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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	References to Appendices.
			Ref Map SATELBERG 1/25,000	
HELDSBACH	1		Normal Routine.	
	2	1800	Comds conference HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde. Orders received for movement of two Coys to 2/17 Bn area at JIVEVANENG 569647 3 Nov.	
		1910	B & C Coys ordered to move 0900 hrs 3 Nov.	
		2210	Orders received that 2/24 Bn will relieve 2/17 Bn commencing 3 Nov. Relief to be arranged mutually between respective COs and to be completed as soon as possible.	
	3	0900	B & C Coys moved out.	
		1845	Warning order to Bn HQ, HQ Coy, A & D Coys for move to relieve 2/17 Bn.	(See 26 Aust Inf Bde outlined plan Op FLEETWOOD).
	4	1000	Bn HQ, HQ Coy, A & D Coys moved out.	
		1400	B & C Coys relieved B & C Coys 2/17 Bn.	
JIVEVANENG	5	1430	Relief of 2/17 Bn complete. Bn disposes - Bn HQ & HQ Coy 571647, A Coy 568647, B Coy 571648, C Coy 566646, D Coy 572647.	
	6	1530	Two Coys 2/48 Bn moved into Bn perimeter. During day patrols from A, B & C Coys penetrated to a depth of 300 yds North of Bn perimeter. Many empty weapon pits were seen but no enemy sighted.	
	7	1230	Two Coys 2/48 Bn relieved C Coy and they with A Coy moved a short distance South and enlarged the Bn perimeter.	

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JIVEVANENG	7 (cont'd)		During day patrols from A, B & D Coys penetrated to 571656 where approx 20 Japs were sighted. Many signs of enemy occupation at 566653.	
	8	0800	16 Pl D Coy moved North on patrol from 573647 along track leading to SIKI CREEK.	
		0900	Patrol sighted Japs vicinity 572653. Japs were covering track and patrol returned.	
		1000	16 Pl moved out to establish standing patrol at 573650.	
		1600	C Coy moved out from Bn perimeter passed through 16 Pl and occupied knoll 572653 without opposition. During day two Japs were killed.	
	9	0920	Orders received from 26 Bde that Bn would hold high ground 569656 with one Coy. Posn to be used as a patrol base to find flanks and to estimate strength of enemy reported holding defended area at 568658.	
		1500	D Coy ordered to carry out this task.	
		1815	D Coy report having occupied area 568657 and to be in Coy perimeter with enemy holding posns 100 yds North. Patrols during day from C Coy & Sec PIB continued recess to East - West track. (KATIKA to SATEIBERG) and reached track at 563663. Six Japs were killed during the day.	
	10	0800	Pl A Coy commenced a patrol with the intention of reaching the 2600 feature 558663.	

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JIVEVANENG	10	1120	Patrol reported back to Bn area with the information that they had been ambushed on track at 560655 and that one member of patrol had been killed and 4 men were missing.	
		1327	Two of the missing men from A Coy patrol returned. During the day a patrol from D Coy out flanked enemy posns to their front and moved North to East - West track at 569664. Patrol moved West along track and struck enemy posns at 567664. Estimated strength of enemy 30, patrol withdrew and continued recce to the East to 573664 without striking further enemy. A patrol from C Coy reced towards 2600 feature.	
	11	0730	A further member of the missing two members of A Coy's patrol reported in to 2/48 Bn. Patrols from A, C & D Coys continued patrols towards 2600 feature. 26 Aust Inf Bde OO No 1 giving detailed orders for Phase I of FLEETWOOD OP received. (See Appx A).	
	12	0800	A Pl Patrol from C Coy moved from Coy area to MANGO 599659 to East - West track at 560663. At this point Jap unoccupied posns astride track were found and small parties were observed moving on track. Sounds of chopping and digging were heard approx 150 yds to the West.	
		1200	Patrol 1 Pl strength from B Coy moved through D Coy area and proceeded North towards East - West track. Patrol struck enemy at 566660 and attempted to encircle them,	

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JIVEVANENG	12		because of the nature of the timber the attempt was unsuccessful. Some fire was exchanged and a number of grenades thrown. Enemy casualties three killed, one wounded. Own casualties two wounded.	
		1500	B Coy patrol returned to Coy area.	
	13		Patrols continued to test enemy defences and locations.	
	14		Patrols from B & D Coys assisted by PIB continued recce of East - West track. D Coy patrol was fired on at 564663; the leading scout being killed. An attempt was made to recover the body of the leading scout but owing to impenetrable bamboo on both sides of the track the attempt had to be made frontally and since the enemy was covering the area with two LMGs the attempt had to be abandoned.	
	1500	1430	COs conference at 26 Bde.	
			During day patrols continued to recce routes towards 2600 feature. A tee-in was made on a Jap sig wire running along East - West track and a request was made to 26 Bde for the services of an interpreter.	
	16	2100	CO issued final orders for attack on 2600 feature 5566. D Day being 17 Nov.	
			During morning final preparations made for operation.	
MANGO AREA		1230	C Coy plus one det Mors advanced to MANGO AREA 561659.	

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MANGO AREA	16	1330	B Coy plus one det Mors followed C Coy.	
		1400	D Coy less 16 & 17 Pls moved from 57456570 to 571653. 16 Pl moved to 573656 and 17 Pl moved to 569656. D Coy were made responsible for the protection of the Bn L of C. A Coy remained in its present location and was placed under Bde command in Bde reserve.	
		1630	Tac Bn HQ plus 5 Pl moved to 571653. Lieuts J.D. MITCHELL and W.F.G. STRETCH joined the unit from Reinft Pool.	
	17	0745	C Coy commenced attack on the 2600 feature.	
		0843	14 Pl cut East - West track at 56056625.	
		0920	13 Pl commenced patrol to N.W. with intention to locate enemy main defences and test strength.	
		1120	13 Pl returned having located enemy estimates strength one Coy at 559663 in a wired posn in dense bamboo and timber country and a Pl posn covering a track running North at 56106635. The patrol ambushed an enemy party inflicting casualties 3 killed and 3 wounded without loss to themselves.	
		1410	A small enemy patrol approached C Coy posn, two being killed.	
		1500	C Coy formed a secure perimeter covering East - West track with one sec MMGs Own casualties - One killed. Enemy casualties - 6 Killed, 3 wounded.	

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MANGO AREA	18	0745 to 1600	Patrol from 16 Pl under Lieut STEVENS moved from 573657 to 571663 to 574664. Patrol returned having found that enemy posns at 57306575 had been vacated and recent tracks indicated that enemy had moved during night 17/18 Nov and had moved in a Westerly direction.	
		0800 to 1245	Patrol from C Coy found that enemy at 56106635 had withdrawn and that enemy posn at 559663 was still held. Sounds of digging and chopping indicated that posns were being developed.	
		1500	Preliminary orders issued for attack on enemy posn at 559663. Own casualties one wounded.	
	19	0715	Arty commenced registration on enemy posn. C Coy being withdrawn slightly to permit registration.	
		0730	A Coy released from Bde reserve and moved to MANGO 561659.	
		0800	Tac Bn HQ arrived at MANGO from 571653.	
		0900	Final orders issued for attack.	
		1105	Arty barrage commenced.	
		1125	Barrage completed. C Coy re-occupied previous posn.	
		1130	B Coy passed through C Coy and moved on enemy posns. 10 Pl under Lieut CAPLE occupied a knoll at 55956630 while 12 Pl under Lieut THOMAS commenced an encircling movement to the left. 12 Pl came under heavy fire but continued to advance until halted by	

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MANGO AREA	19		dense bamboo which had been flattened into an impenetrable tangled mass by the arty fire. 10 Pl endeavoured to assist 12 Pl but was halted by heavy MMG fire.	
		1400	Fighting still in progress. 12 Pl withdrawn to knoll held by 10 Pl where they were joined by 11Pl.	
		1430	Firing ceased and Coy perimeter was formed. Own casualties one killed, 9 wounded.	
		1600	Main Bn HQ arrived in MANGO AREA.	
		1816	Harassing MMG and 2" Mor fire on enemy MMG posn located at 55856635.	
		1830	A 2" mortar bomb dropped short in B Coy area inflicting severe casualties to our own tps bringing our total casualties for the day to 2 Killed and 19 wounded.	
	20	0750	Harassing shoot on enemy posns by MMGs and 2" Mors.	
		0830	Patrol from A Coy moved along East - West track to contact 2/13 Bn patrol at 575663.	
		0910	Harassing 3" Mor shoot commenced and continued throughout the day.	
		0945	B Coy advised, considerable disturbance in enemy posns caused by mortar bombs.	
		1250	A Coy contact patrol returned and reported NMS but that no contact had been made with 2/13 Bn.	
		1505	C Coy reported that mortar fire was effective and that an enemy MMG appeared to have moved further up ridge.	

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MANGO AREA	19 20	1610	Orders issued for out flanking move of A Coy towards saddle between 2600 feature and SATEIBERG at 554664.	
	21	0730	Patrol from C Coy moved towards enemy posn to ascertain if enemy still in occupation Patrol reported enemy still in posn.	
		0740	A Coy commenced outflanking movement. Throughout the day harassing Mor and arty fire was continued. B Coy reported some casualties inflicted on enemy by Mor fire. A Coy found progress slow and difficult but by 1700 hrs had reached 554663 and recon patrols towards saddle reported signs of enemy occupation. Native carriers were used to carry supplies following A Coy and a dump established in Coy perimeter at 554663.	
	22	0645	B Coy reported enemy still in occupation. Orders issued for C Coy to outflank enemy around right flank.- intention to attack from North. D Coy released from protection of L of C and ordered to move towards saddle to assist A Coy.	
		0810	A Coy reported enemy holding area to their front.	
		0910	Leading Pl C Coy commenced outflanking movement.	
		0930	B Coy patrol reported contact with enemy in thick bamboo. C Coy reported slow progress.	
		1235	D Coy contacted A Coy.	

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MANGO AREA	22	1310	A Coy report locating Jap posns astride East - West track and in re-entrant on their West flank. D Coy ordered to work round West of A Coy - intention to pin enemy on left flank of A Coy.	
		1350	Orders received from Bde that A & D Coys would both work towards re-entrant on West flank of A Coy.	
		1430	C Coy at 560663.	
		1535	C Coy struck a deep gorge between them and enemy and were forced to detour.	
		1637	D Coy reported being in posn overlooking re-entrant; and having sighted large parties of Japs moving to and fro through re-entrant. 45 being counted in one party. Continued progress to the West impossible because of steep cliff faces running down into re-entrant.	
		1709	C Coy reached 55806635 and contact patrols reported enemy 100 yds to front.	
		1750	C Coy attacked striking strong enemy opposition, two MMGs, five LMGs and much rifle fire. The leading Pl was pinned down and the second Pl endeavoured to outflank to the right. This Pl also struck heavy opposition and the Coy was ordered to dig in owing to the lateness of the hour.	
		1800	A & D Coys dug in at 554664. Own casualties for day 2 killed 6 wounded; Enemy unknown.	

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MANGO AREA	23	0800	Orders received from 26 Bde that A Coy would be withdrawn; and that D Coy would also be withdrawn and would go into Bde reserve under Bde command in JIVEVANENG Area.	
		0810	Harassing shoot by 3" Mors on 2600 feature.	
		0835	" 2" mortar shoot by C Coy on 2600 feature.	
		1000	Harassing shoot ceased and patrols from B & C Coys moved out to recce approaches to enemy posns.	
		1155	B Coy patrol reported approach on West flank virtually impossible owing to thick bamboo. C Coy patrol reported that enemy had been withdrawn slightly on their right flank but that enemy defences to front were strongly held and well dug in.	
		1215	Bulldozer reached Bn area from East along East-West track. Maj HORDEN Comd 1 Aust Tank Bn arrived in Bn area for conference with CO.	
		1230	Recce made by CO, Maj HORDEN and OC A Coy of tank approaches to enemy posns. The recce was satisfactory and arrangements made for the pushing fwd of one troop of tanks along East-West track. Throughout the day mortaring of enemy posns continued. Subsequent to the withdrawal of A & D Coy arty was brought down on enemy posns along ridge and in re-entrant to West. No casualties were suffered for day.	

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MANGO AREA	24		Throughout night 23/24 Nov harassing fire by arty continued.	
		0625	3" Mors commenced harassing shoot.	
		0830	Mor shoot ceased and patrols from A, B&C Coys moved out to keep contact with enemy.	
		1130	C Coy patrol returned and reported enemy had withdrawn from fwd posns but main defence line was still strongly held.	
		1135	B Coy patrol returned and reported definite signs of enemy occupation in bunker posns.	
		1210	A Coy patrol returned and reported enemy heard to North at 557663. This patrol also reported an excellent ambush posn on probable water track at 557662. A Coy ordered to establish ambush on this track. This ambush remained in posn without contact until 1620 hrs when it had to be withdrawn owing to its interference with mor harassing fire.	
		1225	Harassing mor shoot using 2" and 3" mors commenced and continued until last light.	
		1345	MG Sec in B Coy area located enemy MMG and silenced the gun.	
		1735	CO ordered B Coy to send fighting patrol out at first light 25 Nov to contact enemy and to be prepared to occupy ridge if enemy had withdrawn.	
	25	0630	Patrols from B & C Coys moved out to make contact.	
		0730	B Coy patrol reported no contact.	

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MANGO AREA 25		0830	C Coy patrol reported no contact. B & C Coys ordered to link up and occupy 2600 feature. C Coy to push patrol to WEST to cover whole feature.	
		1030	2600 feature occupied without opposition. B Coy reorganising on feature and C Coy commenced movement along East - West track to contact 555665 and reorganised.	
		1120	B Coy ordered to send contact patrol along East - West track to contact 2/48 Bn at SATEIBERG. A Coy ordered to stand by preparatory to move to SATEIBERG via JIVEVANENG.	
		1230	Patrol 1 Pl strength C Coy commenced movement North from 553665 towards PELANKO 553671.	
		1315	A Coy moved to SATEIBERG AREA and came under Bde command.	
		1520	Contact made with 2/48 Bn at SATEIBERG.	
		1735	C Coy patrol reported PELANKO unoccupied. 59 enemy dead counted during day. One 75 mm Gun, Three 2" Mors, six LMGs captured.	
	26	0800	15 Pl under Sjt BINGHAM moved out on patrol to PELANKO and North.	
		1220	15 Pl reached 555674 and reported that track was little more than a native pad. Patrol was ordered to return to PELANKO and take NW track leading towards FIOR.	
		1350	C Coy placed on immediate notice to be prepared to move to FIOR.	
		1720	15 Pl returned having reached 549673 without contact.	

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MANGO AREA 27		0800	12 Pl under Lieut THOMAS moved out on patrol - objective FIOR.	
		0805	13 Pl under Lieut FITZPATRICK moved out on patrol to PELANKO and North, objective 1800 feature 5567 to SONG RIVER.	
		1045	12 Pl fired on from 545680. Pl commenced to encircle with intention to cut track behind enemy posn.	
		1200	14 Pl under Lieut BURNABY moved out from C Coy area to assist 12 Pl.	
		1325	12 Pl cut track behind enemy posn and moved back through area to find that enemy had withdrawn.	
		1335	14 Pl contacted 12 Pl.	
		1420	12 Pl reported more Japs contacted at 545683. Enemy fired on - results not observed.	
		1500	12 Pl contacted enemy in dug in posn at 545684.	
		1515	14 Pl patrolled to flanks and found enemy in well sighted posns in thick bamboo.	
		1600	12 Pl requested 3" Mor support.	
		1710	3" Mors completed ranging and dropped down accurate concentration on enemy. 12 & 14 Pls formed perimeter at 545683.	
		1805	13 Pl returned and reported having reached 1800 feature and that no track towards SONG RIVER existed. Some unoccupied Jap posns seen. Lieut J.C. NOLAN joined unit from Reinf't pool.	

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MANGO AREA	28	0630	Contact patrol moved out from 14 Pl.	
		0835	Patrol reported that enemy had withdrawn during night. 14 Pl continued advance and 12 Pl rejoined B Coy.	
		1025	Patrol contacted 2/23 Bn at 544687.	
MR 544687		1325	Tac & Main Bn HQ plus B & C Coys moved to 544687. C Coy relieved by 2/48 Bn	
		1520	Advice received from 26 Bde that D Coy was now at MASANGKOO 5368 and would revert to Bn command. A Coy were on move between SATEIBERG and MASANGKOO and on arrival in Bn area would revert to Bn command.	
		1725	A Coy moved into Bn perimeter.	
	29	0830	Patrol from D coy moved out to contact 2/4 Indep Coy at 523687.	
		1320	D Coy patrol returned having failed to make contact.	
		1415	Patrol from D Coy moved out to contact 2/4 Indep Coy at 523687. Lieut BURNABY moved to LOB and was replaced by Lieut AMIET.	
	30	0825	A, B & D Coys provided carrying parties for 2/23 Bn.	
		1600	B Coy moved to 54356875. Capt E.P. HARTY OC C Coy evacuated to hosp.	
		 <i>R. Seal</i> Capt, Adjt., 2/24 Aust Inf Bn.	
		 <i>A.B. Gillespie</i> Lt-Col., Comd., 2/24 Aust Inf Bn. (A.B. GILLESPIE).	

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SONG RIVER	1 Dec 43	0800	REF MAPS SATELBERG, MASAWENG RIVER WEST, FORTIFICATION PT 1/25,000 A, B and D Coys provided carrying parties for 2/23 Bn. During the day B Coy readjusted disposns to cover tracks leading into FIOR. One Pl moving to 543693, one Pl to 547692 and D Coy moved to SONG RIVER at 554696.	
	2 Dec 43		All available personnel used for carrying parties to 2/23 Bn.	
	3 Dec 43	1300	C Coy ordered to move forward to SONG R. area immediately and then continue move towards KUANKO 556710 to establish contact with 2/23 Bn.	
		1800	C Coy reached 555705 and formed Coy perimeter.	
	4 Dec 43	0730	C Coy continued advance towards KUANKO.	
		1100	C Coy reported having contacted enemy on track junction 557708, one OR being killed and two wounded.	
		1120	8 Pl under Lieut SHATTOCK ordered to move West and then North to cut KUANKO - WAREO track at PEAK HILL 5571.	
		1130	C Coy formed perimeter South of track junction 557708 patrols	

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SONG RIVER	4 Dec 43	1130	having reported that Jap force was covering track leading to 2/23 Bn. By pass track was being recced to 2/23 Bn.	
		1530	Lieut SHATTOCK reached 2/23 Bn area and discussed possible routes to PEAK HILL. During afternoon local recces were made and the decision made to move from KUNAI 557707 to 552711 to PEAK HILL.	
		1625	8 P1 reached 557707.	
	5 Dec 43	0830	Tac Bn HQ moved to 554697.	
		0900	8 P1 continued outflanking movement.	
		1330	A Coy less 8 P1 moved from Coy Area and followed 8 P1.	
		1430	8 P1 reached 553707.	
		1500	16 and 17 P1s moved to 55506975. Main Bn HQ reached 554697.	
		1800	A Coy less 8 P1 reached 553709 and formed perimeter. 8 P1 formed perimeter at 552713. During the day C Coy maintained contact with the enemy and prevented further penetration.	
	6 Dec 43	0730	2/23 Bn relieved C Coy and C Coy followed A Coy. 8 P1 continued	

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SONG RIVER	6 Dec 43	0730	move towards PEAK HILL.	
		0830	D Coy moved from SONG R. with intention to assist A & C Coys.	
		0930	Lieut SHATTOCK requested smoke to be fired on PEAK HILL to check posn.	
		1000	Lieut SHATTOCK reported having reached 551713. C Coy contacted A Coy.	
		1215	Tac Bn HQ established at 555708.	
		1415	D Coy contacted C Coy.	
		1520	8 Pl cut KUANKO - KWATINKO track at 54907135.	
		1540	Recce patrol from 8 pl located KUANKO - WAREO track at 551714 with Jap.sig wire running along it.	
		1615	Orders issued for the capture of PEAK HILL. A Coy to cut KUANKO - KWATINKO track at 54907135 and move East to capture PEAK HILL. D Coy to follow A Coy and move North to cut KUANKO - WAREO track at 551714. C Coy to follow D Coy to KUANKO - KWATINKO track and move West to KWATINKO to cut KWATINKO - WAREO track.	

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SONG RIVER	6 Dec 43	1655	Attack commenced. 2/23 Bn opened fire on enemy posns to their front to distract attention from main attack.	
		1735	A Coy struck first enemy post. 2 Japs killed.	
		1750	A Coy reported track running down hill with spur on North side of track heavily defended. A Coy ordered to outflank enemy to North.	
		1810	D Coy reported objective reached. 6 Japs killed.	
		1815	C Coy reported objective reached. Enemy encountered at track junction but opposition quickly overcome.	
		1845	A Coy ordered to dig in at 55057135.	
		2005	Party of Japs approached A Coy perimeter, were surprised and casualties inflicted. Own casualties 2 ORs wounded. Enemy casualties 6 killed and a number wounded.	
	7 Dec 43	0720	Patrol from D Coy contacted enemy North of KWATINKO village, killing 12 and capturing 1 LMG.	
		0935	Patrol from A Coy reported that enemy had withdrawn from posns on PEAK HILL and that contact had been made with 2/23 Bn.	

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SONG RIVER	7 Dec 43	1025	Patrol from D Coy contacted enemy on KUANKO - WAREO track. Patrol engaged enemy dug in on North side of steep wadi.	
		1035	A Coy occupied PEAK HILL.	
		1045	D Coy patrol moved South towards KWATINKO village, contacted enemy killing three and capturing one LMG.	
		1150	D Coy patrol reported enemy holding KWATINKO village in strength. Pl from C Coy ordered to move to the assistance of D Coy patrol.	
		1400	C Coy reported village strongly held, at least one MMG, 3 LMGs covering North - South track. C and D Coy Pls at track junction had been mortared by 2" Mors and one OR wounded.	
		1615	C Coy ordered to hold track junction with one Pl and to send one pl to relieve D Coy patrol. D Coy patrol covering KUANKO-WAREO track relieved by 2/23 Bn and returned to Coy.	
		1630	D Coy ordered to encircle KWATINKO village and occupy high ground to South-East.	
		1655	17 Pl under Lieut HALLIDAY commenced encircling movement.	

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SONG RIVER	7 Dec 43	1815	17 Pl reached 54755530. Pl formed perimeter and recce patrol pushed fwd towards village.	
		1920	17 Pl reported that recce patrol had reached to within 50 yds of enemy. Ground South and to the East of village fell away steeply and was well covered by enemy weapons.	
	8 Dec 43	0745	Own casualties 1 OR wounded. Enemy casualties 24 killed. Patrol from C Coy reported that enemy had withdrawn from KWATINKO.	
		0805	D Coy occupied the village.	
		0900	A Coy ordered to move to WAREO to make contact with 2/23 Bn.	
			D Coy ordered to cut WAREO - BAZULJO 5371 track, vicinity 542717 and occupy BAZULJO.	
		0945	Tac Bn HQ moved to PEAK HILL and established at 552714.	
		0950	A Coy ordered to move East along BONGA - WAREO track to track junction 564727. C Coy less one Pl ordered to follow A Coy.	
			D Coy reported WAREO - BAZULJO track cut.	

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SONG RIVER	8 Dec 43	1110	A Coy reported in contact with enemy at 557724. One OR wounded.	
		1240	A Coy reported enemy posn cleared and advance continuing.	
		1350	D Coy reported contact made with enemy at 537718. Leading Pl ambushed, four wounded and eight missing including OC Coy	
			Capt J.F. McNAMARA MC. Lieut I.C. HALLIDAY assumed command.	
		1455	D Coy reported that the four wounded personnel had been brought in; and, that two of the missing had been located; but both had been killed. Enemy had been located in garden area at 536719.	
		1500	A and C Coys reached track junction 564727 and contacted strong enemy force well dug in covering track junction. Coys ordered to form perimeter and send out patrols to determine extent of enemy defences.	
		1545	B Coy 2/23 Bn moved West to assist D Coy.	
		1600	A Coy reported enemy on the high feature covering track junction. Troops carrying packs and weapons observed moving South across razor back at 566732. Country to North sheer and encirclement virtually impossible	

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SONG RIVER	8 Dec 43	1635	B Coy 2/23 Bn contacted D Coy.	
		1650	P1 from B Coy 2/23 Bn moved out to encircle enemy and attack from high ground to the North. Section patrol from D Coy moved out to locate missing personnel.	
		1840	D Coy reported that bodies of missing men had been located. Patrol reported having located enemy posns at 53707195 and that enemy had withdrawn.	
		1845	2/23 Bn P1 forced to return to Coy owing to time factor. D Coy and B Coy 2/23 Bn formed perimeter for night.	
		2000	Enemy attacked A Coy right front and were driven off and casualties inflicted.	
			Own casualties Capt J.F. McNAMARA MC and 7 ORs killed 8 ORs wounded. Enemy casualties Unknown.	
		9 Dec 43	0630	D Coy reported that enemy had reoccupied posns at 537718 and that 2/23 BN P1 was moving out on previous night's route to encircle followed by 16 P1. A Coy reported enemy still in occupation

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SONG RIVER	9 Dec 43	0630	covering track junction.	
		0915	A Coy reported considerable movement in both directions across razor back and arty fire brought down.	
		1210	B Coy Pl 2/23 Bn reported having cut track running North from BAZULUO and that D Coy Pl had passed through them.	
		1245	8 Pl under Lieut SHATTOCK moved from A Coy perimeter, route 561727 to 563726 to 566726 to 567727. Intention to establish contact with 2/32 Bn Pl at 567727. 15 Pl moved from KWATINKO to rejoin C Coy.	
		1315	16 Pl occupied BAZULUO without opposition and one section was continuing to West to contact 2/4 Indep Coy.	
KWATINKO		1330	Tac Bn HQ established at KWATINKO. Main Bn HQ arrived at KWATINKO from SONG RIVER.	
		1345	D Coy occupied BAZULUO.	
		1455	D Coy reported that contact patrol had reached 530717 and was in contact with enemy.	

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KWATINKO	9 Dec 43	1715	D Coy patrol ordered to return to Coy.	
		1825	8 Pl formed perimeter at 565725.	
	10 Dec 43	0845	2/4 Indep Coy contacted D Coy patrol 400 yds West of BAZULUO.	
		1120	D Coy relieved by 2/23 Bn and returned to KWATINKO.	
		1255	8 Pl contacted 2/32/P1 at 567727.	
		1400	8 Pl and 2/32 Bn Pl commenced movement West along BONGA-WAREO track.	
		1445	Pls held up by enemy posns at 567726. Throughout the day enemy posns astride track junction harassed by MMG, Mor and arty fire.	
				Patrol one Pl strength B Coy patrolled area 545693 - 561694 - 562686 - 569689 reported N.M.S.
	11 Dec 43	0730	Patrol from A Coy moved out to South and East to recce approach for attack on enemy posns.	
		1045	Patrol reported possible approach from South towards 2200 feature in rear of enemy posns.	
		1145	D Coy ordered to move forward in support of A Coy.	
		1345	Orders issued for attack. A Coy less 8 Pl with under command	

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KWATINKO	11 Dec 43	1345	15 Pl C Coy. To follow route reced by morning patrol and strike enemy from rear.	
		1425	A Coy commenced encircling move.	
		1630	C Coy less 15 Pl relieved A Coy and D Coy took up posn vacated by C Coy. A Coy reached East - West track at 565727 without	opposition.
		1645	The leading Pl commenced to cross East - West track and was immediately fired on by an MMG sighted to the East and firing West along track. One section was detached to deal with this	post.
			The section encircled the post, captured the MMG killing four Japs without casualties to themselves and the advance continued.	
		1730	A Coy reached high ground above track and commenced the assault	West.
		1745	Fwd Pls A Coy encountered some opposition which was quickly silenced. Owing to the broken nature of the country the Coy was unable to silence enemy posns covering the track junction and at last light was forced to dig in, in close contact.	
			Own casualties NIL. Enemy casualties estimated 15 killed.	

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KWATINKO	12 Dec 43	0535	A Coy fired on enemy to draw fire, screams were heard and the enemy replied with LMG fire.	
		0945	8 Pl contacted A Coy having advanced from 567726 without opposition. A Coy then moved West with three Pls fwd. Opposition was soon encountered and heavy fighting ensued. Enemy posts were encircled and eliminated.	
		1210	A Coy held up by LMG firing along ridge; a Pl was detached to deal with this gun.	
		1245	Outflanking Pl attacks enemy MG Post from rear and silenced it.	
		1540	A Coy captured feature and contacted C Coy, opening WAREO - BONGA track.	
		1615	C Coy passed through A Coy and commenced advance North East along track towards 2000 feature 5774.	
		1730	Enemy observed on razor back 567734.	
		1810	C Coy contacted enemy on fwd slopes of RAZOR BACK. C Coy ordered to dig in at 566732 and enemy was harassed by 3" Mor and arty until last light.	
			Own casualties 2 killed. 1 Offr, Lieut NOIAN, and 4 ORs wounded Enemy casualties 27 killed.	

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KWATINKO	13 Dec 43	0730	C Coy. reported enemy still in occupation.	
		0800	Pl C Coy moved out to encircle RAZOR BACK from right flank.	
		1130	Patrol returned and reported terrain made approach from East impossible. Tac and Main Bn HQ established at 565727.	
WAREO AREA MR 565727		1215	Further Pl from C Coy commenced to encircle from left flank.	
		1455	Patrol reported having struck sheer cliff face and detouring further West.	
		1715	Patrol commenced to climb RAZOR BACK but going very difficult.	
		1845	Patrol ordered to dig in at 564734 and continue advance at first light. Own casualties 1 OR wounded.	
	14 Dec 43	0715	C Coy commenced 2" Mor shoot on RAZOR BACK.	
		0730	C Coy patrol attempting to encircle RAZOR BACK reported going extremely difficult.	
		1145	C Coy patrol reported having reached 565735 and that recess had failed to locate track shown on map in that area.	
		1430	15 & 17 Pls ordered to make frontal attack on RAZOR BACK feature.	

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WAREO AREA MR 565727	14 Dec 43	1515	15 & 17 Pls commenced attack.		
		1640	Upper slopes of RAZOR BACK reached and enemy contacted. An attempt was made by 17 Pl to encircle but approach proved to be impossible on the left flank. Pls then reorganised and recce of right flank made.		
		1710	14 Pl retruned to Coy area having found approach from West impossible and immediately moved fwd to the assistance of 15 & 17 Pls.		
		1735	14 Pl formed a firm base on crest of RAZOR BACK, 17 Pl moved along crest of RAZOR BACK to give covering fire to 15 Pl which attacked frontally along East side of RAZOR BACK.		
		1840	15 Pl captured North end of RAZOR BACK, four Japs being killed and the remainder fled into thick, cane over West side of feature. C Coy reorganised on North slopes of RAZOR BACK at 567734. 17 Pl passed through C Coy and reached 567736 without opposition.		
		1905	17 Pl ordered to take up posn in rear of C Coy. Own casualties NIL. Enemy casualties confirmed 4 killed.		

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WAREO AREA MR 565727	14 Dec 43		During the day B Coy was released from FIOR Area and moved into posns vacated by D Coy at 563727. D Coy less 17 Pl took up posn in rear of C Coy at 565732.	
		15 Dec 43	0800	D Coy passed through C Coy and continued advance.
		0955	D Coy contacted enemy at 569736. While descending into gully at base of 2000 feature.. Reported at least 2 MGS on small RAZOR BACK ACROSS the gully. Patrols moved out to both flanks to recce alternative approaches to 2000 feature.	
		0945	9 Pl A Coy moved out to recce approach to 2000 feature from 2200 feature. From 570732 to 574734 had been recced the previous day and a blazed trail found which continued towards the 2000 feature.	
		1535	D Coy reported that patrol endeavouring to approach 2000 feature from East had returned and reported approach from that flank impossible.	
		1730	D Coy left flank patrol returned and reported that approach from West would be most difficult but not impossible. 9 Pl returned and reported that creek at 578734 had proved an unpassable barrier.	

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WAREO AREA MR 565727	16 Dec 43	0745	Patrol from D Coy moved out on recce towards 2000 feature.		
		0915	Patrol reached 571735 without contacting enemy and the remainder of D Coy commenced advance.		
		1120	D Coy reached base of 2000 feature without opposition.		
		1630	D Coy reached 574738.		
		1700	B Coy passed through D Coy and reached 576741 without opposition.		
		1750	B Coy formed perimeter at 576741 and D Coy at 575740. During the advance much evidence of accurate arty fire was seen along the track and on the vacated enemy posns at 571736, 574737 and 575738. Own casualties NIL.		
		17 Dec 43	0730	B Coy continued advance to crest of 2000 feature.	
			0900	B Coy occupied 2000 feature without opposition. During the day patrols from B & D Coys continued local recces from 2000 feature	
				A Jap Headquarters was located at 575741 and a possible medical station at 580743. Northern track was reced to 579746. Many enemy posns were found. A number of rifles and a quantity of amm had been abandoned.	

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WAREO AREA MR 565727	18 - 21 Dec 43		Patrols from all Coys carried out extensive patrols to the SOWI RIVER and plans were made for the defence of the Bde sector. Lieut R.R.J. WALKER joined unit from Reinft Pool.	
GUSIKO BEACH	22 Dec 43	0945	Bn less A & B Coys commenced movement to GUSIKO Beach area.	
		1500	Bn less A & B Coys arrived at GUSIKO BEACH and bivouaced at 624734.	
	23 Dec 43	0700	A & B Coys were relieved by 2/28 Bn and commenced movement to rejoin Bn.	
		0800	Bn less A & B Coys commenced embarkation on LCVs.	
		1200	A & B Coys arrived GUSIKO area and bivouaced at 624734.	
MASAWENG RIVER.		1245	Bn less A & B Coys reached MASAWENG RIVER and bivouaced at 579808.	
	24 Dec 43	0800	A & B Coys commenced embarkation.	
		0945	A & B Coys arrived at MASAWENG RIVER and rejoined Bn. A Concert was held and was well attended by the Bn and surrounding tps.	
	25 Dec 43		Church services for all denominations were held in the morning.	
			Xmas dinner consisting of soup, turkey, ham, vegetables and plum pudding proved a welcome change from the normal diet. Capt E.P. HARTY W U from hosp.	

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MASAWENG RIVER	26 - 27 Dec 43		Normal Routine.	
	28 Dec 43	0730	A Coy embarked on LCVs from MASAWENG RIVER beach disembarked at WONDAKAI and moved on foot to 501923.	
		1045	Bn less A Coy embarked embarked on LCVs reached WONDAKAI beach but owing to heavy surf barges could not beach and returned to MASAWENG RIVER.	
		1245	Bn less A Coy commenced movement on foot to AGO Area	
		1750	Bn less A Coy bivouaced at 537898. Capt F.R. MONOTTI RTU from hosp.	
		1945	Orders received that Bn less one Coy would concentrate at TEWAI RIVER.	
			One Coy to move to ANCHORAGE Area thence along track 493941 to HUTAWAI Area 456921 to establish a patrol base from which a PIB patrol would operate.	
	29 Dec 43	0800	A Coy moved out from bivouac area.	
		0815	Bn less A Coy moved from 537898 and continued advance.	
		1315	A Coy established patrol base at 463932.	
TEWAI RIVER		1600	Bn LESS A Coy concentrated at TEWAI River. Disposns Bn HQ 487957, B Coy 483953,	

C Coy 485954, D Coy 48409535.

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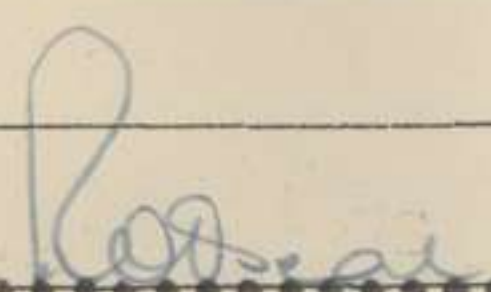
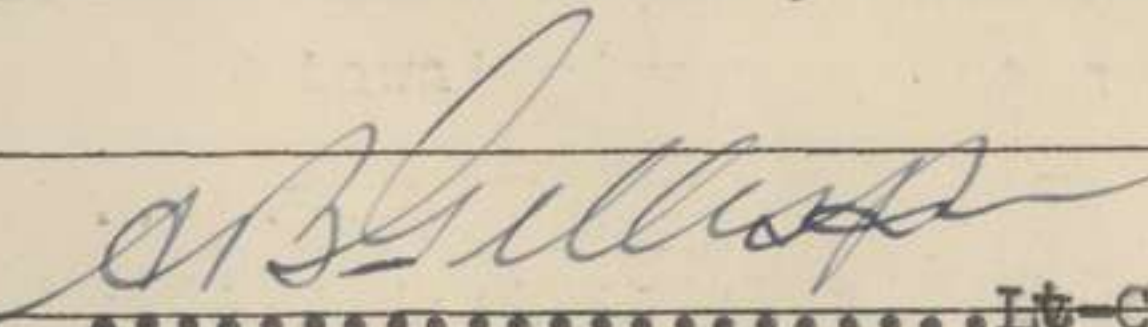
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TEWAI RIVER	30 Dec 43		A quiet day. All ranks took the opportunity to wash clothes and bathe. Majors PAGE and STEVENSON and Capt CROCKETT were attached to the unit as observers from the British Military Mission S.W.P.A.	
	31 Dec 43	2230	Normal Routine. Orders issued for movement of Bn from TEWAI RIVER to RUA Area.	
			<p style="text-align: center;">  Capt., Adjnt., 2/24 Aust Inf Bn. (R.O. BEAL). </p> <p style="text-align: center;">  Lt-Col Comd., 2/24 Aust Inf Bn. (A.B. GILLESPIE). </p>	

APPENDIX A. T₆ 2124 AUST INF BN. WAR DIARY.

DEC 43.

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 22/7/1943 (Unit) 2/24 731

W.E. 100 / 2 OFFRS. 52 O.R.'s 739 + OFFRS. 2 O.R.'s 54 ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

1 W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				5 DETAIL.	6-10 ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.					
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm of Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required	
-	-	1	2	W.Os. Class I.						
-	-	-	6	W.Os. Class II.		-	-	1	NR	
NR	1	-	4	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.						
				Staff Sergeants						
-	-	2	36	Sergeants		9	-	1	NR	
NR	3	-	60	Corporals		9	1	-	-	
199	195	-	436	Troopers, Privates, etc.		23	-	2	NR	
				Civilians counting as O.R.						
199	199	3	543	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2		32	1	4	NR	

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 7 of instructions for compilation of this return will complete analysis of Part B(1) and B(2).	Detail	A.I.F.	C.M.P.		A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL
			Under 19 Years.	19 Years and over.							
** Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Col. Particulars will be shown, e.g., 20 U.K. Forces, 10 N.Z. Forces.	A	574	-								574
	B(1)										
	B(2)										

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

Part C. Other Ranks Included in Part A Detached to Other Units.

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached
1	AA CH D			1	FIELD L OF C Records		
1	AAAC			1	HQ 9 Aust Div		
1	TNCA			5	Special Unit		
				2	NSR sig school		
				50	LOB (incl 5 att personnel)		
				48	2/11 RG Amb (patients under 8 days).		

Part D. Description of Other Ranks Whose Return To 2/24 (Unit) is Particularly Requested 22/7/1943

Army No	Rank.	Name and Initials.	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).
VX 80688	pte	McLEOD D.A.	115 ACH REIDELBERG
VX 57619	"	YEMBLE J.	7 AITB MORGAN PARK Q'LD

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 11 / 12 / 1943 .

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, B.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitches			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Bangetakers			
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters		1		Riveters	4	3	NR
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Benters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radlographers				Stevedores			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical			
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers	27	22	NR	Tailors	4	4	-
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters	2	2	-
Draughtsmen				Bakers		1		Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Bollermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters	6	6		Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners				Trimmer		1	
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics											
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)											
Fitters		1		Driver-Operator											
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers											
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians											
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors					673	462	199
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers	1	1					
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	11	9	NR				
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply							
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical							
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	10	9	NR	Coach Trimmers							
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors							
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks							
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies							
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders		1		ATTACHED BY W.E.	34	31	NR
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals							
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.							
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics							
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant		5					
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.		3		Engine Hands, I.C.							
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers	1	1					
Plumber		4		Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers		7					
CARRIED FORWARD		5		CARRIED FORWARD	16	24		CARRIED FORWARD	56	71		Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	773	574	199

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

12 Dec 43
Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander Lt-Col

Form W. 300
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PART B Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in

Part A of Army Form W. 300 SUPERNUMERARY WOs & NCOs

Serial No.	Rank	Name	Component	Grade	Remarks
VX 48831	WO(1)	SPRING M.C.	(LOB)		
QX 39686	WO(11)	BRIGGS E.J.			
UX 37574	sgt	HUTTON M.			
VX 131997	A/sgt	PHILLIPS R.			
NX 74881	sgt	ROUGHLEY W.F.			
NX 123823	Cpl	YELDS J.T.			
NX 83143	Cpl	DICK T.			

1. This form is to be filled in by the commanding officer of the unit to which the supernumeraries are attached. It should be filled in at the end of each month and submitted to the parent unit.

Signature of Commanding Officer
1943

12 Dec 43

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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

37 / 45 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 11/12/1943 2/24 BN (Unit)

W.E. 11 / 127 / 2 OFFRS. 32 O.R.'s. 739 + OFFRS. 1 O.R.'s. 54 ATT. BY W.E.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Rein'fts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'fts Required.
-	-	-	1	Lieut.-Colonels					
HR	1	-	2	Majors					
HR	3	-	5	Captains	AMC	1	-	-	-
HR	1	-	10	Lieutenants					
-	-	-	1	Quarter-masters					
				A.A.N.S and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.					
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.					
HR	5	-	27						

DETAIL.	A.I.P.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.P.	••	TOTAL
A.	2	3								23
E.(1)	23									
E.(2)										

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

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

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit From.	Date.	CAUSE.
VX55630	Lieut	JENSEN J.J.	EX HOSP	7/12/43	RETURNING LOB

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
VX30994	T/Capt	MONMARA J.P. (MC)	---	8/12/43	R.I.A.
VX56311	Lieut	BLAIR L.A.	Special Duty	23/10/43	seconded. Ref changes in allotment for duty List No 5

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

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

2/24 Aust Inf Bn Unit

17/45 (Serial No.)

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 17 12/194. 3 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Maj T/Lt-C	0X6403	GILLESPIE	A.B.	C O	YES		
Maj	VX14044	GEBHARDT	P.	3 1/8	"		
Capt T/Maj	VX48636	SNELL	H.W.	03 HQ	NO	LOB 20/10/43	
Capt	VX48826	SERLE	R.P.	-	"	LOB 20/8/43	
"	VX4731	DENNY	G.E.	-	"	2/11 pd Amb 8/12/43	
"	VX40762	HACKENZIE	I.S.	06 B	YES		
"	VX14586	BIERI	K.J.T.	06 A	"		
Lieut T/Capt	VX15619	BEAL	R.O.	Adj	YES		
Lieut	VX52938	SHATFOCK	E.J.	06 B	"		
"	VX29028	HALLIDAY	I.C.	06 D	"		
Lieut T/Capt	VX52843	JONES	L.I.	CM	"		
Lieut	VX52849	CUNNING	D.	IO	"		
"	VX59140	SCHRODER	K.M.	-	NO	2/11 pd Amb 7/12/43	
"	VX48726	THOMAS	G.E.	06 12	YES		
"	VX6049	BURNABY	R.H.	06	NO	LOB 29/11/43	
"	VX11512	GREATOREX MC	A.G.W	06 C	YES		
"	VX33880	CAPLE	J.H.	06 10	"		
"	VX32800	FITZPATRICK	A.D.	06 13	"		
"	VX37003	AMLET	A.H.	06 11	"		
"	VX32859	GRAY MM	C.J.	06 5	"		
"	VX0511	STEVENS	K.W.	06 13	"		
"	VX33872	HEWITT MM	E.J.	06 15	"		
"	VX45522	SALMON	H.J.	06 1	"		
"	VX33850	LINKSTER	J.J.	-	NO	LOB 20/10/43	
"	VX14884	MITCHELL	J.D.	unposted	YES		
"	VX9506	STRETCH	W.F.G.	06 9	YES		
"	VX123827	NOLAN	J.C.	06 7	"		
Capt	VX90053	HEYMANSON	F.E.	RMO	YES		

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.

18 Dec 45
Date of Despatch

[Signature]
Signature of Commanding Officer,
C and., 2/24 Aust Inf Bn.

APPENDIX B.

TO 2/24. AUST INF BN. WAR DIARY.

DEC 43.

War Diary

H.Q.,

2/24 Aust. Inf. Bn.
in the field.

18 Dec., 43.

2/24 Aust. Inf. Bn. Trng. Instrn. No. 2.

1. The Bn. will carry out a programme of patrolling in the ensuing period. Coys. will carry out a period of trng. on the lines as enumerated below.
2. Dress. The lack of care in clothing and appearance brought about by conditions of living has been very noticeable. Coys. will ensure that trps. are properly clothed and that clothes are worn correctly. The practice of wearing hats in an unconventional manner will cease and only hats of regular issue pattern and denting of crowns will be worn. Shaving will be carried out at least once every two days.
3. Malaria - Hyg. periods will be allotted to ensure that all ranks are carefully and fully trained in all the aspects of malarial control. The R.M.O. will be available to lecture to Coys. on the subject. In particular, recent reinfrts. will be given special instrn., and offrs. and NCOs will be meticulous in their policing and control of these precautions. Certain personnel are ignoring the instrns. laid down in the Bn. Malarial precautions instrn. Comds. will ensure that all precautions as laid down will be strictly adhered to.

Coys. are reminded that hyg. is a sub-unit responsibility and that the Hyg. Sgt. is available to them for supervision and advice. Therefore all enemy dead in Bn. area must be buried as soon as possible after occupation. For dead outside sub-unit areas sub-units will be delegated by this H.Q. to attend to burial. Should flies have struck the body, this H.Q. will arrange burning off prior to burial on advice from sub-units.

Special attention must be paid to latrine pits of both enemy and own trps. Excreta remains moist in this country for an indefinite period and is a constant breeding ground for flies and a constant source of dysentery. Therefore all trps. must be impressed with the necessity for an earth covering before flies strike, and also the necessity for reporting the discovery of uncovered enemy latrine pits in the vicinity of Bn. or sub-unit area.

Patrols will be informed of the necessity for attending to all hyg. matters while on patrol, as the ground covered will probably be occupied eventually by own trps. Trng. on Hyg matters is a day to day matter and can best be affected by example and correction. No lapse will be permitted to pass. This matter will also be dealt with by R.M.O.

The fact that the R.M.O. will lecture on the above subjects does not absolve the pl. cmd. or junior leader of his responsibilities regarding instrn.

4. Weapon Trng. At least one period per day will be allotted to weapon trng. to ensure that all ranks are proficient in the handling of all Coys. weapons. Trng. in Rifle, Gren., 2" mor., O.S.M.C. and Bren will be carried out. Reinfrts. will be trained to pl standard (pl standard requirements will be issued separately for guidance) and all personnel will be tested to qualify for proficiency pay. In addition to normal trng., where any weakness exists in weapon trng., etc., among new reinfrts., they will be attached to an experienced soldier who will be made responsible to ensure that the new man becomes proficient.
5. Pl. Weapons Range. A Pl. Weapons Range is at present under construction for the trng. of all personnel. An allotment will be made to sub-units upon its completion.
6. Cover and Concealment. The fact that the enemy has not up-to-date made much use of arty., mors. or HMG fire, has made personnel to some extent, careless of the principle of cover and concealment, particularly in the case of recess. sq., and in the use of covered approaches. By this carelessness the enemy frequently obtains inf. of our strength and intentions. Offrs. and NCOs will ensure that these principles are observed at all times and are included in trng.
7. Contact Drills. It is most important that the standard contact drills should be second nature to all trps. These will be practiced continually in trng. and emphasis will be laid on speed in their execution. A quickly carried out encirclement whether it be sec., pl. or coy., will mean the defeat of the enemy with the minimum of casualties and delay to the advance of our force. Not only reinfrts., but all trps. will be trained and trained again in this respect. Such trng. can be carried out in conjunction with operational patrolling. Not only will the patrol cmd. be on the alert for the enemy, but will be equally so for mistakes made by his patrol.
8. Fire and Movement. The old principles of fire and movement are the basis of all successful minor tactics. Recent ops. have proved their value and have enabled us to outfight the enemy, although the ground was to his advantage. This applies particularly to jungle fighting. Co-operation between individuals, trps., secs. and pls. enables post after post to be eliminated with the minimum of casualties. In trng., the practice of attack by fire and movement, the instructor can indicate a point where enemy posn. is located (using where possible actual enemy posns.) and have the pl. carry out the attack, taking every advantage of natural covering for fire and movement approach. Much can be obtained from such trng. in the way of skill and confidence.
9. Defensive Posns. The siting and digging of defensive posns. often leaves much to be desired. There is a tendency to site pits in a row and very close together with little or no regard to mutually supporting fire, often no consideration is given to the havoc which one Mor bomb can cause in a crowded area. A carefully planned def posn with thoughtfully cut fire lanes makes any approach however

very difficult. It is appreciated that in recent ops very little time has been available for reorganisation before nightfall, which precludes attention to detail. In such cases the reorganising of plans must commence at first light.

10. Track improvement. A large proportion of time will be spent in widening and draining of the WARBO & BONCA track. Coy. responsibilities will be notified after recce by pl this offr.

11. Syllabus. Coy. Comds will submit weekly a syllabus in accordance with the chart shown below and covering the above subjects for the period of one week by 201200L. Syllabus will be set out in detail showing each lesson. HQ Coy will submit syllabus, to be taught in any one period, from each 1, 2 and 3 ls. Trng will commence 200830L.

12. Daily Routine. The following daily routine will become effective forthwith:-

Stand To	0615-0645 Hrs.
Breakfast.....	0730
Morning trng parade.....	0830-1200 "
Lunch.....	1230 "
Afternoon trng parade.....	1330-1600 "
x Evening meal.....	1700 "
Stand-To.....	1915-1945 "

x. The evening meal hour may be altered to suit coy requirements.

Note. One half hour will be used for breaks during trng parades to be allotted as required by coy. comds.

13. PROP TRNG FOR COY SYLLABUS. As a general guide, the following

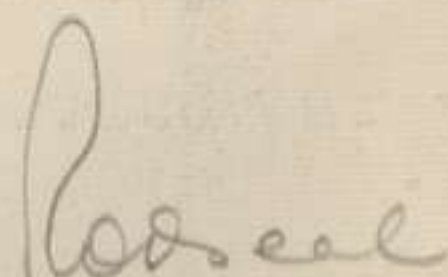
(a) trng periods will be separated into the following subjects for the ensuing week;

- (i) one period weapon trng and weapon mainte.
- (ii) Two periods contact drill. this will be carried out on trks and through virgin jungle.
- (iii) One period fire and movement.
- (iv) one period anti-malarial instn.
- (v) one period hyg instn.

(b) times for coys to participate in trk clearance are as follows;

Date	19 Dec.	20	21	22	23	24	25
	am pm	am pm	am pm	am pm	am pm	am pm	am pm
Coy	A D C	A D C	A D C	A D C	A D C	A D C	- -

as stated in para 10, coys will be notified number of men required also number and types of tools.

 Capt.
 Adjt 2/24 Aust. Inf. Bn.

distribution;

- C.O.
- Adjt.
- Hq Coy
- A
- B
- C
- D
- War diary. 2.
- 26 Aust. Inf. Bde. (for info.)

APPENDIX C.

TO 2/24 AUSTRALIAN INF BN. WAR DIARY.

DEC. 43.

APPENDIX A TO 2/24. AUSTRALIAN INF BN. WAR DIARY.

NOV 43.

HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde
In the Field
4 Nov 43

Preliminary Considerations & Outline
Plan of Operation

"FLEETFOOT"

Ref Map: SATELBERG 1/25,000

GENERAL

1. Unless otherwise ordered the proposed operation to be undertaken by this bde will be known and referred to by the above codeword.
2. This outline plan conveys intention only and may be subsequently modified depending on :
 - a. Q limitations and rd condition due to weather.
 - b. Enemy moves and reactions to present local actions.
 - c. Progress of phase I and subsequent infm from patrols in conjunction with a detailed study of air photos.

INFORMATION

3. Enemy As per daily sitreps.
 - a. It appears that the enemy intends to deny us the use of the SATELBERG rd to the west. While a posn between 2/17 and 2/13 bns has been cleared the rd is not yet open for traffic to JIVENANENG village. Further def posns are held covering the rd to the west of 2/17 bn posns. The enemy strength in this area is not known. Preliminary reports indicate that he has constructed posns to the west of JIVEVANENG and in the SISI area. His strength in the SATELBERG - PALANKO area is not known and it is probable he has sufficient tps to fight a series of delaying actions along the SATELBERG rd.
 - b. The enemy supply posn in this area appears to be difficult as indicated by parachute dropping. Little food or amm has been found on dead and in captured posns. Patrols have also reported Jap foraging parties seen in and about old native gardens,
 - c. Tac R and reports received from other sources indicate that the main enemy strength may be to the north of SATELBERG in the WAREO - BONGA area where he may be preparing for an attack or more likely is expecting an attack by us.
 - d. Enemy methods: If given sufficient time the enemy appears to construct def posns in detail and strength with deep weapon pits of the semi bunker type to give the maximum protection against arty and mortar fire. In hy jungle, particularly bamboo, these posns are hard to locate accurately.
4. Own Tps
 - a. Higher formation is prepared to arrange large scale ops with aircraft and surface craft against enemy maintenance areas and L of C for approx one week.

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- b. Possible attack by one bn 20 bde and one bn 24 bde on enemy posn in sq 6168.

5. Additional tps in sp and under comd

Details are to be arranged later depending on available resources within the div. To incl engrs and tks. The maximum possible arty sp will be required particularly from gun areas near ARNDT Pt.

INTENTION

- 6. PHASE I : To gain control of the SATELBERG rd as far west as track junc approx 562 664.

PHASE II : The collection and collation of infm from all possible sources in preparation of phase III.

PHASE III : To capture the SATELBERG - PALANKO area.

METHOD PHASE I

7. Reliefs and moves

- a. 2/23 bn has relieved 2/15 bn in the KUMAWA area.
- b. 2/24 bn will relieve 2/17 bn 4 and 5 Nov to be completed 5 Nov.
- c. By 5 Nov 2/15 bn should be ready to relieve 2/48 bn and half of 2/17 bn should be in the area vacated by 2/24 bn. The relief of 2/48 bn should commence 5 Nov and finish 6 Nov, the bn moving to an area on the SATELBERG rd as reced in 6066.
- d. Bde HQ will be established 5 Nov in area 613 667 and will open and close in the new and old sites at the same time.
- e. Once the relief of 2/17 bn by 2/24 bn is completed PHASE I cannot be commenced until the enemy has been cleared from the bn area.

8. Patrols

- a. 2/23 bn by arrangement with 20 Aust Inf Bde and in addition to tasks already allotted and which may be ordered, are to actively patrol to the north of KUMAWA towards the SATELBERG rd along both tracks. As soon as possible a / established to cover enemy movement on the SATELBERG rd / and any other tracks or rds which can be observed from the posn. Fresh tracks to be cut were possible and secrecy will be maintained.
- b. 2/24 bn will commence patrolling to the west to accurately locate enemy posns covering the rd. Additional patrols as ordered to the north and the establishment of an OP posn to observe the SATELBERG rd and enemy activity in sq 5766.
- c. Distant patrols NW towards SATELBERG ridge area.

9. Role 2/48 bn and Tks

Two coys 2/48 bn will complete present trg policy with C Sqn 1 Aust Tk Bn in preparation for attacks as anticipated to clear opposition and open the rd to the west.

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/continuous daylight patrol observation post is to be

10. Proposed methods of attack

Subject to further experiment and recce,

- a. Systematic harrasing and destructive fire by arty and mortar for a continued period of 48 hrs or longer before attack.
- b. Use of tks with rehearsed coys 2/48 to attack and mop up pockets of resistance.
- c. Possible use of bangalore torpedoes, fougasse or gun cotton slabs to burn and clear hy bamboo and jungle about enemy posns to assist in destruction and final mopping up.
- d. The cutting of wide fire lanes in bn areas and rd side clearing to make it harder for the enemy to infiltrate and threaten the rd. This policy will be continued as the advance to the west continues.

11. Res of sups and amm

Dumps to be completed before the start of PHASE II.

- a. 30,000 rations and calculated res amm all inf types JIVEVANENG area.
- b. 10,000 rations and calculated res amm all inf types KUMAWA area.
- c. 30 days res all requirements for tks in sites to be selected on the SATELBERG Rd.
- d. Estimates of (d) and (c) above approx 200 jeep loads to take four days, using relief drs for night driving and traffic control, in dry weather. Dumps are now being established fwd about 629 669 in anticipated movement on main rd commencing 5 Nov.

12. Fwd move of tks

Fwd movement of tks in the SATELBERG rd will depend on progress with dumps in the JIVENANENG area. If possible no tks to adv before dumps are completed ie. depending on fine weather 8 or 9 No v. Sqn to recce initial and alternative harbour areas east of JIVEVANENG. The rd to this area will be reced and any sections under possible enemy observation will NOT be used by tks in daylight. Arrangements will be made to guide tks along the rd to harbour areas at night.

PHASE II

13. Control of SATELBERG rd

When the rd is cleared to approx 562 664 a rd block will be established. The rd from this area to the east will be covered by a system of patrols with tks and up to an inf coy to keep it open and prevent the enemy establishing posns which may close it. Continued clearing and widening to make the enemys task less easy.

14. Fwd Concentration of bns

As soon as rd is cleared 2/24 and 2/48 bns will be moved to areas on northern side of the rd in squares 5666 and 5766. This concentration will directly assist in preventing enemy initially if he should attempt to cut the rd.

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15. The collection and collation of information

- a. The patrolling policy will continue to be active and aggressive to gain infm in definite sectors. The sectors will cover the alternative courses open for PHASE III.
- b. Continued harrassing and destructive fire by arty and mortars on located enemy posns to maintain pressure and weaken them for subsequent attack if necessary.
- c. Detailed check of located routes, tracks and occupied areas by OPs.
- d. Detailed study of air photos combined with special patrols and Tac R to complete an accurate model of the area to be attacked.
- e. Recce patrols as may be ordered to locate enemy supply routes leading to or from the area to be attacked.
- f. Preparations and plans to construct a jeep track to follow the advance as detailed topographical infm is available.

16. Supps and amm and water

- a. During this period the main dumps will be maintained with fwd dumps established in preparation for the advance.
- b. Depending on local resources it may be necessary to establish dumps of water fwd.

PHASE III

17. Tps available

- a. 2/24 and 2/48 Aust Inf Bns and a proportion of C Sqn 1 Aust Tk Bn will be immediately available for the advance on the SATELBERG - PALANKO area.
- b. Additional tps may be available for the advance depending on the div resources. In any case of fd coy will be available for immediate track construction behind the leading tps.

18. Courses Open

These courses have been selected from the map with little reliable information and no suitable air photos.

- a. Via the main SATELBERG rd
This approach is obvious and is a possible axis for the employment of tks. If the enemy contests phase I seriously it is probable that this course would be slow and costly.
- b. Via the reported track, or out tracks to the west and north west to the MARARUO area about 540 676 thence via the track running generally east to the spur north of SATELBERG.
Little information is available of this area. It would appear that the enemy is holding the tracks running generally north and south through MARARUO open. He may have def posns about MARARUO which would seriously delay the advance and leave our flank exposed.

*****/c.

- c. Direct advance north from the SATELBERG rd to the saddle at 575 678 thence the capture of ring contour 2600 and a subsequent advance on SATELBERG or PALANKO.

This course appears to offer the best possibilities. It is more direct for subsequent supply. The first encounter would probably be on ring contour 2600 which is desirable in view of the limited res available.

A. Mackay

(K MA CKAY) Maj
BM 26 Aust Inf Bde

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9 Nov 43

Copy No. 2....

26 AUST INF BDE OO NO 1PHASE IFLEETFOOT

Ref Map : SATELBERG 1:25,000.

INFORMATION1. Enemy As in daily sitreps.

- a. Patrols north from KUMAWA and west and north from JIVENANENG have located small parties of enemy in scattered positions and many prepared though unoccupied def areas. Both tracks to the SATELBERG rd from KUMAWA appear to be covered by small standing patrols of sections ie. 10 to 15 men. Small groups have been seen and heard in this area mostly in old native gardens. SISI was reported unoccupied 7 Nov. West from JIVENANENG an enemy post has been located covering the rd from the north side on high ground about the 58 easting grid. This posn is thought to be lightly held possibly by a standing patrol of a section or up to a pl. It is probable that the enemy has a def area covering the rd on the high ground in sq 5666 on which the above mentioned patrols are based. This area is now under observation and is being reced by patrols.
- b. Tac R dated 4 Nov report SATELBERG ridge and the ring contour 2600 feature 5767 to be strongly held and enemy parties located by patrols in the creek area in sq 5867 may be standing patrols based on this feature.
- c. Fwd bn OPs with a continuous daylight watch over the SATELBERG feature and ring contour 2600 have reported NMS over the past 3 days. No sups have been dropped by air in this general area since 27 Oct which would indicate that the overland supply from WAREO to SATELBERG - PALANKO has improved or the number of tps have been reduced. The recent heavy rains would have seriously deteriorated his tracks over the mountainous country. While tac R has reported tracks to be well used few enemy have been seen. A reduction in the number of enemy in this general area is indicated though this cannot be accepted until further information is available.
- d. Recent patrols have reported enemy parties clean, well turned out and "business like" on patrol, which would indicate that some reliefs have been effected in fwd areas.

2. Own Tps

As in daily sitreps. Patrol activity on all sectors with harrassing arty fire.

3. Additional tps in sp

C Sqn 1 Aust Tk Bn less three tps
23 Bty 2/12 Aust Fd Regt) Total of four btys for sp
11 Bty 2/6 Aust Fd Regt) in ops if required
2/13 Aust Fd Coy
B Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn
2/11 Aust Fd Amb
28 Aust Sup Depot Pl (now under comd)

INTENTION

4. 26 Aust Inf Bde will open the SATELBERG rd west to track junc 562 663.

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METHOD

5. Grouping of units

- a. Right 2/24 Aust Inf Bn
- b. Centre 2/ 48 Aust Inf Bn
4 tks C sqn 1 Aust Tk Bn) in sp
One Pl 2/13 Aust Pd Coy)
- c. Left 2/23 Aust Inf Bn

6. Boundaries

- a. Right incl 2/24 Aust Inf Bn general line JIVEVANGING - PALANRO.
- b. Centre, 2/48 Aust Inf Bn - main SATELBERG rd from JIVEVANGING PALANRO with 2/24 bn south to general line east and west SISI - track junc 562 658 both incl to 2/23 bn.
- c. Left incl 2/23 Aust Inf Bn tracks from KUMAWA - SISI and KUMAWA to track junc 562 658 thence contact pts north to SATELBERG rd with 2/48 bn.

7. Roles

Commencing soon after first light on D day (time and date to be notified) enemy posns on each bn sector will be eliminated simultaneously and the rd and track junc 562 663 will be secured.

8. Detailed Tasks

- a. 2/48 bn will adv west along the general line of the SATELBERG rd. Enemy outpost posns or standing patrols as recond will be eliminated and the high ground about track and rd junc at 562 663 will be secured. Depending on enemy resistance and dispositions 2/48 bn will be prepared to exploit immediately towards SATELBERG.
- b. 2/24 Aust Inf Bn will with one coy deal with the enemy posn covering tracks leading to 2600 ring contour from 588 674 and will exploit via selected route towards this main feature. One coy will hold a firm base on the SATELBERG rd covering the main fwd dumps and will remain as an immediate bde res. One coy will be retained as a bn res in the JIVEVANGING area on one hrs notice and will NOT be committed except in emergency without reference to this Hq.
- c. 2/23 Aust Inf Bn will hold KUMAWA at all costs throughout the operation with NOT less than two coys at any time.
 - i. One coy will deal with enemy posns about 570 653 to advance to SISI 572658 where patrols will establish the contact with 2/48 bn on the SATELBERG rd. When ordered by this Hq this coy may be withdrawn to the KUMAWA area improving the track for use by jeeps.
 - ii. One coy will deal with posns located on the western track KUMAWA - rd and track junc 562 663 and after securing track junc at 562 658 will make contact by patrol with 2/48 Bn. Depending on operational requirements this coy may be placed temporarily under comd 2/48 bn for the securing of rd and track junc 562 663.

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When this point is secured the coy may be required to establish a firm base to enable 2/43 bn to exploit towards SATELBERG.

9. Arty

- a. FOO (11 Aust Fd Bty) 2/23 Aust Inf Bn
- FOO (23 Aust Fd Bty) 2/24 Aust Inf Bn
- FOO 23 Aust Fd Bty)
- FOO 11 Aust Fd Bty) 2/43 Aust Inf Bn

up to four fd btys are available to support the operation.

- b. 2/23 Aust Inf Bn will NOT order arty fire without prior approval of 2/43 Aust Inf Bn
- c. 2/24 Aust Inf Bn will NOT order arty fire without prior approval of arty LG at Bde Hq.
- d. Arty R as ordered - probable target ford and dug enemy posns about 556 674.

10. Engs

- a. 2/13 Aust Fd Coy will place one pl in sp 2/43 Aust Inf Bn to recon and assist in the fwd movement of tks.
- b. One bulldozer will be kept fwd for track improvement, as the rd is opened, to be on call as required to assist tks.
- c. Recce of track from SATELBERG rd via TISE to MUMAWA for development into a jeep track and construction if ordered.
- d. Recce of suitable water pts.

11. MG.

B Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn will move first light D day from present location to JIVIVANING. Details of role and posn to be occupied will be given on arrival.

AM

12. AM

- a. Substantial res will have been placed at JIVIVANING and MUMAWA by D day as follows:
 - JIVIVANING - 33,000 rations (incl 5000 new Fd Op)
 - MUMAWA - 10,000 rations (incl 2000 new Fd Op)
- b. All bulk rations are on same scale as issued since this Bde arrived in FINSCHHAFEN area.
- c. Under no circumstances will these res be touched without authority of this Hq.
- d. Personnel will carry one new Fd Op ration and one EMERGENCY ration for the op. Fd Op ration will be drawn from respective res dumps on D minus 1 day. Second EMERGENCY ration now held will be dumped in present areas under arrangements.
unit
- e. Bde BID (23 Sup Depot Pl) with Rear Bde Hq at 613666 for normal daily maintenance.

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13. Amm

a. Similar substantial res will have been placed at JIVEVANENG and KUMAWA by D day. Details as follows :

JIVEVANENG - Twice normal Bde AP holdings.

KUMAWA - Two thirds normal Bde AP holdings.

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>JIVEVANENG</u>	<u>KUMAWA</u>
303 Tracer	8,000	2,500
303 Bdr	80,000	25,000
303 Ctn	200,000	67,000
303 AP	4,000	1,250
303 Stripless Belt	200,000	67,000
303 Incend	20,000	6,500
380 Pistol	800	250
9 mm OSMG	300,000	100,000
2 Mor HE	4,000	1,250
2 Mor Smok	1,000	350
2 Mor Illum	720	250
2 Mor Red	360	120
2 Mor Green	360	120
23 Mor HE	2400 - 3000	800 - 1000
55 Tk A	760	250
3 Mor Smok	1,000	350
Sig Carts 1" Illum	800	250
Sig Carts 1" Red	800	250
Sig Carts 1" Green	800	250
36 M Grens 4 Secs	2,800	950
36 M Grens 7 Secs	2,400	800
63 Grens	200	72
69 Grens	800	250

b. These res will not be drawn on without reference to this HQ.

c. Bde AP (28 Sup Depot Pl) with Rear Bde HQ for normal replenishment.

14. Controlled stores losses

To be indicated to SC by quickest means. Signal to be sent to "Q" 9 Aust Div without delay.

15. Medical

a. ADS 2/11 Aust Fd Amb with each Bn.

b. Med Staging posts on both SATELBERG rd at ZAG feature and on track KUMAWA - KIA SANA.

c. MDS 2/11 Aust Fd Amb at 630656.

16. Reserves

Those indicated in paras 12 and 13 above are responsibility of bns in whose areas res are already located. Any deficiencies will be debited against the respective bns concerned. It should be impressed on all ranks of the importance for maintaining these res intact.

17. Water

It is hoped that a bde res of 1,000 water containers - 2 gall will be located at JIVEVANENG res dump by D day. These will be issued to units and sub-units by this HQ on priority dependent on circumstances.

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INTERCOMMUNICATION

18. Location of HQ

Bde H Q will close in present location on D minus 1 at a time to be notified later and will reopen at approx 587 662 at the same time.

19. Wireless

- i. A wireless gp is at present established with one No 11 set to each bn and one at Bde HQ.
- ii. Sets will be "netted in" and switched off and will only come on the air when all line comms fail, when R/T will be used in clear if necessary.
- iii. One 109 set will be maintained at Bde HQ as a rear link to 9 Aust Div.
- iv. Bde Sig Sec will issue to 2/48 Bn not later than D minus 1 two frequency gps of SCR 536 sets for use with tks.
- v. Any further use of sets as mentioned in sub para ^{iv} ~~ii~~ is strictly limited in view of the shortage of cells.

20. Frequencies and Call Signs

As arranged by Bde Sig offr.

21. Codes

- i. R/T code No 2 - Keyword XYLOGRAPHICS/D at present in use.
- ii. Appointments code as issued previously and as in operation at present. This will NOT change with the R/T Code keyword.
- iii. Map reference code as in use at present or in clear dependent on tactical situation.

22. Line

- i. All bns will lay line with fwd coys.
- ii. 2/48 Aust Inf Bn will lay one main artery along the axis of advance. An alternative will be laid by Bde Sig Sec.
- iii. 2/24 Aust Inf Bn lay line to fwd coy.
- iv. 2/23 Aust Inf Bn will lay a separate line with each of fwd coys ie. one on eastern track and one on western track.
- v. 9 Aust Div Sigs will lay to Bde HQ and be prepared to extend the link to SATELBERG RIDGE.
- vi. All lines will be laid on the left of tracks incl arty lines.
- vii. All lines MUST BE LABELLED.

23. Liaison Offrs

LO with each of 2/23 and 2/48 Aust Inf Bn.

24. Wireless Silence

- i. Strict control will be exercised when netting the tk gps.

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11. If practicable sets will be netted on D day and NOT before.

25. Synchronisation of Time

ABC time will be taken.

ACK.

Time of signature *1300 hrs 10 hrs*

I issued through Sigs and IOs

K. Mackay
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EM 26 Aust Inf Bde

DISTRIBUTION

COPY NO

2/23 Aust Inf Bn	1
2/24 " "	2
2/48 " "	3
C Sqn 1 Aust Tk Bn	4
Arty LO	5
2/13 Aust Rd Coy	6
B Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn	7
2/11 Aust Rd Amb	8
28 Aust Sup Depot Pl	9
9 Aust Div	10
Comd	11
EM	12) To be retained
SC	13) for war diary
File	14
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LIST OF CODE NAMES AND APPOINTMENTS CODE

26 Aust Inf Bde (Tac)	HQ	DOBO
" (Main)	"	DIDI
" (Rear)	"	REAR DOBO
Hq 2/23 Aust Inf Bn		DOVO
Hq Coy		MICO
A Coy		BAJA
B Coy		LEJO
C Coy		KOTU
D Coy		DAPU
B Ech		REAR DOVO
Hq 2/24 Aust Inf Bn		KOMI
Hq Coy		BOBA
A Coy		FILU
B Coy		FAMI
C Coy		HOKI
D Coy		LAPA
B Ech		REAR KOMI
Hq 2/48 Aust Inf Bn		LEFO
Hq Coy		HIBI
A Coy		BAFI
B Coy		DOFO
C Coy		DUNA
D Coy		BISU
B Ech		REAR LEFO
B Coy 2/2 Aust Inf Bn		FASU
2/11 Aust Rd Amb		KODI
2/13 Aust Rd Coy		LEIA
C Sqn 1 Aust Tk Bn		LOLU
5 Tp Comd		KSPI
5 Tp Sgt		KSP I ABLE
5 Tp Cpl		KSPI BAKER
1 Tp Comd		DUNU
1 Tp Sgt		DUNU ABLE
1 Tp Cpl		DUNU BAKER
B Ech		DINNY

APPOINTMENTS CODE

Comd	TARE SUGAR
RM or Adjt	TARE FOX
SC or Asst	TARE ITSM
sig Offr	TARE GEORGE
IO	TARE ZEBRA

MISCELLANEOUS - FROM R/T CODE

Medium Tank	MX
Patrol	JI
Capture	GF
Attack	GO

Map ref code as already issued.

26 AUST INF BDE OO NO 2

FLEETFOOT

PHASE I

Ref Map : SATELBERG 1:25,000

This order is issued in conjunction with though additional to
OO No 1.

INFORMATION

1. Enemy As in daily sitreps. Latest patrol reports from 2/48 bn indicate that enemy posns on COCONUT ridge previously located are not not occupied. This would indicate that the main enemy force is concentrated closer to the rd with posns extending back towards the 2400 feature. Sketch map attached shows known and suspected extent of enemy posns. Place and code names for features are shown and will be used during the op.

2. Own Tps

20 and 24 Aust Inf Bdes are to apply pressure from the east along the KATIKA track. One pl 2/32 and one coy 2/15 Aust Inf Bns are to move to sq 6168 D minus 1 day. On D day one pl 2/32 Bn is to hold a firm base in this area while one coy 2/15 continues to adv west via track towards the village at 596687. This coy will endeavour to make contact and demonstrate to the west and north.

One coy 2/13 Aust Inf Bn is to move fwd to the eastern edge of JIVEVANENG on the SATELBERG rd covering the dumps on the morning ~~xxx~~ D day.

3. Additional Tps under Comd

2/4 Aust Cav (Commando) Sqn - on D minus one day

4. Air Ops

In addition to L of C strikes. Bomblines D minus one 585 700 - incl SATELBERG thence west incl MARARUO.

Air strikes near area of ops :

a. D minus one day -

- i. Camp and dump area on BONGA - WAREO track.
- ii. Strafing selected tracks BONGA - WAREO - SATELBERG area

b. D day

Bomblines NOT east of line FIOR - SATELBERG church and NOT south of line SATELBERG church - MARARUO.

- i. Bombing of dumps and possible area of res immediately north and NW of SATELBERG. NOT after 1500 hrs.

c. Subsequent bombing will depend on progress.

INTENTION

5. No change. 26 Aust Inf Bde will open the SATELBERG rd west to track junc 562 663.

METHOD

6. D day will be 17 Nov 43 when the advance will commence on all bn sectors from the FDLs at the following start times.

2/48 Aust Inf Bn	-	0700 hrs
2/23 Aust Inf Bn	-	0650 hrs
2/24 Aust Inf Bn	-	0745 hrs

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Detailed Tasks

7. 2/4 Aust Cav (Commando) sqn will occupy the vital ground at KUMAWA on D minus one day and will be responsible for holding this ground at all costs.
2/23 Aust Inf Bn less one coy will be relieved by last light D minus one day ready to continue the adv on D day.
One Coy 4 3" Mortars and 4 MMGs with personal to man them will come under comd OC 2/4 Aust Cav (Commando) Sqn D day for the def of the vital ground at KUMAWA.
8. B Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn will be in sp 2/48 Aust Inf Bn for phase I. By D minus one day the coy will move into posn with one pl and Coy HQ on the knoll at 5835 6610 and two pls on "WHITE ROCK".
 - a. Primary role sp 2/48 Aust Inf Bn with arranged fire plan D day.
 - b. Secondary role, the protection of Bde HQ at 5835 6610 with one pl and coy HQ and to hold "WHITE ROCK" feature with two pls until relieved.
9. C Sqn 1 Aust Tk Bn will sp 2/48 Aust Inf Bn with four tks. C sqn less tks in sp 2/48 bn will remain in present harbour on immediate notice to move from 0700 hrs D day and will NOT be committed without ref to this HQ.
10. Arty : FOO 62 Fd bty with 2/23 Aust Inf Bn to remain for the operation.
FOO 62 Fd Bty with 2/23 Aust Inf Bn for D day to remain with 2/4 Aust Cav (Commando) Sqn.
FOO 23 Fu Bty 2/24 Aust Inf Bn
FOO 23 Fd Bty) 2/48 Aust Inf Bn
62 Fd Bty)
 - a. 2/23 Aust Inf Bn will NOT order arty fire unless approved by 2/48 Aust Inf Bn.
 - b. Requests from 2/24 Aust Inf Bn will be coordinated through this HQ.
 - c. One Arty R sortie/ on call from D day has been requested.
 - d. Arty fire sp programme att Appx C.
11. Engrs - No change.
12. 2/48 Aust Inf Bn - no change.
Outline of bn plan - D minus one day the capture of "GREEN RIDGE" incl SISI rd junc with two coys. Start time 0830 hrs. D day continue adv west along SATELBERG rd with two coys and tks to establish a firm base on the junction of COCONUT ridge and the SATELBERG rd. From this pt depending on enemy resistance COCONUT ridge will be cleared with or without tks depending on the ground. The bn will then continue and secure the rd and track junc at 562 663.
13. 2/23 Aust Inf Bn less one coy and dets is released from holding KUMAWA on relief D minus one day.
 - a. Adv with one coy on each track from KUMAWA, no change.
 - b. Remainder 2/23 Aust Inf Bn less one coy and dets will on the capture of objectives by leading coys adv via the SISI track to the SATELBERG rd as soon as possible
 - c. On reaching SATELBERG rd 2/23 bn less two coys and det will come into bde res and will be prepared to :-

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- i. Believe units 2/48 Aust Inf Bn and hold GREEN RIDGE
 - ii. Hold the WHITE ROCK feature.
 - iii. Depending on progress 2/48 Aust Inf Bn 2/23 Bn will be prepared to hold the firm base at the junc of COCONUT ridge and SAKELBUNG rd and mop up.
- d. The coy advancing on the western track from HUIAWA and secure the track junc at 562 558. On the capture of this area the following success signal will be used : One white 2nd Mor parachute flare repeated after 3 mins. This signal will be observed by FOCs and 2/48 Aust Inf Bn to fix the posn of this coy. The patrol to make contact with 2/48 Aust Inf Bn will NOT move fwd until ordered by this HQ.
14. 2/24 Aust Inf Bn will hold a firm base covering route to be used for the adv of two coys to secure ring contour 2600. One coy will be retained fwd of JIVEVANENG village in bde res. Depending on the success of the two fwd coys on ring contour 2600 the decision to move the remainder of the bn will be made

15. Patrols

Enemy reaction to our adv is expected and the following tracks will be patrolled commencing D day.

- a. Main tracks from the north leading into 2/24 bn sector.
- b. Track leading to WHITE ROCK feature from the north. This track will be booby trapped approx 100 yds from the feature by 2/48 Aust Inf Bn prior to D day. Details will be passed to B Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn who will occupy and hold WHITE ROCK on D day and to any subsequent relieving units.
- c. Track from HARANGO to track junc at 562 658.
- d. Normal patrols from HUIAWA.

AM

16. Supps

- a. Para 12 (d) of 26 Aust Inf Bde OO No 1 (FLEETFOOT) is cancelled. The following will apply :-
 - i. Personnel of 2/23 Aust Inf Bn, 2/24 Aust Inf Bn less one coy, and 2/48 Aust Inf Bn will carry one new Fd Op Ration for the operation. These Fd Op Rations will be drawn from bde res dumps at JIVEVANENG and KUMAWA respectively during D minus 1 day if NOT already drawn.
 - ii. All personnel in 26 Aust Inf Bde Gp who will be in fwd areas will carry a minimum of one EMERGENCY ration for the operation. In the case of Bns the second EMERGENCY ration now held will be dumped in present areas under unit arrangements.
- b. 2/4 Aust Cav (Commando) Sqn will be maintained daily in the same way as 2/23 Aust Inf Bn has been since arriving in KIMAWA area using route EASY STREET - KIASANA 2 - KUMAWA.
- c. During night D minus 1/D day ten days ration res for two coys 2/48 Aust Inf Bn will be loaded on jeeps from JIVEVANENG, res dump and to be at call for fwd move during D day.

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- d. From D day 26 Bde DID will be on 24 hrs notice to move WEST of JIVEVAENG. Further instns will be promulgated to all concerned.
- e. 2/23 Aust Inf Bn will continue to draw daily from 20 Bde DID until the bn can be supplied via SATELBERG rd. In this case the bn will draw from 26 Bde DID.

17. AM

- a. During night D minus 1/D day a special quantity of mixed inf am for a two coy res will be loaded on jeeps from JIVEVAENG res dump, which will be at call for fwd movt during D day.
- b. Approval is given for B Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn to draw the following am from JIVEVAENG res dump as soon as possible :

303 Stripless - 96,000 rds
303 Tracer - 6,000 rds

26 Sup Depot Pl will be responsible for replenishment of JIVEVAENG res dump with this amount of am from old location of B Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn (300 yds WEST of Hq 26 Aust Inf Bde) This replenishment to be carried out as soon as possible when SATELBERG rd is open.

18. Tpt

Following jeeps and trailers allotted to 2/43 Aust Inf Bn for fwd movt from JIVEVAENG area of two coy res pack :

5 Jeeps from 26 Bde pool.
19 Jeeps from Hq 9 Aust Div
10 Trailers from Hq 9 Aust Div
(four for tractors from 2/13 Aust Pl Coy)

19. Res

The ten day bde res dump at KUMAWA remains under control of 2/23 Aust Inf Bn.

20. Native Carriers

- a. From D minus 1 day 26 Aust Inf Bde is allotted approx 500 carriers for the operation. These carriers are divided as follows :-
120 approx for KUMAWA (southern) sup route
380 approx for SATELBERG (northern) sup route
- b. Lieut INELAND AIGAU will be with MAIN Hq 26 Aust Inf Bde from D minus 1.

21. B Ech

- a. 2/23 Aust Inf Bn B Ech will rejoin Rear Bde Hq in ZAG area when 2/23 Aust Inf Bn can be maintained by northern sup route.
- b. Rear Bde Hq and bn B Ech will move to a site WEST of JIVEVAENG when circumstances permit.

22. FOL

Both FOL and DIESELENE will be available to all fwd units from D day.

INTERCOM

- a. Move of Bde Hq. The fwd exchange at the prepared site at 5835 6610 will be opened late D minus one day but will remain

non operative unless otherwise ordered. Tac HQ followed by remainder Bde HQ will move D day.

- b. No 11 set now with 2/23 Aust Inf Bn will remain with 2/4 Aust Cav (Commando) Sqn.
- c. Special list of local code words is issued as appx B and will be used where applicable.

Time of Signature 2250 hrs

Issued through Sigs and LOs

A. Mackay
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HM 26 Aust Inf Bde

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2/48 "	3
C Sqn 1 Aust Tk Bn	4
2 /4 Aust Cav (Commando) Sqn	5
AR ty LO	6
2/13 Aust Pd Coy	7
B Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn	8
2/11 Aust Fd Amb	9
28 Aust Sup Depot Pl	10
9 Aust Div	11
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Appx B to 26 Aust Inf Bde
OO No 2 "FLEETFOOT"
15 Nov 43

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CODE NAMES

A.	2600 feature	:	Ring
B.	581 662	:	White Rock
C.	574 662 - 577 663	:	Green Ridge
D.	5740 6615	:	White Tree
E.	568 664 - 574 667	:	Cocconut Ridge
F.	SISI	:	Serenade
G.	KUMAWA - SIST track	:	Palm Rd
H.	SATELBERG RD	:	Overland
I.	West Track - KUMAWA	:	St Kilda
J.	KUMAWA - GUNUNKOR Track	:	Milk Run
K.	Track West - KUMAWA	:	Angus Rd
L.	Track - KUMAWA SW	:	Harold Rd
M.	2400 feature	:	Steeple
N.	Ford at 556 674	:	Princes Bridge
O.	SATELBERG	:	Utopia
P.	PALANED	:	Shirt
Q.	East West Track 68 grid	:	Flounder
R.	Mango tree 578 676	:	Mango
S.	Pt on EW Track 578 678	:	Trout
T.	Most Easterly outpost on Flounder 587 679	:	Pike
U.	Walled Garden 581 675	:	Enclosure
V.	Garden 583 674	:	Paddock
W.	3 RD Tents on Spur 586 676	:	Doovers

Atty Fire Support Plan

5895-66
5896-66
5897-66

Serial	Unit	Unit Zeta	Day	Target	Bty	Time		Rounds No gun per min	Amm	Remarks
						From	To			
1	2/48	0830	D-1	Green Ridge near end	62	0820	0835	3	360	Plus one bty on call for observed
2				Green Ridge and White Tree	23	0830	10840	3	240	Fire
3	2/48	0700	D	Pandanus. South end Coconut Ridge	62 and 23	0700	0715	3	720	
4				2400 feature	23	0715	0730	3	360	
5	2/24	0745	D	2600 feature diggings (TRAV)	15 24	0715	0730	2	120	
6				— — —	24	0730	0745	3	360	
7				Feature west of TRAV	24	0745	0800	3	360	
8	2/23	0650	D	Palms area	15 62	0720	0723	5	60	
9				Area western Track	15 62	0725	0728	5	60	

Harassing Fire Plan

Serial	Unit	Night	Target	Bty	No of Units	Amm	Remarks
10	2/48	D-2/D-1	Green Ridge	23 and 62	Two	256	
11		D-1/D	2400 feature area	11 and 62	Two	256	Subject to patrols 3-1
12	2/24	D-1/D	2600 feature	24	One	128	

Claudia 5/1

Skipton 2/1

Paul 15/1

A raid

Thurs. not stop 4 engine raid on Germany.
Fri. daylight raid. Fortresses as shown

Italian front
held by floods.

250 broke bunker raid
all planes

Russia held - June attack

Germany have pushed around least
Russ. airbase

Java 3-4 June

Batley

Lot 16 shot down

Siberia raid - lib.

Hard fighting Antel - Russian
but three days

WAR DIARY

Army Form C.2128
(Adapted, Large)
(Pads of 100)
a.w. 20m pads

MESSAGE FORM

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS.	IN	No of Groups GR.	Serial No.
	OUT		OFFICE DATE STAMP

(ABOVE THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

TO 2/24 Bn	Originator's Number 071	Date 21	In Reply to Number
FROM 26 BDE			

<small>(Write horizontally)</small> SECRET ○	FLEETFOOT ○	No 3 ○	Information	as	5
in	daily	SITREP ○	Air	strike	10
NOT	after	1400 hrs	22 Nov.	MARARUO	15
and	MORENG	5363	NTH STA	BOMB	20
run	NOT	EAST of	545	easting ○	25
INTENTION	26 BDE	will	capture	SATELBERG ○	30
METHOD ○	TASK ○	2/48 Bn	will	continue	35
advance	via	SATELBERG	head	and	40
will	leave	C Coy	to	hold	45
COCONUT	RIDGE ○	2/23 Bn	will	hold	50
STEEPLE TREE	area	with	B Coy	and	55
Bn less	B Coy	will	advance	via	60
head	to	approx	555668	thence	65
WEST	to	cross	thence	generally	70
NORTH	to	objective	wing	contour	75
3200	feature	5567 ○	Details	of	80
route	from	26 Bde I.O. ○	○	2/24 Bn	85
will	with	one	Coy	continue	90
to	advance	from	2600	feature	95
via	saddle	towards	SATELBERG	○	100
Two	Coy	on 2600	feature	will	105
press	and	map	up	from	110
EAST and	WEST ○	CAV	One	troop	115
forward	with	2/48 Bn	One	troop	120
remains	STEEPLE	TREE	One	troop	125
remains	JNEYANENG	area ○	2/23 Bn	will	130

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protect	troop	at	STEEPLE HILL	UNTIL	5
arrival	B Coy	⊙	ARTY	⊙	10
ARTY R	south	1000 hrs	opportunity	target	15
SATELBERG	⊙	concentration	depending	on	20
Success	AIR STRIKE	on	track	junctions	25
at	539674	⊙	concentrations	on	30
call	on	track	about	554678 ⊙	35
Line	as	required	by	observations	40
Final	co-ordination	on	objective	through	45
this	HQ ⊙	ADMIN	as	arranged	50
verbally	by	SC	⊙	INTERCOM	55
NORMAL	⊙	ACK	all	inf	60
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<small>(Write horizontally)</small> SECRET ○	26 BDE	WILL	CONCENTRATE	MOUTH	5
OF	RIVER	MASSAWENG	BY	NIGHT	10
24/25	DECEMBER ○	24 Bde	15	TO	15
RELIEVE	AND	TAKE	OVER	ROLE	20
THIS	BDE	EARLIEST	POSSIBLE	2/4 CAV SQN	25
REVERTS	FROM	COMMAND	ON	RELIEF	30
THIS	BDE ○	2/23 BN	HQ	26 BDE	35
2/24 BN	LESS	TWO	COYS	WILL	40
MOVE	GUSIKA	22 DEC	FOR	ONWARD	45
MOVE	BY	SEA	23 AND 24	DEC ○	50
2/24 BN	WILL	HOLD	AREA	564728	55
AND	2000'	FEATURE	EACH	WITH	60
ONE	COY	UNTIL	FIRST	LIGHT	65
23 DEC	THEN	WILL	MOVE	GUSIKA	70
BY	HAST	LIGHT	23 DEC. ○	THENCE	75
BY	SEA	24 DEC. ○	2/48 BN	LESS	80
ONE	COY	WILL	MOVE	TO	85
SCARLET	BEACH	22 & 23 DEC	FOR	MOVE	90
ONWARD	BY	SEA	24 DEC ○	ONE COY	95
2/32 BN	NOW	MOVING	WILL RELIEVE	2/48 BN	100
SATELBERG AREA	○ Q 9 DIV	IS ARRANGING	MT TO	MOVE COYS	105
2/48 BN	WHEN	RELIEVED	TO REJOIN	UNIT	110
EARLIEST	BY SEA VIA	SCARLET BEACH ○	SEA MOVE	TO BE	115
ARRANGED	BY Q 9 DIV. ○	ROLL BDE	ON ARRIVAL	MASSAWENG	120
RIVER	DIV	RESERVE	○ ACK	FALL INF.	125
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TO 723 724 748 Bns

FROM 26 Bde

Originator's Number

I 150

Date

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In Reply to Number

(Write horizontally)

Preliminary translation of enemy diaries captured by 748 Bns 21 Nov 5
 diary, owned member of ASA 2055 NO 12 COY 29 Oct. It is a month since 10
 the Americans landed at ANDT CAPE. Our strength is small, however 15
 made a general attack on 15 Oct. but no result. No ration 20
 Heard one Bn of 79 Regt was annihilated in RAMU Riv area. Our 25
 strength of the 80 is less than 1/3. Heard the Arty BUTAI have no 30
 ammo 31 Oct. Last night went to the coy HQ and heard 35
 the enemy is the AVST ARMY who had fought the German and 40
 Italy. The enemy strength is about 30000, our strength 45
 is 10% of the enemy's 50
 Heard the DIET had changed and MR MATSUOKA is the Prime 55
 Minister. Heard our new craft carriers loaded with 60
 1000 planes were all sunk during the attack on X island 65
 in SALAMON, also heard the KYOTO Div is on the way to 70
 N. GUINEA to re-inforce 7 Nov. Heard 1st Lieut KUCHIBA was 75
 discharged from hospital 8 Nov The BASHO HIGHT was 80
 attacked, and NAKATA pl had to retreat to OTA HIGHT. 85
 Heard we must hold this "SA" hight all this year. Heard the 90
 16 Div had landed. Probably the 20 Div will be relieved, however 95
 it will take 1/2 year at least. 11 Nov Receive an order to 100
 reinforce the OTA posn at 0700 12 BUNTAI (Sec) went to 105
 co-operate with NAKATA pl. Today we received some rice (2 Go 110
 (2/3 pint) a man a day) 16 Nov. Received rice 2 Go a day and 115
 4 1/2 dehydrated rations. Heard OTA hight was attacked and 120
 had to retreat. Pl leader was killed. On reverse side 125
 mentioned 7 Oct. Pl command 2nd Lieut KUCHIBA 130

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NOTE BASHO HIGHT probably WHITE ROCK
 OTA " " GREEN RIDGE

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TO <i>2/23 2/24 2/48</i>	Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
FROM			

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Preliminary report on info from captured documents on 24 Bde front.

Attack on 24 Bde was made by 7 and 8 Cys of 238 Regt. an MIB Coy and an Gun pl on support (only 1 gun) Controlled by HQs 2 Bn 238 Regt 1 & 2 Bns 79 Regt moved about 12 km to vicinity of 608917 from Labelberg Juvvenery area.

3 Bn 79 Regt ordered to make HORT on 11 km far coast defence between Kanoni and Labona 0 Gps for this role 3 Bn 79 Regt less 12 Coy, 2d 2nd Regt, 2d Pom Com Unit and three guns 0 Presumed it was 12 Coy which attacked 2/32 Bn on Bonga track 0

1 & 2 Bns 79 Regt took part in attack towards Long to link up with coastal attack by 7 & 8 Cys 238 Regt 0 A force also detailed to deal with our arty south of Long but no details 0

MAD. Twd of 2/48 under positions about FORD 3 Bn 80 Regt. On 2600 feature 2 Bn 80 Regt. Portion on East and rem on West of Saddle 0. Ring of defences also spaw around Labelberg but not on high ground to West of town 0

Enemy made following appreciations 0 An attack was to be made in this area because of heavy road traffic 0 We were weakening our defences around Coastal beach in order to make the attack and he therefore decided to make a quick thrust down the coast 0 He were receiving reinforcements a rapid rate but he considered opinion that we had suffered

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2000 Casualties in Katika area ©

PW Supply situation not good as PT boats have been doing a lot of damage. Barges land supplies at Konomi but they often try to come further South. Trams kept moving supplies to Labana where they are picked up by food tps. If food tps go the complete trip it takes 9 days.

Sub supplies landed at Lio. Deck cargo rice and Amm. Carried inside sub.

PW stated that his Coy had received no reinforcements.

J. Pratt
Capt



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TO *BOVO KOMI LEFO*

FROM *DIDI*

Originator's Number

148

Date

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In Reply to Number

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Secret extracts from 9 Div summary 18 Nov 50 enemy identifications. Identity discs taken from member of an enemy patrol killed 635695 identifies 1 MG coy 79 Regt. Documents from GREEN RIDGE 574663 — 12 coy 80 Regt, 3 MG coy 80 Regt. 1612 coy is now commanded by 1st Lieut NAGATA. 1st Lieut MIYAKE the former commander was wounded in recent fighting. It has now been established that MURASHIMA Pl, shown previously on a document and believed to be re-inforcements for 51 Div were in fact re-inforcements for 1 Bn 80 Regt and have now been incorporated in 12 coy 80 Regt. Enemy strengths captured document set out possible strengths 12 coy 80 Regt 1st Lieut MIYAKE (since wounded) 1st Lieut NAGATA, FUSAO 2nd Lieut KUCHIBA, Jihri, P/O NAKATA Akiji, WO NAKAMURA Jiro. and 23 or's. Enemy Order of Battle following persistent rumours given by PW and captured diaries of the relief of tps who have been in NEW GUINEA comes a reference in a diary captured 574663 dated 3 Nov "Heard 16 and 9 Divs are to relieve 20 Div within this year". A cigarette case found by a patrol at 633688 on 17 Nov was inscribed 20 Inf Regt which is one of the regts of 16 Div. 16 Div was last heard of in the PHILIPPINES and having taken part in the fighting there would be a suitable formation for the reinforcement of NEW GUINEA; however the present evidence is but a slender indication and must be judged accordingly. The following extract from captured diary throws some light on the supply situation of at least one section of

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the enemy tps @ 20 bet - everyday just living on potatoes. Must go about six miles to obtain them and it is very difficult @ 22 bet - divided the section (7-men) into two gps, one gp for fighting and one gp to obtain potatoes. Unfortunately none were obtainable. On the way back sighted a horse killed it and roasted a portion of it which was eaten by three men @ 29 bet - Three men went to get cows and pigs at MADANKO village, a distance of about six miles. Hope they get some. Heard that last night KASAI went 3 kilos into enemy territory, to get potatoes. However, due to enemy fire, was able to obtain only one days supply. At present our only wish is just to be able to see even a grain of rice. Just have one days supply of potatoes and if weather does not clear, we may not eat for 2 or 3 days @ 13 Nov - Received rice ration for 3 days, about 260 (about 2 handfuls) per days. It is like a gift from Heaven and everybody rejoiced. At night heard loud voices of the enemy. They are probably drinking whisky because they are a rich country and their trucks are able to bring up such desirable things - I certainly envy them.

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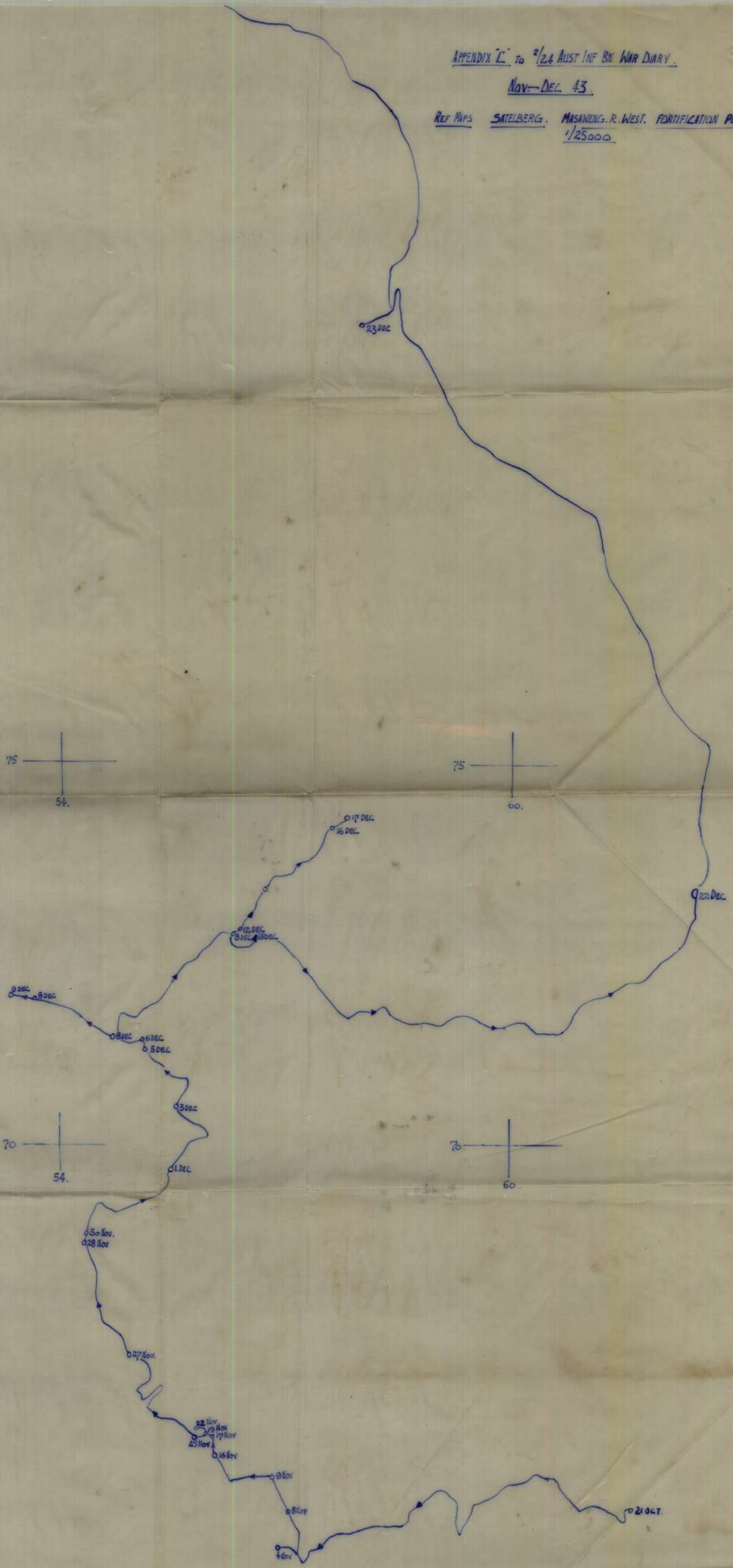
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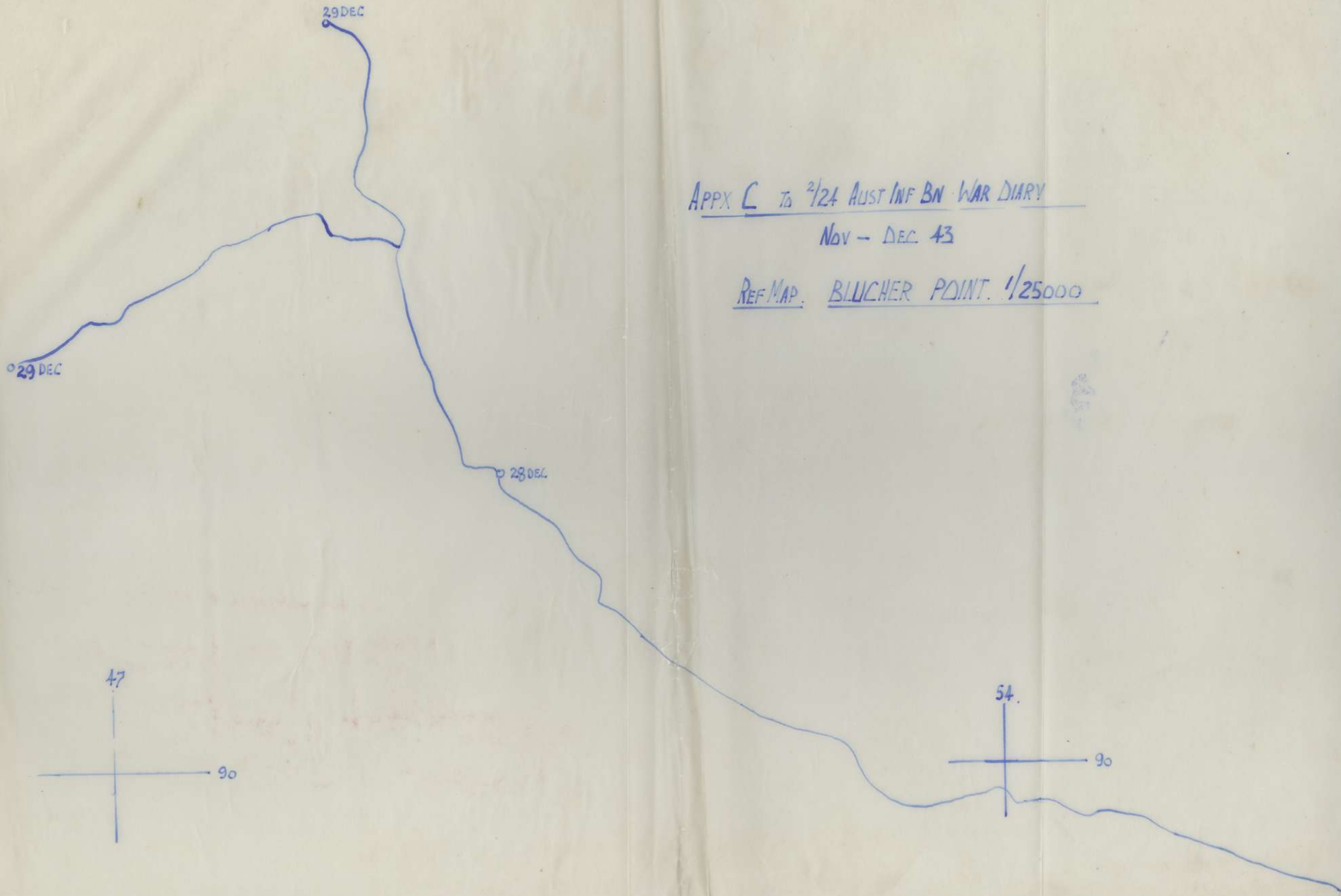
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NEW GUINEA FORTIFICATION POINT

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NETHERLANDS EAST INDIES GRID
SOUTHERN NEW GUINEA ZONE

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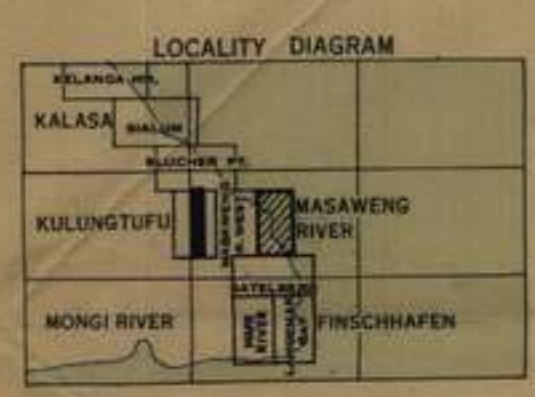
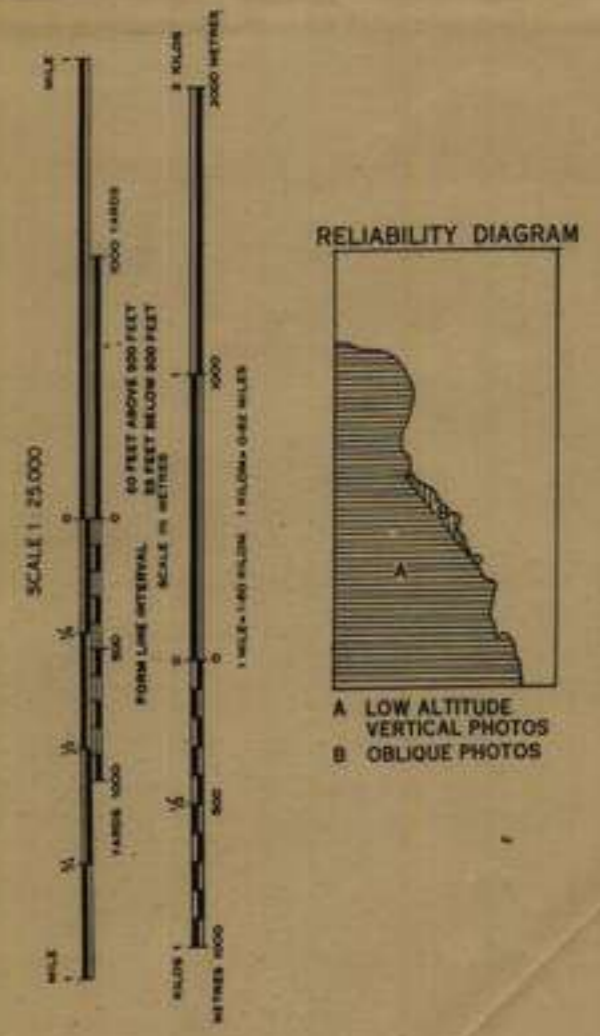
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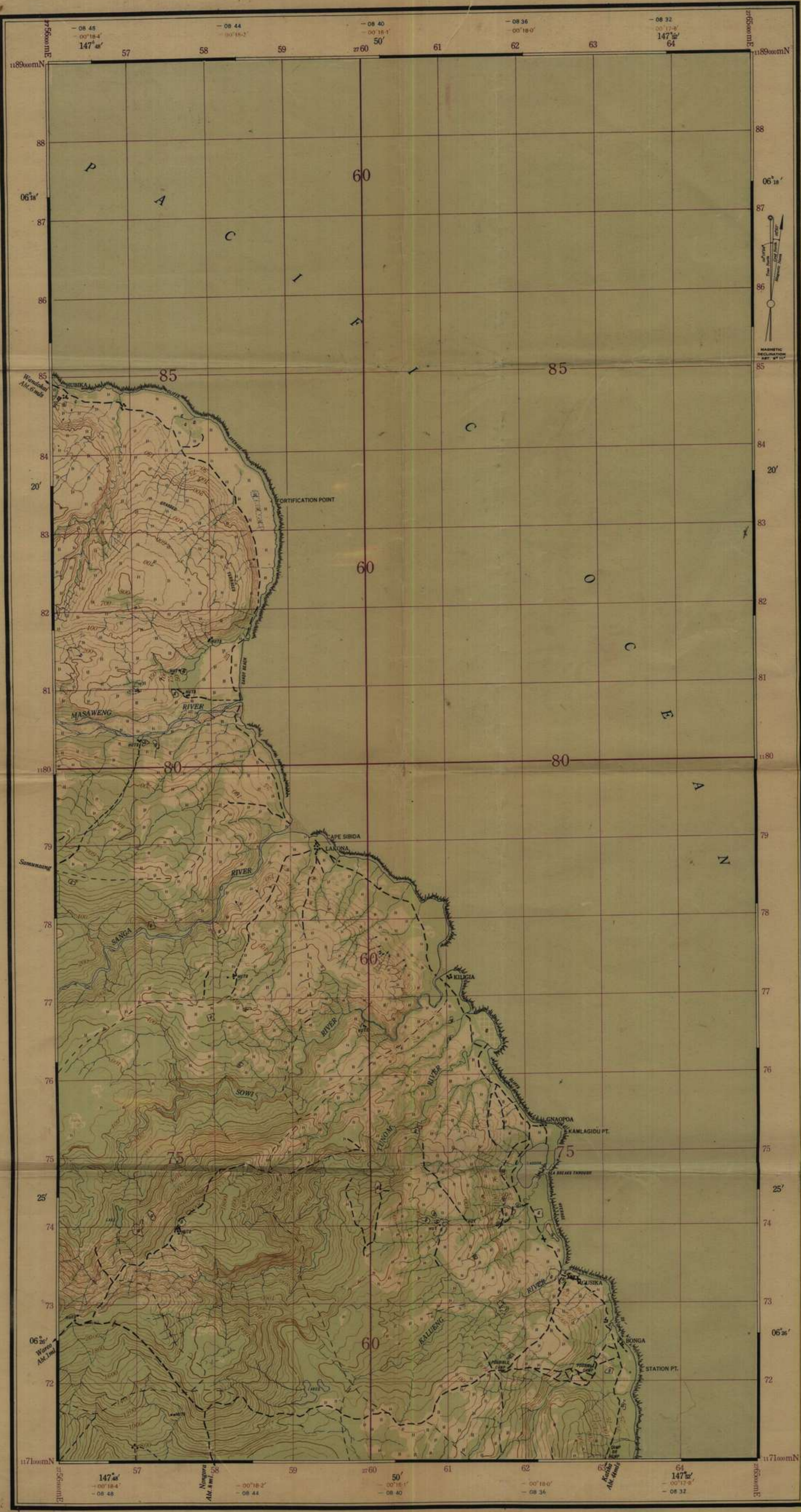
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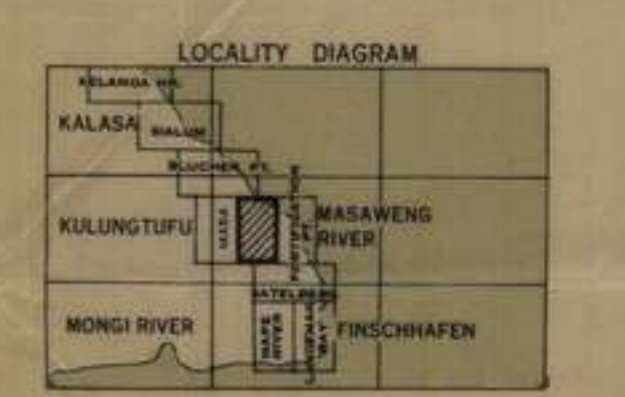
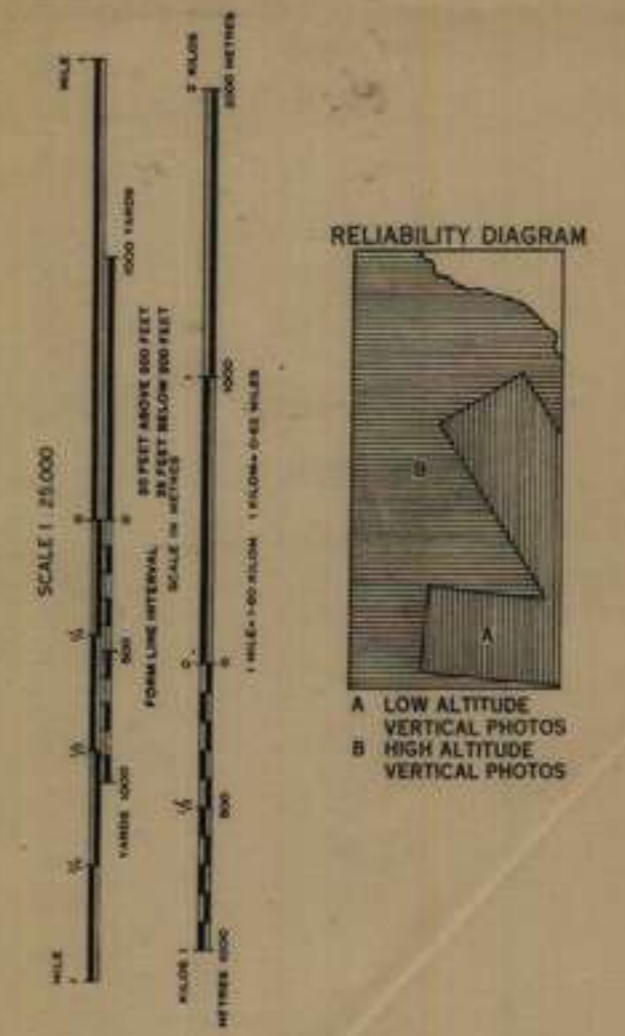
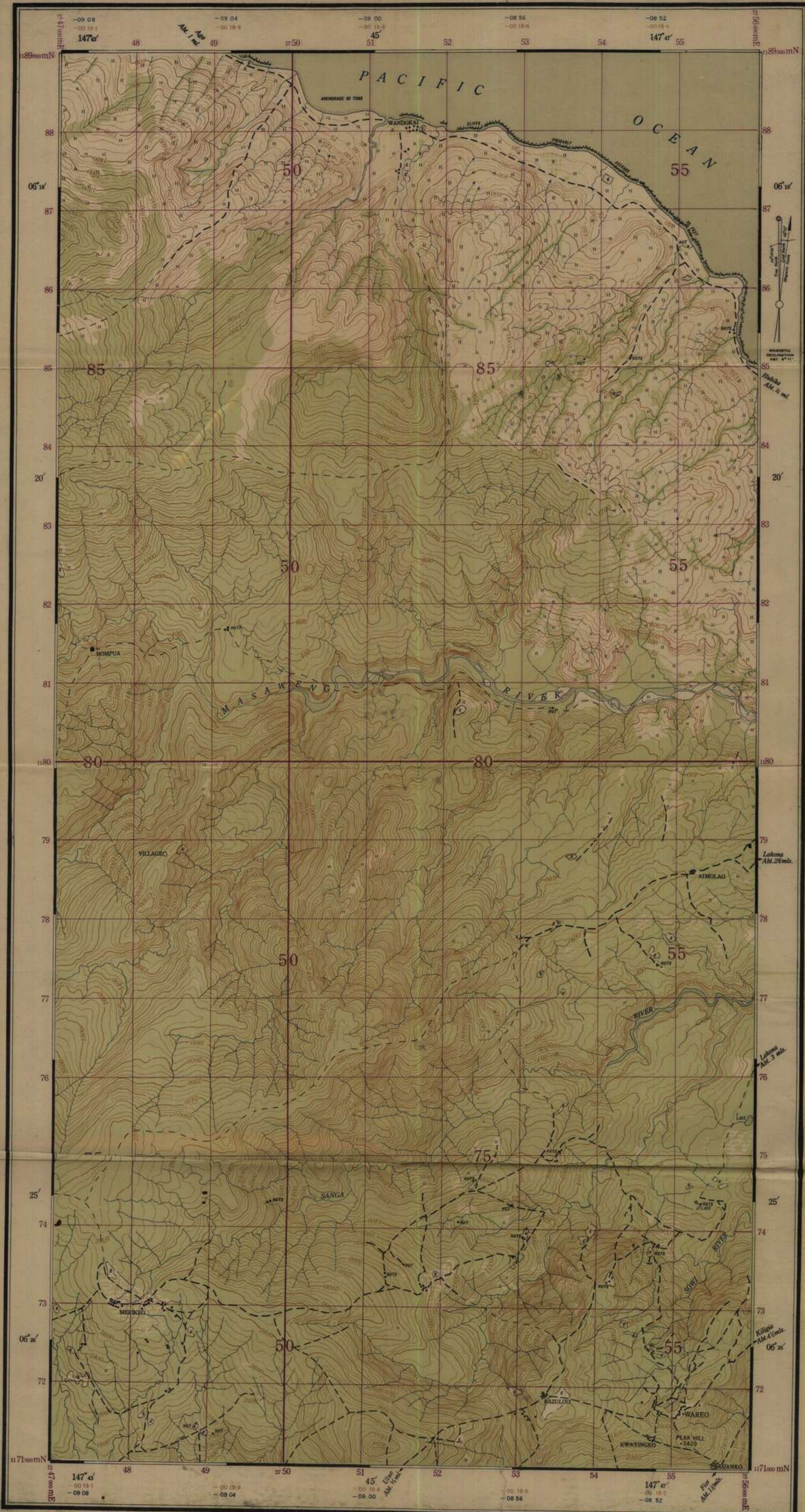
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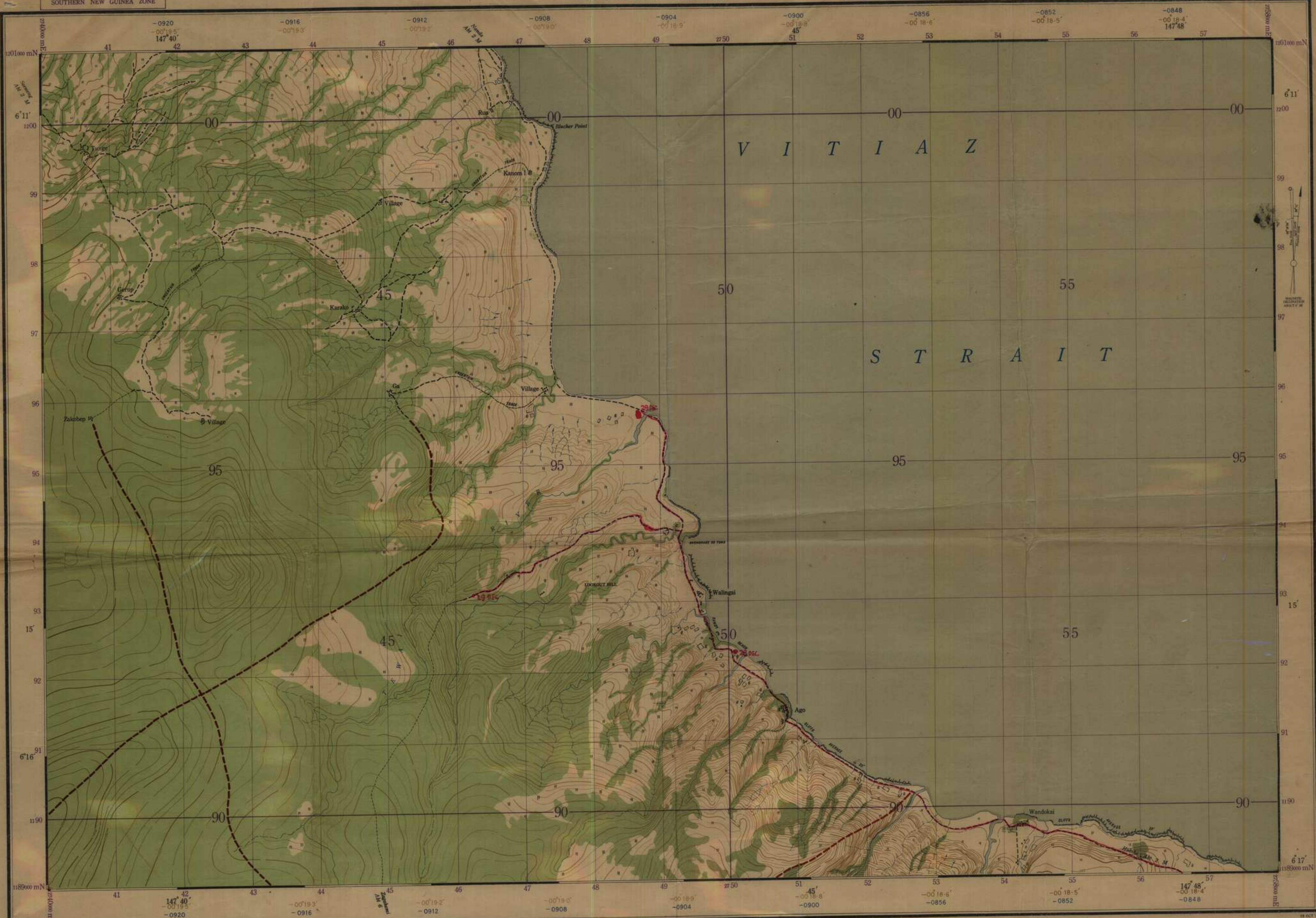
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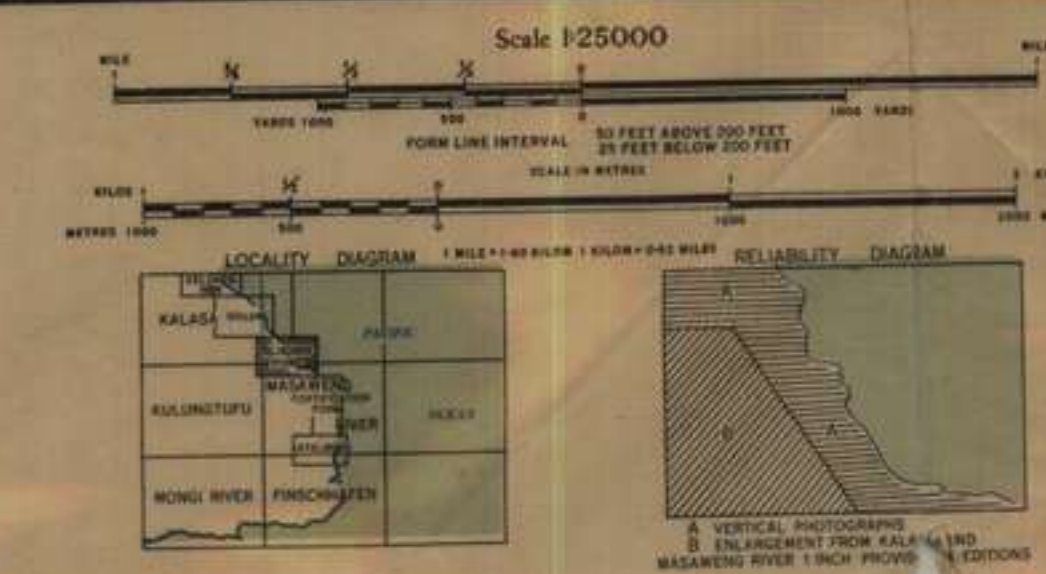


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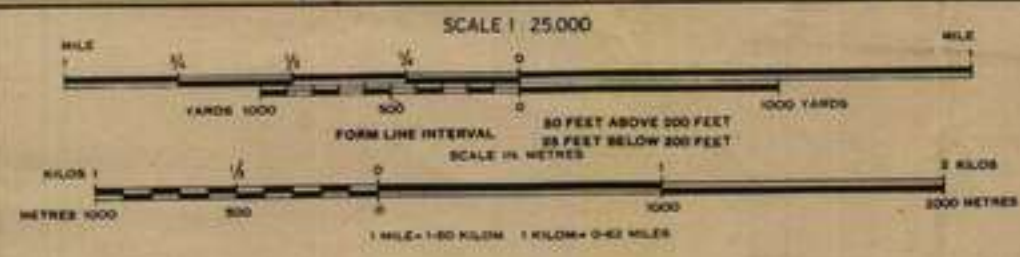
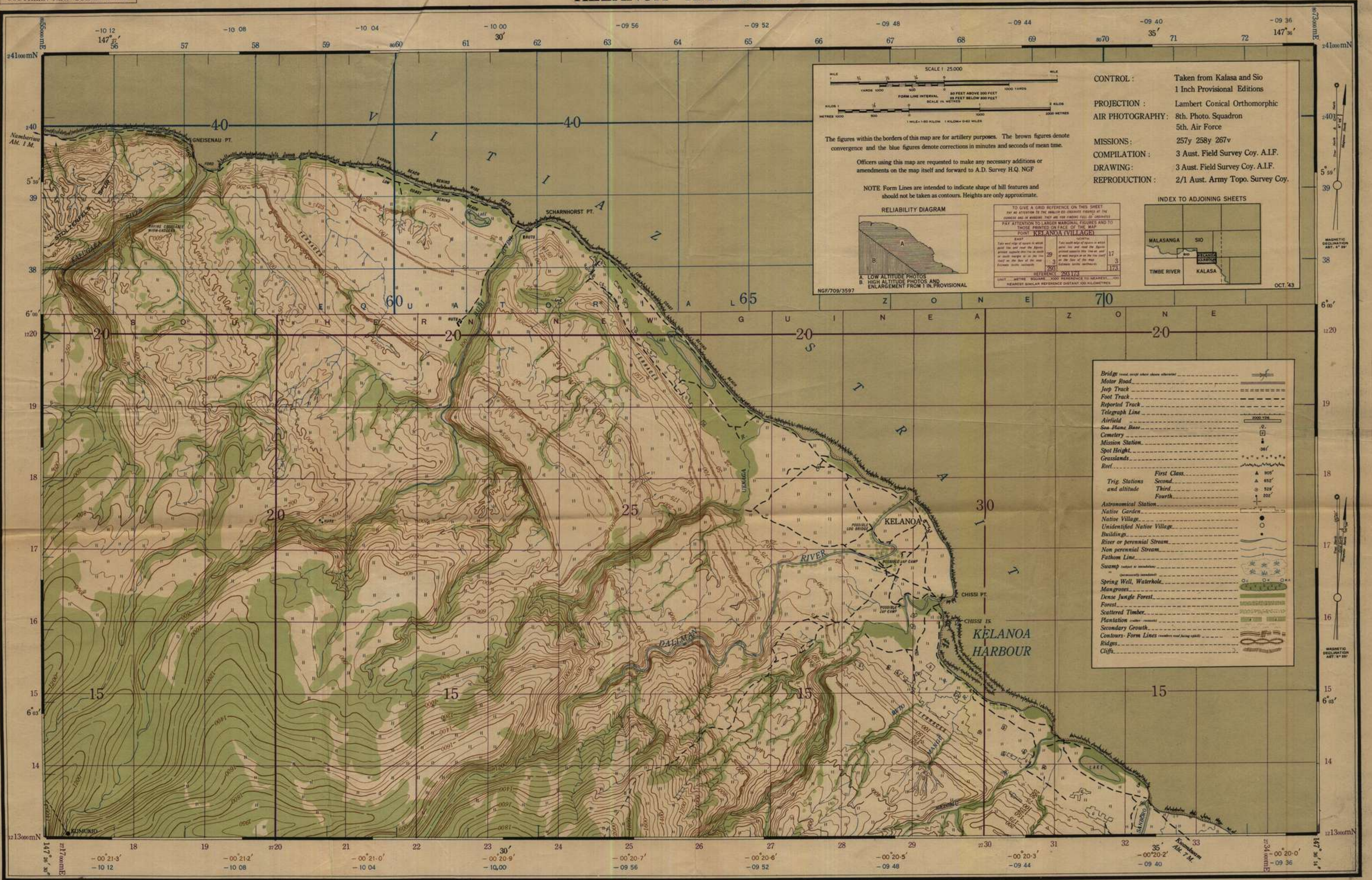
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NETHERLANDS EAST INDIES GRID
EQUATORIAL ZONE AND
SOUTHERN NEW GUINEA ZONE

NEW GUINEA KELANOA HARBOUR

NOTE: GRID ON THIS MAP AGREES WITH SIO &
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REFER TO THIS MAP AS
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POINT KELANOA (VILLAGE)

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NETHERLANDS EAST INDIES GRID
SOUTHERN NEW GUINEA ZONE

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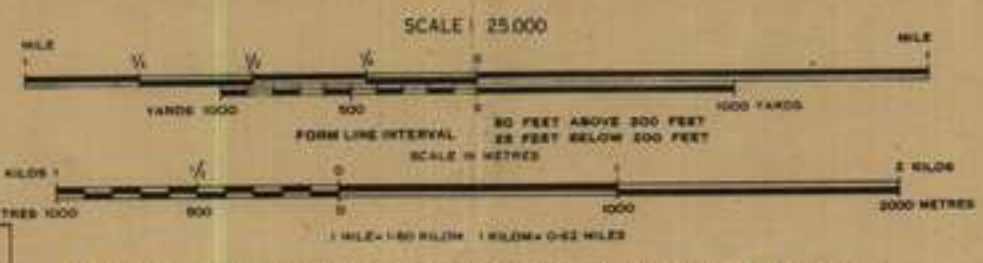


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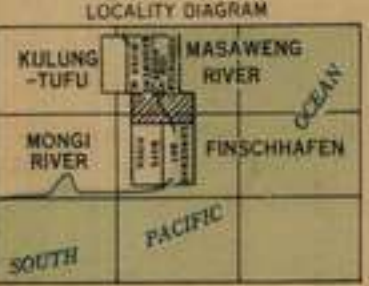
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Native Village		
Unidentified Native Village		
Buildings		
River or perennial Stream		
Non perennial Stream		
Fathom Line		

Swamp (indicated in illustration)	
Spring Well, Waterhole	
Mangroves	
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Forest	
Scattered Timber	
Plantation (unless indicated otherwise)	
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Contours-Form Lines (heights and being added)	
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Cliffs	