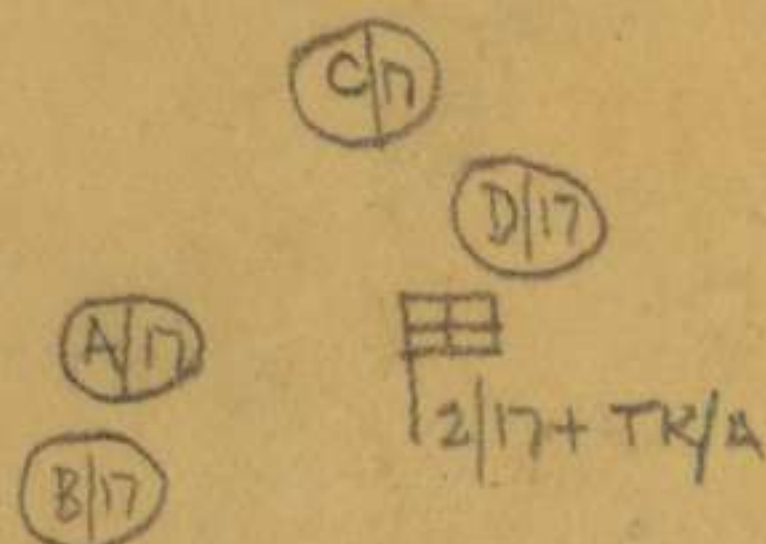
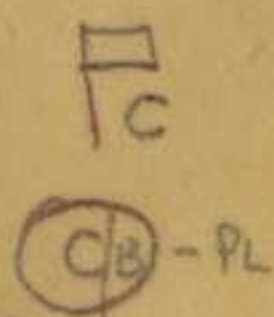
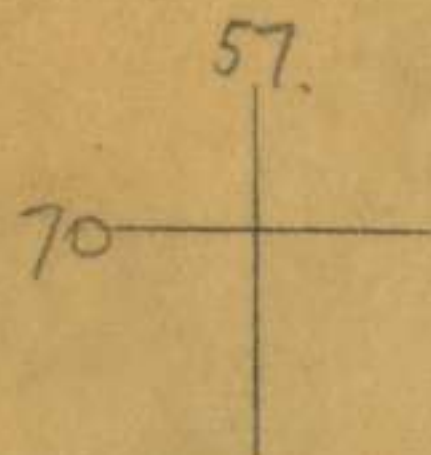
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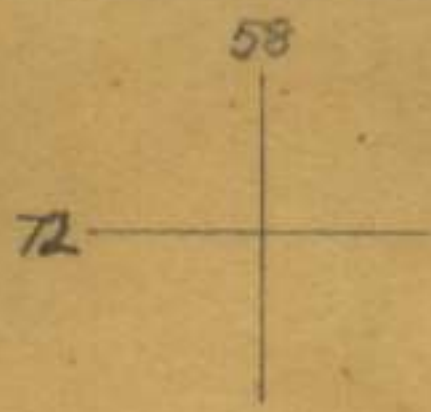
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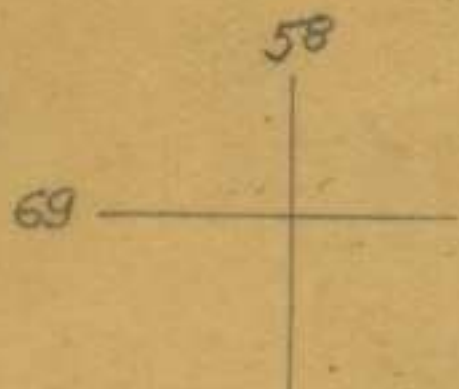
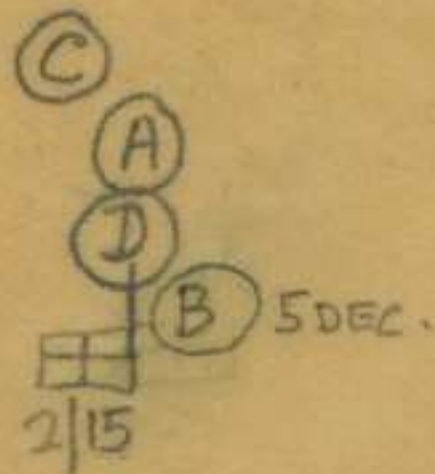
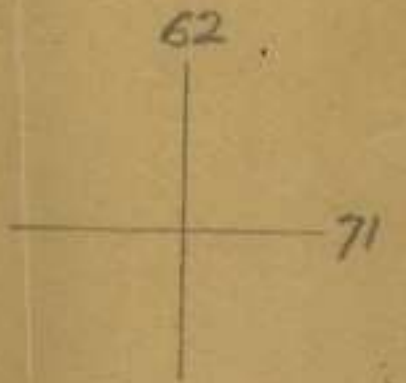


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AS AT LAST LIGHT 4, 5 DEC 43

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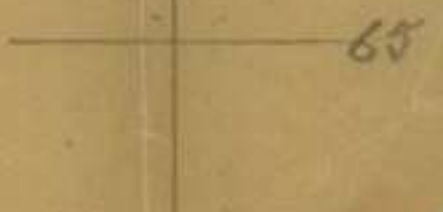
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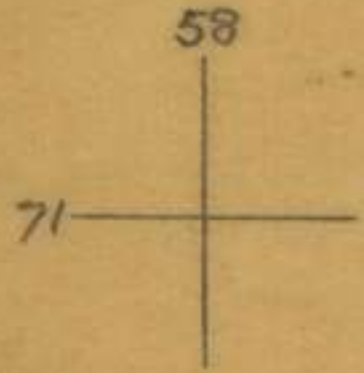
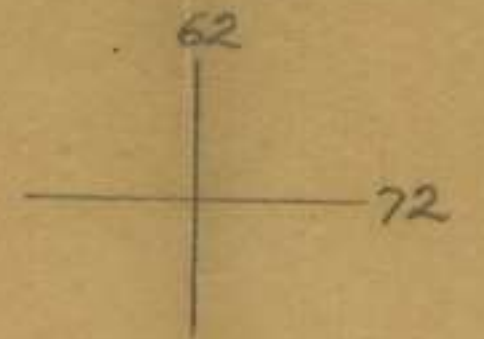
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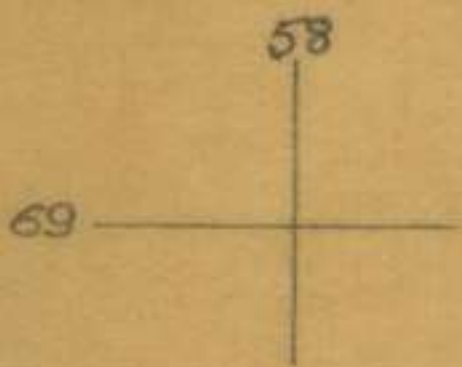
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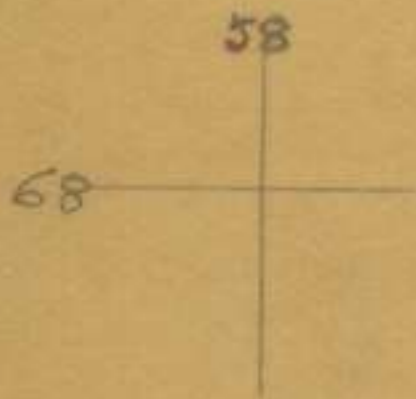
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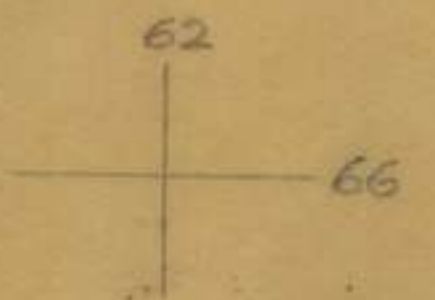
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# NEW GUINEA MASAWENG RIVER WEST

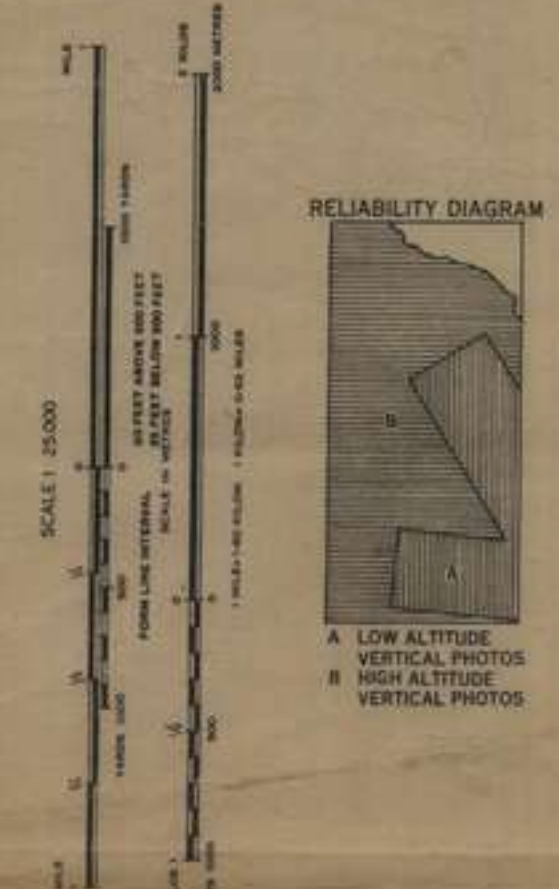
NETHERLANDS EAST INDIES GRID  
SOUTHERN NEW GUINEA ZONE

REFER TO THIS MAP AS  
MASAWENG RIVER WEST 3602 I : 25,000 SERIES

CONTROL: Triangulation and Astronomical Fixation  
by 2/1 Aust. Army Topo. Survey Coy.  
at Salankau Lat. 06°33'28.4"  
Long. 147°51'07.2"

PROJECTION: Lambert Conical Orthomorphic  
AIR PHOTOGRAPHY: 8th. Photo Squadron  
5th. Air Force

MISSIONS: 95x, 97c, 236w, 293y, 294y,  
COMPILED AND DRAWING: 3 Aust. Field Survey Coy. A.I.F.  
REPRODUCTION: 2/1 Aust. Army Topo. Survey Coy.



Bridge	...
Motor Road	...
Foot Track	...
Fast Track	...
Superior Track	...
Telegraph Line	...
Airfield	...
Sea Plane Run	...
Country	...
Mission Station	...
Spot Height	...
Contours	...

Trig. Station	First Class	▲ 10'
	Second	● 10'
	Third	○ 10'
	Fourth	○ 10'
Astronomical Station		○ 10'
Native Garden		○ 10'
Native Village		○ 10'
Undiscovered Native Village		○ 10'
Building		○ 10'
River or potential stream		○ 10'
New potential stream		○ 10'
Fathom Line		○ 10'

Spring Well, Waterhole	...
Mangrove	...
Open Jungle Forest	...
Forest	...
Scattered Trees	...
Plantation	...
Secondary Growth	...
Crestline Form Lines	...
Ridge	...
Cliff	...

Note: Form Lines are intended to indicate shape of hill features and should not be taken as contours. Heights are only approximate.

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NETHERLANDS' EAST INDIES GRID  
SOUTHERN NEW GUINEA ZONE

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# NEW GUINEA SATELBERG

SECOND EDITION

REFER TO THIS MAP AS  
SATELBERG 3668 1:25,000 SERIES



Bridge	—
Motor Road	—
Jeep Track	—
Foot Track	—
Telegraph Line	—
Airfield	—
Sea Plane Base	—
Cemetery	—
Mission Station	—
Spot Height	—
Grasslands	—

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8th Photo Squadron Fifth Air Force  
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**COMPILATION:**  
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POINT SATELBERG (CHURCH)  
EAST  
WEST  
SOUTH  
NORTH



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Trig Stations and altitude	Second	▲ 850'
	Third	▲ 800'
	Fourth	▲ 700'
Astronomical Station		▲
Native Garden		●
Native Village		○
Unidentified Native Village		○
Building		●
River or perennial Stream		—
Non perennial Stream		—
Fathom Line		—

Sump	—
Spring Well, Waterhole	—
Mangroves	—
Dense Jungle Forest	—
Forest	—
Scattered Timber	—
Plantation	—
Secondary Growth	—
Contours - Form Lines	—
Ridges	—
Cliffs	—

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