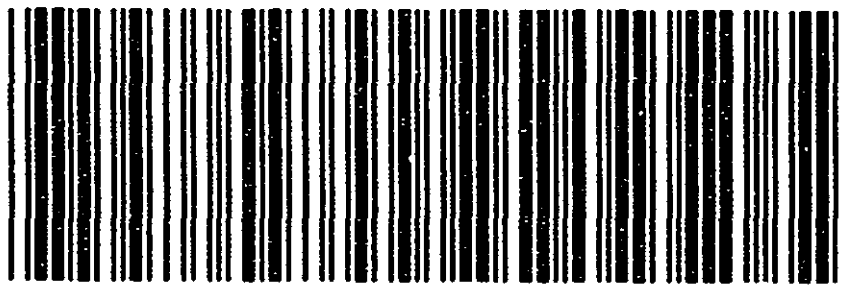
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OUT ::

TO :: (1) HQF rptd (2) rear 2 aust corps (3) 5 aust div (4) 7 aust div (5) USN [illegible]2R (6) adv GP ALAMO FORCE APO 322 (7) PINSCHHAFEN[illegible]BASE SUB-AREA (8) base F USASOS

FROM :: adv 2 aust corps 0.1654 31/12

SITREP	1 4	.	9	aust
div	to	312100L	.	20
bde	continued	adv	coastal	sector
2/15	bn	landing	.	fwd
tps	reached	437041	but	WANDA
area	held	by	JAP	rearguard
approx	50	.	2/17	bn
followed	to	area	450030	.
26	bde	no	change	dispositns
but	extensive	patrolling	on	tracks
leading	in	to	coastal	sector
from	west	.	all	informed

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Originator's Instructions Degree of Priority.

TOO : 23-0

THI :

[signature]..... Capt.

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G2 (int)
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MESSAGE OUT

TO :: MGF rptd (2) rear 2 aust corps, (3) 5 aust div, (4) 7 aust div (5) FINSCHHAFEN BASE SUB-AREA (6) ADV BASE USASOS

FROM :: ADV 2 AUST CORPS 0.1851 31

SITREP	3	.	9	aust
div	to	302100L	.	20
bde	no	change	dispositions	our
patrolling	continued	Jul	Jul	to
west	flank	.	2/13	bn
patrol	along	coastal	track	to
460006	came	under	fire	from
enemy	posns	497006	and	454004
.	enemy	strength	estimated	40
in	each	posn	engaged	by
our	arty	.	patrol	SW
along	track	from	KAHOMI	to
track	junc	438003	NMS	no
sign	recent	movement	on	track
.	2/13	bn	patrolled	from
village	474061	along	track	to
GA	4596	thence	SE	along
track	to	459040	NMS	and
no	sign	recent	use	of
track	.	26	bde	.
2/24	bn	A	coy	moved
to	463033	to	establish	patrol
base	NMS	.	2/23	bn
C	coy	moved	to	KARAKO
4497	to	establish	patrol	base
.	going	extremely	difficult	and
no	water	in	area	no
sign	recent	occupation	of	village
.	4	bde	.	37/52
		coy	patrol	from

MESSAGE OUT Q1651 CONTINUED.

507836	west	along	track	to
487838	NMS	.	C	coy
patrol	to	AIMALAC	5578	NMS
.	24	bde	2/4	cav
sqn	patrol	from	HOMPUA	to
village	485847	ref	1	inch
map	unable	locate	track	to
ZAGAH EMI	and	returned	via	PONDOKOE
NMS	.	TAC	R	301500L
reports	small	enemy	party	moving
north	with	packs	at	SIALUM
and	3709	caves	in	terraces
area	3709	occupied	by	enemy

.

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Originators Degree of Priority: TOO : THI

IMMEDIATE (1)
IMPORTANT - remainder

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G2(O)
War Diary (2) ✓
File.

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TO :: ADV 2 AUST CORPS MAIN 9 AUST DIV ADV HQ BASE

FRO: :: TAC 9 AUST DIV 0.27 31/12

SITREP -

249	to	310100Z	.	TO
bde	continued	adv	in	central
sector	.	2/15	bn	passed
through	2/13	bn	NANDAI	area
and	advanced	towards	NANDA	.
at	last	lt	our	mtd
tps	in	contact	with	approx
50	Japs	in	area	NANDA
village	4303	enemy	posns	captured
by	arty	and	mortars	.
during	adv	one	75	MM
gun	captured	3	army	killed
one	AT	taken	at	443027
.	our	pty	engaged	15
Japs	moving	north	440051	at
150021	and	two	still	vehicles
moving	south	443061	dispersns	HQ
20	bde	448003	2/15	. bn
A	coy	446026	B	coy
440026	C	coy	437030	D
coy	443027	.	2/17	bn
also	advanced	in	sp	2/15
bn	dispersns	A	coy	447018
B	coy	454013	C	coy
447014	D	coy	449022	.
2/13	bn	no	change	.
one	tp	rds	moved	with
2/15	bn	but	far	held

up	in	afternoon	at	steep
creek	crossing	453017	.	26
bde	.	no	change	disposn
except	bde	HQ	now	at
467005	.	2/23	bn	C
coy	based	KARAKO	4497	patrolled
NW	to	437984	where	track
terminated	no	sign	recent	movement
on	track	.	PIB	patrol
left	HUTEWA	4501	killed	3
Japs	454927	and	moved	through
difficult	country	to	ORORARO	3800
ref	1	inch	.	4
bde	.	30	dec	B
coy	22	bn	and	D
coy	29/46	bn	arrived	HOMPUA
472834	ref	1	inch	NMS
.	37/52	bn	A	coy
3	day	patrol	left	patrol
base	527838	for	ZAGAHEMI	no
further	support	.	22	bn
patrol	to	AIMALAO	5578	killed
1	Jap	SW	of	village
otherwise	NTR	.	24	bde
.	2/4	coy	sqn	patrol
HOMPUA	to	ONDEO	NMS	.
patrol	HOMPUA	to	PONDOKO	mode
contact	4	bde	patrol	NMS

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[illegible]
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[illegible]
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Appx 305

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TO : adv 2 must copy

FROM : TAS 9 must div 0.25 31/12

SITREP 248 to 312100Z (.) 20

bde	continued	adv	coastal	sector
2/15	bn	leading	.	fwd
tps	reached	437041	but	WADA
area	held	by	JAP	rearguard
approx	50	.	2/17	bn
followed	by	area	450030	.
26	bde	no	change	disposns
but	extensive	patrolling	on	tracks
leading	in	to	coastal	sector
from	west	.	all	informed

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TOO 312100Z
THI 312077Z

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30 Dec 43

9 AUST CORPS OPERATION ORDER NO.3.

INFORMATION

1. SALAMAUA FORCE is to carry out an amphibious operation against HUON PENINSULA with an initial force of one Regimental Combat Team on 2 Jan 44.

2. 7 Aust Div is to contain hostile forces in the LOCADJIM-MUBO area by vigorous action of fighting patrols against enemy posts; major forces are not being committed.

INTENTION

3. The area of responsibility of 9 Aust Corps will be HUON PENINSULA and MARKHAM RIVER valley to incl ERAP RIVER.

4. Interdivisional boundary will be HONGI RIVER inclusive to 5 Aust Div.

ROLE OF 9 AUST DIV

5. 9 Aust Div will be responsible for

(a) Active patrolling to prevent any infiltration into its area.

(b) Exploitation along the coast; major forces will not be committed.

6. In connection with para 5, 9 Aust Div will not exceed the following commitments.

(a) One bde for exploitation.

(b) One bde up to secure the beachhead and L of C.

(c) 4 Aust Inf Bde will not be moved from its present area.

7. Operations will be conducted so as not to require amphibious forces beyond those of ACV Lost and Shore Regiment 2 ESB already allotted to 9 Aust Div.

8. Every opportunity will be taken to locate units as far as practicable in healthy areas with a view to preserving their strength for future operations.

SIGNALS

9. CSO NGF is arranging a wireless group for communications 7 Aust Div- 9 Aust Div- MACKLLANS to open on 2 Jan 44.

10. 2 Aust Corps Operation Order No.2 is cancelled.

ACKNOWLEDGE

Signed at 2030 hrs

[signature]
Major,
GS 2 Aust Corps.

DISTRIBUTION.	COPY NO.	METHOD
9 Aust Div	1-3	Hand
5 Aust Div	4	Air Safe Hand
GOC	5	Hand
G (Int)	6	"
CCRA	7	"
CE	8	"
CSO	9	"
DA & QMG	10	"
A	11	"
Q (incl copy for Rear HQ 2 Aust Corps)	12-13	"
DDMS	14	"
War Diary	15-16	-
File	17	-

REF xptd (2) Hour H. 2 Aust Corps (3) 5 Aust Div (4) 7 Aust Div (5) USN [illegible] (6) [illegible] (7) [illegible] (8) [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

	ACV 2 AUST CORPS		0.1545	30
[illegible]	8	(.)	9	aust
div	to	392100.	(.)	80
Bde	(.)	no	change	in
dispositions	(.)	patrolling	fwd	and
to	west	flank	(.)	arty
was	and	ops	being	moved
to	fwd	beachhead	preparatory	to
further	adv	(.)	2/12	Bn
(.)	patrol	along	coastal	track
to	creek	489005	thence	west
to	HIA	thence	fwd	to
creek	489005	and	return	killed
8	Japs	captured	76mm	and
37mm	gun	and	mm	471000
(.)	much	abandoned	ept	found
in	[illegible]	area	final	x
Mortars	Mtrs	medical	stores	mm
and	mg	gear	(.)	enemy
posts	and	dumps	in	accounts
square	4798	had	been	accurately
bombed	and	strafed	(.)	2/15
Bn	(.)	patrol	to	Gp
4806	and	[illegible]	4407	HQ
(.)	2/17	Bn	(.)	patrol
to	LOOKOUT	HILL	478632	thence
476231	HIA	and	no	sign

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recent	ent	on	track	•
26	bde	•	2/23	bn
moved	fwd	to	area	4736
•	two	day	patrol	south
along	river	from	MANDOKAI	to
487856	thence	to	475856	and
return	NE	along	track	NNE
•	2/24	bn	moved	to
area	4895	•	2/48	bn
less	two	coys	moved	fwd
to	area	5092	with	two
coys	MANDOKAI	area	•	4
bde	•	no	report	(3)
24	bde	•	2/4	cav
sqn	YIKU	patrol	reached	LAPILIO
NNE	•	patrol	to	HOMPUA
NNE	all	informed		

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G2 Ops
War Diary (2)
File.

IMPORTANT.

TO :: adv 2 aust corps main 9 aust div sixth US army adv sixth US army adv HQ base 348 fighter gp

FROM :: tac 9 aust div 0.22 30/12

SITREP 247 to 302100L . 20

bde	no	change	dispositions	our
patrolling	continued	fwd	and	to
west	flank	.	2/13	bn
patrol	along	coastal	track	to
468006	came	under	fire	from
enemy	posns	457008	and	454004
.	enemy	strength	estimated	40
n	each	posn	engaged	by
our	arty	.	patrol	SW
along	track	from	KAHOMI	to
track	junc	438983	NMS	no
sign	recent	movement	on	track
.	2/13	bn	patrolled	from
village	474961	along	track	to
GA	4596	thence	SE	along
track	to	459940	NMS	and
no	sign	recent	use	of
track	.	26	bde	.
2/24	bn	A	coy	moved
to	463933	to	establish	patrol
base	NMS	.	2/23	bn
C	coy	moved	to	KARAKO
4497	to	establish	patrol	base
.	going	extremely	difficult	and
no	water	in	area	no
sign	recent	occupation	of	village
.	4	bde	.	37/52
bn	A	coy	patrol	from

507836	west	along	track	to
487838	MMS	.	C	coy
patrol	to	AINALAO	5578	MMS
.	24	bde	3/4	cav
sqn	patrol	from	HOMPUA	to
village	485847	ref	1	inch
map	unable	log to	track	to
SAGAM EMI	and	returned	via	POMBOKOE
MMS	.	PAC	R	3015001
reports	small	enemy	party	moving
north	with	packs	at	SIALUM
and	3709	caves	in	terraces
area	3709	occupied	by	enemy

.	PT	boats	no	patrol
night	29/30	do e	owing	very

rough weather

IMMEDIATE TOO 302335L
THI 302350L

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G DISTRIBUTION
GOC
MMS then War Diary ✓
DA & QMG
G1(O)
G2(O) then War Diary
G (AIR)

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TO: ADV 2 ARMY CORPS
FROM: TAC 9 ARMY DIV 0.17 30/12

SITREP TO 300900L (.) 2/17 Ba patrol 29 Dec from 486943 87 along track to HUTSHA 455916 saw 2 japs in village and signs recent occupation all 39 huts otherwise ntr

4 DISTRIBUTION:		TOO:	300930L
GOC	G2(Ops) then W/D	INI:	301016L
B36 then W/D	G(Air)		
DAA&QMG	ADS		
G1(Ops)	File		

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TO: 2 ADVT CORPS
FROM: TATICS 9 DIV 0 11 29

RETROP 864 TO 290900L . QUIET NIGHT . 1T BOAT REPORT 282100L HUCH ACTIVITY HARBOURING JOINT [illegible] BEACH AND STRAFED . ALSO LITTLE ACTIVITY WITH GUNBOAT POINT AND GENERAL AIR ARMA . NO HIT NO DAMAGE SUSTAINED

DISTRIBUTION

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BGS then War Diary
DA&QMG
G1 Ops
G2 Ops then War Diary ✓
G Air
AGA
File.
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S E C R E T.

2 Aust Corps (AIF)
28Dec 43.
G/429/Ops.
Copy No ..1..

2 AUST CORPS MVT ORDER NO 1.

1. Cond Gp, HQ 2 Aust Corps will move by air DOBODURA to FINSCHHAFEN 29 Dec 43.

2. Detailed plane loading is shown at Appx "A"

3. Camp will arrange two 3-ton lorries (one per plane) to report to Capt SHAKERTON at the Battle Room at 0600 hrs 29 Dec to load stores in accordance with the plane loading tables.

4. Camp will also arrange tpt for personnel to report as follows at 0700 hrs 29 Dec.

(a)	A Mess party	- at A Mess
(b)	Remainder of Cond Gp	- at Veh park.

5. Offrs gear will be stacked by planes as follows by 0645 hrs 29 Dec.

A Mess Offrs	-	at A Mess
All other offrs	-	at Battle room.

6. Emplaning time is 0800 hrs 29 Dec. The strength number is... No Tps. OC Tps of each plane will carry 4 copies of plane loading tables for disposal as under:-

One copy	-	pilot of A/C
" "	-	LCO JUVENILE
" "	-	MCO REDHERRING
" "	-	Retained by OC Troops.

7. The offr indicated in Appx "A" will act as OC Tps in each plane for the purpose of plane loading etc.

8. All ranks will carry a haversack ration.

9. Reception at destination is being arranged through base sub-area and will be advised on arrival.

[signature]
[illegible]
G.S. 2 Aust Corps.

Distribution.
GOC
BGS
DA&QMG
G (Ops)
G (Int)
CCS.)
CSO
A
Q
PA to GOC
Camp
File
War Diary. ✓

SECRET.

"A".

PLANE LOADING TABLE

Plane No 1
Date: 29 Dec 43.
Destination: FINSCHHAFEN.

Unit: [illegible] Gp HQ 2 Aust Corps
Embussing Point: DUCURA.

Personnel				Stores	
No	Rank	Name	Weight lbs	Description	Weight lbs.
NX34728	Brig	J K BROADBENT	350	HQ Office Stores	350
VX89	Brig	L G DERI	350	Office Gear	150
SX1801	Maj	R [illegible] BOWIE	280	Mobile Rear Stores	400
NX102976	Capt	J H BROLINGSKI	220	Office Gear	100
QX6242	Capt	[illegible] HARLAND	280	[illegible] Gear	150
QX2047	Lieut	[illegible] H RUSSELL	350		
NX121358	Sgt	ROSE F	250		
N77663	S/Sgt	[illegible] L P	250		
WX9209	Cpl	DA [illegible] C	250		
WX94786	Pte	[illegible] J	250		
[illegible]0266	Pte	[illegible]	250		
VX142378	Pte	FRIDLAND HL	250		
VX12573	Maj	[illegible]	280		
TX8036	Gnr	R [illegible]	250		
Total Personnel			3750		1150
				Combined Total	4900.

= 02 Tons.

S E C R E T.
Appx "A"

PLANE LOADING TABLE.

Plane No 2
Date: 29 Dec 40.
Destination: [illegible]

Unit: [illegible] HQ 2 Aust Corps
[illegible] Lt. DOBSURA.

Personnel				Stores	
No	Rank	Name	Weight lbs.	Description	Weight lbs.
VX15130	Brig	H [illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible] Office Gear	150
VX13678	Capt	TAM BOULTER	[illegible]	[illegible] Office Gear	770
	Maj	GOSLETT	[illegible]	[illegible] Office Gear	100
VX48010	Capt	J [illegible]	[illegible]	G(Air) Office Gear	150
QX8675	S/Sgt	J B [illegible]	[illegible]	R[illegible] Office Gear	200
NX114[illegible]15	Sgt	[illegible] WHITE	[illegible]		
SX15711	Pte	[illegible] R LAGAIN	[illegible]		
NX148991	Pte	N [illegible] HILL	[illegible]		
VX 20966	Cpl	R G FRENCH	[illegible]		
VX28434	Pte	R TODD	[illegible]		
NX121360	Pte	J CONQUIT	[illegible]		
N76584	Sgt	J [illegible]	[illegible]		
NX147915	Pte	L [illegible] O'BRIEN	[illegible]		
Total Personnel			[illegible]		1370
				Grand Total	1760

OC Tps.

QQRX.

TO: ADV 2 AUST CORPS 5 AUST DIV 7 AUST DIV rptd MGF
FROM: 2 AUST CORPS-9 AUST DIV 08 28

SITREP 243 TO 282100L . FIRST OF THREE PARTS . 20 BDE CONTINUED ADV IN COASTAL SECTOR WITH ARTY SUPP BT BUT ENCOUNTERED STRONG OPPOSITION IN BLUCHER POINT AREA . 2/13 BN FWD COY ENCOUNTERED AP 800 20 ENEMY WITH 1 MMG SEVERAL LMGs AT CREEK 472987 . HY ARTY AND MORTAR FIRE AND OUTFLANKING DEEP BY C COY TO WEST FORCED ENEMY TO WITHDRAW WEST INTO JUNGLE ENGAGED BY MMGs . 2/13 BN MOPPED UP SEVERAL SNIPERS IN PLANTATION AND ADV TO LINE RUNNING SW FROM BLUCHER PT . ENEMY CASUALTIES BELIEVED CONSIDERABLE . MOPPING UP STILL PROCEEDING KANOMI AREA . ESTIMATE ONE ENEMY COY IN AREA 03184532 APPROX 70 JAPS WITHDRAW NORTH FROM RUA 460032 ARTY . ENEMY GUN BELIEVED NANDA AREA FIRED INTERMITTENTLY DURING THE DAY AT OUR FWD INFANTRY . DISPOSITIONS 2/13 BN A COY 473997 B COY 473993 C COY 466994 D COY 470998

Note: Map Ref 03184532 corrupt- underlined corruptions gp for 03 could read 'pushed back'

IMPORTANT. 282305L
290247L
290845L

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DA&QMG
G1 Ops
G2 Ops then War Diary
G Air
BMB
File.

CONF.

TOT 8 AUST CORPS
FROM: TACTICAL 9 AUST D V 0 6 28

SITREP 248 TO 280900A . 20 MDE . 2/13 INF

1 COY LEGS 1 PL PUSHED FWD FROM VALINDAI AREA AND HE

LAST LIGHT REACHED MOUTH RIVER TSHAI 4[illegible]7 . RIVER

REPORTED FORDABLE . EQ 20 MDE 827802 . OUR AIRCRAFT

873806. STRAFED GUN POSN KAMEI AREA 473902 FIRED ON/by SMALL

MG FROM GROUND . 24 MDE TO 872100A . 2/4 FIELD CAV

SQN PATROL FROM HOEFUA CONTACTED PATROL FROM [illegible] TO [illegible]

. SECOND PATROL FROM HOEFUA NE ALONG TRACK TO POSITION

466880 THENCE NW TO MGRS 462843

INITIATS. 280100A.
280114B.
280315A.

G Major/Publication.
GSO.....
HQ 3 Aust War Diary
Admin
G1 Ops
G2 Ops 3 Aust War Diary
6 Aus
HQ
File.

QRFY.

TO: 2 AUST CORPS 6 DIV 7 DIV rptd REAR HQ 9 DIV
FROM TAC 9 AUST DIV 02 27

SITREP 241 TO 272100L . # # CONTINUED ADV IN COASTAL SECTOR CAPTURED AGO AND WALINGAI AND FWD TPS 2/13 BN REACHED 493942 . NO ENEMY OPPOSITION MET DURING THE DAY BUT SIGNS OF HURRIED EVACUATION WITH ENEMY DEAD AND ABANDONED EQPT SCATTERED ALONG RIVER . ONE 37mm GUN AND AMN CAPTURED 493939 . FOUR WRECKED BARGES ON BEACH 493938 AND EIGHT AT 491946 . AT 271730L ONE TP TK AT AGO AND MOVING TOWARDS WALINGAI . EIGHT TKS AT WANDOKAI . DISPOSITIONS 2/13 BN A COY 494935 B COY 489936 C COY 493942 D COY 489941 . 2/15 BN A COY 502924 B COY 501918 C COY 505921 D COY 500922 . 2/17 BN A COY 525899 B COY 526898 C COY 530896 D COY 523903

PART II AND LAST PART.

26 BDE . 2/25 BN A COY MOVED TO AREA 537898 . 2/25 BN LESS ONE COY MOVED TO BIVOUAC AREA 526815 / 4 BDE . 37/52 BN A COY REACHED 517838 AND PATROLLED TRACKS NORTH AND WEST FROM TRACK JUNCTION 519839 FOR 600 YDS BDE . 32 BN B COY AND 39/46 BN/COY STILL MOVING WEST ALONG RIVER MARANENG TOWARDS HOMPUA IN VERY DIFFICULT GOING . LAST LIGHT POSNS NOT YET REPORTED . JEEP HEAD REACHED 442907 . 24 BDE NO REPORT . PT BOATS 260645L SANK TWO BARGES MOVING SOUTH EMPTY OFF HAMBARINA . 270930L AIR STRIKE WALINGAI KANOUI MUKEK AREAS APPEARED ACCURATE EXPLOSIONS OBSERVED WALINGAI.

IMPORTANT. 272310
280410
280800.

gps 6 and 7 badly
- - corrupt transmission
check being obtained.

G Distribution.
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BGS then War Diary
RAAOMG
G1 Ops
GSnOps then War Diary
G Air
BMS
File.

TO: 2 CORPS

FROM: 9 DIV 0 974 26

SITREP 239 TO 262100L . LOCAL PATROLS ONLY PENDING FTD MOVEMENT OF ARTY AND SUPPLIES

Immediate.

TO: 2 AUST CORPS 5 AUST DIV 7 AUST DIV rptd NSF

FROM: 9 AUST DIV 0 977 27

SITREP 240 TO 270900L . QUIET NIGHT . NO CHANGE . ALL INFORMED

IMMEDIATE

TO: ADV 2 AUST CORPS MAIN 9 AUST DIV

FROM TAC 9 AUST DIV 0 28 1

SITREP 250 to 010900L . 2/13 BN A COY NOW IN NANDA PREPARING EXPLOIT BEYOND . PARTIES JAPS WITH-DRAWING NORTH TOWARDS MUSEN BEING ENGAGED BY ARTY . ARTY HARASSING FIRE MUSEN AND ENEMY POSN423060 DURING NIGHT

Serial No.7134
011220

PART 1
TO: 2 AUST CORPS 5 AUST DIV 7 AUST DIV RPTD NSF

FROM: ADV 9 AUST DIV 0 975 26

SITREP 239 TO 262100L . 20 BDE . 2/13 BN . PATROL TO 520904 FIRED ON BY 2 ENEMY 519904 . ENGAGED BY ARTY AND 2 JAPS WERE SEEN MOVING TOWARDS ADO

. PATROL THEN MOVED TO 512909 FOUND TRACK JEEPABLE . B COY MOVED TO 530399 . 30 ENEMY DEAD OR FRESHLY BURIED IN WANDOKAI . NO CHANGE

2/15 2/17 BNS . 26 BDE NOTHING TO REPORT . 4 BDE . B COY 22 BN D COY 29/46 BN WITH PL PIB MOVING WEST ALONG RIVER MASAWENG THROUGH DIFFICULT COUNTRY KILLED 1 JAP AT 523913 . STAYING 26/27 AT 526913 . PIB KILLED 2 JAPS 555827 . A COY 37/52 BN MOVED TO 523840 NOTHING TO REPORT .

C COY PATROL THROUGH AGNOLAO TO 548786 NMS

SECOND AND LAST PART.

24 BDE PATROLS TIKU TO GUDEO AND NOMPUA TO 480821 NMS . NO TAC R . ALL INFORMED

IMPORTANT.

Subject: ~~SUBDIVISION HQ 2 AUST CORPS~~

HQ 2 Aust Corps (AIF)
Dec 43
G/ 278 /SD

New Guinea Force - Port MORESBY
5 Aust Div
9 Aust Div
11 Aust Div
B Aust Corps Sigs

Copy: CSO
A
Q (2)
War Diary (2)

1. Adv HQ 2 Aust Corps will open in REDHERRING area 29 Dec 43. Detailed time of opening will be notified by signal.

Rear HQ will remain in present location till further notification.

2. Composition on subdivision will be:-

(a) Adv HQ;

Comd
G Branch (incl GSI and G Air)
1 AAPIU
CE (incl SOME(S))
CSO
Q Branch (less det)
DDMS and staff
DADH

(b) Rear HQ;

HQ RAA 2 Aust Corps
Svy
Det ATIS 2 Aust Corps
A Branch
Det Q Branch
All A & Q Services (less medical)
Camp

3. It is requested that signals and correspondence for delivery including, and after, 0800 hrs 29 Dec, be addressed and routed to Adv and Rear HQ in accordance with the location of the particular branch as given in para 2.

(F H BERRYMAN) ~~Maj-Gen~~
Comd 2 Aust Corps.

TO: 2 AUST CORPS 5 AUST DIV 7 AUST DIV RPTD HQF
FROM: 9 AUST DIV 0.946 25/12

ATTKEP 236 to 250900L (.) at 240630L PT boats sank one barge type (.) one assault type picket boat between GNEISENAU and SCHARNHORS POINT also submarine approx 100 ft holed by 37mm and forced to be (.) submarine carrying cargo (.) dump on beach also shot up (.) informed

G DISTRIBUTION: Serial 6954 IMPORTANT: TOO: 251C
GOC G2(Ops) then W/D 251722L THI: 2511
BGS then W/D G(Air) TGR: 2512
DAAQMG HMB
G1(Ops) File

~~SECRET~~

TO: 2 AUST CORPS

FROM: 9 AUST DIV 0 943 25/12

SITREP 235 to 242100L (.) 2/1[illegible] Bn patrolled fwd and occupied WANDOKAI at 1100 hrs (.) Remainder Bn moved fwd with FDL 498883 (.) 2/17 Bn moved to HUSIKA area (.) Large amn explosives dump captured in WANDOKAI also one 75 mm spiked one 81 mm mortar two 20 mm four new marine engines (.) Enemy gun harassed WANDOKAI area NO casualties (.) 4 Bde and 24 Bde inland patrol NMS (.) WANDOKAI beach being used

Q Distribution:

GOC
BGS then War Diary
DA&QMG
G1 (Ops)
G2 (Ops) then War Diary
G (Air)
BMB
File

Serial No 6925
250415L

IMMEDIATE

TOO: 250045L
THI: 250055L
TOR: 250245L

TO: 2 AUST CORPS 5 DIV 7 DIV rptd NOF

FROM: ADV 9 AUST DIV

SITREP 235 to 242100L (.) 20 Bde (.) D Coy 2/13 Bn patrolled fwd and occupied WANDOKAI by 1100 hrs (.) C coy later moved to dominating featur 5087 (.) inland coys then moved fwd (.) one tk landed WANDOKAI beach (.) Large dumps amn and explosives captured in WANDOKAI area also one spiked 75 mm gun one 81 mm mortar two 20 mm guns four unused marine engines slight hostile shelling west of R 510880 during afternoon (.) 70 rds in D coy area at 242000L from 75 mm gun believed vicinity AGO NO casualties 15 JAP dead found in one gp thought to be caused by MMG fire reported in SITREP 233 (.) other dead found in village NO count yet (.) disposition 2/13 Bn (.) Bn HQ 520880 A coy 524863 B coy 520869 C Coy 502884 with pl 498882 D Coy area 509879

G Distribution:
GOC
BGS then War Diary
DA&QMG
G1 (Ops)
G2 (Ops) then War Diary

G (Air)
BMB.
File

Serial No 6936 IMPORTANT
250515L

TOO: 250025L
THI: 250310
TOR: 250435

TO: 2 AUST CORPS 5 DIV 7 DIV rptd NCF

FROM: ADV 9 AUST DIV 0 942 25/12

(PART 2) 2/15 Bn changes (.) A coy 554858 C coy 544867 to 544860 (.) 2/17 Bn (.) Bn HQ 562848 A coy 561846 C coy 568842 to 570845 (.) 2 day PIB patrol killed 1 JAP at 538835 and found fresh foot prints 20 JAPS who moved on WANDOKAI track from 520842 (.) 4 Bde (.) now responsible patrolling inland area north R HASAWENG (.) D 29/46 Bn with det PIB A coy 37/52 and B coys 22 Bn with det PIB moved west individually to form inland patrol bases (.) PIB patrol from 573803 SW through AIMOLAO to 523777 returned via 543807 NNE (.) B Coy 37/52 Bn moved to 535809 (.) 24 Bde (.) now responsible inland patrols south R HASAWENG

(Part 3 follows)

Distribution:
GOC
BGS then War Diary
DAAG&Q
G1 (Ops)
G2 (Ops) then War Diary
G (Air)
ENG
File

Serial No 6939 IMPORTANT TOO: 250120L
250650L
TRI: .....
TOR: 250555L

THIRD AND LAST PART

TO: 2 AUST CORPS 5 AUST DIV 7 AUST DIV rptd NGF

FROM: ADV 9 AUST DIV 0 942 25/12

Ref MASAWENG RIVER 1 inch (.) 2/4 cav sqn 4 days patrol from MARKKEO 500740 to RIVER MASAWENG NMS . patrol base being formed at ZAFILIO 571781 to reconnoitre NOMPUA . PATROL returned from ONDIO 528838 reports japs patrolling from within ZAGAHEMI to SOUTHWEST . 26 bde . B coy 2/23 bn also A and B coys 2/24 bn moved to within bn areas from GUSIKA . Tac R this morning indicates wheel tracks on beach NORTH AGO and signs of mvt on tracks WALINGAI ZAGAHEMI WANDOKAI . all informed

IMPORTANT.

250025L
250530L
250650L

Distribution. Serial No 6940
250810

GOC
BGS then War Diary
DA & QMG
G1 Ops
G2 Ops then War Diary
G Air
BMB
File.

COPY 2

FROM:

TO: 2 AUSK CORPS 5 AUST DIV 7 AUST DIV RPTD NGF

FROM: 9 AUST DIV 0.926 24/12

SITREP 234 to 240900L (.) further infm PT boats night 22/23 (.) two 80/100 feet mechanized landing craft and two type B barge sunk by northern patrol north of MXISS PT (.) two A barges chased on reef and destroyed (.) barge heading north empty

G DISTRIBUTION: Serial 6896 IMMEDIATE: TOO: 241020L
OOC 241335L THI: 241120L
BGS then W/D TOR: 241200L
DA&QMG
G1(Ops)
G2(Ops) then W/D
G(Air)
RMS
File

COPY

TO :: 2 AUST CORPS

FROM :: 9 AUST DIV 0.924 · 24/12

SITREP 233 TO 232100L (.) 2/13 BN ADVANCED TO LINE 530874 533877 FORCING ABOUT PL STRENGTH ENEMY TO WITHDRAW (L) CARRIER PARTIES 2/4 CAV SQN AMBUSHED SQUARE 4782 REF MASANENG ONE INCH LOSING ONE MISSING ONE WOUNDED (.) 26 BDE CONCENTRATION ON COAST NEAR RIVER MASANENG

Q DISTRIBUTION

IMMEDIATE
SER NO 6880
240440.

TOO : 240011L
THI : 240210L
TOR : 240405L

COC
DQB then War Diary
BA &)QMG
G1(O)
G2(O) then War Diary
G (AIR)
BMB
FIM

Subject: MAPS & MAPE RIVER

HQ 2 Aust Corps (ALF)
24 Dec 43.
G/424/Ops.

Distribution: List B less serials
1, 2, 4 and 8.

1. As from 260001L Dec 43, map MAPE RIVER 3545 1/25,000 series will come into use.

A. J. Wrdl Major
for Brig,
GS 2 Aust Corps.

COPY PART I.

TO :: 2 AUST CORPS 5 AUST DIV 7 AUST DIV RPTD NGF ADV HQ BASE

FROM :: ADV 9 AUST DIV 0.922 23/12

SITREP 233 TO 232100L (.) 20 AUST INF BDE (.) 2/13 AUST INF BN (.) D COY MOVED TO COAST ADV TO 541874 AND EXPLOITED TO LINE 530873 533877 (.) 1600L 8 JAPS FROM COCONUTS SQUARE 5387 ENGAGED BY ARTY AND MMG'S WITHDREW WEST WITH 81MM MORTAR LEAVING 94 MORTAR BOMBS (.) 1730L 30 MORE JAPS 200 YDS WEST OF COCONUTS ENGAGED BY MMG'S AND FORCED TO WITHDRAW (.) DEAD JAPS FOUND IN COCONUTS WITHOUT BOOTS WEARING PIECES OLD BLANKET AROUND FEET (.) LATER ENEMY FROM WANDOKAI AREA MORTARED COCONUTS NO CASUALTIES DAMAGE (.) A AND B COYS MOVED TO SPUR 535861 C COY FROM 544851 TO 549856 (.) 2/15 AND 2/17 AUST INF BN NO CHANGE (.) 4 AUST INF BDE (.) PIB PATROL FROM 552803 TO AIMOLAO TO SQUARE 5277 TO 542807 MMS

IMPORTANT
SSR NO 6882
240745

TOO 232345
THI 240450
TOR 240615

G DISTRIBUTION
GOC
BGS then War Diary
DA & QMG
G1(O)
G2(O) then War Diary
G (AIR)
HMB
FILE

COPY

PART 2 AND LAST PART

TO :: 2 AUST CORPS 5 AUST DIV 7 AUST DIV RPTD NGF ADV HTB BASE

FROM: ADV 9 AUST DIV 0 922 23

37/52 AUST INF BN DISPOSITIONS A COY 563809 B 568807 C LESS PL 565802 PL 568823 D 569804 . 26 AUST INF BDE . CONCENTRATING TO RIVER MASANENG AREA . BDE HQ 578813 . 2/23 AUST INF BN LESS B COY WITH 2/48 AUST INF BN IN SQUARE 5978 . 2/24 AUST INF BN LESS A AND B COYS 577808 TO 581808 . B COY 2/23 AUST INF BN ALSO A AND B COYS 2/24 AUST INF BN GUSIKA AREA . 24 AUST INF BDE . 2/4 CAV SQN . REF MAP RIVER MASANENG ONE INCH . INLAND PATROL CARRIER PARTY RETURNING TIKU 428828 TO SUPPLY DUMP AT HOMPUA 488822 AMBUSHED IN SQUARE 4782 . ONE MISSING ONE WOUNDED . ENEMY STRENGTH UNKNOWN . TAC/R NOTHING TO REPORT . ALL INFORMED

IMPORTANT

TOO: 232345
THI: 240540
TOR: 240655

Serial No.6884
240800

G.DISTRIBUTION
GOC
BGS
DA & QMG
G1 (Ops)
G2 (Ops) then War Diary
G (Air)
BMB
File

COPY: [redacted]

TO: 2 AUST CORPS 5 AUST DIV 7 AUST DIV RPTD NCF

FROM: [redacted] 9 AUST DIV 0.912 23/12

SITREP 107 to 230900L (.) PT boat night 22/23 Dec sighted and engaged 3 barges moving south off HARDENBERG PT (.) 1 obviously damaged by shore fire prevented further observation (.) otherwise NTR (.) all informed

G DISTRIBUTION: [redacted] Serial 6836 IMMEDIATE: TOO: 231025L
231340L THI: 231125L
GOC TOR: 231230L
BGS then W/D
DA&QMG
G1(Ops)
G2(Ops) then W/D
G(Air)
BMB
File

[redacted]

Subject: [redacted]

HQ 2 Aust Corps (ALF)
22 Dec 43
Q/417/OPS

5 Aust Div

Copy: 9
War Diary/

1. At a future date it is proposed that the following units move from their present location to [redacted]:-

(a) HQ 5 Aust Div
Essential HQ units (less HQ RAA 5 Aust Div)

(b) HQ and units 29 Aust Inf Bde Gp

2. 5 Aust Div will recommend as early as possible:-

(a) Composition in detail of HQ and units in paras 1(a) and (b) above

(b) GRO 318 particulars, by individual units, of those units recommended to compose the above groups.

Brig,
GS 2 Aust Corps.

Subject: MAPS-SAMANTIKI

2 Aust Corps (AIF)
23 Dec 43.
G/425/Ops.

Distribution: List B
less serials 1, 4 and 8.

1. As from 0001 hrs 25 Dec 43, map SAMANTIKI 3544 1/25000 series will come into use.

Lt. Brig,
GS 2 Aust Corps.

SECRET 520

2 Aust Corps O.O.No 3. Copy No.....

Ref Map: SATELBERG 1: 25,000 22 Dec 43.

INTENTION

1. Adv HQ 2 Aust Corps will move 24-26 Dec-43 from present location to FINSCHHAFEN area 6166.

2. Rear HQ will remain in present location till further orders.

METHOD

3. The constitution of Adv and Rear HQ 2 Aust Corps will be as set out in Appx A attached.

4. The move will be by sea except in the case of the Command group, details of which will be notified later.

5. The detailed calling fwd for loading and embarkation of the Adv HQ (less Comd gp and dets already moved) will be as ordered by mvts BUNA.

6. Comd Gp will remain in present location till Adv HQ opens in the new site.

ADM

7. Office eqpt and accommodation stores as already notified by branches will be taken.

8. Tpt For move DOBODURA - BUNA will be made available under arrangements mvts BUNA.

9. Pers and Stores

Stores will be loaded before the embarkation of pers.

10. Documents

6 copies of Bills of Lading will accompany stores to the ship.

6 copies of nominal rolls will be prepared and delivered to MCO BUNA 12 hrs prior to the commencement of embarkation.

11. Rations

4 days voyage rations and 3 days landing rations will be taken in bulk. Cooking facilities do not exist on board but hot water will be available for making tea.

12. Water

Water for all requirements is not carried on board, therefore:

(a) Water bottles will be filled prior to embarkation.

(b) Reserve water will be loaded in 44 gal drums.

13. Medical

(a) Anti-malarial stores will be taken and all personnel will carry full personal prophylactic and repellent issues. One medical offr will be detailed to act as MO i/c tps en route.

(b) All tps will take precautions against sabotage and will on no account remove their shirts.

14. Reception.

Adv party Corps HQ at present in FINSCHHAFEN area will arrange through FINSCHHAFEN base sub area for reception of Adv HQ.

Strength	Offrs	ORs	Cub tons stores
158	20	138	100

INTERCOMM

15. Comms vide signal op instn No.3 of 16 Dec 43 will be installed by 0900 hrs 28 Dec.

ACKNOWLEDGE

Signed at 1700 hrs
Issued at [illegible]

Brig,
GS 2 Aust Corps.

DISTRIBUTION:

Adv Party 2 Aust Corps (FINSCHHAFEN)
FINSCHHAFEN BASE SUB AREA
Movts BUNA
RAA 2 Aust Corps
B Aust Corps Sigs
23 Pl F Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt
det 2 Aust Corps Postal Unit
2 Aust Corps Fd Cash Office
HQ 1 Aust Mob Met Flt
2 Aust Corps Sec Int Corps
1 Aust AAPRU
det ATIS 2 Aust Corps

GOC
BGS
G Ops & SD
G Int
G Air
G Liaison
CCRA
CE
SO Svy
CSO
DA&QMG
DAMS
A
Q
DACG
DDST
DDMS
ADDS
DDOS
DDME
CLO
APM
DAD Amenities
DAD Education
DADAPS
Secretaries A,B,C & D Messes
Camp (3)
War Diary (2)
BLB

SECRET

Appx A to 2 Aust Corps O.O.No 3.

SUBDIVISION OF HQ 2 AUST CORPS FOR MOVE TO FLISCHHAFEN.

Ref: HQ 2 Aust Corps Standing Orders for War dated 6 Oct 43 Appx B.

1. The following units and staff offrs normally comprising Adv HQ will not move but will remain with rear HQ till further orders.

HQ RAA 2 Aust Corps
SO Svy and Staff
AAG
DDST

2. The following personnel and staff, normally components of rear HQ will move with Adv HQ.

DDMS and Staff (less one MO)
DADH, Hyg offr and all Hyg personnel
SORE Stores

3. The following not included in normal establishment of Corps HQ will accompany adv HQ.

G (Air)
1 AAAPIU

4. The following additional component of this HQ not specified in standing orders will remain with rear HQ.

Det ATIS 2 Aust Corps

5. Comd gp

The following will constitute the comd gp and will close in this location and move by air 29 Dec on opening of adv HQ in new site:-

Corps Comd
BGS
DA&QMG
PA and ADC to Corps Comd
GSO I (Int)
GSO II (O)(Major Bowie)
GSO III (O) (Capt Summerton)
GSO III (Int) (Capt Boulter)
IO (Ia) (Capt Broinowski)
G III (Air) (Capt Harland)
S/Sgt Lynne (G (Air))
Sgt Rose G Branch
Sgt White "
Pte Shilton "
S/Sgt Sardone G Int
Pte McGain "
Pte Hill "
Batman to GOC
" to BGS
" DA&QMG
" PA
Drivers two (A mess)
Batman to GI (Int), GIII (Int) Maj King and Capt Summerton.

Exhibit 19

SECRET

TO: (1) [illegible] (2) 11 Abn Div (3) 5 Mtn Div
(4) [illegible]

FROM: [illegible] 09/0300Z 10/1Z

SECRET (.) FINAL (.) NOT normalcy on ext personnel only rear party 2/14 FA Regt and Sig Bn 2/61 INF approx 93/ personnel AUSTRALIA FINALLY (.) IN not rpt not before 7 JAN (.) further details will follow as available (.) SECRET (.) 2 Abn Corps will concentrate FINALLY , presence only 2/14 FA Regt now in NG under arrangements 9 (Oct) NOV (.) priority LAC FINALLY in Appx L and 43 Appx K NOV 3/5729/AJ 24 Jul (.) 2½TN (.) vehicles and eqpt now LAC will be returned to 4j FA Grd Depot and at DUNN to 4 ACD (.) FOUR (.) 2/14 FA Regt and Sig Bn 2/63 INF will on arrival relieve 2/6 FA Regt and Sig Bn 1/5 INF (.) Unit stores and eqpt will be exchanged in SITU (.) FIFTH (.) 2 Abn Corps will advise when relief complete and 2/6 FA Regt and Sig Bn 1/5 INF ready return AUSTRALIA ACK

I Distribution:

RAA [illegible]
A [illegible]
A [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
War Diary (*)

[illegible]

TOO: 220947Z

TAA: .....

TOR: 221305

COPY

TO :: 2 AUST CORPS

FROM :: 9 AUST DIV 0.908 22/12

SITREP 231 TO 222100L (.) 2/13 BN REACHED OBJECTIVS 543850 552665 WITH 2/15 BN IN RESERVE (.) JEEP HEAD MUSIKA (.) 2/17 BN NO MOVE (.) 24 BDE RESPONSIBLE DEF GUSIKA LANGEMAK BAY HARBO AREA FROM 221200L (.) 26 BDE CONCENTRATING GUSIKA AND MATIKA

Q DISTRIBUTION

GOC
BGS then War Diary
DA & QMG
G1(O)
G2(O) then War Diary ✓
G (AIR)
RMO
FILE

IMMEDIATE
SER NO 6818
230415

TOO 222355L
THI 230150L
TOR 23037

COPY

TO: 2 AUST CORPS 5 DIV 7 DIV RPTD NOF

FROM ADV 9 AUST DIV 0.907 22/12

SITREP 231 TO 222100L (.) 20 BDE (.) 2/13 BN CONTINUED ADV (.) WEST GOING ON COAST BUT GORGES MAKING ROUTE IMPASSABLE TO BOTTOMS (.) JEEP HEAD HUBIKA REQUIRING MAJOR TASK TO EXTEND FURTHER BEACH AT 557855 SUITABLE FOR LANDING CRAFT BUT HINTER LAND IMPASSABLE TO VEHS (.) WATER SUFFICIENT 1 BN AREA REACHED TODAY (.) INLAND COLUMN CONTINUSD OVER VERY DIFFICULT COUNTRY NMS (.) DISPOSITIONS BN HQ 550865 A COY 551862 B COY 549866 TO 546866 C AND D COYS FROM 543850 TO 546856 (.) 2/15 BN MOVING BEHIND 2/13 BN DISPOSED BN HQ 557854 A COY 556857 B COY 555851 C COY 563844 D COY 557860 (.) 2/17 BN NO CHANGE (.) 4 BDE (.) 37/52 BN (.) A COY PATROLLED SQUARE 5682 NMS (.) C COY PATROL ALONG R

PART 2 FOLLOWS

TOO 222350L
THI 230308L
TOR 230713L

SER NO 6622
230815.

G DISTRIBUTION
GOC
BGS then War Diary
DA & QMG
G1(O)
G2(O) then War Diary
G (AIR)
BMB
FILE

CJFY.

TO: 2 AUST CORPS 5 AUST DIV 7 AUST DIV NGF
FROM ADV HQ 9 AUST DIV 0 907 22

TO 544810 NOTHING TO REPORT . PIB PATROLLED SOUTH OF RIVER MASAWENG FROM 572804 TO AIMSLAO TO 515783 TO 534807 NIL . 17 PL D COY 22 BN MOVED TO 582840 . 24 BDE . AT 221POOL 24 BDE ASSUMED RESPONSIBILITY DEFENCE GUSIKA LANGEMARCKBAY WARNO AREA . LOCATIONS . 2/28 BN [illegible] (.) HQ 553728 A COY 548717 B COY 2200 FEATURE 5672 C COY AREA 555721 B COY BAZULUO TO 555726 TO 555728 . A COY 2/23 BN SATELBERG AREA AND 3200 FEATURE 5366 . 2/43 BN IN RESERVE . A COY 618681 B COY 621675 REMAINDER UNCHANGED . 26 BDE DISPOSITIONS . MAIN BDE HQ 2/23 BN LESS B COY 2/24 BN LESS A AND B COYS (PART 3 FOLLOWS) 222350L 230745L 232030

Q Distribution. Serial No 6860 231950
GOC G Air
BGS then War Diary BMB
DA & QMG File
G 1 Ops
G2 Ops then War Diary

TO: 2 CORPS 5 DIV 7 DIV rptd NZ

FROM: ADV HQ 9 DIV 0 907 22/12

Third and last part (.) concentrated GUSIKA area (.) B coy 2/23 bn WAREO area (.) A and B coys 2/24 bn 2200 feature 5934 (.) 2/48 bn bivouac SOUTH of KATIKA village (.) air (.) strike at 220930L on enemy posn EAST of WANDOKAI very successful (.) some AA fire believed 20 mm observed (.) KUNAI fires started (.) Tac R reports NO further developments WANDOKAI posns (.) PT ops night 21/22 (.) 212110L 3 loaded barges sighted off WALINGAI heading SOUTH (.) 2 sunk 1 possible (.) all informed

G Distribution:
GOC
BGS then War Diary
DA&QMG
G1 (Ops)
J2 (Ops) then War Diary
G (Air)
BM3
File

Serial No 6825
230910L

IMPORTANT

TOO: 230200
THI: 230500
TOR: 230750

~~SECRET~~.

TO: 2 AUST CORPS
FROM: 9 AUST DIV 0 895 22

FURTHER TO REPORTED IN SITREP 229 . DETAILED PATROL INFORMATION . 4 BDR . 37/52 BN PATROL OUT ALONG SOUTH BANK MASAWENG RIVER THEN TO 543810 THENCE RETURNED ALONG NORTH BANK MASAWENG KILLED ONE JAP AT 547807 FOUND SMALL DUMP EQUIPMENT 5 FRESH GRAVES AT 547810 HURRIEDLY BURIED RIFLES EQUIPMENT SAA 4 FRESH GRAVES AT 543810 . FROM 543810 HEAVILY USED TRACKS NW AND WEST WITH VINE HAND RAILS . 26 BDR . NATIVE CARRIERS WITH PROTECTIVE PATROL CONTACTED 2/4 CAV SQN INLAND PATROL AT 474818 . RECCE PATROL 2/4 CAV SQN WITH POLICE BOYS MOVED TO 531734 ALONG TRACK TO 527752 TO 527765 TO 529776 TO 543781 AND RETURNED WARBO . NMS 200 NATIVES COLLECTED . NATIVES REPORT JAPS LEFT SANGA RIVER 18 DEC . PACKS AND EQUIPMENT FOUND BETWEEN SANGA RIVER AND 543781

IMPORTANT.

221200L
221500L
221632L

Serial No 6788
221755.

& Distribution.

GOC
BGS then War Diary
DA & QMG
G1 Ops
G3 Ops then War Diary
G Air
BMB
File.

COPY.

TO: 2 AUST CORPS 5 ADVT DIV 7 AUST DIV rptd N G P
FROM: ADV 9 AUST DIV 0 09h 22

SITREP 230 TO 220900A . QUIET NIGHT NOTHING

TO REPORT . ALL IMPORTED

IMMEDIATE. 221205A
221215A
221307A

Serial No 6770
221400

Distribution.

GOC
BGS then War Diary
DA & QMG
GI Ops
GS Ops then War Diary
G Air
BMA
File.

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COPY

TO / 2 AUST CORPS

FROM 9 AUST DIV 0.888 22/12

SITREP 229 TO 212100L (.) 20 BDE PASSED THROUGH 4 BDE WITH 2/13 BN FWD FOLLOWED BY 2/15 BN (.) HUBIKA OCCUPIED 211640L AGAINST SLIGHT OPPOSITION (.) ONE WOUNDED JAP CAPTURED AT HUBIKA

G DISTRIBUTION

GOC
BGS then War Diary
DA & QMG
G1(O)
G2(O) then War Diary
G (AIR)
BMB
FILE

IMMEDIATE
SER NO 6751
220420

TOO 220115L
THI 220200L
TOR 220355L

FIRST OF FOUR PARTS.

COPY.

TO: 2 AUST CORPS 5 AUST DIV 7 AUST DIV rptd N G P
FROM: 9 AUST DIV O 887 22

SECRET . SITREP 229 TO 212100L . 20 BDE . 2/13 BN FWD PASSED THROUGH 4 BDE AND CAPTURED HUBIKA BY 211640L . 2/13 BN . ADVANCED IN 2 COLUMNS WITH A B COY PLUS ONE PL B COY 2/2 MG BN ALONG COASTAL TRACK WHICH PROVIDED GOOD GOING . ONLY OPPOSITION 2 JAPS KILLED IN 40 FEET DEEP GORGE AT 569847 AND TREE TOP SNIPER IN HUBIKA . C AND D COY ADVANCED OVER DIFFICULT COUNTRY ON HIGH GROUND SW COAST TRACK . NO OPPOSITION . TANKS KEPT WELL UP TO FWD COASTAL INF AND LAST LIGHT 10 TANKS WERE IN VICINITY HUBIKA . CREEK WEST OF HUBIKA IMPASSABLE JEEP OR TANK AT PRESENT . 40/50 DEAD JAPS FOUND IN THIS CREEK REP APPARENTLY KILLED BY ARTY . 1 WOUNDED JAP SGT CAPTURED AT HUBIKA FINAL DISPOSITION . TACTICAL HDS Hq 587802 .

IMPORTANT. 220100
220400
221030

Serial No 6763
221150

Distribution.
GOC
BGS then War Diary.
DA & QMG
G1 Ops
G2 Ops then War Diary
G Air
BMB
File.
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~~SECRET~~ PART TWO.

TO: 2 AUST CORPS 5 AUST DIV 7 AUST DIV FORTA H Q F
FROM: 9 AUST DIV 0 887 21

2/13 BN . BN HQ 563848 A COY 562848 B COY 560849 C COY 563848 D COY 566841 . 2/15 BN . BN HQ 576844 A COY 573848 B COY 579838 C COY 573846 D COY 576845 2 FLD REG ALSO IN AREA . 2/17 BN . BN HQ 585804 A COY 586802 B COY 584805 C COY 588790 D COY 583809 . 4 MDS . 37/52 BN . PATROL KILLED 1 JAP 547807 LOCATED SMALL DUMP SIGNAL KEPT 5 FRESH GRAVES 547810 ALSO SAA DUMP 30 RIFLES 4 FRESH GRAVES 543810 . FROM THIS POINT FRESH WELLS° USED NORTH AND WITH VINE HAND RAILS RED EAST OF POINT 543810 NORTH OR SOUTH OF RIVER . END OF PART 2 PART 3 FOLLOWS IMPORTANT. 220800L
9 as received. 220400
Serial No 6738 220830
220930

9 Distribution.
GOC 0 Air
BGS (then War Diary) RAD
DA & QMG File
G1 Ops
G2 Ops (then War Diary)

COPY PART III PART IV FOLLOWS.

TO: 2 AUST CORPS 5 DIV 7 DIV rptd N G F
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B COY MOVED TO 575823 AND DETACHED PL C COY REJOINED COY FROM 569821 . 24 BDE . 2/32 BN . A COY MOVED TO SATELBERG B COY LESS ONE PL 610718 1 PL 616721 26 BDE . 2/4 CAV SQN . 200 NATIVES MEN WOMEN CHILDREN COLLECTED SQUARES 5178 AND 5278 TAKEN TO WAREO AREA . NATIVE REPORTS LAST JAPS LEFT RIVER SANGA 18 DEC . 2/28 BN UNDER THE COND 26 BDE RELIEVED 2/33 BN WAREO BAZULUO AREA . 2/23 BN MAIN BODY B COY STILL IN LAKE AREA 557517° REPORTS . ENTIRE WANDOKAI AREA STRONGLY DEFENDED . BETWEEN HUBIKA AND WANDOKAI HASTILY PREPARED POSNS ON WEST BANK COVERING ALL CREEK CROSSINGS ALSO MUCH TRACK ACTIVITY SOME DEFENSIVE POSNS ON KUNAI TERRACES . SIALUM AREA SHOWS LITTLE ACTIVITY . 20 BDE PW 2/13 IN COY 79 REGT CAPTURED AT HUBIKA GAVE FOLLOWING INFORMATION

IMPORTANT THI: 220510
Serial No 6761 TOR: 220830
221005
• should probably read 557755.

Distribution.
GOC
BGS then War Diary ✓
DA & QMG
G1 Ops
G2 Ops then War Diary
G Air
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FROM: 9 AUST DIV O 687 21

FOURTH AND LAST PART OF O 687 . BELIEVED
ALL 20 DIV NORTH OF RIVER MASANENG
WITH 2 AND 3 BDE 79 RGOT MOVING
INLAND . 80 RGOT SEEN PASSING THROUGH
MUBIKA . 1 BN 79 RGOT ORDERED TO CONCENTRATE
AT WOMDAKAI . BN MOVED THROUGH MUBIKA AND PW BELIEVE
IT MOVED INLAND TO STRIKE COAST FURTHER NORTH .
ALL INFORMED

THI: 220510
TOR: 220726

Serial No 6756
220625.

G Distribution.
GOC
BGS then War Diary ✓
DA & QMG
G1 Ops
G2 Ops then War Diary
G Air
RMO
File.

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TO: 2 AUST CORPS
FROM: 9 DIV 0 873 21

FURTHER TO OUR SITREP 227 . INLAND PATROL NOTHING TO REPORT . 2/4 CAV SQN PATROL TO 479754 TO 483761 TO 487776 NO MVT SEEN . 1 DEAD JAP FOUND AT 527734 DURING PATROL TO 525745 . B COY 2/23 BN REACHED VICINITY OF LAKE 559755 NIGHT 19/20 DEC . MOVED TO 577758 AT 201300 AND CONTACTED 2/24 BN PATROL WHICH MOVED FROM 569747 VIA RIVER SOWI AT 568753 . 2 DAYS PATROL FROM 2/24 BN TO KALIGIA CONTACTED 2/17 BN LOB AT 604764 . TRACK JEEPABLE FROM THIS POINT TO KALIGIA . FURTHER PATROL FROM 2000 FEATURE 5774 TO 568753 TO 564755 NO MVT SEEN.

IMPORTANT. 211140L
211424
Serial No 6728 211610
211720

2 Distributions.
GOC
BGS then War Diary ✓
DA & QMG
G1 Ops
G2 Ops then War Diary
G Air
ADC
File.

COPY.

TO 2 CORPS 5 DIV 7 DIV INFO X C F
FROM 9 DIV 0 873 21.

SITREP 228 TO 21GROUP. • QUICK RIGHT

• GUN 75mm GUN FOUND BURIED

AT 574722 • ALL INFORMED

21Group.
21DG
21Mob.

Serial No 5716
21/GS

G Distribution.
GOC
BGS
DDS Whose War Diary
BA & QMG
CR Ops

62 Ops and
War Diary
G Air
File.

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TO 2 AUST CORPS

FROM 9 AUST DIV 0.866 21/12

SITREP 227 TO 202100L (.) 4 BDE COMPLETED CAPTURE FORTIFICATION HILL

CONTACTED ONLY STRAGGLERS

IMMEDIATE TOO 210025
SER NO 6701 TOI 210200
210410. TOR 210340

G DISTRIBUTION
GOC
BGS then War Diary
DA & QMG
G1(O)
G2(O) then War Diary
G (AIR)
BMS
FILE

PART 1.

TO : 2 AUST CORPS 5 AUST DIV 7 AUST DIV RPTD NGF

FROM : ADV 9 AUST DIV 0 867 21

SITREP 227 TO 202100L . 4 BDE COMPLETED CAPTURE OF FORTIFICATION HILL AT 201600L ONLY CONTACT WITH STRAGGLERS . 29/46 BN . PATROL TO SWAMP 586830 NMS . DISPOSITIONS AT LAST LIGHT D COY 586822 B COY 582820 A COY 584816 C COY 583809 . 5 DEAD JAPS FOUND C COY POSN . 37/52 BN . DISPOSITIONS AT LAST LIGHT A COY 572824 B COY 583824 C COY LESS PL 564809 PL 569821 D COY AND HQ 572804 . 22 BN . NO CHANGE DISPOSITIONS . CONSIDERABLE NUMBER ENEMY OBSERVED MOVING NE AT 544810 DURING DAY ACCURATELY ENGAGED BY ARTY AND MMG's BELIEVED MANY CASUALTIES INFLICTED . 20 BDE . NO CHANGE DISPOSITIONS . 9 AUST DIV CARRIER COY PATROL CAPTURED 1 JAP AT 597726 . PART 2 FOLLOWS

IMPORTANT

TOO: 210110L
THI: 210550
TOR: 210745

Serial No.6702
210900

Q.DISTRIBUTION
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BGS then War Diary
DA & QMG
G1 (Ops)
G2

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TO: 2 AUST CORPS 5 AUST DIV 7 AUST DIV rptd M G F

FROM: ADV 9 AUST DIV 0 867 21/12

PART 2 of 0 867 of 21st (.) PIB patrol killed 1 JAP at 594757 (.) 24 Bde (.) 2/28 bn moved to WAREO area (.) 2/32 bn A coy moved to 597716 (.) 26 Bde (.) patrols active during the day (.) patrols report follows addsd 2 AUST CORPS only (.) arty fired 1418 rounds on suspected HQ dumps and observed enemy parties during the day (.) AIR OPS (.) strike approx 200930L WALINGAI area accurate (.) large fire and explosions observed (.) strafing mission P 39's led by BOOMERANG coast WANDOKAI KANOMI successful (.) PT boats night 19/20 Dec nil sightings (.) END of 2nd and final part

G Distribution:

GOC
103 then War Diary
JAACMG
G1 (Ops)
G2 (Ops) then War Diary
G (Air)
BMB
File

Serial No 6713
211215L

IMPORTANT

TOO: 210315L
THI: 210550
TOR: 211050

Appnd 5/8

XCP

2 anst corps

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2	anst	corps	will		open
xxxxxxxxx	aysxxx	right	xx/ 29		dec
(.)	request	air	movt		cond
xp	this	FX	from		JUXXI'S
to	xxxxxxxxx	direct	xcoming	29	dec
(.)	ll	offrs	final		corps
xond	xnd	15	cn's		to
travel	with	baggage	end		xinimum
office	xxxx	will	require		two
please	(.)	please	advise		

Copy 9 to (air) Corps War Diary / [illegible] XX CSTAFF [illegible]

HQF rptd II aust div

2 aust corps 0.1821 21

sitrep 209 (.) 5 aust div
to 202000L (.) 2 japs captured
MADRAS area (.) these with 5
accounted for LUMBAIP area stragglers from
original LAE forces

Copies: GOC : BGS : G2(O) then file : War Diary (2)

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Subject: 2 AUST CORPS LOCATION STATEMENT

HQ 2 Aust Corps (AIF)
24 Dec 43.
G/422/Ops.

1. Attached as Appendix A is 2 Aust Corps Location Statement by Arms and Services, as at 2359 hrs 15 Dec 43.

2. Please destroy all copies of previous location statements and acknowledge receipt on form below.

A J Wadd Major
for Brig.
GS 2 Aust Corps.

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	Copy	Method of Issue
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9 Aust Div	3 -- 4	" "
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2 Aust Corps Fd Cash Office	13	"
GOC	14	"
BGS	15	"
G1 (Ops)	16	"
G (Ops)	17--19	"
CCRA	20	"
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CSO	22	"
DA&QMG	23	"
A	24	"
Q	25	"
CLO	26	"
ADDS	27	"
DAAS	28	"
DDST	29	"
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DDME	32	"
APM	33	"
DADAPS	34	"
Camp	35	"
File	36	"
War Diary ✓	37--[redacted]	"
Spares	38--44	"

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2 AUST CORPS

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APPENDIX "A"

2 AUST CORPS LOCATION STATEMENT

By Arms and Services as at

2359 hrs - 15 Dec 43.

Ref Maps: BUNA EAST SPECIAL : 1 in - 1 ml
LAE : 1 : 25000
FINSCHHAFEN SERIES : 1 : 25000

Serial No (a)	Arm or Service (b)	Unit (c)	Ref Map (d)	Location (e)	Remarks (f)
		HEADQUARTERS UNITS			
1	HQ UNITS	HQ 2 Aust Corps	BUNA	165109	
2		HQ 5 Aust Div	LAE	699409	
3		Adv HQ 9 Aust Div	FINSCH	633724	
4		Rear HQ 9 Aust Div	FINSCH	632718	
5					
6					
7					
8	HQ	2 Aust Corps Sec Int Corps (AIF)	BUNA	165109	
9		32 Sec Aust FSW (AIF)	FINSCH		HQ Tps U/C 5 Aust Div
10		"B" Sec Aust FSW (AIF)	FINSCH	633724	
11		1 Aust AAPIU (AIF) less det	BUNA	165109	HQ Tps U/C 2 Aust Corps det att 9 Aust Div
12		Det ATIS less det	BUNA	165109	GHQ Tps att 2 Aust Corps, det with 9 Aust Div
13					
14					
15	ARMD	1 Aust Tk Bn less B Sqn	FINSCH	632724	Corps Tps U/C 9 Aust Div
16		B Sqn 1 Aust Tk Bn and Rear Details	BUNA	160207	Corps Tps U/C 11 Aust Div for local adm only
17					
18					
19	CAV	2/4 Aust Cav (Commando)Sqn	FINSCH	531682	Corps Tps U/C 9 Aust Div
20					
21					
		ARTILLERY UNITS			
22	ARTY	HQ RAA 2 Aust Corps	BUNA	165109	
23		1 Aust Mob Hut Flt less two secs	BUNA	165109	HQ Tps one sec with each 5 and 9 Aust Divs
24		HQ RAA 5 Aust Div	LAE	697409	
25		14 Aust Fd Regt less A Tp and Det	LAE	678436	A Tp at BUNA det at MILNE BAY
26					
27					

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)
29					
30					
31					
32		Hq RLT 9 .ust Div	MTSCH	6[illegible]	
33		det 1 .ust Lob Det Plt	MTSCH	61.655	
34		Hq 2/12 .ust Fd Regt	MTSCH	61..65	
35		23 .ust Fd Hty	MTSCH	518568	
36		34 .ust Fd Hty	MTSCH	61.631	
37		62 .ust Fd Hty	MTSCH	60.667	
38		HQ 2/6 .ust Fd Regt	MTSCH	613768	
39		11 .ust Fd Hty	MTSCH	61876.	
40		12 .ust Fd Hty	MTSCH	632727	
41		56 .ust Fd Hty	MTSCH	623734	
42		Hq 2/4 .ust Lt ... Regt	MTSCH	613566	11 Hty U/C 7 .ust Div
43		10 .ust Lt ... Hty	MTSCH	62167.	
44		12 .ust Lt ... Hty	MTSCH	615509	
45		E/S .ust Lt ... Hty (.irborne)	MTSCH	6.0737	
46		Hq 2/1 .ust Corps ... Regt	MTSCH	611630	LHq Tps U/C
47		2/4 .ust Hy ... Hty	MTSCH	611600	LHQ Tps U/C
48		2/2 .ust Lt ... Hty	MTSCH	MEDAL POINT	LH4 Tps U/C
49		04 .ust .AAL Hty (less C Led Tp)	MTSCH	MEDAL POINT	
50		11 Hty 2/1 .ust Tk ... Regt	MTSCH	6.07 5	
51		"L" .ust Hy Hty.	MTSCH	620577	LHq Tps U/C
52		2 .ust ...th Hty (less one Sec)	MTSCH	611656	LH4 Tps U/C
53					
54					
55					
56	HVY	5 .ust Div			
		9 .ust Div			
57					
58		5 .ust Hvy Hty	MTSCH	6.87.2	Relieved 1 Fd Sec 2/3 Hvy Hty
59		1 Fd Sec 2/3 .ust Hvy Hty	MTSCH	61.665	To move to LUZA
		ENGINEER UNITS			
60	ENGR	5 .ust Div			
		Hq RCT 5 .ust Div	LAX	699.09	
61		4 .ust Mi Coy less 3 Pl	LAX	675442	2 Pl .t 1670.42
62		11 .ust Mi Coy	LAX	707.10	
63					
64					
65					
66					
67					
68					
69					
		9 .ust Div			
70		Hq ... 9 .ust Div	MTSCH	6617.9	
71		2/5 .ust Mi Coy	MTSCH	617718	
72		2/7 .ust Mi Coy	MTSCH	611773	
73		2/15 .ust Mi Coy	MTSCH	617568	
74		2/24 .ust Mi Pk Coy	MTSCH	62.67.	
75		2/29 .ust Config Unit	MNSCH	651720	

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)
76		1 Op Pl 2/1 Aust Mech Sqpt Coy	FINSCH	614656	replacing No 3 Op Pl
77					
78		5 Tp 2/1 Aust Fd Sqn	FINSCH	636710	Att 1 Aust Tk Bn
79					
80					
		SIGNAL UNITS			
81	SIGS	HQ B Aust Corps Sigs (AIF) (less det)	BUNA	165109	Det at FINSCH
82		Adm Soc (less det)	BUNA	165109	Det at FINSCH
83		22 Aust Cipher Soc less det (Type K)	FINSCH		Det BUNA 165109
84		2 Aust Tech Maint Soc less det	BUNA	165109	Det at FINSCH
		HQ 1 Coy B Aust Corps Sigs	FINSCH		
86		2 Aust Line Maint Soc less det	FINSCH		Det BUNA
87		4 Aust Line Soc	MORESBY		Temp att MILBASE MORESBY Sigs
88		5 Aust Line Soc	FINSCH		
89		HQ 2 Coy B Aust Corps Sigs (less det)	BUNA	165109	Det at FINSCH
90		4 Aust Op Soc	MORESBY		Detached to,18 L of C Sigs
91		5 Aust Op Soc	FINSCH		
92		6 Aust Op Soc	BUNA	165109	
93		5 Aust Lt Wireless Soc.	FINSCH		
94		39 Aust Lt Wireless Soc	FINSCH		
95		4 Aust Hy Wireless Soc.	MORESBY		Detached to 18 L of C Sigs
		4 Aust DR Soc	BUNA	165109	
97		10 Aust DR Soc	FINSCH		
98		33 Aust Wireless Task Soc (less det)	BUNA	165109	
99		34 Aust Wireless Task Soc(less cipher det)	BUNA	165109	
100		HQ 3 Coy B Aust Corps Sig	FINSCH		Cipher Det MOROBE
101		Det ATIS Sigs	BUNA	165109	
102					
103					
104		Sigs 3 Aust Div (AIF)	LAE	699408	
105		38 Aust Cipher Soc (AIF)	LAE	699408	
106		14 Aust Fd Regt Sig Soc	LAE	678436	
107					
108					
109		29 Aust Inf Bde Sig Soc	LAE	680433	
110					
111		Sigs 9 Aust Div (AIF) (less dets)	FINSCH	629727	Det TAMI IS
112		2/43 Aust Cipher Soc (Type K)	FINSCH	633724	
113		2/12 Aust Fd Regt Sig Soc	FINSCH	614665	
114		2/6 Aust Fd Regt Sig Soc	FINSCH	613768	
115		2/4 Aust Lt AA Regt Sig Soc(less det)	FINSCH	612596	Det with 7 Aust Div, 11 Bty.
116		2/1 Aust Comp Am Regt Sig Soc	FINSCH	613600	

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)
		3 Aust Engr Sig Sec	FINSCH	631729	
18		20 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec	FINSCH	622740	
119		24 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec	FINSCH	622696	
120		26 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec	FINSCH	554718	
121		4 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec	FINSCH	613768	
122		2/1 Aust Beach Sig Sec (.IF)	FINSCH	615657	LHQ Tps U/C
123		Det 36 Aust Wireless Task Sec	FINSCH	608617	Det 19 L of C Sigs
124		1 Aust Tk Bn Sig Tp (less det)	FINSCH	623724	Det BUNA 160207
125					
126		INFANTRY UNITS			
127	INF	HQ 2 Aust Corps			
		23 Pl F Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt	BUNA	165109	LHQ Tps U/C
		5 Aust Div			
128		16 Pl D Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt	LAE	699409	
129		HQ 29 Aust Inf Bde	LAE	680433	
1[illegible]		15 Aust Inf Bn		676431	
131		42 Aust Inf Bn less 10,14 and 18 Pls	LAE	687425	10 Pl D Coy 679560 14 Pl C Coy HOPOI 18 Pl D Coy SALAMAUA
132		47 Aust Inf Bn	LAE	M698505	
133		24 Aust Inf Bn less rear details C & D Coys	LAE	[illegible]56627	C & D Coys N544549
134					
135					
136		9 Aust Div			
137		A Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt less 1,2,4 Pls	FINSCH	633724	
138		HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde	FINSCH	622740	
139		1 Pl A Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt	FINSCH	622740	
140		2/13 Aust Inf Bn	FINSCH	611770	
141		2/15 Aust Inf Bn	FINSCH	607777	
142		2/17 Aust Inf Bn	FINSCH	616744	
143		HQ 24 Aust Inf Bde	FINSCH	622696	
144		2 Pl A Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt	FINSCH	622696	
145		2/28 Aust Inf Bn	FINSCH	599716	
146		2/32 Aust Inf Bn	FINSCH	576719	
147		2/43 Aust Inf Bn	FINSCH	625721	
148		HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde	FINSCH	554718	
149		4 Pl A Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt	FINSCH	554718	
150		2/23 Aust Inf Bn	FINSCH	550719	
151		2/24 Aust Inf Bn	FINSCH	564728	
152		2/48 Aust Inf Bn	FINSCH	544661	
153		HQ 4 Aust Inf Bde	FINSCH	613768	
154		22 Aust Inf Bn	FINSCH	598787	
155		29/46 Aust Inf Bn	FINSCH	599788	
156		37/52 Aust Inf Bn	FINSCH	593780	
157		9 Aust Div Carr Coy	FINSCH	615763	
158		C Coy PIB	FINSCH	608653	
159		A Coy PIB	FINSCH	613768	
160					
161					

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)
162	MEs	2/2 Aust IG Bn	FPNSCH	630733	Corps Tps U/C 9 Aust Div
163					
164					
165	PIRS	2/3 Aust Pnr Bn	FPNSCH	551649	Corps Tps U/C 9 Aust Div
166					
167					
		AASC UNITS			
	AASC	2 Aust Corps			
168					
169					
170		HQ Coml 3 Aust Div AASC	L.D	697406	
171		HQ 1 Aust Sup Depot Coy	L.D	703403	
172		3 Aust Sup Depot Pl	L.D	703403	
173		4 Aust Sup Depot Pl	M.DZAB	M.01560	U/C M.DZAB AREA COMD
174		18 Aust Sup Depot Pl	L.D	684427	
175		19 Aust Sup Depot Pl	L.D	684427	
176		5 Pl 154 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	L.D	721415	
177		One Pl 152 Aust Gen Tpt Coy incl No 2 Tpt Pl No 2 RDI No 3 RDI Sig & Sec Wkshop	L.D	721414	
178					
179					
180		HQ Coml 9 Aust Div AASC	FPNSCH	646662	
181		HQ 2/6 Aust Sup Depot Coy	FPNSCH	622646	
182		2/25 Aust Sup Depot Pl	FPNSCH	622646	
183		2/27 Aust Sup Depot Pl	FPNSCH	611645	
184		2/28 Aust Sup Depot Pl	FPNSCH	588648	
185		2/29 Aust Sup Depot Pl	FPNSCH	621675	
186		2/30 Aust Sup Depot Pl	FPNSCH	615646	
187		2/31 Aust Sup Depot Pl	FPNSCH	622646	
188		HQ 2/156 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	FPNSCH	625654	
189		Det 4 Aust Armd Bde AASC	FPNSCH	63[illegible]724	
190					
191					
192		MEDICAL UNITS			
	MEDICAL	2 Aust Corps			
193		10 Aust Fd Amb less dets	L.D		Det FPNSCH U/C 9 Aust Div local adm only. Det M.DZAB AIR-STRIP
194		HQ Sec Amb Tpt Coy	L.D		
195					
196					
197					

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)
		5 Aust Div			
198		7 Aust Fd Amb less dets	LAE	687423	ISP 702406 Dot K739919
199					
200					
201					
202					
203					
		9 Aust Div			
204		2/3 Aust Fd Amb	FINSCH	630726	
205		2/8 Aust Fd Amb	FINSCH	596537	
206		2/11 Aust Fd Amb	FINSCH	611645	
207		4 Aust Fd Amb less A Coy	FINSCH	603553	A Coy MILNE BAY moving FINSCH
208		2/3 Aust CCS	FINSCH	607557	
209		2/3 Aust AHCU	FINSCH	620676	
210		Det 6 Aust Lt Fd Amb	FINSCH	613652	Att 1 Aust Tk Bn
211					
212					
213					
		DENTAL UNITS			
[redacted]	DENTAL	5 Aust Div			
[redacted]		"B" Sec 63 Aust Dental Unit	LAE	687423	Att 7 Aust Fd Amb
215					
		9 Aust Div			
216		D & E Sec 2/5 Aust Dental Unit	FINSCH		24 Bde area
217		D, D & E Sec 77 Aust Dental Unit	FINSCH	621727	A,B,C,Secs 7 Aust Div. F Sec in AUST
218					
219					
		AOC UNITS			
	ORD	2 Aust Corps			
220					
221					
		5 Aust Div			
222		10th Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk	LAE	713425	
[redacted]					
[redacted]					
225					
		9 Aust Div			
226		2/11th Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk	FINSCH	613603	
227		2/12th Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk	FINSCH	613603	
228		2/13th Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk	FINSCH	613697	
229					
230		Det 1 Aust Tk Bde Ord Fd Pk	FINSCH	613664	Att 1 Aust Tk Bn
231					
		AEWS UNITS			
	AEWS	2 Aust Corps			
232		2nd Aust LAD (Type A) less det	BUNA	106109	Att 3 Aust Corps Sigs. Det at FINSCH
233					
234					
235					
		5 Aust Div			
236		10th Aust Bde Wkshop	LAE	713424	

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)
237		231 Aust LAD (Type A)	LAD	707441	Att 3 Aust Div Sigs
238		255 Aust LAD (Type A)	LAD		Att 104 FOD
239		312 Aust LAD	LAD	985434	Att 20 Aust Inf Bde
240					
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		9 Aust Div			
247		Sec 1 Aust Tk Bn Wkshop	FINSCH	918664	
248		2/116 Aust Bde Wkshop	FINSCH	913607	
[illegible]		2/122 Aust Bde Wkshop	FINSCH	909638	
250		[illegible]/23 Aust Bde Wkshop	FINSCH	908638	
251		2/4 Aust Lt AA Regt Wkshop Sec	FINSCH	912596	
252		2/1 Aust Corps AA Regt Wkshop Sec	FINSCH	913600	
253		84 Aust MSL Bty Wkshop Sec	FINSCH	NEDAN POINT	
254		2/53 Aust LAD (Type D)	FINSCH	913768	Att 2/6 Aust Fd Regt
255		2/58 Aust LAD (Type J)	FINSCH	916550	Att HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde
256		2/61 Aust LAD (Type D)	FINSCH	914655	Att 2/12 Aust Fd Regt
257		2/67 Aust LAD (Type [illegible])	FINSCH	911628	Att HQ 9 Aust Div
258		2/72 Aust LAD (Type A)	FINSCH	917654	Att 2/24 Aust Corps Fd Pk
[illegible]		2/[illegible] Aust LAD (Type J)	FINSCH	920679	Att HQ 24 Aust Inf Bde
260		2/77 Aust LAD (Type A)	FINSCH	915657	Att 2/2 Aust MG Bn
261		2/78 Aust LAD (Type J)	FINSCH	934656	Att HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde
262		264 Aust LAD (Type J)	[illegible]		Att to HQ 4 Aust Inf Bde
263		209 Aust LAD (Type [illegible])	[illegible]	[illegible]664	Att 1 Aust Tk Bn
		PROVOST UNITS			
	PRO	2 Aust Corps			
264					
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		5 Aust Div			
266		1 Sec 5 Aust Div Pro Coy	LAD	398408	
267		12 Aust Indep Bde Gp Pro Pl	LAD	MX0568	
268					
		9 Aust Div			
269		9 Aust Div Pro Coy less 1,2,3 Secs	FINSCH	931729	1,2,3 Secs with 20,24,26 Aust Inf Bdes respectively
270					
271					
		POSTAL UNITS			
	POST	2 Aust Corps			
272		2 Aust Corps Postal Unit less dets	SUB.	165109	Dets att FINSCH BASE SUB AREA and 5 Aust Div
273					
		5 Aust Div			
274		3 Aust Div Postal Unit	LAD	399409	
275					

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)
276					
277		9 Aust Div 9 Aust Div Postal Unit Less FPOs 33,35,36	FIELDCH	33.713	FPOs 33,35,36 with 20,24,26 Aust Inf Bde respectively
278					
279					
		PAY UNITS			
280	PAY	2 Aust Corps Ed Cash Office	FIELDCH	25169	
281					
282		5 Aust Div Ed Cash Office	LAE	33109	
283		3 Aust Div Ed Cash Office Rear Party	LAE	33109	
284		9 Aust Div Ed Cash Office	FIELDCH	33713	
		GRAVES UNITS			
285	G.R.V.S	17 Aust Graves Reg Unit	LAE		5 Aust Div
286		9 Aust Graves Reg & Enq Unit	FIELDCH		
		LILO UNITS			
287	LILO	2 Aust Corps 1 Aust Corps Reception Camp	DOMOAUS		
288					
289		5 Aust Div 5 Aust Div Reception Camp	LAE	708106	
290		3 Aust Div Salvage Unit	LAE	708103	
291		ANGAU less det	LAE		Det 708135
292					
293					
		9 Aust Div			
294		9 Aust Div Reception Camp	FIELDCH	625580	
295		9 Aust Div Salvage Unit	FIELDCH	614637	
296		Det ANGAU	FIELDCH	633724	LAE Tps
297		Det Public Relations	FIELDCH	633724	LAE Tps
298		Det ADCS	FIELDCH	12606	LAE Tps
299		Det ATIS	FIELDCH	633724	LAE Tps
300		Det 1 Aust ALPIU	FIELDCH	633724	LAE Tps
		TROOPS IN SUPPORT			
301		4 AC Sqn	LAE		RAAF Unit Flights with 7 and 9 Divs
302		Det H/T Sec 4 AC Sqn	FIELDCH	633724	RAAF Tps
303		8 Air Liaison Party 5 AF	FIELDCH	633724	US ARMY TPS
304		F Control Liaison Sec 5 AF	FIELDCH	633724	US ARMY TPS
305					
		US TROOPS UNDER COND			
306		532 Regt 2 USA less A and B Coys	FIELDCH	630507	U/C 9 Aust Div A and B Coys LAE

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[redacted] TO PARA 9 DIV ALTER MESSAGE GSUB.

Line 7 of text [redacted] should read [redacted]

Line 8 of text 478574 should read 478574.

Distribution.

[redacted]	GS Ops War Diary
[redacted] War Diary	G Air
DA & QMG	Adm
GS Ops	File.

TO :: 2 AUST CORPS ROP 5 DIV RTD BASE

FROM :: 9 AUST DIV 0,039 20/12

[illegible] 027 TO 172100L (.) 4 RAR (.) 29/46 [illegible] ADV 0730L WITH C SQN (.) 1 FD REGT AGAIN BOAST (.) STRONG OPPY POSN 584615 [illegible] AT APPROACH, AT 1500L WITH ARTY FOO AND TANK SUPPORT (.) ONLY OPPOSED WITH SM RESISTANCE INCLUDING DIRECT FIRE FRO 75 M GUN (.) AT 1200L FOOT [illegible] WITH C ADVCD TO 566823 (.) 75MM GUN & MORE CAPTURED AND 1 3/4 TON FOOD ABRED (.) B COY FOOTD ADONG HIGH GROUND TO WEST OF TRACK AND B MOVED C COY AT 566823 (.) C COY AFTER RELIEF MOVED TO 581809 (.) A AND D COYS CROSSED TASSERNG RIVER AT 0730L AND MOVED TO 586819 (.) D AND C COYS 37/52 OR MOVED THROUGH OPPOSITION TO HIGH GROUND 573808 AND 563809 (.) BN HQ AND B COY MOVED TO ADAMS CROSS AT 571804 AND A COY TO 570800

IMPORTANT TOO 200045L
BCM NO. 6661 TRI 200940L
200730. TOR 200630L

E. [illegible] STAFF
CGC
BGS then Ops Diary
DA & QMG
Q1(O)
Q2 (O) then Ops Diary
S (AIR)
S (B)
[illegible]

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TO: 2 Corps (2) N G F (3) 5 DIV (4) 7 DIV (5) ADV HTB BASE

FROM: 9 DIV O 839 20/12

Part 2 Part 3 follows (.) patrol A coy 22 Bn to creek 578795 NMS (.) PIB patrol from 610770 SW along track to 587750 north to river SOWI thence NW to 573770 and SW to 565765 (.) 1 JAP killed at 580763 and 28 dead JAPS with much abandoned eqpt along track between 570769 and 565765 (.) indication that these JAPS died of starvation (.) 20 Bde (.) 2/13 and 2/15 Bns moved forward to new posn south of MASAWENG river (.) dispositions 2/13 Bn HQ 588799 A coy 583805 B coy587801 C coy 585803 D coy 588798 (.) 2/15 Bn HQ 588797 A coy 587798 B coy 593790 C coy 588798 D coy 588795 (.) 2/17 Bn NC change (.) Carrier coy moved to area 600772

~~A~~ Distribution:

GOC Serial No 6669 IMPORTANT TOO: 200315
BGS then War Diary 201415L
DA&QMG THI: 200440
G1 (Ops)
G2 (Ops) TOR: 201336
G (Air)
BMA
File

COPY.

TO: 2 CORPS, K G F, 5 DIV, 7 DIV, ADV NTB BASE.
FROM: 9 DIV 0 839 20

PART 3 PART 4 FOLLOWS . 8A BDE . TACTICAL BDE HQ MOVED TO 582728 . B COY 2/32 BN MOVED TO 609727 AND B COY 2/43 BN TO 617677 . 26 BDE . STANDING PATROL 2/4 CAV SQN MOVED FROM VICINITY SAGAHEMI TO BASE AT KING PARINGHAU 438793 . 3 ENEMY POSTS OBSERVED SW OF SAGAHEMI AND FORAGE PARTY 1000 YDS SOUTH . PATROL LEFT MEIKEKO FOR HOMPUA 479814 AND 4 DAYS PATROL LEFT FOR MASAMENO RIVER AREA TO COLLECT NATIVES FOR ARGAU . B COY 2/23 BN LEFT BARULUO TOWARDS LAKONA NO FURTHER REPORT . FURTHER PATROLS WAKEO TO 537723 AND 558730 HRS . PATROL 2/24 BN TO 567736 AND 563740 ALONG RIVER SOWI TO 563746 AND 567747 HRS

IMPORTANT.

Serial No 6670.
203h50

203h50
200730
8014.

A Distribution.
GOC
BGS then War Diary
DA & QMG
G1 Ops
G2 Ops then War Diary
G Air
HRD
File.

2 AUST CORPS NGF 5 DIV 7 DIV ADV HQ TB BASE
COM: 9 DIV 0.839 20/12

RIVER PATROL FRGS 571756 to 576759 NO mvt seen (.) patrol from LAKE 5674 to RIVER BEND 568753 along track (.) C Coy PIB moved KULUNGTUFU (patrols active ?) JUNGAING (.) our arty fired 760 rds in support 4 BDE and on suspected enemy posn FORTIFICATION PT AREA (.) Tac R A/C and escort strafed 6 barges on beach WALLROAD (.) enemy tps strafed in COCONUT grove 541897 (.) many fresh tracks observed inland from coastal track 559898 to 526902 (.) newly constructed defence posn observed along beach 482959 to 478374 consisting of logged post and bunkers (.) fresh ammo and stores area 470973 strafed and left burning (.) fresh supply dump observed 477960 (.) fresh track area 465908 (.) newly constructed def 472986

Serial 6674
201603L

IMPORTANT: TOO: 200510L TMI: 0730L
TMI: 201440L

G DISTRIBUTION:

GOC	G2(Ops) then W/D ✓
BGS then W/D	G(Air)
DA&QMG	DMB
G1(Ops)	File

Appendix 505

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TO: 2 CORPS MSF 5 DIV 7 DIV ADV HQS BASE

FROM: 9 DIV 0 839 20

5TH AND LAST PART . PT BOATS NIGHT 18/19 DEC SANK 5 EMPTY TYPE B BARGES AND 2 LARGE MECHANIZED LANDING CRAFT MOVING NORTH AND 1 LADEN TYPE B BARGE MOVING SOUTH AND DESTROYED 2 LARGE MECHANIZED LANDING CRAFT AND 1 TYPE B BARGE ON BEACH NEISS POINT REPORT 5 TO 8 FURTHER TYPES A AND B LOADED BARGES DAMAGED HEADING SOUTH OFF WALINGAI . 190340L 1 HA DROPPED 5 BOMBS ALONG COAST SOUTH OF LAKONA CAUSING SLIGHT CASUALTIES . 190430L 3 HA DROPPED BOMBS IN SEA OFF SCARLET BEACH

TOO : 200600
TOI : 200730
TOR : 201500

Serial No.6673
201648

IMPORTANT

A.DISTRIBUTION.
GOC
BGS then War Diary
DA & QMG
G1 (Ops)
G2 (Ops) then War Diary
G (Air)
BGS
File

Adv 2 aust corps 9 aust div FIRSCHBLATH Base sub area

2 aust corps SD 1067 19

SECRET	(.)	following	arrangements	made
for	temporary	relief	staff	shortages
9	aust	div	in	appointments
shown	(.)	FIRST	(.)	C
Staff	(.)	Capt	GRANELL-SMITH	at
present	FIRSCHBLATH	reports	earliest	as
G30 XX	(.)	Capt	GLASGOW	this
HQ	as	G30 XXX	(.)	9
aust	div	obtains	LO 2	from
a	unit	under	comd	Shilling
which	will	endeavour	provide	ex
9	aust	div	(.)	SECOND
(.)	AQ	staff	(.)	Lt-Col
FARCHER	this	HQ	as	AAG 2
(.)	Capt	GODDARD	this	HQ
are	DAAG	(.)	THIRD	(.)
Lieut	SCOTT	this	HQ	relieves
Major	RADFORD	2	Base	area
who	returns	this	HQ	earliest
(.)	FOURTH	(.)	officers	ex
this	HQ	ETA	JUVENILE	plans
20	dec	thence	STILO	to
REPATRIATED	courier	boat	if	possible
same	day	(.)	request	arrange
reception				

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AAG

G(Air)(Action to arrange air mvt specified)

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War Diary

IMPORTANT

Lt-Col

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TO :: NOF 18 BDE RAA 7 DIV LOB OP ADV ECH 5 AF 2 AUST CORPS
9 AUST DIV 5 AUST DIV

FROM :: 7 AUST DIV 0.1214 19/12

SITREP 214 TO 192100L (.) 25 BDE (.) 2/33 BN CONTACTED ENEMY

ESTIMATED STRENGTH TWO PLS ON FEATURE 5800 (.) WHEN ENGAGED BY OUR

ARTY JAPS WITHDREW (.) DISPOSITIONS 2/33 AS FOLLOWS :- (.) ONE COY

562675 REMAINING TWO COYS AT 566684 (.) 2/25 BN (.) FIVE DAYS

PATROL NOW AT 502718 (.) OBSERVED PARTY JAPS AT 499725 (.) PIB

NOW AT 480660 PATROLLING NORTH TO SOLU RIVER (.) 21 BDE (.)

PATROL ACTIVITY ONE PATROL HAVING REACHED APPROX 673660 NO CONTACT

ALL INFORMED

G DISTRIBUTION
GOC
HQS
DA & QMG
G1(O)
G2(O)
G (AIR)
BMB
FILE

IMMEDIATE
SER NO 6659
200345

TOO : 192259L
THI : 200029L
TOR : 200225L

COPY

TO : 2 AUST CORPS 5 DIV 7 DIV RPTD NGF

FROM: 9 AUST DIV 0.850 18/12

SITREP 220 TO 180900L . QUIET NIGHT 29/46 BN CONTINUED COASTAL

ADV AGAINST OPPOSITION AT 180830L ALL INFORMED

SERIAL 6598 IMMEDIATE TOO: 180940L
181250L THI: 181110L
TOR: 181200L

G.DISTRIBUTION
GOC
BGS then War Diary
DA& QMG
G1 (Ops)
G2 (Ops) then War Diary
G (Air)
BMB
File

COPY

TO :: 2 AUST CORPS

FROM :: 9 AUST DIV 0.838 19/12

SITREP 225 TO 192100B (.) 29/46 CONTINUED ADV ALONG COAST ENCOUNTERED STRONG ENEMY POSN 584818 (.) ATTACK BY C COY WITH ARTY MG AND TANK SUPPORT CLEARED ENEMY FROM POSN AFTER HY FIGHTING AGAINST STUBBORN RESISTANCE (.) FWD COY NOW 586823 WITH REMAINDER BN 5881 (.) 37/52 BN MOVED TO SQUARE 5780 (.) 2/13 AND 2/15 BNS CROSSED SANGA RIVER TO CONCENTRATION AREA SQUARE 5879 (.) 26 BDE PATROL NMS

Q DISTRIBUTION

GOC
BGS then War Diary
DA & QMG
G1(O)
G2(O) then War Diary
Q (AIR)
BHB
FILE.

SER NO 6660
200545

IMMEDIATE

TOO : 200020
THI : 200200
TOR : 200500

CO/Ft: [redacted] [redacted]:

TO: 2 AUST CORPS 5 AUST DIV 7 AUST DIV RPTD NSW

FROM: 9 AUST DIV 0.825 19/12

SITREP 103 to 190900A (.) some enemy air activity during night Nil details yet otherwise nothing to report

[redacted] DISTRIBUTION: Serial 6631 IMMEDIATE: TOO: 1910300A
[redacted] G(Air) 1912254 ZMX: 1911302A
[redacted] then W/T [redacted] TOR: 1200
[redacted] File
G1(Ops)
G2(Ops) then W/T

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TO 2 AUST CORPS

FROM 9 AUST DIV 0.823 19/12

SITREP 102 TO 182100L (.) AT 0900 29/46 BN CONTINUED ADV (.) HAVING CAPTURED 2 ENEMY POSN ALONG CREEK 585803 PUSHED ON AND BY 1330 HAD CAPTURED SOUTH BANK OF MASAWENG R (.) AT 1500L BN CROSSED MASAWENG RIVER AND HAD SECURED BEACH NORTH RIVER BY LAST LIGHT (.) 37/52 BN OCCUPIED HIGH GROUND WEST COASTAL TRACK BETWEEN SANGA AND MASAWENG R (.) 22 BR NOW DISPOSED ALONG COASTAL TRACK BETWEEN SANGA AND MASAWENG R

G DISTRIBUTION

GOC

BGS then War Diary

DA-G-ENG

G(E)(X)

G(I)(OT) then War Diary

G (AIR)

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IMMEDIATE

SER NO 6621

190535.

TOO 182330L

FRI 182190315L

TOR 190440L

SMD

PART 2 OF SITREP 102

TO	2 AUST CORPS	5 AUST DIV	7 AUST DIV	MIB	BASE	RPTD	NOF
FROM	9 AUST DIV			0822		18	

22 BN . ENEMY WITHDREW FROM POSN AT 580793 DURING NIGHT . POSITION OCCUPIED BY A COY 22 BN AND D COY 37/52 BN . B COY PATROLLED SOUTH BANK RIVER SANGA TO 581784 THEN NORTH BANK TO 586789 . BIVOUAC AREA ONE LMG AND ONE SMALL MORTAR FOUND AT 585786 . BN COYS NORTH ALONG COAST DISPOSITION AT LAST LIGHT C COY AND 8 TANKS X 585800 B COY 588796 HQ 588792 A COY 580792 . 37/52 BN MOVED TO HIGH GROUND BETWEEN SANGA AND MASAWENG RIVER . DISPOSITION AT LAST LIGHT D COY 583800 C COY 579797 A 576796 B COY 583797 HQ 585794 . 20 BDE . BDE HQ MOVED TO 615768 . 2/13 BN AND 2/15 BN NOTHING TO REPORT . DISPOSITION 2/17 BN NOW
I
HQ 572786 A COY 593783

IMPORTANT TOO 182530
THI 190655

Serial No.6625
190920

C.DISTRIBUTION.

GOC
BGS then War Diary / I as received should be 585800
DA & QMG 592786
G1 (Ops)
G2 (Ops) then War Diary
G (Air)
BMB
File

PART 2 OF SITREP 108

TO	2 AUST CORPS	6 AUST DIV	7 AUST DIV	MIB	BASE	RPTD	NSF
FROM	9 AUST DIV			0825		18	

2/2 BN . ENEMY MOVEMENTS FROM POEN AT 580795 DURING NIGHT . POSITION OCCUPIED BY A COY 2/2 BN AND D COY 57/52 BN . B COY PATROLLED SOUTH BANK RIVER BANGA TO 581794 THEN NORTH BANK TO 580799 . BIVOUAC AREA ONE LMG AND ONE SMALL MORTAR FOUND AT 585796 . BN COYS NORTH ALONG COAST DISPOSITION AT LAST LIGHT C COY AND 8 TANKS A 580800 B COY 580796 HQ 580798 A COY 580798 . 57/52 BN MOVED TO HIGH GROUND BETWEEN BANGA AND MADANGBANG RIVER . DISPOSITION AT LAST LIGHT D COY 585800 C COY 579797 A 576796 B COY 585797 HQ 585794 . 20 BDE . BDE HQ MOVED TO 613768 . 2/15 BN AND 2/15 BN NOTHING TO REPORT . DISPOSITION 2/17 BN NOW HQ 572786 A COY 593785

IMPORTANT TOO 182330
THI 190655

Serial No.6685
190730

G.DISTRIBUTION.

GOC
BGS then War Diary 1 as received should be 585800
DA & QMG 592788
G1 (Ops)
G2 (Ops) then War Diary
G (Air)
BAB
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SECRET PART 3 SITREP 102

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TO: 2 AUST CORPS 5 AUST DIV 7 AUST DIV MTB BASE RPTD NGF

FROM: 9 AUST DIV 0.822

B COY 595786 C 592776 D COY 587783 TK ATTACK PL 588791 PIB PATROL TO 585755 FOUND 3 JAPS DEAD AND SOME 75MM AMM NMS . 24 BDE NOTHING TO REPORT . 20 BDE . 2/4 CAV SQN MOVED TO 477730 . PATROLS TO 476737 AND 488733 NMS . OP SOUTH ZAGAHEMI REPORT 12 ENEMY IN POSN ON TRACK SOUTH VILLAGE PATROL TO HOMPUA FROM VICINITY ZAGAHEMI FOUND 2 JAP GRAVES . 1 DEAD JAP ON TRACK . 2/23 BN . PATROL NIL FROM BAZULUO TO GARDEN 542734 NMS . 2/24 BN . D COY MOVED TO 566727 . PATROL CONTACTED PIB PATROL AT 589758 AND CONTINUED TO 589759 N

G.DISTRIBUTION
GOC
BGS then War Diary
DA & QMG
G1 (Ops)
G2 (Ops) then War Diary
G (Air)
BMB
File

IMPORTANT

Serial No.6642
191840

TOO: 182335
THI: 190900
TOR: 191700

COPY SMD

TO: 2 AUST CORPS 5 DIV 7 DIV MTB BASE XPTD HSP

FROM: 9 AUST DIV C 822 18

4TH AND LAST PART . PATROL NE FROM D COY FOUND JAP CAMP AT 589747 NMS . ENEMY AIROPS . AT 180406L 1 ENEMY A/C DROPPED 6 BOMBS IN SEA OFF SCARLET BEACH . PT BOATS NIGHT 17/18 DEC NIL SIGHTINGS

TOO 182359L
THI 190940
TOR 191955

Serial No.6649
192135

G.DISTRIBUTION
GOC
BGS then War Diary
DA & QMG
G1 (Ops)
G2 (Ops) then War Diary
G (Air)
BMB
File

SECT PART ONE

TO :: LANDOPS RPTD 2 AUST CORPS 7 AUST DIV USN-EARCHR 2 AWF

FROM :: NGF 0.9360 18/12

SITREP 79 TO 181805L (.) 1 (.) 9 AUST DIV AND OBSERVER TO 172100L (.) 4 BDE (.) 29/46 BN A AND D COYS PENETRATED POSNS 586803 AND 585801 (.) C COY 22 BN WITH MEG SUPPORT MOPPED UP POCKET AT 593790 (.) 34 ENEMY DEAD COUNTED OTHERS SEEN TO FALL OVER CLIFFS INTO SEA (.) A COY MADE STEADY PROGRESS UP DIFFICULT SPUR TO PROTECT LEFT FLANK AND AMBUSHED 7 JAPS 584793 (.) FOUND STRONG POSN WITH HY AND LMGS 582792 (.) JOINED BY D COY 37/52 BN ENGAGED JAPS (.) BOTH COYS NOW IN PERIMETER 583794 IN CONTACT (.) D COY RELIEVED C COY 29/46 BN 588797 (.) C COY PROTECTING BEACH LAKOSA (.) BN HQ 586792 (.) 37/52 BN B COY NOW STANDING PATROL 581778

SER NO 6617 IMMEDIATE TOO 181900L
190045. THI 182145L
TOR 182315L

0.9360 18/12

SECOND OF THREE PARTS (.)

PATROL TO WEST FOUND HEAVILY USED TRACK 599777 RUNNING NORTH TO RIVER THENCE NW (.) SMALL PARTIES JAPS SHELLED IN GARDEN 580779 (.) B COY TO HIGH GROUND 583793 AND THENCE CONTACTED A COY 22 BN TO C COY RELIEVED BY 2/17 BN MOVED TO 588784 (.) A COY 587779 (.) A COY 2/2 MG BN SUPPORTED 29/46 BN ATTACK THEN DESCENDED CLIFF AND WITH PISTOLS AND OWENS MOPPED UP PARTY JAPS (.) 20 BDE (.) PATROL 2/13 BN 600777 TO 593777 TO 593767 THENCE TO 600771 NO CONTACT (.) 2/15 BN B COY TO 599787 (.) 2/17 BN AREA 603774 (.) 24 BDE (.) 2/32 BN FOUND WHAT SEEMED LARGE ABANDONED HQ AREA 570728

SER NO 6618 IMMEDIATE TOO 181900L
190135 THI 182235L
TOR 190045L

0.9360 18/12

THIRD AND FINAL PART (.)

- 26 BDE (.) 2/4 CAV SQN ADV PARTY REACHED MERIKBO 478730 MAIN BODY AT ULUS (.) OP ESTABLISHED 500 YARDS SOUTH ZAGAHEMI (.) 2/23 BN 2 DAYS PATROL NW FROM BALULUO FOUND VACATED HOSPITAL 530728 (.) DIFFICULT GOING NO CONTACT (.) PATROL NW FROM WANEO FOUND EMPTY JAP COY POSN 548729 NO CONTACT (.) B COY 2/24 BN UNOPPOSED OCCUPIED HILL 2000 AT 578744 AND FOUND EMPTY HQ 573743 (.) ARTY EXPENDED 3700 RDS (.) TWO (.) 9 AUST DIV TO 180900L (.) 29/46 BN CONTINUED COASTAL ADV AGAINST OPPOSITION AT 180830L (.) ALL INFORMED

SER NO 6616 IMMEDIATE TOO 181900L
190040. THI 182210L
TOR 182315L

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BGS G (AIR)
DA & QMG BMB
G1(O) FILE

HQ FORCE zytd 11 sust div

2 sust corps 0 1508 18

SITREP	208	(.)	5	ABBT	DIV
172000L	(.)	ARSAT	reports	patrol	killed
4	JAPS	area	IMMEDIATE	600669	ref
BOMBA	1	in	(.)	1	JAP
escaped	without	capt	search	continuing	

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War diary (2)

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TO: 2 AUST CORPS RPTD 7 AUST DIV ADV 9 AUST DIV REAR 9 AUST DIV

FROM: 5 AUST DIV 0.5567 18/12

SITREP 222 TO 182000L . 1 JAP CAPTURED LUMBAIP AREA OTHERWISE SITNOR

ALL INFORMED IMMEDIATE TOO: 182005
Serial No.6615 THI: 182051
182305 TOR: 182150

G.DISTRIBUTION.

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RMB
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(.)	arrivals	FIRSCHENFAN	14	dpt	Bridge
cond	9	cust	div	2/2	cust
18	AA	bdy	4h	AASL	bdy
Zone	by	bp			

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XXX Diary (2)

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TO) :: 2 AUST CORPS

FROM :: 9 AUST DIV 0.813 17/12

SIT UP 221 TO 172100L (.) 4 BDS (.) 29/46 BN RETARED COASTAL ADVANCE AT 170900L AFTER CLEARING OPPOSITION ON NORTH BANK SANGA RIVER ADVANCED TO GENERAL LINE 80 NORTHING GRID DURING THE DAY (.) ENEMY LOCATED AT 586603 AND 585801 ENGAGED BY ARTY (.) ENEMY POCKET NORTH OF LAKONA CLEARED DURING MORNING (.) OUR TPS IN CONTACT WITH ENEMY AT 583794 AT LAST LIGHT (.) 26 BDE (.) 2/24 BN OCCUPIED 2000 FEATURE HOV AT 578743

G DISTRIBUTION	MEDIATE		
GOC	SGM NO 6588	TOO ::	1223 20L
GOS then War Diary	180545.	THI ::	180340L
DA & QMG		TOR ::	180505L
G1(O)			
G2(O) then War Diary			
G 9(AIR)			
BM3			
FILE			

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TO: 2 AUST CORPS RPTD 7 AUST DIV ADV 9 AUST DIV
REAR 9 AUST DIV

FROM: 5 AUST DIV 0.5520 17/12

SITREP 220 TO 172000L . ANGAU REPORTS ADV PATROL KILLED 4 JAPS AREA LUMBAIP REF BOANA 1 IN 600669 . ONE JAP ESCAPED WITHOUT EQPT SEARCH CONTINUING ALL INFORMED

G.DISTRIBUTION

GOC
BGS then War Diary
DA & QMG
G1 (O)
G2 (O) then War Diary
G (Air)
BMS
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IMMEDIATE
Serial No.6573
172250

TOO: 172003L
THI: 172048L
TOR: 172210L

GREY

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TO : 2 CORPS 5 DIV 7 DIV MGP

FROM : ADV HQ 9 DIV 0.812 17/12

SITREP 221 TO 172100L (.) 4 RDR (.) AT 170900L A COY 29/46 RN PINNINGED BY HEAVY ARTY CONCENTRATION ON ENEMY POSNS ON NORTH BANK OF SANGA RIVER CROSSED THE RIVER AT 590792 (.) POSNS ON NORTH BANK WERE ATTACKED AND AFTER SHARP FIGHTING ENEMY WERE DRIVEN OUT (.) 1 HMG AND 4 LMGS CAPTURED (.) D COY ON THE LEFT CROSSED RIVER AT 587292 (++) (.) AT 1515L A AND D COYS AT 568800 WERE ENGAGED BY 75MM GUN FROM 585804 (.) GUN WAS SILENCED BY ARTY (.) ENEMY WERE LOCATED VICINITY CREEK AT 586803 AND 585804 (.) DISPOSITIONS AT LAST NIGHT A COY 587801 D COY 586799 C COY 588799 B COY AND HQ 588795 (.) 17 ENEMY KILLED DURING THE DAY (.) 22 RN (.) AT 0700L B COY MOVED WEST ALONG SOUTH BANK SANGA RIVER TO 587788 AGAINST OPPOSITIONS - PART II FOLLOWS

IMPORTANT TOO 172359L
THI 180515L
TOR 180720L

Serial No.6590
180818L

G DISTRIBUTION

GOC
BGS 4Bde War Diary
DA & QMG
G1 (O)
G2 (O) Then War Diary
G (Air)
RMB
FILE

(++) Should probably read 587792.

PART TWO.

COPY.

TO: 2 AUST CORPS 5 AUST DIV 7 AUST DIV H Q F
FROM: 9 aust div 0 812 17

AT 0800L C COY WITH MMG SUPPORT CLEARED ENEMY POCKET AT 593790 . 34 ENEMY DEAD COUNTED OTHERS SEEN TO FALL OVER CLIFF INTO SEA . 1 HMG 1 81mm MORTAR 6 SMALL MORTARS AND MANY RIFLES CAPTURED . A COY MOVING WEST AMBUSHED AND KILLED 7 ENEMY AT 584793 AND ENCOUNTERED STRONG ENEMY POSN AT 582792 . AT 1700L D COY 37/52 BN MOVED UP TO SUPPORT A COY 22 BN AND AFTER HY FIGHTING BOTH COYS WERE IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH ENEMY AT 583794 AT LAST LIGHT . DISPOSITIONS AT LAST LIGHT HQ 586792 C COY LAKONA D COY 588797 C COY 587778 . 37/52 BN B COY FROM 581778 . NO MVT VICINITY ISLAND 581784 OBSERVED DURING THE DAY . SMALL PARTIES JAPS OBSERVED AT GARDENS 580779 ENGAGED WITH MORTARS . DISPOSITION AT LAST LIGHT C COY 586784 A COY 587778

PART 3 FOLLOWS.

IMPORTANT. 171145L
180625L
181245L

Serial No 6600
181410

Distribution

GOC
BGS then War Diary
DA & QMG
G1 Ops
G2 Ops then War Diary
G Air
BMB
File.

COPY

TO: 2 AUST CORPS 5 AUST DIV 7 AUST DIV NGP

FROM: 9 DIV 0 812 18/12

Part 3 (.) HQ 593720 (.) Pl A coy 2/2 MG Bn with SMG killed 13 enemy in cave in cliff at LAKONA without loss to themselves (.) 20 Bde (.) 2/13 Bn patrol from 600771 to 593777 to 593767 thence 600771 NMS (.) 2/15 Bn B coy moved to 599787 (.) 2/17 Bn less standing patrol at track junc 587747 moved fwd (.) Dispositions at last light HQ and D coy 599777 C coy 592778 A and B coy bivouaced at 607776 and 610772 respectively (.) 24 Bde (.) 2/28 Bn NOTHING to report (.) 2/32 Bn patrol to 570728 found huts which appeared to have been large HQ and signs that horses or mules had been in area (.) A coy 2/32 Bn moved to 580719 (.) 2/43 Bn NOTHING to report (.) 26 Bde (.) Adv party 2/4 CAV SQN reached MBROKEO 478730 (.) Part four follows

G Distribution:

GOC
BGS then War Diary
DA&QMG
G1 (Ops)
G2 (Ops) then War Diary
G (Air)
BMG
File

Serial No 6608
181900L

IMPORTANT

TCO: .....
THI: 180430L
TOR: 181755L

TO: 2 AUST CORPS 5 DIV 7 DIV NGF

FROM: 9 AUST DIV 0 812 17

MAIN PARTY NOW/AT ULUO . RECCE PARTY NW OF MERIKBO SAW 7 JAPS FORAGING IN NATIVE GARDEN AT T 477739 . INLAND PATROL ESTABLISHED OF 500 YDS SOUTH ZAGAHEMI . GOOD DIFFICULT . 2/23 BN . 2 DAY PATROL NW FROM BASULUO FOUND VACATED MDS AT 530728 GOING VERY DIFFICULT NBS FURTHER 2 DAY PATROL NORTH FROM WAREO FOUND ABANDONED POSNS AT 548729 AND 549736 . TRACK BETWEEN 548736 AND547728 SHOWS SIGNS OF RECENT USE NMS . 2/24 BN B COY OCCUPIED 2000 FEATURE NOW AT 578744 . PATROL FOUND ABANDONED HQ AT 573743 . 2/48 BN NOTHING TO REPORT . ARTY FIRED 3700 RDS DURING DAY IN SUPPORT 4 BDE AND ON SUSPECTED GUN POSNS AT 580815 589793 584805 584807 . PT BOATS 16-17 DEC NIL SIGHTINGS . ALL INFORMED

IMPORTANT TOO 180640
THI 191750
TOR

Serial No.6643
191910

G.DISTRIBUTION
GOC
BGS then War Diary ✓
DA & QMG
G1 (Ops)
G2 (Ops) then War Diary
G (Air)
BMA
File

1 as received

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TO: 2 CORPS 5 DIV 7 DIV RPTD NGF

FROM 9 DIV 0 806 17/12

SITREP 220 TO 170900L . AT FIRST LIGHT 29-46 BN MOVED UP TO SANGA RIVER TO RESUME ADVANCE AT 170900L PRECEDED BY ARTY CONCENTRATION

. ALL INFORMED

G.DISTRIBUTION
GOC
BGS then War Diary
DA & QMG
G1 (Ops)
G2 (Ops) then War Diary
G (Air)
BMB
File

IMMEDIATE

Serial No.6542
171550L

TOO: 171010
THI: 171120
TOR: 171415

SECX.

TO: 2 AUST CORPS RPTD 11 AUST DIV
FROM: N G F 0 9354 17

SITREP 75 TO 171000L . ONE . SUMARY . IN RAMU VALLEY ACTIVE PATROLLING . REGROUPING 21 BDE COMPLETED . NY FIGHTING BY 4 BDE BETWEEN LAKUNA AND SANGA RIVER . TWO . 7 DIV TO 162100L . 21 BDE . BDE HQ 696588 . 2/14 BN IN RESERVE AREA 688585 . PATROL 2/2 PNR BN REACHED GUSAP REPORT NO ENEMY SEEN . 25 BDE . PATROLLING CONTINUES NO CONTACT MADE . PATROL 2/2 CAV SQN REPORTS URIGINA NO 1 AND NO 2 CLEAR ENEMY . THREE . 9 DIV OBSERVER TO 162100L . 4 BDE . 22 BN . A COY PATROL WEST FOUND JAPS IN POSN 591791 AND MAINTAINED CONTACT0750L TO 1225L WHEN A COY WITH MORTAR AND MMG SUPPORT DROVE JAPBACK . STILL IN CLOSE CONTACT AT DARK . D COY MAINTAINED PRESSURE ON STRONGLY RESISTING POCKET IN PLANTATION 594791 . FKS FINALLY CROSSED CREEK 596787 AT 1730L SUPPORTED C COY ATTACK ON POSNS HELD IN ON SERIES OF RIDGES . 30 JAP KILLED REMAINDER DRIVEN TO JUMP-OFF CLIFFS . B COY TO 592790 IN SUPPORT A COY . 37/52 BN WEST TO HIGH GROUND 5878 OVERLOOKING SANGA RIVER . 29/46 BN BDE RESERVE 596785 . PIB PATROLS AMBUSHED AND KILLED 12 JAPS MOVING WEST 577778 TWO LMGs AND RIFLES TAKEN . 18 JAPS WITH RIFLES AND FULL PACKS SEEN MOVING WEST 581759 . ARTY OP REPORTS SHELLED SEVERAL SMALL PARTIES WITH FULL PACKS MOVING NORTH AT MOUTH MASAWENG RIVER . CASUALTIES BEING CARRIED TO POSSIBLE MEDICAL AID POST 581785 . 20 BDE . 2/15 BN B COY FROM COCONUT BEACH 616764 REJOINED BN AREA KILIGIA BEACH . 2/13 BN PATROLS WEST TO GRID 59 NO CONTACT BUT FOUND 20 MM AA GUN WITH AMN 605758 . 24 BDE . PATROLS TO NORTH NO CONTACT BUT RECOVERED WEAPONS AND EQPT 578728 . 26 BDE . C AND D COYS 24 BN 571735 AFTER MORTARING AND SHELLING POSN DROVE JAP BACK . REACHED VILLAGE 575740 ALONG RAZOR BACK . 2/23 BN PATROLS WARED TO 54 GRID NO CONTACT. ARTY EXPENDED 2500 RDS IN SUPPORT 4 BDE . SHELLED JAP GUNS 584807 AND 590793 ALL INFORMED

TOO: 171152L
THI: 171250L
TOS: 1310L/17

IMMEDIATE.

Serial No 6540
171345

Q Distribution.
GOC
BGS then War Diary
DA & QMG
G1 Ops
G2 Ops then War Diary
G (Air)
BMB
File.
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Part 4 and Final Part

TO: (1) LANDFORCES rptd (2) 2 CORPS (3) 7 DIV (4) USN DESRON (5) 2 ATF

FROM: M G F 0 9354 17/12

20 bde (.) 2/15 bn B coy from COCONUT BEACH 616764 rejoined bn area KILIGIA beach (.) 2/13 bn patrol west to grid 59 NO contact but found 20 mm AA gun with ammn 605758 (.) 24 Bde (.) patrols to north NO contact but recovered weapons and eqpt 578726 (.) 26 Bde (.) C and D coys 24 bn 571735 after mortaring and shelling posn drove JAPS back (.) reached village 575740 along razor back (.) 2/23 bn patrol WAREO to 54 grid NO contact (.) arty expended 2500 rounds in support 4 bde and shelled JAP guns 584807 and 590793

G Distribution

GOC	Serial No 6550	IMMEDIATE	TOO: 171152L
BGS then War Diary	171635L		
DAAQMG			TNI: 171510
G1 (Ops)			
G2 (Ops) then War Diary			TOR: 171543
G (Air)			
BMB			
File			

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SECRET

Subject: RESPONSIBILITY 5 AUST DIV IN THE LAE AREA. Copy No

HQ 2 Aust Corps (AIF)
16 Dec 43.
G/414/Ops.

5 AUST DIV:

Copy: LAE Base Sub-Area.

1. Reference Amendment No 3 to N G Force Operation Instruction 103 dated 8 Dec 43.

2. ORDER OF BATTLE.

The proposed Order of Battle of 5 Aust Div is shown in Appx A All other units now under command 5 Aust Div will pass to command LAE Base sub-area forthwith. By arrangements between Commanders 5 Aust Div and LAE Base Sub-area units which LAE Base Sub-area are NOT in a position to take over will remain under command 5 Aust Div until such time as LAE Base Sub-Area is in a position to take them over.

DEFENCE OF LAE.

3. 5 Aust Div will remain responsible for the defence of the area MONGI RIVER -ERAP RIVER both inclusive to 5 Aust Div and the defence of LAE.

4. 5 Aust Div will be responsible for the co-ordination of the defence of LAE and will be responsible for the land defence of LAE. Until such time as LAE Base Sub-area is in a position to take over the coastal and anti-aircraft defence of LAE, 5 Aust Div will be responsible for the coastal and anti aircraft defence of LAE also.

DEVELOPMENT LAE BASE SUB-AREA.

5. Until the arrival of the remaining units designated for the development of LAE Base Sub-area Commander 5 Aust Div will provide such assistance as is necessary to enable the Commander LAE Base Sub-area to carry out his duties of administration.

WORKING PARTIES.

6. 5 Aust Div willcontinue to provide such working parties as are required by Commander LAE Base Sub-Area. Demands for working parties from fighting troops will be reduced to the barest minimum consistent with a reasonable rate of development of the area.

7. PLEASE ACKNOWLEDGE.

(Sgd) Brig,
GS 2 Aust Corps.

Distribution.	Copy No.
5 Aust Div	1
LAE Base Sub-Area	2
GOC	3
G Ops	4
DA&QMG	5
A	6
Q	7
CCRA	8
CE	9
CSO	10
File	11
War Diary	12-13.

Appx "A" to G/414/Ops
of 16 Dec.

ORDER OF BATTLE - 5 AUST DIV.

HQ 5 Aust Div
32 Aust FS Sec
HQ RAA 5 Aust Div less rear details.
4 Aust Fd Coy
11 Aust Fd Coy
29 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec
HQ 29 Aust Inf Bde
15 Aust Inf Bn
42 Aust Inf Bn
47 Aust Inf Bn
One Pl 154 Aust Gen Tpt Coy
18 Aust Sup Depot Pl
19 Aust Sup Depot Pl
7 Aust Fd Amb
B Sec 63 Aust Dental Unit
104 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk
104 Aust Bde Wkshop
231 Aust LAD
312 Aust LAD
5 Aust Div Fd Cash Office
12 Aust Indep Bde Gp Pro Pl
One sec 5 Aust Div Pro Coy
5 Aust Div Sec Reception Camp

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FD TPS UNDER COMMAND 5 AUST DIV.

16 Pl D Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt
14 Aust Fd Regt
HQ RAE 3 Aust Div
Sigs 3 Aust Div
38 Aust Cipher Sec
14 Aust Fd Regt Sig Sec
24 Aust Inf Bn less rear details
HQ Comd 3 Aust Div AASC
HQ 1 Aust Sup Depot Coy
One Pl 152 Aust Gen Tpt Coy
3 Aust Sup Depot Pl
4 Aust Sup Depot Pl
3 Aust Div Postal Unit
3 Aust Div Salvage Unit.

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Appendix 5 H

MESSAGE OUT

TO: RAA 2 Aust Corps, B Aust Corps Sigs, 23 Pl F Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt det 2 Aust Corps Postal Unit, 2 Aust Corps Fd Cash Office, HQ 1 Aust Mob Met Flt, 2 Aust Corps Sec Int Corps, 1 Aust AAPIU, det ATIS 2 Aust Corps

FROM: 2 aust corps 0 1802 16 .

SECRET	(.)	WARNING	ORDER	(.)
FIRST	(.)	adv	HQ	2
aust	corps	plus	det	B
aust	corps	sigs	2	aust
corps	sec	int	corps	1
aust	AAPIU			
		and	amended	as
specified	below	will	move	by
sec	from	BUNA	to	FINSCHHAFEN
(.)	no	move	before	20
dec	(.)	SECOND	(.)	following
will	NOT	move	(.)	small
comd	gp	which	will	remain
this	location	until	adv	HQ
set	up	in	new	site
and	functioning	(.)	particulars	of
this	gp	will	be	published
later	(.)	THIRD	(.)	following
units	and	pers	normally	with
adv	HQ	remain	with	rear
HQ	present	location	until	further
orders	(.)	HQ	RAA	2
aust	corps	HQ	1	aust
mob	met	flt	AAG	DDST
sec	svy	and	staff	det
ATIS	2	aust	corps	(.)

FOURTH	(.)	following	normally	with
rear	HQ	will	accompany	adv
HQ	(.)	DDLS	and	staff
info1	DADH	but	loss	1
MO	(.)	hyg	offr	and
all	hyg	pers	(.)	SOME
(stores)	(.)	G	(air)	(.)
FIFTH	(.)	Camp	will	advise
Q	earliest	GRO 318	particulars	(.)
units	branches	and	services	concerned
will	submit	to	Camp	by
181200L	eight	copies	of	nominal
roll	of	pers	to	move

ack

A Findlay Lt Col TOO: 16322/4

Copies to: GOC
BGS
G Ops & SD
G Int
G Air
G Liaison
CCRA
CE
SO Svy
CSO
DA&QMG
DADS
A
Q
DADOS
DDST
DDLS
ADDS
DDOS
DDME
CLO
APM
DAD Amenities
DAD Education
DADAPS
Camp (3)
War Diary (2) ✓
BLB

COPY

TO: 9 AUST INF BDE

FROM: 9 AUST DIV 0804 16/12

SITREP 219 to 162100C (.) 4 Bde (.) by fighting in LAEMLA area against stubborn resistance (.) this hour unable to cross creek 506737 until 171300A when they moved up to support attack on enemy posn at 5017[illegible] (.) posn was cleared 21 enemy killed remainder burned over cliff on to rocks where engaged with LMG and grenades (.) 21 Bde (.) enemy driven from posn 5713?? and ops adv to 577740

S Distribution

HQC		I STOPART	DCC: 162300L
HQE then War Diary			
BAGHQ			DHI: 170135L
G1 (Ops)		Serial No 6523	
G2 (Ops)	then War Diary	170040L	DOR: 170810
G (Air)			
HQB			
File			

COPY.

TO: 2 AUSI DIVS, 5 ANZAC DIV, 7 ARMD DIV, H.Q. 7 ARMD BDE, 10 CAV REGT
FROM: 9 AUST DIV

SITREP 021 TO 160600L . MAIN BDY AT 330730 SKILLED VICINITY KILKIA AT 152000L SKILLED BY OUR ARTY . AT FIRST LIGHT MAIN STILL IN OCCUPATION . CAVS KILDA ATTACK PROCEEDING TO CLEAN UP MINOR MAIN ADVANCED IS HALTED . ARTY HARASSG ENEMY 306017 DURING THE NIGHT

IMMEDIATE 161010L
161200L
161510L

Serial No 0471
161410.

4 hrs.

DISTRIBUTION.
CC
HQ 9 Aust Div Fwd
DA & QMG
G1 Ops
G2 Ops 9 Aust Div Fwd ✓
G (Air)
SIB
File.

Appendix 5

COPY

TO: 2 CDNBDE HQ 5 DIV 7 DIV

FROM: 9 DIV 0803 15/12

SITREP 219 to 161100A (.) 4 Bde (.) by fighting took place in LAKONA area North, the day (.) 22 Bn (.)Accy patrol to VESU at 675OL located enemy posn 591701 (.) patrol engaged enemy and remained in contact until 1230L when A coy with mortar and MMG support attacked and drove enemy back in by fighting (.) coy still in close contact last light (.) D coy maintained pressure on enemy pocket in coconut plantation 594701 enemy resisted strongly (.) tks unable cross creek at 596707 until late afternoon but 1730L D coy with tk support attacked enemy against hy fire (.) enemy pocket dug in on series of small ridges which tks and Inf co-operated in reducing one by one (.) in by fighting at least 30 enemy killed and remainder slowly driven back and finally jumped over cliff (.) at last light enemy on rocks below being engaged with small arms and grenades

FIRST of THREE PARTS

Serial No 6527 IMPORTANT TOO: 161315L
171005L

TOI: 170300

TOR: 170900

G Distribution:

GOC
BGS then War Diary
DA&QMG
G1 (Ops)
G2 (Ops) then War Diary
G (Air)
BMB
File

PART II

TO: 2 AUST CORPS NGF 5 DIV 7 DIV

FROM: 9 DIV O 803 16/12

B coy moved to 592790 in support A coy (.) 37/52 bn moved west to occupy high ground 5878 overlooking river BAUGA (.) disposition C coy 592778 D coy 587784 B coy 585777 A coy 589771 (.) 29/46 bn in bde reserve area 598785 (.) Papuan infantry bn patrol ambushed and wiped out party 12 JAPS moving west 577758 capturing 2 LMGs and rifles (.) also observed 18 JAPS with full packs and rifles moving west 581759 (.) arty OP observed several small enemy parties moving north with full packs at mouth river MASAWERO engaged by arty (.) casualties seen being carried into JAP medical post :: 581785 (.) 20 Bde 2/15 bn B coy moved from area coconut grove beach 616764 to 608777 (.) 2/13 bn patrol west to 59 grid MBS but captured 20 mm AA gun with ammn 605758

END PART II PART III FOLLOWS

:: As received

Q Distribution:

GOC
BGS then War Diary
DA&QMG
G1 (Ops)
G2 (Ops) then War Diary
G (Air)
BM3
File

Serial No 6541
1/7/42CL

IMPORTANT

TOO: 162315
THI: 170615
TOR: .....

PART 3.

CODE.

TO: 2 AUST CORPS HQF 5 AUST INF 7 AUST INF.
FROM: 9 AUST INF 0 803

D COY RELIEVED C COY 37/52 BN 600772 . 24 BDE EXTENSIVE PATROL TO NORTH NIL but ~~NO FURTHER ENEMY~~ recovered WEAPONS AND EQPT 578728 . 26 BDE 2/24 BN C AND D COY AFTER HEAVY ARTY AND MORTAR FIRE ON ENEMY POSN 571735 DUR NG THE NIGHT FORCED ENEMY WITHDRAW ADVANCED TO VILLAGE 575740 ALONG MAJOR BACK RIDGE . 2/23 BN EXTENSIVE PATROL NORTH WARDO TO 54 NORTH GRID NIL . TAC R R PORTS SIGN HEAVY LVT THROUGH GARDEN 571609+ AND RECENT HEAVY USE TRACK LAKONA HUDIKA . NO SIGN NEW DEFENCE SOUTH FORTIFICATION PT BUT NEW TRACK 583819 TO 570822 . TRACK ACTIVITY NAMBARAWA KELAKOA KAROUI WALINKAI AREAS . PT BOATS NIGHT 15/16 DEC NIL SIGHTINGS . OUR ARTY FIRED 2500 RDS IN SUPPORT 4 BDE AND ENGAGED HOSTILE GUNS 584807 AND 590793 .

IMPORTANT. 162315L
170615
171255.

Serial No 6543
171445.

~~G Distribution.~~
GOC
BGS then War Diary
DA & QMG
G1 Ops
G2 Ops then War Diary
G (Air)
BLO
File.

+ could read 571809

Cipher checking.

X All groups checked + found correct by Keller
Light WALINKAI includes Nkonkonda WALINGA!.

TO: 2 AUST CORPS 5 DIV 7 DIV HQ3 HQF

FROM: 9 AUST DIV 0705 15/12

SITREP 217 to 152100L (.) 4 bde after fighting all day on outskirts of LAKONA captured village during afternoon (.) 22 bn C and D coys with arty support attacked enemy approx 70 strong 595769 and in hard fighting drove them back to area cape SIDIDA 594792 (.) by 1700L C coy occupied LAKONA and D coy reached 595770 (.) A Coy from 590784 moved north along creek against opposition and fought to south 592791 completely enclosing enemy pocket on landward side (.) JAPS attempting to withdraw from sand bar at mouth river BANGA engaged by A coy and arty fire and suffered heavy casualties (.) 37/52 bn A coy with mortar and MMG support at first light attacked approx 50 enemy dug in at 595773 and after fierce fighting captured posn by 1000L with 20 enemy killed (.) A coy after mopping up continued advance to 589771 (.)

PART II ORDERS I TOOMAH TOO: 152355

TOR: 160408

G Distribution

Serial No 6467
161230L

TOR: 161100

GOC
BGS then War Diary
DA&QMG
G1 (Ops)
G2 (Ops) then War Diary
G (Air)
HQS
File

1235

CORK

TO 2 AUST CORPS 5 DIV 7 DIV MT BASE NGF

FROM 9 DIV 0.785 15/12

PART 2 (.) D COY AND I MMG PL JOINED B COY ON HIGH GROUND ASTRIDE TRACK 592777 (.) PATROLS TO WEST OBSERVED SMALL ENEMY PARTIES MOVING NORTH OF TRACK AT 584787 AND 582770 ENGAGED BY ARTY (.) FIGHTING PATROLS C COY SURROUNDED AND ELIMINATED ENEMY POCKET 595777 KILLING 12 JAPS (.) 29/46 BN ON RELIEF BY 2/15 BN MOVED TO AREA 600764 IN BDE RESERVE (.) CONSIDERABLE ENEMY MVT MAINLY NORTH DURING THE DAY AT 586824 ENGAGED BY OUR ARTY (.) 1800L 20 JAPS MOVING SOUTH ENGAGED BY ARTY IN DEFILE 585719 ++ BELIEVE HEAVY CASUALTIES ENEMY (.) VERY HEAVY RAIN FELL DURING THE DAY ALL CREEKS FLOODED (.) VERY HEAVY WET BRIDGE ON COASTAL TRACK WASHED OUT (.) TANKS SO FAR UNABLE TO CROSS CREEK 596787 (.) 20 BDE 2/15 BN LESS ONE COY RELIEVED 29/46 BN IN AREA KILIGIA BEACH DISPOSITION A COY 606783 C COY 602778 D COY 603780 (.) PART 3 FOLLOWS

TOO 160152L
THI 160554L
TUR 161120L

Q DISTRIBUTION.

SER NO 6470
161345.

GOC
BGS - then War Diary
DA & QMG
G1(O)
G2(O) - then War Diary
G (AIR)
BMB
FILE

1200

++ AS RECEIVED . SHOULD READ 585817
VIDE SITREP 218

MSF rptd 11 cust div

2 cust cmpts @ 1798 15

SITREP	207	(.)	9	cust	div
SITREP	215	(.)	no	further	comment

Copies: GOC
MSS
G2 (Ops) then file
War Diary (2)/

IMMEDIATE - MSF
DELS - 11 cust div

15/1010L.

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TO: 2 aust corps 5 div 7 div KTB NGF
FROM 9 aust div 0 785 15

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PART II follows.

IMPORTANT. 152355
160408
161100

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TO 2 AUST CORPS, 5 DIV, 7 DIV, MT [illegible] BASE, RGF.

FROM 9 DIV 0785 15

PART 2 (.) D COY AND 1 MMG PL JOINED B COY ON HIGH GROUND ASTRIDE TRACK 592777 (.) PATROLS TO WEST OBSERVED SMALL ENEMY PARTIES MOVING NORTH OF TRACK AT 584787 AND 582770 ENGAGED BY ARTY (.) FIGHTING PATROLS C COY SURROUNDED AND ELIMINATED ENEMY POCKET 595777 KILLING 12 JAPS (.) 29/46 BN ON RELIEF BY 2/15 BN MOVED TO AREA 600784 IN BDE RESERVE (.) CONSIDERABLE ENEMY MVT MAINLY NORTH DURING THE DAY AT 586824 (?) ENGAGED BY PATROL (.) 1800L 20 JAPS MOVING SOUTH ENGAGED BY ARTY IN DEFILE 585719 (?) BELIEVE HEAVY CASUALTIES ENEMY (.) VERY HEAVY RAIN FELL DURING THE DAY ALL CREEKS FLOODED (.) VERY HEAVY NET BRIDGE ON COASTAL TRACK WASHED OUT (.) TANKS SO FAR UNABLE TO CROSS CREEK 596787 (.) 20 BDE 2/15 BN LESS ONE COY RELIEVED 29/46 BN IN AREA KILIGIA BEACH DISPOSITION A COY 606783 C COY 602778 D COY 605780 (.)

Original Sent

1042

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[illegible] OT[illegible]

[illegible] 5/17 [illegible] 585735 [illegible] 587747 [illegible] 30Y [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

COPY

TO ✓ (1) 2 AUST CORPS (2) NGF (3) 5 DIV (4) 7 DIV

FROM: ADV HQ 9 DIV 0 779 15/12

SITREP 216 TO 150900L . 2/4 CAV SQN INLAND PATROL REACHED NOLOLO 392793 REP ONE IN NMS . PATROL FOR ZAGAHEMI 432848 DEPARTED 150630L . REPORTED OUR CARRIER LINE ATTACKED BY HOSTILE natives WITH SPEARS AT VILLAGE 391788 NO DETAILS . 4 BDE . 22 BN ADVANCING AGAINST OPPOSITION ESTIMATE APPROX 70ENEMY LAKONA AREA . ENEMY STILL IN A POSN AREA 595773 IN JUNGLE ON CREEK BED . 37/52 BN PREPARING ELIMINATE . DURING THE NIGHT ENEMY GUNS NORTH PORTIFICATION POINT FIRED SHELLS IN SEA OFF BEACH 610775 AND 75 MM 589793 ENGAGED AREA 600785 AT SHORT RANGE UNTIL NEUTRALIZED BY OUR COUNTER BTY FIRE

G.DISTRIBUTION
GOC
BGS then War Diary
DA & QMG
G1 (Ops)
G2 (Ops) then War Diary
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TWO. 7 DIV TO 150900L . NO CHANGE . THREE . 9 DIV OBSERVER TO 150900L . 4 BDE . DRIVE ON LAKONA CONTINUES . 37/52 BN MOPPING UP JAPS STILL IN JUNGLE AND CREEK BEDS 595773 . ENEMY 75 MM GUN 589795 ACTIVE TILL NEUTRALIZED BY OUR ARTY . 2/4 CAV SQN . PATROL REACHED MOLOLO 392793 NO JAPS . CARRIER LINE ATTACKED BY NATIVE SPEARMEN VILLAGE 391788 . TAC R 151140L REPORTS BOGADJIM RD BLOCKED BY LANDSLIDES 15 PLACES NINZANREI 5982 . BRIDGES 1 TO 13 INCL AND PARTS OF RD WASHED AWAY . NO TRACE OF ROUTE ALONG MINTJIM R ALL INFORMED

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SITREP TO 150100L (.) 4 BDE ATTK [illegible] OUTSKIRTS LARISA
IN TORRENTIAL RAIN DURING DAY CAPTURED VILLAGE AND SURROUNDED
APPROX 40 JAP ARTY AND MTR DUG IN [illegible] (.) HEAVY CASUALTIES
INFLICTED ON ENEMY WITHDRAWING ARMS [illegible] WITH SAME (.)
87/88 BTY RAMELD DURING PERIOD 083775 AND 093777 AND NOW HAVE
TOTAL [illegible] ARTILLERY TRACK ON MAP. ALSO AREA 093775 WITH GOOD
OBSERVATION ANTICIPATED (.) 90 SECONDARY [illegible] WITHDRAWN FROM
[illegible] AREA 090081 EVACUATED [illegible] AT 4127 (.) 2/24 BN
D COY NOW HOLD [illegible] AND STRIDE

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SITREP	206	.	9	aust
div	to	132100L	.	4
bde	.	22	km	.
D	coy	overcame	enemy	opposition
606784	and	advanced	to	601785
where	enemy	apprex	one	pl
attempted	delay	adv	.	after
killing	10	japs	D	coy
by passed	posn	and	advanced	to
creek	598787	where	strong	enemy
posn	encountered	on	west	bank
.	posn	heavily	shelled	.
A	coy	advanced	west	from
603782	by passed	enemy	posn	596783
and	by	131630L	had	reached
596783	.	now	moving	out
track	593785	.	B	coy
attacked	enemy	posn	598783	and
after	sharp	fight	captured	posn
.	8	japs	killed	remai-der
withdrew	.	B	coy	-ith
tk	sp	then	attacked	and
drove	enemy	from	601785	killing
5	and	occupying	posn	.
C	coy	advanced	to	596787
in	sp	D	coy	.

37/52 bn . A and
B coys occupied 600772 after
driving out det enemy and
inflicting casualties . remainder bn
moved to posn in rear
32 bn . B coy
606762 D coy 607779 .
20 bde . 2/13 bn
relieved 37/52 bn . coy
dispositions . A 605766 B
603762 C 609768 D 603769
. 2/17 bn patrol square
5974 RHS . 20 bde
now responsible area south river
SOMI . 26 bde .
2/24 bn . recce for
outflanking movement of enemy posn
567733 as far unsuccessful owing
to precipitous terrain . enemy
posn shelled and mortared throughout
day . 2/23 bn (.) patrols
to 534727 and 554728 RHS
. our arty fired 1150
rds in sp 4 bde
elv and engaged targets LAKONA
592790 track June 589793 bivouac

area 586787 and movement on track
568735 all informed

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Subject: NOTES ON CORPS COMMANDER'S VISIT TO 9 AUST DIV (G-3) Dec) AND LIAISON OFFICER'S REPORT.

HQ 2 Aust Corps (AIF)
13 Dec 43
G/245/SD.

1. MEDICAL

(a) Nursing Orderlies

The shortage of nursing orderlies at the 2/2 and 2/3 CCS's is seriously affecting their efficiency and is retarding expansion.

Approximate holdings are - 2/2 CCS 270 patients
- 2/3 CCS 750 patients

The 2/2 Aust CCS is organised to hold 200 patients and is short 18 nursing orderlies on T2.

In addition to these 18, a further 50 are required to allow this CCS to accommodate 600 patients.

The 2/3 CCS would require 55 additional nursing orderlies to cover replacements and to provide sufficient staff to cater for 600 patients.

(b) Action to be taken by A Branch

(i) Replace from reinforcements the deficiency in nursing orderlies
(ii) Request NG Force to make available to 9 Aust Div the nursing orderlies from 128 AGH which is now at MORESBY and destined for FINSCHHAFEN.

NOTE: The T/E of a 600 bed AGH provides for 87 nursing orderlies.

(iii) Request NG Force to make available, and move, a Mobile Laundry to 9 Aust Div.

NOTE: NGF G/5233/SD of 4 Nov scheduled 27 Lt Laundry (now in AUSTRALIA) to move to FINSCHHAFEN and service 128 AGH.

9 Aust Div Mob Laundry and Fwd Decon Unit is at MORESBY under NG Force.

2. Site for Corps HQ

The Corps Commander instructed Lieut BARNETT (CE's branch) to site as many office buildings as possible under cover, or at least, to have the outline broken by trees.

The Corps Commander also instructed that all roofs be painted with camouflage paint before being erected. Lieut BARNETT would appreciate the assistance of a Camouflage Officer.

3. Mechanical Equipment

Under the existing conditions and whilst the present speed of advance is maintained, there is no great need for graders. Bulldozers are required and are to be forwarded on a higher priority than graders.

Attached at Appendix A is a statement of Mechanical Equipment held by RAE 9 Aust Div as at 1800 hrs 12 Dec 43.

4. Standard of Training Reinforcements

9 Aust Div is preparing a report on the standard of training of reinforcements. The following points dealing in particular with weapon training are extracted from 24 Aust Inf Bde Report.

Bren: 50% could pass TOET. These personnel have fired a few shots but in no case more than 3 magazines.

Owen: 25% have fired the Owen, but no more than 15 rounds. 60% were trained on TSMG's and have fired a few shots. At least half of these have never seen an Owen. 15% have never seen an Owen or TSMG.

Rifle: Most personnel have fired the rifle on the range. A few have passed TOET.

Grenades: All have handled dummy grenades and have a fair general knowledge. None have thrown a live grenade.

2" Mortar: With the exception of 15% who have had lectures only, none had any knowledge of the weapon.

Jungle Training: 15% had 4-5 months Jungle Training. The remainder had never seen the jungle until arrival in NEW GUINEA.

Health: The personnel looked fit but a number were evacuated, with malaria, within one week of joining their units.

General: The main training consisted of amphibious training (demonstrations without arms). Also general infantry training, parade ground PT, route marches not exceeding one day. No night training was undertaken. The personnel were keen and eager to learn.

NOTE: To alleviate the position which is likely to continue with the reinforcements now en route, MD Force has been requested to provide a mobile Weapon Training School at FINSCHHAFEN to conduct two wings each of eight courses lasting 14 days.

(a) Elementary Wing

100 students per course.

(b) Potential NCOs Wing

50 students per course.

5. Intercommunications.

(a) DRLS. 9 Aust Div states that DRLS from this HQ is taking up to 5 days.

(b) Signals. Two cases of signals for 9 Aust Div which have not been received are quoted.

(a) 2 Aust Corps O.1699 of 24 Nov. A Most Secret signal cleared from this HQ at 2027 hrs on 25 Nov.

(b) NGF 3D.6914 of 29 Nov which was repeated to 9 Aust Div.

6. 'Q' Report

9 Aust Div Q report as at 9 Dec 43 with available amendments to 12 Dec 43, is attached at Appendix B.

7. 'A' Report

9 Aust Div A report has been handed to the Corps Commander.

8. Maintenance Forward of FINSCHHAFEN.

An appreciation by the AA&QMG 9 Aust Div on the above subject is attached at Appendix C.

9. NATIVE LABOUR.

Action is being taken to obtain the ETA FINSCHHAFEN of the 400 natives being recruited in the MARKHAM VALLEY.

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Appx A to 2 Aust Corps
G/245 /MD of 13 Dec 43.

STATEMENT OF MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT
[illegible] & ADMIN DIV

as at 1600 hrs 12 Dec 43

(a) Mechanical equipment in area at present time
(b) US due to enemy action, mines etc
(c) US due to mechanical breakdown
(d) Available in area for work at present

	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
RD 9 Dozer	3	1	1	1
D6 "	5	1	-	4
D7 "	2	1	-	1
D6 Tractor	2	1	-	1
RD 9 "	1	-	-	1
D2 "	5	2	-	3
RD 14 "	2	-	2	-
RD 7 "	1	-	1	-
Scoop carryall 6 yds	1	-	-	1
" " 4 yds	2	-	-	2
Autopatrols	3	-	1	2
Quickway shovels	1	-	1	-
Rippers	1	-	-	1
Scoop tumbling	2	-	-	2

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HQ 9 Aust Div
9 Dec 43

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1. RATIONS - SEPA

(a) Balanced 430500

(b) Further 78900 required to balance

Sugar	78900
Fruit	57600
Tea & Coffee	26200
Veg	27200
Juices	44700

2. RATIONS - FRESH

(a) Further delivery of fresh rations received 8 Dec 43.

(b) It is not known whether the regular supply has recommenced.

3. ENGINEER STORES

(a) As per state attached as Appx "A".

(b) Ascorbic acid tablets still in very short supply.

4. AMM

(a) As per state attached as Appx "B".

(b) High expenditure of arty ammo has greatly reduced holding.

(c) Receipts during last 7 days very much below requirements at present rate of expenditure.

(d) 3" M 4 ammo Gren in short supply.

5. POL

As per state attached as Appx "C".

6. REPLACING SCHEDULE

Attached as Appx "D".

7. NATIVE LABOUR

(a) As per state attached as Appx " ".

(b) Requirements still far in excess of availability.

(c) Possibility of further 400 from LAE area.

8. TRANSPORT

(a) Jeep position still very bad.

(b) 50 jeeps at MILNE BAY awaiting shipment.

(c) Although some progress has been made in clearing vehs from "C" Beach it will be some considerable time before completed.

(d) 6 DUKWS expected to arrive from LAE in near future making total of 14 held.

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8. TRANSPORT (contd)

(e) 1 DUKW sunk 8 Dec by own aircraft.

9. ARMY

(a) Spare parts for jeeps have come to hand.

(b) Spares for 3 ton GS still very short.

(c) Vehs for 2/122 and 2/123 Aust Bde Workshops still at LAE.

10. CRAFT - 532 REGT RE & SR

(a)

	LCT	LCM
Available	51	6
Coy Maint	10	3
562 "	15	7
Totals:	76	16

(b) Owing to rough seas loading and unloading in beaching difficult and results in many boats being damaged.

11. ADOS

Good stocks held.

12. POSTAL

Service still very good.

13. FWD MAINTENANCE

(a) Fwd supply point on coastal route at present is GUSIKA beach. From this point are being supplied 4 Aust Inf Bde Gp, portion of 20 Aust Inf Bde, and some div tps. 24 Aust Inf Bde Gp is supplied by jeep from SOMO dump.

(b) 26 Aust Inf Bde gp is supplied through PALANKO - FIOR and SATTELBERG. The future supply line will be by East - West track from GUSIKA area to rd head as close as possible to BARRSO if the rd cannot be made right through. Some native porters may be required on div L of C over country which may not carry rds.

(c) When (a) and (b) above are fully implemented and remainder of 20 Bde move to GUSIKA area, one div plus n bde loc formations or units which may be maintained from fwd beaches when they are in our hands will be maintained through GUSIKA.

(d) Owing to bad state of rds from the SOMO to GUSIKA the main method of moving supp to the latter area is by sea.
GUSIKA beach has been improved sufficiently but the entrance is bad, and cannot be relied upon if sea conditions are not favourable. We already have had casualties to a number of craft, which normally would be of a minor nature, but owing to shortage of spares the craft are out of commission for a considerable period.

(e) Arty ammn presents the greatest difficulty. To maintain present expenditure for one regt it will be necessary to move 2 LCMs or 14 LCVs daily to GUSIKA if there are no good road comms. As GUSIKA can receive only a limited number of craft daily, the number being governed by capacity of beach and weather conditions, it is quite possible that our ability to maintain by sea will not be sufficient even under favourable conditions.

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13. FUR MAINTENANCE (contd)

(f) It therefore is necessary that trafficable rds follow the advance to ensure that:-

(i) See maintenance can be implemented by land maintenance.

(ii) Alternative method of supply is available if see conditions make it impossible to use that method.

(g) Difficulties of quickly constructing rds are appreciated, and it is suggested that a dump carrying 14 day reserves of all types be made and maintained at some fwd location which is suitable, even if the advance is delayed for such time as is necessary to build up reserves. Otherwise it is feared that the possible combination of bad grds and no rd comns will leave fwd tps without sufficient sups and ams.

Maj.
DAQMG 9 Aust Div.

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Appx C to 2 AustsCorps.

G/245/SD of 13 Dec 43.

Subject: MAINTENANCE FORWARD OF FINSCHHAFEN.

1. As the division, or such part of the division that is required, moves along the coast, it is emphasised that ALL supply will be by sea, and is so dependent upon good weather for successful maintenance.

2. Regarding quantities of supe, amn etc to be sent fwd the future maintenance of the div can be compared with when we supplied FINSCHHAFEN by small craft from "G" and "RED" beaches, but in the latter case the weather was entirely favourable with good beaches atboth ends, whereas in the future the weather almost certainly will be unfavourable for part of the time, and fwd beaches are an unknown factor.

3. To maintain a "two Bde" gp(incl two fd regts and two fd coys)5 LCM loads daily are required. An additional inf bde would require almost another LCM, making 6 in all.
Arty amn expenditure has been calculated at 50 r.p.g.per day.

4. The above does NOT include reserves or movement by sea of tks,guns or vehs. This latter cannot be disregarded as experience has shown that heavy calls always are made on craft for this purpose.

5. LCVs have not been considered so far. It can be assumed that some will be required for main fwd of final div dumps, and their use for bulk maintenance is NOT satisfactory as it requires 6-8 LCVs to carry one LCM load, and they use one half the quantity of fuel for 1/6th to to 1/8th the quantity of stores carried by LCM. Therefore they are not at all economical.

6. Normal weather conditions react unfavourably on LCMs and LCVs, and it is difficult to keep any reasonable proportion of them in repair. One touch of bad weather can upset schedules, and, as we have had happen before, wreck valuable craft.
The weather over the last few days has not been exceptionally bad, but it has reduced our schedules, and one beach(KEDAN) cannot be used for small craft or LCTs

7. Under normal conditionsm and taking our maximum distance to be covered as 50 miles, one complete day of 24 hrs will be required for each turnround. Therefore, allowing one day for rest for crews and maintenance of craft, one trip each two days is the maximum we can expect. With allowance for non-runners, 20 LCMs are required for daily maintenance only.

8. It is also suggested that it will be necessary to halt or slow the advance at various points to allow reserves be built up behind the fwd tps. This is suggested to have provision of adequate supplies reasonably close behind fwd tps in case the sea is rough, and full advantage could be taken of comparatively calm periods to use a shorter run, or if necessary, force supe etc through by jeeps. This also is dependent up n harbour for craft being available where they can lay up and be refueled. It is not known yet whether such places exist.

9. In the absence of sufficient craft being available our fighting tps will have to be reduced to a number which can be maintained by what we have.

10. The availibility of native porters is another problem. The number required cannot be correctly estimated, but if two bdes were fwd, or bad weather made it impossible to use sea or land comns, it is quite possible t that 1500/2000 would be required to maintain from fwd dumps.

11. These notes are not made in any defeatist attitude, but it is desired to make clear the probable supply difficulties we will be faced with. Reverting to paras (2) and (3) it was found during the supply of P'HAVEN from "G" and "RED" beaches that 6 LCMs and some small number of LCVs maintained the division less one bde and built up a reserve. This may again occur, but conditions cannot be anticipated closely enough to decide.

Sgd B.R.Searl Lt-Col.

No of craft held by 532 regt and average daily availibility

	LCM	LCV
No held	16	90
Average daily availibility	5	60

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P.S. 10 DUCKWS in addition to 14 now held would appreciably assist fwd maint from fwd div dumps as "layup" areas for LCMs may be difficult to find the DUCKWS would be of value. AQ.

Appendix 'A'

ITINERARY OF VISIT OF MAJ-GEN BERRYMAN
GOC 2 AUST CORPS to 9 AUST DIV.

9 - 13 Dec 43.

9 DEC	0730 hrs	Departed DOBODURA for LAE
	0910 hrs	Arrived LAE. Met by Brig MORIARTY (Adm Comd 5 Aust Div). Departed 0910 hrs by launch for FINSCHHAFEN.
	1915 hrs	Arrived LANGEMAK BAY met by Maj-Gen WOOTTEN.
10 DEC	1030 hrs	Accompanied by Maj-Gen WOOTTEN, the Corps Comd left HQ 9 Aust Div to visit 4 Aust Inf Bde.
	1300 hrs	Arrived HQ 4 Aust Inf Bde . Met Brig EDGAR.
	1415 hrs	Met Lt-Col O'CONNOR (Comd 22 Aust Inf Bn) and climbed to a point of observation approx 616753 which overlooked the area of the recent fighting to the north. Heavy rain made visibility poor.
	1500 hrs	Arrived at the Bn HQ of 29/46 Aust Inf Bn (614766) and met the commander Lt-Col RUSHORTH. At this time B Coy of the Battalion was moving forward to the high ground in the area 608768. The Corps Comd complimented the Comds of the 22 and 29/46 Aust Inf Bn on the performance of their Bns.
	1615 hrs	Returned to the new site of HQ 9 Aust Div at 633724.
11 DEC	1015 hrs	The Corps Comd accompanied by Maj-Gen WOOTTEN and Col PEYTON (GHQ Liaison Offr) departed GUSIKA Beach 625734 by a J boat from 532 ESB and inspected COCONUT Beach (616764). This is a very good beach for re supply by LCVs, being sandy with good depth of water and protection from the weather by a high headland on the north. The boat then moved to the EAST of KALIGIA (6177) to study the topography. On the way back the boat was fired on by an enemy gun approx 75 mm.
	1115 hrs	Returned to GUSIKA Beach and dropped Maj-Gen WOOTTEN.
	1230 hrs	Arrived DREGER Harbour. Together with Col CULLEN, the Corps Comd inspected the air strip which is now completed. Three groups of fighters are expected on 15 Dec. The party then drove to LANGEMAK BAY to the south bank of the MAPE RIVER where the bridge has just been commenced. Other points of interest visited were the LIBERTYship unloading point on the south of LANGEMAK BAY, also the AMERICAN Hospital and Air Corps areas.
	1710 hrs	Arrived at the HQ of 532 ESB. Met by Lt-Col BROCKET (Executive Offr). Col STEINER, who was sick, was visited.
	1900 hrs	Returned HQ 9 Aust Div.

12 DEC	1000hrs	Left HQ 9 Aust Div. Embarked GUSIKA Beach at 1015 hrs and moved to LAUNCH JETTY by J Boat.
	1100 hrs	Inspected new Corps HQ site with Lieut BARRET (CE Branch). The HQ site is disposed mainly in open Kunai and the Corps Comd instructed that the working offices be placed under cover of trees as far as possible.
	1230 hrs	Visited 2/2 CCS and met the Comd Lt-Col STUBBS. Discussed the current problems and visited a number of wards. Lt-Col ALLEN (Comd FINSCHHAFEN Base Sub Area) arrived at 1330 hrs and discussed the provision of mechanical equipment for the sub-area, also the recruiting of native labour.
	1430 hrs	Made a further inspection of the new Corps HQ area.
	1600 hrs	Called at HQ 24 Aust Inf Bde but Brig PORTER was absent.
	1630 hrs	Returned HQ 9 Aust Div
13 DEC	0815 hrs	Left GUSIKA Beach by J boat for DREGER Harbour arrived 1010 hrs.
	1305 hrs	Departed by air for LAE, arrived 1330 hrs.
	1415 hrs	Departed LAE for DOBODURA, arrived 1530 hrs.
	1615 hrs	Arrived HQ 2 Aust Corps

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A	coy	advanced	northwards	from
river	50 I	at	first	light
by	passed	enemy	posns	encountered
at	608776	and	reached	603782
(.)	D	coy	following	A
coy	attacked	and	captured	posn
608778	(.)	D	coy	then
advanced	along	track	to	606783
where	encountered	strong	enemy	posn
estimated	one	coy	along	creek
605784	to	604783	(.)	B
coy	606783	C	coy	608778
(.)	tks	moved	fwd	with
inf	but	from	608774	track
blocked	by	fallen	trees	(.)
tks	then	moved	west	of
track	through	Kunai	to	606783
(.)	29/46	bn	(.)	patrol
from	607770	to	601772	NNW
(.)	bn	now	responsible	protection
KILIGIA	beach	head	(.)	coy
dispositions	(.)	A	608776	B
608768	C	613767	D	608774

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(.)	37/52	bn	(.)	A
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occupied	posn	603766	astride	track
along	north	bank	(.)	B
coy	moved	to	600763	and
patrolled	square	5976	MS	(.)
20	bde	(.)	2/15	bn
moved	to	area	6175	(.)
coy	dispositions	(.) A	614753	B
621751	C	618753	D	610752
(.)	2/17	bn	patrolled	west
in	square	5974	(.)	area
now	clear	enemy	(.)	abandoned
posn	with	several	enemy	dead
601745	(.)	26	bde	(.)
2/24	bn	(.)	A	coy
565728	attacked	deeply	dug	enemy
defence	posn	564727	(.)	after
6	hrs	fighting	in	difficult
country	against	tenacious	resistance	posn
taken	121540L	and	contact	made
with	C	coy	563727	(.)
at	least	25	enemy	dead
counted	and	much	eqpt	captured
(.)	C	coy	passed	through
A	coy	and	advanced	NE

along track to 565732 where
further jap posn located last
light (.) 2/23 hn patrol
north PARKO clashed with small
enemy parties (.) killed one
wounded one 548 732 killed one
537728 killed four 541731 (.)
our arty fired 1100 rds
in sp of adv in
coastal sector and at LAKONA
593789 586787 589793 and enemy
movement on tracks 577742 and
568735 all informed

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sector against
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20 force	nyti	11 aust div		
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armor	20	(.)	9	aust
div	to	113100L	(.)	4
bde	(.)	during	day	4
bde	moppel	up	crocy	parties
in	area	crossed	river	20 I
in	coastal	sector	and	advanced
left	flank	to	high	ground
north	of	river	[illegible]	(.)
20/46	in	(.)	36	enemy
dead	counted	in	in	area
(.)	37/3	in	advanced	to
high	ground	north	of	river
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japs	moving	[illegible]	killing	5
(.)	one	straggler	killed	607755
(.)	22	in	moved	fwd
during	day	(.)	A	coy
with	one	tp	tks	held
bridgehead	over	river	20 I	607774
3	coy	613758	c	coy
618755	3	coy	612763	(.)
later	one	coy	with	tp
tks	crossed	river	(.)	patrol

from A coy reached north in
coastal cooler coy/63
thence 320 pln rest 325
(.) 20 bde (.) 2/17
bn A (.) and B
coys relieved 3 and C
coys 2/5 bn (.) coy
dispositions A (0A749) D 604745
C 617744 D (627742) (.)
26 bde 2/4 bn attached
and penetrated (.) enemy room 5/4728
(.) 2/3 bn patrols mile
contact with Jap portion north
of line all informed

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Subject: Order of Battle -
2 Aust Corps.

HQ 2 Aust Corps (AIF)
11 Dec 43.
G/407/Ops.

Distribution: List B.

1. Amendments to the Order of Battle 2 Aust Corps are set out hereunder.

2. On 5 Aust Div coming under comd 2 Aust Corps, a new and complete Order of Battle will be issued.

Delete.

1. Serial 51, 51(a) 114.

2. Remarks against 119 and 120 and substitute Corps Tps under comd.

3. (less det) from serial 60.

CORRECT.

4. Serial 94 to read HQ 2/6 Aust Sup Dep Coy

ADD.

5. Serial 27 on page 3 - 2/2 Aust Lt AA Bty

6. To serial 113 - Remarks: moving FINSCH

7. Serial 27(a) 84 Aust A.SL Bty less C Hed Tp)awaiting on move
Serial 145 84 Aust A.SL Bty Wkshop Sec)FINSCH

L.Lasqard Brig
for Brig,
GS 2 Aust Corps.

(1) NGF rptd (?) 11 [illegible] DIV

2 aust corps C 1791 11

SITREP	201	(.)	9	aust
div	to	110900L	(.)	4
hdq	(.)	22/46	bn	(.)
A	and	P	covs	-ith
tk	sp	crossed	creek	613767
101300I	(.)	101500L	A	coy
-ith	tk	and	arty	sp
attached	northward	in	torrential	rain
(.)	overcame	enemy	resistance	and
after	capturing	VIIICIA	reached	river
OCTI	at	409773	(.)	enemy
diverting	in	at	405770	and
603773	crossed	by	arty	(.)
P	coy	advanced	west	to
high	ground	409769	but	report
no	sign	of	track	along
-idge	(.)	37/52	bn	(.)
A	coy	-ith	crossed	river
TUNGU	to	406756	now	in
posn	astride	track	running	along
north	bank	(.)	other	covs
in	contact	-ith	strong	enemy
posns	604750	402752	and	400746
(.)	all	posns	engaged	-ith
mortar	and	arty	fire	(.)
22	bn	(.)	total	75

enemy	killed	by	22	bn
in	area	615757	(.)	2
XXXs	and	several	LIBs	captured
(.)	enemy	posns	consisted	of
deep	dugouts	in	cliff	face
(.)	track	development	northwards	hampered
by	by	rain	(.)	beach
616763	new	being	used	as=
fwd	beach	(.)	30	bde
(.)	bde	Sq	new	621740
(.)	2/15	bn	new	area
6372	(.)	24	bde	(.)
2/32	bn	(.)	patrol	at
568728	contacted	by	2/24	bn
patrol	1010151	(.)	patrol	in
contact	with	enemy	astride	track
to	west	(.)	D	coy
moved	to	578742	(.)	26
bde	(.)	2/24	bn	(.)
move	by	A	coy	to
south	to	outflank	enemy	posn
564728	prevented	by	very	difficult
terrain	(.)	enemy	covering	all
practicable	approaches	from	east	and
west	(.)	posn	harassed	throughout
day	by	arty	mortar	and

[illegible]	fire	(.)	S/E	in
(.)	petrols	to	north	of
HAPZO	sighted	one	ZAP	565751
otherwise	[illegible]	(.)	S/4	env
sqn	(.)	patrol	ot	HAPZO
report	[illegible]	(.)	night	10/11
doe	quiet	in	all	sectors
all	informed			

wies: GOC
[illegible]
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Subject: 2 AUST CORPS LOCATION STATEMENT

HQ 2 Aust Corps (AIF)
11 Dec 43.
G/405/Ops.

Distribution: List B.

Amendment No 1 to 2 Aust Corps Location Statement G/393/Ops 8 Dec 43.

ADD

1.	To Serial 7 -	"B" Sec Aust FSW (AIF)		
2.	Serial 86(a) -	2/1 Aust Composite AA Regt Sig Sec.		FINSCH
3.	Serial 172(a)-	2/1 Aust Composite AA Regt Wkshop Sec		FINSCH
4.	Serial 155 -	77 Aust Dental Unit		FINSCH 628568
5.	To Serial 141-	NG Sea Amb Tpt Coy		
6.	Serial 35(a) -	2/4 Aust Hy AA Bty		FINSCH
	Serial 35(b) -	2/2 Aust Lt AA Bty		on move FINSCH

DELETE

7. Serial 149, 161, 162.

8. All opposite Serial 140 and substitute:-

	10 Aust Fd Amb less dets	LAE	703400	2 Aust Corps Tps
dets	" " " "	FINSCH629677		Corps Tps U/C 9 Aust Div for local adm only
det	" " " "	LAE	NADZAB AIRSTRIP	

CORRECT

9. Map ref serial 24 to read - 618668

10. Map ref serial 29 to read - 602667

AMEND

11. Serial 76,77,78 - delete remarks.

12. Serial 35 - delete word Adv.

ADD FURTHER.

13.	Serial 35(c)	84 Aust AASL Bty less C Mod Tp	BUNA	awaiting mvt to FINSCH.
14.	Serial 172(b)	84 Aust AASL Bty Wkshop sec	BUNA	

for Brig,
GS 2 Aust Corps.

RA. JA.

HQ force rptd 11 amt div
2 amt corps

SITREP	200	(.)	9	amt
div	to	102100L	(.)	4
bde	made	good	progress	in
coastal	sector	(.)	fwd	tps
with	th	sp	captured	KILIGIA
and	reached	river	SOKI	609773
overcoming	opposition	from	scattered	enemy
remnants	who	withdrew	after	brief
resistance	on	approach	of	tho
(.)	one	eny	37/52	bn
crossed	river	TUSOM	606756	but
progress	slow	in	precipitous	country
(.)	approx	one	enemy	coy
annihilated	613757	by	22	bn
in	eps	last	two	days
(.)	20	bde	concentrating	in
area	north	GUSIKA	and	protecting
left	flank	and	rear	4
bde	(.)	no	material	change
other	sectors	all	informed	

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TOO:

Maj. IMMEDIATE - HQF
DAAG - 11 Div

Subject:- MAPS - LAINGEMAK BAY

HQ 2 Aust Corps (AIF)
10 Dec 43.
G/[illegible]/Ops.

Distribution List B -
less serials 1, 4, and 8.

As from 0001 hrs 12 Dec map LAINGEMAK BAY 1/25000 series second edition will come into use.

[illegible] Brig,
GS 2 Aust Corps.

MG force rptd 11 aust div

2 aust corps 0.1771 10

SITREP	199	(.)	9	aust
div	to	092100L	(.)	4
bde	(.)	29/46	bn	[illegible]
A	and	D	coys	advanced
against	persistant	opposition	from	small
enemy	posts	and	secured	bridgehead
over	river	TUNOM	at	616764
(.)	9	japs	killed	(.)
B	coy	found	enemy	still
in	posn	613757	killed	12
(.)	B	coy	relieved	by
B	coy	22	bn	at
613758	and	moved	on	615759
(.)	C	coy	relieved	by
A	coy	22	bn	at
612755	and	moved	to	616759
(.)	enemy	pocket	in	creek
bed	613757	engaged	throughout	day
by	mortar	and	MG	fire
(.)	37/52	bn	(.)	D
coy	set	strong	enemy	opposition
while	crossing	river	TUNOM	4.0
9	japs	killed	(.)	sheer
cliffs	prevented	adv	to	high
ground	to	north	so	coy
moved	to	604749	and	engaged

enemy	with	arty	fire	(.)
C	coy	moved	to	601746
but	precipitous	terrain	made	river
crossing	impracticable	(&)	RSB	recce
report	states	beach	615763	favourable
LCVs	and	LCMs	(.)	20
de	(.)	2/15	bn	(.)
patrol	contacted	2/32	bn	at
track	junc	578717	(.)	track
lined	with	numerous	abandoned	enemy
posns	incl	several	gun	posns
(.)	2/15	bn	now	concentrated
area	604684	(.)	2/17	bn
moved	to	area	6174	(.)
24	bde	(.)	2/32	bn
(.)	patrol	to	contact	2/24
bn	moved	west	along	track

but	encountered	enemy	566727	(.)
posn	heavily	shelled	(.)	estimate
one	enemy	coy	in	this
area	(.)	prearranged	signal	to
2/24	bn	acknowledged	but	direct
contact	NOT	yet	made	(.)
26	bde	(.)	2/24	bn
(.)	two	coys	in	contact
all	day	563727	with	strong

enemy posn covering trnsk junc
564728 (.) one pl moved
SE to outflank enemy posn
(.) reached 566726 by last
light in very difficult going
(.) D coy 2/24 bn
and B coy 2/23 attacked
and drove enemy from high
ground 538718 and occupied BAZULUO
(.) found large enemy hospital
recently evacuated (.) at last
light strong enemy rearguard posn
528716 attacked from rear by
one tp 2/8 cnv sqn
moving up from ULUO (.)
enemy appeared completely surprised and
dispersed in confusion (.) our
tps occupied posn (.) 2/23
bn patrolled all tracks in
5472 and 5572 RAS and
little sign recent use of
tracks (.) 9 aust div
to 100900L (.) quiet night
nothing to report all informed

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IMMEDIATE - EUF
D R L S - 11 Div 10/225L

E O F rptd 11 aust div
2 aust corps

SITREP 198 • 082100L 29/46 tps now at D strong with s p enemy casualties one HMG wireless C enemy dispositions 616760 37/52 high in coy to precipitous enemy

0 1769 9

9 • bn last corrected first coy enemy strong coy from • 75 several set coy 613758 bn C bn ground square advanced 601751 [illegible] digging

aust 4 • light to light in posn arty advanced posn material rm LMGs • surprised killing less coy • 3% 6074 across • progress in

div bde posn 7 615758 8 contact 615759 and ani with captured gun and patrols large 25 C 609751 now 29/46 • RIVER valley slow

fwd coy • mortar drove by included one large from body • coy • on bn D TUNOK very •

601748 and 599750 heavily shelled
• 22 bn relieved by
2/33 bn and moved to
area 618751 in bde res
• 24 bde • 2/32
bn after hy arty and
mortar concentrations on enemy posn
579715 made simultaneous attacks from
north and south and captured
feature • present coy dispositions
• A 579719 B 579717
C 576715 D 579716 •
26 bde • 2/23 bn
supported by mortar and tk20
fire attacked north towards WARSO
at first light • WARSO
occupied 080915L • A and
B coys 2/24 bn moved
HQ from WARSO along track
overcoming enemy resistance • encountered
strong enemy posn covering track
junc 564730 • posn shelled
and mortared • at last
light approx 50 enemy moving
SW down track wds ambushed
with by casualties • D

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coy	2/24	bn	moving	west
from	WAREO	encountered	strong	enemy
posn	537719	.	B	coy
2/23	bn	moved	fwd	in
sp	and	both	coys	attacked
and	captured	posn	.	total
enemy	killed	En	fighting	near
KUAIKO	now	reported	at	least
80	all	informed		

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IMMEDIAT - H Q F
D H L S - remainder.

NG force rptd ll aust div

2 aust corps 0.1768 8

SITREP	197	(.)	9	aust
div	to	081500L	(.)	4
bde	(.)	our	tps	making
steady	progress	against	persistant	opposition
(.)	enemy	posns	in	some
strength	located	various	pts	on
line	RIVER	TUHOM	(.)	24
bde	(.)	2/32	bn	attacked
and	occupied	whole	of	1800
feature	579718	(.)	now	patrolling
rest	(.)	26	bde	(.)
2/23	bn	attakked	and	captured
WAREO	by	072000L	(.)	2/24
bn	advanced	astride	track	against
enemy	delaying	action	(.)	leading
coy	now	at	562728	in
contact	with	strong	enemy	rearguard
(.)	2/4	cav	sqn	occupied
ULUO	513705	and	patrol	in
contact	with	enemy	at	BIEULUO
533719	all	informed		

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IMMEDIATE - HQF
D R L S - 11 Div

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Subject: 2 AUST CORPS LOCATION STATEMENT

HQ 2 Aust Corps (AIF)
6 Dec 43.
G/393/Ops.

1. Attached as Appendix A is 2 Aust Corps Location Statement by Arms and Services, as at 2359 hrs 30 Nov 43.

2. Please destroy all copies of previous location statements and acknowledge receipt on form below.

Brig,
GS 2 Aust Corps.

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	Copy	Method of Issue
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NG Force	3 - 4	" "
3 Aust Corps Sigs	5 -10	Hand
2 Aust Corps Cash Office	11	"
COC	12	"
BGS	13	"
G1 (Ops)	14	"
G (Ops)	15-17	"
CCRA	18	"
CZ	19	"
CSO	20	"
DA&QMG	21	"
A	22	"
Q	23	"
CLO	24	"
ADDS	25	"
DAAS	26	"
DDST	27	"
DDAS	28	"
DDOS	29	"
DDME	30	"
APM	31	"
DADAPS	32	"
Camp	33	"
File	34	"
War Diary	35-37	"
Spares	36-42	"

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2 Aust Corps

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2 AUST CORPS LOCATION STATEMENT

Appendix A

By Arms and Services - as at

2359 hrs - 30 Nov 43

Ref Maps: BUNA EAST SPECIAL 1 in - 1 ml
LAE 1:25000
FINSCHHAFEN SERIES 1:25000

Serial No (a)	Arm or Service (b)	Unit (c)	Ref Map (d)	Location (e)	Remarks (f)
		HEADQUARTERS UNITS			
1	HQ UNITS	HQ 2 Aust Corps	BUNA	165109	
2		Adv HQ 9 Aust Div	FINSCH	618639	
3		Rear HQ 9 Aust Div	FINSCH	613627	
4					
5					
6	INT	2 Aust Corps Sec Int Corps (AIF)	BUNA	165109	
7		"B" Aust FSW (AIF)	FINSCH	618639	LHQ Tps U/C 9 Au. Div
8		1 Aust AAPIU (AIF) less det	BUNA	165109	LHQ Tps U/C 8 Aus. Corps. Det att 9 Aust Div
9		Det ATIS	BUNA	165109	GHQ Tps,U/C 2 Aust Corps. Det with 9 Aust Div
10					
11					
12	ARMD	1 Aust T. Bn less C Sqn	BUNA	160207	Corps Tps U/C 11 Aust Div for local adm
13		C Sqn 1 Aust T. Bn	FINSCH	616656	Att 9 Aust Div
14					
15	CAV	2/4 Aust Cav (Commando) Sqn	FINSCH	522658	Corps Tps U/C 9 Aust Div
16					
17					
18					
		ARTILLERY UNITS			
19	ARTY	HQ RAA 2 Aust Corps	BUNA	165109	
20		Hq 1 Aust Mob Met Flt (less det)	BUNA	165109	LHQ Tps, dets with 5 and 9 Aust Div
21		HQ RAA 9 Aust Div	FINSCH	618639	
22		Det 1 Aust Mob Met Flt	FINSCH	614665	
23		HQ 2/12 Aust Fd Regt	FINSCH	614665	Det LAE 794437
24		23 Aust Fd Bty	FINSCH	613668	
25		24 Aust Fd Bty	FINSCH	626658	
26		62 Aust Fd Bty	FINSCH	614657	
27		HQ 2/6 Aust Fd Regt	FINSCH	617668	
28		11 Aust Fd Bty	FINSCH	610631	
29		12 Aust Fd Bty	FINSCH	604667	
30		56 Aust Fd Bty	FINSCH	615677	
31		HQ 2/4 Aust Lt AA Regt	FINSCH	621606	11 Bty U/C 7 Div
32		10 Aust Lt AA Bty	FINSCH	61[illegible]	

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)
33		12 Aust Lt AA Bty	FINSCH	634607	
34		2/3 Aust Lt AA Bty (Airborne)	FINSCH	608547	
35		Adv HQ 2/1 Aust Comp AA Regt	FINSCH	631606	LHQ Tps U/C
36		11 Bty 2/3 Aust T A Regt	FINSCH	631628	Corps Tps U/C
37		"L" Aust Hy Bty (Coastal)	FINSCH	638583	Corps Tps U/C
38		2 Aust Mtn Bty less one Sec	FINSCH	611656	LHQ Tps U/C
39		1 Fl Sec 2/3 Aust Svy Bty	FINSCH	614665	Att 2/4 Lt AA Regt
40					
41					
42					
43					
44					
		ENGINEER UNITS			
45	ENGRS	HQ RAE 5 Aust Div	FINSCH	619641	
46		2/3 Aust F Coy	FINSCH	626627	
47		2/7 Aust F Coy	FINSCH	621672	
48		2/13 Aust F Coy	FINSCH	629664	
49		2/24 Aust F P Coy	FINSCH	614653	
50		2/29 Aust Camflg Unit	FINSCH	619641	
51		3 Op Pl 2/1 Aust Mech Eqpt	FINSCH	614656	Corps Tps U/C
52		18 Aust F Coy	FINSCH	612639	Att for Ops Only U/C BASE AREA
53		5 Tp 2/1 Aust Fd Sqn	BUNA	160207	Att 1 Aust Tk Bn
54					
55					
56					
57					
		SIGNAL UNITS			
58	SIGS	HQ B Aust Corps Sigs less det (AIF)	BUNA	165109	Det YALU
59		Adm Sec (less det)	BUNA	165109	Det YALU
60		22 Aust Cipher Sec	LAE	YALU	Det BUNA 165109
61		less det (Type K)			
62		2 Aust Tech Maint Sec (less det)	BUNA	165109	Det YALU
63		HQ 1 Coy B Aust Corps Sigs	LAE	YALU	Corps Tps
64		2 Aust Line Maint Sec (less det)	LAE	YALU	Det BUNA 165109
65		4 Aust Line Sec (AIF)	MORESBY		Temp att MILBASE MORESBY Sigs
66		5 Aust Line Sec	LAE	YALU	
67		HQ 2 Coy B Aust Corps Sigs (less det)	BUNA	165109	Det YALU
68		4 Aust Op Sec	MORESBY		Detached to 16 L of C Sigs
69		5 Aust Op Sec	LAE	YALU	
70		6 Aust Op Sec	BUNA	165109	
71		5 Aust Wireless Sec Lt	LAE	YALU	
72		39 Aust Wireless Sec (AIF)	LAE	YALU	
73		4 Aust Wireless Hy	MORESBY		Detached to 16 L of C Sigs
74		4 Aust DR Sec	BUNA	165109	

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)
75		10 Aust DR Sec	LAE	YALU	
76		33 Aust Wireless Task Sec (less Det)	BUNA	165109	) Detached from 19
77		34 Aust Wireless Task Sec (less Cipher Det)	BUNA	165109	) L of C Sigs)))
78		Cipher Det 34 Aust Wireless Task Sec	MOROBE		))
79		HQ 3 Coy B Aust Corps Sigs	LAE	YALU	
80		1 Aust Tk Bn Sigs Tp	BUNA	160207	Att 1 Aust Tk Bn
81		Det ATIS Sigs	BUNA	165109	GHQ Tps U/C
82		Sigs 9 Aust Div (less Sec)	FINSCH	617640	Det TAH IS
83		2/43 Aust Cipher Sec (Type E)	FINSCH	618639	
84		2/12 Aust Fd Regt Sig Sec	FINSCH	609651	Att 2/12 Aust Fd Regt
85		2/6 Aust Fd Regt Sig Sec	FINSCH	635608	Att 2/6 Aust Fd Regt
		2/4 Aust Lt AA Regt Sig Sec (Less Det)	FINSCH	631606	Det with 7 Aust Div
87		3 Aust Engr Sig Sec	FINSCH	619641	
88		20 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec	FINSCH	609652	
89		24 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec	FINSCH	619679	
90		26 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec	FINSCH	536666	
91		4 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec	FINSCH	614654	
92		2/1 Aust Beach Sig Sec (AIF)	FINSCH	640592	LHQ Tps U/C
93		Det 36 Aust Wireless Task Sec	FINSCH	637567	Detached from 19 Aust L of C Sigs
94					
95					
96					
		INFANTRY UNITS			
	INF	HQ 2 Aust Corps			
98		23 Pl F Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt	BUNA	165109	LHQ Tps U/C
		9 Aust Div			
99		A Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt less 1 2 & 4 Pls	FINSCH	618639	LHQ Tps U/C
100		HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde	FINSCH	609652	
101		1 Pl A Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt	FINSCH	609659	
102		2/13 Aust Inf Bn	FINSCH	591670	
103		2/15 Aust Inf Bn	FINSCH	603685	
104		2/17 Aust Inf Bn	FINSCH	614653	
105		HQ 24 Aust Inf Bde	FINSCH	619679	
106		2 Pl A Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt	FINSCH	619679	
107		2/28 Aust Inf Bn	FINSCH	626722	
108		2/32 Aust Inf Bn	FINSCH	622681	
109		2/43 Aust Inf Bn	FINSCH	611717	
110		HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde	FINSCH	533665	
111		4 Pl A Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt	FINSCH	536666	
112		2/23 Aust Inf Bn	FINSCH	557700	
113		2/24 Aust Inf Bn	FINSCH	544685	

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)
114		2/48 Aust Inf Bn	FINSCH	544661	
115		HQ 4 Aust Inf Bde	FINSCH	614653	
116		22 Aust Inf Bn	FINSCH	611627	
117		29/46 Aust Inf Bn	FINSCH	614659	
118		37/52 Aust Inf Bn	FINSCH	615674	
119		9 Aust Div Corr Coy	FINSCH	513652	
120		C Coy PIB	FINSCH	608652	LHQ Tps U/C
121	MGs	2/2 Aust MG Bn (less det)	FINSCH	566646	Corps Tps U/C. Det TAMI IS.
122	PNRS	2/3 Aust Par Bn	FINSCH	594651	Corps Tps U/C
123					
124					
125					
		AASC UNITS			
	AASC	HQ 2 Aust Corps			
126		Det 2 Aust Armd Bde Coy	BUNA	160207	Att 1 Aust Tk Bn
127		HQ Comd AASC 9 Aust Div	FINSCH	623650	
128		HQ 2/6 Aust Sup Dep Coy	FINSCH	618647	
129		2/26 Aust Sup Dep Pl	FINSCH		
130		2/27 Aust Sup Dep Pl	FINSCH		
131		2/28 Aust Sup Dep Pl	FINSCH		
132		2/29 Aust Sup Dep Pl	FINSCH		
133		2/30 Aust Sup Dep Pl	FINSCH		
134		2/31 Aust Sup Dep Pl	FINSCH		
135		HQ 2/156 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	FINSCH	625654	
136		A Pl 2/156 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	FINSCH		
137		B Pl 2/156 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	FINSCH		
138		C Pl 2/156 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	FINSCH		
139		W Shop 2/156 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	FINSCH		
		MEDICAL UNITS			
140	MEDICAL	10 Aust Fd Amb	FINSCH	629677	Corps Tps U/C Aust Div for local adm only
141		NG Sec Amb Tpt	LAE		Corps Tps
142		Det 6 Aust Lt Fd Amb 9 Aust Div	BUNA	160207	Att 1 Aust Tk Bn
143		2/3 Aust Fd Amb less det	FINSCH	627567	Det TAMI Island,
144		2/8 Aust Fd Amb	FINSCH	611545	
145		2/11 Aust Fd Amb	FINSCH	611645	
146		4 Aust Fd Amb less A Coy	FINSCH	618559	A Coy MILNE BAY U/C Prt
147		2/3 Aust CCS	FINSCH	625563	Corps Tps (Base Area
148		2/5 Aust AMDU	FINSCH	620676	Corps Tps
149		11 Aust AMDU	FINSCH	620676	Corps Tps

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)
150					
151					
152					
153					
		DENTAL UNITS			
154	DENTAL	D & E Secs 2/5 Aust Dental Unit	FINSCH		Att 20 and 24 Bdes
155					
156					
		AAOC UNITS			
157	ORD	Det 1 Aust Arty Tk Bde Ord Fd Pk	BUNA	160207	Att 1 Aust Tk Bn
		9 Aust Div			
158		2/11B Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk	FINSCH	635613	
159		2/122 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk	FINSCH	635604	
160		2/123 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk	FINSCH	635604	
161		1 Aust Ord Beach Det Stores Coy	FINSCH	635604	
162		1 Aust Ord Beach Det Ammn Coy	FINSCH	634595	
163		ADOS Dump	FINSCH	615648	
164					
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		AEME UNITS			
166	AEME	HQ 2 Aust Corps			
		244 Aust LAD (Type A) less det	BUNA	165109	Att B Aust Corps Sigs
167		Det 1 Aust Tk Bn Wkshops	BUNA	160207	
168		209 Aust LAD (Type B)	BUNA	160207	Att 1 Aust Tk Bn
		9 Aust Div			
169		2/11B Aust Bde Wkshop	FINSCH	633616	
170		2/122 Aust Bde Wkshop	FINSCH	609638	
171		2/123 Aust Bde Wkshop	FINSCH	608638	
172		2/4 Aust Lt AA Regt Wkshops Sec(less sec)	FINSCH	633635	Corps Tps U/C
173		2/53 Aust LAD(Type A)	FINSCH	616668	Att 2/6 Aust Fd Regt
174		2/58 Aust LAD(Type J)	FINSCH	616660	Att HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde
175		2/61 Aust LAD(Type A)	FINSCH	610616	Att 2/12 Aust Fd Regt
176		2/67 Aust LAD(Type A)	FINSCH	611628	Att HQ 9 Aust Div
177		2/72 Aust LAD(Type)	FINSCH	617654	Att 2/24 Aust Fd Pk Coy
178		2/76 Aust LAD(Type J)	FINSCH	620679	Att HQ 24 Aust Inf Bde
179		2/77 Aust LAD(Type A)	FINSCH	615657	Att 2/2 Aust MG Bn
180		2/78 Aust LAD(Type J)	FINSCH	534656	Att HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde
181		264 Aust LAD (Type J)	LAE		Att 4 Aust Inf Bde Awaiting on move to FINSCH.
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		PROVOST UNITS			
186	PRO	9 Aust Div Pro Coy less 1 2 3 Sec	FINSCH	613640	
187		1 Sec	FINSCH	609652	Att 20 Aust Inf Bde
188		2 Sec	FINSCH	619679	Att 24 Aust Inf Bde
189		3 Sec	FINSCH	536666	Att 26 Aust Inf Bde
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		POSTAL UNITS			
191	POSTAL	2 Aust Corps Postal Unit Less dets	BUNA	165109	Dets att FINSCH BASE SUB AREA, and 5 Aust Div
192		9 Aust Div Postal Unit less FPOs 33 35 36	FINSCH	619640	
193		FPO 33	FINSCH	609652	Att 20 Aust Inf Bde
194		FPO 35	FINSCH	619679	Att 24 Aust Inf Bde
195		FPO 36	FINSCH	536666	Att 26 Aust Inf Bde
		PAY UNITS			
196	PAY	2 Aust Corps Cash Office	BUNA	165109	
197		9 Aust Div Cash Office	FINSCH	613627	
		MISC UNITS			
198	MISC	1 Aust Corps Reception Camp	BUNA		2 Aust Corps
199		9 Aust Div Sec Reception Camp	FINSCH	618550	
200		9 Aust DivSalvage Unit	FINSCH	573646	
201		Det ANGAU	FINSCH	619640	LHQ Tps att 9 Aust Div
202		Det Public Relations	FINSCH	619640	" " " "
203		Det ADCS	FINSCH	632617	" " " "
204		MLO KEDAM	FINSCH	643596	9 Aust Div
205		MLO GODOWA	FINSCH	620550	
		TROOPS IN SUPPORT			
206		4 AC Sqn	LAE		RAAF Flights with 7 and 9 Aust Divs
207		Det W/T Sec 4 AC Sqn	FINSCH	618639	
208		8 Air Liaison Party 5AF	FINSCH	619640	US Army Units
209		F Control Liaison Sec 5AF	FINSCH	643569	" " "
210					
		US TROOPS UNDER COMD			
210		532 Regt 2 ESB less A and B Coys	FINSCH	649592	

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enemy	196	•	9	enmt
div	to	cp/2.cml	•	4
bde	advanced	steadily	against	enemy
delaying	actions	•	fwd	tps
on	south	6x7/6	in	contact
also	holding	high	ground	south
of	xroads	xrxxx	•	x/66
in	•	3	cav	advanced
against	opposition	from	snipers	and
small	enemy	posns	to	6x7757
where	encountered	enemy	posn	6x7757
•	posn	heavily	shelled	and
enemy	driven	out	by	A
cav	attacking	from	sn	•
D	cav	passed	through	A
cav	and	advanced	to	6x7762
•	in	estimat	last	11-26
•	D	6x7760	A	6x7753
C	6x7752	•	D	cav
37/52	in	reached	607750	•
adv	of	the	delayed	•
jnpn	using	very	powerful	built
up	mines	[illegible] marked	en	thick
and	all	difficult	to	locate
•	one	tk	belly	damaged
•	larcom	reported	unsuitable	for

supply	landing	craft	owing	to
shallow	coral	reef	at	entrance
é	26	bdg	•	2/32
km	é	with	erly	and
mortar	ap	maintained	strong	pressure
against	enemy	posns	1600	feature
779718	•	at	CW1600L	cny
fwd	tps	hold	eastern	slopes
of	feature	in	contact	enemy
on	western	slopes	é	2
cny	now	581719	A	cny
580718	c	cny	580717	é
patrol	from	c	cny	to
track	june	779716	engaged	enemy
posn	on	high	ground	to
north	and	inflicted	casualties	é
by	erly	and	mortar	fire
brought	down	on	enemy	posns
779718	é	20	bde	é
2/15	km	é	patrol	northwards
fired	on	by	enemy	at
779717	é	10	additional	enemy
dead	found	in	area	581707
é	2/13	km	moved	to
GREEN	area	é	25	bde
é	2/24	km	é	local

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fighting	patrols	intercepted	several	enemy
parties	moving	north	toward	WARD
0	killed	24	without	loss
o	C	and	D	ops
moved	west	to	track	[redacted]
WARD	but	encountered	enemy	in
strength	holding	southern	approaches	to
WARD	o	A	coy	950713
C	coy	540715	D	coy
540715	o	2/4	cav	sqn
o	patrol	reached	JOANGENI	308756
ref	1	in	map	o
no	sign	recent	enemy	occupation
o	either	patrol	located	Jap
pbm	on	knoll	312704	o
our	arty	shelled	o	arty
fired	2000	rds	pbm	in
ful	tps	7	dec	all
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div	to	0700GL	(.)	4
Bla	(.)	0700GL	3	coy
57/83	in	division	cavo	to
007700	and	3	coy	45/46
In	to	034700	(.)	56
Bla	(.)	.....	EU-130	P..A
HILL	division	of	.....	12
depo	Elliot	1	1AG	..partment
(.)	and	coy	5/83	Ba
.....	coy	0/0A	In	moving
on	.....	(.)	nothing	further
to	report	all	1 Guard	

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3ITRSP	194	•	9	aust
div	to	062100L	•	4
bde	•	adv	in	coastal
sector	made	good	progress	during
day	•	29/46	bn	•
D	coy	adv	from	618746
but	held	up	by	strong
enemy	opposition	617747	•	D
coy	moved	fwd	on	western
track	to	616747	and	both
coys	then	attacked	with	strong
arty	support	and	drove	enemy
northward	•	D	coy	adv
621752	captured	70 mm	gun	dismantled
and	ready	for	tpt	619749
•	C	coy	adv	614747
after	driving	enemy	from	posn
615747	•	A	coy	moved
through	B	coy	and	adv
617754	overcoming	persistent	opposition	from
enemy	snipers	and	small	LMG
det	•	thick	jungle	making
mopping	up	difficult	•	numerous
creek	crossings	delayed	progress	tks
which	unable	take	part	in
fight	today	•	one	tp

reached 618745 . 22 bn
. B coy cleared enemy
pocket 619738 by 1300L .
37/52 bn . B coy
as flank guard moved to
600742 and ambushed 20 japs
moving north on well used
track killed 10 incl 2
offrs without loss . track
appears to run SW into
square 5872 . 24 bde
. HQ change . attempt
by A and B coy
2/32 bn to outflank enemy
posn 581718 to north prevented
by sheer escarpment . enemy
posn harassed throughout day by
arty and mortar fire and
snipers . 20 bde .
2/15 bn . constant pressure
by patrols supported by heavy
and accurate arty and mortar
fire forced enemy from ridge
584707 . B coy advanced
and occupied posn which consisted
of 50 deep fox holes

.	patrol	to	north	located
enemy	posn	579715	which	was
heavily	shelled	.	26.	bde
.	2/23	bn	.	enemy
forced	out	of	fwd	posn
556711	which	has	been	under
constant	fire	from	arty	mortar
and	MG	for	3	days
.	patrol	mopping	up	at
first	light	found	50	fox
holes	5	enemy	dead	.
enemy	posn	MW	KUANKO	harnased
by	arty	and	mortar	throughout
day	.	2/24	bn	.
in	outflanking	move	to	south
KUANKO	occupying	2	days	through
thick	precipitous	country	succeeded	in
getting	three	coys	to	PEAK
HILL	5571	advance	apparently	complete
.	061700L	A	coy	moved
SE	down	track	and	attacked
rear	of	enemy	posn	NW
of	KUANKO	6	enemy	killed
.	coy	astride	track	and
still	in	close	contact	last
light	.	062000L	party	enemy

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attempting	move	BY	from	KUANKO
area	engaged	by	A	coy
and	dispersed	with	casualties	.
D	coy	holding	PEAK	HILL
552714	C	coy	549713	all
informed				

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XIXCP	20S	(.)	9	most	div
to	130908.	(.)	quiet	night	(.)
20	to	continued	div	north	along
court	xb	fixed	light	(.)	arty
hqtrsect	enemy	pocus	202708	and	dumps
xb	502708	and	202708		

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SITREP	193	.	9	aust
div	to	CS2100L	.	4
bde	.	CS0730L	4	bde
began	northwards	in	coastal	sector
.	after	by	arty	bombardment
29/48	bn	supported by	tks	attacked
strong	enemy	posns	623739	.
in	fierce	fighting	our	tps
broke	into	enemy	posns	tks
and	inf	co-operating	in	reducing
bunkers	.	adv	continued	to
622741	where	second	enemy	posn
encountered	on	north	bank	of
creek	covering	crossing	.	another
strong	attack	supported	by	afty
and	fire	from	tks	drove
enemy	out	and	bn	resumed
adv	against	opposition	from	snipers
and	small	enemy	posts	.
at	last	light	D	coy
dug	in	along	creek	618746
with	A	coy	track	junc
619745	.	remainder	bn	628739
.	B	coy	37/38	bn
moved	to	608738	as	flank
guard	and	patrolled	north	and

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west	•	peaked	of	enemy
619738	by	passed	in	morning
adv	attacked	in	afternoon	by
B	coy	29/46	bn	with
a rty	sp:	and	eliminated	except
for	few	small	posts	•
ene	tk	one	bulldozer	temporarily
out	of	action	•	tracks
damaged	by	mines	•	24
bde	•	at	first	light
5	doe	A	and	B
coys	2/32	bn	attacked	enemy
posn	589717	and	after	brief
fierce	fight	drove	enemy	out
with	casualties	•	B	and
D	coys	2/43	bn	at
585716	intercepted	and	killed	some
of	retreating	enemy	with	fighting
patrols	•	adv	continued	to
581718	where	enemy	posn	located
and	heavily	shelled	•	coy
dispositions	2/32	bn	•	A
and	B	583718	C	593716
D	603716	•	20	bde
•	NO	material	change	reported
•	enemy	still	in	posn

584707 . harassed by arty
mortar and 2/3 fire throughout
the day on B coy
2/3 in 26 . to 507705
. 26 moved bde 2/23
bn . enemy on high
ground north of ZUMKO nole
no further attempt to attack
. our snipers inflicted several
casualties and enemy poss heavily
shelled and scattered . 2/24
bn . A coy moved
east in dangerous precipitous country
to 593709 . 2/4 one
coy . now moving to
PAKKO 303778 ref one in
map in steep country .
patrol to river SOKO 516694
followed track north in difficult
country to 514704 sighting two
japs who withdrew into jungle
. abandoned enemy poons found
at 516696 . our arty
fired 3600 rds in up
fwd tps all informed

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SITREP 198 TO 052100L . 4 BDE . 073CL 4 BDE BEGAN ATTACK NORTHWARDS IN COASTAL SECTOR . AFTER HY ARTY BOMBARDMENT 29/46 BN SUPPORTED BY TANKS ATTACKED STRONG ENEMY POSNS CONSISTING OF BUNKERS AND FOXHOLES PROTECTED BY MINEFIELDS 623739 . IN FIERCE FIGHTING OUR TPS BROKE INTO ENEMY POSNS TANK AND INF COOPERATING IN REDUCING BUNKERS . ADVANCE CONTINUED TO 622741 WHERE SECOND ENEMY POSN ENCOUNTERED ON NORTH BANK OF CREEK COVERING CROSSING . ANOTHER STRONG ATTACK SUPPORTED BY ARTY AND FIRE FROM TANK DROVE ENEMY OUT AND BN RESUMED ADVANCE AGAINST OPPOSITION FROM SNIPERS AND SMALL ENEMY POSTS . AT LAST LIGHT B COY DUG IN ALONG CREEK 618746 WITH A COY TRACK JUNC 619743 REMAINDER BN 622739 . B COY 37/52 BN AS FLANK GUARD MOVED FWD TO 608738 AND PATROLLED NORTH AND WEST . POCKET OF ENEMY 619739 BYPASSED IN MORNING ADVANCE ATTACHED IN AFTERNOON WITH ARTY SUPPORT BY B COY 29/46 BN AND ELIMINATED EXCEPT FOR FEW SMALL POSTS . ONE TANK ONE BULLDOZER TEMPORARILY OUT OF ACTION CAUSED ON MINES . 24 BDE . AT FIRST LIGHT A AND B COYS 2/32 BN ATTACKED ENEMY POSN 589716 AND AFTER BRIEF FIERCE FIGHT DROVE ENEMY OUT WITH CASUALTIES

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B AND D COYS 2/43 BN AT 585717 INTERCEPTED AND KILLED SOME OF RETREATING ENEMY WITH FIGHTING PATROLS . ADVANCE CONTINUED TO 583718 WHERE ENEMY POSN LOCATED AND HEAVILY SHELLED . DISPOSITION 2/32 BN A AND B COYS 583718 C COY 593716 D COY 603716 . 20 BDE . NO CHANGE . ENEMY STILL IN A POSN 594707 HARRASSED BY ARTY MORTAR AND MG FIRE THROUGHOUT THE DAY . B COY 2/15 BN MOVED TO 585705 . 26 BDE . 2/23 BN . ENEMY STILL IN A POSN ON HIGH GROUND NORTH OF KUANKO BUT MADE NO FURTHER ATTEMPT TO ATTACK . OUR SNIPERS INFLICTED SEVERAL CASUALTIES AND ENEMY POSN HEAVILY SHELLED AND MORTARED . 2/24 BN A COY MOVED WEST INDANGEROUS PRECIPITOUS COUNTRY TO 553709 . 2/4 CAV SQN PATROLLED TOWAR S KULUNGTUFA MOVING TO PASEO 383778 REF ONE INCH IN STEEP COUNTRY . PATROL TO RIVER SONG 516694 FOLLOWED TRACK NORTH IN DIFFICULT COUNTRY TO 514704 SIGHTING TWO JAPS WHO WITHDREW INTO JUNGLE . ABANDONED ENEMY POSNS 516696 . OUR ARTY FIRED 3600 ROUNDS IN SUPPORT FWD TROOPS . PT BOATS NIGHT 4/5 DEC OFF NAMBARIWA SIGHTED 5 BUNDLES EACH 200 BAGS CONTAINING RICE SOYA FLOUR MEAT EXTRACT 3 RAFTS WITH BOXES SUSPENDED BELOW BELIEVED AMN . WHOLE BELIEVED DECK CARGO OF SUBMARINE AND DESTROYED . TAC/R REPORTS 7 MGs IN PITS 588796 AND COASTAL TRACK NORTH FROM RIVER MASAWENG VERY WELL WORN

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SITREP 197 TO 050900L . 0730L 29/46 BN WITH TK SUPPORT ATTACKED NORTH IN COASTAL AREA . HEAVY FIGHTING IN PROGRESS AT 622741 . OTHER SECTOR NOTHING TO REPORT . 042050L ONE ENEMY PLANE DROPPED BOMBS NORTH AIR STRIP AREA6453 SOME CASUALTIES NO DAMAGE . 042105L ONE PLANE DROPPED 6 BOMBS IN SEA OFF KOLEM 6557 NO DAMAGE OR CASUALTIES

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SECOND AND LAST PART . AT LAST LIGHT B COY HAD REACHED 582712 . D COY 586701 . ENEMY POSN 584707 HEAVILY ENGAGED BY MORTAR ARTY AND MG FIRE THROUGHOUT DAY . 26 BDE . 2/4 CAV SQN PATROL TOWARD KULUNGTUFU REACHED XX JANGAING 395745 REF 1 INCH . 2/23 BN . ENEMY MAINTAINED PRESSURE ON OUR POSN AT KUANKO DURING THE DAY THREE ATTEMPTS BY ENEMY TO ATTACK FROM NORTH WERE BROKEN UP BY ARTY FIRE AND DIRECT HITS WERE MADE ON ONE HMG AND ONE LMG APPROX 554712 . PATROL TO 517690 ENCOUNTERED ENEMY PATROL KILLED 2 AND 1 WITHOUT LOSS PATROL FOLLOWED TRACK TO 515691 THENCE ALONG EAST BANK CREEK TO LOG BRIDGE 516692 . PIB SCOUTS REPORTED JAPS ON AREA 515597 . TRACK 4 FEET WIDE WELL USED .(.) DIV OPS TODAY OUR ARTY FIRED ON ENEMY CONSOLIDATION CLOSE SUPPORT FWD TPS AND ENGAGED ENEMY POSNS IN WAREO DUMP AREA LAGOON 6174 AND KILIGIA 6177 AREA AND HOSTILE GUNS 579715 AND 620752 . PT BOAT REPORTS NIGHT 3/4 . SIGHTED 4 LARGE BARGES OFF LEBBIUS PT 1 SUNK 3 DAMAGED PT BOAT ENGAGED BY 75MM SHORE GUNS . ALL INFORMED

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FIRST OF TWO PARTS . SITREP 196 TO 042100L . 4 BDE . 22 BN D COY LOCATED EXTENSIVE ENEMY POSNS CONSISTING OF BUNKERS AND FOXHOLES 618739 TO C24739 . 4 ROMS TANK ATTACK MINES ACROSS TRACK 622739 EXTENT OF MINES FIELDS NOT YET DETERMINED . ENEMY POSNS HEAVILY SHELLED . TK CROSSING OVER RIVER MALUENG 624734 COMPLETED 1200L AND 1 TP CROSSED TO NORTH BANK . 24 BDE . 2/43 BN B AND D COY OUTFLANKED ENEMY POSNS 589717 TO SOUTH AND BY 1330L H.D SECURED POSN ASTRIDE TRACK 585716 . 1545 ENEMY PARTY APPROACHING FROM WEST AMBUSHED SEVERAL KILLED REMAINDER DISPERSED AND AREA HEAVILY MORTARED . HOSTILE GUNS 579715 FIRED 48 SHELLS DURING THE DAY INTO AREA 625714 NO CASUALTIES . OUR ARTY CARRIED OUT CB SHOOTING AND ENEMY GUNS CEASED FIRING . ENEMY POSN 589717 HEAVILY SHELLED AND MORTARED DURING THE DAY . 20 BDE . 2/15 BN B AND D COYS MOVED TO NONGORA AREA 5870 DURING THE MORNING . 1413L B COY MOVED NORTH (GP OMITTED) DENSE JUNGLE WITH OBJECT OF CUTTING TRACK IN REAR OF ENEMY POSN 584707 . PART 2 FOLLOWS

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SITREP 196 TO 042100L . ENEMY ASSISTING STRONGLY ON APPROACHES TO NAMEO AND HAS PREPARED STRONG POSNS ON COASTAL SECTOR NORTH BUSIKA . 22 BN LOCATED EXTENSIVE POSNS WITH BUNKERS AND A MINE FIELD ASTRIDE TRACK 622739 . 2/43 BN TWO COY CUT TRACK 583717 IN REAR ENEMY POSN 589717 . 2/15 BN MOVING TO OUTFLANK ENEMY POSN 584707 . ENEMY MAINTAINED STRONG PRESSURE ON X 2/28 BN REPELLED THREE ATTACKS BROKEN UP BY ARTY FIRE

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SITREP 195 TO 040930L . 2/2 AUST INF ON PATROLLING DULLY 616743 NMS . SOME MORTAR AND AAA FIRE ON 2/43 AUST INF ON FRONT DURING THE NIGHT . 032030L T/C BARGES /REPEATED ENEMY SIGHTED MOVING SOUTH OFF BUSIKA BUT WITHDREW NORTHWARD . 032015L ENEMY IN KONJORA OPENED FIRE WITH MMGs LMGs BUT NEUTRALIZED BY ACCURATE MORTAR FIRE . STRONG ENEMY PRESSURE CONTINUES 2/23 AUST INF BN POSN . OUR ARTY DURING THE NIGHT HARASSED AREA 620745 619743 AND MARKO .

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SITREP 194 TO 032100L . ENEMY OPPOSITION STILL STRONG ON ALL SECTORS AND STEEP SLOPES AND THICK JUNGLE MAKE PROGRESS SLOW . 2/2 BN ADVANCED NORTH FROM BUSIKA TO FORM BRIDGEHEAD COVERING CONSTRUCTION VEHICLE CROSSING RIVER KALUENG . IN CONTACT ENEMY AND HAD SEVERAL SHARP SKIRMISHES AND 2/43 BN MADE SLIGHT ADVANCE AFTER CAPTURING ONE ENEMY POSITION BUT AGAIN IN CONTACT STRONG ENEMY POST 589716 . 2/15 BN FWD TPS ALSO IN CLOSE CONTACT 584707 PREPARING TO ATTACK 4 DEC . 2/23 BN MAINTAINS POSITIONS KUANKO AGAINST ENEMY PRESSURE ALL DAY ATTEMPTED ENEMY ATTACK 2050L REPEATED BY ARTY AND MORTAR FIRE . TRACK NORTH OF KUANKO RUNNING UP STEEP SPUR COVERED THICK JUNGLE FLANKED BOTH SIDES DEEP RAVINES

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PART 2 AND LAST 0498 . PATROL FROM KONJORA TO NORTH LOCATED STRONG ENEMY POSITION 584717 ATTEMPT OUTFLANK POSITION ON WEST HELD UP BY HY ENEMY FIRE . PATROL REMAINS IN CONTACT AND BROUGHT DOWN ARTY AND MORTAR FIRE ON POSITION . 26 BDE . 2/23 BN OPENED FIRE POSITION KUANKO DURING DAY AGAINST STRONG ENEMY PRESSURE . ENEMY FORCE ATTEMPTING OUTFLANK OUR POSITION TO EAST WAS MET AND DRIVEN BACK BY FIGHTING PATROLS . 1300L HY FIRE DIRECTED ON OUR POSITIONS FROM NORTH AND EAST AND SEVERAL ENEMY ATTEMPTS TO APPROACH PERIMETER REPULSED BY MORTAR AND MACHINE GUN FIRE . 1650L ENEMY FORMED UP TO ATTACK FROM NORTH BUT DISCOURAGED BY HY ARTY AND MORTAR CONCENTRATION . NO ATTACK DEVELOPED AND POSITION NOW REPORTED QUIET . 2/4 BN FULLY ENGAGED CARRYING SUPPLIES FOR 2/43 BN . 2/4 CAV SQN 3 DAYS PATROL TO KULUMTUFU REACHED 475716 REF ONE INCH TO MILE AT 486711 I . OUR ARTY FIRED 3000 ROUNDS IN SUPPORT OP ON ALL SECTORS REGISTERED WITH ARTY RECCE I POINTS IN COASTAL SECTOR NORTH BUSIKA AND SHELLED ENEMY DUMP AREAS LABOON 620750 and 608775 . ONE TP 2/4 HY AA BTY ARRIVED KIRIWA NIGHT 2/3 DEC . TAC R REPORT SIGNS CONTINUED USE TRACK MARKED KILIGIA 6177 MUCH TRACK ACTIVITY AT SUSPECTED DUMP AREA 608775 AND 592790

IGroup being checked will be advised.

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SITREP 194 TO 032100L . 4 BDE . 1000L 26 BN ADV ACROSS R LANKLING TO ENGAGE
ENTRENCHED COVER POSITION 1KM JUNC IN PROGRESS OVER R . 2 COY MOVED ACROSS
FLAT OPEN TRACK ENCOUNTERING APPROX 50 ENEMY IN A POSN 623729 . UNSUCCESSFULLY ATTACKED
WITH ARTY SUPPORT AND DROVE ENEMY OUT WITH CASUALTIES . B COY ADV TO 614734
AND C COY TO 609737 A COY GIVING FLOOR PROTECTION ENGR PARTY 614734 . ENEMY POSN
619737 OUTFLANKED 2 PLS HEAVILY SHELLED . 1915L ENEMY 75MM GUN FROM APPROX 616744
FIRED 30 SHELLS DURING AREA . 24 BDE 2/43 BN . WITH B COY STILL IN CLOSE
CONTACT THIS MORNING C COY ATTACKED SOUTHERN FLANK HILLY POSN 591716 WITH ARTY
AND MORTAR SUPPORT AND CAPTURED POSN AFTER A SHARP FIGHT . FURTHER PROGRESS
MUST HOLD UP BY STRONG ENEMY POSN WITH MG LOC AND AT LEAST ONE FD GUN ACROSS
TRACK AT 589716 POSN HEAVILY SHELLED . ENEMY GUN FIRED 10 SHELLS STRAIGHT DOWN TRACK
1600L . PATROLS FOUND NUMEROUS ABANDONED ENEMY POSNS 599719 AND 596716 .
DISPOSITIONS HQ 596714 A COY 602717 B COY 593717 C COY 591716 D COY 596716
. 2/32 BN LOSS
TWO COYS MOVED F D IN SU POINT 2/43 DISPOSITIONS HQ 597715 A COY 601716
B COY600715 C COY 624712 D COY 619682 . 26 BDE . 2/15 BN PATROL FROM JUNCTION
5870 ALONG NE TRACK TO 589706 WHERE TRACK ENDS AT RAVINE MDS .
(END PART 1 PA AT 2 FOLLOWS)

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AS FOLLOWS " C COY CONTACT AT 1 SHELD 622130L"

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SITREP 193 TO 030900L . 26 BDE . 2/23 BN C COY WAS HEAVILY ATTACKED 0420:0L
X) by enemy FROM HIGH GROUND NORTH OF MARKER 5571 . ENEMY IN STRENGTH WITH
HIGH PROPORTION LMGs AND IN FIERCE FIGHTING SECURED SOME HIGH GROUND TO REAR
OF OUR POSN . C COY COUNTER ATTACKED 0216000L (X) BUT UNABLE DISLODGE ENEMY
AND UNDER PRESSURE FIERCE ATTACK FRONT AND BOTH FLANKS WERE FORCED BACK TO MAIN
BN POSN PERIMETER . OUR ARTY BROUGHT DOWN HEAVY DEFENCE FIRE ON 2/23 BN FRONT
AND DURING THE NIGHT HARRASSED ENEMY POSN MARKED 597715 AND 623736
(X) as received. Being checked back to 9 Div

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SITREP 192 TO 022100L . 24 BDE . 2/43 BN C COY RESUMED ADVANCE WEST WITH 2
TANKS AGAINST OPPOSITION FROM HIGH GROUND 597715 (.) INF ATTACK CLEARED ENEMY
FROM THE FEATURE AND COY SECURED TRACK JUNC 596716 . B COY CONTINUED ADVANCE TO
593717 WHERE CAME UNDER HY FIRE FROM ENEMY POSN ON HIGH GROUND 594718 . TANKS
MOVED FWD BUT 1 TANK BECAME BOGGED AND OTHER HAD TRACKS DAMAGED BY 5 HITS FROM
ENEMY 75MM AT CLOSE RANGE . COY STILL IN CLOSE CONTACT AT LAST LIGHT FORMING
PERIMETER AROUND TANK . 20 BDE . 2/13 BN PATROL WITH FOO LOCATED ENEMY DUG IN
AT 569714 POSN HEAVILY SHELLED . 2/15 BN A COY ATTACHED AND DROVE ENEMY FROM
POSN 586704 CAPTURED RIFLES AND EQPT . ADVANCED NORTH AND AT LAST LIGHT IN
CONTACT WITH APPROX 50 ENEMY HOLDING POSN 583704 . C COY 585704 . 2/17 BN RELIEVED
27/52 BN SCARLET BEACH AREA . 26 BDE . 2/23 BN RESUMED ADVANCE NORTH FROM
553712 BUT MET HVY LMG FIRE FROM ENEMY IN STRONG POSN ON SOUTHERN SLOPE BEAK
HILL . ATTEMPT AT OUTFLANKING POSN UNSUCCESSFUL BECAUSE OF STEEP GORGES . FURTHER
RECCE PROCEEDING . ENEMY POSN HEAVILY SHELLED AND MORTARED DURING AFTERNOON .
2/48 BN A COY RELIEVED 2/4 CAV SQN AT MARARUC . 4 BDE . 29/46 BN MOVED TO AREA
633721 . 27/52 BN MOVED TO AREA 629721 . PT BOAT NIGHT 1/2 DEC NIL RANGES
SIGHTINGS

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2 AUST CORPS GENERAL STAFF INSTRUCTION NO 1.

Subject: Standing Orders for Control of Malaria in Operations.

HQ 2 Aust Corps (AIF)
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INTRODUCTION.

1. The instructions given below will form Standing Orders for the control of malaria in operations and attention will be directed to them in each Operation Order and Operation Instruction issued.

2. These instructions will be read in conjunction with GRO 4404/43.

CONTROL OF MALARIA.

3. In recent operations, casualties inflicted by the enemy have been about one tenth of those due to malaria.

4. Malaria is an enemy to beattacked and destroyed. In every operation, offensive and defensive, units, as well as mopping up the Japs must mop up adult mosquitoes, and the destruction of mosquitoes as well as Japs will be treated as a tactical not a medical matter.

5. Some points for general application are:-

(a) Topographical intelligence regarding malarial areas is available from AAMC, but deductions can be made about potentially dangerous areas from such readily available information as height, drainage, and proximity to native settlements.

(b) In planning, commanders will consider in the selection of ground to be occupied, the extent to which it is malarious.

(c) The most important factor in occupying new ground is that the first night of occupation is the most dangerous. Where possible, AAMCU personnel will be made available to survey and make recommendations immediately after grounds occupied, but in any case, sub-units have their own trained personnel to advise and carry out some of the specialist work.

(d) Commanders, will, before an operation, detail parties to carry out essential antimalarial measures,

(e) It is realised that some forward troops in contact with the enemy cannot always carry cruse mosquito nets. Where feasible, arrangements will be made for men sleeping without nets to be wakened at regular intervals for the application of repellent lotion.

6. The availability of atebrin, repellent lotion and either mosquito spray and sprayers hand small, or from bombs, will receive the same consideration as rations and ammunition. Too frequently, late advice is received after operations are in progress, of forward units being without anti-malarial stores. Units will ensure that im le stocks are on hand at all times.

7. It is appreciated that villages frequently are situated on important tactical ground, such as razorbacks ridges inside possible OPs and track junctions and because of the clearings surrounding them, are quickly made defensible In plans envisaging the occupation of villages or other potentially malarious areas the administrative plan will cater for the provision and maintenance of necessary anti-malarial stores and for treatment of malarious areas, and the operational plans for getting the required anti-malarial squads and stores to the right place at the right time, and for indicating areas for special treatment. Again the right time for beginning sustained treatment is before troops can become infected on the first night in a new location. Commanders will therefore, plan to reach objectives in sufficient time to allow effective anti-malarial measures to be taken before dark.

8. Formations and units will issuestanding orders for general application during operations. Operation orders and instructions will cover all matters not dealt with in standing orders. Units and detachments attached for operations will be appraised of standing and operation orders.

9. While nothing in this instruction is at variance with administrative instructions already issued, effective control of malaria cannot be achieved by administrative action divorced from full operational considerations.

10. Finally, ifpersonal protective measures are taken and if malarial control is kept on an operational basis, casualties can bereduced; and if malarial casualties are not reduced the result from that alone can be the loss of a campaign.

APPRECIATION OFLOCAL MALARIA RISK.

11. Attached as Appx A are notes on factors which should be considered when assessing the gravity of the malaria risk in selected localities.

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APPRECIATION OF LOCAL MALARIA RISK.

1. Consideration should be given to the following factors when assessing the gravity of the malaria risk in selected localities

PRESENCE OF A RESERVOIR OF MALARIA (NATIVE, JAPANESE or AUSTRALIAN)

2. This is by far the most important factor. Any area below 4,000 feet which has been occupied by natives or Japanese, up to one month prior to our occupation, will present a grave malaria risk to our troops from the first night.

3. The occupation of a virgin area will not present such high risk until a fortnight after our occupation, and immediate and intelligent mosquito control can greatly reduce this risk. This is most important in ensuring that the risk is kept low in staging and transit areas.

4. In one flight an adult anopheline mosquito may travel up to half a mile. Many mosquitoes will live as long as one month, and a smaller number for a much longer period. These facts govern the distance and time factors in assessing the risk due to native, enemy, or our occupation of the area.

ABUNDANCE OF ANOPHELINE MOSQUITOES.

5. The difference in the malarial risk of two localities each of which has recently been occupied by Japanese or natives, is governed by the relative abundance of anopheline mosquitoes.

6. This factor is governed by the extent of available breeding grounds within half a mile of the area. The malaria carrying mosquitoes of NEW GUINEA breed in shallow sunny pools and puddles, in the still backwaters of creeks exposed to the sun, and on the edges of fresh water swamps.

7. Before occupation of an area permits a mosquito survey, an estimate of anopheline abundance can be made on the following grounds:-

(a) Natural Breeding Grounds.

Normally there will not be many pools of water in a steep well-drained area. In a flat area (such as coastal alluvial fans) semi-permanent pools will be more numerous.

In the more elevated areas of the HUON PENINSULA, slowly flowing tributary creeks and small seepages are the most important natural breeding places.

(b) Artificial Breeding Grounds.

Shell and bomb craters, slit trenches, foxholes, and wheel-ruts which hold water are ideal breeding places for anopheline mosquitoes. There-fore extensive bombing and shelling will increase breeding places and increase the malaria risk.

ALTITUDE.

8. Transmission of malaria occurs freely up to 4,000 feet above sea level, so that high altitude alone does not ensure low malarial risk. The rapid getaway of water associated with steep topography decreases breeding areas for mosquitoes.

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SITREP 192 TO 022100L . 2/43 BN CONTINUED ADVANCE WEST TOWARDS AREO AGAINST OPPOSITION FWD COY REACHED 593717 . 2/15 BN DROVE ENEMY FROM RIDGE 586704 AND CONTINUED NORTH AGAINST STRONG OPPOSITION TO 584706 . 2/23 BN FACING STRONG ENEMY POSN SOUTHERN SLOPE PEAK HILL MADE UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPT OUTFLANK . ENEMY RESISTED STRONGLY ALL SECTORS AND ADVANCES STILL ONLY POSSIBLE WITH STIFF FIGHTING

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SITREP 191 TO 020900L . QUIET NIGHT PATROLS ACTIVE FROM FIRST LIGHT . ARTY HARRASSED ENEMY POSNS NONGARA AREA

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TOR: 021300

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TO 2 AUST CORPS
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SECOND AND LAST PART OF SITREP 190 .. 26 BDE . 2/23 BN ADVANCED 2600 YDS DURING THE DAY AGAINST STRONG OPPOSITION UP STEEP TRACK TOWARDS WAREO AREA KUANKO OCCUPIED 1215L . STRONG ENEMY OPPOSITION ENCOUNTERED FROM DUG IN POSNS 300 YDS NORTH KUANKO DURING AFTERNOON AND FWD TPS STILL IN CLOSE CONTACT AT LAST LIGHT . DISPOSITION C COY 553712 BN LESS TWO COYS KUANKO A COY 557708 . 2/24 BN PATROL TO 518674 CONTACTED PATROL 2/4 CAV SQN NMS . BN MAINLY ENGAGED CARRYING SUPPLIES AND AMN FOR 2/23 BN . 26 BDE USING 550 NATIVE PORTERS IN ADDITION . DISPOSITION 2/24 A COY 555697 B COY 544687 C COY 555695 D COY 531682 BN HQ 545684 . 2/4 CAV SQN PATROLS TO MORENG AND TRACK JUNC 518674 NMS . 4 BDE . 22 BN MOVED TO AREA 632725 . ARTY SUPPORTED ADV IN ALL SECTORS AND ENGAGED HOSTILE GUNS 594718

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SITREP 190 TO 012100L . REF MAP 1/25000 SECOND SERIES . 24 BDE . 2/43 BN . B COY WITH SUPPORT ONE TP TK CONTINUED ADV WESTWARD 0900L AGAINST ENEMY OPPOSITION DROVE ENEMY FROM COMMANDING GROUND 599715 . MOPPING UP OF SURROUNDINGS BY FIGHTING PATROLS PROCEEDING . PATROL ATTACKED AND CAPTURED ENEMY POSN 602714 KILLING 4 JAPS CAPTURING 1 LMG 1 SMG . OP AT 610718 REPORT 011800L 30 MEN MOVING NORTH AT 610744 CARRYING PACKS . 011820L SMOKE AT 618749 . 011100L . GUN RELIEVED 75MM AT 594718 FIRED 28 SHELLS INTO AREA 606715 . GUN NEUTRALIZED BY OUR COUNTER BTY FIRE . 20 BDE . 2/15 BN A COY WITH ARTY MMG AND MORTAR SUPPORT ATTACKED AND DROVE ENEMY FROM POSNS ON RIDGE APPROX 585702 STILL IN CLOSE CONTACT LAST LIGHT WITH ENEMY APPROX 586704 . C COY 596701 . 29/46 BN TWO COYS MOVED TO NORTH HILL AREA CARRYING OUT TRG WITH TANKS PART 2 FOLLOWS

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SITREP 193 TO 012100L . 2/23 BN CONTINUED ADVANCE TOWARDS WAREO AGAINST STRONG OPPOSITION OCCUPIED KUANKO AND LAST LIGHT FWD TPS IN CLOSE CONTACT 553712 . 2/15 BN DROVE ENEMY FROM POSN 585702 STILL IN CLOSE CONTACT LAST LIGHT 586704 . 2/43 BN CONTINUED ADV WEST SUPPORTED BY TANKS AGAINST OPPOSITION . COY AT 599714 WITH PATROL MOPPING UP VICINITY 595715 AT LAST LIGHT

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SITREP 189 TO 010900L . Q UIET NIGHT PATROLS ACTIVE FROM FIRST LIGHT . ARTY HARRASSED ENEMY POSNS JUSIKA ARNDT POINT LAGOON WAREO AND KUANKO

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