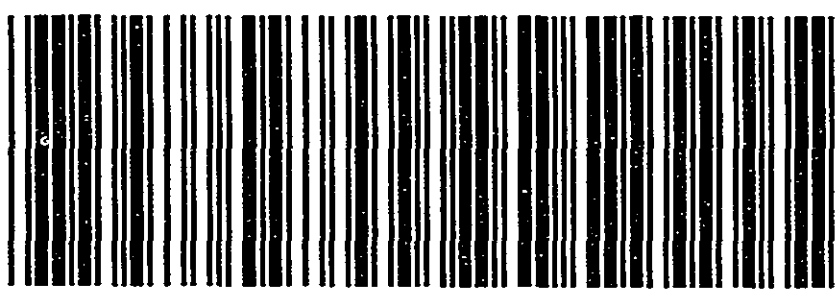
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Mt. Mee	1 Jan		SD Instruction No. 32 Telephone Calls	Appendix 41
	1 "		2 Aust Corps memo G2065. Subject 1 Aust ARD. Ref 2 Aust	" 42
			Corps Routine Order para 241 (3)	
	1 "		2 Aust Corps Daily Intelligence Summary No. 133	" 43
	1 "		CE Branch Intelligence Summary No. 8	" 44
	1 "		Ref SD Instruction No. 31 - Amendment para 2C	" 45
	1 "		2 Aust Corps Daily Intelligence Summary No. 132	" 46
	2 "		2 Aust Corps Daily Intelligence Summary No. 134	" 47
	3 "		2 Aust Corps memo G2084. Subject Amendments Distribution	" 48
			List 2 Aust Corps. Ref our G2016 of 24 Dec 42	
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	4 "		2 Aust Corps Daily Intelligence Summary No. 136	" 50
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Mt. Mee	6 Jan		2 Aust Corps memo G2106. Subject Distribution List 2 Aust	Appendix 52
			Corps. Ref G2016 of 24 Dec 42 amendments	
	6 "		SD Instruction. Transport - use of cars (Memo G2108)	" 53
	6 "		2 Aust Corps Daily Intelligence Summary No. 138	" 54
	7 "		2 Aust Corps Daily Intelligence Summary No. 139	" 55
	8 "		SD Instruction G2119 - Amendment to Corps Routine Orders	" 56
			Arrivals and Departures	
	8 "		2 Aust Corps Daily Intelligence Summary No. 140	" 57
	9 "		2 Aust Corps Daily Intelligence Summary No. 141	" 58
	10 "		2 Aust Corps Daily Intelligence Summary No. 142	" 59
	11 "		2 Aust Corps Daily Intelligence Summary No. 143	" 60
	12 "		2 Aust Corps Daily Intelligence Summary No. 144	" 61
	13 "		SD Instruction (G2153) - Distribution List 2 Aust Corps	" 62
			Ref G2084 of 3 Jan 43	

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Mt. Mee	13 Jan		SD Instruction (G2151) Training of Personnel HQ 2 Aust Corps	Appendix 63
			Ref G2036 of 29 Dec 42	
	13 "		2 Aust Corps Daily Intelligence Summary No. 145	" 64
	14 "		2 Aust Corps Daily Intelligence Summary No. 146	" 65
	14 "		Location Statement 2 Aust Corps as at 2400 hrs 13 Jan 43	" 66
	14 "		LHQ Training Team No. 1 - timetable - visit to 2 Aust Corps	" 67
			Tps and 3 Aust Div (Memo G2166)	
	15 "		2 Aust Corps Daily Intelligence Summary No. 147	" 68
	16 "		2 Aust Corps Daily Intelligence Summary No. 148	" 69
	17 "		2 Aust Corps Daily Intelligence Summary No. 149	" 70
	18 "		2 Aust Corps Daily Intelligence Summary No. 150	" 71
	18 "		2 Aust Corps Staff Duties Instruction No. 34 Use of	" 72
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Mt. Mee	19 Jan		Policy - Move of Corps HQ 2 Aust Corps (Memo G2188)	Appendix 73
	19 "		Questions for Recce Party 2 Aust Corps (Memo G2189).	" 74
	19 "		2 Aust Corps Daily Intelligence Summary No. 151	" 75
	20 "		2 Aust Corps Daily Intelligence Summary No. 152	" 76
	20 "	0900	Recce party departed Brisbane by plane for Atherton	
			Tablelands	
	21 "		2 Aust Corps Daily Intelligence Summary No. 153	" 77
	21 "		VX101933 Brig R.M. Thompson DSO MC BGS appointed BGS New	
			Guinea Force	
	21 "	2359	First group of advance party Corps HQ departed Brisbane for	
			Atherton Tablelands. Movement of Corps HQ proceeded as per	
			schedule from this date.	
	22 "		2 Aust Corps Daily Intelligence Summary No. 154	" 78

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	23 Jan		2 Aust Corps Daily Intelligence Summary No. 155	Appendix 79
	24 "		2 Aust Corps Daily Intelligence Summary No. 156	" 80
	24 "		G2240 Subject. Individual Training first aid. Ref. First	" 81
			Aust Army (AIF) Training Instruction No. 14 paras 1, 2, 3, 4	
	25 "		2 Aust Corps Daily Intelligence Summary No. 157	" 82
	26 "		2 Aust Corps Daily Intelligence Summary No. 158	" 83
	26 Jan to 5 Feb		2 Aust Corps Intelligence Report No. 1	" 84

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2 Aust Corps

1 Jan 43

Subject: 1 Aust ARD.
Ref: 2 Aust Corps Routine Order para 241 (3).

Distribution List 'C'.

Less Serials - 9, 41, 42, 47, 48, 51, 54, 55, 60, 65, 66, 67.

1. Subtended is relevant position of First Aust Army (AIF) G(SD)3837.

BGS.
2 Aust Corps.

"...Visits by commanders and senior staff officers to training units should include a visit to 1 Aust ARD. Such visits should be encouraged and permission for these officers to leave formation etc. areas refused only in exceptional circumstances.

(Sgd) F.E. Kiel Lt-Col.
for Maj-Gen,
GS First Aust Army..."

Mac Arthur

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HQ 2 AUST CORPS DAILY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No.133

Compiled from information received to 0800 hrs 1 Jan 43

Notes A B & C. See Summary No.80

PART 1.

OPERATIONS:

(ii) NEI Area -

TIMOR. It was reported that the Japs with large forces of well-armed natives were active on the North coast and in the NOVA COMINHA, TURISCAI, MINDELO, MAOBISSE, SAME and BETANO areas. 27 Dec. They burnt huts near AILALEC, five mls East of MINDELO. 28 Dec. About 400 scoured the SAME area. 30 Dec 1030 hrs. Five vessels were anchored at LAIVAI. 1200 hrs. A large vessel passed LAIVAI on a course East.

(iii) NEW GUINEA Area -

DUTCH NEW GUINEA. 30 Dec 1445 hrs to 1615 hrs. Twenty-two enemy A/C, in two flights, bombed and strafed MERAUKE. Some damage was done in the township area.

WEWAK. 30 Dec 1215 hrs. Allied A/C strafed four enemy trucks and fifty tps at work on the runway. The trucks were damaged but other results were NOT observed.

MADANG. 30 Dec. Allied A/C bombed the building area.

LAE 30 Dec. 1348 hrs and 1515 hrs. Allied A/C attacked the aerodrome. Three enemy A/C were destroyed.

SALAMAUA. 30 Dec. Allied patrols reported that there were NO enemy at DUALI, ten mls South by East of SALAMAUA. After collecting food and clothing, the Japs left fourteen dead. Captured RABAUL natives stated that the enemy at SALAMAUA were short of food until two destroyers recently landed reinfts and further supplies.

MAMBARE. 30 Dec 0840 hrs. Allied A/C strafed the vicinity of DUIVARA CREEK near the mouth of the MAMBARE RIVER. NO activity was observed.

SANANANDA-SOPUTA TRACK. 29 Dec. An Allied fwd gun posn was raided by a patrol of forty Japs. Thirteen were killed, one PW taken and casualties inflicted on the remainder. 30 Dec. Allied patrols were active on the whole front.

BUNA. 30 Dec. Results of an Allied attack South of GIROPA POINT were obscure. Our tks withdrew for amn at dusk. Some adv was made into a coconut grove towards the beach NW of the old runway. Arty knocked out some more enemy guns. Some enemy were observed putting to sea. In the GOVT STA area, Allied tps now hold 400 yds of the coast between the GOVT STA and GIROPA POINT. The track through the timber, SW of the STA,

is now held by Allied tps. Night 29/30 Dec. Enemy flares, fired at GIROPA POINT, were answered by flares out at sea.

(iv) BISMARCK ARCHIPELAGO -

NEW BRITAIN. 30 Dec 0130 hrs. Allied A/C bombed GASMATA aerodrome.

RABAUL. 30 Dec 0520 hrs. Allied A/C scored direct hits on two large u/i vessels and a tpt. A later recce revealed two merchant vessels, one of which was beached, on fire off MALAGUNA. Air photographs revealed seven destroyers, one mine-layer, two 2,000-ton tankers, two submarines, one 10,000-ton tpt, one 11,000-ton u/i vessel, fifty-one merchant vessels of 1,000/10,000 tons, and twenty small vessels in RABAUL Harbour.

(v) SOLOMONS Area -

BUKA PASSAGE 30 Dec 1050 hrs. Eight u/i vessels were seen in the area.

BUIN-FAISI 30 Dec. Two cargo vessels, three F/Bs and ten F/Ps were seen in the TONOLEI area.

YSABEL Is. 30 Dec. 1510 hrs. A destroyer was seen thirty mls NW of REKATA BAY, on a course South by East.

(Landons Revsit No.153)

PART 2.

ENEMY:

(vii) Equipment -

Jap Grenade Discharger - Type 89: This is a muzzle loaded weapon, the barrel being rifled with seven landes and grooves, and is normally carried on top of the individual's pack.
Method of Firing: The prone position is normally adopted when firing grenades, the base plate being placed on the ground and the discharger supported by the left hand at a constant angle of 45°. Range is controlled by releasing the range control head and moving the barrel along the graduated bolt. Maximum range is obtained by having the barrel fully extended, thereby increasing the gas pressure and the length of time the projectile rotates in the barrel. The right hand is used to operate the firing lever and, when the firer is working alone, to load the grenades. As there is no fixed mounting, accuracy depends solely on the individual skill of the operator.
Ammn used: In addition to Type 89 and 97 grenades the discharger is used to fire:-

Smoke Shells, Model 95 (1935)
Practice Shells, Model 94 (1934)
Manoeuvre Shells, Model 94 (1934)
Smoke Shells, Showa 11th Year Pattern
Pyrotechnics, Showa 10th Year Pattern
Flares, Showa 10th Year Pattern.

(Adv LHQ Int Sum No.19)
(Notes on Jap Army 1939)

Distribution as per Summary No.104.

Capt,
GS 2 Aust Corps.

WD Appx 41

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2 Aust Corps
1 Jan 43.

SD INSTRUCTION NO. 32.

TELEPHONE CALLS

Distribution List 'F'

1. Considerable delay is caused and tempers strained by Officers and Other Ranks asking the Corps Switchboard Operator for personnel by name.

2. Copies of the HQ 2 Aust Corps Telephone Directory have been issued to all concerned setting out appointments and extension numbers - this directory must be kept near the phone.

3. The smooth working of the HQs will be assisted considerably if the switchboard operator is asked only for the extension number required or, in the event of the extension not being known, the appointment required.

BGS.
2 Aust Corps.

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MESSAGE FORM.

TO: 4 Def & Emp Pl GOC = for infm G Int incl I & FSS RAA CE CSO DA & QMG for Q S & T Med Ord AEME Pay Legal Pro Educ Chaplains Postal TO Camp Amenities.

FROM: 2 Aust Corps SD 178 20

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15 DEC 42.

CE BRANCH - HQ 2 AUST CORPS

UNIT SUMMARY 8

CE First Aust Army - Copy 1 & 2
" " " - " 3 & 4
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CRE Corps Tps - " 5
CRE 3 Aust Div - " 6
File - " 7 & 8
War Diary - " 9 & 10

PART I

A - SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES OF UNITS.

1. Corps Tps Fd Coyshave continued with rd and br programme with assistance of working parties from other Arms. Engr parties and working parties from other Arms under Engr supervision have been engaged on erection and transfer of Scale A accomodation required for move of HQ 2 Aust Corps from ESK to MT LEE.

2. 4 Aust Fd Coy and 15 Aust Fd Coy have reverted to comd CRE 3 Aust Div after having been detached under bde comd for preceding eight months. The coys have been engaged in gen servicing of bde requirements.

3. B - CHANGES IN OFFR POSTINGS.

Maj S.G.PERRIGER, OC 4 Aust Fd Coy has received appointment outside 2 Aust Corps.
S/Capt G.J.S.WELSH is administering 4 Aust Fd Coy.
Lieut G.A. CARSON transferred from 19 Aust A Fd Coy to HQ E/E 2 Aust Corps.
Lieut D.F.SMITH appointed to 2/16 Aust Fd Coy.
Lieut C.W. NELSON, 19 Aust A Fd Coy placed on Retired List.
Lieut A.H. CROSS serving with HQ RAE 3 Aust Div.
2/16 Aust Fd Coy is no longer under comd 2 Aust Corps, having been transferred with all seven offrs.

PART II

C - DETAILED ACTIVITIES OF UNITS.

4. Improvements of rd comms in hand by 2 Aust Corps Tps Engrs with assistance of working parties from other Arms is as follows:-

(See Page 2.)

Corps Priority	Route	Engr Unit	Structures		Rd Works		Remarks
			Progress percentage	Estimated date of Completion	Progress percentage	Estimated date of Completion	
1A	KILCOY-VILLENEUVE	2/16 Aust Fd Coy	100	-	100	-	Completed 23 OCT
1B	IPSWICH-ESK-KILCOY	19 Aust A Fd Coy	100	-	100	-	
2	ESK-HARLIN-KILCOY	"	70	20 DEC	70	20 DEC	Except br over MEMEA CK
3	CEDARTON-BOOROOBIN-MALENY		100	-	100	-	Completed 27 NOV
4	VILLENEUVE-NEURUM-WOODFORD	10 Aust Fd Coy	70	30 DEC	85	15 DEC	Only temporary repairs to br over NEURUM CK. Engr has been asked to recon-struct.
5	MALENY-KENILWORTH-CHERULLA-GLYNPIE	"	95	15 JAN	95	30 [illegible]	
6	WOODFORD-BEERBURRUM	19 Aust A Fd Coy	95	15 DEC	90	20 [illegible]	
7	KENILWORTH-MAPLETON-MAMBOUR	10 Aust Fd Coy	-	31 JAN		31 JAN	
-	CABOOLTURE-TOORBUL PT	19 Aust A Fd Coy	75	7 JAN	90	7 [illegible]	

5. 60 engr pers from HQ RAE 2 Aust Corps, 19 Aust A Fd Coy and 10 Aust Fd Coy with working parties totalling 160 pers from other Arms are engaged in provision of roads and water supply, erection of battle room and transfer of electric light system, sig office and Q store also Scale A accomodation from ESK to MT MEE for move of HQ 2 Aust Corps. Work is expected to be complete by 16 Dec.

6. 60 Corps Fd Park Coy - dump duties, manufacturing sundries and maintaining WPs and E.L. plants.

7. 53 Corps Fd Park Coy - maintaining Div WP, manufacturing br ironwork, gen overhauling of plant, manufacture of "Savige" grenades.

8. 4 Aust Fd Coy - br, culvert and rd works on MOOLOOLAH RANGE rd (SE of EUDLO). brs and causeways at EAU SWAMP (ref 282072 EUMUNDI 1 in to 1 ml map)

9. 15 Aust Fd Coy is commencing rd and br work in TINBEERWAH area (ref 133166 EUMUNDI 1 in to 1 ml map); br over PETRIE CREEK (ref 230907); rd PETRIE CREEK to MAROOCHYDORE.

D - Strengthening of brs.

10. To date 31 brs in 2 Aust Corps Area have been built, rebuilt or strengthened all to class 24 since this ares was taken over from 1 Aust Corps. This work was performed by RAE 2 Aust Corps.

The following is a list of the brs concerned:-

Ref Map	Map Ref	Ref Map	Map Ref
Clasehouse 1 in to 1 ml	639539 648536 658544 666545 741535 775515 [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]	Gympie 1 in to 4 mls	54806506 54726500 54406560 54376564 54306570 54306586 54306590 54056603 54036606
		Ipswich 1 in to 4 mls	57885925 57725967 57655934 56406126 56376133 56166152 55206236

E - Demolition plan

11. [illegible] of responsibility for recce, planning and preparation of [illegible] as set out in 2 Aust Corps Demolition Instn 2 of 1 Nov 42 are:-

To [illegible]. Southern sector.

From [illegible] thru GYMPIE - GYMPIE - GLEN INNES [illegible] rest.

11. (contd)

To: Ref BRISBANE and SALFORD sheets 1" = 1 mile, incl point 231124 to point 207122 - incl right bank PINE RIVER - excl NORTH PINE RIVER excl KOPPLE CK - incl SAMPSON VALE 604139 - incl LT KOPPLE 978135 - excl TARAMPA 675878 - incl TOOWOOMBA.

(b) 3 Aust Div. Centre sector.

From: Northern boundary of area in sub para (a)

To: Ref MARYBOROUGH strat line incl MARY RIVER to point 582827 thence due west.

(c) 2 Aust Corps Tps. Northern sector.

From: Northern boundary of area in sub para (b)

To: Incl general line ROUND HILL HEAD-BUILYAN

(d) The Greater BRISBANE Area is the responsibility of QUEENSLAND L of C. Area.

(e) Preparations for demolitions in 2 Aust Corps area south of NSW - QUEENSLAND border are being undertaken by NSW L of C, but responsibility for siting and execution remains with 2 Aust Corps. NSW L of C have been requested to supply a plan showing the present stage of preparation, with copy to A Gp VDC.

12. Priority for preparation of demolitions within each sector will be generally from north to south. 3 Aust Div has been requested to give first priority to the following structures over the MARY RIVER, references being to MARYBOROUGH 1 in to 4 mls map:-

Rd br ref 589823	Rd br ref 574802
586823	Ry " " 577822
576821	577811
574812	

13. Preliminary recces of structures within 3 Aust Div sector have been completed by CRE. Further work in all sectors will be advanced as rapidly as existing works commitments and trg programme allow.

14. Under present circumstances, demolitions will be prepared up to bui excl stage of charging. Explosives will NOT be stored adjacent to structures..

E - Camflg

15. GSO III Camflg attended meetings of Queensland Central Defence Camflg Committee on 25 Nov and 9 Dec. Observations by the Committee of special interest to engrs were:-

(a) Much work had been wasted in camflg of A/C hideouts on aerodromes which are themselves insufficiently treated as to ground pattern and concealment of approaches to hideouts.

(b) Growing tendency to ignore camflg requirements in Queensland and to be countered.

(c) It was still necessary to exercise watchfulness to prevent camps and other installations being laid out in manner to prejudice camflg should such treatment ever be required in future.

16. CMOs attached to Corps Tps and 3 Aust Div have completed 5 and 6 trg courses, respectively. Interest displayed by all ranks attending these courses was very gratifying.

17. Tent Colouration is giving concern. Manpower available in 2 Aust Corps Area is insufficient to cope with present maintenance requirements.

G - Eqpt.

18. The 'Savige' Hand Grenade was described in CE 2 Aust Corps Int Summary 7 of 12 Nov and FAAEIS 5 of 30 Nov. A modification employing standard screwed pipe couplings has been produced by 60 Corps Fd Pk Coy and is illustrated in Fig 1. Fd tests with the modified type are being arranged and the results will be detailed in subsequent Summaries.

19. Fig 2 illustrates modified attachment for use with Bren A.A. mounting described in FAAEIS 3 of 30 Sep. This modification has been produced and tested satisfactorily by 60 Corps Fd Park Coy. The coy recommends that the diameter of ring and pit be increased from 3'0" to 3'6" for greater comfort in operation of the weapon.

H - Projected activities - Trg

20. Since 2 Aust Corps moved to its present area, Corps Tps Engrs have been engaged almost exclusively on rd and br work and on the installatio of Scale A accomodation. It is intended that these coys will devote January and February mainly to tactical trg.

21. RAE 3 Aust Div has been servicing bde requirements for some months past. In the next two months, tactical training together with road and br works within the formation area will be undertaken.

I - Location of Units - 12 Dec 42.

22.

UNIT	VEH NO	LOCATION	REF MAP	MAP REF
HQ RAE 2 Aust Corps	101	VILLENEUVE	Gympie ½"	577653
19 Aust A Fd Coy	141	[illegible]	" "	575652
60 Aust Corps Fd Pk Coy	105	"	" "	575652
[illegible] Aust Fd Coy	149	[illegible]	" "	599683
Camflg Trg Unit	118	VILLENEUVE	" "	577653
HQ RAE 3 Aust Div	81	HAPLETON	GYMPIE ½"	603691
4 Aust A Fd Coy	60	[illegible]	" "	613684
			LANDSBOROUGH 1"	135847
15 Aust Fd Coy	86	[illegible]	" "	288886
53 Aust Fd Pk Coy	75	[illegible]	MAROOCHY 1"	122935
Camflg Trg Unit	75	MAROOCHY	MAROOCHY 1"	145927

C.E. Luxton Capt

(H.Bachtold) Brig
CE 2 Aust Corps

FIG. 1.

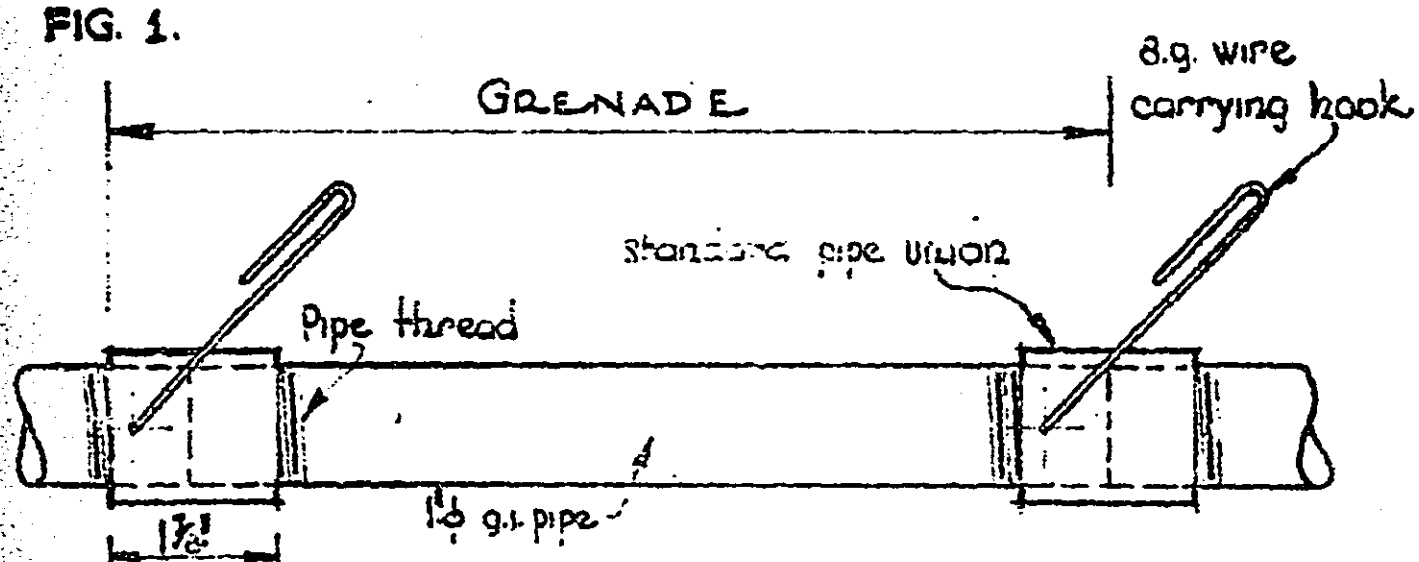
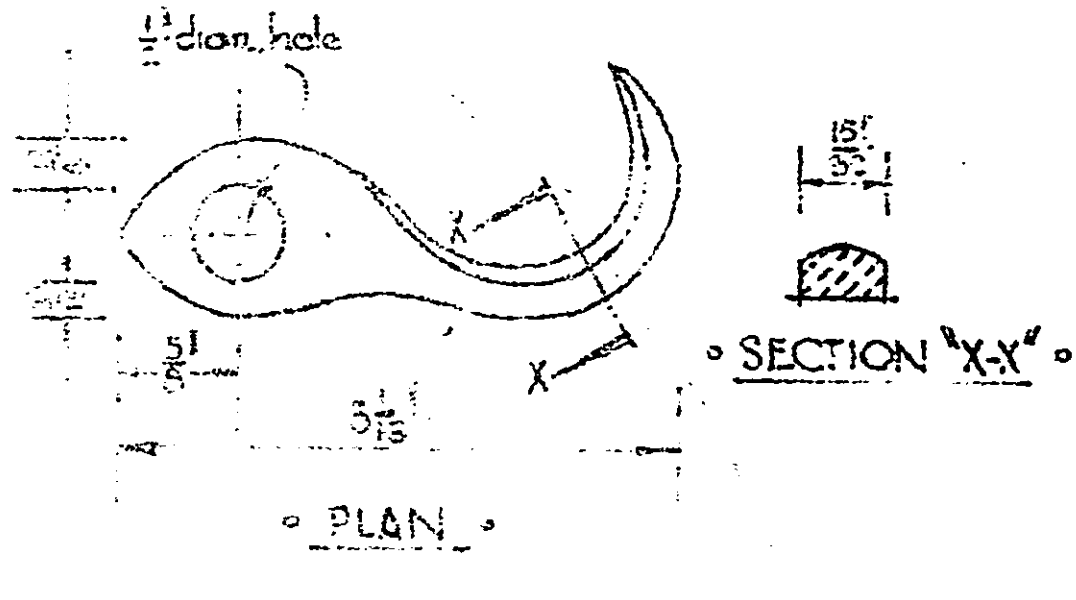


DIAGRAM SHOWING LINKING OF GRENADES

TO FORM A BANGALORE

SCALE : ½ F/S

FIG. 2.



PLAN

ATTACHMENT FOR L.M.G. (BREN)

WHEN USED IN CONJUNCTION WITH RING and PIT

SCALE : Full Size

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HQ 2 AUST CORPS DAILY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No.132

Compiled from information received to 0800 hrs 31 Dec 42

Notes A B & C. See Summary No.80

PART 1

OPERATIONS:

(i) NW AUSTRALIA Area -

PERTH & FREMANTLE. 29 Dec. Between 1430 hrs and 1650 hrs there were indications of an u/i A/C over these areas. 30 Dec 0012 hrs. A submarine was seen near CAPE NATURALISTE.

(ii) NEI Area -

TIMOR. 29 Dec 1320 hrs. Allied A/C strafed huts at BETANO, but results were NOT observed.

(iii) NEW GUINEA Area -

LAE 27 Dec. A large new searchlight has been installed. 28 Dec 1840 hrs. Allied A/C bombed the old hangar area of the aerodrome and started fires. 29 Dec 0805 hrs. Allied A/C attacked the aerodrome but results were NOT observed.

AMBOGA 29 Dec. Patrols report that there are NO enemy from the mouth of the KUMUSI RIVER to BAKUMBARI. There are an unknown number at SEBAGA VILLAGE near BAKUMBARI. Allied A/C strafed the West bank of the AMBOGA RIVER.

SOPUTA-SANANANDA. 28 Dec. Strong resistance was continued from enemy pockets East of the track 450 yds South of the twenty-six Northing Grid. NO reports were received from tps fwd of the rd block. A PW stated that there were 300 tps in the vicinity of the track at the twenty-seven Northing Grid. Engineer tps were in the rear. Food and amm were low and there had been NO reinfts lately, nor were they expected.

BUNA 27 Dec. Our tps aided by arty drove the enemy out of strong posts near the SW end of the main strip. They advanced along a general line South of SINEMI CREEK, about 550 yds from the mouth, SSW through the West end 900 yds beyond the main strip. 28 Dec. Continuing the adv, fwd tps swung to the right and by 1130 hrs held a line facing the Coast, extending NW from the end of the dispersal bays of the main strip, along the edge of a cocomut plantation to 200 yds SE of GIROPA PT. The Japs were still in an area SW of the West end of the main strip but were being contained and mopping up was proceeding. In the GOVT STA area Allied tps held a line East of ENTRANCE CREEK from the br over the South end of the CREEK NNE about 750 yds thence West by North to the Northern br at ENTRANCE CREEK ISLAND. 29 Dec. There was still strong Jap resistance from dispersal bays at the NW end of themmain strip. Allied arty knocked out several posts incl a multiple pom-pom.

1700 hrs. Allied tps on the left flank with tk sp attacked a coconut grove South of GIROPA PT. Latest report stated that the attack was progressing well, and two enemy posts had been knocked out. Tps on the right flank, South of SINEMI CREEK, made a slight adv. There were many Japs in the coconut grove area. Eqpt captured between the new and the main strip incl two Naval guns, one 37 mm gun, two 13 mm A/A guns, several MGs and one Zero in fair condition. 28 Dec. In the GOVT STA area fwd tps, resisting stubbornly, repelled a counter-attack and inflicted considerable losses on the enemy. A strong enemy triangle near a track junc South of ENTRANCE CREEK has now been cleared. Thirteen bunkers were found in the area.

(iv) BISMARCK ARCHIPELAGO -

NEW BRITAIN. 29 Dec. A recce A/C sighted fires on cleared strips, 300 yds by 50 yds running NW to SE at CAPE BUSHING, 28 mls SE of CAPE GLOUCESTER. There were indications of at least six submarines operating in the NEW BRITAIN-NEW IRELAND Area.

(v) SOLOMONS Area -

NEW GEORGIA GP 29 Dec 0650 hrs. Two camouflaged cargo vessels were seen off the SE end of VANGUNU Is.

RUSSEL IS. (NEW GEORGIA GP) 29 Dec 0135 hrs. A possible cruiser on a course ESE was seen thirty-five mls North by West of the island.

(Landops Revsit No.151 & 152).

P A R T 2.

E N E M Y:

(iv) Organization -

According to information received, the companies of Japanese Independent Mortar Battalions each consist of two sections of four 81 mm mortars.

(Adv LHQ Int Sum No.20).

W. E. Pitt.
Capt,
GS 2 Aust Corps.

Distribution as per Summary No.104.

Peter Leary

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HQ 2 AUST CORPS DAILY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 134

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PART 1

OPERATIONS :

(ii) N.E.I. Area -

TIMOR. 27 Dec. It was reported that the Japs were carrying out trg daily at OSSU, twenty mls SSW of DAUCAU. The enemy moved tps and supplies from DAUCAU and LAUMEM to LOEBAGUIA, twenty-five mls SSE of DAUCAU, FOI LORI and INLIOLAR, twenty-seven mls SSW of LAUMEM. 30 Dec. It is now reported that the vessels anchored at LAIVAI on 29 Dec (Ref Int Summary No. 133) departed on a course NOT known due to bad visibility.

(iii) NEW GUINEA Area -

DUTCH NEW GUINEA. 31 Dec. 1355 hrs. Eighteen enemy hy Bs attacked MERAUKE. Some damage was done in the town area. There were indications that the enemy A/C which attacked MERAUKE on 30 Dec were based at BABO, on the South coast of BERTONI BAY, or at BOEMI, on the South coast of GELVINK BAY, in DUTCH NEW GUINEA.

LAE. 31 Dec. Between 1215 hrs and 1227 hrs. Allied A/C made three attacks on the aerodrome. Fires were started and grounded med Bs and one F were strafed. Nine and probably ten enemy intercepting A/C were destroyed and six damaged.

SALAMAUA. 27 Dec. Five enemy S/Ps landed at LADABIA, thirteen mls South of SALAMAUA.

MAIBARE. Night 28/29 Dec. A further launch arrived at DUVIRA CREEK from the direction of SALAMAUA. 30 Dec. An allied patrol raided an enemy party of thirty to forty strong with HMG near these launches. Some Japs were killed and one launch was damaged. We sustained NO casualties.

SAMANDA.-SOPUTA TRACK. 30 Dec. The enemy in the vicinity of the rd block were using fire bays with connecting trenches to move weapons as required. Two Japs were killed near the rd block and eight in the rear of the rd junc. 31 Dec. Allied A/C strafed the area from SAMANDA POINT to GIRUWA.

BUNA. 30 Dec. Our fwd tps were reorganised. A tactical recce reported that the Japs were moving stores from inland locations to the coast. Three new bunkers were sighted fifty yds South of GIROPA POINT. In the GOVT STN area Allied tps were making slow progress in the beach area and in the gardens area.

(iv) BISMARCK ARCHIPELAGO -

NEW BRITAIN. 31 Dec. 0850 hrs and 1055 hrs. Allied A/C attacked the GASMATA aerodrome. Bombs fell on the runway and one grounded A/C was destroyed.

ST GEORGE'S CHANNEL. 31 Dec. 0640 hrs. Allied A/C attacked an enemy vessel without success.

RABAUL. Air photographs, taken 30 Dec, revealed approx 300,000 tons of merchant and tpt shipping at RABAUL. Twenty Bs and thirteen Fs were shown on VUNAKANAU aerodrome.

WIDE BAY. 31 Dec 0705 hrs. A submarine was seen on a course NE.

NEW IRELAND. 31 Dec. 1015 hrs. A 5,000 ton cargo vessel and three possible lt cruisers or destroyers were in KAVIENG HARBOUR. Thirty Bs and twenty-three Fs were on the aerodrome.

(v) SOLOMON'S Area -

BUKA PASSAGE. 30 Dec. 2128 hrs. Allied A/C bombed the runways at BUKA aerodrome, 2144 hrs. A merchant vessel was anchored at SOHANA IS.

BUIN. 30 Dec. 2128 hrs. Allied A/C bombed the runway at KAHILI aerodrome, but results were NOT observed.

(iv) NE AUSTRALIA Area -

BRISBANE. 31 Dec. A submarine was reported thirty-nine mls North of BRISBANE.

(LANDCFS REVSIT No. 154)

P A R T 2

E N E M Y:

(ii) O.O.B. AIR.

Areas	F.	B.	F/B	F/P	Obsn & Trans A/C	TOTAL
+NEW BRITAIN } NEW IRELAND }	144	68	12	13	9	216
NEW GUINEA	8	3				11
+SOLOMONS	28	25	8	24		85
TIMOR	24	29		3	4	60
AMBON		24				24
CELEBES	9	4	4	19	6	42
	185	153	24	59	19	458

+ Reinforcements proceeding.

ENEMY CASUALTIES: Estimate of Japanese aircraft casualties in all theatres, resulting from Allied operations, from 15 to 21 Dec 42 inclusive: -

Locality	Destroyed	Probable	Damaged
SWPA	14	4	4
SOLOMONS	10	-	-
OUT OF AREA	3	-	1
	27	4	5
Previously estimated to 14/12/42	3060	550	591
	3087	554	596

(A.F Summaries Nos 61-62).

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Subject: Amendments - Distribution List 2 Aust Corps.

Ref our G2016 of 24 Dec 42.

1. Under AEME:

(a) Serial 26: 110 Aust Ind Bde Gp Ord Wkshop should read 110 Aust Ind Bde Gp Wkshop.

(b) Delete serials 28- 2/56 Aust LAD, and 29 - 2/90 Aust LAD.

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HQ 2 AUST CORPS DAILY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No.135

Compiled from information received to 0800 hrs 3 Jan 43

Notes A B & C. See Summary No.80.

PART 1.

OPERATIONS:

(ii) NEI Area -

TIMOR 31 Dec. It was reported that DILI was now strongly occupied by the enemy. 1 Jan. Allied recce A/C encountered AA fire from the vicinity of a built-up settlement, with a good jetty, near the Eastern tip of TIMOR.

(iii) NEW GUINEA Area -

DUTCH NEW GUINEA. Ref Int Sum 134. It is now considered that MOEMI, near WAREN on the West coast of GEELVINK BAY, and NOT BOEMI may be the base for the enemy A/C which attacked MERAUKE on 30 Dec.

LAE. 31 Dec. Four enemy tpt A/C unloaded cargo at the aerodrome and departed South. 1 Jan. Allied A/C bombed the aerodrome, but results were NOT observed.

MAMBARE. 27 Dec. An Allied patrol sank one motor barge at the mouth of the KUKUSI RIVER. Night 31 Dec. The Japs were repairing a launch at DUVIRA CREEK (See Summary 134). A newly constructed raft, twenty feet long, was seen at BAKUMBARI.

SANANANDA-SOPUTA TRACK. 31 Dec. Activity was confined to offensive patrols with arty concentrating on located Jap posns. Three-fourths of the track was reported under water.

BUNA. 31 Dec. Our arty, in the GIROPA POINT area, scored direct hits on six posns near the NW end of the dispersal bays. Enemy, escaping from these were successfully machine-gunned. 1 Jan 0800 hrs. Allied tps, with tk support, commenced an attack in the direction of the beach. By 0915 hrs they had occupied approx half the beach (the central portion) between GIROPA POINT and the mouth of SINEMI CREEK, and were consolidating for the second phase of the attack. The second phase was successful and by 1500 hrs our tps had occupied the whole of the coast from a point approx 160 yds East of GIROPA POINT to the mouth of SINEMI CREEK, where hy fighting lasted five hrs. Tps on the left, who were attempting to clear enemy posns at the mouth of GIROPA CREEK, encountered stronger resistance. Unconfirmed reports state that 200 Japs from GIROPA POINT are now in the area West of GIROPA CREEK. In the GOVT SEA area, our tps captured more ground. One of our patrols made contact with the left flank of our tps South of GIROPA POINT.

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COLLINGWOOD BAY. 30/31 Dec. A submarine was reported approx forty-two mls East of CAPE NELSON, North of the Bay. Another was seen thirty-three mls NNE of the Cape and a third approx forty-eight mls West by North of WOODLARK Is.

MILNE BAY. 31 Dec. One u/i A/C was over this area for two hrs during the early morning.

(iv) BISMARCK ARCHIPELAGO -

NEW BRITAIN. 1 Jan. Allied A/C made two attacks on GASMATA aerodrome, but results were NOT observed.

RABAUL. 1 Jan 0402 hrs. Allied A/C bombed VUNAKANAU aerodrome and at 0420 hrs LAKUNAI aerodrome was bombed. A direct hit was made on a searchlight, but other results were NOT observed. At 0617 hrs and 0625 hrs shipping at RABAUL was attacked. Direct hits were scored on one large tpt and two other vessels, which, when last sighted, were burning fiercely. One of five intercepting Zeros was destroyed and another probably destroyed.

CAPE GAZELLE. 1 Jan. 0500 hrs. Two 10,000-ton u/i vessels were seen thirty-eight mls South of the Cape, on a course SW. 30 Dec. There were indications that there were at least seven submarines operating in the NEW BRITAIN-NEW IRELAND area.

(v) SOLOMONS area -

BUIN-FAISI. 1 Jan 0910 hrs. Four hy cruisers or battleships and six destroyers were seen three mls South of MCILA POINT, on a course East by North. 1845 hrs. A lt cruiser or destroyer was anchored in SHORTLAND HARBOUR.

(Landops Revsit No.155)

PART 2.

ENEMY:

(vi) Equipment -

Inf "Bn Gun" (70 mm Mortar Gun), Type "92":

The Inf Bn Gun is a 70 mm Rifled gun, capable of delivering fire to a range of 3000-yds, and is issued on a scale of 2 to each inf bn.

Its characteristics are:-

Type	"92" (1932)
Calibre	70 mm (2.75")
Length of Barrel	30" (approx)
Total weight	446-lbs (approx)
Weight of Shell	3.8 Kg (8.36-lbs)
Muzzle Velocity	650 f.s.
Maximum Range	3000-yds
Effective Range	300 to 1500-yds
Elevation	- 10° to plus 50°
Maximum Traverse	45°
Danger Area of Burst	40-yds (approx)
Length of Recoil	4" (approx)

Amn	Semi-fixed with brass case H.E shrapnel and smoke shells.
Rate of fire	10 rpm
Protective Shield	$\frac{1}{8}$" armour plate
Trail	Split, 5' long
Width of Wheel Tread	27" (approx)

BREECHBLOCK - Two threaded segments, rotating and opening downward.

TRAVERSING AND ELEVATING MECHANISM - Traversing hand wheel is on the left of the barrel, and elevating hand wheel on the right. Both hand wheels are operated by the gunner, who lays first for direction, then for elevation. Elevating mechanism allows for three main elevations, followed by normal ranging adjustments. The shells have four different charges, and there are four sights to be used accordingly. Like the "Regimental Gun" it employs the normal dial sight in use in the arty.

Considerable difficulty is experienced in making the crew proficient in handling this weapon, and it is not altogether viewed favourably by the Japanese, being not very efficient.

CREW: Crew consists of 10 men and 1 NCO. When man-handling the gun the crew are employed as follows:-

Section Commander	carries spare parts
Nos 1 and 2	drag the gun
Nos 3 and 4	push the gun
No 5	carries the sight and laying apparatus
No 6 to 10	Carry the amn

70 mm SHELL EMPLOYED WITH INFANTRY BN GUN - TYPE "92"

(Kyunishiki Hoheiho)

Preliminary Report.

Dimensions of Shell	Length 9$\frac{3}{4}$" (excluding fuse) diameter 2$\frac{3}{4}$" (70mm).
Dimensions of Case	Length 3.15/16ths Diameter: Top 2$\frac{3}{4}$", Bottom 3.1/32"
Markings	Red band $\frac{1}{2}$" wide on nose. Yellow Band $\frac{1}{2}$" wide just below shoulder. White Band $\frac{1}{2}$" wide immediately above driving band.
Driving Band	Copper $\frac{3}{8}$" wide. 1.1/16th" from bottom of shell. Diameter 2$\frac{7}{8}$"
Type of Shell	HE/ Shrapnel. Steel outer case.
Filling	Picric Acid and TNT.
Weight of Shell	8-lbs (excluding fuse)
General Details	semi-fixed with brass case. The range is extended by increasing the powder charge. At maximum range the time of flight for the different powder charges is as follows:

Charge No. 1	3075 yds.
" " 2	1975 "
" " 3	1300 "
" " 4	985 "

Minimum permissible ranges with instantaneous fuses employing low angle fire varies with the powder charge, elevation of gun and target. With a low trajectory ranges are:-

Charge No.	1	1100 yds.
" "	2	660 "
" "	3	225 "
" "	4	110 "

Minimum ranges with delayed action fuses at low trajectory are:-

Charge No.	1	600 yds.
" "	2	330 "
" "	3	330 "
" "	4	330 "

(ADV LHQ INT SUMMARY NO. 8)

P A R T 3

(i) Corps Area -

Rd TAMBOURINE - CANUNGRA culvert ref TAMBOURINE 1" 279358 washed out. This can be detoured with difficulty.

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Compiled from information received to 0800 hrs 4 Jan 43.

Notes A B & C. See Summary No. 80.

PART 1

OPERATIONS:

(ii) N.E.I. Area -

TIMOR. 2 Jan 1405 hrs. One 4,000 ton merchant vessel was seen anchored, and two 2,000 ton merchant vessels fourteen mls South of KOEPANG.

(iii) NEW GUINEA Area -

WEWAK. 1 Jan. Enemy tps were reported near ANGORAM (on SEPIK River).

LAE. 2 Jan. 1212 hrs and 1312 hrs. Allied A/C bombed and strafed buildings and the aerodrome area. Fires were started, two enemy tpt planes were destroyed and two others damaged.

SALAMAUA. 2 Jan 1000 hrs. Allied A/C dropped bombs on the building area and started a fire.

MAINBARE. 1 Jan. Twenty-eight barges were reported East of MITRE ROCK (CAPE WARD HUNT.) 2 Jan. Natives reported that few Japs remain in the DUVIRA CREEK area. These are hiding in the swamp between the creek and beach.

SANANANDA - SOPUNA TRACK. 2 Jan. An Allied cav patrol ambushed and killed six Japs near the rd bbck. Some cav tps were carrying out a long range patrol behind the enemy lines with the object of disrupting areas in the rear. 1101 hrs. Allied A/C bombed and strafed SANANANDA PT area.

BUNA. 2 Jan. 1530 hrs. The GIROPA PT area was cleared of the enemy. 1730 hrs. The GOVERNMENT STA was in Allied hands. The only resistance now in the whole of the BUNA area is from a small pocket of the enemy West of GIROPA CREEK. A PW captured before the attack on GIROPA stated that fifty enemy were in the STA area, 100 in coconut groves and 100 coolies in the whole area. The supply of MG ammn and grenades was very low. The 3 bn of 229 Jap Regt was badly cut up about the 18 Dec.

TUFI. 2 Jan 1345 hrs. Enemy A/C strafed and dive bombed the GOVERNMENT STA at TUFI. It was later reported that NO damage resulted from the raid. Allied vessels in the area were also attacked at the same time.

(iv) BISMARCK ARCHIPELAGO

NEW BRITAIN. RABAUL. 1 Jan 0715 hrs. Allied A/C attacked and set on fire one u/i vessel off MATUPI. 2 Jan 1200 hrs. Sightings in the harbour comprised seventeen warships, fifty-five merchant vessels, from 2,000 to 10,000 tons and twenty smaller vessels.

CAPE GAZELLE. 1150 hrs. One 4,000 ton u/i vessel was seen ten mls South of the cape on a course South.

(v) SOLOMON'S Area -

BUIN-FAISI. 3 Jan 0330 hrs. One large cruiser, four destroyers and three cargo vessels were in the area.

NEW GEORGIA GP. 2 Jan 1705 hrs. Ten destroyers were sighted thirty mls NW of RENDOVA Island, on a course South by East.
(LANDOPS REVSIT No. 156)

P A R T 2

E N E M Y:

(xiv) GENERAL

Japanese Camouflaged Garment

The infm below is taken from G-2 Information Bulletin No. 22, Headquarters USAFISPA,
"An interesting example of Japanese thoroughness and ingenuity in the preparation of camouflage equipment is illustrated in a cape-type garment made from coconut palm leaf fibre, and worn by enemy tps in the Solomons operations. These garments were captured in bale lots, indicating contemplated wide usage. It is possible that the place of manufacture was Formosa or the Philippines. The colour of the garment is a light cocoa brown that blends easily with the foliage in the tops of palm trees and with the normal vegetable debris found in palm groves - a very appropriate colour and texture for the area in which employed. Composition is principally of dry palm leaves with the sheathing removed from all except the butt ends, which are folded over and sewed back to the leaves. A small cord passes through the loops thus formed, thereby strengthening the material of the garment. The edges of the leaves are also stitched together to form the continuous piece of the cape. The neck of the cape is bound with cheap oilcloth. This oilcloth serves as a housing for the cord, which passes around the neck of the wearer. To the inside of the cape is secured an additional piece which encircles the body of the wearer. A cord is secured to the apex of each panel of the body-piece and passes through the neck piece, acting as shoulder straps for the body-piece. Minor adjustments in fit are secured by taking up or letting out these cords. Across the front of the body the two panels of the body-piece come together, and are probably tied together by cords. The body-piece is sewed to the cape in the back in such a manner that the cape bulges up and would cover the pack customarily carried on the back"
(AAF INT SUMMARY No. 64)

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HQ 2 AUST CORPS DAILY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 137

Compiled from information received to 0800 hrs 5 Jan 43.

Notes A B & C. See Summary No. 80.

PART 1

OPERATIONS:

(ii) N.E.I. Area -

TANIMBAR GP. Analysis of air photographs of SAUMLAKI taken 2 Jan, reveal five new A/A posns, many more MG posns and new fire trenches behind the town.

(iii) NEW GUINEA Area -

MADANG. 2 Jan. It was reported that the enemy have bridged the mouth of the GUM RIVER, four mls South of MADANG. They are endeavouring to bridge the GOGOL RIVER, eight mls South of MADANG. An enemy patrol was reported at BOGADJIM, fifteen mls South of MADANG. 1132 hrs. Three SSFs were seen in blast bays at MADANG aerodrome. 3 Jan 0915 hrs. Allied A/C bombed the town square and the aerodrome.

LAE. 3 Jan. 1400 hrs. Allied A/C bombed the aerodrome and fires were started.

MAMBARE. 2 Jan. Natives report twenty to thirty Japs on WEST ISLAND at the mouth of the MAMBARE RIVER.

SANANANDA-SOFUTA TRACK. 2 Jan. Allied arty successfully shelled a large enemy dump, located from the air.

BUNA. 2 Jan. Some Allied tps, from the GOVT STA area, advanced East along the coast and linked up with our tps at GIROPA CREEK. Enemy pockets, West of the CREEK, were thereby cut off and surrounded. A PW stated that there are only 100 Japs left in this area and they are very low in food and amn. It was reported that approx 200 Japs have been killed in the GOVT STA area and 450 in the GIROPA POINT area. Thirty-five native labourers, who surrendered, showed signs of maltreatment by the Japs.

(iv) BISMARCK ARCHIPELAGO

RABAUL. Air photographs taken 2 Jan reveal six destroyers, two torpedo-boats, two mine-layers five submarines, three tankers, thirty-five merchant vessels of 1,000/10,000 tons (an approx total of 130,000 tons), five small merchant vessels, six F/Bs and two F/Ps in the area. Twenty-three Fs and four med Bs were on LAKUNAI aerodrome. 3 Jan. 0600 hrs. Allied A/C attacked enemy shipping. There were three hits or near misses on three motor vessels.

(v) SOLOMON'S AREA -

NEW GEORGIA GP. 2 Jan. A small cargo vessel was anchored at LUNDA. 1830 hrs. A submarine was seen five mls South of VANGUNU IS. 3 Jan 0720 hrs. Eight destroyers were seen twenty mls NE of VELLA LAVELLA IS, on a course WNW.
(LANDOPS REVSIT No. 157)

PART 2

ENEMY:

(xiii) JAPANESE MORALE AT GUADALCANAL

The following appeared in H.Q. USAFISPA G-2 Information Bulletin No. 23 and is based on the experience of a Field Officer of a U.S. Marine Div at Guadalcanal. This officer was there from time of U.S. occupation until 9/12/42.

The Japanese soldiers are determined and persistent and especially tough if our people break at all. Whenever they are met with courage and suffer losses, they lose most of their dash, though they will keep trying. It is necessary to kill them as a rule in order to stop them once they are engaged.

There is evidence that some land units are practically ostracised if they suffer defeat. Marines have found these units living apart from the rest of the tps, and apparently not having any contact or supply. It is not known how much of this is due to Japanese psychology and how much is due to the inability of broken units to secure from more fortunate ones a portion of the limited supplies. A great many Japanese are wandering around in small bands, which are continually being killed off, both by our own and native patrols.

Starvation is common among the Japanese, who are separated from the main forces. They are tricky and many of them will walk into certain death in order to get a shot at our tps.

There is reliable infn that Japanese air personnelare congnisant of their heavy losses, and that these have affected morale. For instance, it is common talk among them that the "left wing" man of a formation rarely returns and pilots would prefer not to fly in this position.
(A/F INT SUMMARY NO. 63.)

GENERAL:

NAMEPLATE IDENTIFICATION OF JAPANESE ARMY AND NAVY AIRCRAFT

The following appeared in Technical Aviation Intelligence Report No.3, Bureau of Aeronautics, Navy Department, Washington.
"Inasmuch as numerals expressed in ordinary Japanese ideographs preclude the possibility of ma thematical calculations, Arabic numbrals are employed by Japanese pilots and observers for calculation of position etc. Similarly, their instruments are marked with ordinary Arabic numerals, the metric system being used throughout for distances, pressures, capacities, etc., except in the case of air speed indicators when either Km/hr. or knots may be used."
"In the case of dates of manufacture of equpt, these are stamped on nameplates in Arabic numerals, the year being marked first, followed by the number indicating the month, and finally the day of the month itself, and two latter items being computed the same way as for our calender (e.g. 6-21 June 21st, 12-25-Dec. 25th. etc.) Thus, for example, the nameplate of an instrument may be marked:— 2-10-31 corresponding to October 31, 1942.
(AAF INT SUMMARY No. 62.)

PART 4

Infm to 28 Dec '42.

OTHER FRONTS

RUSSIAN FRONT

CENTRAL SECTOR. Russian offensive operations continued on an ostensibly diminished scale, possibly because the primary purpose of pinning down the German forces during the initial stages of the STALINGRAD MIDDLE DON offensive had been achieved. The Russian General Staff reported that the weather conditions were unfavourable to their attacking forces. Consolidation of the ground gained and the mopping up of encircled German tps was continued.

MIDDLE DON SECTOR. The Russian offensive made rapid progress on a wide front. The SVOBODA-ROSTOV ry was cut North and South of MILLEROVO. TATSINSKAYA on the STALINGRAD-ROSTOV ry was captured. Adv tps are possibly fwd of these places. Many German strongpoints, which were bypassed, are now being mopped up.

STALINGRAD SECTOR. The Russian General Staff reported that the encircled German SIXTH ARMY was short of food, arty and amn, but it was thought that tpt A/C were getting through. The German thrust from the KOTELNIKOVO area which was destined to relieve the SIXTH ARMY some distance North of the RIVER AKSAI, has now been thrown back. The Russians recrossed the RIVER AKSAI at several points.

CAUCASUS SECTOR. There was a Russian offensive in the TEREK Sector. The capture of ALAGIR has freed the entrance to the OSSETIAN military highway. The adv is being pressed towards NALCHIK. There was NO change in the TUAPSE area.

GENERAL

The speed and extent of the MIDDLE DON adv has jeopardised the situation of all the German forces in the DON bend. LIKHAYA RY JUNC is seriously threatened. All the German forces and reserves in the DON area will have to be engaged in an attempt to restore the situation. Meanwhile it is fairly certain that German attempts to relieve the SIXTH ARMY cannot be renewed. The complete exploitation of the Russian success depends on the early re-establishment of vital rail comms between SVOBODO and MILLEROVO and through STALINGRAD.

TUNISIA

Hy rain and mud brought operations almost to a standstill. Bad visibility hampered patrols and restricted all our operations over the battle area. Many airfields were unserviceable.
24/25 Dec. The struggle for the DJEBEL MEHERA feature resulted in the hill changing hands several times. By dusk 25 Dec the Guards were in possession of all but the crest.

CENTRAL TUNISIA. French patrols were operating successfully round PICHON. Axis forces in TUNISIA were estimated as 25,000 Germans and possibly 14,000 Italians.

LIBYA

Since the occupation of NOFILIA on 13 Dec light patrol contact has been made with the enemy. SIRTE was occupied 25 Dec. Patrols were considerably hampered by booby traps and mines but were continuing Westwards.

BORNEO

The Jap strength is now estimated at less than one Div of garrison tps only.

NAVAL

NORTHERN WATERS. A convoy of sixteen ships arrived in Northern Russian waters without loss.

MEDITERRANEAN. A convoy of two ships arrived at MALTA during the week. Two medium and three small enemy ships were sunk by submarines and naval A/C and two ships hit.

U BOAT WARFARE

Attacks continued in the Northern ATLANTIC. Co-operation between our air and surface escorts yielded good results. Provisional figures for the week ended 20 Dec were eleven ships lost by submarines and of these ten were in the ATLANTIC. One homeward and two outward bound convoys arrived without loss.
There is evidence that manning requirements have reduced the length of trg of U boat crews. Present day crews are both young and inexperienced. This has resulted in a decline in efficiency but those now serving are liable to be of the fanatical Nazi type who show NO decline in morale.

(WORLD REVSIT WEEK ENDED 28 DEC 42)

PART 5

SECURITY:

SECURITY OF INFORMATION

In contrast to the continuous poor security usually displayed by tps whilst moving to new locations, is a report from an FSS Section which had two ORs posted at a country rail centre covering a large movement of tps through the station. All soldiers refrained from discussing units, probable destination etc. not only with civilians but also with military personnel on the station. The RTO was even refused infm by ORs.
This reflects credit to the officers in having impressed the necessity of silence on the troops and also credit to the men of the units in observing the regulations.
A report from NEW GUINEA discloses that a handkerchief was found amongst captured enemy material where one of our bns had been in operation. The handkerchief bore the number, name and unit of its Australian owner.
Instns to tps proceeding to fwd areas should again stress that personal eqpt be marked number and name only. They should also be reminded that envelopes addressed to them should be burnt, and that on no account should diaries and the envelopes of personal letters be taken forward.
Information obtained from captured enemy documents has disclosed cases where above instns have been disregarded and that infm gained by the enemy from this source has been most fruitful.

(AHQ INT SUMMARY No. 28).

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Subject: Distribution List 2 Aust Corps.
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Amendments.

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1. Distribution List 2 Aust Corps is amended as under:-

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(c) MISCELLANEOUS.

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(d) Amend totals on page 3 - List E, to read 103.

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TRANSPORT - USE OF CARS.

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For attention all Officers G Branch.

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1. Q have issued an instruction covering ordering of vehicles by officers of this HQ.

2. Briefly it states that officers holding staff appointments of and above the rank of major may order cars direct from the TO.

3. All other G officers will order cars through G2 Ops (SD) or in his absence G3 CW (SD).

4. Whilst it is desirable that officers use transport and spend as much time as possible with units of this Corps, economy is essential and use of transport for other than official reasons cannot be justified nor approved.

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HQ 2 AUST CORPS DAILY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No.138

Compiled from information received to 0800 hrs 6 Jan 43

Notes A B & C. See Summary No.80

PART 1

OPERATIONS:

(ii) NEI Area -

TIMOR 4 Jan. An unknown number of the enemy was still active in the BETANO-SAME area. 1243 hrs. Allied A/C strafed FUILORO aerodrome. A grounded A/C and a truck were set alight. Villages and huts at LAIVAI, BAUCAU and BEACO were strafed. 200 tps were seen on the road-side between OSSU and BEACO. The br South of OSSU and the br at VIQUEQUE are being repaired.

(iii) NEW GUINEA Area -

MADANG 4 Jan 1000 hrs. Allied A/C bombed the area.

FINSCHAFEN 4 Jan. Two strafing attacks were made on a small schooner.

LAE 4 Jan. The aerodrome was strafed. NO service-able A/C were seen on the aerodrome.

SALAMAUA. 4 Jan 1130 hrs. MUBO and COMIATUM were strafed and fires were started.

MAMBARE 4 Jan 1200 hrs. Islands at the mouth of the River were bombed and strafed.

SANANANDA-SOPUTA TRACK 3 Jan. Slight progress was made along the sides of the Track. Ten Japs were killed. There are indications that the enemy is withdrawing his fwd tps to a main posn at the rd junc 1350 yds from the rd block. 4 Jan. Allied patrols contacted an enemy MG post and killed six Japs NW of the rd block. Our arty fired on a suspected enemy HQ one ml South of SANANANDA POINT, but NO details are yet known. 1040 hrs. Allied A/C bombed SANANANDA POINT and fires were started. Other A/C strafed the track from SANANANDA to GIRUWA.

BUNA 3 Jan. All organised enemy resistance has now ceased and the mopping up of stragglers continues. 4 Jan. Forty Japs were killed in the area and many PWs taken. There were signs of increased enemy activ-ity at TARAKENA (approx 2400 yds NW of BUNA VILLAGE).

TUFI 4 Jan 1005 hrs. One enemy A/C bombed the area, but NO damage was done.

4 Jan

MILNE BAY/1030 hrs. One enemy B was shot down NE of GOODENOUGH Is.

LOUISIADE ARCHIPELAGO to CAPE WARD HUNT 3 Jan. There were indications that four submarines were operating in this area.

(iv) BISMARCK ARCHIPELAGO -

NEW BRITAIN 4 Jan 1038 hrs. Allied A/C bombed GASMATA aerodrome.

RABAUL. It is now known that photographs taken 2 Jan did NOT cover the whole area. It is believed that there are still eighty-seven ships in the neighbourhood.

NEW BRITAIN-NEW IRELAND 3 Jan. There are still indications that seven submarines are operating in this area.

(v) SOLOMONS Area -

NEW GEORGIA GP. KULAMBANGRA Is. 25 Dec. It was reported that there were 400 Japs at VILA PLANTATION. There were 300 at WICKHAM ANCHORAGE (VANGUNA Is) and forty on WICKHAM Is.

BUIN-FAISI 3 Jan 1340 hrs. Six hy cruisers or battleships, five lt cruisers, six cargo vessels, nine other vessels and four F/Bs were seen in the area. 1730 hrs. Two destroyers were anchored off SHORTLAND Is.

(vi) NE AUSTRALIA -

EVANS HEAD 3 Jan. There were indications of a submarine approx 260 mls ESE and another 110 mls SE of EVANS HEAD.

(Landovs Revsit No.158)

PART 5.

SECURITY:

After a recent move of a Regt from a northern camp, an inspection by FS personnel revealed that, although the area was left in a clean state, a canteen invoice disclosing unit name, and a sheet of three-ply with the war establishment of a bn written in ink, were NOT destroyed. It is stressed that a thorough inspection of the area is necessary after any move of a unit, to ensure that NO documents of value to the enemy are left behind.

It is reported that, in many cases, civilians have prior knowledge of the exact scheduled time of arrival of tp and hospital trains, and in some cases are allowed entry to railway platforms. The use by tps of telegram and telephone facilities from stations en route is often the source of this leakage of infm.

(Allied LHQ Int Sum No.35).

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Notes A B & C.. See Summary No.60

PART 1.

OPERATIONS:

(iii) NEW GUINEA Area -

FINSCHAVEN. 5 Jan. Natives report that an enemy force is established in the area. The aerodrome is cleared but there are NO A/C on it. Enemy patrols, about forty strong, were at SATELBURG, six mls NW and DOREKO, twelve mls East by South of FINSCHAVEN.

LAE. 4 Jan 1710 hrs and 5 Jan 1157 hrs. The aerodrome was bombed and strafed. 1200 hrs. Supply dumps were bombed. 6 Jan. Canoes apperently containing Japs were seen moving up the HARKHAM RIVER.

SALAMAUA. 6 Jan. Our patrol reported that the track from SALAMAUA to BUSAMO, eight mls NW, is mined and is regularly patrolled by the Japs. The natives are NOT permitted to use the routes to MALOLO four mls NW, and to BUSAMO. MUBO and KONIATUM villages were strafed, 5 Jan 0945 hrs.

TARAKENA. 4 Jan. 1630 hrs. An Allied patrol after contacting a stronger enemy force, withdrew to SIWORI Village.

SOPUTA-SANANANDA Track. 5 Jan. Our patrols were active. A tactical recce reported that there was much dust along the CAPE KILLERTON Track from 2000 yds South of CAPE KILLERTON to where it joins the SOPUTA-SANANANDA Track one ml SW of SANANANDA.

(iv) BISMARCK ARCHIPELAGO -

NEW BRITAIN. 4 Jan 1515 hrs and 5 Jan 0320 hrs. Allied A/C bombed the GASMATA aerodrome. A sighting received at PORT MORESBY at 1040 hrs Z, thought to be 1040 hrs L, 6 Jan, stated that four tpts, four destroyers, and two cruisers were approx seventy mls East of GASMATA on a course West at a speed of twelve knots.

RABAUL. 5 Jan 1200 hrs. Allied A/C attacked shipping scoring direct hits on at least four and possibly seven vessels, and there were numerous near misses. One vessel was broken in two and others set on fire. High oblique photographs taken over RABAUL reveal seventy-five ships incl twelve possible destroyers in the area.

(v) SOLOMONS Area -

BUIN-FAISI. 5 Jan 1600 hrs. One battleship, one hy cruiser, four destroyers and four cargo vessels were seen in the area.

(Landons Revsit No.159).

P A R T 3.

TOPOGRAPHICAL:

(i) Corps Area -

Rd ref EUMUNDI 1" to 1 Ml, Track from Junc 181172 via 199175 to Junc 212170 impassable to MT. Classification E.VB.

For Route Map of BRISBANE-GYMPIE-TOOWOOMBA Area
See Appx att.

P A R T 5.

S E C U R I T Y:

The following article from Adv HQ Int Sum No.21 indicates the necessity for guards to challenge the bona fides of all persons, incl those in uniform to enter/ Ref HQ 2 Aust Corps Int Sum No.113. camps.

Laxity of Guards:

Recent checks at camps disclose that guards rarely challenge the entry of anyone in uniform. When queried by FSS personnel one reply was "a man in uniform is OK." Again when FSS personnel say "FSS" any information is given without request for credentials. Guards must be instructed that all persons authorised to enter any camp will carry an appropriate authority to enter. FSS and Provost will carry a special pass, and this will be checked to guard against imposition by persons posing as FSS or Provost.

(First Aust Army Int Sum No.30)

COMMENT: The importance of guards and all military personnel realising that the wearing of a uniform is NOT a guarantee of the wearer's bona fides is exemplified by the following extract from GHQ India War Infm Circular No.G.9, Aug 42 -

An order from BRESCIA Div to 20 Inf Regt dated 26 Mar 42, captured in ME., stated that prisoners or deserters who gave the password "Silver Moon" were to be sent immediately to Div HQ and that the order was to be brought to the attention of fwd tps with appropriate discretion.

The password had NOT been broadcast to British tps by wireless or pamphlets, as we did at Tobruk on one occasion, when Italian would-be deserters were told what password to use; and the order was addressed to one sector only, viz., that held by 20 Inf Regt. It must therefore be assumed that the order was designed to facilitate the return to the enemy lines of enemy agents operating behind our lines in British uniforms, and who might be mistaken by enemy tps for British P.W. or deserters.

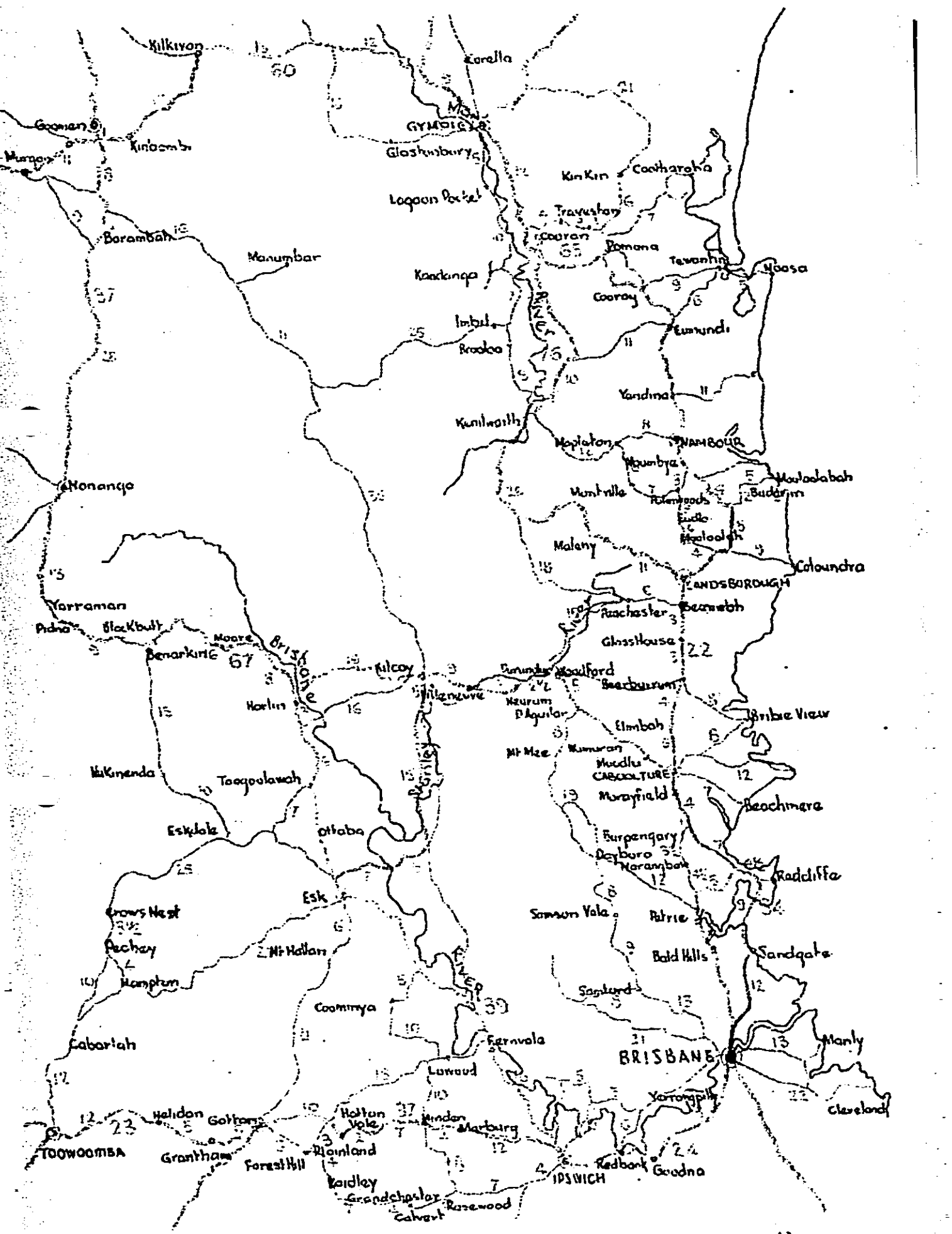
This is the first definite indication of the employment of agents in this manner, though they have been suspected on various occasions.

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ROUTE MAP

BRISBANE GYMPIE TOOWOOMBA AREA



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AD Instruction No 32.

Amendment to Corps ROs-Arrivals and Departures.

1. Corps RO Sec 15 para 5 is deleted and the following paras inserted.

"5. Officers leaving or arriving at Corps HQ will check out or in at Reception Office. The same procedure will be followed upon arrival at formations etc. The Reception Office will be informed of their next destination, probable hour of arrival there, also expected hour of return to Corps HQ. The Reception Office will be notified immediately if there is any change in their projected movements.

6. When an officer reports to Reception Office for checking out, the Reception Officer will arrange to collect from the Sig Office any despatches which it is desired that the officer carry."

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Compiled from information received to 0800 hrs 8 Jan 43

Notes A B & C., See Summary No. 80

P A R T 1.

O P E R A T I O N S:

(ii) N.E.I. Area -

KAI ISLAND. 6 Jan 0925 hrs. Allied A/C attacked one enemy torpedo boat on a Northerly course six mls due North of TOEAL. Another small vessel resembling a sloop was seen entering TOEAL HARBOUR.

(iii) NEW GUINEA Area -

WEWAK. 6 Jan. Aerial photographs reveal seven probable Fs on the aerodrome and blast bays under construction. The recce A/C encountered AA fire over the area.

MADANG. 6 Jan. Photographs reveal two probable AA posns on RAGETTA Island and four on the North end of BELIAO Island.

FINSCHAVEN. 6 Jan. Natives estimated that 2,000 Japs were in the area. The villages of KAMLOA, TAKOLEN and TIKIMA (all near FINSCHAVEN) have been occupied by the enemy. Natives have been put to work clearing ground for A/C. From 6 Jan 1035 hrs, Allied A/C constantly shadowed an enemy convoy of ten vessels probably comprising four destroyers, four tpts and two cruisers, then approx thirty mls ESE of GASMATA on a course WSW, 7 Jan 0425 hrs. Allied shadowing A/C attacked the vessels and one tpt was set on fire. 0857 hrs. The convoy was last sighted approx twenty-eight mls SE of FINSCHAVEN on a course SW, Up to eight enemy A/C intercepted the Allied A/C and one Zero was shot down.

LAE-HOPEI. 6 Jan. A possible landing strip being burnt off was sighted between LAE and HOPEI. 5 Jan 1715 hrs and 6 Jan 1715 hrs. LAE was bombed and A/C strafed. Results were NOT observed.

SOPUTA-SANANANDA TRACK. 5 Jan. Allied Cav patrols contacted Japs approx 800 yds East of the rd block. It is estimated that 100 Japs were astride the track approx 500 yds West of the next track junc, South of the rd block. A tactical recce reported that the track for three mls South of SANANANDA PT was under water and that the enemy were attempting to repair it. Some Allied tps attacked a strong enemy posn on KUROV CREEK (1500 yds East of the mouth of AMBOGA RIVER). 6 Jan, 1101 hrs. Enemy installations at SANANANDA PT were bombed and strafed. Other A/C strafed the West bank of the AMBOGA RIVER, NO activity was observed.

(iv) BISMARCK ARCHIPELAGO

NEW BRITAIN. 5 Jan 1350 hrs. Allied A/C dropped bombs near the GASMATA aerodrome.

RABAUL. 5 Jan. 1200 hrs. Shipping in the harbour included one possible A/C Carr and one possible submarine tender. 7 Jan. Ref Int Summary No. 139, during the attack on shipping in the harbour, it is now known that three, and possibly five, of twelve intercepting Zeros were shot down. Photographs reveal a new strip under construction in a coconut plantation three mls East of KOKOPO.

(v) SOLOMON'S Area -

BUIN-FAISI. 6 Jan. 1230 hrs. Two large warships, two small warships, two destroyers, one tpt, four flying boats and twelve F/Ps were seen in the area.

(LANDOPS REVSIT No. 160.)

P A R T 2.

ENEMY:

(vii) TACTICS

Descriptions of fighting in the vicinity of BUNA have repeatedly made reference to the difficulty of dislodging Japanese from their prepared defences. These have at various times been described as strongposts, pillboxes, "bunkers" etc. The following has been extracted from HQ NGF Weekly Intelligence Summary No 102 giving a clearer conception of the actual construction of these defences.

"Japanese defences in the BUNA - CAPE ENDAIADERE area included two types of earthworks. (See appendices attached A(1) A(2) and A(3).

"The bunker type consists of a covered trench with closely timbered sides and top. The top is built up into a mound with coconut logs piled longitudinally and packed with earth to make a burster course proof against mortars and light anti-personnel bombs, and this gives partial protection against direct hits from 25 pr shells. These mounds have ground level slits for forward automatic fire and are camouflaged by local natural materials and connected by crawl trenches.

"The second type is similar in appearance but not loopholed for firing. These are used for shelters and protection against artillery and mortar fire. Attacking tps are attracted by those raised structures and tend to make them objectives but are then caught in fire from ground level posts on flanks and in rear.

"The type of defences in these areas is governed by the nature of the ground which is very swampy and necessitates most defences being built mainly above ground."

(FIRST AUST ARMY WEEKLY INT SUM No. 35)

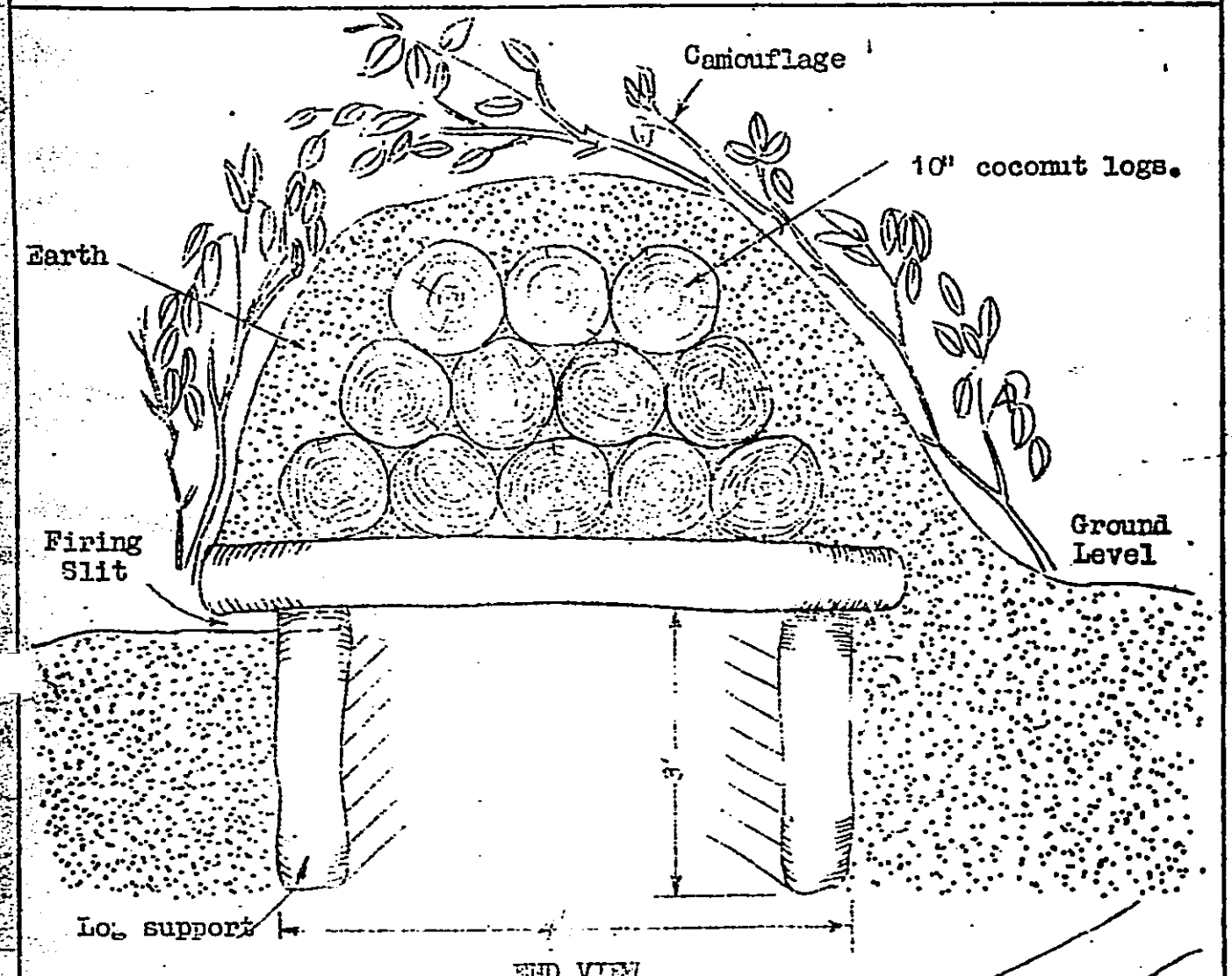
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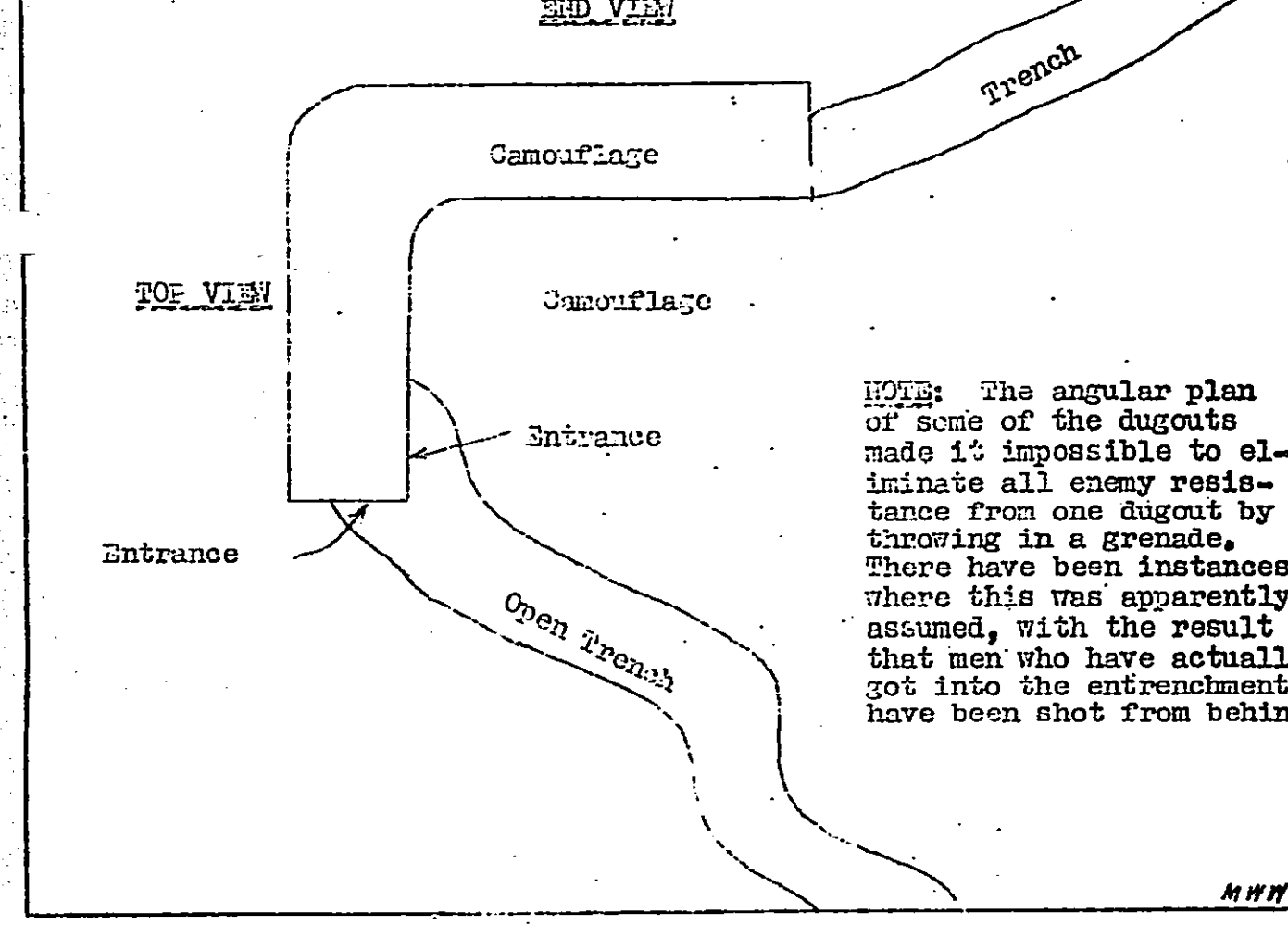
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JAP DEFENCES - EMPLACEMENTS - CAPE ENDAIDERE





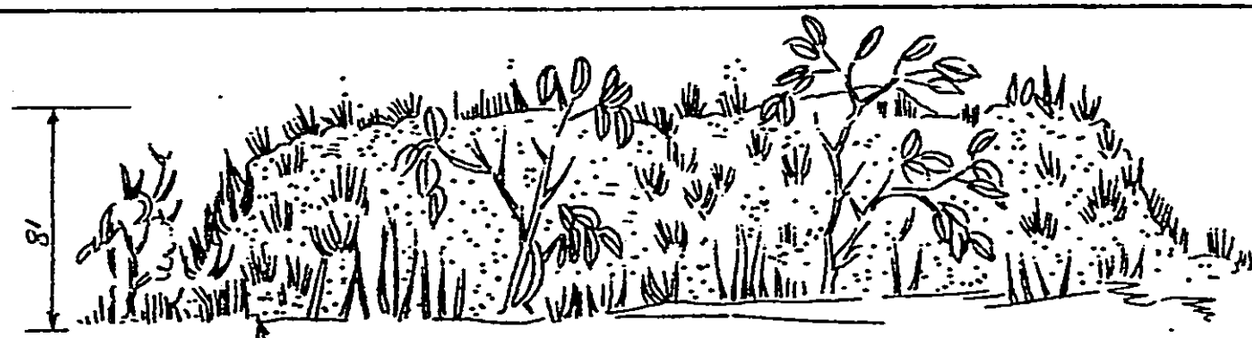
NOTE: The angular plan of some of the dugouts made it impossible to eliminate all enemy resistance from one dugout by throwing in a grenade. There have been instances where this was apparently assumed, with the result that men who have actually got into the entrenchments, have been shot from behind.

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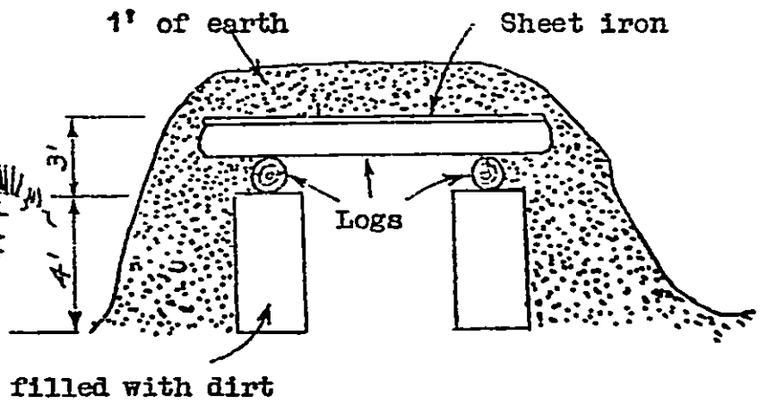
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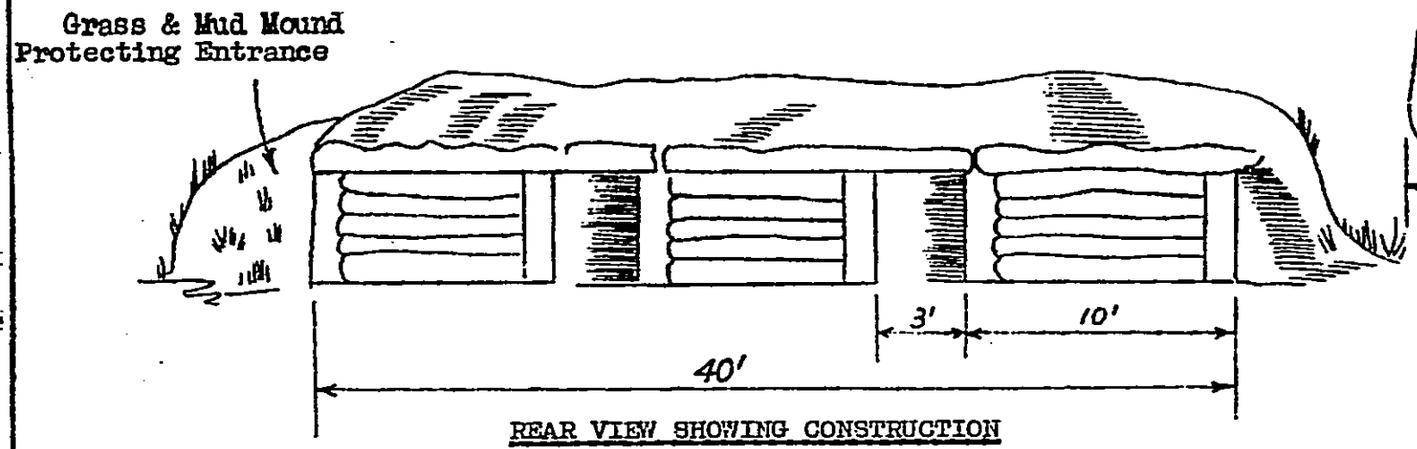
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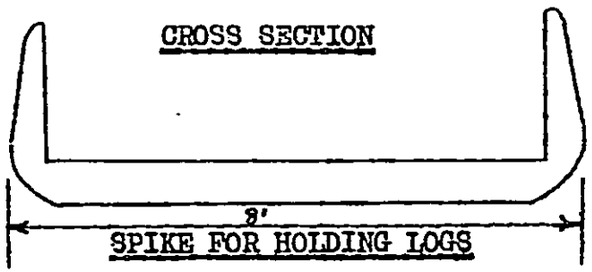


FRONT VIEW





REAR VIEW SHOWING CONSTRUCTION



CROSS SECTION

SPIKE FOR HOLDING LOGS

All dugouts and bunkers have had firing slits so small as to be invisible from the front, and with hy overhead cover made it impossible to reduce them with a frontal assault with infantry. It is therefore necessary either to secure a direct hit with artillery or to overrun or envelop them and attack from the rear.

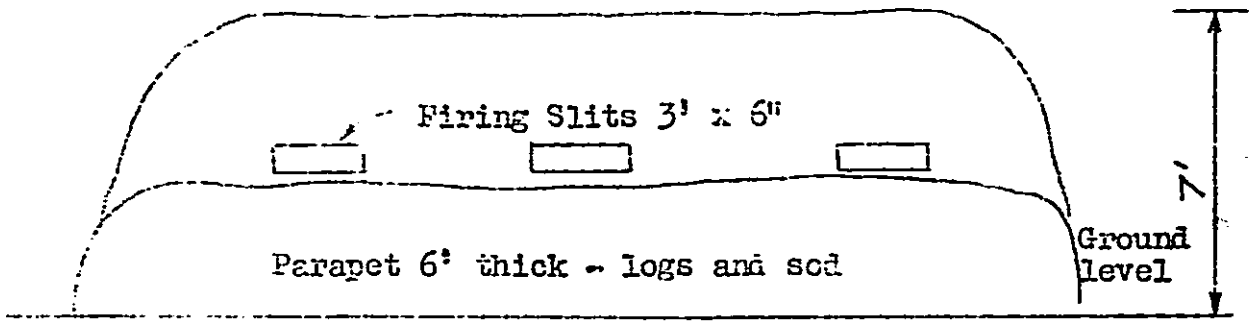
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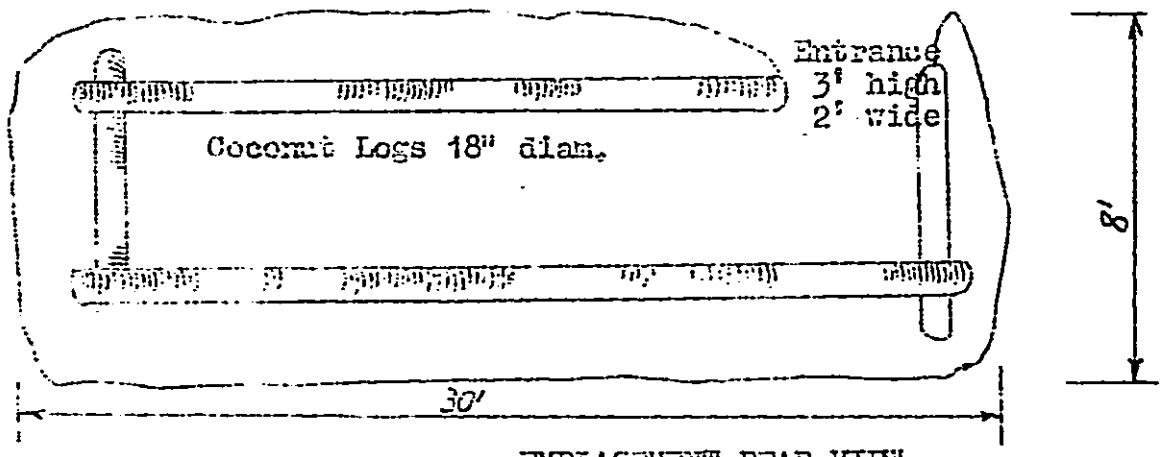
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JAP DEFENCES - EMPLACEMENTS - CAPE ENDAIDERE

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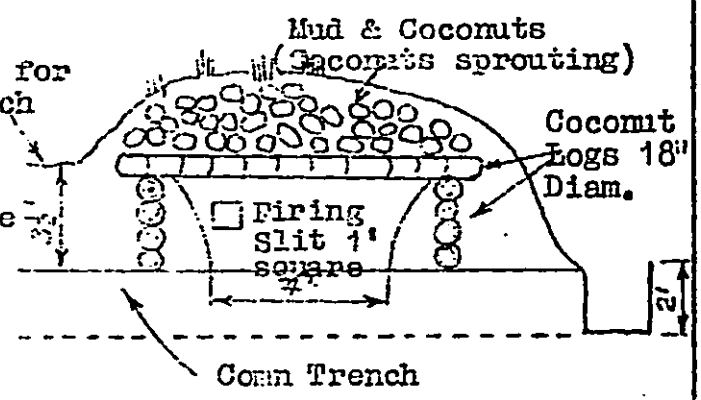


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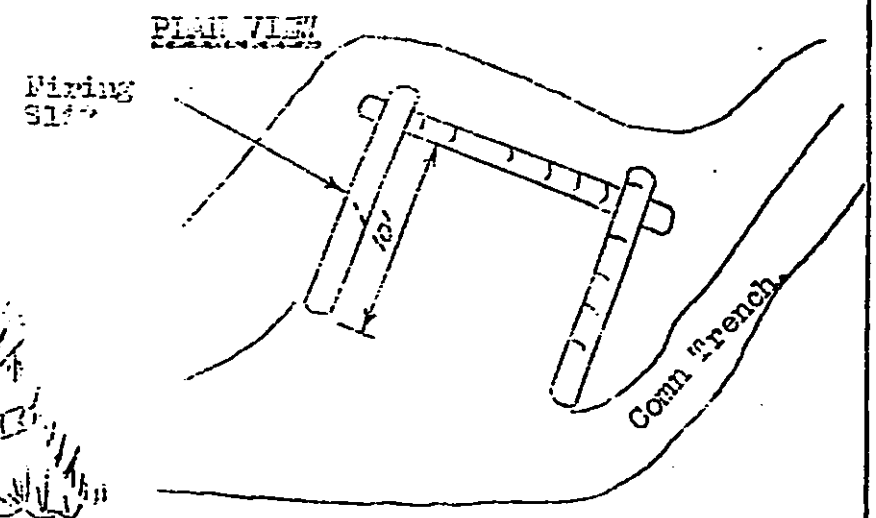
ONE MAN PIT WITH FIRING SLIT - SIDE VIEW



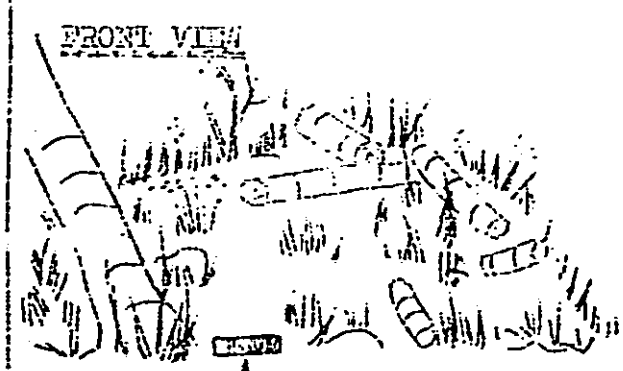
Coconuts, logs and earth.



PLAN VIEW



FRONT VIEW



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PART 1.

OPERATIONS:

(ii) NEI Area -

TIMOR 7 Jan 0630 hrs. One possible tanker and two small vessels were anchored at LAUTEM.

KAI Gp 6 Jan 1812 hrs. Allied A/C attacked a stationary destroyer, twenty-one mls NW of TOEAL. There were NO hits. 7 Jan 1346 hrs. Allied A/C made an attack on a destroyer which appeared to be towing a second destroyer, nine mls NNE of TOEAL. NO hits were scored.

(iii) NEW GUINEA Area -

LAE 6/7 Jan. As a result of ten attacks on the enemy convoy consisting of two lt cruisers, four destroyers and four tpts (reported Summary 140), one tpt was sunk and one other u/i vessel probably sunk. Thirteen intercepting enemy Fs were destroyed, eight possibly destroyed, two damaged and four others were hit. 7 Jan 1530 hrs. The convoy was last sighted at LAE. 0700 hrs and 1000 hrs. Allied A/C attacked the aerodrome at LAE. There was a direct hit on a blast bay which contained two Fs and one B. A large fire was started and one u/i B was set alight.

MAMBARE. The enemy evacuated DUVIRA CREEK area prior to 6 Jan, but some remain on an island in the MAMBARE DELTA.

CAPE WARDHUNT 7 Jan 1235 hrs. Allied A/C attacked a whaler, four empty boats and four empty rafts fifty mls NE of the Cape. The whaler and one small boat were destroyed and the remainder damaged. Two enemy Fs, which attempted interception, were also damaged. 8 Jan 0100 hrs One probable destroyer was seen twenty-seven mls NE of the Cape on a course West.

TARAKENA 5/6 Jan. Allied tps were held up 500 yds from TARAKENA by enemy MGs covering the SINORI-TARAKENA. Track.

SANANANDA-SOPUTA TRACK. 6 Jan. A slight advance was made from the West, on the left of the track running North from the rd block. Fourteen Japs were killed and eighteen wounded in the vicinity of the rd block. 7 Jan. Thirty-three Rabaul natives were captured in the vicinity of GARARA on the Track two and a half mls East of GONA.

BUNA. 5/6 Jan. Fourteen of the enemy were killed and one PW taken as a result of mopping up operations.

(iv) BISMARCK ARCHIPELAGO -

NEW BRITAIN 6 Jan. There were indications that at least four enemy submarines were operating in this area.

GASMATA 6 Jan 2100 hrs. Allied A/C attacked the aerodrome, starting fires. There was a large fire near three single-engine A/C.

(v) SOLOMONS Area -

BUIN 6 Jan. One submarine was seen forty-seven mls West by South of BUIN.

RUSSELL Is. 6 Jan. One submarine was sighted eighty-seven mls SW of PAVUVU Is.

(Landops Revsit No.161).

P A R T 2.

E N E M Y:

(vi) Equipment - Air

Jap Flexible Cannon - 20MM. The flexible 20MM Cannon has to be operated by an Airgunner and so is designed for use in bombing planes. Fighter A/C using cannon have them fixed in the wings. These fixed cannons are cocked, fired and set to safe by the use of compressed air cylinders and Bowden cables. In the "Zeke" a trigger grip mounted on the left side of the cockpit, can be set to "7.7mm only" or "7.7mm and 20mm cannon" as required.

The cannon is a recoil operated automatic weapon patterned on the OERLIKON. It is air cooled and is fed by a drum type (French) magazine in sizes to hold 15, 30, 60 or 100 rounds. The flexible cannon is mounted at the point of balance allowing lateral and vertical movement. The winding handle, shown on the right side, draws the recoil portions to the rear, cocking the cannon. The rate of fire is reported to be 500 rpm and each cannon is allotted 200 rounds when going on a sortie.

The Ammunition: The shells are 5½" overall and are centre fired with a propellant charge of granulated nitrocellulose. The projectile is of a steel construction with a driving band. The HE used is TNT. The incendiary shells contain a phosphorus pellet which is broken and scattered on contact by a TNT burster.

As the fuse is very delicate and the fillings extremely sensitive, strict safety precautions must be exercised when handling this ammunition.

(AHQ Int Sum No.35).

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PART 1.

OPERATIONS:

(ii) N.E.I. Area -

TIMOR. 7 Jan. Allied A/C strafed huts and natives at BAUCAU.

KEI ISLANDS. 7 Jan. 1840 hrs. Two destroyers were attacked thirty-five mls NNW of TOEAL but there were NO hits.

(iii) NEW GUINEA Area -

MADANG. 8 Jan 1236 hrs. The aerodrome was bombed by Allied A/C. Three bombs fell in the centre of the runway.

LAE. 7 Jan and 8 Jan. (Ref Sum 139 and 140). The enemy convoy was attacked continuously but the results have not yet been ascertained. The enemy A/C casualties as a result of interception during the attacks on 6 Jan, 7 Jan and 8 Jan, are confused but the following is considered correct: thirty-three Fs were shot down, sixteen probably, two possibly, and fourteen damaged. 7 Jan 1305 hrs. Dumps near the terrace at LAE were bombed; two bombs fell in the building area and two in the dump East of the terrace. 8 Jan 0815 hrs. Grounded A/C on the aerodrome were strafed; one F was burned and two others were hit. Eqpt and enemy tps who had disembarked were bombed and strafed. Five or six trucks of supplies, a cargo vessel and a landing barge were hit. The results of interception in the above attacks were nine enemy Fs shot down, four probably and four possibly.

SALAMAUA. 8 Jan 2025 hrs. Two u/i vessels were sighted stationary off KELA. 2120 hrs. One u/i vessel was seen in the harbour.

MAMBARE. 9 Jan 0130 hrs. One possible submarine was seen off the mouth of the River.

KUMUSI. 8 Jan. Jap tps estimated at 200 occupy the area from KURENADA to BAKUMBARA (South of the mouth of KUMUSI RIVER). Allied patrols penetrated all the approaches of KURENADA.

TARAKENA. 7 Jan. Our arty, mortar and MG fire were directed on the village.

GONA. 7 Jan. Rabaul natives captured at GARARA, now total forty-two. They stated that NO enemyare in this area.
8 Jan. An unstated number of Rabaul natives have been captured near the MISSION Area. Enemy OP has been reported approx half a mile SSE of the MISSION and has been engaged by our mortars.

SOPUTA-SANANANDA TRACK. 7 Jan. Active patrolling continued both sides of the rd. Two enemy MGs and possible W/T were located approx 250 yds SW of the rd block and engaged by our mortars. Rabaul natives stated that the Japs at SANANANDA were short of food and some were unarmed. 8 Jan. A tactical recce reported that there was a block house near the track and rd junc approx one ml SW of SANANANDA PT. This block house is possibly a MG post.

(iv) BISMARCK ARCHIPELAGO

NEW BRITAIN. 8 Jan 1045 hrs. Possibly one probable lt cruiser was sighted seventy-five mls SE of ARAWE on a course SE.

(v) SOLOMON'S Area -

BUKA. 8 Jan 1022 hrs. One large cargo vessel was seen off the West coast, on a course North. 1431 hrs. Two destroyers were sighted anchored off the West coast. 1731 hrs. A convoy consisting of seven vessels incl one cruiser and two destroyers was seen East of BUKA PASSAGE on a course North.

NEW GEORGIA GP. 8 Jan 1550 hrs. Two destroyers and one large cargo vessel were seen fourteen mls NNE of VELLA LAVELLA on a course SSE

(LANDOPS REVSIT No. 162)

PART 2

ENEMY:

(vi) Eqpt

Interchangeability of Small Arms Ammunition.

Tests have been made to ascertain whether British 9 mm and .303 in Mk VII S.A.A. can be used in Japanese machine guns.

The results of the tests, to date, are as follows:-

(i) 9 mm S.A.A. as used in the British Sten S.M.G. and the Australian AUSTEN S.M.G. is NOT suitable for use in Japanese Medium Machine Guns.

(ii) .303 in Mk VII S.A.A. is NOT suitable for use with the 7.7 mm "UKI" type '92' H.M.G. owing to chamber differences.

Tests are still being made on a M.M.G. of approx .303 in. calibre and also a H.M.G. which may possibly take our .5 A/Tk Rifle S.A.A.

(Adv HQ Weekly Int Summary No.22).

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HQ 2 AUST CORPS DAILY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No.143

Compiled from information received to 0800 hrs 11 Jan 43

Notes A B & C. See Summary No.80

PART 1.

OPERATIONS:

(iii) NEW GUINEA Area -

DUTCH NEW GUINEA. 9 Jan 2044 hrs. MERAUKE had its sixth raid when a Jap F/P dropped two bombs in the jetty area. NO damage or casualties resulted.

Additional infm on the movements of and the attacks on the Jap convoy (Ref Int Sum 142), have now been reported.

FINSCHHAVEN 7 Jan. When the convoy was off FINSCHHAVEN stores were dropped overboard. These were later picked up by ten barges.

LAE. Attacks continued 9 Jan and morning 10 Jan. Whilst disembarking tps, stores and eqpt, the ships were also bombed and strafed, causing considerable damage. It is now considered that the original convoy consisted of two 1? cruisers, three destroyers and five tpts (one 10,000/14,000 tons, three of 5,000 tons and one unspecified). Three tpts were sunk; the largest South of ARAWE, and the one of unpsecified tonnage and one of 5,000 tons at LAE. The balance of the convoy departed from LAE morning 9 Jan. 10 Jan 0345 hrs. The convoy was last observed five mls South of CAPE DAMPIER. A direct hit was scored on one tpt and a fire started in the bow. Fourteen Fs which attempted interception of the Allied attacks were shot down, plus four probably shot down and three damaged, in addition to those reported Int Sum 142.

7 Jan 1700 hrs. Allied Fs, on a mission strafing tps at LAE, became engaged in an air combat, resulting in thirteen enemy Fs shot down plus one probable and two possible. 8 Jan 1435 hrs. The aerodrome at LAE was attacked. Grounded A/C were strafed, two Fs set on fire, two others probably hit, one med B left smoking and an amn dump on the terrace exploded. 9 Jan 0755 hrs. The aerodrome was bombed. Several fires in the building and terrace areas were started, three bombs fell in the dispersal bays in the South side of the strip, one enemy F was destroyed whilst taking off and another, which attempted interception, was shot down.

SALAMAUA. 9 Jan 1425 hrs. The Isthmus was attacked and there were direct hits on several buildings.

MUBO 8 Jan 1345 hrs. Several huts were destroyed and others left smouldering as a result of a bombing and strafing attack on MUBO and KOMIATUM.

TARAKENA 8 Jan 2130 hrs. Allied tps occupied TARAKENA and captured five LMGs and one mortar.

ORO BAY 9 Jan. Enemy Naval D/Bs attacked Allied shipping causing a little damage and some casualties.

WOODLARK Is. 8 Jan. There were indications that two enemy submarines were operating in the vicinity of KIRIWINA Is and WOODLARK Is.

(iv) BISMARCK ARCHIPELAGO -

NEW BRITAIN 8 Jan. One submarine was seen sixty mls SE of GASMATA.

RABAUL Jan 5. It is now reported that VUNAKANAU was bombed during the morning but the results were NOT observed. Seven enemy Fs were shot down and three were damaged.

NEW IRELAND 8 Jan. One submarine was seen fifty-eight mls ESE of LIHIR Is.

(v) SOLOMONS Area -

BUKA 8 Jan. One submarine was seen sixty-five mls ENE of CAPE HENPAN. 9 Jan 1200 hrs. One 3,000-ton vessel arrived at BUKA PASSAGE escorted by a destroyer which departed on a course NW.

BOUGAINVILLE Is. 9 Jan 1045 hrs. Two destroyers were seen forty-four mls ENE of KIETA, course SE by East.

BUIN 8 Jan. One submarine was seen forty-six mls West by South of BUIN. Morning 9 Jan. One destroyer was sighted West of OEMA Is (twenty-four mls ENE of BUIN), course North by East.

CHOISEUL Is. 9 Jan 1540 hrs. One destroyer was seen on a course NE by East, twenty mls ENE of CAPE ALEXANDER, the Northern tip of the island.

NEW GEORGIA Gp. 8 Jan 2030 hrs. Six or more destroyers were seen NNW of KOLOMBANGARA Is, course SE.

(Landops Revsit No.163)

P A R T 5.

S E C U R I T Y:

Simple codes indicating locations appear to be escaping the notice of Unit Censors in forward areas. In one such case, the writer's address was excised, but his location was indicated by placing faint dots under the letters "B" "U" "N" "A". Similar codes have been noted in letters written by U.S. personnel.

(NSW L of C Area Int Report 167)

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HQ 2 AUST CORPS DAILY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 144

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Notes A B & C. See Summary No. 80

PART 1

OPERATIONS:

(ii) NEI Area -

FLORES 9 Jan. Three small u/i vessels were sighted at BOKA BAY (believed to be OKA BAY).

TIMOR 9 Jan. One gunboat and two cargo vessels, one of 12,000 tons and one of 6,000 tons, were sighted sixty-five mls NW of KOEPANG on a course East by South. One 8,000-ton cargo vessel was seen seventy-five mls WNW of KOEPANG.

(iii) NEW GUINEA Area -

WEWAK 10 Jan 1110 hrs. Allied A/C bombed WEWAK.

MADANG 10 Jan 0925 hrs. Allied A/C bombed the aerodrome.

FINSCHHAFEN 10 Jan 0752 hrs. The aerodrome was bombed by Allied A/C.

LAE 10 Jan 0958 hrs. Allied A/C attacked dumps and AA posns. Buildings near BURNS PHILP exploded and the fire was visible for twenty-five mls. 1010 hrs. The aerodrome and grounded A/C were strafed. One enemy F was burnt and two very large fires were seen in the hangar area burning from the previous attack. 1255 hrs. The beached tpt was bombed.

CAPE WARD HUNT 11 Jan 0145 hrs. One u/i vessel on a course 266° was sighted and bombed forty-five mls NE of the Cape.

KUMUSI 5 Jan. Five Japs were killed and two prisoners wounded.

TARAKENA. Forty Japs were killed prior to the occupation of the village.

SANANANDA-SOPUTA TRACK. 9 Jan. The enemy have been active from the area South of the rd block where MGs were used. It is estimated that 500 Japs are South of the rd block and 1,500 to the North. They occupy prepared posns, with overhead cover to bunkers, which have been located throughout the area.

BUNA 10 Jan 0320 hrs. One vessel was seen seven mls NW and another eighteen mls East of BUNA.

DEBOYNE Is. 9 Jan. One submarine was seen 130 mls SW of the Island.

ROSSEL Is. 10 Jan. One submarine was sighted 190 mls SE of the Island, and another 190 mls NNE.

WOODLARK Is. One submarine was seen 100 mls East by South and another 100 mls NE of the Island.

(iv) BISMARCK ARCHIPELAGO -

ADMIRALTY ISLANDS. 9 Jan. One submarine was sighted fifty mls South of MANUS Island.

NEW BRITAIN 9 Jan 1815 hrs. The enemy convoy from LAE was attacked off GASMATA. The largest tpt was hit and two Jap Fs were shot down. 10 Jan 0730 hrs. A convoy was sighted ninety mls ENE of GASMATA, 1040 hrs. Two destroyers were seen thirty-four mls SW of GASMATA and five other vessels forty-two mls East by South of GASMATA. It is considered that all these are the same vessels observed ninety mls ENE of GASMATA, and possibly they had returned to assist the damaged vessels. Four attacks were made on the convoy. One direct hit was scored on the forward hatch of a tpt, starting a small fire. One Jap F was destroyed, and one probably, when attempting to intercept these attacks.

NEW IRELAND 9 Jan. One submarine was sighted twenty mls NW by North of EAST CAPE.

(v) SOLOMONS Area -

BUKA 9 Jan. One submarine was seen 150 mls ENE of the Island and another forty mls West of the Island.

BOUGAINVILLE 10 Jan 1200 hrs. One small cargo boat was sighted off KIETA on a course NE.

CHOISEUL Ic. 9 Jan. One cargo boat was seen anchored in CHOISEUL BAY. 10 Jan 1030 hrs. One cargo boat was sighted forty-five mls NE of CAPE ALEXANDER on a course NE. Ref Int Sum No.143. 9 Jan. The destroyer sighted twenty mls ENE of CAPE ALEXANDER is now reported to be one light cruiser.

SHORTLAND Is. 10 Jan 1600 hrs. Eight destroyers were seen thirty-four mls SE of the Island on a course ESE.

RENDOVA Is. 9 Jan. One sub was sighted eighty mls SSW of the Island. 10 Jan. One submarine was seen 110 mls SE of the Island.

SANTA YSABEL Is. 9 Jan. One submarine was sighted twenty-three mls NW by North of the Island and another forty mls NE by East of REKATA BAY. (Landops Revsit No.164)

ENEMY: PART 2.

(iv) Organisation -

Att as Appx "B" is a map showing Jap bomber bases in SWPA with limits of bombing and recce from such bases.

(xiv) General -

Dates of Jap occupations in SWPA: A list of landing dates connected with Jap operations since Dec 7,41, but covering mainly the SWPA, is att as Appx "A". In some cases, the exact date is NOT known, but several sources have been checked for this compilation. (The following were occupied between 31 Mar and 19 Apr 41: FAK FAK, HOLLANDIA, MABIRE, MAMOKWARI, MOEMA, SARMI and SORONG). Some Jap visits were merely patrols and these have been identified as such. (AAF Int Sum No.66)

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APPX "A" HQ 2 AUST CORPS DAILY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 144.

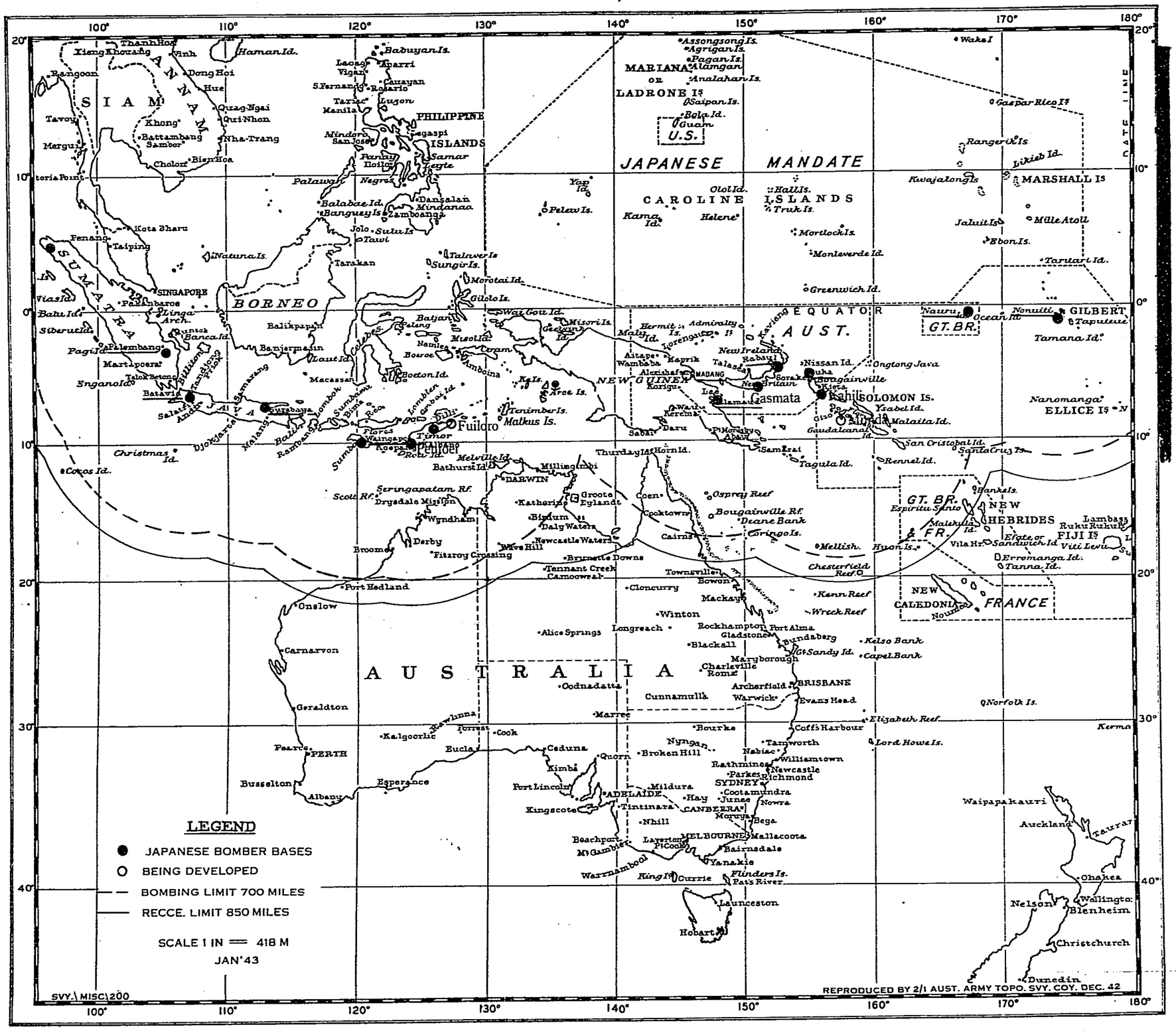
Dates of Japanese occupations in S.W.P.A.

Alexishafen (patrol)	April 30th	Gasmata	Feb.9th
" (occupied)	Dec. 18th	Goodenough Island(occupied)	Aug.21st
Ambon	Jan. 30th	" " (re-occupied)	Nov.2nd
Aroe Island	Aug. 2nd	Guam (1941)	Dec.10th
Auki (Malaita)	July. 30th	Hong Kong (1941)	Dec.18th
Babo	Feb. 16th	Indramaya	Feb.28th
Boli	Feb. 19th	Iorabaiwa (occupied)	Sep.20th
Bolikpapan	Jan. 23rd	" (re-occupied)	Sep.28th
Bandjermasin	Feb. 16th	Iringila (Vella Lavella)	Oct.13th
Batavia	Mar. 6th	Kai Island	Aug. 2nd
Benkoelen	Feb. 25th	Kavieng	Jan.21st
Billiton Island	Apr. 14th	Kendari	Jan.24th
Boela	Mar. 31st	Kessa	Mar. 9th
Buka	April 1st	Kieta (patrol)	Jan.22nd
BUKA Passage (patrol)	Jan. 25th	" (occupied)	Mar.30th
Buna (occupied)	July 22nd	Koepang	Feb.20th
" (re-occupied)	Jan. 3rd	Kokoda (occupied)	Aug.14th
C.Gloucester (patrol)	Jan. 24th	" (re-occupied)	Nov. 2nd
Dilli	Feb. 20th	Kota Bharu (1941)	Dec. 7th
Faisi	Mar. 31st	Lae	Mar. 8th
Finschhaven(patrol)	Feb. 10th	Lorengau	Apr. 8th
" (occupied)	Dec. 18th	Lunga (occupied)	July 6th
Fona (occupied)	Aug. 24th	" (re-occupied)	Aug. 7th
" (re-occupied)	Nov. 2nd	Luzon (1941)	Dec. 7th

Macassar	Feb. 9th
Madang (patrol)	May 1st
" (occupied)	Dec.18th
Malahang	Feb. 8th
Milne Bay (occupied)	Aug.26th
" (re-occupied)	Nov. 2nd
Nouru Island	Aug.26th
Ocean Island	Aug.26th
Palembang	Feb.15th
Rabaul	Jan.23rd
Rekata Bay	July 6th
Rembang	Feb.28th
Rendova Island	Oct.10th
Rossel Island (patrol)	Jan.28th
Salamaua	Mar. 8th
Tanimbar Island	Aug. 2nd
Tulagi (occupied)	May 2nd
" (re-occupied)	Aug. 7th
Vanguna Island	Oct. 6th
Viru Harbour	Oct. 2nd
Wake	Dec.23rd
Wewak	Dec.18th
Wickham Harbour	Oct. 2nd

(AAF Int Summary No.66)

APPENDIX B
To 2 Aust. Corps Intell Summary
Dated 18-1-43



2 Aust Corps
5 Jan 43.

G2153.

Subject: Distribution List - 2 Aust Corps.
Ref: G2084 of 3 Jan 43.

List C plus serials 5, 43, 44, 45, 46.

1. **Distribution List - 2 Aust Corps is amended as under:-**

(a) COMMAND STAFF AND SERVICES, HQ 2 AUST CORPS

After serial 64

Insert serial 64a - Salvage -/1/1/1/1/1/

(b) Amend totals on page 3 to read.

31, 30, 39, 51, 104, 30.

for BGS,
2 Aust Corps.

War Diary

App 63

2 Aust Corps
13 Jan 43

G2151.

Subject: Training of Personnel HQ 2 Aust Corps.
Ref: G2036 of 29 Dec 42.

List F, less serial 1.

1. The weekly parade will be held on TUESDAY instead of MONDAY until further notice.

2. Dress. Shirts, shorts, drill order.

3. Time Table.

0830 Fall in by groups on group parade grounds.
Roll call.
Inspection of Rifles and dress, under supervision of Group Commander.

0840 Marker from each group will report to RSM on general parade ground.

0850 March on to general parade.
Senior NCO from each group hands parade state to RSM.

0900 Training commences.

A.A.G. Aug.
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A.H.Q. Diary

A.H.Q. 64

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HQ 2 AUST CORPS DAILY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No.145

Compiled from information received to 0800 hrs 13 Jan 43

Notes A B & C. See Summary No.80

PART 1

OPERATIONS:

(ii) N.E.I. Area -

AROE ISLAND. 11 Jan 1425 hrs. The jetty at DOBO was attacked by Allied A/C.

TIMOR. 11 Jan. (Ref Int Summary No.144). Photo recce show the vessels NW of KOEPANG consist of two cargo vessels (one of 11,000 tons and the other 15,000 tons) and one small u/i naval vessel.

(iii) NEW GUINEA Area -

DUTCH NEW GUINEA. 11 Jan 1330 hrs and 1345 hrs. An u/i A/C was sighted over MERAUKE.

TARAKENA. 10 Jan. An enemy party constructing a bunker on the TARAKENA-GIRUWA track, 750 yds SE of GIRUWA, was engaged by arty fire and suffered casualties. The bunker was destroyed. Arty fire directed along the track, drove several Japs into the water where they were killed by rifle and MG fire.

SANANANDA. 10 Jan. Our tps occupied an enemy packet at a point 450 yds East of the road block and 250 yds South of the SANANANDA rd. One American MG, amn, many Jap rifles and grenades were captured. Additional bunkers were located on the NE flank of the area and South of the rd block.

(iv) BISMARCK ARCHIPELAGO

NEW BRITAIN. 9 Jan 1943 hrs. One lt cruiser or destroyer (believed to be part of the convoy that was at LAE) was bombed fifty-five mls SSW of GASMATA. A direct hit was scored and an explosion occurred amidship. The vessel probably sank.

RABAUL. 11 Jan 1200 hrs. One A/C Carrier, thirty-seven large and twenty-four small vessels were sighted in the Harbour.

(v) SOLOMON'S Area -

BUKA. 10 Jan. Allied forces destroyed buildings and wharf at SORAKEN (eight mls SSE of BUKA PASSAGE).

SHORTLAND ISLAND. 11 Jan 0935 hrs. A destroyer was seen in SHORTLAND HARBOUR.

NEW GEORGIA GP. 11 Jan 0825 hrs. Four destroyers were seen twelve mls North of LANGSDALE PT on a course NW by West. 1230 hrs. Four cargo vessels were sighted twenty-five mls North of the PT on a course NW by W.

GUADALCANAL. Night 10/11 Jan. Eight destroyers were sighted off CAPE ESPERANCE.

PART 2

ENEMY:

(vi) Eqpt -

Japanese Land Mine - Type 93. The container is of light metal construction. The centre of the top to a radius of 2½" is reinforced, this ensures that pressure callapses the curved part of the top and is communicated to the detonator.
To render safe: Remove the brass cover and take out the detonator complete. The resistance of the shear wire, and consequently the pressure necessary to detonate the mine, is not known. Further details will be published when the technical examination is complete. (AHQ Int Summary No. 35)

(xiv) GENERAL:

Japanese Coat - Further to Summary 136 the coat described is that commonly worn by farmers in Japan very slightly modified. Material normally used is rice-straw which is a light brown but any similar straw would answer as well. The coat is also worn by rickshaw runners and coolies in general, and is ideally suited for use as a military camouflage garment in the Solomon's area. (AAF Int Summary No.65.)

Possible Aircraft-carrying Submarine Sighted - The crew of a B-24 has reported sighting a surfaced submarine in Wide Bay, NEW BRITAIN, the type and appearance of which they describe as unlike anything previously seen. It had an exceptionally long conning tower in their opinion capable of housing a collapsible aircraft. One burst of anti-aircraft fire was directed from the submarine before it submerged.
(AAF INT SUMMARY No. 65.)

PART 3.

TOPOGRAPHICAL:

(1) Corps Area -

Ref map COOROY 1". Bridge at 161223 burnt; track unusable for MT. Ford at 131230 NOT suitable for MT. Track quarry 162205 to junction 164220 passable to FWD MT.
Ford at 164218 unusable in wet weather. Due to the recent sunny weather most of the rds in the area have dried up and are open to MT, but all rds with the exception of bitumen surfaced are badly corrugated.
Ref Map EUMUNDI 1". Section of rd 235939 to ferry at 241938 is a very narrow built-up rd running through swampy ground which is effected by tidal waters. Ferry at 241938 is out of commission and at present is 200 yds downstream.
It is possible to reach 286943 from 290005 by using beach, tracked vehicles would be advisable. This is the only way into this area in wet weather.
All rds in this area have been in a very bad state during the recent heavy rains; movement during wet weather is very limited. Cross country movement by MT is impossible. Rds have dried rapidly since the cessation of the rain.
Ref Map NAMBOUR 1". 014005. This point is impassable to all MT except FWD vehicles at the present time.

There is a "spongy" soak 2' deep extending for a distance of 8' to 10' across the rd. It will be necessary to construct a culvert here.
(Infm supplied by GSI 3 Aust Div).

P A R T 4

Infm to 4 Jan 43

O T H E R F R O N T S:

RUSSIAN FRONT -

FINLAND and NORTHERN SECTOR. It was reported that the Soviet Forces had launched an offensive SE of LAKE ILMEN, but the scale of the attack is NOT known.

CENTRAL SECTOR. The Russians claim the capture of VELIKIE LUKI, but this is denied by the Germans. It is NOT yet possible to discriminate between the opposing claims, but it is probable that fighting is still going on in the outskirts of the town.

MIDDLE DON SECTOR. The situation is confused. The Russian advance was slowed down partly because of supply difficulties and partly because of stiffened German resistance in the MILLEROVO TATSINSKAYA areas; but some progress has been made in the NIZHNE CHIRSK area.

STALINGRAD SECTOR. The Russian General Staff report that the encircled German Sixth Army is still fighting.

LOWER DON & KALMUK SECTORS. After the decisive defeat of the German attempt to relieve the Sixth Army, the Russians captured KOTELNIKOVO and made a rapid thrust down the STALINGRAD-TIKHORETSK ry and are now about thirty mls SW. Progress also has been made astride the LOWER DON towards TSIMLYANSKAYA and Westwards across the KALMUK STEPPES. ELISTA has been captured.

CAUCASUS SECTOR. The Russian attack on the TEREK front is attaining some success. The capture of MOZDOK has been claimed.

GENERAL:

Since the failure of the attack to relieve the Sixth Army, the Germans seem unable to mount a fresh major counter-offensive. The Russians have made progress mainly in the KOTELNIKOVO area and across the KALMUK STEPPE. The claims in the RUSSIAN communique of 31 Dec 42 are NOT unreasonable.

TUNISIA:

Ops have been confined to patrol activities. North of MEDJEZ EL BAB, Axis forces are holding high ground, and their general line in this area now runs from JEFNA to East of station DE KSIR-CRICH EL OUED. Allied pressure has forced a local withdrawal South of PONT DU FAHSE and North of PICHON. The bombing of SOUSSE and SFAX and the connecting ry is believed to have been causing serious congestion. It is estimated that the Axis strength is 30,000 Germans and 14,500 Italians. The German tk strength is 160/190 of which 140 are serviceable and the Italian tank strength 50, of which the number serviceable is unknown. The weather is improving and the ground is drying.

BURMA:

Our adv has now reached a line about twenty-five mls North of AKYAB where enemy resistance estimated to be one bn was encountered. The Jap strength at KALEMYO in the CHIN HILLS is estimated at two bns. Rd construction in this area continues, but there are NO further indications of an advance by the enemy.

NAVAL:

NORTHERN WATERS. 31 Dec. HMS "ONSLOW" escorting a convoy to NORTH RUSSIA sighted and engaged an enemy force reported as one cruiser and three destroyers. ONSLOW was damaged but rejoined the convoy. The covering force consisting of HMSs SHEFFIELD and JAMAICA with two destroyers, engaged the enemy. One enemy cruiser was damaged and one destroyer was left sinking. Contact was lost but later another enemy destroyer was engaged. HMS "ACHATES" was damaged and later sank. NO other damage has been reported.

BAY OF BISCAY:

1 Jan. A German blockade runner from the Far East was intercepted and sunk by HMS "SCYLLA".

MEDITERRANEAN:

Recent photo recce of GENOA shows that the hull of a REGOLO class cruiser being built there is being adapted as an A/C carrier. During the past week, six med and three small ships were reported sunk by HM submarines and Naval A/C.

BLACK SEA:

Russian surface forces and submarines reported the sinking of two enemy merchant ships and one escort.

U-BOAT WARFARE:

Week ended 27 Dec 42. Six ships were sunk by submarines, of which five were in the ATLANTIC. An outward bound convoy was heavily attacked and lost nearly one third of its number. The attack was made when out of range of available home-based A/C and the losses contrast unfortunately with convoys recently mentioned. Later reports show that sinkings off the BRAZILIAN coast were heavier than at first estimated. Besides counter-attacks by the escort of the convoy mentioned above, two promising attacks were reported by A/C and one by surface craft, during the week ended 30 Dec 42.

A/C CASUALTIES:

	Allied	Enemy
RAF	6	2
USAAF	3	28
MIDDLE EAST	5	12
	14	42

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Compiled from information received to 0800 hrs 14 Jan 43.

Notes A B & C. See Summary No. 80.

PART 1

OPERATIONS:

(ii) N.E.I. Area -

TIMOR. 12 Jan 1347 hrs. Allied A/C strafed FUILORO and one probable serviceable fighter was left burning on the aerodrome. Buildings, native huts and eight motor vehicles were also strafed, but results were NOT stated.

(iii) NEW GUINEA Area -

DUTCH NEW GUINEA. 12 Jan 1618 hrs. Nine med Bs carried out the seventh raid on MERAUKE, but there were NO casualties and NO damage.

MADANG. 11 Jan. There were indications that two Jap patrols from KAIAPIT, eighty mls SW of MADANG, and from BOGADJIM were converging on the middle RAMU RIVER. Activity was observed on the rd in the vicinity of IGOI, thirty-five mls WSW of MADANG, where Japs were making native workmen build houses and repair rds.

LAE. Morning 11 Jan. Enemy tps, who landed from the convoy, are now apparently billeted in the BUTIBUM area, two mls North of LAE, as many fires were observed there. The Japs continue to ferry tps from LAE to LABU, at the mouth of the MARKHAM RIVER.

SALAMAUA. 11 Jan 1215 hrs. The track KOMIATUM - SALAMAUA was bombed and strafed. Two bombs fell across a br near KOMIATUM. 1230 hrs. The track was again strafed, but results were NOT observed.

KUMUSI. 12 Jan. It is reported that enemy, in the vicinity of KURENADA, near the mouth of the KUMUSI RIVER, are equipped with W/T, a number of MGs and one A/A gun.

MAMBARE. 11 Jan. An unknown number of enemy tps were reported on the Eastern Island at the mouth of the MAMBARE RIVER.

GONA. 11 Jan. Our patrols have been active. Enemy stores and eqpt, including medical supplies, were found buried in the beach near BANUMI 2,000 yds East of GONA.

TARAKENA. 11 Jan. The enemy fired three rounds from a 37 mm gun at TARAKENA, from a posn on the beach, 600 yds SE of GIRUWA. Allied arty engaged the enemy who withdrew to the jungle. Allied tps crossed the TONOMJICK at TARAKENA and established a bridgehead. The enemy tps fled. Our tps are now reported to be in posn 1150 yds SW by South of SIWORI.

They are searching for a new track across to the SOPUTA-SANANANDA track in the vicinity of the rd track junc 2200 yds SW by West of SANANANDA POINT.

SANANANDA-SOPUTA TRACK. 12 Jan. Allied tps, attacking on the right of the rd block, were held up by a perimeter of pill-boxes, 400 yds NE of the rd block. Allied tps, supported by tks, attacked from SW of the rd block. After overcoming an enemy strong point, 400 yds SW of the rd block, they advanced seventy yds. The advance was then halted by a strong line of enemy pill-boxes.

(v) SOLOMON'S Area -

BUIN-FAISI. 12 Jan 1130 hrs. One possible lt cruiser was anchored between SHORTLAND IS and BALLALAI IS.

NEW GEORGIA GP. 11 Jan 1520 hrs. Three destroyers were sighted approx thirty mls NE of VELLA LAVELLA IS, course NW by West. One of these was making slow speed and trailing oil.

(LANDOPS REVSIT No. 166)

P A R T 3

TOPOGRAPHICAL:

(i) Corps Area - See Appx "A" for Meteorological Conditions Corps Area Jan 43.

P A R T 5.

S E C U R I T Y:

It has been reported that a number of leather goods manufacturers are marketing wallets, writing outfits, diaries etc., which have found a ready sale among tps, and, as gifts to tps. These articles invariably contain an identification page or card on which the soldier is to fill in personal particulars such as:- "Regtl No., Rank, Name, Battalion, Company (or Unit) and home address.
It is suggested that grave danger exists where tps are liable to carry these articles, so labelled, into fwd areas, and, where they might possibly fall into enemy hands.
The possibility has been suggested that these may be the result of a far-reaching plan of the enemy to obtain identifications when these articles are captured from soldiers who take them into fwd areas.
All offrs should take steps to see that the only details filled in on such cards are NUMBER, RANK and NAME. It should be continually brought to the mind of tps that these are the only three particulars which they are in duty bound to answer truthfully to the enemy and that the supply of any other infm or detail will probably contain infm useful to the enemy and detrimental to our cause.

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APPX "A" 2 AUST CORPS DAILY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 146

METEOROLOGICAL CONDITIONS IN 2 AUST CORPS AREA FOR JAN 43.

For South East Queensland, Jan usually represents the beginning of the Wet Season in that region and the rainfall varies from 5 to 10 inches in the Corps area. There are usually about 20 wet days in the month i.e. rain falls during, but not necessarily throughout 20 days in Jan.
This year a wet "wet season" is expected with as much as 24 wet days in areas of higher rainfall and with all rainfalls 2 to 3 inches above average.
There are four main sources of this rainfall:-

(a) Mild depressions which develop in South Queensland and which give rise to about two days steady light rain with light winds, low cloud and poor visibility in the Corps area.

(b) Tropical cyclones which originate in or near the Solomon Islands, travel in a south westerly direction striking the coast between Cooktown and Mackay and then recurving and passing out to sea near Rockhampton in a southeasterly direction. By the time these reach the Corps area their intensity is reduced and they are accompanied here by south east winds about 30 mls per hour and heavy rain. One such cyclone is expected about the last week of Jan.

(c) Thunderstorms are frequent, especially in the late afternoon and early evening, and those occurring at these times are more severe than others; often being accompanied by winds up to 40 mls per hour and occasionally hail. Most Thunderstorms develop from small Cumulus (Wool Pack) clouds appearing about 1100 hours and growing during the day to a height of 12,000 to 15,000 feet. Other thunderstorms are occasioned by the north eastward movement of a cooler air mass associated with a depression centred in the South of the continent, and give rise to a long line of thunderstorms along what is called a cold front. Six to eight thunderstorms may be expected, during this month, in the area.

(d) Stream Weather which is the result of an onshore wind bringing in moisture from the sea. A convenient rule of thumb which may be used for forecasting this type of rainfall is:-"If an onshore stream (wind coming from some point between SSE and NNE) blows for two or more days then the second and succeeding days will be accompanied by showery rain of moderate to heavy intensity, and rain will continue to fall until the wind direction changes."

FLOODING. About 5 to 6 inches of rainfall occurring in a three day period are sufficient to cause flooding of rivers in the area. this flooding usually occurs in the latter half of Jan, the main flooding occurring in the area 10 to 15 mls from the coast. Water lying about plus a warm moist climate is conducive to a fast breeding of insects, and mosquitoes are bad in any area less than 500 feet above sea level and are particularly severe in the low lying swampy areas between Landsborough and the coast.

WIND, TEMPERATURE AND HUMIDITY.
The prevailing wind is East to South East, 15 mls per hour.
The temperature is moderately high 75 deg. to 90 deg.F.
The humidity varies from 60 to 100%.

ANTICIPATED RAINFALLS FOR JAN 43.

BEENLEIGH	8"	CABOOLTURE	9"	CALOUNDRA	11"
GYMPIE	8"	KILCOY	7"	LANDSBOROUGH	12"
MT EUREKA	11'	MALENY	12"	MAPLETON	12"
MARCOOTHDOWN	9"	NOOSA HEADS	11'	TOOGOOLAWAH	5"
WOODFORD	9"	YANDINA	12"		

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2 Aust Corps,
14 Jan 43.

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1. Herewith 2 Aust Corps Location Statement as at 2400 hours 13 Jan 43.

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

3. Acknowledge. Include in acknowledgement destruction by fire of previous location statement.

Clive Newman
BGS,
2 Aust Corps.

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LOCATION STATEMENT 2 AUST CORPS.

CORPS TROOPS

As at 2400 hours 23 Jan 43.
Veh Markings - COCKATOO on BOOMERANG.

Map Legend.
A - ATHERTON 4 miles to one inch.
B - BRISBANE [illegible] 4 miles to one inch.
G - GYMPIE 4 miles to one inch.
I - INNISFAIL 4 miles to one inch.
Ix - IPSWICH 4 miles to one inch.
M - MARYBOROUGH 4 miles to one inch.

Serial	Unit	Veh No.	Location	Map Ref.	Remarks.
	HQ				
A1	HQ 2 Aust Corps	107	MT MEE	Ix592640	
A2	2 Aust Corps Sec Intell Corps		MT MEE	Ix592640	
A3	2 Aust Corps Def & Emp Pl	120	MT MEE	Ix592640	
A4	H Sec FSS	107	MT MEE	Ix592640	
A5	2 Aust Corps P.R. Fd Unit				NOT YET RAISED.
A6	2 Aust Fd Censorship Sec		BRISBANE		Att for duty MILBASE Brisbane.
A7	3 Aust Fd Censorship Sec		SYDNEY		Ex 1 Aust Corps.
	CAV				
A8	21 Aust Cav Regt (AIF) Sig Sec & 295 LAD	92	DEENLEIGH	3632559	Moving to DAYBOROUGH
A9	HQ RAA 2 Aust Corps	109	MT MEE		
A10	Det 2/2 Aust A Tk Regt		WOODFORD		Moving to NEURUM and coming under comd 1 Aust Med Regt for adm.
A11	8 Aust Fd Regt, Sig Sec & 229 LAD	134	DEENLEIGH	3635556	
A12	1 Aust Med Regt (AIF) Sig Sec & 808 LAD	112	NEURUM	G583650	
A13	2 Aust F Sp Dty	106	NEURUM	G581649	
	RAE				
A14	HQ RAE 2 Aust Corps	101)	YUNGABURRA	I006[illegible]0	
A15	19 Aust A Fd Coy	141)	RAVENSHOE	A 099027	Detached for
A16	15 Aust Fd Coy (3 Aust Div)	86)	ROCKY CREEK	A097046	duty under HQ
A17	60 Aust Corps Fd Pk Coy & 315 LAD	105)	ATHERTON	A098050	for ops and work Remaining under comd 2 Aust Corp for adm.
A18	10 Aust Fd Coy	149	GLENFERN	G575652	
A19	2 Aust Corps Comflg Trg Unit	118	[illegible]	Ix592640	
	SIGS.				
A20	Sigs 2 Aust Corps & 244 LAD	115	MT MEE	Ix593638	
A21	2 Aust Corps Cipher Sec	115	MT MEE		

Serial	Unit	Veh No.	Location	Map Ref	Remarks.
	INF				
A22	5 Aust MG Bn & 265 Aust LAD	164	D'AGUILAR	IX593645	
A23	2/1 Aust MG Bn (less A and D Coys) & 2/48 LAD	51	DECEPTION BAY	B619623	Ex 7 Aust Div.
	AASC				
A24	HQ Comd 2 Aust Corps Tps AASC	108	TOOGOOLAWAH	Ix548639	
A25	2 Aust Corps Tps Amn Coy	136	YIMBUN	Ix549646	
A26	2 Aust Corps Tps Pet Coy	146	HARLIN	G549650	
A27	2 Aust Corps Tps Sup Coy	150	YIMBUN	Ix549646	
A28	HQ 2 Aust Corps Tpt Coln	116	KILCOY	G571656	
A29	129 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	125	WYNYA	G573654	
A30	130 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	131	KILCOY	Ix569645	
A31	131 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	121	CROSSDALE	Ix564622	
A32	132 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	103	ATHERTON TABLELAND		Under HQ 1 for ops and works.
A33	133 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	160	KILCOY AREA	G565657	
A34	2/105 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	103	GOODNA REDBANK area	Ix602572	Ex 1 Aust Corps.
A35	Det 2/4 Aust Coy AASC	97	CABOOLTURE	Ix612637	Ex 7 Aust Div.
A36	2 Aust MAC (less one sec)	294	KILCOY	G571656	One sec under comd 1 Aust Armd Div.
A37	2/1 Aust MAC (less HQ det & one sec)	256	DINMORE		Ex 1 Aust Corps A Sec WOODFORD G594653
A38	2 Aust Corps AASC School		SOMERSET DAM		
	AAMC				
A39	2 Aust CCS	151	WOODFORD	G594654	
A40	2/1 Mob Op Unit		HARLIN	G55[illegible]	
A41	2 Aust Corps Mob Bath Unit		YANDINA		[illegible] comd 3 Aust Div [illegible] Aust for adm.
	AACC				
A42	110 Aust Indep Bde Gp Ord Fd Pk	127	WOODFORD	G594653	
A43	2 Aust Corps Mob Laundry and Fwd decn unit.	173	BROADMEADOWS Vic.		
A44	1 Aust Corps Mob Laundry and Fwd decn unit	173	FERNVALE WOODFORD	Ix578596	Ex 1 Aust Corps.
A45	DADOS Corps Tps Dump				
	AEME				
A46	290 Aust LAD		WOODFORD	G594653	
A47	110 Aust Indep Bde Gp Wkshop	158	WOODFORD	G594653	
	PRO				
A48	2 Aust Corps Pro Coy	128	MT MEE	Ix[illegible]2637	
	POSTAL				
A49	2 Aust Corps Postal Unit	154	WOODFORD		
	FA				
A50	2 Aust Corps Fd Cash Office	162	WOODFORD		
	MISCELLANEOUS.				
A51	2/3 Aust MH & Infm Sec	174			NOT YET RAISED.
A52	2 Aust Corps Salvage Unit	166	WOODFORD		
A53	HQ 2 Aust Corps Reception Camp	133	[illegible] COURSE, BRISBANE.		
A54	2 Aust Corps Fd Punishment Centre.		CHURCHILL.		

Serial	Unit	Veh No.	Location	Map Ref	Remarks.
	LHD TPS UNDER COMD 2 AUST CORPS FOR ADM.				
A55	3 Aust AL Sec		LOWER CHESSBROOK	L:558636	
	ARMY TPS UNDER COMD 2 AUST CORPS FOR ADM				
A56	4 AS Control (Type A) (AIF)	234	D'AGUILAR	G595649	
	AASC				
A57	2/2 Aust DID		WOODFORD		
A58	4 Aust DID		CABOOLTURE		
A59	6 Aust DID		TOOGOOLAWAH		
	AAMC				
A60	2/1 Aust Mob Operating Unit		HARLIN	G558651	See also serial No A40
A61	2/2 Aust Dental Unit	263	NEUREM		Att 1 Aust Med Regt.
A62	" Hq Sec (2/31)		D'AGUILAR		Att 5 Aust MG Bn
A63	" Hq Sec (2/29)		TINBEERWAH		" 57/60 Inf Bn
A64	" A Sec (2/30)		MAPLETON		" Hq 3 Aust Div
A65	" B Sec (2/34)		CABOOLTURE		" 2/1 Aust Med Regt.
A66	" C Sec (2/35)		DECEPTION BAY		" 2/1 Aust MG Bn.
A67	" D Sec (2/36)		D'AGUILAR		" 5 Aust MG Bn
A68	" E Sec (2/37)		CABARLAH		" First Aust Army Schools.
A69	" F Sec (2/38)	298	YIMBUN		Att 2 Aust Corps Tps Sup Coy.
A70	2/3 Aust Dental Unit		YIMBUN		" 2 Aust Corps Tps Amn Coy.
A71	" Hq Sec (2/44)		CROSSDALE		" 131 Aust Gen Tpt Coy.
A72	" Hq Sec (2/46)		BEENLEIGH		" 21 Aust Cav Regt
A73	" A Sec (2/45)		BEENLEIGH		" 8 Aust Fd Regt.
A74	" B Sec (2/39)	277	CALOUNDRA		" 29/46 Aust Inf Bn.
A75	" C Sec (2/40)		TOOWOOMBA		" Hq First Aust Army
A76	80 Aust Dental Unit		COOROY		" 58/59 Aust Inf Bn
	" Hq Sec (205)		MAPLETON		" Hq 3 Aust Div
A77	" Hq Sec (207)		ALEXANDRA		" 22 Aust Inf Bn
A78	" A Sec (215)		EUMUNDI		" 24 Aust Inf Bn
A79	" B Sec (219)		BELLI PARK		" 106 Aust A Tk Regt.
A80	" C Sec (220)		NORTH ARM.		" 8 Aust Cav Regt.
A81	" D Sec (222)				
A82	" E Sec (233)				
A83	" F Sec (369)				
	IN SUPPORT.				
A84	5 AC Sqn		TOOGOOLAWAH		

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Veh Sign: KOALA ON BOOMERANG.

Map Legend: Landsborough, Nmundi, Caloundra, Redcliffe, Nambour } 1 inch to 1 mile. } LMCHN

Serial	Unit	Veh No.	Location	Map Ref.	Remarks.
B 1	HQ 3 Aust Div	84	MAPLETON	N028926	
B 2	"E" Sec FS Sec		MAPLETON	N023945	
	CAV.				
B 3	8 Aust Cav Regt (AIF)	92	NORTH ARM	E165052	
B 4	297 Aust LAD AEME	92	NORTH ARM	E163052	
	RAA				
B 5	HQ RAA 3 Aust Div	69	MAPLETON	N027920	
B6	106 Aust A Tk Regt H Sec	62	BELLI PARK	N015066, 015020 975020, 975062	
Sigs A263	LAD(concentrated)				
B 7	3 Aust Svy Bty	87	NUAUNDI	E112076	
	RAE				
B 8	HQ RAE 3 Aust Div	81	MAPLETON	N038914	
B 9	53 Aust Fd Pk Coy	67	NAMBOUR	N122936	
B10	230 Aust LAD AEME	67	NAMBOUR	N122936	
B11	3 Aust Div Cemflg Trg Unit		NAMBOUR	N122936	
	SIGS				
B12	HQ Sigs 3 Aust Div	66	MAPLETON	N031958	
B13	3 Aust Div Cipher Sec	66	MAPLETON	N028926	
B14	No 1 Coy Sigs 3 Aust Div	66	MAPLETON	N031958	
B15	231 Aust LAD AEME	66	MAPLETON	N031958	
	AASC				
B16	HQ Comd AASC 3 Aust Div	59	MAPLETON	N024917	
	AAMC				
B17	3 Aust Div Mob Bath Unit	79	YANDINA	E124993	
	AAOC				
B18	HQ 3 Aust Div Ord Fd Pk	83	YANDINA	E113021	
B19	G Sec 3 Aust Div Ord Fd Pk	83	YANDINA	E113021	
B20	6 Aust Mob Laundry & Decn Unit	51	YANDINA	E124993	
B21	ADOS Dump		NAMBOUR	E136918	
	AEME				
B22	HQ 3 Aust Div Wkshops AEME	76	YANDINA	E102028	
B23	No 2 Sec 3Div Workshops	76	YANDINA	E117019	
	PRO.				
B24	3 Aust Div Pro Coy	95	YANDINA	E118013	
	POSTAL				
B25	3 Aust Div Postal Unit	55	MAPLETON	N028923	

Serial	Unit	Veh No.	Location	Map Ref	Remarks
	PAY				
B26	3 Aust Div Fd Cash Office.	87	MAPLETON	N029923	
	MISCELLANEOUS.				
B27	3 Aust Div Salv Unit	78	YANDINA	EL38981	
B28	3 Aust Div Reception Camp.	133	YANDINA	EL38980	
B29	3 Aust Div Rest Sta		CALOUNDRA	L328721	
B30	3 Aust Div Concert Party.		MAPLETON		On tour till 15 Jan 43.
	4 AUST INF BDE.				
B31	HQ 4 Aust Inf Bde & J Sec Sigs	88	FOREST GLEN	L192838	
B32	2/4 Aust LAD AEME	88	FOREST GLEN	L187845	
B33	4 Aust Fd Regt & F Sec Sigs	74	FOREST GLEN	L229783	
B34	2/4 Aust LAD AEME	74	FOREST GLEN	L229783	
B35	4 Aust Fd Coy	60	PALMWOODS	L135841	
B36	22 Aust Inf Bn	53	ALEXANDRA	E284861	
B37	29/46 Aust Inf Bn	50	5 miles W CALOUNDRA	L238730	
B38	37/52 Aust Inf Bn	61	4 miles W MARCOOCHYDORE	L238868	
B39	19 Aust Coy ASC	97	5 miles E FOREST GLEN	L228789	
B40	4 Aust Fd Amb (less A Coy and two lt Secs B Coy)	57	NAMBOUR	EL45927	(A Coy NOT u/c 3 Aust Div.
B41	one lt Sec B Coy 4 Aust Fd Amb		FOREST GLEN	L228912	
B42	one lt Sec B Coy 4 Aust Fd Amb		YANDINA	EL49948	
B43	No 3 Sec 3 Aust Div Wkshops AEME	76	PALMWOODS	EL41838	
B44	B Sec 3 Aust Div Ord Fd Pk	83	PALMWOODS	EL41838	
	15 Aust Inf Bde.				
B45	HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde & L Sec Sigs	65	COOROY	E090171	
B46	2/6 Aust LAD AEME	35	COOROY	E090167	
B47	2 Aust Fd Regt & E Sec Sigs	54	KENILWORTH	EL26222	
B48	2/3 Aust LAD AEME	54	TINBEERWAH	EL27221	
B49	15 Aust Fd Coy				See Serial A1
B50	24 Aust Inf Bn	63	approx 3 miles NE BUMUNDI	EL63144	
B51	57/60 Aust Inf Bn	82	TINBEERWAH	EL56193	
B52	58/59 Aust Inf Bn	91	COOROY	EL13195	
B53	21 Aust Coy ASC	72	YANDINA	EL19011	
B54	HQ 15 Aust Fd Amb	70	COOROY	E077177	
B55	A Coy 15 Aust Fd Amb		COOROY	E061177	
B56	One lt Sec B Coy 15 Aust Fd Amb		COOROY		
B57	One lt Sec B Coy 15 Aust Fd Amb		[illegible]		
B58	No 1 Sec 3 Aust Div Wkshops AEME	76	COOROY	[illegible]	
B59	A Sec 3 Aust Div Ord Fd Pk	83	COOROY	E064179	

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2 Aust Corps,
14 Jan 43.

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LHQ TRAINING TEAM No 1.

Timetable.

Visit to 2 Aust Corps Tps and 3 Aust Div

14-27 Jan 43.

Jan 14.	Morning	LHQ Trg team arrives HQ 2 Aust Corps. Check over proposed programme.
	Afternoon	Inspect jungle area map CABOOLTURE one inch 677397 with DDST or representative. Arrive SOMERSET (Staff Quarters)
		S & T Tps and 10 Aust Fd Coy
15	All day	Lectures) in Picture Hall SOMERSET
16	Morning	Lectures)
	Afternoon	Demonstration No 1) Area map CABOOLTURE one inch
17	Morning	Demonstration No 2) 677397.
	Afternoon	Demonstration No 3)
18	Morning	Reserved
	Afternoon	Move to inspect jungle area as recced by 5 Aust MG Bn (map GLASSHOUSE one inch 0160 - RV to be arranged) and arrive HQ 2 Aust Corps.
		5 Aust MG Bn, 2 Aust Corps Def & Emp Pl and 53 personnel from 8 Aust Fd Regt 1 Aust Med Regt and 2 Aust F Sp Bty.
19.	All day	Lectures) at HQ 5 Aust MG Bn.
20.	Morning	Lectures)
	Afternoon	Demonstration No 1) Area - map GLASSHOUSE one inch
21	Morning	Demonstration No 2) 0160.
	Afternoon	Inspection of jungle area (map GLASSHOUSE one inch 953680) with representative of RAA 2 Aust Corps (RV and time to be notified) and arrive HQ 1 Aust Med Regt.
		RAA 2 Aust Corps, 2/1 Aust MG Bn and 24 personnel from 5 Aust MG Bn.
22.	All day	Lectures) in Picture Theatre WOODFORD
23	Morning	Lectures)
	Afternoon	Demonstration No 1) Area - map GLASSHOUSE one inch
24	Morning	Demonstration No 2) 953680.
	Afternoon	Demonstration No 3)
		3 Aust Div.
25	All day	Preparation for exercise.
26	All day	Bn exercise.
27	All day	Reserved.

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NOTES ON TIMETABLE FOR VISIT OF LHQ TRAINING TEAM NO 1 TO 2 AUST CORPS TPS AND [illegible] DIV 14 - 25 JAN 43.

1. 5 Aust MG Bn to supply 1 Vickers MG with blank firing attachment, 4 belts, 1000 rounds blank ammunition and 2 MMG detachments, to report to Maj HOWIESON at SOMERSET Picture Hall at 1100 hrs 16 Jan. Personnel to take blankets and mess gear; accommodation and [illegible] to be provided by S & T. They will return to HQ 5 Aust MG Bn on afternoon of 18 Jan.

2. For demonstrations on 20 and 21 Jan, 5 Aust MG Bn to supply 2 Vickers MGs with blank firing attachments, 8 belts and 2000 rounds blank ammunition. 5 Aust MG Bn will provide balance of their personnel attending demonstrations with 20 rounds blank ammunition per man.

3. Approx 24 personnel of 5 Aust MG Bn to attend course on 22, 23, and 24 Jan, with 20 rounds blank ammunition per man for demonstrations. They will move to lectures and demonstrations from their present location under unit arrangements.

4. Approx 53 personnel from 8 Aust Fd Regt, 1 Aust Med Regt and 2 Aust F Sp Bty to attend course on 19 and 20 Jan, and to be included in Demonstration No 1 on 20 Jan. They will report to Adjt, 5 Aust MG Bn by 1700 hrs 18 Jan with tentage, mess gear and blankets. 5 Aust MG Bn will allot bivouac area and provide meals. Arty units will provide their personnel with 20 rounds blank ammunition per man.

5. 5 Aust MG Bn will supply 2/1 Aust MG Bn at time and place to be mutually arranged, with 3 Vickers MGs with blank firing attachment and 6 belts for demonstrations on 23 and 24 Jan.

6. Personnel from 2/1 Aust MG Bn will report to 1 Aust Med Regt at NEURUM by 1700 hrs 21 Jan. 1 Aust Med Regt will allot bivouac area and provide meals. 2/1 Aust MG Bn will provide necessary tentage, blankets, eating utensils and one cook.

7. Blank ammunition for personnel from 8 Aust Fd Regt, 1 Aust Med Regt, 2 Aust F Sp Bty, and 2/1 Aust MG Bn will be drawn by RAA 2 Aust Corps from HQ 2 Aust Corps.

Dress for demonstration will be steel helmet, shirt with sleeves rolled down, slacks, gaiters, battle order, rifles and bayonets.

9. Lecture times will be as follows:-

Mornings - 0930 hrs to 1230 hrs
Afternoons - 1400 hrs to 1700 hrs.

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HQ 2 AUST CORPS DAILY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No.147

Compiled from information received to 0800 hrs 15 Jan 43

Notes A B & C. See Summary No.80

PART 1

OPERATIONS:

(iii) NEW GUINEA Area -

DUTCH NEW GUINEA. 13 Jan 1352 hrs. Enemy med B's raided MERAUKE. Slight damage was done to the jetty, but there were NO casualties.

MADANG. 12 Jan 1050 hrs. The aerodrome and buildings were bombed and strafed by Allied A/C, but results were NOT stated.

FINSCHHAVEN. 12 Jan 0910 hrs. Allied A/C bombed and strafed houses and huts, and smoke was seen rising from houses after the attack.

LAE. Morning 13 Jan. The aerodrome was bombed without success. Many probable unserviceable A/C were seen on the aerodrome. 1108 hrs. The dock area was bombed and the LAE Hotel was seen to explode. Fires were also started in nearby buildings. There was a direct hit on the jetty East of the township, causing a fire and dense black smoke. Supplies in yellow wrappings were observed along the beach and among trees in the vicinity of MALAGANG River. 1135 hrs. Stores and barges between VOCO Point and MALAGANG Rd were bombed and strafed, but results were NOT stated.

SALAMAUA 13 Jan 1130 hrs. The SALAMAUA-KOMIATUM Track was bombed and strafed. All bombs fell in the target area.

MUBO. 11 Jan. Five enemy parties, approaching from the West, NE and SE, attacked our posns and HQ. MGs and mortar fire from pill-boxes inflicted many casualties on the enemy. Jap mortar fire was NOT effective against our posns. Our pill-boxes SW of MUBO forced an enemy party, approaching from the West, to withdraw. Fighting continues.

MAMBARE. 12 Jan. Our patrol found enemy defensive posns near DUVIRA, North of the mouth of the MAMBARE River, but it is believed that they had NOT been occupied in the last four days. It is now reported that results of the strafing attack, reported Summary 146, were satisfactory.

AMBOGA 12 Jan. Our patrols penetrated two mls beyond AMBOGA and reported that NO enemy were sighted. 12-13 Jan 1225 hrs. The village at CAPE KILLERTON was bombed and strafed by Allied A/C. Bombs fell in the target area and several huts were destroyed.

SANANANDA-SOPUTA TRACK 12 Jan. North of the rd junc there was only local activity; the whole area is a quagmire due to hy rain. Our patrols, operating to the South, located a strong enemy pocket West of the main rd. Hy fire was encountered. Our patrol reached a plantation along the track to CAPE KILLERTON, 2300 yds NE of the junc.

There was NO sign of the enemy or evidence of their presence over the past two weeks. Rd block now reported to be located 750 yds ENE of the junc. 13 Jan. Allied tps supported by tks, attacked enemy posns on both sides of the track in the vicinity of the junc. Strong opposition was encountered on both sides of the track. Tps were held up by a perimeter of pill-boxes, 300 yds East by North of the junc. Our tps are encircling the perimeter to attack from the North. On the left of the rd, an advance of seventy yds was made with tk support. Enemy strong posns, 400 yds SW by West of the junc, were knocked out. Our advance astride the rd was held up 500 yds SW by South of the junc, but our tps are now attacking this posn from East to West across the rd. Tps on the East side of the Creek are pressing the enemy in the vicinity of the junc from NE along a line from this point to a point 200 yds South. Our line then runs parallel to the track for a further 350 yds, thence SW to the rd. Enemy MGs are located between our line and the rd. 1800 hrs. A strong enemy defensive posn, at the left of a point of the track, 500 yds SW by South of the junc, was still holding out. Our tps made progress on the right of the track against outposts, and the foremost tps are within twenty-five yds of pill-boxes in the defence perimeter. From a point on the main track, 350 yds SSW of the junc, enemy pill-boxes were visible 200 yds to the North and 200 yds to the South on the West side of the track. Additional enemy MG posts were located. Jap snipers, occupying an Allied tk, knocked out earlier, were engaged by an A/Tk gun in the afternoon 13 Jan. It is reported that pill-boxes are of heavier construction and better camouflaged than those at BUNA. 1030 hrs. The Track was bombed and all bombs, with one exception, fell in the target area. 1130 hrs. The Track and SANANANDA POINT were bombed and strafed, but results were NOT observed.

TARAKENA. 12 Jan. Allied patrols advanced 1100 yds towards SANANANDA POINT and located three enemy pill-boxes; three Japs were killed. The patrol withdrew to TARAKENA. Our tps, who crossed the KOKOMJI CREEK, were fired on by snipers from the Creek to the South. Three enemy pill-boxes in this area were unoccupied.

(iv) BISMARCK ARCHIPELAGO -

NEW BRITAIN. 13 Jan 1125 hrs. An Allied A/C on an armed recce was intercepted by six enemy fighters near GASMATA. Two enemy A/C were destroyed and one probably.

ARAWE. 14 Jan 0122 hrs. One enemy destroyer was seen sixty-six mls South by East of ARAWE on a course West.

NEW IRELAND. 13 Jan 1030 hrs. One probable small warship and two cargo vessels were in KAVIENG HARBOUR. 1035 hrs. Two probable hy cruisers and two small u/i vessels were stationary in BALGAI BAY (seven mls South of KAVIENG).

(v) SOLOMONS Area -

BUKA 13 Jan 0925 hrs. One destroyer and one cargo vessel were seen fifty-five mls East of CAPE HENPAN on a course SSE.

BUIN-FAISI 13 Jan. It is reported that the enemy are building a large airfield at PATUPATUAI, five mls NW of BUIN. 1015 hrs. Fourteen vessels (four cargo and ten u/i) were anchored between BUIN and KIEILE.

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1035 hrs. One destroyer on patrol and one cargo vessel at anchor were both seen near SHORTLAND Is.

RUSSELL GP. 13 Jan 0130 hrs. One destroyer was sighted three mls North of PAVUVU Is, course WNW.

(Landops Revolt No.167)

PART 2

ENEMY:

(1) Personalities -

(a) NEW GUINEA AREA:

YAMAGATA Tsuyuo — Maj-Gen. Commander 21 Indep Mixed Bde, is believed to have been C-in-C in Northern F.I.C. Considerable doubt is now thrown on the earlier identification of SAKURADA Takeshi as commander 21 Indep Mixed Bde.

IKENAKA — Lt-Col. Commander 1st Bn 170 Inf Regt. (NOTE this bn has NOT been identified in NEW GUINEA).

INAGAKI Takekichi — Maj. Commander of a bn of 228 Regt.

MOTO Hidemitsu — Lt-Col
NUMA Shuzo — Lt-Col
These names have been mentioned in conjunction with 38 Div Engrs. The relationship to the unit is NOT known.

YAMAMOTO Tsune — Maj. Believed killed in GONA area.

(b) SOLOMONS AREA:

MIZUNO Eishiteru — Maj. Subordinate commander in IKKI unit on GUADALCANAL.

(c) OTHER AREAS:

TANIGUCHI Masazaburo — Lt-Col. The given name can also be read "SHOSABURO".

OKABE Kanichi — Col. Probably commanded 41 Regt during portion of MALAYAN campaign.

KAWAMURA Saburo — Appears to have commanded 9 Inf Bde, 5 Div during MALAYAN campaign.

(AHQ Int Sum No. 36).

PART 5

SECURITY:

Captured Enemy War Equipment: The practice among tps of despatching captured enemy war material through the post as souvenirs is growing to an alarming extent. Parcels recently intercepted by Post and Telegraph Censorship have been found to contain such articles as :-

S E C R E T

Japanese Respirators
Japanese Small Arms
Japanese Ammunitions (live)
Parts of Japanese Aircraft
Japanese Grenades (live)
Japanese Telescopic Sights
Japanese Rations
Japanese Waterbottles
Japanese Diaries and other documents

The value of articles of this nature for Intelligence and research purposes is just as obvious as is the criminal folly of sending live ammunition, grenades and the like to civilians through the post.
The number of these parcels and the fact that they are "franked" and impressed with a Unit Censor Stamp makes it quite obvious that officers and other ranks are either unaware of the nature of Unit Censorship Instructions or are deliberately disregarding them. If the former alternative be true, steps should be taken to ensure that unit censorship instructions are promulgated in all unit Routine Orders, if the latter, the strictest disciplinary action is clearly indicated. In either event the need of properly educating tps in Security and Censorship is made abundantly clear. Furthermore, reports received at this Headquarters indicate that what has hitherto been regarded as "Souveniring", particularly in the case of small arms and ammunition, may in reality be a regular "Traffic" carried on for subversive purposes. These reports make it the more urgent to ensure that the practice is stamped out forthwith. (HQ INT SUMMARY No. 36)

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PART 1

OPERATIONS:

(ii) NEI Area -

CELEBES. 14 Jan 1440 hrs. One enemy merchant vessel 10/12,000 tons, was sighted at anchor in KENDARI BAY, and one med tanker off the South coast of BOETOENG Is.

TIMOR 14 Jan. Two possible 5/6,000-ton enemy vessels were sighted at KOEPANG. 1415 hrs. Native huts, tents and A/C near the air strip at FUILORO were strafed. Smoke was observed to come from the A/C. 1528 hrs. LAGA was bombed and strafed, bombs falling in the centre of the village.

(iii) NEW GUINEA Area -

MADANG 14 Jan 1010 hrs. Allied A/C bombed and strafed the village, one bomb falling in centre of target area.

LAE 14 Jan 1000 hrs. Stores and supplies on the beach between VOCO POINT and BUTIBUM RIVER were bombed, thirty-four bombs falling on the target, starting large oil or petrol fires. LABU was also strafed.

SALAMAUA 13 Jan 1740 hrs. Allied A/C scored three hits on a wreck in the harbour. 14 Jan 1340 hrs. Allied A/C strafed the SALAMAUA-KOMIATUM Track.

MUBO 13 Jan. As a result of action on 11 Jan, 116 enemy dead were counted North of MUBO; our casualties were reported to be very slight.

CAPE WARD HUNT 14 Jan 0159 hrs. One enemy destroyer was sighted sixty-five mls NE of the Cape on a course West. 14 Jan. Our patrols reported that there were NO enemy tps between MITRE ROCK and the KUMUSI RIVER.

KUMUSI RIVER 14 Jan. Continuous enemy patrols were reported along the beach between KUREMADA and BAKUMBARI.

BAKUMBARI 14 Jan 1340 hrs. Allied A/C bombed and strafed the village, twelve bombs being seen to fall within the area. One hut was left burning.

SOPUTA-SANANADA TRACK. 15 Jan. Allied forces were reported to be maintaining pressure on the enemy in the area South of the rd junc.

(iv) BISMARCK ARCHIPELAGO -

NEW BRITAIN 14 Jan 1057 hrs. The runway at GASMATA was bombed.

(v) SOLOMONS Area -

FAISI 14 Jan 1445 hrs. Four destroyers and three cargo vessels were sighted leaving FAISI on a SE course.

VELLA LAVELLA 14 Jan 1640 hrs. Allied A/C sighted nine destroyers, twelve mls North of SOKOVCVI POINT, on an East by South course.

RUSSELL Is. 15 Jan 0122 hrs. Approx two merchant vessels and three destroyers were sighted eighteen mls East of the Island, course SW.

YSABEL Is. 14 Jan 0732 hrs. Allied A/C sighted one destroyer twenty mls NW of REKATA BAY, course NW by West.

(Landovs Revsit No.168)

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E N E M Y:

(vi) Equipment -

Jap Collapsible Boats: Following is a description of a boat used by the Japs in crossing the river near SAMBO. It was constructed of wood and made up of four independent watertight sections which, when hooked together, formed a boat capable of carrying ten men. This boat was drawn back and forth across the river by a system of ropes and pulleys.

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(vii) Tactics -

The following examples of ruses employed by the enemy in the BUNA area have been received -

(a) Dummy Snipers: A patrol advancing up the coast was fired on by a tree-top sniper. They halted, located him and apparently shot him down. They then advanced and were fired on again. This happened several times. Thorough investigation revealed that one sniper had been holding up the patrol and dummies had been placed in other trees. These were dropped by a pulley arrangement after the Americans had fired sufficient shots, making them imagine that they had cleared the opposition.

(b) "Drop Shorts": The morale and spirit of an Allied unit advancing under covering fire of own guns was seriously affected by this ruse.
Every time our guns opened up to provide covering fire for an advance or gun fire on any target, the one known Jap 70 mm gun in the Govt Gardens area also opened up and placed its rounds amongst our fwd elements. The Japs timed the activity of their own gun to coincide exactly with that of our own supporting arty. This made the tps imagine that they were being blitzed by "Drop Shorts" of their own guns. No amount of demonstration by showing our tps dud 70 mm shells would convince them that the shelling wasn't from our own guns.

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PART 1

OPERATIONS:

(ii) N.E.I. Area -

CELEBES GP. 14 Jan 1345 hrs. An Allied recce A/C was intercepted by two enemy fighters over MOENA IS. One fighter was probably shot down.

MOA IS. (thirty-five mls East of TIMOR) 14 Jan 1428 hrs. One destroyer was sighted on an Easterly course forty mls North of the Island.

CERAM IS. 16 Jan 0215 hrs. One destroyer and two tpts were sighted off BOELA (North coast of CERAM IS).

(iii) NEW GUINEA Area -

MADANG, 15 Jan 1005 hrs. Allied A/C bombed the aerodrome.

FINSCHAVEN. 14 Jan 1937 hrs and 15 Jan 0840 hrs. Allied A/C attacked the aerodrome dropping some bombs among shacks West of the runway.

LAE. 14 Jan. It is reported that enemy barge movement between LABU and LAE is continuing. The enemy is actively constructing defences at LABU. 15 Jan 1155 hrs. Allied A/C attacked supply dumps at LAE. Six enemy fighters intercepted and our recce A/C shot down two fighters for certain and damaged another.

MABO. p.m. 12 Jan 8 a.m. 13 Jan. Enemy hy mortar posts to the North and West bombed our posns. 14 Jan. It is now ascertained that the attack initiated by us was highly successful and concluded after three days of fighting. Hy casualties were inflicted and much damage was done to enemy installations. Our casualties were slight. Since 11 Jan Jap reinfts from KOMIATUM during daylight totalled 140/150. One of our recce patrols were surprised by a strong enemy patrol East of the village, but outflanked the enemy and our patrol withdrew during the night 13/14 Jan.

MAMBARE. 14 Jan. A reliable report states that there are a large number of Japs concentrating towards the NW of the river mouth, 0550 hrs. One probable submarine was sighted near the mouth of the River. 15 Jan 1115 hrs. The delta was strafed by Allied A/C.

GONA. 14 Jan. Our tps attacked fifty well-armed Japs West of the MISSION. Some casualties were inflicted on the enemy before they escaped in a Southward direction.

SOPUTA-SANANANDA Track - 14 Jan. In the area South of the rd junc, throughout the night 13/14, our forces maintained pressure from the South, East and West on enemy posns and during the day inflicted a decisive defeat. By 1530 hrs our forces from the South had moved forward from the junc to a line from a pt on the track 950 yds NW of the junc, to a pt on the motor rd 775 yds NNE of the junc, and had the whole of this area under control. This area is now being mopped up and consolidated. 142 Jap dead have been counted to date, six P/s and much eqpt, incl one three inch AA gun, have been captured. Our patrols are active, seeking parties believed to have escaped and making towards the GONA-JUMBORA track. Reports indicate that approx 200 Japs escaped from the junc area during the night 13/14 Jan.

TARAKENA. 14 Jan. Our patrols found that three pill boxes 400 yds NW of KONOMBI CREEK had been reoccupied and reinforced during the night 13/14 Jan. Six Japs were killed.

MORESBY. 14 Jan 2330 hrs. One Jap medium bomber raided MORESBY but there were NO damage or casualties. 15 Jan 0920 hrs. One possible submarine was sighted forty-two mls West by South of MORESBY.

(iv) BISMARCK ARCHIPELAGO -

NEW BRITAIN. 15 Jan 0610 hrs. Shipping in RABAUL harbour was attacked by Allied A/C.

GASMATA. 15 Jan 0745 Hrs. The aerodrome was bombed and some hits were scored on the runway. Later the aerodrome was again bombed.

NEW IRELAND. 15 Jan 0529 hrs. One 1000 ton vessel was attacked inshore twenty- two mls North of CAPE SENA.

(v) SOLOMONS AREA -

BOUGAINVILLE. 11 Jan. Photographs show a possible commencement of a landing strip believed to be near CAPE MABIRI (Twenty mls NW of KIETA).

BUIN-FAISI. 12 Jan. Photographs show that the landing strip on BALLALE IS is completed and that there are considerable stores and much activity apparent. 15 Jan 1001 hrs. Three lt cruisers or destroyers were seen between BUIN and KAHILI; three merchant ships were at TONOLEI and one cargo ship in the vicinity of MUNIA IS (seven mls East of SHORTLAND IS) on a NE course. 1400 hrs one destroyer and one cargo vessel were seen twenty-nine mls ESE of FAISI course ESE. 1545 hrs. The same two vessels were sighted twenty-three mls NW of KUNDURUMBANGARA PT, VELLA LAVELLA IS, course ESE.

YSABEL IS. 15 Jan. 0635 hrs. Nine destroyers were seen eighteen mls WSW of KORRIGOLE HARBOUR, course SW by West. 0735 hrs. Nine destroyers were seen seventeen mls East by South of LANGSDALE PT (NEW GEORGIA) course NW by West. 0745 hrs. Nine destroyers sighted seven mls ESE of TAURO BAY (CHOISEUL IS) course NW by West.
Comment:
It is considered that the three foregoing sightings, each of nine destroyers, refer to the one force in which case the possibility of reported positions being incorrect, has to be assumed. 15 Jan 1015 hrs. Two large destroyers were seen fifty-one mls West by North of ALLARDYCE HARBOUR, course NW by West.

CHOISEUL IS. 15 Jan 0950 hrs. Four destroyers were seen nine mls West by South of SUMBI PT, course NW by West.

NEW GEORGIA GP. 14 Jan 2250 hrs. Allied A/C sighted five destroyers and three cargo vessels, seventeen mls East of MAROVO LAGOON, VANGUNA IS, and shadowed them to SAVO IS. 15 Jan 1026 hrs. One tpt was seen fifteen mls WNW of SOKOVOVI PT, course NW; two probable destoyers were seen one ml NNE of BAI PT (North coast of VELLA LAVELLA) on a course NW by W. 1435 hrs. Five destroyers were seen fifteen mls North of KUNDURUMBANGARA, course WNW.

GUADALCANAL. 15 Jan 0030 hrs. Allied A/C sighted two burning vessels off CAPE ESPERANCE and followed them for sixty-five mls. The vessels proceeding at twenty knots, were still burning when last sighted.

RUSSELL IS. Night 14/15 Jan. An unknown number od destroyers were observed sixteen mls NE of RUSSELL IS. 15 Jan 0100 hrs. Two additional destroyers were seen between RUSSELL and SAVO IS. (LANDOPS REVSIT No. 169)

PART 2

ENEMY:

(vi) EQUIPMENT

(a) Japanese Ammunition Wagon

The following description of an ammunition wagon captured at GONA, has been received from NEW GUINEA.

Length	11 ft 3 ins
Width	6 ft
Height	2 ft 11 ins
Wheel Base	7 ft

BRIDGESTONE types (24x6) are fitted to the four wheels, and the connecting turntable, which is rather an ingenious device, projects out 4 ft in front.

The compartments vary in size and are mostly perforated, thereby enabling shells to be packed tightly and safely.

A number of corridors throughout the wagon separate the numerous compartments.

The plating, being approx 1/16 of an inch thick, is NOT bullet proof and the wagon is riddled with holes - probably due to machine gun fire from the air.

The roof, apart from a man-hole measuring 1 ft x 2 ft 10 ins, has been camouflaged with sods and blocks of wood. Gun fittings suitable for AA gun are also situated on the roof.

(b) Japanese Hand Thrown Toxic Smoke Candles

A quantity of enemy "nose gas" "and tear gas" candles has been found in the SOPUTA Area.

To date there has been no indication of the enemy attempting to use gas, and in view of the small number of these generators found, it is considered possible that they may have been brought for the purpose of testing respirators.

(c) Japanese Substitution of Rubber for Leather

A Japanese ammunition pouch and bayonet frog, captured in the BUNA area, were found to have been made from stout sheet rubber (2mm thick) reinforced with moulded fabric.

As this type of equipment is normally manufactured from leather, the following possibilities are therefore suggested:-

(i) Naval equipment - (not affected by salt water to the degree of leather).
(ii) Shortage of leather and increased availability of rubber.
(iii) Possibility of this equipment being manufactured by Japanese in Netherlands East Indies and indicating the subsequent movement of tps from that area to BUNA.
(iv) Rapidity and ease of manufacture (in the case of ammunition pouch rubber sheeting was moulded, seams being vulcanized).

(ADV LHQ INT SUMMARY No. 23)

PART 3

TOPOGRAPHICAL:

(i) Corps Area -.

Topographical Information

Traffic warning. Rd TOOGOOLAWAH to KILCOY, bridge at 572522 ref BLACKBUTT 1" to 1 mile temp has partically collapsed. Care required in driving between barricades, load NOT to exceed nine tons.

Ref LAGUNA BAY 1" to 1 mile. In dry weather rd passable for MT to 226085 and for F/D to DOONAN bridge.

Ref MAROOCHYDORE 1" to 1 mile. In wet weather impassable except F/D from rd junc 203760.

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PART 1.

OPERATIONS:

(ii) N.E.I. Area -

AMBON. 16 Jan 1100 hrs. One merchant vessel of 10,000 tons, two or three vessels of 2/3,000 tons and one unspecified vessel were sighted in AMBON BAY.

(iii) NEW GUINEA Area -

WEWAK. 15 Jan. Allied A/C bombed the aerodrome.

MADANG. 15 Jan. Allied A/C bombed a possible bridge construction at GOGOL RIVER, seven and a half mls SSW of MADANG.

FINSCHHAFEN. 16 Jan 1420 hrs. Allied A/C bombed the town.

LAE. 16 Jan 1010 hrs. Allied A/C attacked a supply dump, bombs falling near the Dispensary and VOCO PT. Three or four buildings exploded and a large fire was started near VOCO PT. 16 Jan 1120 hrs. Supply dumps from VOCO PT to MALAHANG, were strafed. Stores all appeared damaged from previous attacks. 1710 hrs. The aerodrome was bombed.

MAMBARE. 16 Jan. It was reported that some Japs with a launch are still hiding on a small island in a swampy lake East of the mouth of the MAMBARE RIVER.

KURENADA. 16 Jan 1230 hrs. The village and KUMUSI RIVER were bombed and strafed.

ALBOGA. 15 Jan. Our patrol found a party of thirty Japs at EURORIBADI village approx two mls SW of mouth of the river. The Jap party was poorly equipped and lacked food. Our patrol attacked, killing three and wounding three.

GONA. 15 Jan. Our patrol along the GONA- JULBORA track killed seven Japs, two believed to be offrs, 4,650 yds SE of GONA.

SOPUTA-CAPE KILLERTON TRACK. 15 Jan 0700 hrs. Our tps commenced an advance along the track northwards, encountering no opposition. By 1400 hrs our main forces reached a plantation 5,700 yds SSW of CAPE KILLERTON with detachments near the track junc 1900 yds SW by South of CAPE KILLERTON. Some of our tps also reached a pt 1500 yds SW and a village 1600 yds South of CAPE KILLERTON without opposition. NO enemy were encountered by our tps, mopping up the area between Northern and Southern track and rd junctions (5,700 yds and 7,150 yds respectively South of the CAPE) A pocket of enemy resistance remaining near the Northern track junc is being engaged.

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SOPUTA-SANANANDA TRACK. 16 Jan 0830 hrs. Our A/C strafed the track. 1530 hrs. The track junc was bombed, eleven bombs falling in the target area.

TARAKENA. 15 Jan. Preceded by arty and mortar fire, Allied tps pushed 400 yds NW from TARAKENA towards GIRUWA. At this point our attack was held up by hy MG fire from posns off the track. Strong patrols made an out-flanking movement through the swamp but failed to take the enemy posns. Recce patrol found prepared enemy posns 300 yds from the mouth of KOHOKJI CREEK. One patrol encountering an enemy party with two LMGs captured one LMG. The entire area showed recent signs of enemy activity.

DUTCH NEW GUINEA. 15 Jan. Unconfirmed reports state that the enemy is building an aerodrome between a place believed to be KAUKENAU and AGATZ (140 mls ESE of KAUKENAU).

(iv) BISMARCK ARCHIPELAGO

NEW BRITAIN. 15 Jan 1320 hrs. One merchant vessel of less than 6,000 tons was sighted stationary in a cove West of GASMATA runway. 2048 hrs. Six hits were scored on the aerodrome at GASMATA. 16 Jan 0757 hrs. A further attack was made along the runway.

NEW IRELAND. 16 Jan 0910 hrs. A hy cruiser was attacked sixty mls South of CAPE ST. GEORGE. NO hits were scored but of four enemy intercepting fighters, one was shot down.

(v) SOLOMONS Area -

BUKA. Night 15/16 Jan. One lt cruiser or destroyer arrived in BUKA PASSAGE.

BUIN-FAISI. 16 Jan. Five destroyers and ten cargo vessels were sighted in the area.

NEW GEORGIA GP. 15 Jan 1540 hrs. Five destroyers were sighted twenty mls North of KOLOVOVI PT (VELLA LAVELLA). 1800 hrs. Two destroyers were seen fifteen mls NW of KUNDURUMBANGARA PT (VELLA LAVELLA) course NW by West. 1820 hrs. One burning cargo vessel and one destroyer were stationary twelve mls East of this PT.

CHOISEUL IS. 15 Jan. 1750 hrs. One destroyer and two cargo vessels were seen moving on a course NW by W, twenty mls NW by West of TAURO BAY.

(LANDOPS REVSIT NO. 170)

PART 3

TOPOGRAPHICAL:

(i) Corps Area -

Ref Map HAMBUR 1" to 1 mile. Weather: Fine after heavy rain on 10 Jan 43.

1. Certain routes reeced in the area 980070 - 050070 - 050970 to 980970 were passable to all MT at present with the exception of one point in Sector 1 - Map ref 014005. This is impassable for a distance from 8' to 10'.

2. There are several other sectors in need of attention and they were negotiated with difficulty. They are set out as under:-

Section 1. 031972 badly cut up and boggy for 50 yds. 029982 deep gutter has been cut across road for drainage.
010004 - 002018 approx 1 mile of road over low lying boggy ground.
Sector 4. 042061 bad "soft spot" and hole in road.
040060 - 036063 soft and badly cut up for 400 yds.

Sector 5. 001025 two fords have bad greasy approaches.
001025 - 002018 the road runs through low waterlogged country and 200 yds is under water at present.
Sector 6. 002018 - 986042 this runs through low waterlogged country. There has been much traffic over this road as it runs through 62 Camp Site and it has been badly cut up.
Sector 7. 094042 the road has been recently repaired is soft and has become badly rutted for 40 yds.

3. The roads recced would be difficult for all but F/D vehicles after heavy rain. Further detail will be published of these recces.

PART 4

On infm to 11 Jan

(i) OTHER FRONTS:

RUSSIAN FRONT:

VELIKE LUKI. The Russian General Staff has confirmed the capture of VELIKE LUKI, although isolated German strongholds are reported to be still resisting.

STALINGRAD SECTOR: The resistance of the German 6th Army is reported to be weakening, the Germans being mainly on the defensive. All attempts by the German 6th Army to break out have been unsuccessful.

DON SECTOR. The Russian advance in this sector is reported to be rapidly moving westward on a wide front. The right flank, astride the STALINGRAD-LIKHAYA Railway, have captured MOROZOVSKAYA causing the Germans to withdraw from the salient between MOROZOVSKAYA and the lower DON.

CENTRE DON - RIVER SAL SECTOR. The Russians are now reported to be within sixty mls of ROSTOV, thus causing a fresh German salient North of the city, the left flank of which lies astride the STALINGRAD - TIKHORERSK Railway and across the KALMUK STEPPE in the general line ofMANICH River.

CAUCASUS SECTOR. The German withdrawal in this sector is due not only to the heavy Russian pressure but also to the possible threat to their communications through ROSTOV. Heavy losses are reported to have been suffered by the Germans in the TEREK area. The Russians are reported to be pursuing their advance to the NW on a wide front in this sector, having crossed the River KUMA and cut the GEORGIEVSK-BUDYONVSK Railway.
Although the threat to ROSTOV has now become serious there is as yet no indication of a German withdrawal from the whole of the northern CAUCASUS but considerable local retirements beyond the upper KUMA area seem probable.

TUNISIA Owing to improved weather conditions Allied patrols have been more active during the past week, otherwise little activity has been reported in this area.
Allied tps captured DJEBEL AZAC on 5 Jan but a heavy enemy counter attack the next day forced our tps to withdraw to their original position.

CENTRAL AND SOUTHERN SECTORS. Enterprising French patrols inflicted casualties on the enemy. Axis combatant tps in the TUNIS area are estimated to be 34000 German and 17,500 Italians.

BURMA SECTOR

Clashes between Allied and Axis patrols are reported to have taken place on the extremity of MAYU PENINSULA. The position in the RATHEDAUG area is reported to be unchanged. The Japs are stated to be demolishing bridges and erecting road blocks in the KALEMYO-TAMU area.

(ii) NAVAL:

Northern Waters. The pocket battleship LUETZOW and cruisers HIPPER, KOLN and NURENBERG are reported to be in the waters North of NORWAY.
It is now believed that repairs to the battleship TIRPITZ, which has been at TRONDHEIM since last Oct, have been completed. It is also believed that the battleship SCHARNHORST, in the BALTIC SEA, is now fit for service. It is reported that the new cruiser SEYDLITZ is being dismantled at BREMEN.

MEDITERRANEAN.

Two ships are reported to have safely arrived at MALTA.

FAR EAST.

One medium sized and four small ships have been sunk by British submarines.

SUBMARINE WARFARE.

Eleven ships were sunk in the ATLANTIC by enemy submarines during the week ended 3 Jan.

Indications are that four allied A/C attacks against enemy submarines in the Atlantic during the week ended 6 Jan were successful, otherwise, conditions have been quieter in this area. A convoy is reported to have been heavily attacked by enemy submarines in the MADEIRA - CANARIES area.

(World Review Week Ending 11Jan)

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(i) Unless special circumstances exist requisitions for transport will be submitted at least six hours in advance.

(ii) Requisition will show:-

(a) The nature and duration of duty

(b) Route

(c) Number travelling

(iii) After requisitions have been approved they will be forwarded to the T.O. who will be responsible for ensuring that there is NO unnecessary use of transport and that requirements are co-ordinated.

(iv) Requisitions will be submitted to the following officers for approval:-

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2 Aust Corps, G3189
19 Jan 43.

Subject: Questions for Recce Party 2 Aust Corps.

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1. The following questions are set out in serials which can be referred to in any messages or other communications.

A. Location of the Temporary HQ of 2 Aust Corps and Divisions which may come under command.

B. Location of Permanent HQ 2 Aust Corps.

C. Alterations if any, to groupings of parties for the move with any additions.

D. Any suggestions with reference to the group Administrative and maintenance troops, especially General Transport Coys.

E. Any special accommodation stores required.

F. Movement facilities from TOWNSVILLE on. Is transport available to pick up personnel on detraining at destination?

G. Is road party advisable?

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2 Aust Corps,
19 Jan 43.

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Subject: Policy - Move of Corps HQ 2 Aust Corps.

BGS
DA & QMG
G2 (SD)
CSO
CE
A
Q (2)
Camp
File (2)

HQ 2 Aust Corps will move to new location as shown by the following serials:

1. Recce party - First Group - move by plane 20 Jan
2. Recce party - Second Group - move by plane 21 Jan, approx.
3. Advance group - Corps Sigs
4. Advance group - Administrative staff and services
5. Advance group - General staff.
6. Main body - Advance Corps HQ Sigs.
7. Main body - Advance Corps HQ Camp
8. " " " " "G"
9. " " " " "Q"
10. " " " " Defence Platoon
11. " " " " "A"
12. " " " " Services.
13. Rear Corps HQ
14. " " " Administrative Staff and Services.
15. " " " Sigs.
16. " " " "G"

2. Serials 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 will form approx a Divisional HQ.

3. A committee consisting of the following officers will meet forthwith and decide upon the detailed composition of the serials 3, 4, and 5:

G2 (SD)
AQMG
Camp
CSO

This will be completed by 2400 hours 19 Jan and will be notified to all above addressees.

4. In future, no reference to the destination of HQ 2 Aust Corps will be made either verbally or in writing.

5. The above serial numbers will be used in all communications dealing with the move.

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BGS,
2 Aust Corps.

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HQ 2 AUST CORPS DAILY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No.151

Compiled from information received to 0800 hrs 19 Jan 43

Notes A B & C. See Summary No.80

PART 1

OPERATIONS:

(ii) NEI Area -

CELEBES 17 Jan. Two med motor vessels (one anchored at the wharf) were seen at MACASSAR.

AMBON 16 Jan. Two enemy fighters intercepted Allied recce A/C at AMBOINA, and one enemy plane was probably destroyed.

(iii) NEW GUINEA Area -

DUTCH NEW GUINEA 15 Jan. One whaling factory type vessel of approx 9000 tons was sighted at MANOKWARI, 205 mls NE of FAK FAK.

MADANG 17 Jan. It was reported that the area from BOGADJIM to SEK (six mls North of MADANG) has been closed by Jap patrols, and patrols have operated past URUGINA (thirty-five mls SW of MADANG) to the RAMU River. It has also been reported that the Japs have been enquiring about the location of BUNDI, an emergency landing ground fifty-three mls SW of MADANG. 1025 hrs. Allied A/C bombed the town, scoring a direct hit on a warehouse, which was left burning.

FINSCHHAFEN 16 Jan. It is reported that the Japs have concentrated at FINSCHHAFEN; HELDSBACH, three mls North of FINSCHHAFEN, is unoccupied. 0900 hrs. The wharf area was attacked by Allied A/C but results were NOT stated.

LAE 17 Jan. 1114 hrs. Forty-five bombs were dropped in the area between VOCC POINT and BUTIBUM River. Large explosions and fires were observed. 1805 hrs. The aerodrome was attacked with unobserved results.

MUBO. Night 16/17 Jan. Our patrol contacted an enemy party at BITII BRIDGE (two mls North by East of MUBO) inflicting casualties.

MAMBARE 17 Jan 1000 hrs. The DELTA area was strafed.

CAPE KILLERTON-SAMANADA POINT. 15 Jan 1740 hrs. The Point and MT rd were bombed and strafed. 16 Jan. Some of our tps were in a village, 1500 yds South of CAPE KILLERTON, with radiating patrols. Another body of our tps reached the coast at a point 1000 yds S[illegible] of the Cape, then turned East and advanced rapidly along the coastal track reaching WYE POINT (1850 yds S[illegible] of CAPE KILLERTON) by the morning 17 Jan. A further adv was prevented by enemy opposition at this point. Another force operating from the vicinity of the track junc 3,600 yds South by West of the Cape, adv East

along the track and reached the MT rd at a junc, 2,200 yds SW by South of SANANANDA POINT by 1300 hrs. Known enemy casualties during 16 Jan were 122 killed.

SOPUTA-SANANANDA TRACK (Northern rd junc). 16 Jan. 0900 hrs. Allied tps commenced to attack an enemy pocket. Arty and mortar fire smashed enemy resistance. Inf then completely surrounded the posn, broke through the perimeter and commenced clearing up ops. Fighting was heavy. By 1800 hrs the enemy pocket had been liquidated and the MT rd cleared for 500 yds NE from the junc, where our tps were held up but are continuing the attack. Part of this force by-passed this point of resistance and advancing against the enemy right flank reached the MT rd 1500 yds NE of the junc.

TARAKENA 16 Jan. Allied tps were still held up on coastal track 400 yds NW of TARAKENA.

MILNE BAY. 17 Jan 1250 hrs. (raid No.10). Twenty-three or twenty-four bombers escorted by twelve fighters attacked TURNBULL AERODROME causing some damage to eqpt and the NE end of the runway. Several fuel dumps were destroyed. Interception by our fighters is reported, but NO details are known. 18 Jan. From 0514 hrs to 0532 hrs a further raid was in progress, but NO details have yet been received.

(iv) BISMARCK ARCHIPELAGO -

CAPE GLOUCESTER 17 Jan 1345 hrs. Our A/C bombed the aerodrome.

GASHATA 17 Jan 0825 hrs. Hits were scored by our A/C across the East end of the runway.

RABAUL. 17 Jan 0035 hrs. Shipping was attacked, two merchant vessels receiving direct hits. Five minutes later a second attack resulted in three bombs striking within thirty feet of a cargo vessel. 0315 hrs. Possible hits with four bombs were claimed on a large tpt during a third attack.

MANUS Is. 17 Jan 1150 hrs. One destroyer and one tpt were sighted thirty-five mls ESE of LORENGAU moving South.

(v) SOLOMONS Area -

BUKA 17 Jan 0830 hrs. The lt cruiser or destroyer which arrived in BUKA PASSAGE on the night 15/16 Jan departed in the direction of KESSA. 1210 hrs. One destroyer, one cargo vessel and one patrol craft were sighted twenty-five mls NE of BUKA. 1230 hrs. One cargo vessel was anchored in TIMPUTZ Harbour (BUKA).

BUIN-FAISI 17 Jan 0330 hrs. One battleship, four destroyers and eight cargo vessels were stationary in the area. Three cargo vessels were moving on a Westerly course between BUIN and SHORTLAND Is.

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Notes A B & C. See Summary No.80.

PART 1.

OPERATIONS :

(ii) N.E.I. Area -

TIMOR 16 Jan. Japs with hostile natives were reported to be located at LEGA, twenty mls South by West of LAGA. 17 Jan. An Allied patrol observed SOLUQUIM (twenty mls NE of BETANO) burning. 18 Jan. Daily skirmishes were reported to be occurring between friendly and hostile natives at FAINIA and AILALEC eighteen mls North and nineteen mls NNE of BETANO respectively. Villages at AILALEC and SAME (nineteen mls NE of BETANO) were reported to be burnt out.

BOEROE (BURU) IS. (West of AMBOINA) 16 Jan. Photographs of NAMLEA drome show runways in good condition

AMBOINA 16 Jan. Photographs show one of the vessels reported in Int Sum 151 to be a possible S/P tender of 4,000 tons.

(iii) NEW GUINEA Area -

MADANG. 18 Jan. 0922 hrs. The runway was bombed.

FINSCHAFEN. 18 Jan 1252 hrs. Our A/C bombed both the waterfront and town area with unobserved results.

LAE 18 Jan 0955 hrs. Allied A/C strafed the strip area. 1020 hrs. The motor pool supply dump was bombed. Two buildings were seen on fire after two hy explosions.

MUBO. 17 Jan. Our patrols opened fire on the enemy near LABABIA track. The enemy replied with mortar and MG fire, forcing our tps to withdraw.

KOMIATUM. 18 Jan. 1130 hrs. The North end of the village was destroyed during a bombing attack by our A/C.

GUADAGASEL. The enemy now occupy GUADAGASEL Saddle in force with lt and hy mortars and MGs.

Enemy casualties on the night 16/17 Jan numbered forty one in this general area.

AMBOGA RIVER. 16 Jan p.m. Our patrols engaged an enemy party of 200 moving West in the DAMAWATU area, killing two.

CAPE WARD HUNT. night 17/18 Jan. Enemy barges South of DOUGLAS HARBOUR were engaged by gunfire. One barge was seen to sink.

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CAPE KILLERTON-WYE PT, 17 Jan. By 1800 hrs our tps had overcome all opposition at CAPE KILLERTON and secured this area. Others advancing Eastward along the coastal track had captured WYE PT against opposition but found further adv held up by enemy pillboxes. Some of these have been overcome. Another force operating from the village 1,500 yds South of CAPE KILLERTON have now reached a pt 700 yds West by South of SANANANDA VILLAGE.

SOPUTA SANANANDA TRACK, 17 Jan 1800 hrs. Our tps which were reported in INT SUM No. 151 to have reached the INT road at the track junc 2,200 yds SW of SANANANDA PT have now consolidated and advanced 400 yds NE along the road. Here they are held up by enemy MG posns to the front and left flank. Other Allied tps which had moved around the enemy's left flank broke through an enemy perimeter established on the road 1350 yds NE of the "North rd block" and contacted our tps at the junc 2,200 yds SW of SANANANDA PT. The posn is somewhat confused. Apparently the enemy pocket on the INT rd mentioned in INT SUM No. 151 is still holding out.

TARAKENA, 17 Jan 1700 hrs. Allied tps on the coastal track 400 yds NW of TARAKENA have been unable to make further progress. Our arty is shelling enemy posns and direct hits on bunkers have been scored. Our patrols in this area accounted for fifteen Japs.

HILLE BAY 18 and 19 Jan. Enemy raids were reported on these dates but NO details are yet available.

(iv) BISMARCK ARCHIPELAGO

GASMATA 18 Jan 0430 hrs. Our A/C bombed the aerodrome.

RABAUL, 18 Jan 0300 hrs. Shipping was attacked with unknown results. 18 Jan 1055 hrs. One cruiser six other warships and thirty eight merchant vessels were in the harbour. It is considered that the tonnage these vessels represent is a minimum of 181,500. 1101 hrs. One destroyer and one cargo vessel were moving North five mls East of CAPE GAZELLE.

NEW HANOVER, 18 Jan 1156 hrs. One possible submarine chaser and one cargo vessel of 4,000 tons were sighted sixty-seven mls SW. 1249 hrs. One destroyer and one cargo vessel of 8,000 tons were sighted SSW of CAPE HANTAMALEI. The foregoing vessels were all on an ESE course and it is considered some of them represent the same vessels sighted thirty-five mls ESE of LORENGAU on 17 Jan. 18 Jan. The 8000 ton cargo vessel was bombed and sunk.

NEW IRELAND 17 Jan 1026 hrs. One destroyer and one cargo vessel of 7,000 tons were sighted ten mls NE of CAPE ST GEORGE, course East.

(v) SOLOMON'S Area -

BUKA 18 Jan 0840 hrs. One destroyer and one tpt of 5,000 tons arrived at the West end of BUKA PASSAGE. One cargo vessel was sighted thirty eight mls East of BUKA, course SSE.

BUIN-FAISI 18 Jan 0800 hrs. Five cargo vessels were seen 1410 hrs. One cargo vessel, two destroyers and one lt cruiser were sighted on the SE coast of SHORTLAND IS.

VELLA LAVELLA, 17 Jan 1615 hrs. A cargo vessel was seen twelve mls North by East of SKOVOVI PT on a course ESE.

(LANDOPS REVSIT No. 172)

PART 2

ENEMY:

(vi) ORBT WATERBOURNE - SEE APPX A ATTACHED.

(iii) IDENTIFICATIONS DISTINGUISHING FLAGS - SEE APPX B ATTACHED.

PART 3

TOPOGRAPHICAL:

(i) Coros Area -

Ref INT SUM No. 150, further details re Sectors 1 to 4 are shown below.

Ref Map NALIBOUR 1" to 1 ml. Weather: Fine after heavy rain 10 Jan 43.

SECTOR 1. Rd from 032969 to 002018.

(a) This sector is only one way traffic - average width 9'. The surface is of earth and is in good condition with the exception of the following four parts:-

031972. Road has been badly cut up and is boggy. requires surfacing for a distance of 50 yds.

029982 A gutter has been cut across road for drainage. A culvert is needed.

014005 This point is impassable to all MT except FWD vehicles at the present time. There is a "spongy" soak 2' deep extending for a distance of 8' to 10' across the road. It will be necessary to construct a culvert here.

010004-
012018 This sector is low lying, difficult in wet.

(b) There are several steep gradients (estimated 1 in 10) also several sharp curves.

(c) After heavy rain this road would become very greasy and difficult.

(d) It is not possible to move off the road in MT.

(e) Cover good.

SECTOR 2. Road from 030023 to 054042.

(a) This road is little used and the surface is in good condition - average width 9' therefore only suitable for one way traffic.

(b) This road will become greasy after rain and it is thought that much traffic in wet weather would make it deteriorate rapidly.

(c) There are several steep gradients and sharp turns.

(d) It is possible to disperse MT off the road for the first mile only - thereafter only in occasional places.

(e) Cover good.

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SECTOR 3. Road from 054042 to 062024.

(a) This road has a good gravel surface, the average width 10' therefore only one way traffic.

(b) The surface generally will stand up to considerable traffic with the exception of one or two short doubtful patches.

(c) There are no very steep gradients but several sharp turns.

(d) There is limited dispersion at the sides throughout and the cover is good.

SECTOR 4. Road from 054042 to 026074.

(a) For the first two miles this road has a good gravel and earth surface, but from then on it deteriorates having an uneven earth surface. It is only suitable for one way traffic. Average width 9'. The latter portion difficult in wet weather.

(b) The following sections need attention:-

042061. In dip the road has a bad "soft spot" and is badly holed.

040060 to 036063 For a distance of 400 yds the road has been badly cut up with deep tyre marks. This section is inclined to be wet and slippery and needs metalling.

026074 This section is low lying and is subject to flooding. At present it is quite hard.

(c) There is a long steep gradient of approx 1 in 8 from 033067 to 028072. The surface here is stony and would be quite sound in wet weather.

(d) Very limited dispersion for LT at sides of road but cover is good.

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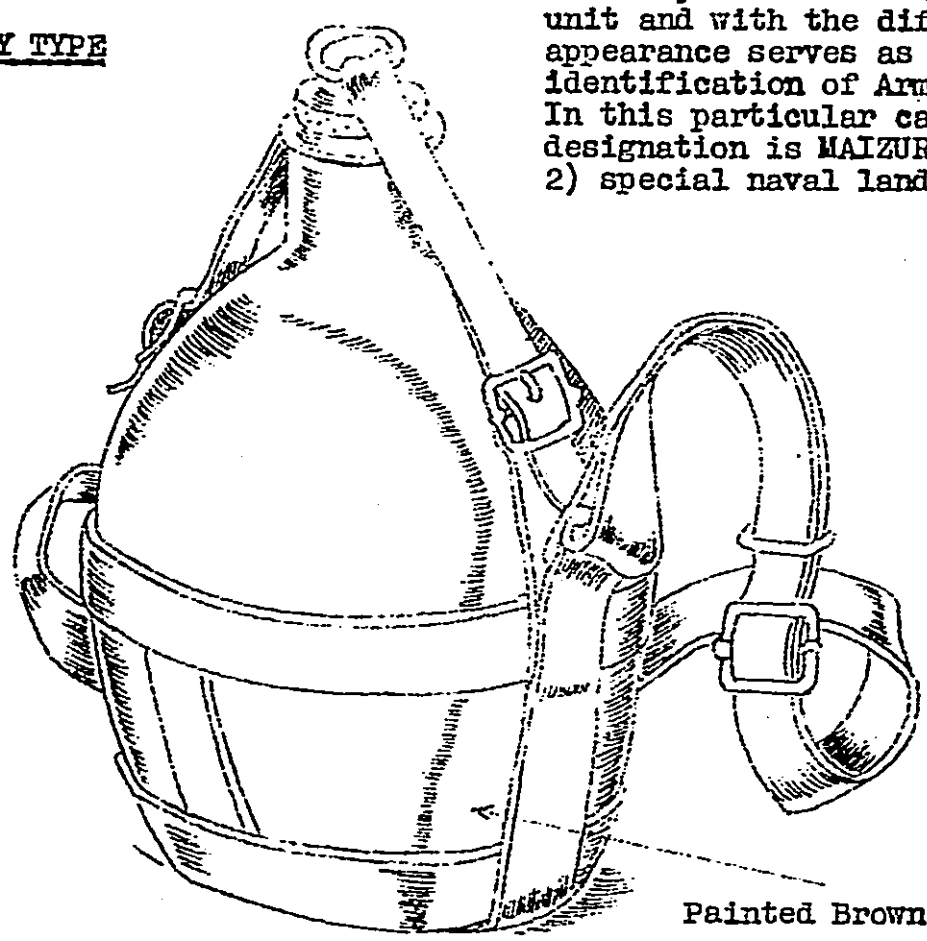
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APPX "A"

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Illustrated below is a Jap Army and Naval waterbottle. The Naval type normally bears the designation of the unit and with the difference in appearance serves as a ready identification of Army or Naval troops. In this particular case the unit designation is MAIZURU 2 (MAIZURU No. 2) special naval landing party.

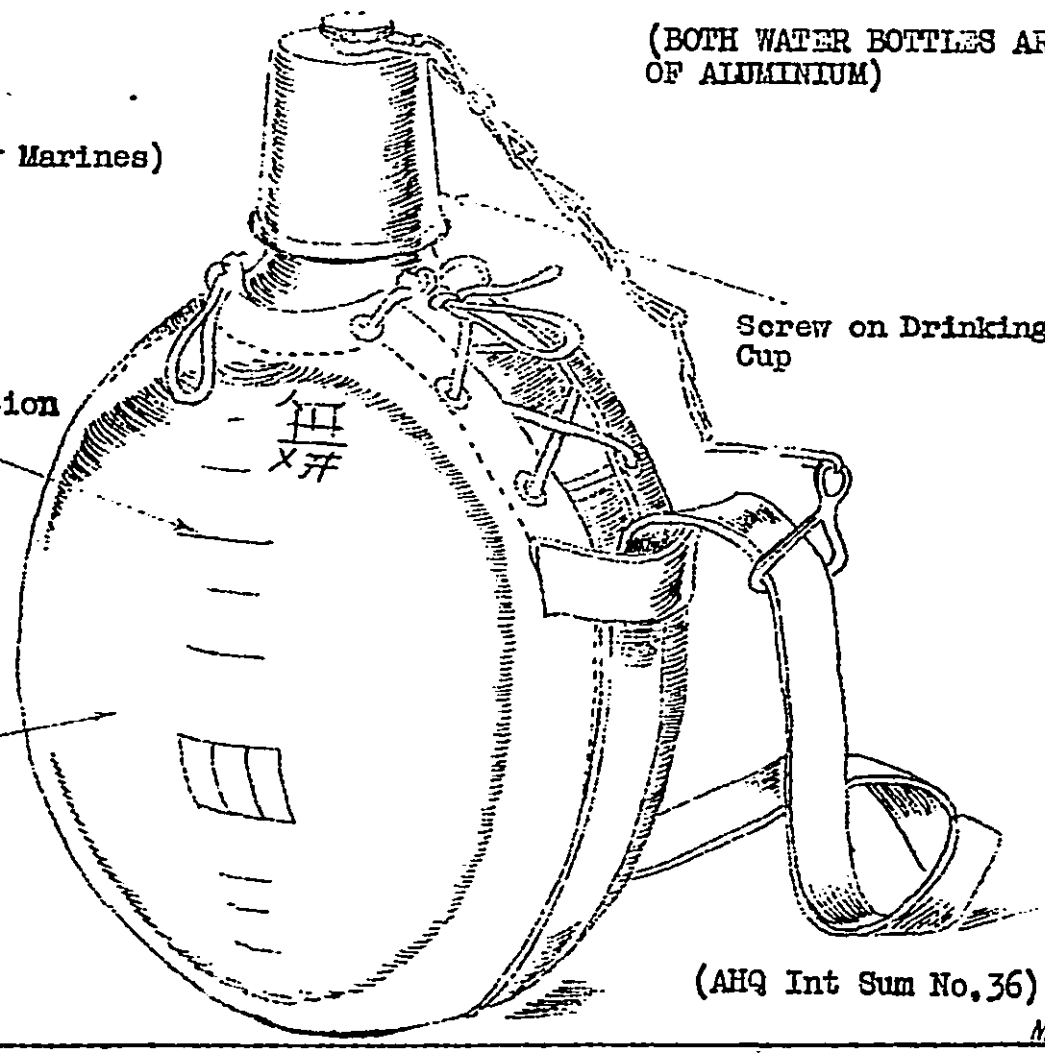
ARMY TYPE



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NAVAL TYPE
(as carried by Marines)



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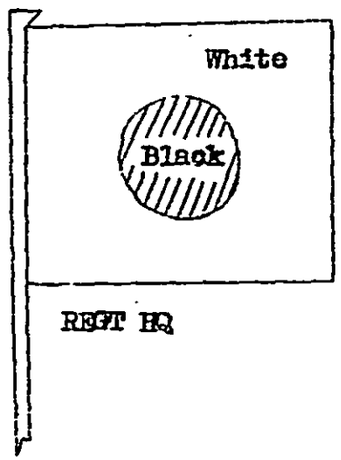
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JAPANESE ARMY

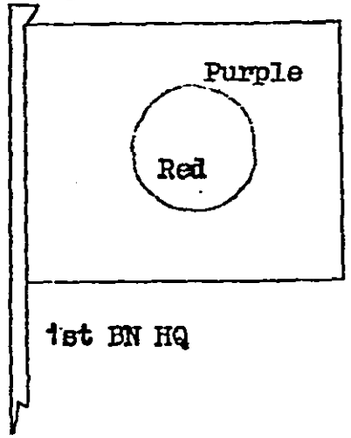
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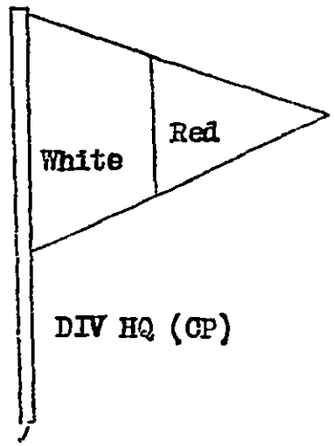
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REGT HQ



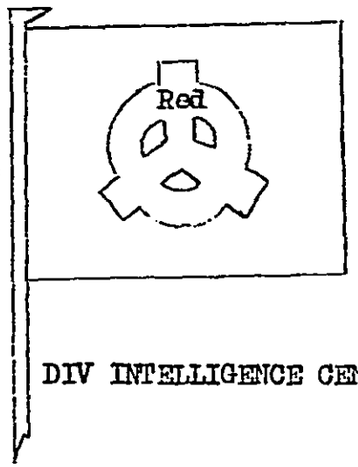
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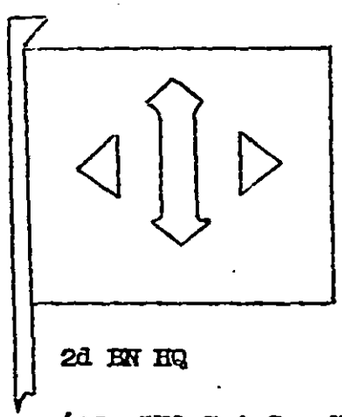
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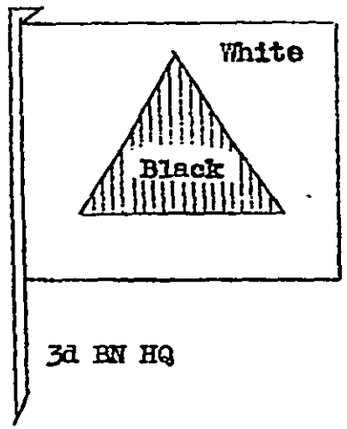


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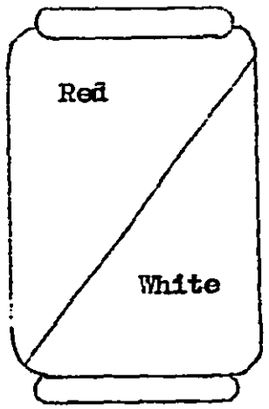


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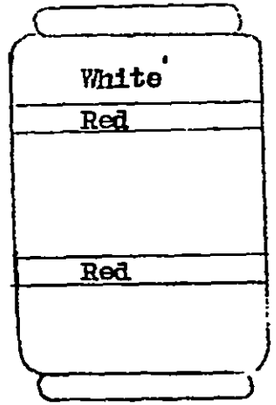


3d BN HQ



Night Time

DIV: HQ (CP)



DIV INTELLIGENCE CENTRE

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O P E R A T I O N S :

(ii) N.E.I. Area -

TIMOR 19 Jan 1232 hrs. Buildings and huts were strafed at VIQUEQUE, OSSU, VINILALE, BAUCAU and BEACO.

KAI IS. 19 Jan 1110 hrs. (TOEAL). Buildings were demolished, stores and barracks damaged during an attack by our A/C.

(iii) NEW GUINEA Area -

LAE. 19 Jan. 0958 hrs. Supply dumps at MALAHANG aerodrome were bombed, 46 bombs falling in and around the target area.

MUBO. The strength of the enemy in this area is now reported to be 600.

SALAMAUA, 19 Jan. Barges near the PAIWA River, 36 mls South of SALAMAUA were strafed.

MANGROVE IS. 19 Jan, 1017 hrs. The island was well strafed, but NO activity was observed.

WYE POINT. 18 Jan 0845 hrs. Overcoming resistance in this area, our tps advanced 300-350 yds along the track SE of WYE POINT where they again encountered pill boxes and organised enemy resistance. By 1140 hrs, a further advance of 200-250 yds had been made, but our tps were again held up by enemy strong posts.

Exerting pressure, our tps reported reaching a point on the track 1,300 yards NW of SANANANDA POINT by 1400 hrs. Pressure is still being maintained at this point, but pill boxes to a depth of 400 yds, have yet to be overcome. Flanking attacks are in progress.

SANANANDA. 18 Jan. The detachment of our tps, last reported 750 yds West by South of SANANANDA Village had moved forward in position for an attack by the morning of 18 Jan. At 1150 hrs the village had been captured, and our forces were astride the MAIN rd. Part of the detachment remained to consolidate at the village, whilst others pushed on to SANANANDA PT, which was reported cleared of enemy at 1330 hrs. Our forces then turned Eastward and advanced towards GIRUWA, mopping up enemy stragglers on route. At 1400 hrs, advanced elements had reached GIRUWA. Meanwhile, other tps moved from SANANANDA Village Southwards down the MAIN rd to attack the Japanese posns extending along the rd with their Northern boundary 1350 yds and Southern boundary 1750 yds respectively SSW of SANANANDA Village.

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This area was heavily defended, with pill boxes in depth.

By 1400 hrs 19 Jan, the Southern perimeter had been overcome, and our tps attacking from this direction had advanced through the area to combine their attack on the Northern perimeter with that of the abovementioned detachment which had moved down the MT rd from the village.

Further South on the MT rd, in the area recently referred to as the "North rd block", three enemy MG posts were blown out by mortar fire but resistance still continues on both sides of the rd.

TARAKENA, 18 Jan 1700 hrs. Allied tps held up 400 yds NW of TARAKENA had overcome the first bunker and pressure was still being maintained. At 0300 hrs on 19 Jan a party of 20 Japs attempting to reach the mouth of the GIRUWA RIVER from the direction of TARAKENA, was engaged, five of the enemy being killed.

C o m m e n t : It appears that enemy resistance has been reduced to four main points.

(a) The "Rd block" area, described above.
(b) Point on the MT rd 1350 yds from SANANANDA.
(c) Point on the coastal track approx 400 yds from TARAKENA, probably extending NW to GIRUWA.
(d) An area extending from the vicinity of SANANANDA Village approx 1000 yds NW along the coast.

BUNA 18 Jan. Enemy A/C dropped eight bombs in the vicinity of SINEMI CK and old strip, causing NO damage.

MILNE BAY. 18 Jan 2053. Nine bombs were dropped by 3 enemy A/C. NO damage resulted.

PT MORESBY 19 Jan. 1239. One u/i submarine was sighted South of PM.

MERAUKE. 19 Jan 1237. One enemy floatplane dropped two bombs without damage.

(iv) BISMARCK ARCHIPELAGO:

NEW BRITAIN. 19 Jan. Three enemy barges, 2 mls East of CAPE HOLLMAN (WILLAUMEZ PENINSULA) were strafed.

GASMATA 19 Jan 1222 hrs. The aerodrome was attacked by Allied A/C, bombs being seen to fall down the centre of runway starting 100 feet from the beach end of the aerodrome.

BLANCHE BAY, 19 Jan. 1200 hrs. Three destroyers were sighted at the entrance of the bay - Course South.

RUGEN HARBOUR. 19 Jan, 1205 hrs. One tpt, estimated at 15,000 tons, was sighted in RUGEN HARBOUR, 24 mls SSE of RABAUL.

NEW IRELAND. 19 Jan 1115 hrs. One lt cruiser and three destroyers were sighted 25 mls SW by South of CAPE ST GEORGE; Course West by South

(v) SOLOMONS:

FAISI. 19 Jan. 0930 hrs. One destroyer and one cargo vessel were sighted 8 mls SE of FAISI - Course ESE.

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GS 2 Aust Corps.

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HQ 2 AUST CORPS DAILY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 154

Compiled from information received to 0800 hrs 22 Jan 43.

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PART 1

OPERATIONS:

(i) NW AUSTRALIA

DARWIN. 21 Jan. 0115 hrs. An air raid was reported in progress but NO details have been received.

(ii) N.E.I. Area -

TIMOR. 19 Jan. Five enemy fighters intercepted our A/C attacking KUPANG.

AROE IS. DOBO. 20 Jan 1200 hrs. Our A/C bombed the jetty area without results. Three enemy float planes intercepted, and one was probably destroyed.

AMBON. 20 Jan 1300 hrs. An Allied recce A/C shot down one of two enemy fighters which intercepted.

(iii) NEW GUINEA Area -

WEWAK. 20 Jan. 0915 hrs. One u/i vessel was sighted in this vicinity and one lt cruiser, escorting two tpts, thirty-five mls North by East of WEWAK, course NE by North.

MADANG. 19 Jan. 0851 hrs. Our A/C bombed the warehouse area; at 0945 hrs the wharf and runway were attacked and two direct hits were scored on each target.

FINSCHHAFEN. 19 Jan 1535 hrs. Our A/C attacked the waterfront.

LAE. 19 Jan 1300 hrs. The beached tpt was bombed. 20 Jan 0835 hrs. During an attack by our A/C on supply dumps in the TERRACE area thirty-one bombs hit the target, causing three large columns of black smoke, and five or six small fires. 20 Jan aerial photographs reveal new trenches and defensive works at JACOBSONS.

KUREVADA. 20 Jan 1130 hrs. Our A/C strafing the Creek and area West of the village, reported NO movement.

WYE POINT. 19 Jan 1800 hrs. Our tps attacking Eastwards were reported held up by what appeared to be a main enemy defence area, approx 800 yds from WYE PT. Following a concentration of our arty fire an attack was launched and by 0830 hrs 20 Jan the area of enemy resistance had been considerably narrowed. At least three pill boxes remain.

SOPUTA - SANANANDA TRACK. 19 Jan. Our tps succeeded in breaking enemy resistance in this area into four pockets (two on each side of the MT rd). These were attacked in turn preceded by arty and mortar fire and by 1750 hrs two of them had been overcome and the perimeter of a third had been breached. The enemy posn 1350 yds from SANANANDA had been broken up by 1400 hrs and mopping up was in process on the East side of the MT rd.

GIRUWA. 19 Jan 1800 hrs. NO progress has been reported by our tps attacking Eastwards.

TARAKENA. 20 Jan 1700 hrs. Our tps overcome enemy posns on the West bank of KONOMBI CREEK and advanced 750 yds NW along the coast at which point progress was retarded due to strong enemy resistance on the left flank.

MILNE BAY. 20 and 21 Jan. Several air raid alerts were reported but NO details are known.

(iv) BISMARCK ARCHIPELAGO -

CAPE GLOUCESTER. 20 Jan 1200 hrs. The aerodrome was bombed and a gun posn received three direct hits.

ARAWE. 16 Jan. Photographs show additional emergency landing strip.

GASMATA. 19 Jan. 1235 hrs. The building area was bombed. 20 Jan 0921 hrs. Our A/C attacked the runway and reported that it appeared unserviceable.

RABAUL 18 Jan. Photographs reveal thirteen warships, forty-four merchant vessels, four tankers in the SIMPSONS Harbour KOKOPO area.

SOLOMONS SEA. 19 Jan 0400 hrs. One possible submarine was sighted seventy seven mls ENE of KIRAKURA POINT (KIRWINA IS).

(v) SOLOMONS Area -

BUKA PASSAGE. 20 Jan. One destroyer and one tpt departed night 19/20 Jan.

BOUGAINVILLE. 19 Jan. 1500 hrs. Natives report two probable destroyers and two tpts off the West coast, moving South. 20 Jan 0603 hrs. One tpt, one cargo vessel and one destroyer were sighted eight mls East of LOLUEI PT course SW.

BUIN FAISI. 20 Jan 0752 hrs. Two destroyers and one cargo vessel left on a Southerly course and were last seen NE of VELLA LAVELLA IS at 1256 hrs course SE. 1000 hrs. Five cargo vessels were anchored one ml off KAHILI; one destroyer and one possible tanker were two mls West of MOILA PT heading towards BUIN; one destroyer, one cargo vessel and one small tpt (referred to under BOUGAINVILLE) were stationary seven mls NE of FAISI.

CHOISEUL IS. 19 Jan 0930 hrs. One cargo vessel stationary twelve mls NNE of CAPE ALEXANDER.

VELLA LAVELLA IS. 19 Jan 1507 hrs. One hy cruiser and seven destroyers were sighted NE of SOREZARU PT, course SE by East. 1545 hrs. One destroyer was manouvering ~~seventeen~~ mls North by East of KUNDURUMBANGARA PT. One cargo vessel and one destroyer were sighted eight mls East by South of KUNDURUMBANGARA PT, course South by East.

(vi) GENERAL -

NEW SOUTH WALES. 20 Jan 0946 hrs. One possible submarine was seen sixteen mls South of WOLLONGONG, and another sighted 107 mls ENE of PORT STEPHENS. (LANDOPS REVSIT No. 174).

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Compiled from information received to 0800 hrs 23 Jan 43.

Notes A B & C. See Summary No. 80.

PART 1

OPERATIONS:

(i) NW AUSTRALIA

DARWIN. 21 Jan 0145 hrs. (Raid No.50). Two enemy med bombers dropped five bombs in the bush, causing NO damage or casualties; one was destroyed by our fighters. 2228 hrs. A further alert was sounded.

(ii) N.E.I. Area -

TIMOR. 20 Jan 1120 hrs. Our A/C bombed LAUTEM without result.

AMBON. 21 Jan 1210 hrs. Our A/C attacked shipping scoring one direct hit on a 500 ton merchant vessel and one direct hit and three near misses on a large cruiser which was left smoking and listing. Fifteen to twenty enemy fighters intercepted; our A/C destroyed one certain and one probable. Other shipping sighted were a possible tanker and two large merchant vessels in BINNEN BAY, with a cruiser, two large and two smaller vessel off AMBON.

(iii) NEW GUINEA Area -

WEWAK. 20 Jan 1600 hrs. Allied A/C were intercepted by twenty-five Jap fighters. Twelve enemy fighters were shot down for certain and six more damaged as a result of the engagement. 21 Jan. Two tpts and three destroyers were under weigh in WEWAK Harbour.

WYE POINT. 20 Jan 1900 hrs. Our tps continued their advance along the coastal track but by 1400 hrs 21 Jan had again been held up 1000 yds from SANANANDA POINT.

MT ROAD. 21 Jan 1045 hrs. Enemy resistance, 1350 yds SW of SANANANDA POINT, had been liquidated, and our tps were engaged in reducing the remaining two enemy pockets further South in the vicinity of the road.

GIRUWA. 22 Jan 1945 hrs. Allied tps, after destroying twenty-three Jap pill boxes in their advance from TARAKENA, contacted our forces from GIRUWA&fighting continues.

MILNE BAY. 20 Jan 2130 hrs. (Raid No.12). Nine bombers attacked GURNEY aerodrome achieving neither dmaage nor casualties. 21 Jan 0140 hrs. Raid No. 13 was carried out by three bombers which attacked the TURNBULL Aerodrome area without result.

(iv) BISMARCK ARCHIPELAGO -

NEW BRITAIN. GASMATA. 21 Jan 0229 hrs. Twelve bombs were dropped by our A/C in the runway area.

RABAUL, 21 Jan. Four attacks were made by our A/C. At 0025 hrs LUKUNAI and KOKOPO aerodrome were bombed. Cloud obscured results at the former but eight bombs were seen to strike the runway at KOKOPO. At 0420 hrs LUKUNAI was again attacked, bombs falling on the runway and in dispersal areas. 0500 hrs. Our attack was directed at VUNAKANAU. Bombs hit the runway and caused fires in the dispersal areas. Shipping was attacked at 0530 hrs; bombs were dropped from 250 feet on a 2,000 ton vessel. From appearances, including an oil slick, it is believed this ship was hit. Three bombs are believed to have scored on a 6,000 ton merchant vessel which was later observed settling. Attempts were being made to beach it. 1200 hrs. Three destroyers were seen in BLANCHE BAY, course South. 22 Jan 0430 hrs. One cargo vessel was sighted off RAWANA POINT, and four u/i vessels including one of 10,000 tons were off PRAED POINT.

NEW IRELAND. 21 Jan. 1700 hrs. A convoy consisting of one cruiser, one destroyer and two merchant vessels of 10,000 tons were sighted eighteen mls SW of CAPE ST GEORGE, course South.

(v) SOLOMONS Area -

BUKA PASSAGE, 21 Jan 1145 hrs. One destroyer and four cargo vessels were seen sixty mls East by North moving SE by East There is a possibility that one or two more vessels may be included in this group.

BOUGAINVILLE, 20 Jan. 0805 hrs. Two destroyers and one cargo vessel were moving East by South, seventy mls NE of KIETA.

TREASURY IS. 21 Jan 0930 hrs. One u/i vessel was sighted seventy-five mls N.

VELLA LAVELLA, 21 Jan 0415 hrs. One large cargo vessel and two destroyers were on a NW course fifteen mls NW of VELLA LAVELLA. 1914 hrs two u/i vessels were anchored four mls West of KULAMBANGARA IS. 1435 hrs. Two tankers were sighted on an ESE course five mls North of KUNDURUMBANGARA POINT.

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PART 1

OPERATIONS:

(i) NW AUSTRALIA

DARWIN. Midnight 21/22 Jan. In raid 51 two med Bs dropped 12 bombs in HUGHES AREA. There was NO damage or casualties reported.

(ii) N.E.I. Area -

AMBON. 20 Jan. Photographs show one cruiser of 4,000 tons, a 1,000 ton tanker, nine merchant vessels totalling 8,950 tons, four patrol boats of four to fifty tons each, one possible S/P tender of 4,000 tons and two further merchant vessels of 2,500 tons each in the B/Y. 1300 hrs 21 Jan. Our A/C bombed a 4,000 ton merchant ship scoring a direct hit and two near misses. Of 8/10 intercepted Fs two were destroyed and probably a third.

(iii) NEW GUINEA Area -

DUTCH NEW GUINEA.

CAPE VAN DEN BOSCH (80 mls SSE of FAKFAK) 1213 hrs 22 Jan. Three merchant vessels (one of 2,000 tons and two of 7/8000 tons)were seen twenty seven mls WSW of the Cape, course North. At 1233 hrs these ships were attacked and there were two near misses.

MADANG. 22 Jan. An enemy patrol was reported to be at KUMIANG, sixty five mls South of MADANG, One hundred Japs with five HMGs were moving up the RAMU RIVER forty five mls South of MADANG. 1050 hrs. Our A/C bombed the runway.

LAE. 0803 hrs 21 Jan. Our A/C scored a direct hit on a building at MALAHANG. 0805 hrs 22 Jan. Supply dumps in the terrace area and several buildings incl the BURNS PHILP store were observed burning.

SALAMAUA 1005 hrs 21 Jan. The area from McDONALDS corner to the centre of the Isthmus was bombed and the same A/C later strafed along the coast to BAKUM-BARI.

KUMUSI Area. 22 Jan, Allied patrols ambushed a party of fifty Japs at SAGARI eight mls SW of KURENADA, killing twelve.

TARAKENA, SANANANDA POINT. By 1405 hrs 22 Jan all organized enemy resistance had been overcome; mopping up is continuing. 475 dead were counted in the rd block area and a large quantity of eqpt, incl three field guns, large amn dumps, and some signal eqpt was captured. Ref Int Summary No. 155, the 150 dead reported counted 1350 yds SW of SANANANDA PT is now increased to 200. A further 200 are believed to have been killed in the TARAKENA GIRUWA Area. A large number of dead in this area are still uncounted. Thirteen PsW were taken.

MILNE BAY. 22/23 Jan. Raids reported but NO details given.

MERAUKE. 1345 hrs 21 Jan. In raid No.10 one F/P dropped two bombs in the swamp area. There was NO damage done. 1425 hrs 22 Jan. A further raid was in progress.

(iv) BISMARCK ARCHIPELAGO -

NEW BRITAIN. 21 Jan. Photographs reveal eight destroyers, two torpedo boats five submarines, five patrol craft, one tanker, a hospital ship of 12,000 tons, and thirty eight merchant vessels aggregating 198,000 tons at RABAUL. 0440 hrs 22 Jan. Our A/C attacked shipping from a height of 200 ft. A direct hit was scored on a vessel which sank within four minutes, another vessel was hit and later exploded, three direct hits were scored on a third ship, which was left burning and another, with a lighter alongside, after a series of small explosions sank within twelve minutes of being hit. 0500 hrs. 22 Jan. The town and shipping was attacked. One ship was seen burning.

ST GEORGES CHANNEL. 1101 hrs. 22 Jan. A destroyer was seen in the Channel, course North. 1030 hrs. A u/i vessel of 2,000 tons was seen near CAPE BEECHY.

(v) SOLOMONS Area -

BUKA PASSAGE. 0830 hrs 22 Jan. A cargo vessel was seen anchored in the Passage.

KIETA. 21 Jan. Eight destroyers and four cargo vessels were sighted eight mls East on a course SSE. 0900 hrs. 22 Jan. A small ship was seen anchored near the shore.

BUIN FAISI. 0900 hrs 22 Jan. A destroyer, two cargo vessels and a torpedo boat were observed sixteen mls East of FAISI on a course East by South.

VELLA LAVELLA. 1425 hrs. 22 Jan. Two small coastal vessels were seen seven mls South of KUNDURUMBANGARA PT on a course West.

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Notes A, B & C. See Summary No. 80.

PART 1

OPERATIONS:

(ii) N.E.I. Area -

TIMOR. 1140 hrs 23 Jan. Our A/C strafed A/A and silenced MG posts at GUILOBO strip. Large buildings were left smoking.

(iii) NEW GUINEA Area -

WEWAK. 1430 hrs 23 Jan. One destroyer and three tpts were moving ten mls NEW course North. 1457 hrs 23 Jan. Eighteen enemy Fs intercepted Allied recce A/C thirty mls NNE of WEWAK. Three Fs were destroyed plus two probables.

MADANG. 1050 hrs 24 Jan. Our A/C bombed warehouses.

FINSCHHAFEN. 1420 hrs 23 Jan. Buildings were bombed. Three exploded and one was left burning.

LAE. 1120 hrs 23 Jan. Our A/C attacking stores and supplies left a large petrol fire and several smaller fires.

SALAMAUA Area. 23 Jan. Our A/C carried out a strafing sweep in the morning from WARIA to SALAMAUA and a further sweep with enemy barges for targets was carried out from BAKUMBARI to SALAMAUA at mid-day. At 1310 hrs the area between MUBO and SALAMAUA was bombed and strafed.

MUBO. 21 Jan. Fifty enemy were reported in the WIBAINING Area (three mls SW of MUBO)

MAMBARE. 22 Jan. Some Japs were reported to have returned to the DUVIRA MISSION Area

KUMUSI. 22/23 Jan. Allied surface units attacked two enemy barges. Both were left beached, with one on fire.

SANANANDA Area - Mopping up operations continue. Seventeen walking cases and fifty stretcher cases were taken from an enemy hospital area South of GIRUWA with probably fifty more stretcher cases to come. Total known enemy dead in the whole area from 8 to 21 Jan number 1201.

MILNE BAY. In raid twelve on 20 Jan it is now known that three Bs attacked and NOT nine as previously reported. 2116 hrs. 22 Jan. In raid fourteen three A/C dropped bombs in the vicinity of GURNEY aerodrome. Raid fifteen, carried out by two A/C at 0001 hrs 22 Jan caused damage to runways not yet assessed. Six A/C attacked shipping (raid No 16) at 2134 hrs 22 Jan. One small fuel dump was destroyed and the wharf received some damage.

MORESBY. 2230 hrs 22 Jan, Raid 99, by four A/C, was directed at KILAA Aerodrome and the harbour. 0500 hrs 23 Jan. Bombs were dropped seven mls North of MORESBY in raid 100. NO damage or casualties resulted from either raid. 0956 hrs. Two submarines were sighted fifteen mls SE of BASILISK BEACON.

DUTCH NEW GUINEA - HERAUKE 1415 hrs 23 Jan. Raid eleven was carried out by one F/P without result.

(iv) BISMARCK ARCHIPELAGO

NEW BRITAIN 0930 hrs 23 Jan. Five cargo vessels each of 4/500 tons were stationary between ARAWE and GASMATA.

RABAUL. 1050 hrs 22 Jan. A shipping sighting incl seven destroyers, five submarines, two patrol craft, four tankers, forty three merchant vessels, aggregating 179,000 tons. 0428 hrs 23 Jan. Shipping in the harbour and VUNAKANAU aerodrome were attacked, a fuel dump was left burning and several bombs were seen landing in blast bays on the aerodrome. A/C engaged in these activities report sighting three merchant vessels and one possible cruiser fifteen mls South of CAPE GAZELLE, heading in the direction of RABAUL. 0545 hrs 23 Jan, A further attack on shipping resulted in five near misses and one direct hit on a 12,000 ton tpt and two near misses on an 8,000 ton tpt. Twelve enemy Fs intercepted, of which five were destroyed and two damaged.

(v) SOLOMONS Area - Sightings.

BUKA. a.m. 23 Jan. One destroyer, one cargo vessel. 1245 hrs 23 Jan. One cruiser eighty-two mls East by North, course South.

BOUGAINVILLE. 23 Jan. Natives report one large vessel believed to be a tpt at KESSA.

CAPE MOLTKE. 1158 hrs. 23 Jan. Two destroyers, two tpts, sixty five mls WNW. 1223 hrs. One cruiser, one destroyer 100 mls West. 1430 hrs. One destroyer, one cargo vessel 3,000 tons, one tpt 5,000 tons forty five mls WNW, course SSE. 2220 hrs. Three u/i vessels thirty mls WSW.

BUIN FAISI. 0930 hrs 23 Jan. Two large probable tankers stationary four mls South of KAHILI. One lt cruiser, six destroyers, seven cargo vessels anchored between KAHILI and PUPUKUMA PT. 1042 hrs. 24 Jan. One destroyer and one cruiser twenty four mls ENE of BUIN, heading towards BUIN. 1350 hrs 23 Jan. One lt cruiser or destroyer, one very large cargo vessel, ten mls SE of FAISI, course SE. 0138 hrs 24 Jan. One u/i vessel fifty five mls West of TREASURY I.

VELLA LAVELLA. 1505 hrs 22 Jan. Two small coastal vessels twelve mls South by East of KUNDURUMBANGARA PT. 0700 hrs 23 Jan. One large cargo vessel, one destroyer, twenty two mls North of the same PT, course SE. 1030 hrs. One small cargo vessel NNW of SOKOVOVI PT., course NORTH.

CHOISEUL I. 1800 hrs 23 Jan. Two destroyers twenty mls ENE of CAPE ALEXANDER, course NE.

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PART 1

OPERATIONS:

(ii) N.E.I. Area -

CELEBES. 23 Jan. One NATORI Class cruiser with escort was seen in SALAZAR STRAIT, course West. 0100 hrs. 25 Jan. One A/C carrier, two large vessels and two destroyers were in SALAZAR STRAIT, course East.

TIMOR. 1215 hrs. 24 Jan. Our A/C bombed DILLI.

(iii) NEW GUINEA Area -

WEWAK. 1330 hrs. 23 Jan. Three cargo vessels, one lt cruiser and one destroyer were stationary in the harbour. 1345 hrs. 23 Jan. An Allied recce A/C intercepted by nine Fs, destroyed two.

LAE. 1200 hrs 24 Jan. The TERRACE & SE end of the runway were bombed.

SALAMAUA. 1240 hrs 24 Jan. The Isthmus was bombed. The same A/C then strafed A/A posns at SALAMAUA and DUVIRA CREEK.

SANANANDA Area - Enemy casualties in this area to 24 Jan number 2,537 killed (possibly 415 killed between SIWORI and GIRUWA to be added to this total) with 120 Japs and several hundred RABAUL andother native PsW. Mopping up continues. Enemy barges further up the coast are being engaged by allied patrol craft.

MORESBY. 24 and 25 Jan. Several raid warnings were sounded but NO details have been advised.

DUTCH NEW GUINEA. 1200 hrs 24 Jan. One small S/P tender or converted A/C carrier was at MANOKWARI. 2240hrs. One merchant vessel of 3,000 tons and four small vessels were sighted at BABO.

(iv) BISMARCK ARCHIPELAGO

NEW BRITAIN, 1425 hrs 23 Jan. The aerodrome at CAPE GLOUCESTER was bombed.

GASMATA 1130 hrs 24 Jan. Our A/C bombed the runway.

WILLAUMEZ PENINSULA. 1230 hrs 24 Jan. A submarine was sighted in KIMBE BAY.

RABAUL. 0440 hrs. 24 Jan. LAKUNKI and VUNAKANAU aerodromeswere attacked. Fires were started at both targets.

(v) SOLOMONS Area - Sightings Summary.

BUKA. 23 Jan 1140 hrs. Two destroyers, two tpts 54 mls WSW, course SE. One 5,000 ton tpt, one small cargo vessel, one destroyer BUKA Area.

BOUGAINVILLE. 23 Jan 1210 hrs. One lt cruiser, one destroyer 37 mls West KESSA, course SE by E. 24 Jan 0006 hrs. Two destroyers 34 mls SW CAPE MOLTKE, course South. 0037 hrs. One destroyer, one tpt 42 mls. WSW MUTUPINA PT.

BUIN-FAISI 23/24 Jan. Three destroyers, three cargo vessels, seventeen u/i vessels; also 24 Jan 1540 hrs. One destroyer, one tpt 27 mls ESE FAISI I, course E.

SHORTLAND I. 0138 hrs. 24 Jan. An enemy vessel was attacked 130 mls West by South of the Island.

VELLA LAVELLA. 24 Jan 1514 hrs. One tanker 10 mls E. course S.

NEW GEORGIA. 23/24 Jan. One destroyer, three other vessels leaving BLACKETT STR.

GUADALCANAL Area -

24 Jan. Three submarines.

(vi) NE AUSTRALIA -

QUEENSLAND. 24 Jan 1440 hrs. One submarine sighted 70 mls SSE OSPREY REEF.

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(c) Unless otherwise stated, all times are Eastern Aust Daylight Savings Time.

PART 1

OPERATIONS:

(i) NW AUSTRALIA

GERALDTON 26 Jan. A submarine was sighted 420 miles WNW of GERALDTON.

(ii) N.E.I. Area

CELEBES 25 Jan. A destroyer and three tpts (One 15,000 tons and two 10/12000 tons) were seen 115 miles NE of KENDARI on a course NE. At 1215 hrs this convoy was attacked by Allied aircraft, but NO results were reported.

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AMBON. Allied/aircraft have observed sustained shipping activity in this area, during the past week, indicating further Jap interest and possible reinforcement or increased supplies for constructional work.

KAI IS. 26 Jan. Buildings and jetties were bombed and strafed, but results were NOT observed.

AROE IS. 27 Jan. Three luggers at DOBO were bombed and strafed. A direct hit was made.
28 Jan. Enemy float planes at DOBO were strafed and one was destroyed.

TIMOR. 28 Jan. A native hut was destroyed and a possible look-out tower strafed at FUILORO. 31 Jan. Our aircraft strafed PENFOIE aerodrome burning three bombers and damaging others. Twenty M/T were also strafed.

(iii) NEW GUINEA Area -

WEWAK. The enemy has apparently landed further troops and supplies in this area as three destroyers and two transports were sighted leaving the harbour on 21 Jan. On 23 Jan a destroyer and three transports were seen in the vicinity. Again on 31 Jan two cargo vessels of 8/10000 tons and a gunboat or destroyer were observed ten miles NW of WEWAK.

WAU. 30 Jan. The enemy attacked in strength and penetrated to within 400 yards of the drome. The attack was repulsed and after losing 250 killed, the Japs, who were led by a Lt-Col were driven back to the CRYSTAL CREEK area. Our casualties were light.
Night 30 Jan. Our troops re-occupied BALLANS (eight and a half miles East of WAU). Artillery and direct air support were most effective and enemy casualties were estimated as a further 50 killed. A company of Japs were withdrawing NW along the BULOLO VALLEY.
31 Jan. Our patrols located enemy concentrations East of WAU. It was estimated that 800 enemy troops were in the area.

WARIA RIVER. 25 Jan. Enemy troops from at least four barges were landed at KOBO South of the River mouth.

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WARIA RIVER. (Contd.) 26 Jan. Our aircraft attacked and left four barges unsalvaged. 30 Jan. It was reliably reported that 200 Japs were on the North side of the River around RAKA and DONOR CREEK. 1 Feb. 2000 enemy troops were reported to be still located South of the River mouth and reinforcements were arriving in barges by night.

DUTCH NEW GUINEA.

KAUKENAU. 28 Jan. Allied recce aircraft observed a strip being cleared at NIME (eight miles East by South of KAUKENAU)

(iv) BISMARCK ARCHIPELAGO

NEW BRITAIN - RABAUL Area On 24 Jan in KERAVIA BAY six transports were seen. In SIMPSON HARBOUR thirty six large vessels were dispersed and many small vessels were observed at the Northern end. At 1105 hrs six merchant vessels (totalling 17000 tons) and a tanker were seen off KOKOPO.

(v) SOLOMONS Area -

Recent sightings showed a considerable buildup of Jap naval strength in this area. On 28 Jan three cruisers, six destroyers, twenty supply and transport ships were observed in the BUIN FAISI area.
On 2 Feb two heavy cruisers, one light cruiser, seven destroyers and thirteen cargo vessels were seen in the area and at 1019 hrs sixteen destroyers were observed approaching FAISI from the SE.

G E N E R A L:

CAROLINE IS. 27 Jan. Five cargo vessels and a tanker escorted by one or more destroyers were seen 410 miles ESE of LA PALAU, course SE by South. (Landops Revsits 179-187).
N O T E: Allied aircraft have carried out raids on the LAE-SALAMAUA area and the WARIA and KUMUSI RIVERS, details of which have NOT been included in this summary. Similarly, in the NEW BRITAIN area raids have been made almost daily ranging from CAPE GLOUCESTER to RABAUL and CAPE ORFORD. Shipping and shore installations have been damaged and barges with troops on board have been sunk.

P A R T 2

E N E M Y:

(i) ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE - AIR

Estimate of enemy land based aircraft strength:- New Britain, New Ireland, New Guinea, Solomons, Timor, Ambon, Celebes and Aroe Island Areas - 26 Jan 1943.

Areas	F	B	F/B	F/P	Trans & Obsn A/C	Total
+ New Britain	112	71	12	9	8	212
+ New Ireland	26	26		4		56
New Guinea	13					13
Solomons	26	17	10	28	4	85
Timor	19	15		3	4	41
Ambon	12	9		6		27
Aroe Island				6		6
Celebes	45	36		12	12	105
	253	174	22	68	28	545

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+ Reinforcements proceeding; strength previously shown as consolidated is now divided showing New Britain and New Ireland as separate areas. (Allied Air Forces Int Sum 73.)

N o t e:-

For purposes of comparison, totals at 15 Jan 43 were as shown:-

F	B	F/B	F/P	Trans & Obsn A/C	Total
111	131	24	64	22	352

(v) Complete list of Japanese Aircraft.

The following is the latest complete list of all Japanese aircraft known to this Headquarters, together with proper code name. Previous lists should be destroyed. Similar new lists for Intelligence Information Memorandum No.12 are being printed for distribution.

The code-name is in no sense a complete replacement of the proper name. Instead, it is an excellent brief, but positive, reference to one particular type of Japanese aircraft, whether made by one or more manufacturers and whether used by either or both the Army or Navy.

While not alone the complete proper name, it definitely is an essential part of the name in this standardised system. Thus, the complete name of the most familiar Japanese fighter is "Type 0 Mk 1, SSF ZEKE."

JAP AIRCRAFT

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FIGHTERS

Complete Name	Code Name
Type 97 SSF	NATE
Type 0 Mk 1 SSF	ZEKE
Type 0 Mk 1 SSF F/P	RUFE
Type 0 Mk 2 SSF	HAP
Type 1 SSF	OSCAR
Type FW 190 SSF	FRED
Type ME 109 SSF	MIKE

OBSERVATION & RECCE

Complete Name	Code Name
Type 95 RF/P	DAVE
Type 96 RF/P (Small for submarine)	SLIM
Type 0 OF/P	PETE
Type 0 RF/P (Small for submarine)	GLEN
Type 0 RF/P	JAKE

TORPEDO & DIVE BOMBERS

Type 97 T/B	KATE
Type 99 D/B	VAL
Type 99 DB F/P	JUNE

LIGHT BOMBERS

Type 100 L/B	DINAH

MEDIUM BOMBERS

Type 96 M/B	NELL
Type 97 M/B	SALLY
Type 99 M/B	LILY
Type 1 M/B	BETTY
Type M/B (Short nose)	DORIS

FLYING BOATS

Type 97 4E F/B	MAVIS
Type 2 4E F/B	EMILY

TRANSPORTS

Type 96 Transports	TINA
Type 97 F/B Transport	TILLIE
Type D-2 Transport	TESS
Type 1 Transport	TOBY
Lockheed 14	THELMA
Type MC 20 Transport	TOPSY
Focke-Wulf Kurier	TRUDY

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JAPANESE AIRCRAFT - NON-OPERATIONAL IN S.W.P.A.

FIGHTERS

Complete Name	Code Name
Type 96 SSF	CLAUDE
Type 97 SSF	ABDUL
Type 97 SSF	SANDY
Type 97 2S FR/P	ADAM
Type 98 SSF	PERRY
Type 98 2SF	DICK
Type 0 2E SSF	HARRY
Type 1 SSF	RAY
Type 1 SSF	JIM
Type SSF	BEN
Type AT 27 SSF	GUS
Type Suzukaze 20 SSF	OMAR
Type TK 4 2E SSF	FRANK
Type TK 19 SSF	JOE
Type HE 110 2E 2SF	DOC
Type HE 112 SSF	JERRY
Type 45 2E 2SF	NICK

OBSERVATION & RECCE

Complete Name	Code Name
Type 94 RF/P	ALF
Type 97 RF/P	BOB
Type 98 RF/P	HANK

TORPEDO & DIVE BOMBERS

Type 96 D/B	SUSIE
Type 96 T/B	JEAN
Type 97 T/B	MABEL
Type 1 D/B	DOT
Type JU 87 D/B	IRENE

LIGHT BOMBERS

Type 97 L/B	BABS
Type 97 L/B	NORMA
Type 98 L/B	MARY
Type 98 L/B	SONIA
Type 98 L/B	MILLIE
Type 98 L/B	IDA
Type 1 L/B	JOYCE

MEDIUM BOMBERS

Type 96 M/B	EVE
Type 97 M/B	JULIA
Type 98 M/B	LOUISE
Type 98 M/B	BESS
Type DR 20 M/B	RUTH
Type JU 88 M/B	JANICE
Type BF/F	IONE
Type 0 M/B	GWEN

FLYING BOATS

Type 96 3EF/B	BELLE
Type 98 1EF/B	LAURA
Type 99 2EF/B	CHERRY

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WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Unit General Staff, 2 Aust Corps *Date and Time.—From* 1 Feb 43 *To* 28 Feb 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Barrine	29 Jan		Location Statement ADV HQ 2 Aust Corps as at 2400 hrs 28 Jan 43	Appendix 85
	5 Feb		2 Aust Corps Routine Orders Part 1. Serial 6 Nos 26-31	" 86
	8 "		Movement of 2 Aust Corps HQ from MT. Mee to Atherton Tablelands	
			Site (Reference 008054 Innisfail Strat) Completed	
	8 "		SD Instruction No. 35 - Communications	" 87
	9 "		2 Aust Corps Memo G.2458 Subject Lighting HQ 2 Aust Corps	" 88
	9 "		Interim location statement 2 Aust Corps as at 2400 hrs 8 Feb 43	" 89
	6/9 "		2 Aust Corps Intelligence Report No. 2	" 90
	13 "		2 Aust Corps Memo G2295-Subject Training of Personnel HQ 2 A.Corps	" 91
	13 "		2 Aust Corps Memo G2288 Subject-Defence Plans General Area HQ 2 Aust Corps	" 92
	15 "		SD Instruction No. 36 Duty Officer & Clerks. Ref S.O.for War	" 93
	15 "		2 Aust Corps Memo G2303 Subject HQ 2 Aust Corps S.O.for War Amdts	" 94
	15 "		SD Instruction No 37 - Armbands	" 95
	7/15 "		2 Aust Corps Intelligence Summary No. 3	" 96

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	16 Feb		2 Aust Corps Memo G.2313 - Subject Duty Officers	Appendix 97
	17 "		Location Statement 2 Aust Corps as at 2400 hrs 15 Feb 1943	" 98
	16/19		2 Aust Corps Intelligence Report No. 4	" 99
	22 "		2 Aust Corps Memo G.2326 - Subject Training Amn Pyrotechnics	" 100
	24 "		explosives etc Release of entitlements for year ending 30 June 43 2 Aust Corps Memo G.2368 - Defence Plan HQ 2 Aust Corps	" 1 " 101
	20/25"		2 Aust Corps Intelligence Report No. 5	" 102
	28 "		2 Aust Corps Memo G.2388 - Distribution List	" 103
	1 Mar		2 Aust Corps Intelligence Report No. 6	" 104
	1 "		Location Statement 2 Aust Corps-as at 2400 hrs-28 Feb 43	" 105
			GENERAL.	
			Plans have been prepared for the training of 7 Aust Div in combined operations at Port Stephens but these have not yet been finalised.	
			Training areas for three divs were selected and action is being taken to have these proclaimed.	
			Celine Kenman Capt	CSO 3(O) 2 AUST CORPS.

13 MAR 43.

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MOST SECRET.

Adv HQ 2 Aust Corps,
29 Jan 43.

Copy No...28.....
G 2552.

LOCATION STATEMENT ADV HQ 2 AUST CORPS AS AT 2400 HRS 28 JAN 43.

	Copy No.		Copy No
Rear HQ 7 Aust Div	1 - 2	Sigmaster	16
HQ Coy 9 Aust Fd Amb	3	Adv Ech LHQ Q'land	17
Depot Cash Office	4	First Aust Army (AIF)	18
DA&QMG	5	Torresforce	19
Int	6	Yorkforce	20
CE	7	17 (Q'lms) L of C Sub-Area	21
RAE 2 Aust Corps	8	Movts Cairns	22
CSO	9	Movts Townsville	23
A	10	Rear HQ 2 Aust Corps	24
Q	11	File	25-26
S&T	12	War Diary	27-28 ✓
Ord	13		
Pro	14		
Posts	15		

1. Herewith Adv 2 Aust Corps Location Statement as at 2400 hours 28 Jan 43.

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

3. Acknowledge.

BGS,
GS 2 Aust Corps.

LOCATION STATEMENT
ADV 2 AUST CORPS AS AT 2400 HOURS 28 JAN 43.

MOST SECRET.

Serial	Unit	Veh No.	Location	Map Ref & Remarks.
	Corps Troops			
	Adv HQ 2 Aust Corps.			
A1	Adv Party HQ 2 Aust Corps	107	BARRINE	GORDONVALE SHEET one inch 556344
A2	Adv Party Corps Sigs 2 Aust Corps.	115	BARRINE	GORDONVALE SHEET one inch 557338
A3	11 Aust Line Sec Sigs First Aust Army		RAVENSHOE	As for serial A8.
A4	HQ RAE 2 Aust Corps	101	YUNGABURRA	Det for duty unde
A5	19 Aust A Fd Coy	141	RAVENSHOE	adv Ech LHQ for
A6	15 Aust Fd Coy (3 Aust Div)	86	ROCKY CREEK	ops & works remai
A7	60 Aust Corps Fd Pk Coy & 315 LAD	105	ATHERTON	ing under comd 2 Aust Corps for ad
A8	132 Aust Gen Tpt Coy HQ Wkshop Pl and one tpt pl.	103	INNISFAIL	Under comd 2 Aust Corps ex Adv Ech LHQ as from 1800 hours 27 Jan 43.
	A Pl		RAVENSHOE	
	+ C Pl		ATHERTON	
A9	HQ Coy 9 Aust Fd Amb plus one coy		RAVENSHOE	
A10 (·)	2/45 Aust LAD		RAVENSHOE	
A11 (·)	2/56 Aust LAD		ATHERTON	
A12	Det First Aust Army Pro Coy		YUNGABURRA	
A13	Depot Cash Office		ATHERTON	
A14	Mobile Cinema No 11		RAVENSHOE	
A15	Norforce Concert Party.		RAVENSHOE	

+ Adv Ech LHQ (Queensland) has first call on half this Pl.

(·) Continuing with general work as part of general Tableland repair system.

7 AUST DIV.

(Under Comd 2 Aust Corps as from 1800 hours 27 Jan 43 for local adm)
All at RAVENSHOE.

Serial	Unit	CAMP
B1	Rear HQ 7 Aust Div	C
B2	Adv HQ 6 Aust Div	
B3	HQ Sigs 7 Aust Div	
B4	7 Aust Div Pro Coy	
B5	7 Aust Div Postal Unit	
B6	7 Aust Div Fd Cash Office.	
B7	7 Aust Div Concert Party.	
B8	C Coy HQ Gd Bn	
B9	HQ 16 Aust Inf Bde & J Sec Sigs	A
B10	2/1 Aust Inf Bn	
B11	2/2 Aust Inf Bn	
B12	2/3 Aust Inf Bn	
B13	2/6 Aust Fd Amb	
B14	HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde & K Sec Sigs	F
B15	2/14 Aust Inf Bn	
B16	2/16 Aust Inf Bn	
B17	2/27 Aust Inf Bn	
B18	2/4 Aust Fd Amb	
B19	Bty 2/4 Aust Fd Regt.	
B20	HQ 25 Aust Inf Bde & L Sec Sigs	B
B21	2/31 Aust Inf Bn	
B22	2/25 Aust Inf Bn	
B23	2/33 Aust Inf Bn	
B24	3 Aust Inf Bn	

Appendix 8'6

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SERIAL No. 6.

Nos. 26 — 31.

Australian Military Forces

2 AUST CORPS ROUTINE ORDERS, PART 1

By

Maj-Gen. S. G. SAVIGE, Administering Command, 2 Aust Corps

HQ 2 Aust Corps
5 Feb. 43.

GENERAL STAFF

26. ADDRESSING OF DRLS MATTER.

All letters, packets, etc., for despatch by DRLS will have one address only legible on the envelope: where envelopes have been used before, all previous addresses or stickers will be erased, removed, or cleanly struck out.

27. MAINTENANCE OF M.T.

GRO G.70 of 22 Jan 43 is repeated hereunder:—

"1. Driver's routine maintenance of all mechanical vehicles, except tanks, will be carried out by the Group System as set out in Mechanical Vehicle Training Pamphlet No. 1.

"2. The special fighting and protective equipment of wheeled armoured fighting vehicles will be maintained in the manner prescribed by the relevant Australian Army instruction book or by instructions issued by LHQ from time to time.

"3. The daily task system of routine maintenance will not be used in Australia. All publications and leaflets issued to unit personnel or carried in vehicles which relate to the daily task system will be withdrawn from use forthwith.

"4. Mechanical Vehicle Training Pamphlet No. 1 will be carried in all wheeled vehicles, carriers (Aust.) and with all motor cycles, and will be accounted for on handing over or taking over vehicles as if included in the Vehicle Outfit List."

R. W. TOVELL
Brig.
for BGS, 2 Aust Corps.

ADMINISTRATION

28. SERVICE CHEVRONS—WEARING OF.
(Land forces signal A7918 of 28 Jan 43).

1. Service chevrons may be worn by—
   (a) Officers on jackets SD, officers khaki cloth, or khaki drill.
   (b) Other ranks on jackets SD and jackets khaki drill.
2. They will not be worn on great coats or any other clothing.

29. EVACUATION OF PERSONNEL—MESSING GEAR.

Attention is drawn to GRO 0130 of 1942.

1. At least 50 per cent. of personnel evacuated to medical units have arrived without messing gear.

2. This will cease immediately and the provisions of the above GRO will be observed.

30. GOVERNMENT OWNED FROZEN MEAT—USE OF (QCR231/1/1069)

First Aust Army Order Q13 of 19 Jan 43 is repeated hereunder:—

It has been decided that Government owned frozen beef is to be used for issue wherever practicable in Queensland.

COs of Units will ensure that such frozen beef when received is properly handled and used.

Frozen beef has certain characteristics, particularly in appearance and odour during the process of thawing out, which may give the impression that the meat has deteriorated and may lead to unjustified condemnation. These characteristics are set out below in order that personnel not experienced in the handling of frozen meat may know what to expect. COs will instruct all personnel concerned accordingly.

(a) FROZEN MEAT:

Meat is subject to low temperature 0—15 degrees F; rendered hard. During freezing, moisture in muscles turns to ice and ruptures muscle tissues. When thawed this moisture escapes as drip. During the process of thawing, a bluish sheen may be noticed; the surface to touch is rather sticky or sweaty, and is accompanied with a slightly unpleasant odour, which disappears on exposure to the atmosphere. The outer sweating surface of the beef should be washed with a solution of salt (1 oz. to 1 gallon) and tepid water, and wiped down.

(b) THAWING OF FROZEN MEAT:

Meat must be brought back to ordinary temperature slowly. If done in chillers it should take three days. If done in the open, put extra wraps round meat, otherwise moisture in air causes **weeping.** During thawing the meat drips.

In the field, frozen meat leaves the Base cool stores and reaches units in a semi-thawed condition. Units finish the process and should cook the meat as soon as it is thawed.

As drip occurs only from cut surfaces, frozen beef should be thawed in quarter and not small pieces.

Frozen meat, once thawed, should never be frozen again in any circumstances. There is no objection, however, to partially thawed frozen meat being kept in cold storage at temperatures from 35 deg F to say 42 deg F.

It is not possible to lay down any definite time frozen meat will take to thaw out under atmospheric conditions; this depends entirely on local conditions, temperature, humidity, etc., and may vary from 12 to 48 hours.

When the meat is thawed the quarter appears dirty and untidy. The meat on cutting is a dull red colour, and may be very soft. It will "pit" if pressed with the finger.

Frozen meat is as liable to be struck by flies and "blown" as fresh, possibly more so as it has to be hung a longer period. Every precaution must therefore be taken to protect all meat against contamination by flies and dust.

Under no circumstances will wraps be removed while meat is being thawed in the open; on the contrary additional wraps to slow down the process of thawing and for protection against flies are most desirable.

31. CARE AND PRESERVATION—ACCOMMODATION STORES.

Attention is drawn to recent instances of neglect in the care of accommodation stores against loss and damage.

It will be the responsibility of the officer, NCO or OR using accommodation stores to prevent loss or damage and to exercise care that undue deterioration does not occur as the result of climatic conditions.

Special care will be taken as regards all tentage, which is in short supply.

Walls of tents, marquee GS, when not in use, and valises are to be folded dry and placed on dunnage under cover of their respective tents.

After rain, full advantage must be taken of the first fine weather to dry all accommodation stores in use, which may be subject to deterioration as the result of damp or wet.

Under no circumstances must tents be struck whilst wet.

R. W. TOVELL, Brig.

DA & QMG, 2 Aust Corps.

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2 Aust Corps,
6 Feb 43

G 2277.

SD Instruction No 35.

Communications

1. The attention of all Officers is directed to the fact that the communications in the 2 Aust Corps area are at present time very restricted.

2. In view of this special care is to be paid to message writing. All messages will be as short and concise as possible consistent with clarity and efficiency, and will be drafted in accordance with the instruction set out in FSPB, para 2, appx II, V.

3. Full use is to be made of existing DRLS and all correspondence that is not urgent will be cleared by Army Posts.

4. In the past there has been some misuse of priorities in messages and telephone calls. Attention is directed to HQ 2 Aust Corps Standing Orders for War in which is laid down the officers who may frank messages with varying degrees of priority. This matter is particularly covered in SD Instruction No 31, to which attention is again directed. These instructions will not be departed from under any circumstances.

5. CSO has been instructed to refer any breaches of this instruction to the General Staff.

BGS,
2 Aust Corps.

Distribution:

List F, plus Reception Office,
less serial 1.

Appendix 88

2 Aust Corps
9 Mar 43

G.2458.

Subject: Lighting - HQ 2 Aust Corps.

Distribution:-

List F.

1. G2448 is amended as follows:-

2. Paragraph (2) delete 0730 hrs to 0915 hrs
1030 hrs to 1245 hrs

substitute 0730 hrs to 1030 hrs
1230 hrs to 1245 hrs

3. Paragraph (3) delete 1030 hrs to 1245 hrs

substitute 0800 hrs to 1030 hrs

BGS,
2 Aust Corps.

Append 89

MOST SECRET

HQ 2 Aust Corps,
Feb 43.

Copy No.....

INTERIM LOCATION STATEMENT 2 AUST CORPS

AS AT 2400 HOURS 8 FEB 43.

	COPY NO		COPY NO
Rear HQ 7 Aust Div	1-2	DDOS	17
HQ Coy 9 Aust Fd Amb	3	ADME	18
2 Aust Corps Cipher Sec	4	PRO	19
Depot Cash Office	5	DAD POSTS	20
GOC	6	SIGMASTER	21
Intell	7	ADV ECH LHQ (Q'land)	22
CCRA	8	First Aust Army (AIF)	23-24
CE	9	Torresforce	25
RAE 2 Aust Corps	10	Yorkforce	26
CSO	11	17 (Cairns) L of C Sub-Area	27
DA&QMG	12	Movts Cairns	28
A	13	Movts Townsville	29
Q	14	File	30-31
DDMS	15	War Diary	32-33
DDST	16		

1. Herewith 2 Aust Corps Location Statement as at 2400 hours 8 Feb 43.

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

3. Acknowledge.

Colin Hannah Capt
for BGS,
2 Aust Corps.

MOST SECRET

INTERIM LOCATION STATEMENT 2 AUST CORPS

As at 2400 hours 8 FEB 1943.

Serial No	Unit	Veh No	Location	Remarks
	HQ			
A1	HQ 2 Aust Corps	107	BARRINE	
A2	2 Aust Corps Sec Int Corps	107	BARRINE	
A3	H Sec FSS	107	BARRINE	
A4	2 Aust Corps Def & Emp Pl		BARRINE	
	RAA			
A5	HQ RAA 2 Aust Corps	109	BARRINE	
A6	2 ~~Aust Corps~~ Mobile Met Flight		BARRINE	
	RAE			
A7	HQ RAE 2 Aust Corps →	101	YUNGABURRA	→ Det for duty under adv ech LHQ for Ops & works. Remaining under comd 2 Aust Corps for Adm.
A8	19 Aust A Fd Coy →	141	RAVENSHOE	
A9	15 Aust Fd Coy (3 Aust Div) →	86	ROCKY CREEK	
A10	60 Aust Corps Fd Pk Coy → 315 Aust LAD AEME	105	ATHERTON	
A11	2 Aust Corps Camflg Trg Unit	118	YUNGABURRA	
	SIGS.			
A12	Sigs 2 Aust Corps	115	BARRINE	
A13	2 Aust Corps Cipher Sec		BARRINE	
A14	11 Aust Line Sec Sigs First Aust Army		RAVENSHOE	
	AASC			
A15	HQ 2 Aust Corps Tpt Col	116	MALANDA	
A16	131 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	121	MILLAA MILLAA	
A17	132 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	103	. . .	
A18	HQ, Wksh, Pl & B Tpt Pl		INNISFAIL	
A19	A Pl		RAVENSHOE	
A20	C Pl X		ATHERTON	
A21	Det 5 Aust DID		MAREEBA	Under comd for adm.
	AAMC			
A22	HQ Coy 9 Aust Fd Amb		RAVENSHOE	
A23	A Coy 9 Aust Fd Amb		ATHERTON	
A24	HQ 2/1 Aust Dental Unit		CAIRNS	
A25	B Sec " " "		COOKTOWN	
A26	C Sec " " "		REDLYNCH	
A27	F Sec " " "		YATTEE	
A28	HQ 79 Aust Dental Unit		DICK CREEK	
A29	Det HQ 79 Aust Dental Unit		DICK CREEK	
A30	A Sec " " "		MUNTALUNGA	
A31	B Sec " " "		BLACK RIVER	
A32	C Sec " " "		BROOK HILL	
A33	D Sec " " "		TOWNSVILLE	
A34	E Sec " " "		COONOONBA	
A35	F Sec " " "		AITKENVALE	

Serial No.	Unit	Veh No	Location	Remarks
	AAOC			
A36	16 Bde Sec 6 Aust Div Ord Fd Pk			
A37	Recce Party		ATHERTON	
A38	Main Party		WARRADALE SA	Moving to 2 Corps Area
	AEME			
A39	2/2 Aust Inf Tps Wkshop		ATHERTON	
A40	16 Bde Sec 6 Aust Div Wkshop		WARRADALE SA	
A41	2/45 Aust LAD	X	RAVENSHOE	
A42	2/56 Aust LAD	X	ATHERTON	
	PRO			
A43	Det First Aust Army Pro Coy		YUNGABURRA & ATHERTON	
A44	Two Secs 2 Aust Corps Pro Coy		BARRINE	
	POSTAL			
A45	One FPO Sec 2 Aust Corps Postal Unit		BARRINE	
	PAY			
A46	Depot Cash Office		ATHERTON	
	MISC			
A47	Mobile Cinema No 11		RAVENSHOE	
A48	Norforce Concert Party		RAVENSHOE	

X – Adv Sch LHQ (Queensland) has first call on half this pl.

X – Continuing with general work as part of general Tableland repair system.

DETAILS 7 AUST DIV

ALL AT RAVENSHOE AREA.

Serial No.	Unit	Camp
B1	HQ 16 Aust Inf Bde	A (Bde HQ)
B2	"J" Sec Sigs 7 Aust Div	
B3	2/2 Aust Inf Bn	A
B4	2/3 Aust Inf Bn	
B5	2/1 Aust Inf Bn	B
B6	2/5 Coy AASC 7 Aust Div	
B7	2/6 " " " "	
B8	Rear HQ 7 Aust Div	C
B9	HQ RAE 7 Aust Div	
B10	Sigs 7 Aust Div	
B11	2/7 Aust Div Pro Coy	
B12	7 Aust Div Salvage Unit	
B13	7 Aust Div Reception Camp	
B14	HQ Comd AASC 7 Aust Div	
B15	HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde	B (Bde HQ)
B16	"K" Sec Sigs 7 Aust Div	
B17	2/14 Aust Inf Bn	E
B18	2/16 Aust Inf Bn	
B19	2/27 Aust Inf Bn	F
B20	2/4 Aust Fd Amb	
B21	X Bty 2/4 Aust Fd Regt.	
B22	HQ 25 Aust Inf Bde	C (Bde HQ)
B23	"L" Sec Sigs 7 Aust Div	
B24	2/33 Aust Inf Bn	G
B25	2/31 Aust Inf Bn	H
B26	2/25 Aust Inf Bn	J
B27	3 Aust Inf Bn	K
B28	9 Aust Fd Amb	Fd Amb Lines
B29	2/6 Aust Fd Amb	
B30	2/2 Aust Fd Hyg. Sec	

Appendix 90

SECRET

Copy No. 41

HQ 2 AUST CORPS
INTELLIGENCE REPORT No. 2

Compiled from Information received 6 to 9 Feb 43

Notes A B & C. See Report No.1

PART 1 : OPERATIONS

(i) NW AUSTRALIA

DARWIN: 6 Feb. An enemy light bomber was intercepted and destroyed.

(ii) N.E.I. Area -

AMBON: Photo reconnaissance on 5 Feb disclosed nine merchant vessels from 1,000 to 10,000 tons, totalling 34,000 tons and one submarine chaser.

(iii) NEW GUINEA Area -

LAE. The aerodrome has been regularly bombed with satisfactory results.

WAU. Night 3/4 Feb and during the early morning of 4 Feb, the enemy made several determined efforts to break through our forward positions 2,800 yards SE of WAU. These attacks were repulsed.
4 Feb. Allied tps captured a ridge SE of LEAHYS FARM, 3,500 yards SE of WAU. Seventy enemy are known to have been killed in this area from 3 to 5 Feb.
6 Feb. Our forces were disposed along M.T. roads from WAU to a river junc 3¼ miles ESE of WAU and from WAU to the BULOLO RIVER with a force operating in an area 1¾ miles East by North of WAU. Opposition was being met at the river junc and an enemy pocket was located 2 miles SE of WAU

HOROBE Area 5 Feb. It was reported that the enemy had occupied the DINA landing strip.

WARIA RIVER. Latest reports indicate 100 to 150 fresh troops in this area. This corrects the figure of 2,000 troops reported in Intelligence Report No.1.

KUMUSI. Our patrols have been active. On 3 Feb, Allied tps attacked the enemy at BAKUM BARI CREEK and advanced 500 yards North of the Creek.

BUNA, GONA, KOKODA, IORIBAWA. Enemy casualties are now indicated at 6,350 killed and 342 P's W during the entire operations in these areas.

ADMIRALTY IS. 4 Feb. Two enemy boats of thirty and forty five feet were strafed. The larger was damaged, and the smaller sunk.

DUTCH NEW GUINEA

KAUKENAU. Following the sighting of a possible landing strip East of KAUKENAU on 28 Jan, our aircraft have bombed TIMIKA, eight miles SE of KAUKENAU on 2 Feb and again on 8 Feb.

(iv) BISMARCK ARCHIPELAGO

NEW BRITAIN. 4 Feb. A 1,000 ton vessel was bombed off ARAWE. A direct hit was made and seven bombs fell within ten feet of the ship which was left listing. The runways at CAPE GLOUCESTER and GASMATA have been repeatedly bombed.

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(iv) BISMARCK ARCHIPELAGO (Contd.)

At TALASEA a 1,000 ton cargo vessel was bombed and sunk on 5 Feb.

RABAUL. Our aircraft have daily bombed the harbour, and considerable damage has been done to shipping, dromes and fuel dumps.

NEW IRELAND. On 4 Feb, two aircraft carriers, four battleships, six heavy cruisers, twelve destroyers and four transports were seen 520 miles NE of KAVIENG on a course SE. 7 Feb. Three destroyers and four transports were seen forty five miles SE of CAPE ST GEORGE on a course NW by North.

(v) SOLOMONS Area -

BUKA. 6 Feb. The aerodrome was attacked, but results were unobserved.

BUIN FAISI 4 Feb. Twenty destroyers departed from the area on a course ESE. They were later sighted twenty five miles NW of LANGSDALE POINT, NEW GEORGIA, on a course NOT stated. One, and probably two, were burning.
5 Feb. A possible battleship and eleven cargo vessels were in the area. The same day seventeen destroyers were seen entering SHORTLAND HARBOUR. 7 Feb. Fifteen destroyers were reported to have left the area on a course SSE at 1200 hrs. At 1835 hrs, nineteen destroyers were seen twenty miles South of RENDOVA IS, but their course was NOT stated.

Comment: These sightings indicate a heavy concentration of destroyers and their movements suggest that use is being made of destroyers by the enemy for reinforcement and movement of supplies as was done on a lesser scale during the recent fighting at BUNA, GONA, SANANANDA (NEW GUINEA).

KAHILI. Drome was bombed on 4 and 6 Feb. On 4 Feb, fires were started.

GUADALCANAL 8 Feb. Three or four u/i vessels were seen ten miles NW of CAPE ESPERANCE on a course NOT stated. (Landops Revsits 188-191)

PART 3 : TOPOGRAPHY

(i) Corps Area -

Rd CAIRNS-GORDONVALE ref GORDONVALE 1" 705778. BLACKFELLOW CREEK will rise 3' above br after heavy rain. MOREE Br ref CAIRNS 1" 707650 floods with 4 inches of local rain; subsides quickly.

Rd GORDONVALE-BABINDA. Mulgrave River Br ref 762482 subject to flooding after heavy rain on the TABLELANDS. Br has been 16' under water and spreads about ¼ mile over banks. Flood waters subside in about 12 hours: this flooding is governed by the tidal influence of the RUSSELL RIVER.

Rd ATHERTON-GORDONVALE (GILLIES HIGHWAY). Flooding will occur at Little Mulgrave Br ref GORDONVALE 1" 682425. Floods subside quickly.

Distribution as per Report No.1.

Capt.
GS 2 Aust Corps.

WD
Appd 91

HQ 2 Aust Corps
13 Feb 43.

G 2295.

Subject: Training of Personnel HQ 2 Aust Corps.

Distribution.
List F - less serial 1.

General

1. All other ranks of HQ 2 Aust Corps with the exception of Q and ORD Staffs will undergo a one day period of training each week.

2. The days allotted for training each week will be as under:-

Tuesday 0830 hours,-1700 hrs.
Thursday 0830 hours-1700 hours.

3. Branches, Arms and Services will arrange the working of their offices so that half their personnel attend each training parade, and will forward nominal rolls, showing groups, direct to 'G' Branch, by Feb 14.

4. PARADE GROUND.

(a) BINNEY'S PADDOCK 100[x] east 'B' Offrs mess lines.

PARADE

(b) First parade will be at 0830 hours 16 Feb.

DRESS

(c) Shirts, shorts, Drill Order, felt hat.

R.J. Eonnie Maj
for. BGS,.
2 Aust Corps.

Append 92

G.2288

SECRET.

2 Aust Corps
13 Feb 43

DEFENCE PLAN.

General Area HQ 2 Aust Corps.

Ref Map GORDONVALE 1 inch - 1 mile.

1. OBJECT.

The defence of Corps HQ Area.

2. METHOD.

Areas of responsibility and tasks of sub-units are as follows:-

(a) G Group.

Area Road Junction 554341. Defence of HQ from the South and South-West.

(b) AQ Group.

In reserve: Area Road spur 556343. Tobe prepared to operate in support of RAA and Sigs, 2 Aust Corps.

(c) Camp Group.

Area Ford 551343. Defence of HQ from the West and South West.

(d) Transport.

General Area, transport lines. Defence of HQ from the north and to be prepared to operate in support of G and Camp Groups.

(e) Sigs 2 Aust Corps.

Area Road 560336. Defence of HQ from the East.

(f) Two Secs. 2 Aust Corps Pro Cov.

Area Road 557339. On wheels, to be prepared to gain information of any enemy advance to a radius of 5 miles and on the three main roads into the HQ Area.

(g) RAA 2 Aust Corps.

School Area 561345. Defence of HQ from the NE and in particular denial of any enemy advance along road.

(h) D & E Pl.

Reserve - Area Battle-Room and to be prepared to operate in support of any gps.

(i) General.

Mobility of Sub-Units in defence of such a large area as a Corps HQ is essential. Units must in their own areas be prepared for all-round defence and be ready to move as ordered to any threatened point. Shortest routes to all neighboring units will be recced.

3. TIME OF READINESS.

All detachments will be assembled at concentration point laid down within 5 minutes of sounding the alarm.

4. ALARM SIGNALS.

(a) General Alarm - succession of long and short blasts on whistle

(b) Air - succession of short blasts on siren or whistle.

(c) Gas Spray - series of short blasts on whistle.

(d) All clear - two long blasts on whistle reapeated at 5 seconds interval.

In all cases, Sigs 2 Aust Corps and 2 Aust Corps Pro Coy will be notifed immediately by telephone by G Duty Officer, or individual raising alarm.

5. ACTION ON ALARM.

(a) Gas Attack.

All Ranks will don respirators immediately and continue with normal duties. Decontaminated squad under comd Tech Offr CW will assemble at Q Store.

(b) Air Attack.

All personnel on duty in offices will carry on normally. Other personnel will disperse to A A Posts which will be organised in areas under the direction of GSO3 O and will engage enemy aircraft as requisite.

(c) Ground Attack.

All personnel except those on duty in offices will assemble at concentration points and carry out tasks allotted above.

6. SENTRIES.

Sentries prior to attack. Will be provided by def pl as follows:

(a) Day. One air sentry on high ground vicinity BATTLE ROOM

(b) Night. One sentry patrolling in vicinity Sig and Reception Offices. One sentry patrolling in vicinity BATTLE ROOM and GOC quarters.

7. TRANSPORT.

In the event of general alarm vehs will move to allotted areas in readiness to pick up staff and offices should it become necessary for them to move hurriedly through enemy action. The necessary arrangements for the allotment of tpt to Branches and Services will be made by Q and the detailed plan forwarded to G for approval

8. INTER-COMMUNICATION.

(a) One m/c orderly from each HQ RAA 2 Aust Corps, Sigs 2 Aust Corps and 2 Aust Corps Pro Coy will report to GSO 30 at BATTLE ROOM immediately general alarm is sounded.

(b) All reports to GSO3 O in BATTLE ROOM. Tel ext 36.

9. GENERAL.

Plans prepared by group and unit commanders, co-ordinated with the plans of adjoining groups will be completed in detail and forwarded to GSO 3 O - by 22 Feb, for approval.

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for BGS.
2 Aust Corps.

DISTRIBUTION.

GOC
G
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2 Aust Corps Def & Emp Pl
Sigs 2 Aust Corps
2 Aust Corps Pro Coy

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G.2302 HQ 2 Aust Corps
15 Feb 43

SD INSTRUCTION NO. 36.

DUTY OFFICER AND CLERKS : REF STANDING ORDERS FOR WAR.

Distribution List F less serial 1, plus Reception Office.

1. SD Instruction of 16 Sep 42 para 10 is cancelled, and until further notice the following policy is laid down.

2. Attention is directed to Standing Orders for War, Sec 13, which will apply except as varied by the undermentioned instructions.

3. One Duty Officer and a Duty Clerk or orderly selected from G Q or A Branches including arms and services will be on duty in Battle Room during the following hours :-

1700 hrs - 0830 hrs.
1300 hrs - 1400 hrs.

4. A Duty Clerk will be on duty in each of G Q A and I Registries during the above hours.

5. (a) All duty personnel may sleep between 2230 hrs and 0630 hrs, but Duty Officer will sleep beside telephone.
(b) All duty personnel will be relieved for meals by next for duty.

6.- Duties of Duty Officer shall be as set out in Sec 13, para 7, except that :-

(a) Routine correspondence will be passed by Reception Office to respective registries direct up to 2200 hrs daily. (This amends sec 4, subsection 2). All messages will continue to be sent by Reception Office to Duty Officer during hours set out in para 3.

(b) All messages, telephone calls and visits will be logged.

(c) Four copies of the Log will be prepared and distributed at 0830 hrs as under :-

G
C
A
B/B.

7. There is a certain amount of slackness in carrying out the instructions for the time at which duty officers will commence tour of duty and in the relief of duty officers for meals. The instructions, as set out above, with regard to these matters are to be fully complied with in future.

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BGS.
2 Aust Corps.

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Appendix 94

2 Aust Corps,
15 Feb 43.

G 2303.

HQ 2 Aust Corps Standing Orders
for War.

Amendments.

Chapter II - Office Routine.

Incoming Correspondence.

Delete the contents of sub-section 2 (g) and SUBSTITUTE:-

"When received by Reception Office, MOST SECRET and OFFICER ONLY correspondence will be immediately passed to G and a receipt obtained from that Branch.

MOST SECRET correspondence will be immediately passed to G2(O) or, if he is not available, to G2 (SD) or G3 (O) in that order, who will open it and take the necessary action or arrange to pass it to the appropriate branch for action. Duty Officers receiving MOST SECRET correspondence will also follow this procedure.

OFFICER ONLY correspondence will be opened by G2 (O) or G3 (O) or, when these officers are not on duty, by the G Duty Officer."

for BGS,
2 Aust Corps.

Distribution:

All Officers HQ 2 Aust Corps.
" " HQ RAA 2 Aust Corps.
" " HQ RAE 2 Aust Corps.
" " Sigs 2 Aust Corps.
O/C 2 Aust Corps Def Pl
2 Aust Corps Pro Coy
2 Aust Corps Postal Unit.

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Append. 95

HQ 2 Aust Corps

15 Feb 43.
G.2304

SD INSTRUCTION NO. 37.

Subject: Armbands.

Distribution List F. less serial 1.

1. The attention of all officers is directed to SD Instruction No. 19 of 16 Sep 42, para 24, which is repeated hereunder

"ARM BANDS.

When visiting Formations, Bdes and Units on duty, Staff Officers of HQ 2 Aust Corps will wear Red-White-Red Arm Bands, bearing appropriate distinctions showing the Branch, Arm or Service to which they belong. The wearing of Arm Bands with distinctions will be in accordance with SOs for dress 1935, para 288."

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2 Aust Corps.

appendix 96

S E C R E T

Copy No. 42

HQ 2 AUST CORPS
INTELLIGENCE REPORT No.3

Compiled from information received 7 to 15 FEB 43

Notes A B & C. See Report No.1

PART 1 : OPERATIONS

(ii) N.E.I. Area

AROE IS. Our air attacks on DOBO have been regular and on 8 Feb two heavy raids were made. In the building area numerous hits were scored and several fires started. Photographs indicate that very heavy damage was done.

CELEBES. The Jap air base at KENDARI was heavily bombed on 9 Feb. Installations, buildings and dispersed aircraft on the ground were damaged. Interception was attempted by an unknown number of enemy fighters of which one was shot down. A 9,000 ton transport and a small vessel were in the harbour. Recent air reconnaissance reveals considerable construction work and activity on roads and tracks in this area.

(iii) NEW GUINEA Area

WAU. 7 and 8 Feb. Our forces cleared the enemy from the river junction 3½ miles ESE of WAU. The Japs are withdrawing to HUBO. It is reported that our forces used smoke mortar bombs to indicate targets for aircraft with good results. The Jap force used in this operation was considered to be part of an Independent Infantry Group (somewhat similar in composition to our Brigade Group) which arrived at LAE by Convoy on 8 Jan. A part of this Group (7/800 men) is believed to have been lost when one of the ships was sunk off ARAWE.

WARIA RIVER. 9 Feb. A report stated there were 400 Japs near the river mouth.

KUMUSI RIVER. 9 Feb. A large number of Japs were reported to have moved from KURENADA to the KUMUSI DELTA. Our patrols have contacted and dispersed enemy parties in this area recently.

(iv) BISMARCK ARCHIPELAGO

RABAUL. Regular bombings of shipping and installations have been made. Shipping concentration seems less than it has been, but NO complete sightings have been reported recently.

On 10 Feb a destroyer and four transports (one of 10,000 tons and another of 5,000 tons) were seen fifty miles SSE of CAPE ST GEORGE protected by fighter aircraft on a course NW by West.

In view of the American reports that GUADALCANAL had been evacuated a day or so earlier, it is possible that this convoy may have been carrying troops back to RABAUL.

CAPE GLOUCESTER and GASMATA. Runways have been bombed regularly and two barges carrying troops were sunk near TALASEA.

(v) SOLOMONS Area

BUIN FAISI 10 Feb. Two camouflaged vessels, six cargo vessels and seventeen destroyers were in the area. These ships probably participated in the evacuation from GUADALCANAL and some may have been reinforcing and bringing supplies for forces in the Northern SOLOMONS.

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(v) SOLOMONS (Contd.)

KAHILI. 9 Feb. The aerodrome was attacked. A direct hit was scored on an ammunition dump and fires were seen.

PART 2 : ENEMY

(v) Equipment Attached as Appendix "B" is a photograph of a Jap 37 mm ammunition pannier for type 94 Anti-tank gun. Appendix "B" is NOT attached to copy numbers 24, 26, 27, 29, 30, 32, 33, 35, 37, 39, 40 41, and 42.

(xii) Propaganda : The Japanese withdrawal from GUADALCANAL is explained as the natural consequence of the Jap mission there having been completed. The task was to demolish military establishments. C o m m e n t: There were in fact NO military establishments of any significance on GUADALCANAL before the Jap landing. On the contrary, their first job upon landing was to proceed vigourously with building and construction, notably of the HENDERSON airfield, which was developed not demolished. Since then over 16,000 men lost have been admitted by the Japanese in this area. They must value their dead lightly indeed if the GUADALCANAL task was carried out to plan. A conflicting statement has crept into the comments from "Domei" upon the reverses in the SOLOMONS and PAPUA. This is to the effect that losses have been due NOT to allied aggressiveness so much as to the temporary lack of Jap superiority. In direct contrast to this statement is the claim set out below of alleged allied and Jap naval and air losses in the SOLOMONS. Inclusive of the RENNEL IS engagements of 29 and 30 Jan, the Japs claim 910 allied aircraft were shot down.

Details of Jap claims of Allied shipping sunk or damaged:

	TOTAL	B/SHIP	A/C CAR	CRS	DESTR	SUB	TPT	SDY
Sunk	92	6	4	34	21	9	17	1
Irreparably Damaged	23	1	2	5	7	1	6	1
Heavily damaged	17	3	2	1	8			3
TOTAL	132	10	8	40	36	10	23	5

The Japs conceded that their losses in the same area were one battleship and forty one warships and other vessels sunk. 224 Jap fighter planes "crash dived into their objectives or failed to return", and thirty one planes were damaged.

Japanese propaganda has always insisted that the Greater East Asia Co-Prosperity sphere embraces in its ideals freedom and self-determination for conquered peoples. BURMA and THAILAND have been assured of independence, also, the PHILIPPINES provided they "co-operate in Japanese plans". On 5 Feb Premier TOJO announced: "JAPAN has no territorial ambitions in INDIA", and he gave similar assurances that JAPAN had NO territorial ambitions in either NORTH AFRICA or SOUTH AMERICA. He added that: "The true and real aim and purpose of the present war exists in the self-defence and existence of JAPAN." ("Domei" broadcast.)

P A R T 3

TOPOGRAPHICAL:

(i) Corps Area.

WEATHER IN THE ATHERTON AREA FEB-APRIL

The area around ATHERTON is characterised by a tropical maritime climate in summer i.e. it is fairly warm and moist, with a good rainfall during the summer months. However very little rain falls in winter, only 10" being recorded from May to November. ATHERTON'S summer rainfall Dec-April is 43" with an annual total of 117 wet days, most of which occur during the summer. BARRINE'S rainfall is 57" with 102 wet days. Rainfalls along the coast are much heavier and more frequent and CAIRNS, e.g. has an average rainfall of 89" with 135 wet days annually.

Part of the summer rainfall is due to the South Easterly stream weather prevailing during these months. The warm moist stream from the sea is lifted by the rnages and condensed to give deep cumulus cloud with resultant showery weather. ATHERTON itself is 2500' above sea level and is subject to this type of rainfall most particularly in the months Jan - April. The monthly rainfalls are Feb 11" March9" April 4".

The other main source of rainfall during these months is tropical cyclones which move in from the coral sea in a S.W. direction. An average of one severe cyclone and three minor ones is experienced annually and they are accompanied by very strong winds and torrential rain, causing a great deal of flooding in the coastal strip. In order to minimise the effects of these cyclones all tents should be kept closed completely as possible during strong winds to prevent their being lifted bodily by the strong wind pressure.

In march 1935 CAIRNS received 24" in 24 hours from one of these cyclones and in March 1934 BARRINE received 14" in 24 hours.

Details of ATHERTON'S temperatures and humidity are now given:-

	FEB	MARCH	APRIL
Average Maximum Temp.	82 degrees	80	77
Average Minimum Temp	65	63	60
Relative Humidity	80%	83%	81%

Along the coastal strip all temperatures are 7 to 10 degrees higher and humidity slightly less.

April marks the end of the wet season locally and from May to Nov. the climate of the ATHERTON tablelands is very invigorating-mild days and cool nights with sunshine predominating on about 75% of days.

P A R T 5

UNIT SECURITY AND CENSORSHIP: An analysis of reports from many sources indicates that officers and troops generally do not appear to understand their responsibilities in so far as it concerns security of information.

Soldiers' mail compares very unfavourably with mail from Naval and RAAF personnel. Troop dispositions and movements are freely discussed and security is poor.

The standard of franking by officers is generally low, and in many cases franking displays either negligence or ignorance of the relevant instructions-AFCI on 22, etc. The percentage of letters written by Army personnel and posted in civil boxes which requires treatment by censorship is no higher than the percentage of franked letters which requires similar treatment.

Attention has had to be drawn many times to the number of franked parcels containing captured enemy material; and the privilege of the use of green envelopes is being abused.

To deny information to the enemy the hearty and willing co-operation of all ranks is essential. It is apparent that unit Security Officers Officers should concentrate on educating their units, both officers and men, on security of information and censorship.

(AHQ Int Sum No.40)

SECURITY

The practice among troops of despatching captured enemy war material through the post as souvenirs is growing to an alarming extent.

Parcels recently intercepted by Post and Telegraph Censorship have been found to contain such articles as :-

Japanese Respirators
Japanese Small Arms
Japanese Ammunitions (live)
Parts of Japanese Aircraft
Japanese Grenades (live)
Japanese Telescopic Sights
Japanese Rations
Japanese Waterbottles
Japanese diaries and other documents.

The value of articles of this nature for Intelligence and research purposes is just as obvious as is the criminal folly of sending live ammunition, grenades and the like to civilians through the post.

The number of these parcels and the fact that they are "franked" and impressed with a Unit Censor Stamp makes it quite obvious that officers and other ranks are either unaware of the nature of Unit Censorship instructions or are deliberately disregarding them. If the former alternative be true, steps should be taken to ensure that unit censorship instructions are promulgated in all unit Routine Orders, if the latter, the strictest disciplinary action is clearly indicated. In either event the need of properly educating troops in Security and Censorship is made abundantly clear.

Furthermore, reports received at this Headquarters indicate that what has hitherto been regarded as "Souvenirs", particularly in the case of small arms and ammunition, may in reality be a regular "Traffic" carried on for subversive purposes. These reports make it the more urgent to ensure that the practice is stamped out forthwith. (Adv LHQ Int Sum No.22).

Attached as Appx "A" is a precis of some of the ideas in the Chapter entitled Intelligence Problems of "This expanding War", by LIDDELL HART.

Capt.
GS 2 Aust Corps.

Distribution as per Report No.1.

APPENDIX A

To 2 Aust. Corps Intell.
REPORT NO. 3
~~Summary~~

DATED 13-2-43

APPENDIX "A" TO HQ 2 AUST CORPS INTELLIGENCE REPORT NO.3. SECRET

Precis of some of the ideas in Chapter 20 (Intelligence Problems") of THIS EXPANDING WAR, by Liddell Hart (LONDON : FABER & FABER, 1942).

A. SECURITY.

1. The fear of treachery, among the people of a country attacked, is one of the best weapons that an invader could devise, with the aim of creating confusion and distraction among the armed forces and the people behind them. The term "Fifth Column" is recent, but the underlying idea is one of the oldest in the history of warfare. Yet there are few important examples in history of successful betrayals, in wars against a foreign foe as distinct from civil wars. On the other hand, there is much evidence of the damage cuased by the fear of treachery.

In the Franco-German War of 1870-1, the cry of "Nous sommes trahis" played havoc with the defence of France. The same fear, intensified by being embodied in the new term "Fifth Column", played an even bigger part in the collapse of France in 1940. The general state of suspicion went far towards paralysing all resistance to the invader. It was fear of the Fifth Column, rather than the activities of the Fifth Columnists, that did the damage.

That is a danger we have to guard against in our security measures. We must keep our balance, lest in over-zeal for security, which is the negative side of war, we hamper our positive efforts. By an exaggerated use of the term Fifth Column we not only play the enemy's game but put a master-card in his hand, the joker.

2. Do not be too quick to suspect anyone, but develop an attitude of critical doubt towards everyone. The line which a good IO should take is to maintain an attitude of discreet observation, while taking care to avoid generating an atmosphere of suspicion.

3. The attention of the ordinary public tends to focus on anyone.

(a) Who has a foreign accent,
(b) Who is eccentric in behaviour,
(c) Who voices unpopular opinions.

It is a good working rule for IOs to start by asking whether a particular suspect comes in one of these categories. Then to ask whether suspicion was first roused by the man himself, or by something particular he has done. Cases where no suspicion had been roused prior to some particular incident are far more likely to be worth serious investigation.

But even then a cool-headed judgment based on thorough military knowledge for sifting such cases is required, in order to gauge whether an incident reported could, in its setting, have a real military bearing.

4. Do not always use the same methods in attempting to catch out the enemy agent. The more uniform the methods, the easier it will be for the enemy agent to avoid them, by refraining from the obvious things that excite suspicion. There is just as much need to practise surprise in security work as there is on the battlefield.

Continued.

5. The most serious leakages of information come from the top. Lower down in the scale of rank and position there is indeed often a tendency to run to the other extreme, and to withhold information that ought to be known by those concerned for the efficient performance of their job. Such overcaution usually arises from an inability to discriminate between what matters and what does not, a lack of discrimination due to lack of knowledge.

The real art of secrecy is to be so open in discussing most things that the very existence of the few things that really matter is not even suspected.

6. In dealing with cases of careless talk, it is better to rely on admonition than on penalisation. Most people who errin this way would be horrified if they thought that they were doing anything detrimental to the national war effort. A traitor sells his information privately, he does not broadcast it.

7. All security issues tend to be a compromise between the conflicting claims of mobility and secrecy. It is a good general rule that when in doubt mobility should be given preference, as the offensive and time-winning factor. The Germans have profited greatly by sacrificing security on occasions, in order to gain time and ensure that executants acted in the light of the fullest possible knowledge - on the principle that it does not matter if the enemy learn where you are going so long as you get there first.

B. INFORMATION.

1. The positive side of Intelligence work, namely the process of gathering information, is more of an art, and less of a technique, than the negative or security side. Important as is the capacity to collect information, still more important is the ability to sift and evaluate it, to draw the right deductions from it. An IO who cannot see the wood for the trees is of limited help to his commander.

2. The qualities required for the collection and interpretation of information are listed hereunder:-

(a) Knowledge: The importance of military knowledge, as the basis of Intelligence, and thus in turn of generalship, has been emphasised by every great commander before and since Napoleon. The more military knowledge you have, the better your chances of appreciating the significance of something that, to an untrained mind, would seem trivial or irrelevant.

The need for being acquainted with theenemy's methods, especially his tactical methods, should be emphasised. This is a side of Intelligence where we compare badly with some other armies, notably the German. Lawrence of Arabia once said: "The enemy I knew almost like my own side. I risked myself among them, many times, to learn."

(b) Sense of relativity, or the power of relating one thing to another, and the bits to the whole. A capacity for seeing the wood at the same time as the trees.

(c) Inquisitive Sense: Inquisitiveness or curiosity springs from the vital instinct to discover the truth about things. By this is meant "intellectual curiosity", which is the source of the scientific spirit.

Continued.

(d) Accuracy: The greatest possible care must always be taken to ensure that your data is correct, that it is precisely worded and objectively presented. Moreover, the good IO must be able to gauge the reliability of the evidence which he assembles. While careful to discredit nothing without examination, he should doubt everything until he has verified it. This is particularly important as a guard against being deceived by the enemy - and remember that deception is the main instrument of strategy.

(e) Receptiven ess: Having the quality of receiving or taking in what is actually communicated, as distinct from what you would wish to hear communicated. This quality is equally important on the part of the commander.

Advice tendered by Intelligence should be basedstrictly on scientific enquiry. Any encouragement given to wishful thinking on the part of the Commander, out of mistaken loyalty, is the greatest disservice which can be rendered to a Commander.

(f) Creative imagination, or the power of penetrating into what is going on behind the enemy's lines and in the enemy's mind. Closely linked with this is the power to visualise a map, or rather the ground represented by the map. Sir John Monash (" by general recognition perhaps the ablest Commander we produced in the last war") had the power of creative imagination strongly developed, so that he could get a clear picture of the battle-front although remaining at remote headquarters.

C. ORGANISATION.

1. Good information cannot be expected unless there are adequate personnel to obtain it, and of high enough rank in their particular sphere to enable them to make their voice heard. It is natural that commanders should feel that the number of officers and men allotted to I duties is a subtraction from their fighting strength. But experience shows that the subtraction is more than compensated by the value of having better and quicker information on which to act.

2. In periods of active fighting, you cannot expect to get information back, in time to be acted upon, from commanders actually engaged in the fighting. They and their staff will be too occupied in thinkingabout what the enemy is doing. The principle of "Liaison forward" should be adopted. Every superior HQ should have its own qualified observers forward with the subordinate HQ to send back continuous and immediate reports of developments in the situation, instead of relying solely on reports received from the subordinate HQ.

This system of "liaison forward", highly developed by the Germans, revives Napoleon's system of expert aides-de-camp.

3. Every system of Intelligence has the two problems to solve, that of obtaining information, and obtaining it in time. An I staff must go out and seek information; but it must also locate itself where information is most likely to come back. Much can be learnt by applying the system adopted by the spider in spinning his web for catching flies.

(Adv LHQ Intelligence Summary No 26)

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Appx 97

HQ 2 Aust Corps,
16 Feb 43.

G2313

DUTY OFFICERS.

Subject: Duty Officers and Clerks.
Reference: Standing Orders for War Chapter 2 Sec 13.

1. (a) The duty officer will report to the Battle Room at 1700 hours on the first day of his duty, and remains on duty until 0830 hours on the second day.

(b) He will report to the Battle Room for duty at 1200 hours on second day of duty, and remain until relieved at 1300 hours by next for duty who will remain on duty until relieved by G Staff.

2. He will deal with any matter that needs immediate action. If unable to deal with it, he will refer the matter to the officer concerned wakening him if necessary.

3. Matters that are not urgent will be passed to the appropriate registries on their resumption of duty in the morning. In this the duty officer will be guided by the following:-

Messages and correspondence will normally be passed to the registry corresponding to that from which it originated, with the exception that messages and correspondence dealing with movements and release of stores equipment will be passed to Q Registry.

4. Correspondence will not be received by the Duty Officer until after 2200 hours but will be directed to the Registry concerned. All messages however will be received by the Duty Officer between 1700 and 0830 hours, and 1300 to 1400 hours.

5. During the periods when Duty Officers are on duty, MOST SECRET AND OFFICER ONLY correspondence will be immediately passed to them by the Reception Office and a receipt obtained. In the case of MOST SECRET correspondence the Duty Officer will immediately pass it to the G2 (O) or if he is not available G2 (SD) or G3 (O) in that order who will open it and take the necessary action. The duty officer will open OFFICER only correspondence and take appropriate action.

6. (a) All messages, telephone calls, MOST SECRET and OFFICER ONLY correspondence and visits will be logged.

(b) Four copies of the log will be prepared and distributed at 0830 hours as under G, A, Q, B/S.

7. (a) All duty personnel may sleep between 2230 hours and 0630 hours but Duty Officer will sleep beside telephone.

(b) All duty personnel will be relieved for meals by next for duty.

8. There is a certain amount of slackness in carrying out the instructions for the times at which duty officers will commence tour of duty and in the relief of duty officers for meals. The instructions as set out above with regard to these matters are to be fully complied with in future.

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

Distribution.
All Offrs on G Duty Offr Roster.

Appendix 98

MOST SECRET

HQ 2 Aust Corps
17Feb 43.

Copy No.....

LOCATION STATEMENT 2 AUST CORPS.

AS AT 2400 HOURS 15 FEB 43.

	Copy No		Copy No
HQ 6 Aust Div	1	Chaplains	25
Rear HQ 7 Aust Div	2-3	DDST	26
HQ Coy 9 Aust Fd Amb	4	DDOS	27
Convalescent Depot (9 Aust Fd Amb)	5	ADME	28
2 Aust Corps Cipher Sec	6	APM	29
HQ 2 Aust Corps Tpt Coln	7	DAD Posts	30
Depot Cash Office	8	Salvage	31
2 Aust Corps Reception Camp	9	Sigmaster	32
GOC	10	Adv Ech LHQ (Q'land)	33
Intell	11	First Aust Army (A I F)	34-35
CCRA	12	Torresforce	36
CE	13	Yorkforce	37
LOs	14-15	17 (Cairns) L of C Sub-Area	38
RAE 2 Aust Corps	16	FOD Ravenshoe	39
CSO	17	RTO Innisfail	40
DA&QMG	18	Movt CAIRNS	41
A	19	Movt TOWNSVILLE	42
Q	20	File	43-44
DDMS	21	War Diary	45-46
ADMS (D)	22		
Legal	23		
DAD Educ	24		

1. Herewith 2 Aust Corps Location Statement as at 2400 hours 15 Feb 43.

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

3. Acknowledge

Clive Neuman Capt
for
BGS
2 Aust Corps.

MOST SECRET.

LOCATION STATEMENT 2 AUST CORPS
as at 2400 hrs 15 Feb.

2 Aust Corps Veh Sign: Cockatoo on Boomerang.

Map Legend:

BF	-	BARTLE FRERE	one	inch	to	one	mile
D	-	DIMBULA	"	"	"	"	"
G	-	GORDONVALE	"	"	"	"	"
H	-	HERBERTON	"	"	"	"	"
I	-	INNISFAIL	"	"	"	"	"
MtG	-	Mt GARNETT	"	"	"	"	"
P	-	PALMERSTON	"	"	"	"	"

Serial No	Unit	Veh No	Location	Map Ref	Remarks.
	HQ.				
A1	HQ 2 Aust Corps	107	BARRINE	G 555344	
A2	2 Aust Corps Sec Intell Corps	107	BARRINE	G 555344	
A3	'H' Sec GSS	107	BARRINE	G 555344	
A4	2 Aust Corps Def & Emp Pl	120	BARRINE	G 555344	
	RAA.				
A5	HQ RAA 2 Aust Corps	109	BARRINE	G 555344	
A6	No 2 Mob Met Flight		BARRINE	G 555344	Att HQ RAA 2 Aust Corps.
	RAE.				
A7	HQ RAE 2 Aust Corps +	101	YUNGABURRA	BF519262	+ Det for duty und
A8	19 Aust A Fd Coy +	141	RAVENSHOE	MtG397848	adv ech LHQ for
A9	10 Aust Fd Coy +	149	KAIRI	G 487383	Ops & works.
A10	60 Aust Corps Fd Pk Coy & 315 Aust LAD AEME +	105	ATHERTON	H 290362	Remaining under comd 2 Aust Cor for adm.
A11	2 Aust Corps Camflg Trg Unit	118	YUNGABURRA	BF519262	
	Sigs.				
A12	Sigs 2 Aust Corps & 244 Aust LAD AEME	115	BARRINE	G 552340	
A13	2 Aust Corps Cipher Sec	115	BARRINE	G 555344	
A14	11 Aust Line Sec Sigs First Aust Army		RAVENSHOE		
	AASC.				
A15	HQ 2 Aust Corps Tpt Col	116	MALANDA	BF524162	
A16	131 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	121	MILLAA MILLAA	P 547369	
A17	132 Aust Gen Tpt Coy (less two Tpt Pls)	103	INNISFAIL	I 022961	
A18	A Tpt Pl 132 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	103	RAVENSHOE	MtG 403351	
A19	C Tpt Pl 132 Aust Gen Tpt Coy X	103	ATHERTON	H 400273	
A20	Det 5 Aust DID		MAREEBA	D 334592	Under comd for adm.
A20a	8 Aust MAC less C Sec		East Barron	BF 479225	

Serial No	Unit	Veh No	Location	Map Ref	Remarks.
	AAMC.				
A21	HQ Coy 9 Aust Fd Amb		RAVENSHOE		
A22	A Coy 9 Aust Fd Amb		ATHERTON		
	2/1 Aust Dental Unit (less A, D & E Secs) (Army Tps)				
A23	HQ (1) sec 2/1 Aust Dental Unit		RAVENSHOE		Att 16 Aust Inf Bde
A24	HQ (2) sec " " " "		TOOWOOMBA		
A25	B Sec " " " "		COOKTOWN		
A26	C Sec " " " "		CAIRNS		Att 17 L of C Sub-area QUEENSLAND.
A27	F Sec " " " "		RAVENSHOE		Att 25 Aust Inf Bde.
	79 Aust Dental Unit (Army Tps)				
A28	HQ (1) Sec 79 Aust Dental Unit		DICK CREEK		
A29	HQ (2) sec " " " "		DICK CREEK		
A30	B Sec " " " "		BLACK RIVER		Moving to RAVENSHOE Area.
A31	D Sec " " " "		TOWNSVILLE		
A32	E Sec " " " "		COONOOWA		
A33	F Sec " " " "		AITKENVALE		
	AAOC.				
A34	16 Bde Sec 6 Aust Div Ord Fd Pk				
	Recce Party		ATHERTON		
	Main Body		WARRADALE SA		Moving to 2 Aust Corps area.
	AEME.				
A35	2/2 Aust Inf Tps Wkshop		MELINDA	G 637173	
A36	16 Bde Sec 6 Aust Div Wkshop		WARRADALE SA		Moving to 2 Aust Corps area.
A37	2/45 Aust LAD	¥	RAVENSHOE	MtG400842	
A38	2/56 Aust LAD	¥	ATHERTON	H 400280	
	Pro.				
A39	Det First Aust Army Pro Coy		YUNGABURRA & ATHERTON		
A40	Two secs 2 Aust Corps Pro Coy		BARRINE		
	Postal.				
A41	One FPOSec 2 Aust Corps Postal Unit		BARRINE		
	Pay.				
A42	Depot Cash Office		ATHERTON		
	Misc.				
A43	Mobile Cinema No 11		RAVENSHOE		
A44	Norforce Concert Party		RAVENSHOE.		

X - Adv Ech LHQ (QUEENSLAND) has first call on half this platoon.
¥ - Continuing with general work as part of general Tableland Repair System.

7 Aust Div and Elements of 6 Aust Div

All at RAVENSHOE area

Serial No	Unit	Camp	Remarks.
	7 AUST DIV.		
B1	HQ 7 Aust Div	G	
	CAV.		
B2	2/7 Aust Cav Regt	H	
	RAA.		
B3	"X" Bty 2/4 Aust Fd Regt	F	
	RAE.		
B4	HQ RAE 7 Aust Div	C	
B5	2/5 Fd Coy	B	
B6	2/6 Fd Coy	B	
B7	2/22 Fd Pk Coy	H	
	SIGS.		
B8	HQ Sigs 7 Aust Div	C	
B9	"C" Sec Sigs 7 Aust Div	H	
	AEME		
B10	42 Aust LAD	J	
B11	2/50 Aust LAD	H	
	AASC.		
B12	HQ Comd AASC. 7 Aust Div	C	
B13	2/4 Coy AASC	B	
B14	2/5 Coy AASC	B	
B15	2/6 Coy AASC	B	
	AAMC		
B16	2/4 Aust Fd Amb	F	
B17	2/6 Aust Fd Amb		Fd Amb Lines.
B18	HQ 9 Aust Fd Amb		Fd Amb Lines. See also
B19	2/2 Aust Fd Hyg Sec		Fd Amb Lines, serial 2A21.
	MISC		
B20	"C" Coy HQ Gd Bn	TULLY FALLS ROAD.	
B21	7 Aust Div Pro Coy	C	
B22	"C" Sec FSS	C	
B23	7 Aust Div Cash Office.	C	
B24	7 Aust Div Postal Unit	C	
B25	7 Aust Div Salvage Unit	C	
B26	7 A st Div Concert Party	C	
B27	7 Aust Div Reception Camp	TUMOULIN	
	INF		
B28	HQ 16 Aust Inf Bde	A	
B29	"J" Sec Sigs 7 Aust Div	A	
B30	2/1 Aust Inf Bn	B	
B31	2/2 Aust Inf Bn	A	
B32	2/3 Aust Inf Bn	A	

Serial No.	Unit	Camp	Remarks.
	IEF.		
B33	HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde	B	
B34	"K" Sec Sigs 7 Aust Div	B	
B35	2/14 Aust Inf Bn	E	
B36	2/16 Aust Inf Bn	E	
B37	2/27 Aust Inf Bn	F	
B38	HQ 25 Aust Inf Bde	C	
B39	"L" Sec Sigs 7 Aust Div	C	
B40	2/25 Aust Inf Bn	J	
B41	2/31 Aust Inf Bn	H	
B42	2/33 Aust Inf Bn	G	
B43	3 Aust Inf Bn	K	
	6 AUST DIV.		
B44	HQ 6 Aust Div	C	
B45	HQ RAE 6 Aust Div	C	
B46	HQ Sigs 6 Aust Div	C	
B47	HQ AASC 6 Aust Div		
B48	6 Aust Div Pro Coy	C	
B49	6 Aust Div Cash Office	C	
B50	6 Aust Div Postal Unit	C	
B51	6 Aust Div Reception Camp	B	Bde area
B52	6 Aust Div Concert Party	C	

Appendix 99

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HQ 2 AUST CORPS INTELLIGENCE REPORT No 4

Compiled from information received 16 - 19 Feb 43

Notes A B & C. See Report No.1

PART 1 : OPERATIONS

(ii) N.E.I. Area

AMBON 12 Feb. One large and four medium vessels were sighted at AMBON. On 15 Feb, shipping and installations were attacked by our aircraft. There were two direct hits on a 7-8,000-ton merchant vessel, and numerous fires were started in the town area, including a possible ammunition dump.

AROE Is. 15 Feb. Photographs showed that nearly all buildings at DOBO had been razed by an air attack on 15 Feb and as a result of previous attacks.

TIMOR 13 Feb. At FUILORO, the aerodrome, town and native huts were strafed by our aircraft. 15 Feb. Three merchant vessels, one of 3,000 tons and two of 6,000 tons, were sighted in DILLI Harbour.

(iii) NEW GUINEA Area

WEWAK 13 Feb. Photographs of the Harbour disclose that there were eight vessels including one damaged destroyer, one 11,000-ton transport and four small vessels... A large number of troops have been landed and are being continually reinforced. The aerodrome has been raised to the status of a major base by enemy constructional activity.

MADANG 13 & 14 Feb. The aerodrome was strafed by our aircraft; the hangar was set afire, huts attacked and three launches hit.

FINSCHHAFEN. Our air attacks on FINSCHHAFEN have been regular. Bombs have been dropped on the runway, and buildings strafed.

LAE. Our aircraft have carried out raids on LAE and environs. On 13 Feb, grounded aircraft on the LAE aerodrome were destroyed and buildings on the terrece were hit. On 15 Feb, supply dumps on the MALAHANG aerodrome were heavily bombed and strafed. Many bombs fell on the target area starting fires. Since MADANG became a target for our air attacks, the enemy were reported to be enquiring for the location of a known emergency landing ground at DUNDI (53 miles SW of MADANG). Subsequently enemy patrols covered the area SW of BOGADJIM to RAMU River and thence SE to MARAWASA on the YATI River (a tributary to the MARKHAM River). They sought information from the natives of the routes to BENA BENA, where there is an excellent aerodrome site and to KAINANTU and AIYURA, where there are also aerodrome sites. Three parties of Japs passed through MARAWASA and reached KAIAPIT, nineteen miles SE of MARAWASA on 1 Feb. They told the natives that they intended to proceed to WAU when reinforcements arrived. On 4 Feb our aircraft strafed the MARKHAM and RAMU VALLEYS. Three days later, it was reliably reported that the Japs were concentrating at GABSONKEK (twenty miles NW of LAE). 10 Feb. An enemy party of over 150 personnel, which had come down the RAMU VALLEY from MADANG and was last reported at GABSONKEK, left for LAE.

(iii) NEW GUINEA Area Contd

The overland route from MADANG to LAE down the RAMU and MARKHAM VALLEYS, does NOT rise above 2,000 feet. There is a possibility that an overland route is to be developed by the enemy.

WAU. 9-15 Feb. Skirmishing continued daily between our troops and retreating parties of Japs. Our troops had artillery and air support, and the Japs have suffered heavy casualties.

MARIA River. The small landing field at DONA has NOT been developed, but the enemy are constructing defensive positions around it.

AMBOGA-KUMUSI-MAMBARE Area. Extensive Allied patrols have contacted groups of Japs from SANANANDA. Most of the enemy have little equipment and are starving, exhausted and sick. Over 160 have been either killed or found dead in the area from 11 to 15 Feb.

MILNE BAY 13 Feb. A submarine was sighted in this area.

DUTCH NEW GUINEA.

MERAUKE. 13 Feb. The fourteenth raid against MERAUKE was carried out by one Float Plane.

(iv) BISMARCK ARCHIPELAGO

NEW BRITAIN. Our air attacks on RABUAL have been regular and on 14 Feb, four concentrated attacks were made by our aircraft. Many demolition, fragmentation and incendiary bombs were dropped. One very large fire was started, resulting in intermittent explosions believed to be from an ammunition dump. Explosions occurred when two searchlights were hit. There were other fires at RATAVAL on the East shore of TALILI Bay, RAPOPO aerodrome, the SULPHUR Creek area and at the NE and NW ends of RABAUL Harbour. Six hours later a photographic reconnaissance revealed in the Harbour, one light cruiser, ten destroyers, three submarines, one mine sweeper, one 8,000-ton tanker, four small tankers, six transports totalling 48,000 tons, forty-five merchant vessels totalling 202,000 tons and eight small vessels. On 15 Feb, RABAUL was again heavily attacked in three raids by our aircraft. Numerous fires were started in the town area, including a heavy explosion and fires possibly from an ammunition dump at TOBOI wharf.

UBILI. 12 & 13 & 14 Feb. Allied aircraft bombed a saw mill each day and started fires.

CAPE ORFORD. 12 Feb. An enemy convoy consisting of three probable merchant vessels and one warship was sighted 60 miles SE of The CAPE. Allied aircraft attacked a 6,000-ton merchant vessel in the convoy and probably scored a direct hit. The vessel stopped and had NOT moved one hour later.

WIDE BAY. 14 Feb. One possible destroyer and three possible light cruisers were sighted in the BAY on a course SW. One large flat-topped vessel was also sighted stationary in the BAY.

(v) SOLOMON'S Area

KAHILI. 13 Feb. The aerodrome was attacked by our aircraft; bombs were dropped in the dispersal area and on the runway, and a large explosion was observed.

(v) SOLOMON'S Area Contd

GUADALCANAL. Following the evacuation (now admitted by TOKYO), forty empty landing barges were sighted adrift off VISALE (NW tip of the Island). Natives from the RUSSELL Group reported that the Japs were evacuating one of the Islands and two enemy barges with Japs were attacked by natives off the West coast of VANGUNA Is.

(Compiled from Landops No 196-200 and HQ First Aust Army Weekly Intelligence Summary No 41)

PART 2 : ENEMY

(v) Equipment: Attached as Appendix "B" and "C" are photographs of a Jap 13 mm anti-aircraft anti-tank Gun and Jap 75 mm Regt Gun resepctively. These Appendices are NOT attached to copy numbers 24, 27, 35, 37, 39 and 40. 41 & 42.

PART 3 : TOPOGRAPHY

(i) Corps Area:

EFFECT OF FLOODS

Rd GORDONVALE-BABINDA-INNISFAIL.

BEHANNA CK Br. Ref CORDONVALE 1" 816422 effected by local rains: flood waters rise rapidly but subside in approximately 3 to 4 hours.
HARVEY CK Br. Ref BARTLEFERE Temp 1" 913282. Low level Br subject to flooding after heavy local rains.
JOSEPHINE CK Br. Ref BARTLEFERE Temp 1" 899082 and
RUSSEL RIVER Br Ref 903078 are both effected by heavy local and Tableland rains. Flood waters rise rapidly, but do NOT remain for any length of time owing to the proximity of the coast.
CANAL CK Br. Ref BARTLEFERE Temp 1" 935062 is effected by local rain falls, but owing to the nature of the country through which it passes, it is likely to remain in flood for various lengths of time, according to the prevailing weather conditions. The road approaches NW of the Br, pass through swamp areas; in these areas the flood waters rise to from 18 to 30 inches.

Attached as Appendix "D" is Road Map of ATHERTON TABLELANDS Area. Scale 3 Miles to 1 inch.

PART 5

UNIT SECURITY and CENSORSHIP: Attached as Appendix "A" is a report on Security Test During Manoeuvres.

Movements by Rail: Frequent reports are received of compromise of unit moves and destinations through the attachment to railway trucks and carriages conveying troops and military equipment of a despatch card showing stations of departure and destination.

Where military equipment is carried on individual trucks despatched to various places and forming part of a composite train, it is obviously necessary for the trucks to be labelled in accordance with railway practice. Efforts are made by Ordnance and Military Forwarding Officers to reduce these

PART 5 Contd

leakages by the use of code numbers instead of unit names.

Where a complete train carrying military personnel or equipment is moving from one place to another, there is NO occasion for the use of these despatch cards and it is the responsibility of the formation or unit concerned, in co-operation with the Railway Department, to see that they are NOT attached to trucks or carriages.

People still present autograph books to troops in transit requesting them to write their number, name, rank and unit. Security Officers should see that, before a move, troops are warned against the practice and that the warning is policed by OsC trains.

It is the duty of formations and units concerned in movements of personnel or equipment to take all possible steps to ensure that leakages of information do NOT occur.

Green Envelopes: Green envelopes continue to be improperly handled, and many are being posted in civil boxes. With proper supervision in units, it is a simple matter to ensure that all issued are returned to be impressed with the Unit Censor Stamp.

It is important that green envelopes should be available for issue on the approved scale. In some units they are NOT always available in adequate quantities. All instances of short supply or difficulty of supply should be reported.

It is equally important that all ranks should understand their use. Units issuing them should see that they are NOT abused. Any general abuse of green envelopes may result in their withdrawal from the Unit concerned.

(HQ First Aust Army Weekly Intelligence Summary No 41)

Lost Identity Document: The Director of Amenities issues "Certificates of Acceptance" which serve as documents of identity for authorised civilian personnel attached to YMCA etc.

These certificates are complete with photograph and the possession of one by an enemy agent might prove of great value.

It has been reported to this Headquarters that a certificate of acceptance issued to Phillip THOMPSTONE, formerly a YMCA representative has been lost.

All units should be informed of the loss of this certificate and instructed to take the necessary action to obtain and forward it to GS(Int) LHQ, should knowledge of its whereabouts come into their possession. They will also immediately report to GS(Int) of their formations, the circumstances under which it came into their possession together with the name and address of the person from whom they obtain it.

(AMF Weekly Intelligence Review No 27).

Capt,
GS 2 Aust Corps.

Distribution as per Report No 1.

APPENDIX "A" TO HQ 2 AUST CORPS INTELLIGENCE REPORT No.4

SECURITY TEST DURING MANOEUVRES

To test the effectiveness of security instruction an interesting experiment was carried out by selected Intelligence personnel during recent five-day manoeuvres by a large unit of seasoned troops, who had had a long spell of camp life since their return from the MIDDLE EAST.

Before the manoeuvres the troops were warned that Fifth Columnists and Parachutists were active within their area and normal security measures, including issue of code words and pass words, were taken.

Six Intelligence personnel acted the part of Fifth Columnists and laid their plans with care. However, they did not have at their disposal methods of disguise and deceit that would be available to well-organised enemy agents. They had to improvise, at times crudely, and limitations were placed by the directing stafff upon the extent of the disruption they could cause. Roles allotted to the Intelligence personnel (for whom a new word "Fiffos" was quickly coined by the troops) were an MP who later metamorphosed into a War Correspondent, A Chaplain, a General Staff Major, a Despatch Rider and two civilians.

The bogus MP went into action on the night before Day 1 of the manoeuvre on an important cross-road as the MT column was moving up to the area. He waved them off the main road to a side road. The column stopped and a senior officer leading it asked why the vehicles were being diverted. The "MP" told him that half an hour before an officer in a staff car had stopped him at that junction and ordered him to wait there until the column came along, and then divert it down the cross road, but he was not told the reason why it was to be diverted. This story was accepted and the "MP" was not asked to identify himself. After the officer thanked the "MP" and asked him to wait and direct the whole of the convoy, the head of the column moved down the wrong road for two miles where it was stopped at directing staff instructions and redirected along the right route.

Next day this "MP" borrowed an officer's cap, put on a dark service shirt, and fastened on his shoulders epaulette tabs of green velvet on which was printed by hand in white ink "Accredited War Correspondent", and, unchallenged, rode an Army motor vehicle right up to forward positions. On the way he was hailed with requests from the troops to put their names in the paper and take pictures of them with the large camera he was ostentatiously carrying. He also had a simple form of Army HQ pass which he had filled in and signed himself, and it bore no rubber stamp.

While he was chatting to the forward troops and taking a picture of a new type of vehicle a senior officer came up. This officer was the one whom the "War Correspondent", when posing as an "MP", had misdirected the previous night. The "War Correspondent" congratulated the officer on the fine showing his troops were making, whereupon the officer without asking the "War Correspondent" to identify himself invited him to make a round of the forward positions. On the way the officer pointed out Regimental HQ, a signal centre and explained the general scheme of the manoeuvres. At one sub-unit HQ a Captain asked the "War Correspondent" whether he had a pass. The reply was "Yes, I have checked in with ....." indicating the senior officer. The Captain asked no further questions. Later the senior officer detailed another Captain to look after the "War Correspondent".

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Afterwards another officer took the "War Correspondent" to the unit's office where he was shown the message files, a marked map and given the unit's War Diaries to read. While reading them another officer came in and said, "Have you sent out the code word tonight?" The first officer replied, "No, I'd better do that, it's ..... isn't it?" mentioning the code word.

By then the "War Correspondent" had all the information that an enemy could possibly require, and he left the HQ.

He returned to the "Fifth Column" bivouac in an empty house next to the ammunition dump just as a number of soldiers from the ammunition point were about to raid the house because they rightly suspected Fifth Columnists were centred there. They were discussing their plans for the raid within hearing of those inside. The "War Correspondent" asked them what was in the wind and when told volunteered to go in first and then give them the tip whether their suspicions were correct or not. He came back to the soldiers after a few minutes inside the house and said, "They are not Fifth Columnists, they are men from an advanced Survey unit." The soldiers accepted this story and went away.

On the third day of the manoeuvres this "War Correspondent" became a driver, changed his shirt, put on dark glasses, and mixed and talked with scores of men whom he had "interviewed" the previous day and was not recognised.

The "Chaplain's" disguise was almost as thin. He merely put on Captain's "pips" and outlined his shoulder straps with black tape. He had a rising sun badge in his hat instead of a Maltese Cross, and carried no paybook or identification except a forged letter containing lofty religious sentiments signed by the "Chaplain in Chief". He, too, was riding an Army motor cycle and made his first contact with troops at a broken-down Signals truck which the crew were profanely trying to repair. Full of apologies for using bad language within hearing of a Padre, they directed him to forward positions. He stopped at many groups of men, chatting on a hail fellow-well-met basis with them all and without question was directed in turn to AA positions, the bivouac area for the night, and supply and ammunition points.

At the unit HQ he was well received and the question of a sermon for the morning was mentioned to him, but shortly afterwards the real Chaplain arrived. Feeling himself unequal to a theological test, the bogus Chaplain brought some suspicion on himself by the abruptness with which he made a get-away.

He was stopped by a sentry on the way out who asked him whether he was a Fifth Columnist. When the "Chaplain" pointed out his black epaulettes the sentry shamefacedly apologised and said, "You would not be one of them, it would be pretty stiff if you couldn't trust a Padre."

On the second day the "Major" had astounding success as a spy. He was in a staff car and correctly dressed in all details down to a 'G' armband and a horse-hair fly whisk. He had secured a correct Army identification pass form which he had filled in himself and signed with a non-existent Maj-Gen's name, in which the signature was quite legible. He found that his job was almost too easy and his main difficulty was to induce awestruck soldiers to talk freely in the presence of the armband. Every question he asked in many locations was answered without hesitation. When closely questioning an NCO in an ammunition park how the NCO would distinguish any false orders that might be given him by Fifth Columnists suspected to be in the vicinity, the NCO volunteered the information that he had written orders containing the code word for the day and unless messages or orders contained that code word they were not to be acted upon. Upon demand he showed those orders setting out the code word to the "Major", then supplied full details of location of all other ammunition dumps, gun positions, forward positions and other information.

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Afterwards the "Major" went for a long tour of the forward areas in the 15-cwt utility truck. He met many officers and men none of whom asked him for a pass, asked what he was doing at the manoeuvres, what his appointment was at Army HQ, or asked questions about other personalities at Army HQ. In the course of the afternoon the "Major" made notes of the number of vehicles engaged in the manoeuvres, the names of the units, positions of forward troops, guns, AA defences, OPs, types of shells used and the projected moves and locations of ammunition reserves. Armed with this information he and the others, using the code word, went into the main ammunition dump that night and technically blew it up.

The following day he again drove right through the forward areas, where the only conversation between him and sentries were warnings by the sentries that his truck speed was not to exceed five miles an hour.

It was not until the third day that he was asked to produce his pass. By this time the misdirection of the column, the blowing up of the ammunition dump, and theoretical losses inflicted on the troops as the result of information gathered by the "Fifth Columnists" on the first two days of the manoeuvre were known to every officer and man. All were keenly on the alert, but on no occasion when the bogus "Major's" pass was examined did anybody notice that it bore a forged signature, and was wrongly stamped.

The "despatch rider", who was without the usual signals armbands and differentiated from other soldiers only by a crash helmet went at will everywhere in the forward areas on his motor cycle completely unchallenged for the first two days.

On the third day, when all sentries had been instructed to keep a watch for a "phoney" Padre and despatch rider, the "despatch rider" failed to enter the forward areas until he was stopped by a Captain, who was riding a motor cycle which was broken down. He repaired the motor cycle temporarily, and volunteered to go with the Captain to a LAD, and rode alongside him past all the sentries. The sentries challenged the Captain and scrutinised his pass very carefully, but did not once ask the "Despatch Rider" to prove his identity also. They took it for granted that because the officer's bona fides were undoubted his companion's bona fides were also beyond question. In that manner the "Despatch Rider" got to an LAD, had lunch with the ORs attached to it, plied them with questions about troops' dispositions, and got as far as Regimental HQ before suspicion was aroused. He left for the "Fiffo" rendezvous before he could be checked.

The first "civilian" wore blue trousers and shirt, and rode a bicycle for 22 miles through forward areas on the second day. This was his first appearance in the area. The troops he spoke to discussed details of their weapons and equipment with absolute freedom. He did not once offer any explanations as to who he was, or what he wasdoing, and the only comments made by troops and sentries were slighting references regarding husky civilians like him who would look better in a uniform. On the following day, whilst still pushing his bicycle around forward positions in remote areas where civilians would not normally be expected, suspicion was aroused, he was excluded by sentries, and his value as a "spy" ceased.

The second "civilian" was held in reserve until the fourth day when security was so good that all others except the "Major" failed to penetrate the lines.

This "civilian" found a horse tied to a fence near a forward position, borrowed it from its farmer owner, together with a pair of blue dungaree trousers and a battered straw hat, mounted the animal, removed his dentures and ambled up to a sentry, and started to talk about crops and pigs.

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His imitation of a mumbling yokel was apparently so convincing that after the first few remarks the sentry said to him, "If you want to go on down the road, you can come through, you don't look like one of those "Fifth Columnists"." On the way through the area he was the butt of many jokes, but in the course of "back-chat" with the troops he gleaned a lot of useful information. While in the midst of a circle of troops talking about some bad crops a Warrant Officer came up to the group and said to the men, "There are "Fifth Columnists" about here lads, keep a sharp lookout for them especially a phoney Padre on a motor-bike." Before he left the area, he stopped at Regimental HQs and chatted to the troops there for several minutes.

On the fourth and fifth days troops generally had become so security minded through the activities of the "Fifth Columnists" that security measures swung to the opposite extremes. Bona Fide despatch riders, car drivers and other personnel on duty who had lost their passes or were not carrying pay books, found it almost impossible to move about the area. Two DR's were stranded because suspicious personnel at a DID refused to issue them with petrol.

LESSONS OF THE EXERCISE:

The astounding ease with which "Fifth Columnists" penetrated the lines on flimsiest excuses and gathered vital information from troops who were well-disciplined and well-led revealed a serious deficiency in security instruction.

Revolutionary change in the troops' attitude towards security after they had been deceived a few times by "Fifth Columnists" indicates that security exercises like this should be included in all unit manoeuvres.

The success of the deceptions showed that spasmodic talks by unit officers are not enough to maintain a safe standard of security-mindedness among troops. Lectures and illustrations must be planned on a continuous schedule, and periodically tested by practical exercises.

Specific weaknesses brought out were:-

1. Readiness of officers and other ranks to accept, without question, all persons in uniform at their face value, and give whatever information is asked of them

2. Ignorance of the forms of passes, methods of identification and distinguishing badges usually carried or worn by officers, war correspondents, chaplains etc.

3. Uncritical acceptance of documents and passes carried, and stories told, when these passes and stories were obviously forgeries and concoctions.

4. Lack of instruction to guards, sentries and personnel manning dumps and HQs on the danger of "Fifth Column" activities, the presence of "Fifth Columnists" in the area, what to look for among visitors, and how to act if their suspicions were aroused.

5. Complacency towards security matters and forgetfulness of normal safeguards in conversation with civilians, brought about by a long period of association with the friendly home civilian population.

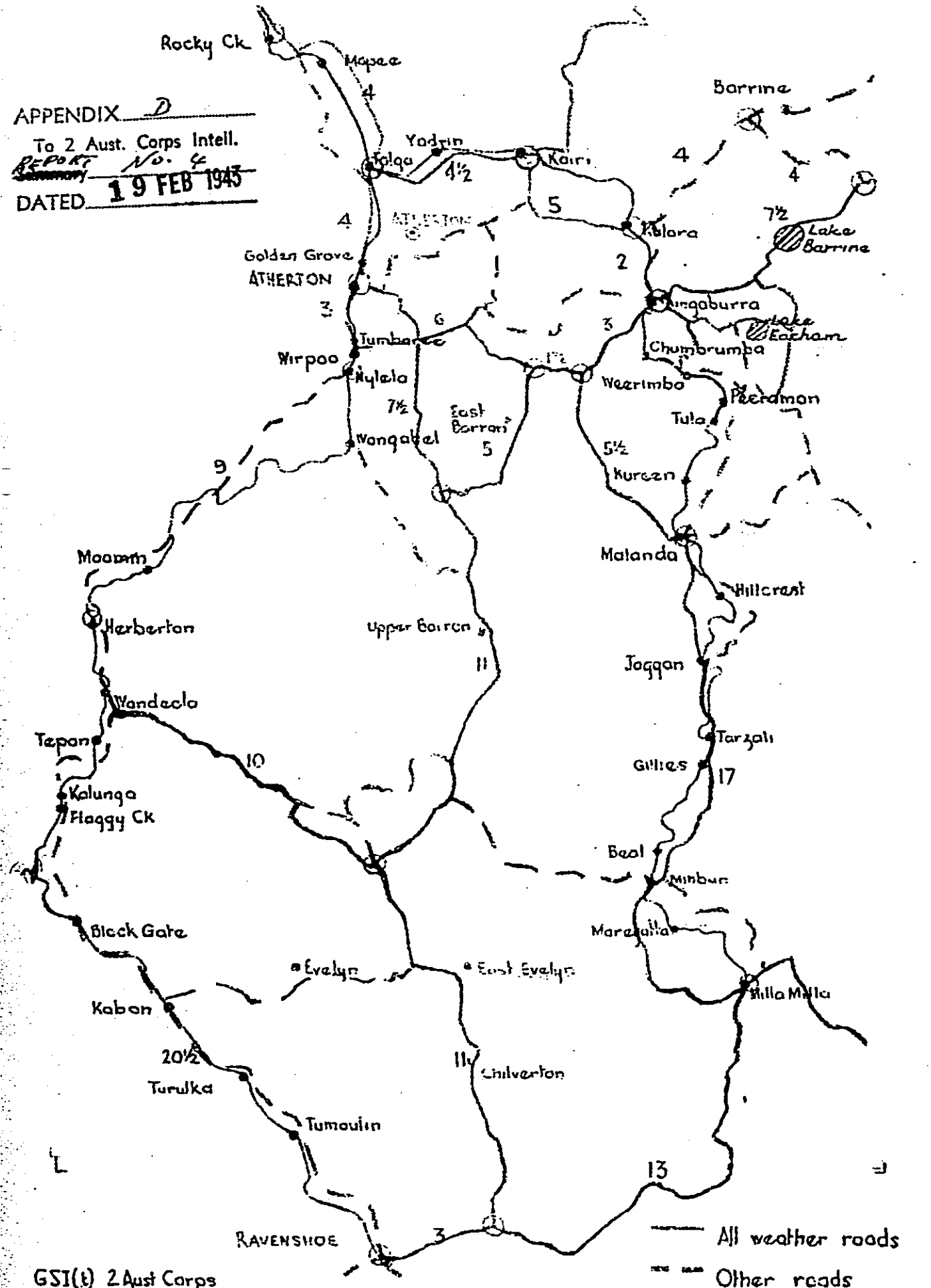
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ATHERTON TABLELANDS

(BARRINE — ATHERTON — RAVENSHOE AREA)

APPENDIX D
To 2 Aust. Corps Intell.
~~Report~~ Summary No. 4
DATED 19 FEB 1945



GSI(t) 2 Aust Corps
17 Feb 43

SCALE 3 miles to 1 inch

Appendix 100

HQ 2 Aust Corps
... Feb 43
G.2326.

Subject: Training Ammunition - Pyrotechnics, explosives, etc., Release of entitlements for the Yearing Ending 30 Jun 43.

6 Aust Div	S & T
7 Aust Div	Ord
RAA 2 Aust Corps	AEME
RAE 2 Aust Corps	Medical
Sigs 2 Aust Corps	Pro
2 Aust Corps Camflg Trg Unit	Pay
2 Aust Corps Def & Emp Pl	Postal
CE	Salv.
CSO	Camp
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1. 2 Aust Corps G.920 and appx A thereto (not to all addressees) is cancelled.

2. The general policy for allotment of training ammunition, pyrotechnics, explosives, etc., is as follows :

(a) Annual unit allotment vide GROs 161 and 162 including COs pool.

(b) Additional allotments on a formation etc pool basis vide Appx 'A' attached and instructions to be issued from time to time. These allotments are for demonstrations, special exercises, special instruction in observation of fire, etc. The amounts shown in Appx 'A' are available for the period to 30 Jun 43.

(c) Special releases over and above 2a and 2b.

3. The system of release will be as follows:-

(a) Formations will ensure that units indent for and use entitlements in accordance with GROs 161 and 162. The authority for release of this allotment will be the relevent GRO and the further approval of this HQ will NOT be required.
In the event of entitlements being unobtainable the matter will be referred to this HQ.
Formations will be responsible for seeing that entitlements are not exceeded and are spread evenly throughout the year.

(b) Requests for release from the 2 Aust Corps/pool or Army must be submitted to this HQ eight days before required with a short statement as to proposed use - e.g., "X Bn field firing exercise."

(c) Requests for special releases under para 2 (c) must be accompanied by a fuller statement of reasons for the request. As the stores involved are in short supply the success of the applications may largely depend on the strength of the case submitted.

BGS.
2 Aust Corps

Appx A to
2 Aust Corps G2326 of
22 Feb 43.

STORES.	2 AUST CORPS POOL			FIRST AUST ARMY POOL.
	6 Aust Div	7 Aust Div	Corps Tps & Reserve	
.303 Ball	427000	427000	427000	474502
.303 AP	-	-	-	500
.303 Incendiary	-	-	-	500
.303 Tracer	4000	4000	4000	4400
.303 Blank	90000	90000	90000	48800
.22 RF	50000	50000	50000	115150
3" Mortar Smoke	-	-	-	500
3" Mortar H.E.	220	220	220	360
2" Mortar Smoke	-	-	-	500
2" Mortar H.E.	65	65	65	425
Grenades, Aldershot	200	200	200	350
Grenades, Hand 36 M	600	600	600	920
Grenades 36 M Rifle	140	140	140	186
Cartridges, Ballistite .303	750	750	750	880
Grenades SIP Aw Bottle	140	140	140	265
Grenades Rifle A Tk No 68	-	-	-	200
Grenades No. 69	305	305	305	330
Generators Smoke No. 5	-	-	-	500
Candles Smoke Ground	100	100	100	110
Cartridges Illuminating	60	60	60	149
Cartridges Signal Red	-	-	-	200
Cartridges Signal Green	-	-	-	100
Cartridges Ballistite 95 grain	1000	1000	1000	1155
Matches Fuzes Safety	-	-	-	200
Detonators No. 27	-	-	-	100
Detonators No. 6 TP	340	340	340	445
Detonators Electric No 6 x 54 in	140	140	140	280
Fuzes Electric No. 31	-	-	-	100
Fuzes, Electric No. 14	-	-	-	100

STORES	2 AUST CORPS POOL			FIRST AUST ARMY POOL
	6 Aust Div	7 Aust Div	Corps Tps and reserve	
Fuze Safety No 11 (ft)	-	-	-	200
Fuze Safety Blue Sump (ft)	3800	3800	3800	3300
Fuze Inst Det or Cordtex or Primer Cord	140	140	140	280
Igniters Miners or Safety Fuse	-	-	-	50
Primers GC Dry or Primers CE	-	-	-	70
Slabs GC Wet or Slabs TNT	-	-	-	80
Ammonal Mil lbs	-	-	-	50
Gelignite 60% lbs	300	300	300	365
Gunpowder Blasting (lbs)	425	425	425	470
Quarry Monobel (lbs)	200	200	200	220
A Tk Mines	-	-	-	50

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2 Aust Corps,
24 Feb 43.

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DEFENCE PLAN - HQ 2 AUST CORPS.
Ref Map GORDONVALE 1" - 1 mile

OBJECT.

1. The defence of HQ 2 Aust Corps.

METHOD.

2. Areas of responsibility and tasks:

(a) G Gp
Comd - GSL
Assembly Pt - Rd junc 554341
Task - Def of HQ from south and south-west.

(b) AQ Gp.
Comd - DAQMG (M)
Assembly Pt - Area rd spur 556343
Task - Res and to be prepared to operate in support of RAA 2 Aust Corps and Sigs 2 Aust Corps.

(c) Camp Gp.
Comd - A/Camp
Assembly Pt - Ford 551343
Task - Def of HQ from west and south-west.

(d) Tpt Gp.
Comd - TO
Assembly Pt - Tpt lines
Task - Def of HQ from the north and to be prepared to operate in support of G and Camp Gps.

(e) Sigs 2 Aust Corps.
Comd - 2 i/c Sigs 2 Aust Corps
Assembly Pt - Rd 560336
Task - Def of HQ from the east.

(f) 2 Aust Corps Pro Coy
Comd - OC Pro Coy
Assembly Pt - Rd 557339
Task - To be prepared for recce on wheels under instns G3O to gain infm of enemy action on three main rds leading to HQ area, to a radius of 5 miles.

(g) RAA 2 Aust Corps.
Comd - ALO
Assembly Pt - School area 561345
Task - Def of HQ from the NE.

(h) Def Pl
Comd - OC
Assembly Pt - Battle Room
Task - Res and to be prepared to operate in support of any gps, under instns G3 O.

GENERAL.

3. Mobility of Sub-Units in defence of such a large area as a Corps HQ is essential. Units must in their own areas be prepared for all round defence, and be ready to move as ordered to any threatened point. Shortest routes to all neighboring units will be recced.

AA POSTS.

4. AA Posts will be located at each assembly point.

TIME OF READINESS.

5. All detachments will be assembled at respective assembly points within 5 minutes of sounding the alarm.

ALARM SIGNALS.

6. (a) General Alarm: succession of long and short blasts on whistle
(b) Air: succession of short blasts on whistle
(c) Gas Spray: series of short blasts on whistle
(d) All clear: two long blasts on whistle repeated at 5 seconds interval.

In all cases, Sigs 2 Aust Corps and 2 Aust Corps Pro Coy will be notified immediately by telephone by G Duty Officer or Officer raising alarm.

ACTION ON ALARM.

7. (a) Air Attack: Sufficient personnel necessary to carry out office duties will remain in their offices. All other personnel will take cover and be prepared to bring fire to bear on attacking aircraft as required. Each Branch of the staff will arrange details of manning within the Branch and the Arms or Services which it controls.

(b) Gas Attack: All ranks will don respirators immediately and continue with normal duties. Decontamination squad under comd Tech Offr C will assemble at Q Store.

(c) Ground Attacks: Personnel necessary to carry on normal office duties (as detailed by branches and services) will remain at their posts. All other personnel will report to the assembly point of the group to which they belong.

SENTRIES.

8. Def platoon will provide sentries as under:-

(a) Day. One air sentry on high ground vicinity of BINNIES FARM on sounding of General or Air alarms.

(b) Night. One sentry patrolling vicinity of GCC's office, Battle Room and Signal Office.

TRANSPORT.

9. In event of general alarm, vehs will move to allotted area in readiness to pick up staff and offices shouldit become necessary, through enemy action, for them to move hurriedly. The necessary arrangements for the allotment of transport in accordance with 2 Aust Corps Standing Orders For War will be made by Q.

INTERCOMMUNICATION.

10. (a) One M/C orderly from each HQ RAA 2 Aust Corps, Sigs 2 Aust Corps and 2 Aust Corps Pro Coy will report to G3 (O) at BATTLE ROOM immediately general alarm is sounded.

(b) All reports to G3 (O) in BATTLE ROOM Tel Ext 36.

OUTLINE PLANS.

11. Gp and Unit plans will be prepared and forwarded to reach G3 (O) by 3 Mar. G3 (O) will then co-ordinate these plans into a suitable Corps HQ Def Plan.

R.W. Macarthur Cheeseman Lt-Col
for BGS,
2 Aust Corps.

Distribution:

Sigs 2 Aust Corps	Copy No	1
2 Aust Corps Pro Coy	"	2
2 Aust Corps Def Pl	"	3
GOC	"	4
G	"	5
CCRA	"	6
CSO	"	7
DA & QMG	"	8
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HQ 2 AUST CORPS INTELLIGENCE REPORT No 5

Compiled from information received 20 - 25 Feb 43

Notes A B & C. See Report No 1

PART 1 : OPERATIONS

(ii) N.E.I. Area

AMBON 21 Feb. A strong force of Allied aircraft was intercepted by six or more enemy Fighters during an attack on the aerodrome, and one cruiser of 8-10,000 tons and two medium merchant vessels in the Harbour, At least two enemy Fighters were shot down. This was the third Allied air attack on AMBON this month. Photographs have revealed that the runways at LAHA and NAMLEA have been kept in good condition. LAHA aerodrome was used by ten intercepting enemy Fighters during the first raid in Feb.

TIMOR. Our aircraft were over DILLI on 15 and 18 Feb and started fires in what was thought to be a stores dump. A probable cruiser in DILLI Harbour was unsucpessfully attacked. Five enemy Fighters attempted to intercept our aircraft. Recent sightings around DILLI indicate regular movement of transports in to the Harbour, but otherwise NO significant shipping activity has been observed,

(iii) NEW GUINEA Area

MADANG 17 Feb. The dispersal area at the aerodrome was bombed. On the following day, our aircraft carried out a sweep down the coast from MADANG to FINSCHHAVEN, strafing launches and buildings. At FINSCHHAVEN the runway and some launches were hit and damaged.

LAE 16 Feb. Allied aircraft attacked the aerodrome and a small ship in the Harbour. A strafing attack was made along the coast from LABU, just South of LAE, to SALAMAUA and to KUMUSI River. 18 Feb. A further attack was directed against enemy positions from LAE to the WARIA River. These raids made a comprehensive sweep of the enemy-occupied coastal positions. 22 Feb. LAE and the environs were strafed again and the WARIA River also attacked.

MUBO-WAU. 14-18 Feb. Skirmishing continued daily between our troops and retreating parties of Japs. Over fifty of the enemy were killed during these mopping up operations. Enemy camps were reported to be scattered in groups along the BLACK CAT track. 21 Feb. Allied aircraft bombed and strafed tracks leading to GUADAGASAL, MUBO and KOMIATUM, and bombed WAIPALI, BUIBAINING and MUBO. Air attacks were continued during 22 Feb.

18-22 Feb. The enemy made air attacks against our aerodromes at MILNE BAY, MORESBY, DOBODURA and HARIKO, but little damage was reported,

DUTCH NEW GUINEA.

FAK FAK 17 Feb. Enemy shipping consisting of one light cruiser or destroyer and two transports of 3-4,000 tons, was seen twenty miles South by West of FAK FAK. A previous sighting in this area was near CAPE VAN DEN BOSCH on 22 Jan when three motor vessels (totalling 16-18,000 tons)

(iii) NEW GUINEA Area Contd

were moving North. On 26 Jan two 1,500-ton cargo vessels were seen. These sightings may be connected with the development of the Jap base at BABO.

BABO 17 Feb. When our aircraft raided BABO, there was only one small vessel in the Harbour. In the last few weeks, the runways of the aerodrome have been developed and construction work carried out at the seaplane base.

(iv) BISMARCK ARCHIPELAGO

NEW BRITAIN 18 Feb-20 Feb. A convoy comprising one light cruiser, one destroyer and two transports, each of 6,000 tons, was sighted off GASMATA. After attacks by our aircraft with torpedoes and bombs, the convoy was sighted moving on a course ENE. The GASMATA aerodrome was bombed and fires were started. An explosion occurred from a probable ammunition dump. Grounded medium bombers were hit and barges with stores were strafed. On 22 Feb GASMATA was again bombed. Enemy shipping probably used to further develope their bases around the coast of NEW BRITAIN, was strafed. On 15 Feb at STETTIN Bay, one vessel was left burning fiercely.

RABAUL, 21 Feb. Seventy or more unspecified ships were sighted in the Harbour. On 22 Feb the Harbour and aerodromes were bombed but NO results were observed.

(v) SOLOMONS Area

BUIN-FAISI, 20-22 Feb. BALLALE Is, KAHILI drome and the FAISI seaplane base suffered severely from early morning raids on these three days. Ammunition and fuel dumps were hit starting large fires, grounded aircraft and dispersal dumps were attacked, and runways and aerodrome installations blasted. Shipping sightings in this area have NOT shown any marked increase or decrease over the period.

(vi) NE AUSTRALIA

QUEENSLAND. 19 Feb. A possible submarine was sighted sixty-two miles NE of CAIRNS and 21 Feb, at GLADSTONE an unidentified aircraft was observed over the Harbour on a course East.

(vii) GENERAL

VICTORIA 16 Feb. An enemy submarine was sighted ESE of WILSON'S PROMONTORY.

NEW SOUTH WALES 14 Feb. A submarine was reported off the coast.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA 16 Feb. A probable submarine was sighted 168 miles WSW of FREEMANTLE.

COMMENT:- There have been a number of reports recently of submarines and unidentified aircraft around the AUSTRALIAN coast. Following upon the defeats which the Japs have suffered in GUADALCANAL and PAPUA, it is likely that the enemy is anxious to obtain information as to our intentions for future operations. It will be recalled that enemy submarines and air reconnaissance activity last year was pronounced at a time when Jap intentions in New Guinea and the Solomons were NOT clear. This recent activity may indicate a desire to know more about our shipping activity coupled with an endeavour to interrupt our sea lines of communication.

(Compiled from information received from Landops Revsit No 201-207 and AHQ No 40).

PART 2 : ENEMY

(xi) Tactics: An unidentified aircraft was sighted by a Hudson on reconnaissance NW of KEI Island, and a sighting report was immediately relayed by the bomber. An acknowledgement was received. However, investigation later showed that the relevant stations had NOT received the message. One possibility is that the enemy acknowledged the signal. (23 Jan).

An instance of similar nature is reported in connection with Air Raid No 99 on MORESBY. Four enemy aircraft bombed KILA Aerodrome at 2230/22L. At 2227/22L a signal was received by Fighter Sector on their reconnaissance frequency in plain language, stating that an aircraft, whose number was stated, would arrive at 2300 hrs.

It was ascertained that the aircraft bearing this number was a B-17 or B-24 which at that time was in Australia. Furthermore, there was NO knowledge of any allied aircraft approaching the area at the time given, namely 2300, and it is suggested that the signal was possibly sent by the raiding enemy aircraft.

(Allied Air Forces Int Sum No 74)

(xii) Morale & Propaganda:

(a) Attached as Appendix "A" is a collation of information on "Japanese Morale: PAPUA and SOLOMONS." from Allied Air Forces Int Summary No 78.

(b) The Japanese Cultural Institute in THAI held a writing contest on the theme "JAPANESE CULTURE". The contest was part of its cultural work and was held in commemoration of the fifth anniversary of the establishment of a Japanese Language School at BANGKOK. DOMEI announced without embarrassment that although NO writer won first prize, some one received a second prize and also there were prizes for seven others. Three of the recipients had studied the Japanese language NOT in JAPAN, but in BANGKOK.

COMMENT:- These results may encourage those among us who are studying the Army Educational Course in Japanese.

PART 3 : TOPOGRAPHY

(ii) Other Areas:

DUTCH NEW GUINEA

BABO: (Lat 2°30'S, Long 133°25'E) is a large village lying on the West bank of the KASIRA River (Southern shore of McCLUER Gulf). The aerodrome is on the NW edge of the town where there were offices, houses, barracks, workshop and hospital of the Nederlandsche Nieuw Guinea Petroleum Mij, a company which was prospecting for oil in New Guinea. There were also a ramp and hangars for the amphibian planes of the NNGPM. There is a jetty and Government radio station. It has been reported that the installations in the town, as well as at the aerodrome, were nearly all demolished before BABO was evacuated by the Dutch in Feb 42. BABO was previously used as an advance base by Australian Lockheeds and Dutch flying boats. The town was occupied by the Japanese in Apr 42. There is a seaplane base on the KASIRA River where landings and take-offs are possible at all times. The only difficulty is a 4 mph current after heavy rains.

PART 3 Contd

Jap aerodrome constructional effort at BABO has been marked over the last two months.

FAK FAK is on the ONIN Peninsula. It has NO harbour but there is an anchorage and seaplane alighting area in the lee of PANJONG Island. An Asst Resident lived there, together with a few Chinese offidals and native policemen.

(Allied Air Forces Int Sum No71 and Q.L.of C.No 43).

Capt,
GS 2 Aust Corps

Distribution:

6 Aust Div	1 - 5	DDST	39
7 Aust Div	6 - 27	DDOS	40
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APPX "A" TO HQ 2 AUST CORPS INTELLIGENCE REPORT No.5

JAPANESE MORALE; PAPUA and SOLOMONS

The following excerpts from information of Japanese origin throw an interesting sidelight on morale of Japanese soldiers, operating in New Guinea and Guadalcanal areas:

"Due to our anti-aircraft guns being ineffective, the enemy (US planes) circles around and drops bombs on essential places. As we have only rifles, our only alternative is to flee from that area. It doesn't seem soldierly for us to flee as we watch the planes."

"....I believe if friendly planes were here - even the inferior seaplanes - the enemy would disappear. I often think that anti-aircraft guns and machine guns are NOT very effective."

"Several bombs were dropped. Even though there is little damage, the bombing is very dreadful. It is a horrible thing just to think of the restless souls of the human beings. The workers seem to scatter like small spiders at the same time the alarm sounds off. It is true that even the soldiers have in mind to flee as they watch the enemy planes. The higher officers would flee before anybody else."

"Even as an enemy they deserve praise. It is very difficult for their bombs to hit the target. However, we are in fear on account of lack of armament."

"This time I think it is truly hopeless when I watch them over our head. Our force is shooting more and more at the enemy. However, NOT even one bullet seems to hit anything."

"Our combat planes cannot get close to the enemy Flying Fortresses. It is very regrettable that the only alternative is for us to flee from being killed."

"Last night I stood guard at the working place, but there was NO air raid. Even the motor sound of the automobiles would get us all excited. We started to construct the air raid shelters at 0500 hrs. However, it was behind schedule. There is NOT even a single high official who can look into the future."

"An air assault occurred at 0930 hrs, and every soldier fled. The deck officer was very displeased and gave a lecture. 'It is soldierly to die by a bullet.' Such boastful talk was made by him. However, when it comes to actual bombardment, he would disappear first, and the subordinates are very unpleasant about this situation."

"The condition of South Sea Det. is beyond description. It is worse than you think. In Giruwa area there are Engineer Unit, line of communication, hospital, but there is NO fighting power. Patients in hospital have NO food to eat. Condition is so bad that I have NO words to describe it." (27 Nov 42, Buna Area).

"Isn't God protecting the Imperial Army? Ah, how tragic is this battlefield. Fellow-comrades, are you going to let us die? Even the spirits of invincible Jap soldiers are despondent now. Please God..... The night fell again. Our end is approaching. Three men came to reinforce our No 2 Section. Our strength now is 9 men without any LMG. (21 Dec 42, Buna Area).

"Occasionally one or two units land canteen supplies and at such times there are horrible incidents. Last 13 Aug, while a boat was being unloaded at Basabua, about 60 cases of beer disappeared, but nobody knows where. On 5 Oct, provisions for the 15 Pnr Unit came by patrol boat, and even though they were guarded while being unloaded, several things, including a box of condensed milk for patients at Buna base, disappeared at night. There are among soldiers some who are unworthy of the name." (15 Oct 42, Basabua - Buna Area).

"The pilots and crews fear to go to Guadalcanal because of losses received. When five planes go out, usually three of them fail to return. Operational losses are said to be high." (Guadalcanal).

"Even through the night, the explosion of bombardment was heard in all areas. It seems that the enemy on the sea has taken a complete offensive. On the contrary, the morale of our forces is going down. We haven't heard from our HQ and it seems as though we have lost our hostile intention. There are only ten men who could move and six of them sent to pick up the breads on Cape Taivu and we four went out to dig up the yams which were hidden in the jungle by the natives. My physical strength is NOT in good condition as yet, and I had a very hard time and sweat a lot."

"How long can we live on in this sort of a condition? When I think of it, the tears come out first. I never dreamed that we would come all the way down here and lose in a battle. The fact that we could NOT endure it hurt us a lot. It was a tragedy." (4 Oct 42, Guadalcanal).

"It is raining all day. The camp is flooded and we have NO breakfast. This really is a living hell. I wanted to either live through this or die now." (23 Aug 42, Guadalcanal).

"The rain is still pouring from yesterday. What a life in this jungle. I wonder how long this will continue? Waiting for the news from our side. 30 enemy planes taking off from the Lunga airfield and also 2 destroyers anchored in Lunga Harbour are now on their way here. It is presumed that our medium fighter planes were shot down to-day." (24 Aug 42, Guadalcanal).

"It seems that the morale of the soldiers here is getting poor because of the continuous bombing. I slept at the observation post." (14 Oct 42, probably Bougainville).

"Various unfounded rumours that reinforcements have landed and supply of rations has come. Battle line becoming narrower day by day. Rations were dropped twice by parachute but did NOT come into our hands."
(14 Dec 42, Buna Area).

"Enemy plan is to annihilate us before reinforcements come. The road between the Coy HQ has been completely cut off and we are now completely enveloped. I heard that enemy penetrated our A/A gun position. Bombed by enemy planes at dawn, continuously all day, along with concentrated mortar fire. We now only wait for the final moments to come." (15 Dec 42, Buna Area).

"At dawn, enemy bombed the hell out of us. Observe only the sky with bitter regrettable tears rolling down. Fierce enemy firing coming, Aoshima Buntai is in danger.

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Our No 2 Buntai preparation finished for charge with Pl leader. Filled my stomach with dried bread and waited for my end to come. Oh! remaining comrades, I shall depend on you for my revenge." (20 Dec 42, Buna Area).

"Oh ! friendly troops, are you going to let us die like rats in a hole? Sgt Ogawa reported that reinforcements are coming. Under these circumstances, one cannot accept such reports except as a temporary relief to one's feelings, or as yet another false rumour. Enemy bombing fiercely and our end is coming nearer and nearer." (21 Dec 42, Buna Area).

"Good news - friendly troops are near in the rear and and friendly planes will fly tomorrow. How far is this true and how far an unfounded rumour?" (22 Dec 42, Buna Area).

"Since the 14th, two officers of the 3rd Coy have been going insane. They probably had become pessimistic about the war situation. There is NO other change in conditions. We passed the day as usual." (24 Dec 42, Guadalcanal).

"Today is Christmas Day. Therefore, we had many presents from the enemy such as intense bombardment by artillery and naval guns. On the other hand, NOT one of our planes came from the new airfield which was completed on the 15th. Even the soldiers in the front lines have become very disgusted, and do NOT even talk about our planes anymore. The 1st and 3rd Bn (strength of 90 men), commanded by the USUI Unit Commander, are looking forward to New Year's Day in the hope of getting supplies." (25 Dec 42, Guadalcanal).

(Allied Air Forces, SWPA Int Summary No 78 of 17 Feb 43.)

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HQ 2 Aust Corps.
Feb 43.
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Subject: Distribution List.

Distribution:

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7 Aust Div	2
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GOC	6
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Int (incl Int Sec and FSS)	8
CE	9
CSO	10-11
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A	13
Q	14
Chaplains	15-16
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1. Attached is 2 Aust Corps Distribution List.

2. G2016, and attachment, of 24 Dec 42 is cancelled.

3. Heads of Services on the establishment of the HQ, including CSO, but excluding CE, will be responsible within their jurisdiction for all distributions, and for ensuring that action is taken to implement instructions.

4. This distribution list will be used by all branches of the staff of HQ 2 Aust Corps.

5. Acknowledge.

Encl.

BGS,
2 Aust Corps.

Serial	Formation etc	Op Adm orders and instructions	Branches Arms Services 2 Aust Corps Only.	Branches Arms Services and formations to incl Divs.	Branches Arms Services & formations to incl Bdes.	Branches Arms Services formations & units to incl Bns and equivalent units.	SD Instructions HQ 2 Aust Corps only.
		(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)
1	6 Aust Div	1	-	1	12	52	-
2	7 Aust Div	1	-	1	12	52	-
3							
4	RAE 2 Aust Corps	1	-	1	1	5	-
4a	" " " " attached units	-	-	-	-	5	-
5	2 Aust Corps D & E Pl	-	1	1	1	1	1
6	2 Aust Corps Cash Office	-	-	1	1	1	-
7	First Aust Army	1	-	-	-	-	-
8	GOC	1	1	1	1	1	1
9	G	1	1	1	1	1	1
10	Int (incl Int sec and FSS)	1	1	1	1	2	1
11	CE	1	1	1	1	1	1
12	CSO	1	1	2	2	2	1
13	DA & QMG	1	1	1	1	1	1
14	A	1	1	1	1	1	1
15	Q	1	1	1	1	1	1
16	Chaplains	-	2	2	2	2	2
17	S & T	1	1	1	2	8	1
18	Medical	2	2	2	2	5	2
19	Ord	1	1	1	1	2	1
20	AEME	1	1	1	1	3	1
21	Legal	-	1	1	1	1	1
22	Pro	-	1	1	1	2	1
23	Postal	-	1	1	1	2	1
24	Salv	-	1	1	1	1	1
25	Education	-	1	1	1	1	1
26	Amenities	-	1	1	1	1	1
27	Camp	-	1	1	1	1	1
28	[illegible]	-	1	1	1	1	1
29	Reception Office	-	-	-	-	-	1
30	War Diary	2	2	2	2	2	2
31	[illegible]	2	2	2	2	2	2
		21	28	33	56	160	29

For information.

32 Adv Ech LHQ
33 Yorkforce
34 Torresforce
35 Gild L of C Area
36 No. 1 L of C Sub-Area (Townsville)
37 No. 17 L of C Sub-Area (Cairns)
38 Movts Melbourne
39 Movts Sydney.
40 Movts. Brisbane.
41 Movts. Townsville
42 Movts. Cairns
43 RTO Rockhampton
44 RTO Innisfail
45 RTO Atherton
46 RTO Ravenshoe.

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HQ 2 AUST CORPS INTELLIGENCE REPORT No 6

Compiled from information received 26 Feb - 1 Mar 43

Notes A B & C. See Report No 1

PART 1 : OPERATIONS

(ii) N.E.I. Area

AMBON 21 Feb. Shipping in the harbour consisting of one cruiser of 5-10,000 tons and two merchant vessels, was attacked by a strong force of Allied aircraft, but results were NOT observed owing to cloud. Six or more enemy fighters intercepted. Although our aircraft over AMBOINA during Feb shot down at least six enemy aircraft and probably five others, there has been a net increase of enemy air strength in this area during the period.

KAI Is. 25 Feb. LANGGUR was bombed twice by our aircraft. A storehouse was hit and other buildings in the barracks area damaged.

TIMOR 25 Feb. Buildings South of the main runway at PENFOEI were bombed. Intercaption was made by six to ten fighters of which at least two were destroyed.

(iii) NEW GUINEA AREA

WEWAK. The runway of the aerodrome was originally 1,100 by 95 yards but since Dec of last year, the enemy have been busy with improvements. Protective grading is going on and a runway of 1,500 by 110 yards is being prepared. There is a system of dispersal bays with seventy-seven bays under construction on SE side and another ring of bays at NE end. The improvements are being rapidly carried out and stores, supplies and reinforcements have been landed regularly. The development of WEWAK would appear to be but a part of a comprehensive plan to construct advanced and rear bases in a double chain across the North from SUMATRA to the MARSHALLS.

MADANG 24 Feb. The runway was bombed by Allied aircraft.

LAE 23 and 24 Feb. LAE and the environs were bombed and strafed and fires started. Recent improvements on the MALAHANG aerodrome include two new dispersal bays with more possibly under construction. Strips in good condition are located at NADZAB, NARANAPON and MAPIRI in the MARKHAM VALLEY and there are other sites capable of conversion into strips. Native reports indicate that the enemy has occupied ONGA and CHINSIWA in the UPPER MARKHAM VALLEY, and there is an unconfirmed report that the enemy had established a supply dump at NEW MINUM. These factors probably indicate enemy determination to make a very strong defensive position of LAE. There have been a number of sightings of submarines in and around the HUON GULF lately. The possibility exists that the Japs are using submarines for supply and reinforcement of LAE as was done at BUNA and in the SOLOMONS. This and the indications of efforts to develope an overland route from MADANG may be taken as confirmation of the effectiveness of our air attacks on enemy surface craft in the vicinity.

(iii) NEW GUINEA Area Contd

NUBO-WAU 23 Feb. GUADAGASAL, BITOI RIVER, NUBO and WAIPALI were bombed and strafed by Allied aircraft. Japs withdrawn from WAIPALI were bombed at GUADAGASAL SADDLE on 24 Feb, and the whole area was strafed. The enemy have now lost between 1,000 and 1,500 men besides much equipment around WAU.

MOROBE Area 22 Feb. Two enemy submarines were sighted in the Harbour. Enemy positions and barges were bombed and strafed by our aircraft. 24 Feb. The area at the mouth of the WARIA was strafed. At least 400 Japs equipped with machine guns, were located at the mouth of the WARIA River on 17 Feb. The area from the mouth of the KUMUSI River to CAPE WARD HUNT, was reported to be clear of enemy on 21 Feb. On 23 Feb a party of from thirty to fifty Japs was contacted by our forces in the area West of the North arm of the KUMUSI River and was dispersed. Strong Allied patrols advanced up the OPI River.

The aerodromes at MILNE BAY and PORT MORESBY were raided on 23 Feb, but little damage was reported.

DUTCH NEW GUINEA.

BABO 24 Feb. The township and one 3,000-ton merchant vessel in the Harbour were bombed by our aircraft, but results are NOT known.

KAUKENAU 24 Feb. Three vessels were sighted forty-five miles West of KAUKENAU on a course NW. KAUKENAU was attacked by Allied aircraft but results were NOT observed.

(iv) BISMARCK ARCHIPELAGO

MANUS Is 22 Feb. A number of fifty-foot boats were bombed in LORENGAU HARBOUR. 23 Feb. A 15,000-ton tanker was sighted eighty miles NNE of LORENGAU on a course SE.

NEW BRITAIN 22 Feb. In RABAUL HARBOUR photographs revealed one light cruiser, eleven destroyers, two submarines, one tender, two submarine chasers, one unidentified warship, two tankers (9,000 tons and 2,000 tons) and fifty-nine merchant vessels in all totalling 209,000 tons. 23 and 24 Feb. Allied aircraft raided ground installations at RABAUL and shipping in the Harbour. Thirty-two bombs were dropped on the wharf and town area with unobserved results; three hits were scored on what was thought to be a large destroyer or cruiser. 24 Feb. Enemy shipping was active off HOPE on the East of GAZELLE PENINSULA, off HUNTER Point on NEW IRELAND opposite RABAUL, and between DUKE OF YORK and ULU Islands. Two destroyers and three large cargo vessels were seen on a course SW by South in ST GEORGES CHANNEL.

WIDE BAY 23 Feb. One transport and three possible destroyers were sighted in the Bay.

OPEN BAY 24 Feb. A 10,000-ton cargo vessel was sighted stationary in the Bay.

POWELL PT (25 miles ENE UBILI). Photographs revealed that Allied aircraft capsized and wrecked an enemy vessel off the POINT on 21 Feb. On 24 Feb Allied aircraft were intercepted by three enemy fighters and later at the same position by eight fighters, four of which were destroyed.

NEW HANOVER 23 Feb. Two 8-10,000-ton cargo vessels were sighted 40 miles West of the island on an Easterly course.

(iii) NEW GUINEA Area Contd

The aerodromes at GASMATA were bombed on 22 Feb and CAPE GLOUCESTER on 23 Feb, but results were NOT observed.

(v) SOLOMONS Area

BUIN FAISI 22 Feb. Two beached cargo vessels were observed one mile NW of KAHILI.

(vi) GENERAL

N.S.W. 19 Feb. A single unidentified aircraft appeared over SYDNEY HEADS on night of 19 Feb. There is little doubt that it was engaged on reconnaissance for one of the submarines at present operating in Australian waters. It is known that the Japanese possess about thirty I type submarines designed to carry small float planes in water-tight compartments on their decks. The wings and fuselage are stored in separate compartments and the time required for launching is estimated at one hour after surfacing. The planes carried are of two known types - type 96 with a maximum speed of 170 mph and a range of 500 miles, and type Zero 1 - maximum speed 190 mph, range 475 miles. Range in each case has been calculated without bomb load.

(Compiled from information received from Landops Revsits 208 and 209, AMF Int Review 29 and First Aust Army Int Summary 42).

PART 2 : ENEMY

(i) OOB: Estimate of enemy land based aircraft strength:- NEW BRITAIN, NEW IRELAND, NEW GUINEA, SOLOMONS, TIMOR, AMBON, CELEBES and AROE ISLAND Areas - 23 Feb 43.

Areas	F	B	P/B	F/P	Trans & Obsn A/C	23/2	19/2	Comparatives 22/1	24/11
N.E. AREA:									
New Britain	36	54	8	9	8	115	141	233	140
New Ireland	9	32		4	6	51	51		
New Guinea	27					27	15	13	45
Solomons	100	32	14	30	4	180	106	89	77
N.W. AREA:									
Timor	18	11		3	4	36	36	55	35
Ambon	18	9	3	4		34	20	31	-
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Celebes	53	36		12	12	113	113	121	74
	261	174	25	67	34	561	487	552	371

(Allied Air Forces, SWPA, Int Summary No 83).

PART 2 : ENEMY Contd:

(v) Equipment:

(a) Jap 37 mm Anti Tank Gun "TAISHO" (1922 Model):

Photographic reproduction of this gun appears as Appendix "A" (i).

Description and Characteristics

Calibre	37 mm	1.4"
Elevation	?	
Traverse	45°	
Length of barrel	152 cm	59.3"
Width of breech ring	14½cm	5.6"
Thickness front to rear	16 cm	6.2"
Length of trail	173 cm	67.5"
Diameter of wheels	91 cm	33.5"
Height of axle	28 cm	10.9"

The gun is mounted on a carriage with a split trail and iron shod wooden wheels.

The breech block is a horizontal sliding type, hand operated.

The range gear and range drum are on the right; traversing, elevating and sighting gear on the left.

The buffer is beneath the piece, and the cradle is pivoted on the axle, and fitted with a traversing arc and pinion, forward of the axle, which allows for 45° traverse.

Projectile Description

Length of cartridge to base	16½ cm	6.4"
Diameter of base	5½ cm	2.1"
Width of rim	2 mm	.08"

(HQ MGF Int Summary No 106 - 27 Jan 43).

(b) Jap Triple Barrel 25 mm A/A Gun:

Preliminary report and photographic reproduction of this gun, together with a sketch of a 25 mm AA Shell are attached as Appendix "A" (ii).

(c) Jap Incendiary French Mortar Bombs:

A description and sketch of a 90 mm Incendiary French Mortar Bomb (Type 94) are attached as Appendix "A" (iii).

(AHQ Weekly Int Review No 28).

(vi) Tactics: See Appendix "B" - "Japanese Paratroop Operations."

(Allied Air Forces SWPA Int Sum No 79).

(xii) Morale & Propaganda:

Japan's View on Germany.

Tokyo Radio, 16 Feb:- "All the Russians gained after terrific losses was burnt-out territory. The German people have now entered the decisive phase when their fate will be decided for the future. We have all confidence in Germany that it will be victorious over our common enemies, Britain and America."

Comment: And Russia, Mr Tojo?

(Allied Air Forces SWPA Int Sum No 79).

PART 3 : TOPOGRAPHY

(i) Corps Area:

Rd GORDONVALE - YUNGABURRA -
Rd from Ref GORDONVALE 1" 750477 to 705422 B1 Sealed; to Ref 670413 B1 Metal; to Ref 619325 C1 Gravel; to YUNGABURRA Ref BARTLE FRERE 1" 520260 C1 Sealed.

Rd ATHERTON - MILLAA MILLAA -
Rd from Ref BARTLE FRERE 1" 486227 to 533120 B1 Sealed; to Ref PALMERSTON 1" 555970 C1 Sealed.

Rd ATHERTON - YUNGABURRA -
Rd from Ref BARTLE FRERE 1" 520260 to Ref HERBERTON 1" 393271 B1 Sealed.

Rd ATHERTON - ROCKY CREEK -
Rd from Ref HERBERTON 1" 393271 to Ref DIMBULAH 1" 400320 B1 (C1) Sealed; to Ref DIMBULAH 1" 361370 B1(C2) Gravel. Condition Bad.

(ii) Other Areas:

ROUTES FROM WEWAK TO MADANG

(See sketch attached as Appendix "D")

Although there is NO developed track between WEWAK and MADANG, there are several negotiable routes, Travel over these involves considerable difficulty and, in some cases, sections can only be covered by water.

THE COASTAL TRACK - The most used route is by the coast from WEWAK to KAUP, thence by launch to WATAM, and again by track from WATAM through BOGIA to MADANG.

From WEWAK to KAUP is approximately 4 days' walk. From KAUP to WATAM is four days' travel by launch or canoe through the MURIK LAGOONS and MADJOP CANAL. This part of the journey is impossible on foot. From WATAM a bicycle may be ridden all the way to MADANG and it is considered that with little improvement to the track it would be possible to get JEEP type vehicles over it. Rivers in this case would have to be crossed by raft or flying fox equipment. The travelling time for this stage of the journey is stated to be four days by bicycle or eight to nine days on foot.

TRACK BOGIA - ATEMBIE - MADANG - From BOGIA South to ATEMBLE on the RAMU River a track exists over which it is possible to use horse transport. It takes from six to eight days' travelling. From ATEMBLE the track passes East through EMERUM, WABUSARIK, AMAIHON and UTU to MADANG. This journey takes from eight to nine days, and the track has been used for horse and mule transport. Both tracks are reported to be rough.

NAVIGABILITY OF RIVERS - The main rivers encountered in this area are the SEPIK, KERAN and RAMU Rivers. The navigable extent of each is given below.

(a) SEPIK RIVER - In the Great War 1914-18, a German destroyer proceeded up this river as far as AMBUNTI, (180 to 200 miles). However, it is reported that a launch of 3 ft draught is NOT able now to proceed further than the vicinity of JAPANDAI (150 to 170 miles) on account of sandbanks and driftwood.

PART 3 : TOPOGRAPHY Contd.

(b) KERAM RIVER - In the dry season a launch drawing 3 feet of water can only proceed as far as Bugaram (about 50 miles from the SEPIK RIVER). In the wet season it is possible to get the launch as far as the KERAM HILLS (about 160 miles). From here it is possible to walk or canoe to AMIANBERG on the RAMU River.

(c) RAMU RIVER - In the dry season a launch of 3 feet draught can only reach BOSMAN, about 20 miles from the coast. In the wet seasonthe same launch is able to reach AMIANBERG (about 150 miles) and canoes may be taken some distance above ATEMBLE.

The wet season in the WEWAK - MADANG area is about to commence. APRIL is the wettest month.

(AMF Weekly Intelligence Review No 29).

PART 5 : SECURITY

Japanese Reproductions of our Maps: Demonstration of Japanese thoroughness was displayed recently when two replicas of our own 4 miles - 1 inch Strat maps came to hand. They had been expertly copied and reproduced even to colouring. Spelling of some place names had been changed to agree with their own pronunciation of maps in use and the BritishRF of 1:253,440 had been changed to their RF in general use, 1:250,000.

Jap characters replaced our own information round the margin and the typical Jap sense of non-humourous wit and imitation was evident by the statement on maps "Produced by Adv LHQ Australia."

Security of information received a "blow under the belt" in this case, and all ranks must ensure that the security of such documents is guarded and preserved.

(First Aust Army Weekly Int Summary No 42).

Attached as Appendix "C" is an account of a further security test during field manoeuvres of a large unit.

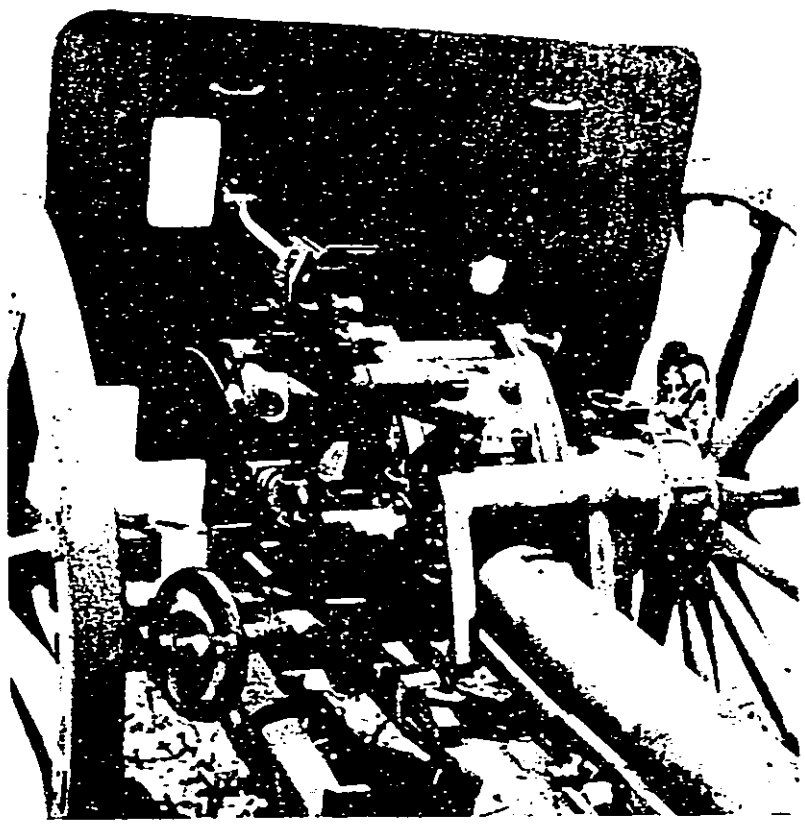
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JAPANESE 37MM A/T GUN

TAISHO 1922 MODEL

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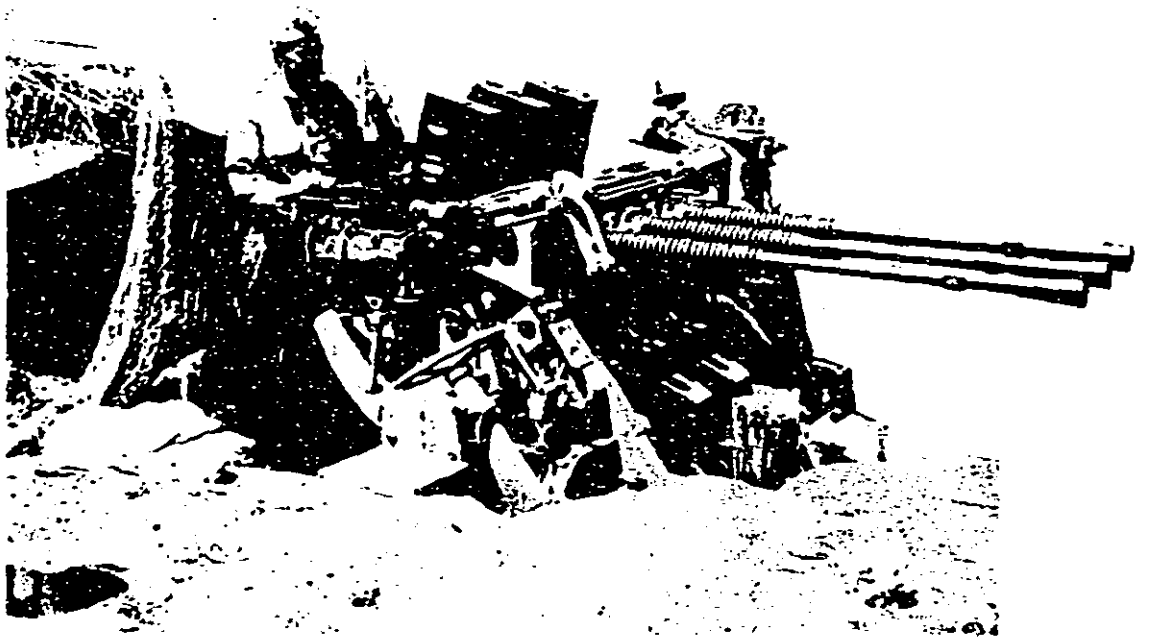


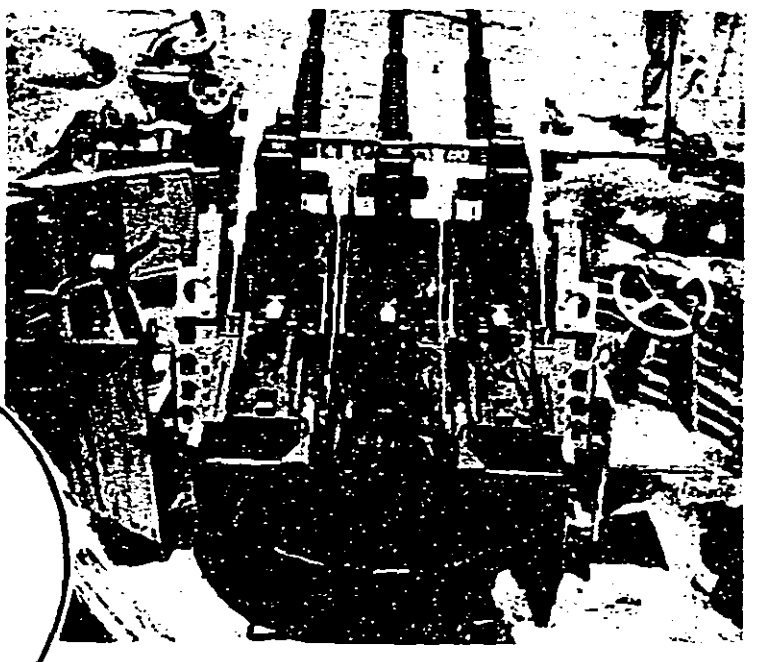


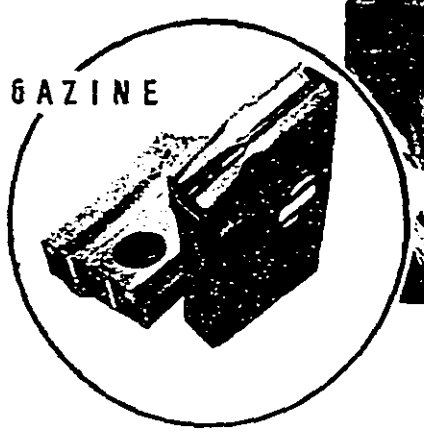
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JAPANESE TRIPLE BARREL
25MM A/A GUN





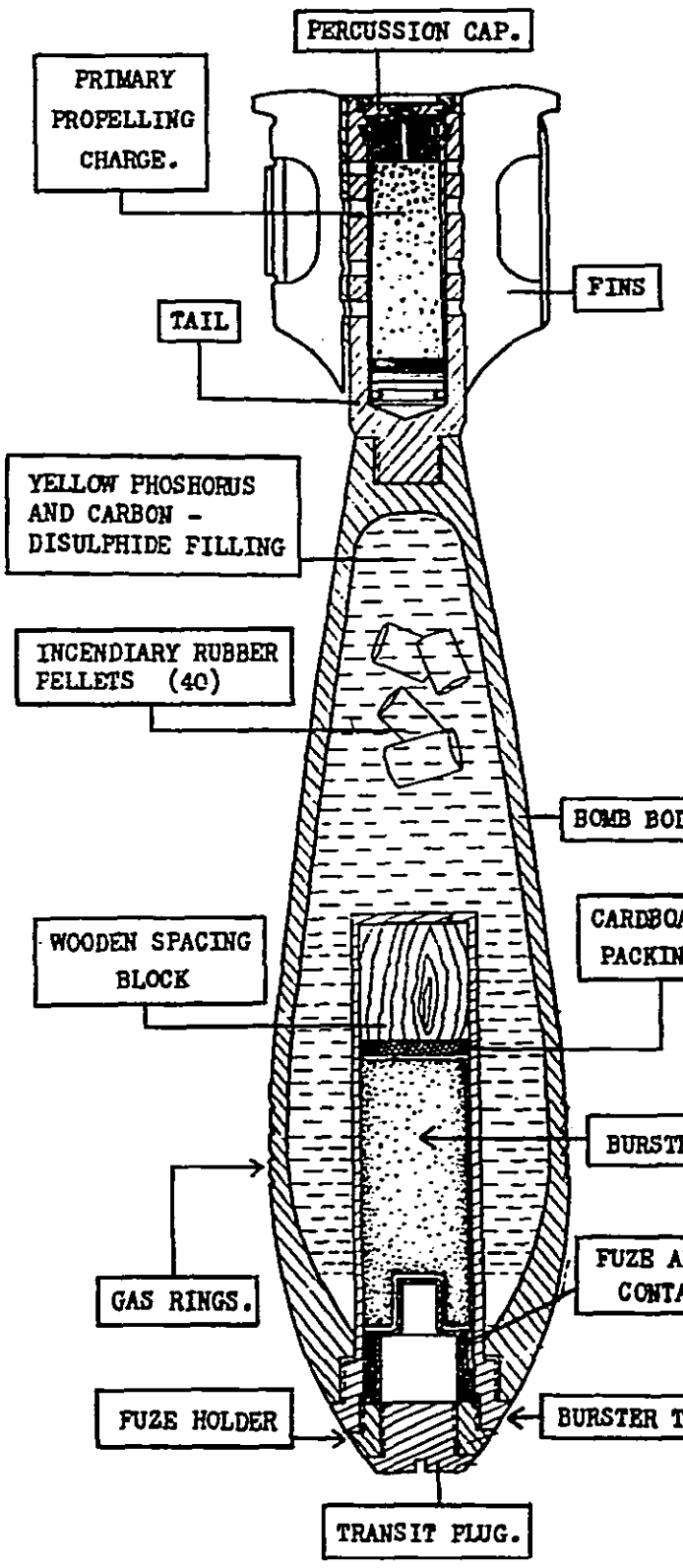


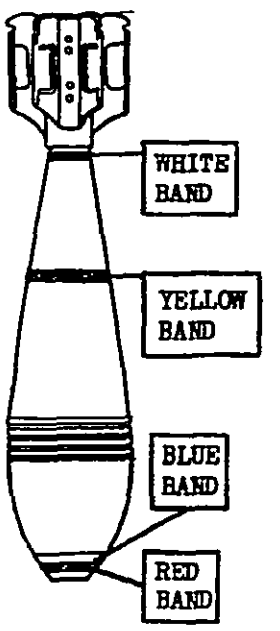
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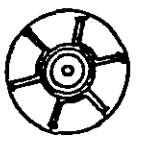
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JAPANESE 90MM INCENDIARY MORTAR BOMB · TYPE 94

HALF SCALE







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APPENDIX "B" TO HQ 2 AUST CORPS INTELLIGENCE REPORT No 6

JAPANESE PARATROOP OPERATIONS

It is estimated that the Japanese have trained about 24,000 troops in paratroop operations. At least two airborne divisions have been identified, namely the 3rd, and 5th Airborne Divisions. Aircraft known to have been employed in these operations are the Lockheed type transport, Douglas type transport, Fiat BR 20 type and an old type of 4 engined bomber.

In the southward drive the Japanese have employed paratroop tactics at three points, namely at PALEMBANG, MENADO and KOEPANG.

PALEMBANG: In this operation a total of approximately 70 aircraft was employed, types being 4 engined bombers and Douglas and Lockheed transport types. It is believed that each aircraft carried from 15 to 24 men. A battalion of some 700 officers and men was dropped from 600 feet. The operation was NOT entirely successful. The ground defences were active and the jump was made from too great a height. Most of the paratroops were wiped out. There was NO preliminary strafing by low flying aircraft but high level bombing had been previously employed. The aircraft could have operated either from the MALAY PENINSULA or from BORNEO. Reliable intelligence indicates that the operations were conducted from KUCHING in NORTH BORNEO.

MENADO: Of the paratroop operations against MENADO little intelligence is available. It is NOT known what type of aircraft were employed or the number of troops actually landed. The aircraft could have operated either from JOLO or DAVAO.

KOEPANG: In these operations some 20 to 25 Douglas type transport aircraft were used, support being given by fighters and bombers. Some 300 to 500 troops were dropped on two successive days. There was NO air opposition and the area was well strafed by low flying aircraft and bombed by high level medium bombers. The jumps were made from approximately 300 feet. The air bases from which these operations could have been carried out were KENDARI in CELEBES and AMBON on AMBOINA ISLAND.

From the scale of distances set out hereunder it would appear that paratroop operations could be carried out without serious difficulty at a radius of 450 nautical miles from the enemy's air base.

Distance in Nautical Miles	Base to dropping point
300 miles	SINGAPORE - PALEMBANG
500 miles	KUCHING - PALEMBANG
410 miles	JOLO - MENADO
385 miles	DAVAO - MENADO
420 miles	KENDARI - KOEPANG
350 miles	AMBON - KOEPANG

It is interesting to consider the enemy's capabilities if he elected to employ paratroops in the NEW GUINEA area for the seizure of forward bases where the nature of the terrain renders land communications difficult. Similarly, where operations must be carried out over stretches of water and naval control of the sea may NOT be possible or may be hazardous, paratroops might be effectively employed to seize areas which are lightly defended. In such cases the problems of maintenance and supply of the paratroops and the consolidation of the territory seized become apparent. These difficulties, however, might be overcome if the paratroops were dropped either on existing landing strips or in areas where landing strips could be quickly developed. With the initial purpose of seizing the area and preparing a landing ground achieved, supply thereafter might be maintained by air transport.

If paratroops were operated from the LAE-SALAMAUA area they could conduct operations over an arc from MERAUKE to MILNE BAY and including the tip of C.YORK. Aircraft operating from WEWAK could cover the whole of central NEW GUINEA. MERAUKE could also be brought within range from KAUKENAU. The distances in nautical miles appear in the following table:

Distance in Nautical Miles.	Base to dropping point.
420 miles	LAE - HORN IS
430 miles	WEWAK - HORN IS
400 miles	LAE - MERAUKE
500 miles	LAE - MILNE BAY
290 miles	WEWAK - MERAUKE
330 miles	KAUKENAU - MERAUKE
170 miles	MERAUKE - HORN IS.

(Allied Air Forces, SWPA Int Summary No 79).

S E C R E T

APPENDIX "Q" TO HQ 2 AUST CORPS INTELLIGENCE REPORT No 6

In striking contrast to the lack of security shown by the unit subjected to a "Fifth Column" test during manoeuvres recently (reported in Appx "A" to HQ 2 Aust Corps Int Report No 4) was the excellent security revealed by a sister unit in identical manoeuvres last week.

Details of the ways in which the sister unit had been tricked and deceived during their manoeuvres had been spread and widely discussed by all ranks of the unit which was the subject of last week's experiment. They set out for their week's test grimly determined that the "Fifth Columnists" would NOT take one trick against them. Though in one or two instances they swung to extremes of caution, which in operations might have interfered with movements and execution of orders, their attitude generally was an object lesson in security.

The exercises demonstrated that security CAN be almost 100% effective in any unit if security is preached intelligently, followed up with practical examples and the troops' enthusiasm for their own safety is aroused.

The big swing over towards security after the debacle of the first exercise proved the value of tests such as these. Although the tests have little relation to reality, they are worth including in any manoeuvres because they help to instil the habit of caution in troops.

As in the first manoeuvre the troops werewarned that "Fifth Columnists" and "Paratroops" were active, and that they were to be specially careful to check the bona fides of military police because a bogus "MP" had diverted the convoy in the previous manoeuvres.

They took this lesson so closely to heart that when they found an MP at the same road intersection where the previous convoy had been fooled they promptly put the bona fide MP under arrest. He had been posted there by the Directing Staff to warn the convoy that a bridge on the main road had been blown and that the convoy was to take an alternative route. The Provost NCO produced a correct pass endorsed for the manoeuvres and signed by the Directing Staff and had a paybook but NO identity disc. After the Adjutant had been sent forward and reported that the bridge was NOT blown the convoy took the original route. Delay was caused by this excessive suspicion.

A little further down the road a convoy was halted by another MP, a bogus one this time. He told the CO that he had been posted there to warn them that an embankment had been blown and that the convoy was to halt until further orders. This "MP" was disposed of at pistol point by several officers with less than a minute's delay to the convoy when he could NOT produce a paybook and identity disc or a Provost identification card. He was held under surveillance until all the convoy had passed and then allowed to go. He was the butt of jeers and derision as the troops passed in their trucks, showing that they were ever keener on the security job after the bowling out of a genuine "Fifth Columnist."

On the second day of the manoeuvres the "Pifos" sent forward a "reinforcement officer." He was correctly dressed and carried faked MOB 111 and F-200 forms which had been filled in for fictitious movements and issues for the previous 12 months. His story and the papers addressed in an official envelope to the Adjutant got him past the guard and he was taken under escort to the Orderly Officer, who did NOT take him at his face value. The Adjutant, on hearing his carefully prepared and plausible story, could NOT immediately prove him an imposter, resulting in his being kept for some 2½ hours.

Eventually the CO floored him with some technical questions about artillery and the RSM trapped him when he was forced to invent the names of instructors at an Artillery school, which he claimed he had attended. The RSM had attended that school.

The "Fifos" played their trump card on the third day. This was a very air-knowledgeable Intelligence NCO who had borrowed a Squadron Leader's full uniform, and spent some time with the RAAF to get atmosphere.

He spent the evening before in trying to gather atmosphere about the artillery manoeuvres by drinking with some of the gunners in a nearby hotel. He found them very ready to drink his beer and talk about the air force, but they were completely unintelligent when he wanted them to talk about artillery matters. They did NOT know, they said, whether they had 18 or 25 pdr guns, and had forgotten the names of their last few camp sites.

With his uniform he had NO difficulty in passing the sentries with a faked pass and reaching regimental HQ. He was sufficiently arrogant on one or two occasions to impress the junior officers. In chatting with the Adjutant he had sufficient knowledge of personalties to discuss mutual friends in the RAAF, and talked fairly convincingly of Army co-operation and latest experiemtns in directing artillery fire from the air. He was taken to the CO and the ensuing battle of wits lasted for a considerable time. He was tested on personalities, names and numbers of squadrons, technical RAAF matters and places both in the ME and AUSTRALIA. Although they were very suspicious the CO and other officers could NOT pin him down until one of them asked him a question about "Marys", a place of entertainment for officers only at ALEXANDRIA, which was known intimately by nearly every RAAF officer in the ME. The NCO "Squadron Leader" placed "Marys" at the "Berka" in CAIRO and was immediately self-convicted as an imposter.

Realising he was check-mated he resigned and endeavoured to protect his driver who was another "Fiffo" masquerading in Air Force badges. His story and papers were water-tight but he was given away by an Army type puggaree in his hat instead of an RAAF pattern, and by tan shoe polish marks on his socks instead of black.

The greatest weakness in the manoeuvre security took place that night at a dance in a nearby township. "Fifth Columnists" mixing with the troops were told by some of the gunners, or overheard them telling friends and girls, the location of their Regimental HQ, how long the manoeuvres would last, their time of departure and route for the following day, and places where ammunition was being carted, from which they deduced the location of dumps.

The only real success the "Fifth Columnists" scored went to the credit of a slow-spoken weather beaten NCO who posed as a grazier. He spent the first two days in gathering local background including the names of people in the vicinity, names of mountain ranges and rivers, weather information, and farming lore. He borrowed a horse, spurs, striped shirt, straw hat and a cattle dog and seized his chance when he saw a large mob of cattle being driven down a road towards the gun positions. He galloped up to the sentry and told him he wanted to get through in a hurry because he was the owner of the property on which the manoeuvres were taking place. He said he wanted to shift some of his cattle out of the way so that they would NOT get mixed up with the other mob, pointing with his stock-whip to the cattle advancing down the road. The sentry said that he had strict orders NOT to let anybody through without a pass, but supposed it would be alright, if he collected his cattle. The NCO did in fact round up some cattle and drive them through the gun positions.

He stopped to chat at one Battery HQ. The troops were suspicious even of him at first, and one asked persistent questions

about local place names, the names of grasses which he pointed out, crops, and a few other matters to which the "Fiffo" had primed himself,with answers beforehand. When he passed that test he enlisted their sympathy by telling them of a brother who had been killed in the ME. After that they answered every question he put to them, and watched them man their guns and carry out their exercise. Later he put the cattle back into a paddock and tagged along beside the genuine drover when the big herd was allowed through the lines. In that way he traversed most of the manoeuvre area without being questioned again.

On the last day of the manoeuvres he again moved freely about the area by feigning anger at the destruction done to his fences and the cattle that he had lost through gates being left open. His story that he wanted to see the CO to get compensation was believed everywhere, and it was only by bad luck that he failed to contact the CO. All the troops were helpful in their directions to the constantly shifting Regimental HQ.

After a "camouflage officer" riding a motor bike had been turned back with scant courtesy by a sentry because he could NOT produce a pass, another "Fifth Columnist" posing as a YMCA officer had a little more success. He was wearing correct badges but had NO hat badge. He got through the sentries on the pretext that he wanted to meet the Regimental Chaplain "to arrange to bring a truck load of comforts out to the boys the next day." None of the groups of men of whom he asked directions was helpful and in some instances when one man began to direct him, the directions were cut short by peremptory orders from other troops to the speaker to "shut up."

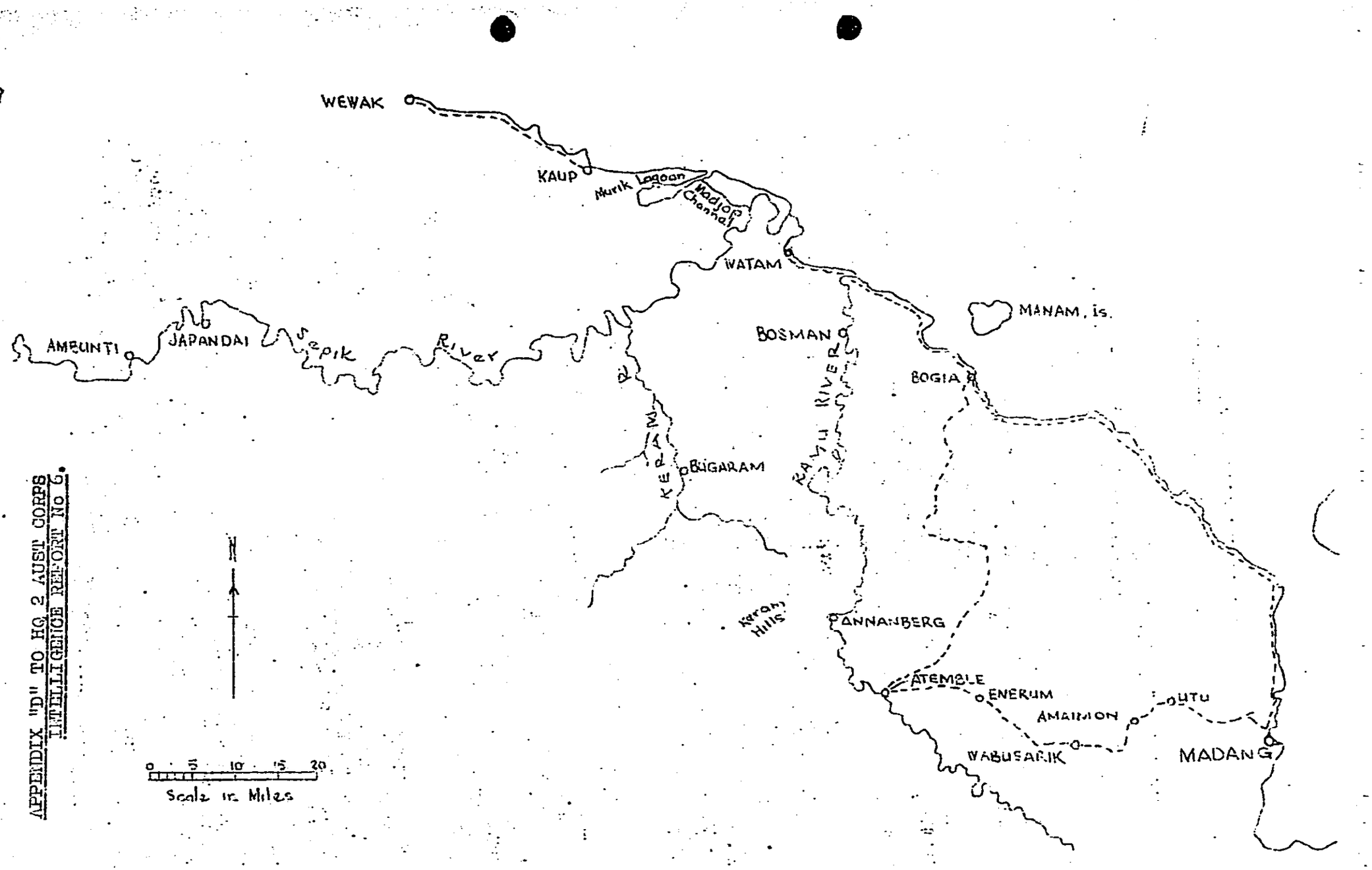
The YMCA officer joined the tail of a convoy that was moving by and travelled with it for a few miles. Just before it was due to bivouac it stopped and the 2 i/c drove down the line of vehicles. He halted at the YMCA officer's truck, saw that the officer was NOT wearing the correct hat badge, listened for a few minutes to a lame explanation of why the officer was in an Army HQ truck. At the point in the officer's story where he said that he was coming back the following day with a truck load of comforts, the 2 i/c cut the recital short by saying "You needn't worry about coming back; you won't even go. You're under arrest."

On the last night of the manoeuvres the "Fifth Columnists" in a body went through the bivouac area to try to sabotage some of the guns and vehicles. Black-out discipline was so good, however, that they had difficulty in finding any of the camp sites. When they did find them they were unable to get near enough undetected to achieve their purpose.

Throughout the manoeuvres they found a vast difference in the attitude of local residents towards security. Officers and troops had passed on some of their own sense of caution to barmaids, hotel keepers, cafe proprietors and other people who were a fruitful source of information to "Fifth Columnists" on the first exercise. They learned practically nothing from this source last week.

(First Aust Army Weekly Int Summary No 42)

APPENDIX "D" TO HQ 2 AUST CORPS
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7 Aust Div	2-3	DDST	26
HQ Coy 9 Aust Fd Amb	4	DDOS	27
2 Aust Corps Cipher Sec	5	ADME	28
HQ 2 Aust Corps Tpt Coln	6	APM	29
Depot Cash Office	7	DAD Posts	30
2 Aust Corps Reception Camp	8	Salvage	31
GOC	9	Sigmaster	32
Intell	10	Adv Ech LHQ (Q'land)	33
CCRA	11	First Aust Army (AIF)	34-35
CE	12	Torresforce	36
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RAE 2 Aust Corps	15	17 (Cairns) L of C Sub-Area	38
CSO	16-17	2/2 Aust Gen Hosp	39
DA & QMG	18	106 Aust Con Depot	40
A	19	FOD Ravenshoe	41
Q	20	RTO INNISFAIL	42
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1. Herewith 2 Aust Corps Location Statement as at 2400 hours 28 Feb 43.

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

3. Acknowledge.

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for BGS,
2 Aust Corps.

Encl.

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LOCATION STATEMENT 2 AUST CORPS.
as at 2400 hrs 28 Feb.

2 Aust Corps Veh Sign: Cockatoo on boomerang.

Map Legend:

BF	-	BARTLE FRERE	one	inch	to	one	mile
D	-	DIMBULA	"	"	"	"	"
G	-	GORDONVALE	"	"	"	"	"
H	-	HERBERTON	"	"	"	"	"
I	-	INNISFAIL	"	"	"	"	"
Mt G	-	Mt GARNETT	"	"	"	"	"
P	-	PALMERSTON	"	"	"	"	"

Serial	Unit	Veh No	Location	Map Ref	Remarks.
	HQ.				
A1	HQ 2 Aust Corps	107	BARRINE	G 555344	
A2	2 Aust Corps Sec Intell Corps	107	BARRINE	G 555344	
A3	'H' Sec FSS	107	BARRINE	G 555344	
A4	2 Aust Corps Def & Emp Pl	120	BARRINE	G 555344	
	RAA.				
A5	HQ RAA 2 Aust Corps	109	BARRINE	G 555344	
A6	No 2 Mob Met Flight		BARRINE	G 555344	Att HQ RAA 2 Aust Corps.
	RAE.				
A7	HQ RAE 2 Aust Corps +	101	YUNGABURRA	BF519262	+ Det for duty
A8	19 Aust A Fd Coy +	141	RAVENSHOE	MtG397848	under adv ech
A9	10 Aust Fd Coy +	149	KAIRI	G 487383	LHQ for Ops & works. Remaini
A10	60 Aust Corps Fd Pk Coy & 315 Aust LAD AEME +	105	ATHERTON	H 390252	under comd 2 Aust Corps for adm.
A11	2 Aust Corps Camflg Trg Unit	118	YUNGABURRA	BF519262	
A12	2/22 Aust Fd Pk Coy ♦ (less stores sec) & 2/80 Aust LAD	59	ROCKY CREEK	D 374370	♦ Under comd 2 Aust Corps for
A13	2/23 Aust Corps Fd Pk Coy Hand 2/65 Aust LAD. ♭	76	ROCKY CREEK	D 373370	adm & Adv Ech
A14	16 Aust Fd Coy ♦ +	89	KAIRI	G 487383	LHQ for works.
A15	27 Aust Fd Coy ♦	214	WONDECLA	H 319072	
	Sigs.				
A16	Sigs 2 Aust Corps & 244 aust LAD AEME	115	BARRINE	G 552340	
A17	2 Aust Corps Cipher Sec	115	BARRINE	G 555344	
A18	11 Aust Line Sec Sigs First Aust Army		RAVENSHOE		
	AASC.				
A19	HQ 2 Aust Corps Tpt Col	116	MALANDA	BF524162	
A20	131 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	121	MILLAA MILLAA	P 547969	
A21	132 Aust Gen Tpt Coy (less two Tpt Pls)	103	INNISFAIL	I 022961	
A22	A Tpt Pl 132 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	103	RAVENSHOE	MtG 403851	
A23	C Tpt Pl 132 Aust Gen Tpt Coy X	103	ATHERTON	H 400272	
A24	Det 5 Aust DID	260	MAREEBA	D 334592	Under comd for adm
A25	8 Aust M.C AIF (less C Sec)	245	EAST BARRON	BF 479228	

Serial	Unit	Veh No	Location	Map Ref	Remarks.
	AAMC.				
A26	HQ Coy 9 Aust Fd Amb		RAVENSHOE		
A27	A Coy 9 Aust Fd Amb		ATHERTON		
	3/1 Aust Dental Unit (less A D & E Secs) (Army Tps)	247			
A28	HQ (1) Sec		RAVENSHOE		att 2/2 Aust Inf Bn
A29	HQ (2) Sec		TOOWOOMBA		
A30	B Sec		COOKTOWN		in transit 2 Corps area.
A31	C Sec		CAIRNS		att 17 L of C Sub. area CAIRNS.
A32	F Sec		RAVENSHOE		att 2/33 Aust Inf Bn.
	79 Aust Dental Unit (less A & C Secs) (Army Tps)	284			
A33	HQ (1) Sec		RAVENSHOE		att 2/27 Aust Inf Bn
A34	HQ (2) Sec		RAVENSHOE		att 2/16 Aust Inf Bn
A35	B Sec		RAVENSHOE		att 2/1 Aust Inf Bn
A36	D Sec		RAVENSHOE		att 2/2 Aust Inf Bn
A37	E Sec		RAVENSHOE		att 2/31 Aust Inf Bn
A38	F Sec		RAVENSHOE		att 2/25 Aust Inf Bn
	AAOC.				
A39	16 Bde Sec 6 Aust Div Ord Fd Pk		MALANDA		
	AEME.				
A40	2/2 Aust Inf Tps Wkshop		MALANDA	G 537173	
A41	16 Bde Sec 6 Aust Div Wkshop		WARRADALE SA		Moving Corps area.
A42	2/45 Aust LAD Y		RAVENSHOE	MtG 400842	
A43	2/56 Aust LAD Y		ATHERTON	H 400280	
	Pro.				
A44	Two secs 2 Aust Corps Pro Coy	128	BARRINE		Remainder of unit moving Corps area.
	Postal.				
A45	One FPO sec 2 Aust Corps Postal Unit	154	BARRINE		
	Pay				
A46	Depot Cash Office		ATHERTON		
	Misc.				
A47	Mobile Cinema No 11		RAVENSHOE		
A48	Norforce Concert Party		RAVENSHOE		

X - Adv Ech LHQ (QUEENSLAND) has first call on half this platoon
Y - Continuing with general work as part of general Tableland Repair System.

7 Aust Div and elements of 6 Aust Div.

All at RAVENSHOE area.

Serial	Unit	Camp	Remarks.
B1	HQ 7 Aust Div [illegible]	TULLY FALLS RD	
	CAV.		
B2	2/7 Aust Cav Regt	H	
	RAE.		
B3	HQ RAE 7 Aust Div	TULLY FALLS RD	
B4	2/5 Aust Fd Coy	U	
B5	2/6 Aust Fd Coy	U	
	SIGS.		
B6	HQ Sigs 7 Aust Div	TULLY FALLS RD	
B7	C Sec Sigs 7 Aust Div	H	
	INF.		
B8	HQ 16 Aust Inf Bde	"A" Bde area	
B9	"J" Sec Sigs 6 Aust Div	do	
B10	2/1 Aust Inf Bn	B	
B11	2/2 Aust Inf Bn	A	
B12	2/3 Aust Inf Bn	C	
B13	HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde	"B" Bde area	
B14	"K" Sec Sigs 7 Aust Div	do	
B15	2/14 Aust Inf Bn	E	
B16	2/16 Aust Inf Bn	E	
B17	2/27 Aust Inf Bn	F	
B18	HQ 25 Aust Inf Bde	"C" Bde area	
B19	"L" Sec Sigs 7 Aust Div	do	
B20	2/25 Aust Inf Bn	J	
B21	2/31 Aust Inf Bn	H	
B22	2/33 Aust Inf Bn	G	
B23	3 Aust Inf Bn	K	
	AEME.		
B24	2/50 Aust LAD	H	Att 7 Aust Cav Regt
	AASC.		
B25	HQ Coad AASC 7 Aust Div	[illegible] H	
B26	2/4 Coy AASC	W	
B27	2/5 Coy AASC	W	
	AAMC.		
B28	2/4 Aust Fd Amb	F	
B29	2/6 Aust Fd Amb	(Fd Amb	
B30	9 Aust Fd Amb	(lines near See also serial A26.	
B31	2/2 Aust Fd Hyg Sec	(Camp C	
	MISC.		
B32	"C" Coy HQ Ed Bn	TULLY FALLS RD	
B33	"C" Sec FSS	do	
B34	7 Aust Div Pro Coy	Township	

Serial	Unit	Camp	Remarks.
	MISC Cont'd		
B35	7 Aust Div Cash Office	TULLY FALLS ROAD	
B36	7 Aust Div Postal Unit	do	
B37	7 Aust Div Salvage Unit	do	
B38	7 Aust Div Reception Camp	do	
B39	7 Aust Div Concert Party	do	
	6 AUST DIV.		
B40	HQ 6 Aust Div	FLAGGY CREEK	Details only
B41	HQ RAE 6 Aust Div	K	
B42	Stores Sec 2/22 Aust Fd Pk Coy	H	
B43	Sigs 6 Aust Div	FLAGGY CREEK	
B44	6 Aust Div Cipher Sec	do	
B45	HQ Comd AASC 6 Aust Div	do	details only
B46	2/42 Aust LAD	do	att sigs 6 Aust Div
B47	6 Aust Div Pro Coy	TULLY FALLS	
B48	6 Aust Div Cash Office	FLAGGY CREEK	
B49	6 Aust Div Postal Unit	do	
B50	6 Aust Div Reception Camp	TUMOULIN	functioning as 7 Aust Div Reception Camp.
B51	6 Aust Div Concert Party	FLAGGY CREEK	
B52	6 Aust Div Mob Bath Unit	do	