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PROFORMA MESSAGE FORM

TO : 20 BDE : 24 BDE : 4 CAV COMMANDO SQN : RAA : RAE : SIGS : 22 BN :
2/2 MG BN : C COY PIB : 532 GP 2 ESB : 4 AC SQN : COMD : G : Q :
REAR 9 AUST DIV : AASC : MEDICAL : BMB : W D (2) SPARE

FROM : 9 AUST DIV

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SECRET (.) OO number 19 (.) confirmation of verbal orders issued by comd
9 aust div 11 oct (.) ref one inch map (.) INTENTION (.) 9 aust div
will reorganise and continue offensive ops to gain control of approaches
to WAREO and SATELBERG with view to capture that area (.) METHOD (.)
fwd tps (.) northern area HQ 24 bde with under comd 2/43 bn 2/3 pnr bn
and further units to be allotted on arrival and in sp 24 fd bty C coy
2/2 MG bn one pl C coy PIB (.) centre area 20 bde with in sp 23 fd bty
one pl C coy PIB (.) southern area 22 bn with in sp F tp 62 fd bty (.)
brdys of centre area (.) right (.) all incl SATELBERG - JIVEVANENG
5865 thence all excl rd to northern edge HELDSBACH 6366 thence CAPE
648669 (.) left (.) incl to centre area R MAPE (.) comd of northern
area passes from 20 bde to 24 bde earliest possible as mutually
arranged by bde comds and notified to HQ 9 aust div (.) comd of fd arty
lt AA arty dets RAE 2/2 MG bn C coy PIB less one pl dets AASC and AAMC
reverts to HQ 9 aust div same time (.) comd of 22 bn passes to HQ 9
aust div 1200 hrs 12 oct (.) 24 bde on assumption comd northern area will
protect SCARLET BEACH and gain control with NOT less than two coys of
track juncs vicinity BONGA preparatory to capture of WAREO recce towards
which will be limited to PIB patrols (.) 24 bde will ensure sufficient
depth to west of SCARLET BEACH to keep open comms SCARLET BEACH - BONGA
in case of enemy attack from west or NW (.) 24 bde will make A coy 2/3
pnr bn available to CRE for works (.) 20 bde will continue to exert
pressure against enemy lines of approaches towards SATELBERG with view
to its ultimate capture (.) 22 bn will protect the area of and approaches
to TIMBULUM sawmill - TIMBULUM PLANTATION - LOGAWENG - WASUTIENG 530521
(.) C coy PIB will in accordance with separate instns patrol in area
north of BONGA and in area WAREO - SATELBERG after arranging detailed
activities with 24 and 20 bdes (.) 2/2 MG bn (.) C coy in sp 24 bde (.)
remainder in div res for protection of knoll 6259 with one coy and for
protection and provision of labour in div maintenance area (.) shore coys
of 532 gp 2 ESB will be responsible for protection of area SCHNEIDER
and DREGER HARBOURS (.) RAA (.) all fd arty under CRA for sp of 9 aust
div (.) allotment FOOs and arty LOs will be notified separately (.) AA
(.) coordination by CRA (.) priorities of areas to be protected are
fd gun areas FINSCHHAFEN and GREAT HARBOUR SCARLET BEACH and as
additional guns become available KOLEM and SCHNEIDER HARBOUR (.) RAE (.)
all fd engrs under comd CRE (.) tasks (.) development of comms and
maintenance area and sp of 24 and 20 bdes and 22 bn (.) ADM (.) present
arrangements stand until varied by Q ACK

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3 Oct 43
Capt PAUL W AURELL

Interrogation Report

PW's Name: NAKAMURA, TARO
Rank: SUINICHO NAVY - (same as L/Cpl)
Unit: Stated unit had not been organised
Age: 24
Physical Condition: Sick - very weak (throat hurt)
Education: 8 yrs primary schooling
Captured: FINSCHHAFEN area
Date: 2 Oct 43
How: By Aust troops while very sick

MOVEMENTS: Left JAPAN end of Aug 43 via TRUK and RABAU. At RABAU he was transferred to submarine and proceeded to FINSCH. His ship, the YAMAFUKA MARU was a small ship carrying provisions.

He could give no information regarding his unit, stating he was going to be attached to a unit not yet organised. He was originally from the SASEBO Naval Barracks.

He could give no information regarding other units in FINSCH or in NG. Did not have any idea as to the total strength at FINSCH.

He stated the duty of the organisation to which he was going to be assigned, was to defend FINSCH but the battle was on when he arrived and he took the part of a rifleman.

PW claimed complete ignorance regarding units and stated that even pl leaders did not know about operations and unit movements.

While on the sub he stated he heard remarks to the effect that a general evacuation was in order. However, he did not seem to know of WEWAK and other coastal points and this remark must be assessed accordingly.

PW stated that the evacuation of FINSCH was inland, or as he put it, "towards the mountains". He did not know where the troops were going. He also stated food was lacking at FINSCH.

REMARKS: PW was evidently very ill and was suffering from shock. He repeatedly asked that he be immediately killed. He felt his lot was hopeless. Consequently little credence can be given to his statements at the moment.

ADDITIONAL REPORT

4 Oct 43

2nd Lieut TADA was CO of pl. PW was in 2 Sec (BUNTAI). There were three BUNTAI of about 11 men each at FINSCH. Four of his BUNTAI were killed including CO TADA. Estimated about 300 navy personnel at FINSCH. Could not estimate strength of troops. He and his pl members used type 99 rifle. Many were wounded by bombs and shell fire. Deaths were usually from rifle shots.

Had respirators but paid no attention to gas or chemical warfare methods. He did not see any arty in FINSCH area.

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Interrogation Report:

3 Oct 43
Capt PAUL W AURELL

Name of PW: TAKAYAMA, Yoshihisa
 Rank: 1st Cl Pte
 Unit: 51 Div - 66 Inf Regt - MOTO 2302
 Age: 22

Physical Condition: Fair; malaria, light
 Education: 8 yrs primary schooling
 Captured: 2 Oct 43
 Where: FINSCHHAFEN
 How: While asleep in trench. Claimed had had no food 5 days

PW's MOVEMENTS:

23 May 43 Sailed from UJINA (Convoy of 5 ships)
 ? In harbour PALAU 2 or 3 days (did not land)
 Jun 43 Landed at WEWAK

CAPTURE: Other members of his Pl had gone into mountains en route SIO. PW was sick with malaria and was left behind. He was unarmed and very weak and surrendered without contest.

PREAMBLE: PW was evidently happy to be alive and told the little he knew freely. He is very unintelligent. Believe his remarks are truthful.

MOVEMENTS IN NG: PW stayed in WEWAK for ten days and proceeded to HANSA BAY in large MLC. PW was in 2 Pl, CO TAKIYAMA and 60 men. He was in 2 Sec (BUNTAI). Stayed in HANSA approx 8 days; thence to SIO en route FINSCHHAFEN where he arrived about middle of Jul. Stated they did no work or did not have training exercise^s during this period. PW's unit was en route LAE to join 66 Regt at that point. He could not identify other units other than to state that he heard that the 41 Div was there. He could not estimate the strength and he had heard of no orders stating that FINSCH should be held at all costs. He could not identify 54 Div or 24 Div.

PW stated that troops were evacuated from FINSCH by inland route. He had not seen or heard of using MLC for this purpose. He could give no data re casualties.

Stated that it takes about 10 days to march inland to SIO and that his comrades were en route that point now. PW stated he saw a few naval personnel in FINSCH.

ADDITIONAL REPORT

4 Oct 43

PW had walked with his pl from SIO to FINSCH. Stated the track was narrow and through jungle and follows the coast. At some points it leads inland but only a few hundred yards at most. Said march takes 10 days of hard marching. About 3 RI a day (7-8 miles). Total distance about 30 RI - about 70 - 75 miles.

Many troops at SIO but could not estimate strength. Had respirators but little training on chemical warfare.

Stated he saw no arty at FINSCH. Practically nothing but rifles and grenades used. His pl of 51 Div did not fight at FINSCH. He thought they were ordered back and that this was about 10 days ago so he thought his group would be arriving SIO about now.

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9 Oct 43
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Sgt ROY FUJAMI
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Name of PW: HORIUCHI MASAO
Rank: 1st Cl Pte
Unit: 20 Div 80 Inf Regt 2 Bn MG Coy - ASA 2055 BUTAI
Age: 30
Education: None - due to illness when a child. Can read but writes very little.
Physical Condition: Wounded left foot, not serious. Acute malaria, weak, needs treatment.
Capture: 7 Oct 43. BONGA. PW was very sick and was captured by Aust troops.

Preamble: PW told conflicting accounts of Bn movements in FINSCHHAFEN area. His memory is either very poor or clouded due to his physical condition. Consider him of below average mentality and do not place much confidence in his statements.

Movements: Inducted Aug 41 and sent to CHOSEN to the ASA 2055 BUTAI located at TAIKYU. Trained there for one year and four months. The entire 20 Div sailed from FUZAN on 10 Jan 43 on 7 transports escorted by 7/8 destroyers. In Feb 43 debarked PALAU and trained for 50 days, subsequently (date unknown) landed HANSA BAY and proceeded to march to MADANG. While at MADANG constructed roads to GOKAZAN, AYAO and thence to YAGORA. Work finished returned to MADANG. Stated Bn strength 600/700.

Identifications at MADANG: Stated that there were about 400 men of 24 INDEP ENGR UNIT, CO Col KAMIYA, there and also 400 men of 33 INDEP ENGR UNIT, CO Col SUZUKI, there. These units were constructing roads and bridges and had preceded PW's division to this point. The men of these two units were above average age (age 30 to age 40). PW stated he had heard that the 3 Bn of 80 Regt was in WEWAK (very indefinite).

MADANG His bn was divided into 4 TEIDAN (GPS). That 6 Coy was No 1 TEIDAN, 7 Coy was No 2 TEIDAN, 8 Coy was No 3 TEIDAN and that the MG Coy and Bn Gun Coy was No 4 TEIDAN. 1, 2, and 3 TEIDAN with a signal unit and an arty unit attached from unknown units, proceeded to FINSCH in MLCs. That MG Coy and Bn Gun Coy marched to FINSCH in approx 22 days. That on arrival at FINSCH there were only 50 men from the other three TEIDAN at that point. He heard that they had been attacked by torpedo boats en route but he did not know how many were lost.
PW stated he had heard that 1 Bn of 80 Regt had proceeded to LAE but that they were retreating from that point. Previously PW had stopped for a brief period at SIO but he had only seen 100 naval personnel there.

FINSCHHAFEN PW was in this area about 1½ months. Stated he saw no other army units there, however he did see 200 navy personnel. Stated that one coy of 2 Bn had proceeded towards the RAMU R and that liaison with them was by runner. He did know what this coy was doing. PW's account of his Bn movements from this point is very hazy; stated Bn left FINSCH and went inland for 2 days and then returned to the coast and followed the coast to the MONGI R which they crossed. No Allied troops were encountered in that area. At this time his Bn was informed (how he could not state) of the Allied beach landing near BONGA and they retraced their steps

FINSCHHAFEN (Ctd):

carrying amm and provisions and guns. (No horses used). Stated that each of the twelve BUNTAI (secs) of the MG Coy had two boxes of MG amm - 600 rounds per box. Each rifleman carried 60 rounds of amm, no information regarding shells for bn guns. They did not return to FINSCH but headed into the mountains towards a point identified by a church or mission and verified as the SATELBERG area. The Bn proceeded beyond this point and PW who had become very ill with malaria legged behind, got lost in the jungle and the following day following a track he came out on the beach and was captured at BONGA.

80 DIV:

PW gave regt numbers as 78, 79 and 80. 77 Regt had been disbanded in CHOSEN.

20 Div GCO	-	Lieut Gen FUJII
80 Regt CO	-	Col MIYAKE
2 Bn CO	-	Maj KAMAURA
		Adjt FUJII
MG Coy CO	-	Capt SATO
BUNTAI CO	-	Ldg Pte MIYASHITA

STRENGTH

PW stated he was positive that his bn was now in the SATELBERG area. In the rough terrain of this area he saw no other units; stated that one third of his bn is ill with malaria and that morale of troops is very low.

Remarks:

This PW was examined on two consecutive days. His mind is confused and as already stated he is very ill. Believed that he will tell his story accurately and honestly when he has regained his health.

(Sgd) Capt Paul W AURELL

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SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS CAPTURED SINCE 15 OCT 43.

1. OO for enemy landing at SONG R - captured in BONGA area 15 Oct. Translation already issued.
2. Maps showing direction of attack on KATIKA and SONG R and enemy's exploitation plans - taken from enemy killed after landing at SONG R 17 Oct.
3. Undated map showing locations of enemy div HQ, and a bn and regtl HQ - place of capture unknown.
4. Various notebooks and paybooks taken from enemy killed in SIKI CREEK, KATIKA and SONG R areas, together with interrogation of wounded PW, revealed following organisation of units of 79 Inf Regt :-

79 Inf Regt - Comd Col HAYASHIDA

I Bn - A postal savings book identifies MATSUDA (Tadashi) tai of 79 Inf Regt; PW states there is a coy comd MATSUDA in I Bn. PW also states FUJIZAWA is a coy comd of I Bn.

II Bn - Comd, Maj TAKEBANA (probably killed in fighting in this area)

Adjnt, 2/Lieut TANAKA, Akito.

Strength of HQ (undated), 149 (incl Amn Sec) 56 and Baggage Sec 48)

5 Coy - Comd, 1/Lieut FUKUIE, Takashi.

1 Pl - Prob Offr TANAKA, Makato

2 Pl - 2/Lieut YOSHIDA, Fusayoshi

3 Pl - WO TAKADA, Kanishi

Strength of coy (undated), 192.

6 Coy - Comd, 1/Lieut FUJIO, Iwao

Pl Comd, 2/Lieut TAKADA, Suyeo

Pl Comd, 2/Lieut HIGASHI,

Strength of coy Sep 43, 139

Comd *WJW*
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TAKASHIMA tai (identified by PW as 7 Coy) -

Comd, 1/Lieut TAKASHIMA

1 Pl - WO TAKAYAMA

2 Pl - 2/Lieut OTSUBO

3 Pl - 2/Lieut TANIKAWA

Strength of coy Sep 43, 181

8 Coy - PW states this is comd by 1/Lieut
SODEYAMA

2 MG Coy - Comd Capt KANEDA, Masao

1 Pl - 2/Lieut DEGUMO

2 Pl - 2/Lieut FUJIYAMA

3 Pl - WO YAMAWAKI

4 Pl - WO HAYASE

Strength of coy Sep 43, 184

II Bn Gun Pl - Comd 1/Lieut YAMASHITA
Setsuro

Strength of pl Sep 43, 54

III Bn - Comd Maj UCHIDA, Tadaaki

9 Coy - Comd 1/Lieut KOTANI (PW statement)

10 Coy - Comd 1/Lieut SUGINO, Kazuyuchi
(extremely hy cas in landing 16/17 Oct)

11 Coy - Comd Capt OUE, (PW statement)

NAGATOMO tai identified by paybook; PW
states this is 12 Coy

~~III Bn~~ III Bn Gun Pl - Comd 2/Lieut HISATOMI
(PW statement)

Regtl Gun Coy - Comd Capt ARINAGA
(PW statement)

QF Gun Coy - Comd 1/Lieut MIZUMACHI
(PW statement)

Regtl Sig Coy - Comd 1/Lieut SAISHOJI
(PW statement)

Unidentified Coys

Organisation of TANAKA tai at 7 Sep was as
follows :-

Comd 1/Lieut TANAKA

1 Pl - Res 2/Lieut SHIMADA

2 Pl - Res Prob Offr NUMAZAWA

X

Strength of coy 7 Sep, 137

(An offr named TANAKA is known to be a coy comd
of 79 Inf Regt)

Paybooks identify KOYA and KAMATA as coy comds
of 79 Inf Regt, but it is not known which coys they
comd.

X

3 Pl - Res 2/Lieut OKAGAWA

Attached offr - A diary shows 1/Lieut TOYOBASHI as Intendance Offr attached 79 Inf Regt, probably II Bn of this Regt.

ONO and TAKAHASHI are referred to in a diary as staff offr of HQ 20 Div.

5. Documents identify KAKAUMA as coy comd 20 Engr Regt tps who landed at SONG R mouth 16/17 Oct.

From another document it appears likely that YANAGIDA is comd 20 Engr Regt.

6. Documents identified II and IV Bns 26 Arty Regt as taking part in the recent fighting. From the context it appears that they fought mainly as inf. Ref III Bn see para 7 below.

7. A captured map undated, but marked with dispositions after our tps captured FINSCHHAFEN and apparently before arrival of 79 Inf Regt, identifies following units :-

2 Coy 238 Inf Regt at TIRIMORO and QUEMBUNG

III Bn 26 Arty Regt (probably less 7 Bty stated in notebooks to be in LAE 12 Sep) at SATELBERG. (OO ref para 10 shows III Bn less 7 Bty).

One sec 36 Indep Engrs at SATELBERG.

Elements 102 Inf Regt (51 Div) at SATELBERG

These sub-units had not previously been identified in the area.

8. A notebook 26 Sep shows IWATA pl 238 Inf Regt at SIALUM ISLAND (ref LAE strat N 3311).

9. Notebook showing 79 Inf Regt was ordered on 5 Sept to proceed FINSCHHAFEN. Regt began to leave BOGADJIM 10 Sep on foot to GALI (P8059), thence by barge to NAMBARIWA (L5341) and then on foot to WAREO via KALASA (ref map strat series MADANG, SAG SAG and LAE).

10. 79 Inf Regt OO giving details of enemy plan of attack captured 22 Sep. Translation issued separately.

11. Notes from OO for re-organisation after capture of KATIKA, preparatory to another attack (possibly the attack made by enemy late afternoon 22 Oct).

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TRANSLATION OF OO CAPTURED 630 687 (1/25000) 19 OCT

Owner presumed to be Maj TAKEHANA Comd 2 Bn 79 Regt

79 Inf Regt Operational Order No ...

HAYASHIDA BUTAI ORDER

1548 hrs 16 Oct at Height 1 kilo NW of KATIKA

1. Known enemy dispositions since last report are shown on map. (Map missing)

2. HAYASHIDA BUTAI will charge in from KATIKA and intermediate sector of SONG and attack and annihilate the enemy located north of ARNDT PT. Important items in guiding the engagement are as follows :-

(a) Complete the preparation for attack by 1600 hrs 16 Oct.

(b) The attack will be commenced by the SONG attacking force.

The order of advance is roughly as follows :

2 Bn

3 Bn less 11 Coy, $\frac{1}{2}$ 12 coy, Bn arty
plus one pl 3 Coy 20 Engr Regt

Regtl HQ

Two pls 20 Engr Regt (Colour Coy)

Sig Pl

Det Div Sigs

Pl engrs

(c) Will penetrate in with the SONG attacking force from an enemy gap in the KATIKA - SONG intermediate sector. Will charge towards the beach (a small cape north of ARNDT PT). The KATIKA attacking force will immediately secure firmly the break in the line, mainly against the direction of KATIKA and make preparations for a later attack.

This (TN - illegible) attacking force will attack the enemy arty and mortar positions and comd post in the KATIKA area.

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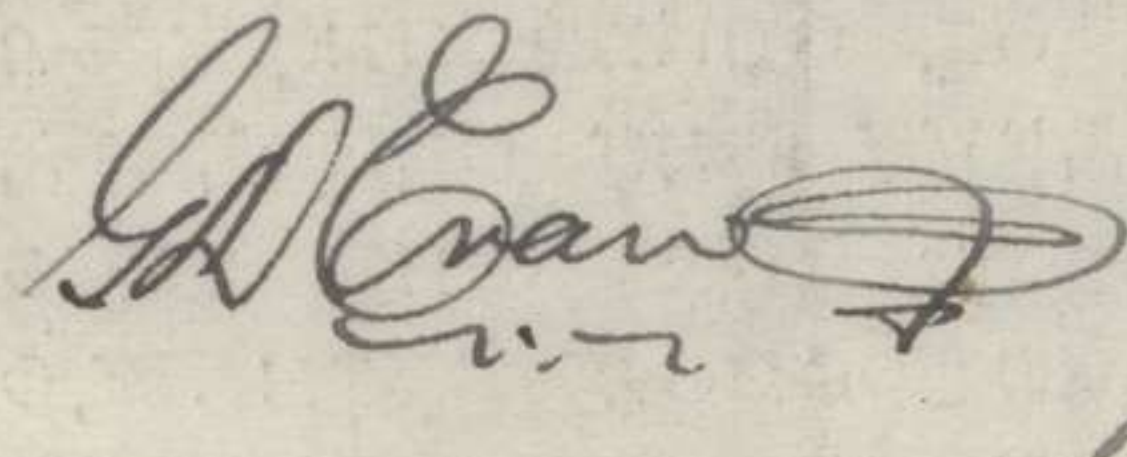
- (d) Following these, SONG attacking force will go round to the left and mop up the enemy along the right bank of the SONG R in the north. Upon completion they will immediately change their course to the south and concentrate at X sector and make preparations to attack southwards.
 - (e) Depending upon the progress of the SONG attacking force, KATIKA attacking force will attack with surprise the enemy in KATIKA from the rear and annihilate them.
 - (f) When the attack has been completed link up with the boat penetrating force (TN - landing force night 16/17 Oct) and take them under comd. Secure firmly KATIKA and ARNDT PT with a pl of MGs (4 guns) and a pl of engrs and let them guard against the sea in the front and the enemies in the HELDSBACH area. The main (TN - "total" actual word used) force will immediately change its course back to the line which attack commenced. According to a Div order they will make preparations for the future attack.
 - (g) 3 Bn Fd Arty less 7 Coy (TN - equivalent of bty) will occupy a position in the vicinity of the SAMAMURA position (TN - SAMAMURA - 9 Coy of 3 Bn 80 Regt in defensive position approx feature sq 58 67) and attack the enemy in the KATIKA area and the enemy's arty now in the HELDSBACH area.
3. 2 Bn with attached two pls 3 Coy 20 Engr Regt and one wireless sec will become SONG attacking force and penetrate from the KATIKA - SONG intermediate sector and first of all charge the beach and attack the enemy in the north.
4. 3 Bn less 11 and 12 Coys, main strength 3 MGs, coy, Bn arty and with attached two pls 3 Coy 20 Engr Regt will become KATIKA attacking force. They will follow in the rear of the SONG attacking force and when SONG attacking force breaks through the enemy first line they will secure firmly the break in the line mainly against KATIKA and make preparations to attack KATIKA.
5. The date of the attack of SONG attacking force is pre-arranged as 1600 hrs of the 16 Oct.

6. YANAGIDA (TN -th is name difficult to read) will hereafter become right flank protection unit and secure firmly the present position and protect the right flank rear of the main strength (Note: YANAGIDA possibly comd 20 Engr Regt - would have one coy of 20 engrs for this force).
7. 3rd Bn 26 Fd Arty will occupy a position in the vicinity of the former SAMAMURA position and check any enemy attack from KATIKA as well as make preparation against the enemy arty in HELDSBACH area.
8. 11 Coy mortar pl and regtl amn sec will immediately rejoin the main strength. Comd 11 Coy will attend to the protection of the mortar pl with one sec.
9. Regtl sigs will attend to comms between Div HQ, Regtl HQ and SONG attacking force. (Note: presumably L/T)
10. Div Sigs wireless sec will attend to comms between Div HQ and Regtl HQ.
11. 20 Engr Regt less two coys will be reserve ~~unit~~ unit and advance with Regtl HQ.

Signed HAYASHIDA Col
Regtl Comd

The order is written in very bad handwriting - which makes translation difficult.

Dispositions of the various pls of 20 Engr Regt are difficult to tie down as statements of allotment are conflicting.

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TRANSLATION OF OO CAPTURED 630 687 (1/25000) 19 OCT

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79 Inf Regt Order

2300 hrs 18 Oct at Height north of KATIKA

1. The night attack on the KATIKA position was successful with a great fighting of the front line units, and captured it at 2000 hrs.
2. HAYASHIDA BUTAI (Note: 79 Regt) will mop up the SONG and ARNDT PT area as already planned. A portion will secure firmly ARNDT PT and KATIKA area against the enemies in the direction of HELDSBACH. The main strength will be concentrated 1 kilo NW of KATIKA and make preparations for the future attack.
3. SONG attacking force comd will concentrate the force in the vicinity of 1 kilo NW of KATIKA immediately after mopping up SONG area. Also make contact with the boat assault unit. Attach one pl of MGS to KATIKA attacking force at KATIKA.
4. KATIKA attacking force comd will mop up ARNDT PT and if that is completed secure firmly ARNDT PT and KATIKA area against the sea in the front and the enemies in the HELDSBACH area. Concentrate the main strength in the vicinity of 1 kilo NW of KATIKA. One pl MGS (4 guns) will be attached.
5. No 10 Comd (Note: Comd 10 Coy who made the landing night 16/17 Oct) will make a connection secretly with the SONG attacking force and when mopping up of SONG R mouth area is completed, concentrate at the place of Regtl main strength in the vicinity NW of KATIKA.

Order written in very bad handwriting -
translation difficult.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

Subject: Interrogation report.

9 Aust Div
24 Oct 43
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1. Attached is preliminary interrogation report of PW of 3 Bn 79 Regt captured south of SIKI CREEK on 19 Oct.
2. PW's estimation of strengths is apparently based on maximum if all units in area are up to full strength. It is known that this is not the case.

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23 Oct 43

Capt PAUL W AURELL
Sgt HIROSHI KUBOTA

PW Interrogation Report

PW's Name: YUWAI, Takeo
Age: 28
Rank: Sup Pte
Unit: HQ 3 Bn - 79 Regt - 20 Div - CHOSEN 23
Captured: 19 Oct 43 - south of SIKI CK near KATIKA - Aust tps
Education: 2 yrs Middle School
Physical Condition: Broken arm, plus 5 surface wounds - not serious.

PREAMBLE: PW is intelligent and completely willing to divulge infm. His statements are considered reliable. As member of HQ 3 Bn he was well informed for a man of his rank.

CAPTURE: PW set out with members of his Bn HQ on Oct 17 to change location of Bn HQ and ran into enemy fire and PW was seriously wounded in neck, both legs and right arm. His comrades bandaged his wounds and left him to his fate. On 19 Oct he was taken by Aust tps. He was bitter towards his comrades and his unit.

79 Regt: PW gave following data:

Maj Gen NAKAI - Inf GOC replaced YANAGAWA one month ago.

Col HAYASHIDA - OC 79 Regt

Maj TAKAHASHI - OC 1 Bn

Maj TAKEHANA - OC 2 Bn

Maj UCHIDA - OC 3 Bn (PW's)

PW could not give name of Coy OCS of 1 Bn but knew names of 1st Lieut FUJIZAWA and 1st Lieut MATSUDA who were Coy OCS.

1st Lieut FUKU - OC 6 Coy 2 Bn

" TAKASHIMA - OC 7 Coy

" SODEYAMA - OC 8 Coy

Capt KANADA - OC No 2 MG Coy

1st Lieut KOTANI - OC 9 Coy - 3 Bn

" SUGINO - OC 10 Coy

" OUE - OC 11 Coy

" NAGATOMO - OC 12 Coy

2nd Lieut HISATOMI - OC 3 Bn Gun Pl

Capt ARINAGA - OC Regt Gun Coy

1st Lieut MATSUDA - OC 1 Bn Gun Coy

1st Lieut MIZUMACHI - OC QF Gun Coy
1st Lieut SAISHOJI - OC Sig Coy

Eqpt 79 Regt : Regt Gun Coy - 300 men. 3 Pl; 4 BUNTAI. One gun to BUNTAI - total 13. Regular arty left behind due to jungle tracks. Guns carried by transport tps. Quick Firing Gun Coy; 300 men; 3 Pl with 4 guns each, total 12. Sig Coy; 500 men; 3 Pl 180 each. Secs for W/T and Telephone Number Secs varied.

DISPOSITION: 79 Regt came to KALASA by barge from point 30 RI (90 miles plus) to north. Barges arrived about 3 AM. Regt marched over inland track for ⁷/₁₀ days and arrived present area two weeks ago carrying all supplies and materiel. No natives used. Stated 1 Bn situated near coast and that 2 Bn and 3 Bn in jungle on "other side of river" of point of capture. Strength 3500.

80 Regt: Entire Regt preceded 79 Regt present area by two weeks and marched in same manner. Could not give disposition but said they were located "to the left of the mountain" (Gave position as SW of FINSCHLAFEN). Only offr he knew of was Maj SHOHU of 1 Bn.

26 Arty: 4 Bns of 500 each attached equally to 79 and 80 Regts. Using type 94 Mountain Gun of which have only 6. All 4 bns this area. Arty not being used as inf tps. Said guns are being used and continually moved.

27 Engrs: PW seemed positive this number. Strength about 1000, including attached SUIJO KOHEI (Shore Duty Engrs). Stated 27 Engrs formed into Regt 4 years ago. OC is a Col. Three bns of three coys each.

Transport tps: Approx 1000 used to transport provisions from KALASA to half way dump.

TOTAL STRENGTH PRESENT AREA : 10,000 men. Viz: each regt 3500; 26 Arty (including Amn Carriers (DANRETSU) and Transport tps) - 2000; Sigs - 500; Medical including Pd Hosps - 1000.

NOTE: PW evidently includes some Transport Tps in Regt totals.

Estimate Allied Strength: Approx 7000

Enemy Intentions : PW was not positive but thought it was the intention of 80 Regt to drive from the left and the 79 Regt to drive from "the middle" of the mountain (unknown) and to converge at CAPE ARNDT area. Thought there would be no drive on FINSCHHAFEN now.

Identifications of other units: 78 Regt - 20 Div. Now situated in ERIMO area defending that area.

54 DIV - PW stated that this Div was about 30 RI (90 miles plus) north of MADANG. Heard this from Bn HQ.

5 DIV : Stated this div was in NG but had been sent to PALAU to reorganize but that they had left PALAU and might be back in NG. He was not sure of this.

51 DIV: Stated that parts of this Div had withdrawn to BOGADJIM and ERIMA area. He had seen survivors of LAE and SALAMAUA garrisons wending their way in groups of 10 to 20 as his Regt marched from KALASA. They were starving and in pitiful condition. They were given no supplies by his Regt.

CHOSEN 44 - YAMAZAKI TAI. PW stated this is part of 19 Div located at HEIJO, CHOSEN

MO 11400 BUTAI. Stated number is regt number

TANKS: None in NG.

RESPIRATORS: Entire Regt brought respirators to present area.

PROVISIONS: PW stated they were merely adequate. Amn supply seemed sufficient. Stated that provisions were brought to

KALASA via barge and landed on sandy beach usually arriving at 0300 hrs, leaving distribution point 1700 hrs previous evening, and thence are transported over the inland track to present area. There is a supply dump a little over half way from KALASA to present area. The 1000 transport tps carry the provisions to this dump and regular transport tps of Regts transport it from the dump to fighting area.

Barge Landing at Spit of SONG RIVER: Stated that a small unit had been left behind at KALASA and took barges to rejoin the Regt in present area. Had heard of no special duty assigned to this unit and further he did not know how many barges were involved but thought it was only a "few".

Signal Fires PW knew of no plan of signals by building fires on SATTELBERG heights or other high ground. Stated that his Regt had seen these fires on several occasions and had found that they were native brush fires.

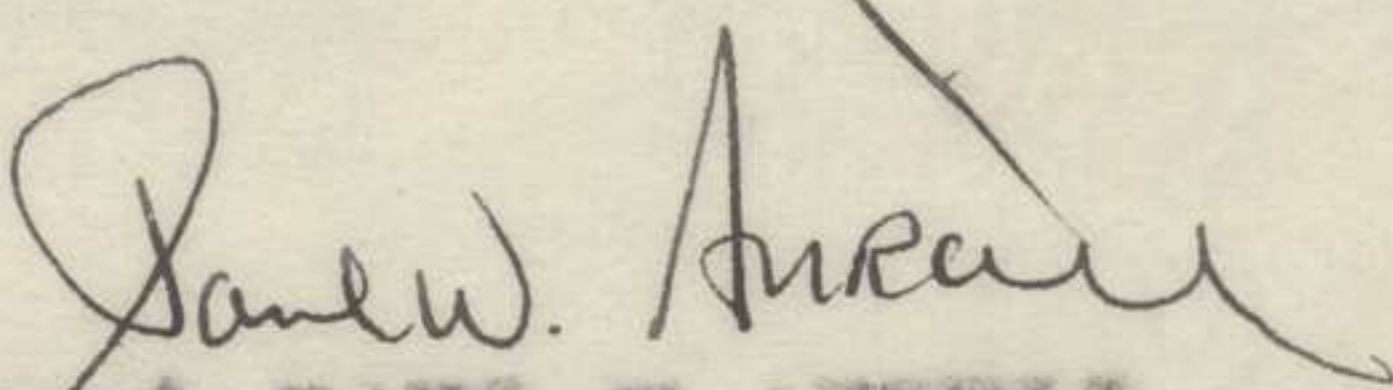
PW's duty in Bn HQ: As member of 3 Bn HQ he was leader of a group of 6 men as TAIKU HANGHO (aircraft liaison group) Duty was to signal JAP planes. However, due to constant recce by Allied planes and also due to lack of JAP planes in area, they had not used panel system of signals to avoid disclosing posns. He said they do no wireless contact in this area with their aircraft.

Casualties: As PW was wounded the first day of attack h estimates are not conclusive. He thought, however, that the average was between 10/20 per coy.

Replacements: PW heard that some replacements came from CHOSEN in Sep 43.

Intelligence: Each Regt had three IOs, all from Div. No IO in Bn or below.

Malaria: Cured in 20 days. Sick not evacuated and upon recovery returned to units. No replacements for them whi ill.


Capt PAUL W AURELL
ATIS

M E S S A G E

Ref the pilots who arrived this morning 1030hrs I have a message for them from GHO Pt MORESBY from GEN McARTHUR O the pilot left this HQ. accompanied by pilot of crashed A/C LT HAGERSTROM. 30 mins ago for the a/c gives info re Coy 32 BN to be sent to TAREKO O enemy at (6168) SW PNR. B Coy from.

re one Coy 32 for TAREKO O also to get authority for MAJ BROADBENT to be released from duty at SCARLET BEACH notifying of his return to here O sup the arrangements for him the Coy from 32 crossed BUMIR at 1200 hrs O I suggest that LO be sent from this HQ to meet OC of Coy O fleet of jeeps could be sent to fwd to carry their heavy weapons and enable them to make faster progress O LO to explain that the DIV order for move will be following later

advising that MAJ BROADBENT being relieved this afternoon.

We are sending LO to meet 32 O at BDE - one pl 32 BN succeeding in sq 627 - we think JAP is assembling there O JAP is still near PNR HQ.

What is AIR STRIKE? - BML - No info but should think it would be on SATELBERG O CO - my lines out to fwd Coy - had a sniper shooting at BHQ - shot my batman - JAP has been rather quiet today. BML - gives info re 32 BN

SECRET O ref my OONO 20 (attached thereto in. no. ser 1458A)

SECRET O reply OONO 20 - same precaution as for night 16/9 (attached) info re Coy 32 more

What time did PIPER COB take off - has NOT turned up yet BML - left this HQ about 1300 hrs

gives extracts from message DIV 0803 - please pass to ESB - OK.

Situation 32 BN and 315 BN - info re JAP landing - all crashed pilots found my lines out to fwd Coy - 32 line to fwd OPers also out CO. 32 advised would you check with 32 & see if they can get their your comms? only real Coy NOT fwd - cannot get in touch with 23 BN I will get them as soon as possible & see what I can do have been info re JAPS killed North of Sona R - they think that is the lot of them

Would you desire Coy of 32, now at ZAC, to come up and 20 BDE.

BRIC - I don't mind I would just as soon have them where they are G.I. every time 20 BDE send PNRs out they seem to get pinned down - are pinned down at present - Do you think he is trying to infiltrate? BRIC - don't think so - every time they attack 32 BN it seems to be BHQ - all quiet at 315 O G.I. - GEN thinks the attack this morning may have been the main one - hard to follow JAP tactics

No	FROM	To	ORIG No	DATE T.O.O	Loco
1594	BML	7/17		17	1630
1595					1645
1596	BML	7/13			1653
1597	ADV 9 DIV	BDE	0806	1600	1645
1598	BML	CO 7/17			1700
1599	BML	7/13			1708
1580	BDE	DIV			1720
1581	BM	E2			1727
1582	BDE	DIV			1750
1583	SICS				1755
1584	BDE	7/15			1800

MESSAGE

Action

Air report that they can get them to 3 Bty + so speak to you for Coy.

AIR RAID RED

You can patrol but NOT more than one pl. how are you sup
Coy at TIRIMORO? about 40 coon & carrying - BML - OK!

Are there any MC's where you are moving from? time cut off. See letter
one Coy of 3 Bty will move earliest possible to TAREKO where it
will be dispersed by 20000 tanks to hold TAREKO area & back jump in view of Coy remains
up and for in Div Res & will not be moving from TAREKO without the approval of command. 20000
We are in comm for Coy again - JAP came around on Southern

See letter
1408
1559

side - AIR STRIKE appeared satisfactory. planes that bombed
JAPS dropped pamphlets in JAP and ENGLISH which read

:- bearer of this message is voluntarily surrendering & C-3 (AIR)
is to be treated with every courtesy & taken to a senior advised
officer in a backward area. Things are quiet here
re MC's - No. they are at back jump near shore in river
about 59 grid - our L0BS back on creek from shore
C Coy at manager's house B Coy at KARAKOC.

BML-C3. all pams dropped today. BRIC suggests that any
further pams dropped include in text that prisoner come
in with hands up. C-3. YES I will phone CORP to that effect.

I am perturbed about taking two coys of 3 around to
KARAKOC. it leaves the country very open. I think a
pl of MC's to high qd advisable. I agree. BML. propose to
move two pls of Coy around behind SIMBANG. C-2 -

sp are est 3 watching posts at 650676. ARNDT Lt
Promontory 645655 (est. 25000) @ Signal will be RED (GREEN RE)

BML-C3 - disprop changes: - sp 3 Bty C Coy 635589 B Coy
638585 other coys same @ other bns same

Report on TACK plane flew over KONA on overnight
a burst of MG fire appeared to come from the KONA (KONA. PAVUNOK)

BML-CO message No. 0803 rpta @ the situation to
date quiet @ AIR STRIKE was successful @ get of

from text rpta @ CO. appears to be a track from
SISI to QUOSAR - one sp are there but no auto weapons

I spoke to JC about the matter @ BML. sp 3 have two
coys around that general area @ ARTI have your negotiations
& BRIC would like you utilize your quota of HF @

TO
ORIG
NO DATE T.O. RECD

1566

MESSAGE FORM

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS.

IN

OUT

Z (O.P.)

No of Groups
GR.

89

Serial No.

OFFICE DATE STAMP

20 Bde
17 Oct

(ABOVE THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

TO 20 BDE

FROM

Ade 9 Aust Div

Originator's Number

0803

Date

17

In Reply to Number

(Write horizontally)

Ref	my	0020	and	0768	5
dated	15 Oct	0	same	precautions	10
as	for	might	16/17	set	15
will	be	taken	night	17/18	20
set	except	that	craft	will	25
only	be	treated	as hostile	from	30
LANGEMAN BAY			northwards		35
and	only	between	1900	hrs	40
17 Oct	and	0800	hrs	18 Oct	45
0	naval	protection	in	that	50
area	has	been	requested	night	55
17/18	Oct	0	own	ESB	60
craft	from	G BEACH	are	due	65
arrive	between	harbour	between	1500	70
and	1800	hrs	today	all	75
informed					80

713 Bu informed + told to pass to ESB

Comd
Bm
(H) [Signature]

THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT AS WRITTEN BY ANY MEANS: () WIRELESS

SIGNATURE
* ORIGINATOR MAY DELETE "EXCEPT" AND INSERT "INCLUDING."

THIS MESSAGE MUST BE SENT IN CYPHER IF LIABLE TO INTERCEPTION OR TO FALL INTO ENEMY HANDS.

SIGNATURE

ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS DEGREE OF PRIORITY

Immediate

TIME OF ORIGIN

1535h

T.H.I.

1410

T.O.R.

SYSTEM IN	TIME IN	READER	SENDER	SYSTEM OUT	TIME OUT	READER	SENDER	SYSTEM OUT	TIME OUT	READER	SENDER

MESSAGE

ACTION

BM-ADJST. CEN. Moving Divs to LAUNCH JETTY O JAP
infiltration from NW to SCARLET O move 713 less two coys
to KAKAKOC - B & C coys to move up on C O. O MAJ KELLY to
comd A & D coys

BM - previous message repeated to G-3. & DAQMC O barges could
go around to Sandspit at mouth of MAPE R it would
facilitate move by taking their eqpt O I think they
would be ready in one hour O DAQMC - I will arrange if
possible and phone 713.

re our move what about 713 MC's? BM - leave them
where they are O 713 given details of attack this morning crashed A/c O
BM am trying to get your heavy gear moved by barge
PIPER COB has landed on AIRSTRIP - to take crashed pilot
back to NADZAB O Is there any urgent message to go back? YES!
on G-3's direction I sent a message to CORPS re action at
st BDE - deemed it urgent that 76 BDE be sent here.

Message was MOST IMMEDIATE so PIPER COB may not get there
just O A small portion of CORPS HQ at LARO which is
North of LAE - he can deliver message there O BM will send you
Name of pilot you have? LENORE don't know his initials -
he is with PARS HQ O they are engaged with JAPS - some
going North of SONG evidently our troops engaging remainder JAPS
SITREP No 39 to 0600L/17.

SECRET O O No 13 (attached)

79 + 80 REGTS attacking HELDSBACH using SATELBERG
ROAD as an axis O Infrm from map captured this morning.
Situation? - Quite OK to date O we have map showing
JAP thrusts O BM has full infrm to setup - will obtain & advise you
BM - BM. Infrm re JAP REGTS attacking down road O
probably SATELBERG RD O BRIG and myself are very perturbed
at open country which is probably route of attack O We
would like you to arrange adequate def that area O We
have no res to put there all of our BDE actively engaged
elsewhere O ZAC will have to be maintained at all
costs O suggest you place troops out from ZAC to track
Japs and East of 62 grid line on SATELBERG RD O
BM w/BDE - your request very much appreciated and I
will discuss the matter with BRIG EVANS who will in turn
phone BRIG WYNDEYER

No.	FROM	TO	ORIG NO	DATE	T.O. charged
1558	CAMP KING (Frontier Centre)	BDE		17	1356
1559	BM	24 BDE			1430
1560	BM	C-2			1425
1561	BM	MAJ BROADBENT			1440
1562	BRIG	DIV (C-2)			1455
1563	BML	24 BDE			1515
1564	2/17	BDE			1530
1565	ADV DIV HQ	BDE	0801	1210	1515
1566			0803	1335	1525
1567	BML	2/17 (LOB)			1522
1568	CAMP KING (Frontier Centre)	BML			1530
1569	BML	2/13			1532
1570	2/17	BDE			1548
1571	BDE	2/17			1549
1572	2/17	BDE			1550
1573	DIV (C-1)	BRIG			1605

PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

LOGGED 1552

TO 2/28 Aust Inf Bn, 2/43 Aust Inf Bn, 2/3 Aust Pnr Bn, C Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn
rptd 9 Aust Div 20 Aust Inf Bde

FROM 24 AUST INF BDE

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SECRET (.) e.o. No.13 (.) ref map series 1 inch to 1 mile (.) no change verbal orders (.) INFORMATION (.) inter bde bndy amended to excl SATELBURG JIVEVANENG - all incl SATELBURG rd - HELDSBACH - FINSCH rd - R QUOJA to sea (.) 532 bt bn has been ordered not to operate along coast after 1800 hrs daily as from 16 Oct (.) INTENTION (.) 24 Aust Inf Bde will reorganise and hold northern area (.) METHOD (.) fwd bns right 2/43 bn left 2/3 pnr bn (.) inter bn bndy - R SONG incl to 2/43 bn (.) FDLs to incl present posns SOUTH of BONGA - hill 6272 - SOUTH to R SONG - hill 6168 - SW along ridge to SATELBURG rd (.) NORTH HILL will be held and 2/43 bn will be responsible for coast watching within and NORTH of bn area (.) B coy 2/43 bn reverts to comd 2/43 bn as from 1400 hrs 15 Oct 43 (.) 2/3 pnr bn will keep SATELBURG rd open WEST to 2/17 bn and EAST to excl HELDSBACH (.) rear bndy 2/3 pnr bn line excl KATIKA excl HELDSBACH (.) ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ reserve 2/28 bn (.) tasks (.) one coy disposed vicinity air strip incl R QUOJA and beach (.) one coy to comd and control mouth of R SONG and SCARLET beach and maintain standing patrols along R SONG not further WEST than 1000 yds (.) coast watching system to cover sector (.) 2/28 Bn less two coys as mobile reserve in KATIKA prepared to counter infiltration or penetration within Bde area (.) works - all posns will be dug and camouflaged, lanes of fire cut (.) patrols (.) lateral contact between units and subunits to be maintained by day (.) by night standing patrols to cover all likely approaches (.) posns to be occupied by 1000 hrs 16 Oct (.) all elements of Bns to be sited within own areas (.) four Tk A guns to be sited for beach defence by 2/28 Bn (.) arty (.) FOOs with Bns (.) DF tasks will be selected and registered by 1200 hrs 16 Oct (.) C Coy 2/2 MG Bn (.) no change except res pl will be in sp of coy 2/28 Bn in air strip area (.) occupation of posns will be reported to this HQ by code word IN (.) stand to 0600 to 0700 hrs and 1845 hrs to 1945 hrs daily (.) absolute quiet will be observed in all posns except by reason of enemy action (.) ADM (.) 3 days res sups and 4 days amn will be maintained in all posns (.) 2/28 Bn will nominate one LOB officer to coordinate and control traffic along main coast rd (.) every effort will be made to stock all posns with res water as containers become available (.) INTERCOMN (.) where possible alternate lines will be laid between HQs (.) in event of enemy attack code word RASPUTIN followed by code word of coy in which area attack develops will be passed by quickest possible means to this HQ (.) ship to shore recognition signals will be issued separately and procedure as laid down strictly adhered to. (.) all possible alternate means of comm will be established and used between all HQs (.) Bde HQ remains present location (.) Ack

DRLS

If liable etc.

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No	FROM	TO	ORIG No	DATE	T.O.O	LOGGED
1548	BDE	7/13		17		1121
1549		DIV				1125
1550	7/13	BM				1145
1551	BDE	(G3) DIV				1155
1552	BDE	24 BDE				1207
1553	ADV 9 DIV	BDE	0796	07/10		1230
1554	24 BDE	MAIN BDE	0207	20/20/15		1230
1555	DIV G3(I)					1253
1556	MLO	BDE				1257
1557	BDE	24 BDE				1322

MESSAGE

ACTION

one arrow South of that line swinging to AIRSTRIP, one
 arrow North swinging to SCARLET. All enemy cleared up
 on South some still up North. two barges still on
 beach - one got away - think contained this by the
 noise made pulling out (was evidently over our 1:2500)
 BRIG is anxious for you to use HF North of you from
 and on PIMPLE which is on SATELBERG tracks
 proposed AIR OPS along Angereva as for 16 Oct
 STRIKE SATELBERG approved but depend on availability of

passed
 on to 2/15/47

TAE/R in the area

BM-BM. How many killed? about 38 + more to follow

think we will be able to get JAPS boats into commission
 have many holes in them. 2 pds + 37mm did a good job

BOFORs could NOT shoot our cas one (USA) Killed

6 gun crew wounded. of the 38 killed 3 were at SCARLET

the other 6 further South. remainder have gone out North + West

The boat that got away may not have landed at all

BRIG - CO. Situation? Very quiet he is still in occupation

general area as yesterday. our cas 4K. 1 missing

believed to be wounded. JAPS have as usual taken

our dead away - sure we killed quite a large number

our A + B Coy are linked in one perimeter - RAP in B Coy.

BRIG gave general picture of landing and re crashed A/C

stated he is in touch with DIV re the release of M/S BROOKS

the LOB's are patrolling TAREKO tracks. Situation given

think HF is quite necessary. CO. it is coming over now.

don't think it wise for you to come up yet - may break any moment

reported that 6 out of 15 JAPS shot by patrol from PNR 1

North of KATIRA tracks about 50 JAPS at 6356 at BM - I

will keep you & see if they can get line on them.

PNR HQ at 635682.

BM2 - CO. above reported. See if you can get observation

on JAPS from your front. CO. I will see to it

IO - BM. we can't observe to KATIRA. I have sent

captured does down - captured area BHA

BM. the 7sec grenades & 2" mortar ammo on way up this morning

SITN? IO. Very quiet enemy approx 70' to North. We have

patrol out receiving the area

No	FROM	TO	ORIG NO	DATE	T.O.O	LOGGED
1540	(Cont)			17		
1541	BM2	7/17				0920
1542	DIV	BDE	0822	0825		0918
1543	BM	wt BDE				0926
1544	BDE	7/17				1002
1545	wt BDE	BDE				1017
1546	BDE	7/15				1020
1547	7/17	BDE				1031

MESSAGE

ACTION

Afternoon TAE/R 0 from JAPS tanks cover South R MIA SAWENG 1620 hrs
 one JAP moving North track cover South/CR North/SELEN/0A
 No sig 0 all carrying packs 0 NMS coastal tracks and
 KALASA area 0 footprints TAKONG crossing barges KANOMI
 (presumed those sighted in Oct) straggled

Several barges reported to be still on beach by CAPT HARRIS
 of A/A - one report is that JAPS are still coming in them
 No knowledge of JAPS having moved up SONG R.
 JAPS now in posn on North end of SONG R.

2 or 3 barges some landed 0 No encroachment on SCARLET
 about an hour ago estimated 30 enemy 300 yds on coastal
 tracks - they swung out to coast and back on track and
 then on its way back attacked our post from the North
 unsuccessfully 0 Situation quite under control 0 one barge
 returned

TAE/R morning 16 Oct 0 tracks South Sq 5965 (1.2500) shows
 very many footprints 0 NMS SATELBERG, all tracks muddy
 from use 0 two footbridges 581707 0 track 619697 follows ridge
 to 598713 (presumed up 1") 0 Hill used tracks run from 593746
 West parallel R SONG 0 requesting clarification last ref
 thru barges on beach - PT boats offshore

SITNO R

CAPT GARNSEY - BM - re crashed A/c and pilots 0 BM - we have
 one here who crash landed on STRIP 0 (3A10) - I have notified
 air force and also arranged a BOOMERANG to search for avian
 who fell into sea

G-3 to BM. ref posn SATELBERG 0 it was before rain started 0
 I will make inquiries and phone back

BM - ref posn SATELBERG 0 time 2030 hrs - direction one at 255°
 and 268° from 618657 (our posn TAREKO) - rain put posn out
 those bearings do not point direction SATELBERG 0 No!
 but bearings are direction of posn

BM - ADST. did you see any posn last night? No! nothing reported

BM - ADST. ref posn? No! 0 CO - BM - Situation last night's landing?

BM gave details also in posn re crashed A/c 0 JAP 0 read to C.O. 0

C.O. - enemy still in same posn as last night - quiet here now
 quiet report from 717 (LOR) - re posn - 715 & 717 can't confirm this 0

G-3 - all JAPS left with barges have been killed & others being
 dealt with 0 BM - if BDE are sending pilot they got up here

BM - BM2. just picked up trace of beach - show arrow pointing
 into SCARLET Ben. main arrow in view just North of SATELBERG
 also shows land from North of ZAC (Sq. 6167) to North of HELDSEACH

No	FROM	TO	ORIG No	DATE	T.Oo	LONGEST
1526	DIV	BDE	0A238	17	2110/16	
1527	MLO	BDE				0535
1528	-	-				0630
1529	W BDE	-				0645
1530	DIV	BDE	0A229		1250/16	
1531	MLO	BDE				0700
1532	1/17	-				0800
1533	DIV	-				0807
1534	-	-				0813
1535	BDE	1/17 (LOB)				0815
1536	BDE	1/17 (LOB)				0820
1537	-	1/15				0822
1538	-	1/17				0824
1539	BDE	DIV P.3.				0835
1540	W BDE	BDE				0858

DATE T O O T O R SOURCE O N o

TEXT

ACTION

DISP

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MESSAGE

ACTION

Notified to CO. CO. everything under control. BM - Ann from?

We would like 7 second grenades & 2" mortar bombs. One 3" ^{6th} Div mortar ^{notified}

Morta. Not very effective - have been using 2" Mortar

reported 4 ships on horizon. BM - they are possibly AMERICAN destroyers

55° Mac from centre of hill - 8 to 10 barges NNW

about 16 cars getting pretty thin - BRIC directs that from maghants block two cars
if planes came low over area just before last light with pilot and
tail lights showing. One plane fired several red flares over air/d area

Identified as P-40's & were all seen to crash about 15 mins after appearance

Two seemed to crash in PNR area (KATIKA) one in air/d one 500 yds NE

of BOM. R. month. arrangements made for jeep to report to AIRSTRIP

to pick up survivor if he could be traced & stand by to light up air/d for

any subsequent A/c. Two jeeps returned this M @ approx 200 hrs bringing

pilot HAGERSTROM (USA). He reported the 4 planes had been covering

a destroyer force lying off FINSCHMAREN - started for base but owing to

low diving rain & bad vis over whole area, unable to locate same.

Then returned to this area tried to find STRIP but failed - HAGERSTROM

then ordered pilots to bale out or crash land

TACIR (see ser 1526) ^{6th} AIR reported that two more pilots had been rescued - one

unhurt other in MDS with injuries (extent unknown) - first light search

being organised to look for remaining pilot

2235, 2340 0100 0130 0230 0310 SITNOR

2325 0010 0130 0326 SITNOR

2315 (thruly SITREP/regularly) 0001, 0100, 0200, 0300, 0400 SITNOR

LO 2nd BDE reported to JPTD REGT that enemy party had landed

mouth SONG R and were moving slowly up the river

A/A post on sand spit South bank mouth of SONG R reports that

it came from North and close in to coast & landed persons North

side of SONG R. A/A unable to see JAPs said to have rifles, mortars

& flame throwers (by induction) strength approx 100 - engaged by elements JPT3.

SITREP to date

JPT3 plane is out

SITREP @ SIT No 2

No	FROM	TO	ORIG No	DATE T.O.O	RECORD
1516	Cont			16	
1517	7/15	BDE			1860
1518	7/17	BM.			1910
1519					1930
1519A	DIV	BDE	0A218		2225 2200
1520	7/17	BDE			2215
/ A	7/13				0330
/ B	BDE	DIV			2215 0326 0400
1521					0410
1522					0505
1523	BDE	7/17			0520
1524	SIGS				
1525	7/13	BDE			0530

MESSAGE

ACTION

DF + SOS letters given

heavy shelling on BHQ area also MG fire @ Can NOT place gun very close and same direction as this morning gives details of above shelling and asks if observation on flash can be seen from North Hill @ Military @ of 17 sites given

AIR RAID YELLOW

check dispo: A Coy 715 appears wrong - OK @ BMH - we are trying to get M/S BRORDEN returned to his Bn - can you help

AIR ALERT

re A Coy dispo: 715 - a pl B Coy is overlooking from where A Coy was on track - contours on map incorrect Div advised distances measured on the ground - A Coy dispo at 56561

SECRET @ Ref 1" map @ of captured @ or published separately @ at 3000 will

site + hold at a post North of R. Song on direct track running thru bio foot. WARE @ which back possible axis elements, land mines @ all units who do not permit will not be allowed to report immediately thru normal channels the lighting of any fire at night on SATEBERG Heights and any surrounding areas

Signal SHIP to SHORE recognition before engaging any craft

Want to put BOMBLINE down to 719 - to engage the news from North of SISI (57661) -

make BL from being center 57661 to bend in river at 57565 + NOT South of 1050 R

BMH - OK! find this at 58666 @ (-3A12) - captured @ indicates 2 DIV HQ at SATEBERG (bomb target 56667 - 56666)

6 DESTROYERS East of FINSCHUAFEN standing well out to sea about 20 miles @ reported from North Hill

Anything further reported from TAC/PI phone? @ NO!

MOST SECRET @ 6 our destroyers left WARDHUNT 15 Oct expect to off

ARNDT Pt late afternoon 16 Oct @ will patrol CENTRAL HON FOR East

and North @ sightings by you probably these craft @ seeing conf

But do NOT anticipate departure from the own here.

TAC HQ 9 DIV open at 636 575 at 1800 hrs

dispo: aia + 1700 hrs @ BHQ + HQ Coy 621603 @ Coy pls also given

715 patrol reported SISI unoccupied - enemy a st. die tracks

running North + South from SISI about 150' from village South

and SW also from NE

CAPT HOLT SBAUM - LT West - how are things? PIB have disappeared into bush! @ Check up on your weapons your food + ammo supply @

LOWES - wear shorts of ammo only 500 gmm + 1 box 303 - water very bad and only one day's ration of food - S.C. to attend

CO - BM - vijosan's attack against A Coy between BHQ + res coy @

one coy strength @ some strength in auto weapons @ Our patrol of 7

did NOT get JAP post - it missing 1 wounded @ TAREKO force

No	FROM	TO	ORIG No	DATE	T.OO	LOCATED
1499	BM	G2 DIV		16		1611
1500	7/17	BML				1620
1501	BML	ADJST 7/13				1620
1502						1625
1503	G2 DIV	BML				1625
1504						1650
1505	BML	7/15				1651
1506	DIV	BDE	0789			1640
1507	MWO	BDE				1655
1508	BML	7/2 MC BN				1706
1508A	G3 (AIR) DIV	BDE				1715
1509	7/12	BDE				1730
1510						1750
1511	DIV (FROM CORPS) (01378)	BDE		1455	180	180 7/16 DIV NO 0787
1512	DIV	BDE	0790	1630	180	1802
1513	7/2 MG	spda	167	1615	180	1802
1514	7/15	BASIC				1810
1515	BDE	7/17 (NO 3)				1820
1516	7/17	BDE				1825

MESSAGE

Action

C O - BMP - estimate enemy strength a Coy - came in near RAP swung West then South - we moved A Coy up & had earlier sent patrol out North struck JAPS engaged them & withdrew according to plan & enemy were apparently trying to cut between A Coy & B Coy. believe 10 JAPS

Killed 1 our car & wounded 1 patrol gone West towards village also patrol from B Coy & he had cut track between village and B HQ & Mortar pt were cut off in village but able to look after themselves - sent over quite a few 75 mm shells this morning.

Div admin

Msg from from B HQ 3:20 from MC from 3:40 (MC from towards West of village on high ground) & JAP cut comm between B HQ & fwd Coy but in touch now thru 715

BRIC returns to BDE HQ

another pl of PiB coming here from 717.

AIR RAID YELLOW

more news from C O 7:17 re this morning's attack - attack started 0500 hrs area attack came from had been patrolled till last night - JAP must have moved by night. track now open & attack was on our Mortar & MC from & our car 1 killed & wounded are being patrolled every 1/2 hr & from in hand & C O then to SISI

may have been evacuated he puts harassing fire there occasionally given previous message & 715 dispo 10 G3 - inquire if any pris

seen SATELBERG or elsewhere & details of captured 00 given

copy will be sent to us (copy of captured 00 att hereto) TAE/R morning 1600 (see ser No 1530) ARR TARGET:-

any reports of pris? Will inquire and notify you - SOS TASK

North on SISI track South of Quosa R (B6) - WINW 565 646 (B12) -

(OPO requesting another message don't know re/ yet) track South to GURUNKOR 569 646 (B1).

re DF & SOS tasks - are being tied up & re pris - No report

DF task 5905 5940 single house (100° West) DFA

595 586 given know D.F.D.

No pris seen & patrol Not yet returned

No pris seen & can you give a bombing SATELBERG area

BMP - NOT East of rd & track June 573661 NOT South 65 nothing given

No targets yet.

AIR ALERT

9 Aust Div
16 Oct 43.
I 356/66/1

Translation of captured Operation Order (issued in conjunction with
9 Aust Div signal O 789 dated 16 Oct 43).

20 DIV OO A No 329
20 DIV ORDER 12 Oct 43 - SA (SATELBERG) HEIGHTS

1. After dusk on X Oct the main strength of 79 Inf Regt will attack the enemy in ARNT PT area (Note: From captured map ARNT PT is shown at the mouth of the SONG R (ref map 1/25000)) from the north side. The assault boat butai will penetrate through the north coast of ARNT PT on the night of X Day.

2. The comd of 2 Bn 26 Arty Regt will comd his ~~regt~~ ^{unit} and the left flank defence Tai and will take action as follows :-

To destroy the enemy which is in north sector of ARNT PT.

- (a) Will occupy the south area of BONGA by the evening of 14 Oct.
- (b) On the X Day of Oct at 1400 hrs will attack the enemy arty which is on the south bank of SONG R.
- (c) Approx one third of the ammunition carried will be used.
- (d) X Day will be decided on X minus 1 Day at 2200 hrs and a fire will be seen for 20 minutes on the SATELBERG heights.
- (e) When the fire (signal) is seen answer back at a suitable spot (by fire).
- (f) After the firing (translator's note - gunfire) is finished the rear left flank defence Tai will remain and will advance to SATELBERG heights and will come under the comd of the Div.

The left flank defence Tai will take orders from 2 Bn 26 Arty Regt.

(Sgd) Lt Gen KATAGIRI
20 Div Comd

DISTRIBUTION:

(Comd left flank defence Tai
2 Bn 26 Arty Regt
Comd 79 Inf Regt
Comd 3 Bn 80 Inf Regt
Comd 4 Bn 26 Arty Regt

NOTE: Ref map 1/63360. Captured map shows a track from KATIKA running NW to cross the SONG R approx square 6069 through village 5971 to WAREO. This track has also been located near SONG R by patrols and confirmed by Tac R.

DISTRIBUTION:

20 Bde	G Coy PIB
24 Bde	532 Regt 2 ESB
RAA	Comd
RAE	G
SIGS	Q
2/2 MG BN	AASC
22 Bn	Medical
2/32 Bn	BMB
	War Diary (2)

R. W. Jones Lt Col
GS

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NO	FROM	TO	ORIG NO	DATE	T.O.O	LOC
1488	FR			16		1715
1489	PIB	BDE				1240
1490						1245
1491	BRIG					1500
						1510
1492	BML	DIV 23				1520
1492A	DIV	BDE	04559	1350	1530	
1493	BML	7/15				1540
1494	BML	7/17				1545
1495		7/13				1550
1496	7/15	BDE				1602
1497	BML	DIV				1606
1498						1610

MESSAGE

ACTION

notifies them of patrol from 715 towards SISI OHT FOSTER wounded
any instructions for BEACH AREA or 717 LOB pers of BMH. will advise later

713 low ART. registration 5905 5940. Single bldg tank 100' West

595586 GREEN KNOLL 0 clear as 12 other ^{to inform} of their requirements 0
all DF tasks to be approved by DIV submitted thru BDE

LT HESLOP. Advise of DF tasks? 0 the FOO has a list of them in order
of priority. I will get him to find them thru RECT HQ

Any orders for LOB's 0 arranged that they go to TAREKO after

713 0 no instructions yourself 0 We will arrange that for LOB's

BMH - BM 0 gave SITREP. 717 1500 hrs 0 715 activities also given

BM 717 - Our order on way to you - PNRs moving along bank to
towards 717 0 JAPS laid numerous BOOBY TRAPS which we are

dehousing 0 a few bombs. Not far from here 0 713 lost 1 Killed
3 wounded 0 717 pers from SCARLET at 1200 hrs 0 BM

SITREP No 38 to 2000 hrs/15

SHIP TO SHORE RECOG SIGS - SMALL VESSELS (See 52/11/19)

TAC/R report No 3.

AIR ALERT

BMH - CO. Any change? 0 things have quieted down - enemy is
using grenade dischargers & auto weapons. Estimate his strength at

one Coy 0 JAPS have been attacking from 592661

first available veh at 1500 hrs - will arrive your area about 1530 hrs - only

tentative 0 Mho - LT ROGERS if LOB's will report to BDE 1100 hrs way to TAREKO

BMH - will get SIG off to check comm with them at TAREKO

There are 2000 717 mortar parachute flares at ANV SOT DUMP - colored white
illumination 0 Some know your requirements 0 BMH gave 717 per. SITU today

Co. BMH ref air shoot requested? I will enquire for you - the 717
commitments are too heavy but will give shoot if possible 0 717 situ

given 0 CO did 717 patrol go in direction SISI this morning? all 717
comm have been cut - will advise you later 0

Situation? Tell 717 from 0 BRIG - can ART shoot? No! JAPS 16.
done - CO think 0 situ in hand now

No	FROM	TO	ORIG No	DATE	T.O.	LOGGED
1472	BDE	7/17 ADST		16		1045
1473		MLO.				1050
1474	7/12	BDE				1055
1475	BDE	7/15				1101
1476	MLO	BDE (BMH)				1117
1476A	7/15	BDE				1125
1477	BDE	24 BDE				1127
1478	DIV	BDE	0780	0750		1315
1479	2 Aust Corps	/	01130	1605/13		
1480	DIV	BDE				
1481						
1482						1137
1483	BDE	7/17				1155
1484	BDE	MLO				1203
1485	DIV	BDE				1225
1486	7/15	/				1230
1486	BRIC (from RAA DIV)	BMH				

MESSAGE

to embarks requested at STANBY @ longer range seen @ permission granted to shape barges North of ARNDT Pt without ref this HQ

SITNOR

0015, 0035, 0100, 0130, 0205, 0200, 0530, 0600, 0640 SITNOR

0100, 0200, 0200, 0400, 0605. SITNOR

Direct line to 2/15 is out

CO. enemy party seen 40' North of Camp Post area - TRAP pt in area

reported to DIV

engaged by fire - about 5 men in bushes return fire by enemy snipers

2/15 and 2/17 in contact
CAPT Holroyd - Host. - Situation? all quiet except mountain gun which

is getting amongst us @ approx 300' from village @ we turned on Mortars

MMC + SAE @ turn cas to most probably 1 or 2 enemy

SECRET 00NO 20. (attached)
trying to raise 2/15 - say there is a bit of a do on can raise

AIR RAID (central area)

reports that BCoy 2/8 are in posn

BRIG & BM left to visit DIV @ conference co-ordination of def

AIR RAID YELLOW

BM 4 - CO. anything to report? YES! movement is very strong

they are shelling our Mortar posn accurately @ using mountain gun @ 75 mm @ to date ARTY have NOT fired @ anything under control

G.3...
D. W. Adams

All clear

BM 4 - infn from 2/7 repeated @ we would like you to contact your OPO and make arrangements for shoot

trial emergency alarm to be held at 1030 hrs @ Spams notified

C2 to BM 4. any further info from 2/7? NO! - the ARTY have NOT

the exact posn of JAP guns. need a cross bearing however

they are shooting on the known old posn @ will infn you developments

BM 4 - CO. ref ARTY fire has it been successful? CO. I can't

observe our line. to find corps. one enemy fire @ he is 35

to 40' from us in place @ would like shoot on Northern

slope @ he is using Mortars Mountain gun & Auto weapons.

I estimate JAP strength at two plts @ in comm with my rear only

SITNOR @ situation of 2/17 given @ 2/15 has patrol out

towards SIS now @

2/17 out of comm at the moment

LOG. No
1565

MESSAGE FORM

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS.

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No. of Groups
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Serial No.
OFFICE DATE STAMP
20 Bde
17 Oct

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TO 20 Bde
FROM Adv 9 Aust Div
Originator's Number 0801
Date 17
In Reply to Number —

(Write horizontally)
SECRET

0	Ref	1/25000	map	5
0	Ref	0020	@	10
no	change form	verbal	orders	15
0	24 Bde	is	relieved	20
of	responsibility	for	coast	25
watching	and coast	defence	south	30
of	SCARLET BEACH	and will		35
hold	all	ground held	at	40
present	particularly	hills	between	45
SATEW BERG	RD	and	Rsong	50
0	2/13	Bde	two	55
coys	are	20	Bde	60
will	move	forthwith to	area	65
KAKAKOG	@	2/32	Bde	70
due	res	will	move	75
to	general	area	6264	80
of	R QUOJA	and will		85
penetration	from	north	and	90
NW	through	area	6364	95
6264	and	relieve	24 Bde	100
responsibility	for	coast	watching	105
and	coast	defence	from	110
SCARLET BEACH	to	incl	R QUOJA	115
@				120
defence	from	incl	SCARLET BEACH	125
to	incl	R QUOJA	0	130

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20 Bde

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FROM

Originator's Number

Date

In Reply to Number

signs will arrange direct lft
 ed man from both HQ 9 and 2nd
 and HQ 229 Bde to 2/32. Bn
 ack all performed
 JW. 0571
 Comd seen
 BM

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SECRET

13 Oct 43

PROFORMA MESSAGE FORM

TO : 20 BDE (4) : 24 BDE (4) : RAA (3) : RAE (2) : SIGS : 22 BN : 2/32
 BN : C COY PIB : REAR HQ 9 AUST DIV : 2/2 AUST MG BN : 532 GP 2 ESB :
 COMD : G : Q : MLO KEDAM : MLO SCARLET BEACH : AASC : MEDICAL (4) :
 CAMP : BMB : WD (2)

FROM : 9 AUST DIV

O 779 15

SECRET (.) OO number 20 (.) ref one inch map (.) INFM (.) indications are that enemy may counter attack towards either or both FINSCHHAFEN AIRFIELD and LANGEMAK BAY by any or any combination of land attack seaborne landing naval bombardment on afternoon 16 oct or night 16/17 oct (.) INTENTION (.) 9 aust div will hold in depth the area excl BONGA incl DREGER HARBOUR (.) METHOD (.) important ground to be held at all costs is (.) track juncs area sq 6473 hill 6372 hill 6272 spur 629708 spur 631703 hill 6470 hill 6168 spur 610677 hill 5966 hill 6166 present posn 5865 present posn 5764 spur 600630 hill 598582 track juncs 603562 TIMBULUM SAWMILL TIMBULUM VILLAGES 6254 spur just west TIMBULUM PLANTATION LOGAWENG ESB bivouac areas SCHNEIDER HARBOUR DREGER HARBOUR (.) only changes in bndys and allotment of tps follow (.) right bndy of centre sector all incl SATELBERG JIVEVANENG 5865 thence all excl rd to R QUOJA thence R QUOJA to coast (.) additional tps under comd 20 bde are A and D coys 2/2 MG bn and for ops all parts of 532 gp 2 ESB in centre area (.) 20 bde will coordinate defences south of R QUOJA to incl LANGEMAK BAY (.) defensive policy all three areas (.) hold important ground at all costs defence in depth maintenance of local mob res beach watching systems and coastal defence (.) 24 bde will maintain one bn in res (.) 20 bde will maintain two coys in res for employment in area FINSCHHAFEN (.) in div res vicinity R BUMI 2/32 bn on arrival and 2/2 MG bn less three coys (.) RAA (.) only changes are lt AA guns sited near coast will sp their area comds in beach defence (.) should comms fail fd arty allotted in sp of area comds will come under their comd (.) none of own craft will move between all incl ARNDT PT - DREGER HARBOUR between 1800 hrs 16 oct and 0800 hrs 17 oct (.) any craft moving in that area in that period will be treated as hostile (.) precautions to be taken in all units and subunits night 16/17 oct follow (.) no firing after 1700 hrs except at possible enemy preparations for or actual attack (.) precautions against naval bombardment (.) local security measures by all units and subunits and individuals in accordance with previous instns (.) all ranks ready to stand to at short notice (.) rigid PAD particularly no lights torches striking matches near coast (.) all defensive measures will be complete by 1700 hrs (.) ADM (.) at least three days sups amn and water in all fwd posts (.) MT pool maintained by 9 aust div in area FINSCHHAFEN for movement of res (.) INTERCOMN (.) all possible alternative means will be ready (.) code words for reporting enemy land attack northern area BUBBLES centre area PIPSQUEAK southern area WILFRED (.) code words for reporting seaborne attack northern area MULLET centre area MACKEREL southern area MARLIN (.) light signals for arty defensive fire northern area red red red centre area green green green southern area white white white (.) authorized ship to shore system of challenging will be rigidly applied and current recognition signals must be made known to all ranks concerned ack

If liable, etc.

R. J. Hames Maj

IMMEDIATE by SDR
DRLS Rear HQ 9
Aust Div

T002345L

*Comd
8m
(4) DRLS*

Def file tasks

JFA
JFD

5905 5940 single house (100' west)
595586 green knoll

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No. FROM	TO	ORIG No	DATE	T.O.O	LOGS
1451 (Cont)			15		
1452	7/13	BDE			2100
1453	7/17	-	16		0015 0610
1454	7/13	-			0100 0605
1455					0015 0100
1456	7/17	-			0712
1457					0810
1458	BDE	7/17			0815
1458A	DIV	BDE	0779	22/5/15	
1459	BM2				0830
1460					0832
1461	ARTY	SICS			0915
1462					0916
1463	SICS	BDE			0935
1464	BDE	7/17			0939
1465					0942
1466	BDE	7/17			0943
1467	BM2	03 DIV			0953 0944
1468	DIV	BDE			1005
1469	BDE	7/17			1015
1470	BDE	7/15 ADJST.			1040
1471					1043

MESSAGE

ACTION

Return of cars implored on enemy (AREAS & PERIODS) - to 1st Oct 68 (1200h to 1700h)

C Coy patrol 100h 1700h (incl 6 PIB) one sec A Coy covering party + SBs.

INTENTION - @ locate enemy @ airfield cars: - from 566645 - 566646 - 566646 - 566646

to 566645 - 559646 - 555647 - 558647 - unoccupied diggings at 566647

- 566646 (across track) 558647 & 556647 (across track) - sighted enemy

occupied from 5535647 on high spur running North - South densely
bamboosed @ 8 enemy tents @ Council, unoccupied - all diggings recent PIB report from 566647

BRIC and BM left for DIV

BM - C3. NTR.

Enemy plane dropped small parachute 5 to 10 miles South of KIASAWA passed C-3
(in mountains) DIV

Co. BM. asks re coordination with ESB at Point @

further info after conference at DIV.

asked for info @ site given

I.O. - BM. reports 6 A/C with white tails flying over SATELBERG

dropped small parachute

reports previous serial @ C-2 asks if we have any word of an AMERICAN plane crashing

asked if any reports of aircraft crashing No reports

re above @ No reports from any of our bases

ADST - BM. - enemy A/C dropped 6 parachutes over SATELBERG. DIV advised C-33

ADST - BM. - six planes dropped six parachutes @ plane crashed West of 4150m -

long way off - at first thought to be petrol tanks

C-33
DIV advised

any report of our fighters getting any of enemy bombers? YES! They

got some - No info as to number

Co. BM. re LOB personnel moves to TAREKO @ suggests complete

change of LOB pers @ from at TAREKO - same from as 413 had @

(CAP/PIKE MRS. BENNY DICK C-133 to be new LOB)

BM. ADST. gives plan for LOB's at TAREKO village

Co. BM. patrol this afternoon PIB plus 4 ISSGT got to within 1500' of SISI

patrol returned along SISI track & found that posts previously occupied

by JAPS at rd forks had been abandoned

SOS tasks for this sector will be called for by 3 greens - check

with them to see that they have very pistols

6 bombs dropped via AIRSTRIP

SITNO R

planned them - proposed AIROPS this even 16 Oct @ TAC/B entire area @

No.	FROM	TO	ORIG No	DATE	T.O.O	NO. OF COPIES
1431	1/17	BDE		15		
1432	1/15					1645
1433						1525
1434	BDE	DIV				1730
1435	MAS STRANCE	BDE				1805
1436	1/13	BML				1808
1437	MAS MOWLES	BML				1809
1438	1/17	BDE				1810
1439	BML	C-2 DIV				1811
1440	BML	1/17 & 1/15				1815
1441	C-3 (IT) DIV	BML				1818
1442	1/15	BDE				1845
1443	1/15	BDE				1849
1444	BML	C-3 DIV				1855
1445	1/17	BDE				1907
1446	BDE	1/17				1915
1447	1/15	BDE				1950
1448	C-II	BM.				2015
1449						2215
1450	1/13	BDE				2300
1451	DIV	BDE	04221	2030	2315	

MESSAGE

ACTION

NTR 0 plane dropped bombs in LANCENAK BAY out at sea - Shopped at sea
SITNOR

Some enemy walked into BONCA last night - patrol fired on them -
only small party - were talking evidently unaware our patrol

On HQ 6446910 Coy #13 patrolling to TAREKO.

SITNOR

BRIC and BM left to attend conference at BDE HQ

SITNOR

NTR.

SITREP No 37 to 2000 L/14

re MAP REFS in ARTY situation and other reports

SECRET 0 confirmation verbal orders

herewith two sets of miscellaneous from Mission 293 AAA attack photo. Finsen and
Special TACR report. Secd.

BMK - G-3. In disposals BMK 590661 - A 590659 B 591661
C 585661 D 587661 - otherwise SITNOR

as at 1100, 1130, 1150 SITNOR

TAC/R unable to sight track between KUMAWA - Mo - owing bad
weather. No more Mo - a well defined track down spur

to 638538 also a new track to river down rapur 597667

BMK - did you ask for ARTY shoot on CURONKOR? No!

Arty knows nothing about it

Report 18 MITCHELLS flying North

C.O. CAPT HOLT'S BAOM 0 fighting patrol on this morning to JAP from

1000 NW of KUMAWA on a rapur 0 their strength about one coy 0

at 55667 JAP from was found 0 track from there to 560645 across

5696 line then semi circles North 0 track at 55667 running

N and S. 0 the patrol leader got to within 30' JAP from and

saw about 4 JAPS in a do over unfortunately they sent one of

P1B and we had to withdraw 0 OPO cannot observe the

enemy from 0 we are trying to 3" mortar aim up. Shoot the

posn up 0 the ARTY/R shoot will be possible and we will

put the request in for registration.

BMK - G-3. - NTR.

BRIC returned from conference at BDE HQ and held a conference at BDE HQ of

all officers BDE at which he gave his orders for the three batts. BDE HQ orders to

be communicated by Loc. INFN - from. SECRET comes in via report that also in my hands to attack
with a Div of the 16th Col. (See serial 1492)

No	FROM	TO	ORIG No	DATE	T.O.O. Locust
1410	BDE	R3 DIV.		15	0830
1411	7/17	BDE			0835
1412	7/15				0845
1413	2/BDE				0900
1414	7/17				0905
1415					0918
1416	7/17				0925
1417	BDE	DIV			1005
1418	DIV	BDE	0760	0815	1010
1419	7/17/28				FILED 520/24/33
1420	2/BDE	4/BDE	0203	1600/28	
1421	1 AUG CORPS	BDE	01167	1555/1	
1422	DIV	BDE			
1423	BDE	DIV			1035
1424	7/17	BDE			1100
1425	DIV				1155
1426	BDE	7/15			1225
1427	A/A	BDE			1310
1428	7/15				1315
1429	BDE	DIV			1419
1430					1400

MESSAGE

ACTION

TAC/RAE report of Interrogation of pilots 13 Oct. - SUB TAC/RAE Report No 2 Interrogation of pilots 13 Oct. BNS advised
SIT No R.

BRIG and CAPT HOLTSHAUM arrived back from 717 Bn.

SIT No R

NTR

Mention of participation in op. may not be made in private correspondence place names involved may be mentioned & no mention will be made of other units or formations. This is subject to RAE of only

SECRET & conf. verbal orders 14 Oct of following changes by 0203 13 Oct

BRIG & CAPT HOLTSHAUM left to visit 713 and 714.

advising of above

SIT No R

A patrol moved up in front of Coy to 61, 684 - track from 61868 there are a few greeny @ Coy just to the there tomorrow morning @ have standing patrol BONEA & another North of BONEA @ tomorrow will have a small Coy (B Coy) moving North to unnamed village 595687

PNR dispositions HQ 610677 @ B Coy on move going West from KATIRAO @ Coy has a good scatter from KATIRAO track North to SONG R.

13 pl 632687 - 14 pl 630687 - 15 pl 635950? @ D Coy 16 pl 638668

17 pl 635693 - 18 pl 638678 @ A Coy 89 6571 (1 in) (under RAE)

gives 715 ten patrol (PIB reports)

NTR

SIT No R

dispositions unchanged

NTR

SIT No R

proposed patrol 713 PNR B Coy (phone)

SIT No R

Confirmation @ on 15 Oct at 1000 hrs following will meet DIV Comd at HQ int BDE @ COMD and BM of 201 at BDES, CRA, CRE, COBES.

AASE det's under Comd 201 at BDES report to Comd 9DN 1200 hrs 15 Oct

SIT No R

SIT No R as at 0030, 0100, 0155, 0200, 0500, 0605, 0705

SIT No R as at 0100, 0210, 0250, 0310, 0400, 0500, 0605, 0705

Pass message to int BDE: - they do NOT move 718 Bn until after conference

SIT No R

No	FROM	TO	ORIG No	DATE	TIME	Location
1380B	DIV	BDE		14		1225
1381	1/17	BDE				1225
1381A						1227
1382						1305
1382A						1335
1383	BML DIV	C-11 DIV BDE	I 229		1125	1326 1325
1384	1/17 BDE	UNTSAPIN DIV BDE 0201			1315	1355
1385						1355
1386	BM	1/13				1410
1387	1/17	BDE				1415
1388	1/17 BDE	BDE				
1389	BML	C-3				1655
1390						1808
1391	1/17	BDE				1830
1392						1900
1393	1/15					1900
1394	1/17					1970
1395						2020
1396						2020
1397						2130
1398	1/13					2210
1399	1/17					2230
1400	1/17					2300
1401	1/17 BDE	UNTSAPIN 20 BDE	I 888/2		2010	2315
1402	1/13 + 1/17	BDE				2320
1403	DIV	BDE	0759		2200	2330
1404	DIV	BDE	0759		2200	2330
1405	1/13 + 1/17					2400
1406	1/17	BDE		15		0030
1407	1/17					0705
1408	DIV	BDE				0805
1409	1/17					0820

MESSAGE

Action

PTN and South LANCENAR BAY running N-S direction
 latter thought most likely hosp site KIMBUKUM
 understood FINSCHAFEN area to be left entirely to AUSTRALIANS

- AIR STRIKE as per 13 Oct requested and maybe flown
 T.O.T will be advised

CO - BM. Ref MC's the range is too far - just on side 3000' I would
 like a couple of 30 mm BM. they have gone to DREGER HARB - I will
 see what can be done CO - couple of JAPS approached our BCoy and we
 threw 2 grenades No more was heard from 57 but grids track runs

to 567635 - patrol found JAP who escaped @ patrolling up to track point -
 West of our from there are a lot of tracks from village - will patrol N & W today
 BRIG accompanied by CAPT HOLZBAUM left to visit 217 BN.

BM accompanied by LT HESLOP left to visit 213 BN

BML - G 3I a nomination in L HQ STAFF SCHOOL acceptable? YES!

Ref enemy killed - figure given by wireless was 400 - did you understand
 that our SITREP was the total to date? YES! apparently L HQ have it up

BML - CO. Ref your patrol East of main track and NOT North of 65 grid
 217 will be hanging with mortars using smoke general direction
 of S181 @ CO that will be OK

BML - ADJ. The patrol from 215 Not going North of 65 grid SMOOK OK.
 track 13 miles past western KIASAWA now feasible

BML - ADJ. CPL TANBOT to report to DIV this afternoon DIV require
 brief report on defects in service eqpt @ I will let them have it today
 the location of our Co. is more given last night

BML - SET. Tell Mr. BRIDGEFORD to report to DIV this afternoon DADM Col CAPT EVANS
 SITREP No 36 to 2000h/13
 SITNO R

from Pt boats - struck 6" gun fire BLUCHER Pt + also KANOMI
 on mouth KENARU 12 Oct. Struck barge baffle GIZARUM
 on West coast of ROOKE IS. presumably come off on MIRIAM HARB
 and then on to NE coast - two Ketches were sunk at TOOARM IS.

probably those islands are occupied
 NTR
 ref JAP PW that died 13 Oct. - two tabs resembles BRIG. Symbols
 in gold on back of SET - tabs Not on labels but in wicker basket
 around neck. Sending one down other has been souvenired
 may get it later. No other identification SITREP 1200h. SITNO R.

SITNO R
 SITNO R
 NTR

No	FROM	TO	ORIF No	DATE	To. o	LOGGED
1366	(cont)			14		
1367	DIV	BDE	0726		0800	0900
1368	7/15	BDE				0900
1369						0923
1370						0925
1371	BDE	DIV				0927
1372	BDE	7/15				0944
1373	BDE	7/17				0947
1374	MASSARANCE	BDE				0930
1375	BDE	7/13				1001
1376		BEACH SIGS				1011
1376A	DIV	BDE	0738		0940	1010
1377	7/17	BDE				1101
1378	BEACH					1100
1378A	BML	CII DIV				1105
1379	7/15	BDE				1200
1379A	7/17	BDE				1130
1380						1157
1380A	BML	CII DIV				1159

M/ISSARE

Action

MC Sec at 639697 (1 in) - between 2000 & 2100 hrs saw signalling at SATELBERG - 10 mins later barge started up. - further signac 2000 grid from their posn - 4000+ - A in TAREMO

The fingers found were wrapped in herision in this @ quite a large quantity of amm in leather bags @ No big size containers - individual in socks @ bodies well clothed No sign of malnutrition

ADJST-BM. checks dispens.

A Coy 56606540 - 9 pl 56556540 - 8 pl 57576445 - 7 pl A Coy and 13 pl C Coy 66656445. B Coy troops KUMAWA one pl on track just NW of village. D and C unchanged.

Last light dispens @ 1300 hrs this afternoon - unchanged 1700 unchanged 1715 Sec 1200

BHQ 611559. D Coy TIRIMORO A Coy 300+ off map. B Coy 595561

C Coy area 611559 with one pl at track June to North. B Coy 611585

CO-BM. ask for ARTY on feature 590597 - are staying in attack on it. patrol shot two JAP MARINES near this feature earlier in the day @ JAPs Not carrying food - No signs malnutrition @

had a barge up the MAPE as far as the SHOALO arranged SOS

last for TIRIMORO

SECRET 0019 @ on arrival night 13/4 and 14/5 Oct 48 hrs will come forward 24/3/5.

0100 MAPE area - 0910 weather hits 4000 ft trenches 573 667 tracks

well worn on spur 570665 also diggings but NILS.

5 KIA 1 dead of wounds 2 wounded

SITNOR

SITNOR

Reports 1130 DE SITREP says BONCA clear of enemy.

SITNOR

cannot trace 215 hrs

report AIR ALERT. plane dropped two bombs only - FINSON MAPEN area

SITNOR

plane dropped plane at sea - two bombs dropped off LANESMAR

SITNOR

AIR RAID YELLOW

resupply mission. second wave of craft evidently bombed on out voyage. Sirens heard @ 6 bombs. SCARLET BEN area 0550

AN AMERICAN off from HQ stated that a 4000-5000 bed hosp and a 4500' fighter ship were to be established in this area @ hosp depended on loc of STRIP @ suggested site for STRIP - HELDSBACH

No	FROM	TO	ORIG No	DATE	T.O. (hours)
1341	7/43	BDE		13	1630
1342	7/15	BDE			1650
1343	7/17	BDE			1718
1344	7/15	-			1720
1345	BMN	DIV C-3			1727
1346	7/13	BDE			1730
1347	7/13	BDE			1840
1348	DIV	BDE	0727	1910	
1349	TACR (S3 Bty)	-			1900
1348A	DIV	SPIN BDE	0735	1910	
1349	7/15	-			1930
1350	7/17	BDE			2200
1351	-	-			2230
1352	7/13	-			2305
1353	(III) DIV	-			0007
1354	7/13	-			0010
1355	-	-			0120
1356	Sigs	-			0134
1357	AA	BDE			0133
1358	7/13	-			0215
1359	-	-			0305
1360	-	-			0400
1361	-	-			0415
1362	AA	BDE			0430
1363	7/13	-			0500
1364	-	-			0755
1365	DIV	-			0805
1366	-	-			0817

MESSAGE

Action

Would be advantage to have pl M.C. here for def of jeep tracks alright except for one or two places which could be fixed. No water for washing here. Enemy are MARINES & carrying large quantity of rice. Many empty canned meat tins found with fingers in, evidently to be sent to JAPAN. JAP patrols at GURUNIKOR appear to be using native guides. A Coy did a very gallant job particularly SGT EBBE's pl. Think it a good idea for ARTY to shoot where enemy are going.

Patrol TIROMORO area in contact with JAPS North to NW. at 591594 track found on one JAP who got away. Continued 200. Killed 2. Own cas 1 wounded.

COOPER had patrols along MAPE river found JAP boats followed bare feet marks up spur, but no contact.

A Coy joint MAPER & TIROMORO tracks

approx 590567 B Coy 599561, C Coy 612559

D TIROMORO & patrolling BN HQ. 615558

BM - Informed previous message (re 2/15 BN)

2/13 - Japs we contacted also Marines

Given last two messages (1332-3) also 2/17 BN

Sitnor but timing up attack, most probably for tomorrow

We want harassing fire West of pass

A Coy took this morning also West of SIS I

will you ask RAA for permission

SITNOR

BM - ADST. has BRIG left yet? YES! about one hr ago

BM - ADST. the GEN WA. here would like to know whether JAPS were carrying rice and in what quantity. Let me know also of any evidence of cannibalism. Very important also to find out state bodies of JAPS were in, whether suffering from malnutrition. ADST. - Will find out & ring you back. We captured 4 MNC and 1 LMC.

GEN WOOTTEN accompanied by ADC and DIV HQ. visited this

HQ. BM received the GEN on behalf of BRIG who was absent

visiting 2/15 BN.

SITNOR

BRIG arrived back from 2/15

SITREP No 35 to 2000 L/12

No	FROM	TO	ORIG No	DATE	T.O.O	Locality
1332 (Cont)				13		
1333	7/13	BDE				1340
1334	BDE	G 2 DIV				1555
1335	✓	✓				1405
1336	7/15	BDE				1540
1337	BDE	7/15				1555
1338	/	/				1625
1338						1625
1339						1638
1340						1639
1341A	DIV	BDE	0724	0815		

MESSAGE

ACTION

Most SECRET 0. no of my 00190 tasks of C Coy PIB (FILED Most SECRET)
 ADST - We are in TIRIMORO 0 No of position 0 success of area being made. DIV advised
 BML - Situation during night

SITNO R

ADST. Significant occupation weapon pits found by patrol
 to TIRIMORO 0 D Coy in TIRIMORO 0 B Coy where standing patrol was 0
 C + HQ in same form 0 We are moving on now

BML and LO 1. left to visit 717 BN.

IO-BM. SITNO R 0 ARTY shoot this morning caused trouble
 amongst JAP from pod of A Coy.

BRIG accompanied by LT MORISON left to visit 715

MAS MOWLES. now that track KIASAWA-KUMAWA is in good order
 think it opportune to get res sup pod to 715. - SC attending to matter

RHESKOP-ADST. We would like situation? 0 Have taken what
 appears to be Coy from 0 heavy enemy cas 0 own cas
 6 killed. 2 wounded 0 Will give details of our posn later

0900 A Coy moved in to capture enemy posn West of KUMAWA 0

1015 A Coy took enemy posn approx 350' West of KUMAWA 0 own
 cas at this stage 1 wounded (approx) 0 1030 A Coy captured

posn estimated Coy posn 0 own cas to that time 6 killed
 2 wounded 0 No estimate yet of enemy cas reported

shown for miles

BM-CO. Trying to arrange HF for you - must have DIV approval 0

Can't get thru 0 CO - 2nd BN shoot yesterday was successful 0

Col Houston will arrange HF for you at 100' West of 574661

SITNO R

BM-C-II SITREP: - above details

CAPT WORTHLY (BML) returned from 717.

Report refers to 06002/13: - A Coy patrol fired on by at least

3 LMGs - Saw and heard considerable enemy movement on RODKIN'S

RNOOK approx 58366 which is about 150' from our 574661

Reports of Nestor MG and ARTY shoot to

A Coy attack 0 JAPS about a Coy. 4 LMG 1 MMG with others
 well dug in & camouflaged - held fire until our thro on top

of him 0 JAP dead 25 probably more 0 own cas 6 K. 33W 0

one wounded PW 0 reinf A Coy by pl B Coy 0 attack of 200'

village cleared 0 JAPS still very close 0 enemy in GURUKORU

MESSAGE

ACTION

Morning @ CORONIKOR wa found to be an enemy occupation. HF
and NMC shot from up. Some JAPS were seen to run

Div notified of most recent developments

Inquiry re intention of 113 Bn tomorrow

To take TIRIMORO and clean up area

8019 (attached hereto)

To move 0700 tomorrow and taking C Coy to SIMBANE @ DIV

will take over 65558 new area @ B Coy are going to patrol
up KREWBERRA RA D Coy moving to TIRIMORO

C.O. - best line of advance on left side (South) unable to get at

his right flank - got 3" mortar in. Have pin pointed 3

auto weapons - are 15' from JAPS on right side of rd @ ARTY

got on to them. @ 0700 ca. 1 missing killed 2 wounded

PIB have been helpful on Kiasawa line BRIC - will try to get

you a copy. Observed fire on CORONIKOR

approaching 1800 hrs. Tache de nuit. 1300 hrs. also observed fire on Kiasawa line. Enlargements re rd. 1800 hrs. (Bats in hand)

will be for 113 attack at 0700 hrs tomorrow also 5 sounds

To be for 113 attack @ HF for 117

considered photo below definite position approx 700' NW KUNAWA village

SITNOR. Bats informed

AIR ATTACK - BDE sentry reports to the sound of bombs and
vic of bombing 15 mins prior to arrival of plane

SITNOR

Reported in p.m. re smoke p.m. to bombing @ WIDE HQ but 6810

bombs fell approx 900' South of our rear det (East of Kiasawa)

artillery have gone bush

SITNOR

SITNOR

One A/c heard proceeded towards Finsen then back by 0715

SITNOR. planes overhead 0720 and 0750

SITNOR still planes overhead.

SITNOR

BML-ADST. Any report? @ ARTY shoot Not so good will

inform you of details later @ Concentration Not put down

BML-ADST. Situation? @ Very quiet night @ No bombs one area

@ NMSO voice heard between SIS tracks

and tracks running NW @ No bombing attack

BML-CIII @ SITNOR @

0712 - all proposed moves units & subunits to be completed. 0719 - all troops to carry arms (Both messages attached)

(1297A)
PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

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

From: 20 Aust Inf Bde. No. 0. 506. 12. -

OO No 19 (.) ref 1/25000 and strat maps (.) INFORMATION enemy still active in R MAPE area, TIRIMORO, KUMAWA and SATELBERG road areas (.) indications pt enemy endeavouring concentrate high ground SATELBERG (.) our tps gained some local successes during day (.) 24 bde assumed responsibility northern sector 1600 hrs 12 oct (.) inter-bde bndy 20 bde incl SATELBERG-JIVEVENANG excl remainder SATELBERG road to northern edge HELDSBACH 63666 thence CAPE 648669 (.) southern bndy incl R MAPE (.) INTENTION 20 bde will continue to exert pressure against enemy lines of approach to SATELBERG with due to ultimate capture and against enemy posns TIRIMORO and QUEMBUNG areas (.) METHOD areas responsibility 2/13 bn incl TIRIMORO line of R BUMI to the sea, incl R MAPE (.) 2/15 bn incl MARARUO incl R QUOJA to sea (.) 2/17 bn incl SATELBERG-JIVEVENANG excl R QUOJA (.) 2/13 bn will gain and hold the road TIRIMORO to road junc 590567 on R MAPE, patrol tr on KREUTBERG range east of that line mopping up enemy stragglers and, when opportunity offers, keep pressure on enemy in direction of QUEMBUNG (.) 2/15 bn will hold KUMAWA posn, continue present harassing ops against the enemy and capture close enemy posns immediately to west on tr KUMAWA-MORENG and on tr KUMAWA-SISI at the R QUOJA (.) not more than one coy to be committed at a time without prior ref this HQ (.) 2/17 bn will continue ops to gain further favourable ground to the west ~~not committed without prior ref this HQ~~ to gain control of the road and tr junc at 573660 (.) not more than one coy to be committed without prior ref this HQ (.) 2/13 bn will retain one coy at 2 hrs notice as bde res not further west than SIMBANG (.) ADM installations formerly controlled by bde are being taken over by div (.) sup and amm pts 2/15 and 2/17 bns remains dump A and 2/13 bn at SALANKAUUA (.) 2 days res sups will be maintained at bns and any det proceeding out of immediate contact with this res will carry 2 days rations in addition to emergency ration

MAJ.

TELEPHONE. T00.1730 hrs.
2/15, & 2/17 Bns.
2/13 bn per LO.

1317B

PROFORMA MESSAGE FORM

TO : 20 BDE : 24 BDE : RAA : RAE : SIGS : 22 BN : 2/2 MG BN : 2/3 PNR BN :
C COY PIB : A COY HQ GD REGT : 532 GP 2 ESB : COMD : G : AQ : AASC :
MEDICAL : ORD : AEME : CAMP : PRO : BMB : WD (2)

FROM : 9 AUST DIV

0 718 12

as the size of 9 aust div operational area precludes the blocking of every possible enemy approach into it it is essential that HQ 9 div should know exact location of all units and dets (.) all projected moves of units and subunits will be notified through normal channels to HQ 9 aust div advising time route and destination in sufficient time for div HQ to take any necessary action

If liable, etc.

DRLS

TOO 1515L

R. Hanes Maj

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FROM : 9 AUST DIV

0 719 12

all tps in FINSCHHAFEN area will carry arms and amm at all times and be prepared to come into action of their own accord if situation requires or on orders higher authority (.) all units and subunits will be responsible for cwn local protection including control of approaches into their areas such control being obtained by patrols or appropriate strategem

If liable, etc.

DRLS

TOO 1515L

R. Hanes Maj

556

16th

20. Aust Inf Bde

DRKS

Certified Official

M. W. ... Capt

(H)

No	FROM	To	ORIG No	DATE	T.O. DROPPED
1295	(6/12)			12	
1296	BMN	G-3 DIV			1708
1297	G1 DIV	BMN.			1717
1297A	BDE		0506	1730	
1298	7/13	BDE			1810
1299	7/17				
1299A	DIV	BDE	0A201		2020
1300	Col HOUSTON				2125
1300A	DIV	BDE	0A204		2155
1301	7/15	BDE			2220
1302					2240
1303	7/13				2300
1304	BDE	DIV			2325
1305	MAJ STRANGE	BDE			
1306	7/13	BDE			2350
1307				13	0050
1308					0200
1309					0300
1310					0335
1311					0401
1312					0415
1313	7/17				0730
1314	BDE	7/13			0800
1315	BDE	7/17			0802
1316		7/15			0804
1317	BDE	DIV			0810
1317B	DIV	BDE	0718 0719	1515	

MESSAGE

ACTION

BM - informing them of previous serial (1281)

SITREP to 0700h @ SITNOR.

1700h @ SITNOR

informed re vacating area - that there was no objection to move of
 2/13 BNO - suggested it would be better to move out of D14 maintenance area
 ref 1:25000 BDEHQ close present from 1200hrs @ open. Same time 6/29/63

We were shooting up KNOX - enemy in some strength. We are
 patrolling around it - hope to take it later in the day.

referred to
 C-II

C.O. - A Coy's mortar fire yesterday most effective has now occupied

high ground advanced about 600' and now about 300' past track from

D Coy have found water TIRIMORO area @ I would like a few rounds

passing fire on TIRIMORO - Col Houston - will arrange it

BMK - C-II SITREP: - informed of previous message (1288) adding

enemy about 350 found considerable amt of tinned food and

signs enemy had been eating native food - are making recess

D Coy at TIRIMORO have joined standing patrol that area

BMK - A 251: 2/13 are quite agreeable for you to have 60 rounds

master amn left by them @ C.O. - BM SITREP: - crossed right

flank pt to left again @ enemy on left flanks food also possession of

right side of rd to left @ We are making wide circle to deal with situation

ref my 0019 @ attached with 0019 under Serial 1271A.

Correcting earlier reports of considerable dumps at TIRIMORO

to June - Now known to be rd dump on left @ advised as more 2/13 BNO tomorrow

quitting in fire re track for MT

Open runs SW from main track & enemy is in some strength

there - OPO think to be can bring fire to bear on forms to

neutralize from while they cross track. Stereoscope is

being sent to 2/17 tomorrow morning.

Col RACE has patrols out to try & locate enemy - patrol

has been up SIS1 track to creek where smoke was seen

this morning NMS @ track & SW from KUMAWA show no

signs of recent movement @ from Col RACE thinks of attacking

is 200' West of KUMAWA @ he is confident that once JAPS are located

to West they can be successfully attacked @ very difficult bamboo

country - BR+ @ would like to see SIS1 track June cleared before

any major move made West - will probably visit 2/15 tomorrow

Seq	Date	Time	From	To	
2	12	1015	20 Bde 13M	24 Bde 13M	To arrange time of take-over, 1600 hrs agreed as time when northern area comes under command 24 Bde. Maj WILSON: 20 Bde would like Maj BROADBENT and other staff of 20 Bde in beach-head area to be released as soon as possible. It is M.L.Q.'s duty to maintain P.T. craft location of our troops north along the coast; this might be taken over by M.L.H.Q. P.I.B. patrol along BONGA. 1015 hrs received coastal tr. towards ARNDT P.T. 10 JAPS moving SOUTH. Recce party (with 1 Bren, 3 TS M.G.S., 5 rifles) of B Coy in BONGA. May ambush JAPS.
3			2/43 I Sec		
4			9 Div 71	20 Bde Brig	2/13 Bn can vacate plans for offensive work. M.G.s will remain under command div but will take over from them as they vacate their plans.
5	12	1040	2/13 Bn CO	20 Bde Brig	2/13 Bn to arrange with Div for taking over from 2/13 Bn all ^{sig} comms in FINSCH HAFEN area. Informing 2/13 Bn of A. 2/2 M.G.s to be prepared to take over at SIBBANY at 1400 hrs. 2/13 Bn area TIRIMORO - BUMI R. - North bank MAPE river all incl. Suggesting 2/13 Bde move B Coy up to within close distance of A Coy. One Coy to be available (C Coy) as a res CO: Maj KELLY will command A & B Coys. (OVE)

Our patrol now moving through village
towards det. to see what happened to enemy.
Patrol strengthened by one sec. Enemy
carrying big loads, probably rations in
bags.

Patrol had strict instrs NOT to engage the
enemy owing to their weak strength by CO.

24 Bde HQ already informed

mainly pads. - to dry
waterholes

Seq	Date	Time	From	To	
5					<p>A TIRIMORO to be attacked after arty concentrations under 2/13 Bn arrangements, immediate objective to TIRIMORO to join west of SINBANG. There has been steaking from sup dumps 2/13 Bn area. Control to be exercised to ensure no occurrence on 2/13 Bn.</p> <p>CO: B Coy 2/13 Bn will NOT be ready to vacate SINBANG till tomorrow morning.</p>
6	12	1055	Div G2(L)	Bde BM(L)	<p>Ref. Abandonment by JAPS of posns on SATELBERG rd. Requesting details. Also of our intentions.</p> <p>2/17 Bn to take knoll 200 yds approx further West.</p> <p>2/15 Bn to attack NW from KUMAWA with one coy if recce shows it feasible.</p>
7	12	1110	2/15	Bde	<p>Bde HQ new location 6285-6630.</p> <p>SEMLIN can contact LULU1. 14 Bn rd from GODOWA to LOGAWENG, 1500 yds up on CK. PAMI name of LULU1.</p>
8		1115	20 Bde 20 Bde Brig	24 Bde Div GI	<p>SM: Would like the coy of 2/3 Pours Bn to remain carrying for 2/15 Bn today and tomorrow</p> <p>1. Coy of 2/13 Bn thinning out today, but will leave tomorrow morning. GI: MGO will NOT be going there.</p> <p>2. Requesting coy of 2/3 Pours assisting to sup 2/15 Bn to remain two days.</p> <p>GI to be arranged mutually between 20 and 24 Bde and div to be notified.</p>
9		1115	24 Bde	20 Bde	<p>Agreeing 2/3 Pours coy remain as requested, OC to be informed by us. No further word of JAPS north of BONGA.</p>

OVER

DATE

12 14/10

From 2/43 Am.

From standing patrol BONON village recd
1330 hrs. Patrol West of Bonon in position on
high ground overlooking village saw small enemy
recc party move into village and return to ck
Main enemy body then moved into village
Strength NOT stated. 1 Offr 90 R our strength
to track juve in village & turned right towards
our patrol.

A small party of ours sep and SB's got in
way. Moving over hills to West of our patrol were
sighted by JAPs who went to ground & opened fire
with LMG. 3 in mortars were brought to bear on posn
& JAPs moved into scrub. Party had harassing (OVER)
shoot on posn.

No	FROM	TO	ORIG No	DATE	T.O.O	locos
1282	BDE	2/8 PNRs.		12		1120
1283	22BN	BDE	IF 115	0705		1115
1284	-	-	IF 114	1712/11		1115
1285	BDE	2/13				1125
1286	.	.	0504			1145
1287	2/17	BDE	message	-		1200
1287A	2/43	-				1410
1288	2/13	-				1430
1289	BDE	DIV				1439
1290	BDE	2/17				1450
1291	DIV	BDE	0716	1340		1500
1292	BM	CTI DIV.				1515
1293	BM	CTI DIV				1525
1294	BM	2/17				1607
1295	BM	2/15				1630

MESSAGE

ACTION

To arrange time of take over - 1600 hrs agreed as time when Northern area comes under command of BDE. BM - 20 BDE would like

MAS BROADBENT and staff of 20 BDE at beachhead area to be released

as soon as possible - it is MLO's duty to inform PT craft locn of

our ops North along coast; this might be taken over by BDE HQ

ISBE - P.I.B. patrol along BONCA. 1015 hrs received coastal track towards

ARNDT PT - 10 JAPS moving South. recon party (1 BREN, 3 TSMG

5 rifles) of B Coy in BONCA - may ambush JAPS

713 can vacate forms for offensive work - MG's will remain. See Ser 12077

4600 Div but will take over as 713 vacate

BRIG-C.O. 713 to arrange with Div for the taking over from them

all sig comm in FINSHAFEN area.

713 MG BN to be prepared

to take over SIMBANG at 1400 hrs.

713 BN area TIRIMORO - BUMI R - North bank of MAPE R all incl

BRIG - suggests 713 BN move B Coy up to close sp distance

A Coy - one coy (C Coy) to be available as reserves

C.O. MAS KELLY will command A+B Coys. - TIRIMORO to

be attacked after ARTY concentration under 713 BN arrangements -

immediate objective track TIRIMORO - track junction West of SIMBANG

there has been stealing from sup dumps 713 BN area. Control

to be exercised. B Coy will not be ready to vacate SIMBANG till tomorrow morning

C-IL - BM. ref abandonment by JAPS of forms on SATELBERG R.

details and our intentions required. -

717 BN to take KNOLL 200' approx further West

715 BN to attack NW from KOMPANIA with one coy if recon

shows it feasible

SEMUN can contact LULUI (TAMI) - island from LODOWA.

to LORAWENG 1500' up on CN. BDE HQ new location 62856630

BM - would like the coy 713 PNRs to remain camping for 715

BN today and tomorrow

BRIG-C.I. Coy 713 BN thinning out today but will leave

tomorrow morning C.I. - MG's will not be going there -

requesting that coy 713 PNRs assisting to sup 715 BN to remain

two days. C.I. - to be arranged mutually between 20 & 21 BDES

and Div to be satisfied

No	FROM	TO	ORIG No	DATE	T.O.O	logged
1274	BDE	24 BDE		12		1015
1275	7/43	BDE				
1276	DIV	BDE				
1277	BDE	7/13				1040
1278	DIV	BDE				1055
1279	7/15	BDE				1110
1280	BDE	24 BDE				1115
1281	BDE	DIV				

MESSAGE

ACTION

area together with one Coy of P13 which is likely to be withdrawn within next few hrs. INTENTION of the Gen will hold its present position

METHOD 1. A Coy will secure RODKINS KNOLL. AM. 1st A+B Coy perimeter will be adjusted to secure the ground gained. P13 to assist by reception

as required by OC. A Coy. No warps will be prepared to shoot DE as case

METHOD 2. Offensive patrolling as directed by BN HQ. Task by Nos 2 and 3 platoon selected target areas

LEVs on 1st Coy SCARLET BCH to meet P13 boats low light (Not a bright as Lucas lamp) flashing in the hills between FINSON + SATELBERG - thought behind FINSON WARREN - could not get by - flashed 6 or 7 times

has not been seen since - plane was in area
OP ORDER No 2 (filed WD)
TIRINORO a company registered by ARCTIC

O.O. No 19 (attached)
BM - if it were possible to have one pl of MC to hold tracks via SIMBANG, a Coy of P13 could be relieved so that two corps could be used for offensive ops. One pl might come from the Coy at SNELLS KNOLL - BRIG would like one Coy MCs if possible to

uphold that area. G-1. According to P13 BN at least one Coy needed control SNELLS KNOLL. I will suggest to GEN that one Coy MCs placed at SIMBANG, but he may want to know why P13 BN HQ and HQ Coy should not hold it

BRIG: P13 MC Coy not being used tactically at present. A pl might be used on South side Bump to guard against

move downwards that area, also to patrol to P13 HQ and P13 HQ are West of SIMBANG, the task would be easier if about a Coy of MCs could relieve P13 BN HQ holding tracks from at SIMBANG.

G-1. About 15 of required for labour duties daily; as long as these can be provided as well by MC BN, they could probably be disposed as you suggested. Ref AIR STRIKE WAREO: 20 P13 can arrange bombing this area for time being (thru G-III AIR) although it is not P13 area.

BRIG: when another pl of P13 comes from LAE it is suggested that it might be used in P13 BN area - Command of P13 in BEACH HEAD area will probably pass at 1200 hrs.

Imp from native chief TAMU - lot of burial dumps along rd

GODOWA - LOCANENG also along BUKAWENG - LOCANENG RD. One dump

mentioned. See gear. See COOKS KNOWS where he can contact TAMU now living in bush near GODOWA.

No	FROM	TO	ORIG No	DATE	T.O.O	LOCED
1269	(cont)			11		
1270	MLO	BDE				225
1270A	13PNRS	BDE				
1271	RAA.	/				
1271A	DIV	BDE	0705	12	2030/11	0503
1272	DIV (CI)	BDE (BM)				0945
1273	2/15					

MESSAGE

ACTION

JAPS dig in under houses @ 1st offensive patrolling and
 recon tracks around KUMAWA - No reports of contact with
 enemy 2 BN 238 REGT who are still there in large numbers

on SATELBERG ~~area~~ expect get MCHARN between 1600-1700
 hrs tonight @ patrol of own 1st in JIVEVANENG area
 to from South - where JAP previously counter attacked
 from @ It seems enemy has vacated those points @
 a patrol has gone out to confirm this and if so will
 push on further @ BM - ref maps promised could you
 call here and collect them we have no means of sending
 them down @ You can also collect the location sketch

TRACK REPORT - to recce likely fronts for offensive action. SISI

Infm from CHIEF KOKOI of FIOR @ talk - JAPS still moving in

Strength > 300 feature SATELBERG - PAKANIKO track and OR

June 569688 @ track on June 567692 @ track that leads

EAST of WARE ORS to North to North East of grid 59 June

KANUKOO (STRAT MAP LS 5475) GUSEIKO LS 5776 @ JAPS very short of food

arrived news from SATELBERG RD quite soon a later

adviser re 1st arrival and infm from COL ALLAN.

following intercept enemy station: - EX FINSCURREEN to SIO. night 10 Oct.

"the crisis is at hand" (from NCF)

disposn A. 568643. B. 568644. C. 570640 D. 568642 BHQ 571640. paid to (C3) IN. by PATH.

patrol report A Coy. occurs heard 562643. most a smoke 565644. most a report

reporting that FIOR. PAKANIKO. MASANGKOO now occupied by JAPS

Will be quite OK the shell or bomb them - natives have moved to safe distance

patrol B Coy. - recce for ambush from - enemy contacted at approx 618744

North of BONGAL (20 JAPS).

P/B Lt Foley 10 ORS - track June 618745 - moved up track - 12 JAPS shot on - returned

to track June where 11 JAPS approached from

Infm @ indications are likely less offensive in this area than

of recent days @ he shows no present intention of evacuating gr.

that secures SATELBERG and the tracks in that area by which he is

passing his 2nd NEO bn has concentrated in the JIVEVANENG

No	FROM	TO	ORIG NO	DATE	TOO	LOGGED
1260	(Cont)			11		
1261	7/17	BDE				1600
1262	COL ALLAN	BM				1710
1263	ADST 7/17	BM				1720
1264	BM L.	C-3. DIV.				1745
1265	DIV	BM 2.				1820
1266	7/15	BDE				1815
1267	COL ALLAN	BDE				1845
1268	7/43	BDE				1845
1269	7/17	BDE				1900

You are to order 22BN to put guard on printing press & see that it is preserved in every way. BM gives 2/13 from to date

BML - CAPT McLARN message 1251 rptd. McLARN - a patrol found diggings on SOUTH side of feature from where counter attacks were coming. If they are unoccupied I will move in & take possession.

The LULUI is at SCARLET BEACH and is coming up to my HQ for questioning. Will report go direct to DIV?

BM - NO send it here, we will fwd to DIV. We are moving to new posn at 0900 hrs. The BRIG & self moving after things settled there.

BRIG left this HQ to visit McLARN accompanied by BRIGEVANS (24 BDE)

BM - MAJ MOWLES. After seeing GENERAL, the area has been allocated into NORTHERN, CENTRAL & SOUTHERN sectors. We are CENTRAL. Will explain responsibilities when you call this HQ.

NO change in sit

Sit? - Have mortar shoot on this afternoon when our patrol returns. BML - your PIB sec will be coming under DIV comd. I will try & get a section for you. BM - ADST - Any report? No! A Coy killed in front mortar JAPS pillboxes. A patrol was out investigating result. Standing patrol still at TIRIMORO. Just had a shot on JAP posn near TIRIMORO. Results unknown. Estimated JAPS about 30 well armed. No indication of identity of the TIRIMORO. BM reported DIV area to ADST. CO - Col BARHAM instructed me to get copy of MG's to CRIBB from the machine to move him further up. I have fl across the river. BM - the 2 BN have been ordered to relieve you & fl.

BMK - C-3 - SITREP. 1/13 A Coy tracks found MAPE R patrol on this morning. No contact with enemy. Mortar shoot appeared to be bursting in trees over JAP posn. Standing patrol still in vic. ARTY shoot TIRIMORO seemed to fall in general area.

No	FROM	TO	ORIG No	DATE	TOO	LOGGED
1252	DIV	BDE		11	+	1315
1253	BDE	2/17				1320
1254	COL ALLEN	BDE				1350
1255						1405
1256	BDE	2/3 Fd Coy				1407
1257	2/17	BDE				1521
1258	BDE	2/15				1530
1259	✓	2/13				1550
1260	BDE	DIV				1558

MESSAGE

Action

Reporting O's night 10/11 and present situation. Judging
low statement as at 0900 hrs during day.

BRIG WINDEYER accompanied by MAJ WILSON left this HQ
to visit GEN WOOTTEN at DIV HQ

SITREP to 0900 hrs. No report LOCANENG. otherwise SITNO R

SITREP 1100 hrs ref map FINSH 1" @ A Coy 65154 B Coy

LOCANENG C Coy 656523 BHQ + HQ Coy 663511 posns

occupied report 1600L otherwise SITNO R

answers up questions @ the O visit line TOYOHARA

KATSUZO command 11 Coy 21 REGT 31 July @ TOYOHARA

Coy therefore probably this Coy which known allocated FINSH 1" @

del 101 @ two @ 6 Coy 238 REGT identified 19 Sep TARI

near MORHAM Pt and GENBUI on track South BOANA 13 Sep

B Coy on Eastern + Southern sides of KUNAWA village 568645

C Coy 57016400 D Coy 569643 A Coy 568644

printing press is at LOCANENG. Donkey engine + plant in

low order. belts missing. few JAP mountain guns dumped 568653.

Signs of relief recent movements between LOCANENG and WASUTENG

SITREP.

BRIG WINDEYER and MAJ WILSON arrived back this HQ

BML-10. ref mortar bombs East of rd between BUMI R and

knoll - the BRIG desire that they be salvaged immediately @

I.O. - A Coy still in same place they estimate a pl of

JAPS opposing them @ they are going to mortar JAPS

SITREP to 0900 hrs 11 Oct @ D Coy reports 2 ships and some gun fire

near CAPE GLOUCESTER during night (No time given) otherwise SITNO R

Overlay giving pl dispositions @ True plan MC + mortar will be put later. Trans filed

P13 patrol went out 800' from track June to 639731 sighted party JAPS

63979 counted 27 and think more following. ARK given to them at track

June and are now harassing them. B Coy landing patrol BONGA to

try to cut them off - patrol moving out now.

BRIG EVANS (24 BDE) & MAJ WHITE (BM 24 BDE) visited

this HQ to confer with BRIG & BM.

CO-BML @ On QUONJA R will stay here until

1400 hrs expect join McLARN about 1700 hrs

No	FROM	TO	ORIC No	DATE	T.O.O	LOGGED
1237	BML	C-3.		11		1015
1238						0900
1239	YV BN	BDE	IF11V	0706		1050
1240	-	-		1702		1110
1241	> AUST CORPS	BDE				1130
1242	> 15	BML.				1200
1243	> 3 FD COY	BML.				
1244	BML	DIV				1243
1245						1254
1246	BDE	> 13				1256
1247	> 43	BDE				
1248	> 3 PNRS	BDE	061			1225
1249	> 43	-				1145
1250						1300
1251	2/17	BDE				1311

MESSAGE

Action

and 2 in D Coy area - Bombs are being strafed -
No reports of damage or cas.

SECRET 0 ref i map 0 ADV HQ 9 Aust Div closes present
area 1800 hrs 10 Oct opens Diminish area about 1200 hrs

11 OCT 0 1st DIV REPORT CENTRE AT HQ 20 PDE in
interim 0 near HQ 9 Aust Div remains 803445 0
cond 9 Aust Div departs here 1830 hrs 10 Oct in ESB
launch for beach North SALANIKAVA PT 0 ETA 0030 hrs

11 OCT 0 arrange LCV guide via CAPE BREDON to lead
to beach 0 arrange for MKO to have it prep. meet
AIR ATTACK

two planes observed (yellow) at sea SE from KATIKA area
flares and A/A observed at sea South of LANGEMAK BAY
two green flares from plane 5 miles East SCARLET BCH
one YELLOW flare fired from a ship East FINSCH HAFEN
AIR ATTACK

2 HE & one incendiary bomb fell vic D Coy area
No cas reported

A Coy 1/3 PNRs located 2000' North of SONG R along
main track (No map available)

Unit located 610677 (1:2500)

ALERT

ALERT

SATTOR - one BREN destroyed in raid earlier in night

B.O.C. arrived. Met by Lt Col COLVIN on behalf of Bde Comd.

ADJST-BNL moving at about 0900 hrs for other comd.

quiet night

ADJST-BNL relieving two coys at 0715 - Quiet night

quiet night except for 2 grenades thrown at us

CO 1/2 BNL notified to report to Div Comd this morning

A/A Bty 648598 - 644586 - 638584 Bty 12849 0 sending

list of all guns

spotting torch over D Coy from directly after plane
approached from and dropped bombs 0 Now patrolling
in all directions 0 asks if plane over area is TAC/R 0 YES 0

motor track 592566 just discovered 0 seems to towards

where they are and then up towards QUENBANG 0

PATROL REPORT - to recon track & area from QUENBANG along MAPERU to track no 592566

No	FROM	TO	ORIG		DATE T.O.O LOGGED	
			No			
1216	(Cont)			10		
1217	DIV	BDE	0701		1800	2035 MOST SECRE FILE
1218					2010-2035	
1219	A/A	BDE			2100	
1220	2/13	-			2120	
1221	A/A	-			2120	
1222	-	-			2130	
1223					2120-2137	
1224	2/13	-			2120	
1225	MAS MOWLES	BDE			2140	
1226	2/3 PNR'S (LIBTY A/A)	-			2145	
1227	A/A	-			2115	
1228	-	-			2215	
1229	2/13	-		11	0030	
1230					0100	
1231	2/17	BDE			0725	
1232	2/15	-			0738	
1233	MAR MCLARN	BMK.			0743	
1234	DIV	BM.			0825	
1235	A/A	BMK.			0920	
1236	CO 2/17	2/13 BMK.			0955	
1236A	2/13	BDE				

MESSAGE

ACTION

Ref map MONEIR - FINSCHAHFEN I" @ D Coy present located
BUTAKA map ref 411425 under order of BDE on 2 OCT
pending further instrs @ No such instr/req request
approval move coy to map ref 654494

① C Coy PNRS patrol 1 off 5 ORs - Out 1100 hrs IN 1315 hrs @ Route
64683-608686 and return @ at 646614 two foxholes found 2 or 3
days old @ otherwise NMS @ ② B Coy patrol from BONGA area still
out @ left 12 pc area 646734 to B Coy from at 648734 @ proceeded
1000 yds up track which forks to left where another
track running on bearing 230° found @ track
passed through kunai for 600 yds @ followed
track on bearing 50° to BONGA @ linked up
with BONGA track at 645789 @ signs on
track of jap movement towards BONGA
est 30-50 japs last night of first light
this morn @ patrol now at BONGA @ track
by-passed our coy posn @ will phone
further report immediately

Patrol to B Coy 2/43 BN @ tracks of approx 50 japs
moving North past BONGA @ two cases amn discarded
gardens rooted up TARO leaves chewed

Retaining MG pl here tonight for defence of DIV HQ
sit now cleared @ have sent pl food to counter attack

& push enemy out

SITREP No 109 to 1700 hrs.

Further inform ref BONGA patrol @ this party 30-50
japs was estimated by footmarks found on tracks
leading towards BONGA @ cap & towel also found @
& place where men had halted for rest @ all
fresh @ these articles etc were NOT there previous day
Ref map MASAWENG I" @ SITREP to 1800 hrs @ A+C Coys

No change @ D Coy HQ track from 648734 @ 2/3 PNRs return
from upcomd this BN @ B Coy HQ 653924

SITREP No 109 to 1800 hrs.

PIB patrol has arrived in to KIASAWA area and will
be at BHQ 0830 11 OCT to guide BN.

TO reports 2 incendiary bombs fell in water LANGEMAN BAY

No	FROM	TO	ORIG No DATE T.O. success		
			IF105	10	1509
1207	22 BN	BDE			
1208	7/43	BDE			1700
1209	PIB	BDE			1600
1210	MAJ WILLIAMS	✓			1630
1211	CAPT MCLARN	✓			1640
1211A	BDE	DIV	0498		1700
1212	2/43	✓			1710
1213	2/43	✓	I43		1800
1214	BDE	DIV	0499		1830
1215	7/17	BDE			2055
1216	7/13	BDE			2040

MESSAGE

ACTION

57087 73837 ht 1440' @ 857 diggins
 in village 57397 73345 ht 1360' @ 558
 W/T str SATELBERG area 5596467932

ht 2500' @ 559 track junes EAST MARARUO 54315 68001 ht 2580'

Patrol from KUMAWA just arrived & will notify COL SIMPSON } COL 5 notified

from re Pans? - COL GALASH will be responsible for

beach def from SONG R incl to SATELBERG ^{incl} ^{to} ^{road}

Will only have two Coys at present but three when

Coy at present carrying relieved

Arty have observation SISI from 100' fwd

of pan we are on & arty have had shoot

SITREP 106 to 1400 L

Bearing of 283° from C coy 2/43 on jap gun @ col Houston advised
 From ref 1/25000 approx 592662

Enemy attacking strongly from NORTH @ Lt GRAM

of C Coy said it would be about day for BN

to arrive over track which has one or two

stiff climbs @ BRIG - do you want shoot

switched @ - NO the fire is going in right place,

I will check on it @ our line to coy is out

for present caused by jap gun @ PIBon way

back to guide remainder of BN to this pan @

the BN move at first light @ RUDKIN found track

to SISI @ will give you his patrol report later

C Coy PNR BN revert to comd of 3 PNR BN for north @ 2/3 PNR

bn will be responsible for close def BEACH HEAD from mid

SONG R incl SATELBERG RD @ 1/3 BN remains responsible

for def on SATELBERG RD fwd of 2/3 PNR BN dispan

IDENTIFICATIONS

BRIG wishes you to keep at least one coy in

consolidated reserve at fairly short notice to move

3 OCTO candidate reporting to you to go on mission tonight

ADST-BN Coy that contacted enemy digging in for tonight

Sending them up mostess tonight - enemy fire power

strong

Counter attack heavy - Our cas it killed 3 wounded. Enemy

gun now quiet - Our ARVN still firing

No	FROM	TO	ORIG No	DATE	LOGGED
1196 contd				10	
1196	BM(L)	CAPT PIKE			1330
1197	MAJ BROADBENT	BDE			1340
1198	2/43	BDE			1355
1199	BDE	DIV	0496		1410
1200	2/43	BDE			1441
1201	2/17	Capt McCLARN'S ✓ 9th Bde			1454
1202	BDE	2/3 PNRG	0495		1400
1203	BDE	DIV	I151		1500
1204	BMH	ADJST 2/13			1530
1205	BM	MLO SALANKARA			1535
1206	2/13	BDE			1536
1507	CAPT McCLARN	BM			1550

MESSAGE

ACTION

Will possibly move remainder PNR BN SCARLET BEACH area
SITREP No 1 out to 0930 L.

FOR BORRELLIO Arrange to BDE 1 DIV LO remain
HQ to BDE A2 DIV REPORT CENTRE from time
advanced HQ 9 DIV closes here 10 Oct to time passed to
reopening DIMINISH 11 Oct. Both times to be notified later. CAPT BORRELLIO
Track exists running WEST from KUMAWA up high
ground to MORENG-MARARUR track at approx
540647 & then follows track MARARUO

2/15 BIN
advised

Another track from 562658 running NW to
MARARUO - bush track - difficult country (latter track marked on map)

Advising movement of Pns to SCARLET BEACH area

1625 hrs @ Diggings 640770 @ 1645 Inf seen
at 3505 (4" Lac) @ 1645-1700 hrs NMS @ SIALUM Island
& adjacent village NMS @ KALASA & Lagoon at

CAPE K. WILLIAM @ 1710 hrs SATELBERG - WAREO
obscured by cloud @ MARARUO shows very well

worn track @ New diggins KUMAWA 1722 @ Unable
attempt to trace track to NORTH of SATELBERG
owing to cloud @ — F/O STEWART

move remainder your BN to SCARLET BEACH area @
Transport arranged by sea @ Time to be

arranged with S.C @ MG's take over your present duties.
SQN BOSSONS likely target required SQN VUKTEES strike secondary targets SATELBERG @ TOT 4pm 1130
SITREP 105 to 1100 L

NO REVSITS received to date can you
incl us in addresses

SITREP to 0700 L Sitna

arrange your LO meet LO. GODOWA 1500 hrs today view
receiving latest infm

AIRSTRIKE

* Pns start to move at 1300 hrs in LCV's
CO-BM(L) @ BN HQ now 300 yds north SONGR. 652696

AIRACTO 7 OCT

Airforce do NOT intend (drop) ASP's unless you
anticipate their use after 16/17 Oct @ Advise

Add to list of ARTY/R targets @ 556. WAREO

No	FROM	TO	ORIG No	DATE	T.OO	Locals
1180	BM	VA QMG		10		0940
1181	BDE	DIV	0492			0940
1182	DIV	BDE	0684		1915/9	0923
1183	COL ALLEN	✓				0956
1184	BM	MLO				0940
1185	Tac R					1000
1186	BM	CO. Pms				1025
1186A	2AUST CORPS	BDE	01217		0900	1026
1187	BDE	DIV	0493		1107	
1188	22BN	BDE	1F109		0703	
1189	22BN	✓	1F109		0720	
1190	BDE	22BN	0494		1120	
1191						1135
1192	MAJ ANDERSON	BM				1145
1193	2/43	BDE				1225
1194	BDE	2AUST CORPS	150		1300	
1195	2AUST CORPS	BDE	01248		0908	
1196	2/12	BDE	0106		1325	

MESSAGE

ACTION

light flashing from red roofed bldg 300' from BI
guns. Up in Northern patch of KUNAWA had observed at
same place 200 hrs Oct.

Can't raise DIV.

Ref map FINCEM 1" further to conversation ADJST-BML today
proposed dispositions @ C Coy 6515 & B Coy LOCANENG approved
A Coy 6575 & 3. B HQ & HQ Coy 663502 track to be cut out 0491
between A & B Coys @ request approved
SITREP to 0700L SITNOB.

AIR OPS 9000 (AIR FILE)

AIR FORCE advise STRIKE approved but Fighters
probably committed elsewhere @ BOSTONS VULTEES
will stand by will strike if F's available @
Will advise early 10 Oct.

PT boats returned. Fvris seen via SIO were teamed
endeavouring obtain ASP's @ probably Not be
available for all concerned to hold before 16 Oct @
please advise whether anticipate still require them. That date or later See OA 117.
Situation to date given CAPT BURRELL

MELARN-BM - B Coy OR @ enemy attack during night
held off 2130 hrs A Coy pe going up this morning @
ref PIB? BM - they are to remain with you @
Comms OK between two coys @ JAP cas 7 killed - unable
to get out and count bodies - considerable number. Am
finding some papers taken from the bodies

general site given to CO. @ CO. our patrol (2 secs 1 off
& PIB) leaving in 10 mins to link with MELARN. Send
small party back @ expect to find track for main body
to move along @ proposed route KUNAWA - 572643
- 575651 (QUOJA R) - JIVEVANENG village. East 500'
slightly East of North 1100' then remainder NE @
ask S/O to phone me reposition.

ref setting out of DIR STRIPS? @ Set them out in form of T.
SITREP No 103 to 0800L.

GRANT-BM. enemy sighted at 635691 - killed it being gun
barrel & body capped other two @ two got away
contact at 1400L/9. Each JAP had 1 rifle No identification. PMA moving

No	FROM	TO	ORIG No	DATE	TOO LONG
1166	(Cont)				225
1167	SACS				2259
1168	YV BN	BDE	IF104	10	1508/90012
1169			IF106		1705/90015
1170	2 AVST CORPS	BDE	0122		0105
1171	2 AVST CORPS	BDE	0120		2229/90401 reply 0A116
1172	BEACH	BDE			0635
1173	2 AVST CORPS	BDE	0124		0725 reply 0A115
1174	TAC DIV	BDE			0740
1175	7/17				0756
1176	7/17	BDE			0812
1177	MLO	BDE			0824
1178	BDE	DIV			0815
1179	7/43	BDE			0905

MESSAGE

ACTION

MCs on North Hill spotted 6 carrier pigeons flying in direction SATELBERG instructed to shoot them

disposition BHQ 571640 A. 570641. B. 571640.
C. 570640. D. 569643.

Track from KIASAWA Run from 570640 to 569643
Thena KUNAWA @ NEW KIASAWA is NOT at track line
as shown on map but at 606633. - 7/17, noted that
track was running West from village @ track cleared
by patrol 7/17 and D Coy 7/15 - killed 2 JAPS inc CPL.
NW of track some diggings enemy have cleared out
OO No 18 (attached)

SITREP No 101 to 1900 L.

IDENTIFICATIONS.

Request STRIKE 1000 L. (AIRFILE)

B Coy 7/17 ten counter attacked 1845 hrs still going
at 1925

from track line 569643 track runs a leg 190 mag for
about 60° possibly to GURUNKOR

7/19/9. 3 BOSTONS 12 VULTEE VENGEANCES attacked
SATELBERG blags destroyed possible ammo dump hit
at 561675 560676 @ probable W/T sta seen at 559678 @
could not identify primary target due weather @
6 BOSTONS returned without attacking @ late TOT
due one A/c catching fire taking off

SITREP 102 to 2030 L.

12 BTJ reports long short flashes from track from leg

200° 1000° from their loc from SIKI CR HELDORACH track 7/13
while EA passed over at 2100 hrs. (flashes at approx 633672) ^{radio}

Ref map MONRI Ri @ 8 Oct crashed US 4 engine plane
found at 347385 @ crash estimated 3 MKs ago @ 5

bodies near A/c @ part of A/c and personal gear missing @
1 only identity disc found near wreckage in description @

OSCAR L. WERTZ 0408875. T. 41 Mrs L. WERTZ

839 FLORAL DRIVE ORLANDO, FLA. presume blood group A presume
religion P @ disc will follow post opportunity
reports island circling out to sea NE of SCARLET BEN

1156
PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

To: 2/13, 2/15, 2/17, 2/43 Aust Inf Bns, 2/12 Fd Regt, 2/4 Lt AA Regt,
2/3 Fd Coy, 2/3 pnr Bn, MLO for repetition ESB.
From: 20 Aust Inf Bde. No. 0. 487.

OO no 18 (.) ref map 1/25000 and LAE strat map (.) INFORMATION
enemy posns astride SATELBERG road and vicinity KUMAWA continue
stubborn resistance during day (.) B coy 2/17 bn attacked and
captured commanding feature astride SATELBERG road at 585661 and
inflicted casualties on enemy (.) INTENTION 20 Bde will continue ops
against enemy SISI-SATELBERG area and mop up enemy stragglers west of
FINSCHHAFEN (.) METHOD 2/13 bn will despatch one coy to ~~KUMAWA~~
490610
/ ~~489610~~ to investigate area and mop up enemy stragglers (.) 2/15 bn
will hold present posn controlling tr junc, continue exploitation
patrolling to NW and be prepared to take over KUMAWA posn from 2/17
bn (.) 2/17 bn MACLARN coln will consolidate posn gained, patrol to
ascertain enemy disposns with view to gain further ground (.)
2/17 bn less two coys will, when in possession two days sups, continue
ops against SISI and make contact with MACLARN coln (.) 2/17 bn
will reinforce BONGA posn (.) 2/3 fd coy will construct jeep tr
from SCARLET BEACH to BONGA def posn (.) 2/3 pnr bn will move one
coy to north R SONG ^{Under comd} in sp 2/3 fd coy in construction jeep tr (.)
ESB will sup LCV ^(Ps) to move one coy pnr bn from SAIA NKAUA JETTY
to SCARLET BEACH commencing 0930 and one LCM to move three x 40mm
bofors from SCARLET BEACH to FINSCHHAFEN area at time to be notified

Mulson
MAJ.

IMMEDIATE
TELEPHONE.

TOO. 1844 hrs
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TOR

No	FROM	TO	ORIG No	DATE	T.O.O	LOCATED
1154	7/43	BDE		9		1800
1155	7/15	BDE				1805
1156	BDE	UNITS				1844
1157	BDE	DIV	0188			1848 1
1158	BDE	DIV	I149			1850
1159	-	-	0A116			1900
1160	CAPT McLARN					1910 1925
1161	7/15	BDE				1915
1162	MAST CORPS	BDE	01227			1613 1945
1163	BDE	DIV	0189			2045
1164	HQ A/A	BDE				2125
1165	7/BN	BDE	IF103			1310 2215
1166	A/A	BDE				2225

MESSAGE

ACTION

CO-BM. patrol SIMBANG to MAPER. 595562 track June - past
 JAP tracks since rain - standing patrol going out in morning
 sending A Coy up thru TIRIMORO - mission - down MAPER to
 DESCHAMPS patrol found gun forms at LOBAWENG. one 70 mm
 and amm. Standing patrol from B Coy - BM - rel
 flashing light - MAJ ANDERSON reports from Jolly: - on beg
 370°. large outstanding tree with scraggy one beside it
 below trees - gap in bush 1/3 way up hill - light comes
 from gap in bush in form of 3 flashes

BRIC ordered def pic on JAP forms near B Coy 17.

BM - CAPT MELARN. rel situation? B Coy plus pl A Coy on
 patrol to C Coy 1/3 (rear perimeter closed) plus two pls A Coy
 300' apart to counter attack coming from left. Food pd.

BRIC - suggested RODKIN have whole of A Coy ^(1/3) pd.

MELARN. that would leave rear open - think it better
 move pl 1/3 back to JAP counter attacking general
 direction TAREKO. he is on spur to A Coy 1/3 going pd
 to clear up in morning to prove secure to Berry in
 command at present to enemy cas 9 No idea of total to
 No papers available at present to

BRIC to CAPT SHELDON. - just rate job much appreciated
 Now CO is sending patrol East KUMSWA crossing
 OK and come along spur to you view to attacking
 SISI from the East.

MELARN my patrol going out same direction in the
 morning - B Coy a straggled linked with A Coy
 BRIC - side attack best to see your rations and
 amm well up

advising names of cas B Coy today

Situation today

back run from SIMBANG along MAPER up spur
 to QUEMBUNG and on to Mission. No good connection
 between QUEMBUNG - TIRIMORO - good rd from QUEMBUNG
 to GURUNKOR then TIRIMORO.

receiv 5500+ North to BONCA. Estimated time one man
 to make rd repairable. Seven crs to be. Can be put thru
 much faster with assistance of two PNR pls

No	FROM	TO	ORIG No	DATE T.O.O	RECEIVED
1147	7/13	BDE		9	1635
1148	BDE	COL HOUSTON			1645
1149	BDE	7/17			1705
1150	BM	CO 7/13			1735
1151	BRIG	7/15 & 7/17			1740
1152	COL ALLAN	BM			1748
1153	7/3 FD COY	BM.			1753

MESSAGE

ACTION

Open cas 3 - one serious. SHELDON on high ground left and right of track. has objective - A Coy will now pass through going fwd myself now - SHELDON objective has encircled enemy.

SITREP 99 to 1300h.

CCS to be located via KOLEM @ CCS NOT to use

3 tonnes for moving during wet weather

McLARN - BM. B Coy on feature cleaning up a field by 50 Japs @ own ^(McLARN) 4 cas @ SHELDON'S not known @ captured Jap weapons @

C Coy 2/43 BN on feature need another Coy behind them @ BM - will discuss with BRIG.

McLARN - BM. Call taken by BRIG in his line.

MAJ ANDERSON - McPl to SCARLET BEH will move 1st @ In

one hr will give direct by on to light which flashes when JAP A/C approaches or when motors start up - Talker from JETT at SALANKAVA Pt.

BM. CAPT McLARN. Situation? - feature NOT quite clear -

of A Coy gone fwd to assist B Coy. Enemy on lower slopes

of feature taken CAPT DEANE ESB DREGER HARB 1020h he stated party up comd CAPT RECHEN left FINSON 5 Oct remained one day DREGER

HARB then departed RED BEH expect arrive RED this morning

2 pl North - 2 pl 625547 - 3 pl 635671

SITREP No 100 to 1700h.

MOST SECRET OPS BRIG WINDSEYER. filed MOST SECRET

Thru 1/3 - 15 pl + Coy HQ 633682 - 14 pl 628687 - 13 624683

patrol reports 8 Oct (one) 9 Oct (two) found fighting south at 6000 ft (altitude)

AIRACT. think AIR COBRAS flying at 15000'

COMD requires all enemy papers, documents, paybooks,

diaries, identity discs on enemy dead - assess enemy strength

and intention. Please send back urgently

message No Q174 repeated

CAPT CARNEY - CAPT McLARN. ref Air Act? due to members on

SATELBERG. Boston 3 trapping runs.

Counter attack on B Coy - one Hillas attack beaten off

AIRACT. 7 Oct.

No	FROM	TO	ORIG No	DATE	T.O.O	LOTTED
1130	CAPT McLARN	BM.		9		1535
1131	BDE	DIV	0485		1302	
1132	MLO	BM				1305
1133	2/17	BDE				1335
1134	2/17	BDE				1345
1135	MLO	BDE				1445
1136	BDE	2/17				1520
1137	2 BN.	BDE	IF101		1020	
1138	2/3 FD Coy					
1139	BDE	DIV.			1510	
1140	DIV	BDE			1520	1515
1141	C Coy PARS					1545
1142	A/A					1558
1143	BDE	CAPT McLARN				1600
1144	BDE	MAJ WILLIAMS.				1615.
1145		2/17				1624
1146	BDE	2 Aust CORPS	Int8		1620	

MESSAGE

ACTION

desire conserve any ammo for future ops and build up res from stocks now reaching DIMINISH @ this is NOT to prejudice (for) present ops adequate for fire and sp which you will continue to arrange at your discretion

SITREP to 1830 hrs @ BND 631664 @ A Coy Coy HQ and 8 pl 641664 - 9 pl 601663 7 pl 628668 @ B Coy 653737 @ track June 646734. NOT 646730 @ C Coy 589660 D Coy less one pl 65307015 one pl D Coy 64806953 - HQ Coy 64506945 @ HQ MMC pl plus two see 5 pl 743. 64707030 @ see MMC at 64857070 @ 64587000 @ 64577060 @ 4 pl 743. 648657 @ C Coy PNRs - Coy HQ and pl 645684 @ pl 628686 @ pl 623683 with see standing patrol 200' West.

All from NMS

Message Not understood @ 1st 0419 of 800 Not read this HQ @ please clarify. ^{Search} C.O. #3.

SITREP 97 to 0800h.

CO-BM. possible dropping place old native gardens at 569641 - could be easily identified with strips.

To BM - sp for MELARN will be 15 rounds per gun for one sp in concentration. More sp if required

Cols JOSHUA. CAPT NICHOLAS and one I pl visited BDE HQ

In reply to I 143. IDENTIFICATIONS.

primary target now possible approx T of one sqn BOSTONS ONE SQN VULTEES 115 km gdet. @ last A pl will fire three flares

SITREP to 0700h. @ (FINSCHWARZEN I) adv party one off 9 OR

80 @ US ENGRS BN contacted 143h located 6565 at sole Survey

for MMC @ otherwise SITNOR

BM-CO. - AIR STRIKE approx T.O.T. 1115. details given

BM-CAPT MELARN.

SITREP 98 to 1100h.

Advice when strips maximum length @ RAAF COMD and

ALO will then make liaison trip

1 copy CAPT GARNCEY

ADST-BML. - any objections changing our dispos to assist living conditions? Last week 9 cases MELARIA +

20 DYSENTERY. - BML. Matthew report to us suggested dispos consideration will be given

IDENTIFICATIONS

No	FROM	TO	ORIG No	DATE	To	Access
1115	DIV	BDE	0661	9		0265
1116	7/43	BDE			1900	↑
1116A	1 Aust Corps	BDE	1171		14/9/0305	
1117	BDE	DIV	0479			
1118	7/15	BDE				0920
1119	7/iv Ed REST	BDE				0940
1120						1000
1121	NGF	BDE				1006/NGF in allomen
1122	1 Aust Corps	BDE	0512		0926	1015
1123	22 BN	BDE	IE100		0710	1015
1124	BDE	7/17				1020
1125						1026
1126		DIV	0482		1101	
1127	4 SQN	BDE	Tst		0930	refuge print
1128	22 BN	BDE				1124
1129	BDE	DIV	1171			1260

MESSAGE

ACTION

that from and one denying enemy entry from coast
 Another track visible on AIR PHOTO leads to BONCA - to hold all
 tracks would need a full copy. PIB will receive both tracks in turn
 SITREP to 1700 L @ SITNOR

please enquire urgently to BN any sign ESB party left here
 4 days ago since DREGER HARB. SCHNEIDER HARB. areas.

0473.

patrol SIMBANE-GODOWA to BOTAWENE SAWMILL crossed MAPE
 at canoe crossing - returned North of MAPE back to SIMBANE.
 signs of considerable movement that area - but area NOT ON MAP.

4 MME and stacks of amm at SAWMILL - lot of papers about
 some maps being sent in - WEWAK - BOCIA (marked).

No tracks from SIMBANE West or North that are separate (except
 main track). Opinion JAP used track North from S in SIMBANE

reced nearby to garden - will receive tracks North & West from there to morning

Personae for GEN WOOTEN from BRIG WINDYERU

SITREP No 96 to 1900 L.

IDENTIFICATIONS.

MAJ RISING reports ESB force party left DREGER HARB
 morning 8 Oct.

natives report large white dog believed to belong to the MISSIONARY.

SECRET @ bad weather prevented ALEXIS HAFEN STRIKE today

now scheduled for morning 9 Oct @ regret your STRIKE

NOT possible before 1200 hrs @ please advise if desired after

1200 hrs 9 Oct.

PIB will be used for patrol NORTH BONCA and area.

SATELBERG-WAREO @ Inpm reqd urgently @ FIRST @

is enemy being seen, if so from where and in what numbers @

SECOND @ Is enemy withdrawing - if so where and by what

route @ THIRD @ has enemy dumps sup. SATELBERG area @

FOURTH @ Is enemy being sup from rear, if so by what

means and in what quantities @ FIFTH @ what from

is enemy holding NE of SATELBERG @ SIXTH @ type and

state of enemy food stocks this area @ SEVENTH. what

is enemy doing.

No	FROM	TO	ORIG No	DATE	T.O.O	locas
1104	(cont.)			8		
1105	22 BN	BDE	IF99		1700	1730
1106	DIV	BDE	0653		1400	1750
1107	7/13	BDE				1835
1108						
1109	BDE	DIV	0476		1901	
1110	-	-	I146		1905	
1111	-	-	0477		1950	
1112	COL AKHAN	BDE				2120
1113	1 AUST CORPS	BDE	01200	9	2230/0035	AIRFILE
1114	DIV	BDE	0666		205/8	0200

MESSAGE

ACTION

about 30+ can use guns doubtful if most are either
 are going to use grenades next time. BRIG - use
 one of your best boys for supplies.

C.O. patrol of DENNING'S Not returned yet but No
 firing from that direction. He can't move further any
 distance on track.

any word from your boys how our jeeps & rations
 are getting on to #17 - COL ALLAN - boys moved up
 & set labour camp but No word back yet. Will
 contact ANCAU @ expecting more boys in soon
 they at KUMAWA still in close contact with enemy @
 gap between C & D Coy #17 but being closed - one
 car today one killed @ jeep can only move short
 distances on route to SATELBERG & KUMAWA native

porters and this (PNR) being used to relieve sup. site.
 HQ less C Coy 630597 (LBAQ 1:5000)
 SITREP 95 to 1530H.

AIRACT to 0600 7000 referred to our 0467 to DIV

Rd TIRIMORO - GURONIKOR - KUMAWA @ native info
 is that road is NOT suitable for jeeps @ intersected
 by many ravines, particularly between GURONIKOR
 and KUMAWA @ rd to KIASAWA is a good rd
 according to natives @ GURONIKOR rd "No good."

#13 in front of

A Coy #17 just passed thru ZAC @ BONCA - SITHOR

Coy #13 - C Coy PNR 415 pl 634682 @ 13 pl 622683 @

14 pl 629687 separable to Coy HQ @ patrol out from all

pts @ could rd for Coy HQ be made passable? YES!

estimated 60 JAPS killed SIVANENG area @ 2 LMG captured @

No details own weapons lost @

Do you want ARTY HF? YES! on on SISI & CK crossing
 have info that a two way 3 ton rd to be made from
 AIRSTRIP to MAPE.R @ all I can do is to clear it - will want
 all vehicles to use present track while working on it

SATELBERG Rd separable all way up but very muddy and rather
 difficult @ CAPT FLEMING reports track fine but bit - one pl

No	FROM	TO	ORIG No	DATE	To	Locales
1095	(Cont)			8		
1096	BRIG	COL ALLAN				1505
1097	BRIG	BDE				1520
1097	73 PNRs	BDE				1525
1098	BDE	DIV	0471		1538	
1099		1 AUST CORP			1540	
1100	Lt. COL ALLAN	BDE				
1101	7/43	BML			1545	1545
1102	BRIG	7/17				1530
1103	MAJ MOWLES	BM.				1635
1104	BML	7/43 CO.				1905

BRIG HEAVEY and COL STEINER arrived BDE HQ
asked re est. CES at KOLEM @ BM - No objections
asked for the plan LAUNEN JETTY to BDE HQ

SITUATION? given - COL ALAN - have need sig
to say he can remain as long as he thinks necessary

SITREP No 91 to 1045L
Get MAJ SEATMAN to find no trace of track systems in
the area and also trace of disposals. CO 743 will also
contact posts himself and report on same

General situation? Gun fire same targets as 7 Oct
no need - (printing eqpt) at LUTHERAN mission

FINSCHHAFEN @ all precautions to be taken.

See Serial 1092
being done at BDE

reporting that NATIVES have returned to village their Bde at 633617. P/B to check
SITREP No 92 to 1130L

Message to be sent to A Coy at ZAG by C Coy fwd and to CO.

Yours C Coy to remain vic JIVEVANENG until CAPT
MELBANS' coy have successfully attacked SISI area.

C Coy will NOT move until BRIG orders

BM - C Coy. Where can ARTY fire? anywhere North of
KUMAWA. Put ops on Southern edge of village

believed NEW JAP might bombing tactics. - Suggested AIR INT NG AIR OPS force
and SAF be infmd.

Message from DIV states see LANCEMAR BAY area for DIV HQ

If they come we will NOT take up new loc. Stop work on same
be prepared to move you to SATENBERG area. Send all

info you can gather re tracks leading up thru TIRIMORO

BURUNKOR to this HQ. He may move you in that track
if supply possible and tracks good condition

is now contacted by at KUMAWA

SITREP to 1700L @ SITNOR

- 0700L @ SITNOR

to BM. - A Coy NOT arrived yet @ moving out to left

when A Coy arrive @ my H @ 100' in rear of village

no need valuable printed eqpt at LUTHERAN mission

FINSCHHAFEN @ all precautions to be taken

SITREP No 94 to 1330L.

loc F O P 633617.

Situation? one man killed - JAPS are very close

No	FROM	TO	ORIG No	DATE
1074			8	0910
1075	MAJ GOODE (JODMS)	BM		0930
1076	MAJ THROSBY (USM)	BM		0955
1077	COL A L L A N	BM		1016
1077A	BDE	DIV	0487	1047
1078	BM	1/43		1100
1079	BRIG	CO 7/17		1110
1080	DIV	BDE	0638	0850 1107
1081	1/2 Fd REG			1123
1082	BDE	DIV	0468	1134
1083	BM	1/43		1140
1084	BM	1/17		1143
1085	BDE	DIV with Composite		1200
1086	BM	Absence from unit 1/3 Fd COY		1208
1087	BRIG	CO 1/13		1226
1088	CO 1/15	BRIG		1320
1089	1/2 BN	BDE	EF90	1903/4 1315
1090	-	-	IF98	07/20 1319
1091	CAPT McLARN	-		1340
1092	DIV	BDE	0638	0830 Covered in see Serial 1090
1093	BDE	DIV	0410	1330
1094	1/2 Fd REG	BDE		1435
1095	BRIG	1/15		1445

MESSAGE

ACTION

AIR RAID

2 Bombs split in area HELDSBACH PTN.

patrol went due North from village (JIVEVANENG)

BM give track info & keep patrols out to get info

give posns of 2 coys of 17 at JIVEVANENG and
posns of 3 coys @ S.C. to find out where LT ADS are (1/17/17)

11 bombers 17 fighters @ dropped SCARLET BEACH &
dropped South SUICK @ dropped beam's gully due West
of that area

PT boat just called in with BRIG HEAVEY and CON STEINER

ADST. - D Coy in about 50' from track June @ carry on
get LO to contact them & get them to push on as soon as
possible to mission @ MPT SOMERS will be waiting
for them at KIASANA @

patrol to NE of KUMAWA report in all that area No
movement @ reports from KANAKAS watching CK
up from where I am - No movement whatever @

IDENTIFICATIONS.

SECRET FILE

Expect STRIKE SISI village and track South to 59165 @
track rd June 56366 @ SATELBERG and spur NW before rocks
8 Oct @ ref SISI (1:2000) and your OP 105 @ info of 05 later

MOST SECRET FILE.

large heard land.

1/2 mile South of BONCA - probably one of our own barges
who has been lost

All barges arrived and unloaded but large concentration
men in area (CCS for AFA etc) upward 2 of 600 - comm to etc.

1/2 A Coy has moved

SATREP No go to 0800H

just moving on @ very doubtful conditions of track from here back

A Coy has left for JIVEVANENG @ LP North of village saw

4 JAPS and fired on them @ JAPS captured with 2" mortar

no rifles 3 tonnes grounded @ arrangements being made

for jeeps and trailers to take my gear & packs @ breakdown on SUICK

arrangements made for ration for A Coy 1/17 @

No	FROM	TO	ORIG NO	DATE	T.O.	LOCATED
1053				7		1920
1054						1923
1055	MCHARN	BM				1940
1056	CO MDS	BM/L				1950
1057	LT A/A	BM/L				1958
1058	MAJ STRANCE	BM				1925
1059	7/15	BM/L				1940
1060	COL ALLAN	BM				1942
1061	BDE	DIV	I 143			1950
1062	DIV	BDE	0633			1910 2025
1063	1 AVST CORPS	BDE	01174	8	232/90004	
1064	1 AVST CORPS	BDE	01176		230/10230	
1065	7/15	/				0135
1066	MLO	/				0145
1067	MLO	/				0640
1068	BM/L	MLO				0820
1069	BDE	DIV				0805
1070	BM/L	7/15 ADJST				0830
1071	/	7/17 ADJST				0830
1072	OC AEMY 7/17	BM/L				0833
1073	BM/L	CAPT JENSEN				0875

MESSAGE

ACTION

UXB reported 168227 ref FINSEHAFEN 1 in
 GEN HEAVEN and if NAVAL and if MILITARY arrangements
 tonight @ arrangements to have been made for accommodation
 via SIKI OK @

43FO coy
 infmd

I see on North Hill @ 5 pigeons left SATELBERG flew to
 coast then turned North @ 730 6 Oct 8 bombs fell via
 649695 @ No ca. @ B Coy patrol moved fwd 1000'
 today @ NMS @ remainder coy moved fwd to (ref 1" map)
 653737 @ two piece parties out @ one near to BONCA @
 one due West to find track shown on map @ tracks
 considered correct @ No tracks leading West showing
 recent moat has been seen @ enemy are thought
 to have withdrawn North

B Coy captured one JAP PW North of SONE R. @ patrol
 that went West NOT returned @ C Coy 1000' back
 from BONCA, June NOT on map @ he can go up to Kowai
 one DINAH over area @ 1200 ft

Situation around BONCA: @ doing some patrolling
 if 15 ton have been in to air line for tonight.

Advised AIR STRIKE off @ ask if similar strike
 reqd for tomorrow @ just got two JAPS.

B. Coy to stay in present posn @ patrol actively
 fwd to main track June.

if 15 ton now at KIASAWA

RE IDENTIFICATIONS.

Request unable run STRIKE @ all F cover withdrawn to
 cover night sea ops against possible anticipated evacuation

Solonons @ AIR FORCE advise weather unsuitable
 for D Bombers after 1200 hrs @ please advise whether

similar STRIKE desired 8 Oct.

RE IDENTIFICATIONS (attached)

B Coy now taken over from 7/13 Coy JIVEVANENG @

reply O A 108.

BML - You A Coy should be up there tomorrow. intention of

open two coys (A+B) to move fwd @
 2/4 Aust indep coy is redesignated 2/4 AUST CAV (COMMANDO) SQ N
 any medical arrangements at your posn?

one ROP set - 23 Fletcher beacons. ADS with sea 7/13 at ZAG

Can you put ADS via JIVEVANENG? Will look into it +
 make some arrangements

No	FROM	TO	ORIG NO	DATE	T.O.O	LOGGED
1040	2/3 CCS	BDE		7		1400
1041	MLO	BML				1420
1040	7/43	BDE				1370
1041	7/43	BDE				
1042	AIR ACN.					1425
1043	BML	7/43				1445
1044	SIES.					1500
1045	BML	CO 7/17				1508
1046	BML	CO 7/43				1514
1047	7/15	BML				1520
1048	BDE	DIV NCF	1143			1510
1049	1 AUS CORPS	BDE	01165			1325/1410
1049A	DIV	BDE				1145
1050	CO 7/17	BML	1148			1655 1655
1050A	DIV	BDE	0630			1540
1051	BML	B COY 7/17				1110
1052	BML	COL OURLIDGE				1717

MESSAGE
SITREP to 1700/6 @ SITNOR

ACTION

SITREP to 0700/4 @ SITNOR

IDENTIFICATIONS.

SITREP to 1100L No 87.

COL O'CONNOR being evacuated by barge 1100hrs @

MAJ HOPKINS in charge
in reply of 51 and of 58.6 Oct 07 BN will remain present down and coast present until further orders

B Coy in form 653737 @ NO trace of track found @ Have established village form at 655734 @ Patrols being sent bearing 270° to see if they can contact track as shown on map 600 to 700 yds WEST

BM-ADJT @ C Coy back vicinity KUMAWA

✓ @ Air strike NOT possible before 1200hrs @ advise TOT later
strike NOT possible before 1200hrs @ will advise TOT secondary targets later

1. Cas. air raid ESB 1 off killed 2 OR's wounded 2 shock @
CCS 2 wounded (1 serious)

primary targets OK all day

CO - @ sit quiet now @ shelled him about half hour ago. BRIG in form CO of AIR STRIKE.

Natives have gone out of (1) WARED - SATELBERG area

(2) patrol in area SE of SISI @ (3) PIB patrol protecting carriers from KIASAWA

Enemy form 300 yds WEST of village BONGA

2/17 Coy now at JEVEVENANG @ notify 2/17 will be communicate with CO 2/17 by number 11 set

Tell CAPT MCLARN he is to take over all lines & stores in area

could
A 37mm belonging to ESB be returned to ESB

CO-BM @ re salvage @ most urgent at moment sig cable @ also rubber @ jap respirators can be sent back for rubber salvage @ 37mm belonging ESB

ring MAJ STRANGE re same

arrange taking over sig. stores etc @ also infmd re number 11 set to C.O. Keep the pressure up

but do NOT get involved without other Coy
Sending out patrols commencing 1430hrs.

No	FROM	TO	ORIG No	DATE	T.O. Locum
1022	22 BN	BDE	IF95	7	1703/6 1041
1023			IF96		0702/1045
1024	BDE	DIV	IWI		1037/1
1025	✓	✓	0461		1108
1026	22 BN	BDE	016		0830
1026A	DIV	BDE	0620		0840 1006
1027	B Coy 2/43	2/43 rfd BDE	S1		1030
1028	BDE	2/17			1155
1029	✓	✓			1200
1030	1 AUST CORPS	BDE rfd DIV	01157	1100	filed 1 AUST CORPS
1031	MLO	BM			1210
1032	BDE	1A. CORPS	0A107	1215	AIR file
1033	BDE	2/17 C.O.			1220
1034	COL ALLEN	BDE			1225
1035	2/43	BM(L)			1310
1036	BM(L)	2/43			1320 See serials 1340
1037	MLO	BM			1350
1038	2/13	BDE			1355
1039	BM	CAPT MCLARN			1400

MESSAGE

ACTION

Request approved but dependent F cover will advise T.O.T
later if possible attacks before 1200 hrs.

BHQ and two coys are on the move

SITREP @ SITNOR

SITREP 86 to 0830h

give info of 17th's engine re supply @

COLAHAN. - boys carrying and will send a strong fighting
patrol for cover @ info from Coy - enemy retreat
towards MADANG but would come back later @ info re
tracks @

intend taking over SIMBANG area with one coy @ give
situation of 17th @

Pass message to get another coy of 17th on move @
have the other coy ready to move

BRIG - put a detachment on the other side of river to
guard stores and carry out salvage @ Ask Col CALLAGHAN
(CO PNRs) to come and see me @ let 22 BN know and tell
them they have to remain.

give situation of 17 and advice of 15 proceeding to re-inf
of 17 @ keep pressure up your area @ give track info @
push KATIKA def further West

B Coy sent patrol 1000' fwd along main track @ found
very indistinct - June about 700' fwd this posn @ trying
to get on to feature that overlooks BONCA @ met No enemy @

CAPT NICHOLAS passes track info to CO of 13 via BONCA @
CO and A Coy of 15 arrived @ CO gets orders from BRIG @
Signal from DIV 22 BN to remain present posn and
continue present role until further orders - CO of 13
to contact 22 BN and co-ordinate def @

Col CALLAGHAN (3 PNRs) arrived. H.Q. 633598 (1" map)

reports lights during bombing raid @ BM give info
re lights reported from A/A posn @ to get MAJ STRANGE (JW 412)
sing M to them of 13 @ get in touch with CO of 13 and arrange
re AMERICANS putting in installation without ref BDE HQ

AIR RAID SCARLET BEN @ one bomb on CCS dangerously
wounding one wounded one other @ 5 SALLYs in OSCARS

A local report JAPS have buried large dumps weapons, equip, stores on high pt (see map)

No	FROM	TO	ORIG No	DATE	T. O. O	LOGGED
1008	1 AUST CORPS	BDE	01150	7 2320/6	0837	reply OA 105
1009	7/15	I O.			0837	
1010	W BN.		IF96	0703		
1011	BDE	DIV			0840	
1012	BRIG	COL ALLAN			0847	
1013	CO 7/13	BM.			0900	
1014	BRIG	CO 7/43			0918	
1015	7/43	BML.			0940	
1016					1006	
1017	BML	C.O. 7/13.			1010	
1018					1030	
1019	MAJ STRANGE	BM.			1043	
1020	COL WILKINS	BM			1053	
1021					1010	
1021A	7/15	BDE			1025	

MESSAGE

ACTION

HQ 2 Avn Corps will take over from HQ 1 Avn Corps Sect 02 from 1700hrs & out all night (cover) until 02 hours
- ADJ. BML. Def pt D Coy at back jungle @ D Coy at KIASIWA @
one pt 645565

approx HQ 631547 @ D + C areas @ D Coy SAWMILL area @
C Coy 300' East of BHQ

- BML. 717 has asked for HF on SISI @ OK!

Infm from KANAKAS @ Beyond and North SATENBERG, 3 boys
incl LUKVI with 16 natives were intercepted NW SATENBERG R.

Japs seized natives abused them for working for us - tied them
up but 6 boys escaped remainder still held by JAPS @

demand carrier to take cargo to WAREO said they were going to

MADANG @ chief had Nokep - JAPS beat chief @ Japs singed them -

o In strength a long rd from our fwd pts to SATENBERG. (See report)

request bombing striping 7 Oct. SISI village etc.

B Coy in front 650' rd all round def 100' diam @ NMS @

have you any infm regarding tracks which leads off to NW @

No contact with PIB @ tracks Japanese but few four or five

tracks @ one may need be of 15 ft

SATREP 85 to 1930L.

COL ALLANS report from natives

at 1300hrs 7173 BHQ est HEDSBACH 631664 ^{KUMAWAN}

BML-CO. moving to growing enemy threat KATIKI area. BDE

Conditions employ another bn that sector - two coys of

moving tomorrow

please arrange return with all equipment & FSCP at present

with you to this area earliest @ report HQ RPA 9 DIV on arrival

Air OPs 6 Oct.

further AIR OPS

CO. Some JAPS on South track near McFARLANE'S pt

degraded - return our fire - using light mortar & grenades.

JAPS on NW track outside village also using mortar firing

down track toward McFARLANE @ B Coy on SISI track

JAPS still in front of them - lighting fires - can be heard

talking but no fire from them.

2 barges arrived last night - all cleared by 0105 hrs.

Weather report. AI to CV at 8000' patches of frost & snow at 1000'

they are trying to cut off pt C of D Coy and in now about 20'

off the track. AIR STRIKE before 1200hrs if F cover available

No.	FROM	TO	ORIG No	DATE	To. o. received
990A 991	DIV 2/17	BDE BDE	0612	6	1700 1804 1825
992	2/15	BDE			1725
993	2/12 Fy RECT	BDE			1850
994	Colo ALLAN	BMW.			1855
995	BDE	DIV	04105		1912
996	B Coy 2/43	BDE	S.V		1905 1920
997	BDE	DIV	0457		1940
998	-	-	I139		2250
999	2/43	BDE			2250
1000	BDE	2/43			
1001	DIV	BDE	0606		1125 2250
1002	1 AUS CORPS	BDE	01143	7	2005/6 0025
1003	-	-	01147		2115/6 0110
1004	2/17	BDE			0730
1005	MAS STRANCE	BDE			0745
1006	ART. 1	-			0800
1007	CO. 2/17	BRIC			0830

MESSAGE

ACTION.

A Coy to remain present from until further orders
 one pl of 2/13 will send patrol to track junc which is objective
 (Track junc being SOUTH BONCA). If No opposition coy will
 go up to track junc and dig in. A Coy 2/17 to remain
 present from until relieved by another coy of 2/13
 which will be relieved from SATELBERG area on capture
 of SIS 1 by 2/17. Message to be passed to Col Joshua & Capt Pike
 O/O No 11 (attached)
 SITREP 83 to 1200h. NTR:

LT SWIN BOURNE - BML. Jeep can go to within 1000' KUMAWA.
 Balance of distance must be done by carrier.

IDENTIFICATIONS.

CO - BML. pl has gone fwd - No report yet

SITREP No 84 to 1330h

2/17 held up track junc NORTH of KUMAWA

CAPT PIKE - BML) 2 pl 2/43 had moved fwd 2500 paces
 at 1600 hrs NO opposition encountered

CO - BML) Believe fwd elements near objective & past
 track junc verifying from NO enemy

Report from D Troop OP 2/43 - sending patrol down
 to sniffing for an & want to know if patrol
 being sent from this end

CO 2/43 arrives & gives sit

Boys 2/43 has arrived at a point 2000 yds in front
 of 2/17 & report track junc but do NOT think
 it is the correct junc & digging in for tonight

& receive fwd tomorrow

pass on to 2/43 the answer from this end NO

message from 2/43 to 2/43 Beck & NO jeeps to ^{passed to} Beck 2/43

go along SATELBERG RD without escort

arty & mortar fire on SIS 1 & PIB patrol report
 enemy in strength at vic track junc going

WEST from KUMAWA & propose putting maximum arty

fire on SIS 1 and track leading SOUTH. C Coy 568644

D & BN HQ KUMAWA village & one pl track junc

565644 one pl at KIASAWA & DIVE bomb SIS 1

Bomb line nothing SOUTH of creek & time before 1100 hrs

re B Coy suggest send them up SATELBERG RD & also A Coy

when relieved & B Coy to be ready to move by 1030 hrs tomorrow

977A
 PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

To: 2/13, 2/15, 2/17, 2/43, Bns, 22 Bn, 2/12 Fd Regt, 2/4 Lt AA Regt,
 2/3 Fd Coy, MLO, Capt MACLARN.
 From: 20 Aust Inf Bde. No. 0. 454. 6.

OO No 17 (.) ref maps 1/25000 and one inch (.) ~~xxxx~~ INFORMATION
 2/17 bn in contact with enemy rearguard vicinity track junc 568649 (.)
 2/43 bn patrols contacted enemy approx 1000 yds west JIVEVENANG (.)
 INTENTION 20 bde will capture and hold SATELBERG and track juncs
 553679 and 558677 and also capture and hold track junc 647730 ref one in
 map (.) all objectives will be held at all costs (.) METHOD 2/17 bn
 will capture and hold those objectives in SATELBERG area (.) 2/43 bn
 will patrol fwd to ascertain whether enemy in occupation ^{to junc} 647730 (.)
 if not held by enemy will occupy and hold area with NOT less than one
 coy (.) A coy 2/17 bn will come under comd 2/43 bn to sp the op by holding
 present NORTH HILL posn (.) if enemy found to be in occupation 2/43 bn
 objective, A and B coy 2/17 bn will be prepared under bde orders to
 capture this objective (.) when 2/17 bn in control high ground vicinity
 SISI, and the main SATELBERG road between JIVEVENANG and SISI is clear of
 the enemy, 2/43 bn may commence to withdraw from present posn vicinity
 JIVEVENANG moving initially one coy to relieve A coy 2/17 bn (.) 2/15 bn
 will move two coys to the southern shore of LANGEMAK BAY and be prepared
~~xxxxxxx~~ later to relieve 22 bn and hold from incl DREDGER HARBOUR
 to incl R MAPE ~~xxx~~ at NEW FERRY (.) 2/13 bn will be responsible for def
 of PINSCHHAFEN area excl NEW FERRY to incl R BUMI (.)

Amula
 MAJ.

TELEPHONE
 IMMEDIATE. TOO. 1401 hrs.
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No	FROM	To	ORIG No	DATE	T.O.O. No	Location
976	BML	CAPT McLARN		6		1352
977	/	/				1320
977A	BDE	DIV	0454		1401	
978	BDE	DIV	0455		1409	
979	7/3 Fd Coy					1485
980	BDE	DIV	I 139		1500	
981	2/43	BDE				1535
981A	BDE	DIV	0456		1540	
982	from OPO through COL HOUSTON	BML				1616
983	A Coy 2/17	BDE				1625
984	2/43	BDE				1652
985	ARTY	✓				1712
986						1715
987	2/43	BM				1730
988	BDE	D-tk 2/12 ARTY				
989	ARTY	BM(L)				1740
990	CO. 2/17	1 G3 AIR				1800

8 craft LCV and 4 LCM all clear before first light NO damage

PIKOP's report.
B Coy 2/43 relieved by par Coy
Coy 2/43 waiting to be relieved @ 2/43 C & D Coys at
KUMAWA engaged by mortar last night @ A & B Coys to
move to a head via KATIKAI price movement in low @
SITREP to 0800h.
ADJT-BML - 2/43 either shelling or mistaking SISI @ danger
to men fwd @ KANAKAS went move fwd while shelling @
2/43 has patrol going into SISI - ADJT 2/43 advised last night @
2/43 also has patrol going into SISI @
SITREP to 0700h @ SM NORU.

IDENTIFICATIONS.

Two AMERICAN affs, on beach of LANCEMAN BAY and DREDGER
HARB, have left in launch

One vigilant? A/c landed on AIRSTRIP

Map case found contents intact @ PIB patrol to SS BRD
line @ fwd on by at least one LMC @ suggests from
be engaged by mortar @ 2/43 TACHO will be HELD SBACH
PTN @ JAP ens up to present 20 dead

CO-BML - patrol struck enemy approx 65 northing @ enemy
in occupation where MARARUO R cuts 65 northing @

2/43 info passed on

passer info 2/43 a d 2/43 @ BRIC instructs
that 2/43 engage LMC possibly DRG/1/1/1

2/43 advised

SITREP No. 82 to 1030h.

Locations all units and subunits incl MC, PNR, you area
locus thru Coy of PHOTOMAP 3592 FINECHUAFEN Coy H @
154100C.3 154138 @ C2 168733 @ C1. 172233

Messages on average from BRIC and info 2/43
discovery @ 1130h.

B Coy 2/43 now on SONG R @ A Coy arriving as seen @ locust @
CO-BML. two pl of fwd to where enemy seen this
morning. country very difficult @ DINNING has made
detailed recon, now awaiting his report. Another
patrol heard digging near village. Hope to be at
SISI with at least one Coy this evening.

MOST SECRET @ re ops SA TELBERG & SONG

No.	FROM	TO	ORIG No	DATE	TOO	LOGGED
957	B Beach	BDE		6		0700
957A	1 AVST CORPS	BDE	01112		2140/5	0715
958	2/43					0800
959	MOLARN	BM				0830
959A	BDE	DIV	0419		0815	0855
960	2/43	BDE				
961	2/17 TKA	BML				0857
962	2/2 BN	BDE				0925
963	BDE	DIV	I131		0920	ref I131 Div
964						0955
965	MAJ STRANOE	BML				1000
966	2/43	BML				1020
967	2/17	BDE				1030
968	BML	BRIB				1045
969	BDE	DIV	0450		1045	
970	DIV	BDE	0597			1105
971	C Coy 7 MG	BDE	N414		1100	1120
972	BML	ADS 2/43				1100
973	BDE	DIV	0452		1145	1 copy 0597
974	MOLARN	BML				1225
975	2/17	BDE				1238
975A	DIV	BDE	0600		0930	filed MOST SECRET

village track KUMAWA-SISI and track NW of Main
body moving up should join C coy soon

Personal for BRIG from GEN WOOTTEN (to GEN MACARTHUR'S)
CONGRATS

Ref map FINSCHHAFEN 1 inch in view of movement 15BN

SOUTH LANGEMAK BAY intend HQ remain present form

654 528 for present @ suggest most suitable beach

BUKI 661501 @ alternatively R beach 623554

MOLARN advanced with Bcoy @ one jap seen who
escaped @ they are holding high ground where Acoy
was last night @ NO firing has been heard
Engrs exploded 100 lb bomb, from morn raid
on SOUTH side of airstrip

RE IDENTIFICATION

Bcoy in timber & moving EAST @ no contact with

enemy @ Acoy staying on high ground @ arty did
good job @ track not yet cut

Could you have 3 ton truck stand by in morn

with 6 shovels & 3 picks for a working party going FINSCHHAFEN? yes

Bcoy cut track about 1500 yds NORTH of SONG R @

passed abandoned diggings (Coy strength)

SITREP to 1700L @ SYNOR

CO-BML) at KUMAWA & comd track to SISI @ Dcoy

at track June SIO-KUMAWA @ patrol to GURUNKOR

tomorrow @ 6 killed 4 wounded (enemy)

gives from 2 MOLARN'S coys @ No firing vic

No sign of enemy @ Can PNR (of plus some MG hold the

from @ YES! (arty @ arrangements for return to BN tomorrow

BM 100 ft intended move of BDE to MUS MEN @

SITREP 79 to 1800L

SITREP 80 to 1930L

SITNOR

Report from MGS at NORTH HEAD that they saw

a parachute flare half way towards BONGA

which appeared to be fired from ground

2/17BN along track know nothing of it

case NOT yet recovered but expect good chase

this morn @ Code is SWPA simplified AIR

GROUND panel code expiring 30 sept - NOT yet received any
letter key

953A

12. 263

TO: (1) 20 AUST INF BDE rptd (2) 1 AUST CORPS
 (3) 9 AUST DIV
 FROM: N.G.F. AUST DIV O. 8896 5 REPLY TO
 I 129

NOT rpt. NOT clear whether your
 signal refers to A.O.S.W.P.A. simplified
 air ground panel code for Oct
 and for Nov. ^{referred to} B ^{self} blank panel
 code card only C three figure
 ground air units identification if so
 for what units D three letter
 identifications sigs. for use between
 ship shore ground and air for
 months Oct. please clarify
 urgent

Recalling
 heat

Too 1336

T.H! 1537

Emergency
 Ops.

W. 1910

CIPHER SECRET	
TIME IN	1916
TIME OUT	1924
SIGNATURE	

SWIFT

also do
 also
 etc

enter - some
 sigs. for
 aircraft

NO	FROM	TO	ORIG NO	DATE	TOO	LOGGED
941 contd				5		
942	DIV	BDE	0586		1000	
943	22 BN	✓	IF 91		1116	
943	MLO	BM(L)				1550
944						1545
943A	DIV	BDE	I 215		1334	1630
945	CAPT MCLARN	BDE				1642
946	BM	2/3 FD Coy				
946A	BDE	DIV	0445		1650	
947	CAPT MCLARN	BM(L)				1707
947A	22 BN	BDE	IF 95		1703	1
948	2/17	BDE				1710
949	BM	MLO				1730
950	CAPT MCLARN	BM				1740
951	CAPT HOWLES	BM				1750
952	BDE	DIV	0446		1801	
953	NGF	BDE	0448		1931	
953A	2/43	BDE	08896		1836	1934
954	DIV	BDE	I 215	6	1945	0145
954A	DIV	BDE				0140
955	MLO	✓				0222
955A	DIV	BDE	I 216		1945	0235
956	2/43	✓				0445

MESSAGE

ACTION

Ref diary entry re 21 DIV MADANG @ Consider REAS 2 AIR DIV

Not in 21 DIV @ (confirm presence?) 54 DIV WEWAK

SITREP 75 to 0830h

McLARN's intention to determine enemy's plan by

ARTY and McFire @ was unsuccessful @ going to try on a

medium point and deeper

Sgt No R @

SITREP 75 to 0830h

going round back NORTH HILL @ make along black
on rd and attack South @

Damage AIR this morning No account @

Notify Lt C. J. GRINSTONE to go to JUNIOR STAFF SCHOOL

ADJT - BM @ CAPT LONGBOTT on left his map case JIVE VANENG

asks ADJT to look into this matter takes very serious view of case
Enemy still there @ deep with mortar WUR.

CO - BM @ asks form of McLARN @ Coy in KUMAWA @ McLARN
to return to KUMAWA

BM(L) - ADJT @ notifies movement 2/17 BN

Three japs moving along rd just opposite here } Eng
japs about opposite this HQ @ 30 yds other side road } notified
moving south

A few japs KUMAWA reported by PIB who were fired
on & fired back @ PIB thinks natives friendly to japs
warned them of presence of PIB @ Will move to KUMAWA as
soon as practicable - midday if NO movement seen

SITREP NO 76 to 111

Patrol from 6350 6815 to track junc 6225 6833 NMS

BRIG & BM leave for 2/13 BN

Informed BRIG & BM & another MAJOR will be at 2/13 for dinner

Could airstrip be lengthened to 1800 yds x 150 yds

- NO equipment at present but will look into matter

Coy has patrol found KUMAWA unoccupied

remainder of 2/17 BN will move up in 4 hours

were on NORTH HILL @ going to attack at 1430 hrs

ask BN to inform C Coy

C Coy in vicinity KUMAWA @ D Coy now on move

From 62 BTY @ time of attack 1430 hrs (McLARN?)

CO - BM(L) @ CLARK KUMAWA six japs killed over

Lossen Nil @ D Coy on move

SITREP 77 to 1330h

CO - BM(L) DENNING in position at track junc cond

No	FROM	TO	ORIG No	DATE	T.O.O	Locoey
910	DIV	BDE	1221	5 Dec 1943	2114	0805
910A	22BN	BDE	1239			0815
911	BM	MLO				0820
922	2/43	BML				0830
922A	BDE	DIV	0436		0835	0835
923	McLARN	BM				0840
924	MAJ MOWLES	BML				0846
925	BM	CO. 4/15				0855
926	2/43	BDE	T			0910
927	2/17	✓				0920
928	BDE	2/43				0930
929	ARTY	BM(L)				0942
930	BM(L)	ARTY				0945
931	2/17	BM				1045
931A	BDE	un. DIV	0435		1120	
931B	BDE	BDE	0438		1130	
932	B Coy 2/43					1202
933						1210
934	BDE	2/13				1210
935	✓	2/3 FDCoy				1215
936	2/17	BDE				1225
937	McLARN	BM(L)				1310
938	MAJ MOWLES	✓				1316
939	2/12 FDRGT	✓				1320
940	2/17	BDE				1325
	BDE	DIV	0441		1331	1425
	2/17	✓				

ACTION LOG.

DIMINISH OP



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HEADQUARTERS
9 Aust Div
25 Oct 43.

TAG R REPORT 23/24 OCT 43

23/24 Oct Interrogation Reports - Ref 1/25000, 1 inch where stated.
Coastal Area - 23 Oct

1. So far no major movement has been observed on coastal tracks. It will be noted that :-

- (a) Troops sighted recently have been carrying packs.
- (b) The signs of movement in each coastal village have been greater than the signs of movement on the tracks.

2. At 487932 (1 inch) small village with very well worn track leading to beach.

KANOMI village 493924 (1 inch) signs of recent movement. Aircraft strafed village.

3. There are no apparent signs of dump areas at WAREO. Various tracks lead from the village into the jungle but only that to 553742 (1 inch) appears to be worn to any extent. The country north to R MASAWENG is one of sheer ridges and deep gorges. Villages are pinpointed at 570760, 505807, 563827 and 852880 (all 1 inch).

24 Oct

4. In area 5469, 5569, 5669 signs of recent extensive movement is becoming more plainly visible each day. At 602678 is a patch of coconuts - what appeared to be diggings and tunnels in the undergrowth were seen.

5. AGO WARING KAI nothing to suggest recent movement in the area. The country in squares 6174, 6274, 6275, 6175 is a mixture of jungle and open kunai and commands an excellent view of BONGA and the south to R SONG. Numerous tracks were seen in kunai which was flattened. The area suggests recent movement.

Arty R

6. Registered as targets :-

Hut 587764	SUGAR 75
Suspected bivouac area 590672	SUGAR 76
Village 547690	SUGAR 77
Coconuts 593681 (defensive posn)	SUGAR 78

Brief Points 25 Oct 43

7. NMS coastal track to KANOMI. The use of the top of ridge particularly between AGO and KANOMI is becoming more noticeable each day.

8. 1700 - 1800 hrs NMS BONGA - WAREO track PIOR and PALANKO.

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TAC R REPORT NO 10

Note : Last Tac R Report should be amended to read Report No 9
Ref map 1/25000 , one inch where stated.

1. Track MARARUO - MORENG very well worn, suggests recent and constant use.

From QUEMBUNG to village 533580 is a well defined track along a ridge top. From the village the track leads to a church and two native huts 529 605. Two slit trenches observed here. Track from church in GURUNKOR direction. From 529605 track leads north to MORENG. MORENG and GURUNKOR are connected by a well defined track. Pilot considers it could have been recently used.

2. WAREO shows extensive damage from airstrike. Fresh tracks are evident in the disturbed earth. WAREO - GAIENG track well defined NOT suggesting heavy use.

WAREO - ZAGAHEMI - SIWEA - GERUP suggests recent use. Well worn, clearly defined. Native gardens in excellent state of repair.

KALASA village hard to observe with natural concealment. Tracks suggest heavy use.

Numerous foot prints on coastal track SIALUM where it branches to KALASA.

3. WALD BAY - CAPE KING WILLIAM - no barges or laketois. NMS on coastal track to BONGA.

4. Bridge across R SONG 570 708 one inch. Situated deep in river valley - considered to be a suspension bridge as no support piles seen. Width of bridge 5 ft. 40 ft of decking is visible.

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TAC R REPORT No 8 9

20/21/22 Oct 43

Ref maps 1/25000. 1 inch where stated.

1. No tac R was carried out 20 Oct but AC Sqn aircraft contacted two isolated bodies of troops and successfully dropped them orders and in one case supplies.
2. Evidence of much damage was observed from air strike 21 Oct in PALANKO NIOR MASANKOO. At SATELBERG report reads "556 677 to 555 676 track almost obliterated. Overnight JAPS have formed new narrow track along clayish soil. All buildings except one flattened".
3. Foxholes were seen in square 58 67 but could not be pinpointed due to cloud. Three definite tracks lead down the SE face of ridge to river. Smoke rising 590 672. 558 682 three native huts. Tracks lead from village 547 690 radiate towards SATELBERG in SE direction on slope of ridge. Another track leads east for approx 400 yds then north to MASANKOO. Tracks have been and are being heavily used.
4. At 593 681 in a coconut grove the undergrowth appears to have been burrowed through and diggings were seen in grove which is on a ridge and is estimated to be 100 yds x 75 yds. The surrounding jungle has also been cleared.
5. The track from SATELBERG along the high 2,600 ft feature 579 680 to 597 682 to 615 684 to KUNAI (----) map ref obviously incorrect. Where visible this track shows signs of heavy use. Bluish smoke was seen rising from 596 677 from steep valley.
6. Dead JAP on beach 640 776 ref 1 inch. 200 yds inland where track enters jungle it appears that a log barricade has been erected and a barrel appears from centre. It is so obvious that pilot considers it may be a dummy position. The coastal track south from R MASAWENG has been used more heavily than the track north to FORTIFICATION PT. It appears as if something has been dragged along the track south from R MASAWENG to vicinity ARNDT PT (1 inch) as the kunai for 3 feet on each side of the track has been flattened.

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TAC R REPORT NO 8

Ref map 1/25000 series, one inch series.

1. Aircraft were requested to carry out contact recce as in our OA 15 of 19 Oct.
2. Troops were contacted at 615 685 and message was seen to be recovered. Troops at 629 689 pointed their arms to west. One man was seen to climb a tree in a clearing, another held rifle by muzzle at full arms length above head. A second message was dropped.
3. A later sortie to this area reported that the message "C 140 here await orders" was displayed and another group with full packs were moving east at 624 688. Pilot considered they would join troops at 629 687. It is proposed to drop supplies and orders earliest 21 Oct.
4. ASPs maps and Guinea Gold were dropped in addition to normal messages.
5. Tac R revealed no further evidence of enemy movements in positions.

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1. 1655 hrs 1 JAP ran for cover 557676. He was carrying what appeared a drum and wearing a pack.

A track runs from SATULBERG along ridge to 583678 where there are native huts. It is considered that a line of defensive positions exists on this high feature. Weapon pits were sighted but dense jungle made pinpointing impossible. On forward slopes smoke was rising at 574674 and at 581 677.

2. Track from 619 697 was followed through village in sq 6071 to the BOMGA - WAREO track. NMS.

3. Track between SIMBANG - QUEMBUNG has been used recently.

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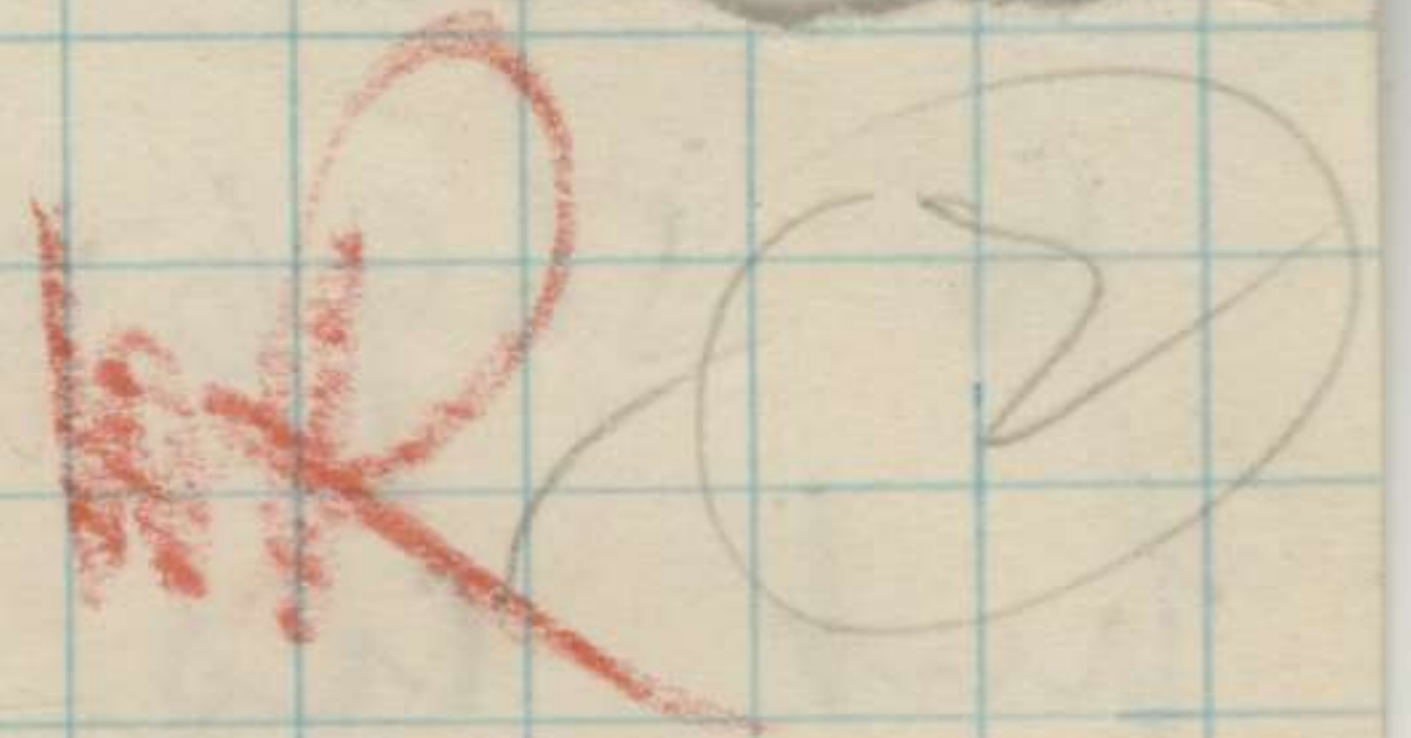
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Cleared Knoll



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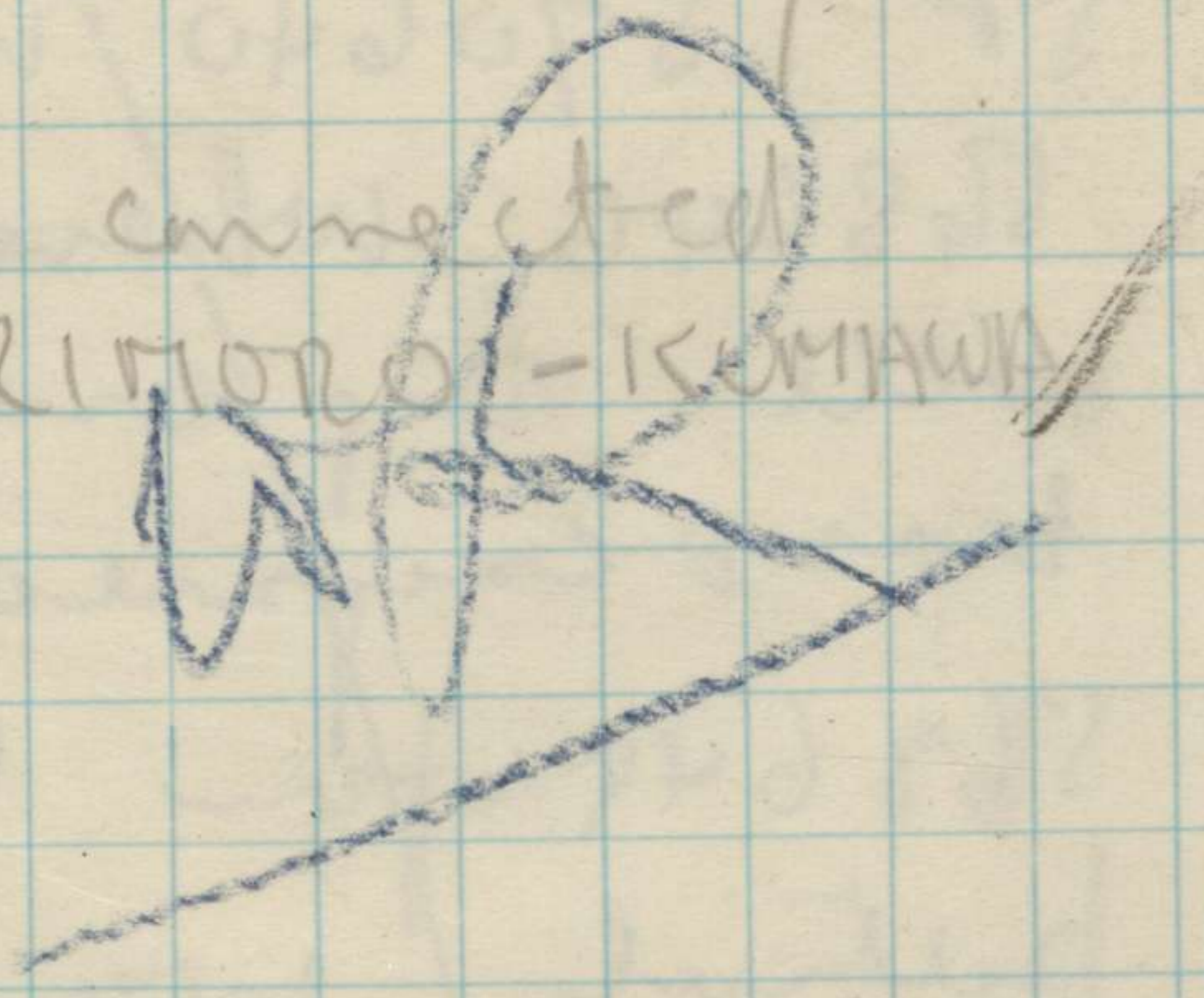
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Ref one inch; 1/25000 where stated.

30 Oct

1. KUANKO village (572623) appears to be occupied. Foxholes were observed in the south side of the village. The track to WAREO is well used.
2. Between BONGA and LAGOON square 6475 one inch, small foot pads lead from the track to the shore. There is a coral shelf on the shore which would make the unloading of small craft most difficult.
3. It is considered that a track connects WAREO with the mouth of the R SOWI but it is lost to view in the jungle in squares 6075 6176. Track where visible is well worn but no wider than a native foot pad.
4. BONGA village 656763. Six foxholes with white coral built up round them and general appearance village suggests occupation.

5. Arty R

Targets registered:-

S 84	South edge coconuts	654735
S 85	North edge coconuts	653738
S 86	Kunai	655729
S 87	Track	657720
S 88	Kunai	650717
S 89	Kunai	650710
S 90	Foxholes at track junc	648730

6. No sorties were flown 31 Oct. Sorties afternoon 1 Nov notified by signal.

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1. Interrogation reports reveal following information:

(a) Ref one inch series

- (1) 597 579 } Clearings - fresh earth
581 571 } possibly weapon sites.
- (11) 583 587 Unoccupied native village connected to track TIRIMORO - KUMAWA.
- (111) QUEMBUNG VILLAGE pin-pointed at 587 562 approx 20 native huts in coconut plantation. No movement seen or diggings seen 12 oct.
- (iv) Villages situated at following pin-points 597 714 597 704, 606 704. Village shown at 603 717 considered ~~NOT to exist. One hut and native garden at this point.~~ Tracks connecting all well defined.

(b) Ref 1/25000 series

- (1) Estimated pl position at 573 662 consists trenches and weapon pits.
- (11) 566 662 knoll with trampled KUNAI overhung by jungle - pilot considers possible gun positions.
- (111) Well worn track 566 663 down spur 566 665 to creek 572 668. Fresh earth and two trenches on spur in this area.

2. Brief report Tac R 13 Oct:

- (a) No movement seen BONGA - ARNDT pt.
- (b) Smoke at 638 775
- (c) Barge under trees partly camouflaged 638 782

3. Arty R 12 Oct - 3 targets registered.

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1. Interrogation of pilots 13 Oct indicates :-
 - (a) BONGA - LAKONA - FORTIFICATION PT - coastal track well worn, has been used recently. Faint tracks seen on KUNAI ridges in area, in particular at 636782 and 647766 (one inch).
 - (b) ref barge - report 1, para 2 (c) 636782. From this point track leads inland through small plantation and joins tracks mentioned in para 1 (a).
 - (c) Track WAREO - BONGA has been accurately shelled by our arty.
2. Arty R morning 13 Oct. FIOR village and village at 549706 (one inch) registered.

3. Brief Tac R reports 13 Oct afternoon. NMS tracks and villages WAREO - ZAGAHEMI. YAMANZAKO - WALD BAY. KASALA - SCRWENG - TUNGE - GERUN - KUWUPKO - ORARAKO. Detailed track information following.

4. Topographical The hinterland from BONGA to FORTIFICATION PT is such that movement could take place on any of the ridges without sticking to formed tracks. The further north, the more open the country. Gullies contain dense jungle.

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14 Oct 43

SPECIAL TAC R REPORT

Ref maps SATELBERG, LANGEMAK BAY 1/25000 and one inch series

OBJECT

1. To provide a background for daily Tac R reports and to cover period up to 10 Oct excl information not of lasting value.

(Note : Track information will be separately issued.)

MAPE RIVER

2. Defences

30 Sep estimated 15 trenches and numerous tracks on a knoll sloping steeply away to the NW. (1/25000)

3. Topography

Numerous uncharted villages in headwaters of MAPE RIVER. Village in coconuts at 597 551 (one inch).

BONGA - KALASA

4. Defences

9 Oct 640 770 (one inch) approximately 25 two-men trenches in kunai with much track activity.

5. Movement

9 Oct KALASA fire seen extinguished on approach aircraft. Man in long trousers with cloth cap ran for cover. Cattle were grazing in vicinity.

SATELBERG - WAREO

6. Defences

29 Sep SATELBERG (1/25000) much fresh earth on ridge 500 yards NW of village. Top of ridge light kunai 400 yards in width. Sides fall away sharply and make flanking approaches impossible.

Fire drawn from position at 557 679.

Suspected gun in weapon pit 558 676.

Equipment apparently discarded at 566 664.

Weapon pit at track - road junction 577 661.

Kunai spur with signs of activity 577 654.

10 Oct 555 679 defensive position on knoll further improved. Defences are in semi-circle covering PALANKO - MARARUO approaches. HMGs were seen in two pits.

New diggings SISI village.

Suspected pill box and 12 two-men trenches village in square 5170 (one inch).

5 Oct WAREO diggings 570 736.

7. Movement

Track SATELBERG - MARARUO shows signs of intensive activity.

5 Oct WAREO. Scattered papers, well used tracks - new split timber hut.

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13 Oct 43

TAG R REPORT NO 4

COASTAL AREA

1. The coastal track north of LAKONA to PORTIFICATION PT appears to have been used extensively over night. Black soil well churned up with foot prints. Track BONGA - LOKANA also appears used but not to such an extent.
 2. At small knoll 632775 three tracks converge - small patch kunai flattened - pilot considers possible OP
- KUMAWA - MORENG - SATELBERG
3. SIBI NMS village appeared deserted.
 4. NMS SATELBERG-JIVEVANENG on main track. 577667 clearing for garden with three fresh tracks leading towards stream. No diggings or signs of occupation seen on ridge.
 5. Ridges between KUMAWA - MORENG closely reced, owing to dense growth NMS. Track leading SW is well defined for 1500 yards and disappears into jungle 530638. Garden areas 5163 and 5263 overgrown. A "pimple" with gardens is situated at 538647. A well defined track runs from 531637 to 538633.
 6. ARTY R. Track 540680 to 538684 engaged 14 Oct. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~.
- Afternoon
7. 15 Oct. 5 barges sighted KANOMI ref 34297 LAK strat. 2 hours later they were strafed by three flights of P40s.
 8. Preliminary reports indicate that afternoon 15 Oct enemy bombers were intercepted on return journey. Result not known but returning fighters gave "victory roll" over SCARLET BEACH. The DINAH recon aircraft is believed to have been shot down.

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TAC R REPORT 24/25 OCT 43

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Based on Interrogation Reports.

Ref Maps : 1/25000; one inch series where stated.

1. The period under review shows increased movement in the area west and NW of BONGA.

24 OCT

2. Suspected OP on knoll 622 723. Two tracks lead from main WAREO - BONGA track to this point which is jungle clad and commands a view of our positions on the high ground north of R SONG.

3. At 634 734 there is a patch of coconuts with many tracks leading to it and two small "lean to" huts native type. Track from approx 628 731 leads south into our positions on ridge in square 64 70.

4. 636 782 - Two logs apparently secured parallel to a narrow beach. They have been in position for 4 days. Ref our report of 20/22 Oct para 6. 638 776 barricade with something resembling round pole protruding from it.

5. Tracks through craters left from last bombing strike are well worn and wide indicating recent movement at WAREO.

25 OCT

6. Foxholes and defensive positions sighted across track at 628 682. Recce of SATELBERG not possible due cloud.

26 Oct

7. The track WAREO - BONGA shows sign of recent heavy use.

8. The AC Sqn has now moved to NADZAB. This move combined with poor flying conditions curtailed sqn activity during last 2 days.

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TAC R REPORT 29 OCT 43

29 Oct

1. Two JAPS carrying packs 3 ft x 2 ft x 2 ft were strafed at mouth of TENAI R. Direct hits were claimed on packs. For approx 100 yds north of the river mouth are coconuts with tracks and possible posns in them.
2. The coastal track is uniformly worn, evidence of movement is increasing.
3. 545703 a suspected dump area was strafed. At this point there is a hut apparently not of native construction. Direct hits were scored on this building.

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Brief reports 30 Oct

4. (Ref one inch)
Foxholes 655735 ✓
654 733 ✓
- (Ref 1/25000)
Smoke at 692676
Blue smoke from copse 611827

*Cond seen
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TAG R 26 - 28 OCT

Ref 1/25000 one inch where stated.
(No missions were flown 27 Oct due weather)

26 Oct

1. Foxholes at 628 678. At 610 681 diggings are visible in a small coconut grove. (Comment. This is the fourth recent report of small coconut groves apparently being used as defensive positions) 626 685 to 613 694 is a line of KUNAI patches amongst the thick jungle. They are crossed by tracks such as a patrol would make.

28 Oct.

Brief Report

2. Coconut groves at 618 687, 616 686, 613 683. At 612 685 is a native garden with foxholes in the SE corner.

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At 018 022 is a native Burgher with foxholes in the
S. Gooding Groves at 018 021, 018 020, 018 023.

Sr Col. [Signature]
First Report

As patrol would make.
The thick jungle. They are crossed by tracks such as
020 022 to 018 024 in a line of KUMBI patches and
apparently being used as detentive positions,
in the fourth recent report of small coconut groves
visible in a small coconut grove. (Comment: This
I. foxholes at 020 021. At 018 021 018 022 are
020 022

(No mention were shown by Col the weather.)
Ref. T/52000 one inch where stated.

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TAC R REPORT NO 3

Pilot Interrogation 13 and 14 Oct 43.

COASTAL AREA

1. Coastal track well defined. It is not considered that inter-village movement would produce such a well-defined track. Villages are small.
2. On 14 Oct 20 sets of footprints were observed on the beach leading from the river mouth 634 787 to 634 781 and thence disappeared into the coastal jungle fringe. At this point jungle cleared to width of 15 yds. Depth not observed. At this point coastal track has been used but not extensively.
3. Intense search of rivers between MASSAWENG and BONGA revealed no signs of enemy posns or occupation but observation was difficult. No fords or bridges were observed. The two rivers are in deep ravines - banks almost vertical throughout and crossings would prove difficult.

WAREO - KALASA

4. Track WAREO - ZAGAHEMI L(S)4983 to YAMANZAKO L(S)4085 well defined but narrow. Log bridges over creeks at present dry with some water in R TEWAE.
5. KALASA - KUWUPKO L(S)3984 track wider, shows signs constant use. Tracks from KALASA leading north appear to be freely used. They are well defined and worn. NMS or signs of defences KALASA.
6. Brief report 15 Oct.
KUMAWA - MORENG - pilot unable locate track due heavily timbered ridges.
MORENG NMS.
New tracks to river down ridge 577 667 (1/25000).
Coastal track north BONGA well worn - NMS.
Tracks lead up east and north slopes knoll 63 77 to patch on crest where KUNAI appears flattened.
Barge straffing 13 Oct.
200 rds 20 mm cannon, 800 rds .303. Barge showed definite signs damage.

Arty R 13 Oct PM in
FIOR MASANKOO and three unnamed villages/area registered.
14 Oct AM.
ARNDT POINT registered.

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COASTAL AREA

1. The five barges at the mouth of R TEWAI which were strafed 15 Oct and again 16 Oct contain what appear to be four gallon petrol drums.
2. The ridges inland between the coastal streams in FORTIFICATION PT area were reced closely NMS. Dilapidated village on knoll 600 784, SW corner track leading into creek bed.
3. At 612 835 a ~~xxx~~ JAP type A barge with landing ramp down on shore containing several 44 gallon drums was strafed.
4. SIO to KALASA 16 Oct. NMS on islands or mission area. Although nothing was sighted along the river at NAMBARIWA the surface of the water where visible through overhanging scrub was considered to be oil coated. scrape marks were seen on sandbanks in the river bends. The river which enters the sea at this point is an excellent hideout and is completely obscured by overhanging mangroves and scrub.
GNEISENAU PT. A grounded ship estimated to be 60 feet long with small superstructure was observed. Ship was on its side parallel to the beach covered with branches. At KELONOA there were estimated to be 100 laketois drawn up under the scrub on the shore line. No natives sighted and craft did not appear to be loaded.
5. SHARNHORST PT. JAP observed crossing river mouth with pack and steel helmet but fell to ground on approach of aircraft. NMS. 4 JAPS with packs who raced for cover at mouth MASAWENG R. Pilot strafed them observed no further movement.
6. SIO. NMS afternoon 16 Oct. No signs of coastal defences observed. No signs of movement. No barges sighted. The coastal track from LAKONA to SIO very prominent. It is considered that movement is taking place through its entire route. The hinterland into the foothills well worn and many native villages.
7. At a small knoll approx 632 775 three tracks converge and a small patch of kunai has been flattened. Considered a possible OP.
8. CAPE KING WILLIAM. From the lagoon to the track south for 100 yds is estimated to be 8 ft wide and much used. Narrow wheeled vehicle tracks were observed on this track. North and south of this wide stretch considered to be three ft wide and well used. WADOKAI - two palm trees have been recently chopped down in this area.

INLAND AREA

9. There is a log bridge across the SONG R where the FIOR - WAREO - SATELBERG track crosses it. The track NW from SATELBERG along the ridge south of the SONG and the track NW from WAREO along the ridge NW of the SONG joins at the headwaters. Both tracks are well worn and indicate recent movement. The track KALASA - SORWENG - RUA - GERUP - KUWUPKO to ORARAKO well worn and could from its appearance be the L of G to the SATELBERG area
10. Track FIOR to WAREO crosses SONG R at approx 571 707 where two wooden bridges were observed. New timber used in construction. From valley 573 696 well defined track runs east along ridge parallel to SONG to village 597 688. Tracks FIOR - WAREO - MASANGKOO had been used since rain night 15/16 Oct.

INLAND AREA (Ctd)

11. SONG R area. From 619697 a track which could be 8 ft wide leads along ridge into village sq 5071 and has been recently used. Good observation difficult this area owing to dense jungle.
12. QUEMBUNG NMS. No evidence of def posns visible from the air. Well defined track NW along ridge/sq 5260 where this ridge joins main high feature north SATELBERG in sq 5656, suggests recent movement. Dilapidated village 546580 tracks leading north, south and SE. /Two iron buildings very pronounced. Track junc here from north, south and east. Tracks in vicinity very pronounced. 555597 village consisting of 8 houses NMS. 1400 hrs 16 Oct NMS on approaches to TIRIMORO.
13. KUMAWA NMS surrounding country - observation difficult. Bomb craters on knoll 570 652. Ridge 577667 clearing for gardens, fresh recently used tracks leading into creek but NMS. No diggings or signs of occupation seen.
14. Ridges between KUMAWA and MORENG closely reced NMS but observation very difficult. The track SW is very well defined for 1500 yds where it disappears into jungle at 530628.
15. Above is compiled from interrogation reports of pilots and action against the laketois and probable barge hideouts has been requested.

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LOCATION.....	UNIT.....	SORTIE No.....	A/C No. - TYPE.....	DATE.....
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ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE.....				
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REF. MAPS.....	PILOT.....	TIME UP.....	VISIBILITY.....	WEATHER.....
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.....	OBSERVER.....	TIME DOWN.....
.....	TOTAL.....

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT — INTERROGATION
<u>CREWS AND TASKS.</u>			A20-507 P/O FORSYTH & W/O BEALES. Drop 96 grenades & 1 box 9mm amm.
			A20-455 P/O MURRO " 96 " & 2 " .303 amm.
			A20-619 P/O STEWART " 4 boxes grenades.
			A46-109 P/O LEE-WARNER R/T comm purposes with "BILL" on gd.
<u>SUPPLY DROPPING.</u>	1215		Pilots, on arriving over JIVEVANING village observed that it was completely deserted. No signs of our isolated troops sighted at 0830L/4 could be seen. The troops approx 300yds to East were seen in their trenches.
	1220		Comm a/c then called "BILL" and asked had our troops been relieved. Reply "NO" go ahead with the dropping.
	1230		Supplies successfully dropped - NOT observed to be recovered.
<u>OBSERVATIONS.</u>			The village and slope surrounding it shows signs of the intensive bitter fighting that has taken place this area. Bodies were seen lying in the village area.
	1230		At 591661 troops were observed lying "doggo" in their trenches. The track from JIVEVANING to SATELBERG showed evidence of much heavy use. What appeared to be discarded equipment was observed strewn along it's sides to a point approx 566654. On knoll at 577654 evidence of movement was noted. The kunai had been trampled extensively and a well worn track connects it to main SATELBERG road at 577651 approx. At this track join a weapon pit is sited.
	1235		SISI village has been accurately shelled. Much damage to village has been done. NMS.

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Time and Signature.....
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45 AUST AL SEC (AC)

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LOCATION **MALLET** UNIT **4 AC SQN** SORTIE No. **1 (9 DIV)** A/C No. - TYPE **A46/121** **A46/109** DATE **4 OCT '43**

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE **MESSAGE DROPPING ON SURROUNDED TROOPS JIVEVANENG - ARTY/R NOTHERN AREAS 20 BDE.**

REF. MAPS. SATELBERG LANGEMAK BAY 1:25000	PILOT F/o Forsyth OBSERVER F/o Lee-Warner	TIME UP 0700L. TIME DOWN 0909L. TOTAL 2hr 9min	VISIBILITY FAIR	WEATHER BROKEN CLOUD
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Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT — INTERROGATION
JIVEVANENG	0745	50'	Our troops were seen in their trenches approx 300x to the EAST of JIVEVANENG Village. They were on high ground to the SOUTH of the track. Troops waved to pilot. Pilot dropped CODED message upon them. Troops seen to recover same and wave the same to a/c.
	0800		Pilot established R/T comm. with "BILL" and informed him of his dropping, and asked if he was correct. "BILL" replied "NO" drop message in village itself!. "BILL" tried to pass another message to a/c but was unsuccessful.
	0830		Pilot returned to village and there saw own isolated troops who waved to him from their trenches. Trenches situated at WESTERN end of village. The flashing of tins to pilot was also noticed. Pilot made three passes over troops position, dropping a coded message on each run. From the air, it appeared that our men were pinned down in their trenches. Pilot observed men to wave their arms, after his dropping of 3 copies of message. Pilot not certain whether same recovered or not. A.L.O's NOTE. Pilot when over JIVEVANENG at 0745 did not observe our isolated troops on the WESTERN outskirts of village and seeing our troops some 300x away waving to him, assumed these to be the isolated party. At 0830 when he returned to the village the flashing of tins drew his attention to their position.
			Time and Signature..... <i>Ready Sgt A.L.</i>
			Time Passed to Bde, Div, etc.....
			45 AUSTRAL SEC (AC)

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(R.A.F. Form 790.)

PILOT'S REPORT.

To WINDY Map Ref. _____
Visibility _____

TIME.

OBSERVATION.

1645

over area balled B11L

1650

Scattered beach to BONGA
KMS.

1725

Message from B11L

Registered Bonga 551.

From PANTHER

Rank and Name,

Squadron.

Date,

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PILOT'S REPORT.

To WINDY

Map Ref. _____

Visibility _____

TIME.

OBSERVATION.

1715 6 PARACHUTES STILL
UNTOUCHED JIVEVENANG

NIMS SATELBERG

" FIODOR

" SISI

" MARARUO

TRENCH Rd - JUNE

573 66t

SMOKE 555 67b

From _____

Rank and Name,

Squadron.

Date,

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Contents Capt Longbottom's
map case left in
giveaway approx 588662
Lataberg sheet 400, [unclear]
Codes,

Printed on Map case -
blue pencil is the order
of march which would
indicate strength our party
3 photo map - Longemans Bay
Fusedhaper, Scattered bunk
(incl area of fog)

There was no R/T code
incl in case
also piece of foolscap typed
ref APC flash light and
recog signals between
land & air.

Small slip of paper giving code
names within our bn (1743)
only with units name deleted

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TAC/R Longemans Bay

Lo - Windy
Waves 0920

Signs of occupation too well
used the to South shows
Signs of recent heavy use HMS

0920 Bonga
Huts in [unclear] had repairs
too appear little used @ HMS
whole area bombing of
shedding takes place along to
South from Bonga

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PILOT'S REPORT.

To WINDY

Map Ref. 1 inch

Visibility Good

TIME.

OBSERVATION.

0830

NOTE:

where tracks are shown dotted was unable to trace through thick jungle. Track considered to exist. Odd patches can be seen through trees.

0930

Track leading NW from WARREO follows to off. fur. Followed for about 12 miles inland still good track. May link with track going N to West from Sattelberg

From

PANTHER BX

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Rank and Name,

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PILOT'S REPORT.

To WINDY

Map Ref. _____

Visibility _____

TIME.	OBSERVATION.
0920	WAREO Signs of occupation tracks well used, the track south shows signs recent heavy use N.M.S.
0930	BONKA - Hut in very bad repair, tracks appear little used N.M.S whole area bombing shelling taken place along track south from BONKA.

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Rank and Name,

Squadron.

Date, 5/10

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PILOT'S REPORT.

To WINDY

Map Ref. 1 inch

Visibility 200 yds. on
highly cloud

TIME.

OBSERVATION.

1530

Well used track runs from BONCA
to large rock pool at 605732. Track
crosses in jungle at 611730 but I
consider that the line through to
village in 6074.
A well defined track leaves village
in 5971 to NW. Unable to trace
owing to cloud. Another track runs
down spur towards river. Unable to
trace right to river. May only go
to gardens on road ~~at 6070~~
SATELBERG, WARED, PALANK and FIOR
all obscured by cloud.

From

PANTHER

Rank and Name,

Squadron.

Date,

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PILOT'S REPORT.

To WINDY.

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TIME.	OBSERVATION.
1625	Digging 640 770
1645	1. WF seen at 3505 $\frac{1}{4}$ lac.
1645	NMS. Sialum Island and adjacent village NMS KALASH and lagoon St. Base King William
↓	
1700	
1710	SATELBERG and WARREO obscured by cloud. MARRUO shows very well worn tracks. New digging in KUMAWA.
1722	Unable to attempt to trace tracks to NW of SATELBERG owing to cloud.

From PANTHER BX

Rank and Name,

Squadron.

Date,

F/O Stewart

9/10/43

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A46-118

LOCATION..... MALLET..... UNIT..... 4 AC SQN..... SORTIE No..... 2 (9 DIV)..... A/C No. - TYPE..... A46-109..... DATE..... 9 OCT 43.

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE..... TAC/R TO LOCATE ENEMY MOVEMENT AND SUPPLY ROUTES SATELBERG AREA.

REF. MAPS..... SATELBERG 1:25,000

PILOT..... F/O STEWART

TIME UP..... 1545

VISIBILITY

WEATHER

MASAWENG RVR 1:63,360.

OBSERVER..... F/O MAUGER

TIME DOWN..... 1830

GOOD BENEATH LOW CLOUD

LOW BROKEN CLOUD

LAE STRAT.

TOTAL..... 2hrs 45min.

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT — INTERROGATION
	1625	200'	At 640770 MASAWENG RVR 1/63360 approx 25 two man trenches seen in kunai - much activity in the kunai from footpads seen. NMS or signs of occupation.
KALASA	1645	50'	Smoke was seen rising from mouth of creek at NO535 LAE STRAT. A/c dived low over area and observed one person run for cover beneath trees this area. Person was wearing long pants, no shirt and what appeared to be a soft cloth cap. The fire was extinguished immediately immediately. The track South from this point along ^{coast} west does not show signs of extensive use. KALASA is connected to this point by a well defined track - shows signs of recent use. From KALASA Northwards along coastal track to CAPE KING WILLIAM and continuing and continuing Northwards the track shows signs of much recent use. Pilot could notice the difference in track from his last sortie 7 days ago. Cattle were observed grazing in KALASA area. Low cloud prevented any recce of tracks radiating inland from the KALASA mission area.
SATELBERG AREA	1700		This area was obscured by low cloud - pilot whilst dodging in and out of clouds caught glimpses of MARARUO which showed signs of recent movement - tracks very well worn.
ARTY/R	1725		Comm established with "BILL" who asked for WAREO village 566734 to be registered. <u>RANGING</u> . Pilot commenced ranging but due to a breakdown in his own aerial connection could not complete the registration.

Time and Signature.....

Time Passed to Bde, Div, etc.....

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PILOT'S REPORT.

To WINDY Map Ref. _____

Visibility _____

TIME.	OBSERVATION.
0820	Delbidge, WARRER continued Sugar 56
0840	Delbidge - diggings 570 725. Sugar 57
0852	OP and W/T ? 559 678. 1 OK 2 X 50 DV00 3 4 SUBAR 58
0910	Road 540 674 Sugar 59

From PANTHER - FIX

Rank and Name,

Squadron.

Date, 10/10/48

CORPS, 7 DIV, 9 DIV, 20, A2 5AF, 2 ATF, 1 AUST AL GP, 4 AC SQN, WAR DIARY, FILE.

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LOCATION MALLET UNIT 4 AC SQN SORTIE No. 1 (9 DIV) A/C No. - TYPE 146-109 DATE 10 OCT 43

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE ARTY/R - TARGETS WAREO - PROBABLE W/T STATION SATELBERG - MARARUO TRACK 540674.

REF. MAPS. <u>SATELBERG 1:25,000</u>	PILOT <u>F/O STEWART</u>	TIME UP <u>0735</u>	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
<u>MASAWENG RIV. 1:63,360</u>	OBSERVER <u>F/O MAUGER</u>	TIME DOWN <u>1025</u>	<u>GOOD</u>	<u>MEDIUM OVERCAST.</u>
		TOTAL		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT — INTERROGATION
<u>Time over area.</u>	<u>0820</u>	<u>200'</u>	<u>COMMUNICATIONS</u> successfully established with "BILL" - standard of comms was better than in past.
	<u>0820</u>		<u>RANGING.</u> 1. Target SUGAR 56. WAREO village 566733 MASAWENG RIV 1:63,360. The WAREO village is quite large and consists of two groups of native huts separated by estimated 200yds. Pilot registers further village - shooting most accurate - 3 rounds gun fire was brought to bear upon target. A dro of 200yds on present registration would bring fire to bear on second half of village.
	<u>0840</u>		2. Target SUGAR 57. - unnamed village 570725 - diggings observed in this area - diggings consist of suspected pillbox and approx 12 two-man trenches. Guns were switched and this area engaged most accurately - very near miss observed on suspected pillbox - Area registered as SUGAR 57.
	<u>0852</u>		3. Target SUGAR 58 - probable W/T station 559678 - pilot unable to locate a definite W/T sta - Three rounds gun fire were brought to bear on the area and registered as SUGAR 58.
	<u>0910</u>		4. Target SUGAR 59 - MARARUO track 540674 - this a track jctn. The area was successfully register as SUGAR 59.
<u>OBSERVATIONS.</u>			Diggings on 3200ft knoll 555679 have been extended. New diggings seen in SISI village. Suspected movement along well worn track in vicinity of a village in SQ 5170 MASAWENG RIV 1:63,360.
			Time and Signature..... <i>Chapin Capt</i> A.L.O.
			Time Passed to Bde, Div, etc..... 45 AUST AL EC (AC.)

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LOCATION... **MALLET** UNIT... **4 AC SQN** SORTIE No... **2 (9DIV)** A/C No. - TYPE... **A46/118**
A46/109 DATE... **10 OCT '43**

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE... **TAC/R ENEMY MOVEMENTS & SUPPLY ROUTES SATELBERG AREA.**

REF. MAPS... SATELBERG 1:25000	PILOT... F/o Forsyth	TIME UP... 0905	VISIBILITY	WEATHER
... WASAWENG R. 1:63360	OBSERVER... F/o Miller Handle	TIME DOWN... 1135	GOOD	MEDIUM OVERCAST
LAE STRAT		TOTAL... 2hr 30min		

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT — INTERROGATION
SATELBERG	0945	200'	The def pos. on knoll 3200' 555679 - 1/25000 - has been further improved. The system is in form of a semi-circle, facing approaches to SATELBERG from PALANKO to MARARUO. HMG's seen in two pits. The tracks from SATELBERG to PALANKO and MARARUO show signs of intense activity. NMS this morning.
SATELBERG to JOANGENG	1000		The track between SATELBERG and JOANGENG leads through numerous native villages. The track winds alo summit of a steep ridge. Signs of use were evident but not to a large extent. This area is heavily populated by natives and the track wear could be due to native inter-village traffic. In JOANGENG and neighbouring villages natives were seen in great ^{large} numbers - they ran for cover on approach of a/c. Remained concealed while a/c was in area. The JOANGENG area is heavily cultivated - the gardens are in excellent order - both fences and plants in good condition.
WAREO to JOANGENG			A track exists NORTH of SONG Rvr between these two villages. It is much less used than that between SATELBERG & JOANGENG. No unusual movement observed in WAREO.
JOANGENG			The country to the NORTH and NW from here rises into mountains approx 6000' high. The pilot was unable to discover any tracks leading from JOANGENG into these hills towards the RAI COAST.
KALASA			No definite track could be located leading inland from here. The line of villages to the SOUTH are not connected by a native pad. The villages are mainly situated at the foothills of the CROMWELL Mtn. They are in fair state of repair - the gardens are well tended.

Time and Signature.....

Time Passed to Bde, Div, etc.....

5796430 D
575,6400 C

~~1916~~

ROYAL AIR FORCE.

R.A.A.F. Form A.55.
(R.A.F. Form 790.)

PILOT'S REPORT.

To

KINDY

Map Ref.

1" - 1 mile

Visibility

1 good

TIME.

OBSERVATION.

0840

NMS MAPE RIVER area west of
Gindimg likely weapons sites
580 571 and 9.

0910

1" - 1 mile
NMAPod PIS and slit trenches
at 5754662. Trenches well worn
on spur 5704665 also dug.
NMS. Saturday base road.
Grassy knoll at 566662; a wood

units notified
14 Oct

From

Peatthor

Rank and Name,

Squadron.

Date,

11/10

R. A. A. F.

Reconnaissance Report Army Co-op

A46/107
A46/109

30 OCT '43

NADZAB

4 AC SQN

LOCATION..... UNIT..... R..... SORTIE No..... A/C No. - TYPE..... DATE.....
TAC/R REPTED PILLBOX IN BONGA VILLAGE. MT MOVEMENT NW OF 625702. ARTY/R ALONG BONGA - NORTH HILL

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE.....

REF. MAPS..... 1" series

PILOT..... F/o Mauger

TIME UP..... 1530

VISIBILITY
POOR

WEATHER
LOW OVERCAST
DRIZZLE

OBSERVER..... ~~XXXXXX~~ F/o Cabber

TIME DOWN..... 1815
2hr 45min

TOTAL.....

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT - INTERROGATION
TAC/R	1600		Six foxholes were seen this area - three of them have white coraā built up around them. No weapons were seen in them. N.M.S.. Appearance of village suggests it is occupied.
656733			
625702	1610		No signs of enemy MT movement. There are no tracks in the area NORTH of SONG RIVER that are considered capable of taking either wheeled or tracked vehicles.
ARTY/R	1620		Comms established with BILL - R/T faded - one way R/T shoot carried out.
	1745		<u>RANGING:-</u>
			Target SUGAR 84 SOUTH edge of coconuts 654735
			Target SUGAR 85 NORTH edge of coconuts 653738
			Target SUGAR 86 kunai 655729
			Target SUGAR 87 kunai track 654720
			Target SUGAR 88 kunai 650717
			Target SUGAR 89 kunai 650710
			Target SUGAR 90 foxholes at track junct. 648730
			All targets successfully engaged and registered. Target reference method was used.
			ALO
			Time and Signature.....
			Time Passed to Bde, Div, etc..... 45 AUST AL SEC (AC)

NGF(2), 2AUST CORPS, 9DIV, 20BDE, 24BDE, 26BDE, A2.5AF, SATF, LAUST AL GP, 4 AC SQN, 1/3 AC SQN, WAR DIARY, FILE.

Cond
8m
4/11/43

R. A. A. F.

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Reconnaissance Report Army Co-op

LOCATION NADZAB UNIT 4 AC SQN SORTIE No. 1(9DIV) A/C No. - TYPE A46-107 DATE 30 OCT '43
A46-109

ORDERS AND NATURE OF SORTIE ARTY/R TENT AND DIGGINGS 623702 - TRACK WAREO - BONGA TRACK AREA.

REF. MAPS 1" SERIES
SATELBERG 1/25000

PILOT F/O CARTER
OBSERVER F/O MAUGER

TIME UP 0930
TIME DOWN 1215
TOTAL 2 hrs 45 min

VISIBILITY
GOOD

WEATHER
LOW OVERCAST

Place or Ref.	Time	Height	REPORT—INTERROGATION
<u>ARTY/R</u>	<u>1010</u>		Comms established with BILL - R/T was good - two way shoot conducted. RANGING :- TARGET SUGAR 83 reported tent and diggings 623702 was engaged. No tent or diggings were sighted - area 623702 is a banana grove with worn tracks running along the EASTERN side. Track crosses SONG RIVER and leads off in a SE direction towards KUNAI in SQ 6379. NORTH of 623702 the track could not be traced in the thick jungle. Small areas in banana grove have been trampled down. Area was successfully registered as SUGAR 83.
<u>TAC/R</u> <u>WAREO TO</u> <u>BONGA</u>	<u>1045</u> <u>1125</u>		The track continues to show evidence of continual movement. No enemy positions were seen in open country along the track, but numerous jungle patches exist where JAP positions could be sited, and observation from air in these parts is impossible. The KUANKO village appears occupied - foxholes were seen on SOUTH side of village. The WAREO - KUANKO track is being used extensively. At BONGA end of track numerous small footpads lead off into the high country to SOUTH- these small tracks all lead into jungle patches and are lost to view.

Time and Signature.....
Time Passed to Bde, Div, etc.....

724—N.G. Press Unit—10/43—10m.

SUBJECT: Intelligence.

HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde.

23 Oct 43.

Ref: I 10/16/1.

9 Aust Div.

1. It is reported in 2 Aust Corps Intelligence Report No 6 that "on 13 Oct at KUMAWA twenty five enemy dead, all marines, were counted near the track".
2. This is incorrect. No marines have been met except at FINSCHHAFEN, TIRIMORO and on the R MAPE.
3. The first report from this HQ stated that the tps encountered at KUMAWA were marines because some of their blankets and eqpt were stamped with anchor signs. Subsequent examination of paybooks, documents and an identity disk taken from enemy dead established however, that these tps were army tps. The error in the original report was then notified to HQ 9 Aust Div by telephone.

W. J. W. ...
Comd, 20 Aust Inf Bde. Brig.

9 AUST DIV OPERATION ORDER NO 18Copy No 10
1 Oct 43

(Superseding 9 Aust Div Operation Order No 17 dated 20 Sep 43)

Ref Map : 4 miles strat LAE Sheet.

515/8/21

INFORMATION

1. Enemy

An undated entry in a captured notebook indicates a possibility of a coy of 238 Regt and a pl of MGS having been sent to TAMI ISLAND. Air photographs do not disclose signs of enemy occupation nor have our aircraft been fired on while attacking the islands. Villages appear deserted and no native canoes can be seen on the beaches.

2. Topographical

TAMI ISLAND group consists of four islands -

- (a) DJAM - low-lying, covered with coconuts and said by natives to be haunted.
- (b) WONAM - low-lying, coconuts and scrub covered; Mission Station and village and report of spring of good water.
- (c) KALAL - reported to have 50 ft cliffs on NE side but little evidence of such on photographs. Dense scrub and some coconuts. Small supply of poor water from wells.
- (d) NUSCHUNUT - lying between DJAM and WONAM, little more than a scrub covered rock.

There is little arable ground on the islands and natives are dependent on the mainland for their vegetables.

3. Navigational

The group is surrounded by a submerged reef but an entrance from the NW between DJAM and KALAL allows the passage of vessels drawing up to 6 ft. The most suitable beach for landing appears to be on the SW end of WONAM. Once within the reef there is good shelter for vessels in all seasons.

4. Natives -

are excellent boatmen and use large two-masted canoes for traffic with the mainland. It is not known if they are still in occupation of the islands. One unconfirmed native report indicates a white missionary may still be on one of the islands.

5. Own Troops

D Coy 2/32 Aust Inf Bn comes under direct comd HQ 9 Aust Div at 1500 hrs 2 Oct 43.

INTENTION

6. 9 Aust Div will :-

- (a) Land one coy on one of the TAMI ISLANDS on D day at H hour.
- (b) Destroy any enemy forces on the island.
- (c) Provide local protection of radar station to be installed.

METHOD

7. The operation will be carried out by D Coy 2/32 Aust Inf Bn with under comd :

Det 2/3 Aust Fd Amb (1 officer 5 OR)
 Det Sigs 9 Aust Div (5 OR)
 Det RADAR
 One sec HMG pl, 532 Gp 2 ESB (6 - 50 cal)

7. (Continued)

and in support -

Det 532 Gp 2 ESB, for movement of troops and support of the landing.

8. Allotment of Craft

2 LCM
13 LCV(P) of which 2 will remain at Far Shore
1 LCS

9. H Hour

The landing will be made earliest possible after first light.

H hour will be decided after joint recce in daylight on D day by D Coy 2/32 Aust Inf Bn and det 532 Gp 2 ESB.

10. D Day - 3 Oct 43.

11. Support of the Landing will be by small arms fire from LCV(P) and LCS as arranged by D Coy 2/32 Aust Inf Bn.

12. Embarkation will be on D minus 1 day and will be arranged and controlled by 9 Aust Div.

Embarkation Table - see Appx A attached.

13. Siting of Radar - will be responsibility of det RADAR.

14. Missionaries

Any German Missionary found will be returned to 9 Aust Div.

ADM

15. Reserves to be provided by 9 Aust Div and to be carried with the force will be :-

Sups	-	20 days
Amn	-	10 " at WUR
Medical Stores	-	30 days
Water	-	up to 10 days at 2 gallons per man per day
Engr Stores	-	quantity wire and sandbags
		lift and force pump - 1
		"S" Tank - 1
		tarpaulins for water supply - 1
Ord Stores	-	10 days

16. Resupply - by 9 Aust Div

17. Medical evacuation - to LAE

18. Water

(a) CRE 9 Aust Div is providing pump and tank to establish a water point

(b) In view of shortage of water containers reserve water will be conserved until the local water supply definitely is established.

(c) OC Force may find sources of water readily available. If resupply is required supply containers will be returned for filling.

(d) All previous instructions regarding water treatment are rigorously to be enforced.

INTERCOMN

19. Radar link to Fighter Sector DOBODURA to pass to 1 Aust Corps for transmission to 9 Aust Div.

20. No. 11 Set link between 9 Aust Div and D Coy, 2/32 Aust Inf Bn.

21. Ship to Shore Recognition Signals. Extracts from AOB 0224 (2) have been issued separately to D Coy, 2/32 Aust Inf Bn.

- 22. D Coy, 2/32 Aust Inf Bn, will provide its internal comms.
- 23. Wireless Silence during sea move will be broken only :-
 - (a) By assault troops on landing
 - (b) In extreme emergency where no other means of comn exists.
- 24. Reports to 9 Aust Div by D Coy, 2/32 Aust Inf Bn :-
 - (a) Report on the landing. Code words for reports are shown in Appx "B" attached. Reference to arbitrary grid shown in photo trace issued to D Coy, 2/32 Aust Inf Bn, may be made in clear.
 - (b) Sitreps to 0600 and 1600 hrs daily, and in addition at 1200 hrs on D Day.
 - (c) Immediate report of any events of military importance.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

Issued through Sigs

Time of signature 1310 hrs.

[Handwritten Signature]
 Lt Col
 GS

DISTRIBUTION :

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RAA 9 Aust Div	5	Medical	21
RAE 9 Aust Div	6	File	22
Sigs 9 Aust Div	7	War Diary	23-24
532 Gp 2 ESB	8-9	Spares	25-26
Det Radar	10		
4 AC Sqn RAAF	11		
1 Aust Corps (incl 2 for Adv Ech 5 AF)	12-14		

LOADING AND EMBARKATION TABLE

Serial	Craft No.	Unit	Pers	Stores	Loading Beach	Time Begin	Time Complete	Remarks
1	LCV 1	16 Pl 2/32 Bn	22		G	2100	2130	
2	LCV 2	16 Pl 2/32 Bn 17 Pl 2/32 Bn	9 13		G	"	"	
3	LCV 3	18 Pl 2/32 Bn	22		G			
4	LCV 4	OC D Coy 2/32 Bn Det Sigs 9 Aust Div Det 2/3 Fd Amb Det Radar RAP(1) orderlies(2) Batman(1) Int(1) Sigs(2) P&O Cpl (1)	1 3 6 2 8	500 lb medical eqpt 300 lb sigs eqpt One No 11 W/T Set 16 gall petrol 1 gall engine oil	G	"	"	Radar det embarks RED BEACH 2200 hrs
5	LCV 5	HMG Sec 532 Regt 2 ESB 17 Pl 2/32 Bn	6 17	2 x 50 cal HMG	G	"	"	ESB det embarks RED BEACH 2230 hrs
6	LCV 6	18 Pl 2/32 Bn Coy 2 i/c & Batman CQMS, Cooks(1), RAP(2) HMG Sec 532 Regt 2 ESB	8 2 4 7	2 x 50 cal HMG	G	"	"	As above
7	LGV 7	HMG Sec 532 Regt 2 ESB Mortar det Storeman, Cooks(2) RAP(2)	7 6 5	2 x 50 cal HMG 1 x 3 inch mortar	G	"	"	As above
8	LCV 8 - 13			15 tons sups, amm, water, medical, ord, enr stores	RED	1600	1800	Loaded under Q arrangements
9	LCM 14 LGM 15	Radar det	34	Radar eqpt	RED	2200	2230	Eqpt already loaded

EMBARKATION INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Personnel embarking G BEACH will report to Maj TRAINOR Div LO at Beach Report Centre (marked by lights) by 2030 hrs 2 Oct 43.
2. OC each det will hand to OC Tps each craft nominal roll in triplicate of personnel embarking. One copy will be handed to Div LO by each OC craft when personnel have been checked and embarkation is complete.
3. OC D Coy 2/32 Bn will arrange for an OC Tps in each craft to be detailed.
4. Convoy will assemble off RED BEACH 2300 hrs 2 Oct and move under ESB control to TAMI ISLAND.

MOST SECRET

Appx "B" to 9 Aust Div OO
No 18 dated 1 Oct 43.

CODEWORDS FOR REPORTS

(To be used in conjunction with R/T Code).

WALHALLA	Landing successful - no opposition
MALEESH	Landing successful - slight opposition
INFERNO	Landing unsuccessful
HECTOR	WONAM ISLAND
LYSANDER	KALAL ISLAND
PENNY	DJAM ISLAND
FARTHING	NUSCHUNUT ISLAND
PETUNIA	Enemy craft sighted
DAFFODIL	Enemy bombing and/or straffing
ROSES	Unsuccessful - no casualties
PRIMROSE	Radar equipment installed and working.
DAISY	Passage found into lagoon
CABBAGE	Good landing at ----
APPLE	PI
PEAR	Enemy dug in at ----
CASTOR	Rations required
POLLUX	Ammunition required
DANIEL	Missionary in custody
CAT	LGV
DOG	LCM

TAMI ISLANDS
FROM AIR PHOTOS
1 OCT 43

EDGE OF REEF EXTENDS TO BEACH

REPORTED ENTRANCE

VILLAGE

LAGOON

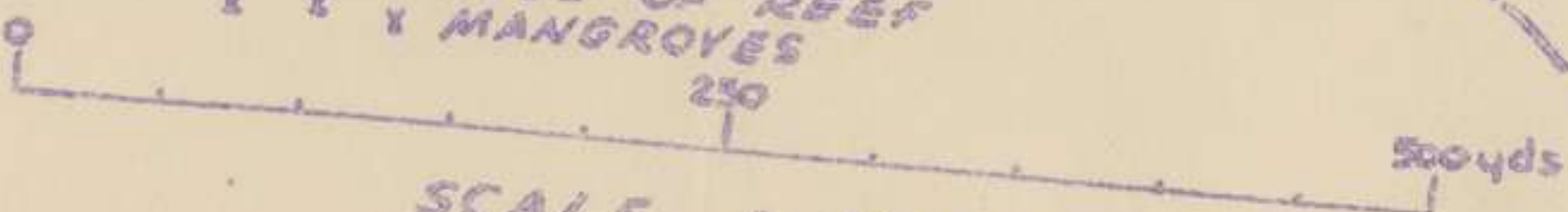
LAGOON

KALAL I

CONSIDERED MOST LIKELY LANDING BEACH.

LEGEND

- BOUNDARY OF VEGETATION
- RAIN FOREST
- LOW SCRUB or SECONDARY GROWTH
- COCONUT PTNS
- EDGE OF REEF
- MANGROVES



SCALE 1:4500

EXTENT OF PHOTOS



NUSCHUNUT



DJAM I. — 13

10

WONAM I.

VILLAGE

11

G.S.I.
HQ 9 AUST DIV.

~~8196~~

RADAR Dept

Warrant Officer
SA Evans & Capt

2547

2646

8 Oct 43.

CO, 2/43 Bn.
From B Coy.

LIKELY POSTS TO BE HELD.

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2(a) Track Junc 648733.

Task: Covering most likely line of withdrawal from SATELBERG to BONGA.

(b) Knoll at 647731.

Task: This feature must be secured to enable posn on tr junc to be effectively held. Estimate one coy plus one pl and one sec MMG required.

Re-Supply: Tr not jeepable after 12 pl at 653734. Ground rises steadily with several steep pinches. Estimated posn 300/500' above sea level. Water sup good.

3. Probable posn on tr running SW from tr junc at 642736. Further recce of this tr will determine whether it leads back to SATELBERG area or north to ARNDT PT.

Posn will have to be at least 700 yds up from tr junc to enable tps to sit on high ground with cover as junc is in open Kunai overlooking looked from south, West and NW. Tps required cannot be estimated without recce of posn. Probably one coy with MMG sp.

Re-Supply: Through tr junc at 648733 - distance approx 2000 yds from 12 pl. Steady climbing for almost whole distance. NOT jeepable.

No information re water sups. Estimate from 600/800' above sea level.

PIB instructed to recce fwd along main tr leading probably to SATELBERG from junc at 648733. Time out 0830- 9 Oct.

Time in- (approx) 1600 hrs.

If time permits recce will be made of tr running SW from junc at 642736. Probably this task will not be done till 10 Oct.

(Signed) Capt J. FLEMING OC, B Coy.

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CO #3

from BLOY

LIKELY points to be held

① track June at 653934 at present held by

12/10 or BLOY present from ①

TASK secure coast track and Northern

approach to BEACHHEAD also secure deep head

for resupply to any further the most North or West ①

estimate one coy reqd ① present system

be sup satisfactory

② ① track June 648733

TASK covering most likely line of withdrawal

from SATELBERG to BONGA

① Knoll at 647731

TASK this feature must be secured

to enable from on track June to be

effectively held

(2)

Estimate one coy plus one pe and one
Sec. MME required

RE SUPPLY track Not separable after 12 pe
at 653734 @ gd rises steadily with several
steep pinches @ estimate from 300'-500'
above sea level @ water sup good

③ probable posn on track running SW
from track junction at 653736 @ further e
of this track will determine whether it
leads back to SATELBERG area or North
to ARNDT Pt.

posn will have to be at least 700'
up from track junction to enable tro to sit on
high gd with cover @ junction is in open
Kunai overlooked from South, West and NW.

(3)
The height can not be estimated
without a piece of iron probably
one coy with MMC Sp

RESUPPLY

through track from at 648733 -
distance approx 2000' from 12 pe.
steady climbing for almost whole distance

NOT separable

No impure water supply

estimate from 600'-800' above sea level

P/B instructed to receive food along main track
leading probably to SATELBERG from June at
648733 TIME OUT 0830 - 9 OCT.

TIME IN (approx) 1600 hrs.

If time permits receive will be made of back running
W from June at 648736. probably this task will not be
done till 10 Oct.

CAPT. J. FLEMING, OC. B Coy

1770M

MOST SECRET

11 Oct 43

Copy No 4

2/3 Aust Pnr Bn OP ORDER N°2

Ref Map: 1:25000 SATELBERG

INFORMATION

1. Enemy

- a. Main force SATELBERG area.
- b. Estimated Bri strength - area between KUMAWA and SISI. - this force in contact with 2/15 Bns
- c. Probable enemy HQ at tracks junc at 562664 - a force from this area is advancing EAST along SATELBERG rd - in contact with 2/17 Bn
- d. On 9 Oct 43, at 1400 hrs, party of 10 enemy infiltrated to area 6367 - 4 killed.
- e. Further small party penetrated area immediately SOUTH of SONG river.

2 Own fops

- 2/43 Bn less 1 coy excl & NORTH of SONG river.
- 1 coy 2/43 Bn astride SATELBERG rd. 6166
- 2/15 Bn SOUTH of KUMAWA.
- 2/17 Bn at JIVEVANENG.

3 INTENTION

- 3. 2/3 Aust Pnr Bn less A & B coys will be responsible for close beach-head def. from SONG river incl to incl rd junc 638672.

METHOD

- 4 C coy with under comd 1 sec MMG and 2 dets mortar will be responsible for area from SONG river incl to EAST-WEST trk leading to KATIKA.
- D coy with under comd 1 sec MMG & 2 dets mortar is responsible for area excl KATIKA trk to incl track junc 639672 to SATELBERG rd.
- HQ coy less 2, 3 & 5 pls with constitute a res. force for counter attack role.
- 7.5 pl. for protection BHQ.

PATROLS

C & D coys will patrol all tracks & creeks along which enemy are likely to infiltrate into

their areas.

Reports of these patrol activities will be despatched to BHQ by 1800 hrs daily.

Any important info or unusual incidents will be immediately communicated by phone & subsequently included on the written report.

Patrol reports will include posns & type of any recently prepared enemy posns, or evidence of recent enemy presence.

CO-ORD

- 6 B coy will contact 2/43 Bn NORTH of SONG R & arrange mutual protection of respective flanks.
D coy will liaise with A coy 2/43 Bn on SATELBERG rd & arrange patrols.

ADMIN

7. Sups } normal.
Ann }

RAP at Bn HQ.

Stand-to between 0600 & 0700 hrs & 1800 - 1900 hrs daily.

Lighting of fires at coy comd, but ^{discretion} NOT before 0730 hrs or after 1800 hrs daily, on dull days, fire may be lit slightly earlier but at coy comd discretion.

INTER COMN

- 8 Bn HQ at 640677.
C coy HQ on track at 638688
D coy HQ near track at 635672
HQ Coy has 2 + 3 pls vicinity Bn HQ.
C + D coy will adv. L/T. with their pls boys on direct line to Bn HQ.

9. ACK. ✓ Dsw.

Signed at 1500 hrs O/S12

Robert. Capt
Adj. 2/3 Aust Pnr Bn

DISTRIBUTION

C Coy 2/3 Aust Pnr Bn Copy N°1.	
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War Diary	8
File	9

In contact
outside Tkt.
hall N-NW.

591591 to June
1st

filled 2nd
Manner

1 Wounded.

Q. 800*

Cent. tris - probably
Mt. gun - inside
probably dismantled

D - 7 batteries

A - 7A June

B - 599561

EA - 615558

C - 612559

1 MMG.
Kleberly dug
head lanes
among bamboo
held fire
recd cancelled

ACoy

25. complete
more

6K - 23 W

by the

W. Base

with B Coy

add of its
some muzzles

Curran's

Shes Regd

9000 mms
General order

Angus - Co

Trinity Marine

Carry quantity
rice

finger on tin
hung with anise

Expedition
aspartan 900

lab. Patish.
many native
quills

water - rotten
and -

Native carrying
wounded

No water for
washing

4/15

MESSAGE FORM

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PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

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CALL
AND
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TIONS

To : 2/12 AUST FD REGT 2/6 AUST FD REGT rptd 9 AUST DIV
20 AUST INF BDE 24 AUST INF BDE 26 AUST INF BDE

From : RAA 9 AUST DIV RAO/737 9

further to our RA/718 of 8 nov 43 (.) ref map 1/25,000 (.) delete
task number 28 (.) add following task number 33 586 670 48 bn one
3 3 L/T (.) task number 34 577 662 48 bn one 3 3 L/T

Alfred P... Capt

DRLS

TOO: 1900

DF TASK TABLE noted 10/Nov

S. 1/13/102

SECRET

Subject: Def Fire Task Table

RAA 9 Aust Div
Ref No: RA/718
8 Nov 43

- 2/12 AUST FD REGT
- 2/6 AUST FD REGT
- 9 AUST DIV
- 20 AUST INF BDE ✓
- 24 AUST INF BDE
- 26 AUST INF BDE

Attached is a copy of revised task table to 3 Nov.

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locate map points
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all in
DF
Indians with*

AWP Leades.

Capt.
BM RAA 9 Aust Div.

SECRET

RAA 9 Aust Div
8 Nov 43

S 1/13/102

D.F. TASK TABLE - RAA 9 AUST DIV

Task No.	Map Ref	Unit	Tps to Engage	Time	r.p.s.p.m.	Signal	Ref Map	Remarks
8	568 648	2/23 Bn	One	3 mins	3	L/T or W/T	1/25,000	Repeated on call
9	567 649	2/23 Bn	One	3 mins	3	" " "	"	" "
10	560 643	2/23 Bn	One	3 mins	3	" " "	"	" "
11	554 647	2/23 Bn	One	3 mins	3	" " "	"	" "
13	577 663	2/24 Bn	One	3 mins	3	" " "	"	" "
17	635 691 to 636 695	2/28 Bn	One	3 mins	3	L/T or W/T or R/R/R	"	" "
18	637 695 to 636 693	2/43 Bn	One	3 mins	3	" " "	"	" "
20	657 708	2/43 Bn	Two	3 mins	3	L/T or W/T or W/W/W	"	" "
21	644 716 to 646 714	2/43 Bn	One	3 mins	3	" " "	1" to 1 mile	" "
23	650 709	2/43 Bn	Two	3 mins	3	" " "	1/25,000	" "
26	642 706 to 642 702	2/43 Bn	One	3 mins	3	" " "	"	" "
27	626 682	2/15 Bn	Two	3 mins	3	L/T	"	" "
28	577 663	2/24 Bn	One	3 mins	3	"	"	" " RAO 137
29	633 684	2/32 Bn	One	3 mins	3	L/T or W/T or R/R/R	"	" "
30	633 713	2/43 Bn	One	3 mins	3	L/T or W/T or W/W/W	1" to 1 mile	" 2/43 Bn
31	595 670	2/13 Bn	One	3 mins	3	L/T	1/25,000	" " 2/13 Bn
32	597 675	2/13 Bn	One	3 mins	3	"	"	" " "

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24

586 670
577 663

48 Bn ONE
3 mins

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L/T

RAO 137