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			NOTHING OF OP IMPORTANCE OCCURRED DURING THE MONTH.	

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HQ 2 AUST CORPS DAILY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No.42.

Compiled from information received to 0800 hrs 1 Oct 42

Notes A B & C, See Summaries Nos.1-13 22 Aug to 2 Sep 42

PART 1

OPERATIONS:

(ii) N.E.I. Area -

TIMOR 28 Sep. It is reported 450 Japs arrived at MAOBISSE (nineteen mls SSE of DILLI) on the night of 28/29 Sep and moved along the same track to KALVEK SADDLE (six and a half mls SOUTH of MAOBISSE) on 29 Sep.

(iii) NEW GUINEA Area -

LAE-SALAMAUA 29 Sep. Some enemy activity has been observed at LAE Aerodrome. At 1048 hrs Allied A/C bombed SALAMAUA Aerodrome, but results were NOT observed.

BUNA 29 Sep 1715 hrs. Allied A/C bombed six barges and destroyed two A/A posns.

KOKODA 29 Sep 1500 hrs. It is reported that strong detachments of our forces are making progress towards NAURO (four mls SOUTH of EFOGI), despite the difficult country.
30 Sep 0705 hrs. Allied A/C bombed enemy camps at MENARI (one ml SOUTH of EFOGI) but the results could NOT be observed owing to the weather.

(iv) BISMARCK ARCHIPELAGO Area -

NEW IRELAND 29 Sep 0928 hrs. One 4,000-ton cargo vessel and two destroyers were sighted stationary in STEFFEN STRAIT, KAVIENG Area.

(v) SOLOMONS Area -

BUKA 28 Sep. Much enemy activity has been observed on the BUKA PASSAGE Aerodrome and it is believed twenty A/C are on the 'drome.

SHORTLAND ISLAND 29 Sep. Allied A/C attacked an enemy naval task force, WEST of the island, but nil hits were observed. At least eight intercepting land Zeros were shot down and there were probably more.

GUADALCANAL 26 Sep. It is reported that one enemy gp is located between VISALE and KAMIMBO, three mls WEST of CAPE ESPERANCE (Northern tip of GUADALCANAL). A second gp, estimated one bn, is three mls SE of CAPE ESPERANCE.

SAN CRISTOVAL 28 Sep. Thirty to forty Jap tents were observed on the beach at the NORTH coast of the island.

(vi) GENERAL:

GILBERT Is 28 Sep. It is reported that two Jap warships landed men at KURIA ISLAND.

(g)

PART 2

ENEMY:

(vi) Equipment - 37 mm Quick-firing Gun.
It has been recently reported from NEW GUINEA that the Japanese are using a 37 mm quick-firing mountain gun. There is NO infm to indicate that such a weapon exists, but two guns recently captured at MILNE BAY were found, on examination, to be 37 mm A/T guns similar to that mentioned in "Notes on Japanese Army 1939", page 97. Apperently this weapon is being used for Inf close support purposes.

(Adv LHQ Weekly Intell Summary No.7)

(xiii) Tactics - Jap tactics at MILNE BAY.
Tanks were driven with lights on to draw our fire so that Japanese infantry and sub MG squads who were following on could locate their targets. The indirect lighting system on the tanks prevented the lights being extinguished by rifle fire.
Results at MILNE BAY tend to prove that dive-bombing and strafing of A/A posns can be rendered innocuous by the delivery of maximum volume of fire from the posns being attacked.
Ten enemy machines were destroyed attacking the landing strips and beaches, at least a third of their losses being attributed to .5 MG fire from the A/A defences.

(First Aust Army Intell Summary No.21)

(xiv) General -- Jap Uniforms.
It is desired to draw attention to the reported existence in Jap uniforms of small pockets inside the seam of tunic sleeves. These pockets are used for holding notes and may be a fruitful source of supply for documents which contain infm of an operational nature.

(Adv LHQ Weekly Intell Summary No.8)

PART 3

TOPOGRAPHICAL:
(i) Corps Area - See Appx "A".

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GS 2 Aust Corps.

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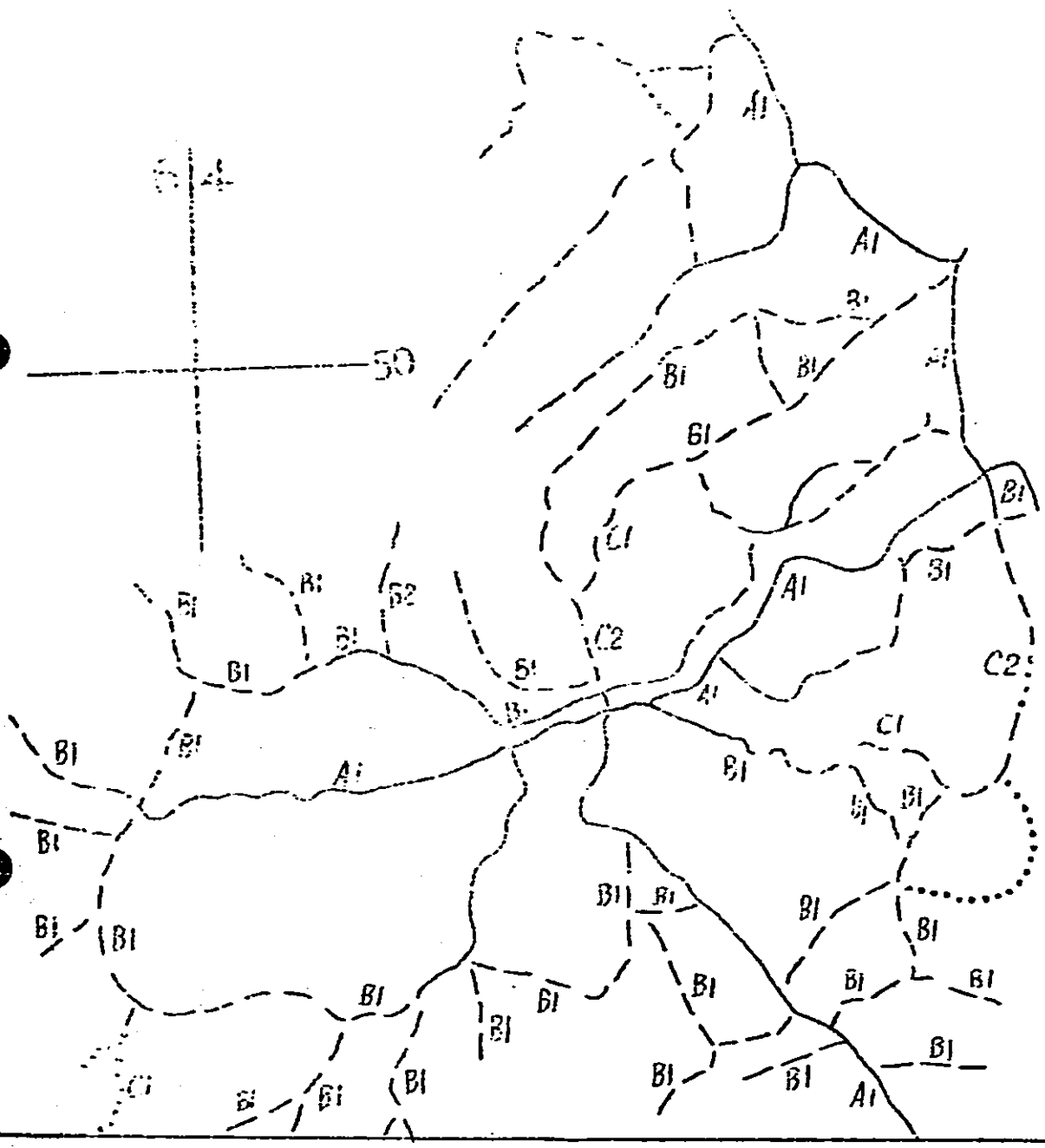
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Appx "A"

HQ 2 AUST CORPS DAILY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 42.

TWEED HEADS

4 MILES TO 1 INCH



SEALED ——————

METAL OR GRAVEL — — — — —

SAND OR EARTH .....

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EXERCISE SKYE

2 Aust Corps
2 Oct 42

G.1353

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TEXT - OPERATIONAL ROLE OF 2 AUST CORPS

TACTICAL EXERCISE - SKYE

1. (a) A tactical exercise without troops will be held at 0913A HDA05 commencing 2700 hrs 11 Oct and continuing until 1300 hrs 14 Oct with the following objects:-

(b) Familiarization of the Commander and Staff of 2 Aust Corps H.Q.P.S. of 13 Dec 42, as an operational team in applying the principles of Corps control, handling of the specialist elements in the planning, actions and orders of the Corps. Also to establish proper usage and control throughout HQ in the preparation and issuance of orders, operation maps, overlays and charts in the correct procedure as before. Tools and their charts in order to produce co-operative effort.

(c) It is to be clearly understood that only [illegible] exercise will give solutions which will be delivered to Staff [illegible] and not need verification.

DIRECTING STAFF.

2. Director:- Major-Gen S.G.SAVIGE, CBE,DSO,MC,MD.

Staff:
Brig R.A.SIMMONS, DSO,MC.
Brig A.J.FRASER.
Col R.P.WHEELER, US Army.
Lt-Col R.[illegible]ARRINGTON.
RAF Air Force Rep.
Capt [illegible]. Capt McMAHON
Capt [illegible]
2 Clerks.

UMPIRES.

3. (a) 2 Aust Corps HQ.

Cond: Brig BACHTOLD.

Staff: Brig DE LOT, DSO,ED.
Brig [illegible], CBE.
Lt-Col HASSETT.
Maj [illegible],
2 Clerks.

(b) One umpire from 1 Aust Inf Div and one umpire from 2 Aust Div, each umpire to command one

Cond.

Staff: [illegible] Div.
[illegible] Div.
[illegible] Area.
[illegible] Sqn.
[illegible].
2 Clerks.

(c) One umpire from HQ L of C Area.

REPRESENTATION.

1 Aust Army	-	4 representatives.
1 Aust Armd Div	-	2 representatives.
NZ(I)	-	3 representatives.
Eastern Area, RAAF	-	2 representatives.

SECURITY.

(a) Arrangements will be made by the Provost Corps.
(b) The Agenda [illegible] with Maps or Sketches will be [illegible] Restricted.

MAPS.

3. The following maps will be issued and should be brought by representatives; as they will not be issued at the Conference:-

Available for Issue.

1/250,000 Sheets.

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"Bloodguy" Map.

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ARRANGEMENTS.

4. Assembly.

The place of assembly will be at School of Arty, Pt A.T.I. at 1700 hrs on 11 Oct.

5. Transport.

(a) A Coy 2 Aust Corps will [illegible]
[illegible]

(b) Other units will be [illegible] at TEWANTIN [illegible] will be arranged by [illegible] will be brought.

6. Rations.

Rations for approximately [illegible] may be brought or [illegible], if so desired.

10. P.O.L.

2/2 Aust Corps will arrange for POL to be issued at TEWANTIN from afternoon 11 Oct until 0700 hrs 12 Oct. Each unit receiving will fill 4 gallon cans.

11. ACK by 1200 hrs 7 Dec 42.

[signature]
[illegible]
[illegible]

Distn: [illegible]

P.S. Invitation by Commodore [illegible] Area Div to [illegible]

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PROGRAMME OF EXERCISE 2 AUST CORPS

11 - 14 Oct.

Date	Time	Place	Detail	Remarks.
11 Oct	1700	TEWANTIN	Assemble for Exercise. Opening remarks.	
	1930	"	Org of Armd Div	To incl general remarks on Armd Div.
12 Oct	0900	"	Solution to Problem 1	
	1130	"	DA & QMG 2 Aust Corps "The system of maintenance and evacuation within the Corps area, in relation to the ground."	
	1215	"	AA & QMG 3 Aust Div "Maintenance and evacuation within the Div"	
	1300	"	Issue Problem 2	
	1930	"	Solution Problem 2	
	2130	"	Issue Problem 3	
13 Oct	1400		Solution Problem 3	
	1700		RAAF "Air Co-operation"	
	1800		Issue Problem 4	
14 Oct	1100	To be advised	Solution Problem 4	
	1300		Exercise concludes	
	1400		Dispersal	

EXERCISE SECRET

OPENING SITUATION- THE WAR IN THE PACIFIC.

In Chronological Order.

(a) 1 Oct - British NEW GUINEA incl MORESBY and MILNE BAY captured.
(b) 8 Oct - Large JAP fleet with air force decisively defeat Allied fleet north of SOLOMON ISLANDS.
(c) 15 Oct - US forces driven from SOLOMON ISLANDS and the situation re-established as it was.
(d) 22 Oct - Large JAP forces occupy NEW CALEDONIA.
(e) 1 Nov - 15 JAP Div lands at TOWNSVILLE and defeats 5 Aust Div - secures a base.
(f) 4 Nov - 16 JAP Div lands at ROCKHAMPTON and heavy fighting with 41 US Div.
(g) 9 Nov - 2 Aust Corps is disposed as in Location Statement appx "A" Attached. Our air strength is as shown in Appx "A" to Problem No 2, of 2 Aust Corps previous exercise (G1219 of 13 Sep)

NARRATIVE I.

1. Intelligence reports at 2400 hrs 9 Nov, show the following movements:-

(a) A convoy estimated one bde task force with two A/C carriers and one S/P tender (100 planes all types) 75 miles from BUNDABERG.
(b) A nother convoy estimated one div with two A/C carriers and one S/P Tender (100 planes all types) 200 miles from BUNDABERG.
(c) A concentration of enemy shipping incl one carrier and one S/P tender (50 planes) at BUIN FAISI. (Approx 4 days sail from BUNDABERG)

2. Early on the morning of 10 Nov JAP forces began landing at PIALBA and had soon driven in the small beach def units (VDC) and by 1200 hrs had established a beach head extending from MANGROVE PT -WALLIGAN-STRATHDIE CK. Strong combat gps each estimated at approx 100 tps were reported on the roads leading to MARYBOROUGH-GILDERS.

PROBLEM 1.

Action and orders of Corps Cond during 24 hr period, ending 1200 hrs 10 Nov, together with a brief statement of reasons for measures adopted.

Note.

Notes on the composition of a Lt ARMD DIV will be issued separately.

The following appendices issued with 2 Aust Corps G1219 of 13 Sep will be found useful for references-

Appx B - Composition of an Aust Div on a two bde basis
D - Composition of RAAF Units
F - Composition of a JAP Bde Gp Task Landing Force.
G - Organisation of a JAP 3 Regt Div
A to problem No 2 "Information on Aerodromes and Landing Grounds."

ANNX "A"

LOCATION STATEMENT - UNITS OF 2 AUST CORPS

2 Aust Corps.

HQ 2 Aust Corps	ESK
Sigs 2 Aust Corps	ESK
4 A S Control	ESK
4 A C Sqn	KINGAROY

3 Aust Div

HQ 3 Aust Div	LAIDSBOROUGH
4 A ust Inf Bde Gp	HARBOUR Area
15 Aust Inf Bde Gp	CABOOLTURE Area

Cav

8 Aust Div Cav Regt	ELIMBI
21 Aust Div Cav Regt	GYMPIE

LAA.

106 Aust A Tk Regt (less 2 btys)	LAIDSLOROUGH-CABOOLTURE.

1 Aust Div

HQ 1 Aust Div	Concen retn 46
9 A ust Inf Bde Gp	WALLOON.
28 A ust Inf Bde Gp	
32 Aust Inf Bde Gp	

1 Aust Armd Div

HQ 1 Aust Armd Div	KILKIVEN
Mot Bde Gp	KILKIVEN
Armd Bde Gp	MURGON

Corps Tps.

RAA

HQ RAA 1 Aust Corps	HALBOUR
2/1 A ust Med Regt	HARBOUR
2/9 Aust A Fd Regt	CABOOLTURE
HQ RAA 2 Aust Corps	ESK
8 Aust Fd Regt	CASTLO
1 Aust Med Regt	NEURUM
2 F Sp Bty	NEURUM
2/11 Aust A Fd Regt	WOODFORD Area
2/2 Aust A Tk Regt	WOODFORD

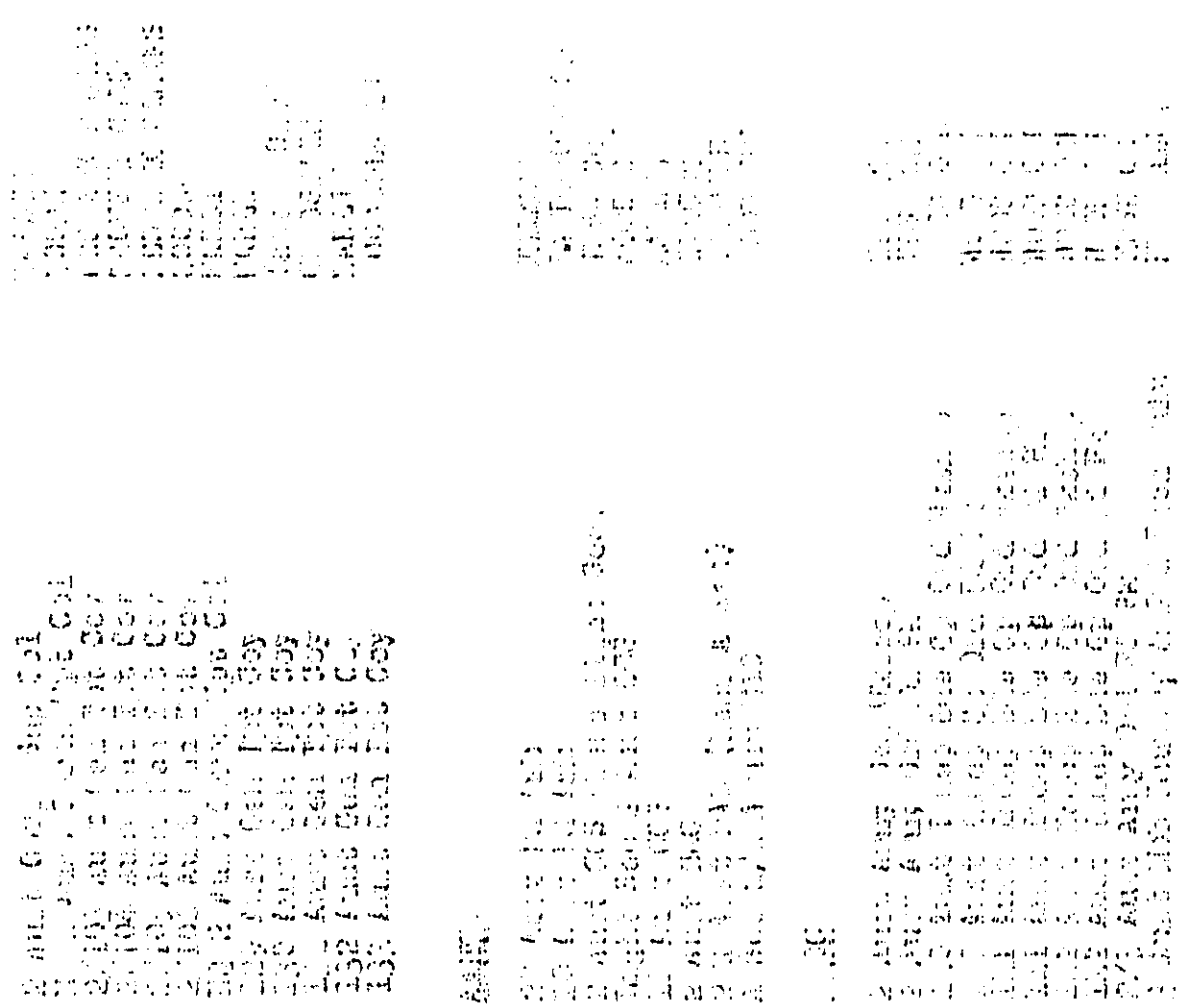
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Hq 2 Aust Corps LAD	FAIRVIEW
2/16 A ust A Fd Coy	GLENEARN
19 Aust A Fd Coy	GLENEARN
60 A ust A Fd Coy	GLENEARN

TANKS ARMY TK BN BEERWAH

AASC.

HQ Cond 1 Aust Corps	FAIRVIEW
1 Aust Corps A mn Coy	PERIVALE
1 Aust Corps Pet Coy	FAIRVIEW
1 Aust Corps Sup Col	PERIVALE
HQ Cond 2 Aust Corps	HARLIN
2 Aust Corps Amn Coy	HARLIN
2 Aust Corps Pet Coy	HARLIN



ORGANISATION OF A LIGHT ARMOURED DIVISION

H. Q. Armd Div
Armd Car Regt
L.A.D. (Type B)
Field Regt
L.A.D. (Type B)
Fd Pk Sqn R.A.E.
H.Q. & 1 Sqn Sigs Armd Div
L.A.D. (Type A)
Cipher Sec Sigs Armd Div
H.Q. A.A.S.C. Armd Div
1 Tpt Pl. A.A.S.C.
Tank Transporter Coy A.A.S.C.
General Tpt Coy A.A.S.C.
Armd Div Sec., Armd Corps Ord Wk/Shop
Armd Div Sec., Armd Corps Ord Fd/Pk
Armd Div Pro. Coy
Armd Div Postal Unit
Armd Div Fd Cash Office

H.Q. Armd Bde
L.A.D. (Type A)
Armd Regt
L.A.D. (Type B)
Armd Regt
L.A.D. (Type B)
Armd Regt
L.A.D. (Type B)
1 Bty A/Tk Regt
1 Bty Lt A.A. Regt
Fd Sqn R.A.E.
Sqn Sigs Armd Div
Armd Bde Coy A.A.S.C.
Lt Fd Amb
Armd Bde Gp Ord Coy
Lt. A.A. Bty Wk/shop Sub-sec

H.Q. Mot. Bde
L.A.D. (Type A)
Mot Regt
L.A.D. (Type B)
Mot Regt
L.A.D. (Type B)
Mot Regt
L.A.D. (Type B)
1 Bty A/Tk Regt
1 Bty Lt A.A. Regt
Fd Sqn R.A.E.
Sqn Sigs Armd Div
Mot Bde Coy A.A.S.C.
Lt Fd Amb
Mot Bde Gp Ord Coy
Lt A.A. Bty Wk/shop Sub-sec

Appendix 230

SECRET

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HQ 2 AUST CORPS DAILY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No.43

Compiled from information received to 0800 hrs 2 Oct 42

Notes A B & C. See Summaries Nos. 1-13 22 Aug to 2 Sep 42

PART 1

OPERATIONS:

(iii) NEW GUINEA Area -

LAE-SALAMAUA 30 Sep. Considerable enemy supplies were observed at MUBO.

BUNA-KOKODA 30 Sep 0700 hrs. Allied A/C strafed huts in the MYOLA LAKE and MENARI areas. 1030 hrs. An Allied detachment seized NAURO and proceeded beyond the village. We captured one prisoner and many identification discs, letters, documents and eqpt. NO contact was made with the main enemy force. 1045 hrs. Allied A/C attacked huts at MENARI. 1123 hrs. A red-roofed house at BUNA was attacked. 1135 hrs. Direct hits on the WAIROPE bridge left it sagging. Fires were started at MENARI. A preliminary report of a later attack on MENARI merely states that the mission was successful. It was noticed that the track from KAGI to MENARI was very wet. Seventeen barges were seen on the coast WEST of SANANANDA and seven barges in a creek at SANANANDA. Four enemy A/C were sighted in a clearing at SOPUTA (six mls SW of BUNA) and a possible enemy supply dump SE of WANIGELA aerodrome.

(iv) BISMARCK ARCHIPELAGO -

RABAUL. Ph R. 28 Sep revealed one probable hy cruiser, two destroyers, one large, six other submarines, two probable S/P tenders and nineteen tpts.

(v) SOLOMONS Area -

BUIN and BUKA. Night 29 Sep. Allied A/C bombed the aerodromes at BUIN and BUKA and bombs fell in the target areas. 30 Sep 0950 hrs. Two destroyers one damaged cruiser and one auxiliary vessel were sighted in BUKA PASSAGE.

PART 2

ENEMY:

(vi) Equipment -

Jap Dummy Periscope. Ref Intell Summary No.5, a dummy periscope similar in type was found on the beach 28°12' SOUTH 114°20' EAST on 15 Sep. The bottles attached to the bottom of this periscope had wooden stoppers and bore Katakana characters indicating manufacture by Karin (Manchuria Brewery).

(HQ Allied Air Forces Int Summary 37).

ENEMY: (Contd)

(vii) Tactics -

Jap A/C tactics at MILNE BAY. When A/A opened up on the Jap A/C, two of the dive-bombers immediately went into a deliberate spin, out of which they pulled when at tree-top height. Zeros then attempted to ground strafe, the leader making a low run and setting on fire an A/C which had land-crashed. The later zeros were kept higher by A/A, but as they dived away omitted dense black smoke, giving the impression of being shot down. All on the ground agreed that A/A had obtained two kills, but another pilot, from a nearby hill, saw both these Zeros flying away just above the tops of the coconut trees, indicating that either smoke cartridges were used or that it is characteristic of the A/C to smoke profusely when extra boost is applied. It is suggested that this feature should be watched in assessing claims for zeros which dive away smoking.

(Adv LHQ Int Summary No.6).

(xiv) General -

Reported Jap submarine with Masts. Ref the report in Intell Summary No.41 of a Jap submarine carrying two masts, further infm enables the following to be made.
Several types of Jap submarines carry masts, particularly the I1,5,53,61 classes. They are more prominent on the I61 class. Until this report, there was no evidence of the masts carrying crow's nests.
There is a possibility that the crow's nest reported in the aftermast of the submarine was an R.D.F. installation. This suggestion was based on the facts (a) that the crow's nest was bigger than the ordinary type and of more delicate construction; (b) that the ship was shelled accurately in the darkness with little moon. No certain inference, however, can be drawn from this single instance.

(HQ Allied Air Forces Int Summary37).

PART 3

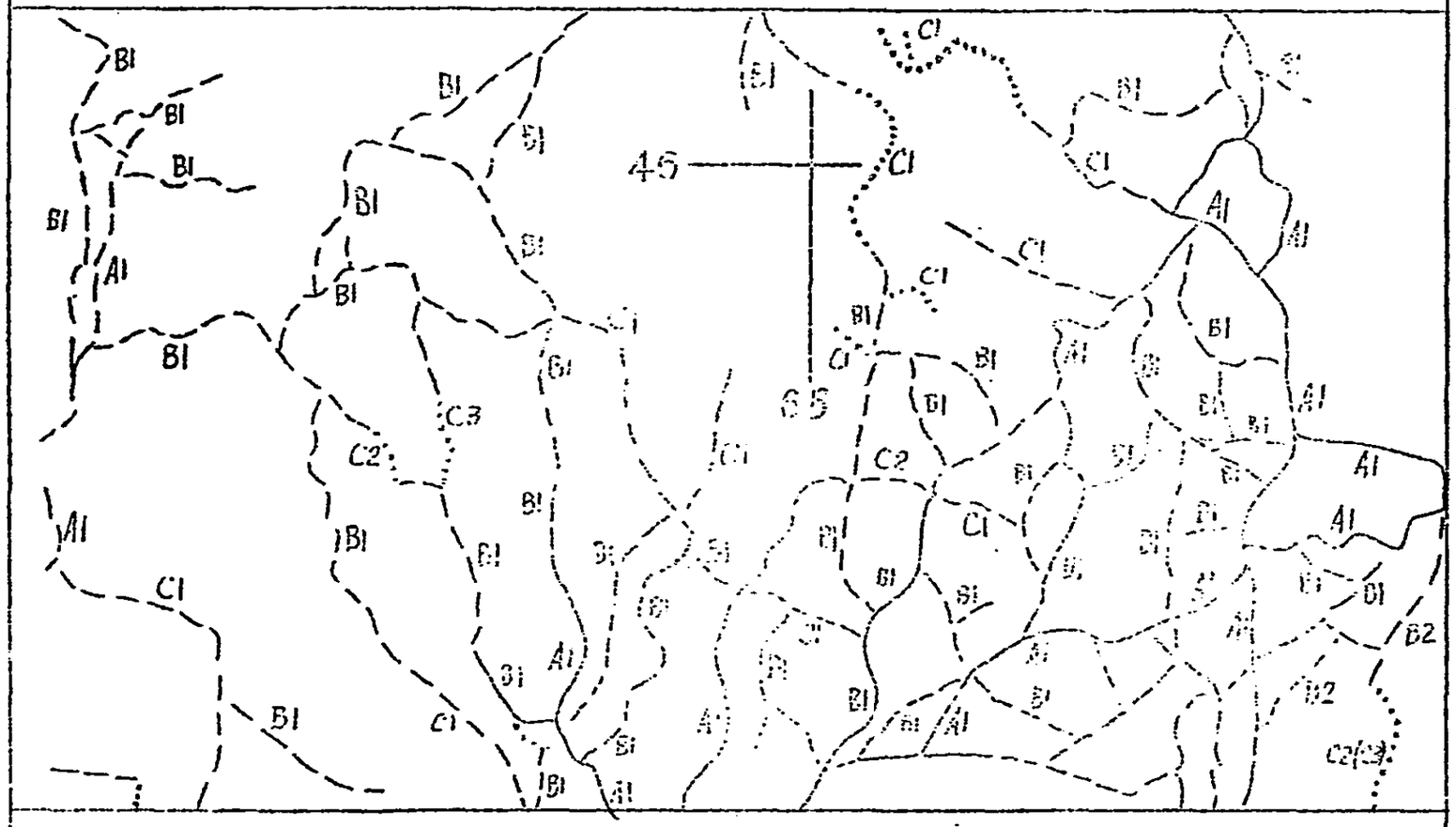
TOPOGRAPHICAL:

(i) Corps Area :- See Appx "A"

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TWEED HEADS


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METAL OR GRAVEL
SAND OR EARTH
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Appendix 231

War Diary

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HQ 2 AUST CORPS DAILY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 44.

Compiled from information received to 0800 hrs 3 Oct 42.

Notes A B & C. See Summaries Nos. 1-13 22 Aug to 2 Sep 42.

PART 1.

OPERATIONS:

(iii) NEW GUINEA:

LAE SALAMAUA. 1 Oct 0645 hrs. Allied a/c strafed buildings at SALAMAUA. An active W/T station at KELA POINT (near SALAMAUA) was left burning. NO activity was observed at FINSCHAFEN. The runway at SALAMAUA was overgrown and the hangar dilapidated.

LAE 30 Sep. One vessel was seen off the coast E.S.E. of LAE.

BUNA KOKODA. 1 Oct. Our fwd tps have reached a point just SOUTH of MENARI. NO contact has yet been made with the main enemy force. Rain is hampering movement on the tracks. During the day, Allied a/c made five attacks in the area. As a result of a direct hit, the WAIROPE bridge was left unserviceable. Fires were started at MENARI and six barges strafed at GANANANDA. New huts were observed in the KOKODA area. A later observation shows that the enemy are resurfacing the WAIROPE bridge.

MILNE BAY 30 Sep. Our patrols encountered twelve Japs approx. five mls N.W. of LILIHOA. Five of the enemy, including one officer, were killed. NO enemy were seen in the GUAGUNAKI area (seven mls S.E. by SOUTH of WEDAU) 1 Oct. Native reports indicate that enemy survivors on NORMANBY IS. were evacuated by boat and a/c on the night 26/27 Sep.

(v) SOLOMONS Area -

BUKA PASSAGE. 1 Oct 0920 hrs. One destroyer, one 9,000 ton tpt, two small vessels were seen stationary, approx. ten mls S.W. of BUKA PASSAGE.

BUIN FAISI. Three hy, two light cruisers, fifteen destroyers, two converted S/P tenders, two minelayers, five cargo ships (or tpts) and two oilers were considered to be operating in this area.

SAN CRISTOVAL. One submarine was sighted approx. sixty mls WEST of CAPE SURVILLE.

RENNELL IS. 1 Oct 1120 hrs. One destroyer and 1 tpt were sighted off the NORTH coast of RENNELL IS.

(vi) General:

GILBERT IS. It was reported that the enemy occupied KURIA and TANANA IS. on 27 Sep. There has been NO contact with MONOUTI IS. since 25 Sep.

(vi) General (Contd.)

ALEUTIAN IS. During 27 and 28 Sep Allied a/c attacked enemy shipping and shore installations. It is believed that one submarine was sunk and one tpt left sinking at KISKA HR. Near misses were recorded on one tpt and one destroyer 112 mls WEST by NORTH of KISKA HR. A small freighter at BULDIRI was possibly damaged. 28 Sep. Allied a/c bombed and photographed ATTU IS; fires were started and there was NO opposition.

PART 2.

(xiv) General

Japanese P.O.W. - Tokio's Attitude.

Information received from other sources is confirmed by a statement made by Mr. Joseph GREW, United States Ambassador to Japan at the outbreak of war, in a speech at SYRACUSE, U.S.A. on 21/9. Mr. GREW said: "Last year when our country and Japan are still at peace, I received from the Chinese Government the name of a Japanese who had been taken prisoner in China and who wished his family in Japan to know that he was alive and well. I communicated the information to the Government in Tokio and received, in due course, the official reply. It was brief and to the point. The Japanese Government was NOT interested in receiving such information. So far as they, the Government, were concerned, and also so far as his own family were concerned, that man was officially dead. Were he to be recognised as a prisoner of war, shame would be brought upon NOT only his own family, but his Government and his nation." (HQ AAF S.W.P.A. Intell Summary No. 37)

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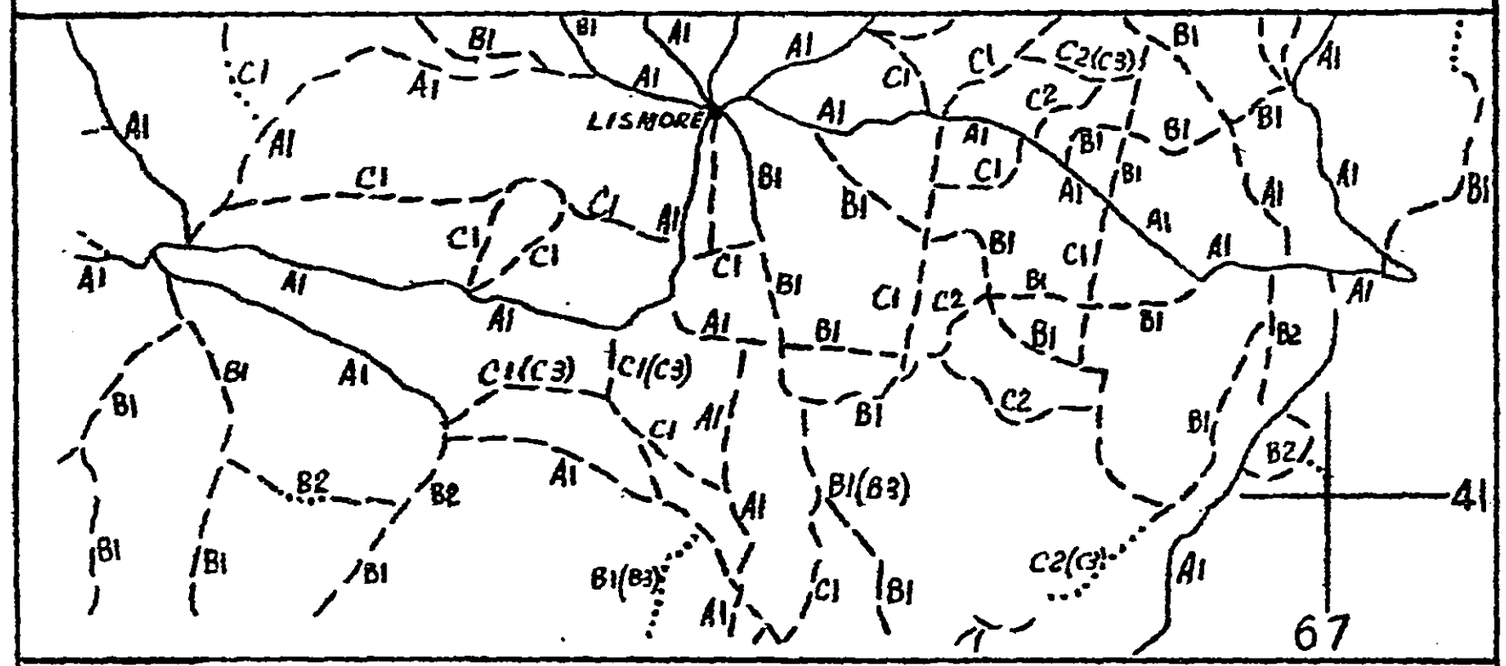
(i) Corps Area - See Appx "A"

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Annex "A"
HQ 2 AUST CORPS DAILY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 44

TWEED HEADS



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HQ 2 AUST CORPS DAILY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 45.

Compiled from information received to 0800 hrs 4 Oct 42.

Notes A & B. See Summaries Nos. 1-13 22 Aug to 2 Sep 42.

Note C. Unless otherwise stated, all times are Eastern Aust Standard Service time.

PART I.

OPERATIONS:

(iii) NEW GUINEA Area -

LAE SALAMAUA 1 Oct. It is reported that the enemy are digging trenches and weapon pits on two headlands in the LAE Area: the exact location is being checked. On the N.E. coast the JAPS are employing a plumace. Comment: This may be for coal burning and communications. MUO was raided by Allied patrols, but NO details are yet to hand.

KOKODA Area 2 Oct. During the day, Allied a/c made three attacks on enemy installations between WAIROPI and MYOLA LAKES. Targets in this area were bombed [illegible] PIROPE BRIDGE destroyed. A foot-bridge remains to still exist, but the SIRORATA BRIDGE, SOUTH of WAIROPI, which has had much traffic over it, was destroyed. Two of our two patrols passed KEMARI, but NO contact with the enemy has been made. On 1 Oct much equipment, including a magnetised armour-piercing bomb, was captured in the IORIBAIWA NAURO area.

(iv) BISMARCK Area -

RABAUL 2 Oct 0545 hrs. At least thirty ships were concentrated at the North end of RABAUL HR, when Allied a/c made an attack, scoring direct hits on two tpts, which were left burning and possible hits on one cruiser, and one unidentified vessel. An extremely large explosion, probably from an ammunition dump, was heard when LAKUNAI Aerodrome was bombed.

NEW IRELAND 2 Oct 1140 hrs. One light cruiser and one probable seaplane tender were sighted stationary in STEFFEN STRAIT (KAVIENG AREA)

(v) SOLOMONS Area -

BUKA 2 Oct 0020 hrs and 0124 hrs. Allied a/c dropped bombs on the runway of BUKA Aerodrome. At 0020 hrs BUKA Aerodrome and a cruiser nearby were attacked. Bombs fell on the target area of the drome, but the cruiser NOT hit.

BUIN FAISI 2 Oct. A summary of sightings includes five cruisers, one probable seaplane tender, seventeen destroyers, one tanker, seventeen supply or cargo vessels, four tpts, one unidentified vessel and one possible submarine.

(v) SOLOMONS Area - (Contd.)

RENNELLIS. 1 Oct 1220 hrs. The ships sighted off the North Coast of RENNELL IS. and reported in Intell Summary 44 have been identified as friendly vessels.

PART 2.

(vii) Tactics:

Enemy land tactics in NEW GUINEA Area.

The following account of enemy land tactics in the MILNE BAY Area touches on the enemy treatment of prisoners, his attitude towards being taken prisoner and his treatment of his own wounded.

When JAPS met our line of skirmishers they fired all their machine guns into the tree-tops above our men. As soon as this fire was countered by our machine guns, their mortars opened up on our machine gun positions.

On several occasions, when our line of skirmishers was met, large numbers of JAPANESE ran forward and were met by a withering machine gun fire. They immediately turned and fled. Our men, with the usual cry of "After the bastards", rushed after them with fixed bayonets. Immediately, the JAPANESE threw themselves on the ground and our fellows ran into machine gun fire from the JAPANESE rear.

In the MILNE BAY area the JAPANESE plan was to advance and attack during the night and then to withdraw during the daytime, leaving dozens of their men at the top of cocoanut palms, and in the jungle with machine guns and Tommy guns. As our forces advance the next day they were harrassed by these remnants.

Comment - The Japanese policy of advancing at night and hiding during the day may have been dictated on the spot by the constant strafing and recce by our a/c.

The plan eventually developed by our own forces as they advanced during the day was to drop a platoon or two each four hundred or five hundred yards as they advanced; eventually they would meet the main Japanese forces. By nightfall each of the independent posts and the main force would slash a perimeter clearing of about 200 yds diameter round their posts, rig trip wires at the edge, and then confidently await the Japanese night attack. This appeared to upset the Japanese plan and proved very successful.

As already indicated, considerable numbers of the Japanese wounded were moved by warships, but a number of cases were found of badly wounded men who apparently were considered NOT worth removing, having been shot through the heart by their own troops.

Two authenticated cases were found in MILNE BAY where two of our men who were captured had their hands tied behind their back and were bayoneted. There were times when it was felt that the Japanese troops might have surrendered but in no case did they. It was a question of keeping at them until every man was killed. (HQ AAF SWPA Intell Summary No.37.)

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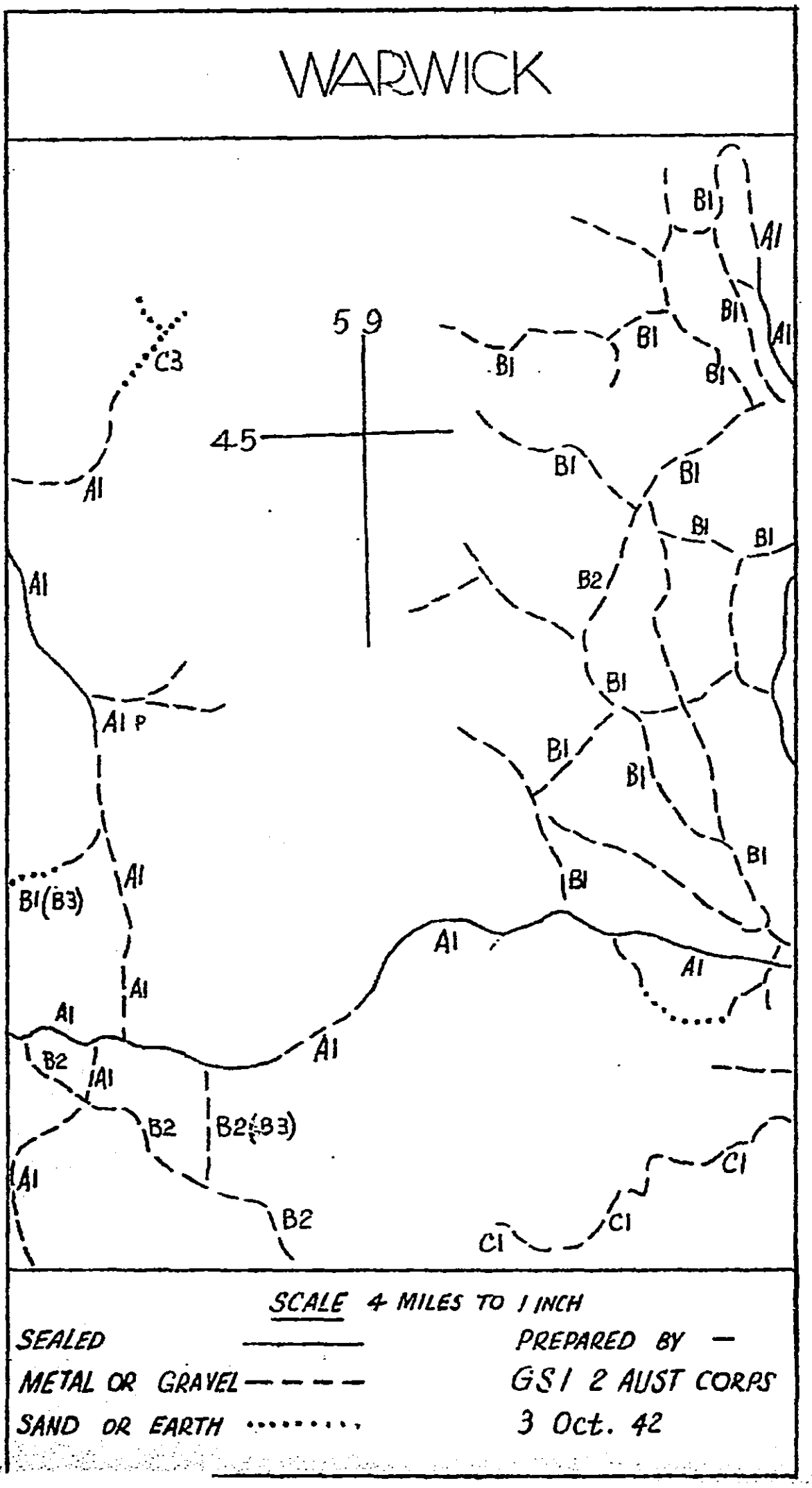
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(1) Corps Area - See Appx "A".

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2 AUST CORPS OP INSTN No. 4.

1. Fd Formation comds of 2 Aust Corps will be responsible for the co-ordination of the plans of the VDC comds in their respective areas in so far as they concern the following roles:-

Beach def and coast watching;
Protection of vital pts in their area;
Guerilla warfare and demolitions;
Warning of enemy movements.

2. 3 Aust Div will be responsible for co-operation with VDC comds of area incl 2, 6 and 12 VDC Bns.

1 Aust Mot Bde will be responsible for co-operation with VDC comds of area incl 10, 11 and 12 VDC Bns.

Where necessary, gp comds are to be contacted.

3. For the area south of PINE RIVER further instns will be issued.

4. The decision when to assume comd of VDC is vested in the Comd of the Fd Formation concerned. Plans for the use of VDC and the issue of necessary instns to cover an emergency will be issued in adv and incorporated in 3 Aust Div and 1 Aust Mot Bde plans.

5. The activities of VDC will NOT release fd formations from the responsibility of establishing and/or maintaining the necessary organization for reporting enemy landings on the coast in their areas or for reporting subsequent enemy movement. These reports will be fwded through normal signal channels to superior formations.

In order to obtain the best results, close co-operation between fd formations and VDC must be maintained. Formations will arrange necessary comns and liaison with VDC to ensure this.

6. Where civilian resources of any kind are to be denied to the enemy, the actual demolition personnel may be VDC. These will be in small parties, but it is highly important that such parties be closely linked with the appropriate fd formation and/or VDC unit, and that steps be taken to maintain constant comn with demolition parties.

7. Certain military reporting officers (MROs), who have previously been operating on a purely voluntary basis, and detached Intelligence offrs, are under the control of L of C areas. L of C areas have been instructed to co-operate fully with fd formations in using MROs, etc., to assist fd formations in their responsibility for reporting enemy landings and movements.

8. The system of Coast reporting has been laid down in 2 Aust Corps G.1301 of 25 Sep 42, para 2 of which is to be amended to read as follows:-

Zone	Post No.	Formations To Which Reports Repeated	Telephone Number
3.	1,2,3,5,	2 Aust Corps	
	6,	2 Aust Corps 15 Aust Inf Bde	CABOOLTURE 73 Ask for GAMA
	7,	15 Aust Inf Bde	" "
	8,9,	4 Aust Inf Bde	HAMBOUR 178
	10,11,12,13,	1 Aust Mot Bde	GYMPIE 300
4.	All COPs	1 Aust Mot Bde	" "

QLD L of C Area will repeat reports received from NSW L of C area to 2 Aust Corps.

9. For the organization of VDC units, attention is directed to 1 Aust Corps G (O) 0227 of May 42, parns 2,3,4,5,6,7.

VDC units, under comd QLD L of C Area, and at present located in 2 Aust Corps area of responsibility are shown in Appx "A" att.

10. A Liaison Offr from HQ VDC QUEENSLAND (Capt HISKINS) has been appointed to this HQ.

11. Ack.

R.W. Macarthur Onslow Lt Col
for Brig
BGS, 2 Aust Corps

Signed at 1730 hrs.
Issued through Sigs.

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REORGANIZATION VDC

APPX "A"

VDC Unit	Location of HQ	Strength HQ	Coastal Bns	Inland Bns	Bn Total	Group Total
Corps HQ	BRISBANE	31	-	-	-	31
A Group	"	11	-	-	11	-
No.1 Bn	"	22	-	555	577	-
2	"	22	777	-	799	
3	"	22	-	555	577	
4	"	22	777	-	799	
5	SOUTHPORT	22	777	-	799	
6	NAMBOUR	22	777	-	799	4361
B Gp HQ	MARYBOROUGH	11		-	11	
No.10 Bn	BUNDABERG	22	999	-	1021	
11	MARYBOROUGH	22	555	-	577	
12	GYMPIE	22	555	-	577	
20	MURGON	22	-	444	466	2652
E Group	TOOWOOMBA	11	-	-	11	
No.9 Bn	IPSWICH	22	-	666	688	699
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Compiled from information received to 0800 hrs 5 Oct 42

Notes A B & C. See Summaries Nos 1-45

PART 1

OPERATIONS:

(ii) N.E.I. -

(SOUTH coast opposite DILLI)

TIMOR 1 Oct. Japs passed through BETANO and burnt all native villages at BETANO and in an area 19 mls to the NNE. Their object was to antagonise the natives against our forces. 2 Oct 0100 hrs. Our patrols entered BETANO. It was also reported that 300 Japs moved to AILEU twelve mls SOUTH of DILLI and to DAI . . . SOLOI River seventeen mls SOUTH of DILLI.

(iii) NEW GUINEA -

LAE-SALAMAUA. Ref Intell Summary No.45 1 Oct. Allied patrols killed at least twenty-five Japs at LUBO. The enemy set booby traps employing Hy MG and mortar fire. Weapon pits reported in Summary No.45 are located on a high feature SW of LAE aerodrome.

BUNA-KOKODA 3 Oct. Several ammn dumps containing thirty-one boxes SAA and some light arty pieces were discovered in the vicinity of NAURO. An engine apparently used for a water pump and purifier was captured at IORIBAIWA. 0940 hrs. Allied A/C strafed the BUNA-KOKODA track. 0945 hrs. EFOGI and MYOLA LAKE were bombed and strafed. Bombs fell in the target areas, huts were hit and a fire started at EFOGI. A possible enemy dump was observed in the bush five mls SOUTH of SANANANDA. NO activity was observed at BUNA and the aerodrome and runways were unserviceable. 3 Oct. Our fwd patrols reached EFOGI. There was still NO contact with the enemy. One first class private and one sick RABAUL native were captured at MENARI. 1330 hrs. Allied A/C bombed WAIROPE Bridge. As a result of direct hits the bridge is completely out of commission. Another bridge, approximately of the same size and in good order, was observed to the SW.

(iv) BISMARCK ARCHIPELAGO -

NEW BRITAIN 3 Oct 1105 hrs. Two destroyers and one tpt were observed in TALILI BAY thirteen mls NW of RABAUL on a course WNW. 1130 hrs seven cruisers, eight destroyers, two possible S/P tenders, five cargo and three unidentified vessels were in RABAUL Hr. 1430 hrs. Two destroyers and one cargo vessel were sighted approx thirty-one mls SSE of CAPE GAZELLE on a Southerly course.

NEW IRELAND 3 Oct. One light cruiser and one probable S/P tender were seen stationary in STEFFEN STRAIT (near KAVIENG) 1450 hrs. One cruiser, one cargo vessel and two destroyers were approx twenty mls WEST of CAPE ST GEORGE on a Southerly course.

(v) SOLOMONS Area -

BUIN-FAISI 3 Oct 0520 hrs. Allied A/C attacked enemy shipping. Three light cruisers and two merchant vessels

were possibly hit. 1530 hrs. An unidentified submarine was approx seventy-seven mls NW of SHORTLAND Is heading in the direction of FAISI.

BUKA PASSAGE 3 Oct 1701 hrs. One destroyer and another warship were in BUKA PASSAGE. There was much activity on BUKA aerodrome and twenty Zeros, thirty fighter bombers and six twin-engined bombers were sighted.

NEW GEORGIA 3 Oct 1756 hrs. One Hy cruiser and one destroyer leading four other destroyers by ten mls and escorted by twenty-nine A/C were sighted approx eight mls N by E of HAROVO LAGOON on a course ESE.

QUADALCANAL 3 Oct 2330 hrs. Five probable destroyers at the NW end of the Island were apparently disembarking tps and supplies.

GENERAL. Continuous movement of enemy A/C during the whole day and shipping movements indicate an enemy surface movement towards QUADALCANAL from BUIN-FAISI area, where lesser sightings included five cruisers, thirteen destroyers, one tanker and five cargo vessels.

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TOPOGRAPHICAL:

(i) Corps Area - See Appx "A".

PART 4

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OTHER FRONTS:

(iii) Russian Fronts -

Central Sector. The Russians are still attacking in the RZHEV area. They are reported to be holding half of the town but have suffered heavy losses.

Stalingrad Sector. Sustained attacks have been launched against the GERMAN Northern flank. RUSSIAN territorial gains have NOT been great, but the attacks are diverting the GERMAN effort. The GERMAN progress in the city has been very slow. Subsidiary attacks have been made by the RUSSIANS on the GERMAN Southern flank.

Caucasus Sector. The RUSSIANS have counter attacked WEST of ASTRAKHAN. The GERMANS have made NO progress EAST of MOZDOK, but are astride the UPPER TEREK River and have reached DEISKOE and MAISKOE. They have made some gains in the attack towards TUAPSE.

FAR EAST -

MONGOLIA. Reports indicate that there are Jap tp movements and preparation of petrol and water reserves. These are believed part of large Jap preparations for possible action against the SOVIET. On the Southern section of the KALGAN-URGA Rd dumps are being laid down WEST of KALGAN along the NORTH MONGOLIA border. It is believed these indicate Jap readiness to attempt to cut the NW supply route between USSR and CHINA.

SEA -

BALTIC. The main armaments of the GNEISNAU are still dismantled and repairs will probably NOT be completed before

Jan 1943 at the earliest. A new stern has been fitted to the PRINZ EUGEN and the ship is probably now ready for trials.

GULF of BOTHNIA. Two RUSSIAN submarines operating in this area to 12 Sep claim to have sunk two and possibly a third FINNISH ship.

MEDITERRANEAN. During the week a BRITISH submarine reported sinking two ships of 5,000, two of 3,000 and one of 2,000 tons and one small merchant vessel and four schooners. Naval and air attacks have probably strained axis shipping resources especially in view of military commitments. Attempts are being made to obtain shipping from the FRENCH. The most likely source is Allied shipping under VICHY control. Thirty-two ex Allied ships totalling 122,000 tons are now in the MEDITERRANEAN. The enemy is believed to have put pressure in many cases on ship owners in occupied FRANCE, irrespective of any attempt at bargaining with VICHY.

FAR EAST. A US submarine claims to have torpedoed and sunk a Jap cruiser.

U-BOAT WARFARE. U-Boats are still concentrating against ATLANTIC convoys and shipping in the TRINIDAD area. During the week five inward convoys arrived in England without loss and three outward convoys reached their destinations without loss.

AIR ACTIVITY:

ENEMY: Enemy activity was slight, only fifty-three A/C being over land during the week. There were raids on three days and three nights on the SOUTH and SW coast and on YORK.

OWN: There were NO heavy attacks. Night 23/24 Sep 170 bombers attacked various targets in NORTH and NW GERMANY. 22 Sep. During the day eleven BOSTONS raided NORTH FRANCE. Hits were seen on six power stations and two factories. Six MOSQUITOS bombed TUIUIDEN Iron and Steel Works and gas works at HAARLEM. 25 Sep. Four MOSQUITOS bombed Gestapo HQ at OSLO during a Quisling Party rally. It is believed the HQ was hit.

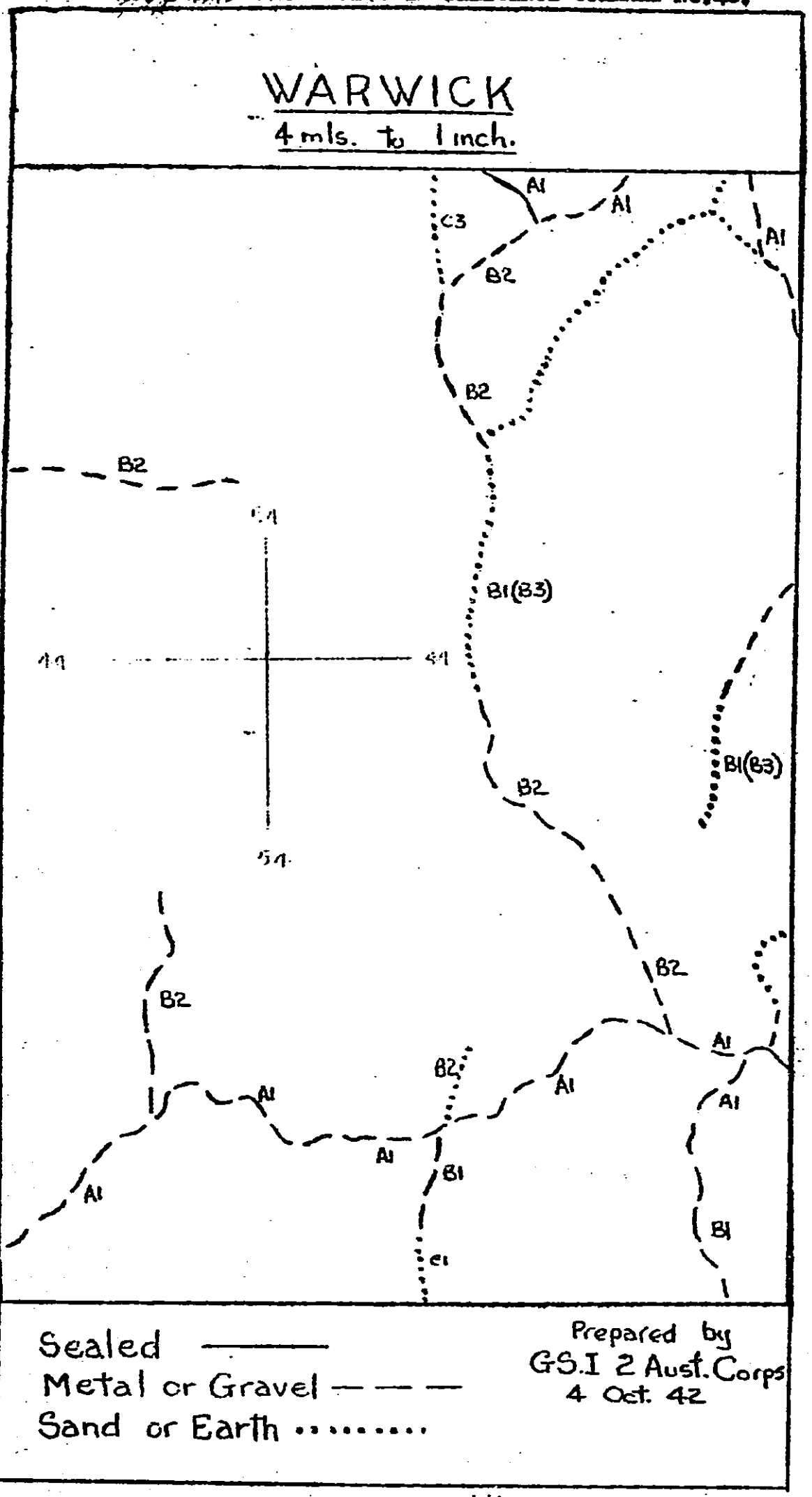
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Compiled from information received to 0800 hrs 6 Oct 42.

Notes A B & C. See Summaries Nos. 1 & 45

PART 1.

OPERATIONS:

(iii) NEW GUINEA Area -

FINSCHAFEN LAE BUNA 4 Oct. Allied a/c report NO activity on the aerodromes in these areas. Slight A/A fire was encountered on the SOUTH side of LAE Aerodrome (Ref Intell Summary No; 46) 0830 hrs. Two destroyers and one tpt were seen approx. twelve miles N.E. of BUNA.

BUNA KOKODA 4 Oct 0730 hrs. Our fwd patrols left EFOGI for MYOLA in an attempt to make contact with the enemy. 0800 hrs. Allied a/c machine gunned the BUNA KOKODA track and huts at WAIROPE, KOKODA and YODDA were left burning.

(iv) BISMARCK ARCHIPELAGO -

NEW BRITAIN 4 Oct 0900 hrs Ph.R. of RABAUL area revealed eight cruisers, nine destroyers, five cargo vessels, two possible S/P tenders and three gunboats in SIMPSON HR. One cruiser and three destroyers were at the entrance of RABAUL HR

NEW IRELAND 4 Oct 0815 hrs. Ph.R. of KAVIENG revealed one possible S/P tender and one probable hy cruiser in the HR. Seven a/c were dispersed on the runway of the aerodrome.

(v) SOLOMONS Area -

BUKA PASSAGE 4 Oct 0150 hrs. Our a/c attacked the aerodrome. Bombs fell on the runway and a grounded enemy a/c was destroyed. Fires were started causing explosions. 0900 hrs. Shipping sighted consisted of one probable cruiser, one possible S/P tender and one 5,000 ton unidentified vessel. Three medium bombers and fourteen fighters were on the runway and in dispersal bays of the aerodrome.

BOUGAINVILLE STRAIT 4 Oct 0830 hrs. A cruiser was sighted in the strait on a course S.W.

NEW GEORGIA -

4 Oct 0630 hrs. An enemy force of one cruiser smoking heavily and two destroyers was sighted ten mls EAST of VAHOLI BAY (EAST coast of NEW GEORGIA). Five mls further NORTH another force of four destroyers was sighted on a course W.N.W.

0640 hrs. An unstated number of destroyers also on a course W.N.W. was sighted approx five mls NORTH of TUKI POINT (the most NORTHERLY tip of KULAMBANGRA IS, which is N.W. of NEW GEORGIA). One cruiser and another force were sighted approx twenty mls further EAST.

(vi) General -

ALEUTIAN IS. 1 Oct. Allied a/c bombed an enemy S/P base and other installations at KISKA HR.

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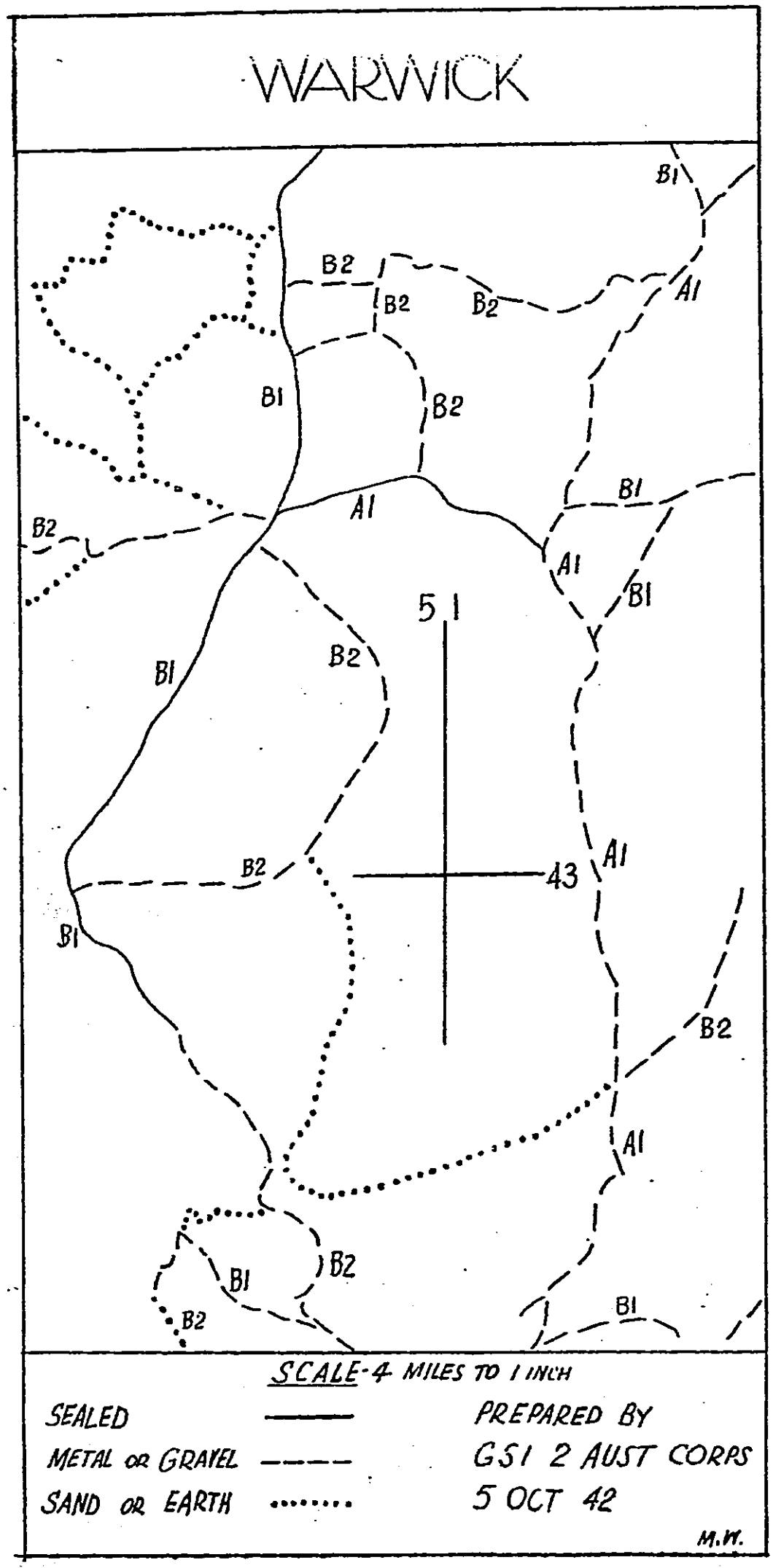
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(i) Corps Area - See Appx "A"

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Notes A B & C. See Summaries Nos. 1 & 45

PART 1.

OPERATIONS:

(ii) N.E.I. Area -

TIMOR 4 Oct. It is reported that a party of JAPS left AINARO (125°31'E. 9°S), on the morning 4 Oct. see Summaries 39 and 40 5 Oct. The main body of the enemy, estimated at 700, with 200 horses, left MAOBISSE (nineteen mls SSE of DILLI) for DILLI, Small garrisons of JAPS remained at MAOBISSE and AILEU (twelve mls S of DILLI).

(iii) NEW GUINEA Area -

BUNA 5 Oct. 0820 hrs. and 1015 hrs. Allied a/c unsuccessfully attacked two destroyers and one tpt, escorted by six Zeros, approx nine mls NNE of BUNA. There was a near miss on the convoy, but two, and probably three, of the Zeros were shot down. The convoy was last sighted at 1245 hrs. Five destroyers were sighted approx. one hundred mls NNE of BUNA, heading in the direction of GASHATA.

Native sources report that there are enemy camps on both sides of the road from SANANANDA to SOPUTA (six mls SW of SANANANDA); that there is one cannon at SOPUTA and one at BUNA: Two MGS at BUNA, point out to sea and there are five others nearby. The enemy appear to have left the camp at WARISOTA (five mls SSW of BUNA). At ERORO (eleven mls SSE of BUNA) two native traders were shot by a JAP patrol.

1420 hrs Allied a/c attacked A/A posn at BUNA aerdrome. Bombs fell in the target area and a fire was started at the NW end of aerodrome. 1705 hrs. The village and barges at SANANANDA POINT were strafed and bombed. Two barges, which were strafed, are believed to have been sunk. 40/50 native canoes were observed in an inlet 800 yds SE of SANANANDA POINT.

(iv) BISMARCH ARCHIPELAGO

NEW BRITAIN. 5 Oct 0700 hrs to 0839 hrs. Allied a/c attacked the VUNAKANAU and LAKUNAI Aerodromes. Bombs fell in the target area but the damage was NOT observed. Four out of fifteen to twenty intercepting Zeros were shot down.

(V) SOLOMON'S Area -

BUIN-FAISI. 4 Oct. It was reported that the KIHILI Aerodrome near BUIN is still in use. The enemy are rounding up the missionaries in this area.

Shipping in the area was five cruisers, eighteen destroyers, two tankers, seven cargo vessels and one probable S/P tender.

VEILA LAVELLA Is. (SOUTH of CHOISEUL Is) 5 Oct. 0845 hrs. Five destroyers were seen approx. five mls ENE of the NORTHERN tip of the Is on a course NW.

NEW GEORGIA Is. 4 Oct. It was reported that the Japs were constructing a wharf at the EAST end of VIRU Hr on SW coast of NEW GEORGIA. There are indications that the hr may be used as a S/P base.

RENDOVA Is SOUTH of NEW GEORGIA Is. 5 Oct 1530 hrs. Six destroyers were sighted approx. seventeen mls SOUTH by WEST of CAPE PLEASANT at the SE tip of the Is. Course SE. GUADALCANAL. 6 Oct 0135 hrs. Three destroyers were seen one ml off shore at a point five mls WEST of LUNGA POINT on the NORTH coast of the Is. Course WEST.

PART 2

ENEMY:

(vi) Equipment -

Air Force - From time to time information concerning Japanese Air Services will be reproduced in this Intelligence Summary. These extracts will be taken from Allied Air Forces Intelligence Information Memorandum No. 12, and will contain the latest information received.

2 The use of serial Nos. for the identification of Japanese Aircraft is being discontinued and in their place a name designation has been given to every aircraft.

3 The following are types of combat aircraft considered to be operational in the S/PA, together with the new name designation.

F I G H T E R S

Type	Name
97, SSF	NATE
0 , SSF	ZEKE
0 , SSF F/P	RUFE
1 , SSF	OSCAR
FW 190, SSF	FRED
ME 109F, SSF	MIKE
OBSERVATION & RECCE	
95, RF/P	DAVE
0 , OF/P	PETE
TORPEDO & DIVE BOMBERS	
97/3, T/B	KATE
99, D/B	VAL
MEDIUM BOMBERS	
96 MK IV, M/B	NELL
97, M/B	SALLY
1, M/B	BETTY
FLYING BOATS	
97, 4E F/B	MAVIS
99, 4E F/B	EMILY

Abbreviations

SSF = Single Seater Fighter
R = Recce
D/B = Dive Bomber
M/B = Medium Bomber
4E = Four engined
F/P = Float Plane
O = Observation
T/B = Torpedo Bomber
F/B = Flying Boat

(Extract from A.A.F. Intell Infm Memo No. 12)

(vi) Equipment Contd

Water Purifier (Personal): The following is a description of a water purifier captured in the MILNE BAY operations.

The bakelite filter contains green and white cotton wool which, it is believed, is treated from three phials of chemicals carried in a small flat tin. One phial is believed to contain Sodium Carbonate, and is marked "Neutralizer". The other two phials contain Chloride of Lime and are marked "Purifier". The treated cotton wool apparently purifies the water as it is sucked through the tube. Use of this Purifier was noted previously during operations in the PHILIPPINES.

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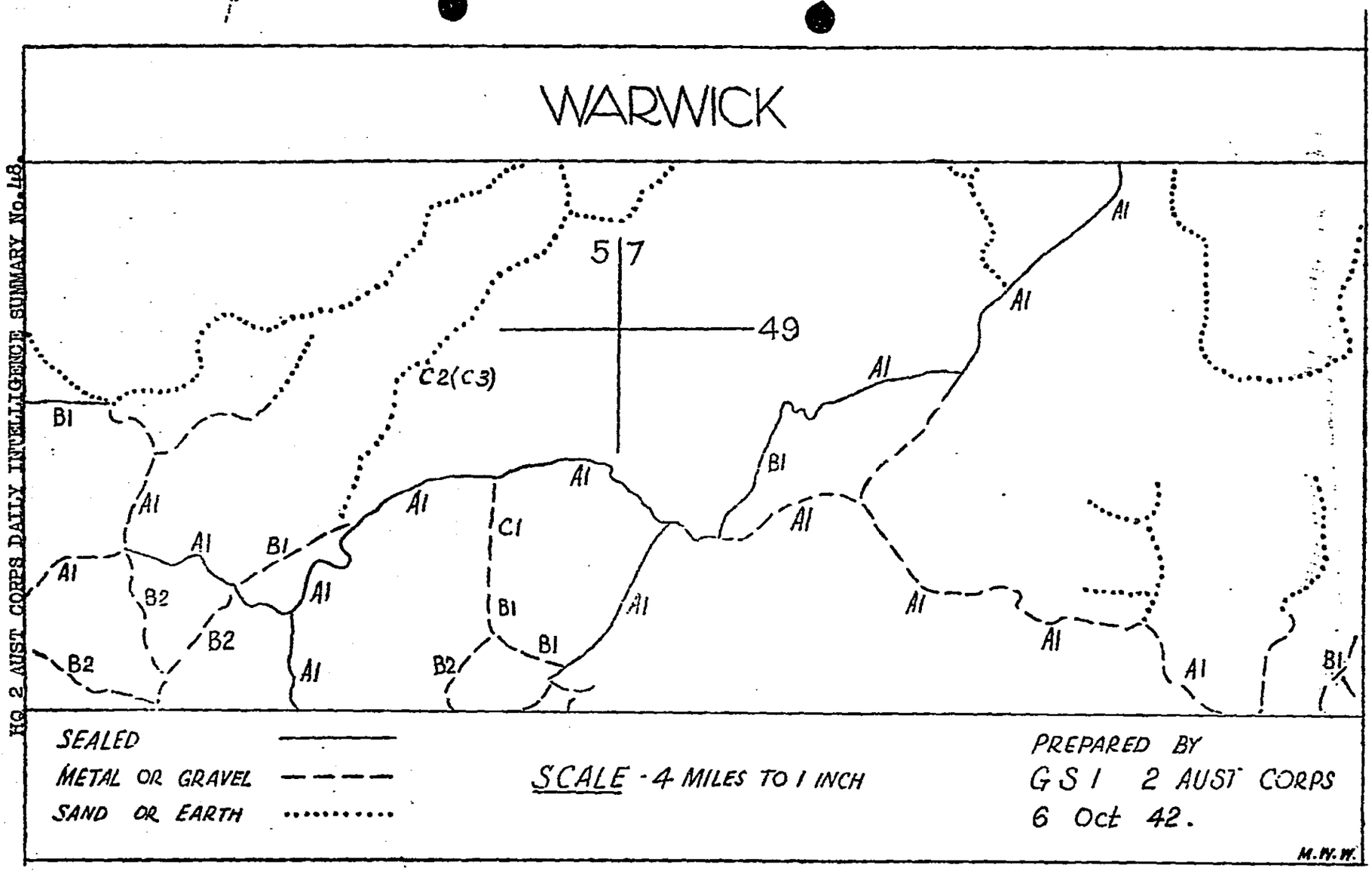
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(1) Corps Area - See Appx "A"

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Compiled from information received to 0800 hrs 8 Oct 42

Notes A B & C. See Summaries Nos 1 & 45

PART 1

OPERATIONS:

(ii) NEI Area -

TIMOR. 5 Oct. There was NO shipping in the Hr at DILLI and NO activity at the aerodrome.

CERAM Is. (NORTH of AMBOINA) 6 Oct 1343 hrs. Allied A/C attacked storage tanks SE of BOELA on the NE coast, but NO hits were scored. NO enemy shipping was observed at the wharves and the derricks and buildings appeared deserted.

(iii) NEW GUINEA Area -

BUNA-KOKODA. 6 Oct. Two Japs were captured between NAURO and MENARI. Our fwd patrols occupied KAGI overlooking MY-OLA.

MILNE BAY. 2 Oct. Our patrol killed one Jap at AWAIAMA twelve mls EAST of TAUPOTA. 6 Oct. There were NO other signs of the enemy at AWAIAMA.

(iv) BISMARCK ARCHIPELAGO -

NEW BRITAIN. 6 Oct 0910 hrs. A 2,000-ton cargo vessel was sighted approx fifty-five mls ENE of CAPE GLOUCESTER on an Easterly course. 1040 hrs. One 500-ton and three 3,000-ton cargo vessels were seen approx fifty mls NW by WEST of RABAUL on a course SE.

NEW IRELAND. 6 Oct 1020 hrs. One hy and one light cruiser, another probable cruiser and two cargo ships were anchored in vicinity of KAVIENG.

(v) SOLOMONS Area -

BUKA. 6 Oct 0005 hrs. Allied A/C attacked the aerodrome. Bombs fell in the target area. A large fire was started and there were small explosions.

BUIN-FAISI. 6 Oct 0100 hrs. Allied A/C attacked the BUIN aerodrome. Bombs fell on the EAST runway. 0615 hrs. It was reported that all vessels had left the area. 1430 hrs. The normal concentration of vessels was in the area. This indicates that the vessels may have been dispersed around BOUGAINVILLE Is to avoid our bombings. Vessels sighted in the BOUGAINVILLE Is, KIETA, BUIN, TONOLEI area on 5 and 6 Oct were four battleships (possibly hy cruisers), seven hy cruisers, five light cruisers, one probable S/P tender, fifteen cargo ships, eighteen destroyers and one tanker.

NEW GEORGIA. Night 3/4 Oct. Our A/C attacked fifteen Jap landing barges in VIRU Hr on the SW coast of NEW GEORGIA. All the barges were destroyed or damaged.

GUADALCANAL. 4 Oct. One hy cruiser and nine destroyers

landed reinforcements at GUADALCANAL. Allied A/C attacked these ships and scored one hit on the stern of the hy cruiser. 4 Oct. Allied A/C sighted and attacked a hy cruiser, which was smoking and seven destroyers. Two torpedo hits were scored on the hy cruiser. Thirty Zeros attempted to strafe GUADALCANAL landing field. Our intercepting A/C shot down nine for certain and probably one other, while A/A fire brought down two for certain and probablyone other. Enemy bombers which were following the Zeros turned back eighty-five mls from GUADALCANAL.

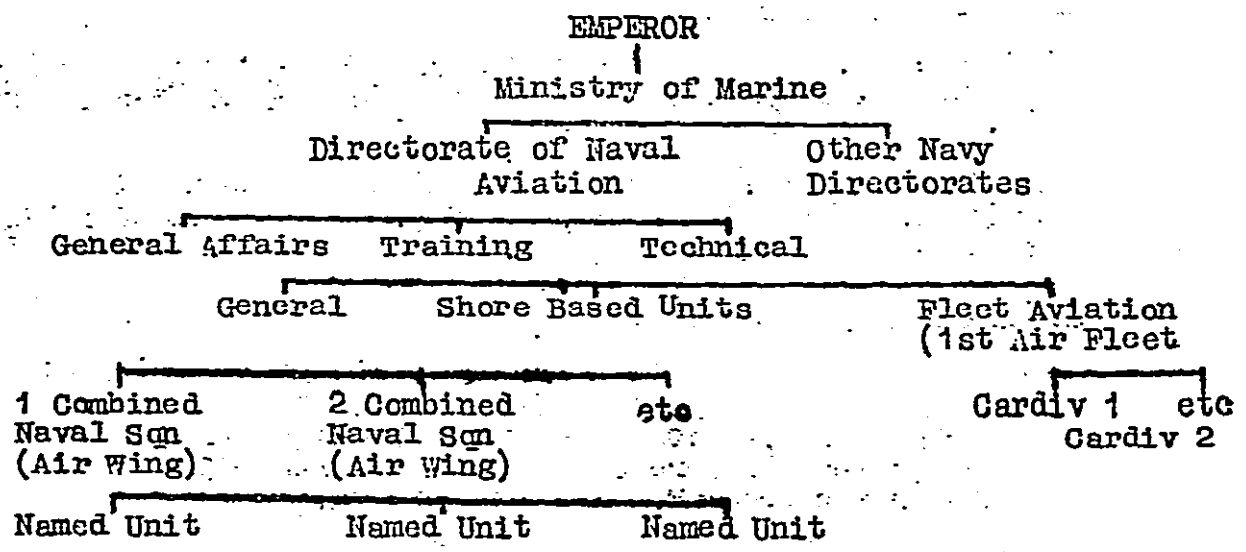
PART 2

ENEMY:

(iv) Organisation -

Japanese Air Organisation - Naval & Army Services.
The Jap anese Naval Air Service and the Army Air Service are two distinct organisations. The former had its beginning about the year 1912, and the latter about the year 1919. There is NO separate air force. Both services have developed rapidly. At the present time the Japanese force is a formidable body.

Naval Air Service. The Organisational Tree of the Japanese Naval Air Service, as shown, should be accepted with caution. It is an attempt to build up the Japs air organisation from such Intelligence as has been received in AUSTRALIA since the outbreak of hostilities in the PACIFIC. It does NOT purport to show operational control which is extremely felxible and depends upon the task to be performed and the theatre in which such operations take place. Throughout the whole operations, the Jap Naval Air Service in the PACIFIC has shown felxibility as its most outstanding characteristic.



Named units on peacetime base theoretically consist of 54 A/C. 36 I/E and 18 I/R.

At various stations throughout the Empire, Naval Air Units are based and take their names from their parent stations. The named group appears to be the basic unit upon which the organisation of the Naval Air Service is built up. The named gp is said nominally to comprise 54 A/C, but the gps are entirely felxible and capable of indefinite expansion in the manner of the English Infantry Regiment. It is believed that at the station of the gp the assembly of pilots, A/C and equipment takes place and from time to time units and reinforcements are sent abroad to overseas stations. At any particular time the total A/C of a gp and its units

abroad may exceed this nominal establishment of 54 A/C. The strength may also fall below the nominal establishment, In many cases when units of a gp arrive at their overseas station they do NOT lose their identity, notwithstanding that they are believed to come under the operational control of the "Air Wing" controlling the base. From time to time, the overseas unit is reinforced and re-equipped from the home unit irrespective of the operational control under which it may come. It is known that various gps have units stationed abroad at several different places and the gp still has a complete air skeleton unit at its home base. The gp need NOT necessarily consist of the one type of A/C. NO regular association with any particular "Air Wing" (the next higher operational formation) has been established. Named units appear to be assigned to operational areas in accordance with operational demands, and in accordance with the A/C available at the home station and the type required at the overseas base. Gps from time to time are called upon to equip and furnish replacements of A/C for the carrier divisions. In addition to the named gps there are certain gps which are numbered serially.

(Extract from AAF Intell Infm Memo 12)

PART 3

TOPOGRAPHICAL:

(i) Corps Area - See Appx "A".

Att as Appx "B" to this Summary are Sun & Moon Charts for Queensland, Oct - Dec. Further copies may be obtained on application to this HQ.

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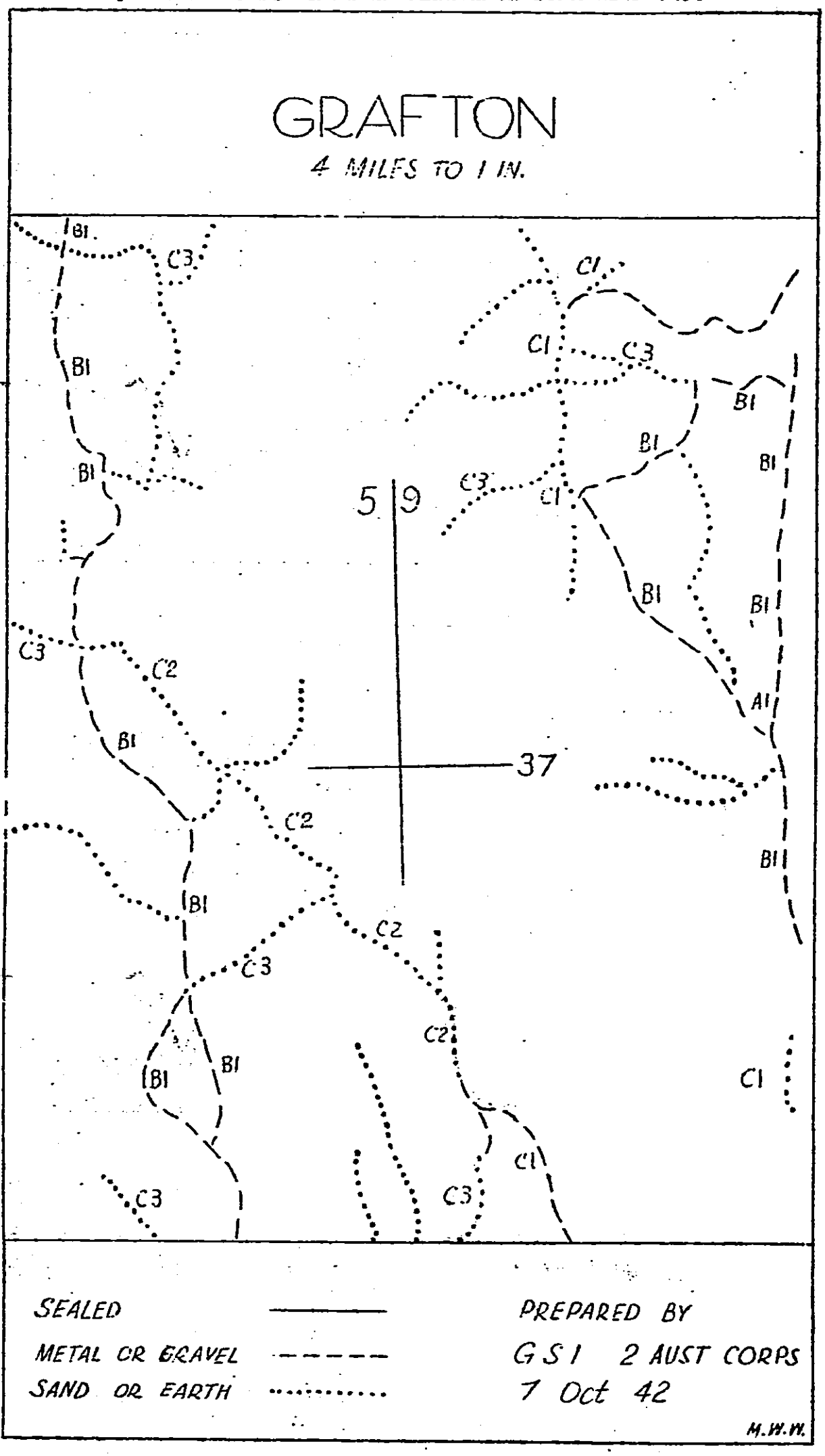
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Append. 39

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HQ 2 AUST CORPS DAILY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 50.

Compiled from information received to 0800 hrs 9 Oct 42.

Notes A B & C. See Summaries Nos 1 & 45.

PART 1

OPERATIONS:

(ii) N.E.I. Area -

TIMOR 6 Oct 1700 hrs. Our patrols entered MAOBISSE. NO Japs were in the vicinity. Eight enemy a/c were seen on the aerodrome at DILLI. There was NO shipping in the HR.

(iii) NEW GUINEA Area -

BUNA KOKODA 6 Oct. Our tps found numbers of unburied enemy dead and a quantity of amn at MENARI. A JAP P.W stated that the enemy strength at IORIBAIWA was one Regt, one Inf Bn and one Engr Bn. Allied a/c recce from 1320 hrs to 1430 hrs revealed NO enemy activity. The road BUNA-WAIROPE showed little signs of use and the WAIROPE-KOKODA section showed limited signs of travel. The old WAIROPE bridge is now being used with a single cable and sling. 7 Oct. It was reported that the JAPS were ill-treating the natives by prodding them with bayonets and allowing them one meal per day and NO medical attention. There were indications of some JAPS at ORO BAY, fifteen mls SOUTH of BUNA

MILNE BAY 7 Oct. It is estimated that at least 300 JAPS remain on GOODENOUGH IS. between DELARA on the S.W. coast and MUD BAY on the S.E. coast. An enemy O.P. of twenty men is at WAYTUTU POINT, most Easterly point of GOODENOUGH IS. It is considered that all but a few enemy stragglers have now been evacuated from NORMANBY IS. Occasional unexplained lights are the only evidence of JAP activity on WOODLARK IS. There is NO evidence of enemy activity on FERGUSON or KIRIWINA IS. 1644 hrs. Allied a/c strafed enemy occupied huts in the KILIA MISSION area on GOODENOUGH IS., but results were NOT observed

(v) SOLOMON'S Area -

RENDOVA IS. (South of NEW GEORGIA) 3 Oct. Natives reported that JAPS were at the plantation on the IS. and that since 1 Oct they have been patrolling the district in canoes and dinghies.

NEW GEORGIA. It was reported that 200 JAPS were in the VIRU HR area. They have amn, stores and a wireless in the church.

7 Oct 1630 hrs. Five destroyers were approx. eighteen mls N.E. of VISUVISU POINT on the NORTH coast of the IS.

G E N E R A L:

ALEUTIAN IS. 3 Oct. Allied a/c attacked a hangar in the KISKA camp area and shipping in the Hr. Hits were registered, but results were NOT observed. Six enemy fighters were shot down. Our losses were NIL.

PART 2

ENEMY:

(iv) Organisation -

The Air Wing. Considerable doubt exists as to the precise organisation of the Air Wing, and there has been a considerable re-shuffle over the last six months including changes of number and units comprised in the particular Air Wing. The following appears to be reasonably clear -

(a) The Air Wing is an operational formation of some considerable strength, and has control over named gps or parts of air units.

(b) Several Air Wings are comprised entirely of S/P carriers.

(c) Some Air Wings are comprised partly of shore-based units and partly of S/P carriers.

(d) Several of the Air Wings have more or less permanent bases.

(e) It is believed that the Air Wings generally have auxiliary vessels attached to them enabling them to service themselves, and to provide maintenance and any transport when required. For major movements, however, special tpt forces have been created.

(f) Many Air Wings move from base to base and have ranged over the whole Pacific area when the enemy's operations have so required.

(g) It is known that in the early stages of the development of the naval air service certain air units which were geographically adjacent were grouped together for the purpose of control under '1st Combined Naval Sqn' and '2nd Combined Naval Sqn.' (See Organisational Tree, Summary No. 49).

It is assumed that the word 'Combined' refers to a combination of gps, NOT to a combination of sqns. It is possible, therefore, that an Air Wing is an extension of policy of grouping named units in particular areas for the purposes of operational control, and the building up of the individual Air Wings to thirty-five from the original two Combined Naval Sqns is the natural result of the development and expansion of the Naval Air Service.

Attack Forces - This formation is larger than the Air Wing. For example, 5th Air Attack Force at RABAUL is believed to comprise Air Wing 25 and all units of other Air Wings in that area. 2nd Air Attack Force in the TIMOR-AMBOIN Area is believed to include Air Wings 23, 31 and 35. Six Air Attack Forces are known to exist; their locations have changed from time to time.

Attack Forces - (Contd.)

It is NOT known how permanent these operational commands may be. It may be that they have been created only for the offensive stages of expansion in the Pacific. On the other hand, they may be intended to remain as an integral part of the Japanese Naval Air organisation.

Task Force and Expeditionary Force - When an operation such as the occupation of the Islands at N.E.I., NEW BRITAIN, MIDWAY or the ALEUTIANS is planned, the command is believed to be assigned to the Fleet Offr in charge of the operations. Thus the Admiral commanding the Second Fleet may be assigned the task of effecting the occupation of RABAUL. By virtue of this command he will control such carrier Divs and such Air Wing landing and occupying forces as he may require or as may be assigned to him for the task. The control of landing operations is usually assigned to a Fleet Offr and the Naval Air Service is usually assigned the task of effecting the operation. Once the landing has been completed either the Naval Air Service or the Army Air Service will take over. So far it is believed that the operations of the Army Air Service have been confined to the Empire and the mainland of ASIA and the PHILIPPINES. (Extracted from Allied Air Forces Int Infm Memo No. 12).

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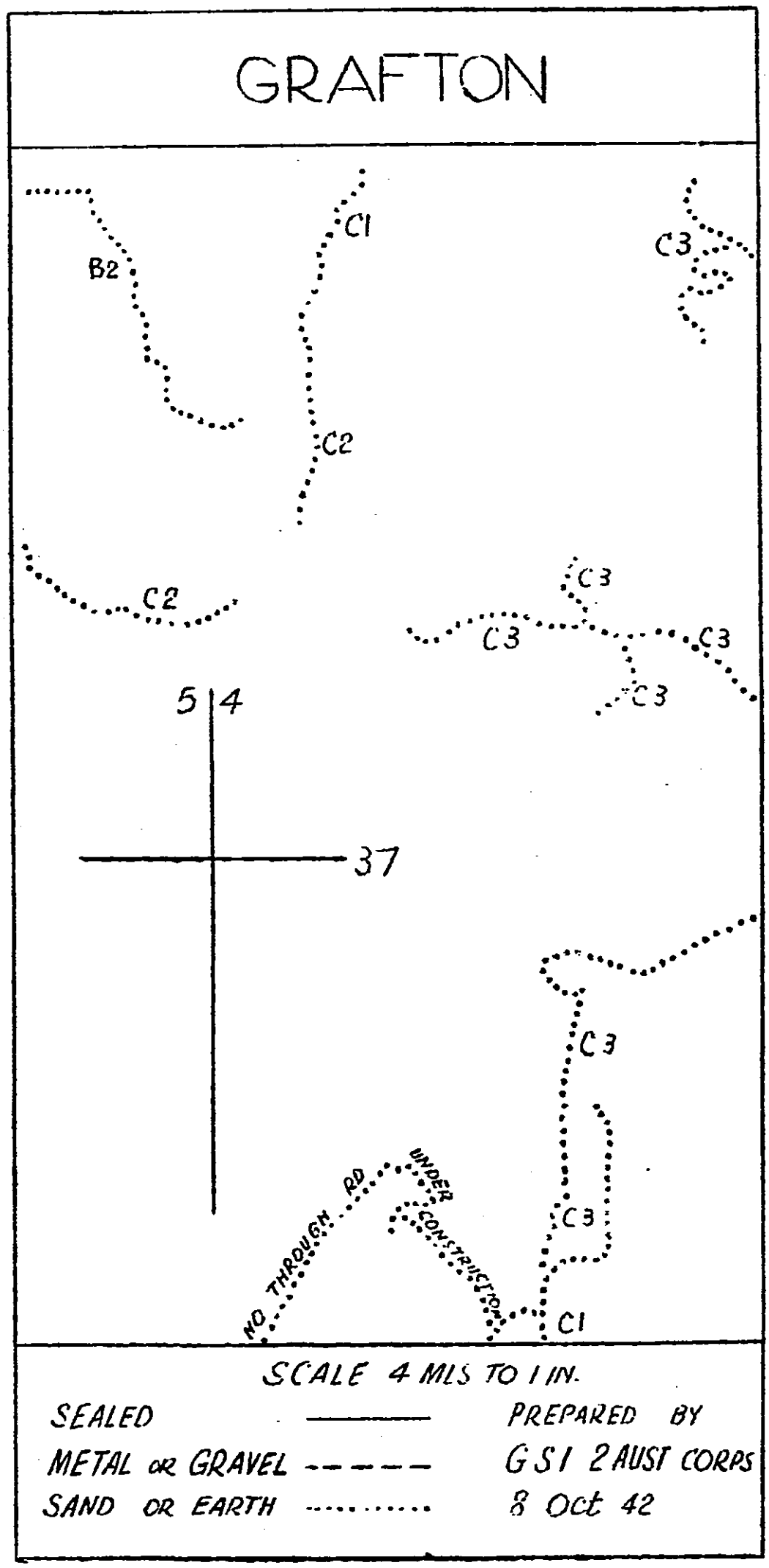
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HQ 2 AUST CORPS DAILY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 51.

Compiled from information received to 0800 hrs 10 Oct 42.

Notes A B & C. See Summaries Nos 1 & 45.

PART 1

OPERATIONS:

(ii) N.E.I. Area -

TIMOR 7 Oct. Allied a/c attacked a 1000 ton cargo vessel off TENAU (SW tip of DUTCH TIMOR). NO hits were made. Our recce a/c were subject to A/A fire from PENFOEI aerodrome near KOEPANG and five to seven a/c were observed taking off. Small fires which were believed to be signals were seen along the SE coast at five to ten ml intervals. The road KOEPANG - DILLI appeared well surfaced to NOETI RIVER approx ninety mls NE of KOEPANG. 8 Oct one probable destroyer, two 2000 ton cargo vessels and eight 300 ton schooners were seen stationary off KOEPANG.

TANIMBAR Is. 8 Oct 1045 hrs. Allied a/c attacked one 3/4000 ton ship possibly a tpt in SAUMLAKI BAY (SOUTH OF YAMDENA Is). Results were NOT observed.

(iii) NEW GUINEA Area -

LAE SALAMAUA 8 Oct. The enemy were reinforcing MUBO from SALAMAUA.

BUNA KOKODA 8 Oct 1344 hrs. Allied a/c bombed BUNA area and at 1500 hrs. the track BUNA - KOKODA was bombed and strafed. Bombs fell on the track in the vicinity of WAIROPE but results were NOT observed. The condition of BUNA aerodrome was still unchanged and the runway appeared unserviceable. Both the JAP prisoners captured in the MYOLA area on 6 Oct died.

MILNE BAY 7 Oct. Our patrol shot one JAP at AHIOMA. Natives report that there are twenty of the enemy in this area. 8 Oct. Allied a/c strafed and started a fire near an O.P. but NO personnel were observed. COMMENT Possibly at WAYTUTU POINT most Easterly point of GOODENOUGH Is. Ref Intell Summary No.50.

A regular recce of KISIMA Is. in the LOUISIADE ARCHIPELAGO by enemy a/c since 28 SEP has been reported. The recce a/c flew at low level apparently to study the level ground area.

(v) SOLOMON'S Area -

BUKA PASSAGE 8 Oct 1923 hrs. Two medium tpts, two destroyers and one 1000 ton vessel were observed NORTH of BUKA Is, course ENE. One auxiliary cruiser and one small steamer was anchored in BUKA PASSAGE.

NEW GEORGIA - 7 Oct. 1300 hrs. Five destroyers were seen approx. seven mls NE of VAHOLI BAY (EAST coast of NEW GEORGIA) on a course WNW. Later at an unstated time they were seen approx. sixteen mls NE of the NORTH tip of VELLA LAVELLA approx 70 mls NW of VAHOLI BAY on an unaltered course, but protected by strong fighter escort.

BUIN FAISI 8 Oct 1720 hrs. Six cruisers, eighteen destroyers, one tanker, thirteen cargo ships, One probable S/P tender and two submarines were seen in this area.

PART 2.

ENEMY
(vi) EQUIPMENT:
SPECIAL NOTE: CAPTURED MATERIAL AND UNIT TROPHIES. To be reproduced as widely as possible.

Appeals to units to send back as much captured material and documents as possible have been excellently answered. As a result, a great deal of valuable info has been obtained and our research experts have received many items of enemy eqpt of real importance.

In many cases, units are unselfishly sending back documents and material which they would have liked to keep as trophies, especially items connected with some special event in the unit history.

Will all units etc please note that if they attach to any item a note saying they would like the item reserved for them after inspection, GS (Int), Adv LHQ, will do their very best to comply. (The note should say where the item(s) should be sent).

It will not always be possible to send items back. They may be unique, or items of which our research experts are still short. In these cases, units will have the consolation of knowing that they have provided our side with something of real value. Nevertheless, GS (Int) will make every effort to return such items whereever possible.

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(xiv) GENERAL -
THE JAPANESE SOLDIER IS A SAVAGE: (To be repeated in all Int Summaries down to Bns and equivalent units).

1. Three authenticated reports of atrocities committed by JAP soldiers against our men at MILNE BAY have now been received -

(i) The bodies of two Australians were found tied to a palm tree, bayonetted through the arms, legs and stomach. One of our men had no fingers on the left hand.

(ii) The body of another of our men was found with his hands tied behind his back. He had been bayonetted in the body and the top of his head cut off.

(iii) The bodies of three of our soldiers were found bound together, tied to a palm tree and bayonetted.

In a captured Jap diary there was also a statement to the effect that the Australians had fought bitterly against them, that an Australian who was captured had squealed when he was bayonetted and took a long time to die.

2. Taking these facts into consideration along with those previously reported that -

(i) The Japs shot their own men who were attempting to surrender.

(ii) They shot their own wounded if they could not evacuate them.

(iii) Japs, apparently dead, shot our men when they came along to examine the "bodies".

It is perfectly clear that the Jap is a savage whose conception of the value of human life is totally different from ours. Until recently he despised us in the fighting game because of his easy victories against us in the early months of advance - MALAYA, SINGAPORE, RABAUL.

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3. The Japs will never fight according to the "Marquis of QUEENSBERRY" rules - and it is not use moaning about it. Let us face that fact and see that all our men understand it. Then, without sinking to his depravities and atrocities, let us be tough and tougher than he.

4. In the last war it was proved that the Australian soldier, when well disciplined and trained, was more than a match for the German. The fighting of the last few weeks has shown equally that given discipline and tng, the Australian is more than a match for the Japanese.

One final pt. In the fighting at MILNE BAY and over the Ranges, few prisoners were taken. But a few prisoners can save the lives of hundreds of our men. Prisoners will talk and from them we can piece together the enemy's plans and thus be able to make a counter-move and probably turn the "surprise" factor our way.

Prisoners will help us to help you.

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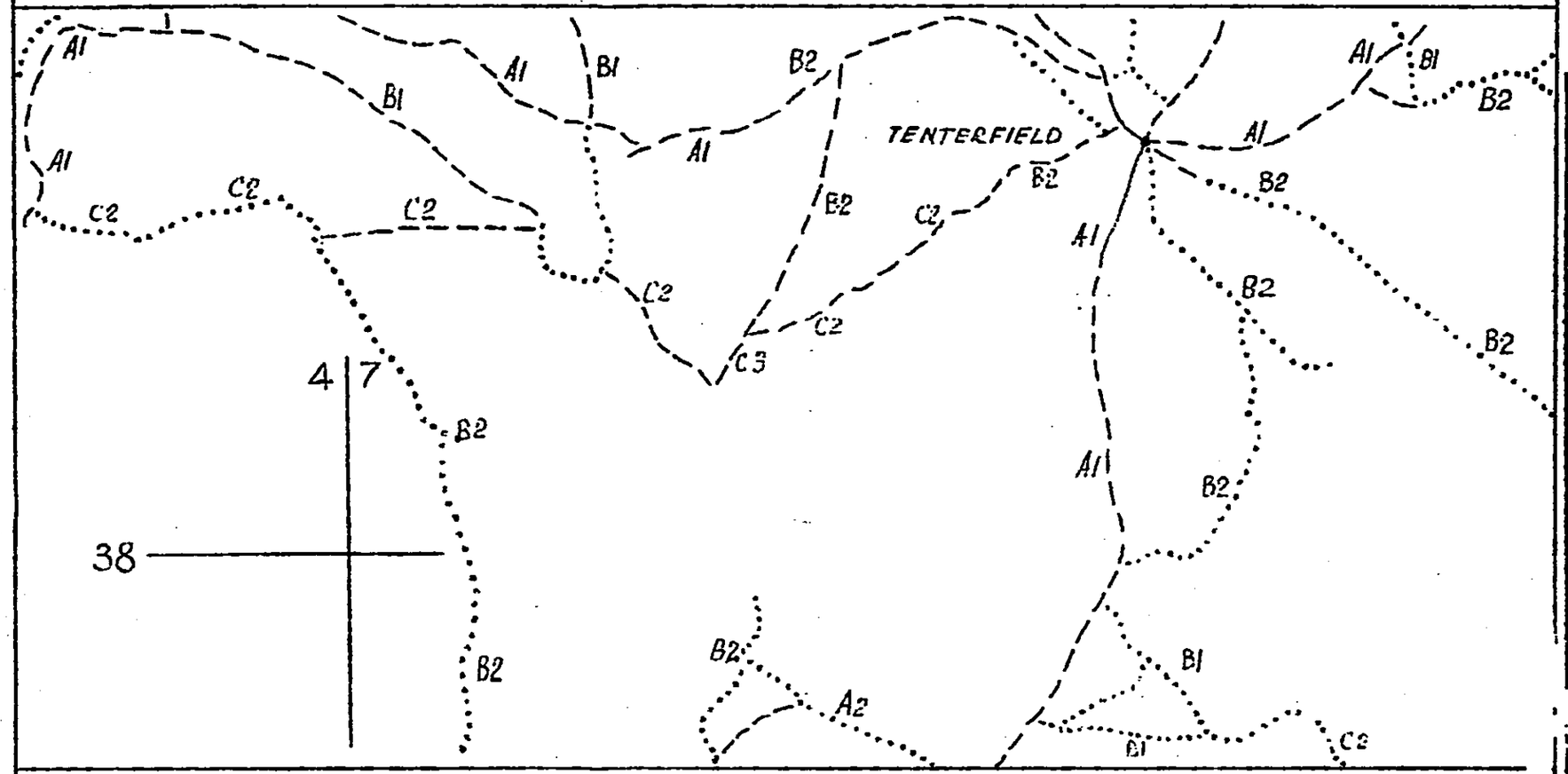
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PART 1

OPERATIONS:

(ii) NEI Area -

TIMOR 9 Oct. The situation was quiet. It was reported that the Japs were training DUTCH TIMOR natives in the hills at DILLI for a probable move EAST along the NORTH coast in three or four days. 8 Oct. 1844 hrs. Allied A/C bombed a sunken merchant vessel in SAUHLAKI Hr (YAMDENA Is). This ship possibly sank after the attack referred to in Intell Summary No.51.

(iii) NEW GUINEA Area -

LAE-SALAMAUA 9 Oct 0950 hrs. Allied A/C attacked LAE aerodrome. Bombs fell in the target area. Huts, buildings and A/A posns were strafed and an explosive dump near the water front was destroyed.

BUNA-KOKODA 8 Oct 0815 hrs. Our patrol attacked thirty Japs between MYOLA and TEMPLETONS CROSSING. 1200 hrs. Our patrol attacked an unknown number of Japs NORTH of TEMPLETONS CROSSING. The results of both encounters are NOT yet known. 9 Oct. A captured native reports that the Japs destroyed a native garden at KOKODA, bayonetted to death eleven natives at DENIKI and were raping women folk.

MILNE BAY 7 Oct. Our patrol killed a party of four Japs three mls SOUTH of TAUPOTA. The evacuation of enemy survivors on NORMANBY Is by two ships on the night 26/27 Sep is now confirmed.

(iv) BISMARCK ARCHIPELAGO -

NEW BRITAIN 8 Oct 2050 hrs and 9 Oct 0400 hrs. Allied A/C attacked RABAUL. Bombs fell in the town area and on the EAST and NORTH ends of the Hr. Hits were made on the coaling jetty and the military camp. Fuel dumps were bombed and also the CHINATOWN area and the BURNS PHILP Store. Fierce fires visible eighty mls were started. A/A fire from the Hr perimeter was met and ships were seen. Signal lights were observed from the SOUTH end of DUKE OF YORK Is (NORTH of CAPE GAZELLE) and the lighthouse at CAPE GAZELLE. An Allied recce A/C over RABAUL at 0930 hrs shot down probably two of three intercepting Zeros. Ph R of RABAUL Hr 9 Oct revealed two light cruisers, two destroyers, two S/P tenders, two torpedo boats, two minelayers, five submarines, ten cargo vessels less than 1,000 tons, three cargo vessels 1/3,000 tons, four tpts 12,000 tons, five tpts 10,000 tons, three tpts 9,000 tons and twelve tpts 5/8,000 tons. Eighty-eight A/C incl seventy-one fighters were on the ground on dromes in the RABAUL area.

(v) SOLOMONS Area -

BUKA 8 Oct. 2336 hrs. Allied A/C attacked the aerodrome. Bombs fell on the runways and fires were started. Sixty patrol A/C were on BUKA aerodrome. 9 Oct 1212 hrs. Five tpts were seen twenty mls EAST of BUKA on a Northerly course. 1135 hrs. One destroyer was seen EAST of BUKA PASSAGE on a Southerly course.

CHOISEUL Is. 9 Oct 1045 hrs. Two light cruisers and two destroyers were sighted sixty-four mls EAST of CAPE ALEXANDER on an Easterly course.

NEW GEORGIA 1325 hrs. One light cruiser and five destroyers were sighted eight mls NE of VELLA LAVELLA Is on a course SE.

BUIN FAIGI 9 Oct. Three hy cruisers, three light cruisers, eighteen destroyers, fourteen cargo vessels, one tanker and three large S/P tenders were seen in the area.

GENERAL

ALEUTIAN Is. 6 Oct. Allied A/C attacked KISKA Is. Bombs fell on a large cargo vessel and corvette in GERTRUDE COVE. One ship in the Hr was left sinking and a fire was started in the camp area. Covering pursuit planes destroyed one F/P and damaged another in the Hr. The Radio Station was damaged.

PART 2

ENEMY:

(vi) Equipment -

Jap Tank Spotlight: A small "spotlight" (recovered from a captured tk at MILNE BAY) is believed to have been one of the searchlights used by the Jap tks during the recent ops.

Details

Reflector:	Nickel plated, 4⅝" in diameter.
Globe:	24/32 volts.
Design:	Standard, with mirror at rear. Khaki painted.

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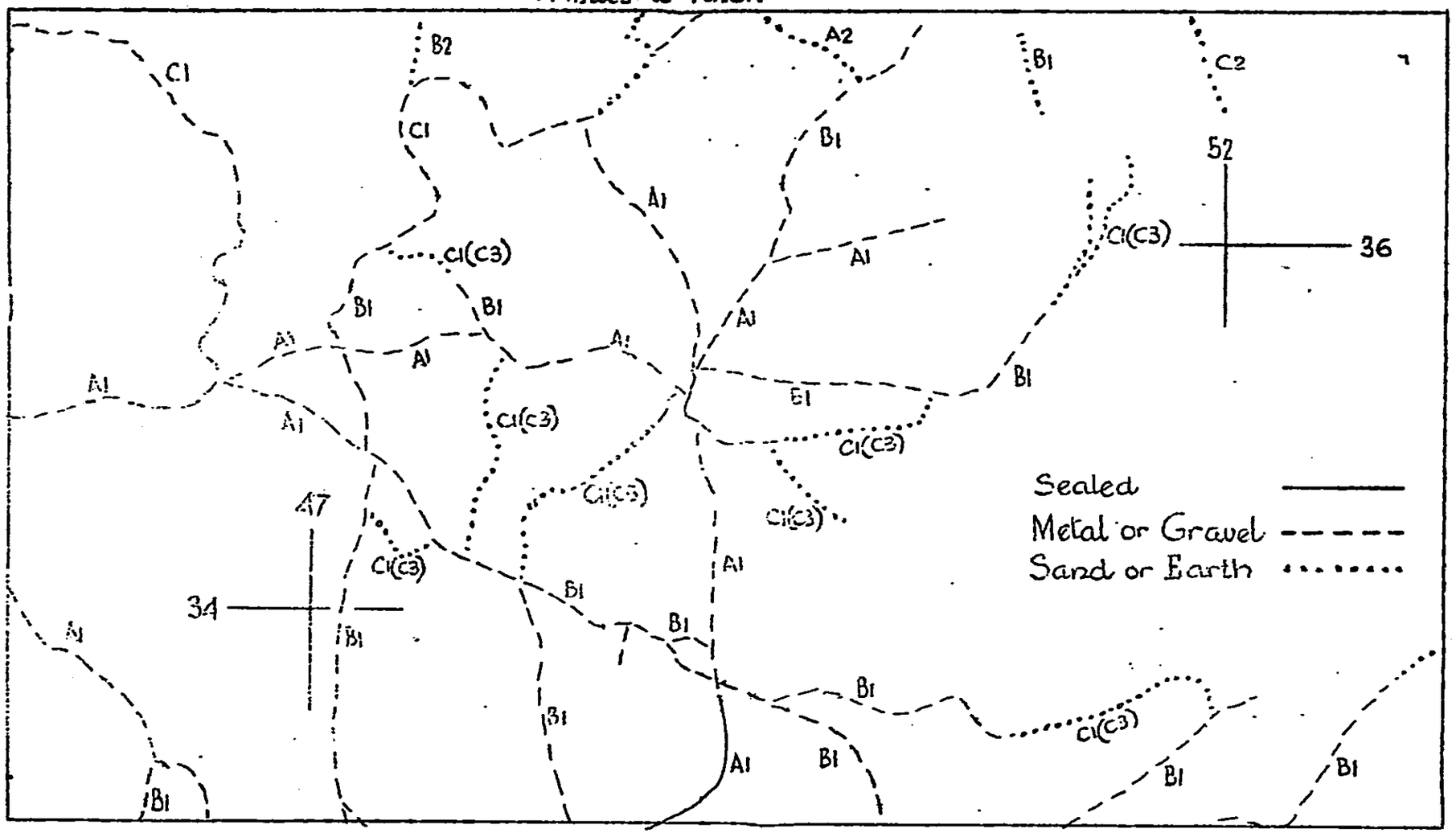
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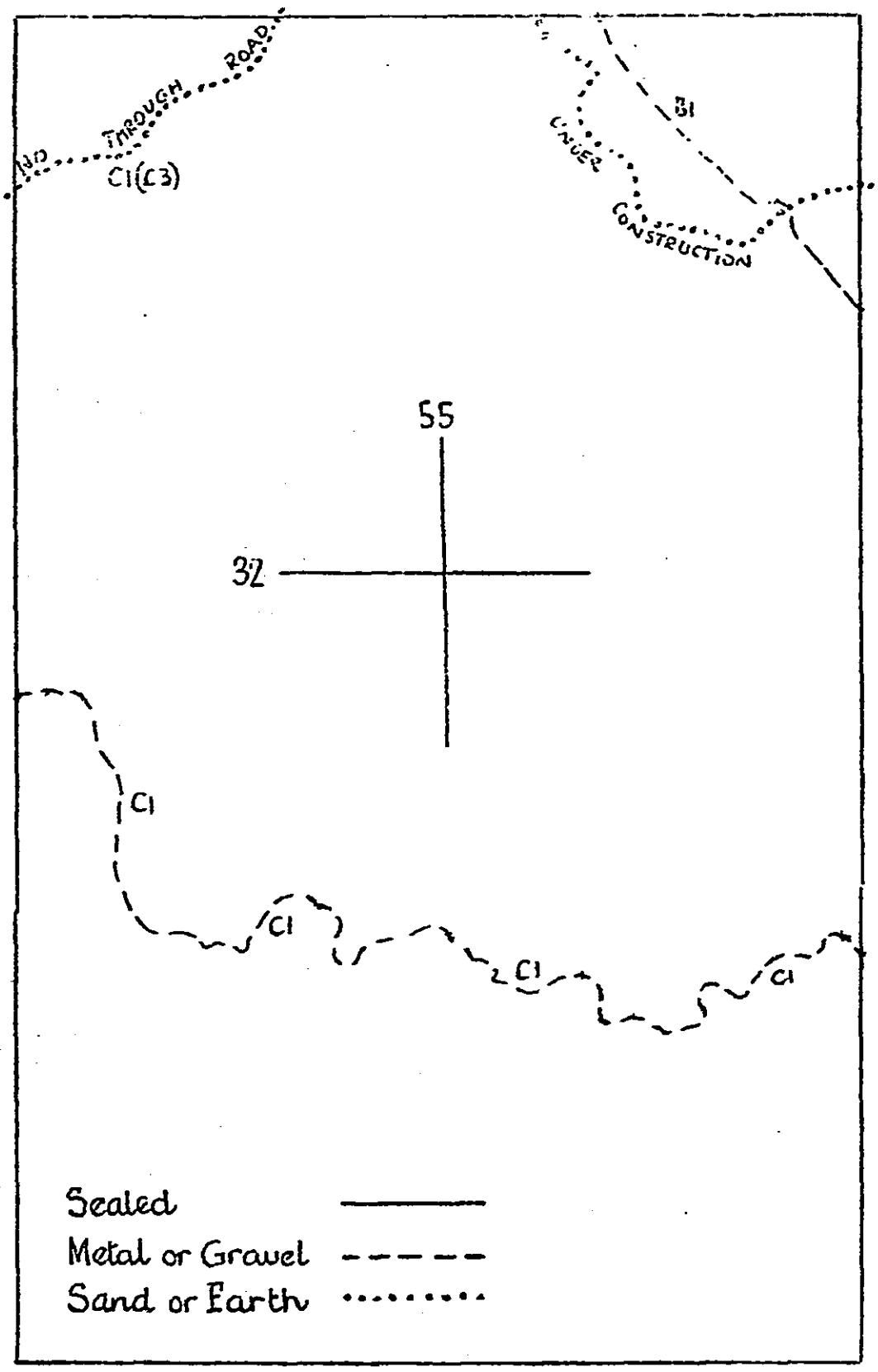
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PART 1

OPERATIONS:

(iii) NEW GUINEA Area -

LAE 9 Oct. Our patrols are endeavouring to make contact with a JAP patrol, 200 strong, which has moved up the MARKHAM RIVER. 10 Oct. Enemy working parties are repairing LAE aerodrome, on which is the wreckage of four bombers and eleven fighters. There are six vehicles still intact parked at the N.W. corner of the aerodrome.

BUNA KOKODA 10 Oct 0950 hrs. Allied a/c attacked the KOKODA WAIROPE track, scoring a direct hit on the WAIROPE Bridge, and huts in the area East of the Creek, one mile North of KOKODA, were left burning. There was NO activity on the track but East of WAIROPE there was evidence that it had been used by vehicles. Two bridges were observed over the Creek West of WAIROPE. Bad weather during the last two days has greatly hindered our progress. 0705 hrs. One 5,000 ton ton cargo vessel with one barge alongside was sited stationary between CAPE WARDHUIT (42 miles North of BUNA) and MAMBARE BAY (approx 50 mls N.W. of BUNA), but at 1215 hrs, Allied a/c detailed to attack these vessels failed to locate them: however, an object shaped like a ship and camouflaged, was bombed at the mouth of the MAMBARE RIVER. There were NO hits. The a/c later bombed the WAIROPE BRIDGE, but the results were NOT observed. 1600 hrs. There are NO further reports of our patrols at TEMPLETON'S CROSSING.

MILNE BAY. 10 Oct. Our patrols are endeavouring to locate approx ten JAPS, armed with rifles, who are reported to be four mls South of HIOGE, seven mls West of TAUPOTA.

(iv) BISMARCK ARCHIPELAGO Area -

NEW BRITAIN 10 Oct 1025 hrs. One 7,000 ton merchant ship and one destroyer were sighted on a Westerly course approx 88 mls North of CAPE HOLLMAN, the most northerly tip of WILLAUMEZ PENINSULA. 0230 hrs. Allied a/c attacked RABAUL dropping fragmentation bombs in the vicinity of the dump area, Mango Avenue, the new wharf, the Military Camp, A/A posns and Govt. stores. In the township many fires were started. 0400 hrs. Again Allied a/c attacked the township and the LAKUNAI aerodrome. Demolition and incendiary bombs were dropped along the waterfront causing explosions. Many fires were observed both in the township and at LAKUNAI.

NEW IRELAND 10 Oct 1039 hrs. Two u/i ships were sighted in KAVIENG HR.

(v) SOLOMON'S Area -

BUIN 10 Oct. Natives report that some JAP tps have re-embarked and the coolies now outnumber the remaining tps. Guns and bridges have been removed from the mouth of the UGUINO RIVER, just East of BUIN, and five new iron buildings have been dismantled.

PART 3.

TOPOGRAPHICAL

(i) Corps Area - Rd KILCOY, NEURUM, WOODFORD, Br. Ref GYMPIE Strat 583651 in very bad condition, load limit 3 tons.

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PART 4.
Times GMT

OTHER FRONTS:

(iii) RUSSIAN FRONT

NORTHERN SECTOR. Three air attacks on the port of ARCHANGEL did little damage. There were increasing RUSSIAN attacks South of LAKE LADOGA. In GERMAN counter-attacks some RUSSIAN forces were surrounded, but the GERMANS claim the annihilation of seven divs. This is NOT confirmed.

CENTRE SECTOR. Russian attacks and hy fighting continue in the RZHEV area.

STALINGRAD. Russian attacks on the GERMAN Northern flank continue but have failed to gain ground. Attacks on the Southern flank were apparently also unsuccessful. There was street fighting in the city centre. The GERMANS were slowly improving their posn against tenacious RUSSIAN resistance.

CAUCASUS. The GERMANS were held East of MOZDOK, but they made some progress southwards up the River TEREK beyond DEISKOE. The GERMANS were still within thirty mls of TUAPSE from the North East. The Russians were resisting stubbornly. It was reported that RUSSIAN counter-attacks N.E. of NOVOROSSISK gained some success.

There was RUSSIAN Naval activity against CRIMEAN and occupied BLACK SEA ports. TUAPSE HR was heavily damaged by GERMAN bombing.

SEA.

MEDITERRANEAN, night 1/2 Oct. Allied craft fired torpedoes in RHODES HR. During the week a BRITISH submarine torpedoed a large Southbound merchant ship on the WEST coast of GREECE. A GREEK submarine sank a smaller ship. Allied air and submarine attacks in the Eastern Mediterranean damaged and dislocated enemy traffic causing a decrease in the number of ships reaching LIBYA.

INDIAN OCEAN. Two VICHY ships were intercepted in the South INDIAN OCEAN. One was scuttled by the crew. It is considered possible that the recent Axis announcement of naval co-operation with JAPAN in the ATLANTIC may herald some form of GERMAN action in the INDIAN OCEAN. JAP submarines are now operating in the area from ADEN to the PERSIAN GULF.

U-BOAT WARFARE

The origin of the extravagant GERMAN claim to have sunk a US tp convoy may be due to our loss of three ships and one escort in a TRANS-ATLANTIC convoy of 25/26 Sep. All of the ships lost were under 5,000 tons, and there were NO tps on board. A special submarine hunting force used for the first time with a TRANS-ATLANTIC convoy in addition to the usual escort proved particularly useful against U-boats hunting in packs. A/c protecting this convoy made a record flight of 720 mls to the point of attack.

U-BOAT WARFARE (Contd.)

During the week three outward bound convoys, totalling seventy three ships, reached their destination without loss. Three homeward bound convoys, totalling 157 ships, reached BRITAIN without loss. During the week ended 30 Sep nineteen attacks by BRITISH surface craft and ten by a/c were made on U-Boats.

AIR: GREAT BRITAIN

ENEMY: Raids were made on one night and three days. Thirty two enemy a/c were over the land. There was some damage to property and the Rly at COLCHESTER was damaged during the night of 28 Sep.

OWN Operations were again hampered by bad weather.

Night	Target	Bombers
1/2	Battle target (Incl FLENSBERG & LUBECK)	130
2/3	FREFELD & RHINELAND	190

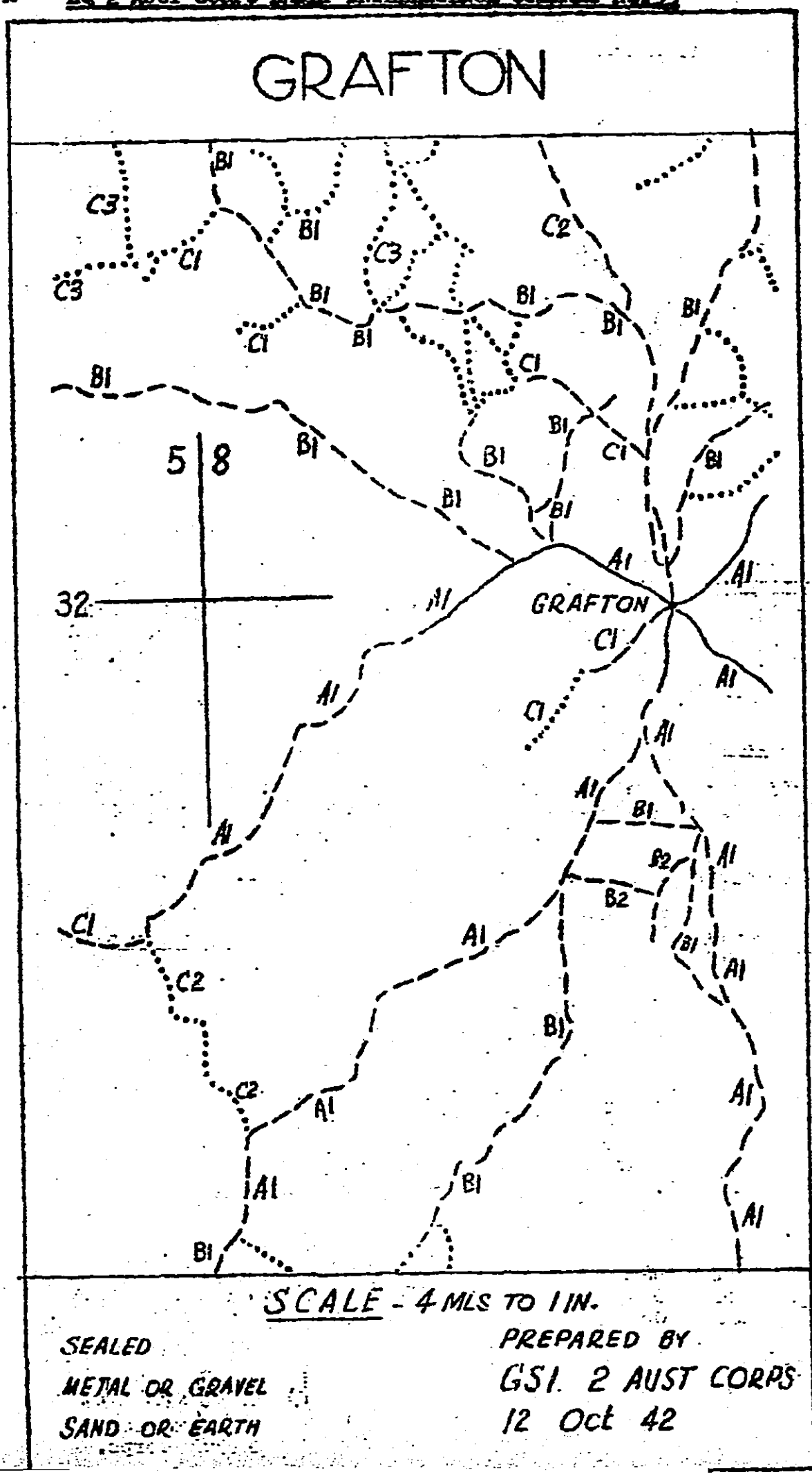
During the day on 1 & 2 Oct there were unescorted attacks on industrial targets in HOLLAND and BELGIUM. 2 Oct. 43 US Fortresses bombed PORTEZ Aircraft Works at MEAULTE scoring many hits. Twelve Bostons attacked ships at Le HAVRE. Six fortresses attacked the aerodrome at St. OMER.

ALEUTIAN IS.

The JAPS have abandoned ATTU and AGATTU. The AMERICANS have occupied IS. in the ANDREANOF GP (between DUTCH HR and ATTU). (World Revsit for the week ended 5 Oct)

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Compiled from information received to 0800 hrs 13 Oct 42.

Notes A B & C. See Summaries Nos. 1 & 45

PART 1

OPERATIONS:

(ii) NEI Area -

CERAM 9 Oct. 1020 hrs. It is reported that there is one W/T vessel in the vicinity of AMBON.

(iii) NEW GUINEA Area -

BUNA KOKODA. 10 Oct. One of our patrols has come within the observation of the enemy.
The JAPS are making no attempt to move SOUTH. 11 Oct. 1010 hrs. Allied a/c bombed a village three miles SOUTH of WAIROPE, and strafed a village twelve miles NW of SANANANDA; barges at SANANANDA POINT were strafed and fires were started: The barges were machine gunned. No activity was observed in these areas.

MILNE BAY. 10 Oct 1630 hrs. Ten native boats were sighted off the WEST Coast of FERGUSON Is. 11 Oct. There are indications of one submarine approx forty five mls NORTH of ROSSEL Is.

(iv) BISMARCH Area -

NEW IRELAND. 11 Oct 1445 hrs. Allied a/c attacked a tpt with twelve Zeros on the deck, and one destroyer approx fifty mls SOUTH of CAPE ST. GEORGE. Two direct hits were scored on the tpt which was later observed stationary with the destroyer circling around. 10 Oct. There are indications of a JAP submarine approx 250 mls NE of EAST CAPE.

(v) SOLOMON'S Area -

BUIN. 11 Oct. a/c are active on KIKILI Aerodrome. Air photographs reveal twelve completed Blast Bays and twenty eight in course of construction for bombers.

BUIN FAISI. 11 Oct. The composition of shipping in this area is six cruisers, three probable seaplane tenders, sixteen destroyers, fourteen cargo vessels and one tanker.

NEW GEORGIA. 11 Oct 0400 hrs. There are indications of one submarine approx forty five mls SOUTH of VANGUNU Is.

GUADALCANAL. 9 Oct 2200 hrs. and 10 Oct 0200 hrs. It is reported that the enemy is maintaining a constant single a/c patrol over the airfield between these hours. 11 Oct 1810 hrs. Two cruisers and six destroyers were sighted approx 110 mls NW of LUNGA POINT.

SANTA CRUZ. 10 Oct. There are indications of submarines approx 325 mls NW by NORTH GRACIOSA BAY: One approx 250 mls NNW of GRACIOSA BAY: one approx 145 mls NW GRACIOSA BAY and one approx fifty five mls WSW of GRACIOSA BAY.

(vi) GENERAL

ALEUTIANS. 8 Oct. Allied a/c twice attacked the enemy camp area and shipping at KISKA Hr. Fires were started and A/A installations were strafed. No hits were observed on the shipping.

PART 3

TOPOGRAPHICAL

(i) Corps Area - Topographical Information.

(a) Effect of Flooding. The following data gives the extent and duration of flooding to be expected from heavy rain:-

(i) TEWANTIN (G56/11). Two days normal rain on the MARY River aggregates about 6" to 8". This river runs from the Dividing Range between the BURNETT and BRISBANE Rivers, and the latter has tributaries which also run north. The MARY River has several very high bridges and it would take approx 6" to 8" of rain to do any damage to the bridges. Most of these bridges are about 20' to 30' above normal level, that is, the height from what is usually termed the second bank. Above that it floods all the second bank, which has a very large area of land, and it would be quite impossible to move troops in any direction with a rainfall of that number of inches or over.

The MARY River has been known to rise at GYMPIE (G56/10) to 93 ft, and rises of 40, 50 or 60 ft are quite a common occurrence during the months of February or March, but is unusual at any other time. There has been 26" of rainfall in 24 hrs, at the watershed between the BRISBANE and BURNETT and MARY Rivers. Ten inches in that area in one day will cause a flood.

MARY River runs 5 m.p.h. in flood. Distance from watershed to GYMPIE is 70 miles. Local rain would flood for a day or so, but general floods have remained for a fortnight.

(ii) MILLMERRAN (G56/13) DISTRICT Local rains seldom create flooded river conditions of any consequence, but added to general rains over the watershed, they are a big factor unless local creeks can clear before arrival of flood waters. If river is empty, five inches caused no trouble, but two inches on top of wet country and river running well, would be dangerous. Fifty miles direct would entail roughly 150 river miles.

WARWICK water, distant 70 miles, road 240 miles. Water takes 36 hours to reach Condamine Plains, flat country between. River travels 6 m.p.h. when in flat country. Spread of flood waters about 4 miles, depending upon hold-up by waters lower down, taking not more than 3 days to subside.

Water Supplies. Sub-artesian, mostly 40 ft. good water (east of river). Black soil impassable when wet.

(iii) TEXAS (H56/1) DISTRICT. Needs 4 inches rain (in 14 mile square range of TEXAS) after a dry spell for the DUMARESQ River to flood the bridge at TEXAS. (14 ft. of water). Low level bridges would flood and subside quickly unless rain continues.

Three large waterways run into the DUMARESQ River above MANGOOLA Station where flood warnings are given for TEXAS and beyond.

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Seven inches over 50 mile watershed causes river to break banks; some amount of rain coming from area that is drained by this river would cause big flood. Water takes 12 hours to come down from MANGOOLA, 38 miles from TEXAS by road. Water does not spread to any great extent.

River can carry 19 ft. At 21½ ft. water breaks banks above TEXAS and floods lagoons at TEXAS. Heavy floodings subside within 48 hrs. Seven inches over 3 days means TEXAS area cut off for two days.

Approaches to TEXAS from INGLEWOOD and STANTHORPE through trap rock country; to YETMAN N.S.W. side through 12 miles granite, 10 miles of raw sandy country, near approach YETMAN black soil. Country west of TEXAS, trap, black soil.

CALOUNDRA (Sheet 10/11) - Six inches rain in 24 hrs. will flood bridges. The COCLOOLAH River only being short, about 4 inches of rain will cause it to break and bank in places. From the source near BALD KNOB to the mouth is about 25 miles.

It takes about 4 hrs for the water to reach the Bruce Highway, and water spreads out for 2 miles or so at junction of Bruce Highway and Caloundra Rd. Tide holds the water up at times, but traffic can resume few hrs after cessation of rain. No detour possible to avoid these floods. Portions of main and other rds are lower than bridges.

Rainfall varies from 50" to 70" annually, with the bulk of it falling between January to May. Nature of country forest and swamp. Will not stand up to any traffic in wet weather.

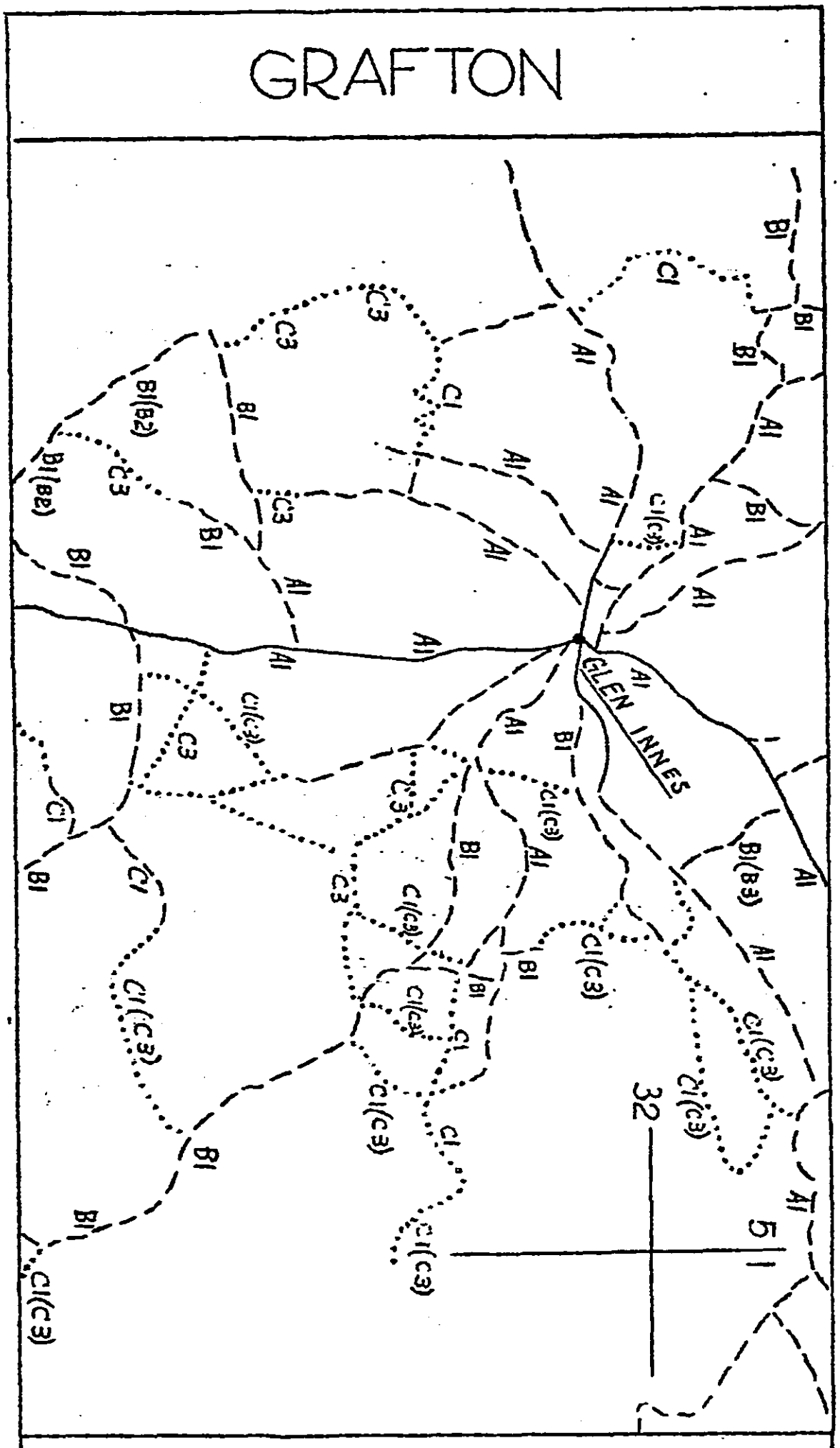
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2 Aust Corps Location Statement
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Serial No A12 - Delete ARAKOON; substitute BUDERIM, map ref E.240866.
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Serial No A15 - Include map ref G.583630.
Serial No A16 - Delete BELLEVUE map ref 277188.
Serial No A17 - Include map ref G.691656.
Serial No A20 - Delete ARAKOON; substitute STANLEY R DAM area and map ref C.686299.
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Compiled from information received to 0800 hrs 14 Oct 42

Notes A B & C. See Summaries Nos 1 & 45

PART 1

OPERATIONS:

(iii) NEW GUINEA Area -

LAE-SALAMAUA 12 Oct. Our patrols are active in this area.

At LAKANU (4 mls SE of SALAMAUA) and at BUNIALBUN (5 mls SE of SALAMAUA) natives have been forced by Japs to trade food for nominal payment. All food at LOGUL (near SALAMAUA) has been taken by the enemy without payment. SALAMAUA Isthmus has been forbidden to the natives.

BUNA-KOKODA 12 Oct 1015 hrs. Allied A/C bombed and strafed the track between ISIVITA (22 mls SW BUNA) and WAIROPE. Bombs fell in ISIVITA village but NO activity was observed on the track. 12 Oct 1120 hrs. Our A/C scored three probable hits on A/A posns near BUNA strip. 1540 hrs. NO results were observed after air attack on WAIROPE BRIDGE. 1800 hrs. Our fwd tps have driven the enemy back NORTH of MYOLA and are now making progress towards TEMPLETON'S CROSSING. Our patrols in KARI area are in contact with the enemy two hours SOUTH of TEMPLETON'S CROSSING.

MILNE BAY 11 Oct. There are indications that two submarines are active in this area, one in MILNE BAY and the other fifty mls SOUTH by EAST of WOODLARK Is.

(iv) BISMARCKS Area -

NEW BRITAIN 11 Oct 1145 hrs. Possible large submarine sighted twenty mls SOUTH of CAPE GAZELLE.

(v) SOLOMONS area -

BUIN-FAISI 12 Oct 0600 hrs. (Ref shipping in this area mentioned 2 Aust Corps Intell Summary No.54). It is now reported that all cruisers, a probable S/P tender and six destroyers have now departed leaving ten destroyers, one tanker and fourteen cargo-vessels in this area.

NEW GEORGIA 12 Oct. Sightings indicate that four hy and four light cruisers and twelve destroyers were distributed round NEW GEORGIA. A S/P tender was sighted approx seventy-eight mls WEST by NORTH of BUIN on a SE course. 10/11 Oct. Submarines are reported to be active in the following places - One approx 140 mls SOUTH of WEST tip RENNEL Is; one approx 140 mls SOUTH by EAST of RENNEL Is; one approx forty-six mls SW WEST CAPE GUADALCANAL; one approx ninety-eight mls ENE MARAHASIKE Is; one approx thirty-four mls NE Cape ASTROLABE (MALAITA).

(Landops Revsit No.74)

PART 2

ENEMY:

(vi) Equipment -

[illegible] 6 ammn: Although reports have been received

commenting on the extremely high MV of Japanese .256 in SAA (as used in their LMG's and Inf rifles), it would appear from the infm available at present that this is an exaggeration. In addition, the "Shock" quality of this ammn does NOT compare with that of ours, the heavier calibre of the .303 more than compensating for the slightly higher MV of the Japanese.

COMPARISON OF AMMUNITION

Make	Calibre	MV	Weight of Bullet
OWN	.303 in	2440 fs	174 grains
JAP	.256 in	2510 fs	138 "

(b) Jap Boots: Examination of a Jap leather boot captured at MILNE BAY reveals the following infm :-

Details of the Boot

Upper: Black leather, without toecap, smooth surface of leather on the inside of the boot.

Sole: Leather, with two rows of heavy and protruding studs (28 studs).

Heel: Leather, two rows of light "sprigs."

General: The condition of the boot was good and of fair quality.

Size: Estimated at 7 or 8.

Owner's name was cut into leather above the heel.

While numerous reports have been received of Jap "Foot troubles" in NEW GUINEA, there is NO infm to indicate that the rubber soled "Tabi" is being replaced by leather boots.

(First Aust Army Intell Summary No.23)

PART 3

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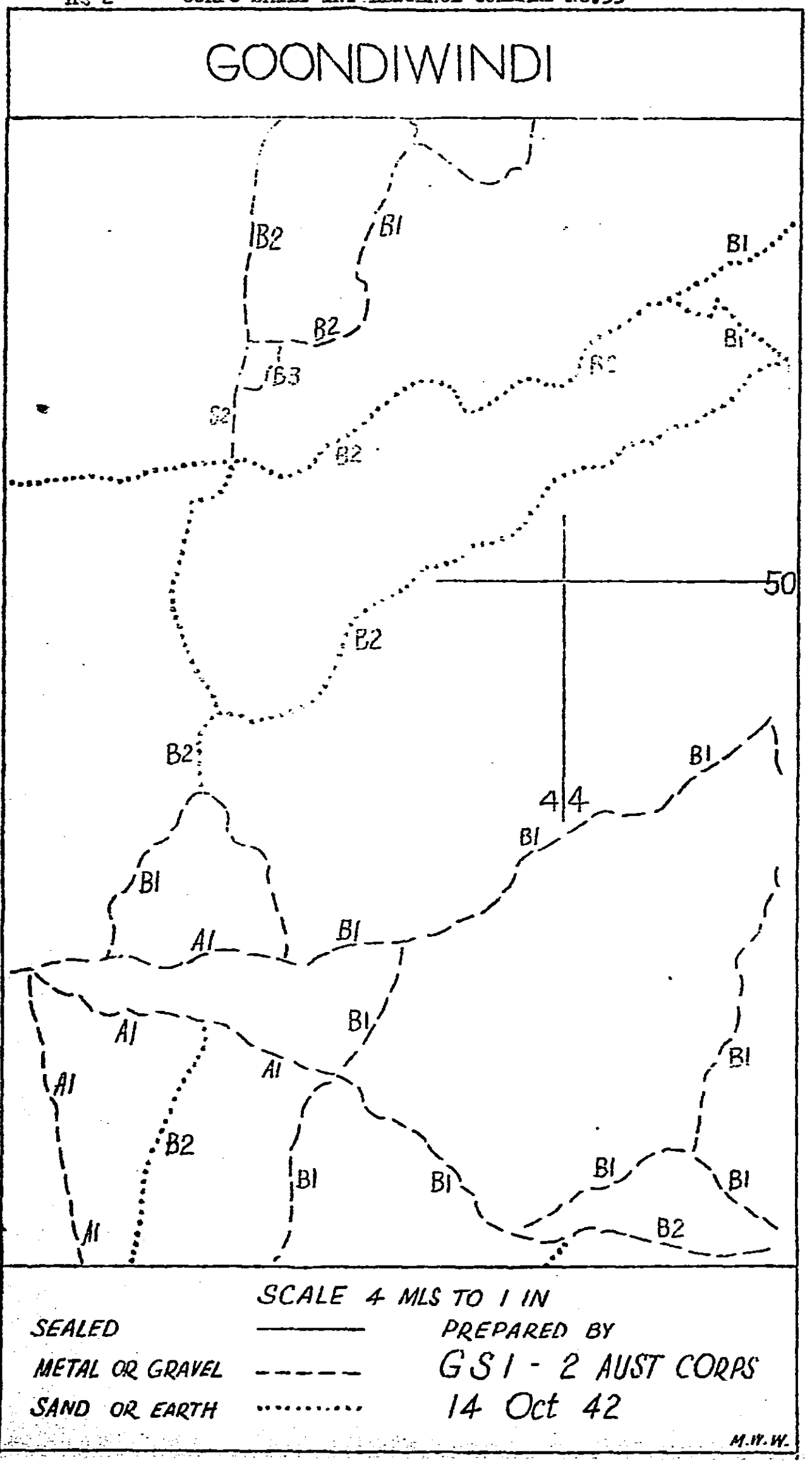
(i) Corps Area - See Appx "A".

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PART 1

OPERATIONS:

(i) NW AUSTRALIA -

PORT HEDLAND 13 Oct 1151 hrs. A submarine was sighted approx 140 mls NW of PORT HEDLAND on a westerly course.

(ii) NEI Area -

TIMOR 10 Oct. It was reported that a large tpt carrying war stores was near the DILLI Lighthouse. Another large ship passed BAUCAU, on the NE coast, heading towards DILLI on the night of 10 Oct. 12 Oct. It is believed that 300 Japs and 600 Dutch natives at DILLI are preparing to move to BEACO on the SE coast and then to VIQUEQUE nine mls NW of BEACO. It is considered highly probable that they will use the tpt mentioned above. The Japs are reported to have mined the hr at DILLI and, also, some houses. Enemy aviation spirit is short. They are NO longer willing to barter for food. A large detachment with amn was sent to AILEU twelve mls SOUTH of DILLI about 6 Oct. The tps are billetted in the township; the Jap Consul and high ranking offrs are billetted in the Palace and the other offrs in the Administrator's house. The natives in the AILEU district have been instructed that the white men must be killed and that they need NOT fear the Japs. This propaganda is impressing the native mind. 2115 hrs. Allied A/C bombed the township at DILLI but results were NOT observed.

(iii) NEW GUINEA Area -

BUNA-KOKODA 12 Oct. Our tps on the MYOLA - TEMPLETONS CROSSING track drove the enemy back 1,500 yds through defensive posns prepared in depth. The Japs fought a tenacious delaying action. Allied A/C returning from RABAUL dropped demolition bombs on BUNA aerodrome. 13 Oct 0730 hrs. Lights, possibly from barges, were observed off shore. 0820 hrs. An Allied recce A/C strafed three barges at SAHANANDA. NO results were reported. Other A/C dropped leaflets on the WAIROPE BUNA track NORTH of BUNA. Two red buoys were observed 200 yds off shore between SAHANANDA and BUNA, indicating a probable F/B anchorage. Dummy A/C bays were seen on the BUNA drome. Bomb holes on the runway were NOT filled in, but it is considered that it would be possible to land A/C. NO A/A fire was encountered from the usual posns at BUNA and SAHANANDA.

MILNE BAY 12 Oct. It was reliably reported that the Japs on GOODENOUGH Is are concentrated at KILIA on the SE corner of the Is. They are looting and living off the country but are maintaining guards at the approaches to KILIA. There are none living on the EAST coast. 1830 hrs. Allied A/C strafed the area. One burst was fired into the Mission and rest house but there were NO signs of enemy or native activity.

13 Oct. Ref Summary No.53. A further five Japs were killed in the vicinity of HIOGE, seven mls WEST of TAUPOTA.

(iv) BISMARCK ARCHIPELAGO -

NEW BRITAIN 13 Oct 0415 hrs. Allied A/C attacked VUNAKANAU and LAKUNAI aerodrome. Demolition bombs fell in the target areas and some in the NE outskirts of RABAUL township. There was a double explosion at VUNAKANAU and large fires were started. There were some hits among A/C at LAKUNAI and deep holes were made in the runway.

(v) SOLOMONS -

BUKA 12 Oct 2215 hrs. Allied A/C attacked the aerodrome. Bombs fell on the runway. There were several explosions and fires were seen. 13 Oct 1230 hrs. One cruiser and two destroyers were seen in BUKA PASSAGE. 1340 hrs. One possible hy cruiser, three possible destroyers and four cargo vessels were seen ten mls EAST of BUKA on a course SSE.

KULAMBANGRA Is. 13 Oct 1655 hrs. Three light cruisers or tpts and two destroyers were observed approx seven mls NE of TUKI POINT at the NORTH tip of the Is, which is NW of NEW GEORGIA, on a course ESE.

BUIN-FAISI 13 Oct. Total sightings in the area incl four battleships, eight cruisers, nine destroyers, seven tpts and eight small vessels.

SANTA CRUZ 13 Oct. Two destroyers were seen approx 185 mls NORTH of BYRON BAY, NDENI Is, on a course NE.

PART 2

ENEMY:

(vii) Tactics -

Germ Infested Grain: A report recently received states that three Jap A/C flying over NANYANG District (in the Southern part of HONAN Province near the border of HUPEH) dropped large quantities of barley, maize and corn to the inhabitants of that district. After examination by the Chinese Medical Corps of NANYANG, it was discovered that these grains contained cholera germs. The report points out that this is NOT the first occasion on which the Japs have used this method of warfare.

(Adv LHQ Intell Summary No.9)

PART 3

TOPOGRAPHICAL:

(i) Corps Area - See Appx "A".

(ii) Damage caused by recent rain storms -

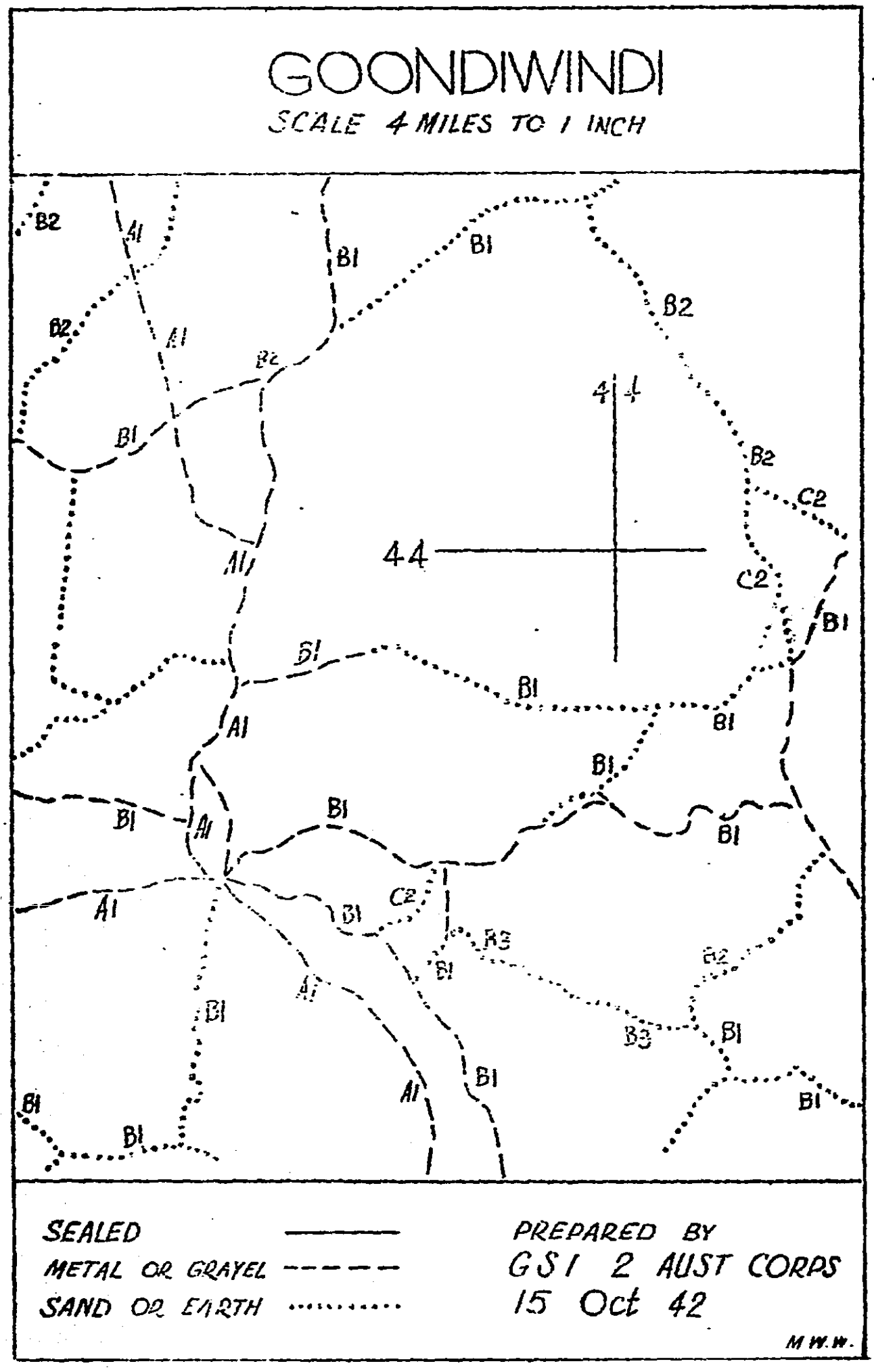
Rd ref GYMPIE Strat 57597517 partially blocked by rocks, defile passable. Rd ref MARYBOROUGH Strat 56807766 tree across road, easily detoured. Tree across rd ref 56957882, detour difficult for MT. to negotiate. Rd from ref TAMBOURINE 1" 382294 to 406322 impassable. Ford ref 358525 impassable after rain, and at three-quarters to full tide.

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HQ 2 AUST CORPS DAILY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 57.

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PART 1

OPERATIONS:

(ii) N.E.I. Area -

TIMOR 13 Oct 0950 hrs. It is reported that three enemy bombers from DILLI made a recce of Allied posns.

(iii) NEW GUINEA Area -

LAE - SALAMAUA 13 Oct. Our patrols penetrated beyond GUADAGASAL, two mls SOUTH of MUBO, without encountering the enemy. It is reported that JAP sentries were on the TAU side of MUBO for five hours and withdrew to the isthmus at SALAMAUA at nightfall. It is further reported that the enemy occupy all buildings at SALAMAUA and that tents and houses at KILA are occupied by the JAP Air HQ. Possibly an MT depot is at the Customs House. There are MGS at LOKUI CHURCH, near SALAMAUA, and McDONALD'S JUNCTION: A/A guns are in the vicinity of McDONALD'S and O'DEAS Houses. 14 Oct. 1702 hrs Allied recce a/c dropped demolition bombs on the LAE aerodrome. At SALAMAUA NO a/c were observed and the runway appeared unserviceable.

BUNA - KOKODA 13 Oct 1800 hrs. Our tps continued their progress towards TEMPLETONS CROSSING, gaining 700 yards. It is reported that in the attack on 12 Oct (reported in Intell Summary No.56), one of our patrols penetrated behind the enemy posns, and attacked the area believed to be the JAP HQ. They inflicted thirty casualties and destroyed one MMG before being forced out by accurate mortar fire and a counter-attack. Night 13/14 Oct. Our forces maintained contact with the enemy and reported slight progress.

MILNE BAY 14 Oct 1000 hrs. It is reported that there are NO JAPS at UGANDA, nine mls SE of TAUPOTA.

2100 hrs. Allied a/c attacked posns believed to be occupied by the enemy on the WEST coast of GOODENOUGH Is, and bombs were dropped approx seventy yards inland from the coast. Three lights, in the vicinity of the beach, were extinguished before the attack commenced. There was NO sign of activity although other lights were seen in the vicinity of SEYMOUR BAY, FERGUSSON Is.

(iv) BISMARCK ARCHIPELAGO Area -

NEW BRITAIN 14 Oct. Recce a/c reported that the runway at ARAWE, approx seventy mls WEST of GASMATA, was unserviceable.

NEW IRELAND 13 Oct. One small and one medium tpts were sighted at the government wharf, KAVIENG.

(v) SOLOMONS Area -

ONTONG JAVA 14 Oct 1151 hrs. An enemy task force consisting of two possible a/c carriers, one battleship, two heavy cruisers and six destroyers was sighted approx 225 mls NE of ONTONG JAVA, course SW.

BUKA 14 Oct. Allied a/c attacked the aerodrome dropping twelve 1,000 lb. bombs on the runway; one merchant vessel in hr was hit, another left burning and there were near misses on a third. Six Zeros, which attempted to intercept our force, were shot down. 1859 hrs. One cruiser, one tpt and three destroyers were observed to be unloading at BUKA PASSAGE.

YSABEL Is. 14 Oct 1605 hrs. One battleship, three light cruisers and four destroyers were observed approx thirty mls NE of REKATA BAY, course SE. 1820 hrs, one light cruiser, seven destroyers and six tpts were sighted approx eight mls EAST of CAPE PRIETO, the SOUTH tip of YSABEL Is, on a SOUTHERLY course.

SAVO Is. Night 11 Oct, an allied naval force surprised and attacked an enemy convoy, six mls WEST of SAVO Is, en route for GUADALCANAL. It is believed that the enemy lost four, possibly five, destroyers, one, probably two, cruisers, and one tpt.

GUADALCANAL 13 Oct. At sunset enemy shore arty bombarded allied posns and installations on the beach at GUADALCANAL. 14 Oct. 0140 hrs. It was reported that heavy naval gun fire was heard. During the days 13 and 14 Oct. enemy a/c attacked the aerodrome at GUADALCANAL four times. Nine enemy bombers and three Zeros were shot down, and one bomber was observed to be smoking. 15 Oct 0632 hrs. JAP tpts, supported by combat vessels, were reported to be landing tps WESTWARD of KOKUMBONA, approx ten mls WEST of LUNGA POINT.

(LANDOPS REVSIT No. 76).

PART 3

TOPOGRAPHICAL:

(i) Corps Area - See Appx "A".

PART 5

SECURITY

SECURITY OF MOVEMENTS: A report was recently furnished of an officer who, when entraining certain tps from various units, shouted orders, such as "All those going North fall out here" and "All those going to Queensland fall out here". The train was not a troop train, and there were a number of civilians on the platform to whom the colour patches of the troops were visible.

"Q" Branch has now issued instns that before entraining or detraining, personnel will be assembled in a suitable area to be given all necessary orders.

RTOs will contact O.C. Train or Party when personnel are travelling on civilian trains to see that this procedure is followed.

SIGNAL SECURITY: A recent inspection of certain formations revealed that considerable opportunities are being provided for the collection of infm, due to either the inadvertance or ignorance of originators of messages.

In one formation a small section of the HQ had moved out some fifty mls on an exercise which was to last for approx one week. The only means of speedy communication was by W/T. It was also known that the only type of cipher held by the HQ on exercise was syllabic - a field grade cipher with a low security value. A Sitrep containing infm of considerable interest to the enemy was received at the formation HQ. In order to help the comd of the HQ on exercise in the picture, a message comprising the sitreps was originated.

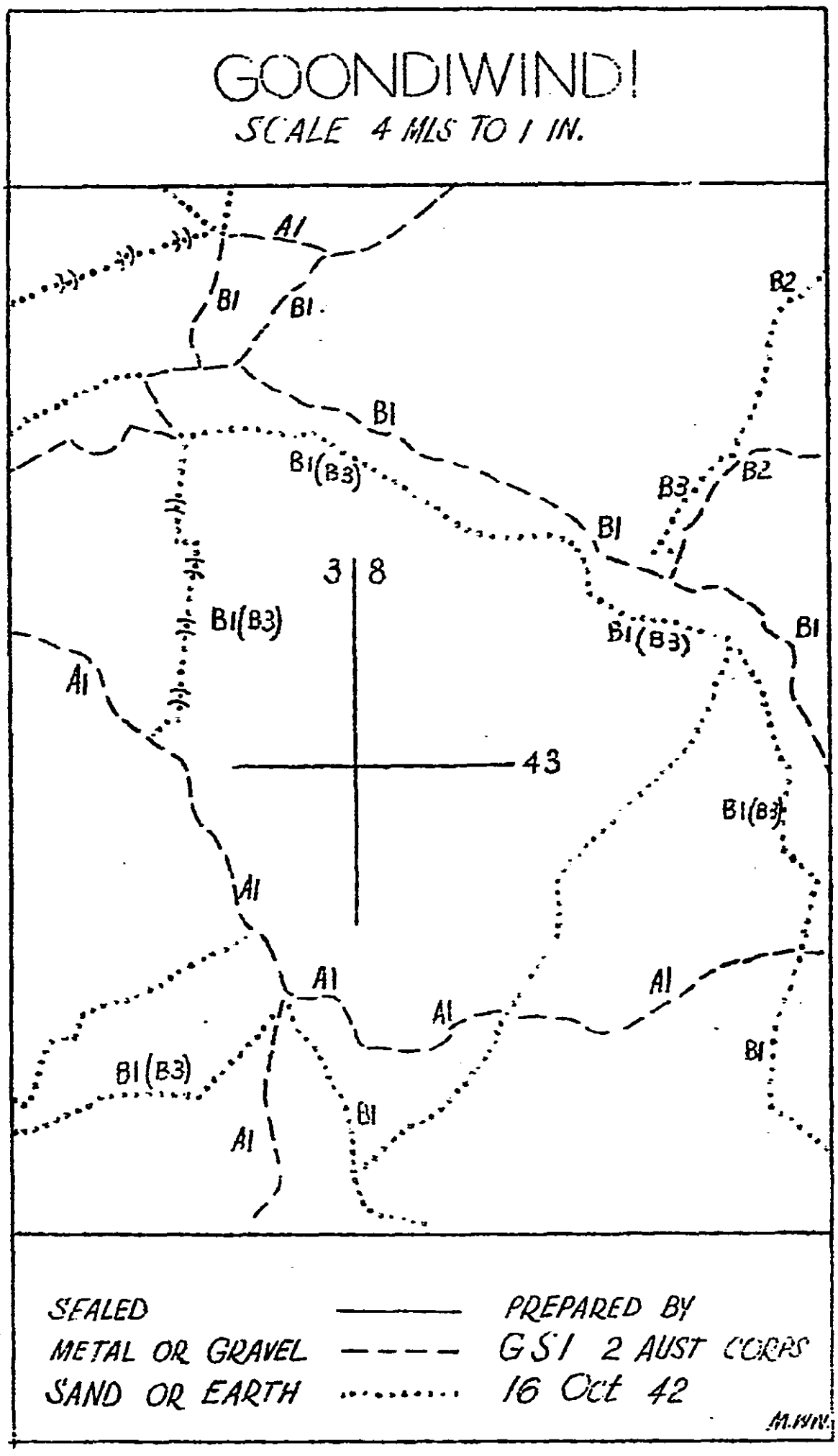
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When infn is of urgent interest to Comds, such action may be warranted, but when, as in this case, the infn was being transmitted to suit individual convenience, such a course is merely providing the enemy with a simple means of procuring infn.

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Notes A B & C. See Summaries Nos. 1 & 45.

PART 1.

OPERATIONS.

(ii) N.E.I. Area -

TIMOR 14 Oct 1800 hrs. It is reported that 200 JAPS entered MAOBISSE, nineteen mls S.S.E. of DILLI. 15 Oct. The JAPS have demanded that the PORTUGESE concentrate at [illegible] sixteen mls WEST of DILLI where they intend to establish a neutral zone, 1600 hrs. Allied a/c attacked AILEU, twelve mls SOUTH of DILLI. Bombs were dropped among buildings and much wreckage was observed.

(iii) NEW GUINEA Area -

MADANG 15 Oct. A small schooner or sub was sighted three mls off KIARA, ninety mls S.E. of MADANG heading in the direction of MADANG.

LAE SALAMAUA 15 Oct 1530 hrs. Allied a/c bombed a wreck at SALAMAUA, encountering intense A/A fire during the attack.

BUNA KOKODA. 15 Oct 1120 hrs. Allied a/c dropped bombs in the vicinity of the WAIROPE BRIDGE. There are reports that the enemy are crossing the KUMUSI RIVER by means of a rope bridge at PAIYA, six mls SOUTH of WAIROPE.

0830 hrs. Allied a/c strafed enemy posns two mls SOUTH of TEMPLETON'S CROSSING, but the results were NOT observed.

14 and 15 Oct. Our forces maintained pressure against the enemy SOUTH of TEMPLETON'S CROSSING. The enemy are NOT employing patrols and withold their fire until our fwd tps approach close to them. Our patrols continue to probe the enemy's front and flanks. The posns chosen by the enemy are on a narrow, razor-back formation of the range. The physical features of this country make it difficult for our tps to manoeuvre successfully. Bad weather conditions are further hindering our support from the air.

MILNE BAY 15 Oct. It is reported that a party of twenty JAPS is in the vicinity of AWAIMA BAY, ten mls EAST of TAUPOTA. Our patrols are following up this report. 1305 hrs. Two A/C craft, probably subs, were sighted off MULLINS HR. heading in the direction of FIFE BAY, immediately S.S.E. of the HR.

(v) SOLOMONS Area -

BUKA 15 Oct 1800 hrs. One cruiser, three destroyers and one tpt were sighted in BUKA PASSAGE. 1805 hrs. It was reported that fifty enemy fighter a/c are stationed at BUKA aerodrome.

BUIN FAISI 15 Oct 1410 hrs. One cargo and one small naval vessel were sighted fifty mls WEST of BUIN on a course W.N.W.

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1405 hrs. During an attack by Allied a/c, near misses damaged an enemy destroyer approx twenty mls S.S.W. of FAISI, on a N.E. course.

CHOISEUL IS. 15 Oct 1410 hrs. Two cruisers and two destroyers were sighted in the vicinity TAURO BAY, S.E. tip of CHOISEUL IS., on a course WEST.

YSABEL IS. 15 Oct. Sightings indicate that one battleship, two to four cruisers, and five to six destroyers are in the vicinity of the EAST Coast of YSABEL IS.

GUADALCANAL IS. 15 Oct 0125 hrs. Allied a/c attacked an enemy naval task force in the vicinity N.W. of GUADALCANAL, scoring direct hits on tpts. Two tpts were burnt and one battleship was crippled, and one land based Zero was brought down. Eleven other enemy ships were observed in the vicinity. 1704 hrs. Thirty seven a/c from the fifty reported above to be at BUKA Aerodrome, escorted twenty seven Bombers in an attack on GUADALCANAL approaching from N.W.
During 15 Oct, one battleship, two light cruisers, twelve destroyers and six tpts were believed to be N.W. of GUADALCANAL

SAN CRISTOBAL 15 Oct. Enemy a/c frequently made a recce of the SAN CRISTOBAL area during the day. 1345 hrs. One sub was sighted approx 121 mls SOUTH of CAPE SURVILLE.

(vi) General

NEW HEBRIDES. 15 Oct 0140 hrs. The air field at PALIKULO BAY, on the EAST coast of ESPIRITU SANTO IS. was shelled for five minutes, probably by an enemy submarine.

SANTA CRUZ IS. 15 Oct. Enemy a/c made frequent recces of the Group. One a/c Carrier, two battleships, two to four cruisers, and seven to nine destroyers are operating N.W. of SANTA CRUZ IS. (Landops Revsit No. 77)

PART 3

TOPOGRAPHICAL

(i) Corps Area - See Appx "A"

PART 5

SECURITY

CAPTURED GERMAN INTELLIGENCE SUMMARIES

A number of German Int. Sums. dated 15 Nov. to 5 Dec. 1941 were captured by our tps in M.E. The main sources of leakage of information to the enemy disclosed by these captured summaries appear to be as follows :-

(i) Wireless interception.

(ii) Captured Int. Summaries.

(iii) The B.B.C.

(iv) The Press

(v) P's W

(vi) Miscellaneous leakages, e.g. shipping moves in M.E. and Egypt.

Although in many instances there are surprising errors and omissions in these Int. Summaries and it is evident that gaps occur in the German estimate of our order of battle, the extent of infm which is correct is large enough to warrant particular attention being paid to the following :-

(i) Our own Int. Summaries should contain NO precise or detailed infm about our own tps.

(ii) The vital necessity of strict discipline in W/T and R/T procedure.

Out of a total of 16 Summaries examined, 9 or 10 may be said to contain infm which, if NOT correct in every detail, gives an account as clear and complete as could be wished for in the fd.

NO indication is given on 15 Nov of the forthcoming British offensive. This can no doubt be largely attributed to complete wireless silence in fwd areas for some weeks before.

Most of the important and up-to-date infm is thought to have been obtained by the Germans either from captured documents or from wireless intercepts.

For example -

(a) The German Int. Sum. dated 26 Nov is thought to owe a lot to a British Int. Sum. dated 23 Nov., a German translation of which was found on Maj-Gen. RAVENSTEIN, commanding 21 German Armd. Div., when he was taken prisoner. The British Int. Sum. contained a detailed description of the dispositions and moves of British units.

(b) The German Int. Sum. dated 4 Dec. identifies a British Div. HQ in Tobruk. Part of the Div were in Tobruk from 1 Dec., but no P's W from its units, or from units whose personnel might have had knowledge of the move, were taken after that date. The infm must have been obtained by interception of wireless messages.

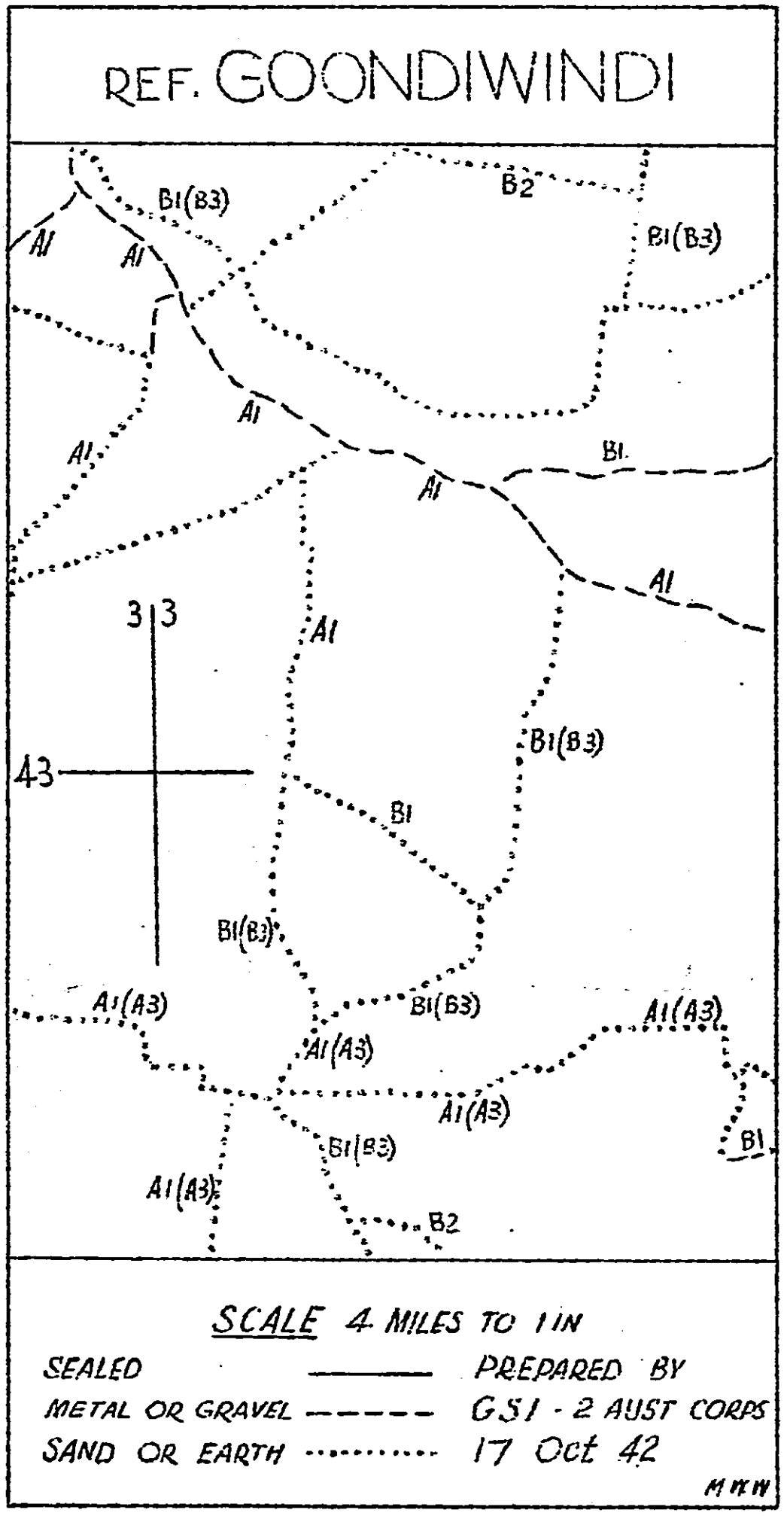
The B.B.C. is quoted on several occasions in the German Int. Sums., and many deductions from shipping movements in the Middle and Near East are made.

An appx to the German Int. Sum. of 24 Nov gives an account of British Commandos. The infm given is stated to have been "pieced together from interrogations of British officers and NCOs belonging to the so-called Commandos taken prisoner in Libya and in the North of France, and also from recent press accounts." (GHQ Home Forces 22.5.42)

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HQ 2 AUST CORPS DAILY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 59

Compiled from information received to 0300 hrs 18 Oct 42.

Notes A B & C. See Summaries Nos. 1 & 45.

PART 1

OPERATIONS:

(ii) N.E.I. Area -

TIMOR 16 Oct 2040 hrs. Allied a/c bombed and strafed VILA MANATUTO using instantaneous and incendiary bombs. Buildings were hit and fires started.

(iii) NEW GUINEA Area -

LAE SALAMAUA 16 Oct. Our patrols report the existence of JAP supply bases and tp concentrations at KOMIATUM (Seven mls SOUTH by WEST of SALAMAUA) and at LOGUI (near SALAMAUA). The enemy is 200 strong at LOGUI and has installed three inch A/A guns on KOMIATUM HILL. Natives in neighbouring villages have been impressed by the Japs to repair the track SALAMAUA-MUBO and to carry stores.

BUNA KOKODA 15 Oct. Allied forces have succeeded in cutting the main track MYOLA-TEMPLETON'S CROSSING causing the enemy to withdraw Northward thus enabling our forces to adv to the SOUTH bank of EORA CREEK. The enemy has demolished the bridge and is now holding the NORTH bank. 16 Oct 0630 hrs. Our forces attacked to force a crossing of EORA CK on the main track one mile SOUTH of TEMPLETON'S CROSSING. The result of the attack is NOT known.

16 Oct 0730 hrs. Our a/c bombed and strafed the track BUNA-KOKODA. Bombs fell in the vicinity of PAIVA, but results were NOT observed. There was NO activity on the track KOKODA-WAIROPE.

16 Oct. Villages along the MAMBARE river were machine gunned. NO results were observed.

MILNE BAY 16 Oct. One of our patrols encountered eight JAPS E.S.E. of AWAIAMA. Six of the enemy were killed. 16 Oct. A possible enemy posn on GOODENOUGH IS. was attacked by our a/c but NO enemy activity was observed.

(iv) BISMARCK ARCHIPELAGO Area -

NEW BRITAIN 16 Oct 0600 hrs. Nineteen u/i vessels were sighted in RABAUL HR. 1005 hrs. One hy cruiser, one light cruiser, two destroyers and one S/P tender were observed steaming NORTH, approx 37 mls S.S.E. of RABAUL.

NEW IRELAND-NEW HANOVER. Preliminary examination of Ph.R of KAVIENG 16 Oct reveals two tpts (one probably damaged), one small cargo vessel and one possible submarine in the harbour. On the drome were 23 medium bombers and three fighters. At 1120 hrs one possible aircraft carrier, one possible hy cruiser and two destroyers were sighted on a South Easterly course, approx 30 mls W.N.W. of NEW HANOVER.

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(v) SOLOMONS Area -

BOUGAINVILLE 16 Oct. Sightings - One Battleship, one hy cruiser and possibly two destroyers approx twenty-one mls NORTH of KIETA steaming SSE. One A/C carrier, one hy cruiser approx nine mls NE of KIETA steaming SE.

BUIN FAISI 16 Oct 1110 hrs. Three battleships, two A/C carriers, one possible A/C carrier, three hy and five light cruisers, eleven destroyers, one S/P carrier and fifteen cargo vessels.

SANTA CRUZ. 15 Oct. Fourteen cruisers and four destroyers operating off NDENI Is.

(Landops Revsit No.78).

PART 2

ENEMY:

(ii) Order of Battle -

O of B for the South Seas Expeditionary Force from infm to 8 Oct 42.

Unit	Location	Remarks
HQ 17th Army	RABAUL	Considered definite
HQ HORII Div	RABAUL	HQ may be in the LAE-SALAMAU area but NO concrete evidence.
41 Inf Regt	KOKODA Area	From Cap Doc but unconfirmed.
58 Inf Regt	Possibly LAE Area	NOT identified, but there are indications that it is connected with NEW GUINEA.
144 Inf Regt	KOKODA Area	1,2 and 3 Bns werepossibly forward at MENARI, 8 Sep.
3 Mtn Arty Regt	One Bn IORIBAIWA 27 Sep	No.3 Bty identified. The number of the regt is uncertain.
15 Ind Engr Unit	KOKODA	A doubtful identification.
SASEBO No.3 SNLP	BUNA	Doubtful identification probably only part at BUNA.
YOKOSUKA No.5 SNLP	BUNA	Doubtful identification probably only part at BUNA.
No.14 Pnr Unit	SALAMAUA and LAE	Doubtful identification.
65 DIV	RABAUL	Slight indications only of this Div being in the RABAUL Area. Composition is as known in the PHILIPPINES. It is presumed that this Div is under 17th Army.
122 Inf Regt	"	
141 " "	"	
142 " "	"	
Bde Engr Unit	"	
Bde Comn "	"	
Bde Fd Hosp	"	

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16 DIV	RABAUL	Slight indications only of this Div being in the RABAUL Area. Composition is that as known in the PHILIPPINES. It is presumed that this Div is under 17th Army.
9 Inf Regt	"	
20 " "	"	
55 Inf Regt	"	
16 Div Recce Unit	"	
22 FA Arty Regt	"	
16 Div Sig Unit	"	
16 Div Tpt Unit	"	
10 Ind Engr Unit		Att to 16 Div during PHILIPPINES OPS.
51 Tpt Unit		Att to 16 Div during PHILIPPINES OPS.
21 Engr Unit	RABAUL	Att to 16 Div during PHILIPPINES OPS.
2 Tel Unit	"	" " " "
Med Unit	"	" " " "

(Adv LHQ Int Summary No.10).

(iii) Identifications -

The following are new identifications -

3 Bty Mtn Arty at IORIBAIWA about 27 Sep (probably part of 3 Mtn arty Regt of 55 Div).
28 Inf Regt and 7 Engr Regt landed at GUADALCANAL on 18 Aug being part of a force known as the IKKI Det and already reported as such,
P's W from GUADALCANAL stated that 7 Div Inf Regts (26, & 27 & 28) are now at ASAHIKAWA, JAPAN, under command of Lt-Gen Koito.
It would appear, therefore, that the IKKI Det was drawn from 7 DIV, but it is NOT yet clear whether all or part of the above named regts were at GUADALCANAL.

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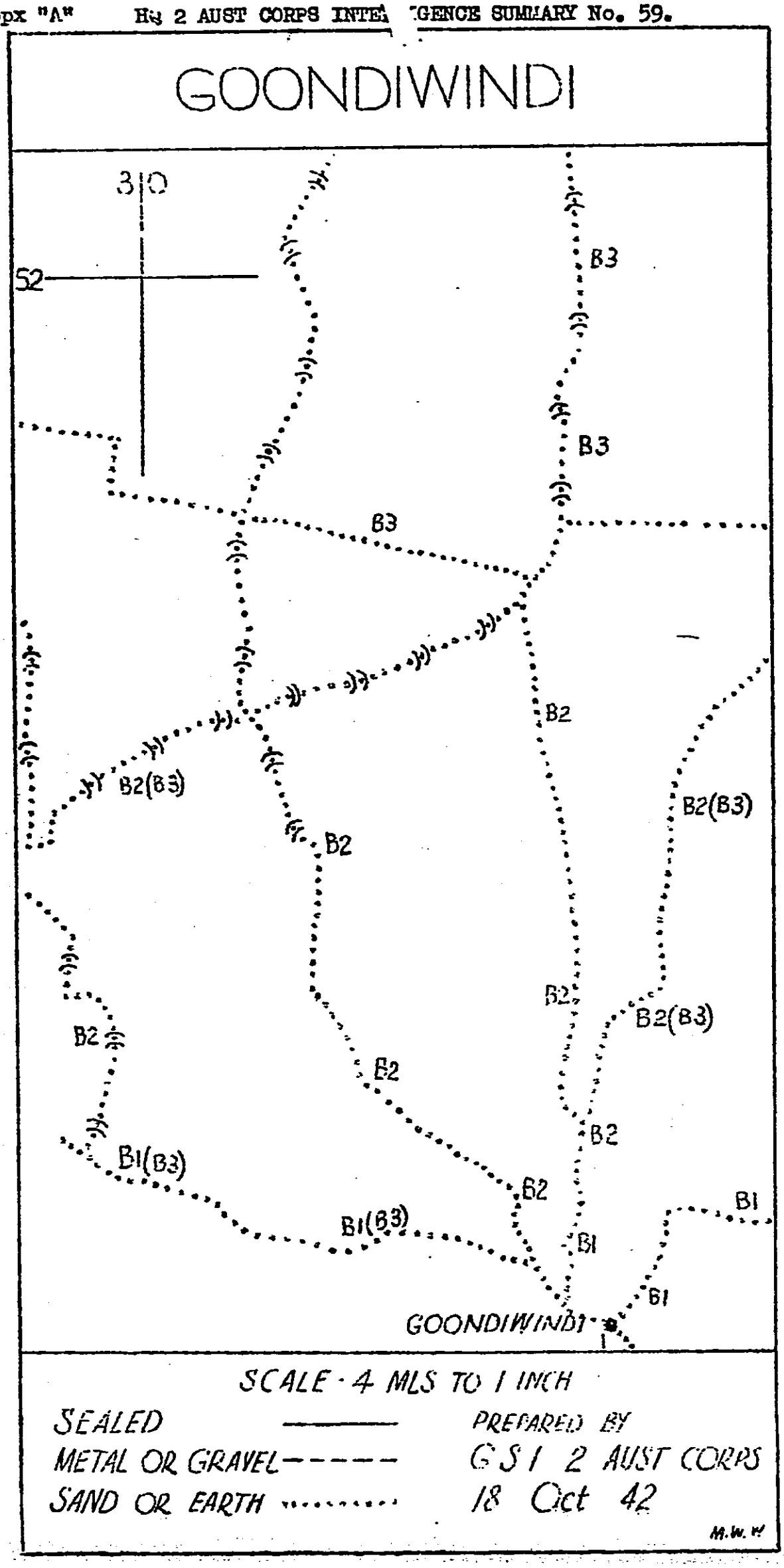
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TOPOGRAPHICAL:

(i) Corps Area - See Appx "A".

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18 SEP 42

CAMOUFLAGE

1. PROSPECT A AREA.
(a) A report covering a number of enlarged air photographs, taken during HQ 2 Aust Corps exercise at PROSPECT in JUL 42, has been prepared by GSO III Cam 2 Aust Corps, and a copy fwded to GSO III Cam First Aust Army. The various points in concealment have been noted, in the case of each photograph, on the opposite page.
(b) Major lessons illustrated were:
Necessity for eliminating light patches on vehs.
Need to lower tone of all tents.
Need to lower tone of all office gear.
Tracks should be laid out to pass close to main cover.
Unloading should be done under cover.
Absolute necessity for use of nets as aid to natural cover for trucks, especially in low scrub.
A badly garnished net is a danger in itself.
Avoid edges of cover, open to oblique view.
Cover the dark triangle made by end of 14' x 12' tents.
Be on guard against shine with sun at low level.
Gear spread about near tents may be more obvious than tents themselves.
No use the majority taking care if minority are careless.
Need for responsible person in each unit to police concealment discipline.
Even a large marquee, if toned down and carefully sited can disappear from above.

2. VISIT TO FORMATIONS.
(a) A visit was made by GSO III Cam 2 Aust Corps to all formations of 2 Aust Corps, during week ending 5 SEP, and a copy of report on his visit fwded to GS First Aust Army.
(b) Items of engr interest were:
Iron work in American Dumps and all water tanks were painted before delivery to jobs, thus aiding concealment of dumps and of jobs under constn.
The practice of siting loop tracks in stores dumps tends to render localities very obvious from the air. An attempt should be made to lay out veh tracks to conform with what is to be expected in the particular locality, whether bush tracks or squared layouts, each of which have a definite character and are NOT especially noticeable.
The dark toning by paint of new works should be an inseparable part of the constn work, and if NOT done by engrs, arrangements should be made with the unit for whom the work is being done to follow up with paint.
Flat roofs need in addition dry branches or bark strewn over to create shadows and kill the shine of painted iron.
It is NOT generally appreciated that the layout of camps is a specialist matter, in which early collaboration of engrs should be sought, for special attention by camflg personnel. Much confusion, faulty camp planning, and subsequent changes of camp locations, could be avoided at the expense of a brief period thus devoted in the initial stages.
The new locations of 2 Aust Corps Tps engrs are generally good from a camflg view point, though the area allotted to 60 Aust Corps Fd Pk Coy as stores dump is infinitely inferior to the WOODFORD dump site previously occupied by 1 Aust Corps Engrs.
The present method of issue of camflg paint is considered unsatisfactory. Veh paint and Bituminous Emulsion are Ordnance Supplies, and other camflg paints engr supplies. As a result units generally are confused. The possibility is being explored of Ordnance issuing in bulk to engr dumps from which units may draw after vetting of demands by GSO III Cam or OC C&C.

3. AIR RECCES.
(a) GSO III Cam has recently made an air recce of the ESK and KILCOY areas, and obtained a mosaic of air photos from 4 AC Sqn RAAF of the former, which has been incorporated in a report submitted to G Staff.
(b) Pending availability of further copies of photos and enlargements of same, wider distribution of this report is NOT possible.

4. GENERAL.
(a) Generally speaking it is considered fair progress has been made in developing concealment consciousness in the Corps, which will undoubtedly still further improve when the Corps CTU, which has recently been formed, commences its regular tng courses after the forthcoming Cam School at SOUTHPORT.

UNIT LOCATIONS AND MOVEMENTS

1. LOCATION STATEMENT.
(a) Location statement of RAE units 2 Aust Corps as at 1 OCT 42 is attached as Appx A.

2. MOVEMENTS.
(a) Corps Tps Engrs.
During first week in AUG units of RAE 2 Aust Corps moved from NSW area to locations as follows:

HQ RAE 2 Aust Corps .....BIGGENDEN.
2/16 Aust A Fd Coy .....BIGGENDEN-GAYNDAH.
19 Aust A Fd Coy .....MURRUMBA.
60 Aust Corps Fd Pk Coy .....BIGGENDEN.

A general change in plan for dispositions of Corps Tps resulted in readjustment on 9 AUG to:

HQ RAE 2 Aust Corps .....ESK.
2/16 Aust A Fd Coy .....BIGGENDEN-GAYNDAH.
19 Aust A Fd Coy .....MURRUMBA.
60 Aust Corps Fd Pk Coy .....COOMINYA.

A further adjustment on 29 AUG comprising a general movement of Corps Tps to the area KILCOY-WOODFORD, resulted in present dispositions as shown in Appx A.

(b) RAE 3 Aust Div.
Up to second week in SEP units of RAE 3 Aust Div were disposed as follows:

HQ RAE 3 Aust Div .....MARYBOROUGH Area.
4 Aust Fd Coy ..... " "
10 Aust Fd Coy ..... " "
53 Aust Fd Pk Coy ..... " "
15 Aust Fd Coy .....CASINO, NSW.

On 11 SEP 10 Aust Fd Coy came under comd CRE 2 Aust Corps Tps as result of reorganisation of 3 Aust Div, but remained in the MARYBOROUGH Area.
During second week in SEP, 3 Aust Div generally moved south and RAE units occupied localities as shown in Appx A, at the same time 15 Aust Fd Coy moved north from CASINO and rejoined parent unit.

(c) 32 US Div Engrs.
Apart from temporary detachment of coys for tng purposes, 114 Engr Bn has remained concentrated at TAMBOURINE.

WORKS

1. DEMOLITION PLAN.
(a) 2 Aust Corps Demolition Instn No 1 was issued to formations on 23 AUG 42, dividing 2 Aust Corps Area of Responsibility into two main areas separated by the inter-div boundary, for recce and subsequent submission of div plans, which are now due. All relevant infrm previously collected by RAE units of 1 Aust Corps on this matter were fwded to formations concerned for assistance and reference in formulating their plans.

(b) Demolition of Aerodromes.
Preparations for demolition of aerodromes at BUNDABERG and MARYBOROUGH were being executed by Q'LAND MRC under control of CE 2 Aust Corps up to 25 AUG 42, on which date instns were received through General Staff to cease work on this phase of the demolition plan.
Positions at date of cessation of work was:

BUNDABERG: 6 Shafts and Tunnels under Runways completed including timbering and shafts covered. 120 bore holes sunk and 2" GI pipes inserted.

MARYBOROUGH: Of 21 shafts and tunnels to be done, all shafts were completed, and 12 tunnels had reached an advanced stage of excavation and timbering. All shafts were covered.

2. ROADS.
(a) 2 Aust Corps Priorities.
Rd IPSWICH-ESK-STANLEY RIVER BRS-PEACHESTER-PEACHESTER-BEERWAH.
Already included in First Aust Army Priorities, and maintenance is only being undertaken incl rebuilding of timber br 21' span 10 m south of ESK and strengthening timber br 3-2m north of BEERWAH. Work executed by 19 Aust A Fd Coy.

Rd ESK-HARLIN-KILCOY. The HARLIN-KILCOY route was put in hand to provide an alternative to the TOOGOOLAWAH-KILCOY route which is subject to severe inundation during the wet season. Up to 1 OCT 42 work was being carried out by a half sec of sappers, being principally work preparatory to reconstruction of 6 brs, and strengthening of a considerable No more, together with a no. of pipe culverts.
From 1 OCT a working party of 120 was provided by 'G' Staff from other arms, which will greatly accelerate rate of progress and relieve sappers for other urgent projects. Work directed by 2/16 Aust A Fd Coy.

Rd CEDARTON-BOONOOBIN-WILLEY. Under recce.

Rd VILLENEUV-MURUM-WOODFORD. This rd is being reconditioned generally, graded and re-gravelled, to take the heavy and continuous military traffic which it is and will be receiving until the northern parallel route is opened. Work executed by approx 15 sappers of 2/16 Aust A Fd Coy and working party of 80 from other arms.

Rd MALONY-MONTMORRIS-CHERBULLA-GYMPIE. Under recce.

Rd GLASS HOUSE MTNS-TIBBERROOCOOMBA-WOODFORD. Under recce.

Rd NEBO-ORION-SAPLETON-BANKOOR. Under recce.

(b) Rd CABOOLTURE-TOORBUL PT.
This is a First Aust Army job due for completion early in NOV, being executed by working party of 230 from other arms, under supervision of 1 offr and 1 NCO of 19 Aust A Fd Coy. The offr has now been withdrawn.

(c) Rd Making Plant.
A large variety of rd making mechanical plant is in operation on the above jobs, and is summarized in Appx 'B' attached.

3. LANDING GROUNDS.
(a) A landing ground was completed at GYMPIE on 16 SEP, employing Shire plant and operators, working party provided by 1 Aust Mot Bde, and engr supervision from 2 Aust Corps.

TRAINING GROUNDS (contd).
(b) Landing grounds were commenced at CABOOLTURE and ESK but abandoned due to change of policy.

4. ACCOMMODATION.
(a) Work on erection, and supervision of erection of Scale A accommodation has been continuous since arrival of 2 Aust Corps in QUEENSLAND, absorbing nos varying from entire Corps Tps Engrs during the first fortnight, and again for first fortnight in SEP, to small detachments from each coy at the present time supervising erection performed by units.

5. ANTI SUBMARINE BOOMS.
(a) Temporary anti-submarine booms, consisting of floating pine logs connected by steel cables, have been constructed across the MARY and BURNETT Rivers at MARYBOROUGH and BUNDABERG, respectively pending provision of obstacles of more permanent nature, for which surveys are at present being conducted.
(b) Booms have been provided with opening spans, suspended between anchored rafts each of four ships tanks, the spans swinging with the tide when released, and closing by means of winches.
(c) Locations and main object of booms are:

MARY RIVER ..... Ref FRASER 1" 910310
Main Object ..... To embarrass midget submarine attack on Naval Corvettes etc at WALKER's Shipyards.

BURNETT RIVER ..... Ref BUNDABERG 1" 515101
Main Object ..... Protection against midget submarine attack on BUNDABERG ry and rd brs.

(d) Both booms were constructed by 10 Aust Fd Coy, first under control of CRE 3 Aust Div and later under CRE 2 Aust Corps Tps.

6. ASSAULT COURSES - REDBANK.
(a) Two Assault Courses, one at HILLSIDE South of IPSWICH, and one at REDBANK are under constn in connection with First Aust Army Wpn Trg School REDBANK.
(b) Both courses, consisting of series of barbed wire obstacles, anti-tank ditches, sheer walls, anti-tank minefields, booby-traps, etc are being constructed by inf working parties under supervision of sappers of 2/16 Aust Fd Coy, and are designed to represent the "real thing" as nearly as can be reproduced in trg.
(c) Approx 250 tons of engr stores have gone into this job.

7. WATER POINTS.
(a) Numerous water points have been established throughout the Corps Area, mainly consisting of pumps and elevated tank storage.

ENGINEER STORES

1. DUMP LOCATIONS.
(a) Engr Stores Dumps of 2 Aust Corps are located as follows:-

Corps Dump .....GILSTON.
Corps Sub Dump .....WOODFORD.
3 Aust Div Dump .....HORNFIELD.
4 Aust Inf Bde Dump .....PALMWOODS.
15 Aust Inf Bde Dump .....HORNFIELD.
32 US Div .....[illegible]

(b) Dumps at ROCKLEA and BUNDAMBA are being drawn on for supply of stores to REDBANK assault course, and the residue is being fwded to HORNFIELD to build up 3 Aust Div Dump.

TRAINING

1. PERIOD 1-14 OCT 42.
(a) Attached as Appx 'C' is CE 2 Aust Corps Engr Trng Instn No 1, and outline trng syllabus for Corps Tps Engrs for period 1/14 OCT 42.
(b) RAE 3 Aust Div, though hampered in trng by a very extensive area of responsibility for demolition recce, boom constn, and movements, have been actively engaged in hardening trng, and have in addition devoted time to the trng of Pnr Pls of Bns of 3 Aust Div.
(c) 32 US Div Engrs have been engaged in numerous bn exercises, and trng in mobile bridging at First Aust Army Br Pk.

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APPENDIX "A"

LOCATION STATEMENT

RAE UNITS - 2 AUST CORPS

1 OCT 42.

UNIT	VEH NO	LOCATION	REF MAP	MAP REF
HQ RAE 2 Aust Corps	101	VILLENEUVE	GYMPIE 1"	577653
2/16 Aust A Fd Coy	138	GLENFERN	" "	576651
19 Aust A Fd Coy	141	"	" "	575652
60 Aust Corps Fd Pk Coy	105	"	" "	575652
10 Aust Fd Coy	149	BADDOW	MARYBORO 1"	585827
HQ RAE 3 Aust Div	81	GLENVIEW	GYMPIE 1" LANDSBORO 1"	622677 223761
4 Aust Fd Coy	60	PALMWOODS	GYMPIE 1" LANDSBORO 1"	613684 135841
15 Aust Fd Coy	86	CABOOLTURE	IPSWICH 1" CABOOLTURE	611640 103399
53 Aust Fd Pk Coy	75	GLENVIEW	GYMPIE 1" LANDSBORO 1"	623677 223760
114 Engr Bn (32) Div	TAMBOURINE		BRISBANE 1"	628544
2/25 Aust Fd Pk Coy	67	DIMMORE	IPSWICH 1"	598577
59 Aust Corps Fd Pk Coy	105	"	" "	598577

NOTE: 4 Aust Fd Coy is at present at DIMMORE First Aust Army Br Pk.

APPENDIX "B"

CHANGES OF EQUIPMENT CONTROLLED BY A.A.S.C. 2 Aust Corps - 1 OCT 42.

MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT

Machine type	Make	Capicity	Wired	On Loan	Date Taken	Date Retnd	Owner	Now Located	Remarks
Compressors (5)	Le Roi								
Grader Scarifier Auto Petrol	Armstrong Holland	Blade 10 ft	yes		4 Sep 42		Gilligan Shire No3	Villeneuve Woodford Rd	A.W.C. 1010
Grader, power Speed control	Cater		Yes				Landsbor-ough Shire Council	Rd Caboolture Toorbul	
Grader, power	Wahr		Yes				CSC	Rd Toorbul Caboolture	No 2
Grader, power	Wahr		Yes				CSC	Rd Toorbul Caboolture	No 26
Grader, power	Wahr Mod. E no 5674	Blade 8 ft	Yes		5 Sep 42		MRC	Villeneuve Woodford Rd	The engine is in bad mech condition No scarificing tines
Grader, horse drawn	Little Champion Mach No1563	Blade 5 ft		Yes	12 Sep 42		Caboolture Shire	Villeneuve Woodford Rd	
Grader, horse drawn	Baby Champion No1570	Blade 5 ft		Yes	12 Sep 42		Caboolture Shire	Villeneuve Woodford Rd	A.W.C. 2097
Grader, baby, H.D.				Yes			MRC	Rd Toorbul Caboolture	
Mixer Cone, Hand Operated	Champion Type No H No 27	1/2 bag		Yes	6 Sep 42		Kilcoy Shire	Berlin	This mixer picked up on CMDs Instn.
Mixer, road			Yes				MRC	Rd Villen-euve Woodford	
Plow, road	Champion No 69	Single furrow			12 Sep 42		Caboolture Shire	Villeneuve Woodford Rd	
Plow, road	" "	" "			" "		MRC "	Rd Toorbul Caboolture	
Plow, road (3)									

Machine Type	Make	Capacity	Hired	On Loan	Date Taken	Date Returned	Owner	Now Located	Remarks
Plows, road (2)								Woodford Depot	NOT in use
Scoops, drag		3 Cubft			12 Sep 42		Caboolture Shire	Villeneuve Woodford Rd	
Scoops, drag		3 Cubft			12 Sep 42		Caboolture Shire	Villeneuve Woodford Rd	
Scoop, wheeled	Caston				17 Sep 42		AWC	Rd Villeneuve Woodford	AWC No 5166
Scoop, scraper		17 C.ft			17 Sep 42		AWC	Rd Mak-Fernvale	AWC No 83
Scoop, wheeled								Rd Toorbul Caboolture	
Scoops drag (3)		5 C.ft					AWC	Rd Toorbul Caboolture	
Scoops, drag (2)							AWC	do	
Roller	Agl	5T		Yes			Kilcoy Shire	Rd Jerlin Kilcoy	
Scoops drag (10)								Woodford Depot	NOT in use
Tractor	Cletrac 35 hp						AWC	Rd Toorbul Caboolture	AWC 1049
Tractor TD 6 (AWC 882)	Inter				17 Sep 42		AWC	Rd Villeneuve Woodford	AWC No 882 with tools Eng No 2252
Tractor (AWC 869)	Cletrac AG				17 Sep 42		AWC	Rd Mak-Fernvale	AWC No 869 with tools
Tractor, wheel	Allis-Chalmers	14 Hp					Lands Dept	Rd Villeneuve Woodford	Transferred from 2/5 Fd Coy
Tractor, wheel	Fordson	26 HP					Lands Dept	Rd Mak-Moore	Transferred from 2/5 Fd Coy
Winch, Forest Davil								Rd Toorbul Caboolture	Handed over by First Aust Army

APPENDIX "C"

SECURITY

CE 2 AUST CORPS

ENGINEER TNG INSTN NO 1

1. GENERAL
(a) This instn will be read in conjunction with 2 AUST CORPS Tng Instn No 3, issued on 14 SEP 42, and Appx 'B' to G(SD) 287 of 16 MAY 42, copies of which are issued herewith.

2. TNG POLICY.
(a) Owing to the extensive programme of engr works in progress, and the constant calls of engr services for provision of accommodation, it will NOT be possible to embark on a full scale tng schedule, but a great deal CAN be done, either by dropping a portion of these works, or reducing the rate of progress by cutting down the numbers employed on all tasks. This will then mean a system of relief of coys on any particular job, or relief of secs within coys, to enable all personnel to receive a balanced proportion of works and tng.

(b) This does NOT infer that employment on works is NOT good tng - to the sapper it is essential tng, and in this respect attention is directed to para 3 of Appx 'B' to G(SD) 287, ref the attachment of "learners" to more experienced workers on large jobs.

(c) Tng must be regulated so that, in terms of para 3(a) and para 5 of 2 AUST CORPS Tng Instn No 3, by 15 OCT each coy will have reached the stage of efficiently carrying out its role as a component of a Bde Gp This should be possible in every phase of engr work with the exception of the handling of divisional mobile bridging. Arrangements for this phase of tng are covered in para 5 below.

3. NIGHT TNG.
(a) During night tng special attention will be paid to:

Silent handling of heavy engr eqpt and stores.
Laying, lifting and delousing of anti-tank mines and booby traps.
Night guiding and compass marching.
Silent movement through any type of country.

4. SUBMISSION OF TNG SYLLABII.
(a) CRE 2 AUST CORPS TPS will submit consolidated outline tng syllabii to cover periods 1-14 and 15-30 of the month, to reach CE Branch 9 days prior to commencement of the period which they cover.

5. TNG WITH MOBILE BRIDGING.
(a) The First Aust Army Br Pk has been established at DIMBORE, ref First Aust Army Engr Tech Instn No 29, and is being conducted as a mobile Bridging School with instructing staff supplied by RAE 2 AUST CORPS under direct control of First Aust Army.

(b) This school is now available for RAE units of 2 AUST CORPS and by arrangement with 'G' Staff, it has been allocated for the first fortnight to CRE 3 AUST DIV, and the following fortnight to CRE 2 AUST CORPS TPS for 10 AUST FD COY.

(c) Subsequent allotment will be arranged later.

(d) All fd coys of 32 INF DIV have already passed through this school.

6. WEAPONS.
(a) Prior to 14 OCT 42, units will ensure that all ranks attain the maximum possible stage of efficiency in the handling of their own weapons, the LMG, Sub-Machine Gun, Rifle and Pistol.

(b) Co-operation with other arms, in order to gain working knowledge of weapons other than those on issue to RAE units, is to be encouraged.

7. EXPLOSIVES.
(a) Every engr, irrespective of rank must become proficient in the handling of explosives, and familiar with all available types of Booby Traps, Trip Mechanisms, and Anti-Tank Mines.

(b) It is therefore desired that units concentrate, during the first 2 weeks of tng, on use of weapons, mines and mechanisms.

8. WORKS.
(a) Due to its wider experience and tng, 2/16 Aust A Fd Coy should take over the major responsibility for works during the period of intensified tng.

(b) 10 Aust Fd Co., on completion of temporary booms at end of current week, should pass 100% on to tng, and as detailed in para 5 above, follow the First Fd Coy of 3 Aust Div at First Aust Army Br School.

9. MECHANICAL EQPT.
(a) To enable fd coys and fd pk coys to safely and efficiently handle the mechanical excavating plant now on WE, and in addition, plant hired for works without operators, the present practice of passing fitters and plant operators through Messrs Waugh & Josephsons, BRISBANE, will continue as long as this source remains open.

(b) In addition, arrangements have been made for up to 30 or 40 operators to be trained on the "learner" principle, by Main Roads Commission, Q'land, on the ESK-HAMPTON and IPSWICH-ESK Rds.

(c) In addition to plant operation, emphasis will be laid on CARE and MAINTENANCE. This side of the tng is becoming increasingly important with the growing difficulty of obtaining adequate supplies of spare parts.

10. COMBINED TNG.
(a) Arrangements are in hand with 'G' Staff to include RAE units in the allotment of the CTS TOOBUL PT, preferably together with units of other arms.

(b) In the meantime, no opportunity should be lost of combining with other arms in this branch of tng.

(c) Maximum use as instrs should be made of those offrs and NCOs who during the past month have been engaged in constructional work at TOOBUL PT, and the sec about to take part in the combined ops exercise with 32 Inf Div units.

11. TNG FD PK COYS.
(a) It is stressed, in conclusion, that fd pk coys though often employed on more or less routine work, are likely to any time during ops to be called upon to detail detachments for field jobs, and with this end in view should receive tng of equally wide scope.

12. EXERCISES - RAE 3 AUST DIV.

(a) In terms of para 14(a) of 2 AUST CORPS Tng Instn 3, CRE 3 AUST DIV will keep CE 2 AUST CORPS advised of forthcoming exercises in which his units are participating.

APPENDIX "C"

Ser No	Unit	Period	Tng Covered
1	HQ RAE	1-14 OCT	Administration Bivouac Conditions Operating by Night Use of Weapons Map Reading Lecture Series (Engineering and other arms)
2	10 Aust Fd Coy	1-10 OCT	Use of Weapons Explosives and Demolitions Booby Traps and Mechanisms Anti-Tank Mines (Arming, Laying, Recording, Lifting, Delousing by day and night) Night Movement and Guiding in Jungle Country
		1-14 OCT	Approx 10 personnel to receive intensive tng in Operation and Maintenance of Mechanical Excavating Machinery
		14 OCT	Enter Bridging School - DIMBOBB
3	19 Aust A Fd Coy	1-14 OCT	As for Ser 2 less Bridging School Approx 25% on accomodation works periodically relieved Approx 25% on Rd and Br and Aerodrome Constn Work
4	2/16 Aust A Fd Coy	1-14 OCT	Use of Weapons Works Supervision of Constn of Assault Course - REDBANK Rd and Br Constn Works Approx 10 personnel to receive intensive tng in Operation and Maintenance of Mech Excavating Machinery
5	60 Aust Corps Fd Pk Coy	1-14 OCT	As for Ser 2 less Bridging School Approx 50% of coy permanently on Operation of Store Dump and Workshop Jobs.

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HQ 2 AUST CORPS DAILY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 60

Compiled from information received to 0800 hrs 19 Oct 42.

Notes A B & C. See Summaries Nos. 1 & 45.

PART 1

OPERATIONS:

(ii) N.E.I. Area -

TIMOR 17 Oct 0845 hrs. It was reported that three enemy a/c bombed a posn eleven mls NORTH by WEST of BETANO. There were hits on a PORTUGUESE post but NO casualties. 1905 hrs. It was reported that eleven enemy a/c were based at DILLI aerodrome.

(iii) NEW GUINEA Area -

LAE - SALAMAUA 16 Oct. Heavy explosions were heard at LAE. It was considered that they may have been from a newly installed arty piece. 17 Oct 1045 hrs. Allied a/c bombed MUBO, but results were NOT observed. 1536 hrs. Allied a/c attacked SALAMAUA. Bombs fell in the target area, at the aerodrome and on the MUBO trail and smoke was seen at SALAMAUA. It is estimated that the enemy strength at MUBO is 500 at KOMIATUM 500 and at LOGUI 200.

BUNA - KOKODA 16 Oct (Ref Int. Summary No. 59). Our attacking forces caused the enemy to withdraw from prepared posns. Our pressure was maintained until after dark when our fwd tps were approx two mls SOUTH of EORA CREEK village.

Native reports indicate that there are NO enemy tps at ORO BAY fifteen mls SOUTH by EAST of BUNA, a small patrol from BUNA occasionally visits JIROPA POINT (NOT located) where large guns were sighted. Small enemy detachments with labour corps are at WAIROPE, SANGARA, SOPUTA and BUNA.

MILNE BAY 17 Oct. Allied patrol found four enemy dead at TAUPOTA.

(iv) BISMARCK ARCHIPELAGO

NEW BRITAIN 17 Oct 0400 hrs. Allied a/c attacked VUNAKANAU aerodrome. Bombs fell on the runway and in the dispersal area.

NEW IRELAND 17 Oct 1217 hrs. Two 9000 ton tpts, two 5000 ton tpts and two destroyers were anchored approx two mls WEST of KAVIENG.

NEW HANOVER 17 Oct 1121 hrs. Two 8000 ton and one 3000 ton cargo vessels and two destroyers were approx seventy six mls WNW of CAPE MATANALEM at the WEST tip of NEW HANOVER.

(v) SOLOMON'S Area -

BUKA PASSAGE 16 Oct 2212 hrs. Allied a/c attacked the aerodrome. Many bombs fell on the runways and dispersal areas. Huge fires were started. 17 Oct 1701 hrs. One cruiser, two destroyers and one merchant vessel were sighted in BUKA PASSAGE.

BUIN FAISI 17 Oct 0307 hrs. Allied a/c attacked the BUIN aerodrome. Bombs fell on the runways and dispersal areas and fires were started. 1045 hrs. One possible a/c carrier, one S/P tender, three cruisers, seven destroyers, five cargo and four smaller vessels and four tpts were sighted in the area. 1136 hrs. One destroyer one possible torpedo boat and four cargo vessels were sighted in KESSA HR.

NEW GEORGIA 17 Oct 1645 hrs. One heavy cruiser and two destroyers were sighted approx thirty two mls WEST by NORTH of GANONGGA Is. fifty mls WEST of NEW GEORGIA.

GUADALCANAL 15 Oct 1130 hrs. Enemy a/c bombed the aerodrome and damaged the runway. Our a/c intercepted and shot down five Zeros. A/A fire shot down three bombers. 16 Oct 0030 hrs Three enemy ships shelled the Is.
(Ref Int Summary No 58) It is reported that five tpts landed 10,000 JAP tps on GUADALCANAL in daylight on 15 Oct.
Enemy tp concentrations were observed along the coast from CAPE ESPERANCE at the NW tip of the Is to KOKUM BONA ten mls WEST of LUNGA POINT.
0200 hrs. Allied a/c attacked one enemy cruiser approx 260 mls EAST of the Is. It is considered that hits were made on the bow. Allied a/c attacked two enemy tpts and seven destroyers heading towards the Is approx 220 mls WEST by NORTH of GUADALCANAL. One tpt was left burning and there were near misses on another. 17 Oct 0745 hrs. Fourteen enemy dive bombers escorted by eight Zeros attacked the Is. NO damage was done. Our a/c intercepted and shot down eight bombers and two Zeros. A/A fire shot down some others.
One enemy warship shelled the Is at midnight 17/18 Oct.

PART 2

ENEMY:

(iv) ORGANISATION

SPECIAL NAVAL LANDING PARTIES

Documents recently captured in the MILNE BAY area have furnished much infm regarding these special tps, about which little was hitherto known. The following is a brief resume of infm gained from documents so far examined, and will be supplemented as further infm becomes available.

At present the basic establishment of a Special Naval Landing Party is not known, but the most complete details of organisation so far obtained gives the strength and organisation of KURE No. 3 SNLP as at Feb 42 as :-

1. Bn HQ and Bn HQ Pl with att tps Sigs Unit, Engr Unit, Tpt Unit, Med Unit, Intendence Unit.

2. No. 1 Coy a rifle Coy, strength 320; HQ Pl, and six Pls each of three secs.

3. No. 2 Coy a Q F Gun Coy, strength 161, HQ Pl and four Pls each of four secs.

4. No. 3 Coy a MG Coy, strength 209, HQ Pl, and three pls each of three secs.

5. No. 4 Coy an A/A Coy, strength 224, HQ Pl, and 5 Pls incl. a S/L Pl, an A/A MG Pl and Amn Pl.

6. Total strength 1166 all ranks in Feb 42, but this total fell to 761, on 20 Aug 42, when the unit was at KAVIENG just prior to embarkation for RABAUL.

However, it is apparent from captured operational orders that when tps from a Special Naval Landing Party are to be used, their organisation is very elastic and allows of considerable re-arrangement to suit the projected task.

The Unit's strength is not such as to allow of it being used intact for most operations, though such occasion could arise. It appears that in the NE Area that there are a number of SNLP's which have portions "budded off" for a particular operation. In consequence, parts of the same unit may be used in widely separated areas. The forces remaining would be available for other operations and if each unit had already been heavily drawn on, a force composed of parts of different SNLP's would have to be used, and this may account for the heterogenous collection identified at MILNE BAY.

The SNLP's so far identified or believed to be in the NEW GUINEA - SOLOMONS Area are as follows:-

KURE Nos 3 and 5
SASEBO Nos 1, 3 and 5
YOKOSUKA No. 1
MAIZURU No. 4

All these names are of naval bases in JAPAN. The personnel of these SNLP's being drawn from those areas would therefore contain a high percentage of men used to the sea and handling craft. Little infm is available in regard to their training, but intensive exercises in landing from tpts were carried out at SAIPAN by KURE No. 5 which was to have taken part in the landing at MIDWAY.

(Adv LHQ Int Summary No. 10).

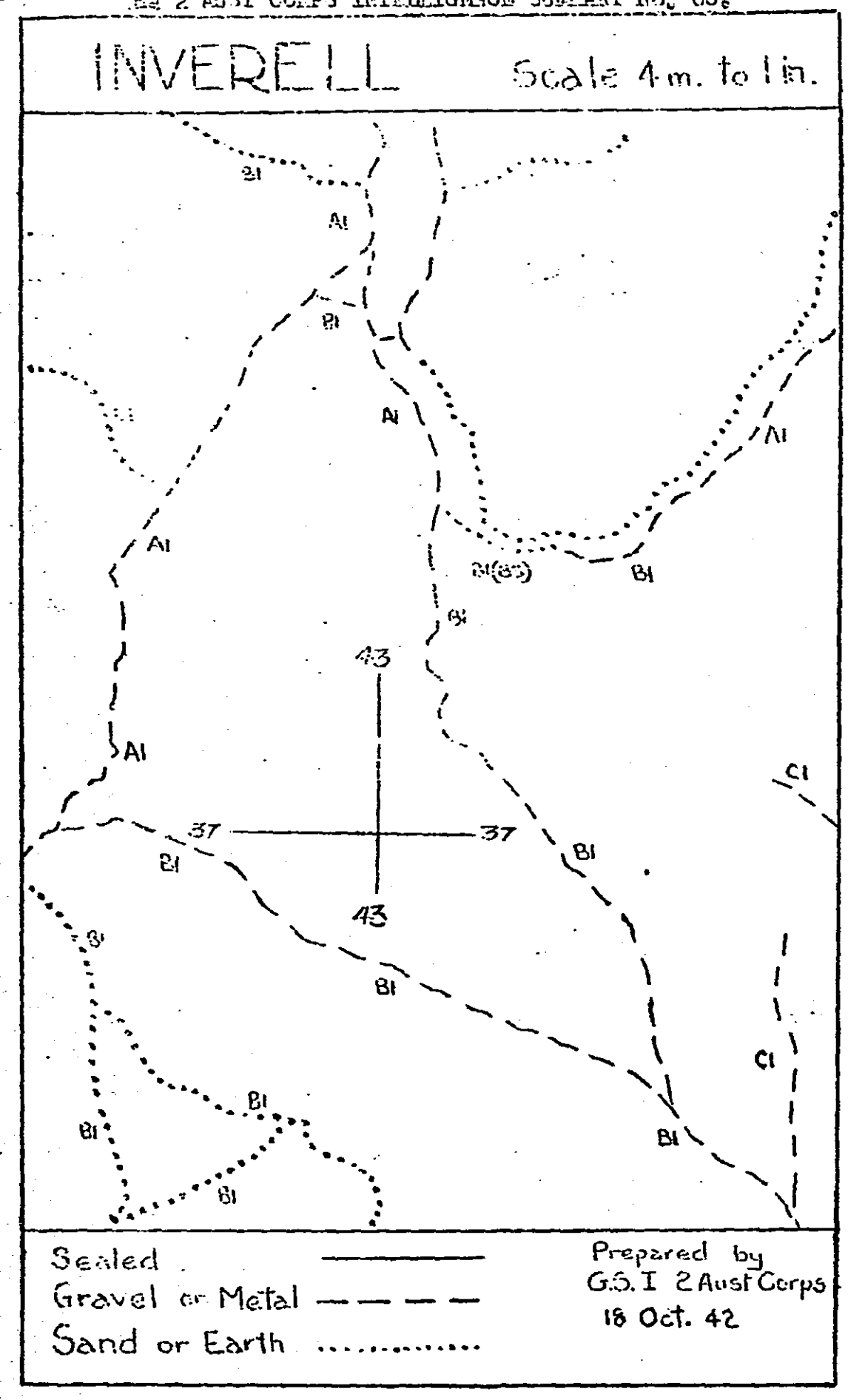
PART 3

TOPOGRAPHICAL:

(i) Corps Area - See Appx "A".

Maj,
GS 2 Aust Corps.

Distribution as per Summary No. 58.


INVERELL
Scale 4 m. to 1 in.
A1
B1
C1
43
37
Sealed
Gravel or Metal
Sand or Earth
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HQ 2 AUST CORPS DAILY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No.61

Compiled from information received to 0800 hrs 20 Oct 42

Notes A B & C. See Summaries Nos. 1 & 45

PART 1

OPERATIONS:

(ii) N.E.I. Area -

TIMOR 18 Oct. It is reported that a party of Japs moved to a small village EAST of DILLI on the night 17 Oct, possibly to escape bombing. The Portuguese intend leaving BAUCAU on NE coast for the OSSU area, twenty mls SOUTH by WEST of BAUCAU. 1400 hrs. Explosions were heard from the direction of TURISCAI, twenty mls SOUTH by EAST of DILLI, and it is believed that three enemy bombers were responsible.

(iii) NEW GUINEA Area -

LAE-SALAMAUA 18 Oct 1540 hrs. Allied A/C bombed and strafed MUBO. Bombs fell in the target area and fires were started. A small alunch was observed at NATTER BAY, thirty-two mls SE of SALAMAUA.

BUNA-KOKODA 17 Oct. Our forces continued to attack the front and rear of the enemy throughout the day. Forty-one Japs were killed and much equipment captured. 2200 hrs. Our forces were 800 yds NORTH of KEMPLETON'S CROSSING. During the evening, our tps repulsed several local counter-attacks by the enemy, inflicting hy casualties. The Japs were using a 37 mm gun and hy mortars.
18 Oct 0800 hrs. Allied A/C made an attack on a trawler at BUNA; there were possibly two hits. The A/C also attacked WAIROPE BRIDGE, three bombs fell near the bridge and damaged the cable.
1155 hrs. Allied A/C attacked the bridge at PAIVA CREEK, five mls SOUTH of WAIROPE, but the bombs fell short of the Bridge.

MILNE BAY 17 Oct. Two Japs were captured in the vicinity of GILI GILI.

GOODENOUGH IS. 18 Oct 1153 hrs. Allied recce A/C strafed a twenty-foot launch, beached under a thatched cover, about half a mile SW of WAYTUTU POINT.

(iv) BISMARCK ARCHIPELAGO Area -

NEW BRITAIN Night 17/18 Oct. Allied A/C attacked the township of RABAUL, the shipping in the hr, and the LAKUNAI aerodrome. In preliminary reports it is stated that a large explosion occurred on one ship.
18 Oct 1540 hrs. Allied A/C attacked the dock and village at PILELO IS, seventy-four mls WEST of GASMATA. There were direct hits on the target areas. One F/P was also hit and fires were started. One possible seaplane was sighted.

MANUS IS. 18 Oct 1440 hrs. Allied recce A/C strafed a building on the shore, and attacked a two-masted, seventy-foot schooner which was possibly a radio ship, was set alight.

LORENGAU HR aerodrome did NOT appear to be in use.

NEW IRELAND 18 Oct 1610 hrs. Two destroyers and one 8,000-ton tpt were observed stationary at BALGAI BAY, seven mls SOUTH of KAVIENG. 1617 hrs. Sightings were one S/P (or possible sub) tender, one small two-masted tender towing an object low in the water and two possible subs stationary approx thirty-six mls SW of KAVIENG.

(v) SOLOMONS Area -

BUKA PASSAGE 18 Oct 1703 hrs. It is reported that twelve Zeros left the aerodrome on a Southerly course, but only three returned. No other activity was reported at the 'drome during the day.

BOUGAINVILLE IS. 18 Oct. Natives report that Jap tps and lorries were at BONNIS PLANTATION, the NORTH end of the Is. 1430 hrs two cruisers and two destroyers were sighted 110 mls ENE of KIETA, on a course WEST.

BUIN-FAISI-TONOLEI 18 Oct, between 0335 and 0556 hrs. Allied A/C made four attacks on this area. The runway at BUIN was bombed, one hy cruiser was damaged and two other cruisers possibly hit. One F/B at FAISI INLET was destroyed and at least six others were destroyed or damaged. One 500-ton cargo vessel was set alight and burnt fiercely. A/A fire was encountered from ships and known posns. 1630 hrs. From the sightings it appears that there are one hy and three light cruisers, two S/P tenders and seventeen u/i vessels in this area.

NEW GEORGIA 18 Oct 0650 hrs. Four hy and three light cruisers, and nine destroyers were sighted in KULA GULF, between the NW shore of NEW GEORGIA IS and KULAMBANGARA IS on a course WEST.

SAN CRISTOVAL 18 Oct 2013 hrs. One sub was sighted approx sixty-eight mls SE CAPE SURVILLE, SE tip of the Is.

(vi) GENERAL -

SANTA CRUZ 18 Oct 1430 hrs. One sub sighted approx ninety-six mls EAST by SOUTH of VANIKORO IS

AUSTRALIA 16/17 Oct. There were indications of enemy subs in the vicinity of HERVEY BAY, 150 mls NORTH of BRISBANE.

(Landops Revsit No.80)

PART 3

TOPOGRAPHICAL:

(i) Corps Area - See Appx "A".

PART 4

OTHER FRONTS -

(iii) RUSSIAN FRONT -

Northern and Central Sectors. There were local operations by both sides at several points in the LAKE LAGODA OREL area to secure better posns, but there was NO

important territorial change. German claims to have destroyed five Russian divs SE of LAKE ILMEN are NOT confirmed. The Russians reported house to house fighting in RZHEV to clear out determined defenders.

Stalingrad Sector. Continuous attacks against the German flank between the Don and Volga Rivers was hampering their effort against Stalingrad. In the city street fighting was being continued, possibly on a reduced scale.

Caucasus Sector. The Germans were fanning out between the KUMA and TEREK Rivers on meeting Russian resistance fifty mls from KIZLYAR. SW of MOZDOK the Germans made little progress eastwards up the river TERK and they extended their front slightly. There was NO news of any operations in the CAUCASUS passes. Stubborn counter-attacks were made in the TUAPSE area where the Germans have had local successes.

MADAGASCAR -

Our tps were moving SOUTH from ANTSIRABE.

BURMA -

Air recce showed considerable development of aerodrome facilities. There was some increase in Jap air activity.

SEA:

MEDITERRANEAN 2 Oct. Reports from long-range recce A/C covering the NORTH ADRIATIC ports for the first time showed that at VENICE the new ITALIAN battleship IMPERO was still uncompleted. At TRIESTE the battelship CAVOUR whihh was sunk at TARANTO in 1940 was still without one turret and secondary armament was incomplete. Very few ships reached LIBYAN ports from ITALY during the week owing to attacks from our submarines and A/C.

U-BOAT WARFARE:

It was reported that there were over one hundred u-boats operating in the ATLANTIC. They have been active in the FREETOWN area, off the CAPE OF GOOD HOPE and, also, WEST and SOUTH of TRINIDAD. During the week ended 4 Oct four convoys totalling 136 ships arrived in BRITAIN without loss. U-Boats were concentrating in the gap between the spheres of air activity from both CANADA and NORTHERN IRELAND.

AIR - GREAT BRITAIN:

Enemy -
There were slight raids on three days. On the night 11/12 Oct there was a heavier attack than usual on the Northern Counties.

Own -
The weather for the week was unfavourable.

Night	Place	A/C
5/6 Oct	AACHEN (WEST GERMANY)	250
6/7 Oct	OSNABRUCK	240

The OSNABRUCK attack was concentrated and it is thought very successful. The outstanding operation was during the day on 9 Oct. Eighty-one Fortresses and twenty-seven

Liberators attacked the LILLE engineering and locomotive works. There was NO close escort but 500 fighters were in support and created diversion. The bombing was reported very successful. German fighters apparently tried to concentrate on the bombers without success. The bombers destroyed forty-eight fighters. Allied losses were three bombers. Another crashed in the English Channel, but the crew were saved. The wildly exaggerated German claims confirmed the success of the bombers.

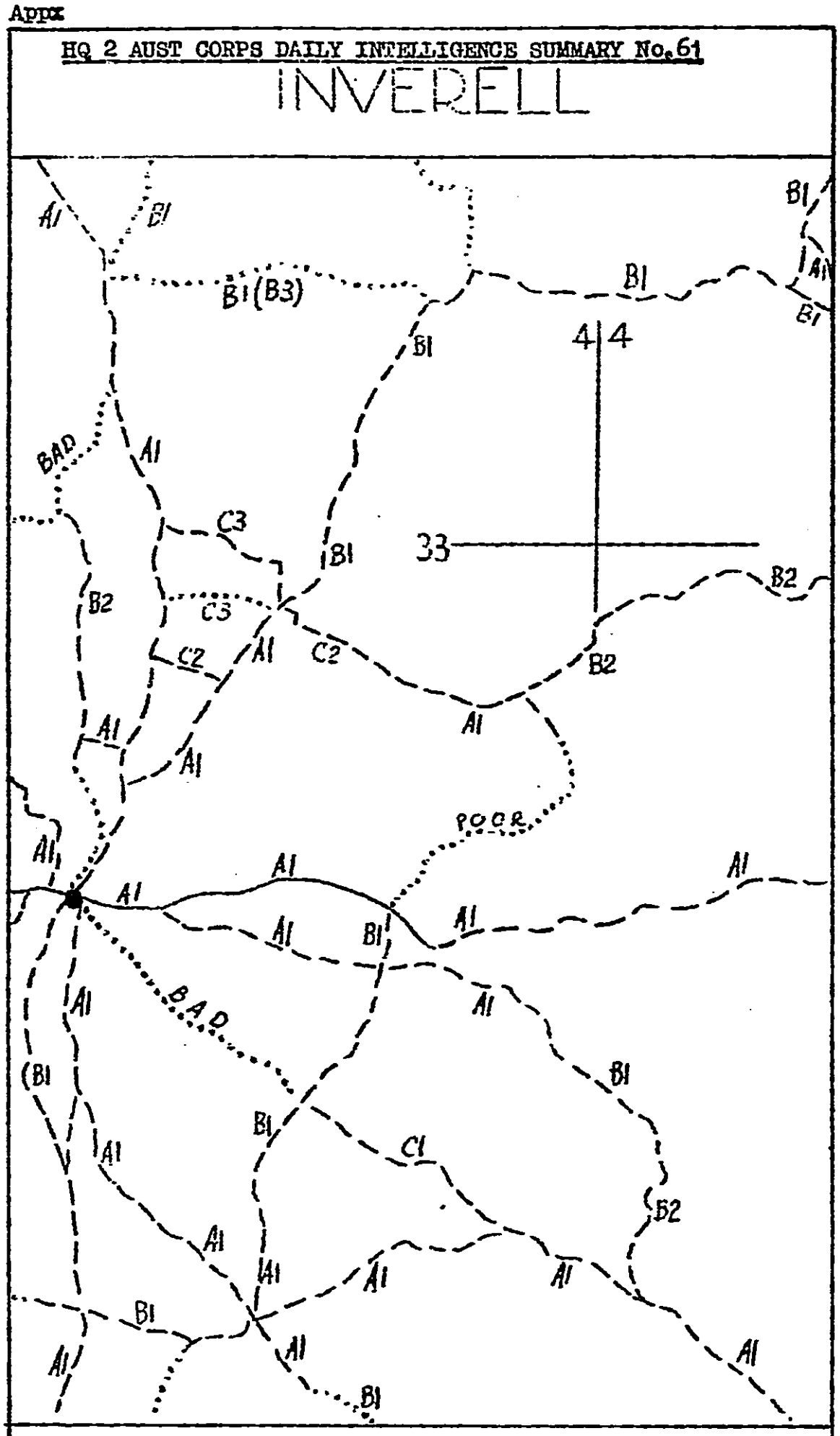
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HQ 2 AUST CORPS DAILY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 62.

Compiled from information received to 0800 hrs 21 Oct 42.

Notes A B & C. See Summaries Nos. 1 & 45.

PART 1

OPERATIONS:

(ii) N.E.I. Area

TIMOR 18 Oct 1400 hrs. Three enemy a/c bombed and machine gunned TURISCAL twenty mls SOUTH by EAST of DILLI. There were NO casualties and little damage done. It was reported that there were 200 JAPS and many natives at MAOBISSE. The natives were being armed with rifles, pistols and automatics. An unconfirmed report stated that there were 600 JAPS at BOBONARO. 19 Oct. 200 JAP armed natives from MAOBISSE burnt native huts at BUILIBO, two mls NW of MAOBISSE, and AINARO 13 mls SW of MAOBISSE and then returned to MAOBISSE.

A medium-sized motor vessel unloaded cargo by barge in DILLI HR.

AROE IS. 19 Oct. Six small vessels under 30 tons were anchored off the wharf at DOBO on WAMAR IS. Thirteen tugs or barges were on the Western side of a small island ten mls NORTH by EAST of WAMAR IS.

(iii) NEW GUINEA Area-

LAE SALAMAUA 19 Oct 0905 hrs. Large columns of grey smoke were observed near FINSCHAFEN.

BUNA KOKODA 18 Oct. Our fwd tps maintained a constant pressure but NO advance was made. Enemy mortar fire and fwd patrol activity was increased. Three enemy local counter attacks were repulsed, and fifty casualties were inflicted.

(iv) BISMARCK ARCHIPELAGO

NEW BRITAIN 19 Oct. 0830 hrs. One Zero and one wrecked enemy bomber were sighted on GASMATA aerodrome. There was NO activity observed. The runway was considered serviceable for fighter a/c.

(v) SOLOMON'S Area -

BUIN FAISI 19 Oct 1520 hrs. Eight cruisers, ten destroyers, one S/P tender, two tankers, eight merchant vessels and eleven small vessels were in the area.

NEW GEORGIA 19 Oct 1715 hrs. Three destroyers were approx 15 mls NE of VISU VISU POINT, and at 1730 hrs three hy cruisers escorted by fighters were sighted in the same area.

GUADALCANAL 19 Oct 0924 hrs. Allied a/c attacked one enemy cruiser approx three mls WEST of LUNGA POINT. There was one hit and one near miss on the ship which was left sinking. 20 Oct 0225 hrs. Three cruisers and three destroyers (probably the same force sighted near NEW GEORGIA) were sighted approx three mls WEST of LUNGA POINT.

SAVO IS. 19 Oct. Allied a/c reported A/A fire from the NORTH beach.

RENNEL IS. 18 and 19 Oct. Allied a/c report light A/A fire from the SE corner of the IS. (Landscape Revsit No. 81).

PART 2

ENEMY

(vi) Eqpt Jap a/c AAF INT INFM MEMO No.12 (3rd Edition)

To fall into line with the AAF all Army Formations will, from the time of receipt of INT INFM MEMORANDUM No.12 (THIRD EDITION) conform to this new system. Until such time as new issues of standard silhouette wall charts are available to all formations, it is recommended that existing serial numbers be deleted and the identifying code-names be substituted. (Vide GSI 2 Aust Corps Intell Summary No. 48).

Several major changes have been made in the classification of Jap a/c.

The title "HEAVY BOMBER" is NOT given to any Japanese a/c, and unless an a/c really is a "HEAVY BOMBER", that is, with 4 engines and bomb load comparable to those of overseas H/B types, it will NOT be so named.

Probably the greatest change made is the complete abandonment of the use of serial numbers in identifying Jap a/c.

It will be noticed that under this new system all fighters, recce and cbat planes have been given male names, whilst all types of bombers, including torpedo-bombers and flying boats have been given female names.

The name in itself is sufficient to identify the a/c as to the type, original manufacturer and classification

It is expected that in all communications to this HQ and in all intelligence summaries, use will be made of the identifying code-names. This will also apply to communications between lower Formations and Units.

It is important to note that when using the new identifying names for Jap a/c in place of the serial number, it should be remembered to "repeat" the name in all signals, so as to avoid corruption possibilities. (Modified from Adv LHQ Intell Summary No.11).

(viii) C.W.

REPORT ON JAP ANTI-GAS PREPARATION CAPTURED AT MILNE BAY

GENERAL. The preparation is contained in a lacquered metal cylindrical container 2" diameter x 3" high. It is closed with screw on lids at both ends. One end has a perforated metal disc which on revolving slightly reveals sprinkler holes (similar to foot powder shaker).

TRANSLATION OF JAPANESE INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE

(a) When it is sneeze gas remove the lid and twist the centre lid. Open the hole, place it to the nose and inhale strongly."

Continued..

(b) When it is blister gas firstly with blotting paper absorb the poisonous liquid and then open the hole of the main vessel and shake the powder well and insert."

CONTENTS. The preparation was a white powder similer in appearance and feel to talc or soapstone. It has a faint odour of chlorine. It was substantially insoluble in organic solvents or water. It was definitely NOT a vanishing cream preparation nor an ointment and in NO way resembled British Anti-Gas ointment.

From preliminary field tests carried out it is considered that :-

(a) The preparation may consist of chlorine absorbed on to Colloidal mineral matter such as clay.

or

(b) It may be a complex preparation of stabilized chlorine compound.

The former appears more likely.

TESTS OF EFFECTIVENESS AGAINST LIQUID BLISTER GAS. Comparative tests were carried out with the Jap preparation and British Anti-Gas Ointment No.2 as follows :-

One drop each of mustard gas and Lewisite were applied to the forearm and decontaminated according to instructions on the tin. This was repeated using Anti-Gas Ointment No.2
Result after 24 hrs -
Anti-Gas Ointment No.2 in both cases prevented erythemia and vessication.
Jap preparation prevented vessication, but with both mustard and Lewisite very slight erythemia was present.

COMMENTS:

(a) From the general appearance of the sample the possibility should NOT be overlooked that some deterioration may have taken place since its manufacture.

(b) From the directions for use against "Sneeze" gas, it would appear that they do NOT quite "fit". Also it is NOT considered that chlorine alone would give relief from DA, DM, or DC. This suggests that there may possibly be another separate preparation which is carried in a separate vessel for nose gasses.

(c) In the same batch of equipment as this sample there was a small brown glass container which contained traces of oily material with an aromatic odour. It is recommended that this be examined in a laboratory as a possibility for use against nose gas. (Adv LHQ Weekly Int Summary No.7).

PART 5

CENSORSHIP

Indian Mail Intercepted by Italians? A letter dated 8/11/41, from an Italian P.O.W. in Camp No.13, Bombay, addressed to an Italian in South Australia, bore the triangular censorship stamp, on the envelope, of the Indian Censorship. In addition, ic post-marked by the "U.C.P.E." (Italian Censorship Office for foreign mail) with postmark 15th March, 1942, on back and front, and the seal of the Italian censor across the back of the envelope. This incident seems to emphasise the need for the closest examination of outward P.O.W. mails, which are just as liable to interception as any other ordinary mails.

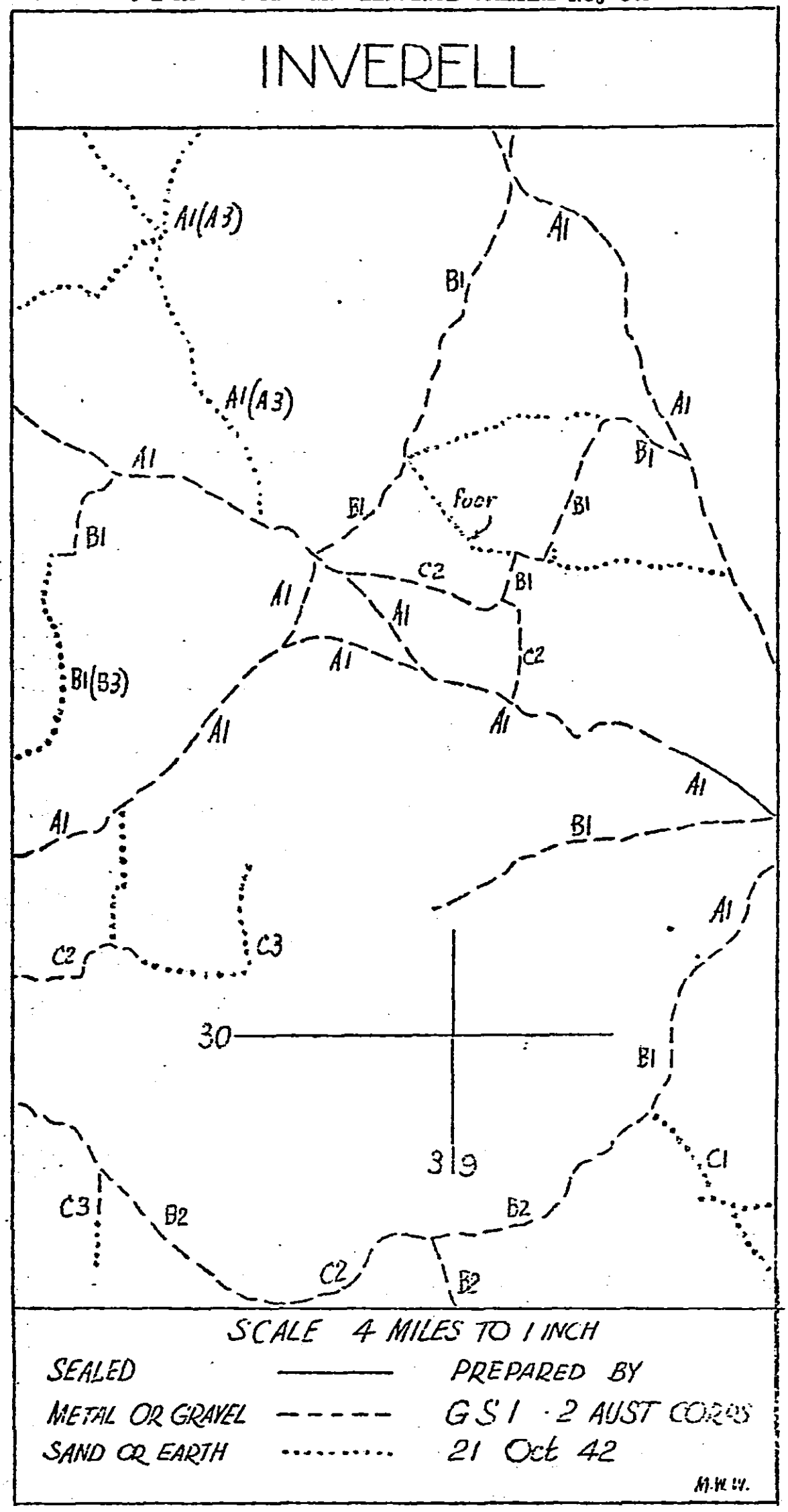
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TOPOGRAPHICAL

(i) Corps Area - See Appx "A" -

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HQ 2 AUST CORPS DAILY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 63.

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Notes A B & C. See Summaries Nos. 1 & 45.

PART 1

OPERATIONS:

(ii) N.E.I. Area

Night 18/19 Oct. Seventy Japs moved from BOBENARO to MAPE six mls to the SE. 20 Oct 0845 hrs. Twelve trucks loaded with carriers left DILLI moving in the direction of HERAI. It is reliably reported that the enemy in the DILLI area appears to be very nervous and that the local natives are intensely afraid of bombing. There are indications that the road DILLI-LAHANE (two mls SOUTH of DILLI) has been mined by the Japs. Native houses NORTH of COMORO (four mls SW of DILLI) are being used as munition dumps. Japs are reported to be billeted on the coconut plantations to the EAST of DILLI.

(iii) NEW GUINEA Area

LAE - SALAMAUA 18 Oct. Severe flooding of the MARKHAM and LOWER WATAR (sixteen mls WEST of LAE) Rivers has been reported. 20 Oct. Twenty men were observed moving QF guns to the WEST end of runway of LAE drome. A new road, two mls long, has been constructed from LAE to buildings in the hills behind HOPOI (twenty mls EAST of LAE)

BUNA - KOKODA 19 Oct. Our fwd tps forced the enemy off the spur track NORTH of TEMPLETON'S CROSSING, inflicting twenty casualties. The Japs retaliated with intense mortar fire and also appear to be using 75mm and 37mm guns. The enemy is consolidating his posn three mls NORTH of TEMPLETON'S CROSSING and one ml EAST of the main track. Hy A/A fire has been reported NORTH of KOKODA. Native reports indicate that Jap patrols visit BOFU (fifteen mls EAST by NORTH of WAIROPI) and a village two hrs NORTH of BARUMBILA (nine msl SOUTH by EAST of WAIROPI) 20 Oct. Enemy a/c reced PORT MORESBY and also the CONFLICT GP of Islands (approx 60 mls SE of NORMANBY IS). An enemy submarine was sighted approx 60 mls SE of ROSSEL IS (LOUISIADE ARCH)

(iv) BISMARCK ARCHIPELAGO Area

NEW IRELAND 20 Oct 1045 hrs. Two possible cruisers steaming ESE were sighted approx fifty mls SOUTH by EAST of CAPE ST GEORGE

NEW BRITAIN 20 Oct 1245 hrs. One aircraft carrier, one S/P tender, thirty-four large ships, twenty-four medium ships and various small ships were sighted in the vicinity of RABAUL. Eight to ten bombers were on the runway at VUNAKANAU but NO activity was observed at LAKUNAI.

(v) SOLOMON'S Area

BUIN - FAISI. 20 Oct 0030 hrs. Allied a/c attacked shipping and the KIHILI drome. Bombs fell on the SE end of the runway. NO ships were hit. Analysis of Ph R on 20 Oct reveals a total of thirty two ships in this area including one hy and three or four light cruisers, fifteen to seventeen destroyers, one

S/P tender, one minelayer, four medium merchant vessels and two u/i vessels.

BUKA PASSAGE 20 Oct 1101 hrs. Sightings in this area were:- One 1000 ton merchant vessel stationary and one cruiser leaving the PASSAGE heading SOUTH (Landops Revsit No. 82.)

PART 4

OTHER FRONTS

(i) BURMA

AKYAB - There are indications of JAP reinforcements but NO confirmation of their strength being over 1200. There were NO signs of coast defences or hy A/A guns.

RATHEDAUNG 20°28'N 92°48'E. There was a mixed JAP BURMESE force of 600. The usual rumours were current of an imminent advance on RUTHEDAUNG (20°59' N 92°30'E) and MAUNGDAW (20°52'N 92°24'E)
CHINDWIN (22°30'N 95° E) A regular enemy air recce is being made. They seem particularly interested in the CHIN HILLS district (23°0' N 93°0' E) and SILCHARD(92°50' E 24°45'N)
It was reported that there are plans for an offensive against the CHIN HILLS. The rd from KALEMYO to KALEWA(94°20' E 23°43'N)is being improved.

GANGAW (22°30' N 94 11' E) and MYITTHA(21°25'N 96°11'E) were reported to be clear of the enemy.

There were several indications of increased activity and some fwd moving at CHINDWIN. The enemy strength at and fwd of KALEWA was approx 2,000.

A possible move to TAMEU (24°13' N 94°16' E) via SITTAUNG (24°10' N 94°36'E) was reported.

MYITKINA(25°24' N 97°26' E) Burmese captured 12 Sep stated that the Japs intend to advance to FORT HERTZ and MAINGKWAN (26°26'N96°40' E) after the rains have finished. The strength at MYITKINA is probably one regt with a det of 500 fwd as far as KAWAPANG (Not located). It was confirmed that KAWAPANG was evacuated on 29 Sep. This presumably retards the possibility of an advance on FORT HERTZ. An average of reports received from reliable observers gives Jap strengths as shown below. It should be noted that although these reports have been recently received they relate to July and August.

PLACE	LOCATION	STRENGTH
TEBNASSERIM	(Not located)	One regt
RANGOON	16°47'N 96°13' E	15,000/20,000
PEGU	17°20'N 96°29' E	2,000
TOUNGOU	18°55'N 96°31' E	500
MEIKTILA	20°52'N 95°54' E	2,000
BASSEIN	16° 0'N 94°30' E	500
PROME	18°47'N 95°20' E	3,000/5,000
YENANG YAUNG	20°29'N 94°57' E	5,000
PAKOKKU	21°42'N 95° 7' E	1,000
SINGU	22°34'N 96° 0' E	500
MANDALAY	21°59'N 96° 8' E	3,000
SAGAING	21°54'N 96° 2' E	1,000
MONYWA	22° 7'N 95°11' E	1,000
SHWEBO	22°23'N 95°45' E	1,000

These reports are probably on the high side, but many small totals have NOT been included.

It is interesting that all stations Class "C" and upwards from RANGOON to MYITKYINA are guarded by 25/40 JAPS. This is unlike their usual practice. Two reports place JAP HQ at MAYMYO.

COMMUNICATIONS

There are two trains daily from RANGOON to MANDALAY. Thirty locomotives have been imported from MALAYA. All lines are working except that from LATPADAN (NOT located) to BASSEIN 16° 0' N 94° 30' E.

Aerodromes

Extensive improvements have been made and shelters constructed on all aerodromes except the one at ARAKAN 21° 0' N 93° 0' E. (HQ NEWSIT BURMA 15 Oct).

PART 3

TOPOGRAPHICAL

(i) Corps Area - - See Appx "A".

PART 5

SECURITY

A German prisoner from the Int HQ 21 Armd Div considered that some 60% of the info in regard to our Forces in AFRICA was obtained from captured documents.

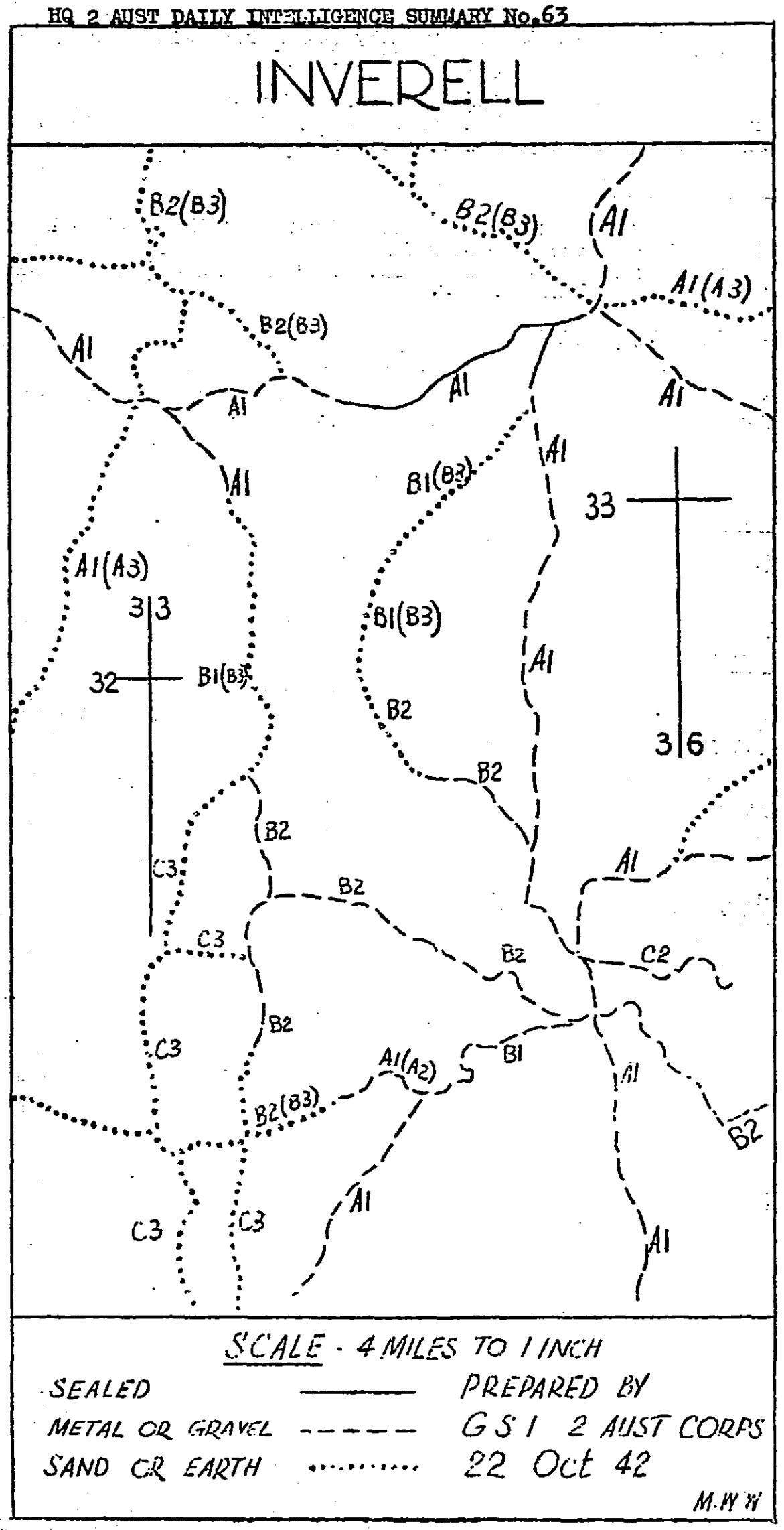
In this connection, it is also of interest to note that it was found that the Japs were using Survey of India Maps which had been reprinted by the Japanese General Staff in August 1942. The immense value that can be obtained by the enemy from even one map which falls into his hands can thus be realised. New editions of maps based on recent Surveys contain important detail which has Not appeared on previous editions. It is therefore essential that all in possession of maps should ensure that they are not lost or captured (D.A.V.F. Intsum No. 6)

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HQ 2 AUST CORPS DAILY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No.64

Compiled from information received to 0800 hrs 23 Oct 42

Notes A B & C. See Summaries Nos 1 & 45

PART 1

OPERATIONS:

(ii) NEI Area -

TIMOR 19 Oct (Ref Int Summary 63). Eighty-two Japs burnt native huts at MAPE and then returned to BOBBNARO. 21 Oct 0805 Hrs. Allied A/C bombed MAOBISSE. Buildings were demolished, but NO activity was observed. Unconfirmed reports state that the Japs are moving from MAOBISSE toward AILU twelve mls SOUTH of DILLI and TURISCAI twenty mls South by EAST of DILLI. Natives report that a large area is being cleared and levelled NORTH of CRIBAS eleven mls SOUTH of MANATUTO.

(iii) NEW GUINEA Area -

BUNA-KOKODA 20 Oct. There was intense fighting throughout the day. The enemy occupies a strong posn on high ground and is using LMG and hy mortar fire effectively. One of our patrols encountered and dispersed an enemy patrol NW of TEMPLETONS CROSSING and inflicted casualties.

(iv) BISMARCK ARCHIPELAGO -

NEW BRITAIN 20 Oct 1245 hrs. RABAUL. A preliminary analysis of a Ph R revealed one light cruiser, three destroyers, one minelayer, three S/P tenders, two tankers, twenty-four merchant vessels of 6/10,000 tons, eleven merchant vessels of 4/5,000 tons, six merchant vessels of 1/3,000 tons, some torpedo boats and approx forty vessels ranging from twenty-five to one hundred and seventy-five ft in length in the Hr. Three F/Bs and one F/P were in SULPHUR CREEK.

LAKUNAI. Seven fighter A/C were on the aerodrome and at VUNAKANAU there were forty-four medium bombers, of which six appeared damaged. 21 Oct. Allied A/C strafed a launch in LUSCHAN Hr (fourteen mls WEST of GASMATA) and a house in the vicinity. NO activity was observed at GASMATA.

NEW IRELAND 21 Oct 1050 hrs. KAVIENG. One destroyer, three 8,000-ton and one 5,000-ton merchant vessels were seen approx eighty-five mls WEST of KAVIENG on a course NORTH by WEST. 1120 hrs. Three destroyers, one possible S/P tender, one 10,000-ton and two 8,000-ton merchant vessels and one u/i vessel were seen approx thirty-five mls SW of KAVIENG.

(v) SOLOMONS Area -

BUKA PASSAGE 21 Oct 1010 hrs. One passenger or cargo vessel and one destroyer were seen approx sixty mls SW of BUKA PASSAGE on a course SE.

BUIN-FAISI 21 Oct 1130 hrs. Two possible battleships, seven cruisers, eighteen destroyers, two possible S/P tenders, two submarines and sixteen merchant vessels were observed in the area.

GUADALCANAL 20 Oct 1045 hrs. Sixteen enemy bombers and thirty Zeros attacked the island. 1145 hrs. Eighteen Zeros made a second attack. NO details are yet reported.

RENNEL Is. 20 Oct (Ref Int Summary 62). It was reliably reported that there are NO enemy A/A posns on or signs of enemy occupation of the island. 21 Oct 1101 hrs. One large submarine was approx seventy mls SOUTH of KUNGGAVE BAY (SOUTH Coast). Frequent enemy recce A/C were sighted in the area throughout the day.

(Landops Revsit No.83)

PART 3

TOPOGRAPHICAL:

(i) Corps Area - See Appx "A".

(ii) Other Areas -

Name of water area between NEW GUINEA & SOLOMON Islands.

It has been decided by the Comd of the SWPA, with the concurrence of the Comd of the SPA, that in order to avoid confusion and long descriptive phrases the water area between NEW GUINEA and the SOLOMON ISLANDS will, in future, be named the SOLOMON SEA. The limits of the water area so designated are defined as under:-
Water area NE of LOUISIADE ARCHIPELAGO - SW NEW GUINEA; SOUTH OF NEW BRITAIN - CAPE ST GEORGE; SW of the SOLOMON ISLAND grp; North of the line CAPE SURVILLE - North pt of RENNEL ISLAND - CAPE SIRI.

(Adv LHQ Int Summary No.10)

PART 5

SECURITY:

Field Security Sections in ME - The conclusion reached by GHQ Home Forces after examining the method employed by FS Sec in ME, 19 Nov 41 to 3 Feb 42, is as follows:-
"It may be concluded that there is a constant evolution and variety in the duties which a FS Sec is called upon to perform in the fd. NO basically new methods were employed in this campaign, but the general tendency was for FS Sec to be employed on normal security duties before and after the fighting, and in a more offensive Int role during the fighting. The following appear to be particularly important among the latter duties:-

(i) The rounding up of hostile elements during battle.
(ii) Seizure and recognition of important enemy documents.
(iii) Examination and handling of P's W.

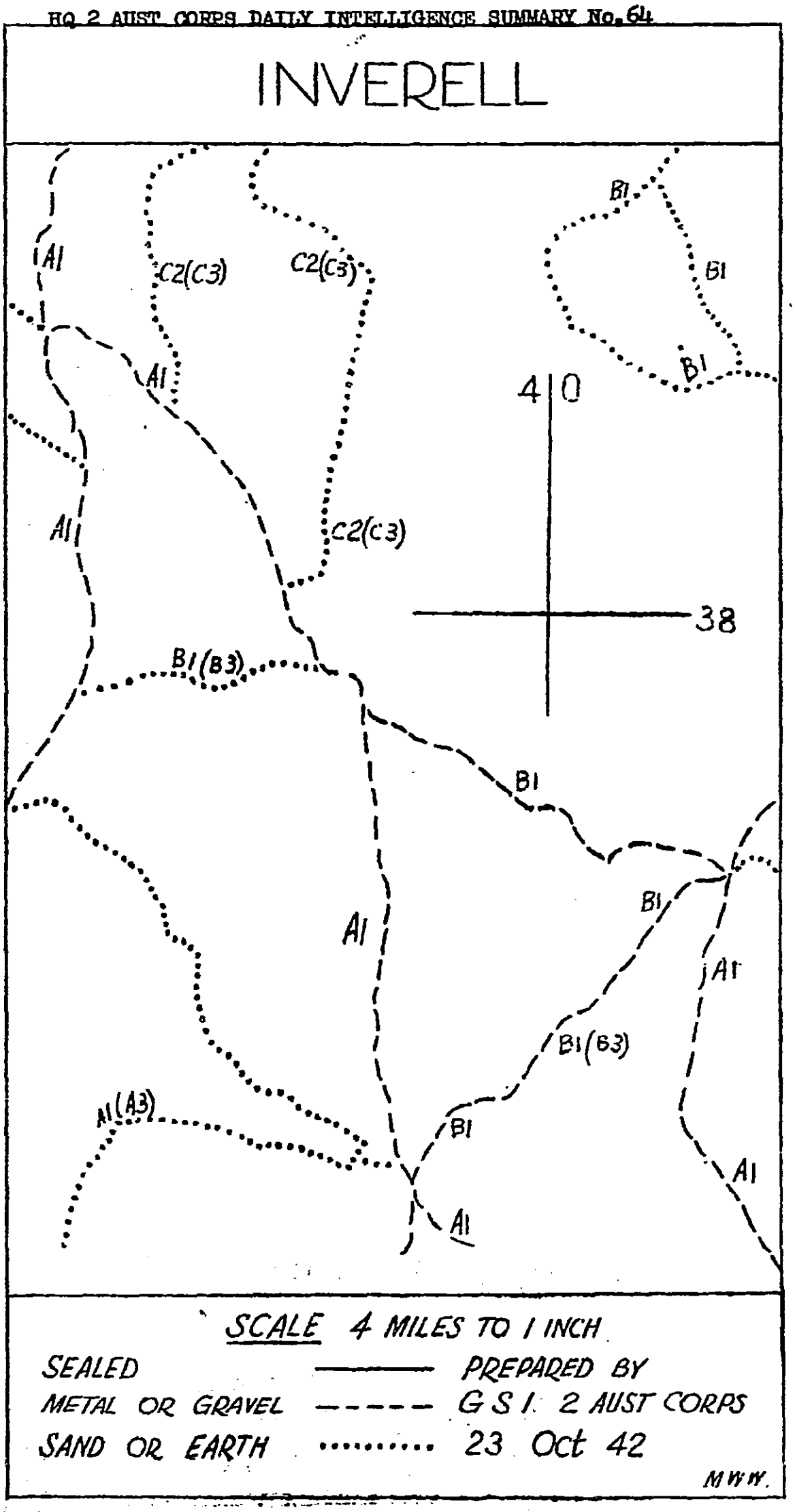
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Notes A B & C. See Summaries Nos 1 & 45

PART 1

OPERATIONS:

(iii) NEW GUINEA Area -

LAE-SALAMAUA 22 Oct 1800 hrs. Three Jap bombers left the LAE aerodrome heading in an Easterly direction while one bomber remained on the ground.

BUNA-KOKODA-MORESBY 22 Oct. After hard fighting throughout the day and night of 20/21 Oct, our flanking forces vigorously attacked on the morning of 21 Oct and drove the enemy from prepared posns. 22 Oct. The Japs were forced back past the EORA CREEK village. Our pursuing forces reported some opposition on the high ground in this area. The Japs reported at village NORTH of BARUMBILA (Ref Int Summary 63) have now withdrawn to ASISI, three mls SOUTH of WAIROPE. They ransacked villages en route.

COLLINGWOOD BAY - 21 Oct 1935 hrs. Two enemy A/C made a recce of the area. 22 Oct 1945 hrs and 2000 hrs. PORT MORESBY was raided by enemy A/C. Bombs fell in the vicinity of the runways at SEVEN MILE and WARD'S aerodromes, but there was NO damage.

(iv) BISMARCK ARCHIPELAGO -

NEW BRITAIN GASMATA 20 Oct. One enemy bomber was observed landing on the aerodrome and one possible Zero was on the aerodrome, but no other activity was observed.

RABAUL 22 Oct 1415 hrs. Three S/P tenders, two large cargo vessels, thirty-one large and [illegible] small u/i vessels were in the hr.

(v) SOLOMONS Area -

BUKA PASSAGE 22 Oct 1649 hrs. One 1,000-ton merchant vessel was sighted, and twenty Zeros were observed on the aerodrome.

BUIN-FAISI-TONOLEI 22 Oct 0001 hrs. Allied A/C attacked shipping at the entrance to TONOLEI Hr. NO hits were observed and our A/C encountered intense A/A fire. 1015 hrs. Shipping in this area was one probable A/C carrier, two battleships, two hy and six light cruisers, fourteen destroyers, two to three submarines, seven cargo vessels, and fourteen small u/i vessels.

YSABEL Is. 21 Oct 1101 hrs. Six enemy F/Ps were sighted at RENATA BAY.

GUADALCANAL 20 Oct 1045 hrs. Thirty Zeros attacked our posns. 1145 hrs. Seventeen bombers and eighteen Zeros made further attacks. Allied interceptor A/C forced the enemy to jettison their bombs and shot down three bombers and eight Zeros. 1700 hrs. Allied tps repulsed a small hostile force attempting to cross MATANIKAU, four mls SW of LUNGA POINT. One enemy AFV was captured by our forces.

At intervals between 2000 hrs and 2200 hrs, six enemy A/C bombed GUADALCANAL. One A/C was shot down by our A/A fire.

(vi) GENERAL -

GILBERT Is. 22 Oct 0800 hrs. One enemy auxiliary cruiser was sighted ninety mls SSW of TAMANA Is.

(Landops Revsit 84).

PART 3

TOPOGRAPHICAL:

(i) Corps Area - See Appx "A".

PART 4

Infm up to 19 Oct

OTHER FRONTS:

RUSSIAN FRONT -

Northern & Central Sectors. Owing to a deterioration in the weather, activity in this area has been reduced in scale. There has been some indecisive fighting around RZHEV and OREL.

Stalingrad Sector. The Russians continue their attacks on the German Northern and Southern flanks.

Caucasus Sector. The German Eastward advanced astride the TEREK RIVER appears to be held by the Russians. The situation at MOZDOK is obscure, but hy fighting is reported SE of the town.

West Caucasus Sector. Of a German three-pronged attack aimed at [illegible] has reached within twenty mls of the Port. One is making slow progress over the MAIKOP Rd, and one is being held on the coastal rd EAST of NOVOROSSISK.

MADAGASCAR -

An advance by our forces is proceeding and only slight opposition has been encountered. 16 Oct. Our fwd tps were in contact with the enemy SOUTH of AUKORONA. Three hundred prisoners were taken during the ops around ANTSIRABE.

ALEUTIANS -

American forces have occupied another island of the ANDREANOF Gp.

BORNEO -

Japs claim to have captured the remaining guerilla fighters, and it is reported that Allied resistance is now over.

NAVAL -

Running the blockade, six ships recently left French ports for Japan. It is anticipated that eight German ships now in the Far East may attempt to return to Europe.

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MEDITERRANEAN -

The following Allied sub successes were reported during the week :- 8 Oct, small ship sunk off LIBYAN Coast. 10 Oct. An escorted ship of 8,000 tons was sunk off SOUTH of GREECE. One small ship and two others were hit but posn was NOT reported. A large tanker was torpedoed and has probably been beached off NE SARDINIA. Two medium-sized ships were sunk off WEST coast of ITALY, but the date was NOT reported. Night 18/19 Oct. A tanker was torpedoed off SOUTH Coast of ITALY.

U BOAT WARFARE -

It is believed that there are four, possibly seven, U Boats in the CAPE TOWN area, and more are expected. There has been considerable U Boat activity off the WEST Coast of AFRICA and in the NORTH ATLANTIC. Our shipping losses during Sep were the lowest since last Jan. The bulk of our losses in the ATLANTIC were mainly in the NW approaches to the UNITED KINGDOM and the Eastern approaches to TRINIDAD. A total of 650 ships were convoyed during Sep, incl WEST ATLANTIC, CARIBBEAN and UK coastal convoys. The percentage of ships lost in convoy is 0.6%.

MALTA -

During the week, some 1,400 sorties were made against the island, and 114 enemy a/c were destroyed.

(World Revsit w/e 19 Oct)

BURMA -

AKYAB 19 Oct. The Jap intention to advance on BUTHIDAUNG and MAUNDAW (ref Int Summary 63) has been confirmed. It is reported that 800 Japs embarked at AKYAB on 3 Oct. Their probable objective is RATHEDAUNG, where two boatloads of arms were landed. The advance was postponed to 20 Oct owing to air support being unavailable. They are stated to be approaching GWAZOG by river, but there is NO confirmation of advance by land.

CHIN-HILLS. A small detachment of Japs is reported to be at KAN, twenty-two mls NE of AKYAB, and another twenty-three mls NORTH of GANGAW, 100 mls NE of AKYAB. Air recce continues and bridges and rds between KALEMYO have been repaired.

CHINDWIN. It is reliably reported that HOMALIN was clear of Japs on 4 Oct. A local rumour stated that a camp was erected twelve mls EAST of HOMALIN, on the UYU River. 12 Oct. A number of Japs were reported to be twenty-five mls SOUTH of TAMU, which is sixty mls SW of HOMALIN.

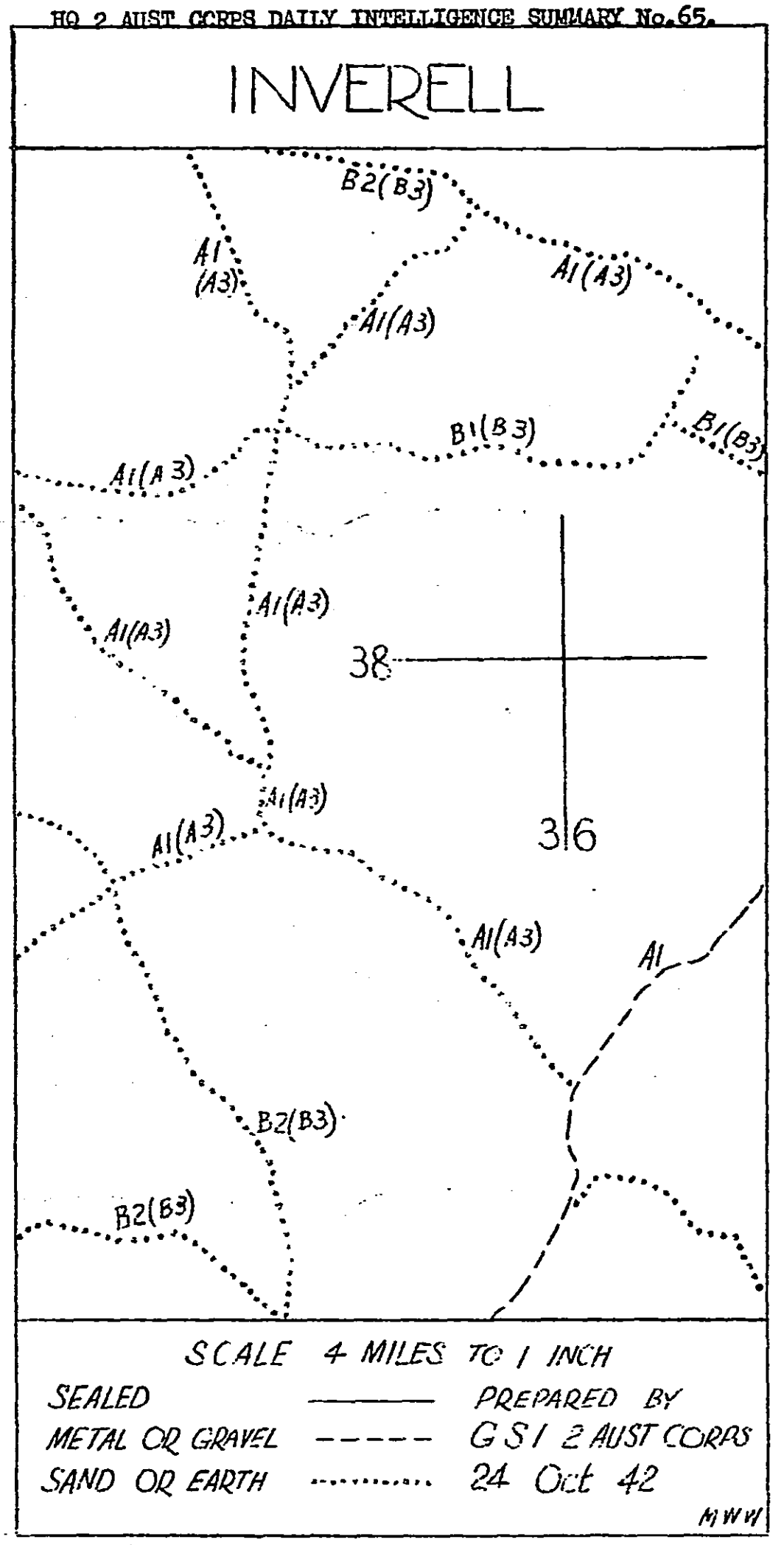
MYITKYIGA. The Jap withdrawal continues and their fwd tps are now only twenty-six mls NORTH of MYITKYIGA. All rafts were destroyed on retirement. BURMA scouts are following up. KACHINS in the HUKAWANG Valleys are reported to be prepared to resist any Jap advance.

(LHQ Revsit)

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HQ 2 AUST CORPS DAILY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 66.

Compiled from information received to 0800 hrs 25 Oct 42

Notes A B & C. See Summaries Nos 1 & 45

PART 1

OPERATIONS:

(iii) NEW GUINEA Area -

LAE - SALAMAUA 21 Oct. 1916 hrs. An unconfirmed report states that the enemy is concentrating hy bombers in this area. 22 Oct. The Japs using a truck moved drums, thought to contain petrol, from the northern end to the bush at the southern end of LAE drome. It is now confirmed that the strength of the enemy garrison at KOMIATUM is between 400 and 500 and that three dual purpose A/A guns have been installed here.

BUNA - KOKODA 22 Oct. Our forces continue to advance despite intense enemy inf, gun, mortar and MG fire. 1800 hrs. Fwd patrols are in contact with the enemy at the creek track crossing 500 yards NORTH of EORA CREEK VILLAGE. 23 Oct. 1210 hrs. Allied a/c bombed DENIKI and strafed the track DENIKI-KOKODA but results were NOT observed. A/A fire from BUNA, SANANANDA and SOPUTA (eight mls SW of BUNA) was encountered by our a/c but no enemy activity on the track or on BUNA drome was observed. The presence of an enemy force between ASISI and WAIROPE has been reliably reported.

MILNE BAY 22 Oct 2123 hrs. Three enemy a/c attacked Number Three Strip between GILI GILI and RABI. We suffered no damage or casualties.

(iv) BISMARCK ARCHIPELAGO Area -

NEW BRITAIN 22 Oct. An analysis of shipping at RABAUL is as follows:- One light cruiser, one S/P tender, four torpedo type vessels, two small tankers, thirty 6000 ton merchant vessels, one 1000 ton u/1 vessel and seventy five small craft. One bomber airborne and four flying boats were observed at SULPHUR CREEK. Ten medium bombers and thirty six fighters were dispersed at LAKUNAI. 23 Oct 0324 hrs. Allied a/c attacked enemy shipping at RABAUL. One cruiser, one destroyer and two large merchant ships are believed to have been sunk. One large merchant ship, one transport and one small cargo vessel are thought to have been damaged.

(v) SOLOMONS Area -

BUKA It is now reliably reported that as a result of the allied air attack on BUKA PASSAGE drome on the night 16/17 Oct. twenty enemy a/c, together with fuel and bomb dumps, were destroyed.

BOUGAINVILLE 23 Oct 1035 hrs. One destroyer and a small gunboat were observed steaming SE approx twenty seven mls NORTH of KIETA. 1050 hrs. Two hy cruisers and one destroyer were sighted approx thirteen mls EAST of LOLUEI PT (SE coast of BOUGAINVILLE).

BUIN-FAISI-TONOLEI Area. 23 Oct 1055 hrs. Sightings in this area are as follows:- Two probable battleships, two probable aircraft carriers, four hy cruisers, three probable hy cruisers or S/P tenders, twelve destroyers, five probable destroyers and fourteen u/i vessels. 24 Oct 0120 hrs. There are indications that the task force earlier reported as consisting of one large aircraft carrier, one hy and three light cruisers and three destroyers, and in posn approx 280 mls EAST by SOUTH of ONTONG JAVA, is heading towards GUADALCANAL

NEW HEBRIDES 23 Oct 0230 hrs. One enemy submarine shelled the drome on ESPIRITU SANTO. (Landops Revsit No. 85).

PART 2

ENEMY

(v) EQUIPMENT

The following infm is revealed by a preliminary examination and is believed to be correct:-

Type: New light tk as used in MALAYA and MILNE BAY

DIMENSIONS.

Weight:	8 to 10 tons approx
Length:	14 ft
Width:	8 ft
Height:	8 ft
Belly Clearance:	17 ins
Width of Track:	10 ins
Width between Tracks:	3 ft 3 ins

ARMOUR

All frontal surfaces:	½"
Top	½"
Other Surfaces:	5/16"

ARMAMENT

One 37 mm gun
One LMG 'ball' mounted allowing approx 50° arc } in turret 360° traverse
One fixed LMG (probably ball-mounted) forward in 'hull'.

ENGINE.

6 cylinder, air cooled, high speed DIESEL.

INTERIOR OF TANK

Tank is divided into fore and rear compartments, with small connecting door.

Rear compartment contains batteries, etc, and has small hatch opening upward.

Amn racks, for cannon shells, are provided at rear of driver. Shutters and rubber pads bear against detonator caps.

GENERAL.

Tests have proved that tk can be penetrated by bullets from our A/Tk rifle.

(Adv LHQ Intell Summary No. 11)

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PART 3

TOPOGRAPHICAL:

(1) Corps Area - See Appx "A".

PART 4

BURMA OTHER FRONTS

Correction: -

"Air recce continues and bridges and rds between KALEHYO have been repaired." Should read ."Air recce continues and bridges and rds between KALEWA and KALEMYO have been repaired."

PART 5.

CENSORSHIP

A 100% censorship of mail posted in PMG post boxes in the vicinity of wharves was recently imposed on the occasion of the departure of a convoy.

Of 868 letters examined from one particular locality alone -

(a) 161 were found to be posted in evasion of unit censorship.

(b) 87 of these 161 contained censorable matter, mainly concerning the loading and sailing of ships.

(c) 23 written by members of the general public contained similar censorable matter.

The importance of censorship of this type at such times is therefore emphasised.

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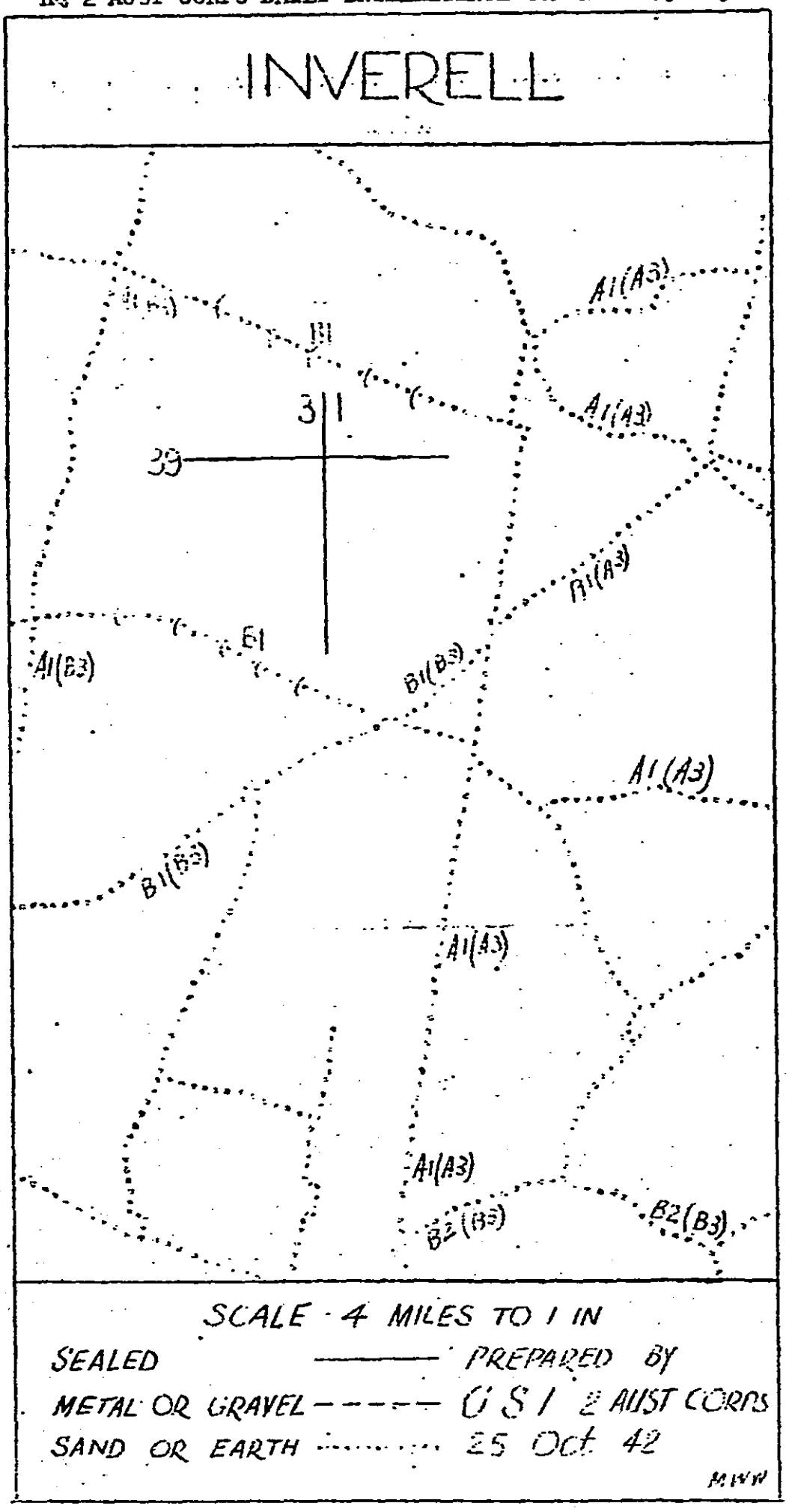
PERSONNEL FOR FIFTH COLUMN ACTIVITIES: Recent reports have shown that persons of various nationalities are being used for Fifth Column activities. A report from India suggests that Greek and Polish nationals have been recruited by the Germans to penetrate various countries in the guise of refugees. In November, 1941, the German Embassy in Tokyo was financing a "fifth column" school staffed by German military officers. Recruits were to be drawn from all Far Eastern races and were to be known as the Far East International Army.

COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES: Included in the Communist bulletin "UNITE", evidently circulating among Military Forces in Queensland, is an article entitled "Soldiers" Welfare and Efficiency Committees". This article urges the formation of Soldiers' Committees within military units for the purpose of rectifying certain matters which need immediate attention. Such committees could be run in co-operation with the Officers and NCOs or "if they don't like getting things working smoothly and efficiently when the privates would have to organise these committees along." It goes on to urge the formation of a Committee in each hut to contact other similar committees.

(Adv. LHQ Intell Summary No. 11.)

Maj,
GS 2 Aust Corps.

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HQ 2 AUST CORPS DAILY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 67

Compiled from information received to 0800 hrs 26 Oct 42

Notes A B & C. See Summaries Nos. 1 & 45

PART 1

O P E R A T I O N S

(i) N.W. AUSTRALIA Area -

DARWIN 24 Oct. Between 0430 hrs and 0645 hrs. Four flights of enemy aircraft attacked DARWIN. Bombs fell in BATCHELOR and RAAF station. There was minor damage in BATCHELOR. 25 Oct 0400 hrs. Enemy aircraft made a further attack on DARWIN. NO casualties or damage has been reported yet.

(iii) NEW GUINEA Area -

LAE-SALAMAUA 24 Oct 1030 hrs. Allied aircraft attacked LAE aerodrome destroying two medium bombers, damaging another two and silencing an A/A posn. Four bombers were observed on the Eastern end of the aerodrome and four S/Ps were seen airborne. There was much enemy activity with barges and canoes along the MAMBARE RIVER near the junction with TAMATA CK. There are NO Japs in LOKANU (Six mls SSE SALAMAUA).

BUNA-KOKODA 23 Oct. Our forces maintained their attack in the face of tenacious enemy resistance, hy and persistent arty, mortar and MMG fire. 1800 hrs. Our fwd patrols are on the track 700 yards NORTH of EORA CK VILLAGE. 24 Oct. Our adv continued towards ALOLA despite strong enemy resistance, light arty fire and isolated sniping parties who are difficult to dislodge. A pocket of the enemy were located on the fwd slopes of a precipitous spur commanding the ascent into EORA CK VILLAGE. The Japs patrol the route YODDA-KOKODA regularly. Reliable native reports state that BUNA and SINEMI (four mls SOUTH of BUNA) are strongly held by the enemy whilst a small number of armed men and many personnel of a labour corps are at SANANANDA.

MILNE BAY. Night 22/23 Oct. Our forces landed on the S.E. corner of GOODENOUGH IS. and contacted the enemy in the KILIA area.

(iv) BISMARCK ARCHIPELAGO Area.

Ref the attack by Allied aircraft on shipping at RABAUL, reported in 2 Aust Corps Intsum. No. 66. A further flight of our aircraft attacking shipping at RABAUL report the possible damaging of one cargo vessel and two other ships by near misses. 24 Oct 0425 hrs. A third attack on the same target by our aircraft resulted in a direct hit on a 12,000 ton tanker which was set afire.

Sightings: - 24 Oct 0350 hrs. One 8,000 ton cargo vessel anchored approx 65 mls S.S.W. of RABAUL. 0415 hrs. Three possible destroyers escorting six cargo vessels leaving BLANCHE BAY.

C o n t i n u e d .. ..

(iv) SOLOMONS Area -

Sightings:- 23 Oct 2330 hrs. One submarine approx 188 mls S.S.W. KUNGAVA BAY (RENNEL IS.). 24 Oct 0930 hrs. One cargo vessel, two transports and one destroyer approx fifty mls N.E. of KIETA. 1015 hrs. Four vessels twenty two mls due WEST of SIMBO IS. (NEW GEORGIA).

BUIN-FAISI. NO sightings reported owing to unfavourable weather conditions.

SOUTH PACIFIC 23 Oct. One submarine approx 63 mls E.S.E. of NOUMEA. 24 Oct 2150 hrs. One submarine approx 200 mls S.W. N-DENI IS. (Landops Revsit 86).

PART 2

E N E M Y

(vi) Equipment:

Further details of the protective armour of Jap MLC captured at MILNE BAY are as follows :-

Protective Armour:

Front Ramp:	½"
Sides:	3/16th"
Front of Engine Room:	3/16th"
Coxwain's Shield:	3/16th"

(Adv LHQ INTSUM No.11).

(xiv) General:

The following infm has been extracted from AHQ INDIA, WIS 31, dated 19/8/42.

"Japanese a/c Markings:- There is sufficient evidence now from a number of different sources to show that the red circle on the side of the fuselage has been dispensed with on a/c of the Jap Army Air Force, which are now marked with circles on the wing tips only. The fuselage circle is, however, retained by the Navy Air Force.

In all sightings of Jap a/c, therefore, a report where possible as to whether the fuselage circle can or cannot be seen will be a great help in keeping track of the units operating."

PART 3

T O P O G R A P H I C A L

(1) Corps Area:

Effect of Flooding: Following data shows results to be expected from heavy falls of rain. Further details of this nature will be given as it becomes available.

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TOPOGRAPHICAL (Contd.)

NAMBOUR (G56/10). About 6 inches rain in 25 hrs would flood certain bridges and culverts on the main road. Watershed NOT more than 10 miles distant. Water comes down within 2 hrs. Country between Main road and Coast, which is of a swampy nature, would be flooded over a considerable area. Only bridges and approaches affected on main road. Subsides quickly but coastal areas waterlogged for some time owing to backing-up of tidal water.

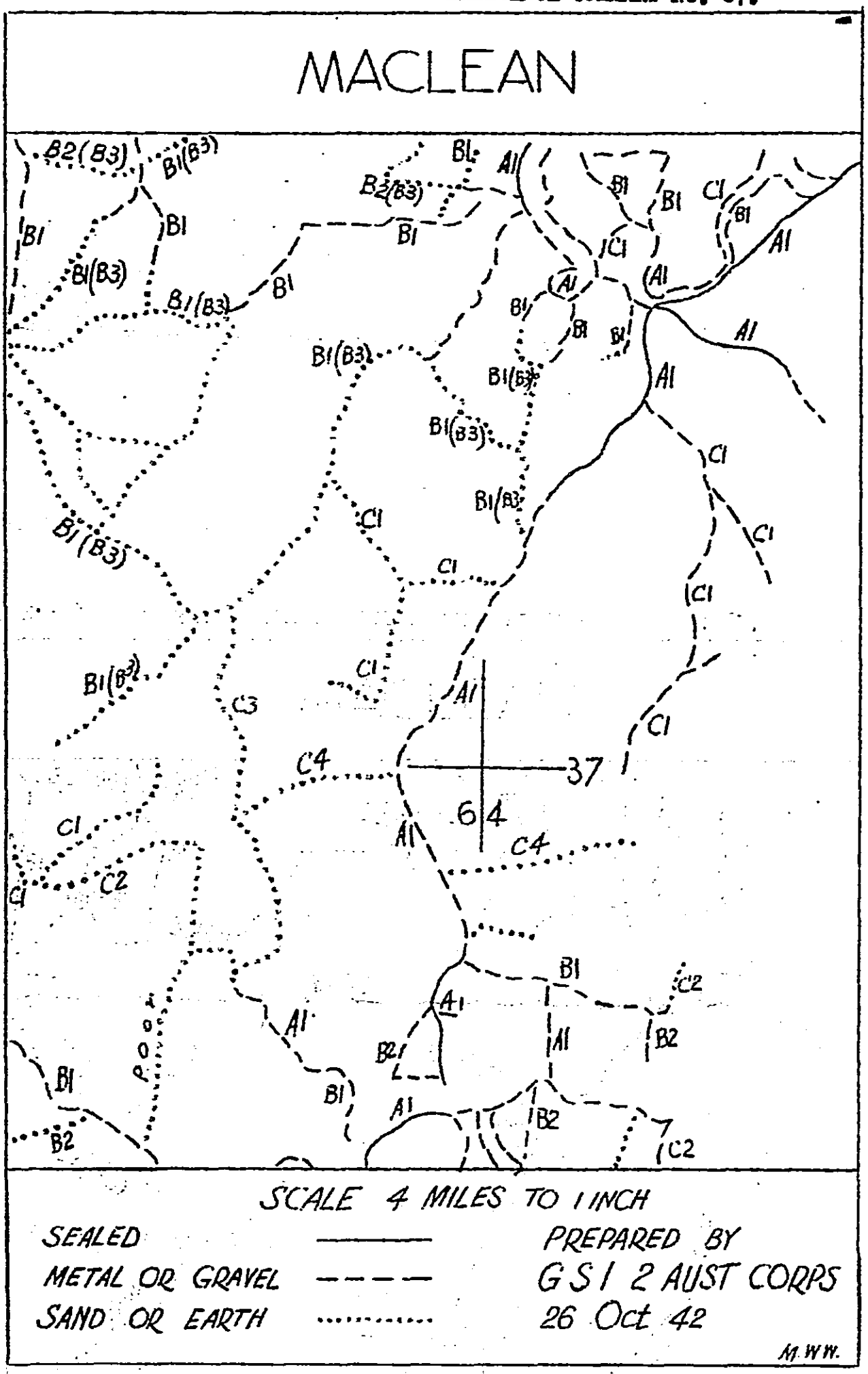
Detours of bush tracks available but almost impassable off main roads until formed, drained and metalled.

Soil mostly red clay, very slippery and sticky during rain. Sandy and swampy on coast. (Q'LD L of C Intell Report).

See Appx "A" for further topographical infm.

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FIGHTING EFFICIENCY.

1 It is considered that there is no fundamental difference in the basic quality of troops of AIF and CMF units. The personnel of both types of units are fully representative of a cross section of Australian manhood, and if both are soundly trained in all the essentials of modern warfare, they should reach the same high state of fighting efficiency.

It is however most significant that information recently received from New Guinea shows that the fighting qualities of CMF units engaged in active operations has varied considerably. Fighting qualities of the highest order were displayed repeatedly by CMF units while on the other hand, the actions of one CMF unit were of a deplorable character.

One CMF Bn in particular displayed splendid fighting qualities and the greatest gallantry during the Japanese advance over the OWEN STANLEY RANGE in September. The task of the Bde, of which this Bn was a part, was to delay and if possible to hold up the Japanese advance and the success of this operation was vital to the Australian forces in the PORT MORESBY area. That this task was so ably and successfully carried out shows that the CMF units have the requisite qualities for carrying difficult operations to a successful conclusion.

Of the other CMF Bn, which failed so badly, all that need be said is that, when the pressure was applied to them, they failed badly and just faded out of the picture.

2 In order to obtain success in operations, a unit must train hard to achieve a high state of fighting efficiency. To reach this state, a unit must have good officers possessed of the qualities of leadership and common sense. It is these officers who will be responsible for the training of all parts of the unit until it becomes a highly efficient and well disciplined whole. These are the essential factors to which a high morale can be attributed and a unit with a high morale is generally fighting fit, and fit to fight. It is apparent that the CMF Bn which was so successful had reached this state.

Of the CMF Bn mentioned above which failed so badly there are certainly some extenuating circumstances. The basic fault was the method by which it was raised. It was raised in a great hurry for a particular task. Formations were ordered to supply troops. In many cases Conds handed over their undesirables in order to rid themselves of a problem. This they may have done but the new Bn suffered in the types and quality of its personnel; they lacked the quality necessary for them to be welded into an efficient, well disciplined and resolute unit with the inevitable result that, when the pressure was applied to them, they failed and let down badly an otherwise good Bde in active operations.

It is considered that the action of Conds in transferring troops of poor quality, when they are required for the formation of a new unit, is criminal from the military point of view. All Conds dislike losing men whom they have trained, but demands for troops for other arms or new units, or for specialists have to be met. Should any attempt be made in the future to transfer any other than good men in order to satisfy the requirements of units destined for active operations, serious action will be taken with the offender.

4 In view of what has been written above, it can be concluded that for a unit to reach a high state of fighting efficiency, it must have personnel who are fairly representative of the whole community and officers who possess the quality of leadership. It is a very real responsibility of all COs to select officers who have this quality and to rid the unit of officers unfit to lead. All Officers must be constantly taking stock of themselves to see if they are fulfilling all the requirements which go to make them good leaders. They must also review the capabilities of their Juniors, and always endeavour to make them better leaders by their help and advice and by training, and if they do not measure up to requirements to find other appointments for themwhere less damage to the nation will be done and where any ability they may possess will be of use. Good leadership means a constant improvement in knowledge and the ability to handle men.

Nothing else then the best can be contemplated. The enemy will see to it if it be not so.

5 In order to become efficient a unit must also be well disciplined. Discipline is the basis for daily improvement towards efficiency and without it, a unit can never become thoroughly efficient. Discipline develops individual and unit self respect, which in turn leads to a high morale. Without these things the rigors of fighting in mud, jungle, and other difficult country cannot be overcome.

The outward and visible signs of discipline are seen in the bearing, dress, and equipment of the men. The GOC notes with pleasure some units whose sentries are smart, whose men are tidily turned out in dress and equipment and who carry out their duties in a business-like and efficient manner. Unfortunately the reverse is noted in other cases.

COs will constantly take stock of unit discipline and the bearing of the men. The good points can and will be improved - the bad phases must be eliminated.

6 Enthusiastic leaders will obtain enthusiastic training. That is the first requisite for good training. The general training policy is laid down by higher comd. Its fulfillment is obtained by the time, thought and energy devoted to its various phases. Its value to the fighting efficiency of a unit is by study on the part of the leader, planning, making certain what is to be taught and deciding on the best means of teaching it. Much of the responsibility for training must be delegated to junior officers and NCOs who must see that the troops are thoroughly in the picture. This covers what might be termed common sense, a commodity that is far from common.

7 In all inspections by Comds and Staff Officers, from Corps Div etc HQ, the above requirements will be the basis for assessing the fighting efficiency of units.

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2 Aust Corps.

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All units, 2 Aust Corps, down to incl Bns and equivalent units.

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Compiled from information received to 0800 hrs 27 Oct 42

Notes A B & C. See Summaries Nos 1 & 45

PART 1

OPERATIONS:

(i) NW AUSTRALIA Area -

DARWIN 25 Oct 0546 hrs. Three enemy A/C made an attack, dropping bombs in the area between the RAAF aerodrome and LUDMILLA BEACH. There was NO damage or casualties.

(ii) NEI Area -

TIMOR 24 Oct 2400 hrs. Allied A/C attacked the PENFOIE aerodrome, KOEPANG. Bombs fell on the barracks and in the dispersal area. Fires were started and explosions heard. There is an unconfirmed report that the Japs are moving from BOBBNARO to AILEU via NOVA OBIDOS, twelve mls SW of AILEU.

(iii) NEW GUINEA Area -

LAE-SALAMAUA 25 Oct. Some enemy activity was observed on the centre of the LAE aerodrome.

BUNA-KOKODA 25 Oct 0930 hrs. Allied A/C bombed and strafed the tracks from ISURAVA to KOKODA and from WAIROPE to ASISI. Bombs fell in the target area NORTH of ASISI, but the results of strafing were NOT observed.

EORA CREEK VILLAGE. Our forces continue to attack NORTH of the village and known enemy casualties on 24 Oct were eleven killed.

MILNE BAY 23 Oct. From a native report it was learned that there were twenty of the enemy in the LILIHOA district. An attack resulted in the capture of one Jap, who was sick whilst the remainder were dispersed.

GOODENOUGH Is. 25 Oct. Our tps continue to attack. The Japs were disorganised but the main body effected an escape.

FERGUSSON Is. 25 Oct. About 200 Japs in two large launches were observed landing in the vicinity of BWAIOA Peninsula, the Southern tip of the Island.

(iv) BISMARCK ARCHIPELAGO -

NEW IRELAND 24 Oct 2230 hrs. Allied A/C attacked the KAVIENG Aerodrome, bombs falling on the runway and in the dispersal area. Huge fires were started as a result of direct hits on fuel dumps. One enemy bomber was destroyed and possibly a second. KAVIENG Hr 25 Oct am. The following shipping was observed : One medium cruiser, one 12,000-ton S/P tender, one 5,000-ton tpt.

NEW BRITAIN 23 Oct. Natives report that an enemy gun has to be installed at ULAMONA MISSION, seventy-five mls SW of RABAUL. Civilians are being removed to RABAUL from PONDO, forty-two mls WSW of RABAUL. 24 Oct. Three u/i ships were sighted off MALMAL, JACQUINOT BAY, on the SE coast.

RABAUL 25 Oct 0235 hrs. Allied A/C made an attack on the shipping in the hr. One gunboat was sunk, two medium cargo vessels were set on fire or damaged, and one small cargo vessel was left sinking. A large fire was started and hy explosions heard from possible fuel dumps on the shore. 25 Oct am. Seven large, ten medium and twenty-three other ships between 2,000 and 5,000 tons were in the hr. SULE, approx seventy mls SW of RABAUL. Two u/i ships sighted off this location. EWASSE, approx ninety-seven mls SW of RABAUL. Two ships lying off here were apparently unloading.

ARAWE, seventy mls WEST of GASMATA 25 Oct. Allied A/C strafed and enemy launch SW of ARAWE, but results were NOT observed.

(v) SOLOMONS Area -

BUIN-FAISI 25 Oct 0730 hrs. Sightings comprised three destroyers, three probable S/P tenders, two supply ships and several cargo vessels.

NEW GEORGIA Gp 24 Oct. It was reported that fifty of the enemy with three barges were at RENDOVA Hr at the NORTH of RENDOVA Is., 200 Japs with three barges were at VIRU Hr., and fifty Japs with barges were reported to be at WICKHAM anchorage on the SOUTH coast of VANGUNU Is.

FLORIDA Is 25 Oct PM. It is learned form a late report that our A/C attacked an enemy task force consisting of one hy cruiser, one light cruiser and three destroyers, thirty mls NORTH of the Island. In the first attack, after a direct hit the hy cruiser became stationary and the light cruiser was damaged. There were near misses to both the hy and light cruisers in a subsequent attack.

GUADALCANAL 23 Oct 1120 hrs. Sixteen enemy bombers escorted by twenty Zeros were over the island. 1300 hrs an unknown number of enemy A/C were in the same vicinity. There are NO further particulars.

25 Oct. Two A/C carriers, three battleships, seven hy, six to eight light cruisers, twenty-two destroyers and eleven u/i vessels are considered to be operating between NEW GEORGIA and the SANTA CRUZ Gp.

25 Oct. An enemy naval force, considered to consist of two A/C carriers, two battleships, three hy cruisers and two other vessels is operating EAST of the SOLOMONS.

(Landops Revsit 87).

PART 2

ENEMY:

(vi) Equipment -

Japanese Armour Piercing Magnetised Bomb - Ref Int Sum No.45.

These bombs are intended for direct use against AFV's, armoured shields, doors of pill boxes, etc, the bomb being placed in contact with the objective, and adhering to it by action of its magnets.

While it is claimed that they may be thrown by hand, it is considered that the shape and design of the bomb is NOT suitable for this purpose. In addition the gradual weakening of the magnets, due to time and rust must doubtlessly cause some reduction in its adhesive qualities.

It is therefore considered that the bomb must be brought by hand to the objective and placed in direct contact, when the "safety pin" is withdrawn and the plunger depressed the attacker then endeavouring to make his escape. It is reported that the explosion takes place in 4 to 5 seconds.

Bombs may be used either singly, when penetration power is reported to be effective for 20 mm steel, or incorporated with another similar bomb, in which case penetration is for 30 mm. This latter is believed to be the normal method of use, two bombs being united by bringing the opposing magnetic poles together. In this case the incorporated bomb is carried with the North & South points of one individual bomb in contact with the corresponding points of the other, thus preserving the magnetic properties of each for as long as possible. The following info is revealed by a preliminary examination. A technical report on the explosive charge and time delay of fuse will be incl in a later summary.

CARRYING POUCH:
The bomb is carried in a stiff cloth pouch (khaki-drab in colour) measuring $7\frac{1}{4}$" x $6\frac{1}{2}$" and affixed to the belt. Fitted to the inside of the pouch is a metal cylindrical container holding the fuse, which must be inserted into the bomb prior to using.

BOMB:
Bomb consists of eight separate sections of a solid and highly compressed explosive held together by khaki cloth. Bomb is circular in shape, with two flat surfaces. Four magnets (equally spaced) are att by khaki webbing to the outer edge of the body. When carried in the pouch the fuze hole is filled by a wooden plug $3\frac{3}{4}$" long. This is removed to permit fitting of fuse.

DIMENSIONS:

diameter:	$4\frac{3}{4}$"
thickness:	$1\frac{7}{8}$"
weight with fuse:	2 lbs 11 ozs
" without "	2 " 7 "

MAGNETS:
These consist of four metal blocks measuring $1\frac{1}{2}$" x 1 3/10 x 6/8". The poles of each magnet are indicated by the letters N and S.

FUSE:
Delayed action percussion type $5\frac{1}{4}$" long over all and is secured to the bomb by a threaded brass collar. The obtruding end of the fuse consists of an aluminium plunger, prevented from being depressed by a safety (split) pin to which is att a length of string for withdrawing purposes.

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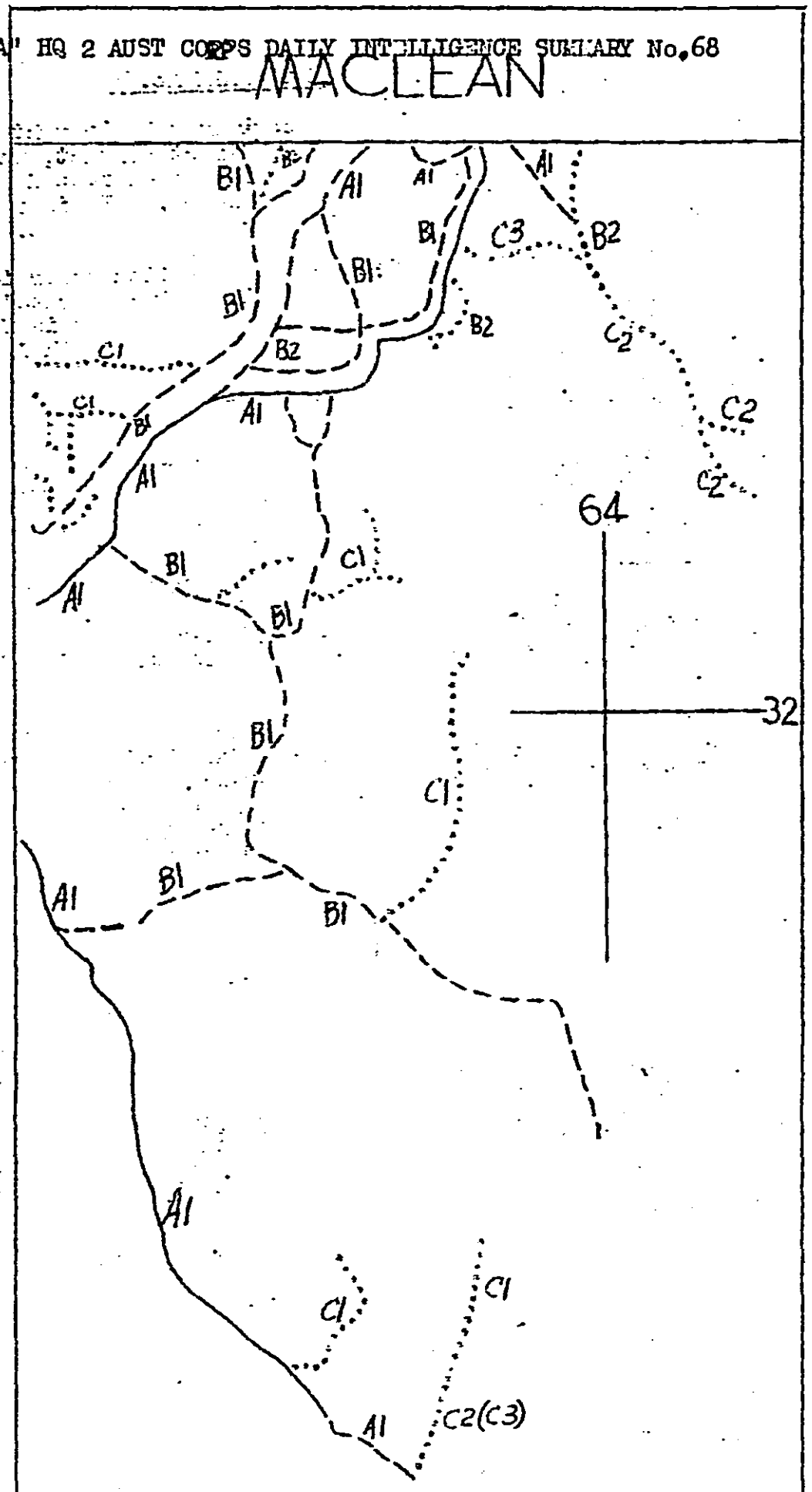
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(i) Corps Area - See Appx "A"

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GS 2 Aust Corps.

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HQ 2 AUST CORPS DAILY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 69.

Compiled from information received to 0800 hrs 28 Oct 42

Notes A B & C. See Summaries Nos 1 & 45

PART 1

OPERATIONS:

(i) NW AUSTRALIA Area -

DARWIN 26 Oct 0524 hrs. Three enemy a/c attacked DARWIN. NO casualties have been reported but slight damage was caused to buildings, power and telephone lines.

(ii) NEI Area -

TIMOR 26 Oct 0105 hrs. Allied a/c bombed PENFOEI aerodrome (KOEPANG). Results were NOT observed owing to the intense A/A fire encountered.

(iii) NEW GUINEA Area -

LAE - SALAMAUA 26 Oct 0735 hrs. Our a/c attacked the aerodrome at LAE and at 0750 hrs the W/T station at SALAMAUA. Bombs fell on the landing strip, the dispersal area and to the NW of the W/T station.

PORT MORESBY 25 Oct 1942 hrs. One or two JAP a/c bombed PORT MORESBY but caused neither damage nor casualties.

BUNA-KOKODA 26 Oct. Our forces are still making progress towards AIOLA. Although the enemy is still maintaining tenacious resistance the intensity of his gun and mortar fire has decreased since late on 25 Oct. During the day our forces heavily mortar bombed the JAP posn SOUTH of AIOLA. The enemy retaliated with little effect. It is estimated that one enemy bn. holds the spur commanding EORA CREEK VILLAGE. It is reported from a reliable native source that patrols are launched nightly NORTH of BUNA by the JAPS and that many enemy wounded were evacuated by boats from here. There is a small W/T set in the trees at SOPUTA (six mls SW of BUNA) and L/T comms between BUNA, SANANANDA and SOPUTA. A large party of JAPS, led by the BOFU VILLAGE constable left SINEMI for BOFU 19 mls SW of BUNA on 22 Oct. The mouth of the MAMBARE RIVER, OPI (thirty mls NW of BUNA) and MAMBATUTU (twenty eight mls WEST of BUNA) are clear of the enemy. 26 Oct 1210 hrs. Allied a/c bombed and strafed the tracks MISSIMA-KAILE and KOKODA - DENIKI but results were NOT observed.

MILNE BAY 26 Oct 0457 hrs. Enemy a/c bombed the vicinity of GABUGABUNA BAY (WEST end of MILNE BAY). NO damage or casualties have been reported.

FERGUSSON IS. 25 Oct. Allied recce a/c reported no enemy activity on the BWAINA peninsula. Some tents were observed at MASIMASI at the northern tip of the island. Natives of DOBU Is. (SOUTH of BWAINA peninsula) report that a party of JAPS landed there from the peninsula on 25 Oct expecting a warship to pick them up on the night 25/26 Oct.

GOODENOUGH Is. 26 Oct. Our forces occupied KILLIA MISSION on the SE corner of the island. NO further details are available.

(iv) BISMARCK ARCHIPELAGO Area -

NEW IRELAND 25 Oct. Allied recce a/c observed a clearing, possibly made for an aerodrome, in the coconut grove on TSALAMPIU IS. (thirteen mls WSW of KAVIENG) 26 Oct 1215 hrs. One light cruiser, two destroyers and two cargo vessels were sighted at anchor off KAVIENG.

(v) SOLOMONS Area -

An unconfirmed report states that an enemy force occupied IRINGILA (EAST coast of VELLA LAVELLA IS) on 15 Oct and established a W/T station there. 26 Oct. Sightings indicate that at least seventy three enemy vessels are operating in groups through the SOLOMON Is to the SANTA CRUZ Gp and as far as approx the 167 meridian. 27 Oct 0050 hrs. Allied a/c torpedoed an aircraft carrier in the vicinity of 280 mls SE of ONTONG JAVA but results were NOT observed.

(LANDOPS REVSIT No. 88)

PART 3

TOPOGRAPHICAL:

(i) Corps Area -

ROAD INFORMATION

As the classification of all important rds within the Corps Area has now been covered by appendices to previous Int Summaries this method of transmission of rd infm has been discontinued. Recce in greater detail has been carried out and infm collated at the HQ will in the near future be forwarded in the form of complete helios covering the following strat sheets:-

GYMPIE	BUNDABERG
IPSWICH	MARYBOROUGH
WARWICK	MACLEAN
GRAFTON	TWEED HEADS
BRISBANE	

It is suggested that traces for superimposition over the above sheet be prepared from helios forwarded by this HQ. Changes in rd conditions, rds and brs under construction, and areas affected by wet weather will be notified per medium of this Summary enabling corrections to be made to existing traces.

Lt Maj,
GS 2 Aust Corps.

Distribution as per Summary No. 58.

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2 Aust Corps,
29 Oct 42.

Subject: SD Instn No 22.

EXERCISE - OFFICERS.

1 It is noted that many officers of this HQ do not take sufficient exercise. It is considered necessary that officers whose job normally entails long hours in their offices should have some exercise each day.

2 The GOC directs that all officers on this HQ will arrange to take at least half one hour's exercise daily.

Lt-Col,
G2 SD 2 Aust Corps.

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29 Oct 42.

2 AUST CORPS OP INSTN NO 5.

Ref Maps: MARYBOROUGH, GYMPIE, IPSWICH, BRISBANE, WARWICK, TWEED HEADS, GRAFTON, MACLEAN.

Second Edition 1" = 4 miles

BRISBANE, SANFORD, 1" = 1 mile.

1. This Instn cancels 2 Aust Corps Op Instns Nos 3 and 4, which should be destroyed.

2. New Order of Battle 2 Aust Corps is shown in Appx "A"

3. Units of 1 Aust Corps Tps and 7 Aust Div as shown in Appx "B" are under comd 2 Aust Corps for adm and discipline, and ops for the def of BRISBANE in the event of an emergency.

4. 1 Aust Mot Bde is under comd 1 Aust Mot Div and is located in the GYMPIE area. Local and emergency op roles are being allotted by 2 Aust Corps.

5. Dets 32 US Div remain LOGAN VILLAGE area. In view of probable movement of these tps, it is NOT intended to allot any op role.

6. 1 US Corps is in the ROCKHAMPTON area with the op role of the mobile def of the area GLADSTONE-ROCKHAMPTON.

ROLE - 2 AUST CORPS

7. The def of BRISBANE area and the coast line from incl SANDON BLUFFS ref MACLEAN Sheet 646322 to incl BRISBANE.

AREAS OF OPERATIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

8. 3 L of C Sub-Area.

From: incl line SANDON BLUFFS - GRAFTON - GLEN INNES - thence due West.

To: NSW - QUEENSLAND border.

9. QUEENSLAND L of C Area.

From: NSW - QUEENSLAND border

To: Ref BRISBANE and SANFORD Sheets 1" to 1 mile, line incl point 231124 to point 207122 - incl Northern bank NORTH PINE RIVER, excl KOPPLE CK - incl SAMSON VALE 014138 incl MT KOPPLE 978135.

10. 3 Aust Div

From: Northern boundary QUEENSLAND L of C Area,

To: Ref GYMPIE Sheet 1" to 4 miles, general line all incl point 627740 - mouth KIN CK - KIN KIN - TANDUR - GILLDORA - LANGSHAW - thence due West.

11. 1 Aust Mot Bde.

From: Northern boundary 3 Aust Div northwards.

ROLE 3 L of C SUB-AREA.

12. Initial Disposns:-

(a) VDC. HQ A Gp VDC NSW - GRAFTON
One VDC Bn - area GRAFTON - MACLEAN
One VDC Bn - area CORAKI - CASINO - KYOGLE
One VDC Bn - LISMORE - MURWILLUMBAH.
One Coy VDC - GLEN INNES.

(b) Other L of C Tps incl Grn Bns, Trg Depots, etc as at present.

13. Task: To provide the local def of the area with the existing resources, and in so doing, to preserve comns for the fd army should it be employed in the area; See para 22 (a).

ROLE QUEENSLAND L of C AREA.

14. Initial Disposns:-

(a) Fd Tps. 21 Aust Cav Regt - Area BEENLEIGH-ALBERT R.
8 Aust Fd Regt - Area BEENLEIGH-ALBERT R.
10 Aust Fd Coy - Area BEENLEIGH-ALBERT R.

(b) VDC. HQ A Gp VDC, QUEENSLAND - BRISBANE
Four VDC Bns - area BRISBANE
One VDC Bn - area COOLANGATTA - SOUTHPORT.
One VDC Bn - area IPSWICH.

(c) Other L of C Tps incl Fortress Tps, A A Tps, Grn Bns, Trg Depots, as at present.

15. Task: To provide the local def of the area with all existing resources, and in so doing, to preserve comns for the fd army should it be employed in the area. See para 22 (b).

ROLE - 3 AUST DIV.

16. Initial Disposns:

(a) One Bde Gp - area BUDERIM
(b) One Bde Gp - area BUMUNDI - COOROY.
(c) 2,6, and 12 VDC Bns at present locations.

17. Tasks:

(a) To def BRISBANE from the North.
(b) To be prepared to move by Bde Gps and concentrate in the MARYBOROUGH area within 48 hrs.
(c) To be prepared to move by Bde Gps in order to operate offensively in the TWEED HEADS - LISMORE - GRAFTON area within 72 hrs.

ROLE 1 AUST MOT BDE.

18. Initial Disposns: GYMPIE area.
10, 11 and 12 VDC Bns at present locations.

Tasks:

(a) To be prepared to concentrate within three days in the BUNDABERG area with the object of operating offensively against enemy forces landing about BUNDABERG or MARYBOROUGH and moving south or SW.

(b) If forced to withdraw from BUNDABERG MARYBOROUGH to act offensively against the right flank of an enemy advance south into the 3 Aust Div area.

(c) In the event of enemy landings in the BRISBANE-MARYBOROUGH area to support 3 Aust Div in offensive ops, initially by protection of the northern flank.

ROLE - UNITS OF 1 AUST CORPS AND 7 AUST DIV.

19. Tasks: In the event of ops becoming imminent, these units will be given an op role.

CORPS TPS

20. (a) Formation plans will provide for the employment of the following Corps Tps, should they be placed under comd or in support in the event of ops:-

1 Aust Corps.

Allotment: 3 Aust Div - 2/9 Aust A Fd Regt
- 2/1 Aust Med Regt

2 Aust Corps.

Allotment: 3 Aust Div - 2/11 Aust A Fd Regt
- 130 Aust Gen Tpt Coy
- 131 Aust Gen Tpt Coy
1 Aust Mot Bde - 129 Aust Gen Tpt Coy.

(b) The following tps will be allotted to QUEENSLAND L of C Area for ops:-

21 Aust Cav Regt
8 Aust Fd Regt
10 Aust Fd Coy

Until ops are imminent these units will remain under 2 Aust Corps for trg and adm.

(c) All other Corps tps on O of B unallotted to Formations remain under comd 2 Aust Corps and will be held in Corps res at present locations.

(d) CCRA and DDST will co-operate with formations in the preparation and co-ordination of plans to effect the above.

L of C AREAS- TASKS AND RESPONSIBILITIES IN OTHER THAN FD ARMY AREAS.

21. (a) L of C are responsible for the def of area not occupied by the fd army. IF and WHEN the fd army enters the area, the fd army Comd takes command. Prior to this happening, the fd army Comd is responsible that all plans incl the L of C are co-ordinated in the common interests and in relation to the probable or possible action of the fd army.

(b) It will be seen therefore, that the responsibility for planning, both tac and adm, for VDC, Grn Bns, Trg Depots, and other L of C Tps, is a matter for L of C, as are also the relations between VDC and civil authorities.

(c) For the purpose of control of VDC in areas not occupied by the fd army and for Coast Reporting, the northern boundary of 2 Aust Corps will be the general line all incl ROUND HILL HEAD - BUILYAN.

22. Plans for all L of C Tps in the area concerned will be prepared and issued in adv in consideration of the following:-

(a) 3 L of C Sub-Area.

The entire responsibility for the def of the area with ALL resources at disposal, in such a manner as to facilitate the

operations of the fd forces SHOULD they enter the area. The major responsibility is the def of the north-south rail and rd comns GRAFTON-CASINO-KYOGLE and ARMIDALE-WARWICK with important laterals. A coast watching system is necessary. Plans should provide for def in depth, as far fwd as possible in adv of vital ground in order to harass, impede and delay an enemy.

(b) QUEENSLAND L of C Area.

The entire responsibility for the def of the area with ALL resources at disposal, in such a manner as to facilitate the operation of the fd forces, SHOULD they enter the area.

23. In the areas of responsibility of QUEENSLAND L of C Area, and 3 L of C Sub- Area, plans are to be prepared for the following, in addition to those necessary to carry out the task:-

(a) Collection and comn of infm of enemy movements to the fd army on its arrival in the area.

(b) Guides for fd formations when moving in local areas.

24. Certain military reporting officers (MROs) who have previously been operating on a purely voluntary basis, and detached Intelligence Officers are under control of L of C Areas. L of C Areas have been instructed to co-operate fully with fd formations in using MROs etc to assist fd formations in their responsib'lity for reporting enemy landings and movements.

VDC IN FD ARMY AREAS.

25. Comds of 1 Aust Mot Bde and 3 Aust Div are responsible for war plans, and employment of VDC in their operational areas. It is desired that this point be stressed and that the formations concerned ensure that THE VDC PLANS ARE INCORPORATED WITHIN THE FORMATION PLAN AND NOT AS A SEPARATE PLAN.

26. In 3 Aust Div and 1 Aust Mot Bde areas, the roles generally to be given to VDC will be as follows:-

Beach def and coast watching
Protection of vital points in their areas.
Guerilla warfare and demolitions
Warning of enemy movements
Guides for fd formations when moving in local areas.

27. (a) The activities of VDC will NOT release fd formations from the responsibility of establishing and/or maintaining the necessary organisation for reporting enemy landings in their areas, or for reporting subsequent enemy movement. These reports will be fwded through normal sig channels to superior formations.

(b) In order to obtain the best results close co-operation between fd formations in an area, and VDC must be maintained. Formations will arrange necessary comms and liaison with VDC to ensure this.

COAST REPORTING.

28. 3 L of C Sub- Area and QUEENSLAND L of C Area will make arrangements for reports from COPs to be fwded as follows:-

Zone	Post No	Formations to which reports repeated.
3 L of C Sub-Area	All COPs through control centres at GRAFTON and LISMORE.	NSW L of C Area and QUEENSLAND L of C Area. QUEENSLAND L of C Area will repeat to 2 Aust Corps.
QUEENSLAND L of C Area.		
3	1,2,3,5,7.	QUEENSLAND L of C Area who will repeat to 2 Aust Corps.
3	6,8,9, 10.	3 Aust Div
3	10, 11,12, 13.	1 Aust Mot Bde.
4	All COPs through control centre at BUNDABERG.	1 Aust Mot Bde.

29. VDC units under comd 3 L of C Sub-Area and QUEENSLAND L of C Area and at present located in 2 Aust Corps area of responsibility are shown in Appx "C".

30. A Liaison Officer from Corps HQ, VDC, QUEENSLAND (Capt E.A. HIGGINS) has been appointed to this HQ, and is authorised to deal direct with the Gp Comds concerned in operational planning.

OUTLINE PLANS.

31. Formations, QUEENSLAND L of C Area, and 3 L of C Sub-Area will prepare outline plans in accordance with the roles allotted and will fwd them to reach this HQ by 15 Nov.

32. It should be quite clear that the responsibility for VDC Gp plans, tac and adm, in other than fd formation areas, is that of the L of C Area or Sub-Area concerned. Comds of L of C Area and Sub-Area concerned will prepare, co-ordinate and issue their plans. It should be appreciated that the plan is to incl ALL resources and the VDC is but portion of these resources. The VDC plan is NOT the L of C plan, but portion of the general co-ordinated plan.

33. 2 Aust Corps will, if required, assist QUEENSLAND L of C Area and 3 L of C Sub-Area in the preparation of plans.

DEMOLITIONS.

34. Demolition Instn will be issued on 1 Nov.

ADM.

35. Adm Instn will be issued on 11 Nov.

36. ACK.

Signed at 1530 hrs
Issued through Sigs.

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3 Aust Div	1
1 Aust Mot Bde	2
Indep Units 7 Aust Div	3
32 U S Div	4
3 L of C Sub-Area	5
QUEENSLAND L of C Area	6
21 Aust Cav Regt	7
5 Aust M G Bn	8
5 A C Sqn	9
4 A S Control	10
CCRA	11
CE	12
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APPX "A" TO 2 AUST CORPS OP INSTN No 5.

Order of Battle 2 Aust Corps

Serial	Unit	Remarks
	Corps Tps	
	HQ	
A 1	HQ 2 Aust Corps	
A 2	2 Aust Corps Sec Intell Corps	
A 3	4 Aust Def and Emp Pl	
A 4	H Sec FSS	
A 5	2 Aust Corps Pr Fd Unit	
A 6	2 Aust Fd Censorship Sec	
A 7	5 Aust Fd Censorship Sec	
	Cav	
A 7a	21 Aust Cav Regt, Sig Sec & 295 IAD	
	Arty	
A 8	HQ RAA 2 Aust Corps	
A 9	HQ RAA 1 Aust Corps	At present under comd 3 Div for adm and trg.
A10	2/9 Aust A Fd Regt, Sig Sec and 2/68 IAD	At present under comd 3 Div for adm and trg.
A11	2/11 Aust A Fd Regt, Sig Sec and 2/70 IAD	Ex 1 Aust Corps
A12	8 Aust Fd Regt, Sig Sec and 229 IAD	
A13	1 Aust Med Regt, Sig Sec and 208 IAD	
A14	2/1 Aust Med Regt, Sig Sec and 2/60 IAD	At present under comd 3 Div for adm and trg.
A15	2 Aust F Sp Bty	
A16	2/1 Aust F Sp Bty	Ex 1 Aust Corps
A17	2/7 Aust Svy Bty	Ex 1 Aust Corps
	RAE	
A18	HQ RAE 2 Aust Corps	
A19	10 Aust A Fd Coy	
A20	2/16 Aust A Fd Coy	
A21	19 Aust A Fd Coy	
A22	60 Aust Corps Fd Pk Coy and 316 IAD	
A23	2 Aust Corps Camflg Trg Unit	
	Sigs	
A24	Sigs 2 Aust Corps and 244 IAD	
A25	2 Aust Corps Cipher Sec	
A26	4 AS Control (Type A)	Army Tps under comd 2 Aust Corps for adm.
	Inf	
A27	5 Aust HG Bn and 265 IAD	
	AASC	
A28	HQ Comd 2 Aust Corps Tps AASC	
A29	2 Aust Corps Tps Amn Coy	
A30	2 Aust Corps Tps Pet Coy	
A31	2 Aust Corps Tps Sup Coln	
A32	HQ Comd 1 Aust Corps Tps AASC	Ex 1 Aust Corps
A33	2/1 Aust Corps Tps Amn Coy	Ex 1 Aust Corps
A34	2/1 Aust Corps Tps Pet Coy	Ex 1 Aust Corps
A35	2/1 Aust Corps Tps Sup Coln	Ex 1 Aust Corps
A36	HQ 2 Aust Corps Tpt Coln	

Serial	Unit	Remarks
A37	129 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	
A38	130 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	
A39	131 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	
A40	132 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	
A41	133 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	
A42	HQ 1 Aust Corps Tpt Col)	
A43	2/103 Aust Gen Tpt Coy)	
A44	2/104 Aust Gen Tpt Coy)	Ex 1 Aust Corps
A45	2/105 Aust Gen Tpt Coy)	
A46	2/2 Aust DID)	
A47	4 Aust DID)	Army Tps under Comd 2 Aust Corps for Adm only
A48	7 Aust DID)	
	AAMC	
A49	22 Fd Amb	
A50	2 Aust CCS	
A51	11 Aust CCS	
A52	2 Aust AAC (less one sec)	
A53	2/1 Aust AAC (less one sec)	Ex 1 Aust Corps
A54	2/2 Aust Dental Unit)	
A55	2/3 Aust Dental Unit)	Army Tps under Comd 2 Aust Corps
A56	80 Aust Dental Unit)	
	AAOC	
A57	290 Aust LAD	
A58	110 Aust Ind Bde Gp Ord Wkshop	
A59	110 Aust Ind Bde Gp Ord Fd Pk	
A60	2/3 Aust Army Ord Fd Pk	Ex 1 Aust Corps
A61	3 Aust Mob Laundry and Fwd Decn Unit	
A62	2/90 Aust LAD	
	Pro	
A63	2 Aust Corps Pro Coy	
	Postal	
A64	2 Aust Corps Postal Unit	
	Pay	
A65	2 Aust Corps Fd Cash Office	
	Misc	
A66	2/3 Aust MH and Infm Sec	
A67	2 Aust Corps Salvage Unit	
A68	101 Aust Mob Bath Unit	
A69	HQ 2 Aust Corps Reception Camp	

Serial	Unit	Remarks
	3 Aust Div	
	HQ	
B 1	HQ 3 Aust Div	
B 2	3 Aust Div Intell Sec	
B 3	E Sec FCS	
	Cav	
B 4	3 Aust Cav Regt, Sig Sec and 297 LAD	
B 5		
	RAA	
B 6	HQ RA 3 Aust Div	
B 7	HQ 108 Aust A/Tk Regt, Sig Sec and 255 LAD	
B 8	21 Aust A/Tk Bty	
B 9	3 Aust Svy Bty	
	RAE	
B10	HQ RE 3 Aust Fd	
B11	53 Aust Fd Pk Coy and 253 LAD	
	Sigs	
B12	HQ Sigs 3 Aust Div and 251 LAD	
B13	No 1 Coy Sigs 3 Aust Div	
B14	Y Sec Sigs 3 Aust Div	
B15	3 Aust Div Cipher Sec	
	Inf	
B16	2/3 Aust Indep Coy)	Under Comd 3 Aust Div for Adm only
B17	2/8 Aust Indep Coy)	
	AASC	
B18	HQ Comd AA C 3 Aust Div	
B19	20 Aust Coy AASC	
	AAMC	
B20	2/13 Aust Fd Amb	
	AAOC	
B21	HQ 54 Aust Div Ord Wkshops	
B22	10 Bde Sec 54 Aust Div Ord Wkshops	
B23	HQ 54 Aust Div Ord Fd Pk	
B24	10 Bde Sec 54 Aust Div Ord Fd Pk	
B25	6 Aust Mob Laundry and Fwd Decn Unit	
B26	8 Aust Salvage Unit	
B27	AIOS Dump	
	Pro	
B28	3 Aust Div Pro Coy	
	Pay	
B29	3 Aust Div Fd Cash Office	
	Postal	
B30	3 Aust Div Postal Unit	
	Misc.	
B31	3 Aust Div Reception Camp	
B32	107 Aust Mob Bath Unit	
B33	3 Aust Div Rest Sta	
B34	3 Aust Div Details Pool	
B35	3 Aust Div Concert Party	
B36	3 Aust Div Camflg Unit	

Serial	Unit	Remarks
	4 AUST INF BDE GP	
B36	HQ 4 Aust Inf Bde, Sig Sec and 264 IAD	
B37	4 Aust Fd Regt, Sig Sec and 214 IAD	
B38	22 Aust A/Tk Bty	
B39	4 Aust Fd Coy	
B40	22 Aust Inf Bn	
B41	29/46 Aust Inf Bn	
B42	37/52 Aust Inf Bn	
B43	19 Aust Coy AASC	
B44	4 Aust Fd Amb	
B45	4 Bde Sec 54 Div Ord Wkshop	
B46	4 Bde Sec 54 Div Ord Fd Pk	
	15 AUST INF BDE GP	
B47	HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde, Sig Sec and 266 IAD	
B48	2 Aust Fd Regt, Sig Sec and 213 IAD	
B49	24 Aust A/Tk Bty	
B50	15 Aust Fd Coy	
B51	24 Aust Inf Bn	
B52	57/60 Aust Inf Bn	
B53	58/59 Aust Inf Bn	
B54	81 Aust Coy AASC	
B55	15 Aust Fd Amb	
B56	15 Bde Sec 54 Div Ord Wkshop	
B57	15 Bde Sec 54 Div Ord Fd Pk	

Serial	Unit	Remarks
	1 AUST MOT BDE	
C 1	HQ 1 Aust Mot Bde	
C 2	5 Aust Mot Regt and 299 LAD	
C 3	11 Aust Mot Regt and 300 LAD	
C 4	16 Aust Mot Regt and 211 LAD	
C 5	6 Bty 102 A/Tk Regt	
C 6	3 Sqn Sigs 1 Aust Mot Div	
C 7	1 Aust Lt Fd Amb	
C 8	1 Aust Mot Bde Ord Wkshop	
C 9	1 Aust Mot Bde Ord Sub Fd Pk	
C10	Det 1 Aust Mob Div Postal Unit	
C11	1 Aust Mot Bde ASC Coy	

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APPX "B" TO 2 AUST CORPS OP INSTR No. 5.

Order of Battle 2 Aust Corps

Units Ex 1 Aust Corps and 7 Aust Div under comd 2 Aust Corps for purposes of adm and emergency ops.

(Serials 1 to 18 under comd HQ Indep Units 7 Aust Div).

Serial	Unit	Remarks
D 1	HQ Indep Units 7 Aust Div	
D 2	E Sec 7 Aust Div Sigs	Dets from 2/4 Fd Regt
D 3	G Sec 7 Aust Div Sigs	
D 4	2/55 Aust LAD	
D 5	25 Bde Sec 7 Aust Div Ord Wkshop	
D 6	25 Bde Sec 7 Aust Div Ord Fd Pk	
D 7	2/4 Aust Fd Regt (less one bty)	
D 8	2/51 Aust LAD	
D 9	2/1 Aust MG Bn & 2/48 LAD (less A and B Coys)	
D10	2/4 Coy AASC (less det)	
D11	2/56 Aust LAD	
D12	Det 59 Aust Corps Fd Pk Coy and 239 LAD	
D13	3 Aust AL Sec	
D14	Sec 2/1 Aust AAC	
D15	3 Aust A Ord Wkshop	
D16	1 Aust Corps Mob Laundry and Fwd Decn Unit (less det)	
D17	1 Aust Corps Fd Punishment Centre	

ORGANIZATION VDC
2 Aust Corps Area

APPX "C"
To 2 Aust Corps Op Instn No 5.

Area	VDC Unit	Location of HQ	Strength HQ	Strength Bn	Bn Total	Gp Total	
NSW L of C	HQ, A Gp	GRAFTON	-	-	-		
	1 Bn	LISMORE	-	862	862		
	2 Bn	GRAFTON	-	583	583		
	22 Bn	CASINO	-	694	694		
	E Coy 3 Bn	GLEN INNES	-	134	134	2275	2275 Total NSW
QUEENSLAND L of C	Corps HQ	BRISBANE	51	-	-	51	
	HQ A Gp	"	11	-	11		
	1 Bn	"	22	555	577		
	2 Bn	"	22	777	799		
	3 Bn	"	22	555	577		
	4 Bn	"	22	777	799		
	5 Bn	SOUTHPORT	22	777	799		
	6 Bn	NAMBOUR	22	777	799	4561	
	HQ, B Gp	MARYBOROUGH	11	-	11		
	10 Bn	BUNDABERG	22	999	1021		
	11 Bn	MARYBOROUGH	22	555	577		
	12 Bn	GYMPIE	22	555	577		
	20 Bn	BURGON	22	444	466	2652	
	HQ E Gp	TOOWOOMBA					
	9 Bn	IPSWICH	22	666	688	688	7732 Total QLD
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Appendix 26 (A)

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2 Aust Corps

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29 Oct 42

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As At 2400 hrs 28 Sep 42.

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2. It is requested that any errors or omissions noted in this statement be notified to this HQ by the formation or unit concerned.

3. Ack. Include in ack destruction by fire of previous Location Statement.

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for BGS
2 Aust Corps

MOST SECRET

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LOCATION STATEMENT

2 Aust Corps

As At 2400 hrs 28 Oct 42

Veh markings:- COCKATOO on BOOMERANG

Map Legend

G = GYMPIE 4 miles to 1 inch.
IX = IPSWICH 4 miles to 1 inch.
M = MARYBOROUGH 4 miles to 1 inch.
C = CABOOLTURE 1 inch to 1 mile.
E = EUMUNDI 1 inch to 1 mile.
I = IPSWICH 1 inch to 1 mile.
L = LANDSBOROUGH 1 inch to 1 mile.
R = REDCLIFFE 1 inch to 1 mile.
S = SANFORD 1 inch to 1 mile.

Serial	Unit	Veh No	Location	Map Ref	Remarks
	HQ				
A 1	HQ 2 Aust Corps	107	ESK		
A 2	2 Aust Corps Sec Intell Corps		ESK		
A 3	4 Aust Def and Emp Pl	120	ESK		Temporarily att 57/60 Bn for trg.
A 4	H Sec FSS	107	ESK		
A 5	2 Aust Corps Fr Fd Unit		ESK		
A 6	2 Aust Fd Censorship Sec		BRISBANE		Att for duty AIRBASE, BRISBANE.
A 7	3 Aust Fd Censorship Sec		SYDNEY		
	Arty				
A 8	HQ RAA 2 Aust Corps	109	ESK		
A 9	HQ RAA 1 Aust Corps	109	GAROOGHYDORE	E.292878	Under comd 3 Div for adm & trg.
A10	2/9 Aust A Fd Regt, Sig Sec and 2/68 IAD	134	BUDERIM	E.242865	Ex 1 Aust Corps and under comd 3 Div for adm and trg.
A11	2/11 Aust A Fd Regt, Sig Sec and 2/70 IAD	142	WOODFORD	G.589556	Ex 1 Aust Corps
A12	8 Aust Fd Regt, Sig Sec and 229 IAD	75	CASINO		
A13	1 Aust Med Regt, Sig Sec and 208 IAD	104	BEURUM	G.583650	
A14	2/1 Aust Med Regt, Sig Sec and 2/60 IAD	112	REDCLIFFE	R.277188	Ex 1 Aust Corps & under comd 3 Div for adm & trg.
A15	2 Aust F Sp Bty	106	BEURUM	G.581649	
A16	2/1 Aust F Sp Bty	106	ARAKOON	IX.575602	Ex 1 Aust Corps
A17	2/7 Aust Svy Bty	87	STANLEY R DAM area	C.688299	Ex 1 Aust Corps
	RAE				
A18	HQ RAE 2 Aust Corps	101	VILLENEUVE	G.577653	
A19	10 Aust Fd Coy	149	WITTA	G.588683	
A20	2/16 Aust A Fd Coy	132	GLENFERN	G.576651	
A21	19 Aust A Fd Coy	141	GLENFERN	G.575652	
A22	60 Aust Corps Fd Pk Coy and 315 IAD	105	GLENFERN	G.575652	
A23	2 Aust Corps Comdl Trg Unit	118	VILLENEUVE		

Serial	Unit	Veh No	Location	Map Ref	Remarks
	Sigs				
A24	Sigs 2 Aust Corps and 244 LAD	115	ESK		
A25	2 Aust Corps Cipher Sec	115	ESK		
A26	4 AS Control (Type A)	137	ESK		Army Tps under coml 2 Aust Corps for adm
	Inf				
A27	5 Aust MG Bn & 266 LAD		D'AGUILAR	L.9548	
	AASC				
A28	HQ Comd 2 Aust Corps Tps AASC	108	TOOGOOLAWAH	IX.548639	
A29	2 Aust Corps Tps Amn Coy	136	HARLIN	G.547648	
A30	2 Aust Corps Tps Pet Coy	146	HARLIN	G.549650	
A31	2 Aust Corps Tps Sup Coln	150	HARLIN	G.547647	
A32	HQ Comd 1 Aust Corps Tps AASC	103	FAIRFIE VIEW	S.800587	Ex 1 Aust Corps
A33	2/1 Aust Corps Tps Amn Coy	156	FERNVALE	S.798875	Ex 1 Aust Corps
A34	2/1 Aust Corps Tps Pet Coy	146	FAIRFIE VIEW	S.797879	Ex 1 Aust Corps
A35	2/1 Aust Corps Tps Sup Coln	150	FERNVALE	S.803878	Ex 1 Aust Corps
A36	HQ 2 Aust Corps Tpt Coln	116	KILCOY	G.571655	
A37	129 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	125	[illegible]	G.582746	Att 1 Aust [illegible] Bde
A38	130 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	131	LANDSBOROUGH	G.613567	Att 3 Aust Div
A39	131 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	131	CROSSDALE	IX.564622	
A40	132 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	105	KILCOY area	IX.568644	
A41	133 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	160	TOOGOOLAWAH	IX.547639	
A42	HQ 1 Aust Corps Tpt Coln	116	GOODNA	I.059717	Ex 1 Aust Corps
A43	2/103 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	125	GOODNA-REDBANK area	I.020727	Ex 1 Aust Corps
A44	2/104 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	131	GROVELY CAMP	I.613598	Ex 1 Aust Corps
A45	2/105 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	121	Adjoining GROVELY CAMP	I.613598	Ex 1 Aust Corps
A46	2/108 Aust Gen Tpt Coy (less 2 pls and 1 wkshop sec)	105	GOODNA	I.130712	Ex 1 Aust Corps
A47	3 Aust MAC (less one sec)	294	KILCOY	G.571656	One Sec under coml 1 Aust Armd Div
A48	2/1 Aust MAC (less one sec)	256	DIMMORE		A Sec WOODFORD G.594653
A49	2/2 Aust DID		WOODFORD	) Army Tps under coml	
A50	4 Aust DID		CABOOLTURE	) 2 Aust Corps For	
A51	7 Aust DID		TOOGOOLAWAH	) Adm.	
	AAMC				
A52	22 Fd Amb	52	KILCOY	G.570655	B Coy VILLEN-EUVE.G.577653
A53	2 Aust CCS	151	WOODFORD	G.594654	
A54	11 Aust CCS	135	HARLIN	G.542653	
A55	2/2 Aust Dental Unit				Army Tps Under Coml 2 Aust Corps.
A56	" HQ Sec		D'AGUILAR		Att 5 Aust MG Bn
A57	" HQ Sec		BURPENGARY		Att 57/60 Bn
A58	" A Sec		NEURUM		1 Aust Med Regt
A59	" B Sec		CABOOLTURE		Att HQ Indep Units 7 Div
A60	" C Sec		REDCLIFFE		Att 2/1 Aust Med Regt
A61	" D Sec		DECEPTION BAY		Att 2/1 Aust MG Bn
A62	" E Sec		WOODFORD		Att 2/4 Aust Fd Regt
A63	" F Sec		WOODFORD		Att 2/11 Aust Fd Regt

Serial	Unit	Veh No	Location	Map Ref	Remarks
A64	2/3 Aust Dental Unit				Army Tps Under comd 2 Aust Corps.
A65	" HQ Sec		GOODNA		HQ 1 Aust Corps Tpt Coln
A66	" HQ Sec		FAIRNIE VIEW		HQ 1 Aust Corps Tps AASC
A67	" A Sec		CROSSMAIE		151 Aust Gen Tpt Coy
A68	" B Sec		HARLIN		2 Aust Corps Tps Sup Coln
A69	" C Sec		ESK		HQ Sigs 2 Aust Corps
A70	30 Aust Dental Unit				Army Tps under comd 2 Aust Corps
A71	" HQ Sec		CALOUNDRA		Att 29/46 Aust Inf Bn
A72	" HQ Sec		TOOWOOMBA		Att HQ First Aust Army
A73	" A Sec		ESK		Att HQ 2 Aust Corps
A74	" B Sec		MOOLOOLAH		Att HQ 3 Aust Div
A75	" C Sec		MAROOCHYDORE		Att 22 Aust Inf Bn
A76	" D Sec		TOORBUL PT		Att 2/3 Aust Indep Coy
A77	" E Sec		LANDSBOROUGH		Att 106 Aust A/Tk Regt
A78	" F		LANDSBOROUGH		Att S Aust Cav Reg
	AAOC				
A79	290 Aust IAD		MONTO		Moving to WOODFORD
A80	110 Aust Indep Bde Gp Ord Wkshop	158	WOODFORD	G.594653	
A81	110 Aust Indep Bde Gp Ord Fd Pk	127	WOODFORD	G.594653	
A82	2/3 Aust Army Ord Fd Pk	147	IPSWICH	IX.592573	Ex 1 Aust Corps
A83	3 Aust Mot Laundry & Fwd Decn Unit	173	BANDIANNA (ASW)		
A84	2/30 Aust IAD		IPSWICH	IX.578596	Ex 2/1 Aust Med Regt 1 Aust Corps.
	Pro				
A85	2 Aust Corps Pro Coy	128	ESK		Det IPSWICH
	Postal				
A86	2 Aust Corps Postal Unit	154	IPSWICH		
	Pay				
A87	2 Aust Corps Fd Cash Office	162	ESK		
	Misc				
A88	2/3 Aust MH and Infm Sec	174			Not yet raised
A89	2 Aust Corps Salvage Unit	166	ESK		
A90	101 Aust Mob Bath Unit	132			Being raised by QLD L of C
A91	HQ 2 Aust Corps Reception Camp	133	ASCOT Racecourse BRISBANE		

3 AUST DIV

Veh Sign:- KOALA on BOOMERANG.

Map Legend

L = LANDSBOROUGH one inch.
E = EUMUNDI one inch.
C = CABOOLTURE one inch.
G = GLASSHOUSE one inch.
LB = LUGUNA BAY one inch.
R = REDCLIFFE one inch.
I = IPSWICH ½ inch.

Serial	Unit	Veh No	Location	Map Ref	Remarks
B 1	HQ 3 Aust Div	84	MOOLOOLAH	L.173742	
B 2	3 Aust Div Sec Intell Corps	84	MOOLOOLAH	L.173742	
B 3	E Sec FSS	84	MOOLOOLAH	L.171745	
	Cav				
B 4	8 Aust Div Cav Regt, Sig Sec and 297 IAD	92	LANDSBOROUGH	L.182685	
B 5	21 Aust Div Cav Regt, Sig Sec and 295 Aust IAD		BELLI PARK	E.010600	
	RAA				
B 6	HQ RAA 3 Aust Div	69	MOOLOOLAH	L.173746	
B 7	HQ 106 A/Tk Regt, H Sec Sigs and 263 Aust IAD	62	LANDSBOROUGH	L.178724	
B 8	22 Aust A/Tk Bty	62	At present on exercise		Returning to
B 9	5 Aust Svy Bty		NOOSA HEADS	LB.286209	E.168866 30 Oct and replacing 21 Aust A/Tk Bty
	RAE				
B10	HQ RAE 3 Aust Div	81	GLENVIEW	L.213759	
B11	53 Aust Fd Pk Coy	67	GLENVIEW	L.226758	
B12	230 Aust IAD		DINMORE	I.597576	
	Sigs	--			
B13	HQ Sigs 3 Aust Div	66	LANDSBOROUGH	L.175725	
B14	3 Aust Div Cipher Sec	66	MOOLOOLAH	L.173742	
B15	No 1 Coy Sigs 3 Div	66	LANDSBOROUGH	L.175725	
B16	231 Aust IAD	66	LANDSBOROUGH	L.177718	
	Indep Coys				
B17	2/3 Aust Indep Coy		TOORBUL PT	C.323372	
B18	2/8 Aust Indep Coy		TOORBUL PT	C.323372	
	AASC				
B19	HQ Comd AASC 3 Aust Div	59	LANDSBOROUGH	L.215738	
B20	20 Aust Coy AASC	64	LANDSBOROUGH	L.180716	
	AAMC				
B21	HQ 2/13 Aust Fd Amb	52	LANDSBOROUGH	L.131705	
B22	A Coy 2/13 Aust Fd Amb		FOREST GLEN	L.228799	
B23	B Coy 2/13 Aust Fd Amb		LANDSBOROUGH	L.193734	
B24	2/1 Aust Mob Operating Unit		LANDSBOROUGH	L.131705	Att 2/13 Fd Amb
	AAOC				
B25	HQ 54 Div Ord Wkshops	76	MOOLOOLAH	L.155755	
B26	HQ 54 Div Ord Fd Pk	83	MOOLOOLAH	L.155755	
B27	No 2 Sec 54 Aust Div Ord Wkshops		LANDSBOROUGH	L.157753	
B28	C Sec 54 Div Ord Fd Pk		LANDSBOROUGH	L.155703	
B29	8 Aust Salv Unit	70	LANDSBOROUGH	L.161782	
B30	6 Aust Mob Laundry and Decn Unit	51	MOOLOOLAH	L.155755	
B31	ADOS Dump		Diggers' Hall NAMBOUR	E.132920	

Serial	Unit	Veh No	Location	Map Ref	Remarks
	Pro				
B33	3 Aust Div Pro Coy	95	LANDSBOROUGH	L.142700	
	Pay				
B34	3 Aust Div Fd Cash Office	87	MOOLOOLAH	L.175742	
	Postal				
B35	3 Aust Div Postal Unit	55	MOOLOOLAH	L.175742	
	Misc				
B36	3 Aust Div Reception Camp	98	LANDSBOROUGH	L.155701	
B37	107 Aust Mob Bath	79	GLENVIEW	L.210757	
B38	3 Aust Div Camflg Trg Unit	73	NAMBOUR	E.145927	
B39	3 Aust Div Rest Sta		CALOUNDRA	L.526724	
B40	3 Aust Div Details Pool		LANDSBOROUGH	L.205725	
B41	3 Aust Div Concert Party		MOOLOOLAH	L.169748	
	4 AUST INF BDE GP.				
B42	HQ 4 Aust Inf Bde and "J" Sec Sigs	88	FOREST GLEN	L.192838	
B43	284 Aust LAD	88	FOREST GLEN	L.187845	
B44	4 Aust Fd Regt, "P" Sec Sigs and 214 Aust LAD	54	FOREST GLEN	L.229783	
B45	21 Aust A Tk Bty	62	KIEL'S MTH	E.168866	Temporarily
B46	4 Aust Fd Coy	60	PALMWOODS	L.135841	replacing 22
B47	22 Aust Inf Bn	53	ALEXANDRA	E.284861	Aust A Tk Bty
B48	29/46 Aust Inf Bn	50	5 miles West CALOUNDRA	L.237753	until 30 Oct.
B49	37/52 Aust Inf Bn	61	KULANGOOR	E.152965	
B50	19 Aust Coy ASC	97	6 miles South FOREST GLEN	L.228729	
B51	4 Aust Fd Amb (less A Coy)	57	NAMBOUR	E.145927	
B52	No 1 Sec 54 Aust Div Ord Wkshops	76	PALMWOODS	E.141838	
B53	A Sec 54 Aust Div Ord Fd Pk	83	PALMWOODS	E.141838	
	15 AUST INF BDE GP				
B54	HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde, L Sec Sigs and 266 Aust LAD	65	CABOOLTURE	C.117380	
B55	2 Aust Fd Regt & E Sec Sigs	74	CABOOLTURE	C.122404	
B56	213 Aust LAD	74	CABOOLTURE	C.125397	
B57	24 Aust A Tk Bty	62	WOODIU	C.100402	
B58	15 Aust Fd Coy	86	DIMMORE	I.597576	Returning to
B59	24 Aust Inf Bn	63	ELIMBAH	L.116487	C.103393 on
B60	57/60 Aust Inf Bn	82	BURPENGARY	C.142297	1 Nov.
B61	58/59 Aust Inf Bn	91	North of CABOOLTURE	C.148417	
B62	82 Aust Coy ASC	72	CABOOLTURE	C.128387	
B63	HQ 15 Aust Fd Amb	70	CABOOLTURE	C.086378	
B64	A Coy 15 Aust Fd Amb		ELIMBAH	C.061405	
B65	B Coy 16 Aust Fd Amb		CABOOLTURE	C.109391	
B66	No 5 Sec 54 Aust Div Ord Wkshops	76	CABOOLTURE	C.112379	
B67	B Sec 54 Aust Div Ord Fd Pk	83	CABOOLTURE	C.113378	

32 US DIV.

Under Comd 2 Aust Corps for planning and execution of defensive operational role only.

Serial		Unit	Location	Remarks
		HQ		
C	1	Rear HQ 32 Inf Div		
C	2	HQ & Military Police Coy and Service Det		
		RECCE		
C	3	32 Cav Recce Tp		
		ARTY		
C	4	HQ)		
C	5	HQ Bty) 32 Div Arty		
C	6	Band)		
C	7	120 Fd Arty Bn		
C	8	121 Fd Arty Bn		
C	9	126 Fd Arty Bn		
C	10	129 Fd Arty Bn		
C	11	147 Fd Arty Bn	} 1US Corps Tps Attached	
C	12	148 Fd Arty Bn (1st Bn)	} 32 Div	
C	13	632 Tank Destroyer Bn		Attached
		ENGRS.	TAMBOURINE	
C	14	114 Engr Bn (less det from HQ and two water purification units).		
		SIGS.		
C	15	32 Sig Coy (less 1 det)		
		INF		
C	16	127 Inf Regt		
		S & T		
C	17	107 QM Bn		
		MEDICAL		
C	18	107 Medical Bn (less cleaning pl and collecting bn).		

1 AUST MOT BDE

(Under Comd 1 Aust Mot Div)

Veh Signs- GREYHOUNDon BOOMERANG.

Serial	Unit	Veh No	Location	Remarks
D 1	HQ 1 Aust Mot Bde	84	GYMPIE	
D 2	5 Aust Mot Regt and 299 LAD	58	GYMPIE	
D 3	11 Aust Mot Regt & 300 LAD	80	GYMPIE	
D 4	16 Aust Mot Regt & 211 LAD	68	GYMPIE	
D 5	6 Bty 102 Aust A/Tk Regt	91	GYMPIE	
D 6	3 Sqn Sigs 1 Aust Mot Div	85	GYMPIE	
D 7	1 Aust Lt Fd Amb	53	GYMPIE	
D 8	1 Aust Mot Bde Ord W/Kshop	83	GYMPIE	
D 9	1 Aust Mot Bde Ord Sub Plt	86	GYMPIE	
D 10	Det 1 Aust Mot Div Postal Unit	73	GYMPIE	
D 11	1 Aust Mot Bde ASC Coy	75	GYMPIE	

UNITS EX 1 AUST CORPS AND 7 AUST DIV.

Under Comd 2 Aust Corps for Purposes of Adm and Emergency Ops.

Serials 1-14 under comd HQ Indep Units 7 Aust Div.

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Serial	Unit	Veh No	Location	Map Ref	Remarks
E 1	HQ Indep Units 7 Aust Div		CABOOLTURE	C.112387	
E 2	E Sec 7 Aust Div Sigs		CABOOLTURE	C.112387	Det from 2/4 Fd Re
E 3	G Sec 7 Aust Div Sigs		ASCOT		
E 4	2/56 Aust LAD	92	CABOOLTURE	C.117367	
E 5	25 Bde Sec 7 Aust Div Ord W/Kshops	76	CABOOLTURE	C.113377	
E 6	25 Bde Sec 7 Aust Div Ord Fd Pk	83	CABOOLTURE	C.113377	
E 7	Det 2/2 Aust A/Tk Regt		WOODFORD	G.986471	
E 8	2/4 Aust Fd Regt (less one bty)	74	WOODFORD	G.986471	
E 9	2/51 Aust LAD	74	WOODFORD	G.986471	
E10	2/1 Aust MG Bn (less "A" and "B" coys)	51	DECEPTION BAY	R.198238	
E11	2/48 LAD	51	DECEPTION BAY	R.198238	
E12	2/4 Aust Coy AASC (less det)	97	BEACHMERE	R.223312	
E13	Det 2/6 Aust Coy AASC		BEACHMERE	R.223312	
E14	2/56 Aust LAD	66	Showground WOODFORD		
E15	Det 59 Aust Corps Fd Pk Coy (259 LAD)		DIMMORE		
E16	3 Aust AL Sec	112	TOOWOOMBA		
E17	Sec 2/1 Aust LAC		DIMMORE		
E18	3 Aust AOrd Wkshop		IPSWICH	I.592573	
E19	1 Aust Corps Mob Laundry and Fwd Decn Unit (less det)	173	FERNVALE	I.578596	
E20	1 Aust Corps Fd Punishment Centre		CHURCHILL		

Appendix 265

S E C R E T

Copy No. 80

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HQ 2 AUST CORPS DAILY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 70.

Compiled from information received to 0800 hrs 29 Oct 42

Notes A B & C. See Summaries Nos 1 & 45.

PART 1

OPERATIONS

(i) N.W. AUSTRALIA Area -

DARWIN 27 Oct 0305 hrs. A bombing attack by enemy a/c resulted in only slight damage to the power line.

SANDY POINT, LA GRANGE, BROOME and DERBY 27 Oct. A single u/i a/c was reported over these towns during the morning.

(ii) N.E.I. Area -

TIMOR 26 Oct 2042 hrs. Allied a/c bombed the township of DILLI but clouds obscured the observation of results.

(iii) NEW GUINEA Area -

LAE SALAMAUA 27 Oct. Allied a/c made an attack on small boats at LAE. A preliminary report states that three barges were hit and were burning fiercely, and that an unknown number of A/A gun posns were silenced.

BUNA KOKODA 27 Oct. It is reported that the JAPS are using MT. at night on the rd SANANANDA to AMBOGA. 1240 hrs. Allied a/c attacked the ALOLA-ABUARI-ISURAVA area. Bombs fell on the target area but results were NOT observed.

MILNE BAY 26 Oct. Natives encountered two of the enemy in the vicinity of AHIOMA. One JAP was shot and the other captured.

GOODENOUGH IS. 26 Oct. Two stray JAPS were the only enemy observed.

FERGUSON IS. 27 Oct. The report of tents being at MASIMASI (Ref Int Summary No.69) is now discounted, the sighting being a native village.

NUMANUMA BAY, SE tip of the island, 27 Oct 1635 hrs. Allied a/c bombed and strafed this area. There was a near miss on a barge, while houses nearby were destroyed.

A further native report suggests the possibility of a party of 250 JAPS in addition to the group reported in Summary No.68 have landed from three big barges near DOBU PASSAGE, SE tip of the island. This party, which was from BUNA, was destined for GOODENOUGH IS, but detoured to FERGUSON IS. on sighting our forces. It is reported that the enemy is armed with rifles and MGs and has WT.

NORMANBY IS. 27 Oct 0240 hrs. Allied a/c attacked lights on the beach at CAPE PIERSON, NW tip of the island. Bombs fell in the target area but the lights were extinguished. The results are NOT known.

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(iv) BISMARCK ARCHIPELAGO -

NEW BRITAIN 26 Oct. It is reported that the area from KULINGAI, fourteen mls SOUTH of TALASEA, to LOLATOLO, forty-two mls SE TALASEA, is under the influence of former native police, who are armed. 27 Oct 0836 hrs. One cruiser and one destroyer were sighted approx twenty-three mls SOUTH of CAPE ARFORD, course NORTH by EAST.

RABAUL. 27 Oct a.m. One hy cruiser, one light cruiser, two S/P tenders, eight cargo ships, six u/i vessels, three tankers and twenty other naval vessels are considered to be in this area.

(v) SOLOMON'S Area-

BUKA PASSAGE 27 Oct 1035 hrs. One destroyer was sighted off the EAST coast of TOIOKH IS, course NW.

BUIN-FAISI-TONOLEI 27 Oct 1115 hrs. Sightings comprised one probable a/c carrier, three cruisers, six destroyers, eleven cargo vessels and an unstated number of u/i vessels. Eight F/Bs were stationary at FAISI.

SANTA CRUZ GP 27 Oct. Sightings indicate that three distinct forces are operating in this area. 0630 hrs. Two battleships, one light cruiser and four destroyers were observed approx 215 mls ESE of NDENI IS, on a course SOUTH. 0909 hrs. One a/c carrier, two battleships, seven hy cruisers, three light cruisers and three destroyers were approx 180 mls NORTH of NDENI IS. on a NORTHERLY course.

(vi) General:

NEW HEBRIDES 27 Oct 0610 hrs. One submarine, which submerged, was sighted approx 135 mls NE of CAPE CUMBERLAND, ESPIRITU SANTO IS. (Landops Revsit 89).

PART 2

E N E M Y

(vi) Equipment

Mitsubishi MC-20 Transport: On the afternoon 19 Oct an Allied reconnaissance aircraft sighted near GIZO (NEW GEORGIA), and followed for some 200 mls ESE, a twin-engined aircraft described as similar to a Douglas transport.

C o m m e n t : It is possible, if not probable, that the aircraft was the Mitsubishi MC-20 transport. This type was recently sighted by patrol aircraft from Western Area and was apparently operating from KOEPANG or WAINGPOE. This type, until the above report, had NOT recently been sighted in North-Eastern Area.

It is possible that the enemy is using the transport aircraft merely for carriage of supplies along the 1000 miles of his lines of communication from LORENGAU SE. On the other hand, the association of this type with parachute operations in the past may be significant. (It was largely used in para-troop actions at PALEMBANG and KOEPANG) (AAF Summary No.44).

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GS 2 Aust Corps.

Distribution as per Summary No. 58.

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HQ 2 AUST CORPS DAILY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No.71

Compiled from information received to 0800 hrs 30 Oct 42

Notes A B & C. See Summaries Nos 1 & 45.

PART 1

OPERATIONS:

(i) NW AUSTRALIA Area -

DARWIN 28 Oct 1005 hrs. Allied intercepting A/C failed to contact the enemy recce A/C which was reported to be operating between DARWIN and CLARENCE STRAIT (forty mls NE of DARWIN).

(iii) NEW GUINEA Area -

LAE-SALAMAUA 27 Oct. Further to the Allied air attack on LAE reported in 2 Aust Corps Intell Summary No.70, it is now known that the fuel stored at VOCO PT was destroyed, hy explosions were heard and a fire started which was visible for forty mls. Ninety Japs took shelter round the aerodrome on which NO serviceable A/C were observed. Reports from native sources state that there are NO Japs at HOPOI (twenty-one mls EAST of LAE) but enemy patrols are in the area.

BUNA -KOKODA 26 Oct. Our forces continued to attack and make progress in spite of hy rain and the stubborn resistance of the enemy from prepared posns. 27 Oct. The enemy were pushed back 1,000 yds along the track and on the spur on the left. 28 Oct. Our attack was continued on the whole front with success, particularly on the left, where during the morning the enemy were pushed back a further 600 yds along the spur WEST of the creek. Difficult terrain and the tenacity of small bodies of the enemy in isolated prepared posns are steadying our advance. The enemy was observed near KOKODA sending fwd reserves, armed with small bore rifles and carrying hy packs. Unarmed men and horses were transporting other supplies. The runways at the KOKODA and IOMA aerodromes appeared to be serviceable, but NO enemy activity was observed.

MILNE BAY. A recent patrolling report states that three Japs were encountered and killed three mls SE of TAUPOTA.

FERGUSSON IS. Further to the Allied air attack of 27 Oct, mentioned in 2 Aust Corps Intell Summary No.70, it is now known that only natives were in the vicinity at the time, the Japs having left at approx 1900 hrs on 26 Oct.

(vi) BISMARCK ARCHIPELAGO Area -

RABAUL 28 Oct 0305 hrs. As a result of our air attack on shipping, one u/i vessel was hit and left smoking and an explosion was observed on a warship. Other good runs were made but results were NOT observed.

GASMATA 28 Oct, 1101 hrs. Allied recce A/C strafed the aerodrome and installations. Light A/A fire was encountered. One wrecked bomber was the only A/C observed on the aerodrome.

NEW IRELAND 28 Oct 0710 hrs. One probable transport and one small escort vessel were sighted approx twenty-one mls SE of

KAVIENG steaming ESE. 0715 hrs. Eighteen bombers and eight possible Zeros were observed on KAVIENG aerodrome.

(v) SOLOMONS Area -

27 Oct. New buildings and tents were observed at WANGA BAY (sixteen and a half mls SE by EAST of CAPE RECHERCHE on NORTH tip of SAN CRISTOVAL).

BUKA PASSAGE 27 Oct 2315 hrs. Allied A/C attacked BUKA PASSAGE aerodrome. All bombs fell in the target area. One bomber was destroyed on the ground, large fires were started and hy explosions from burning fuel and amn dumps were heard for two hours afterwards. 26/27/28 Oct. There are indications that enemy submarines are operating in the areas round the SOLOMONS, NDENI IS (SANTA CRUZ Gp) and ESPIRITU SANTO (NEW HEBRIDES).

(Landops Revsit No.90).

PART 2

ENEMY:

(vi) Equipment -

Jap Rifle amn (.256) is carried in leather pouches, of two sizes, att to the waist belt. The rounds are packed in wedge-shaped cardboard containers, which may be placed directly into the pouch, the top of the container only being removed.

Type "92" HMG (JUKI): Amn is packed in brass strips, holding 30 rounds. Each strip is enclosed in a gauze-covered cardboard container. Twenty strips (600 rounds) are packed in a wooden case fitted with a rope carrying handle at either end. Total weight 48 lbs.

Both these types of SAA are rimless, the nature of the amn being indicated by a coloured band painted around the bullet. The following colours have been observed.

Red	Ball
Black	A.P.
Green	Tracer

Colour markings, however, are NOT standard, the above, as used by ground tps, being in direct contrast to specimens of 7.7 mm A/C SAA examined at this HQ and shown in Adv LHQ Weekly Int Sum No.6. This amn had a rimmed case (similar to our .303") with the colour markings on the annulus and bearing no relationship to those indicated above.

(Adv LHQ Int Sum No.12).

PART 4

OTHER FRONTS:

(i) ASIA -

HONGKONG 25 Oct. Allied A/C attacked HONG KONG. Bombs fell on docks and buildings in the vicinity. Our formation was attacked by eighteen enemy interceptors of which ten were definitely destroyed and five others probably.

(Landops Revsit No.90).

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Appendix 27

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HQ 2 AUST CORPS DAILY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 72

Compiled from information received to 0800 hrs 31 Oct 42

Notes A B & C. See Summaries Nos 1 & 45.

PART 1

OPERATIONS:

(ii) NEI Area -

TIMOR 28 Oct. A reliable report states that twelve MT and 100 JAPS on foot arrived at MANATUTO. An additional 100 JAPS proceeded to LACLO, seven mls SW of MANA TUTO. A further 100 JAPS were repairing a rd block at POINT SUDAO, five mls NW of MANATUTO. An unconfirmed report states that 200 JAPS were moving from AILEU to MANATUTO, 29 Oct. The JAPS still control BOBBNARO and are rebuilding tracks from BOBBNARO to MAPE, six mls SE of BOBBNARO and to MALLIANA, eight mls WEST of BOBBNARO.

DILLI 29 Oct. One 15,000 ton tanker and one other vessel were sighted in the HR.

AMBON 29 Oct 1435 hrs. Four merchant vessels totalling 15,000 tons were in the BAY.

(iii) NEW GUINEA Area -

LAE - SALAMAUA 28 Oct. 1200 hrs. One enemy bomber landed at LAE and unloaded fifteen men. Work on the aerodrome is being continued.

PORT MORESBY 29 Oct. 0315 hrs. A raid was made by a small number of enemy a/c. Bombs fell near SEVEN MILE aerodrome and others at BOOTLESS INLET. NO damage or casualties were reported.

KOKODA 28 Oct. Our forces maintained constant pressure astride the main track to ALOLA. The enemy was active with grenade and mortar fire. An increased proportion of the enemy mortar bombs were duds. Towards evening our tps on the left flank followed up a grenade barrage with a bayonet charge on 100 enemy tps in a well prepared posn on the steep slopes of a spur, on the left of the track. Thirty JAPS were killed, twenty were wounded, and the remainder escaped. 29 Oct. Our advance is continuing against the retreating JAPS. 0930 hrs. Allied a/c strafed and bombed the BUNA KOKODA area. Results were NOT observed. 0935 hrs. Allied a/c strafed and bombed tracks at ISURAVA, DENIKI ABUARI and KAILE, two mls NNE of ISURAVA. In the POPONDETTA area bombs fell on the tracks and huts were strafed. 28 Oct. The enemy has established an OP on ridges commanding YODDA. At the approaches to KOKODA there are prepared weapon pits which are NOT manned in strength.

BUNA 28 Oct. There are indications that the enemy has left POPONDETTA, ten mls SW of BUNA. There are large concentrations at BUNA, at SOPUTA, six mls SW, at WARISOTA, five mls SE, and at GIROPI, near BUNA.

MILNE BAY 28 Oct. One of our patrols ambushed five JAPS at LILIHOA. Four were killed and one captured.

(v) SOLOMONS Area -

BUIN-FAISI 28 Oct. 2335 hrs. Allied a/c attacked shipping in the area. There were near misses on four vessels incl a hy cruiser and a large explosion was observed on another vessel. 29 Oct. It was reliably reported that the enemy has strongly reinforced BUIN. They have W/T at KIHILI and at MOISURU five mls ENE of BUIN, both places being connected by L/T as well. There is a fuel and amn. dump at MOISURU and a food store at LAMUOI, three mls ENE of BUIN.
1605 hrs. Three hy and one light cruiser, nineteen destroyers, three probable S/P tenders, one tanker, one passenger and eleven cargo ships were sighted in the area.

SAN CRISTOBAL 29 Oct 1135 hrs. One submarine was sighted approx 140 mls SOUTH by EAST of CAPE SURVILLE at the SE tip of the island.

GUADALCANAL 29 Oct. 2310 hrs. Two destroyers were sighted approx fifteen mls NORTH of CAPE ESPERANCE at the NW tip of the island.

PART 2

ENEMY:

(vi) Equipment -

Identity Discs: It now appears that the brass identity discs hitherto accepted as being the normal issue are not, in fact, official. On overseas service, troops are issued with two iron or steel discs which give only the unit code number and the individual's number. The issue discs rust very quickly.

The brass identity discs are either made by the individuals themselves or given to them by friends.

It is reported that if an entire unit returned to JAPAN and came overseas again later under a new CO, the unit would be given a new symbol.

(Adv LHQ Intelligence Summary No. 12)

PART 3

TOPOGRAPHICAL:

(ii) OTHER AREAS

Corrigendum

Name of water area between NEW GUINEA and the SOLOMON ISLANDS Ref 2 AUST CORPS INTELLSUMMARY No.64. Line seven should read.

"Water Area NE of LOUISIADE ARCHIPELAGO - SE NEW GUINEA".

(Adv LHQ INTELL SUMMARY No.11)

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Subject:- Destruction of War Diary.

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1. On 29 Nov the "G" office of this HQ was destroyed by fire. In that fire were lost the duplicate copy of the October War Diary and both the November copies.

2. It is regretted that this HQ will now be unable to forward the above, for "G" branch, 2 Aust Corps.

3. No event of operational importance occurred during the periods.

Maj-Gen.
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