

**AWM52**  
**2nd Australian Imperial Force and**  
**Commonwealth Military Forces unit war**  
**diaries, 1939-45 War**

**Item number: 8/2/20**

**20 Infantry Brigade**  
**Messages 1943, part 3 of 4**



PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

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To: 9 Aust Div, rptd 24 and 26 Aust Inf Bdes.  
From: 20 Aust Inf Bde. No. 0. 570. 3.

sitrep 122 to 0700 L (.) N T R

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Div IMPORTANT. TOO. 0715 hrs  
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FROM <i>20 BDE</i>	Originator's Number <i>0 572</i>	Date <i>3</i>	In Reply to Number <i>0 55</i>
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PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

(1199A)

TO; 2/13, 2/15/2/17 Aust Inf Bns

FROM: 20 Aust Inf Bde

0613

13

MOST SECRET (.) sitrep 22 to 1200 L/13 (.) ref maps 1/25000 series(.)  
24 bde (.) 2/28 bn OP 637692 observed movement WAREO area (.) arty  
engaged (.) 2/43 bn OP 641702 observed 28 enemy moving WEST at 569702  
with four handcarts (.) arty engaged (.) patrols 2/28 bn to 620691 2/23  
bn to 615688 both NMS (.) patrols 2/43 bn observed four enemy at 658715  
(.) dispositions 2/28 bn B coy 636699 2/32 bn B coy 636685 A coy 634683  
C coy 633681 (.) arty harassing area BONGA and registration KAMLAGIDU  
lagoon (.) 26 bde (.) patrols 2/23 bn saw enemy OP 565650 (.) patrol to  
556648 saw one jap (.) further patrol fired on at 557640 by LMGs and  
rifles (.) patrol to 565652 saw five japs who alarmed a larger jap party  
(.) patrol 2/48 bn heard enemy at 576662 and exchanged fire (.) patrol to  
580664 to 578667 found fresh diggings (.) sounds and movement heard to  
WEST (.) further patrol heard sounds of chopping 572656 (.) enemy  
mortar and LMG fire directed on patrol (.) later patrol to 580664 booby  
trapped new positions (.) patrol 2/24 bn killed two japs 588674 (.)

*[Signature]*  
Maj

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PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM.

*Ref: 1175*

To: 2/13, 2/15 and 2/17 bns.  
From: 20 Aust Inf Bde. No. 0.615. 13.

US engr units are undertaking constructional work at night in vicinity DREGER HARBOUR and will be using light on their work

*W. J. ...*  
LIEUT?  
for Maj.

IMPORTANT. TOO. 1920 hrs  
THI  
TOR

PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

*1510A*

*rptd*  
To: 9 Aust Div, 2/13, 2/15, 2/17 bns, 24 and 26 aust inf bdes.  
From: 20 Aust Inf Bde. No. 0.617. 14.

sitrep 144 to 0700 L/14 (.) NTR

*W. J. ...*  
LIEUT.  
for Maj.

DIV IMMEDIATE. TOO. 0730 hrs  
THI  
TOR



PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

1205A

To: 2/13, 2/15 and 2/17 bns.  
From: 20 Aust Inf Bde. No. 0. 616. 13.

MOST SECRET (.) sitrep 23 to 1800 L/13 (.) additional patrols 12 nov (.)  
PIB patrol along north bank of R SONG to 614697 observed 5 japs  
628701 (.) patrols to 566635 and 552602 NMS (.) 5 div no change (.)  
7 div patrol activity with minor clashes inflicting casualties (.)  
PT boats night 11/12 nov encountered 4 jap barges ~~4~~ beached  
vicinity NUZEN left smoking (.) airops 12 nov (.) preliminary reports  
show most successful strike KIARI about 20 miles west of SIO (.)  
allinformed

*W. H. C. B.*  
LIEUT  
for Maj.

IMPORTANT. TOO. 1920 hrs  
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ref 113

To: 2/13, 2/15 and 2/17 aust inf bns.  
From: 20 Aust Inf Bde. No. 0.618. 14.

ref stratseries (.) airops 14 (.) proposed strike WASU (X) L-33<sup>+</sup>2  
CAPE KING WILLIAM N-31 dump area S-4586 (.) strafe tracks WAREO-MT  
BESENONA S-4179 AGO-S-5490 (.) SATELBERG-JOANGENG (.) also arranged  
recces and night barge hunts RAI coast (.) P-40 missing 13 last seen  
heading home along coast (.) advise if sighted all informed

*Lutjeson*

LIEUT.  
for Maj.

TOO. 0925 hrs  
THI  
TOR

PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

ref 1216

To: 2/13, 2/15 and 2/17 aust inf bns.  
From: 20 Aust Inf Bde. No. 0. 619. 14.

SATELBERG rd is closed to all except essential operational and sup  
traffic

*Burton*

MAJ.

~~TOO. 141135L~~

TOO. 141135L

THI  
TOR



PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM.

1879A

To: 2/13, 2/15 and 2/17 aust inf bns.  
From: 20 Aust Inf Bde. No. ~~0.619~~ 0.620. 14.

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MOST SECRET (.) sitrep 24 to 141200L(.) 24 bde (.) OP at 641701 reported following total enemy mvt for day in area 569702 (.) east 31 (.) west 25 (.) 2/28 bn patrol to 623705 NMS (.) 2/32 bn patrol to 615684 NMS (.) 2/43 bn patrol 654710 NMS (.) 26 bde (.) 2/23 bn patrol killed 2 wounded one Jap 557647 without loss (.) patrol to 561653 suffered 2 casualties from LMG fire (.) 2/24 bn patrol to 580680 found small enemy camp (.) enemy heard vicinity 587676 (.) 2/48 bn patrols to 579665 and 572658 NMS (.) 4 bde (.) normal patrolling all NMS (.) C coy PIB (.) patrol 12 nov north bank R SONG to 629701 saw 5 japs and heard enemy mvt to north and west (.) patrols 625728 and 602589 NMS (.) 5 aust div no change (.) 7 aust div C coy 6 MG bn arrived CUSAP otherwise no change all informed

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*W. Hester*  
LIEUT.  
for Maj.

IMPORTANT.

TCO. 141201L.  
THI  
TOR



PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

*1280c*

To: 9 Aust Div., rptd 2/13, 2/15, 2/17 bns, 24 and 26 bdes.  
From: 20 Aust Inf Bde. No. 0.622. 15.

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sitrep 146 to 150700L (.) N T R

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*W. Hedderley*  
Lieut.  
for Maj.

Div Immediate. T00.150720hrs  
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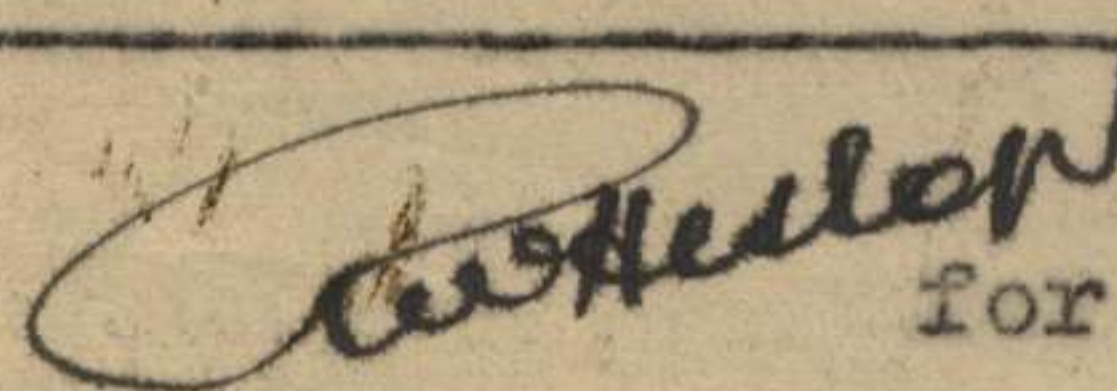


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(1265A)

To: 2/13, 2/15, 2/17 aust inf bns.  
 From: 20 aust inf bde. No. 0. 623. 15.

MOST SECRET (.) sitrep 25 to 151300L(.) 24 bde (.) OP 2/43 bn  
 641702 observed two japs moving east to west 569702 at 0820 hrs (.)  
 OP 2/28 bn 638692 observed 20 enemy south to north WAREO area (.)  
 one motor veh seen 1300 hrs same area (.) OP 2/32 bn 615686 observed  
 smoke at 1210 hrs at 609689 and 608694 (.) patrol 2/43 bn ambushed  
 3 japs 645716 killing 2 (.) 26 bde (.) patrol 2/48 bn found unocc-  
 upied enemy posn 573667 (.) digging heard vicinity 571663 (.)  
 12 japs seen in area one shot (.) patrol 2/24 bn observed 3 japs  
 moving east at 583679 (.) jap posns 584679 (.) sounds of chopping  
 heard at 581679 (.) patrol to 585679 encountered by fire (.) 4 bde  
 NTR (.) PIB (.) 3 japs seen 645716 one shot (.) large numbers japs  
 seen 583678 (.) enemy air ops (.) 1055 hrs ~~14~~ 14 nov 14 Bs 12 Fs  
 dropped thirty bombs FINSCHHARBOUR (.) no damage or casualties (.)  
 two parachutes dropped at GESIKI area (.) own air ops 14 nov (.)  
 extensive barge search KIARI to WALANGAI nil sightings (.)  
 pts on tr ZAGAHEIM-WALANGAI strafed NMS (.) PT boats night 13/14  
 nov sank one enemy barge and probably sank one other south of  
 WALANGAI (.) 2 more sunk KALANOA HARBOUR (.) shore fire encountered  
 (.) 40mm and 37mm fire directed at BONGA and KAMLAGIDU LAGOON approx  
 0500 hrs (.) 5 and 7 divs no significant change all informed

  
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 for MAJ

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PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

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1266

To: 2/13, 2/15, 2/17 Aust Inf Bns, rptd 24 fd pk.  
From: 20 Aust Inf Bde. No.O. 624. 15.

units will arrange direct with 24 fd pk for the sharpening machettes  
axes etc (.) units will send 2 men with some knowledge machine tools  
with jeep loads of implements to be sharpened as required

*[Signature]*  
MAJ.

TOO. 151515L  
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PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

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1279

To: 2/13, 2/15 and 2/17 aust inf bns.  
From: 20 aust inf bde. no. 0. 627. 16.

~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ all units will be responsible for providing own  
turn-outs from main rd being constructed north from R BUMI (.)  
this incl construction of small culverts over side drains of rd in  
order NOT to block waterways (.) RAE will be responsible for contacting  
all units at present located <sup>along</sup> along rd and will provide any technical  
advice required

*[Signature]* MAJ.

TOO. 161152  
THI  
TOR

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PRO FORMA MESSAGEFORM

(287A)

To: 2/13, 2/15 and 2/17 aust inf bns.  
 From: 20 Aust Inf Bde. No.0.628. 16.

MOST SECRET (.) sitrep 26 to 161200L (.) ref maps 1/25000 (.) 24 bde  
 OP 2/43 bn 641702 observed smoke 565684 (.) 23 japs observed 581704, 21  
 west and 2 east (.) OP 2/28 bn 635694 saw 3 japs WAREO SPUR (.) patrol  
 2/28 bn to 623695 NMS (.) standing patrol 632698 NMS (.) standing patrol  
 2/32 bn 615686 NMS (.) standing patrol 2/43 bn 654710 NMS (.) 2/28 bn HQ  
 moved to 640688 (.) 26 bde (.) patrol 2/23 bn to 566652 contacted 4 japs  
 killed 2 (.) patrols to 557649 and GURUNKOR both NMS (.) patrol 2/24 bn  
 to 583679 observed 12 japs (.) patrol to 577676 heard enemy 576676 (.)  
 patrol to 573666 found enemy posn unoccupied (.) patrol to 576663 fired  
 on (.) one jap shot in new diggings (.) PIB (.) patrol QUOJA R area NMS (.)  
 patrol to 580680 heard enemy on high ground to south (.) patrol to  
 590595 NMS (.) enemy air ops NIL (.) 5 and 7 divs no significant change  
 all informed

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for LIEUT.  
 MAJ.

IMPORTANT. TOO. 161200L.  
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TO: 9 Aust Div, rptd 2/13, 2/15, 2/17 bns, 24 and 26 bdes.  
From: 20 Aust Inf Bde. No. 0. 653. 21.

MOST SECRET (.) sitrep 158 to 210700L(.) NTR

*all informed*

if liable  
etc etc.

*Aswankley* CAPT.

Div Immediate. TOO. 210720L.

THI  
TOR

PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM.

To: 24 aust inf bde.  
From: 20 Aust Inf Bde. No. 0. 654. 21.

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*Aswankley* CAPT.

TOO. 211100L.  
THI  
TOR



PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM.

14611A

To: 2/13, 2/15 and 2/17 Aust Inf Bns.  
From: 20 Aust Inf Bde. No. 0. 655. 21.

NOT SECRET (.) sitrep 31 to 202000L (.) ref 1/25000 (.)  
26 bde (.) patrols 2/4 cav son to GURUNKOR and on trs west end SW  
of KUNARA HNS (.) 2/23 bn (.) patrol contacted 2/48 bn 566663 (.)  
patrol first it encountered enemy 561660 (.) A coy moved to 563660  
making contact with 2/48 bn (.) 2/24 bn (.) patrol from 578678 located  
enemy posns 575677 and 576677 (.) patrol to 596678 HNS (.) 2/48 bn (.)  
12 enemy dead 3 HMGs and 6 LMGs found in posn captured 19 nov (.)  
patrol at first it contacted enemy and B coy adv against opposition (.)  
tk ditch found at 563663 (.) high ground vicinity tr junc 562664  
captured by A and B coys 1830 hrs (.) D coy 565662 C coy 567664 (.)  
24 bde (.) 2/28 bn GP 638694 observed 12 japs WARBO area (.) patrol  
2/28 bn to 624700 HNS (.) 2/32 bn (.) commenced moving 0950 hrs  
occupied area 635731 by 1800 hrs (.) isolated enemy ~~XXXXX~~ seen and  
engaged approx 12 killed (.) disposns BHQ 636729, A coy 637732,  
B 635731, C 637730, D 632682 (.) 2/43 bn (.) patrol vicinity 650726  
estimate 30 japs in area (.) 4 bde (.) normal patrols HNS (.) PIB (.)  
patrols located occupied japs posns 633727, 627726, 625725 (.) patrols  
QUOJA R area HNS (.) 56 fd bty arrived GODONA (.) 2/3 pnr bn HQ 615665  
B coy 611666 (.) enemy air ops (.) one B dropped 10 bombs vicinity  
airstrip SCHNEIDER Harbour no damage or casualties (.) no local air-  
strikes own forces owing maintenance on A/O (.)

CAPT.

DRLS. 211400L hrs

TOO. 211120L.

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PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

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To: 2/13, 2/15 and 2/17 Aust Inf Bns.  
 From: 20 Aust Inf Bde. No. 0. 659. 22.

SECRET (.) sitrep 32 to 212000L(.) ref 1/25000 (.) 26 bde (.) patrols  
 2/4 coy sqn to GURUNKOR and tracks west of KUMAWA NMS (.) 2/23 bn (.)  
 A coy contacted 2/48 bn 562664 at 0900 hrs remainder bn moved same  
 area BHQ and C coy 562663, B 574661, D 564663 (.) A coy moved SW ~~xxx~~  
 then NW and by last lt reached 556664 (.) 2/24 bn (.) patrol from  
 578678 moved west found enemy in same posns (.) A coy moved to 574677  
 without opposition (.) 2/48 bn (.) at first lt D coy adv 700 yds ~~xxxx~~  
 NW along ~~SAT~~ ~~LRBRG~~ road before contacting enemy (.) 17 japs in unprepared  
 posn 558666 withdrew when fired on leaving all eqpt (.) 1700 hrs enemy  
 located on high ground 554669 posn captured last lt by one pl with tk  
 sp (.) disposns (.) one pl D coy 554669, remainder coy plus B coy 555668  
 A 589666, Bn HQ 562673 (.) 24 bde (.) patrol 2/28 bn contacted 40/50  
 japs 625715 moving south 8 enemy killed one wounded (.) standing patrol  
 624700 found line cut 300 yds east (.) tracks of small party enemy  
~~CROSSED~~ ~~SONG~~ R then moved west (.) 2/32 bn (.) patrol from 635732 killed  
 one jap 629729 and one jap 633731 (.) enemy counter-attacked on 2/32  
 bn 1220 hrs repulsed killing at least 6 (.) 1600 hrs enemy ration party  
 of 20 approached from west along ~~WAREO~~ ~~BONGA~~ track (.) believed all  
 killed 8 bodies found (.) 1620 hrs further party of 20 approached from  
 same direction believed at least 10 killed (.) 2/43 bn (.) standing  
 patrol 655714 fired on 4 enemy results unknown ~~xxxxxx~~ (.) enemy  
 estimated 30 heard to west (.) 4 bde (.) patrols to west and south all  
 NMS (.) PIB (.) patrols ~~QUOJA~~ R all NMS (.) A coy 2/3 per bn now  
 640678 (.) enemy air ops (.) 0750 hrs and 1125 hrs two ~~DINHANS~~ over area  
 high level ~~recco~~ (.) own air ops 20 nov (.) villages KULONGTUFU area  
 bombed (.) barge search KIARI to ~~HARDENBERG~~ PT (.) posns and tracks  
 vicinity ~~WALD~~ BAY bombed and strafed (.) posns north of ~~ALEXISHAFEN~~  
 and ~~LONG~~ ISLAND bombed (.) no shipping sightings ~~ALEXISHAFEN~~ (.) <sup>tons</sup>  
~~RING~~ ~~PTN~~ ~~NBN~~ ~~BRITAIN~~ bombed (.) ~~CATALINA~~ scored direct hit 10000 merchant  
 ship north of ~~SARAU~~ (.) 21 nov (.) 11-A20s bombed strafed villages  
 and tracks vicinity ~~MASANGKOO~~ ~~PIOR~~ ~~KUANGKO~~ ~~WAREO~~ ~~SAGAHMI~~ (.) PT boats  
 failed make contact night 20/21 nov all informed.

If 11 ble etc etc.

*D. W. Thley*

Capt. DRLS. 221400L. TOC. 221325L.  
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PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM.

62A

To: 2/13, 2/15, and 2/17 Aust Inf Bns  
From: 20 Aust Inf Bde. No. 0.663. 23.

SECRET (.) sitrep 33 to 222200L(.) ref maps 1/2500 series (.) 24 bde(.)  
2/43 bn (.)

at first lt one enemy coy attacked D coy area 655702  
repulsed with at least 20 killed incl 2 offrs (.) PW captured this area  
from 8 coy 238 regt (.) pl D coy 2/32 bn with FOO moving along 2/32 bn  
jeep track encountered approx 30 japs 639705 (.) area heavily shelled(.)  
1300 hrs approx one coy attacked 2/43 bn posns on R SONG area 643697 but  
were repulsed with casualties (.) 1630 hrs D coy 2/32 bn counterattacked  
successfully killing at least 22 japs incl 2 offrs and mopping up area  
as far as 639701 (.) C coy 2/32 bn moved from area 635732 and occupied  
posn on high ground 626730 (.) enemy attacked 22 at 1700 hrs no details  
available (.) 2/28 bn patrol contacted 5 japs 633695 killed 3 and  
observed 20 enemy digging in at 632696 killed 3 (.) by art fire later  
forced enemy to withdraw (.) during afternoon further enemy party  
approached C coy 2/28 bn 636692 but were heavily mortared and withdrew(.)  
D coy 2/28 bn moved to 644693 D coy 2/32 bn to 647697 (.) 26 bde (.)  
patrol 2/4 cav sqn south and west XURAWA NES (.) 2/23 bn A coy withdrew  
to track junc 562663 (.) B coy moved fwd contacted enemy patrol in  
strong posn 554675 (.) disposns B coy 554672, C 554675, D 554670 Bn HQ  
554571 (.) 2/48 bn (.) patrol moved first lt from 555669 across spur ~~area~~  
towards ford 556674 which is held in strength by enemy (.) our leading  
coy failed to dislodge (.) patrols carried out recess of posn(.) Bn HQ  
received direct hit by shell 222 1630 hrs (.) disposns last lt A coy  
555671, B 554669, D 555669, C unchanged(.) 2/24 bn (.) D coy moved westwards  
to 575675 further progress prevented by deep gorge (.) A coy moved to  
same area (.) two pls C coy moved around north of 2600 feature and att-  
acked enemy posn 577678(.) attack unsuccessful(.) C coy now at 578679(.)  
patrol contacted enemy posn protected by wire 574677 (.) 45 japs observed  
towards 2600 feature some carrying amm (.) 4 bde (.) A coy 22 bn less  
one pl left for MORENG on 3 day patrol (.) normal patrols all BMS(.)  
PIB (.) patrol to 642703 killed 4 wounded one jap (.) patrols to 639679  
and 615680 NES (.) one pl D coy 2/2 NG bn moved to 599663(.) enemy air  
activity (.) 1110 hrs 10 LILYS escorted by 15 SEKES dropped bombs sq  
6269 (.) 1835 hrs three enemy A/C dropped 5 bombs 641692 (.) PT beats  
night 21/22 nov nil sightings (.) all informed

if liable etc.

DRLS.  
231400L.

FOO.231300L.  
TPI  
TOR



PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM.

*ML* (562A)

To: 2/13, 2/15, 2/17 Aust Inf Bns, 29/46 Bn.  
From: 20 Aust Inf Bde. No. 0. 691. 29.

SECRET (.) sitrep 39 to 29200CL (.) ref maps 1/2500 series (.) 24 bde (.)  
2/28 bn less A coy continued adv up coastal track to 658729 where enemy  
contacted estimated between one and two pls (.) bn attacked 28153CL with  
tk sp and enemy withdrew (.) bn formed perimeter for night at this posn (.)  
2/32 bn (.) enemy movement observed 640734 (.) enemy dead counted now total  
170 (.) pl A coy 2/28 bn moved NE to 644735 without contact (.) A coy less  
two pls followed (.) posn occupied (.) enemy gun observed 633727 engaged by  
arty (.) A coy 2/43 bn relieved A coy 2/32 bn which moved to NORTH HILL (.)  
patrols and CPs NMS (.) 26 bde (.) 2/24 bn (.) patrol contacted patrol  
2/13 bn at 1800 feature 580700 (.) continued north to 583707 unable to find  
track to R SONG (.) enemy withdrew overnight from FICR area (.) disposns  
last lt 2/24 bn less D coy 564696 D coy MOCACKO (.) 2/23 bn (.) bn moved to  
FICR and patrol continued 1000 yds NE (.) suspension bridge over R SONG  
observed considered to be intact (.) enemy in occupation northern bank (.)  
disposns Bn HQ and B coy 562699 A coy 562597 C and D coys 560700 (.) 2/43  
bn (.) two pls D coy moved to 555678 C coy to 571678 otherwise no change (.)  
4 bde HQ now established 637665 (.) 22 bn less three coys moved to R CUCJAN  
HQ 630634 A coy 629640 C at MARARUO relieved by 2/4 cav sqn (.) 29/46 bn  
moved to HELDSBACH area bn HQ 638668 A coy 639669 B 636667 C 640669 D  
640668 (.) PIB (.) patrol encountered enemy estimated one pl approx 638708  
(.) arty fire directed on enemy posns LAKES-BONGA area (.) enemy air  
activity (.) 1810 hrs four VALS dropped 16 bombs NORTH HILL killing three  
native porters wounding three others, all informed

if liable etc etc,

Capt.

DRIS.

TCO. 29120CL.

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PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

864A

To: 9 Aust Div rptd 24 and 26 Aust Inf Bdes.  
 From: 20 Aust Inf Bde. No. 0.569. 2.

sitrep 121 to 1900 L (.) 2/13 bn (.) engaged enemy posns with fire  
 throughout day some our posts pushed fwd slightly our casualties 4  
 wounded (.) tomorrow bn will attempt push fwd to 2/17 bn (.) 2/17 bn (.)  
 A coy attacking towards 2/13 bn reached pt 59456611 demonstration by  
 2/13 bn preceding attack (.) further progress stopped by hy MG fire  
 our casualties 1 killed 9 wounded incl maj MACLARN coy comd (.)  
 enemy posns very tenaciously held well dug in and hard to locate (.)  
 2/15 bn (.) patrol from KUMAWA to 579648 thence 580650 west to 574650  
 then along creek to 580648 thence track approx 584630 and NW along sup  
 route to KUMAWA NMS (.) patrol to GURUNKOR NMS (.) 2/23 bn recce  
 party arrived during day (.) disposns 2/23 bn HQ 576641 A coy 575641  
 B 576642, C 576640, D 577641 (.) all informed

*G. M. M. M.*

CAPT. IMMEDIATE DIV. T00.1901.hrs.  
 BDES IMPORTANT.



PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM.

821A

To. 9 Aust Div, rptd 24 and 26 Aust Inf Bdes.  
From. 20 Aust Inf Bde. No. 0. 568. 2.

sitrep 120 to 0700 L (.) 2/17 bn intends continue adv today with one coy  
(.) NTR during night

*A. W. Hiley* CAPT.

DIV IMMEDIATE.  
BDES IMPORTANT.

TOO 0728 hrs  
THI  
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PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

895A

To: 2/13, 215, 2/17 Bns.

From: 20 Aust Inf Bde. No. 0.571. 3.

sitrep 14 to 1300 L (.) 24 bde (.) one jap landmine recovered 624684 (.)  
natives report 200 enemy 651737 possible dump area 646757 possible  
camp area 632741 (.) 26 bde (.) 2/48 bn patrol to 615683 found well  
prepared enemy posn much activity heard and 3 japs seen (.) HQ 4 bde  
618560 (.) PT boat sank 2 jap barges damages one night 1/2 nov  
all informed

*Over the top*

CAPT.

IMPORTANT.

TOO. 1450 hrs  
THI  
TOR



PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

943A

To: 9 Aust Div, rptd 24 and 26 Aust Inf Bdes.  
From: 20 Aust Inf Bde. No. 0. 578. 4.

sitrep 125 to 1900 L (.) 2/13 bn (.) enemy posns ~~594666~~ <sup>594666</sup> 594666  
engaged with mortar and MMG (.) disposns BHQ 61056675 A coy ~~599664~~  
599664, B 61056680, C 597662, D 59406615. (.) 2/15 bn (.) disposns  
BHQ 629636, A coy 629638, B 630636, C 628635, D 629635 (.) 2/17 bn (.)  
constant pressure maintained on enemy approx 590663 ~~KNXXXX~~ six japs  
killed our casualties one killed (.) B and D coys relieved by B and  
C coys 2/24 bn staging night ~~area~~ area 637664 (.) 2/23 bn disposns  
BHQ 57186402, A coy 56926439, B 56876440, C 57056425, D 57126395 (.)

*Stewartley* CABT.

DIV IMMEDIATE. TCO. 1900 hrs  
BDES IMPORTANT. THI.  
TOR



PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

97 27

To: 9 Aust Div, rptd 24 and 26 Aust Inf Bdes.  
 From: 20 Aust Inf Bde. No. 0. 585. 5.

sitrep 127 to 1900 L (.) 2/13 bn (.) sec patrol from 595661 to known  
 enemy post 59276630 found posn vacated (.) well dug posts for 10 men  
 in area (.) enemy left one landmine some grenades (.) sec patrol from 59766  
 to 594659 thence NW along track to SATELBERG rd NMS (.) 2/15 bn no change  
 (.) 2/17 bn (.) patrols this morning found enemy had vacated posns  
 vicinity 590663 believed enemy hold <sup>e</sup>posns with one pl (.) no japs now  
 within 200 yds north of rd this area (.) 2/24 bn completed relief 2/17  
 bn by 1440 hrs (.) ~~disposns~~ disposns 2/17 bn ~~letter~~ (.) 2/48 bn (.)  
 A coy 640598 otherwise unchanged all informed

*Asworthley*

CAPT.

DIV PHONE IMMEDIATE. TOO 1901 hrs  
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PRO FORMA MESSAGEFORM

To: 9 Aust Div, rptd 24 and 26 Aust Inf Bdes.  
From: 20 Aust Inf Bde. No. 0. 588. 6.

10-25A

sitrep 129 to 1900 L (.) 2/13 bn (.) pl patrol from 599664 to 596666  
NE to 599675 east along south bank SIKI creek to 612672 then SW to  
SP NMS (.) unoccupied ~~XXXX~~ coy posn found approx 599675 (.) pl patrol  
from 594661 to 593663 thence 598666 to 596670 NMS (.) unoccupied coy  
posn ~~593663~~ three jap dead 595665 (.) 1145 hrs 2/15 bn completed  
relief 2/48 bn (.) disposns BHQ 636672 A coy 639677, B 633674, C 632681,  
D 627677 (.) 2/17 bn unchanged all informed

*Arthur Hely*

CAPT.

DIV IMMEDIATE. TOC. 1901 hrs

THI

TOR



PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

1037A

To: 9 Aust Div rptd 24 and 26 Aust Inf Bdes.  
From: 20 Aust Inf Bde. No. 0.591. 7.

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sitrep 131 to 1900 L (.) 2/13 bn patrol from 596661 to 596674  
found track 596667 to 597671 (e) definite but not well worn (.)  
at 596672 found 4 recent jap posns on track not well dug NMS (.)  
patrol from 599665 to SIKI creek 600673 to 609675 (.) patrol returned  
SW along edge 1500 ft ~~EBNTSMK~~ feature ~~xxx~~ going very rough (.)  
no tracks found NMS all informed

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*W. Heston*  
for Maj. Lieut.

DIV IMMEDIATE.

TOO 1901 hrs  
THI  
TOP



PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

1148A

To: 9 Aust Div rptd 24 and 26 Aust Inf Bdes.  
From: 20 Aust Inf Bde. No. 0. 607 . 11.

MOST SECRET (.)

sitrep 139 to 1900 ~~ix~~ L (.) 2/13 bn patrol from 595662 to track junc  
597678 thence east to 602678 (.) at 602678 four japs seen one killed (.)  
enemy posns considered astride <sup>tr</sup> rd (.) patrol withdrew no enemy fire (.)  
normal protective patrols NMS (.) Location D coy 2/15 bn now 633677  
with one pl at 632676 all informed

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MAJ. DIV IMMEDIATE.

TOO 1910 hrs  
THI  
TOR

PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

1152A

To: 9 Aust Div, rptd 24 and 26 Aust Inf Bdes.  
From: 20 Aust Inf Bde. No. 0. 608. 12.

sitrep 140 to 0700 L (.) NTR

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LIEUT.  
for Maj.

DIV IMMEDIATE.

TOO. 0730 hrs  
THI  
TOR



PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

117814

To: 9 Aust Div, rptd 24 and 26 Aust Inf Bdes and 2/13, 2/15, 2/17 bns.  
 From: 20 Aust Inf Bde. No. 0. 611. 12.

MOST SECRET (.) sitrep 141 to 1900 L (.) 2/15 bn (.) patrol time out  
 0800 time in 1530 (.) along KATIKA track to 614684 thence to enemy  
 posns at 611681 which were unoccupied (.) moved to 604677 and halted  
 for spell (.) offr NCO and runner went fwd 50 yds and came to brush  
 fence and tree across track (.) rifle shot wounded NCO (.) LMG opened  
 up and offr and runner fell to ground (.) NCO worked his way along  
 side of track towards patrol and looking back saw no mvt by other two  
 (.) believes both killed (.) patrol returned (.) further patrol to  
 604677 no report to 1900 hrs (.) 2/13 bn (.) patrol to 610670 west to  
 creek at 602669 then north to creek junc and west to 598672 NMS (.)  
 patrol to creek junc 596670 north to 596676 thence SE to 598673 NMS  
 all informed

*W. J. ...*  
 LIEUT.  
 for Maj.

DIV IMMEDIATE. TO 0.1920 hrs  
 THI  
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PRO FORMA MESSAGEFORM.

To: 9 Aust Div, rptd 24 and 26 Aust Inf Bdes.  
From: 20 Aust Inf Bde. No. 0. 596. 8.

10591A

Sitrep 133 to 1900 L (.) 2/15 bn patrol along KATIKA track to square 6068 (.) track from 615685 goes SW to garden 613683 marked kunai listening post one jap killed (.) enemy LMG opened up patrol threw grenades (.) patrol moved SE along 1400 feature heard wood chopping then LMG and owen gun fire from 614677 (.) returned to listening post searched jap (.) no identifications or documents (.) weedy type (.) haversack with dixie of cooked taro but no rice (.) moved SW along track saw two japs with rifles and owen gun (.) both enemy believed killed (.) feature garden to 611681 extensive unoccupied diggings some recent all informed

*W. Hester* <sup>for</sup> Maj.  
BM.

DIV IMMEDIATE. TOO 1901 hrs  
THI  
TOR



PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

1114A

To: 9 Aust Div, rptd 24 and 26 Aust Inf Bde.  
From: 20 Aust Inf Bde. No. 0. 604. 10.

sitrep 137 to 1900 L (.) 2/15 bn patrol 9 nov possible enemy HQ

corrected to 607686 (.) C coy 2/15 bn relieved by 2/32 bn location  
C coy now 624670 ~~all~~ (.) normal patrols NMS all informed

*Kocherley*  
CAPT.  
*Heart*

DIV IMMEDIATE. TOO. 1930 hrs  
THI  
TOR

PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

115A

To: 9 Aust Div, rptd 24 and 26 Aust Inf Bdes.  
From: 20 Aust Inf Bde. No. 0. 605. 11.

sitrep 138 to 0700 L (.) ~~sitrep~~ NTR

*Waters*

Capt.

Div immediate. TOO 0720 hrs  
THI  
TOR



PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

1413A

To: 9 Aust Div, rptd 2/13, 2/15, 2/17 bns, 24 and 26 bdes.  
From: 20 Aust Inf Bde. No. 0.644. 19.

MOST SECRET (.) sitrep 155 to 191900L (.) normal protective patrols  
2/13 and 2/15 bns NMS (.) 2/13 Bn (.) from standing patrol 598677 contact  
made with standing patrols of 2/17 ~~bn~~ and 2/24 bns at 597678 and 607677 (.)  
recce of jap posn 603678 found posn unoccupied (.) posn almost entirely  
destroyed by our arty (.) bodies of offr and runner killed 12 nov on  
2/15 bn patrol were found pockets had been rifled and boots taken away (.)  
posn 120 yds long 30/40 foxholes one pillbox facing east patrol withdrew  
to standing patrol area (.) 2/15 bn (.) patrol from GARABOW moved NW  
1800 yds along tr to 583693 where heard japs talking (.) patrol remained  
astride tr and recce party moved fwd (.) from kunai patch 100 yds x 200 yds  
recce party saw newly constructed native hut 60 yds away and heard sounds  
of worki g (.) further recce located tr believed to run between PALANKO  
and hut (.) several other trs observed running north to a garden (.) while  
endeavouring to observe along main tr 3 japs saw our patrol (.) both parties  
retired no opportunity to fire on enemy (.) recce party returned to main  
patrol which stayed astride tr for 30 mins (.) NMS during last 30 mins so  
patrol returned (.) changes in locations (.) 2/13 bn standing patrol at  
598677 increased to two pls (.) *(D Coy HQ and one pl 598664)* (.)  
2/17 bn standing patrol of D coy less one pl  
at 614684 (.) also standing patrol 18 pl D coy plus Tk.A pl at 608708 (.)

ALL INFORMED

If liable etc.,

*W. H. ...*  
LIEUT  
for MAJ.

Div Immediate

TOO I91900L.  
THI  
TGR



PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

148A

To: 9 Aust Div rptd 2/13, 2/15, 2/17 bns, 24 and 26 bdes.  
From: 20 Aust Inf Bde. No. O. 645. 20.

MOST SECRET (.) sitrep 156 to 200730L(.) 4-70mm shells on A coy 2/13  
at 191830L no damage or casualties were reported (.) otherwise NTR  
all informed

if liable etc  
etc

*W. H. ...*

Lieut  
for Maj.

Div Immediate. TOO. 200750L.  
THI  
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PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

12/14

To: 9 Aust Div, rptd 2/13, 2/15, 2/17 bns, 24 and 26 bdes.  
From: 20 Aust Inf Bde. No. O. 650. 20.

MOST SECRET (.) sitrep 157 to 201900L (.) ref maps I/25000 series (.)  
~~201900L~~ normal protective patrols NMS (.) 2/13 bn (.) patrol from  
59I66I to 590670 thence to standing patrol 597677 NMS (.) from standing  
patrol 597677 north to east west jeep tr thence west to 588677 NMS (.)  
from 59I66I north along tr to 589669 thence to SIKI cr and followed tr  
NW to standing patrol 597677 NMS (.) 2/15 bn (.) patrol from GARABOW rdg  
along tr to KUNAI 605687 thence along tr north to 69 northing where  
main tr turns east (.) from this pt by native pad to R SONG 604694,  
where three unoccupied native huts found (.) along south bank R SONG to  
bend 606694 where tr ended in garden (.) tr followed back and ran NW  
along R SONG for 1000 yds crossing river at 599695 and appeared to go  
north (.) from 603695 a pad was followed south to garden 603692 (.)  
garden untouched no sign of jap movement (.) patrol returned NMS (.)  
2/17 bn (.) patrol from 615686 on a bearing of 14 degrees to 618688  
and followed east west tr to 627688 thence SW to KATIKA tr and returned  
to 615684 NMS (.) location 20 bde LOB gp now 638682 (.) all informed

If liable etc etc.

*C. W. Heeler*  
Lieut.  
for Maj.

Div Immediate

TOO.20184OL.  
THI  
TCR



PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

6A

To: 9 Aust Div, rptd 2/13, 2/15, 2/17 bns, 24 and 26 bdes.  
From: 20 Aust Inf Bdes. No. 0. 657. 21.

~~SECRET~~ (.) sitrep 15130 211900L (.) ref 1/25000 (.) 2/13 bn (.)  
pl patrol from 592662 to 590668 thence NE along tr to standing patrol  
597677 NMS (.) sec patrol from 611668 to 6608658 then west along tr to  
600657 thence NE to SATELBERG road NMS (.) 2/15 bn (.) patrol from GARABOW  
NW along tr to 592691 thence NE to SONG R 596698 SE to 598596 NW to 595697  
back to SP NMS (.) 2/17 bn (.) sec patrol from 615686 along tr to 626687  
north to creek fork 624691 NMS (.) sec patrol from 608678 contacted  
standing patrol 2/13 bn 603678 NMS (.) sec patrol from 615686 contacted  
2/15 bn patrol 605687 then proceeded north to SONG R NMS (.) all informed

if liable etc etc,

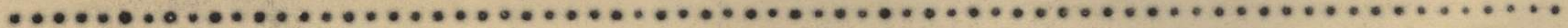
*Asw Kley*

Capt.

Immediate  
to Div.

TOO 211901L.  
THI

Important remainder. TOR





PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

11A

To: 9 Aust Div, rptd 2/13, 2/15, 2/17 bns, 24 and 26 bdes.  
From: 20 Aust Inf Bde. No. 0.658. 22.

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SECRET (.) sitrep 160 to 220700L (.) 2/15 bn (.) 0650 hrs enemy  
commenced lt shelling of bn area with gun of unknown calibre (.) unable  
obtain sound or flash bearing so far (.) shelling still continuing  
all informed

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if liable etc etc.

*Deworth*

Capt. Div IMMEDIATE. T00.220725L.  
Others IMPORTANT. THI  
TOR



PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

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To: 9 Aust Div, rptd 2/13, 2/15, 2/17 bns, 24 and 26 bdes.  
From: 20 Aust Inf Bde. No. 0. 660. 22.

SECRET (.) sitrep 161 to 221900L (.) ref 1/25000 (.) 2/13 bn (.) pl  
patrol from 611667 along track to 609669 NE to creek 611672 NW across  
1500 ft feature to jeep track 606677 along track <sup>to</sup> 609680 NMS (.) standing  
patrols 597677 and 597679 NMS (.) patrol through TAREKO area NMS (.) pl patrol  
from 591661 to 597677 north to jeep track running east west through 596678 (.)  
track reced 400 yds east same distance west object finding jeep track north  
to GARABOW but no track found and NMS (.) 2/15 bn ~~+~~ details later (.)  
2/17 bn (.) sec patrol from 615686 to kunai patch 625687 NMS (.) sec patrol  
from 615686 contacted patrol 2/15 bn in kunai patch 605687 NMS (.) ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ all informed

If liable etc etc.

*Worley*

Capt.

Immediate Div. T00.221915L.  
Important remainder. TBI  
TOR



PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

(56A)

To: 9 Aust Div, rptd 2/13, 2/15, 2/17 bns, 24 & 26 bdes.  
From: 20 Aust Inf Bde. No. 0.662. 23.

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SECRET (.) sitrep 162 to 230700L(.) 2/15 bn only local protective patrols  
yesterday all NMS (.) otherwise NTR all informed

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If liable etc etc

*W. J. ...*  
Capt.

Div Immediate.

TOO. 230730L.  
THI  
TOR



PRO FORM MESSAGE FORM

To : 9 Aust Div, rptd 24 and 26 Aust Inf Bdes  
From: 20 Aust Inf Bde. No. O. 573. 3.

904A  
+ 23 bn

sitrep 123 to 1900 L (.) patrols working east from 2/17 bn and west from 2/13 bn early today found enemy had withdrawn from posns astride rd (.) 2/13 bn (.) patrols from B and D coys regained contact with enemy vicinity 594664 (.) enemy appeared to have several posts in area two japs killed our casualties 7 wounded (.) enemy posts pin pointed and subsequently engaged heavily with mortar and MMG results not known (.) disposns C coy 59706625, D 594662, 1 pl A coy 59706637 otherwise unchanged (.) 2/17 bn (.) recce party 2/24 bn arrived 1030 hrs (.) 1300 hrs C coy attacked jap posns 590662 pushing enemy back approx 70 yds (.) japs counter attacked 20 killed our casualties 9 killed 10 wounded (.) further enemy posts in thick bamboo approx 589662 harassing our new posn with snipers and LMG but being engaged with mortars and MGs (.) 2/15 bn relieved by 2/23 bn moved to area previously occupied by 2/23 bn (.) detailed disposns 2/15 bn and 2/17 bns later all informed

*Dunworthy* CAPT.

DIV IMMEDIATE. TOO 1935 hrs  
BDES IMPORTANT. THI  
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PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM.

830A

To: 2/13, 2/15 and 2/17 Aust Inf Bns.  
From: 20 Aust Inf Bde. No. 0.687. 28.

SECRET (.) sitrep 38 to 272000L(.) ref maps 1/2500 series (.) 24 bde (.)  
2/28 bn relieved by 37/52 bn each coy relieved by opposite number(.)  
271400L D coy 2/28 bn with arty. and tk sp advanced north along coastal  
track from 654702 (.) objective 654711 reached (.) enemy retreated (.)  
exploitation to 654714 where small number of enemy contacted (.) C coy  
2/28 bn moved fwd to 654711 (.) A coy 2/28 bn moved to PABU 636729 (.)  
bn HQ and Bcoy 644694 (.) C coy 2/43 bn moved back from FINO HILL to  
649699 (.) patrol encountered enemy estimated one pl at 649725 (.) air  
dropping on 2/32 bn 271530L only partly successful (.) 26 bde (.) village  
reached by C coy 2/23 bn 26 nov thought to be FIOR has now been discovered  
to be a village named MOGAKO unmarked on map (.) A coy and one pl D coy  
now occupy MOGAKO (.) jap posn 565695 contacted by patrol 2/23 bn and later  
mortared (.) patrol remained in close contact (.) jap posn 700 yds SW of  
FIOR still occupied (.) one pl carr coy now at KUMARA and part of 2/4 cav  
sqn moving to MARAKUO (.) 4 bde (.) no change (.) A coy 2/3 pnr bn moved  
to 643693 (.) PIB patrol to 639701 encountered japs at 633701 and 625700(.)  
arty fired in sp of 24 bde sp and on enemy posns WARBO BONGARA to coast  
between R SONG and track BONGA WARBO (.) no enemy air activity during last  
24 hrs (.) own airops 27 nov (.) 13-B25s accurately bombed enemy posns  
west of BONGA 27 tons bombs dropped causing fires and large explosion(.)  
8 sqns B-25s bombed WENAK area (.) 13-B24s bombed LINDENHAFEN plantation  
GASATA all informed

if liable etc etc.

*W. W. M. M.* Capt.

DRIS.

TOO. 281130L.

THI.

FOR



To: 2/13, 2/15, 2/17 Aust Inf Bns.

From: 20 Aust Inf Bde. No. 0.683. 27.

SECRET (.) sitrep 37 to 262000L (.) ref maps 1/25000 series (.) 24 bde (.) 260900L B and D coys 2/32 bn successfully attacked PINO HILL 648723 from NORTH HILL 648712 (.) by arty concentration and rocket sp preceded attack by inf and tks and enemy withdrew offering little opposition (.) 261130L D coy 2/28 bn relieved C coy 2/43 bn on NORTH HILL which in turn moved on to PINO HILL relieving D coy 2/32 bn 261300L (.) D coy 2/32 bn then moved to 637732 against some opposition with tk sp for first 700 yds (.) 2/32 bn in vicinity 637733 repulsed determined enemy attacks lasting 2 1/2 hrs (.) patrol with wounded from this area contacted patrol from 648723 261900L (.) 126 enemy known dead counted area 637733 since 20 nov (.) enemy shelled PINO HILL posns 261130L causing casualties (.) locations last lt B coy 2/32 bn 647722 to 649723 C coy 2/43 bn 649723 to 649720 (.) patrols located enemy still in posn east and NW 2/43 bn at 654706 and 644710 (.) enemy also located near R SONG 629699 and 628700 approx pl strength (.) other patrols NMS (.) 26 bde (.) patrol 2/4 cav sqn and carr coy all NMS (.) patrol C coy 2/24 bn moving to FIOR heard enemy party 564695 (.) one jay seen on track killed (.) patrol withdrew and attempted unsuccessfully to reach FIOR by tracks to the east (.) C coy 2/23 bn moved north and occupied MASANGKOO without opposition (.) patrol from D coy occupied FIOR (.) 4 bde (.) 22 bn (.) bn HQ established SIMBANG 616559 A coy SIMBANG 619561 C coy MARARUO 537675 (.) one coy 37/52 bn moved to SCARLET BEACH (.) by arty fire in sp 2/32 bn attack and neutralisation and harassing fire (.) enemy air activity (.) 261050L 10 LILYS escorted by 15 OSCARS dropped at least 50 bombs in area R QUOJA airfd and LAUNCH JETTY caused some damage and casualties (.) airops 26 nov (.) 28 MITCHELLS 8 MARAUDERS bombed barge hideouts and dump area NAMBARIWA (.) black smoke seen possibly burning barges (.) 12 LIBERATORS accurately bombed GASMATA (.) PT boats night 25/26 no sightings all informed

If liable etc etc.

*Cherwell*

Capt.

DBLS.

TOO. 271200L.

THI.

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219A

To: 9 Aust Div, rptd 2/13, 2/15/2/17 Bns, 24 and 26 Bdes.  
From: 20 Aust Inf Bde No. 0.685. 28.

sitrep 171 to 280700L (.) NTR

*W. W. M. C.*

CAPT. DIV IMMEDIATE. TOO. 280730L.  
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PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

To: RAA 9 Aust Div.  
From: 20 Aust Inf Bde. No. 0. 686. 28.

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*W. W. M. C.* Capt.

TOO. 281025 L.  
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PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

To: 2/13, 2/15 and 2/17 Aust Inf Bns.  
From: 20 Aust Inf Bde. No. 0. 673. 25.

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SECRET (.) sitrep 35 to 242000L (.) ref maps 1/25000 (.) 24 bde (.) ~~xxx~~  
patrols active throughout area (.) enemy withdrew from close contact  
with our FDIS but still in area (.) enemy definitely located at  
653709, 640734 and 654707 (.) C coy 2/32 bn rejoined bn and relieved  
B coy which returned to 2/43 bn area with wounded (.) one tp tks  
moved to 647695 (.) 26 bde (.) patrol 2/4 cav sqn encountered 8 japs  
544649 (.) other patrols NMS (.) 2/32 bn (.) patrols during morning (.)  
B coy moved to spur at 554675, 200 yds west of C coy and attacked jap p  
posns to east (.) during this attack enemy strongly counterattacked  
twice from three sides (.) first attack repulsed but second forced  
temporary withdrawal (.) for short period jap parties attacked each  
other assisted by 2/23 bn (.) B coy later ~~reoccupied~~ reoccupied posn (.)  
D coy moved fwd 300 yds against opposition and at last it were in  
close contact at 554674 (.) 2/24 bn (.) local patrolling found enemy  
still in same posn except for slight withdrawals due to our arty  
fire (.) 2/48 bn (.) B coy moved to road bend 559674 then NE towards  
top of ridge (.) reached posn 150 yds from top of slope at approx  
559675 (.) steep slope and strong jap posns at top of slope prevented  
further adv (.) coy moved to kunai patch 561674 (.) enemy attack  
repulsed (.) 4 bde (.) 22 bn (.) bn HQ established 583564 and one pl  
D coy 527578 ref one in (.) B coy moved to 635593 ref 1/25000 (.) A  
coy moving from MORENG to TIRIMORO (.) patrol encountered 1 jap  
541648 (.) other patrols NMS (.) PIB (.) patrol heard approx 50 japs  
639700 (.) other patrols NMS (.) arty fire during day on enemy posns (.)  
enemy airops (.) 241640L 9 LILYS escorted by 20 OSCARS dropped bombs  
to south of FINSCHHAFFEN airstrip and out to sea (.) PT boats night  
23/24 nov sank 9 enemy barges moving south with sups vicinity  
HARDENBERG PT (.) sighted 4 other barges but unable to engage all  
informed.

if liable etc etc.

Capt.

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TOO. 251240L.

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To: 2/13, 2/15 and 2/17 Aust Inf Bns, Bde Sigs, Gd Pl, Camp, Bde S.M.  
From: 20 Aust Inf Bde. No. 0.671. 25.

firing of any weapon in rear of bde HQ is forbidden except for operation  
-al reasons or with the authority of this HQ (.) this prohibition incl  
the firing of weapons for clearing or testing (.) unauthorised firing  
will be treated as a breach of discipline and offenders will be charged (.)  
~~subordinate~~ units will promulgate this order to all ranks all informed

*Deworthley*

CAPT.

TOO.251200L.  
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PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM.

To: 2/13, 2/15 and 2/17 Aust Inf Bns.

From: 20 Aust Inf Bd . No. 0.672. 25.

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practice shoots will be carried out at all 6pr and 2pr coastal gun

posns between 261030L and 261130L (.) 2 rds 2 in mortar illuminating

flares at each post and 2 rds gunfire from all guns will be fired (.)



PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

To: 9 Aust Div, rptd 2/13, 2/15, 2/17 bns, 24 and 26 bdes.  
From: 20 Aust Inf Bde. No. 0.677. 26.

149A

sitrep 167 to 260700L (.) NTR

*Oliver Allen*

CAPT.

DIV IMMEDIATE.

TOO. 260730L.  
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PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

159A

To: 2/13, 2/15 and 2/17 Aust Inf Bns.  
 From: 20 Aust Inf Bde. No. 0. 678. 26.

SECRET (.) sitrep 36 to 252000L (.) ref maps 25000 series unless otherwise quoted (.) ~~XXXXXX~~ 24 bde (.) enemy party located last lt at 654707 withdrew to NW after arty and mortar engagement (.) many signs of hurried flight (.) ESB rocket device fired on PINO HILL from NORTH HILL (.) enemy retaliated with 16 shells from 2 guns from posn near LAKES 6173 (.) our arty engaged and silenced them (.) native carrier train departed 2/43 bn area for 2/32 bn escorted by two pls 2/43 bn and sec PIB (.) encountered strong and extensive jap posn in area ~~XXXXXX~~ 636726 and returned (.) enemy posn reced and discovered to be well developed with MMGs and LMGs (.) posn later shelled (.) sups successfully dropped on 2/32 bn by air (.) extensive patrols encountered only one jap at 654707 but heard enemy at 654708 (.) 26 bde (.) 2/4 cav sqn (.) patrol to HARARUO found extensive posns in neighbourhood (.) area unoccupied (.) patrol to MORENG found it deserted (.) patrols at first lt this morning discovered that enemy had withdrawn overnight from SATTEBERG and 2600 feature with the exception of reargd tps in front of 2/23 bn (.) these withdrew during the morning (.) 2/24 bn (.) C coy moved west to 571677 (.) patrol to PALANKO found it unoccupied and a partly buried 75mm gun at 569677 (.) further patrol contacted 2/48 bn on SATTEBERG ridge (.) extensive diggings and much eqpt found (.) 2/48 bn (.) B coy occupied SATTEBERG village 250905L (.) A coy moved on to 3200 feature until relieved by 2/24 bn (.) by last lt remainder of bn moved up and occupied area from ~~village~~ to 557678 (.) 2/23 bn (.) D coy moved fwd without opposition to 3200 feature (.) C coy found enemy still in posn at first lt and attacked causing withdrawal (.) C coy then joined D coy on 3200 feature (.) 75mm gun found at 553677 (.) disposns C sqn tk tps 587662, 561665, 552679 and 578678 (.) carrier coy 562663 (.) two pls MG bn at each 575662 and 566664 (.) 2/24 bn (.) A coy 589661 D coy 555669 (.) 4 bde (.) 22 bn (.) present disposns A coy TIRIMORO B coy KEDAM C Coy 539646 refn one in vicinity MORENG D coy SIMBANG bn HQ R MAPE 585564 (.) PIB (.) deep patrol to villages 596724 and 609717 found both unoccupied (.) other patrols NMS (.) arty fire on enemy posns (.) no enemy air activity during last 24 hrs (.) PT boats night 24/25 sank two barges moving south between CAPE KING WILLIAM and SIALUM (.) encountered by 20mm and 40mm fire from shore all informed

If liable etc etc,

*W. H. ...*  
 Capt.

DRLS. TOO. 261525L.  
 THE  
 TOR



PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

To: 2/13, 2/15, 2/17 Bns.

From: 20 Aust Inf Bde No. 0. 680. 26. --

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proposed patrols will be communicated to this HQ

int sec by 1700 hrs daily all informed

If liable etc etc.

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TOO. 261930L.

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From: 20 Aust Inf Bde. No. 0.682. 27.

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ref our G19/1/6 of 15 nov 43 (.) students will now report to LAUNCH JETTY by 0800 hrs on day of movement from DIMINISH with nominal rolls and movement orders (.) these will be fwded by this HQ to senior offr or NCO in party prior to day of movement (.) all informed

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Capt.

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PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

To: 2/13, 2/15 and 2/17 Aust Inf Bns.  
From: 20 Aust Inf Bde. No. 0.682. 27.

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ref our G19/1/6 of 15 Nov 43 (.) students will now report to LAUNCH JETTY by 0800 hrs on day of movement from DIMINISH ~~400~~ for barge movement to MCO at 642585 ref LANGEMAK BAY 1/25000 (.) nominal rolls and movement orders will be fwded by this HQ to the senior offr or NCO in party prior to day of movement all informed

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*Alvin ...* Capt.

T00.270750L.



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PROFORMA MESSAGE FORM

TO 4 BDE : 20 BDE : 24 BDE : 26 BDE : RAA : RAE : SIGS : 2/2 MG BN :  
2/3 PNR BN : 29/45 BN : C COY PIB : C TK SQN : 532 REGT 2 ESB I  
COMD : G : Q : AASC : MEDICAL : BMB : WAR DIARY (2)

0 395 25

FROM ADV 9 AUST DIV

confirmation (.) adv party 37/52 bn will move to 2/28 bn sector 26 nov  
preparatory to relief 2/28 bn by 37/52 bn on 27 nov all informed

If liable etc

IMPORTANT to 4 Bde. TOO 252300.  
DRLS & Orderly  
remainder

*J Burn* Capt

PROFORMA MESSAGE FORM



TO 4 BDE : 20 BDE : 24 BDE : 26 BDE : RAA : RAE : SIGS : 2/2 MG BN :  
2/3 PNR BN : 29/46 BN : C COY PIB : C TK SQN : 532 REGT 2 ESB  
COMD : G A C : AASC : MEDICAL : BMB : WAR DIARY (2)

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FROM ADV 9 AUST DIV

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FIRST ( ) coy 22 bn moving to occupy MORENG will move to MARARUO tasks to prevent enemy movement south towards MORENG patrol local tracks patrol east to link with 26 bde by arrangement with 26 bde ( ) SECOND ( ) native camps at present allotted that coy will move earliest to 20 bde via SATELBERG all informed

Comd  
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(L) Dyer.

If liable etc  
J Burn  
Capt

IMPORTANT to 4 Bde  
DRLS & Orderly  
remainder

TOO 252300L



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FROM **9 AUST DIV**

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<b>in</b>	<b>the</b>	<b>event</b>	<b>of</b>	<b>NISEA</b>	<b>personnel</b>
<b>being</b>	<b>att</b>	<b>to</b>	<b>bdes</b>	<b>for</b>	<b>translation</b>
<b>and</b>	<b>interrogation</b>	<b>an</b>	<b>escort</b>	<b>of</b>	<b>two</b>
<b>aust</b>	<b>personnel</b>	<b>will</b>	<b>be</b>	<b>provided</b>	<b>if</b>
<b>they</b>	<b>move</b>	<b>from</b>	<b>the</b>	<b>immediate</b>	<b>HQ</b>
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TO 4 BDE : 24 BDE : rptd 20 BDE : 26 BDE : RAA : RAE : SIGS : 2/2 MG BN :  
2/5 PNR BN : C TK SQN : COMD : G : AQ : AASC : MEDICAL : BMB : WD(2)

FROM ADV 9 AUST DIV

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further to my O 395 (.) 37/52 bn will come under comd 24 bde for ops and  
local adm on 27 nov and will be employed to relieve 2/28 bn which remains  
under comd 24 bde ack all informed

*rptd to bde no ack required. Dym*

If liable etc

IMMEDIATE to  
4, 24 Bdes.  
DRIS remainder

T00 261800L

*Kaflachum* Capt

*comd M  
on seen  
(H) Dym*



*Post War*

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PROFORMA MESSAGE FORM

4 BDE : 20 BDE ; 24 BDE : 26 BDE : RAA : RAE : SIGS :  
2/2 MG BN : 29/46 BN : 2/3 PNR BN : C SQN TKS : C COY PIB :  
532 REGT 2 ESB : COMD : G : Q : AASC : MEDICAL : BMB :  
WAR DIARY.

M:- ADV 9 AUST DIV O 402 26

Composite force 2/2 MG bn will relieve 26 bde of responsibility for protection of SATELBERG rd from both incl JIVEVANENG to STEEPLE HILL 562665 earliest possible by mutual arrangement (.) at time of relief 2/4 cav (commando) sqn 9 div carr coy and B coy and one pl 2/2 MG bn will pass from 26 bde to comd 2/2 MG bn (.) earliest possible after relief 2/2 MG bn will place one pl 9 div carr coy at KUMAWA to take over and guard stores dump and relieve 2/4 cav (commando) sqn who will then pass to comd 26 bde (.) 26 bde after 2/4 cav (commando) sqn reverts to its comd will be prepared to relieve one coy 22 bn at MARARUO (.) 2/2 MG bn in its sector will assist 26 bde in enforcing control of traffic on SATELBERG rd all informed

If liable, etc.

LO to 26 BDE  
IMPORTANT 2/2 MG BN  
DRLS REMAINDER

TOO: 261450L

*Just north of  
rd June (NW  
to from KUMAWA)*

*R. / Alani Ma  
Comd  
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PROFORMA MESSAGE FORM

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TO:- 4 BDE : 26 BDE : 29/46 BN rptd 20 BDE : 24 BDE : C TK SQN :  
RAA : RAE : SIGS : 2/2 MG BN : 2/3 PNR BN : C COY PIB : COMD :  
G : AQ : AASC : MEDICAL : BMB : WAR DIARY (2)

FROM:- ADV 9 AUST DIV 0 425 27

on 28 nov 43 4 bde less 37/52 bn will move in div res as follows (.)  
29/46 bn to area 638674 and revert under comd 4 bde (.) 22 bn less  
three coys to area mouth R QUOJA (.) HQ 4 bde to area 637668 (.) two  
coys 22 bn will remain temporarily in FINSCHHAFEN at disposal Q for  
labour (.) C coy 22 bn at MARARUO will be relieved by 26 bde earliest  
and on relief will rejoin 22 bn mouth R QUOJA (.) 26 bde will then  
become responsible for left flank protection on track MARARUO - MORENG (.)  
all natives at present allotted to C coy 22 bn will be returned to  
WELDSBACH compound all informed

If liable, etc.

IMPORTANT TO 4, 26 TOO: 272050L  
BDES, 29/46 BN.  
DRLS REMAINDER

Comd seen R/Hamet Maj.  
Am seen  
14/Dec



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TO : *[Handwritten initials]*  
4 BDE : 20 BDE : 24 BDE : 26 BDE : 2/4 CAV SQN : C TK SQN : RAA :  
RAE : SIGS : 2/2 MG BN : 2/3 PNR BN : C COY PIB : FINSCH B S A : *LOG No*  
COMD : G : AQ : CAMP : AASC : MEDICAL : ORD : AEME : PRO : PAY : *(551)*  
POSTAL : 8 ALP : BMB : WD

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FROM : ADV 9 AUST DIV

comds will enforce dispersal of those tps whc are within range of enemy  
arty and particularly those under enemy observation (.) vehs in both fwd  
and rear areas will be dispersed within available limits to reduce vul-  
nerability to air attack (.) no veh will be parked where it interferes  
with operational tasks of tps or weapons for example where it prevents  
a sited weapon from opening effective fire

if liable to etc

DRLS

TOO 281215L

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Maj.

*promulgated to bus Oln O  
incl 29/46 on*

Rptd to units 0.692.







PROFORMA MESSAGE FORM

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TO : List A less Serials 15,16, (one each 19 & 20)

FROM : ADV 9 AUST DIV

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ref map SATELBERG 1/25000 (.) track from 556675 north to 3200 feature  
will be known as SPRY STREET

if liable to etc

DRLS TOO 281215L

*Admiral* Capt  
reptd to units 0.693.  
promulgated to bus *Den*

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*Am*  
*W Den*



PROFORMA MESSAGE FORM

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TO : LIST A

FROM : ADV 9 AUST DIV

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new series 1/25000 maps SATELBERG FORTIFICATION PT MASAWENG R WEST  
sheets come into use 0001 hrs 1 dec (.) new series LANGEMAK BAY MAPE. R  
HOMPUA issued when available

if liable etc

DRLS

T00281625L

*A. Evans* Capt

*Comd*  
*Bm*  
*W. Dyer*



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McWhinney Capt



PROFORMA MESSAGE FORM

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TO : ADDRESSEES AS FOR *SECRET NO 31* *to 4 bns 0691*  
 FROM : 9 AUST DIV *0440* *29*

MOST SECRET (.) sitrep 32 to 282000L (.) ref maps 1/25000 series (.)  
 20 bde patrols no contact (.) 24 bde (.) 2/28 bn less A coy continued  
 adv up coastal track to 658729 where enemy contacted & estimated  
 between one and two pls (.) bn attacked 281530L with tk sp and enemy  
 withdrew (.) bn formed perimeter for night at this posn (.) 2/32 bn  
 (.) enemy movement observed 640734 (.) enemy dead counted now totals  
 170 (.) pl A coy 2/28 bn moved NE to 644735 without contact (.) A coy  
 less two pls followed (.) posn occupied (.) enemy gun observed 633727  
 engaged by arty (.) A coy 2/43 bn relieved A coy 2/32 bn which moved  
 to NORTH HILL (.) patrols and CPs NMS (.) 26 bde (.) 2/24 bn (.) patrol  
 contacted patrol 2/13 bn at 1800 feature 580700 (.) continued north to  
 583707 unable to find track to R SONG (.) enemy withdrew overnight from  
 FIOR area (.) dispositions last light 2/24 bn less D coy 564696 D coy  
 MOGACKO (.) 2/23 bn (.) bn moved to FIOR and patrol continued 1000 yds  
 NE (.) suspension br over R SONG observed considered to be intact (.)  
 enemy in occupation northern bank (.) dispositions bn HQ and B coy  
 562699 A coy 562597 C and D coys 560700 (.) 2/48 bn (.) two pls D coy  
 moved to 555678 C coy to 571678 otherwise no change (.) 2/4 cav sqn  
 relieved C coy 22 bn at MARARUO (.) 4 bde (.) bde HQ now established  
 637065 (.) 22 bn less three coys moved to R QUOJA bn HQ 630634 A coy  
 629640 C coy at MARARUO relieved by 2/4 cav sqn (.) 29/46 bn moved to  
 HELDSBACH area bn HQ 638668 A coy 639669 B coy 636667 C coy 640669 D  
 coy 640668 (.) PIB (.) patrol encountered enemy estimated one pl approx  
 638708 (.) arty fire directed on enemy posns LAKES - BONGA area (.)  
 enemy air activity (.) 1-10 hrs four VALS dropped 16 bombs NORTH HILL  
 killing three native carriers wounding three others

If liable etc DRLS TOO 290730L

Capt



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PROFORMA MESSAGE FORM

TO : 4 BDE : 20 BDE : 24 BDE : 2/2 MG BN : rptd 26 BDE : 3/4 CAV SQN :  
C TK SQN : RAA : RAE : SIGS : 2/3 PNR BN : C COY PIB : COMD :  
G : AQ : AASC : MEDICAL : BMB : WD (2)

FROM : 9 AUST DIV

0 430

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ref my 0 418 (.) D day will NOT be before 1 dec all informed

If liable etc

DRLS & Orderly T00 281050L

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14 Dm







Bonga Photomap

(302A)

Interpretation from CORPS (27 Nov strike)

Def posns from 172138 to

171138. Posns 170137 NW then

SW. to 168137. 3 def posns in

depth facing SE. Total 30

weapon pits at 16851347.

10 weapon pits at intervals

from 167136 to 164138. 4

weapon pits 16071397.

Area 167134, 16641338,

a area 166133 to 166134. also

Not to join 61140. Possible dump

area 16351392.

from Capt Evans

301430/L

Ans advised.



PROFORMA MESSAGE FORM

1382

20 BDE : 24 BDE : 26 BDE : RAA : G  
 9 AUST DIV

OA 84

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 airops 12 - <sup>16</sup> nov (.) 12 nov 6 MARAUDERS 11 MITCHELLS bombed and strafed  
 KAIRI village fires started (.) night 12/13 4 BEAUFORTS bombed VUNAKANAU  
 airfield (.) 57 LIBERATORS 11 MITCHELLS bombed strafed ALEXISHAFEN dumps  
 exploded and fires were started (.) 50 MITCHELLS bombed and strafed MADANG  
 airfield town dumps and barges at BELIAU IS (.) 3 grounded A/C destroyed  
 many fires started (.) 4 THUNDERBOLTS strafed barges SIO (.) sqn MITCHELLS  
 twice attempted strafe barges SIO - FORTIFICATION PT prevented by weather  
 (.) 9 MITCHELLS strafed airfields GASMATA (.) 14 nov MITCHELLS carried out  
 extensive barge search KAIRI to WALLINGAI nil sighting intermediary points  
 bombed track ZAGAHEMI WALANGAI strafed (.) no enemy movement seen crews  
 report possibly MT tracks coastal rd NAMBARIWA WALANGAI 18000 rds .5 expended  
 (.) 15 nov 31 LIBERATORS bombed ALEXISHAFEN two amn dumps hit many fires (.)  
 MITCHELLS destroyed 3 Fs near GUSAP (.) one LIBERATOR on recce bombed SIO  
 (.) 1000 hrs 30-40 enemy medium bombers 20-30 fighters attacked GUSAP (.)  
 damage and casualties slight (.) 21 enemy A/C 8 probable destroyed by A/C  
 (.) AA claim one shot down one probable (.) 16 nov 32 B25 9 B26 bombed  
 GUSIKO FIOR WAREO MASAWENG R WALLANGAI KELANOA 100,000 rds amn used  
 strafing by escorts (.) bombs on target areas difficult observation due by  
 timber (.) 6/8 vehs stationary ~~target areas difficult observation~~ north of  
 FIOR 6 barges along coast (.) 30 LIGHTNINGS on F sweep WEWAK intercepted  
 by approx 60-70 enemy A/C (.) we destroyed 6 (.) one probable lost 2 with  
 2 damaged landing (.) by strike WEWAK returned due interception

If liable, etc

DRLS

TOO 171845L

*M. Gansley*

Capt

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LOC No  
1383

TO 20 BDE : 24 BDE : 26 BDE : RAE : rptd 4 BDE : RAA : SIGS : 2/2 MG BN:  
2/3 PNR BN : G : AQ : AASC : MEDICAL : BMB : WD (2)

FROM ADV 9 AUST DIV

0 272 18

reallotment of fd coys in sp inf bdes from 19 nov (.) 2/3 2/7 2/13 fd coys  
in sp 20 24 and 26 bdes respectively

If liable etc

DRLS

TOO 183000L

*Mus*  
*ca*

*1/11/44* Maj

*1010*



PROFORMA MESSAGE FORM

TO: 24 BDE: rptd 4 BDE: 20 BDE: : 26 BDE: 2/4 CAV SQN; C TK SQN: RAA:  
RAE: SIGS: 2/2 MG BN: 2/3 PNR BN: 29/46 BN: C COY PIB: COMD: G: AQ: AASC:  
MEDICAL: BMB: WD (2)

FROM: 9 AUST DIV

O 274

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ref my O 271 part TWO (.) the operations by 24 bde will begin 20 nov but no  
preliminary moves will take place 19 nov until 24 bde is advised by HQ 9 div  
that standing patrols 20 and 24 bdes as ordered in part ONE have moved into  
posn ack all informed  
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If liable etc

IMMEDIATE 24 Bde  
DRLS remainder

182115L

Maj

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DIV

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Ref my 025840271

1700  
1800

Relief 20 BDE KATIRA-JINISVANENG

attached to log

under Barraco no

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PROFORMA MESSAGE FORM

TO : 4 BDE : 20 BDE : 24 BDE : 26 BDE : 2/4 CAV SQN : C TK SQN :  
RAA : RAE : SIGS : 2/2 MG BN : 2/3 PNR BN : 9 DIV CARR COY :  
C COY PIB : G : AQ : AASC : MEDICAL : PRO : PAY : POSTAL :  
CAMP : BMB : ORD : AEME

FROM : 9 AUST DIV

0 358

24

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units will publish the following order to all ranks (.) firing of any  
weapons in rear of bde HQs is forbidden except for operational reasons  
or with the authority of this HQ (.) this prohibition includes the  
firing of weapons for clearing or testing (.) unauthorised firing will  
be treated as a breach of discipline and offenders will be charged  
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If liable etc

DRLS

TOO 241400L

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Cond  
Bm seen to

(4) promulgated 0671. . .  
to Bus Camp BSM, Bde sigs

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LOG NO  
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PROFORMA MESSAGE FORM

TO: 4 BDE: 20 BDE: 24 BDE: 26 BDE: RAA: RAE: SIGS: 2/2 MG BN: 29/46 BN:  
2/3 PNR BN: C COY PIB: CARR COY: C SQN TKS: COMD: G: Q: AASC:  
MEDICAL: BMB: WD:

FROM: 9 AUST DIV O 367 24

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ref one inch map (.) ref my ~~OKW~~ O 341 (.) confirmation (.) from 25 nov  
4 bde will hold following localities each with one coy (.) QUEMBUNG 3  
5259 and TERUMORO and track at 590567 (.) TWO (.) commencing 25 nov coy  
at QUEMBUNG 3 will move from there to high ground about 1000 yds north  
of MORENG and control tracks in that area and as arranged by 4 bde with  
26 bde patrol to KUMAWA and towards MARARUO all informed  
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If liable etc

IMPORTANT to  
4 and 26 Bdes

TOO 242325L

Maj

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by  
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PROFORMA MESSAGE FORM

LOG NO  
125

TO : LIST plus serials 13, 21, 22, 26, 27, 31, less  
serials 5, 12

FROM: 9 AUST DIV \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ 0 360 \_ \_ \_ 24 \_ \_ \_ \_

practice shoots will be carried out at all 6 pr and 2 pr  
coastal gun posns between 261030L and 261130L (.) 2 rds  
2 in mortar illuminating flares at each post and 2 rds  
gunfire from all guns will be fired (.) (normal safety  
precautions will be observed at all gun posns )

*all informed*

If liable, etc

DRLS

TOO 241515L

*RA Blackman Capt*

*Comd Lt  
Bm seen to*

*14 promulgated to bms 0.672.*







LOE No  
(183)

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PROFORMA MESSAGE FORM

TO : 4 BDE : 20 BDE : 24 BDE : 26 BDE : RAA : RAE : SIGS : 2/2 MG BN :  
2/3 PNR BN : 29/46 EN : C COY PIB : C TK SQN : 532 REGT 2 ESB : COMD :  
G : Q : AASC : MEDICAL : BMB : WD

FROM: 9 AUST DIV

0 355

24

pl D coy 2/2 MG bn at QUOJA R moves 24 nov to 26 bde and comes under comd  
of bde on arrival

If liable, etc

IMPORTANT to  
26 Bde, 2/2 MG Bn.  
DRLS and Orderly  
Remainder

TOO 2410301

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20 Bde

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Authenticated Official  
W. Macblennan

(11) D.M.

W.M.S.

Comp (D.M.)

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TO 20 bde 24 bde 26 bde

FROM 9 aust div

Originator's Number  
I 266

Date  
24

In Reply to Number

all	PW	will	be	blindfolded	when
being	brought-	back	through	over	lines
at	blindfold	will	not	be	removed
until	receipt	PW	this	HQ	

~~loss~~ Cond  
Bm Jean  
(1) Dem.

Bns notified  
29 Dec

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promulgate to bns  
DRLS

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TO *413 415 417 BNS* (ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

FROM *20 BDE*

Originator's Number  
*I 308*

Date  
*26*

In Reply to Number

<i>all</i>	<i>P W</i>	<i>will</i>	<i>be</i>	<i>blindfolded</i>	<i>when</i>
<i>being</i>	<i>brought</i>	<i>back</i>	<i>through</i>	<i>our</i>	<i>lines</i>
<i>o</i>	<i>blindfold</i>	<i>will</i>	<i>not</i>	<i>be</i>	<i>removed</i>
<i>until</i>	<i>receipt</i>	<i>P W</i>	<i>at</i>	<i>DIV</i>	<i>HQ</i>
<i>all</i>	<i>informed</i>				

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T.O.R.



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96

TO : 4 BDE : 20 BDE : 24 BDE : 26 BDE : RAA : RAE : SIGS : 2/2 MG BN :  
29/46 BN : 2/3 PNR BN : C COY PIB : CARR COY : C SQN TKS : COMD :  
G : Q : AASC : MEDICAL : BMB : WD

FROM : ADV 9 AUST DIV

0 341 23

ref one inch map (.) ref my 055 (.) localities to be held by 4 bde each  
with one coy are QWEMBUNG 3 (5259) and track junc on main track SIMBANG-  
KANGORA in 5453 and TIRIMORO and track about 590567 (.) coys of 4 bde at  
LOGAWENG and BUTAWENG and patrol south of R MAPE will be withdrawn

if liable etc

IMPORTANT to TOO 231540L  
4 BDE  
DRLS & Orderly  
remainder

Ry H... Maj  
Comd  
Bm  
W. Pen.

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DAYS

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Bde

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W. Dennis

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PROFORMA MESSAGE FORM

LOG No  
95

TO: 4 BDE : 30 BDE : 24 BDE : 26 BDE : RAA : RAE : SIGS : 2/2 MG BN :  
3/3 PNR BN : 9 AUST DIV CARR COY : C COY PIB : C TK SQN : 29/46 BN :  
538 REGT 2 ESE : COMD : G : Q : AASC : MEDICAL : BMB

FROM : 9 AUST DIV O 347 23

9 aust div carr coy will come under comd of and move earliest to join  
26 bde 24 nov

If liable, etc

R / Name Maj

IMPORTANT to 26 Bde,  
9 Aust Div Carr Coy  
DRLS and Orderly

TOO 232145L

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PROFORMA MESSAGE FORM

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TO:- BDE : 20 BDE : 24 BDE : 26 BDE : 2/4 CAV SQN : C TK SQN :  
RAA : RAE : SIGS : 2/2 MG BN : 2/3 PNR BN : C COY PIB : FINSCHHAFEN  
BASE SUB AREA : COMD : G : AQ : MLO KEDAM : MLO GODOWA : AASC :  
MEDICAL : ORD : AEMME : PRO : RECEPTION CAMP : FILE : WAR DIARY (2)

FROM:- ADV 9 AUST DIV

O 247

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an increasing laxity is evident regarding preparedness for action in event  
of sudden attack or enemy parties penetrating behind fwd areas (.) the  
following instns are repeated (.) FIRST (.) all pers will travel accompanied  
by personal arms and amm (.) SECOND (.) except for short trips in rear areas  
one extra man will accompany the dr of all vehs with rifle or OSMG ready  
for action (.) THIRD (.) all working parties and other bodies of tps will  
have their arms readily available and be prepared to fight either on own  
initiative or under orders (.) the above instns will be passed to all in-  
coming units by formations branches or services under whose comd they pass  
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If liable, etc.

DRLS

TOO: 161450L

*W. Wilmoth* Capt.

rptd to units 0/631. 171055L.

*repeat to units*

*repeated*  
*[Signature]*

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Loc No  
*(1314)*

TO:- 4 BDE : 20 BDE : 24 BDE : 26 BDE : ADV C TK SQN : REAR C TK SQN :  
RAA : RAB : SIGS : COMD : G : Q : AASC : MEDICAL : BMB

FROM:- ADV 9 AUST DIV O 245 16

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rear C tk sqn (three tk tps) will move to area on coastal strip vicinity  
eastern foothills HELDORACH and complete detailed recce of for employment in  
that area and northwards towards R SONO (.) recce of bivouac area will be  
made forthwith and HQ 9 div advised of results (.) movement from KEDAM to  
HELDORACH JETTY by LOM arranged by Q as craft become freed from present  
maintenance tasks (.) movement from HELDORACH JETTY to new bivouac site will  
be arranged by rear C tk sqn with CRE 9 div all informed  
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If liable, etc.

IMMEDIATE TO TOO: 161800L  
REAR C TK SQN  
ADV TK SQN  
DRLS and Orderly remainder

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PROFORMA MESSAGE FORM

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1325 17 Nov

TO: 4 AUST INF BDE : 20 AUST INF BDE : 24 AUST INF BDE : 26 AUST INF BDE :  
RAA : RAE : SIGS : COMD : G : Q : MEDICAL : BMB : WD (2)

FROM : 9 AUST DIV 0 258 17

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MOST SECRET (.) 20 and 24 bdes will submit outline plans for development of ops as follows (.) ONE (.) establishment by 24 bde of standing patrols to control approaches crossing R SONG vicinity 63 and 62 easting grids (.) 20 bde to maintain standing patrols in vicinity square 6168square 6067 and area 597677 so that conjointly they control all approaches from the north through squares 6168 6068 and 5968 (.) all the foregoing to be with view to and to be followed by readjustment of 20 and 24 bde dispositions in depth with 20 bde FDL roughly on ridge right from 597677 to square 6168 thence right to control main north south approaches into square 6268 or 6269 and resulting in 24 bde having in reserve one bn while still holding NORTH HILL and SCARLET BEACH and high ground near KATIKA (.) all above readjustments with view to para TWO (.) TWO (.) 24 bde with reserve bn to capture and hold spur 1000 about 625730 and spur 1000 in 6373 to control tracks in that area (.) 20 bde to advance with one bn on each of two main routes from generally square 6168 and 5968 towards WAREO (.) THREE (.) plans will be submitted earliest practicable as phase covered in ONE above will be executed earliest possible after approval  
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If liable, etc

*R. Barham Lt Col*

to IMMEDIATE by LO  
20 and 24 Bdes  
(By LO to  
26 Bde)

TOO: 171350L



LOG No  
1339

Reported to  
bms 1200h 18  
10/18

PROFORMA MESSAGE FORM

TO: ADDRESSEES AS FOR No 70 PLUS 9 DIV RECEPTION CAMP

FROM: ADV 9 AUST DIV O 264 18

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MOST SECRET (.) sitrep 71 to 172000L (.) ref maps 1/25000 series (.)  
 26 bde (.) 0700 hrs 2/48 bn attacked west along rd from SISI track  
 jung supported by arty MMGs and tks (.) early opposition met both  
 sides of rd (.) progress slow (.) hy opposition encountered by D coy  
 COCONUT RIDGE 566664 (.) one tk put out of action (.) coy withdrew  
 and three coy perimeter formed for night at 569661 (.) no estimate  
 enemy casualties (.) 1840 hrs enemy shelled WHITE ROCK 581662 (.)  
 C coy 2/24 bn moved to 579677 against little opposition (.) local  
 patrols killed 6 wounded 4 JAPS (.) enemy posns located at 577677 and  
 582678 (.) locations other coys unchanged (.) 2/23 bn (.) B coy  
 moved to GREEN RIDGE 574662 without opposition (.) A coy moved N from  
 KUMAWA encountered opposition 566654 (.) enemy withdrew but contact  
 again made at 563657 (.) C coy moved round left flank and contacted  
 enemy at 561660 (.) locations last light A coy 561657 B coy 574662 C  
 coy 561660 D coy unchanged bn HQ 568649 bde HQ now 584661 (.) patrols  
 2/4 cav sqn KUMAWA area NMS (.) 24 bde (.) patrols to 620701 615686  
 659733 and OPs 638694 641702 all NMS (.) patrol saw one JAP 633727  
 and 638728 (.) 20 bde (.) patrols to 597677 600673 600657 597677 all  
 NMS (.) dispositions 2/13 bn A coy 591662 2/15 bn C coy 602687 (.)  
 patrol fwd of this pt contacted enemy at 599687 (.) normal protective  
 patrols NMS (.) 4 bde (.) strong patrol 22 bn departed from TIRIMORO  
 for MORENG area (.) normal patrols NMS (.) PIB (.) 1 JAP seen from  
 OP 625715 (.) patrol to 657735 and 582647 NMS (.) patrol to GURUNKOR  
 NMS (.) D coy 2/3 pnr bn moved to 624668 (.) extensive arty shoots  
 on enemy posns (.) over 2600 rds fired (.) PT boats destroyed 1 JAP  
 barge 0200 hrs off SIALUM (.) own airops 16 nov (.) GUSIKO FIOR WAREO  
 MASAWENG R WALANGAI KELANOA areas bombed 100000 rounds amn used by  
 escorts (.) 6/8 stationary vehs seen north of FIOR six barges along  
 coast (.) enemy air activity (.) 1 A/C flew around area 0420 to 0510  
 hrs (.) no bombs dropped

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If liable, etc.

DRLS

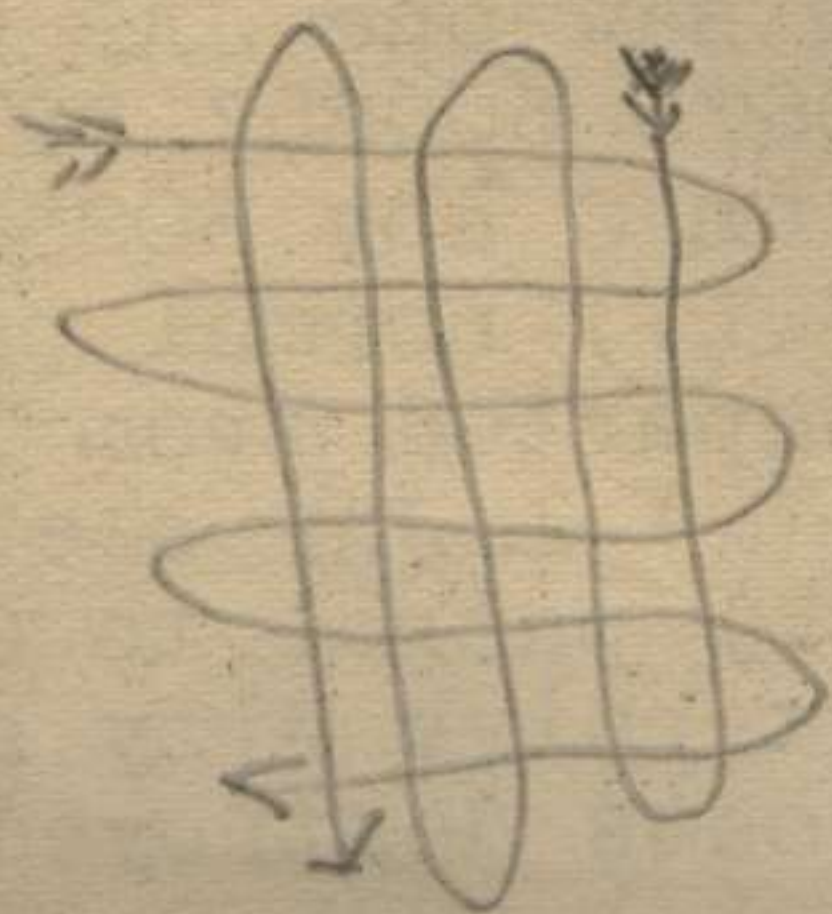
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Capt.

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IN PLIC 833  
OUT

No. of Groups  
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20 Bde  
1 Nov

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TO 20 Bde 24 Bde 26 Bde

FROM adv 9 ant Div

Originator's Number  
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Date  
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In Reply to Number

<u>ref</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>inch</u>	<u>①</u>	<u>NMS</u>	<u>BONGA</u>
<u>of</u>	<u>tracks</u>	<u>of</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>ft</u>	<u>base</u>
<u>iron</u>	<u>whiled</u>	<u>veh</u>	<u>at</u>	<u>mouth</u>	<u>R</u>
<u>MASS' AWENG</u>	<u>end.</u>	<u>beach</u>	<u>633788</u>	<u>①</u>	<u>NMS</u>
<u>smoke</u>	<u>in</u>	<u>gully</u>	<u>580883</u>	<u>①</u>	<u>NMS</u>
<u>track</u>	<u>BONGA</u>	<u>AGO</u>	<u>though</u>	<u>Track</u>	<u>shows</u>
<u>signs</u>	<u>recent</u>	<u>use.</u>			

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T.O.R.  
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# MESSAGE FORM

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*20 Ball  
 Nov*

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FROM

Originator's Number

Date

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<i>will</i>	<i>move</i>	<i>first</i>	<i>light</i>	<i>2</i>	5
<i>Nov.</i>	<i>to</i>	<i>relieve</i>	<i>2/15</i>	<i>brv</i>	10
<i>and</i>	<i>then</i>	<i>will</i>	<i>come</i>	<i>under</i>	15
<i>comd</i>	<i>to</i>	<i>be</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>on</i>	20
<i>relief</i>	<i>2/15</i>	<i>brv</i>	<i>will</i>	<i>come</i>	25
<i>into</i>	<i>div</i>	<i>res</i>	<i>in</i>	<i>present</i>	30
<i>location</i>	<i>2/23</i>	<i>brv</i>		<i>Comd WVA</i>	35
				<i>BM</i>	40
				<i>(H) / Desu</i>	45
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<i>WVA pages.</i>			<i>1945</i>		55
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PROFORMA MESSAGE FORM

TO : 20 BDE : 24 BDE : 26 BDE : RAA : RAE : SIGS : 2/2 MG BN : 2/3 PNR BN :  
 9 DIV CARR COY : A COY 2/1 GD REGT : 4 BDE : 2/4 CAV SQN : C TK SQN :  
 C COY PIB : 4 AC SQN : ADV HQ WINSCHHAFEN BASE SUB AREA : 532 GP 2 ESB :  
 808 ENGR AVIATION BN : COMD : G : AQ : REAR 9 AUST DIV : CAMP : MLO :  
 AASC : MEDICAL : ORD : AEME : PUBLIC RELATIONS : BMB : WD (2)

FROM : 9 AUST DIV

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*2000L/1 8248*

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 MOST SECRET (.) sitrep 55 to 2000L/1 (.) 20 bde (.) 2/13 bn (.) contact  
 maintained throughout day and cas inflicted (.) dispositions one pl D coy  
 relieved two secs C coy 595662 and secs rejoined pl C coy 597662 otherwise  
 NO change (.) 2/15 bn patrols to 587653 and GURUNKOR NO contact (.) 2/17  
 bn patrol eastwards from 594661 came under HMG fire from new enemy posn  
 suffering light cas (.) 24 bde (.) 2/43 bn patrol northward from NORTH  
 HILL saw one JAP 645722 ref map one inch (.) 2/28 bn patrol along SONG R  
 to square 6270 NO contact (.) 2/32 bn patrol squares 6168 6268 saw 3 JAPS  
 626682 (.) 26 bde (.) patrol 2/48 bn to 602672 thence along general line  
 SIKI R to 598675 NO contact (.) going extremely difficult (.) arty carried  
 out registration harassing and neutralization shoots during day (.) 4 bde  
 (.) D coy 29/46 bn patrol to WAMUKI (.) arrivals 1 Nov WINSCHHAFEN area (.)  
 remainder HQ 4 bde (.) now established about 616565 (.) remainder 4 fd amb  
 (.) now SIMBANG area (.) adv party 37/52 bn (.) 5 aust div NO change (.)  
 7 aust div ref map DUMPU one inch (.) patrol activity by 21 bde reported  
 contact areas (1) UPPER FARIA R (2) 6763 (.) 2/6 cav sqn found small parties  
 enemy area 5570  
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If liable, etc

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TOO 0750L

*R. Blachum* Capt



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PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

TO 20 BDE: 24 BDE: 26 BDE: RAA: RAE: SIGS: COMD: G: AQ: CAMP: AASC:  
MEDICAL: ORD: AEME: PRO: BMB: WAR DIARY (2)

FROM ADV 9 AUST DIV  
SECRET (.) ref map SATELBERG 1/25000 (.) the area immediately to the  
north of LAUNCH JETTY 637651 bounded on the west by main rd on the  
north by the edge of HELDSBACH PLANTATION on the east and south by the  
sea will be vacated by 1800 hrs 5 nov (.) this area is reserved for  
use as a future site for HQ 9 aust div

G. P. Wilmoth Capt  
Units informed  
10/11/44

Comd WJW  
Bm seen  
14 Dec

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PROFORMA MESSAGE FORM



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2/3 PNR BN : 9 DIV CARR COY : A COY 2/1 HQ GD REGT : 2/4 CAV SQN :  
C TK SQN : C COY PIB : 4 AC SQN : ADV HQ WINSCHHAFEN BASE SUB AREA :  
532 REGT 2 ESB : 808 ENGR AVIATION BN : COMD : G : AQ : REAR 9 AUST  
DIV : CAMP : MLO KEDAM BEACH : AASC : MEDICAL : ORD : AEME : PUBLIC  
RELATIONS : BMB : WAR DIARY (2)

FROM:- ADV 9 AUST DIV 0-50 3

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MOST SECRET (.) sitrep # 56 to 2000L/2 (.) ref maps 1/25000 and 1 inch series (.) 24 bde (.) patrols to 621710 657725 619687 all NMS (.) 1 JAP landmine recovered 624684 (.) natives report 200 enemy at 651737 possible dump area ~~646757~~ 646757 possible camp area 632741 (.) 26 bde (.) patrol 2/48 bn to 615683 found well prepared enemy posns (.) much activity heard and 3 JAPS seen (.) 20 bde (.) 2/13 bn engaged enemy posns with fire throughout day (.) some sec posts pushed fwd slightly (.) A coy 2/17 bn attacked eastwards and reached 594561 (.) further progress prevented by hy MG fire (.) enemy posns strongly held well dug in and hard to locate (.) patrol 2/15 bn to 574650 NMS GURUNKOR NMS (.) 2/23 bn moving to KUMAWA dispositions last light bn HQ 576641 A coy 575641 B coy 576642 C coy 576640 D coy 577641 (.) HQ 4 bde established 618560 (.) 22 bn patrol activity (.) PIB patrol 1 nov contacted enemy 575651 and 549641 and in outposts between MORENG and KUMAWA (.) reported that JAPS visit garden 558610 on alternate days (.) no enemy air activity this area (.) PT boats sank 2 JAP barges damaged 1 other causing it to beach vicinity WALINGAI 490924 night 1/2 nov (.) 5 div no significant change (.) 7 div to 2100L/1 (.) ref map DUMPU 1 inch (.) patrols 2/16 bn reached 665680 without contact keeping to north of JAP L of C

If liable, etc.

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TO: ADDRESSEES AS FOR No. 58

FROM 9 AUST DIV

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MOST SECRET (.) sitrep 59 to 2000/L 5 (.) ref map 1/25000 series (.) 24 bde  
 (.) movement JAP fd gun reported sitrep 58 westwards NOT eastwards (.)  
 patrol 2/28 bn to 619693 NMS (.) patrol 2/43 bn coast track to 658728 NMS  
 (.) enemy posns 6570 now vacated (.) dispositions 2/43 bn HQ 647695 A coy  
 646702 B coy 647706 C coy 648698 D coy 654701 (.) 26 bde (.) 2/24 bn  
 completed relief of 2/17 bn 1440 hrs (.) dispositions 2/24 bn HQ 590662  
 A coy 588662 B coy 590663 C coy 585661 D coy 591662 (.) HQ 26 bde moved to  
 613668 and assumed comd fwd sector (.) patrol 2/23 bn to SISI NMS (.) 20 bde  
 (.) patrol 2/13 bn and 2/17 bn found enemy had abandoned his posns at  
 593663 and 590663 during night 4/5 nov (.) patrol to 597663 594659 NW to  
 SATELBERG rd NMS (.) dispositons 2/17 bn HQ 636664 A coy 637666 B coy 634664  
 C coy 635664 D coy 638668 (.) 4 bde (.) 22 bn patrol activity NMS (.) arty  
 neutralising fire enemy posns incl suspected enemy gun posn 557676 (.) no  
 enemy air activity this area (.) PIB patrol at OP 634732 observed 4 JAPS  
 moving west 52 east on track BONGA - WAREO 4 nov (.) movement on track  
 heard during night 4/5 nov (.) 5 and 7 divs no significant change

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If liable etc

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# MESSAGE FORM

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TO 20 Bde 24 Bde 26 Bde (817)

FROM 9 Armt Div Originator's Number 0463 Date 1 In Reply to Number

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TO 20 BDE : 24 BDE : 26 BDE : RAA : RAE : SIGS : 2/23 BN : 2/2 MG BN :  
 2/3 PNR BN : 4 BDE : 22 BN : 9 DIV CARR COY : A COY 2/1 GD REGT : 2/4  
 GAV SQN : C SQN 1 TK BN : C COY PIB : 532 REGT 2 ESB : 808 AVN ENGR BN:  
 4 AC SQN : COMD : G : AQ : REAR 9 DIV : CAMP : MLO : AASC : MEDICAL :  
 ORD : AEME : PUBLIC RELATIONS : BMB : WAR DIARY (2)

FROM ADV 9 AUST DIV

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MOST SECRET (.) sitrep 52 to 2000L/31 (.) ref maps 1/25000 and one inch series  
 (.) 24 bde (.) patrol 2/28 bn to 622701 NMS (.) patrol 2/32 bn to 613691 saw 2  
 JAPS 615702 (.) patrol 2/43 bn to 641727 NMS (.) 285 natives arrived in bde  
 area from FIOR - WAREO area (.) 26 bde (.) patrol 2/48 bn 30 oct reported sit-  
 rep number 51 killed 14 NOT 4 JAPS (.) patrol 2/48 bn 31 oct contacted enemy  
 patrol 15/20 strong 614684 killing 7 and wounding 2 (.) 20 bde (.) 0800 hrs  
 determined enemy counter attack estimated strength one coy on 2/13 bn during  
 morning supported by 10/12 automatics (.) attack repulsed but fwd pl cut off  
 by infiltration (.) contact again made by 1200 hrs (.) 20 enemy dead counted  
 (.) small patrol C coy 2/13 bn attacked JAP post near rd (.) result NOT known  
 (.) dispositions last light B coy 596667 C coy less one pl 597662 pl C coy  
 594665 two secs 595662 D coy 597663 A coy 611668 pls 599668 600663 bnHQ 599663  
 (.) patrol 2/15 bn encountered JAP party 584654 killing 3 (.) patrol still in  
 area (.) patrol 2/17 bn encountered 2 JAPS 589662 killing 1 wounding other (.)  
 22 bn (.) PIB patrol fired on by JAPS 559577 (.) other patrols NMS (.) A and B  
 coys 29/46 bn main party located SIMBANG have NOT contacted JAPS (.) natives  
 report small parties JOANGENG (.) arty harassing fire and neutralization during  
 day (.) 11 tk A bty arrived night 30/31 oct (.) 1 DINAH circled area 0920 hrs  
 (.) 7 div (.) ref one inch series (.) 2/16 bn shelled by 4 regtl guns from rd  
 YOKOPI - KANKUYRO (.) 2/2 pnr bn relieved coy 2/14 bn at track junc 7659 (.)  
 patrol 2/2 cav sqn reports no sign JAP occupation PUKTABLO 367000 SILO 376998  
 ENAM 380995 NAWAR 386980 SUMAU 389904

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*9 AVST DIV*

Originator's Number

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PROFORMA MESSAGE FORM

TO : 4 BDE : 2/2 MG BN : rptd 20 BDE : 24 BDE : 26 BDE : RAA : RAE : SIGS :  
2/4 CAV SQN : G TK SQN : G : AQ : AASC : MEDICAL : ORD : BMB : WD(2)

FROM : 9 AUST DIV

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ref 1/25000 maps (.) following moves and reliefs will take place 6 nov  
(.) 4 bde will arrange to quarter one coy 29/46 bn in area SNELLS KNOLL  
627594 at present occupied by A coy 2/2 MG Bn which will move to area  
634603 (.) D coy 2/2 MG bn ceases to be in sp 4 bde which will arrange  
reliefs as follows (.) pl on beach def 644596 to be relieved by MMG pl  
29/46 bn (.) pls in sp 22 bn 613559 and 590567 to be relieved by 22 bn  
(.) ADOS will issue 4 MMGs complete to 4 bde for this purpose (.) D coy  
2/2 MG bn on relief moves to area 634603 in div res ack all informed  
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If liable, etc.

IMMEDIATE to  
4 Bde, 2/2 MG Bn.  
DRLS Remainder

TOO 1600L

*RfHamer* Maj

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20 Bde

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TO : 4 BDE : 20 BDE : 24 BDE : 26 BDE : RAA : RAE : SIGS : 2/2 MG BN : 2/3  
FNR BN : 2/4 CAV SQN : COMD : G : AASC : MEDICAL : BMB

FROM : ADV 9 AUST DIV

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during present lull in hy fighting every opportunity for individual trg will  
be taken by all arms (.) trg of NCOs refreshing trained men and training  
replacements and reserves requires attention and this applies particularly  
to trg with the heavier inf weapons  
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If liable etc

TOO 0915L

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PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

ROBERT  
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TO Addressees as for No 59

FROM ADV 9 AUST DIV

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MOST SECRET (.) sitrep 60 to 2000L/6 (.) ref maps 1/25000 (.) 24 bde (.)  
 2/28 bn HQ now 641695 (.) patrol 2/28 bn along north bank R SONG to 618702  
 NMS (.) patrol 3/32 bn to 619683 NMS (.) patrol 2/43 bn to 644730 one enemy  
 observed 649723 otherwise NMS (.) OP 634727 report 241 JAPS moved east  
 WAREO BONGA track some wounded majority unarmed 9 moved west (.) OP 649707  
 observed 100 JAPS 60671 between 0700 and 1000 hrs (.) further 71 observed  
 same area 1530 hrs moving NE in small gps (.) 26 bde (.) patrol 2/24 bn to  
 586666 NMS (.) patrol along SATELBERG rd found enemy posn 583661 unoccupied  
 (.) patrol fired on at 580663 (.) patrol 2/23 bn observed 12 JAPS at 571653  
 (.) 2/48 bn relieved by 2/15 bn moved to northern HELDSBACH area (.) 20 bde  
 (.) patrols 2/13 bn to 612672 and 596670 NMS (.) dispositions 2/15 bn HQ  
 636672 A coy 639677 B coy 633674 C coy 632681 D coy 637677 (.) 4 bde (.) 627677  
 patrols 22 bn to village 555605 KANGARUA and track junc 606516 NMS (.) PIB  
 patrol encountered 4 JAPS at 512618 killing 2 wounding 2 (.) C coy 29/46 bn  
 relieved A coy 2/2 MG bn 626593 (.) three coys 37/52 bn moved to SIMBANG  
 (.) PT boats contacted 2 enemy submarines vicinity BLUCHER PT (.) hit at  
 least one with torpedo (.) 5 and 7 divs no significant change (.) airops  
 5 nov (.) LIBERATOR on night recce scored 3 direct hits cruiser off NEW  
 BRITAIN (.) strike FAIRIA R area (.) by strike RABAUL preliminary report  
 successful

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*W. H. H. H.* Capt

DRLS

TOO 0715L

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PROFORMA MESSAGE FORM

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TO : DISTRIBUTION AS FOR NO 60

FROM : 9 AUST DIV

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MOSY SECRET (.) sitrep 61 to 2000L/7 (.) ref maps 1/25000 series (.) 24 bde (.) OP 2/43 bn and PIB 635731 1245 L/6 to 1200 L/7 (.) 22 JAPS moved west in small gps mostly unarmed with packs (.) 170 moved east carrying 10 LMGs 3 MMGs and gun believed 37 mm QF 20 unarmed (.) no movement during hrs of darkness (.) patrol 2/28 bn heard enemy 624704 (.) patrol 2/32 bn to 614682 NMS (.) patrol 2/43 bn and PIB observed 11 JAPS ~~xxx~~ 624707 (.) OP 2/28 bn 632689 observed 52 JAPS in WAREO area (.) 26 bde (.) patrol 2/24 bn encountered JAP patrol 590670 (.) patrol 2/23 bn to 550640 NMS (.) patrol found SISI unoccupied (.) patrol observed 10 JAPS 562658 (.) one JAP captured but shot giving alarm (.) patrol to 567635 NMS (.) patrol 2/48 bn encountered JAPS at 584665 (.) dispositions 2/48 bn HQ 585662 C coy 583663 D coy 585662 B coy 594660 (.) 20 bde (.) patrol 2/13 bn to 596674 NMS (.) patrol to 609675 NMS (.) 4 bde (.) 3 coys 37/52 bn located 629548 (.) patrols 22 bn to GURUNKOR 548582 576553 and 606516 all NMS (.) 11 bty 2/6 fd regt arrived this area night 6/7 nov (.) enemy airops 6 nov (.) 2040 hrs 3 bombs 300 yds west of KAKAKOG (.) 2050 hrs A/C circled HELDSBACH area (.) 2100 hrs 3 bombs dropped 2-3 miles SW LANGEMAK BAY (.) 2115 hrs 4 bombs KEDAM PT and one 500 yds west ~~MAN~~ MANEEBA PT (.) own airops 5 nov (.) air strike RABAUL 45 ships left in flames (.) enemy lost 6 out of 20 in interception WEWAK (.) 5 nov GUSAP and NADZAB raided minor damage to grounded A/C (.) 5 and 7 aust divs no significant change

if liable, etc

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TOO 0725L

*R. G. Gandy*

Capt

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PROFORMA MESSAGE FORM

TO:- C COY PIB rptd 20 BDE ; 24 BDE ; 26 BDE : RAA : RAE : SIGS :  
2/2 MG BN : 2/3 PNR BN : 4 BDE : 2/4 CAV SQN : C TK SQN : COMD :  
G : AQ : AASC : BMB : WAR DIARY (2)

FROM:- ADV 9 AUST DIV

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SECRET (.) ref 1 inch map (.) FIRST (.) C coy PIB will forthwith  
undertake following tasks (.) 1 (.) keeping close watch on area WAREO  
and tracks in vicinity for infm of enemy reinforcement and maintenance  
(.) 2 (.) reporting infm about enemy dispositions maintenance and habits  
in area PALANKO - BATELBERG - MARARUO in preparation for 26 bde attack  
in this area (.) 3 (.) patrolling all tracks from MARARUO area south  
to R MAPE to give early warning of enemy movement threatening  
FINSCHHAFEN from west (.) 4 (.) patrolling in following areas to dis-  
cover enemy infiltration close to or behind our FDLs (.) area between  
NORTH HILL and R SONG (.) area NW of HELDSBACH (.) QUOJA valley (.)  
area east from general line TIRIMORO - SIMBANG (.) 5 (.) insofar as  
possible without prejudice to execution of tasks 1 - 4 special patrols  
in sp bdes as requested by bde comds (.) 26 bde to have priority (.)  
SECOND (.) all patrols will be co-ord as far as possible with patrol  
policy of bde responsible for sector patrolled ack

If liable, etc.

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TOO: 1025L

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# MESSAGE FORM

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**20/30/42**  
**9 Nov**

TO

**20 Aust Inf Bde**

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FROM

**9 Aust Div**

Originator's Number

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Date

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In Reply to Number

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<b>move</b>	<b>in</b>	<b>sp</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>bde</b>	<b>and</b>
<b>one</b>	<b>pl</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>coy</b>	<b>in</b>	<b>sp</b>
<b>20</b>	<b>bde</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>movements</b>	<b>to</b>	<b>take</b>
<b>place</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>Pov</b>	<b>simple</b>	<b>of</b>	<b>arrangements</b>

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LOBBY 1078

TO : C SQN 1 TK BN : rptd 20 BDE : 24 BDE : 26 BDE : 4 BDE : RAE : SIGS :  
COMD 1 0 : AQ : AASC : MEDICAL : BMB : MD (2)  
FROM : 9 AUST DIV

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remainder C sqn 1 tk bn less three tps will move to JIVEVANENG area 9 nov  
and night 9/10 nov in conjunction RAE (.) adv HQ C sqn 1 tk bn will open  
JIVEVANENG 9 nov (.) rear HQ C sqn 1 tk bn will remain POLA area at  
present but recce will be made in conjunction RAE to investigate possibility  
of moving tks along main rd to LAUNCH JETTY with a view to establishing  
assembly area for rear HQ along this rd  
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*J. Burns* Capt

IMPORTANT to C Sqn  
1 Tk Bn, RAE.  
DRLS and Orderly  
Remainder

TOO 2330L

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PROFORMA MESSAGE FORM

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*1079*

TO:- ADDRESSEES AS FOR No 61

FROM:- 9 AUST DIV

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MOST SECRET (.) sitrep 62 to 2000L/8 (.) ref maps 1/25000 series (.) 20 bde  
(.) 2/15 bn patrol along KATIKA track to square 6068 (.) 1 JAP killed  
613683 2 believed killed 611681 enemy activity reported 614677 (.) 24 bde (.)  
2/28 bn patrol to 628707 NMS (.) 2/32 bn patrol to 620693 NMS (.) 2/43 bn  
patrol up coast to 658730 NMS (.) OP 635731 reports following enemy movement  
on track BONGA - WAREO from 1200L/7 to 1200L/8 (.) eastwards 35 westward  
167 of latter only 3 armed (.) enemy establishing posn 635733 (.) barges  
believed at BONGA 2015L night 7/8 (.) 26 bde (.) 2/23 bn patrols to SISI and  
GURUNKOR areas NMS (.) 2/24 bn patrol killed one JAP at water point 591672  
(.) patrol to 577668 NMS (.) 2/48 bn (.) one pl with arty and MMG sp  
attacked and occupied enemy posn at 582662 killing 9 JAPS wounding 5  
without loss (.) 4 bde (.) ref maps one inch series (.) 22 bn (.) B coy in  
posn LOGAWENG (.) patrols to QUEMBUNG 555605 and to river junc 576553 NMS (.)  
29/46 bn (.) TILLEY FORCE rejoined bn area 633597 1/25000 (.) C sqn tk bn  
less three tps moving to JIVEVANENG (.) 5 and 7 divs no material change (.)  
enemy airops (.) 4 enemy Fs strafed BENA BENA 1400L/7 slight damage and  
casualties (.) NADZAB raided by 20 A/C 6 destroyed 5 probable (.) own  
airops (.) 5 nov 97 A/C from scuth pacific comd raided RABAU (.) 6 direct  
hits on different cruisers with torpedoes 5 or 6 other cruisers hit with  
1000 lb bombs 24 enemy A/C shot down (.) 7 nov 31 liberators attacked  
RAPOPO airfield RABAU many large fires 13 enemy A/C destroyed 5 probable  
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TOO: 0730L

*Wright*

Capt.

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PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

951A

To: 9 Aust Div, rptd 24 and 26 Aust Inf Bdes.  
From: 20 Aust Inf Bde. No. 0. 579. 5. Nov

sitrep 126 to 0700 L (.) NTR all informed

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PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

933

To: 2/13, 2/15, 2/17 and 2/23 Aust Inf Bns.  
From: 20 Aust Inf Bde. No. 0. 580. 5.

following policy on firing on hostile A/C will be promulgated to all  
tps and rigidly observed (.) tps will NOT fire on A/C unless clearly  
recognised or identified as hostile or attacked by the A/C (.) all  
fire will be controlled all informed

*Dumontley*

CAPT.

TOO. 0820 hrs

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PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

To: 2/13, 2/15, 2/17 and 2/23 Aust Inf Bns.

From: 20 Aust Inf Bde. No. 0. 581. 5.

955A

sitrep 15 to 0700 L (.) 37/52 bn less D coy now located area KOLEM  
646571 (.) A and D coys 29/46 bn MONGI R area (.) natives report large  
concentrations japs at KULUNGTUFU S27 and ~~BE~~BEBANG S26 ref LAE strat  
map (.) PT boats sank two jap barges night 2/3 nov vicinity NUZEN  
429029 (.) own air ops (.) 30 oct 4 barges destroyed KOLOLO NEW BRITAIN (.)  
1 nov one large merchant ship sunk west RABAU (.) 2 nov RABAU  
attacked sinking one cruiser three destroyers nine freighters 64000 tons  
merchant shipping and damaging further two destroyers ten freighters  
totalling 44000 tons (.) ten jap float planes destroyed (.)  
interception by approx 100 jap Fs of which 67 destroyed 23 probables (.)  
our losses 9 mitchells 10 lightnings 16 damaged (.) 12 vultees DB  
NAMBARIWA village (.) 9 bostons b/strafed tr WOREO-BONGA all informed

*Dewarley*

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TOR



PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

To: 2/13, 2/15, 2/17, 2/23 Aust Inf Bns, CAMP, BDE SIGS, BDE SN.  
From: 20 Aust Inf Bde. No. 0 583. 5.

there will be no relaxation of precautions against possible infiltration by enemy individuals or small parties (.) all ranks throughout the area will be armed at all times and prepared to deal with any enemy encountered individually or in organised gps as required (.) working parties will have arms and amm readily available at the work site and will post sentries (.) all drs will carry rifles in the veh and as far as possible have one other armed man travelling in the veh ready for instant action (.) all ranks will sleep with personal arms at hand for any emergency all informed

*Dyulorthley*

CAPT.

IMPORTANT.

TOO.0840 hrs

THI

TOR

*Read on  
Parade 5/11/43*

*Dyulorthley*

935



PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

96817

To: 2/13, 2/15, 2/17, 2/23 Aust Inf Bns.  
 From: 20 Aust Inf Bde. No.0. 584.c 5.

sitrep 16 to 1300 L (.) 24 bde (.) 2/43 bn patrol met three japs  
 656709 reached enemy posn 652705 (.) both posns mortared (.) OPs at  
 635731 and 634732 observed fd gun believed 75mm being towed eastwards  
 BONGA-WAREO tr by 29 japs with further 101 japs following (.) 51 enemy  
 moving eastwards on tr and further 30 westwards (.) tps moving westwards  
 carried ~~egpt~~ and hy packs (.) 2/6 fd regt less two btys arrived GODOWA  
 night 3/4 nov (.) PT boats night 3/4 nov sighted 6 jap barges vicinity  
 LAKONA sank five not known whether carrying tps or stores all informed

*G. W. C. Thley*

CAPT.

IMPORTANT.

TOO.1430 hrs

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PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

98VA

To: 9 Aust Div, rptd 24 and 26 Aust Inf Bdes.  
From: 29 Aust Inf Bde. No. 0. 586. 6.

sitrep 128 to 0700 L (.) N T R

*all informed*

*Dr. W. J. ...*

CAPT.

DIV IMMEDIATE.

TOO. 0730 hrs  
THI  
TO<sup>R</sup>



PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

996A

To: 2/13, 2/15, 2/17 bns.

From: 20 Aust Inf Bde. No. 0. 587. 6.

sitrep 17 to 1300 L (.) 24 bde (.) patrol 2/28 bn to 619693 NMS (.)  
patrol 2/43 bn coast track to 658728 NMS (.) enemy posn 6570 now vacated  
(.) disposns 2/43 bn HQ 647695, A coy 646702, B 647706, C 648698, D 654701 (.)  
26 bde (.) disposns 2/24 bn HQ 590662, A coy 588662, B ~~589066~~ 590663, C 585661,  
D 591662 (.) HQ 26 bde moved to 613668 and assumed comd fwd sector (.)  
patrol 2/23 bn to SISI NMS (.) PIB patrol at OP 634732 observed 4 Japs  
moving west and 52 moving east on track BONGA WAREO 4 nov all informed

*Dumantley* CAPT.

IMPORTANT.

TOO. 1445 hrs

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FROM

20 BDE

Originator's Number

0589

Date

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2100

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PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

1074

To: 9 Aust Div, rptd 24 and 26 Aust Inf Bdes.  
From: 20 Aust Inf Bde. No. 0. 590. 7.

sitrep 130 to 0700 L (.) N T R

*Alph Watters*

CAPT.

DIV IMMEDIATE.

TOO. 0730 hrs  
THI  
TOR





PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

1035A

To: 9 Aust Div, rptd 24 and 26 Aust Inf Bdes.  
From: 30 Aust Inf Bde. No. 0. 592. 8.

sitrep 132 to 0700 L (.) NTR

*John Murray/R.P.*

DIV IMMEDIATE. TOO. 0730 hrs  
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TOR





PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM.

10241A

To: 2/13, 2/15 and 2/17 Aust Inf Bns.  
From: 20 Aust Inf Bde. No.0. 593. 8.

sitrep 18 to 1300 L (.) 24 bde (.) 1000 hrs 6 natives came into perimeter from ~~MASANGKOO~~ area (.) natives report that very considerable numbers enemy in area ~~MASANGKOO~~ FIOR PALANKO (.) enemy supplements his rations with native food (.) native opinion tps new (.) all enemy seen were army tps (.) no hy weapons seen (.) main enemy reinfsts ~~L of C~~ SIO ZAGAHEMI FIOR (.) some enemy in area track 614697 where some casualties caused yesterday by our arty (.) native opinion large numbers enemy HUBE area (.) 26 bde (.) A coy <sup>2/23 bn</sup> reported 2000 hrs 7/11 enemy LMG fire 300 yds north of their area (.) B coy reported mvt ahead of posn towards ANGUS rd (.) enemy tried draw our fire all informed

*W. Keeler* Lt. Col.  
BM. *per.*

IMPORTANT.

TOO. 1315 hrs  
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TO *Adv. 9 Aust Div*

FROM *20 Aust Inf Bde*

Originator's Number  
*594*

Date  
*8*

In Reply to Number  
*597*

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*1535*

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TO

*Head 9 Best Div*

FROM

*20 Best Div Bde*

Originator's Number

*0393*

Date

*8*

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<i>ack</i>	<i>you</i>	<i>00</i>	<i>21</i>		

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PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

(10)2A

To: 9 Aust Div rptd 24 and 26 Aust Inf Bdes.  
From: 20 Aust Inf Bde. No.0. 597. 9. Nov

sitrep 134 to 0700 L (.) N T R

*[Signature]*  
for BM.

Div Immediate. TOO 0720 hrs  
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PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

To: 9 Aust Div. in reply to no-  
From: 20 Aust Inf Bde. No.0. 598. 9. 0.116.

ack

*[Signature]* MAJ.

TOO.1230 hrs  
THI.  
TOR

PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM.

To: RAA 9 Aust Div.  
From: 20 Aust Inf Bde. No.0.599. 9.

ack 007 copy number 7

*[Signature]* MAJ.

TOO.1230 hrs  
THI  
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PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM.

*1095*

TO: 2/13, 2/15, 2/17 Aust Inf Bns rptd 24 Aust Inf Bde.  
From: 20 Aust Inf Bde. No. 0.600. 9.

FIRST (.) adjustment of bndys (.) 24 aust inf bde is arranging to relieve coys 2/15 bn astride KATIKA track (.) take-over by mutual arrangements during 10 nov (.) 2/15 bn bndy from excl KATIKA track to incl SATELBERG rd at 627669 to 629668 (.)

SECOND (.) 2/15 bn will be disposed to incl in particular the control of likely enemy approaches R SIKI, SATELBERG rd, KUNAI spur (631674) and make firm junc with 24 bde on right flank (.) one pl D coy 2/2 aust MG bn in sp 2/15 bn (.) 2/17 bn will dispose one coy astride SATELBERG rd at approx 635671 (.) fire plans of all units will be submitted to this HQ on trace 1/25000 (.) wks programme and requests for RAE assistance to be submitted showing proposed clearance of fds of fire down to pl localities by 1200 hrs 13 nov (.) gen policy clearance by cutting and burning will proceed forthwith and not await engr assistance (.) res 3 days rations and amn will be maintained within coy area and provision made for its preservation against weather. all informed

*Smulsa*

MAJ. PHONE IMMEDIATE. TOO. 1650 hrs  
THI  
TOR



PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

1090A

To: 9 Aust Div, rptd 24 and 26 Aust Inf Bdes.  
From: 20 Aust Inf Bde. No. 0.601. 9.

sitrep 135 to 1900 L (.) 2/15 bn patrol to square 6068 (.) along  
KATIKA track then due north through native village to 614686 thence  
west along spur to 606686 (.) at this pt many diggings were found (.)  
appears to have been HQ (.) odd eqpt and some marked maps found buried  
in weapon pits (.) also 2 half buried japs (.) posns appear to have  
been evacuated a week previously (.) followed track west for 400 yds  
until GARADOW seen (.) NMS all informed

*also 2 half buried japs*  
*Mulson*

KAJ. DIV IMMEDIATE. TOO. 1915 hrs  
THI  
TOR

NMS



PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

1107A

To: 2/13, 2/15 & 2/17 Aust Inf Bns.  
From: 20 Aust Inf Bde. No. 0.603. 10.

MOST SECRET (.)

sitrep 19 to 1300 L (.) ~~xsix~~ ref maps 1:2500 (.) 20 bde (.) 2/15 bn patrol to sq 6068 found at 606686 enemy posn apparently HQ abandoned NMS (.) 24 bde (.) 2/28 bn patrol 638694 saw enemy mvt area WAREO village (.) patrol heard mvt and possibly MT from about 615704 (.) 2/43 bn patrol saw 13 japs at about 649720 (.) 26 bde (.) 2/24 bn patrol killed 5/6 japs without loss at about 589676 (.) further patrol 588678 saw 6 japs in dug-in posn (.) unoccupied enemy posn at 561566 (.) patrol to 565652 contacted 7 japs our casualties 1 killed (.) 2/48 bn patrol to 576662 found about 30 enemy in posn north of rd (.) patrol to 573665 found strong enemy post and withdrew (.) 4 bde (.) 22 bn extensive patrolling NMS (.) C tk sqn completing concentration of sqn less three tps at JIVEVANENG (.) our arty very active in harassing enemy posns discovered by patrols (.) 5 div no change (.) 7 div (.) patrol activity continues (.) our PT boats night 9/10 destroyed 4 barges laden with sups off WALINGAI 4992 ref map MASAWENG R one inch all informed

Capt.  
*for Maj*  
*W. H. H. H. H.*

IMPORTANT.

TOO.1400 hrs  
THI  
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PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM.

To: 9 Aust Div, rptd 24 and 26 Aust Inf Bdes.  
From: 20 Aust Inf Bde No. 0. 602. 10.

sitrep 136 to 0700 L (.) N T R

*Howard*  
CAPT.

DIV IMMEDIATE.

109577  
TOO. 0730 hrs.  
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TOR



PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

To: 2/13, 2/15 and 2/17 Aust Inf Bns.  
 From: 20 Aust Inf Bde. No. 606. 11.

MOST SECRET (.) sitrep 20 to 1300 L (.) ref maps 1/2500 and one in series (.) 24 bde (.) patrols of 2/43 bn to 658718, 2/28 bn to ~~632710~~ 632710, 2/32 bn to 608686 all NMS (.) patrol PIB to 619706 observed 15 japs at 619705 (.) OP 2/28 bn reported considerable enemy mvt WAREO area (.) C coy 2/32 bn relieved C coy 2/15 bn at 633681 (.) mvt on FDL at 640696 at 2355 hrs (.) eqpt of wounded or killed jap since recovered (.) body removed (.) 26 bde (.) patrols 2/23 bn to 563656 saw 3 japs and heard sounds of digging 563657 (.) patrol 2/24 bn encountered occupied jap posn 583680 (.) patrol to 571669 encountered enemy (.) fire exchanged jap casualties unknown (.) later patrol to 573667 observed jap ambush and withdrew (.) patrol to 582679 encountered and wounded one jap (.) patrol 2/48 bn to 573658 saw 2 japs moving north along tr to SATELBERG (.) patrol to 574668 encountered occupied jap posn to north of steep bridge crossing (.) 20 bde (.) C coy 2/15 bn now at 624670 D coy now 633678 two pls north of R one south northern pl makes contact with 2/32 bn (.) normal patrols all NMS (.) 4 bde (.) patrols 22 bn 546600 KANGARUA village 5455 and 595501 all NMS (.) D coy 37/52 bn moved to GODOWA 619554 (.) adv HQ 9 aust div moved to 638650 (.) no enemy air activity (.) 5 and 7 div NTR all informed

CAPT. IMPORTANT. TOO. 1417 hrs



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9AUST DIV

FROM

20 BDE

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2/13, 2/15, 2/17 Aust Inf Bns

FROM

20 Aust Inf Bde

Originator's Number

0. 638

Date

18

In Reply to Number

unit	LOB	I will	be	built	up
to	the	POSTERN	strength	⊙	if
unable	to	do	the	units	well
advise	B.M.	by	0830 hrs	19	Nov
ack					

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PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

1375A

To: 9 Aust Div, rptd 2/13, 2/15, 2/17 bns, 24 & 26 bdes.  
From: 20 Aust Inf Bde. No. 0. 639. 19.

MOST SECRET (.) sitrep 154 to 190700L (.) N T R

*W. H. ...*

Lieut.  
for Maj.

Div Immediate. TOO 190730L.  
THI  
TOR

PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

To: 9 Aust Div.  
From: 20 Aust Inf Bde. No. 0. 640. 19. in reply to no 0.274.

ACK

*Miller* MAJ.

TOO. 191126L  
THI  
TOR



PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM.

143014

To: 2/13, 2/15 and 2/17 bns.  
From: 20 Aust Inf Bde. No. 0.646. 20.

523663

MOST SECRET (.) sitrep 30 to 192000L (.) 26 bde (.) 2/48 bn westerly  
adv recommenced at first lt along SATELLE RG rd (.) progress slow owing  
by going and deep solidly constructed enemy defs (.) 3 tk ditches and  
mines encountered on rd successfully crossed (.) fighting continued  
throughout day towards crest of 2400 feature (.) going at sides of rd  
very difficult (.) enemy counter-attacked 1830 hrs repulsed and our tps  
followed up and captured the crest of feature (.) A and D coys now on  
high ground 563633 (.) 2/24 bn (.) C coy withdrew from posn held during  
night and enemy posn 576676 subjected to arty concentrations (.) C coy  
moved fwd and contacted enemy in same posn (.) adv to 580676 and dug in  
(.) B coy moved fwd and in contact with enemy most of day (.) B coy  
last lt 578677 (.) enemy posn 577678 (.) country very thick and mvt  
difficult (.) bn HQ 580675 (.) 2/23 bn (.) A coy in contact with enemy  
night 18/19 rejoined C coy 563648 (.) patrols encountered enemy in  
strength 563660 (.) 3 enemy parties 20/30 heard at 558660 (.) other  
disposns unchanged (.) 2/4 cav sqn (.) patrols to GURUBKOR and trs west  
from KUNAWA NNS (.) tps now one at 573642 two at 568644 (.) 2-37mm ad  
one 75mm gun destroyed by arty fire (.) 24 bde (.) standing patrols  
est 2/28 bn 633697, 624700 and 624701 each one pl (.) OP 2/43 bn 641702  
saw 7 japs vicinity 562692 (.) OP 2/28 bn 638634 NNS (.) patrol 2/32  
bn 629727 saw 20 unarmed japs with packs moving west on BONGA-WARBO tr  
(.) sounds of chopping 637730 (.) patrol 2/43 bn heard approx 30 japs  
656740 (.) enemy posn 657741 (.) movt heard 652718 (.) 2/32 bn less D  
coy moved to area north R SONG (.) disposns bn HQ 641709, A coy 641703,  
B 642711, C 642710, (.) LCB gp 2/28 and 2/32 bns moved to 645705 (.)  
4 bde (.) patrol 22 bn 18 nov engaged enemy est one coy at MORENG (.)  
PIB (.) patrol found enemy diggings 623705, 7 japs in this area (.)  
accurate arty fire on this posn (.) patrol to 582647 NNS (.) 2/2 mg bn  
less B and C coys and 2 pls D coy now at 637669 (.) 2 mountain bty  
moved to posn 633669 (.) own air ops (.) one sqn Bostons at 0850 hrs  
B/strafed area 553676 to 553679 (.) enemy air ops (.) 0445 hrs one A/C  
circled PINSCHRAFFEN area dropped 5 bombs sq 6161 (.) 0555 hrs one A/C  
over area no bombs dropped (.) 1650 hrs 9 Bettys escorted by 12 ZEKES  
dropped bombs into sea sq 6362 (.) no damage or casualties (.) Ps  
engaged by 4 lightnings results not known +\*+ all informed.

*W. J. Taylor*

Lieut.  
for Maj.

ORIS.  
201400L.

TOO. 2011651.  
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FROM 20 AVST INF BDE

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Date

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ref	ccw	actrep	155	19 Nov	to read
2/18 bar	HQ Coy	plus	at 0	plus	59456615
one	pl	59306610	at	B. Coy HQ	and
one	pl	<del>plus</del>	<del>at</del>	59776636	
			twit.		

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PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM.

To: 2/13, 2/15 and 2/17 Aust Inf Bns.  
From: 20 Aust Inf Bde. No. 0. 648. 20.

COs conference this HQ 1000 hrs 21 nov

*Simson Maj.*

TOO. 201325L.  
THI  
TOR

PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

To: 9 Aust Div.  
From: 20 Aust Inf Bde. No. 0. 649. 20. in reply to- 0270.

ack

*Mulvan MAJ.*

TOO. 201330L.  
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9 AUST DIV

FROM

20 AUST INF BDE

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PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

ref 1588

To: 2/13, 2/15 and 2/17 aust inf bns. rptd 24 aust inf bde  
From: 20 Aust Inf Bde. No. 0.641. 19.

LOB pers as arranged by telephone will move am 20 nov and relieve  
D coy 2/32 bn in posn at 639681 (.) maj SUTHERS 2/1<sup>15</sup> bn will comd  
gp ~~2/35 bn~~ <sup>and</sup> 2/35 bn will arrange recce of area 19 nov (.)  
gp will come under comd 24 bde ~~for operational control~~ in the  
event of ops (.) ADM (.) gp will be maintained direct from DID  
with effect as from 21 nov

if liable etc etc.

*Huber*

MAJ.

IMPORTANT.

TOO. 191200L.  
THI  
TOR

PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

ref 1401

To: 9 Aust Div. rptd 24 aust inf bde  
From: 20 Aust Inf Bde. No. 0.643. 19.

MOST SECRET (.) 190900L 2/13 bn standing patrol 598677 augmented to  
strength two pls (.) 191200L 2/17 bn standing patrols each two pls  
strong in posn at 614684 and 608678

if liable  
etc etc.

*Joseph M. ...* Capt.

~~Div.~~ Immediate

TOO. 191230L.  
THI  
TOR



PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM.

To: 2/13, 2/15, 2/17, 29/46 Bns.  
From: 20 Aust Inf Bde. No. 0. 692. 29.

*ref 251*

comds will enforce dispersal of those tps who are within range of enemy arty and particularly those under enemy observation(.)vehs in both fwd and rear areas will be dispersed within available limits to reduce vulnerability to air attack(.) no veh will be parked where it interferes with operational tasks of tps or weapons for example where it prevents a sited weapon from opening effective fire. all informed

If liable etc etc,

*Asworthy* Capt.

T00.291215L.  
THI  
TCR

PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM.

To: 2/13, 2/15, 2/17, 29/46 Bns.  
From: 20 Aust Inf Bde. No. 0. 693. 29.

*ref 252*

ref map SATELBERG 1/2500 (.) track from 556675 north to 3200 feature will be known as SPRY STREET all informed

If liable etc etc,

*Asworthy* Capt.

T00.291215L.  
THI  
TCR



PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM.

29/46<sup>nd</sup> Div

295A

To: 2/13, 2/15, 2/17, 29/46 Bns.  
From: 20 Aust Inf Bde. No. 697. 30.

SIGREP(.) sitrep 40 to 292000L(.) ref maps 1/25000(.) 24 bde (.) 2/28 bn less A coy resumed adv up coastal track without opposition reached BONGA 290925L and continued west to 650734(.) standing patrol established 649739 (.) one wounded PW captured later died(.) patrol from A coy 645736 moved through GUSIKA to river 651748 NMS(.) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ 2/43 bn(.) patrol from 636730 to 634728 saw enemy fd gun (.) 634727 strong patrol encountered enemy well dug in at 633731 killing 37(.) extensive patrols to NE east and SE PINO HILL NMS(.) 37/52 bn (.) protective patrol for engr fired on by enemy estimated 30/40 at 627703(.) 2/43 bn less D coy moved to PABU 637730-2/32 bn less B coy area NORTH HILL to R SONG(.) D coy 2/43 bn 647694 B coy 2/32 bn 649722 (.) 26 bde(.) bde HQ moved to 554678 (.) B coy 2/23 bn established bridgehead over R SONG 150 yds downstream from suspension bridge 562711(.) crossing effected unobserved(.) D coy in covering posn 200 yds downstream (.) C coy unsuccessfully attempted crossing at bridge(.) prevented by hy LMG and rifle fire from Jap posn on north bank estimated at more than one pl(.) PW captured vicinity bridge(.) extensive patrols 2/4 cav son area MARARUC NMS(.) 4 bde(.) 29/46 bn passed under operation comd 20 bde (.) C coy 22 bn moved to rejoin bn at 628642 (.) PIB(.) patrol contacted enemy still in posn 638708 (.) disposes 9 pl with 2/43 bn 10 pl with 2/23 bn 11 pl with 2/15 bn (.) arty fire on enemy posns WAREO HONGARA areas and to north NE and east(.) no enemy air activity over last 24 hrs all informed

If liable etc etc,

Capt.

DRLS.

TOO.301130L.

THI

TOR



PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

836A

To: 9 Aust Div, rptd 24 and 26 Aust Inf Bdes.  
 From: 20 Aust Inf Bde. No. 0. 567. 1. Nov

sitrep 119 to 1900 L (.) 2/13 bn (.) 2 japs without arms strayed into fwd posts last night both killed (.) during recent adv some japs in deep foxholes observed firing rifles skyward when attacked apparently not wishing expose themselves (.) 1800 hrs fwd sec killed jap approx 59506622 (.) he appeared well dressed possibly offr other enemy attempting drag him back engaged with 2 in mortar results not known (.) *contact maintained throughout area during day and cas inflicted* disposns one pl D coy relieved 2 secs C coy 59536622 ~~secs~~ *AND* rejoined pl C coy 597662 (.) 2/15 bn (.) patrol remaining overnight area 587653 failed contact enemy today and returned to bn (.) patrol GURUNKOR NMS (.) 2/17 bn (.) pl patrol left 59406615 moving along high ground north of rd towards enemy posn (.) going very difficult penetratd 20 yds came under strong enemy fire from HMG in new posn (.) attempts to infiltrate behind this post unsuccessful but we have made some ground suffering lt casualties (.) arty (.) 1012 and 1130 hrs two tps engaged suspected enemy posns vicinity 59306645 fire observed fall in area and believed effective

*W. W. W. W. W.*

CAPT.

DIV IMMEDIATE.

TOO 1901 hrs

BDES IMPORTANT.

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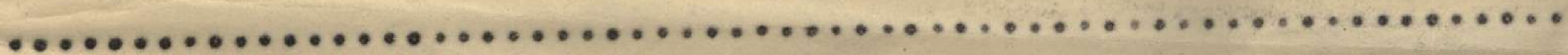
1204A

To: 9 Aust Div, rptd 2/13, 2/15, 2/17 Bns and 24 and 26 Aust Inf Bdes.  
 From: 20 Aust Inf Bde. No. 0. 615. 13.

MOST SECRET (.) sitrep 143 to 1900 L (.) patrols 2/13 bn (.)  
 to TAREKO 3 and along TAREKO track NMS (.) patrol to 607669 thence  
 603672 and returned SW (.) 608668 three native huts (.) 601672 fenced  
 garden NMS (.) patrol to 596678 from which recce party moved to 602678  
 where jap shot 11 nov (.) withdrew to 596678 arty accurately shelled  
 jap posn NMS (.) from 602678 the 1500 feature can be seen but no  
 definite landmarks in view (.) track running east west just north  
 of 602678 runs through Kunai patch about 600 yds long and under  
 observation from surrounding high ground (.) 2/15 bn (.) one grave  
 and two dead japs found at 619672 (.) normal protective patrols NMS (.)  
 alterations disposns (.) 2/15 bn (.) A coy 624670, C coy 640677 (.)  
 2/17 bn (.) BHQ 63426655 A coy 63446662 B coy 63346659 C coy 63506708  
 D coy 63786682 ~~4~~ all informed

*W. R. ...* Lieut  
 For Maj.

Div Immediate. T00. 1900 hrs  
 THI  
 TOR





PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM.

To: 9 Aust Div, rptd 2/13, 2/15, 2/17 bns, 24 and 26 bdes.  
From: 20 Aust Inf Bde. No. 0.621. 14.

sitrep 145 to 141900L (.) 2/13 bn (.) patrol incl F00 to 596678 to jeep tr thence 500 yds east along tr and moved to a posn 50 yds south of enemy posns on rd at 603678 (.) a recce was made from the pt (.) 3 japs pillboxes were observed on south edge tr sited eastwards (.) 1 pillbox and 1 foxhole facing west (.) 3 japs seen but not engaged (.) patrol withdrew to 596678 and shelled enemy posns which are on narrow spur running north south across rd ground falls away to north and rises on south (.) considered enemy hold 75 yds of the tr but strength unknown (.) 50 yds south centre of posns is large bombcrater thought visible from air (.) shellholes from arty shoot 13 nov seen in target area (.) todays shelling considered very accurate (.) 3 newly cut coconut trees 200 yds west of posn (.) normal protective patrols 2/13 and 2/15 bns NMS (.) 2 jap grenades each with 4 plugs gelignite att found vicinity B and D coys 2/15 bn (.) all informed

*W. Hester*  
LIEUT.  
for MAJ.

IMMEDIATE DIV. TOO. 141920L.  
THI  
TOR



PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM.

1870A

To: 9 Aust Div, rptd 2/13, 2/15, 2/17 bns, 24 and 26 aust inf bdes.  
From: 20 Aust Inf Bde. No. 0.625. 15.

MOST SECRET (.) sitrep 147 to 151900L(.) normal protective patrols  
2/13 and 2/15 bns NMS (.) location D coy 2/17 bn now 63626628 (.)  
2/15 bn LOB 64I56748 B ech 640678(.) all informed

*W. Hester*

LIEUT  
for MAJ

TOO. 151900 hrs  
THI  
TOR

PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

To: 9 Aust Div, 2/13, 2/15, 2/17 and 24 and 26 bdes  
Bns  
From: 20 Aust Inf Bde. No. 0. 626. 16.

1577A

sitrep 148 to 160700L (.) N T R

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for MAJ.

DIV. IMMEDIATE.

TOO. 160735L.  
THI  
TOR



PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM.

1596A

To: 9 Aust Div, rptd 2/13, 2/15, 2/17 bns, 24 and 26 aust inf bdes.  
From: 20 Aust Inf Bde. No. 0. 629 16.

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MOST SECRET (.) sitrep 149 to 161900L (.) 2/13 bn (.) patrol from  
600663 to creek 610672 NMS (.) standing patrol to 597678 NMS (.) patrol  
from 612668 to 611672 thence 500 yds up ridge through thick cane to  
610675 where the track turns west and continues along 1500 feature for  
100 yds (.) patrol to TAREKO area NMS (.) 2/15 Bn (.) C coy now at  
615684 (.) normal protective patrols NMS (.) all informed

*W. Heslop*

LIEUT  
FOR MAJ

DIV IMMEDIATE

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PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

To: 9 Aust Div, rptd 2/13, 2/15, 2/17 Bns, 24 and 26 bdes. 1328A  
 From: 20 Aust Inf Bde. No. 0. 633. 17.

MOST SECRET (.) sitrep 151 to 171900L (.) 2/13 bn patrols (.)  
 595662 to 597677 to contact standing patrol at that pt NMS (.)  
 to 610673 then west to 60 easting NMS (.) ~~xim~~ 597663 to 600673  
 NMS (.) TAREKO west along tr to 60 easting NMS (.) standing patrol  
 597677 NMS (.) 2/13 bn disposns (.) A coy 591662 astride rd (.)  
 2/15 bn (.) C coy moved from 616675 along tr to 602687 (.) from  
 this point recce party moved to 599687 and reported area clear  
 when our fwd tps reached this point 4 japs were seen and fired on  
 (.) further movement by our tps drew enemy fire from one NMG  
 LMGs and rifles (.) our casualties nil (.) the enemy flanks were  
 reced with view to further progress (.) location C coy now 602687<sup>6</sup>  
 with one pl 599687<sup>6</sup> (.) bn normal protective patrols NMS (.) all  
 informed

If liable etc.

*W. H. H. H.*  
 Lieut For Maj IMMEDIATE

TOO 171930L



PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

1188A

To: 9 Aust Div, rptd 24 and 26 aust inf bdes. and 2/13, 2/15, 2/17 bns.  
From: 20 Aust Inf Bde. No. 0.612. 13.

MOST SECRET (.) sitrep 142 to 0700 L (.) 2/15 bn (.) ref sitrep <sup>141</sup>~~14~~ (.)  
second patrol to sq 6067 was unable to reach enemy posns contacted  
earlier at 604677 (.) japs were astride tr east of where offr and runner  
last seen (.) attempts to penetrate south and north of the tr unsuccessful  
(.) crashed kittyhawk found vicinity ck 628672 (.) shows numbers 210  
and 999 on sides plane apparently untouched since crash (.)

*Edward Wilson*

LIEUT  
FOR MAJ.

DIV IMMEDIATE. TOO 0720 hrs  
TEL  
TOR



PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM.

(331A)

To: 9 Aust Div, rptd 2/13, 2/15, 2/17 bns, 24 and 26 bdes.  
From: 20 Aust Inf Bde. No. 0. 634. 18.

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MOST SECRET (.) sitrep 152 to 180730L (.) NTR during night (.)  
C coy 2/15 bn report that track on map from GARABOW 596688 to  
61356845 does NOT exist all informed.

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if liable etc etc. *for* Capt. Div Immediate. TOO 180740L.  
Maj. THI  
TOR



PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

To: 9 Aust Div, rptd  
~~for~~ 2/13, 2/15 and 2/17 bns. 24 and 26 bdes.

1361A

From: 20 Aust Inf Bde. No. 0. 637. 18.

~~SECRET~~ (. ) sitrep 153 to 181900L (. ) 2/I5 bn (. ) C coy moved from  
602687 to 596686 (. ) at 598687 extensive enemy posns found unoccupied (. )  
posn had received accurate bombing (. ) coy moved north to GARABOW (. )  
no sign of enemy or recent occupation (. ) patrol of one pl C coy along  
tr leading NW up spur to 584698 and return to 596687 (. ) tr well defined  
through rain forest/country but shows no signs of recent use (. ) C coy to  
remain at GARABOW as standing patrol (. ) normal protective patrolling  
2/I3 and 2/I5 bns NMS (. ) 2/I3 bn standing patrol 597677 NMS (. )  
*arty* harassing fire ~~arty~~ on known enemy posn 602678 (. ) location 18 pl D coy  
592566I7 mortars 59356635 (. ) all informed

If liable etc.,

*W. H. Allen*

LIEUT  
for Maj.

TOO 181900L  
THI  
TOR



PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM.

270A

To: 9 Aust Div, rptd 2/13, 2/15, 2/217, 29/46 Bns, 24 and 26 Bdes.  
From: 20 Aust Inf Bde. No. 0. 694. 29.

SECRET (.) sitrep 174 to 291900L (.) ref 1/25000 (.) 2/13 bn (.) pl patrol from 609678 to 2600 feature thence NW to PALANKO track 576684 followed track west 400 yds within sight village thence east to native garden 585683 to 587683 back to SP NMS (.) old jap posn at 587683 probably HQ with well dug sleeping quarters and RAP containing empty medicine chests (.) patrol from GARABOW to creek 596694 here patrol split one sec NW along ridge to 594700 back to SP (.) other sec north to SONG along south bank 606693 to 604687 to SP (.) both secs NMS (.) patrol from 609678 to creek 621684 to kunai patrol: 627688 along track north to SONG 625700 ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ contacted 37/52 bn NMS (.) 2/15 bn (.) relief by 29/46 bn completed 291500L (.) 291600L B and C coys reached overnight posn 627699 (.) recce patrol sent to find river crossing approx 300 yds east and approaches to jap posn vicinity 627700: no report yet (.) jeephead dump area temporarily approx 633697 (.) 2/17 bn (NTR (.) all informed

If liable etc etc,

*Asworthy* Capt.

DIV IMMEDIATE.

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286A

To: 9 Aust Div, tptd 2/13, 2/15, 2/17, 29/46 Bns, 24 and 26 Bdes.  
From: 20 Aust Inf Bde. No. 0.696. 30.

SECRET (.) sitrep 175 to 300700L (.) 2/15 bn (.) patrol reced suitable approach to enemy posn north of SONG (.) intention this morning commence attack 0900 hrs and continue adv to NONGARA after cleaning up enemy posns (.) 29/46 bn disposns A coy 627669, B 633674, C 640677, D 629679, BHQ 638672 all informed

If liable etc etc,

*Amorally*

Capt.

Div Immediate.

TOO. 300735L.

THI

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Ref:

NO 50 Aust Inf Bde

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PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM.

79

To: 9 Aust Div, rptd 2/13, 2/15, 2/17 bns, 24 and 26 bdes.  
From: 20 Aust Inf Bde. No. 0.664. 23.

SECRET (.) sitrep 162 to 231900L (.) / 2/13 bn (.) pl patrol object  
ref 1/25000(.)  
rece track to GARABOW (.) from 598663 to 599678 along ridge to creek  
599685 thence north to main track running west to GARABOW (.)  
considered route can be made jeepable with bulldozer NMS (.) patrol  
from 593678 followed track leading north to 593683 thence NE to creek  
594685 (.) creek not crossed but considered track continues NE to  
GARABOW NMS (.) 2/15 bn (.) local protective patrols NMS (.) 2/17  
bn (.) sec patrol from 615686 thence 617692 at which pt native hut  
(.) on to 620700 (.) at 617697 probable enemy footprints and freshly  
crushed undergrowth but no estimate strength enemy party NMS (.)  
two day patrol to NONGARRA area due back afternoon 24 nov no details  
yet all informed

if liable etc etc.

Div Immediate.

Others Important. TOO. 231915L.

*Author*

Capt.

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(8)A

To: 9 Aust Div, reptd 2/13, 2/15 2/17 bns and 24 and 26 bdes.  
From: 20 Aust Inf Bde. No. 0.665. 24

SECRET sitrep 163 to 240700L(.)  
(.) 2/15 bn (.) sec patrol from GARABOW to 601686 NE  
along tr to ck and river junc 614697 (.) south along east bank of cr  
to 614686 NMS (.) also south from ck and river junc along south bank  
SONG R to 617701 then east to river 624701 at this pt two native  
huts on north bank NMS(.) all informed

If liable etc etc

*[Handwritten Signature]*  
for Maj Capt

Div Immediate  
remainder informed

TOO 240720L  
THI  
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PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM.

10817

To: 9 Aust Div, rptd 2/13, 2/15, 2/17 Bns, 24 and 26 Bdes.  
From: 20 Aust Inf Bde. No. 0. 668. 24.

SECRET (.) sitrep 164 to 241900L (.) / ref 1/25000 (.)  
2/13 bn (.) patrol TAREKO area  
NMS (.) patrol from 597677 to 593678 to creek 594683 then north to  
GARABOW (.) returned via 601686 south to 602678 west to GARABOW NMS (.)  
patrol from 597677 to 608677 NMS (.) one tp army tks remaining overnight  
with B coy 2/13 bn standing patrol 597677 (.) 2/15 bn (.) two day patrol  
to NONGARRA area left this morning no details yet (.) 2/17 bn (.) sec  
patrol with PIB left 615686 thence 615692 on to creek and river junc  
614697 (.) fresh jap footprint 615694 (.) patrol reced area of creek  
and river junc and returned to SP via 616696 NMS (.) patrol from 615686  
contacted 2/15 bn patrol in kunai patch 605686 NMS (.) two day patrol  
returned 1835hrs no details yet all informed

if liable etc etc.

Div Immediate. T00.241930L.  
Others Important. THI  
TOR

*Quibritley* Capt.



114A

PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM.

To: 9 Aust Div. rptd 2/13, 2/15, 2/17 bns, 24 and 26 bdes.  
From: 20 Aust Inf Bde. No. 0.663. 25.

SECRET (.) sitrep 165 to 250700L(.) ref 1/25000 (.) 2/17 bn (.) interim  
report two day patrol (.) patrol reach NONGARRA NWS but evidence of  
japs recently in native gardens SW of village (.) further details follow  
all informed

If liable etc etc. Div Immediate. T00.250735L.  
Capt. Others Imporant. THI  
TOR

*M. W. ...*







PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM.

169A

To: 9 Aust Div, rptd 2/13, 2/15, 2/17 Bns, 24 and 26 Bdes.  
From: 20 Aust Inf Bde. No. 0.679. 26. --

SECRET (.) sitrep 168 to 261900L (.) ref 1/25000 series (L) and  
photomap (.) 2/13 bn (.) disposns (.) Bn HQ 612682, B coy less two  
pls 616678 two pls standing patrol still vicinity 597677, C coy 616687  
pl 616688, and 618688, D coy 615685, pls 611681 and 613683 otherwise  
unchanged (.) 2/15 bn (.) patrol struck enemy vicinity 162110 details  
later (.) 2/17 bn (.) normal contact patrols NMS (.) D coy less one  
pl 620686 otherwise unchanged all informed

If liable etc etc

*Amworthy*

Capt.

Div Immediate TOO.261920L.  
Others Important. THI  
TOR



PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM.

1851A

To: 9 Aust Div, rptd 2/13, 2/15, 2/17 Bns, 24 and 26 Bdes.  
From: 20 Aust Inf Bde. No. 0. 681. 27.

SECRET (.) sitrep 169 to 270700L (.) ref maps 1/25000 (.) 2/13 bn (.) casualties received from 36m grenade boobytraps approx 613680 in area previously occupied by div tps (.) 2/15 bn (.) patrol from GARABOW to creek and river junc 614697 east along river to 624702 crossed river to hut on north bank NMS (.) recrossed river moved east 200 yds along south bank at this pt met enemy rifle fire from an unknown posn south of river patrol withdrew (.) area then searched by ~~XXX~~ enemy LMG and rifle fire from vicinity north bank 624701 (.) our casualties one slightly wounded (.) suspected posns subsequently engaged with arty (.) all informed

If liable etc etc,

*Worthington*

Capt.

Div Immediate. TOO. 270745L.  
Others Important. THI  
TOR



PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM.

215A

To: 9 Aust Div, rptd 2/13, 2/15, 2/17 Bns, 24 and 26 Bdes.  
From: 29 Aust Inf Bde. No. 0. 684. 27.

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SECRET (.) sitrep 170 to 271900L (.) ref map 1/25000 (.) 2/13 bn (.)  
pl patrol from 616687 to 616693 to creek and river junc 614697 south  
along creek 200 yds then east 616693 (.) pl patrol from 602677 along  
track to 592679 then NE along track to GARABOW to 601686 and south to  
SP NMS (.) disposns (.) A coy relieved C coy 2/15 bn at GARABOW B coy  
less two pls 609678 (.) 2/15 bn (.) C coy moved to 607687 otherwise  
NTR (.) 2/17 bn (.) sec patrol from 618686 to hut 616694 NE to R SONG  
at 624700 west to standing patrol 37/52 bn 623701 thence back to SP (.)  
75 yds east of standing patrol posn found unoccupied enemy posn with  
abandoned groundsheets and clothing (.) area appears to have been  
hurriedly vacated all informed

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if liable etc etc,

*[Signature]* Capt.

Div Immediate      TOO. 271901L.  
Others Important.    THI  
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PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM.

235A

To: 9 Aust Div, rptd 2/13, 2/15, 2/17 Bns, 24 & 26 Bdes.  
From: 20 Aust Inf Bde. No. 0.688. 28.

SECRET(.) sitrep 172 to 281900L (.) ref 1/25000 (.) 2/13 bn (.)  
pl patrol from GARABOW NW along track to 1800 feature 580701  
contacted patrol 2/24 bn NMS (.) pl patrol from 609678 west along  
jeep track 2600 feature contacted patrol 2/24 bn (.) north to creek  
582690 east along creek to 599684 back to SP NMS (.) pl patrol from  
616687 to 623696 NMS (.) pl patrol from 615685 to 616690 to creek  
616687 to ~~607000~~ to kunai 605688 thence ~~609678~~ 612698 to 614696  
along track, 611702 from which pt track continued NW (.) back to SP  
via 616693 NMS (.) 2/15 and 2/17 bns normal protective patrols NMS  
all informed

if liable etc etc.

*W. W. Miley*

Capt.

Div Immediate.

TOO.281901L.

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PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM.

To: 9 Aust Div., rptd 2/15, 2/15, 2/17 Bns, 24 and 26 Bdes.  
From: 20 Aust Inf Bde. No. 0.689. 29.

243A

sitrep 173 to 290700L (.) NTR

*W. W. Miley*

CAPT.

DIV IMMEDIATE. TOO 290735L.

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PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM.

317A

To: 9 Aust Div, rptd 2/13, 2/15, 2/17, 29/46 Bns, 24 and 26 Bdes.  
From: 20 Aust Inf Bde. No. 0.698. 30.

SECRET(.) sitrep 176 to 301900L (.) ref 1/25000 (.) 2/13 Bn (.) pl  
patrol from GARABOW to 1800 feature NMS (.) patrol from 615684 to kunai  
605686 to creek 614696 along ridge to 70 northing then NE to 613703  
SE along south bank SONG R to 614695 back to SP NMS (.) at 613703 six  
native huts one containing two folded blankets and pillow but no sign  
recent enemy occupation (.) C coy moved to 628699 for protection jeep-  
head dump area (.) 2/15 Bn (.) B coy moved 300815L to attack enemy posn  
believed 627703 from north but no contact made (.) subsequently during  
afternoon patrol located this posn but japs had withdrawn (.) our tps  
now in occupation (.) 301345L C and A coys moved from vicinity 629699  
and at last lt were in sight village believed NONGARA (.) by mist over  
area make it hard to establish exact location (.) our casualties suffered  
during initial stage of adv 1 killed 3 wounded (.) disposns B coy 625701  
D coy 625700 with one pl 627703 BHQ and tk A pl 627699 A and C coys  
details later (.) 2/17 bn (.) no change (.) 29/46 bn (.) A coy replaced  
by C coy moved to 639672 (.) D coy moved to 638671 replaced by one coy  
22 bn all informed

If liable etc etc,

*W. W. Worthingley* Capt.

Div Immediate. TOO. 301930L.  
remainder IM PORT <sup>TEI</sup> TOR



PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

906A

To: 9 Aust Div rptd 24 and 26 Aust Inf Bdes.  
From: 20 Aust Inf Bde. No. 0. 574. 3.

~~xxxxxxxx~~ disposns ~~( )~~ 2/17 bn (.) B coy 585662, A 59206615,  
C 591661/ with pls 59106625 and 59956615 otherwise unchanged ~~xxxxxx~~  
~~2/15xxxxxx~~ all informed

*Deswarney* CAPT.

DIV IMPORTANT.

TOO 1950 hrs  
THI  
TOR

PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

919A

To: 9 Aust Div rptd 24 and 26 Aust Inf Bdes.  
From: 20 Aust Inf Bde. No. 0. 575. 4.

sitrep 124 to 0700 L (.) NTR

*Deswarney* CAPT.

IMPORTANT.

TOO. 0740 hrs  
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PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

To: 2/13, 2/17, 2/23 bns, rptd 2/15 bn  
From: 20 Aust Inf Bde. No. 0. 576. 4.

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telephone sitreps now required daily following times (.) 0700, 1200,  
and 1830 hrs all informed

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*Aswarkley.*

CAPT.

PHONE.

TOO. 1200 hrs  
THI  
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To: ~~2/13, 2/15, 2/17~~ Bde, ~~2/6~~ Pz Regt, ~~2/3~~ Pz Coy, 11 pl PIB, ~~2/8~~ Pz Amb,  
9 Aust Div, 24 bde, ~~26~~ bde, File. WD (2). and 29/46 bn.

From: 20 Aust Inf Bde. No. 0. 690. 29.

x as per sitreps (.)

SECRET (.) OO No 25 (.) ref our 0024 of 25 Nov 43 (.) ref maps 1/25000  
(.) INFM (.) enemy believed to be vicinity LAKES area sq 6173 strength  
unknown (.) 24 bde in contact with enemy in its present posns (.)  
26 bde is not in contact (.) 29/46 bn comes under comd this bde forthwith  
and commences relief ~~xxx~~ 2/15 bn (.) INTENTION (.) 20 bde will capture  
HONGARA (.) METHOD (.) two coys 2/15 bn will move earliest 29 nov take  
up def posns vicinity HONGARA and will patrol offensively to LAKES area  
and WARSO (.) 2/15 bn less two coys will take up posns north of R SONG  
with one coy giving close protection to bridgehead approx 625701 (.)  
one coy 2/13 bn will be on two hrs notice to move to jeephead approx 625  
699 for protection dump area (.) two FOC parties at present with 2/15 bn  
are moving with bn (.) 2/3 Pz Coy is proceeding with construction of  
bridge approx 625701 (.) 11 pl PIB is in sp 2/15 bn and xxx reports to  
bn 29 nov (.) ADM (.) sups on men one days fd op one days hard scale  
two emergency (.) jeephead dump containing 10 days res all natures will  
be established sq 6269 commencing 29 nov comd capt WAIN 2/15 bn (.)  
approx 300 native porters are available for building up 12 days res in  
 fwd dump HONGARA area (.) when dump completed natives in excess require-  
ment fwd tps will be returned to compound (.) Lt AHS moves with 2/15 bn (.)  
INTERCOM (.) L/T and number 11 sets (.) arty is laying own lines ACK  
all informed

If liable etc etc,

*[Signature]* Capt.

IMPORTANT. TOO. 291130L.  
TMI  
TMR

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TO *9 DIV*

FROM <i>20 BDE</i>	Originator's Number <i>I 306</i>	Date <i>24</i>	In Reply to Number
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<i>Yours</i>	<i>6-24/50/9</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>NOV</i>	<i>⊙</i>	<i>ack</i>

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TO: 2/13, 2/15, and 2/17 Aust Inf Bns, 2/6 Aust Fd Regt, 2/3 Aust Fd Coy  
11 pl PIB, 2/8 Aust Fd Amb, rptd RAE 9 Aust Div, Medical 9 Aust  
Div.

From: 20 Aust Inf Bde. No. 0. 670. 25.

comds conference this HQ 1000 hrs 26 nov all informed

*D. W. Bentley*

CAPT.

TOO. 251150L.  
THI  
TCR



Make a trace of inter <sup>bdy + bn</sup> bndys for the operation ✓

HORN  
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PROFORMA MESSAGE FORM

TO : 20 BDE : 24 BDE : 2/2 MG BN : 29/46 BN : rptd 4 BDE : 26 BDE :  
2/4 CAV SQN : C TK SQN : RAA : RAE : SIGS : 2/3 PNR BN :  
C COY PIB : COMD : G : AQ : AASC : MEDICAL : BMB : WD  
FROM : 9 AUST DIV  
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O 405 26

ref my O 379 . . . part SIX (.) ONE (.) amend bndy 29/46 bn to be (.)  
left with 2/2 MG bn all incl to 29/46 bn track junct 608678 - rd bend  
621677 (.) TWO (.) 2/15 bn left bndy with 2/2 MG bn until relieved  
by 29/46 bn will be as shown in part ONE  
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If liable, etc

TOO 261715L

checked with div original  
ref wrong. Olen

R. f. Hamer Maj

Comd has  
Bm seen

(L) ADG 7/15bn informed Olen



PROFORIA MESSAGE FORM

LORNO  
199

MA

TO:- ADDRESSEES AS FOR SITREP No 79

FROM:- ADV 9 AUST DIV

O 414

27

MOST SECRET (.) sitrep 80 to 262000L (.) ref maps 1/25000 series (.)  
 20 bde (.) 2/13 bn moved fwd relieving D coy 2/17 bn (.) dispositions  
 bn HQ 612632 B coy 601678 and 597677 D coy 615685 to 611681 C coy  
 616687 (.) D coy 2/17 bn less one pl after relief moved to 620686 (.)  
 patrol 2/15 bn contacted enemy vicinity 623699 no further report (.)  
 other patrols NMS (.) 24 bde (.) 260900L B and D coys 2/32 bn  
 successfully attacked PINO HILL 648723 from NORTH HILL 648712 (.)  
 by arty concentration and rocket sp preceded attack by inf and tks  
 and enemy withdrew offering little opposition (.) 261130L D coy 2/28  
 bn relieved C coy 2/43 bn on NORTH HILL which in turn moved on to  
 PINO HILL relieving D coy 2/32 bn 261300L (.) D coy 2/32 bn then  
 moved to 637732 against some opposition with tk sp for first 700 yds  
 (.) 2/32 bn in vicinity 637733 repulsed determined enemy attacks lasting  
 2 1/2 hrs (.) patrol with wounded from this area contacted patrol from  
 648723 261900L (.) 126 enemy known dead counted area 637733 since 20  
 nov (.) enemy shelled PINO HILL posn 261130L causing casualties (.)  
 locations last light B coy 2/32 bn 647722 to 649723 C coy 2/43 bn  
 649723 to 649720 (.) patrols located enemy still in posn east and NW  
 2/43 bn at 654706 and 644710 (.) enemy also located near R SONG 629699  
 and 628700 approx pl strength (.) other patrols NMS (.) 26 bde (.)  
 patrol 2/4 cav sqn and carr coy all NMS (.) patrol C coy 2/24 bn  
 moving to FIOR heard enemy party 564695 (.) one JAP seen on track  
 killed (.) patrol withdrew and attempted unsuccessfully to reach FIOR  
 by tracks to the east (.) C coy 2/23 bn moved north and occupied  
 MASANKOO without opposition (.) patrol from D coy occupied FIOR (.)  
 4 bde (.) 22 bn (.) bn HQ established SIMBANG 616559 A coy SIMBANG  
 619561 C coy MARARUO 537675 (.) one coy 37/52 bn moved to SCARLET BEACH  
 (.) by arty fire in sp 2/32 bn attack and neutralisation and harassing  
 fire (.) enemy air activity (.) 261050L 10 LILLYS escorted by 15  
 OSCARS dropped at least 50 bombs in area R QUOJA airfield and LAUNCH  
 JETTY caused some damage and casualties (.) airops 26 nov (.) 28  
 MITCHELLS 8 MARAUDERS bombed barge hideouts and dump area NAMBARIWA (.)  
 black smoke seen possibly burning barges (.) 12 LIBERATORS accurately  
 bombed GASMATA (.) PT boats night 25/26 no sightings

If liable, etc.

DRLS

TOO: 270730L

Capt.

Rptd to units Sig O.683.sitrep 37. 261200L. DRLS 271400L.

Cond R

BM seen

(H) Rptd



PROFORMA MESSAGE FORM

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4 BDE :

TO: ~~XX BDEX~~

2/2 MG BN: 2/3 PNR BN: RAE: rptd/20 BDE: 24 BDE: 26 BDE: RAA: SIGS  
C<sup>o</sup>COY PIB: COMD: G: Q: AASC: MEDICAL: BMB

ROE No  
1382

FROM: 9 AUST DIV

O 270 18

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2/2 MG bn less dets and 2/3 pnr bn less A and C coys will be released from labour on 19 nov at time to be fixed by Q (.) on 19 nov 2/2 MG bn less three coys will move in div res to area between ARNDT PT and HELDSBACH and allotment remainder of 2/2 MG bn will be B coy under comd 26 bde C coy under comd 24 bde two pls D coy under comd 20 bde (.) on 19 nov whole 2/3 pnr bn comes under comd CRE who will have it ready to revert to div comd at one hrs notice by night and two hrs notice by day and will keep HQ 9 div informed of assembly ~~xxx~~ posns of each part of the bn ack all informed  
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*WMS*

*R/W*  
Maj

If liable etc

IMMEDIATE to  
2/2 MG Bn  
2/3 Pnr Bn  
DRLS remainder  
191945L



PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

TO ADDRESSEES AS FOR NO 71 DELETE 808 AVN ENGR BN ADD CMD US SUB BASE,  
29/46 BN

202 No  
1386

FROM ADV 9 AUST DIV

0 278

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 MOST SECRET (.) sitrep 72 to 182000L (.) ref maps 1/25000 series (.) 26  
 bde (.) 2/48 bn resumed westward adv at first lt (.) COCONUT RIDGE 564663  
 cleared of enemy and occupied by our tps during morning (.) JAP posns  
 along SATELBERG rd reced by patrols and attack launched 1300 hrs with  
 MMG and tk sp (.) JAPS found to be deeply dug in and going very difficult  
 making progress slow (.) progress held up at 566663 by hy opposition (L)  
 at last lt A and D coys with bn HQ had reached 565662 (.) B and C coys  
 and adv C sgn tks 566663 (.) 2/23 bn (.) A and C coys moved fwd without  
 opposition (.) A coy took up posn at 562660 (.) C coy moved northwards to  
 SATELBERG<sup>rd</sup> and now occupy posn at 561666 (.) dispositions last lt B coy  
 574662 D coy 571639 bn HQ 566644 (.) 2/24 bn (.) patrols fwd of B and C  
 coys to top of 2600 feature reported feature unoccupied (.) only occupied  
 enemy posn this area at 577677 but many other posns recently occupied (.)  
 extensive local patrols (.) B and C coys consolidated their posns (.)  
 dispositions unchanged (.) area along rd 576662 to 584663 shelled by  
 enemy at last lt (.) 20 bde (.) 2/15 bn (.) C coy moved to 586686 then  
 north to GARABOW 586687 (.) no sign of enemy in area (.) extensive diggings  
 at 587687 had at some time been accurately bombed (.) patrol to 584698  
 NMS (.) normal protective patrols 2/13 and 2/15 bns NMS (.) standing  
 patrol 2/13 bn 597677 NMS (.) 24 bde (.) OP 2/28 bn 638694 observed slight  
 movement WAREO area (.) patrol 2/28 bn to 637693 NMS (.) natives report 50  
 JAPS had moved north 1300 hrs at 624703 (.) patrol 2/32 bn to 633727 NMS  
 (.) patrol 2/43 bn along coast observed numerous JAP footprints area  
 657739 NMS (.) standing patrol 655714 observed 7 JAPS (.) 4 bde (.) normal  
 patrols all NMS (.) no contact with patrol MORENG MARARUO area (.) own  
 airops 18 nov (.) 6 B26s 24 B25s attacked suspected enemy sup area 1000  
 yds NW MISANKOO (.) 42 tons bombs dropped (.) results generally unobserved  
 probable amn dumps hit in centre of target (.) PIB (.) accompanied patrols  
 24 bde (.) patrols up QUOJA R valley and to TIRIMORO both NMS (.) PT boats  
 failed to contact barges night 17/18 nov (.) encountered fire from shore  
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If liable etc

DRLS

TOO 190800L

Capt

29/18  
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29/18



Rptd to units 0.649. sitrep No 30.

PROFORMA MESSAGE FORM

*Sitrep No 30 to all bus*  
*20/11/30*  
*LOG No 14/30*

TO : ADDRESSEES AS FOR NO. 72

FROM : 2 MUST DIV

0 297

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SECRET

sitrep 73 to 192000L (.) ref maps 1/25000 series (.) 26 bde (.) 2/48 Bn (.)  
 westerly adv recommenced first light along SATELBERG road (.) progress slow  
 owing to hy going and deep solidly constructed enemy defences (.) 3 tk  
 ditches and mines encountered on road successfully crossed (.) fighting  
 continued throughout day towards crest of 2400 feature (.) going at sides  
 of road very difficult (.) enemy counter attack 1830 hrs repulsed and our  
 tps followed up and captured the crest of the feature (.) A and D coys  
 now on high ground 563633 (.) 2/24 bn (.) C coy withdrew from posn held  
 during night and enemy posn 576 676 subjected to arty concentration (.)  
 C coy moved fwd and contacted enemy in same posn (.) advanced to 580676  
 and dug in (.) B coy moved fwd and in contact with enemy most of the day  
 (.) B coy last light 578677 (.) enemy posn 577678 (.) country very thick  
 and movement difficult (.) bn HQ 580675 (.) 2/23 bn (.) A coy in contact  
 with enemy night 18/19 rejoined C coy 563648 (.) patrols encountered enemy  
 in strength 563660 (.) 3 enemy parties 20/30 heard 558660 (.) other  
 dispositions unchanged (.) 2/4 cav sqn patrols to GURUNKOR and tracks west  
 from KUMAWA NMS (.) tps now one at 573642 two 568644 (.) 2 x 37 mm and one  
 75 mm gun destroyed by arty fire (.) 24 bde (.) standing patrols established  
 2/28 bn 633697 624700 and 624701 each one pl (.) OP 2/43 bn 641702 saw  
 7 JAPS vicinity 562692 (.) OP 2/28 bn 638694 NMS (.) patrol 2/32 bn to  
 629727 saw 20 unarmed JAPS with packs moving west on BONGA WAREO track (.)  
 sounds of chopping 637730 (.) patrol 2/43 bn heard approx 30 JAPS 656740  
 (.) enemy posn 657741 (.) OP 647712 heard movement 652718 (.) 2/32 bn  
 less D coy moved to area north of R SONG (.) dispositions bn HQ 641709  
 A coy 641708 B coy 642711 C coy 642710 (.) LOB gp 2/28 and 2/32 bns moved  
 to 645705 (.) 20 bde (.) normal protective patrols 2/13 and 2/15 bns NMS  
 (.) JAP posn 603678 found to be vacated almost entirely destroyed by arty  
 fire (.) patrol ~~fox~~ from GARABOW+contacted JAP party vicinity 583693 (.)  
 standing patrol 2/13 bn 598677 increased to two pls (.) standing patrols  
 established 2/13 bn D coy less one pl 598664 2/17 bn D coy less one pl  
 614684 18 pl and tk A pl 608708 (.) 4 bde (.) patrol 22 bn 18 nov engaged  
 enemy estimated one coy MORENG (.) PIB (.) patrol found enemy diggings  
 623705 7 JAPS in this area (.) accurate arty fire on this posn (.) patrol  
 to 582647 NMS (.) 2/2 MG bn less B C coys and two pls D coy now at 637669  
 (.) 2 mountain bty moved to posn 633669 (.) own airops (.) one sqn BOSTONS  
 at 0850 hrs bombed strafed area 558676 to 553679 (.) enemy airops (.) 0445  
 hrs one A/C circled FINSCHHAFEN area dropped 5 bombs square 6161 (.) 0555  
 hrs one A/C over area no bombs dropped (.) 1650 hrs 9 BETTYS escorted by  
 12 ZEKES dropped bombs into sea square 6362 (.) no damage or casualties (.)  
 fighters engaged by 4 LIGHTNINGS results NOT known

645685  
Corrected to B coy less 2 pls.

If liable, etc

DRLS

TOO 200735L

*TRR* Capt



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TO 20 Bde 24 Bde

(1433)

FROM Adv 9 Aust div

Originator's Number

0304

Date

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In Reply to Number

from	20	now	LOB	20	Bde
will	be	responsible	for	holding	legis
ground	at	KATIKA	and	controlling	tranks
in	that	area	⊙	defence	of
the	posn	will	be	coord	with
plans of	24	Bde	under	<del>whose</del>	operational
control	LOB	20	bde	will	come comc

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PROFORMA MESSAGE FORM

LOG NO.  
1457

TO:- AS FOR SITREP 73

0 311

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FROM:- ADV 9 AUST DIV

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 MOST SECRET (.) sitrep 74 to 202000L (.) ref maps 1/25000 series (.)  
 26 bde (.) 2/48 bn (.) patrols 2/4 cav sqn to GURUNKOR and on tracks  
 west and SW of KUMAWA NMS (.) 2/24 bn (.) patrol from 578673 moved 350  
 yds west located enemy posns 575677 and 576677 (.) patrol to 596678 NMS  
 (.) 2/48 bn (.) 12 enemy dead 3 HMGs and 6 LMGs found in posn captured  
 19 nov (.) patrol at first light contacted enemy and B coy adv against enemy  
 opposition (.) tk ditch at 563663 (.) high ground vicinity track  
 junc 562664 captured by A and B coy 1830 hrs (.) D coy at 565662 C coy  
 567664 (.) enemy casualties unknown (.) 2/23 bn (.) patrol A coy con-  
 tacted 2/48 bn 566663 (.) patrol first light encountered enemy 561660 (.)  
 A coy moved to 563660 and contacted 2/48 bn (.) 24 bde (.) OP 2/28 bn  
 638694 observed 12 JAPS WAREO area (.) patrol 2/28 bn to 624700 NMS (.)  
 patrol 2/45 bn estimated 30 JAPS in posn 650726 (.) 2/32 bn commenced  
 moving 0930 hrs and occupied area 635731 at 1800 hrs (.) no organised  
 enemy resistance (.) isolated enemy seen and engaged approx 12 killed (.)  
 dispositions bn HQ 636729 B coy 635731 C coy 637730 A coy 637732 (.)  
 24 bde LOB gp 635685 (.) D coy 2/32 bn moved to 632682 (.) 20 bde (.)  
 normal protective patrols NMS (.) patrols 2/13 bn 591661 to 591677  
 and to 588677 (.) from 591661 to 597677 all NMS (.) patrol from GARABOW  
 to 606694 to 599695 NMS (.) patrol 2/17 bn from 615686 to 627688 NMS (.)  
 20 bde LOB gp located 638682 (.) 4 bde (.) normal patrols NMS (.) PIB (.)  
 patrols located occupied JAP posns 633727 627726 625725 (.) patrols  
 QUOJA R area NMS (.) M mtn bty in action 633669 (.) 56 fd bty arrived  
 GODOWA 2/3 pnr bn HQ 615665 B coy 611666 (.) enemy airops (.) one enemy  
 B dropped 10 bombs vicinity airstrip SCHNEIDER HARBOUR (.) no damage or  
 casualties (.) no local airstrikes own forces owing maintenance on A/C  
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DRLS

TOO: 210720L

If liable, etc.

Capt.

Cond seen  
Bm seen

(4) Ofr. promulgated 0655

70K  
130K  
15700  
2200

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Cond seen

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PROFORMA MESSAGE FORM

TO : 2/12 AUST FD REGT , 24 AUST FD BTY rptd 2/6 AUST FD REGT , 2/4 AUST  
LT A A REGT , 2/11 AUST TK A BTY , 2 AUST MTN BTY , M AUST HY BTY ,  
9 AUST DIV , 20 AUST INF BDE , 24 AUST INF BDE , 26 AUST INF BDE

FROM : RAA 9 AUST DIV

RAO/939

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24 aust fd bty reverts to comd 2/12 aust fd regt as from 0900 hrs 21 nov  
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Capt

DRLS

TOO 202100L



PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

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TO 4 BDE : 20 BDE : 24 BDE : 26 BDE : RAA : RAE : SIGS : 2/2 MG BN :  
2/3 PNR BN : 9 DIV CARR COY : 2/4 CAV (COMMANDO) SQN : C TK SQN :  
C COY PIB : 532 REGT 2 ESB : COMD : G : Q : AASC : MEDICAL : BMB:WD

FROM ADV 9 AUST DIV

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SECRET (.) ref my 00 22 (.) on D minus one day 2/4 cav (commando) sqn will  
come under comd 26 bde for holding at all costs the vital ground in KUMAWA  
and to relieve 2/23 bn of that responsibility (.) 26 bde will receive  
approx 48 hrs notice of D day which is yet to be confirmed by HQ 9 div as  
being 16 17 or 18 nov

If liable etc

DRLS

TOO 2200L

R J Williams Maj



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SECRET

20 Aust. INF. BDE

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PROFORMA MESSAGE FORM

TO : DISTRIBUTION AS FOR NO. 66

FROM : 9 AUST DIV

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MOST SECRET (.) sitrep 67 to 2000L/13 (.) 20 bde (.) 2/13 bn patrols  
 xx TAREKO track (.) 603672 (.) 602678 all NMS (.) 2/15 bn normal  
 protective patrols NMS (.) dispositions A coy 624670 C coy 640677 other-  
 wise unchanged (.) 2/17 bn BHQ 634665 A coy 634666 B coy 633665 C coy  
 635370 D coy 637668 (.) 24 bde (.) OP at 641701 reported following total  
 enemy movement for day in area 569702 (.) east 31 (.) west 25 (.) 2/23 bn  
 patrol to 623705 NMS (.) 2/32 bn patrol to 615684 NMS (.) 2/43 bn patrol  
 654710 NMS (.) 26 bde (.) 2/23 bn patrol killed 2 wounded one JAP 557647  
 without loss (.) patrol to 561653 suffered 2 casualties from LMG fire (.)  
 2/24 bn patrol to 580680 found small enemy camp (.) enemy heard vicinity  
 587676 (.) 2/48 bn patrols to 579665 and 572658 NMS (.) 4 bde (.) normal  
 patrolling all NMS (.) C coy PIB (.) patrol 12 nov north bank SONG to  
 629701 saw 5 JAPS and heard enemy movement to north and west (.) patrols  
 625728 and 602589 NMS (.) 5 aust div no change (.) 7 aust div C coy 6 MG (.)  
 bn arrived GUSAP otherwise no change all informed.

If liable, etc

DRLS

TOO 1740L

*G. Evans* Capt

*By Rptd to units 9/6/70*

*14/10/14*



PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

1576 /SQN

TO 4 BDE : 20 BDE : 24 BDE : 26 BDE : 2/2 MG BN : 2/3 PNR BN : 2/4 CAV/ :  
C TK SQN : C COY PIB : 9 DIV CARR COY : AASC : MEDICAL : ORD : AEME

FROM ADV 9 AUST DIV 0 196 13

SATELBERG rd is closed to all except essential operational and sup traffic

If liable etc DRLS TOO 1730L

*Right to units 1/16/54  
14/1/54  
MR Wilmoth*

Capt

1100/14



*Cond: Gen*

# MESSAGE FORM

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*Serial No. 11233*

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TO *20 BDE*

FROM *ADV. 9175T Div*

Originator's Number  
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Date  
*14*

In Reply to Number

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<i>and</i>	<i>0201</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>D</i>	<i>day</i>	<i>will</i>
<i>be</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>new</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>2/14</i>	<i>can</i>
<i>commander</i>	<i>commander</i>		<i>ESQN</i>	<i>comes</i>	<i>under</i>
<i>cond</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>Bde</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>no</i>	<i>all</i>
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PROFORMA MESSAGE FORM

1261

TO: ADDRESSEES AS FOR 67

FROM: ADV 9 AUST DIV

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MOST SECRET (.) sitrep 68 to 2000L/15 (.) ref maps 1/25000 series (.)  
 24 bde (.) OP 2/43 bn 641702 observed 2 JAPS moving east 2 west 569702  
 0820 hrs (.) OP 2/28 bn 638692 observed 20 enemy moving south north  
 WAREO area (.) 1 motor veh seen 1300 hrs same area (.) local patrols 2/28  
 bn NMS (.) OP 2/32 bn 615686 observed smoke 1210 hrs at 609639 and  
 608694 (.) rifle shots heard from 601697 (.) patrol 2/43 bn ambushed 3  
 JAPS 645716 killing 2 (.) 26 bde (.) patrol 2/48 bn found unoccupied  
 enemy posn 573667 (.) digging heard vicinity 571663 (.) 12 JAPS seen in  
 area 1 shot (.) patrol 2/24 bn observed 3 JAPS moving east at 583673 (.)  
 JAP posns 584679 (.) sounds of chopping heard 581679 (.) patrol to  
 585679 encountered by fire (.) 20 bde (.) patrol 2/13 bn reced enemy  
 posn 603678 observing 3 JAPS (.) normal protective patrols 2/13 and 2/15  
 bns NMS (.) 4 bde NTR (.) PIB (.) 3 JAPS seen 645716 one shot (.) large  
 number JAPS seen 583678 (.) enemy airops (.) 1055 hrs 14 Bs 12  
 dropped 30 bombs FINSCH HARBOUR (.) no damage or casualties (.) 2 para-  
 chutes dropped GESIKO area (.) own airops 14 nov (.) extensive barge  
 search KIARI to WALANGAI nil sightings (.) intermediary pts track  
 ZAGAHEIM - WALANGAI strafed NMS (.) PT boats night 13/14 nov sank 1  
 enemy barge and probably sank 1 other south of WALANGAI (.) 2 more sunk  
 KALANOA HARBOUR (.) shore fire encountered (.) 40mm and 37mm fire  
 directed at BONGA and KAMLAGIDU LAGOON approx 0500 hrs (.) 5 and 7 days  
 no significant change

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If liable, etc.

DRLS

TOO: 0740L

Capt.

*Robert [unclear]*

*all repeated to  
adv on 1300 15 Nov  
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1115



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PROFORMA MESSAGE FORM

TO: 20 BDE : 24 BDE : 26 BDE : 4 BDE : 2/4 CAV SQN : C TK SQN : RAA : RAE :  
SIGS : 2/2 MG BN : 2/3 PNR BN : 9 AUST DIV CARR COY : C COY PIB : FINSCH  
BASE SUB AREA : 532 REGT 2 ESB : AASC : MEDICAL:ORD : AEME : PRO : POSTAL :  
9 AUST DIV SEC RECEPTION CAMP : rptd AQ

FROM : 9 AUST DIM ----- 0 215 ----- 14 -----

addressees will notify this HQ of changes in location of all units and subunits under their comd by 2000 hrs on the day on which such changes occur

If liable, etc

DRLS

TOO 1515L

*R. Blachum* Capt

1115



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PROFORMA MESSAGE FORM

TO : 20 BDE : 24 BDE : RAA : RAE : SIGS : 2/2 MG BN : 2/3 PNR BN :  
4 BDE : 2/4 CAV SQN : C TK SQN : G : AQ : CAMP : AASC : MEDICAL :  
ORD : AEME : PRO : SALVAGE UNIT : BMB : WD (2)

FROM : ADV 9 AUST DIV 0 232 15

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promulgate to all ~~units~~ units (.) all units will be responsible for  
providing own turn-outs from main rd being constructed north from R BUMI  
(.) this includes construction of small culverts over side drains of rd  
in order NOT to block waterways (.) RAE will be responsible for contact-  
ing all units at present located along rd and will provide any technical  
advice required

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Except Wireless

DRLS TOO 151430L

Rabla *[Signature]* Capt

Repeat to unit  
rptd on 0627. 161152L.  
0/627

1020



PROFORMA MESSAGE FORM

200110  
1281

TO : 20 BDE : 24 BDE : 26 BDE : RAE : SIGS : 2/3 PNR BN : C COY PIB :  
2/4 CAV SQN : AQ : AASC : MEDICAL:ORD:AEME:PRO

FROM : 9 AUST DIV

0 227

15

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trip wires and booby traps have been laid on radius 100 yds at fd tp posns  
637582 and 631645  
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DRLS

TOO 151030L

*Mark Map*  
Capt

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Mark Map

*AM*

*AM*

1020



PROFORMA MESSAGE FORM

LOC No 128

*100*

TO:- 4 BDE 2/2 MG BN rptd 20 BDE ; 24 BDE ; 26 BDE ; RAA ; RAE ; SIGS ;  
2/3 PNR BN ; ~~22~~ 2/4 CAV SQN ; 9 DIV CARR COY ; C TK SQN ; C COY PIB ;  
532 REGT 2 ESB ; COMD ; Q ; Q ; AASC ; MEDICAL ; BMB ; WAR DIARY (2)

FROM:- ADV 9 DIV

0 239

15

-----  
29/46 bn will come into div res in area mouth R QUOJA earliest practicable on  
16 nov (. ) D coy less one pl 2/2 MG bn will come into div res approx same  
area morning 16 nov (. ) move from KEDAM to HELDSBACH JETTY by LCV of unit gear  
NOT carried in unit jeeps is being arranged by Q all informed  
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If liable, etc.

IMMEDIATE TO 4 BDE, TOO: 152030L  
2/2 MG BN  
DRLS REMAINDER

*Q* *W* *R. H. M. May*

*1020*



rptd to units p. 628. 161200L.

LOEA No  
1283

PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

TO ADDRESSEES AS FOR NO 68

FROM ADV 9 AUST DIV

0 243

16

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MOST SECRET (.) sitrep 69 to 152000L (.) ref maps 1/25000 (.) 24 bde (.)  
 OP 2/43 bn 641702 observed smoke 565684 (.) 23 JAPS observed 581704 21 west  
 and 2 east (.) OP 2/28 bn 635694 saw 3 JAPS WAREO SPUR (.) patrol 2/28 bn  
 to 623695 NMS (.) standing patrol 632698 NMS (.) standing patrol 2/32 bn  
 615686 NMS (.) standing patrol 2/43 bn 654710 NMS (.) 2/28 bn HQ moved to  
 640688 (.) 26 bde (.) patrol 2/23 bn to 566652 contacted 4 JAPS killed 2 (.)  
 patrols to 557649 and GURUNKOR both NMS (.) patrol 2/24 bn to 583679  
 observed 12 JAPS (.) patrol to 577676 heard enemy ~~KX6663XXXXXX~~ 576676 (.)  
 patrol to 573666 found enemy posn unoccupied (.) patrol to 576663 fired on  
 (.) one JAP shot in new diggings (.) 20 bde (.) normal protective patrols  
 2/13 and 2/15 bns NMS (.) D coy 2/15 bn now 636663 (.) LOB gp 2/15 bn  
 641675 B ech 640678 (.) 4 bde (.) normal patrols NMS (.) PIB (.) patrol  
 QUOJA R area NMS (.) patrol to 580680 heard enemy on high ground to south  
 (.) patrol to 590595 NMS (.) enemy airops NIL (.) 5 and 7 divs no signific-  
 ant change

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If liable etc

DRLS

TOO 160730L

*W. G. Lamb*  
Capt

*Lamb*  
*B.M. G.*

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*bus 1500/16*

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# MESSAGE FORM

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TO 20 BDE C COY PIB

193

FROM ADV 9 AVST DIV	Originator's Number 0248	Date 16	In Reply to Number
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Main	coast	rd	north	of	Bu m
R	is	closed	until	further	notice
to	all	vehic	except	grps	all
informd					

Commander

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T.O.R.



# MESSAGE FORM

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TO *20 Bde 2/2 MG Bn* *(1294)*

FROM ~~*2/2 MG Bn*~~ *9dust Div*      Originator's Number *0250*      Date *16*      In Reply to Number \_\_\_\_\_

<i>One</i>	<i>pl</i>	<i>D</i>	<i>Coy</i>	<i>2/2</i>	<i>MG</i>
<i>Bn</i>	<i>COMES</i>	<i>under</i>	<i>comd</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>Bde</i>
<i>16</i>	<i>NOV</i>				

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T.H.I. *1930*  
 T.O.R. *1830*



068  
T.O.B.

220  
L.H.I.T

7/13 Pl to 597 676

overnight 17/18.

Quill notes (50) 602 678 (0740-0815)

2/13  
2/15  
2/17  
24 Bel.

W.S.D. of rd in federal area

1 Pl (starting) at 597 677 in area

have been the till recalled will

32 of photo record of study photo

6168 - time when was yet

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BY (NAME)  
DATE

M907 EDA22EM

1001 (001 to 100)



PROFORMA MESSAGE FORM

LOCN<sup>o</sup>  
1311

TO : ADDRESSEES AS FOR NO. 69

FROM : 9 AUST DIV

0 254

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MOST SECRET (.) sitrep 70 to 162000L (.) ref maps 1/25000 series (.)  
 24 bde (.) OP 2/43 bn 641702 observed 9 JAPS moving west 552693 3 more  
 south at WAREO (.) patrol 2/23 bn to 616702 NMS (.) OP 2/32 bn 615686  
 reports smoke from 608694 (.) patrol 2/43 bn observed 2 JAPS 649724. and  
 12 at 650724 (.) patrol 2/43 bn to 634701 NMS (.) 2/43 bn ambush at 655715  
 fired on one JAP (.) D coy 2/28 bn moved to 641688 (.) 26 bde (.) 2/4  
 cav sqn relieved 2/23 bn at KUMAWA (.) area subjected to inaccurate enemy  
 mortar fire last light (.) 0830 hrs A coy 2/48 bn supported by arty and MMG  
 attacked eastern knoll GREEN RIDGE 574652 (.) knoll captured by 0952 hrs  
 (.) coy then attacked and captured western knoll and junc tracks SISI -  
 SATELBERG 573661 by 1340 hrs (.) patrol moved fwd fired on 150 yds west  
 of track junc (.) 12 enemy dead counted (.) one MMG two LMGs one lt mortar  
 captured (.) patrol 2/23 bn to 568648 NMS (.) patrol to GURUNKOR NMS (.)  
 patrol to 571651 saw 4 JAPS and heard JAP voices at 567654 estimated 30/40  
 (.) observed three groups 8/10 JAPS 564656 (.) much shouting heard 562659  
 (.) dispositions 2/48 bn A coy 573661 B coy 575662 (.) dispositions 2/24 bn  
 B and C coys 578675 bn HQ 591668 D coy pls 589670 582672 591668 A coy  
 589661 (.) 20 bde (.) patrols to 610672 597678 610675 TAREKO area and  
 normal protective patrols all NMS (.) C coy 2/15 bn moved to 615684 (.)  
 ref to movement D coy 2/13 bn in sitrep 69 should be 2/17 bn (.) 4 bde (.)  
 22 bn normal patrols all NMS (.) 29/46 bn moved to 632641 as div res (.)  
 PIB (.) patrols to 532647 - 545632 and SONG R area all NMS (.) enemy  
 airops (.) 0220 hrs one unidentified A/C circled LANGEMAK BAY area dropped  
 3 bombs KREUTBERG range area (.) PT boats contacted 4 enemy barges 3 miles  
 NW CAPE KING WILLIAM sank two but driven away by hy accurate arty fire from  
 shore

If liable, etc

DRLS

TOO 170730L

*R. A. Blackman* Capt



# MESSAGE FORM

Serial No. 12

CASE AND INSTRUCTIONS

IN

OUT

*Handwritten notes and circled 'P'*

No. of Groups

GR.

*47*

OFFICE DATE STAMP

*20 Bde  
9 Nov*

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TO

*20 Bde*

FROM

*9 Aust Div*

Originator's Number

*0132*

Date

*9*

In Reply to Number

*1095*

<i>on</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>Pov</i>	<i>body</i>	<i>between</i>	<i>20</i>
<i>and</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>bdes</i>	<i>will</i>	<i>become</i>	<i>all</i>
<i>incl</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>bde</i>	<i>track</i>	<i>from</i>	<i>615684</i>
<i>KATIKA</i>	<i>coast</i>	<i>at</i>	<i>646680</i>	<i>o</i>	<i>some</i>
<i>of</i>	<i>change</i>	<i>by</i>	<i>mutual</i>	<i>arrangement</i>	<i>between</i>
<i>bdes</i>	<i>to</i>	<i>be</i>	<i>notified</i>	<i>to</i>	<i>div</i>
<i>AD</i>	<i>all</i>	<i>informed</i>			

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T.O.R.



PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

LORNO  
1103

TO ADDRESSEES AS FOR NO 62

FROM ADV 9 AUST DIV

0 135 10

MOST SECRET (.) sitrep 63 to 2000L/9 (.) ref maps 1/25000 series (.) 20 bde (.) 2/15 bn patrol to square 6068 found at 606686 enemy posn apparently HQ abandoned NMS (.) 24 bde (.) 2/28 bn (.) patrol 638 694 saw enemy movement area WAREO village (.) patrol heard movement and possibly MT from about 615704 (.) 2/43 bn patrol saw 13 JAPS at about 649720 (.) 26 bde (.) 2/24 bn patrol killed 5 or 6 JAPS without loss at about 589676 (.) further patrol 583678 saw 6 JAPS in dug in posn (.) unoccupied enemy posn at 561566 (.) patrol to 565652 contacted 7 JAPS our casualties 1 killed (.) 2/48 bn patrol to 576662 found about 30 enemy in posn north of rd (.) patrol to 573665 found strong enemy post and withdrew (.) 4 bde (.) 22 bn extensive patrolling NMS (.) C tk sqn completing concentration of sqn less three tps at JIVEVANENG (.) our arty very active in harassing enemy posns discovered by patrols (.) 5 div no change (.) 7 div (.) patrol activity continues (.) our PT boats night 9/10 destroyed 4 barges laden with sups off WALINGAI 4992 ref map MASAWENG R 1 inch

If liable etc

DRLS

TOO

0730L

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1230

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Loe No.  
1104

copy. ~~MB~~ further

PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

TO 4 BDE : 20 BDE : 24 BDE : 26 BDE : 2/4 CAV SQN : C TK SQN :  
RAA : RAE : SIGS : 2/2 MG BN : 2/3 PNR BN : 9 DIV CARR COY :  
532 REGT 2 ESB : US SUB BASE : G : AG : AASC : MEDICAL : ORD  
AEME : PRO : POSTAL : CAMP : BMB : WAR DIARY (2) :

FROM 9 AUST DIV ----- 0 130 ----- 9 -----

adv HQ 9 aust div will close present location 1200 hrs 10 nov and  
reopen same time vicinity LAUNCH JETTY 638650 (.) rear HQ 9 aust div  
will close present location 1200 hrs 10 nov and reopen same time  
LANGEMAK BAY 637568

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If liable etc

DRLS

TOO 1550L

R. J. Hamer Maj

1230



PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

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1132

TO: Addressees as for 63

FROM: 9 AUSTR DIV

0 145

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ROSE SECRET (.) sitrep 64 to 2000L/10 (.) ref maps 1/25000 and 1 inch series (.)  
 24 bde (.) patrols 2/43 bn to 653 718 2/28 bn to 632 710 2/32 bn to 603 686  
 all NLS (.) patrol PIB to 619 706 observed 15 JAPS at 619 705 (.) OP 2/28 bn  
 reported considerable enemy movement WAREO area (.) C coy 2/32 bn relieved C  
 coy 2/15 bn at 633 681 (.) 26 bde (.) patrols 2/23 bn to 563 656 saw 3 JAPS  
 and heard sounds of digging 563 657 (.) patrol 2/24 bn encountered occupied  
 JAP posn 583 680 (.) patrol to 571 669 encountered enemy (.) fire exchanged  
 JAP cas unknown (.) later patrol to 573 667 observed JAP ambush and withdrew  
 (.) patrol to 532 679 encountered and wounded one JAP (.) patrol 2/48 bn to  
 573 658 saw 2 JAPS moving north along track to SATELBERG (.) patrol to 574 668  
 encountered occupied JAP posn to north of steep br crossing (.) 20 bde (.)  
 C coy 2/15 bn now 624 670 (.) normal patrols all NLS (.) 4 bde (.) patrols  
 22 bn 546 600 KANGARUA village 54 55 595 501 all NLS (.) D coy 37/52 bn  
 moved to GODOMA 619 554 (.) HQ 3 coy PIB moved to 559 623 (.) adv HQ 9 aust  
 civ moved to 638 650 (.) no enemy air activity (.) 5 div no change (.) 7 div  
 (.) ref map DUMPU one inch (.) disposns HQ 21 bde 610 567 2/14 bn 591 596  
 2/16 bn 55 79 2/27 bn 620 573 (.) otherwise no change.

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If liable etc.

DRLS 100: 0745L

Capt

*J. B. ...*

*has signed up to Bob BM*



X O C Coy 2/15 now  
located 6236700

DRLS  
Idle  
951  
Cairn Shields  
Melbourne  
Cairn



# MESSAGE FORM

Serial No. 6

CALL  
INSTRUCTIONS

IN Z T LIC  
OUT

No. of Groups  
GR. 49

OFFICE DATE STAMP  
20/30  
11/20

TO 20 BDE C Coy P11 B (ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.) LOREED (1136)

FROM 9 Dco Originator's Number 0153 Date 11 In Reply to Number -

Ref	my	0022	O	Regalotment	
for	July	in	sp	of	<del>the</del> Bdes
11 Bty	to	20	Bde	012	Bty
to	* 4 Bde	23	Bty	and	62 Bty
to	26 Bde	24	Bty	to	24 Bde
all	informed				

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		<u>12-21</u>	<u>W. Quinn</u>								

T.H.I. 1210  
T.O.R. 1520



PROFORMA MESSAGE FORM

LOC No  
1156

WR

TO: ADDRESSEES AS FOR 64

FROM: ADV 9 AUST DIV

0 162 12

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 MOST SECRET (.) sitrep 65 to 20001/11 (.) ref maps 1/25000 series (.)  
 24 bde (.) OP 2/43 bn 641702 observed 22 JAPS WAREO (.) engaged by arty (.)  
 patrol 2/28 bn to 631693 heard 12 to 15 JAPS moving SW (.) later patrol same  
 area NMS (.) patrol PIB to 628701 encountered enemy sentries who gave alarm  
 to enemy further north (.) patrol 2/32 bn to 616686 NMS (.) patrol 2/43 bn  
 to 652719 NMS (.) 26 bde (.) patrol 2/23 bn encountered JAP sentry 568649 (.)  
 further enemy heard 565652 and 565650 (.) patrols to 565620 567654 and 556647  
 all NMS (.) patrol 2/24 bn to 582667 thence SW along track to creek NMS (.)  
 patrol encountered JAP sentry 584676 heard sounds of chopping (.) patrol  
 2/48 bn encountered enemy patrols vicinity SISI killing 1 JAP wounding 3 (.)  
 patrol encountered 4 JAPS killing 3 (.) 20 bde (.) patrol 2/13 bn encounter-  
 ed 4 JAPS killed 1 (.) extensive posns astride track (.) normal protective  
 patrols NMS (.) D coy 2/15 bn moved to 633677 one pl 632676 (.) 4 bde (.)  
 patrols 22 bn to GURUNKOR KANGARUA BUTAWENG village areas track junc 464495  
 all NMS (.) C coy PIB+ (.) delete ref in sitrep 64 ref change of HQ (.)  
 patrol WAREO area 9 nov observed much movement on track south from WAREO (.)  
 generally tps moving south were fresh with new ~~ex~~ ecpt rifles and LMGs  
 those moving north unarmed either sick or wounded (.) OP 643756 12001/9 to  
 1015/11 track BONGA - LAKONA observed at least 341 enemy moving south with  
 35 LMGs rifles and packs 32 moving north towards LAGOON (.) patrol to 619706  
 observed 30 enemy in area (.) patrol encountered JAPS 625701 (.) patrol to  
 566635 NMS (.) extensive arty neutralization and harassing fire and 35  
 targets registered (.) 5 and 7 divs no change (.) PT boats night 10/11 nov  
 destroyed 3 enemy barges vicinity WALINGAI (.) arty fire from shore caused  
 casualties among crew (.) own airops 9 nov (.) at least 24 enemy A/C  
 destroyed 2 probable ALEXISHAFEN ground installations damaged (.) light  
 cruiser torpedoed by beauforts at RABOUL (.) no enemy airops this area  
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If liable, etc.

DRLS

TOO: 0725L

RABlackburn Capt.

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*Plot minefields  
in green*

*LOG No  
1157*

*(W)*

PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

TO: 4 BDE: 20 BDE: ~~24 BDE~~: 26 BDE: 2/4 CAV (COMMANDO) SQN: C TK SQN: RAA:  
RAE: SIGS: 2/2 ~~MG~~ BN: 2/3 PNR BN: C COY PIB: G: AQ: REAR HQ 9 DIV:  
AASC: MEDICAL: BMB: W D(2)

FROM: 9 AUST DIV O 159 11

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following anti pers minefields have been laid fwd of 24 bde FDLs (.) 2/43 bn  
657 698 to 650 701 and 646 705 to 646 702 and area 647 694 diameter 100 yds  
(.) 2/28 bn area 638 697 length 50 yds north-south and area 639 695 diameter  
100 yds (.) 2/32 bn 637 691 to 639 689 (.) full details available HQ 24 bde o.  
at respective unit HQ all informed  
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*Rk to Bus  
Obro*

If liable etc.

*R. J. H. [unclear] Maj*

DRLS

*(5)*

TOO: 1830L



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TO 2/13, 2/15, 2/17 Aust Inf Bns

FROM 20 Aust Inf Bde

Originator's Number  
0 610

Date  
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In Reply to Number

following laid	anti fwd	pers of	minefields 24	have bde	been fdls
(.)	2/43	bn	657698	to	650701
and	646705	to	646702	and	area
647694	diameter	100	yds	(.)	2/28
bn	area	638697	length	50	yds
north-south	and	area	639695	diameter	100

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FROM

Originator's Number

Date

In Reply to Number

yds	(.)	2/32	bn	637691	to
639689	(.)	full	details	available	HQ
24	bde	or	at	respective	unit
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FROM

9 AUST DIV

Originator's Number

0174

Date

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FROM 9 Aust Div

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Date  
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<u>U.S.</u>	<u>engr.</u>	<u>units</u>	<u>are</u>	<u>undertaking</u>
<u>constructional work</u>	<u>at</u>	<u>might</u>	<u>in</u>	<u>vicinity</u>
<u>DREGER HARBOUR</u>	<u>and</u>	<u>will</u>	<u>be</u>	<u>using</u>
<u>lights</u>	<u>on</u>	<u>their</u>	<u>work</u>	<u>all informed</u>

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PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

LoR No  
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TO ADDRESSEES AS FOR NO 65

FROM ADV 9 AUST DIV

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 MOST SECRET (.) sitrep 66 to 2000L/12 (.) ref maps 1/25000 series (.) 24 bde  
 (.) 2/23 bn OP 637692 observed movement xxx WAREO area (.) arty engaged (.)  
 2/43 bn OP 641702 observed 28 enemy moving west at 569702 with 4 hand-carts  
 (.) arty engaged (.) patrol 2/28 bn to 620691 2/32 bn to 615688 both NMS (.)  
 patrol 2/43 bn observed 4 enemy at 658715 (.) dispositions 2/28 bn B coy  
 636689 2/32 bn B coy 636685 A coy 634683 C coy 633681 (.) arty harassing  
 fire BONGA area and registration KAMLAGIDU lagoon (.) 26 bde (.) patrol 2/23  
 bn saw enemy OP 565650 (.) patrol to 556648 saw 1 JAP (.) further patrol  
 fired on at 557640 by LMGs and rifles (.) patrol to 565652 saw 5 JAPS who  
 alarmed a larger JAP party (.) patrol 2/48 bn heard enemy at 576662 and  
 exchanged fire (.) patrol to 580664 to 578667 found fresh diggings (.) sounds  
 and movements heard to west (.) further patrol heard sounds of chopping  
 572656 (.) enemy mortar and LMG fire directed on patrol (.) later patrol to  
 580664 boobytrapped new posns (.) patrol 2/24 bn killed 2 JAPS 588674 (.)  
 20 bde (.) patrol 2/15 bn found posn at 611681 unoccupied (.) part patrol  
 engaged by rifle and LMG fire 603677 causing casualties (.) patrol 2/13 bn  
 to 598672 (.) 4 bde (.) normal patrols all NMS (.) PIB patrol along north  
 bank R SONG to 614697 observed 5 JAPS 628701 (.) patrol along south bank  
 R SONG heard enemy party (.) patrol to 566635 and 552602 NMS (.) 5 div no  
 change (.) 7 div patrol activity with minor losses inflicting casualties  
 (.) PT boats night 11/12 encountered 4 JAP barges beached vicinity NUZEN  
 left smoking (.) airops 12 nov (.) preliminary reports show most successful  
 strike KIARI about 20 miles west of SIO  
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*D. Walker* Capt  
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2 ESB: COMD: G: Q: AASO: MEDICAL: BMB: WD (2)

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<i>proposed</i>	<i>strike</i>	<i>WASU</i>	<i>(x)</i>	<i>L</i>	<i>3362</i>
<i>CAPE</i>	<i>KING</i>	<i>WILLIAM</i>	<i>N</i>	<i>31</i>	<i>dump</i>
<i>area</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>4586</i>	<i>©</i>	<i>strafe</i>	<i>tracks</i>
<i>WAREO</i>	<i>— MT</i>	<i>BESENOVA</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>4179 —</i>	<i>AGOS</i>
<i>5490</i>	<i>©</i>	<i>SATELBERG</i>	<i>— JOANGENS</i>	<i>©</i>	<i>also</i>
<i>arranged</i>	<i>recess</i>	<i>and</i>	<i>night</i>	<i>large</i>	<i>hunts</i>

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