

**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 4 of 4**

MESSAGE FORM

Serial No. 7  
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TO *20 BDE 24 BDE 26 BDE*

FROM *ADV 9 AUST DIV*

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*0273*

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<i>Primary tasks</i>	<i>RAE</i>	<i>will</i>	<i>be</i>	5
<i>in</i>	<i>order</i>	<i>of</i>	<i>priority following</i>	10
<i>comms</i>	<i>①</i>	<i>one</i>	<i>① LAUNCH</i>	15
<i>JETTY</i>	<i>SATELBERG</i>	<i>turn</i>	<i>off</i>	20
<i>for</i>	<i>3 ton veh</i>	<i>traffic</i>	<i>①</i>	25
<i>two</i>	<i>①</i>	<i>SATELBERG rd jeep</i>		30
<i>traffic</i>	<i>①</i>	<i>Three</i>	<i>① Sateberg</i>	35
<i>turnoff</i>	<i>SCARLET BEACH</i>	<i>jeep</i>		40
<i>traffic</i>	<i>①</i>	<i>four</i>	<i>① North</i>	45
<i>south</i>	<i>track</i>	<i>on</i>	<i>western side</i>	50
<i>NORTH</i>	<i>HILL</i>	<i>for</i>	<i>24 bde ops</i>	55
<i>jeep</i>	<i>traffic</i>	<i>①</i>	<i>five</i>	60
<i>KATIKA</i>	<i>track</i>	<i>jeep</i>	<i>traffic</i>	65
<i>Six</i>	<i>①</i>	<i>track</i>	<i>on south</i>	70
<i>bank</i>	<i>R. SONB</i>	<i>Proposed</i>	<i>20 bde</i>	75
<i>ops</i>	<i>jeep</i>	<i>traffic</i>	<i>① tasks</i>	80
<i>four</i>	<i>five</i>	<i>and</i>	<i>six will be</i>	85
<i>planned</i>	<i>in</i>	<i>conjunction</i>	<i>with</i>	90
<i>bdes</i>	<i>concerned.</i>			95
				100
				105
				110
				115
				120
				125
				130

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in order	of	priority	following	10
comms	one	LAUNCH		15
JETTY	SATELBERG	turn	off	20
for	3 ton veh	traffic		25
Two	SATELBERG	rd jeep		30
traffic	Three	Satelberg		35
turnoff	SCARLET BEACH	jeep		40
traffic	Four	North		45
South	track	on	western side	50
NORTH	HILL	for	24 bde ops	55
jeep	traffic	Five		60
KATIKA	track	jeep	traffic	65
Six	Track	on	south	70
bank	R. SONS	(Jeep projected)	20 bde	75
ops	jeep	traffic	Tasks	80
four	five	and	six will be	85
planned	in	conjunction	with	90
bdes	concerned			95

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TO 20 Bde

FROM Adv 9 Aust Div

Originator's Number 035

Date 1

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(Write horizontally) SECRET	0	PART	ONE	0	Projected
moves	all	subject	to	confirmation	
and	proposed	reallotment	bdes	sectors	
0	20	bde	to	take	
over	present	26	bde	sector	
and	in	addition	hold	present	
2/13	bn	sector	and	on	
completion	relief	retain	one	bn	
in	bde	res	in	approx	
present	area	2/24	bn	0	
26	bde	incl	2/23	bn	
will	take	over	sector	new	
held	by	2/15	and	2/17	
bns	and	will	at	all	
times	keep	sufficient	strengths	at	
KUMRWA	to	hold	it	0	
adjustment	of	bde	body	will	
be	notified	later	0	PART.	
TWO.	0	adm	to	be	
applied	by	0	to	all	
stages	of	relief	0	ratons	
0	[A]	res	of	SWPA.	
ratons	held	by	respective	bdes	
will	be	handed	over	in	
present	locations	by	mutual	arrangements	
of	units	concerned	0	(LB)	

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two	days	emergency	rations	held	5
by	26	bde	may	be	10
carried	at	discretion	of	bde	15
cmd	any	surplus	will	be	20
returned	to	D.I.D	0	(C)	25
normal	rations	carried	on	the	30
man	will	be	at	discretion	35
of	cmd	26	bde	additional	40
requirements	will	be	drawn	from	45
D I D	Quoting	his	order	as	50
authority	0	(D)	20	bde	55
will	build	up	to	Total	60
of	three	days	res	where	65
relieved	0	amm	(A)	20	70
bde	forward	res	will	be	75
handed	over	to	26	bde	80
0	(B)	amm	carried	on	85
man	at	discretion	bde	cmd	90
surplus	in	26	bde	area	95
to	be	handed	over	to	100
20	bde	0	native	labour	105
0	natives	with	20	bde	110
✓ will	be	handed	over	to	115
26	bde	additional	natives	will	120
be	allotted	as	available	0	125
PART	THREE	0	2/23	Bn	130

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R SECRET	0	ref	map	1/25000	5
except	where	shown	otherwise	0	10
following	takes	effect	0700	hrs.	15
4	more	0	22	bn	20
will	request	to	comd	4	25
be	0	D	Co	less	30
two	pls	2/2	MG	bn	35
will	request	to	comd	a/a	40
MG	be	0	additional	tps	45
in	sp	4	be	three	50
tps	1	army	th	bn	55
4	TP	2/12	FD	REGT	60
12	BT	2/16	FD	REGT	65
OH	arrival	and	D	Co	70
2/2	MG	be	det	at	75
Co	P.B.	and	in	addition	80
depts	raa	for	coast.	watching	85
and	Coast	dis	as	detached	90
separately	0	allotment	FOO	s and	95
strip	no	to	4	be	100
by	RAA	0	4	RDE	105
will	be	responsible for		seaward	110
and	landward	det	of	FINSCHBACH	115
LARGE	By	RIGHT	body	4	120
be	all	each	to	20	125
be	track	June	5259	(Ref.)	130

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1 inch)	Kuembung village	5559	(REF	5
1 inch)	Tumore track	and	creek	10
June	615595'	coast	at	636609
0	left	body	with	airfield
construction units	all	incl	to	25
H	bole	HO GAWENG	PLATEAU	GAGIDU
PH	0	H	Bole	will
hold	at	all	costs	area
south	back	mouth	R	BUSI
KOLEM	SIMGAN	KREUTBERG	RANGE	SNELLS
KNOLL	627594	and	retain	at
last	one	bn	in	bole
res	0	orders	for	coast
def	tasks	H	bole	are
being	issued	separately	and	will
be	put	into	execution	at
once	0	localities	to	be
held	each	with	one	coy
at	TIRIMORO	and	track	at
590567	(Ref 1 inch)	and	BUTAWING	SANMILL
0	patrol	policy	0	daily
patrols	each	of	not	less
than	pl	strength	just	is
general	area	between	moreng	GURUNKOR
and	R	MAPE	and	coordinated
with	20	Boe	patrols	to

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Discover	any	threat	to	Finschhafen	5
from	the	west	to	inflict	10
Casualties	and	to	prevent	foraging	15
and	secondly	along	tracks	in	20
Kuminty	BUTAWENG	LOGAWENG	PLATEAU	WASUTIENG	25
LOGAWENG	to	prevent	foraging	to	30
inflict	Casualties	and	to	deny	35
enemy	use	of	possible	DPs	40
patrol	will	visit	GURUNKOR	occasionally	45
and	WASUTIENG	LOGAWENG	daily		50
H	dele	will	coordinate	local	55
dele	of	all	subunits	and	60
establishments	in	its	sector	and	65
be	prepared	if	ordered	to	70
assume	operational	cond	of	any	75
or	all	of	them		80
except	for	working	parties	and	85
recce	parties	all	units	of	90
H	Be	not	committed	to	95
defensive	tasks	will	be	at	100
2	hrs	notice	by	day	105
and	one	hrs	notice	by	110
night		recce	entailed	by	115
above	tasks	and	recce	of	120
routes	leading	North	from	Finschhafen	125
will	be	completed	earliest	possible	130

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TO As for No 56, plus MLO GODOWA, RECEPTION CAMP

FROM ADV 9 AUST DIV

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MOST SECRET (.) sitrep 57 to 2000L/3 (.) ref maps 1/25000 and one inch series (.) 24 bde (.) patrol 2/28 bn to 619700 NMS (.) patrol 2/32 bn to 616685 fired on 2 JAPS 623685 otherwise NMS (.) patrol 2/43 bn to 654714 NMS (.) patrol 2/43 bn and PIB to 634731 observed small parties JAPS during morning 3 nov on track BONGA - WAREO (.) much movement heard between 0200 hrs and dawn thought to be tp movement (.) 26 bde (.) 2/48 bn patrol to 619578 NMS (.) patrol to 616684 heard sounds of digging to SW (.) 3 JAPS seen but no contact made (.) B and C coys plus mortar and MMG dets moved vicinity 614653 (.) 20 bde (.) relief of 2/15 bn by 2/23 bn KUMAWA area completed 1000 hrs (.) 2/15 bn moved to area 6263 by 1500 hrs (.) patrols 2/13 and 2/17 bns early morning found enemy had withdrawr during night from posn astride rd (.) track clear to 2/17 bn by 0850 hrs repaired by 2/17 bn (.) large number enemy dead found (.) posn sited in difficult country with extensive earthworks (.) patrols 2/13 bn regained contact with enemy vicinity 594664 killing 2 JAPS (.) enemy posns engaged with mortars and MMG results NOT known (.) dispositions last light 2/13 bn C coy 597662 D coy 594662 pl A coy 597664 otherwise unchanged (.) 1300 hrs C coy 2/17 bn attacked JAP posns 590662 caused retirement of 70 yds (.) immediate enemy counter attack unsuccessful 20 JAPS killed out of 25 (.) enemy at 589662 active sniping being engaged by mortars and MMGs (.) 2/17 bn dispositions B coy 585662 A coy 592661 C coy 591661 (.) 22 bn patrol activity NMS (.) 37/52 bn less D coy now located area KOLEM 646571 (.) A and D coys 29/46 bn MONGI R area (.) natives report large concentration JAPS at KULUNGTUFU S27 and EIBEBANG S26 ref LAE strat map (.) arty harassing and neutralization shoots during day (.) enemy airops (.) 0920 hrs one A/C dived twice on 2 LCM LANGEMAK BAY dropping one bomb each time (.) no damage or casualties reported (.) 1000 hrs one DINAH circled LANGEMAK BAY (.) PT boats sank 2 JAP barges night 2/3 nov vicinity NUZEN 429029 (.) 5 and 7 divs no significant change (.) own airops (.) 30 oct 4 barges destroyed KALOLO NEW BRITAIN (.) 1 nov large merchant ship sunk west of RABAUL (.) 2 nov RABAUL attacked sinking one cruiser 3 destroyers 9 freighters 64000 tons merchant shipping and damaged further 2 destroyers 10 freighters 44000 tons 10 float planes destroyed (.) interception by approx 100 JAP Fs of which 67 destroyed and 23 further probable (.) our losses 9 MITCHELLS 10 LIGHTNINGS 16 damaged (.) 12 VULTEES divebombed MMBARIWA village (.) 9 BOSTONS bombed strafed track WAREO - BONGA

Capt DRLS TOO 0800L

*Amalgated 0581*

*Lead [unclear]  
[unclear]  
[unclear]*

*W/VU*

PROFORMA MESSAGE FORM

*(6205) 933*

TO : 4 BDE : 20 BDE : 24 BDE : 26 BDE : RAA : RAE : SIGS : 2/2 MG BN :  
2/3 PNR BN : 2/4 CAV SQN : C SQN 1 TK BN : A COY 2/1 GD REGT :  
532 REGT 2 ESB : 808 ENGR AVN BN : COMD : G : AQ : CAMP

FROM : 9 AUST DIV

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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  
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*W. Wilmouth* Capt

DRLS

*Comd Allen*

TOO 1445L

*promulgated 0/580 Allen*

*BM*

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*Allen 1705*

PROFORMA MESSAGE FORM

*Kolene 935*

TO:- *Wm* 4 BDE : 20 BDE : 24 BDE : 26 BDE : RAA : RAE : SIGS : 2/4 CAV SQN :  
C TK SQN : 2/2 MG BN : 2/3 PNR BN : 3 COY PIB : 532 REGT 2 ESB :  
808 ENOR BN : G : AQ : AASC : MEDICAL : PRO : CAMP : BMB : WD (2)

FROM:- ADV 9 AUST DIV 0 62 3

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

*O/583*

If liable, etc.

*R J Hames* Maj.

*Cond* *BM* *14* *Deu*

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TOO: 21201

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TO 20 Bde C Coy PIB

FROM ADY 9 Aust Div

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<u>Secret</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>Further</u>	<u>to</u>	<u>my</u>	5
<u>035</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>Ref</u>	<u>map</u>	<u>1/25000</u>	10
<u>0</u>	<u>First</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2/15</u>	<u>bn</u>	15
<u>in</u>	<u>vicinity</u>	<u>mouth</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>BUOJA</u>	20
<u>reverts</u>	<u>to</u>	<u>comd</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>Bde</u>	25
<u>H</u>	<u>now</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2/24</u>	<u>bn</u>	30
<u>and</u>	<u>2/17</u>	<u>bn</u>	<u>will</u>	<u>relieve</u>	35
<u>each</u>	<u>other</u>	<u>on</u>	<u>4/5</u>	<u>Pov</u>	40
<u>and</u>	<u>pass</u>	<u>to</u>	<u>comd</u>	<u>20</u>	45
<u>and</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>bdes</u>	<u>respectively 0</u>		50
<u>HQ</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>Bde</u>	<u>is</u>	<u>moving</u>	55
<u>E</u>	<u>613675</u>	<u>on</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>now</u>	60
<u>0</u>	<u>second</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>bn</u>	<u>completion</u>	65
<u>relief</u>	<u>2/17</u>	<u>bn</u>	<u>by</u>	<u>2/24</u>	70
<u>bn</u>	<u>the</u>	<u>following</u>	<u>changes</u>	<u>will</u>	75
<u>be</u>	<u>effected</u>	<u>by</u>	<u>mutual</u>	<u>arrangements</u>	80
<u>of</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>and</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>bdes</u>	85
<u>and</u>	<u>bde</u>	<u>sectors</u>	<u>right</u>	<u>to</u>	90
<u>left</u>	<u>will</u>	<u>be</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>bde</u>	95
<u>20</u>	<u>bde</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>bde</u>	<u>4</u>	100
<u>Bde</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>comd</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>bde</u>	105
<u>and</u>	<u>comd</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>bde</u>	<u>will</u>	110
<u>take</u>	<u>over</u>	<u>and</u>	<u>assume</u>	<u>comd</u>	115
<u>and</u>	<u>responsibility for</u>	<u>areas</u>	<u>within</u>	<u>between</u>	120
<u>following</u>	<u>bnchs</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>Bnch</u>	<u>between</u>	125
<u>24</u>	<u>and</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>Bols</u>	<u>incl</u>	130

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(Write horizontally)	to	bde	track	from
615684	to	incl	KATIKA	excl
coast	at	646680	0	Budy
between	20	and	26	bdes
incl	to	26	bde	track
from	village	596687	to	track
junc	595673	thence	reentrant	to
593665	incl	ring	contour	5964
KIASAWA	2	THENCE	track	to
incl	track	and	creek	junc
615595	0	4	bde	budy
with	26	and	20	bols
all	incl	4	bde	track
junc	521598	(ref 1)	incl	map)
KWEMBUNG	village	558592	(ref 1)	
incl	map)	TIRIMORO	track	and
creek	615595	coast	at	633606
0	20	and	26	bdes
will	mutually	arrange	western	limit
of	20	bde	responsibility	
for	SATELBERG rd		in	square
5966	0	2/23	and	2/24
lms	will	revert	to	cond
26	bdes	0	2/15	and
2/48	lms	will	pass	to
cond	20	bde	0	THIRD

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commencing	6	nov	2/15	10
will	relieve	2/48	ben	15
on	relief	will	revert	20
comd	26	bde	and move	25
to	area	off	SATELBERG rd	30
in	square	6066	0	35
0	unit	and	formations	40
will	during	relief	remain	45
for	comd	their	sectors	50
relief	is	completed	ack &	55
informed			Ben	60
				65
				70
				75
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TO : ADDRESSEES AS FOR NO. 57

FROM : 9 AUST DIV

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MOST SECRET (.) sitrep 58 to 2000L/4 (.) ref maps 1/25000 and one inch series (.) 24 bde (.) patrol 2/23 bn to 617691 NMS (.) patrol 2/43 bn to 656709 where encountered 3 JAPS and recced enemy posn 658705 (.) both posns mortared (.) patrol 2/32 bn to 618683 NMS (.) patrol 2/32 bn to 659705 NMS (.) OP 2/4b bn and PIB at 635731 and 634732 (.) movement on track heard night 3/4 nov (.) 0739 hrs observed fd gun believed 75 mm regtl gun being towed eastwards BONGA - WAREO track by 20 JAPS further 101 JAPS following (.) 51 enemy moved eastwards on track and further 30 westwards (.) tps moving westwards carried eqpt and hy packs (.) 26 bde (.) 2/24 bn HQ A and D coys staging night at 615663 (.) patrols to 626682 and 619685 NMS (.) 20 bde (.) 2/13 bn (.) enemy posn 594666 engaged by mortars and MMGs results not known dispositions bn HQ 610667 A coy 599664 B coy 610668 C coy 597662 D coy 594661 (.) 2/15 bn HQ 629636 A coy 629638 B coy 630636 C coy 628635 D coy 629635 (.) 2/17 bn (.) pressure maintained on enemy 590663 6 JAPS being killed (.) B and D coys relieved by B and C coys 2/24 bn staging night area 637664 (.) 2/23 bn HQ 572640 A and B coys 569644 C coy 570643 D coy 571639 (.) JAP dead killed by 2/13 and 2/17 bns on SATELBERG road 3 nov total 35 (.) 4 bde (.) patrol activity 22 bn no contact (.) TILLEYFORCE concentrated area 406427 (.) PIB patrol to garden 558610 heard movement large party JAPS with natives (.) arty harassing and neutralization on enemy posns during day (.) 2/6 fd regt less two btys arrived GODOWA night 3/4 nov (.) enemy airops (.) one unidentified A/C circled area 2110L/3 dropped 3 bombs at sea NE R SOM (.) PT boats night 3/4 nov sighted 6 JAP barges vicinity LAKONA sank 5 (.) NOT known whether carrying tps or stores (.) 5 aust div to 2000L/4 (.) patrol 24 bn on AVIN SIO track discovered unoccupied camp capable holding 1000 tps at 671790 (.) 52 dead JAPS on track (.) 7 aust div to 2000L/4 (.) patrol activity only

If liable, etc

DRLS

WRW Lenth Capt

Propagated 0584. Asen.

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TO:-- ADDRESSEES AS FOR SITREP 76

FROM:-- ADV 9 AUST DIV 0 350 24

(MOST) SECRET (.) sitrep 77 to 232000L (.) ref maps 1/25000 series (.) 20 bde (.)  
 (.) recce patrol to find jeepable route to GARABOW found possible route  
 598663 - 599678 - 599685 thence north to main track running west to  
 GARABOW (.) other patrols NMS but fresh tracks observed 617697 (.) 24 bde (.)  
 patrols active throughout day (.) enemy fwd of D coy 2/43 bn heard during  
 day and fired on our patrol once (.) enemy still occupy PINO HILL (.)  
 D coy 2/32 bn moving along bn I of C encountered enemy estimated one coy  
 dug in at 637707 (.) arty engaged (.) D coy returned to 2/43 bn perimeter  
 for night (.) C coy 2/32 bn unable continue westerly adv owing to strong  
 enemy posns in square 6272 (.) posn this coy now 635724 (.) line comn re-  
 established 2/32 bn (.) sups and amm successfully dropped by air (.) our  
 posns shelled and mortared during day causing casualties (.) listening  
 post 2/28 bn 636695 heard enemy movement (.) standing patrol re-established  
 622701 (.) other patrols NMS (.) enemy dead counted since current ops  
 commenced total 82 probably many more (.) 26 bde (.) patrol 2/4 cav sqn  
 west and south KUMAWA NMS but unoccupied diggings 543647 and 543647 (.)  
 2/24 bn patrol attempted unsuccessfully to penetrate enemy posns 577677  
 and 577679 (.) enemy mortared (.) A and D coy withdrawn from fwd posn (.)  
 dispositions A coy 579676 B coy 579677 C coy 577679 D coy in bde res  
 moving to vicinity 562663 (.) 2/23 bn (.) extensive patrolling during day  
 found enemy still in same posns as encountered 22 nov (.) track up spur  
 vicinity 554674 found good track to north with enemy astride (.)  
 dispositions unchanged (.) 2/48 bn (.) patrol to rd bend 559675 observed  
 enemy digging in to east of bend and heard movement to west (.) dispositions  
 unchanged (.) 4 bde (.) normal patrols NMS (.) PIB (.) patrol saw 4 JAPS  
 incl one offr at 639703 (.) other patrols NMS (.) inf from captured  
 documents reveal enemy plans for attack 22 nov (.) attacking forces (.)  
 from north 7 and 8 coys and 2 MG coy 238 regt (.) from west 1 and 2 bns  
 and 12 coy 79 regt and 4 coy 26 fd arty ~~XXXXXX~~ (.) 80 regt responsible  
 for def of SATELBERG (.) 3 Bn 79 regt less 12 coy with 20 tpt regt det  
 with mtn gun 79 inf pompom sec and naval butai ordered on 11 nov to defend  
 coast KANOMI LAKONA as a result sighting 4 allied destroyers proceeding  
 up coast (.) PW statement (.) barge landing pt KANOMI (.) journey three  
 days up 5 days back (.) labour tps carrying sups KANOMI to LAKONA (.)  
 movement at night due our air activity (.) extensive arty shoots during  
 day on enemy posns suspected HQs and enemy gun posns (.) enemy airops (.)  
~~230445L~~ 230445L one A/C dropped 2 bombs in sea off SCARLET BEACH (.) 230920L  
 9 SALLYs escorted by 15 OSCARS dropped bombs SATELBERG area no damage or  
 casualties (.) PT boats night 22/23 nov destroyed 2 large MLCs with tps  
 aboard and 1 type A barge with sups vicinity SIO (.) sighted 4 type A  
 barges at WALINGAI containing tps and sups mainly latter (.) destroyed 2  
 and 1 set on fire probably destroyed and other damaged and driven ashore

If liable, etc.

DRLS TOO: 240735L

Ru Blackman Capt.

PROFORMA MESSAGE FORM

TO AS FOR NO 74

FROM ADV 9 AUST DIV

O 321

22

MOST SECRET (.) sitrep 75 to 212000L (.) ref maps 1/25000 (.) 26 bde (.) patrols 2/4 cav sqn to GURUNKOR and tracks west of KUMAWA NMS (.) 2/23 bn (.) A coy contacted 2/48 bn 562664 210900L remainder bn moved same area dispositions bnHQ and C coy 562663 B coy 574661 D coy 564663 (.) A coy moved SW then NW and by last lt reached 556664 (.) patrol to 555659 NMS (.) 2/24 bn patrol from 578678 moved west found enemy still in same posns (.) patrol on northern slope of ridge moved west to top of ridge to west of enemy posns (.) A coy moved to 574677 without opposition (.) 2/48 bn (.) at first lt D coy advanced along SATELBERG rd 700 yds before contacting enemy (.) at 557666 17 JAPS encountered in unprepared posn (.) fired on and withdrew leaving all eqpt (.) 211700L enemy located on high ground 554669 (.) posn captured last lt by one pl with tk sp (.) dispositions one pl D coy 554669 remainder coy plus B coy 555668 A coy 589666 bnHQ 562673 (.) 24 bde (.) OP 2/43 bn observed 4 JAPS WAREO area (.) patrol 2/28 bn contacted 40/50 JAPS 625715 moving south killed 8 wounded 1 (.) standing patrol 624700 found line cut 300 yds east (.) tracks of small party enemy crossed SONG R then moved west (.) patrol 2/32 bn from 635732 killed 1 enemy 629729 and 1 633731 (.) patrol to 645733 heard movement in jungle 647736 (.) enemy counter attack on 2/32 bn 211220L with MG sp repulsed killing at least 6 (.) 211600L enemy ration party of 20 approached from west on WAREO BONGA track (.) believed all killed 8 bodies found (.) 211620L further party of 20 approached from WAREO believed at least 10 killed (.) standing patrol 2/43 bn 655714 fired on 4 enemy results unknown (.) enemy estimated 30 heard to west (.) sec withdrew to 655711 (.) jeephead with pl 2/43 bn 640708 at last lt (.) dispositions 2/32 bn bnHQ and HQ coy 636730 A coy 637732 B coy 635731 C coy 637729 (.) 4 bde (.) patrols to west and south all NMS (.) PIB (.) patrols QUOJA R all NMS (.) A coy 2/3 pnr bn now at 640678 (.) enemy airops (.) 210750L and 211125L 2 DINAHs over area high level recce (.) own airops 20 nov (.) villages KULUNGUPU area bombed (.) barge search KIARI to HARDENBERG PT (.) posns and tracks vicinity WALD BAY bombed and strafed (.) posns north of ALEXISHAFEN and on LONG IS bombed (.) no shipping at ALEXISHAFEN (.) RING PLANTATION NEW BRITAIN bombed (.) CATALINA scored direct hit 10000 ton merchant ship north of RABAU (.) 21 nov (.) 11 A20s bombed strafed villages and tracks vicinity MASANGKOO FIOR KUANKO WAREO ZAGHEMI (.) PT boats failed make contact night 20/21 nov

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If liable etc

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TOO 220800L

*W. Smith* Capt

/ 20 bde (.) patrols 2/13 bn 592662 to 597677 and 611668 to 600657 NMS (.) patrol 2/15 bn GARABOW to 596698 (.) patrols 2/17 bn 615681 to 624691 and 615686 to 605694 NMS (.)

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TO : ADDRESSEES AS FOR SITREP NO 75

FROM : 9 AUST DIV

O 333

23

MOST SECRET (.) sitrep 76 to 2220001 (.) ref maps 1/25000 series (.) 24 bde (.) 2/43 bn (.) at first light one enemy coy attacked D coy area 655 701 repulsed with at least 20 killed incl 2 offr's (.) PW captured this area from 8 Coy 238 Regt (.) pl D coy 2/32 bn with POC moving along 2/32 bn jeep track encountered approx 30 JAPS 639 705 (.) area heavily shelled (.) 1300 hrs approx one coy attacked 2/43 bn posns on R SONG area 643697 but were repulsed with casualties (.) 221630L D coy 2/32 bn counter attacked successfully killing at least 22 JAPS incl 2 offr's 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 221700 no details available (.) 2/28 bn patrol contacted 5 JAPS 633695 killed 3 and observed 20 enemy digging in at 632696 killed 3 (.) by arty 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 (.) 20 bde (.) extensive patrols no contact (.) 26 bde (.) patrol 2/4 cav sqn south and west KUMAWA NMS (.) 2/23 bn A coy withdrew to track junc 562663 (.) C coy moved forward contacted enemy patrol in strong posn 554675 (.) dispositions B coy 554672 C coy 554675 D coy 554670 bn HQ 554671 (.) 2/48 bn (.) patrol moved first light from 555669 across spur towards ford 556674 which is held in strength by enemy (.) our leading coy failed to dislodge (.) patrols carried out reces of posn (.) bn HQ received direct hit by shell 221630L (.) dispositions last light A coy 555671 B coy 554669 D coy 555669 C coy unchanged (.) 2/24 bn (.) D coy moved westward 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 attacked enemy posn 577678 (.) attack unsuccessful (.) C coy now at 578679 (.) patrol contacted enemy posn protected by wire 574677 (.) 45 HAPS 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 NMS (.) PIB (.) patrol to 642703 killed 4 wounded one JAP (.) patrols to 629679 and 615680 NMS (.) one pl D coy 2/2 MG bn moved to 599663 (.) enemy air activity (.) 221110L 10 LILYS escorted by 15 ZEKES dropped bombs sq 6269 (.) 211835L three enemy A/C dropped 5 bombs 641692 (.) PT boats night 21/22 nov nil sightings

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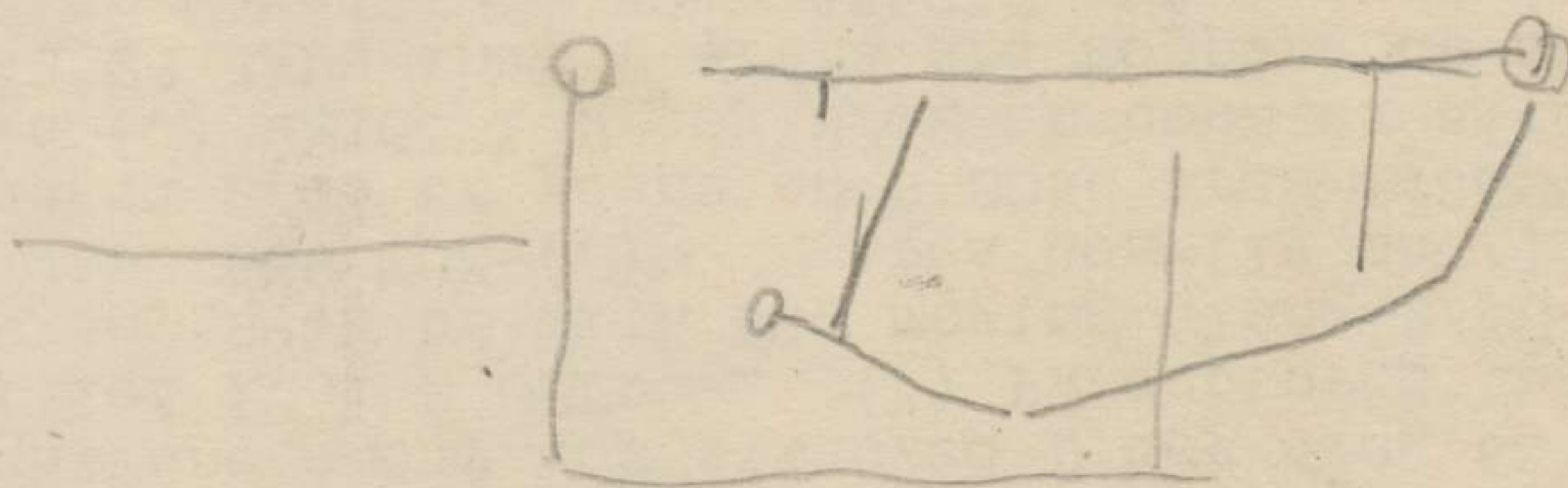
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*L. H. White, Lieut Col.*  
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FROM ADV 9 Aust Div

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Ref	By my	0271	and	0304	5
0	on	23	now	20	10
Bde	will	relieve	24	Bde	15
of	responsibility	for	holding	Siki	20
Cove	and	high	ground	at	25
KATIKA	0	Inter	bde	Indy	30
will	be	used	to	20 Bde	35
KATIKA	track -	KATIKA	-	<del>20 Bde</del>	40
at	645-693	0	Relief	will	45
be	made	under	mutual	bde	50
arrangements		all	reformed		55
					60
					65
					70
	Cond - relief completed 1430 hrs				75
	B.M. seen				80
	(H. Allen)				85
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TO *20 Bde*

FROM *ADV 9 Aust Div*

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TO : ADDRESSES AS FOR No 80

FROM ADV 9 AUST DIV

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MOST SECRET(.) sitrep 81 to 272000L(.) ref maps 1/25000 series (.) 20 bde  
 (.) A coy 2/13 bn relieved C coy 2/15 bn at GARABOW 596687 which then  
 moved to 607687 (.) patrol 2/17 bn found enemy posns vicinity 623701  
 unoccupied with evidences of hurried evacuation (.) other patrols through-  
 out area NMS (.) 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 the tk sp ad-  
 vanced 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 B coy 644694 (.) C coy 2/43 bn moved  
 back from PINO 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  
 KUMAWA and part of 2/4 cav sqn moving to MARARUO (.) 4 bde (.) no change  
 (.) A coy 2/3 pnr bn moved to 643693 (.) PIB patrol to 649701 encountered  
 JAPB at 633701 and 625700 (.) arty fired in sp of 24 bde cp and on enemy  
 posns WAREO NONGARA to coast between R SONG and track BONGA WAREO (.)  
 no enemy air activity during last 24 hrs (.) own airops 27 nov (.) 18 B25s  
 accurately bombed enemy posns west of BONGA 27 tons bombs dropped causing  
 fires and large explosion (.) 3 sqns B 25s bombed WEWAK area (.) 13 B24s  
 bombed LINDENHAFEN plantation GASMATA

Too 2808004

Rptd to units Sig 0.687.sitrep 38. 281400L DRLS.

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(267)

FROM

Gaust b/w

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Confirmation	©	29/46	BW	will	relieve
2/5	bot	forward	and	in	new
from	come	sender	send	to	Bde
for	ops	only	⊙	details	of
relief	by	mutual	arrangement	4	and
20	Bdes	all	performed		

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TO 20 Bde

FROM 9 Aust Div

Originator's Number

0446

Date

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Confirmation	0	Reg	of	units	5
of	4 Bde	with	of	AK	10
of	will	begin	for	with	15
in	area west	and	north	of	20
KATIKA	29/46	bn	will	begin	25
Reg	30 Nov	from	which	date	30
of	AK	Sqn	will	make	35
at	least	one	of	available	40
as	required	0	OC	C	45
AK	Sqn	will	make	mutual	50
arrangements		with	HQ	4 Bde	55
for	preliminary	lectures			60
of	and	NCOs	and	for	65
standable		exercises	and	discussion	70
Reg	will	cover	adv	and	75
attack	both	along	jungle	TRACKS	80
and	in	open	Kunai	all	85
informed					90

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FROM: 9 AUST DIV

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 MOST SECRET (.) sitrep 83 to 292000L (.) ref maps 1/25000 series (.) 20 bde  
 (.) 2/15 bn relieved by 29/46 bn 291600L (.) B and C coys moved to 627 699  
 from which patrol went forward to recce JAP posn 627 703 and route to it (.)  
 A coy moved to 6416773 (.) bn HQ and D coy unchanged (.) other patrols  
 throughout area NMS (.) 24 bde (.) 2/28 bn less A coy resumed adv up coastal  
 track without opposition reached BONGA 290925L and continued west to 650 734 (.)  
 standing patrol established 649 739 (.) one wounded PW captured later died (.)  
 patrol from A coy 645 736 moved through GUSIKA to R river 651 748 NMS (.)  
 2/43 bn (.) patrol from 636 730 to 634 728 saw enemy fd gun 634 727 strong  
 patrol encountered enemy well dug in at 633 731 killed 37 (.) extensive patrols  
 to NE east and SE PINO HILL NMS (.) 37/52 bn (.) protective patrol for engrs  
 fired on by enemy estimated 30/40 at 627 703 (.) 2/43 bn less D coy moved to  
 PABU 637 730 2/32 bn less B coy area NORTH HILL to R SONG (.) D coy 2/43 bn  
 647 694 B coy 2/32 bn 649 722 (.) 26 bde (.) bde HQ moved to 554 678 (.) B  
 coy 2/23 bn established bridgehead over R SONG 150 yards downstream from  
 suspension br ~~562~~ 562 711 (.) crossing effected unobserved (.) D coy in  
 covering posn 200 yds downstream (.) C coy unsuccessfully attempted crossing  
 at br (.) prevented by hy LMG and rifle fire from JAP posn on north bank  
 estimated at more than one pl (.) PW captured vicinity br (.) extensive  
 patrols 2/4 cav sqn area MARARUO NMS (.) 4 bde (.) 29/46 bn passed under  
 operational cmd 20 bde (.) C coy 22 bn moved to rejoin bn at 628 642 (.)  
 PIB (.) patrol contacted enemy still in posn 638 708 (.) disposns 9 pl with  
 2/43 bn 10 pl with 2/23 bn 11 pl with ~~2/15~~ 2/15 bn (.) arty fire on enemy  
 posns WAREO NONGARA areas and to north NE and east (.) no enemy air activity  
 over last 24 hrs  
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TO **20 Bde & Coy PIB**

FROM **A Div 9 Aust Div**

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TO 20 Bde *(301)*  
FROM 9 Aust Div  
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To: 2/13, 2/15 and 2/17 Aust Inf Bns.  
 From: 20 Aust Inf Bde. No. 0.632. 17.

162000L

MOST SECRET (.) sitrep 27 to ~~171500L~~ (.) ref maps 1/2500 series (.)  
 24 bde (.) OP 2/43 bn 641702 observed 9 japs moving west 552693  
 three more south at WAREO (.) patrol 2/28 bn to 616702 NMS (.)  
 OP 2/32 bn 615686 report 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 1 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 at last lt  
 (.) 0830 hrs A coy 2/48 bn sp by arty and MMG attacked eastern knoll  
 GREEN RIDGE 574662 (.) KNOLL captured by 0952 hrs (.) coy then  
 attacked and captured western knoll and junc tr SISI SATELBERG  
 573661 by 1340 hrs (.) patrol moved fwd fired on 150 yds west of tr  
 junc (.) 12 enemy dead counted (.) one MMG two LMGs and 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 3 gps 8/10 japs 564656 (.)  
 much shouting heard 562659 (.) disposns 2/48 bn (.) A coy 573661,  
 B 575662 (.) disposns 2/24 bn (.) B and C coys 578676 Bn HQ 591668  
 D coy pls 589670, 582672, 591668, A coy 589661 (.) 4 bde (.) 22 bn  
 normal patrols all NMS (.) 29/46 bn moved to 632641 as div res (.)  
 PIB (.) patrols to 532647, 546632 and R SONG area all NMS (.)  
 enemy air ops (.) 0220L 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 (→) all informed

*C. H. Hester*

Lieut.  
for Maj.

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

From: 20 Aust Inf Bde. No. 0.609. 12.

MOST SECRET (.) sitrep 21 to 1300 L (.) ref maps 1/2500<sup>00</sup> series (.)  
 24 bde (.) OP 2/43 bn 641702 observed 22 japs WAREO (.) engaged by  
 arty (.) patrol 2/28 bn to 631693 heard 12/15 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 tr to ck NMS (.) patrol  
 encountered jap sentry 584676 heard sounds chopping (.) patrol 2/48  
 bn encountered enemy patrol vicinity SISI killing one jap wounding  
 three (.) patrol encountered 4 japs killing 3 (.) 20 bde (.) patrol  
 2/13 bn encountered 4 japs killed 1 (.) extensive posns astride tr (.)  
 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 tr junc 464495 all NMS (.) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~  
~~XXXXXXXX~~ patrol WAREO area 9 nov observed much mvt on tr south from  
 WAREO (.) generally tps moving south were fresh with new eqpt rifles  
 and LMGs (.) those moving north unarmed either sick or wounded (.)  
 OP 643756, 1200L/9 to 1015L/11 tr 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 neutralisation and harassing fire and 35 targets registered (.)  
 5 and 7 divs no change (.) PT boats on night 10/11 nov destroyed 3  
 enemy barges vicinity WALINGAI (.) arty fire from shore caused cas  
 among crew (.) own air ops 9 nov (.) at least 24 enemy A/C destroyed  
 2 probables ALEXISHAFEN ground installations damaged (.) lt cruiser  
 torpedoed by beauforts at RABAU? (.) no enemy air ops this area

all informed

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GUIDE TO 1943 MELBOURNE CUP (13 Nov 43.

24 starters for the cup of the year; surprise scratchings being Lou Robertsons crack three yr olds Lawrence and Simmering.

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GUIDE TO FORM OF STARTERS-RIDERS. (24 starters)

Skipton is a firm favourite with Dark Felt and Precept next in demand and the bookies keeping a tight rein on The Joker. Counsel has also been well supported.

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To: /13, 2/15 and 2/17 Aust Inf Bns.  
 From: 20 Aust Inf Bde. No. 0635. 18

MOST SECRET (.) sitrep 28 to 172000L (.) ref maps 1/2500 series (.)  
 26 bde (.) 0700 hrs 2/48 bn attacked west along rd from SISI tr junc  
 sp by arty MMGs and tks (.) early opposition met both sides of rd (.)  
 progress slow (.) by opposition encountered by D coy COCONUT RIDGE  
 566664 (.) one tk put out of action (.) coy withdrew and 3-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 NW from KUMAWA encountered opposition 566654 (.) enemy with-  
 drew but contact again made at 563657 (.) C coy moved round left flank  
 and contacted enemy at 561660 (.) locations last lt A coy 561657, B 574662 ,  
 C 561660, D 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 1 jap 633727 and 638728 (.) 4 bde  
 (.) strong patrol 22 bn departed from TIRIMORO for MORENG area (.) normal  
 patrols NMS (.) <sup>PIB (.)</sup> 1 jap seen from OP 625715 (.) patrol 657735 & 582647 NMS (.)  
 patrol to GURUNKOR ~~unusually~~ 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 FICR WAREO MASAWENG R WALANGAI KELANOA areas bombed 100000  
 rounds amm used by escorts (.) 6/8 stationary vehs seen north of FICR six  
 barges along coast (.) enemy air acticity (.) 1 A/C flew around area 0420  
 to 0510 hrs (.) no bombs dropped all informed

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 From: 20 Aust Inf Bde. No. 0.642. 19.

MOST SECRET (.) sitrep 29 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 (.) at last lt A and D coys with bn HQ had  
 reached 565662 (.) B and C coys and adv C sqn 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 rd and now occupy posn  
 at 561666 (.) disposns last lt B coy 574662, D 571639, bn HQ 566644 (.)  
 2/24 bn (.) patrols fwd of B and C coys to top of 2600 feature report-  
 ed 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 (.) disposns unchanged (.) area  
 along rd 576662 to 584663 shelled by enemy at last lt (.) 24 bde (.)  
 2/28 bn 638694 observed slight mvt WARBO 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 BARABOU area (.) own airops 18 nov (.)  
 6-B26s, 24-B25s, attacked suspected enemy sup area 1000 yds NW  
 MASANKOO (.) 42 tons bombs dropped (.) results generally unobserved  
 probable amn dumps hit in centre of target (.) PIB (.) accompanied  
 patrols 24 bde (.) patrols up UOJA R valley and to TIRIMORO both NMS (.)  
 PT boats failed to contact barges night 17/18 nov (.) encountered fire  
 from shore (.) 20 bde (.) 2/15 bn (.) C coy moved to 586686 then north  
 to BARABOU 586687 no sign 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 all informed

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To: 2/1, 2/15, 2/17 aust inf bns.  
From: 20 aust inf bde. No. 0. 667. 24.

SACREP(.) sitrep 34 to 232000L(.) ref maps 1/25000 series (.) 24 bde (.) patrols active throughout day (.) enemy fwd of D coy 2/45 bn heard during day and fired on our patrol once (.) enemy still occupy PINE HILL (.) B coy 2/32 bn moving along bn B of C encountered enemy estimated one coy dug in at 637707 (.) arty engaged (.) D coy returned to 2/45 bn perimeter for night (.) C coy 2/32 bn unable continue westerly adv owing to strong enemy posns in sq 6272 (.) posn this coy now 635724 (.) line comm re-established 2/32 bn (.) sups and amm successfully dropped by air (.) our posns shelled and mortared during day causing casualties (.) listening post 2/28 bn 636695 heard enemy movement (.) standing patrol re-established 622701 (.) other patrols NNS (.) enemy dead counted since current ops commenced total 82 probably many more (.) 26 bde (.) patrol 2/4 coy sqn west and south KUMAWA NNS but unoccupied diggings 548647 and 543647 (.) 2/24 bn patrol attempted unsuccessfully to penetrate enemy posns 577677 and 577679 (.) enemy mortared (.) A & D coys withdrawn from fwd posn (.) disposns A coy 579676, B 579677, C 577679, D coy in bde res moving to vicinity 562663 (.) 2/23 bn (.) extensive patrolling during day found enemy still in same posns as encountered 22 Nov (.) track up spur vicinity 554674 found good track to north with enemy astride (.) disposns unchanged (.) 2/48 bn (.) patrol to road bend 559675 observed enemy digging in to east of bend and heard movement to west (.) disposns unchanged (.) 4 bde (.) normal patrols NNS (.) PIB (.) patrol saw 4 japs incl one off at 638703 (.) other patrols NNS (.) infm from captured documents reveal enemy plans for attack 22 nov (.) attacking forces (.) from north 7 and 8 coys and 2 HQ coy 238 regt (.) from west 1 and 2 bns and 12 coy 79 Regt and 4 coy 26 fd arty (.) 80 regt responsible for def of SATELBERG (.) 3 bn regt less 12 coy with 20 tpt regt det with mountain gun 79 inf pompom sec and naval butai ordered on 11 nov to def coast KANOMI LAKEHA as a result sighting 4 allied destroyers proceeding up coast (.) PW statement (.) barge landing pt KANOMI (.) journey three days up 6 days back (.) labour tps carrying sups KANOMI to LAKOB (.) movement at night due our air activity (.) extensive arty shoots during day on enemy posns suspected HQs and enemy gun posns (.) enemy (.) airops (.) 230445L one A/O dropped 2 bombs in sea off SCARLET BEACH (.) 230920L 9 SALYS escorted by 15 ESCARS dropped bombs SATELBERG area no damage or casualties (.) PT boats night 22/23 nov destroyed 2 large HLCs with tps aboard and 1 type A barge with sups vicinity 610 (.) sighted 4 type A barges at WALINGAI containing tps and sups mainly latter (.) destroyed 2 and 1 set on fire probably destroyed and other damaged and driven ashore

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(1371)

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P1B	and	providing	minimum	essential	25
guides	for	4	Bde	patrols	30
0	secondarily	0	obtaining	inform	35
regarding	topography	especially	trks	and	40
enemy	dispens	numbers	and	maintainance	45
NW	of	SCARLET	BEACH	as	50
for	as	incl	WARD	0	55
patrolling	in	following	areas	to	60
discover	enemy	infiltration	close	to	65
or	behind	our	fdl	0	70
area	between	NORTH	HILL	and	75
R SONB	area	between	24	and	80
20	Bdes	0	pgp	6169	85
6269	pg	6268	6168	0	90
valley	of	R SIKI	0	between	95
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area	NW	of	HELDSBACK	0	105
QUOTA	valley	in	every	case	110
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PROCEMA MESSAGE FORM

TO ADDRESSEES AS FOR NO 76

FROM ADV 9 AUST DIV

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(MOST) SECRET (.) sitrep 77 to 242000L (.) ref maps 1/25000 series (.) 20 bde (.) patrol 2/17 bn to NONGARA 595724 found village unoccupied (.) native garden to NW recently raided (.) patrol 2/17 encountered strong JAP posn square 6170 (.) extensive patrols other areas NMS (.) one tp tks moved to 597677 (.) 24 bde (.) patrols active throughout area (.) enemy withdrew from close contact with our PDLs 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 2/23 bn (.) patrols during morning (.) B coy moved to spur at 54675 200 yds west of C coy and attacked JAP posns to east (.) during this attack enemy strongly counter attacked 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 posn (.) D coy moved fwd 300 yds against opposition and at last lt were in close contact at 554674 (.) 2/24 bn (.) local patrolling found enemy still in same posns except for slight withdrawals due to our arty fire (.) 2/48 bn (.) B coy moved to rd 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 kungsi patch 561674 (.) enemy attack repulsed (.) D coy moved at last lt to same area (.) C coy moved fwd to 554669 (.) 4 bde (.) 22 bn (.) bn HQ established 585564 and one pl D coy 527578 ref one inch (.) B coy moved to 635593 ref 1/25000 (.) A coy moving from MORENG to TIMIMORO (.) 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 OGCARS dropped bombs to south of WINSCHULWEN airstrip and out to sea (.) PT boats night 23/24 nov sank 2 enemy barges moving south with sups vicinity HARDENBERG PT (.) sighted 4 other barges but unable to engage

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MOST SECRET (.) sitrep no 79 to 252000L (.) ref maps 25000 series unless mentioned (.) 20 bde (.) extensive patrols NMS today (.) 24 bde (.) enemy party located last light at 654 707 withdrew to NW after arty and mortar engagement (.) many signs of hurried flight (.) TSB 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 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 654 708 (.) 26 bde (.) 2/4 cav sqn (.) patrol to MARARUO found extensive posns in neighborhood (.) area unoccupied (.) patrol to MORENG found it deserted (.) patrols at first light this morning discovered that enemy had withdrawn overnight from SATTELBERG and 2600 feature with the exception of rearguard tps in front of 2/23 bn (.) these withdrew during the morning (.) 2/24 bn (.) C coy moved west to 571677 (.) patrol to PAL NKO found it unoccupied and a partly buried 75 mm gun at 569677 (.) further patrol contacted 2/48 bn on SATTELBERG ridge (.) extensive diggings and much eqpt found (.) 2/48 bn (.) B coy occupied SATTELBERG village 250905L (.) A coy moved on to 3200 feature until relieved by 2/24 bn (.) by last light remainder of bn moved up and occupied area from village to 557678 (.) 2/23 bn (.) D coy moved forward without opposition to 3200 feature (.) C coy found enemy still in posn at first light and attacked causing withdrawal (.) C coy then joined D coy on 3200 feature (.) 75mm gun found at 553677 (.) dispositions 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 dispositions A coy WILMORO B coy KEDAM C coy 539646 ref one inch vicinity MORENG D coy SIMBLNG bn HQ R MAPT 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

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