

**AWM52**  
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20 Infantry Brigade  
Patrol Reports 1945, part 2 of 3



# MESSAGE FORM

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(u) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions

GR

ORIGINATOR'S No.

I 56 @ patrol serial 1 saw 2 jap heads brought  
in by the Navyaks at WINDCAT otherwise HMS @ report  
of 9 japs in village sq 5126 night 25/26 T.H.E. @ no report from  
patrol serial 2 since 261430Z

020900

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H. Hansen SP1

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## PATROL REPORT.

Unit 2/17 Aust Inf Bn.

Sub unit D Coy

Str 1 nco 6 ors

Time Out 1000 hrs 29 Jun

Time In 1200 hrs 29 Jun

Route SOUTH of main rd along tr at 715073.

Tasks 1. Investigate trs for signs of enemy use.  
2. Ascertain if more extensive patrol warranted to investigate tr.

### Report.

Approx 200 yds in from rd tr joins a lateral tr parallel with mn rd. This lateral tr was rather better defined. The original petered out in the tr 50 yds further SOUTH. The lateral tr was followed in westerly direction to the clearing at 4 Mile. Old signs of light use only. A few others from the mn rd joined the lateral tr.

Subunit D Coy

str 1 nco and 6 ors.

Time Out 1000 hrs 29 Jun

Time IN 1300 hrs Jun

Route Tr SOUTH of mn rd at 733075, then SOUTH following tr for 1600 yds.

Tasks 1. Investigate tr for signs of enemy use by enemy.  
2. Ascertain if signs on tr warrants long patrol.

### Report.

1. Tr very wet through swampy country, kneedeep in water at many places. Light timber fallen along tr to assist movt.
2. Approx 1400 yds from rd, recently constructed biv area (est constructed not longer than 2 months ago). Consists of huts built up with iron and wood roofs. Probably constructed built up latrines. Biv area cap a pprox one coy. One hut evidently HQ. Officers pack from which attached diary was taken by the patrol. Est to have been occupied 1 to 14 days ago.
3. Discarded clothing and eqpt along tr and in biv area. Beyond biv area tr ~~less~~ less distinct and more swampy but continues as far and beyond limit of patrol.

Note; A previous patrol had covered the identical route and report was the same in all details.

.....Lt.  
IO 2/17 Aust Inf Bn.



2/17 Aust Inf Bn  
29 Jun 45.

REPORT from A Coy out post K BALAI.

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A patrol from BALAI on 28 Jun by canoe up hte DAMIT R to SEMBURU found the river navigable to LCMS and DUKWs as far as SEMBURU. At SEMBURU there is a jetty just inside the mouth of the SEMBURU river. It is not possible for motor craft to moor at this fetty due to the reeds growing in the river which would foul propellers. The jetty has been damaged by bombing but could be repaired by timber which is available at K BALAI.

Natives report that there is a block across the DAMIT R approx 3000 yds up from the junc. This block is reported to be made by the Japs and consists of fallen trees across the DAMIT R river for a distance of fifty yds-

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Natives are eager for a raid to be carried out on MENDARAN and are anxious to guide a patrol to the area and after the Jap hut has been shot up by automatic fire would gladly do the mopping up.

*Jim*  
Lt  
10 1/17 Aust Inf Bn  
*141*



# PATROL REPORT

Unit: 2/15 Aust Inf Bn. Date: 29 JUNE 45  
Sub-unit: 7 Pl A Coy Type: Fighting unit  
Patrol Comd: Lt DOUGLAS Serial No: 3  
Stk: 1 pl Ref maps: MIRI 1/50,000  
Time Out: 280930I Time In: 291645I

- Task:
- (a) report on enemy mov and dispositions
  - (b) contact guerrillas and obtain all available info
  - (c) call in at villages enroute and collect info
  - (d) march back from Kg TEHAHAK SE to cultivation area 40425

Route Followed: By HCM from LIMBANG to UKONG. En return journey called in at TARDHAN at 365190 and TEHAHAK. From TEHAHAK 2 sec march back SE to 405241 and WEST to top of feature at 417249. Patrol then returned to LIMBANG by HCM.

## PART 1

- (a) No mov seen
- (b) Guerrillas contacted at UKONG. They have a report from natives that there is a small party of Japs (20/30) between BT TEHAHAK and BT MAHAY
- (c) no info from village at TARDHAN
- (d) March from TEHAHAK to 405241 through paddy fields. No signs of recent use - villages deserted. RM  
 crashed LIBERATOR found at approx 409261



PART II

Patrol arrived at UKONG 1530I, and contacted Mr HENRY of SRD. He had a report from the natives that there were between 20/30 Japs in the area between BT TEHANAK and BT MAHAU. Also reported that village in Ag 3922 is suspected to be pro-Jap. Patrol left UKONG at 290900I. At 1200I called in at TARDANAH 365190. Here natives confirmed presence of Japs in BT TEHANAK - BT MAHAU area. Later endeavored to investigate village ~~at~~ in Ag 3922 but found it to be accessible only to pigs. Reached TEHANAK at 1245I then sent out 2 men along track SE from TEHANAK. Watched LIBERATOR could be seen at approx 409261 - no identifications obtained. At approx 409250 one see moved ~~WEST~~ ~~at~~ EAST along track to feature at 417249 whilst the other moved SOUTH to village at 205241. All villages along this route were deserted and showed no signs of recent occupation. 2 men returned to TEHANAK at 1530I and then patrol returned to LIMBANG.

PART III

From native reports it would appear that river is navigable by LCM for 7 miles up from UKONG. Track running SE and SOUTH from TEHANAK over swampy country. Numerous tracks run EAST from main track. Track to feature at 417249 and EAST from there well defined.



Actual proposals.

By Sir.  
20 June 45.

Misc 1.

A. Coy. (7th). 1 Lieut.

Out 20.10.45! In 20.10.45!

Quar. K. Balai via river to Limbun  
then to Tennau.

Tasks. 1 Investigate fauna in area  
in 9.05.45.

2. Report on river as means of comm.

3. If possible examine area via  
Tennau ref logs and logs.

Misc 2 A. Coy 7th. 1st Lt. with natives.

Out 20.10.45!

In. 20.10.45.

Quar. By canoe along Tennau  
to approx 8.6.45. Return  
same route.

Tasks. 1 Report on navigability  
of river for Lark. L. Coy and  
based F. B. E.

2. Suitable areas for temporary  
big unit gun posts.

Bm (4th)

Pharmaceutical

10 7/7 45.

W/S



2/17 Aust Inf B  
29 Jun 45

*Info*  
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*Rawson*  
Lt.

IO 2/17 Aust Inf Bn.

*P.m.*



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28 0900 I

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20 BDE

(w) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions GR

ORIGINATOR'S No.

Ib4 Secret @ patrols for today @ Serial 3 @ 7pl A Coy @  
LCM @ out 0930 I @ route up LIMBANG RIVER to UKONG @ tasks @  
(a) report enemy mov and disposition (b) contact guerrillas and obtain  
all available info from them (c) call at villages en route and collect  
info (d) leave track from Kg TELAHAK SE to culmination area  
Sq 4025 @ Serial 4 @ A Coy 1st Bn Out 0930 I @ route by piggy boat  
to Sq 5024 thence by foot along track to river Sq 5425

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Message Instructions—GR—

ORIGINATOR'S No.

Return by boat @ 1400 @ ascertain if any enemy  
in area between CR morning from 510250 NIE to jelly area  
537273 and LIMBANG RIVER to R. SOUTH

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Form of 100 (Adapted Sept. 1943)  
Army Form C 5136 (Amplified)

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Cuba  
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REPORT FROM 15 PL AT BADAS - 28 JUN 45

Arty shelled PUAN with 20 rds at 0800hrs.

At 0920 a patrol from 15 pl tried to cross BELAIT R in order to sketch opposite bank and explore tr. Unsuccessful but will cross by boat tomorrow.

After 1200 hrs Dyaks Chinese and Malays arrived at 15 pl. Reported that 50 Japs were at PUAN and that 40 Dutch and Indians were forced to soldier for Japs. Some Javanese killed as result of predicted shelling PUAN - NO Jap casualties.

at 2300hrs the cook etc Japs leave PUAN and disperse into bush returning at midnight when they disperse again. Recently Dyaks ambushed 6 Japs between PUAN and LABI killing 3 Offrs and 2 OR and 2 wounded OR escaped.

Reports indicate that Japs are slowly moving supplies from PUAN to LABI. Enemy food supply dump is at PUAN. Two (2) months supply incl vegetables tinned fish dried fish maize and rice - some rice destroyed by rain. Night 25/26 Jun 4 canoes of enemy moved down stream destination LABI.

Tr Infm BADAS to LABI - 4 hrs along surveyed rd. Rd is overgrown is footpad 3' wide.

Footpad PUAN to LABI - this tr is over undulating ground crosses four hills is not marshy.

LABI - RAMPAYON - Japs here are front line tps, PUAN Japs are oilfield labourers and according to Malays can hardly hold a rifle. They have Dutch and American rifles.

Note: Later reports indicate that 40 Javanese and 1 Chinese were killed by shelling at PUAN.



PATROL REPORT.

Unit 2/17 Aust Inf Bn.

Subunit D Coy.

Str 1 Offr 14 ORs Arty FOO Comd. Lt. B. Powell.

Time out 271030 I

Time In 271535 I

Route. South along tr from mile 4 to BELAIT river. The along river for 2000 yds. Returned by same route.

Tasks.

1. Protect FOO party.
2. Report on tr and signs enemy mov.
3. Offensive action if contact made.

Part 1.

1. Arty shoot from approx 715053 ranging round fell approx 500 yds SE. Alteration tree burst 50 yds due East. Thereafter effective fire on tr 100 yds South.
2. Tr through swamp area. Not well defined. Swamp is tidal, mud 1/3 feet throughout. There occasional dry rises about fifty yds across. Tr shows signs of previous patrol in places but otherwise no visible signs of recent use. No real effort has been made to make this tr useable. One shelter off ground approx 711065. Another 200 yds further South at end of tr on river bank. It is a native dwelling uninhabited but in good condition. Guide employed on patrol states Jap used tr as supply line from river.

Part 11.

Patrol moved out at 1030 hrs moving very slowly due to the knee deep mud over most of the tr. No signs of recent mov along the tr except for the recent A Coy patrol. Arrived at river at 1300 hrs. During this period arty shoot was carried out. High tide made any tr along the river bank invisible. The banks of the river are lined with Nipa, for a width of 25/30 yds. From the bank small nipa is mingled with the undergrowth. Tidal inlets from the river mostly five to six feet deep for some distance in from the river. Mov up river for 2000 yds restricted by time taken to cut way and the crossing of inlets. Canoe at hut 70920495 (End of tr South from Mile 4). Canoe was employed to carry party from patrol up river close to the North bank for approx 600 yds. N.M.S. Here the patrol landed and moved along the river for a further 200 yds. High tide and thick undergrowth restricted further mov. Patrol returned at 1535 hrs.

*B. Powell* Lt.

2/17 Aust Inf Bn.

*Rm* *WBS*



REPORT ON A COY PATROL TO KUALA BULAI  
27 Jun 45

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27 Jun 45

Arrived KUALA BULAI 282000 hrs. Upstream paddling time with load 6½ hrs. Strong jetty suitable LCM on SOUTH bank of river MR793922. Chinese section of village on SOUTH bank from jetty to 796917. This area sloppy underfoot. Empty hut could be used for section barracks. Could <sup>take</sup> remainder of pl Malay village school residence on SOUTH bank of BADAS River 798925.

This area suitable for company complete. School jetty suitable for LCV or launch. High tide 5'6" deep. Tidal variation in area 3 to 4 ft. Any area away from village - swamp and dense vegetation.

Natives report NO tr exists on NORTH side of S. DAMIT from KUALA BALAI to SIMBARU but there is a good tr to LABI-three quarters of an hour walk. NO obstacles on ~~tr~~ so far.

Dyak report 0830 hrs 50 Japs in MENDARAN village - 6 to 7 hrs paddling. Natives confirm previous report 50 Japs and one LMG left KUALA BALAI 14 days ago.

Report at 2130 hrs from native 5 Japs with rifles at TIMU yesterday afternoon- one sentry on river bank. Four nigs ago three Japs in 3 canoes came down BADAS RIVER and went down S DAMIT.

There is a <sup>newly</sup> poorly constructed 14-hut village SEPKEINKIN ref 700029. PAGOLAYEN CHANNEL is only a drain and only passable to small canoes at high tide. No fresh water here. Please refill cans and send extra. Advise troops carry stretcher canvas. Please send more tobacco as paddlers very expensive. Natives have no fear of Japs returning to village. Natives here have 10 to 15 canoes. Found Jap tr cut from 302927 leads to SERIA, footpad very slimy. NO jetty this end. Will investigate SIMBARU today.

Stephen LIEU is a Jap collaborator. He left here 4 days ago for KUALA BELAIT with much rations - in possession of keys to Jap safe in this village. He also had friend LEW-HAM-CHONG who has gone into hills past BADAS.

Everything "apples" here - long haired mates flat out to buy us a fight.

Time sent 1045hrs

*Shawhouse*  
10 7/17 Su

*Lun*



REPORT FROM 15 PL AT BADAS

Arty shelled PUAN at 0800 - 20 rds.

At 0920 patrol from 15 pl tried to cross BELAIT R in order to sketch opposite bank and explore tr. Patrol unable to cross, tomorrow will cross by boat to map area and explore tr.

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Result of shelling predicted shoot this area - some Javanese killed no Jap cas.

During daylight Japs leave PUAN and disperse into bush return 2300 hrs gather around PUAN and cook rice - rice is cooked and distributed by midnight then Japs disperse again.

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Note: Balance of 7 Pl proceeding to KUALA BELAI by DUCK on 29 Jun 45.



PATROL REPORT.

Unit 2/17 Aust Inf Bn.

Subunit A Coy

Str. 1. 1 det sigs <sup>Comd. Lt. L. Graham</sup> 1 sec mortars.

Time out 261500 I

Time in 271500 I

Tasks.

- a. Report signs enemy mov, incl reports by local inhabitants.
- b. Establish contact with patrol 2/13 Bn.
- c. Report on river crossing facilities available.
- d. Test submarine phone cable if possible.
- e. Report extent of enemy eqpt in area.
- f. Rd report BELAIT - BARAN.

Route.

SF. Ferry 639061 along coast rd to ferry crossing at 413061 and return by same route.

PART 1.

1. No signs of enemy mov and natives reported that enemy had left area 2/3 weeks earlier.
2. Patrol from 2/13 bn contacted 261730 I on south side BARAN R. Xi
3. 2 launches found. Wooden. Approx 25' in length. 1 is US but engine report engine could be used. The other launch could be used but engine US. Excellent jetties on both side capable of carrying by MT.
4. Submarine phone cable tested and found satisfactory.
5. 1 diesel engine found unpacked and crate of spare parts and some pieces of machinery. 4x-ton trucks, three of which were brought by patrol. The other is short of some essential parts.
6. The rd to BELAIT to BARAN is suitable for only one stream of traffic. It has not been used extensively and is overgrown with grass. Firm sandy surface with a drain on each side and would not be uneffected by rain. Corrugations prevent speed being attained but is possible to average 15/20 mph over the whole distance. Bns as shown on map are all by wooden structures capable of carrying up to 7 tons. There are a number of small culverts with wooden deck one of which requires repairs according to engns report. This is approx 11 miles from BELAIT. During the afternoon after 1500 hrs the beach along the coast provides an excellent surface for MT over the whole distance.

PART 11

Patrol left BELAIT at 1300 hrs in one jeep as adv gd followed by the remainder of the patrol in 2 captured enemy trucks. The trip was uneventful and patrol arrived at ferry crossing at 1715 hrs. Patrol comd and one OR crossed the river by canoe and contacted 13 bn patrol at 1730 hrs. Infr was exchanged. 4 Javanese are very ill and appear to be starving. Natives generally in bad state of health all asked for medical assistance. Chinese and Malays all informed that the Japs ill-treated them. One Indian soldier was returned to BELAIT suffering from wounds and malnutrition. He was sent back by jeep and returned owing to absence of other means of communication. A jeep returned to patrol the same night. At 0530 27 Japs were attached by canoe and landed near patrol biv area. Then challenged to get off in the canoe and as one appeared to be carrying a rifle the



Snipers fired upon them. They escaped.

At 0930 two parties each of 1 NCO and 3 were sent to investigate area for approx 1000 yds along coast north and south of the ferry crossing. They returned and reported NWS and also reported that the country was very flat and marshy. K. BARAN lighthouse was reported to be unoccupied and approx 150 feet high. Patrol left ferry area at 1200 hrs and met Bde Comd approx 7 miles along tr. He ordered patrol jeep and driver plus one NCO to accompany his party in case of emergency. He was proceeding to BARAN to contact Lt-Col Colvin on the South side of the river. Owing to numerous breakdowns by one captured truck patrol did not reach BELAIT until 1500 hrs. PATROL returned with three additional captured trucks.

### PART LLL

Topo.

The whole area traversed is low lying and swampy and no suitable biv areas were found with the exception of a small area in the vic of the ferry crossing.

*Shawhouse* Lt.

IO 2/17 Aust Inf Bn.

*W/S*

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I 5d Secret @ no reports from patrol. 10  
patrol 2 @ str B say less one pl @ left WHIPPET by  
2 GODHERS at 25 1630 I staged night 25/26 Jun RED BEACH @  
Duration 4/5 days @ Route to LAWAIS TRUSAN LABU  
and BATU APOI @ dark @ muchgate. here places with  
object @ @ @ report on enemy movt. & disposn  
and native reports @ two @ engage any

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Small enemy party encountered with  
object of getting POW @ three @ popo and track info.

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PART 11

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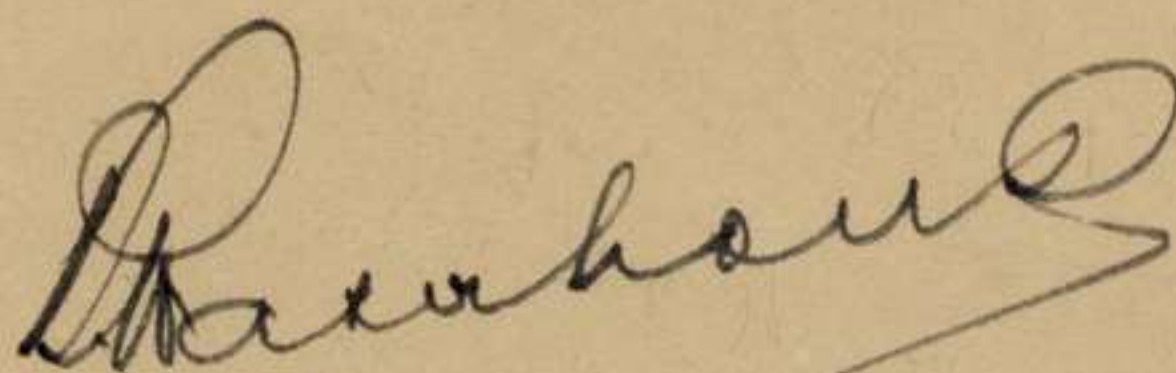
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### PART LLL

Topo.

The whole area traversed is low lying and swampy and no suitable biv areas were found with the exception of a small area in the vic of the ferry crossing.



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2/17 26 JUNE

M B Patrol Report

1330

Sh 1 NEO 13 ORS TO 0800 T1 1200

Route whistle N to 492399

then along to ridge with 493

400 Return SW to 491395;

NMS.



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			GR

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Serial 2 patrol last reported at 1430 I  
to be approaching LANAS 0 local  
patrol NMS.

2045.

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PATROL REPORT.

Unit. 2/17 Bn  
Subunit C Coy  
Str. Offr 16 ORs  
Time Out 250900 I  
" In 251945 I  
Route. Out along Badas rly.SP.81050970 .

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Part 11.

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Recco Fighting.

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2/17 Aust Inf Bn

25 Jun 45.

Report of Interrogation of DYAKS who have moved down from LABI when they heard of our arrival at KUALA BELAIT.

Japs in LABI are occupying the wireless sta and nearby civilian houses. (By civilian it is thought that the Dyaks mean natives as there are reports of Jap civilians being in LABI.

The dyaks report having seen only one LMG. The remainder of the Japs are armed with rifles.

SEMBURU is the landing point for LABI. It is NOT defended by the Japs and the native report that it is four hrs walk from LABI. (A chinese report received yesterday placed this time as being  $1\frac{1}{2}$  hrs). 50 ton steam launches can move up river as far as SEMBURU where the water is ten feet deep close in to the banks.

TELINGAN is between SEMBURU and LABI and there is a Jap out post there. The str is not known.

RAMPAYAN is about  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles from LABI. Most of the natives are living there and have placed sprigs on the roof of each hut which they occupy. The sprigs are to indicate that natives and NOT Japs are living in the huts.

A Sprig is forwarded with this report.

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IO 2/17 Aust Inf Bn.

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Unit 2/17 Aust Inf Bn

Subunit 1 Coy

Str 1 offr 20 and accompanied by Malay LAKIM who built the tr.

Time out 150900.

Time In 1315.

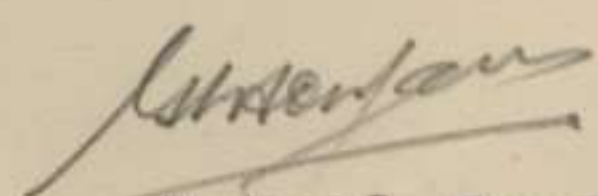
Route. Out from 704072 due South along tr to river at 699049 then along river East for 400 yds.


Prt 1.

1. Tr from Mile 4 South to BELAIT R has been used by the Japs.
2. Tr passes through swamp forest all the way and is hy going.
3. Marker placed in posn at the end of the tr where it meets the river.

Part II.

Patrol moved south along tr from 704072. The tr passed through swamp all the way and the tr in many places more than knee deep in water. Numerous trs lead off but all rejoined the main tr. When the patrol reached the river patrol found a small craft capable of holding two men. Two men from the patrol paddled two hundred yards up the river each way. There were no signs of trs leading away from the SOUTH bank of the river. From where the tr met the river at 699049 the tr lead along the North bank. It was the same type of tr. Natives interrogated in the area stated that it is four hours paddle by canoe from 699049 to KUALA BALAI. It was difficult due to the swampy nature of the ground to determine the extent and time of mov along the tr. When the patrol reached the river a marker consisting of a pole with a piece of cheese cloth attached and marked tr to main rd was placed at the end of the tr by the patrol. One Jap helmet was found along the tr. There are two native huts where the tr meets the river and there are signs of ~~Japs~~ Japs having occupied these huts.

 Lt.  
Patrol Comd.





PATROL REPORT

25 June

C Coy 22/17 Bn  
I3 Pl  
Str I Offr I6 ORs  
Time Out 0900  
Time In 1945  
Route Out Along BADAS railway line  
Route In Return by same route

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Tasks Recce SOUTH bank of river at suspension bridge at BADAS.  
Question natives as to Enemy movt  
Bring back both locomotives and waggons  
Protect Engineer recce party  
Start Point 81050970 Ref map TUAN NW I:25000

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PATROL REPORT.

~~25 June~~

Unit 2/17 Bn

Subunit C Coy

Str. Pl less one sec

Comd Lt. J. Andrew.

Time out 240900

Time in 1700

Route :- From sawmill 1835088 along rly to BADAS. In by same route

Tasks. 1 to mop up BADAS area.

2 Recce BADAS area.

3. Question natives re enemy mov.

Part 1.

1. N.M.S.

2. Found at BADAS. Pump sta, 3 rly engines and 2 trucks, brick kiln.

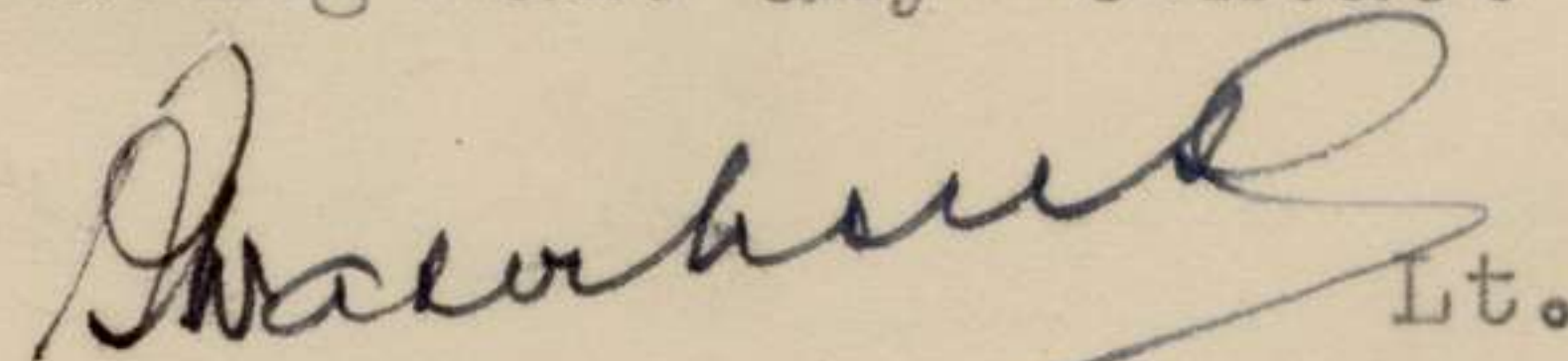
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Part 11.

Patrol left area of sawmill and moved along the rly tr to BADAS. The rly is jeepable. Many small trs lead off into the swamp. None appeared to have been used recently. Some enemy docs were found at BADAS.

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Lt.

IO 2/17 Aust Inf Bn.

Note:- The numbers of enemy reported by natives does not tall with the figures given by Clark when interrogated at BHQ. I consider Clark to be reliable.



PATROL REPORT

2/I7 Bn

24/6/45

5 Sec II Pl Patrol Cmd Sjt Moore J.

Strength I Sjt 9 ORs

Weapons I Bren 3 Owens 6 Rifles I Grenade per man

Time Out I530 hrs

Time In I805 hrs

Tasks Recce Jap escape track-staging camp

Route Track South from main KUALA BELAIT Rd

TRACK Runs due SOUTH and has been made with 6by I in building timber in places and saplings cut from jungle. It is in a very bad state, in places passing through knee deep and deeper swamp. The track has been blazed in places but blazing is indistinct.

STAGING CAMP about I000 yds in from road- has accommodation for approx I20 men but has not been used by troops in any number for almost a week. Huts are of native construction although several have corrugated iron roofs and the camp in my opinion is only about one month to five weeks old. Documents found there have been forwarded to Bn H.Q.

NARRATIVE Patrol moved out at I530 hrs guided by Indian PW and the going was difficult from the beginning. Camp was reached about I645 hrs. The huts in the camp at approx. 50 yds distances and heavily camouflaged although camouflage was old. Each hut had one track in and one out. All huts were in a state of disorder and several empty attache cases were lying about in the area.

Two British Pattern steel helmets -one new- were in the area but were without markings of any description.

Teased rope for weaving sandals and a half completed sandal were in one hut.

After a thorough search of area patrol proceeded about another six hundred yds along main track beyond camp until the track became very bad and very little in the way of improvement had been done to the track.

Patrol returned by slightly different track paralleling first track at about 20 yds distance but having same entrance from road.

TOPOGRAPHY

Whole area one vast swamp

Signed

NX I5008

J Moore Sjt

OK



# MESSAGE FORM

Register No.

Call	Ser. No.	Priority	Transmission Instructions
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ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

FROM (A)	Originator Asgn 2/9 Arund	Date—Time of Origin 24/1730 I	Office Date Stamp
TO	For Action 20 Aust BSc	Message Instructions	GR
(w) For Information (INFO.)			

ORIGINATOR'S No. I 16 SECRET 0 patrol report 23 JUN 0 1290RSD  
to SR - clear enemy - village 456348 0 Route 4 to HQ.  
via track to 456348 & return 0 time out 0815 0  
time in 1130 0 Report - kill one enemy - own cas nil  
0 native report killing two enemy wounding one  
report of B73REP 7 refers

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sent IN CIPHER

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Originator's Instructions  
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1850

2/15

Report of Walsh Patrol.

Ref map Brunei 1:50,000

Yine in 251800.

23 JUNE

Encountered 4 Japs under hut 538390,  
killed 2. Two escaped but one probably  
wounded.

24<sup>th</sup>

No natives in area all evacuated  
to villages S of 37 grid, none of the huts  
showed signs of recent occupation, in one  
hut considerable amount of rice was found  
but all was mildew, showing signs that there  
~~may have been~~ at one time a large number of Japs  
except those from 5 days to a week ago.

25 AM.

Mortared hut & surroundings 529391 where  
natives reported that Japs were disposed -  
no results were observed, at 535385 two  
Japs not shown on map.



1823.

2/15.

1745 hrs report from  
Nath. Lowe patrol moves  
from base 522386 along ridge  
to village at 559406 down  
from ridge to coastal area  
then back along flat  
country through villages  
to base. 1 pap sighted in  
distance.



No	Date Time	From	To	Subject
				<p>that suspected not check  3 - it does appear to be  only isolated faps on area  canoe sighted moving across  RIONG, R native report fap  moving to LIMPAKU. Patrol  remaining area tonight</p>



Patrol Report.

2/15 Bn.

Ref/Map. BRUNEI SE and SW 1:25,000

23 Jun 45.

Coy 2/15 Bn.

Patrol Comd. LT THOMPSON

Type. Recce fighting.

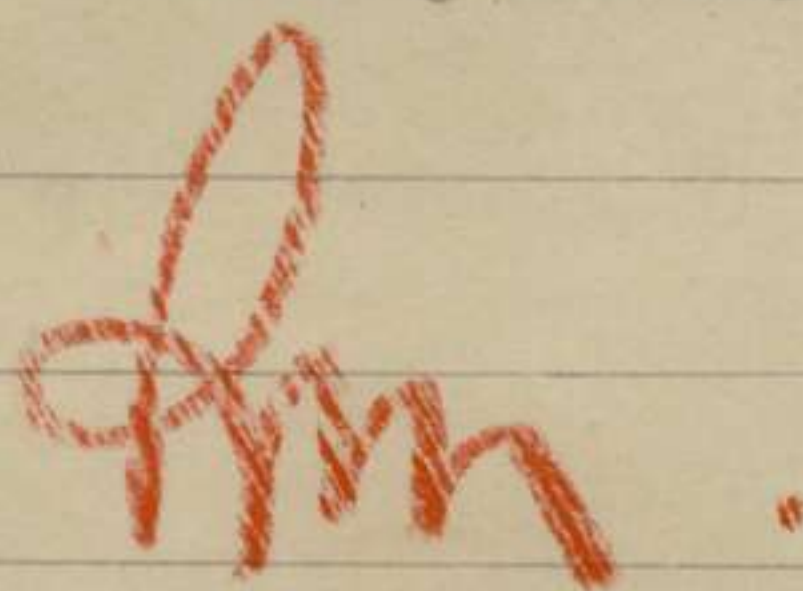
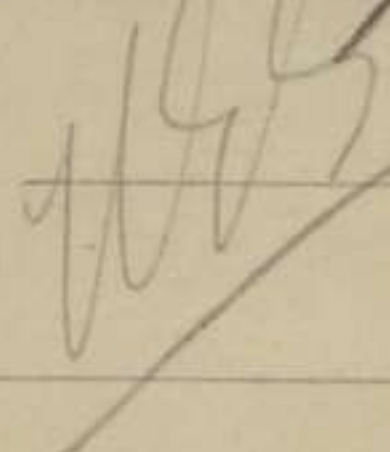
Strength. 1 Uffr 15 OR

Time out 1330

Time in 1730

Task. To investigate reports of enemy in MUDA-RIMBA area.

Route. from ferry 465418 to to junc 448418. Here Natives reported 2 Japs moving south along track. Patrol proceeded south to approx 453408 where natives reported that 2 Japs had passed about half an hour previously. Patrol returned to 448418 and moved along tr (not shown on map) to TUNGKU sq 4144 N.M.S. Natives report no Japs in area for some time. Patrol moved back to 448418 Then North along tr. to MUDA sq 4443. Here Chinaman said that natives from RIMBA sq 4444 reported that ~~je~~ about 40 Japs ~~had~~ were in RIMBA and looked like spending night. Patrol returned to Coy area N.M.S.



14451

Anderson's patrol at 590 110 el  
SINDOMAN STRAIT MAP. O natives went  
to get chief (KUBORIG?) O having to return  
to base at back river Xing at 1630 O  
confirming the presence of enemy in KUBORIG  
area no estimate of numbers O KUBORIG is  
a large rice field area and the Japs have  
been raiding the paddy fields for this food

DM

WBS



Ref Maps: MIRI, SINDUMIN 1/250000

Date: 20, 21 June 45

Unit and Sub Unit: - 7 Pl A Coy 2/15 A.I.B.

Type of Patrol Recon

Patrol Comd Lt Douglas B.

Time Out 200730 E

St of Patrol Lt Douglas and 10 O.R.

Lt Jackson CIC

Time In 211500 E

Flight Lt Barham SRD  
and native guides

Task To investigate a message received by messenger dated 13 June from an AIF Sgt. ref Aust PW

Route followed By LCM from LIMBANG town along upper LIMBANG RIVER to UKONG.

### Part 1

201630E arrived at ref MIRI sheet 1/250000, 443714 (MENGGALAM TALAP) and contacted Mr HENRY of SRD who gave info of TELAHAK - MALAU area. Estimated 300-400 Japs in general area. Gave him small supply of rice and 303 ammo.

He confirmed report of 5 Japs crossing river near here in the morning. He reported UKONG clear of Japs.

201645 left & arrived UKONG at 1830. First contact was made with Lt Woods SRD who discounted report of 300-400 Japs in TELAHAK - MALAU area. He estimated 30 with the most possible str 75. This info was also confirmed by Sgt SANDERSON SRD in UKONG. They reported that UKONG area to LUBAI river & EAST H MENU near BT SAGAN was in control of DAYAKS.

In whole of UKONG - LIMBANG area No organised Japs were evident or observed in large parties. Mainly seem to be in hiding & in search of food. General hideout areas LUBAI and MALAU. Approx 12 Japs with 34 MG in village sq 4622. 6 Dayaks dispatched to this village to get Japs while they were swimming in creek. All tracks are watched by Dayaks. Dayaks reported to have killed 31 Japs to date. Reports indicate the Japs are congregating at LABI ref MIRI 1/250000 9585. Sgt Cornish Smith Sanderson & Lt Woods leaving Mr Henry & Sgt Liffon in charge of area. NO info concerning Aust PWs. They may have gone to LABI or KUCHING. Lt Jackson CIC is leaving UKONG with Dayaks.



2  
for LUBAI - MALAU areas & then to KUBONG to obtain info of Aust  
PWs and an American airman who is said to have been  
shot down somewhere in this general area.



PATROL REPORT.

Unit 2/17 Aust Inf Bn.

Subunit D Coy.

Str 1 NCO 6 ORs

Time out 1000 hrs 29 Jun.

" In 1200 " "

Route. South of main rd along tr at 715073.

Task/1. Investigate tr for signs of enemy use.

2. Ascertain if more extensive patrol warranted to investigate tr.

Report.

Approx 200 yds on from rd tr joined a lateral tr parallel with main rd. This lateral tr was rather better defined. The original petered out in the tr 50 yds further South. The lateral tr was followed in a westerly direction to the clearing at the Four Mile. Old signs of lt use only. A few other trs from the main rd joined the lateral tr.

Subunit D Coy.

Str 1 NCO and 6 ORs.

Time out ~~and in~~ 1000 hrs

" In 1300 hrs.

Route. Tr South of main rd at 733075 then south following tr for 1600 yds.

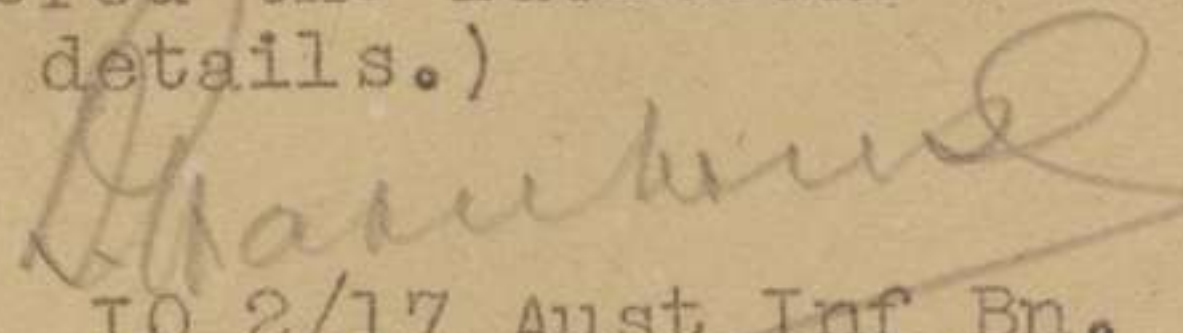
Tasks. 1. Investigate tr for signs of use by enemy.

2. Ascertain if signs on tr warrants long patrol.


Report .

1. Tr very wet through swampy country, knee deep in water at many places. Lt timber fallen along tr to assist mov.
2. Approx 1400 yds from rd recently constructed biv area (estimated constructed not longer than two months). Consists of huts built up with iron and wood roofs. Properly constructed built up latrine. Capacity approx 1 coy. 1 hut evidently HQ. Officers pack from which attached diary was taken by the patrol. Estimated to have been occupied ten to fourteen days ago.
3. Discarded clothing and equipment along tr and in biv area.
4. Beyond biv area tr less distinct and more swampy but continues as far and beyond limit of patrol.

( Note; A previous patrol had covered the identical route and the report was the same in all details.)

 Lt.  
IO 2/17 Aust Inf Bn.

(The above patrols were sent out by the coy comd and Not ordered by this HQ. No advice was received until the reports were received.)





Ref maps - LIMBANG River 1/50,000 LABU 1/50,000

Unit 9 Sub Unit 11 pl 2/15 Bu

Date 22 Jun 45

Pat Comd Lt O'DEA

Type of Pat Recce

Str of pat 1 sec 1 interpreter

Time In 221700 I

Time Out 220900 I

Task - To investigate MENGATAI area

Route followed - From LIMBANG by barge up river to village at 452283, then across river to MENGATAI ref 451269 then on bearing 225°M for distance of 3000'; then back to MENGATAI and back along river to GADONG ref 471261. From there back along river to SKARAI ref 5024. Thence to LIMBANG.

### Part I

No enemy in MENGATAI area.

### Part II

Arrived at 452283 at 1100 hrs. No sign of enemy. Natives report 15 Japs vic Bt PANDAN. Pat met English speaking MILANDES (name JOE DAVID) who had enemy maps and tr infn. At MENGATAI pat found dump of useless enemy pwr tools. First 1500' of tr SW from village 451269 has been cut through thick rubber plantation. From there up spur gradient 1 in 4. DAVID reports tr continues to join tr from Kg TELAHAK. Tr has been cut for foot pad approx 2'6" wide and is marked with Jap characters. Copy of mark on northern side of tree attached. Along tr evidence of recent occupation by enemy eg. old clothes and destroyed papers.

At GADONG ref 471261 main tr could be made jeepable with little work except for br at 470264. Natives call this stream LITTLE LIMBANG. Navigable for canoes only. In SKARAI area, br at approx 507247 in disrepair. Natives report main tr from 511245 EAST to LIMBANG River mudd.



Ref map - LIMBANG RIVER 1/50,000

Unit & sub unit 12 pl 2/15 Bn

Date 21 jun 45

Pat Comd Lt A.G.T CAMERON

Time Out 0930

Str of Pat - 1 and 26 with FOO and party

Time In 1845

Type Fighting

Task To investigate native report that enemy in village approx 6 miles SW. from LIMBANG

Route From LIMBANG SW along tr to 527207 thence parallel to rd to village PUASA approx 521181. Returned same route

Part I

No contact made with enemy. Signs of recent enemy occupation.

Part II

Natives contacted along route gave conflicting reports about enemy in area PUASA but when pat arrived at village approx 522188 at 1545 hrs NO enemy sighted. Area searched NMS.

Part III

With repairs to bvs and corduroying at 544226 and 536217 rd would be jeepable to 534215 but would NOT stand by traffic. Beyond this pt country flat and swampy - native pad only. Vegetation from 534215 to 522188 NOT thick.

General

Numerous spurs cross tr sq 5219 NOT shown on map.

Im WBS



PATROL REPORT

Unit 2/15 Aust Inf Bn

Date 22 Jun 45

Sub-unit A Coy Comd L/Cpl FRASER

Strength 1NC0 & 11 ORs with 108 set incl 1 sapper for tech infm re roads and tracks.

Time out 0900

Time in 1800

Type Fighting -recce

Route From village at 564252 NE and SOUTH along main LAWAS track ~~566174~~ as far along this track as time will permit. ~~to reach ref 566225~~

Object (1) To ascertain evidence of enemy movement  
(2) To furnish track report on main LAWAS Track and subsidiary tracks running WEST to join the main SW track from LIMBANG

PART 1

- (1) No evidence of enemy movement along main track during past few weeks.
- (2) Natives report 200 enemy in KOBONG morning 22 Jun
- (3) Main track suitable for jeeps after some work by engr to bridge at 566174

PART 2

Engrs estimate that it would take 12 hrs to repair bridge at 566174. Gen state of main track good except for one boggy patch for 20 yds wide near 562225

Only one track joins this main track at 556200 and it runs generally NW to join the main track running SW from LIMBANG at 547232. This track runs over hilly terrain and could only be made jeepable after considerable work.

There are numerous natives living along this main track with only about 200 yds between each settlement.



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Time out 0900

Time in 1800

Type Fighting -recce

Route From village at 564252 NE and SOUTH along main LAWAS track 566174 as far along this track as time will permit. to reach ref 566258

Object (1) To ascertain evidence of enemy movement  
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*WBS Rmn*



Ref map - LIMBANG RIVER 1/50,000

Unit & sub unit 12 pl 2/15 Bn

Date 21 Jun 45

Pat Comd Lt AGT CAMERON

Time Out 0930

Ltr of Pat 1 and 26 with FOO and party

Time In 1845

Type Fighting

Task To investigate native report that enemy in village approx 6 miles SW. from LIMBANG

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Ref maps LIMBANG RIVER 1/50,000  
LABU 1/50,000

Unit & Sub Unit. 11 pl 2/15 bn

Date 22 jun 45

Pat Comd Lt L. O'DEA

Type of pat Recce

Str of pat 1 sec 1 interpreter

Time Out 22 0900I

Time In 22 1700I

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(2)

Natives call this stream LITTLE LIMBANG. Navigable for  
canoes only. In SKARAI area, br at approx 507247 in dis-  
repair. Natives report main tr from 511245 EAST to  
LIMBANG River muddy.

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PROJECTED PATROLS

Date 23

Ser No	Unit	Sub-Unit	Type	Strength	Time Out	Time In	Route	Object	Infm	Results
5	Bhay M.G.	2 Pl	Rece + fighting	1 offr 16 OR's	1500	1800	SP. 494383 along ridge to track at 515398 - track junct 511404 then back along Whistle Tr to Pl area 493393	Rece area 515398 for possible ambush to be set night 24/25 and to clear out area of Saps	been	NMS. Cross Trs 515398 has not used recently consider small ambush party NOT more than 10 could occupy position

W4/5



SUBJECT : PATROL BY 58 AUST FD BTY

2/8 Aust Fd Regt  
Ref ~~48/155~~  
23 Jun 45

HQ  
20 Aust Inf Bde

- /- 1. Copy of patrol report by VX 14397 Lt P L WHARTON forwarded herewith.
2. Verbal report to Arty LO on 22 Jun 45.

*R L Johnston*  
Lt-col RAA  
Comd 2/8 Aust Fd Regt

148



2/15 Bul

Reay

INCO+10

Out. 0901

In 1500

Track runs as per - barce. Only  
foot path not suitable for jumbo.  
NMS

23 June 48

WBS



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REPORT ON PATROL BY VX 14397 Lt P L WHARTON

Serial No	R 1
Unit	2/8 Aust Fd Regt
Sub-unit	58 Fd Bty
Type Patrol	Recce
Strength	1 offr 11 ORs
Time out	220805 I
Time in	221610 I
Route	From CP area 418357 along Tutong Rd to approximately 392380 thence NW along foot track to vicinity Kg Jangaok 405388 the back to Tutong Rd thence up road to Kg Sengkurong 374399 thence back along road to CP area.
Report	No contact made. Natives at Kg Kiturnis 395370 and Kg Sengkurong report no Japs in area. Natives requested to inform 58 Bty if any Japs seen.



Ref Maps MIRI, SINDUMIN 1/250000

Date: 20, 21 June 45

Unit and Sub Unit: - 7 Pl H Coy 2/15 A.I.B.

Type of Patrol Recon

Patrol Command Lt Douglas B.

Time Out 200730 E

St of Patrol Lt Douglas and 10 O.R.

Lt Anderson CIC

Time In 211500 E

Flight Lt Bartram SRD  
and native guides

Task To investigate a message received by messenger  
dated 13 June from an AIF Sgt. ref Aunt PW

Route followed By LCM from LIMBANG town along  
upper LIMBANG RIVER to UKONG.

### Part 1

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TALAP) and contacted Mr HENRY of SRD who gave info of  
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in control of DATARS. In whole of UKONG - LIMBANG area

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parties. Mainly seem to be in hiding & in search  
of food. General hideout areas LUBAI and MALAU. Approx 12 Japs  
with 34 MG in village of 4622. 6 dayaks dispatched to this village  
to get Japs while they were swimming in creek. All tracks  
are watched by dayaks. Dayaks reported to have killed 31 Japs to  
date. Reports indicate the Japs are congregating at LABI ref  
MIRI 1/250000 9585. Sgt Cornish Smith Sanderson & Lt Woods  
leaving Mr Henry & Sgt Liffon in charge of area. NO info

concerning Aunt PW. They may have gone to LABI or

44116. Lt Anderson CIC is leaving UKONG with dayaks



2  
for KUBAI - MALAU areas + then to KUBONG to obtain info of Aust  
PWs and an American aviator who is said to have been  
shot down somewhere in this general area.



Serial 16      Same report      22 Jan 45

岡九〇〇部隊印刷所製

名 稱 規 格 寸 注 精 量 稱 量 專 價 小 計 所 要 期 受 渡 場 所

Stacy	1 Dec
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Prices out	1015
in	1250.

Rauze. out 10 ft along rd to  
766080. to 771082 to 770084  
to 50.

L. N. M. S.

2. No lead off to South.

Is shown on map South from  
771 081 does not exist

2. Ground south of rd. swamp  
forest

4. Br 769084 wood. will carry 3 tons

Reuben L.

188



8/17 Am  
in June 45

P. Coy patrol.

Serial 15

Truck out 1015

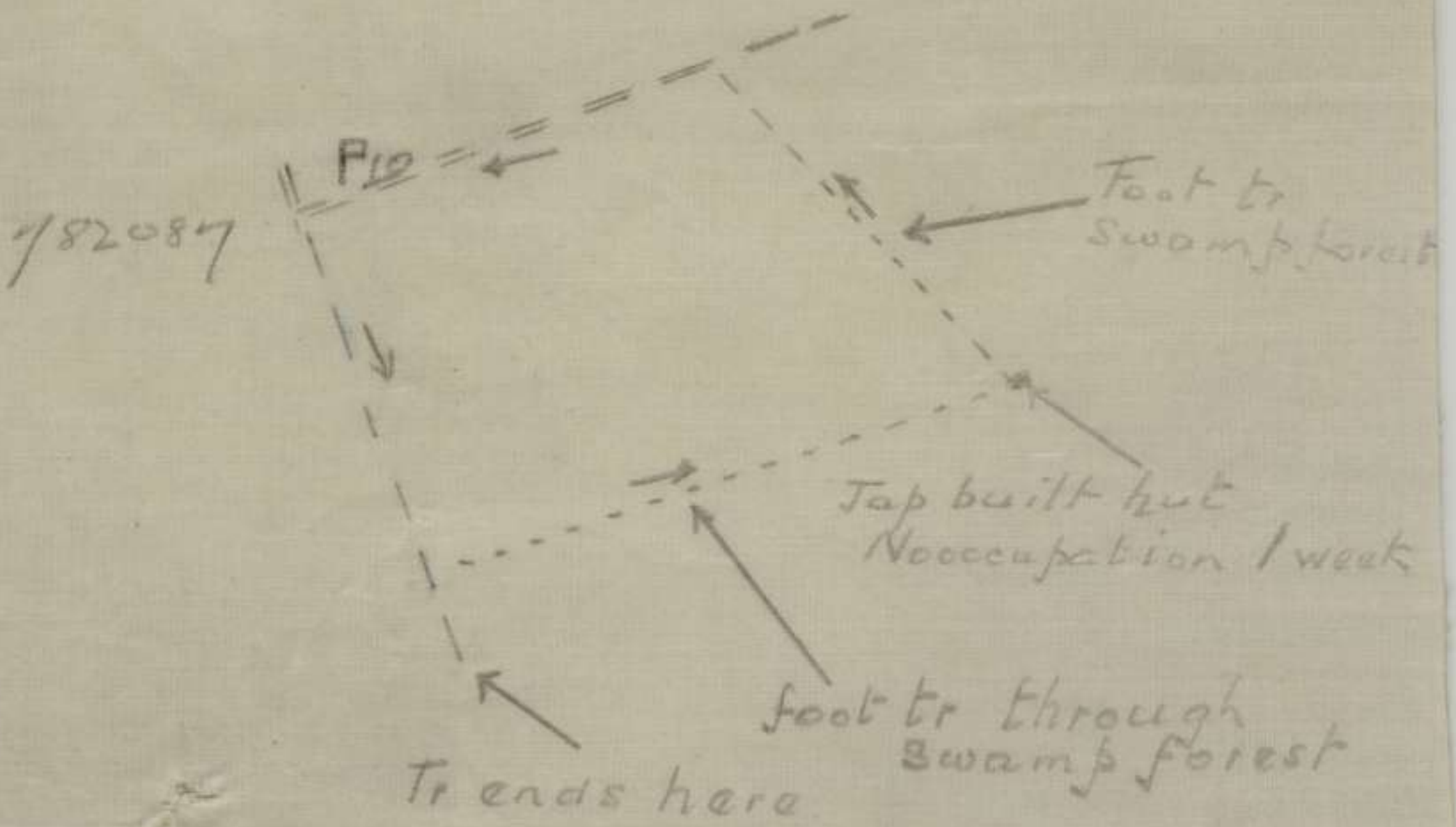
In 1230

1 N.M.S

2 Foot tr swampy ground

3 Swamp forest. & wet

Badge all found at hut.



John.

Shakun



# MESSAGE FORM

Register No.

Call

Ser. No.

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Transmission Instructions

ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

FROM

(A)

Originator

Date—Time of Origin

Office Date Stamp

B Coy 2/2nd Aust M G Bn

22 15 15 T

For Action

TO

20 Bde

(w) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions GR

ORIGINATOR'S No.

KY16

Secret

Patrol Report

Strength 1 Sgt 14 ORS

Time out 1330 Time in 1500. Owing to condition of ground was not able to carry out original patrol. Route taken from Pl area 493392 along track to 495385 then back along spur 4938 to WHISTLE Tr then to Pl area

This message may be sent AS WRITTEN by any means { except }

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Signed

*[Signature]*

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Ref map: LABU 1/50,000 Date 21 June 45  
Unit and Sub Unit: 2/15 AIB 7pl A Coy  
Patrol Comd: Sgt POWER  
Str of Patrol: 10/CRS  
Time Out: 1130Z Time In: 1500Z  
Type: Fighting Success  
Task: To investigate a reliable native report  
of 5 Japs in village at 577273.  
Route: from 560250 NE along BERA track to 568258  
thence along track to village.

LM

Part I

At 1155Z patrol ambushed and killed two  
Japs at 566256. 4 Japs were sighted in all, the  
other two making good their escape. Fresh blood seen  
in area one of these is believed to be wounded.  
Patrol then proceeded to village and reported HMS.  
Natives reported having seen 2 Japs in TERUMI then  
morning getting sugar cane. Patrol returned by  
same route.

Part II

The two Japs killed had rifles and 40 rounds  
of ammo each. Documents found on bodies being  
sent to Bde.

WJS



2/9 Armd Regt Patrol Report, 21 JUNE 45

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Route. To 474432 along rd to hut 476434 &

return same route.

Result. One Jap seen & killed at hut 476434 —

Otherwise N.M.S.

WFB



2/9 Anti Armoured Regt.

TO - 210600. T1 - 211200

Patrol Report.

Route - to Rd bend 485487 thence  
W along to 471490 & return same route.

Result - 2 japs seen, one killed, other was  
wounded but managed to escape - otherwise  
N M S.

WV



# MESSAGE FORM

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<p>ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY</p>				
<b>FROM</b> (A) 82		Originator	Date—Time of Origin 201500 I	
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For Action				
<b>TO</b> B Coy 2/2 Ann m.s. Bn.			Message Instructions	
(w) For Information (INFO.)			GR	

ORIGINATOR'S No.

TB8.0 Patrol Report 0 Patrol strength 1  
off 14 ORs 0 Star Point Phe area 0 Time out 0920 hr  
Time in 1345 hr 0 Route from Phe farm along WHISTLE  
TRK to village at 525410 return same route 0 3  
Japs seen in hut on Western edge of village ALL  
Killed determine NMS 0 No papers of any value were  
found on the bodies excepting a map

This message may be sent **AS WRITTEN**  
by any means { except } Wireless

Signed

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enemy hands, this message must be  
sent **IN CIPHER**

Signed

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ORIGINATOR'S No.

of BRUNEI BAY area which 20 BDE I.O.  
considered valuable & the Japs were armed with  
1 Rifle and several grenades Rifle was  
brought in.

210930Z

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## Pahel Report


DATE: 19 JUNE  
UNIT: 2/15 Aust Inf Bn.  
Sub Unit: 12 Pl B Coy.  
Strength: 10 Pl 15 ORs . LT CAMERON.  
Time Out: 191500Z.  
Time In: 191830Z  
Type: Fighting Recce  
Deputy: working on native reports to ambush a party of approx  
50 japs who were moving from general area WEST of SS EASTINGS  
and SW of LIMBANG to MENGATAI via this reported to.  
Route: From SS1239 SW along to to find to which is presumed to  
join main to about a mile down and then set an ambush.

### PART I

Proceeded along to and at 549232 a Chinese reported japs that  
he came from BANGAR and there were no japs there. Heard shot  
from down to and at 541223 the OVAKI produced 6 jap heads, 5  
apparently had just been cut off the other may have been from  
the jap killed near WHIPPET in the morning. Pahel ~~returned~~ then  
proceeded to a village at 533214 which natives call BATU BERKARANG.  
Pahel returned by same route.

### PART II

a to move off at 54900Z for 2 miles across BT SEMBILANG and join  
main to in a SE direction. In SW from WHIPPET is jupale to  
about 538219. There are several hills around which would require  
reports to make them secure. Reliable native reports say to move off  
at approx 530211 and ~~forward~~ goes due SOUTH and around behind  
feature at 523191 to a village at approx 522183. Native says to a village  
BERAWAN and this may be that village.

WLB  
myLO. 20 1815Z  




## Patrol Report

DATE: 19 JUNE  
UNIT: 2/15 Aust Inf Bn.  
Sub Unit: 12 Pl B Coy.  
Strength: 10 Pl 15 ORs AT CAMERON.  
Time Out: 191500Z.  
Time In: 191830Z  
Type: Fighting force  
Object: working on native reports to ambush a party of approx  
50 japs who were moving from general area WEST of SS EATPINE  
and SW of LIMBAKE to MONGHAT and this reported to.  
Route: From SS1239 SW along to to find to which is presumed to  
join main to about a mile down and then set an ambush.

### PART I

Proceeded along to and at 549232 a Chinese reported ~~that~~ that  
he came from BARBAR and there were no japs there. Heard shots  
from down to and at 541222 the OVARI produced to japs heads, 5  
apparently had just been cut off the other way have been from  
the japs killed near WHAPET in the morning. Patrol ~~continued~~ then  
proceeded to a village at 532212 which natives call BATU BERKARAH  
Patrol returned by same route.

### PART II

A to move off at 549000 for 2 miles across to LIMBAKE and join  
main to in a SE direction. In SW from WHAPET is jupale to  
about 538219. There are several big mounds which would require  
reports to make them secure. Reliable native reports say to move off  
at approx 530211 and ~~proceed~~ go due SOUTH and around behind  
feature at 523191 to a village at approx 521183. Natives refer to a village  
BERAWAN and then may be that village.

201815Z



# PATROL REPORT

Serial 17  
2/17 Aust Inf Bn  
D coy

Str 1/12 ( Lt Powell)  
Time out 0930  
Time in 1330  
19 Jun 45

Route Out 480 407 along tr to 493409. SOUTH through hut area to 100 feature at 496401, SW to huts at 493398 thence by tr to WHISTLE tr, where patrol was picked up by MT.  
Tasks Investigate area of patrol and in particular 100 feature at 496401 for any signs of enemy.

Report

## PART 1

Patrol report NMS.

At 493398 they struck a fresh tr, used this morning. Patrol was able to follow tr of rubber boots to vic huts at 493398. On WEST of tr running SOUTH from hut s patrol found lint thought to be a guide for night movt.

## PART 2

Patrol set out from 17 pl area 480408 and followed tr to 493409. Leaving the tr patrol went SOUTH through huts marked on map 494407. This village had been occupied by Japs but there were no signs of recent occupation. Patrol continued to 100 feature at 496401 which was thoroughly searched but there were no signs of enemy. In reentrant 498404 there is a well worn tr ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ leading to spur at approx 502 408 and thence NE along spur. Patrol moved WEST to huts at 493398. At 496 398 patrol struck a tr marked leading SOUTH. Patrol followed this tr. There were prints of rubber boots made this morning. Tr turned WEST at 496397 and followed line of reentrant to huts at 493398. The tracks of the boots finished about 100 yds EAST of huts. These huts showed signs of occupation by the enemy. There was an old telephone line and a dilapidated phone in one of the huts. SOUTH of the ck tr followed by patrol was marked on WEST side by white lint. Patrol comd considers that this may have been a guide for night movt by the enemy. Hut at 493394 is a tin pumping station. In it are 5 natives of whom one is dead, one dying and the rest very low. Patrol continued to WHISTLE tr where they were picked up by MT.

*Harlan Major*

*Topo Rm.*

*1950001*



Date  
Time

FROM

TO

Subject.

(696) 12

4 2140 2/17 Bde

Patrol report C Coy str one sec  
TI 1900 route out from  
055227 SW along tr for 2000'  
to 042215 in along creek parallel to  
tr for 1300' then to SP by tr @  
tr extends for more than 2000' from  
weir shown on map @ tr jeepable @  
NMS @ creek mentioned is NOT shown  
on map @ adv. today limited by  
bottlenecks at ferry @ Ferry has  
one hr turnaround @ will continue  
adv. tomorrow.

*[Handwritten signature]*



Stan,

In reply to the enquiry this morning I am sending a copy of the note that I have just received from IO.

Reports for serials 1 and 2 were both reported to Bde.

Serial 1 contained infm re ferry.  
2 was NMS.

Serial 13 was reported verbally by me and was NMS, and tr exists from GADONG to pt 8 miles out TUTUNG rd.

Serial 14 was a written report and has gone to Bde. The report was NMS.

This is the issue of this. I suppose it must stop at this, but all arrangements have been made for reports of patrols in this area to be passed through the Int Office. I think that will bring the desired results.

*Frederick*

*MS*



91230.

MG

Bd

1W0 & 40R To 1100 T1 1230

Task Recce feature NE  
from Bd HQ

7/6

ROUTE.

493383 NE along

top of spur to 513397 NMS.

a good well worn track  
exists along feature with  
various tracks branching.

off to river. It continues  
+ probably joins it at  
521403. It is continuous

right around feature  
from 494386 to 496383  
& then NE.

RW/JS



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TO	B Coy 2/2 AUST M. G. BN		
	(w) For Information (INFO.)		Message Instructions
			GR

ORIGINATOR'S No. PATROL REPORT D 1 P18 and 14 ORs. Time out 1530 hrs. Time in 1745 hrs. Start point B2 house. Route along WHISTLE TR to 506400 then N.W. along track to 515407. Return same route N.M.S. 0 9 inhabitants report 4 haps arrived at houses in vicinity 514406 on night 17th/18th armed with 3 rifles and L.M.G. and grenades. They may have apparently moved to high ground to the north.

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Serial 16  
2/17 Aust Inf Bn  
A Coy  
18 Jun 45

Str 1/27 ( LT L.GRAHA M)  
Time Out 1000  
Time In 1400

Route Out A coy HQ via school at 443413 along footpad through rubber plantation to village at 447397. Return by same route.

Tasks Investigate report that the headman of the village of Dugong was a collaborator of the enemy.

REPORT

PART 1

Patrol searched the village and found only women and children. The absence of men was noted and the women were questioned. Their only reply was that the men were in BRUNEI. The women and children were all in good health and looked well fed and clothed.

PART 2

Route followed by this patrol was the same as that of serial 14 of 17 Jun. There is nothing further to report.

*WLB*



PATROL REPORT

Serial 16  
2/17 Aust Inf Bn  
A coy  
18 Jun 45

Str 1/8(Lt Fink)  
Time out 1000  
time in 1600

Route Out 469 415 along rd by jeep tp479449 . Thence to KG SERUSUP and return to junc 479449. Thence NW to approx 48 grid and return to FERRY area.

Task TO investigate a report of japs by a native. The native was to act as guide.

REPORT

PART 1

NMS. The patrol saw signs of the reported enemy who had apparently moved out about half an hour before their arrival.

PART 2

Patrol moved by jeep to 479449 where part of the patrol was left . Rem moved to KG SERUSUP. After looking about in that area a native messenger reported that ~~the enemy~~ he knew the location of the enemy. Patrol then returned to 479449 and the whole patrol moved NW for about 2 miles to approx 48 grid. There were signs that the enemy party had been in the area a very short time( about half an hour) and had moved off towards BERAKAS RD. Natives report that the enemy were weak and carried rifles. Patrol returned to Ferry area. From his contact with the natives the patrol comd is of the opinion that the enemy will not get very far. A

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ORIGINATOR'S No.

17/31 Patrol from B2 strength 10/11 11 015 0  
time and 0845 time in 1045I 0 Route from 493393 NW.  
over map contour feature sq. 4939 there North to hut at 490399  
490399 there East to row of four huts at 494398 there South  
to WHISTLE ~~the~~ to and return to Pl. Area 0 3 Taps sec. ref.  
491395 carrying one rifle and grenades 0 2 Taps killed ~~at the~~  
at this pt ONE escaped EAST ~~at the~~ 0

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GR

ORIGINATOR'S No.

TX/31 Continued @ Taps in full marching order  
also carrying fuses and dets, wearing bayonets @ explosive  
approx 50 lbs each at Lt 492397 @ no explosive brought in

Plsu

Return to T Office 181205

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PERU

2/15

1939

occupying posn FDL interlocking

from 460308 to 455308

Coig HQ at 456308 - NMS

Rd from bend at 455319 to at

least 451308 not considered

possibly to In T. investigating

further and will report on this

later. Patrol 1 Apr 9 OK's

out 1845. In 1945. from

455307 along timber patch

then south to PANDAN—

new Code names

PANDAN 448292 - CAROLINE  
447292 455282

the Hill Leatun - 455282 - HESSIAN  
455282

~~Lumbang River - PARRAMATTA~~

In addition to 1 dead Jap  
another at 454347 in village  
also dead Malay same area

A patrol got 800 x + bogged down  
+ had to return

Report

Items lost across contact  
line. Following contact

line seen H straight on  
re-entrant. go down  
line

1155



Patrol (Givard P)

17 JUNE

Strength 1 Off 14.

Time Out 1015.

Time In 1600.

Route. From Bile HQ to #92394 ~~373~~Track to 520415, and return same  
route 493394 to 495384 then  
to Start pt.Operation Fighting Patrol.Object Liece.~~Route along river track to  
520415~~

Report Chinese report approx 60 Japs  
moved through village 520415 at  
161800 I towards river at 536411 &  
stated they intended to get canoes to  
Lim-bong. Japs were sick - Jap offr  
according to Chinese was trying to  
persuade his men to surrender under  
a white flag - Japs averaged 1  
rifle per 30 men. 2 Japs also reported  
by natives at 506399, natives refused  
them food & they went away.

N.M.S.

J. Mun



Serial 12. Patrol Report.

Unit 717 Bn.

Sub unit. A Coy.

Sec. One pl.

Contd

Time Out 161000. I

In for later than 161600?

Route. Out Tasing Ferry then through  
Tungku 46440. then to Kg Rumba.

In. Kg Rumba to Kg Tungku to  
Tasing Ferry.

Part 1

1. No enemy in area.

2. Japais state some Japs made  
their way to the coast a week ago  
toward Tg Pungit.

Part 2.

Patrol moved out from Tasing Ferry.  
At Tasing a Chinese offered his services  
as a guide and suggested the best  
route to Rumba was through Tungku.  
Patrol moved then through Tungku  
to Rumba. No signs of enemy were found  
and natives in the area stated that  
a few made their way to the coast at  
Pungit about one week ago. Japais  
reported that there are a number of  
Japanese in the hills at Kg Rumba.  
The head man of Kg Tungku expressed  
a wish to see W/C Kay.

1000

Blackhouse

20. 717 Bn.

1000



Serial //

# PATROL REPORT

Ser No  
16-6-45

UNIT : D Coy 2/17 BN  
STRENGTH 1 OFFR 27 ORS

Sub Unit : 18 PI  
comd 2LT Powell

TIME OUT 0945 hrs

TIME IN 1530 hrs

ROUTE OUT Start Point 17 PL thence NE along  
main spur to vicinity 505 424 to reported  
track turn off to NORTH thence along this track.  
ROUTE IN Left to discretion of Comd.

TASK 1 To ascertain if the track running  
from main feature NORTH was a possible  
escape route for enemy forces  
2 Mop up any enemy contacted

## PART I

Beyond ref 495 413 on main track running  
NE there are no signs of enemy movement.  
Along track running NORTH no recent movement  
has taken place. To the SOUTH of ref.  
495 413 there are signs of escape routes mainly  
in a SW direction from main feature.

## PART II

Patrol proceeded along main track to ref 505 424  
without sighting enemy. At this ref the track  
which up to this time was well known ended  
at two native huts, not on map, and then  
continued as an unused native pad along the  
main spur. No track was found running  
NORTH from this ref. The patrol retraced its route  
to ref 499 417 where a well defined track  
branched off the main track. This track was  
followed to two native huts vic. ref 498 419 where  
it became indistinct but continued to high ground  
ref 498 421 where this track ended. A firm base



PART II (cont)

was established at this point and this high  
 ground searched <sup>as far as 497420#501421</sup>, no movement was seen. The  
 patrol returned on completion of this search  
 via route out. assault cable was laid  
 by patrol and remains on the route taken.  
 This cable has been cut from main line  
 on return of patrol and the end near  
 17 PL misplaced to mislead infiltration parties.

Signed

NW3719

B Powell Jr.

BntHQ

1 Patrol report forwarded

1000

Off Beechey  
 cc. D Coy

Topo  
 - 2 1/2



To I.O. 2/17 Aust Inf Bn.

From D Coy



*Im*

PATROL REPORT

Ref Map ..... Date *14/800 T* ..... Serial No. *6* .....  
Type of Patrol *Fighting* ..... Unit *2/13 Pm* ..... Sub-unit *18 pl, one ac MG* .....  
Patrol comd and str *Lt Breeze & 58 on* ..... Time out *12/400 T hrs* ..... Time in *14/100 T hrs* .....  
Task *(1) To locate any enemy in area (2) State of track - if jeepable* .....  
Route *From 595548 to 480455 to LAMBAK 497489 by MT to Establish firm base at LAMBAK & patrol (a) WEST along track to 465490 (b) NORTH along BERAKAS Rd to beach at 477521 to 502529* .....  
PART 1

GENERAL

(1) No enemy seen in area of deserted hut at LOVEDAY believed HQ & def posns at 487526 believed to have been evacuated 24 hrs previously. Natives at village 502529 questioned & report that 40 enemy left above def posn night 11/12 JUN & travelled toward BRUNEI. No further signs of enemy seen. Rd blocks at 494504 and 482517.

Topography

Route 6 to BERAKAS rd June B2 from June to LAMBAK is jeepable in dry weather. From LAMBAK to coast unsuitable for MT. mostly jungle on either side of track with patches of overgrown cultivation. Beach at LOVEDAY has gradient of approx 1/6. MEDARAS track suitable for ops on foot only & passes through thick jungle with patches of overgrown cultivation but much food in area but natives are in reasonable condition. Some potholes in area. Salt mine at LOVEDAY had been worked by enemy.

*W.B.*



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For Action		Message Instructions <b>GR</b>
<b>TO</b> <i>20 Bar</i> (w) For Information (INFO.)		

ORIGINATOR'S No.

*Libup to 157620 @ Day elements at 451347 at 1258hrs @ are investigating rd block at 450347 @ Patrol serial 9 N.M.S. @ C. Coy patrol Serial 7 killed 1 Jap in dug near house at 510425 @ In morning beyond house shows no signs of use @ patrol returned to S.P. 1405hrs radio report more enemy 476417 @ A Coy patrol instructed to clear on route. info A Coy patrol serial 8 reports village 480418 clear of enemy 1950hrs B Coy finds elements at 444417 @ 4 pl is to move to Clifford Br and protect the and guard bridge head @ Lt Poran to be in command of bridgehead area @ Day since patrol killed one Jap at 485411 @ No further advice of this patrol to Bar 420 2115 Bu in contact at 474340 three cas over 4800 @ Patrol A Coy Serial 9 N.M.S.*

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PATROL REPORT.

518

Serial 7.

Unit 2/17 Bn.

Sub Unit C Coy

Str. One pl.

Time Out 150915

Time In Not later than 151700 (Patrol returned 1600 hrs.)

Route. As for patrol proposal.

PART 1

1. 1. Jap only seen who was killed.
2. Tr running up spur past house at 510425.

Part 2

Patrol moved up along tr on spur from 483403 to huts at 510425. At this point one Jap was seen in a dug out near the house. The Jap was killed. There is only one house standing which does not appear to have been occupied by the Japs. One hut in the area has been destroyed by shelling. Patrol investigated the tr beyond the village but found no signs of recent use by the enemy. Patrol returned to start point without further incident.

*D. W. H. H. H.*

Lt.

IO 2/17 Bn.

*W. H. H.*

~~474370~~

161800I



PATROL REPORT.

518

Serial 10

Unit 2/17 Bn

Subunit A Coy

Str. 10 off 90Rs 1 Int Sec

Patrol Comd Lt. F. Fink.

Time Out: 1200

Time In

Route. Out GADONG FERRY to GADONG School, then patrol Comd's discretion.

Tasks. What trs run SE from school leading towards TUTONG rd vic  
Bt. KELANGKANG.

2. What trs lead from school towards 9 mile on TUTONG rd.

3. Any signs of enemy movt in area searched.

4. What signs of enemy movt along tr leading NLRTH tl Kg RIMBA.

REPORT.

1. a. Tr to GADONG village jeapable. Coy could move in file. Firm  
surface, several light bridges.

b. School is approx 300 yds SW of GADONG. Narrow foot br amde of log  
with hand rail.

2. From the school to MATI MATI a clearly defined tr with a firm and san  
surface. The country is flat. There are two log and hand rail brs.

d. Natives report that tr continues to Kg Kelanis and is 3 hrs walk  
The tr crosses hilly country.

e. Guides are readily available at School and MATI MATI.

f. Foot pad from school to Kg BERIBA branches off the MATI MATI tr 100  
yds SW of school. Patrol Comd could not ascertain if the tr  
went beyond Kg BERIBA.

3. NMS. Natives report last enemy in area at least a week ago.

4. NONE.

Remarks. From Gadong Village tps could only advance on tr in single  
file.

Boat at FERRY will carry 8 fully equipped men.

Natives are very helpful and friendly. There several sick  
at GADONG School and a number at MATI MATI in need of  
attention.

*Basukana*

Lt.

10. 2/17 Bn.

*MB*

161800I



2/15 Patrol.

(479)

A Coy. Ambushed at 474 370 1K 1

Died wounds 1 wounded, enemy engaging  
Posn. 475 365 reported at 1550, Jap off  
K & wounded 2

11 pl. killed 1 Jap vicinity 493397  
at 1130 hrs

B Coy saw 2 Japs at 4497 387-



## PATROL REPORT

DATE. 15 June 45

Unit - 2/15 And Inf Am  
Sub Unit - 10th B Coy  
Strength - 15 + 10 ORs.  
Time Out - 0845?  
Time In - 1210 I.  
Type - fighting force  
Object - ascertain if any enemy in area and detect a  
jap to a safe which was found in the 6th WGH  
area yesterday.  
Route - from 493396 along rd to 40 grid

### PART 1

Safe was found but had been destroyed. English  
speaking Chinese say 3 Japs passed through area  
last night, and one early this morning.



## PATROL REPORT

Unit - 2/15 Aust Inf Bn  
Sub unit - 11 Pl B Coy (Lt O'DEA)  
Strength - 10/11 10 ORs.  
Type - Recce fighting.  
Area - Signs of enemy in areas previously occupied.  
Route - Out from 491395 NORTH for 100 yds, NE to CK  
491398 then along line of houses towards  
Oil Well area, across CK at ~~491396~~ 494396 WEST to  
house 491397 and back to Start point.

### PART I

House at 491398 had been occupied by enemy  
and there were 6 rifles, which were disposed of. 4  
unidentified people seen walking along to the  
WELL area. Footholes in area 491397. Across CK 25  
rifles were found together with medical stores. A  
guard was placed over these stores.

### PART II Topography

There is a good track running along the line of the  
houses and foot holes at 491399, 491398 and 491397.  
It is thought that CK would be concealable from  
towers near to 491398. There is a heavy cable running  
along line of 4 houses, evidently from towers to  
Oil Well area.



PATRICK REPEAT

Unit - 2/15 Aust Inf Bn  
 Sub-unit - 11 Pl B Coy (Lt O'DEA)  
 Strength - 10/11 100 RI.  
 Type - recon. fighting.  
 Object - Signs of enemy in areas previously occupied.  
 Route - Out from 491395 NORTH for 100 yds, NE to 491398 then along line of houses towards  
 Old WEH area, across creek at 494396 WEST to  
 house 491397 and back to start point.

PART I

House at 491398 had been occupied by enemy  
 and there were 6 rifles, which were disposed of. 4  
 unidentified people seen walking along to Old  
 WEH area. Footlockers in area 491397. across creek 28  
 rifles were found together with medical stores. A  
 guard was placed over these stores.

PART II Topography

There is a good track running along the line of the  
 houses and foot lockers at 491399, 491398 and 491397.  
 It is thought that creek would be concealed from  
 town area to 491398. There is a heavy cable running  
 along line of 1 house, evidently from town to  
 Old WEH area.

WR



## PATROL REPORT

DATE. 15 June 45

Unit - 2/15 And Inf Bn  
Sub-unit - 10th. B Coy  
Strength - 15, + 100 R.  
Time Out - 0845T  
Time In - 1310T  
Type - fighting force  
Object - ascertain if any enemy in area and about a  
jap R. a safe which was found in the 8th North  
area yesterday.  
Route - from 493391 along rd to 40 grid.

### PART 1

Safe was found but has been destroyed. English  
speaking Chinese say 3 Japs passed through area  
last night, and one early this morning.

W.R.

15/0000I



By map LABU 1/50,000

Date 21 June 45

Unit and Sub Unit: 2/5 AB 7pl A Coy

Patrol Area: 5/1 Power

St. of Patrol: 10/CR1

Time Out: 1130i

Time In: 1500i

Type: Fighting force

Task: To investigate a reliable native report of 5 Japs in village at 577273.

Route: from 560250 NE along BEAA track to 568258 then along track to village.

### Part I

At 1155i patrol ambushed and killed two Japs at 566256. 4 Japs were sighted in all, the other two making good their escape. From blood and in area one of them is believed to be wounded. Patrol then proceeded to village and reported 11M8. Natives reported having seen 2 Japs in TERUMI then morning getting sugar cane. Patrol returned by same route.

### Part II

The two Japs killed had rifles and 40 rounds of ammo each. Remnants found in bodies being sent to Bdr.



*RR* Patrol Report

*14 Jun*

Serial 3.

Unit 22/17 Bn

Subunit C Coy

Str. 10ffr 14 ORs

Time out 1000

Time in 1330.

Route. Tr 483404 to 496414. In by same route.

Tasks. 1. Mop up enemy in area.

2. Report signs of enemy movt and any intention to establish a hideout.

Special Instr. I Sec Malay speaker to accompany patrol.

PART 1.

1. Enemy in str met at 492408. Five killed.

2. Enemy occupying posn on commanding ground on razor backed ridge..

PART 2.

Patrol moved out from 483404 along tr leading up ridge. On reaching 492408 the patrol found Japs on each side of them and in front of them. A Jap was shot here and due to the unfavourable ~~ground~~ ground the patrol was withdrawn slightly to a more favourable posn. Enemy then attacked and four more were killed. It is considered that considerable additional casualties were inflicted as the enemy attacked in str and were met by fire from our patrol and stopped. At the end of the engagement our patrol had run out of amm and had to withdraw a short distance down the tr. Amm was then brought forward to the patrol which moved forward to its original posn. The enemy was occupying the high ground forward of them on a razor backed ridge. The patrol was ordered to secure the area and not return as previously ordered. A mortar mortar and an arty OP were sent fwd and engaged the posn with arty and mortar fire.

*Paluhous*  
*10.5/17 Bn*



*RL* Patrol Report.

14 Jun 45

Unit 2/17 Bn  
Sub Unit A Coy  
Patrol Comd. Lt Graham.  
Time Out 1000  
" 1100

Route. Out A Coy HQ 472414 to Village 479417 to 480418.  
in Along Tr to junc 479408, then along rd to BHQ.

Tasks. Mop up enemy in area of patrol and report on signs of activity.

2. If possible determine are there any Japs inland of that area and any indications of a Jap hideout.

PART I

1. 5 Japs killed at 475415 and 2 at 477415 5 Total killed 7.
2. Extensive well constructed posns at 477415 extending to village at 479415. No indications of Hideout. Posns are ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ of recent construction and consist of deep pits and short strongly revetted tunnels.
3. One chinese nurse was found at 475416 and brought in by 2 members of the patrol.

Part II.

The patrol moved out 700 yds up tr from S.P. and met 3 natives who advised them that there were Japs on their ahead. The natives went forward with the patrol and pointed out the Japs posn. Patrol opened fire and killed all five Japs occupying the posn. Japs were not well sited tactically, and were not dug in. 1 Dutch MG was captured, Aust FORs and several rifles. The patrol then moved to house at 475416 where Chinese nurse was found. Nurse was ill and was brought in to BHQ by 2 members of the patrol. Nurse stated that they had been badly treated by the Japs who at times came and took all their food and one night came and smashed up their house. The women had not been molested by the Japs. Patrol then moved off to high ground 477416 (map not accurate here) where new and extensive posns were found. These posns have been constructed recently, are well sited and there are numerous tunnels. If occupied great difficulty would be experienced in clearing it. The defns ~~xxxxxx~~ are continuous from 477416 to the village. A further 400 yds on enemy fired on the patrol. The Patrol attacked and killed one officer and one OR. Three new long rifles were found in the area. Patrol then moved to the village where they found two dead killed by D Coy patrol yesterday. Patrol proceeded through village to 480417. At this point the patrol was ordered by BHQ to return. The patrol had not fully cleared the village.

On return the patrol comd state that all infm rec'd from native was accurate and emphasised the value of Malay interpreters moving with patrols. The patrol was accompanied by a bn Int man who is a fluent Malay speaker.

PART III.

The area traversed on the outward route of the patrol is inaccurately mapped. There are numerous reentrants and sharp spurs. There is a foot pad from 470416 to 477416. The country is thick and scrubby.

The tr from the village to rd junc 479408 is well worn and clearly defined.

There vegetation makes by going off the trs and is low and scrubby.

*Phakun*  
10. 8/11/45



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GO PL

Blk

Patrol to check native report  
of 5 enemy dead in Bluff  
Area.

Route Along ENGLAND track  
to BRUNEI BLUFF. Small side  
tracks present.

GENERAL No gap dead found.  
Documents found & evidence  
of wounded gap in area  
611568 — NMS.

TOPO Numerous side tracks  
running to river, going right.  
Disused coal pits found  
at 611562



1420

7/13  
~~2/17~~

Bde.

Patrol report 9.

(438)

General enemy NMS.

no signs of recent occupation  
no signs of coal mine  
previously reported. Not

599 539 2 rough shelters  
found & gap clothing-occup  
ied 5 days ago. Diary  
found in area

TOPO. The exerts entire  
length of patrol running  
roughly at foot of hill.

RW



2/13. Local recce patrol C Coy 1460 & 5-  
ant 1500 in 1710 recce area on  
Cay front ~~ant~~. Route 601545-600542  
597539 to hut 594531 & return via  
same route - NMS - old gap  
sandshoes found 596539 -  
OP located 595530 - had not  
been used for at least 1 week.  
From OP a mine mine north for 75\*  
upon return patrol observed  
gap dixie at 600542 - patrol report  
dixie not observed ant - Hardly  
possible that patrol would have  
missed it. Dixie met when  
found.

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11/13



# MESSAGE FORM

Register No. *4*

Call	Ser. No.	Priority	Transmission Instructions <i>Message mutilated subject to correction</i>	
ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY				
FROM (A)	Originator <i>2/15 Bn.</i>		Date—Time of Origin <i>121900Z</i>	Office Date Stamp <i>(219)</i>
For Action				
TO	<i>20 BDE</i>		Message Instructions	GR
(w) For Information (INFO.)				

ORIGINATOR'S No.

*I18 Recce patrol strength 1 off and 4 ORs to village 525417 @ Chinaman reports approx 200 Gaps area square 5039 working COKE factory two days ago patrol then proceeded SW along (WHISTLE) to east in udurning 551 no tanks seen tracks good but crossed by several streams & capable with improvements*

This message may be sent AS WRITTEN by any means { except } Wireless

Signed

If liable to be intercepted or fall into enemy hands, this message must be sent IN CIPHER

Signed

Originator's Instructions  
Degree of Priority

*0130*

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Time Cleared		



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PATROL REPORT

Ref Map ..... Date 11 JUN 45 Serial No. ....  
Type of Patrol Recce Unit A Coy Sub-unit 8 Pl .....  
Patrol comd and str A Luter & pl. Time out 0800 hrs. Time in 1800 hrs  
Task To recce tracks & village areas. (2) Procure enemy info. .....  
Route 609556 to village area 595558 then up spur to track at .....  
588556 NORTH towards coast and returned to bay area by SSE track.

PART 1

GENERAL

(1) Tracks indefinite and hard to follow for the most part and track could NOT be made jeepable.

(2) No sign of recent enemy occupation.

PART 2

From 609556 to bend of rd 605555 track definable but going down spur on steep side of ridge, after this pt no track. Waterways are forming inundations. Then went along track leading through coal mine and descended to route 6 at bend. From 605555 to 605558 (10 metre feature) the terrain is low lying swamp covered with white grass. Water is ankle deep. The track on 10 metre feature is indefinite and overgrown and has not been used for sometime.

From 605558 to 596582 unable to follow track owing to swamp, big prickly bamboo type of scrub and very high foliage; also mud at times over the knees. Tracks definite on feature 596582 and leading in various directions. No sign of enemy occupation on this feature.

To village 595558 - a good track leading into village, rivers definite and about 10ft with banks 2ft, have sandy bottom and much vegetation in water which is dark. Village apparently deserted, part of the village is on rising ground.

From village via spur commencing 594559 to track at 588556 low swamp around village with water at times knee high, very definite track up spur 2ft wide with sandy surface and white clay, gradient 1 in 8.

From 588556 NORTH through huts. Many huts recently occupied by natives mainly in valleys. Some documents here and many natives in area - two natives and documents passed back to bn. One families have left village. On leaflets dropped by our craft.



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Area recently cultivated and natives are in good condition although food is not plentiful and their clothes are ragged. @  
running to coast mainly on narrow back ridges @

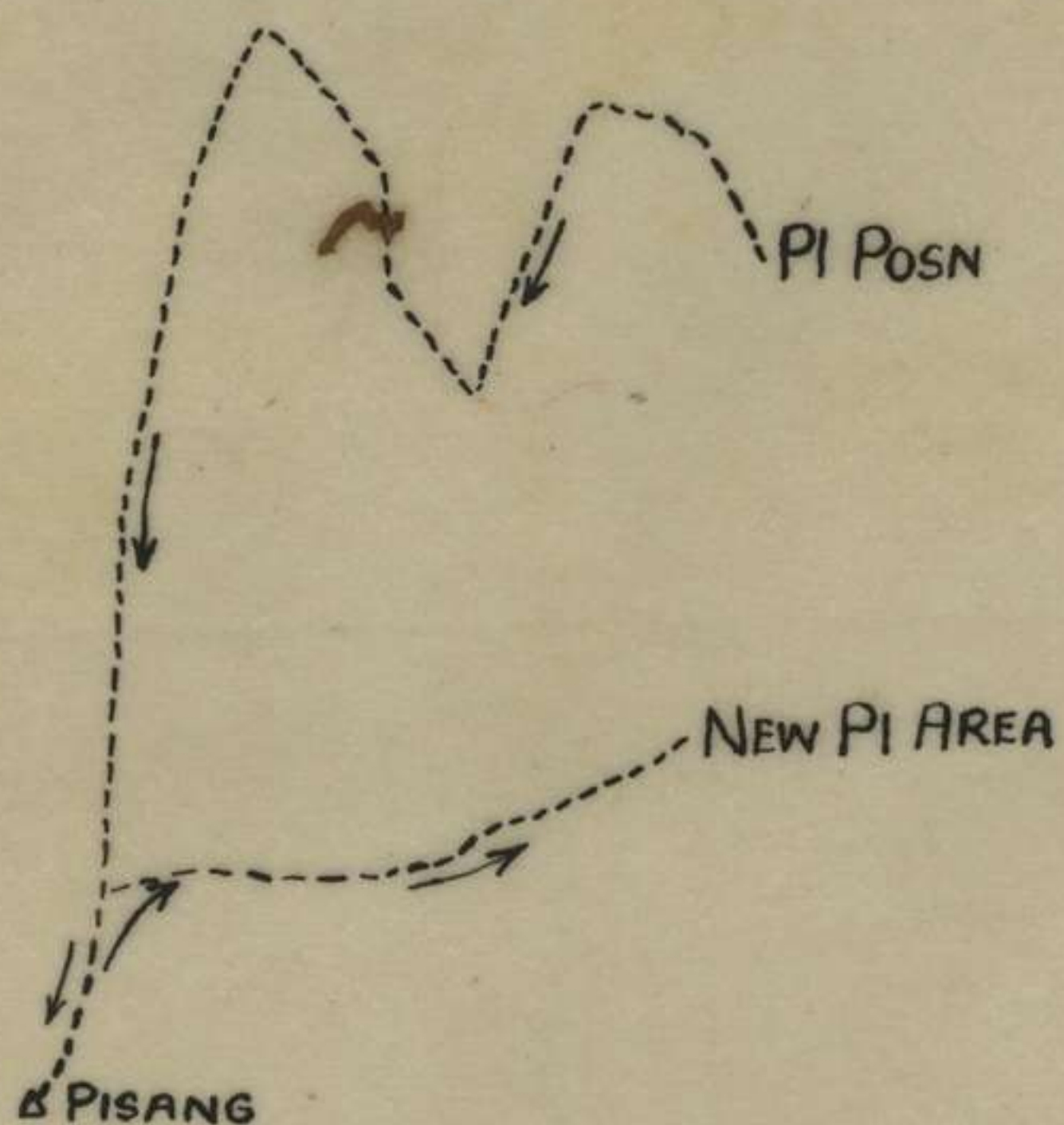
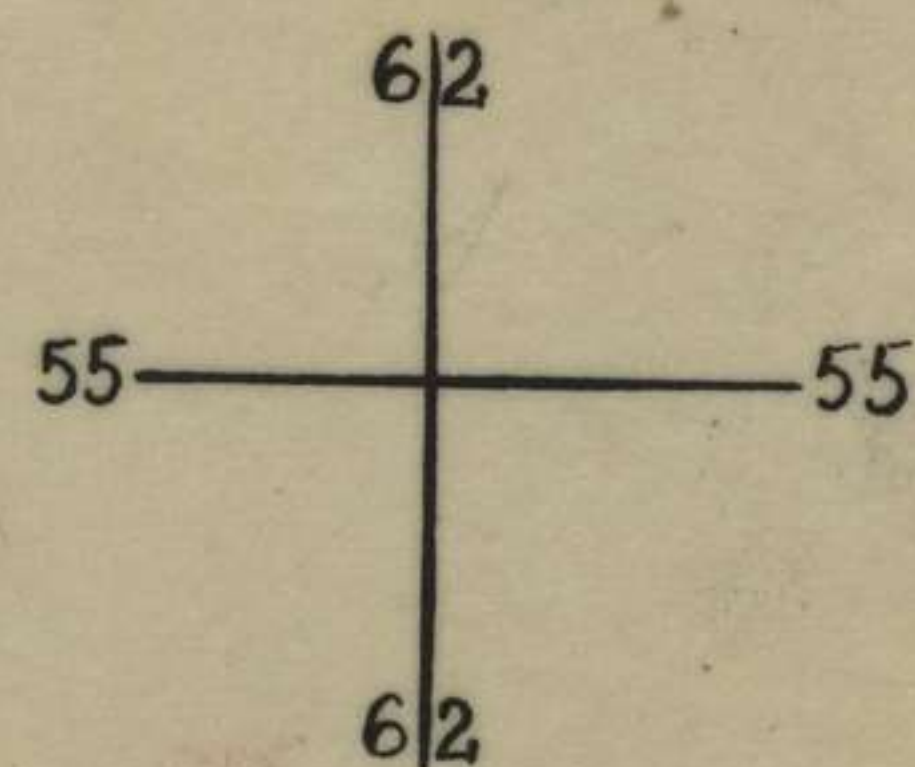
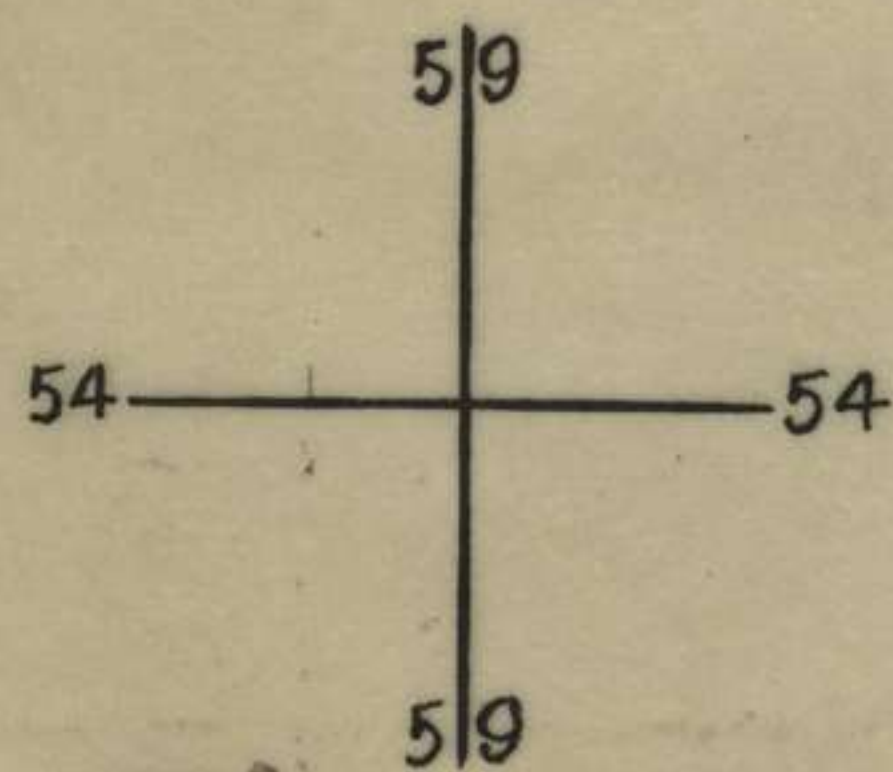
Returned to boy area by track SOUTH to  
SSE @ Definite track with steep gradients @



C COY PATROL 11 JUN 45

# ROUTE OVERLAY

Ref Map PELONG ROCK S.W. 1:25000





# PATROL REPORT

Ref Map ..... Date 11 JUN ..... Serial No. ....  
 Type of Patrol RECCE ..... Unit C COY ..... Sub-unit 15 PI .....  
 Patrol comd and str LT NEAL ..... Time out 1345 hrs ..... Time in 1800 hrs .....  
 Task To gain all topo infm to see if area is clear of enemy. .....  
 Route see OVERLAY trace .....

## PART 1

### GENERAL

Enemy Infm. - No sign of enemy - 3 huts existing on top of Pisang show signs of earlier occupation. huts have been vacated for 3 to 4 weeks - huts used for sleeping quarters and O.P. no defence in area. one UX B at ref 601533 and one at ref 606533

### Topo Infm

No track from S.P. to LOOP going fair but undergrowth dense

track from LOOP in good condition - width 3' - surface sandy - no signs of recent use to point where patrol left track  
 foot track exists from ref 605543 running N.W. and probably links up ~~with~~ with huts in general area ref 602547 - condition - ~~is~~ <sup>is</sup> ~~foot~~ no signs of recent use - going fair - track runs through rubber plantation. (ref 604544)

No track exists from creek up ridge to ref 602544 and SOUTH along ridge to creek

ground rises steeply from creek 604544 - going difficult owing to gradient and thick undergrowth undergrowth continues along full length of feature to creek ref 601541



Track exists from creek to Trig. <sup>(2)</sup> condition -  
narrow foot pad not clearly defined - ground  
rises steeply from creek and is steep for whole length  
of main feature to Trig. apart from small  
clearing ref 601537 track runs through rain  
forest with undergrowth.

At ref 601533 track runs NW down spur -  
track was probable route used by Japs to haul timber  
sawn timber for huts in Trig area  
track is cut into hillside and is very steep  
width 3 to 4 feet.

Track runs from 601533 EAST down spur and  
along ridge and links up with hut in cultivation  
at ref 609535

Track is foot pad clearly defined shows signs  
of recent use - probably used by natives to  
reach gardens in area.



REPORT - OBOE SIX TO CAPTURE OF BRUNEI  
TO - CRE 9 Aust Div  
FROM - Major R.F. EASTICK, OC. 2/3 Aust Fd Coy RAE

1. REF MAPS

PELONG ROCK SE	Sheet	3146-111 SE	Scale	1:25000
PELONG ROCK SW	"	3146-111 SW	"	"
BRUNEI NE	"	3045-1 NE	"	"
BRUNEI SE	"	3045-1 SE	"	"
TG LUMUT NW	"	3145-iv NW	"	"

2. REFERENCES

2/3 Aust Fd Coy RAE	O O No 1
" " " " "	Adm Order No 1
" " " " "	Sig Instr No 1

### 3. PLANNING

General. The planning presented few difficulties and all eqpt was generally speaking tactically loaded. It was found that the lack of an early decision from the Navy as to how they would unload lead to changes in loading and some subsequent loss in tactical layouts. It will be seen from later remarks that this resulted to a complete upset of the tactical landing of eqpt which in the case of YELLOW BEACH made it necessary for subsequent work to be organised on the spot rather than leaving it to a HQ's organisation to handle. The term "on call" is too vague, and, if ships are "on call" to a person who has no tactical picture in mind, it may lead to difficulties.

It is considered that the Navy should give firm decisions early in the planning and be expected to strictly adhere to dictates of the Army of the order of the craft beaching. Since the Engineers are responsible for the passage of vehicles across the beach they should have a considerable voice in the times of ships landing.

Stores and Equipment. The intention and timings of exploitation could not be laid down at the time of planning and so the requirements of stores and eqpt were such as to cover the limits of exploitation. This worked out sufficient even with the subsequent mounting of an operation to LUTONG out of the initial landing stores with the exception of outboards of which there were six. There can not be enough of these especially in rivers with towns where hulls of boats may be available.

Tactical loading of the bridging and stores was not completely achieved due to the late arrival of stores at MOROTAI and the early loading of bulk stores.

All stores were listed and copies were given to drivers and stores personnel who were to handle these stores.

Personnel. Were tactically loaded but the remarks in the above para referring to the ships being "on call", also apply.

### 4. PREPARATION.

General. The time between the receipt of vehicles and stores from ASUTRALIA and the loading into ships was two days and was much too short. Faults which should have remedied at MOROTAI were still to be attended to after landing. Fortunately the major ones were fixed at MOROTAI and the operation could proceed with some initial difficulty.

Stores. All small stores were double sandbagged and marked but owing to the considerable increase of handling due to transshipment from RED BEACH and the dumping of bags, some of the bags were split. It is recommended that small parts be crated or clamped together.



#### 4. PREPARATION (contd)

##### Personnel

Briefing. All sappers were thoroughly briefed before their departure since they were travelling apart from their Officers. All surplus Air Photos were distributed and the relevant portions cut out and issued down to sections where possible.

Training. All sappers were ~~ESSENTIALLY~~ trained in their special tasks and cadres were run for outboard motors, and the Mollanite filter and Bren Guns. The squad who were to blow the dolphins on RED BEACH trained with dummy charges on the dolphins at MOROTAI.

Loading. This proceeded satisfactorily although lack of appreciation of the disposition of stores and vehicles in relation to the loading areas lead to a large amount of running while fully waterproofed - as much as fourteen in some cases.

#### 5. FLOTATION TESTS. Due to the unfavorable Engineer Intelligence reports of the beach - later found not to be correct - the hinterland, the set of tide and the surf it was decided that GREEN BEACH would be a scramble beach with waterproof equipment.

A portion of the ammunition and mortars of the Bn as well as one American 75 m.m. pack Howitzer were crated and wrapped in Fibreen with bitumen joints. Cleats were tacked along the joints to ensure their watertightness and to protect the fibreen during the handling of crates. If the complete Bn and Artillery stores had been crated, the metric tonnage would have been excessive, so the minimum was crated as laid down by Lt-Col J. BROADBENT and an alternate means of flotation was provided by 9 rubber recce boats and 3 Folding boats from the FBE. The boats were allotted 1 Folding boat and 3 Rubber recce boats per LSM.

The rubber recce boats were fitted with ARC mesh floors as shown in Appx "A" and the cordage supports taken under the boats to transfer the load, when lifted, from the rubber eyes to the boat floor. These were carried deflated and inflated when required.

It was considered that the LSM's towing speed of 7 knots was too fast for FBE. Because of this together with the likelihood of surf it was decided that these should be carried on the LCM.

The folding boats were equipped with canvas dodgers and carried athwart the LSM's on a frame constructed as in Appx "D" to fit across the LCM. This frame was lashed to the bottom of the folding boat so that when the boat was lowered from the LSI onto the LCM the minimum work was necessary in placing it. As the LCM grounded the folding boat was launched over the side of the LCM and a rope, previously run under bolts through the fair leads, was taken ashore and made fast at either end, and the boat ferried by hand. In the tests this worked very satisfactory.

Rations and water could float ashore in their own containers and did not require any special work.

#### 6. LANDING.

##### MUARA ISLAND.

White Beach. No difficulty was encountered by the LVT 4s on this beach at 0915 hrs 10 Jun but it was found to be unsuitable for larger craft. The demolition charges for the dolphins at 685508 and 683508 were taken ashore across this beach in an LVT 4.

##### Red Beach.

Landing. At approx 1000 hrs 10 Jun LSM 168 followed by LSM 203 attempted to beach between Piers 3 and 4 LSM 168 beached and LSM 203 pulled out and beached at SAPO POINT. The tide was not full and the beach was 50' wide and 50 yds long and covered with a tangle of logs. LSM 203 carried 2 R4 tractors, a D6 dozer and 1 sled ARC mesh and 20 sappers and work was commenced to clear the beach and construct exits. LSM 168 followed later and D6 dozer with sleds of ARC mesh and 8 sappers.



## 6. LANDING (contd)

As the logs were dozed off the beach further layers were encountered until three layers were removed. This loosened the sand and vehicles were required to be towed to their dispersal areas. With the initial shortage of ARC mesh, mesh was laid longitudinally to enable jeeps to move.

The area behind RED and WHITE beaches was covered with logs and old equipment and badly cut up by the shelling. It was decided to beach LST's and LSM together on SAPO POINT and run traffic between them. Steel plate was plentiful and when pulled into position made a satisfactory track. The later passage of LVT 4s (was) which assisted in unloading LST's destroyed this and ARC mesh track and it was necessary to maintain them.

On 11 Jun LST's were required to unload and all stores were dumped on RED BEACH instead of unloading on to NLP lighters in the stream. This made the small dispersal area extremely congested.

Sleds were improvised by bending up the ends of steel plates and towed by a tractor and used to move stores off the beach. This proved to be quite satisfactory plan and the handling of stores proceeded without difficulty.

Engineer vehicles were moved to YELLOW BEACH by 12 Jun and the engineer stores and the last of the Mech Eqp were moved to YELLOW BEACH by 13 Jun - the day the infantry reached BRUNEL.

The transshipment using RED BEACH was not a satisfactory plan, particularly in view of the rapid advance of the infantry and the small engineer resources in the YELLOW BMA, because sappers equal to the working number of a platoon were necessary to work and maintain RED BEACH.

Demolitions of dolphins. The dolphin at 685508 was satisfactorily blown by 1230 hrs 10 Jun but due to the unfavorable beach and hinterland the second dolphin was not blown. Appx "B" sets out the method employed.

Water Point. A water point was operating at 1430 hrs 10 Jun giving 6 scoop water at 300 Gals hr. The spear point clogged due to fine sand and the compressor sump pump was used in a sump to maintain the supply.

Ferry. An FBE folding boat and outboard motor was running to YELLOW BEACH on 11 Jun but due to the traffic with LSM's, was not employed as fully as it might have been.

AIR strip. An Auster strip was started but was abandoned due to the unsatisfactory state of MUARA ISLAND.

Roads. Were not satisfactory and due to mangroves and coastwise movement was made by LVT 4s.

Wharves. A survey of wharves was made, as set out in Appx "C".

### BROCKETON.

Green Beach. The craft beached and troops landed dry shod and the flotation equipment was not necessary. This equipment was later collected from GREEN BEACH by stores personnel.

Yellow Beach. The craft "on call" were called in, in no tactical order and LSM 225 was the first to beach. By good fortune this carried a R 4 tractor and HD 7 dozer with 3 sledges of ARC mesh. Personnel with which it was planned to lay the mesh arrived up to an hour later. The beach was firm and in places covered with sunk-debris. It was about 60 yds long and 10' to 50' wide, depending on the tide. The tractor and dozer cleared the debris and made one beach exit.



## 6. LANDING ( contd ) BROOKETON.

At low tide this was sufficient since 70% of the vehicles were drowned and required towing. To accentuate the difficulties the LSM's were called in singly at full speed and while one group of officers were herding the vehicles into a watery grave the three foot bow wave of an incoming LSM was administering the " coup de grace " with the result that some eqpt. Trucks spent up to 36 hours under repair. One wave covered the top of a cabin of a 3 ton Tip truck. It is considered that a firmer control of the beach could have saved this from occurring. As personnel were available the ARC mesh was laid and three exits were available by 2000 hrs 10 Jun. The tide washed these out in part and it was necessary to keep a section at the beach to maintain them.

BMA. It was not necessary to do much work to the BMA since the slow clearance of stores from the RED BEACH allowed a ready clearance from YELLOW BEACH. The ground around the roads was good and no hard standings were required. Repairs to roads were effected by 1 Pl 2/1 Aust Mech Bqpt Coy using Autopatrol and dozer by covering bad spots with ship plate. 11 Pl 2/16 Aust Fd Coy constructed minor culverts and installations, collected stores, repaired jetties and repaired the good water supply system already installed. The water point was installed by 1200 hrs on 11 Jun using 8 tanks.

Auster Strip. This was located at 625553 on a well drained sandy grassed strip. The portion of 1 Pl ashore at YELLOW BEACH cleared by hand the scattered low bushes and filled holes and covered the holes with ARC mesh. This was completed at 1200 hrs 11 Jun.

Engineer ~~Stores~~ Resources. There were considerable engineer resources in the area and survey of equipment suitable for Fd Coy purposes was made as in Appx "D". There is still considerable amount of heavy machinery to be surveyed.

Wharves. A survey was made as in Appx "C".

Handling of Engr Stores. All personnel detailed to handle stores had lists so that a check could be made. It was impossible to make this check due to the passage through RED BEACH, the rapid advance of the infantry, and insufficient BEACH personnel. With the fluid situation the stores had not received an adequate check by 20 Jun.

It is known that oil and paint is missing and it is considered that it has been pillaged in transit.

7. ADVANCE BY ROAD

On the morning of 11 Jun 2/17 Aust Inf Bn commenced the advance at a rapid rate with 3 Platoon in support. 3 Pl had no equipment or trucks ashore and marched with the hand tools they carried ashore. As vehicles could be repaired after drowning and off-loaded they were sent forward. It was found that the road was quite satisfactory while dry. Terrain study No 89a to the contrary it did not rain, with the result that much sapper work was saved. As a result of the bombing the natives had scattered and were not encouraged to return from the gardens with the result that native labour was not available. It was found that bridges were impossible of classification because of poor abutments and rotten timber and failures commenced to occur on the whole length of the road. Important bridges were detoured and the absolute minimum repaired. Late 11 Jun 1 Pl took over a portion of the road BROOKETON - BRUNEL. By 1700 hrs 12 Jun sappers had reached the Air strip and the road maintenance had become acute. It was necessary to use the LOB and 1 section of 11 Pl 2/16 Aust Fd Coy to repair culverts and the road which was falling behind 1 Pl and 3 Pl. Thus coming a new abbreviation for LOB " Left on the Bridges". All units moving along the road were instructed to repair it as they went and this was done particularly by the tanks. By 13 Jun BRUNEL was reached with no further sapper work except the removal of demolitions which will be dealt below.



7. ADVANCE BY ROAD. ( contd)

Appx "E" shows work done on RD BROOKETON - BRUNEI to 13 Jun.  
A water point was installed at 496460 by 1900 hrs 12 Jun.

8. ADVANCE BY RIVER

A recce was commenced from 527403 on 11 Jun to find a track to BRUNEI but this was abandoned with the capture of BRUNEI and 2 Pl and a dozer was moved by river to BRUNEI and the trucks proceeded overland.

9. JAPANESE DEMOLITIONS AND MINES

No mines or booby traps were found. Crude attempts were made to demolish road vicinity 471429 by burning crated aerial bombs soaked in dieseline. This is surprising in view of the fact that detonators and safety fuse were found under the bank building in BRUNEI.

10. TANKS.

A D8 dozer was attached to the tanks and constructed detours as required. 6 sappers with mine detectors accompanied the tanks on their advance. At 2000 hrs 12 Jun tanks were at 582533. 1 Pl continued to move on the night of 12/13 Jun. By 130800 hrs they had arrived at 549519 where a 32' Class 24 SBG was installed. 3 Pl had tommed bridges at 494460 and 476443 and 5 tanks arrived at BRUNEI airstrip 131300 hrs and 1 tank and D8 tractor was completely bogged on the road 512475. This movement of the tanks badly damaged the RD BROOKETON- BRUNEI.

11. EXPLOITATION

The movement beyond BRUNEI will be the subject of a further report.

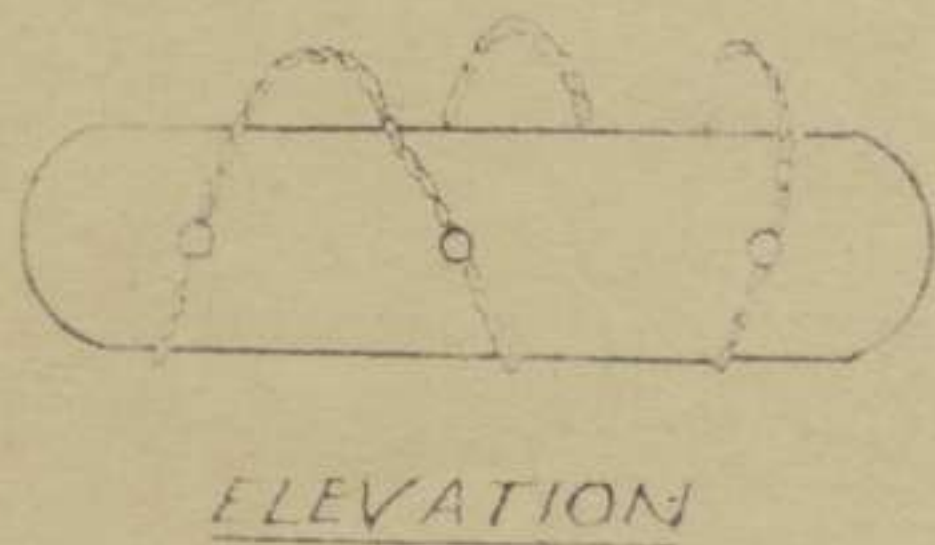
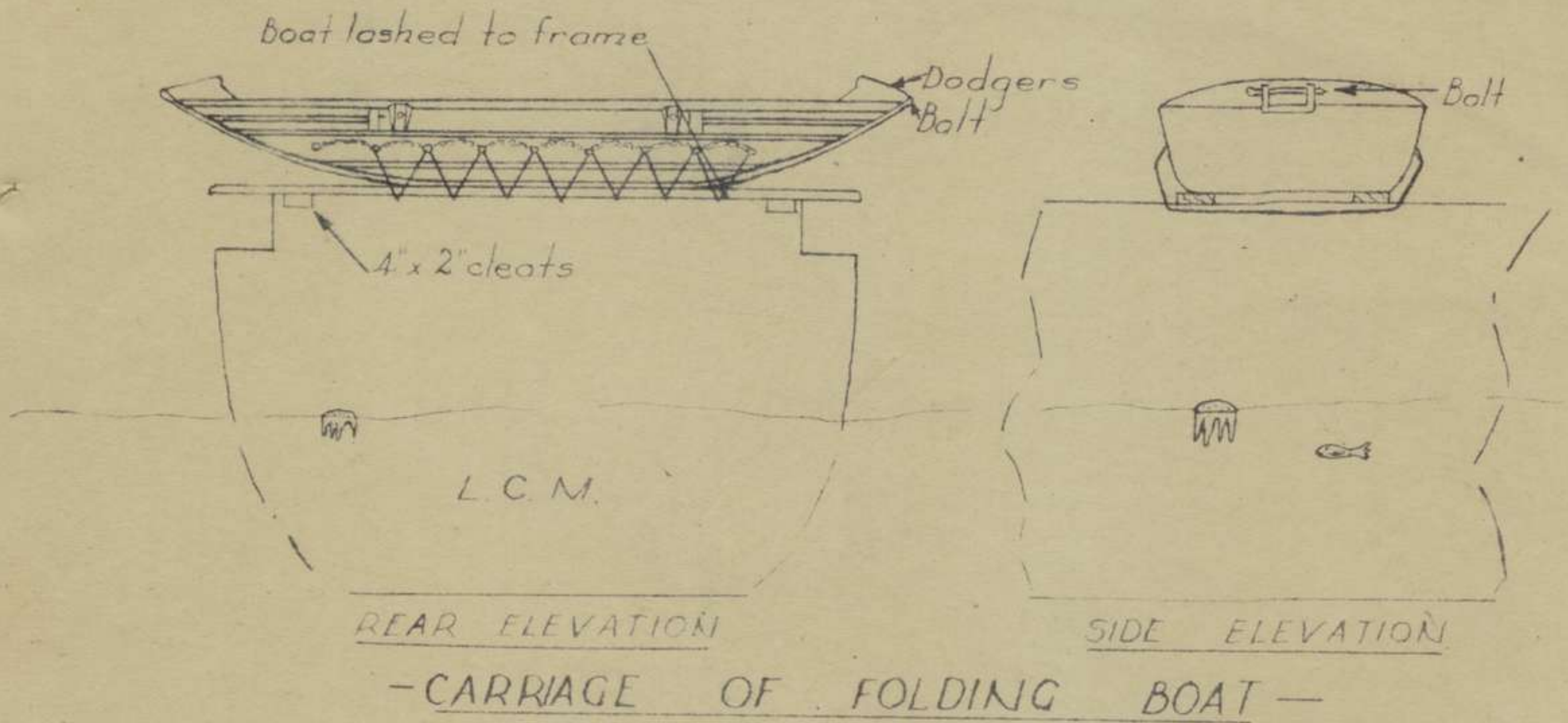
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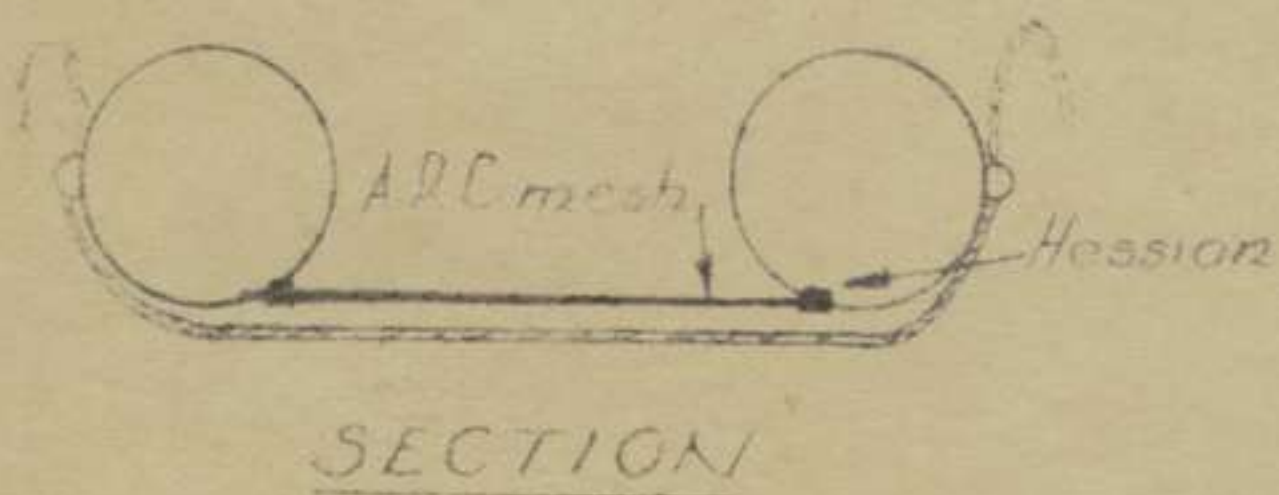
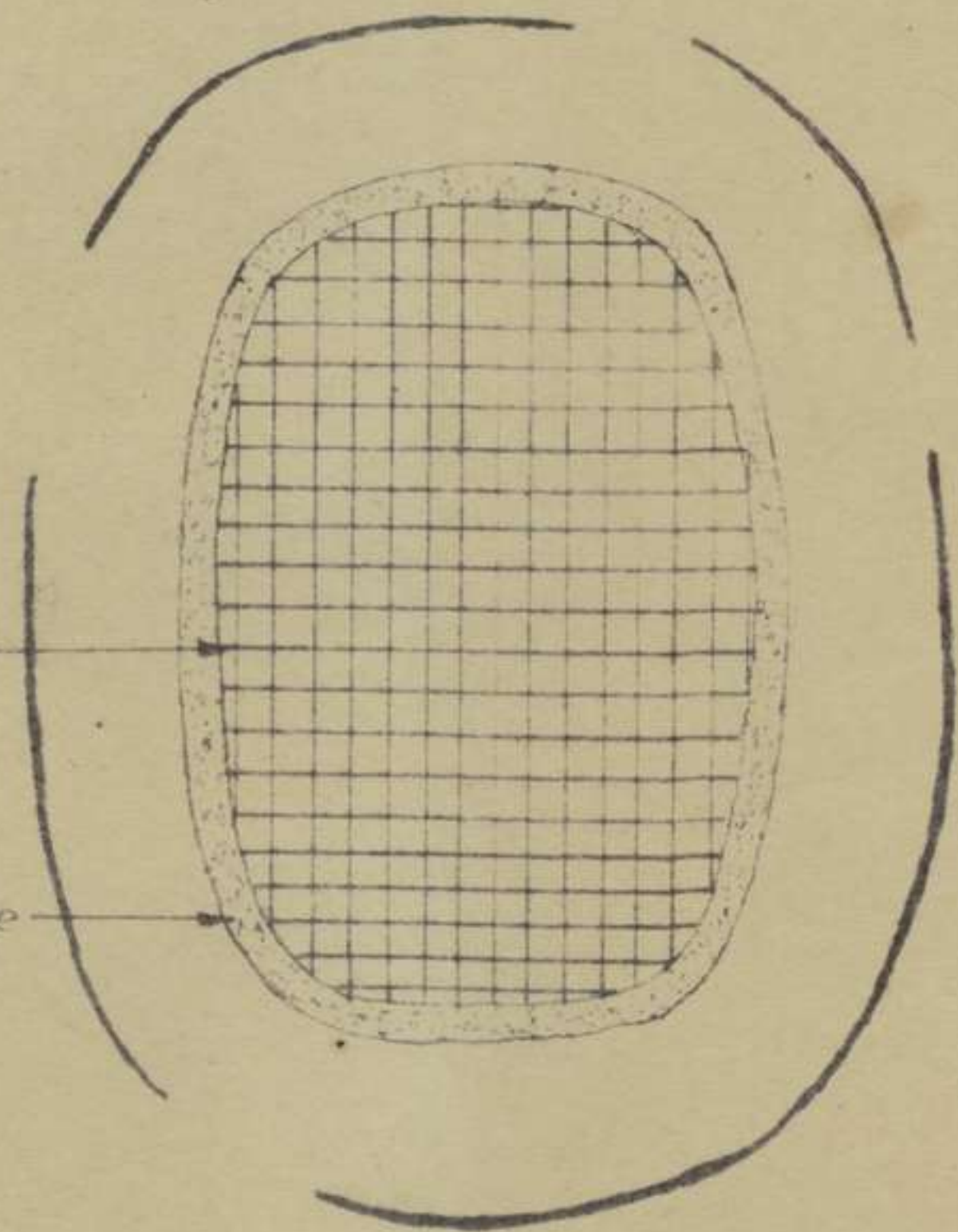
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ARC mesh cut to fit rubber Recce boat

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- PREPARATION OF RUBBER RECCE BOAT -

NOT TO SCALE



## REPORT ON DEMOLITION ON MIARA ISLAND

TO CC. 2/3 AUST FD COY RAE

FROM Lt J.P. HOLMES A/OC 2 PI

MAP REFERENCE 685508 TG LUMUT 1:50000

1. **OBJECT.** To cut off dolphin frames 12' below Low water level to allow entry of LST's and LSM's to RED BEACH between piers 3 and 4.
2. **PLANNING.** A study of the Aerial photographs showed that the dolphins consisted of three rows of piles in the form of a square estimated to be 14' on the side. The piles appeared to be 9" to 12" diam and diagonally braced and with light timber Decking. The best available photos were obliques and the exact size could not be determined. An ample margin was allowed in the amount of explosives used in addition there were 8 isolated piles to be cleared. The dolphin demolition charges were made in two types:-
  - (i) 9 Large 30 lb charges in ARC mesh baskets to ensure sinking on spacing pieces for the piles.
  - (ii) 16 small 15 lb charges in ARC mesh baskets for placing in suitable places.
 Spacing pieces were made 16' x 4" x 1 1/2" with holes bored every 9" so that the 30 lb charges could be fastened in the desired positions. Breast lines were tied on the ends of the timbers to control the descent of the charges. Flotation bladders from Reddy Fox charges were placed under canvas loops on the timber and punctured to sink the charges. These are shown in Appx "B1". Small charges were fitted with loops to enable them to slide down piles if required. All charges were fitted with cordtex to connect to a cordtex ring main with a 5 min safety fuse.

3. **EXECUTION**

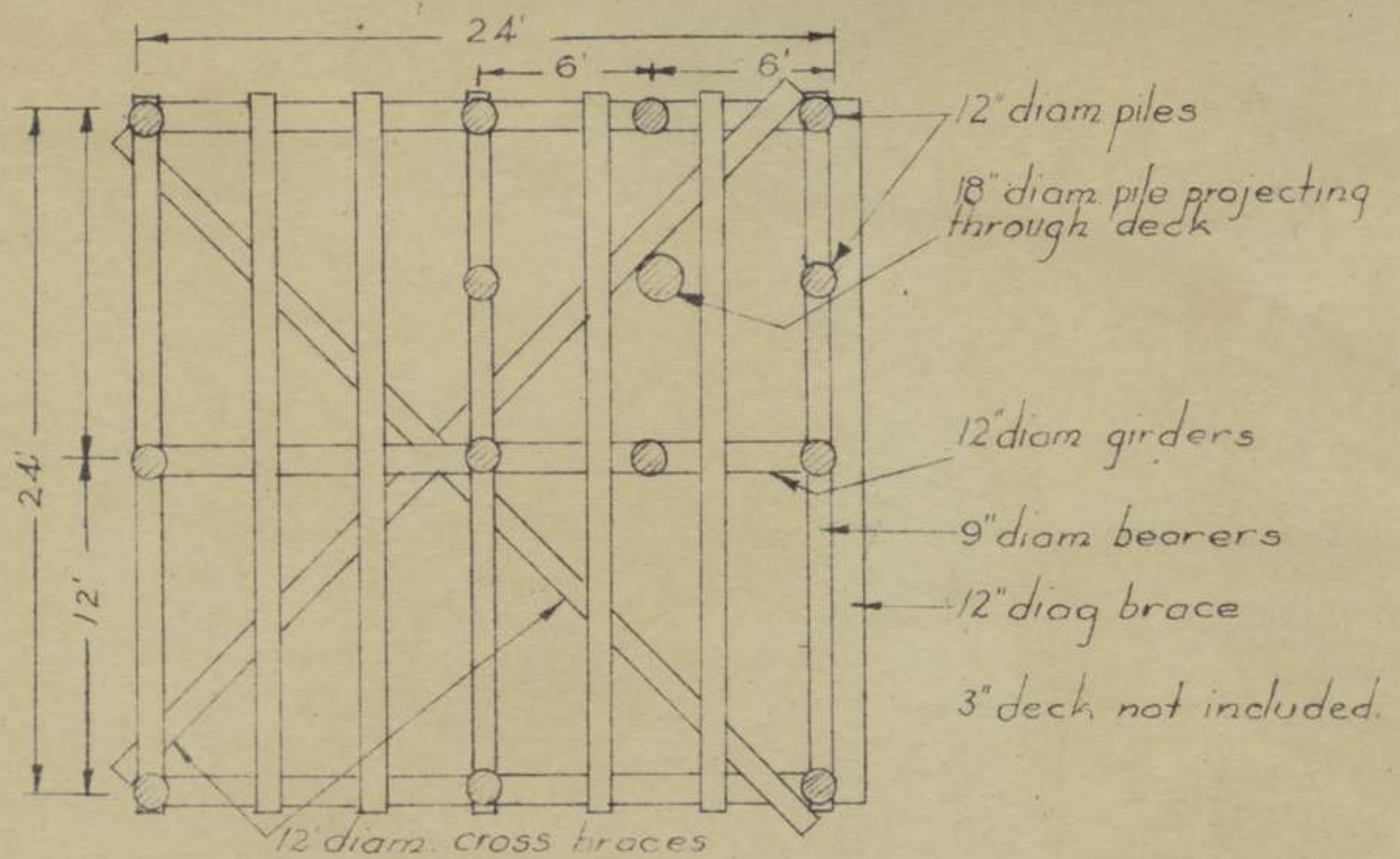
The plan was varied on the site since the sizes were greater than could be determined from the Aerial photos and was constructed as in Appx "B1".

The isolated piles were loose and were pulled out by the LVT4. The dolphin between pier 2 and 3 measured 24' x 24" and the bulk charges were placed separately and the breast lines unravelled to provide sufficient lines for their placing nine 30 lb charges and four 15 lb charges were lowered 18' under the water. Three 15 lb charges were placed on the 18" pile.

The only charges placed on the superstructure was on a diagonal brace since the deck timbers were light and soft and vehicles were congregating in the vicinity. All charges were connected by cordtex to a cordtex ring main.

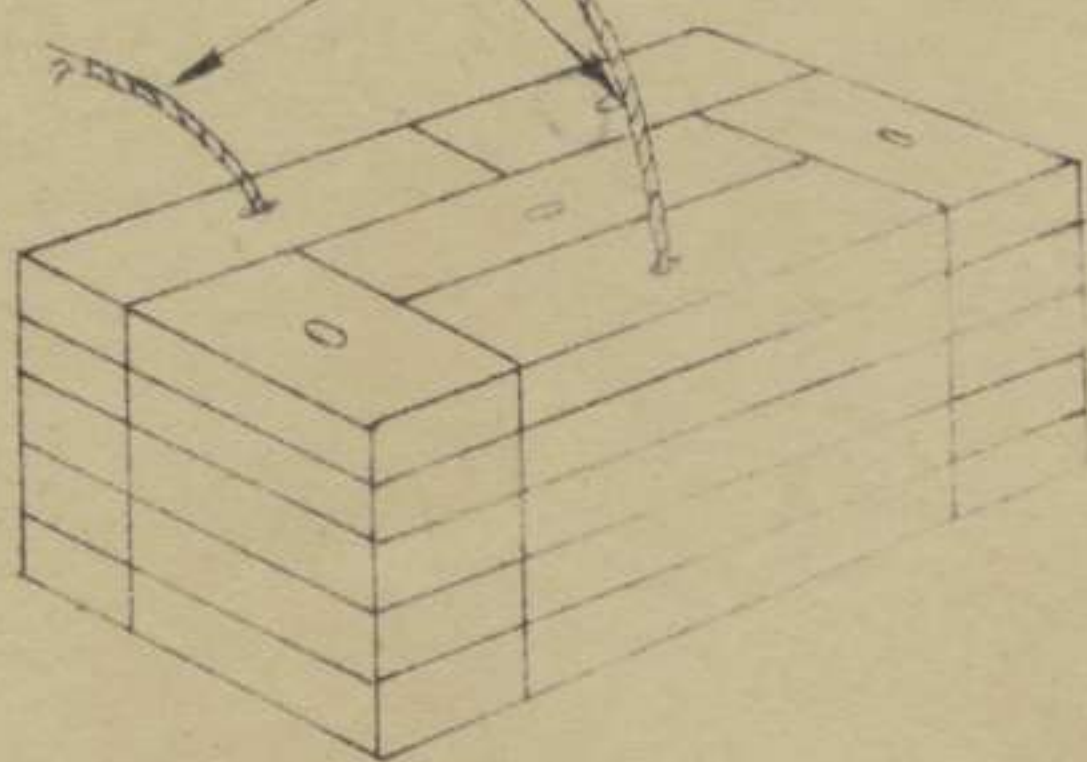
The demolition was complete and the current carried debris away. The beach was unsuitable for beaching and the dolphin between piers 3 and 4 was not demolished.





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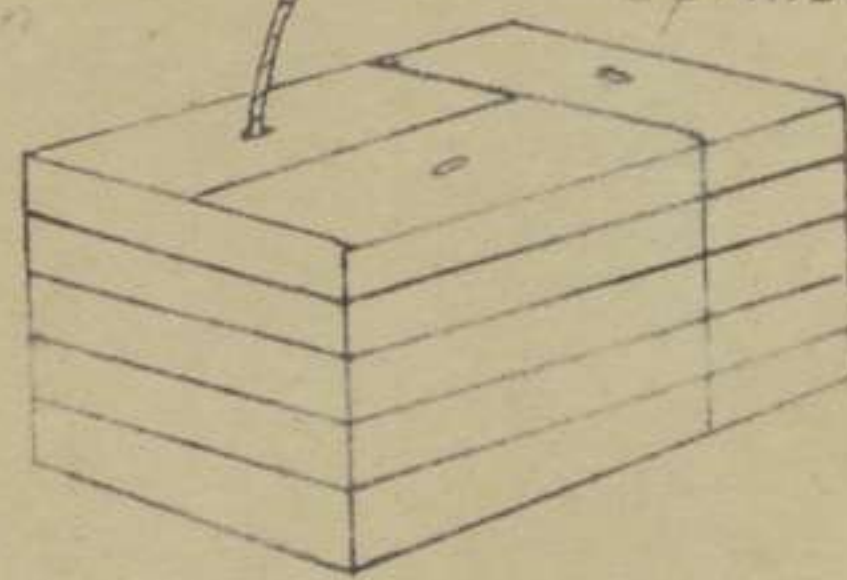
Cordtex leads



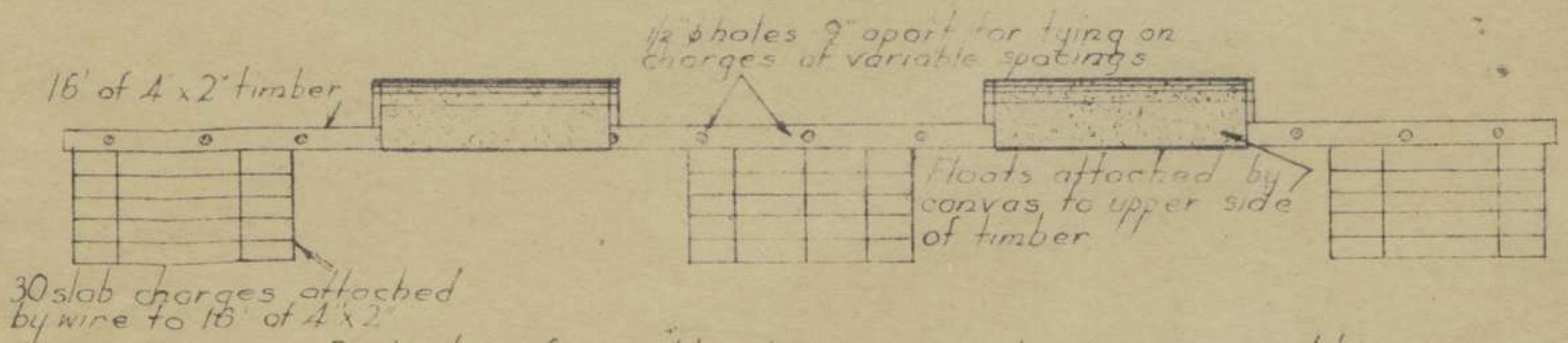
30 slab charge in ARC mesh basket

2 primers on each lead

Cordtex lead with 2 primers



15 slab charge in ARC mesh basket



Detail of method proposed for variable spacing of charges



## REPORT ON PIERS - MUARA ISLAND AND BROOKETON

REF MAPS - PELONG ROCK SE ( Special ) 1:25000  
 " " SW 1:25000

## a. MUARA ISLAND.

Pier No	Class	Width	Length	Dimension of head	Depth at Low water	Nature of ground at rear	Remarks
Jetty	9	16'	130'	72' x 24'	12'	Sandy badly pitted by bombardment	
1	9	16'	416'	312' x 20'	35'	Inland as above - on shore hard - Few holes covered by steel & timber	2' G tranline to approach
2	9	8'	480'	304' x 20'	32'	as above	
3	9	16'	320'	292' x 15'	32'	"	
			620'				
4	9	8'	832'	285' x 10'	32'	"	
5	UNDER CONSTRUCTION PILES ONLY						
6	"	"	"	"	"	"	

## b. BROOKETON (YELLOW)

Jetty	5	10'	100'	-	15'	Soft sandy soil - Timber ramp to ruined sawmill shed.	Very dilapidated 40' timber floating pile frame along side. No engine or monkey
1	5	25'	285'	-	15'	Sandy beach	Used for unloading Naval pontoons will take intermittent Cl 9 loads.
2	5	25'	100'	525' x 30'	15'	Soft sandy soil - swampy Littered with debris	B type pier badly damaged
3	9	15'	95'	200' x 15'	15'	Hard soil of sandy nature	unfinished T type will take intermittent Cl 9 loads. Sheeted steel plates to increase to Cl 9. Pier used to unload LSM's
4	5	10'	198'	-	15'	Hard rocky soil	used for unloading LCI's and for Op ferry service MUARA IS.

NOTE: YELLOW BEACH. All piers originally constructed Cl 9 but due to rotting of timber will now only take intermittent loads of this class with exception of Pier No 3.



LIST OF ENG STORES IN BMS - & ALONG RD- BROOKETON - BRUNEL - SKETCH MAP BMA ATTACHEDSTORES ON MUARA - SHOWN AT END

Ser	Item	No or Qty	Area	Remarks
1	Rails 20lb	2000 ft	A & D	A few curves laid
2	Rails 12lb	1000 ft	Ref 474443	Beyond limits of sketch
3	Rail trucks 20G 1/5' long	1	A	for timber hauling
4	" " " 1/20' "	1	A	" " "
5	5' tumbling tommys	12	Auster strip	Ref 474443
6	8 R 3" circ	300' steel	E	6/12 slightly damaged
7	" 2 1/2" "	700'	A	rusty
8	" 2" "	350'	F	6/12
9	" 3" "	300'	F	
10	" 2 1/2" "	1200'	H	very good condition
11	" 2" "	600'	H	
12	" 1" "	600'	M	sections slightly damaged.
13	Sawn timber 10 x 1 1/2	2000' lineal	A	part laid as ramp
14	6 x 1 1/2	300' "	J	side of road
15	Scantlings (misc)	200 "	K	side of road
16	Round timber	800	E	10' lengths H'wood
17	12" sleepers	300	D	4 x 3 x 4'
18	Piping 8" dia	16000	E	
19	Piping 8" dia	15000		along road
20	4" steel piping	8000	D	not twisted or flanged
21	"	500	E	" " "
22	3" steel piping	5000		approx 604553 screwed collars fitted
23	"	10000		Laid along rd 2 Miles from beach
24	5/8 copper tube	250	H	20' lengths
25	5" x 2" lgths	500	D	some rivetted back to back; some twisted
26	5"x3"x3/8" Lgths	300	H	drilled 3/8 holes 3" cnrs.
27	5Ton crab winch	1	E	hand operated
28	1200 gal Timber water Tks	2	E	require cleaning
29	"	1	J	" "
30	Hoes without handles	10	H	
31	"	6	N	
32	"	20	B	
33	"	150	U	
34	"	500	C	
35	Shovels without handles	400	C	
36	Shovels with handles	50	H	
37	5/8 MS spikes 5"	100	H	
38	Tie wire	1 cwt	H	Rusted
39	Acetylene bottles	28	M	probably empty
40	44 Gal drums Petroleum Dis tillate	6	M	Full
41	Jackpicks	2	M	good condition
42	Jackhammer	2	M	good condition
43	Stock & dies	1 set	M	Pipe threads already taken by 2/16 Fd Coy
44	Air hose fittings		M	very few
45	Rivets 3/8 x 1"	3 cwt	C	round head
46	3/8 x 1/2" x 3' Bolts & nuts	3 cwt	C	sex head
47	3/8 brass bolts & nuts 1"	1 cwt	M	
48	Explosives picric	350	Q&T	1 lb to 2lb cylinders 7 cases
49	Sig eqpt		Q	
50	3 ton Differential Hoists	3		Endless chain Ref 606555
51	10 ton " "	1	A	Timber on floats damaged
52	Blocks	2000	C	used good condition
53	Sheets 3/8 steel plate	50	D	
54	Do	50	E	
55	Do x 5' odd shaped	6	K	alongside road
56	" "	50	P	spread along road
57	chain tongs 3" to 10" pipe	20	U	<del>XXXXXXXXXX</del>
58	Pulley blocks	4		4 sheave 6"
59	do	6	C	2 sheave small 3"
60	Corr Galv Iron	50	O	sheets 7x3 Demo dwelling
61	" " "	20	G	do

Crates of new machinery of all types. Engine pumps compressors exist at areas D, D, M and N - and Map ref 606555, 1/2 yd concrete mixer separate power plant. At unsp ref - drive belt missing. 3 New lathes powered large and power shafting in area N



Piping 20' x 10' lengths approx 200 some damaged by bombing.  
 Generators US - 2 about 50 h.p.  
 Fair cond. 2 1 leg broken  
 Ammo 18 lbs 1940. Cases with Jap characters on outside. Shell caps with English 45  
 Sheet iron plain Galv 6' x 3' approx 700 sheets in fair order.  
 Prefabricated building all or part?  
 Timber several hundred logs - soft wood ? Lengths 20' - 30" dia.  
 Decking on jetties 9" & 3" in fair condition.  
 Filling pipe  
 Box engine spare parts (very rusty)  
 Coke approx 28 Bags.  
 Quantity  $\frac{3}{8}$ " plate possibly for barges.  
 do  $\frac{3}{16}$ "  
 Steel round  $\frac{3}{8}$ " approx 200 1 ft.  
 1 cylindrical screen screen  $\frac{3}{8}$ " about about 4' dia  
 Large quantity of light truck line  
 $\frac{3}{4}$ " SWR approx 300' good condition  
 $\frac{3}{4}$ " " " 600' fair cond  
 1 petrol engine 2 hp ( very rusty )  
 1 kerosene or petrol engine approx 6 to 8 HP  
 1 do minus magneto  
 1 do " "  
 1 Marine engine  
 Winches - 3 hand operated 25 k  
 2 power "  
 Propellor 4 ft  
 Cylinder Air (2) 1  
 Cylinder Gas (2) 1  
 " " Triple  
 Box spare parts (2)



MEDICAL AREA

VEH  
TRANSIT AREA

POL

ORD

SUD

AMN

R.A.E.  
DUMP

BDE  
WKSP.

PW  
BEACH  
EVACUATION  
POST

GEN TPT

ESB BIVOUAC

YELLOW BEACH

NOTE Not to Scale



## Appendix B

## WORK DONE ON RD BROOKETON - BRUNEL TO 13 JUN

FROM miles 0.0. ( back) (ref 626550 ) to 17.8  
Miles Map Ref 477408)

Reported by Lt R.L. CHAMPION - 2/3 Aust Fd Coy - 13 Jun

Mile age	Rd.	Condition & work on	Structures work done	Structures work reqd	Map Ref	Remarks
0.0	sand & clay	same				
0.1		Widened & Graded			626550	Beach
0.9		" "	Culvert repaired			Timber & steel plate
1.2		" "	2 Culverts "		615553	Pt Exmouth side Rd to WR
1.5	sand fairly compact	Rise 1 in 50 for 500 yds.				ADS turnoff Enslay
1.7		Widened & Graded	10" pipe culvert 11M		608553	
1.8		"	3 culverts repaired with steel plate		604553	rutting
2.0		Widened & Graded		Timber culvert		will require strengthening
2.1	sand and clay	widened	Culvert repaired	<del>SAURUCKERNA</del>		5000' 3" pipe on Rd- 50 steel plates 3x30'x5'6"
2.3		Old cord strip 10' wide	10" pipe culvert constructed			
2.4		widened				
2.5		"	2 pipe culverts constructed			1-2 Pipe 123 pipe
2.8	Milly sand	"	Timber culvert repaired			
3.1		Graded & widened	Timber Br repair- ed Cl 9		593545	Detour
3.2		"		Culvert reqd minor repairs		
3.4		"	Cl 13 culvert completely constructed			Boggy ground
3.4	sand and gravel	"	Cl 13 culvert			Existing OK
3.6		Water drained	Culvert drained and piped			Existing culvert class 9
3.8		Water drained	Timber Culvert drained	further drainage reqd if rains		
3.9		Gravelled hill		reqd grading		Plus 1 in 8 grade Minus 1 in 6 grade
4.0	sand and gravel	Graded & Widened				Existing Cl 9 culvert
4.1		"	Cl 24 Br under construction			
4.2		"	Cl 9 culv under construction		586538 and	completed
4.3		"	10' wide x 6'			Completed
4.4	Boggy	"		Complete 8' bearers constr		collapsed timber culvert
4.7		"		Decking		Existing Cl 9 Br decking cracking
4.7		"	Cl 9 culvert repaired			steel plates used
4.7		"		Corduroy 80'	583533	Steel plates at present catching jeep
5.0	Clay and Gravel	"		New 15' long Br	579530	completely smashed br. detour spongy
5.2		"		2 small pipe culv 15' culv		
5.2		Hill 1 in 6				Existing Cl 9 only 12' Br



Mile age	Rd	Condition & work on same	Structures work done	Structures work reqd	Map Ref	Remarks
5.3		Graded & widened	C1 9 Culv under construction 10' wide x 6'			Completed
<del>5.4</del> 5.6		Hill 1 in 6		573520 SBG now here		Existing C1 9 culv (2) Detours OK
5.8		Hilly		Pipe culvert	561519	Passable C1 9 only
5.9		"				Existing 3' Cone culvert
6.1		"				C1 24 Br detour
6.3		"			552519	Existing cl 15 culv timber. Detour very soft
6.4		"				Existing C1 9 Br detour
6.5		"	32' SBG C1 15		549519	Bankseats detour
6.6		"		C1 6 new bearers		
7.0		"			548513	C1 5 Br OK
7.1		1 in 5				8" pipes ready for laying along road.
7.2		Finch gravelled				
7.4						2/15' x12"x12" bearers on side Rd
<del>7.5</del> 7.7						C1 3 Culvert OK
7.8		Spongy 500'			540502	one pipe now broken Tank & 2 dozers bogg- ed; urgent job grad- ing & strengthening surface
8.0		1 in 5 fall 100'				
8.1						C1 9 timber Culv OK
8.2						" " " " "
8.6				Broken cane pipe culvert		New culvert reqd
8.7		Boggy 50'		12' timber culv		Steel plates on job
8.8		1 in 5 Hill				
9.1		10' wide gravel soft edge 500'				
9.3						
9.8					524489	C1 5 Br OK
9.9			Strengthened Br			15" pipe Culvert OK C1 9 Br
10.0				Strengthened	519480	Existing 15" Timber culvert weak
10.1						C1 5 Br weakened by tanks
10.2						
10.5		1 in 5 Hill 50'		Repairs	515472	36" pipe culvert broken
10.7			C1 5 br strength- ened to C1 24		514470	Tommed
11.0		1 in 6 hill				
12.7			Strengthened			
13.3					486458	C1 24 Br
14.3			Strengthened		479456	Rd June
14.4			Tomming with Conc and timberblocks		476446	C1 5 Br now C1 24
					474443	Airstrip- Roller 12lb rails 1000' truscks gauge boxes
14.9						
15.7						
to						
16.8						Mines removed
16.8						
17.6					470414	
					476409	C1 7 Br Timber good condition
17.8						Bitumen rd 10' wide commences

Roads in BRUNEL town will carry all types traffic are either 10' wide Bitumen surfaced or 10' wide concrete. All Brs - culverts with exception one C1 5 at 481402 in good condition Road surfaces will require patching and filling of bomb craters. CLIFFORD BR not reced.