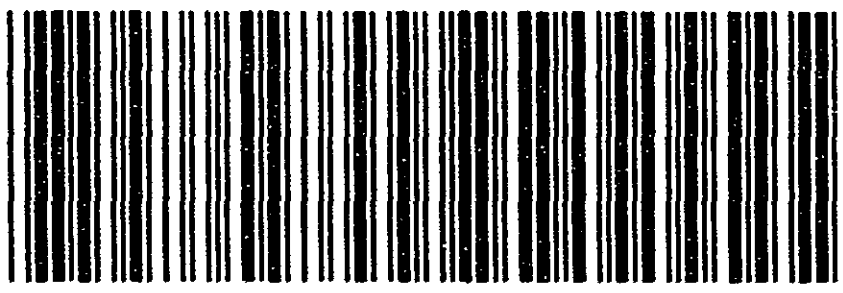
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Date and Time: From 1 ..... to 31 Jan .....

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices Diaries.
FINSCH	1 Jan		Movement - 8 Aust Inf Bde	Appx 2
	2		Capt J SUMMERTON GSO III 2 Aust Corps moved to HQ 9 Aust Div to discuss and prepare recommendations for the amended scale of MT for the Jungle Division Advice was received that American troops from ALAMO FORCE landed at SAIDOR at 0722L without opposition. The 4th Phase Line was captured 1935L hrs.	
	4		Change of Command	3
			2 Aust Corps O O No 4 was issued releasing 9 Aust Div of the responsibility of the area south of the R MASAWENG. This responsibillty was lodged with 4 Aust Inf Bde Gp. 24 Aust Inf Bde Gp which had previously been responsible for this area is to concentrate preparatory to embarkation to AUSTRALIA.	4
			HQ 2 Aust Corps G/431/Ops of 4 Jan addressed to 9 Aust Div advised of the proposed movement of 8 Aust Inf Bde Gp from the mainland to relieve one Bde Gp of 9 Aust Div. See Appx 2.	
	5		Change of Command	5
	6		Liaison Visit to HQ ALAMO FORCE,HQ USN DREGER, HQ 532 ESB	6
	8		Maps to be used as from 100001L	7
	8		Visit of Lt-Gen MORSHEAD and Maj-Gen BERRYMAN to Tac HQ 9 Aust Div	8
	8		Order of Battle	9
	13		Requests for Air Travel	10
			HQ 5 Aust Div was warned to prepare to relieve HQ 9 Aust Div . HQ 5 Aust Div will hand over responsibility for LAE area to HQ 29 Aust Inf Bde.	
			2 Aust Corps Op Instn No 5.	11

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Date and Time: From ..... to .....

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices Diaries.
FINSCH	15		Responsibility for the defence of LAE and NADZAB area passed to Comd HQ 29 Aust Inf Bde at 1200L hrs.	
	16		Movement of 26 Aust Inf Bde	Appx 12
			LOB Gp 2/2 Aust M G Bn consisting of 1 Offr 34 ORs moved from TAMI 18 to join their parent unit. This det has been guarding the RADAR Station at TAMI 18.	
	17		Warning Order was issued for the move to the forward area of 2/14 Aust Fd Regt to relieve 2/12 Aust Fd Regt, preparatory to the latter unit moving to AUSTRALIA with 9 Aust Div. 2/14 Aust Fd Regt is to take over guns and equipment of 2/12 Aust Fd Regt which will return to AUSTRALIA with the equipment of 2/14 Aust Fd Regt.	13
	18		Report centre HQ 5 Aust Div opened at main HQ 9 Aust Div at 1800L hrs.	
	19		2 Aust Corps Location Statement and Amendment	14
	20		The priority list of units to move within N G , and fromN G to AUSTRALIA has been received from N G FORCE.	
			HQ 5 Aust Div relieved 9 Aust Div of the command and responsibility for the forward area, at 1800L hrs.	
	21		152 Gen Tpt Coy less two pls, HQ 1 Sup Depot Coy and 14 Fd Regt with Sig Sec and LAD were warned for movement LAE to AUSTRALIA.	
	21		Order of Battle of 9 Aust Div for movement to AUSTRALIA was received from N G FORCE, calling for comments. This OOB conforms with the organisation of the Jungle Division, with the excpption of Lt AA Bty (AB). 2/3 Aust Lt AA Bty (AB) which forms part of 9 Aust Div is destined to move to LAE.	

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Date and Time: From ..... to .....

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices Diaries.
FINSCH	21		Arrangements have been made for 9 Aust Div to conduct three selected officers from HQ 2 Aust Corps over the battle area. In addition units of 9 Aust Div are to prepare notices at various points of observation in the area from which progress of the recent operations may be observed. Together with the notices the formations are to prepare marked maps with accompanying description of the operation.	
	22		2 Aust Corps Op Instn No 6	15
			Order of Battle - 2 Aust Corps	16
			The first flight 8 Aust Inf Bde Gp which included 30 Aust Inf Bn arrived FINSCHHAFEN. The movement forward of this unit to KELANOA was commenced the same night.	
			9 Aust Div was advised of the OOB of the Division to move to AUSTRALIA, giving suggested priorities and groupings. This list also serves as a warning order and called for comments together with relevant returns required.	
			HQ 9 Aust Div and 5 Aust Div were advised that release of units of 20 Aust Inf Bde for return to FINSCHHAFEN area was dependent on the retention of not less than one bde gp forward.	
	23		2 Aust Corps General Staff Instruction No 2	17
			Command of units returning from forward areas.	18
			N G FORCE was advised by signal of the proposed order of move of the Bde Gps and Div Tps Gp of 9 Aust Div to AUSTRALIA, giving details of the shipping required.	
			N G FORCE advised that, commencing on 25 Jan, units of 5 Aust Div at MORESBY will be flown to FINSCHHAFEN. Sigs 3 Aust Div and Cipher Sec, 3 Aust Div Postal Unit, 3 Aust Div Salvage Unit which were about to commence to move	

Unit: Adv HQ 2 Aust Corps (AIF)

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FINSCH	23		from LAE to FINSCHHAFEN were stopped, and N G FORCE was requested to allow these units to move direct from LAE to AUSTRALIA.	
			First flight 24 Aust Inf Bde Gp embarked for return to AUSTRALIA; units of 20 Aust Inf Bde in KELANOA area commenced backloading to FINSCHHAFEN area, in the small craft taking forward troops of 8 Aust Inf Bde Gp.	
	24		Main body HQ 5 Aust Div arrived in KELANOA area from LAE.	
			G/462/Ops showing change of comd of units of 9 Aust Div was issued. This change of comd would be effected to enable 9 Aust Div to prepare for movement.	Appx 19
			Subsequent to movement instructions from N G FORCE advising that A and C Coys PIB were to be backloaded on aircraft bringing 5 Aust Div units from MORESBY, Maj-Gen BERRYMAN requested Lt-Gen MORSHEAD to allow A Coy PIB to maintain its present operational role until these operations were complete.	
			N G FORCE has allotted two small craft to move rear HQ 2 Aust Corps and HQ units from BUNA to LAE.	
	25		Amendment to Appx 16	20
			Rear HQ 2 Aust Corps and HQ units were warned for movement to LAE from DOBODURA at an early date.	
			N G FORCE advised that both A and C Coys PIB are to remain in the forward area until released by this HQ.	
			E Coy Shore Bn 532 Regt ESB passed to operational control of ALAMO FORCE.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices Diaries.
FINSCH	26		HQ 9 Aust Div and Change of Command	Appx 21
			2 Aust Corps Training Instruction No 1.	22
			1 Aust Corps Reception Camp was warned for movement from DOBODURA to LAE. On arrival LAE, to relieve 5 Aust Div Reception Camp.	
	27.		N G FORCE has directed that wireless sets SCR 536 be retained by 9 Aust Div on return to the mainland.	
			HQ RAE 3 Aust Div and 16 Pl D Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt at present under command 5 Aust Div were warned for movement to AUSTRALIA. Movement not to take place until relieved by corresponding 5 Aust Div units.	
			10 Bty 2/4 Lt AA Regt less one tp was warned for movement, FINSCHHAFEN area to KELANOA to relieve 2/3 Lt AA Bty (AB) which was ultimately for return to LAE.	
	28.		Adv HQ 2 Aust Corps G/374/8D was forwarded to N G FORCE, giving proposed grouping and priorities for movement of 9 Aust Div.	23
			4 Fd Coy and 5 Div Sec Reception Camp were warned for move from LAE to FINSCH.	
			Rear HQ 2 Aust Corps closed DOBODURA 1459 hrs and reopened LAE 1500 hrs.	24
			20 Aust Inf Bde Gp commenced move from KELANOA to concentrate in MASAWENG R area.	
	29		2 Aust Corps O O No 7.	25
	31		Following advice from N G FORCE instructions were issued covering details of movement of vehicles of all units returning to AUSTRALIA. In general, the principle is to return only special technical vehicles.	

[signature] Lt Col
GS Int Corps

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FROM: adv 2 aust corps O 2097 31

SITREP	no	66	(.)	5	aust
div	to	311300L	(.)	8	bde
to	301900L	(.)	details	incomplete	owing
breakdown	comms	fwd	from	tac	bde
HQ	due	electrical	storms	(.)	tac
de	HQ	SINGOR	(.)	4	bn
continued	adv	and	at	301555L	hnd
reached	156457	and	moving	toward	MALASANGA
2	(.)	approx	30	dead	JAPS
seen	along	track	SINGOR	to	TIMBE
RIVER	(.)	30	bn	concentrated	SINGOR
(.)PIB	patrol	led	adv	killed	one
JAP	156456	3	JAPS	155457	(.)
PIB	patrol	led	by	native	sgt
0	ULAP	MISSION	(.)	killed	6
JAPS	on	route	1	JAP	at
mission	(.)	NO	detail	of	bombe
taken	.	by	rain	all	informed

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FROM: adv 2 aust corps 0 2092 31

ref	our	02088	(.)
amend	part	2	and
last	part	to	read
2	pl	8	c :
fd	coy	NOT	rear
HQ	8	aust	inf
bde	all	informed	

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FROM: Adv 2 Aust Corps 0.2089 31

SITREP	No	65	.	5	aust	div
to	302100L	.	owing	to	hy	rain
comms	fwd	of	rear	HQ	8	bde
out	.	NO	SITREP	to	hand	.
further	details	SITREP	~~196~~/	to	282100L	.
large	party	JAPS	vicinity	SIGAYA	river	253423
now	reported	to	be	6	all	killed
.	location	PIB	patrol	killed	4	JAPS
reported	same	SITREP	266421	.	all	informed

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FROM : Adv 2 Aust Corps 0.208E 31

SITREP	No	64	.	part	2
and	last	part	.	rear	HQ
E	aust	inf	bde	+	aust
fd	anb	one	sec	241	aust
sup	depot	pl	WASU	.	tac
R	301110L	reports	own	tps	sighted
166454	.	301200L	.	one	gun
B	tp	23	bty	in	action
168427	.	anticipate	remainder	tp	will
be	in	action	night	30th	.
29	coils	barbed	wire	manufactured	AMERICAN
STEEL	AND	WIRE	COY	found	266418
.	all	informed			

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FROM :: adv 2 aust corps 0.2088 30

SITREP	no	64 (.)	5	aust
div	to	301300L	.	8
BDE	dispositions	as	at	291900L
.	4	bn	advised	HQ
166428	A	coy	166427	B
coy	162432	C	coy	165428
D	coy	167427	.	PIB
patrol	proceeded	bn	along	coast
track	KIARI	to	161435	.
killed	3	JAPS	en	route
also	9	in	the	vicinity
161435	.	one	wounded	and
two	others	escaped	.	JAPS
killed	mainly	medical	pers	in
reasonable	condition	armed	with	one
rifle	(.)	all	informed	

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FROM: adv 2 aust corps 020824 30

SITREP	No	63	.	4	aust
Inf		bde	to	291900L	(.)
patrol		C	coy	PIB	entered
INDAGEN		271530L	found	NO	enemy
(.)		natives	say	JAPS	left
area		14	jan	for	ULAP
(.)		also	say	NO	enemy
in		KOMBA	(.)	5	aust
div		to	292100L	(.)	8
bde		(.)	4	bn	adv
to		166428	(.)	detailed	dispositions
NOT		yet	available	(.)	13
decomposed		JAPS	found	along	route
(.)		B	tp	23	bty
in		action	269415	(.)	PIB
patrol		to	ULAP	mission	unable
reach		objective	owing	thick	jungle
(.)		MG	WOODPECKER	type	fair
condition		approx	80	rds	75
mm		amn	found	276416	(.)
LMG		BRZN	type	good	condition
found		279417	(.)	serial	number
Tk A		gun	reported	our	SITREP
61		P13367/1	breech	number	L1011093
(.)		35	bn	(.)	412
all		ranks	incl	A	and
B		coys	complete	now	concentrated
SCHARNHORST		point	area	all	informed

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FROM: adv 2 aust corps O 2081 29

SITREP	No	62	(.)	5
aust	div	to	290900L	(.)
ITNOR	all	informed		

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2 AUST CORPS OO No 7.

Copy No 17..

29 Jan 44.

Ref Map: LAE and MARKHAM Sheets
4 miles = 1 in.

INFN

1. It is considered that the scale of attack that the enemy can bring against the HUON PENINSULA is limited to air attacks. There is also a remote possibility of attack by small sea or airborne raiding parties.

2. 2 Aust Corps is responsible for the control of operations in, and the defence of the HUON PENINSULA.

3. 5 Aust Div has taken over the operational tasks formerly allotted to 9 Aust Div by 2 Aust Corps OO No 3 dated 30 Dec 43 Para 5.

4. LAE Base Sub Area came under operational comd 2 Aust Corps on 21 Jan 44.

5. This order amplifies NGF Op Instn No 110 dated 21 Jan 44. 2 Aust Corps Op Instn No 6 of 22 Jan 44 is cancelled.

INTENTION

6. 2 Aust Corps will provide for the defence of the HUON PENINSULA including LAE.

METHOD

7. The responsibility for the land, coast and anti-aircraft defence of the LAE area from incl the line of the MONGI R LS3643 to incl ERAP R LR3453 is delegated to Comd LAE Base Sub Area.

8. For the defence of the LAE area 29 Aust Inf Bde is placed under operational comd LAE Base Sub Area, but remains under comd 2 Aust Corps for all other purposes.

9. 29 Aust Inf Bde will continue to provide working parties as directed in 2 Aust Corps Q5249 of 24 Jan.

10. The responsibility of FINSCHHAFEN Base Sub Area for the defence of its area remains as specified in 2 Aust Corps OO No 4 para 13 dated 4 Jan 44.

11. The responsibility of 4 Aust Inf Bde remains as specified in paras 10 and 12 of 2 Aust Corps OO No 4 dated 4 Jan 44.

Acknowledge

Signed 1215 hrs
Issued through Sigs.

H Wells
Brig,
GS 2 Aust Corps.

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SITREP	No	61	.	5	aust
div	to	282100L	.	8	bde
.	TAC	Bde	HQ	287417	.
4	Inf	Bn	.	disposns	HQ
273416	A	Coy	319424	B	Coy
273415	C	Coy	272416	D	Coy
275416	.	one	section	B	tp
23	bty	landed	WASU	anchorage	and
in	action	that	area	.	PIB
patrol	not	large	party	JAPS	vicinity
GATAIN	253423	NO	details	.	further
PIB	patrols	killed	5	JAPS	274416
and	4	others	locations	NOT	yet
known	.	BRITISH	2 pdr	tank	attack
guns	marked	GHH	1941	broken	on
abandoned	JAP	barge	307416	.	all
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FROM: adv 2 aust corps 0 2070 28

SITREP	No	60	(.)	5
aust	div	to	280900L	(.)
A	tp	23	bty	in
action	377452	(.)	otherwise	nothing
to	report	all	informed	

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Rear HQ 2 Aust Corps opens at LAE 1500 hrs 28 Jan.

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Subject: MOVEMENT OF UNITS

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1. Reference NG Force G/6371/SD of 18 Jan 44, to this HQ only, the Order of Battle as shown is considered satisfactory.

2. Set out in Appendix "A" attached are the proposed groupings and priorities for move of 9 Aust Div less 24 Aust Inf Bde Gp. Unless advised to the contrary, the movement will proceed as shown.

3. Submitted as Appendix "B", are recommended amendments to NG Force G/6331/SB of 15 Jan 44.

H Wells Maj for Lt.
(F H BERRYMAN) Maj-Gen,
Comd 2 Aust Corps.

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APPENDIX "A" to HQ 2 AUST CORPS G/374/SD of 23 Jan 44.

GROUPINGS AND PRIORITY FOR MOVEMENT

9 AUST DIV less 24 AUST INF BDE GP

FINSCHHAFEN - AUSTRALIA

Serial	Priority	Unit	Remarks
		26 AUST INF BDE GP	
1	1	HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde	
2		26 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec	
3		4 Pl A Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt	
4		2/78 Aust LAD	
5		2/23 Aust Inf Bn	
6		2/24 Aust Inf Bn	
7		2/48 Aust Inf Bn	
8		2/3 Aust Fd Coy	
9		C Pl 2/156 Aust Gen Tpt Coy & RDI	
10		2/26 Aust Sup Depot Pl	
11		2/28 Aust Sup Depot Pl	
12		2/8 Aust Fd Amb	
13		2/123 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk less det	Det moving direct LAE - AUST
14		2/123 Aust Bde Wkshop . less det	Det moving direct LAE - AUST
15		Det 9 Aust Div Fd Cash Office	
16		Det 9 Aust Div Postal Unit	
17		Sec 9 Aust Div Pro Coy	
		DIV TPS GP	
18	2	2/2 Aust MG Bn	
19	3	2/77 Aust LAD	
20	4	2/3 Aust Pnr Bn	
21	5	9 Aust Div Carr Coy	
22	6	HQ 9 Aust Div (less det)	Det to move after 20 Aust Inf Bde Gp
23	7	A Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt less 1,2 & 4 pls	
24	8	9 Aust Div Postal Unit less Bde dets	
25	9	9 Aust Div Fd Cash Office less Bde dets	
26	10	2/67 Aust LAD	
27	11	B Aust FS Sec	
28	12	Det ATIS No 15	
29	13	HQ RAA 9 Aust Div	
30	14	HQ RAE 9 Aust Div	
31	15	3 Aust Engr Sig Sec	
32	16	2/24 Aust Fd Pk Coy	
33	17	2/72 Aust LAD	
34	18	2/29 Aust Camflg Unit	
35	19	Sigs 9 Aust Div (less det)	
36	20	2/43 Aust Cipher Sec	
37	21	2/4 Aust Cav (Commando) Sqn	

Serial	Priority	Unit	Remarks
		DIV TPS GP (Cont)	
38	22	2/1 Aust Beach Sig Sec	
39	23	2/12 Aust Fd Regt (Jungle Div)	
40	24	2/12 Aust Fd Regt Sig Sec	
41	25	2/61 Aust LAD	
42	26	HQ Comd AASC 9 Aust Div	
43	27	HQ 2/6 Aust Sup Depot Coy	
44	28	HQ 2/156 Aust Gen Tpt Coy & Wkshop Pl	
45	29	9 Aust Div Pro Coy less three secs	
46	30	9 Aust Div Salvage Unit	
		20 AUST INF BDE GP	
47	31	HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde	
48		20 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec	
49		1 Pl 2/1 Aust Gd Regt	
50		2/5 Aust LAD	
51		2/13 Aust Inf Bn	
52		2/15 Aust Inf Bn	
53		2/17 Aust Inf Bn	
54		2/13 Aust Fd Coy	
55		4 Pl 2/156 Aust Gen Tpt Coy & RDI	
56		2/27 Aust Sup Depot Pl	
57		2/30 Aust Sup Depot Pl	
58		2/3 Aust Fd Amb	
59		2/122 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk	
60		2/122 Aust Bde Wkshop less det	Det to move direct LAE - AUST
61		det 9 Aust Div Fd Cash Office	
62		det 9 Aust Div Postal Unit	
63		Sec 9 Aust Div Pro Coy	
64	32	9 Aust Div Sec Reception Camp	
65	33	det HQ 9 Aust Div	
66	34	det Sigs 9 Aust Div	
67	35	2/2 Aust CCS	moving vide NGF SD8272 of 21 Jan
68	36	1 Aust Ord Beach Det	Manning 44 FOD to be relieved
69	37	2/3 Aust AMCU	No move until relieved by 19 AAMCU

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APPENDIX "B" to HQ 2
AUST CORPS G/6374/SD
of 28 Jan 44.

RECOMMENDED AMENDMENTS TO NG FORCE G/6331/SD
OF 15 JAN 44

1. APPX "C" PART II BUNA - FINSCHHAFEN

Priority	Unit	Remarks
4a	55 Fd Pk Coy & 284 Aust LAD	Insert. To relieve 2/2 Aust Fd Pk Coy and 2/72 Aust LAD vide Appx E annexure 1 NG Force G/6219/SD of 6 Jan

2. APPX "D" PART IV LAE - AUSTRALIA

Priority	Unit	Remarks
7	Det 2/122 Bde Wkshop	Insert 8 pers 9 vchs
12	Det 2/[illegible]8 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk	Delete. Rejoined unit at FINSCHHAFEN
12a	Det 2/123 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk	Insert. Unit in 9 Div LOB Gp at LAE. 6 pers 8 vchs
12b	Det 2/123 Aust Bde Wkshop	Insert. Unit in 9 Div LOB at LAE. 16 pers 11 vchs

Appx 1

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FROM :: adv 2 aust corps 0.2068 28

SITREP	no	59	(.)	5
aust	div	to	272100L	(.)
8	BDE	(.)	4	3H
—vance	continued	to	ASIWA	RIVER
(.)	NO	contacts	(.)	disposition
C	coy	311421	A	coy
321424	HQ	322425	B	coy
323425	D	coy	343446	(.)
A	coy	PIB	located	KIARI
274416	where	three	JAPS	good
physical	condition	were	killed	(.)
with	arrival	27	jan	B
—y	at	KELANOA	30	bn
now	complete	(.)	all	informed

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TOO: 2808002

Wilcoff Lieut

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FROM: adv 2 aust corps 02057 27

SITREP	No	58	(.)	5
aust	div	to	270900L	(.)
NO	change	all	informed	

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.....for Maj

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FROM :: adv 2 aust corps 0.2056 26

SITREP	no	57	(.)	5
aust	div	to	262100L	(.)
locations	8	bde	area	(.)
4	bn	HQ	361449	B
coy	less	one	pl	361446
one	pl	B	coy	366463
A	coy	359448	C	coy
359449	D	coy	342440	A
coy	PIB	358448	(.)	PIB
local	patrols	1000	yds	EAST
of	KWAJA	R	took	PW
in	weak	condition	356445	(.)
PIB	patrol	from	359448	to
MONGO	R	307403	NMS	(.)
total	enemy	casualties	fwd	of
SIO	since	incl	21	jan
found	dead	42	killed	34
PW	one	(.)	all	informed

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Subject: 2 AUST CORPS TRAINING INSTRUCTION No 1.

A/122

Adv HQ 2 Aust Corps (AIF)
1c Jan 44.
G/370/SD.

1. 2 Aust Corps Mosquito Control Course No.1 will be conducted by 2 Aust Corps Mobile Hygiene Cadre in 4 Aust Inf Bde area from 29 - 31 Jan 44 incl.

2. OBJECT

To train selected unit personnel in measures for the control of mosquitoes in accordance with instructions contained in GRO A 404/43.

3. ALLOTMENT OF VACANCIES

23 vacancies allotted 4 Aust Inf Bde.

4. ACCOMMODATION & MESSING

As arranged by 4 Aust Inf Bde.

5. EQUIPMENT & DRESS

Students will report to S/Sgt McNAUGHT at the school at 0900 hrs each day in marching order and with notebooks and pencils.

6. HOURS OF INSTRUCTION

0900 hrs - 1630 hrs daily.

7. NOMINAL ROLLS

Nominal rolls will be forwarded to reach Adv HQ 2 Aust Corps by 1200 hrs 28 Jan 44 showing:-

Army No
Rank
Name
Unit

(H WELLS) Brig,
GS 2 Aust Corps.

Distribution

4 Aust Inf Bde
DDMS (3)
File
War Diary (2)

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FROM: adv 2 aust corps 0 2053 26

SITREP	No	56	(.)	5
aust	div	to	260900L	(.)
heavy	storm	during	the	night
8	bde	area	(.)	otherwise
SITNOR	all	informed		

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TOO: 261425L

R J Walk

..... Maj

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TO : 5 Aust Div 9 Aust Div 4 Aust Inf Bde NGF Rptd Rear HQ 2 Aust Corps

FROM : Adv 2 Aust Corps 0.2049 26

SECRET	.	HQ	9	aust	div
opened	at	608780	251600L	.	change
of	comd	vide	2	aust	corps
G/462/Ops	of	22	jan	44	will
be	implemented	forthwith	except	that	2/2
and	2/3	aust	CCS	will	remain
under	comd	2	aust	corps	.
date	of	change	of	comd	of
1	aust	ord	beach	det	will
be	notified	later	ack		

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TOO : 260950A

R J Watt Maj

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FROM: Adv 2 aust corps 0.2047 25

SITREP	no	55	(.)	5
aust	div	to	252100L	(.)
[redacted]	bde	area	.	4
bn	adv	commenced	250830L	along
coastal	track	(.)	one	jap
killed	at	each	of	386445
and	372458	(.)	PIB	patrol
killed	2	japs	315423	(.)
locations	at	251900L	bn	HQ
361448	A	coy	362446	B
coy	360445	C	coy	363445
[redacted]	coy	less	one	pl
359447	one	pl	D	coy
358448	A	coy	PIB	315423
(.)	5	div	HQ	opened
603327	at	251600L	all	informed

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TOO: 252325A

Geo G Lawson Capt

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TO: rear 2 aust corps: 5aust div: 9 aust div: 4 aust inf bde : 24 aust inf bde : 29 aust inf bde: NGF: FERSCHHAFEN base sub area: B aust corps sigs: 2 aust corps fd cash office: GOC: BGS: G1 (Ops): G(Ops) CCRA: CE: CSO: DA&QMG: A: Q: CL[illegible]: ADDS: DAMS: DDST: DDMS: DDOS: DDME APM: DADAPS: Camp: File: War Diary

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FROM: adv 2 aust corps O 2046 25

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ref	adv	2	aust	corps
/454/Ops	(.)	add	serial	93
45053	5	tp	2/1	aust
fd	sqn	all	informed	

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TOO: 2519/40L

Summerton Capt.

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(5) 9 Aust Div (6) USN DREGER (7) FATF (8) ADV ALAMO FORCE
(9) FINSCH BASE SUB AREA (10) Base F USASOS (11) 4 Aust Int Bde
(12) 24 Aust Inf Bde (13) 25 Aust Inf Bde (14) 29 Aust Inf Bde

FROM : Adv 2 Aust Corps 0.2041 25

SITREP	No	54 .	5	aust	div
to	250900L	.	sitnor	all	informed

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TOO: 25/0145L

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Adv HQ 2 Aust Corps
14 Jan 44.
G/462/Ops..

Subject: Change of Command of Units of 9 Aust Div.
Ref Adv 2 Aust Corps G/361/SD of 22 Jan 44
MCT to all addressees.

5 Aust Div	Copy No	1 - 2
9 Aust Div	" "	3 - 4
4 Aust Inf Bde	" "	5

For Information HQ Force Copy No 6 - 7
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1. On arrival of HQ 9 Aust Div in the REDHERRING area the Order of Battle of 9 Aust Div will be as shown in Appx "A" attached. This will be effected by changes in command as set out in the following appendices:-

Appx "B" - Units which will revert to command 9 Aust Div.

Appx "C" - Units at present under command 9 Aust Div which are not moving to SPAVIN and will pass from command 9 Aust Div.

Appx "D" - 9 Aust Div units which are to move to SPAVIN but are temporarily under command 5 Aust Div pending arrival of relieving units.

2. Those units shown in Appx "D" will revert to command 9 Aust Div on the arrival of the relieving units in the forward area.

3. 26 Aust Inf Bde Gp, which is at present under command 2 Aust Corps for local administration, will revert to command 9 Aust Div for all purposes.

4. The date and time at which command passes, vide paras 1 and 3 will be notified by signal.

5. Acknowledge.

H. Wells Brig,
GS 2 Aust Corps.

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Appx "A" to 2 Aust Corps
G/462/Ops of 24 Jan 44.

Order of Battle 9 Aust Div (excl 24 Aust Inf Bde Gp)

Serial	Unit	Remarks
1	HQ 9 Aust Div	
2	HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde	
3	HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde	
4	A Coy less 2 Pl 2/1 Aust Gd Regt	
5	B Sec Aust FSW	
6	ATIS det No 15	
7	2/4 Aust Cav (Commando) Sqn	
8	HQ RAA 9 Aust Div	
9	2/12 Aust Fd Regt	
10	HQ RAE 9 Aust Div	
11	2/3 Aust Fd Coy	
12	2/13 Aust Fd Coy	
13	2/24 Aust Fd Pk Coy	
14	2/29 Aust Camflg Unit	
15	Sigs 9 Aust Div	
16	2/43 Aust Cipher Sec	
17	2/12 Aust Fd Regt Sig Sec	
18	3 Aust Engr Sig Sec	
19	20 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec	
20	26 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec	
21	2/1 Aust Beach Sig Sec	
22	2/13 Aust Inf Bn	
23	2/15 Aust Inf Bn	
24	2/17 Aust Inf Bn	
25	2/23 Aust Inf Bn	
26	2/24 Aust Inf Bn	
27	2/48 Aust Inf Bn	
28	2/2 Aust MG Bn	
29	9 Aust Div Carr Coy	
30	2/3 Aust Pnr Bn	
31	HQ Cond AASC 9 Aust Div	
32	HQ 2/6 Aust Sup Depot Coy	
33	2/26 Aust Sup Depot Pl	
34	2/27 Aust Sup Depot Pl	
35	2/28 Aust Sup Depot Pl	
36	2/30 Aust Sup Depot Pl	
37	HQ 2/156 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	
38	A & C Gen Tpt Pls and two RDI's	
39	Wkshop Pl	
40	2/3 Aust Fd Amb	
41	2/8 Aust Fd Amb	
42	2/2 Aust CCS	
43	2/3 Aust CCS	
44	2/3 AAMCU	
45	2/122 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk	
46	2/123 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk	
47	1 Aust Ord Beach det	
48	2/56 Aust LAD	att HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde
49	2/61 Aust LAD	att 2/12 Aust Fd Regt
50	2/67 Aust LAD	att HQ 9 Aust Div
51	2/72 Aust LAD	att 2/24 Aust Fd Pk Coy
52	2/77 Aust LAD	att 2/2 Aust MG Bn
53	2/78 Aust LAD	att HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde
54	2/122 Aust Bde Wkshops	
55	2/123 Aust Bde Wkshops	
56	9 Aust Div Pro Coy less one sec	
57	9 Aust Div Fd Cash Office less det	
58	9 Aust Div Postal Unit less det	
59	9 Aust Div Salv Unit	
60	9 Aust Div Sec Reception Camp	

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Appx "B" to 2 Aust Corps
G/462/Ops of 24 Jan 44..

Units which will revert to command 9 Aust Div.

Serial	Unit	From Command Of	Remarks
1	2/4 Aust Cav (Commando) Sqn	4 Aust Inf Bde	
2	2/2 Aust MG Bn	4 Aust Inf Bde	
3	2/1 Aust Beach Sig Soc	2 Aust Corps	
4	2/3 Aust Fd Amb	2 Aust Corps	
5	2/2 Aust CCS	2 Aust Corps	
6	1 Aust Ord Beach det	2 Aust Corps Date to be notified later	At present under command FINSCH Base Sub-Area
7	2/122 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk (less det)	2 Aust Corps	Det temporarily under command 5 Aust Div
8	det 2/123 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk	2 Aust Corps	
9	2/77 Aust LAD	4 Aust Inf Bde	Att 2/2 Aust MG Bn
10	2/122 Aust Bde Wkshop (less det)	2 Aust Corps	Det temporarily under command 5 Aust Div
11	2/123 Aust Bde Wkshop (less det)	2 Aust Corps	Det under command 9 Aust Div
12	one sec 9 Aust Div Pro Coy	2 Aust Corps	
13	2/3 Aust CCS	2 Aust Corps	

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Appx "C" to 2 Aust Corps
G/462/Ops of 24 Jan 44..

Units which will pass from command 9 Aust Div

Serial	Unit	Will pass to command of:	Remarks
1	2/3 Aust Lt AA Bty (Airborne)	2 Aust Corps on arrival in FINSCHHAFEN area	For onward move to LAE. To be relieved in forward area by 10 Aust Lt AA Bty
2	No 9 det 1 Aust mob Met Flt.	5 Aust Div	Not being relieved at present.

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Appx "D" to 2 Aust Corps
G/462/Ops of 24 Jan 44.

9 Aust Div Units temporarily under command 5 Aust Div

Serial.	Unit	Will pass to command 9 Aust Div on relief in forward area by	Remarks
1	dot 8 Sec Aust FSW	det 32 Sec Aust FSW	from LAE - JAN
2	HQ RAA 9 Aust Div	HQ RAA 5 Aust Div	from LAE JAN
3	2/12 Aust Fd Regt	2/14 Aust Fd Regt	from FINSCHHAFEN
4	HQ RAE 9 Aust Div	HQ RAE 3 Aust Div	from LAE - JAN
5	2/13 Aust Fd Coy	--	Reverts to command 9 Aust Div on release by 5 Aust Div
6	2/29 Aust Comflg Unit	25 Aust Comflg Unit	from MORESBY - JAN
7	Sigs 9 Aust Div less det	Sigs 5 Aust Div	from MORESBY - JAN
8	2/12 Aust Fd Regt Sig Sec	2/14 Aust Fd Regt Sig Sec	from FINSCHHAFEN
9	3 Aust Engr Sig Soc less dets	--	Reverts to command 9 Aust Div on release by 5 Aust Div
10	2/43 Aust Cipher Sec	40 Aust Cipher Sec	from MORESBY - JAN
11	HQ Cond AASC 9 Aust Div	HQ Cond AASC 5 Aust Div	from LAE - JAN
12	& Pl 2/156 Aust Gen Tpt Coy		Reverts to command 9 Aust Div on release by 5 Aust Div
13	One RDI		
14	Wkshop Pl		
15	One Sup Depot Pl		
16	2/3 AAMCU	19 AAMCU	from AUST - FEB
17	det 2/122 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk	133 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk	from FINSCHHAFEN
18	2/61 Aust LAD	2/83 Aust LAD	Fd Regt LAD's. From FINSCHHAFEN.
19	2/67 Aust LAD	231 Aust LAD	Div HQ LAD's. from LAE - JAN
20	det 2/122 Aust Bde Wkshop	133 Aust Bde Wkshop	from FINSCHHAFEN
21	one sec 9 Aust Div Pro Coy	Sec 5 Aust Div Pro Coy	from MORESBY - JAN
22	det 9 Aust Div Fd Cash Office	5 Aust Div Fd Cash Office	from LAE - JAN
23	det 9 Aust Div Postal Unit	5 Aust Div Postal Unit	from MORESBY - JAN
24	9 Aust Div Salv Unit	5 Aust Div Salv Unit	from MORESBY - JAN
25	det ATIS No. 15	det ATIS No. 12	from LAE - JAN

TO: (1) [illegible] (2) [illegible] (3) 7 aust div (4) 7 aust
9 aust div (6) USN DRUGER (7) FATF (8) ADV ALAMO FORCE
FINSCH BASE SUB AREA (10) base F USAMOS (11) 4 aust inf bde
(12) 24 aust inf bde (13) 22 aust inf bde

FROM: adv 2 aust corps 0,2040 24

SITREP	no	53	(.)	5	aust
div	to	242100L	(.)	8	bde
(.)	4	bn	concentrated	complete	SIO
MISSION	area	(.)	C	coy	30
bn	location	472426	(.)	4	bn
patrol	killed	2	japs	382443	(.)
PIB	patrol	SIO	MISSION	along	track
to	KYAMA	R	thence	to	342443 (.)
recrossed	KYAMA	360444	thence	north	along
east	bank	river	to	coast	thence
	along	coast	to	starting	pt
reports	NIL	(.)	approx	600	natives
returned	to	village	444460	(.)	all
informed					

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(5) 9 Aust Div (6) USN DREGER (7) FATF (8) ADV ALAMO FORCE
(9) FINSCH BASE SUB AREA (10) Base F USASOS (11) 4 Aust Inf Bde
(12) 24 Aust Inf Bde (13) 26 Aust Inf Bde (14) 29 Aust Inf Bde

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FROM : Adv 2 Aust Corps 0.2034 24

SITREP	No	52	.	5	aust
div	to	240900L	.	no	change
.	all	informed			

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TOO: 240050L

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TO :: (1) HQF rptd (2) rear 2 aust corps (3) 5 aust div (4) 7 aust div (5) USN DREGER (6) FATF (7) ADV ALLIED FORCE (8) FINSCH base sub area (9) base F USASOS (10) 4 aust inf bde (11) 24 aust inf bde (12) 26 aust inf bde (13) 29 aust inf bde

FROM :: adv 2 aust corps 0.2033 24

sitrep	no	51	(.)	5	aust
div	to	232100L	(.)	8	aust
inf	bde	(.)	4	bn	patrol
south	from	3I0	MISSION	to	415406
MIS	(.)	A	coy	PIB	located
416441	(.)	patrol	3I0	MISSION	to
LEMBANGAN	018173	ambushed	and	killed	20
japs	in	village	without	loss	(.)
patrol	moving	south	from	400445	fired
on	by	sniper	from	389406	subsequent
search	unsuccessful		(.)	patrol	along
east	bank	KWAIA	R	contacted	4
japs	363439	killed	3	one	escaping
(.)	patrol	to	south	KWAIA	R
unable	cross	moved	south	along	east
bank	crossing	river	with	difficulty	at
362443	thence	moved	on	track	west
side	to	plantation	at	356436	thence
to	huts	at	363447	no	signs
recent	occupation	(.)	minefield	located	457451
(.)	A	tp	23	fd	bty
in	action	422450	(.)	approximately	200
natives	mainly	children	returned	from	hills
to	3I0	LAGOON	are a	(.)	30
bn	less	one	coy	concentrated	227199
all	informed				

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W. Gunthorpe Capt.

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TO: adv 9 aust div 26 aust inf bde

FROM: adv 2 aust corps 0 2031 23

until	such	time	as	HQ
9	aust	div	opens	in
the	FINSCHHAFEN	area	all	9
aust	div	units	returning	from
the	fwd	area	will	come
under	cond	26	aust	inf
bde	for	local	adm	

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TOO: 2317/5L

R. J. Wall

..... Maj.

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Q	File
DDST	Copy to G II Ops 9 Aust Div

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TO: (1) HGF rptd (2)-rear 2 aust corps (3) 5 aust div (4) 7 aust div (5) 9 aust div (6) USN DREGER (7) FATF (8) ADV ALAMO FORCE (9) FINSCH BASE SUB AREA (10) Base F USASOS (11) 4 aust inf bde (12) 24 aust inf bde (13) 29 aust inf bde

FROM: adv 2 aust corps 0 2028 23

SITREP	no	50	(.)	5
aust	div	to	230900L	(.)
PIB	patrol	contacted	5	JAPS
vicinity	378446	approx	221530	(.)
killed	4	ORs	1	offr
escaped	all	informed		

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OUT

TO :: (1) NGF rptd (2) rear 2 aust corps (3) 5 aust div (4) 7 aust div (5) USN DREGER (6) FATF (7) adv ALAMO FORCE (8) FINSCH base sub area (9) base F USASOS (10) 4 aust inf bde (11) 24 aust inf bde (12) 26 aust inf bde (13) 29 aust inf bde

FROM :: adv 2 aust corps 0,2027 23

sitrep	no	49	(.)	4	aust
inf	bde	to	211900L	(.)	no
change	(.)	5	aust	div	to
222200L	(.)	8	aust	inf	bde
area	(.)	4	bn	loss	D
[illegible]	concentrated		vicinity	SIO	MISSION
(.)	bn	HQ	418437	(.)	D
coy	472426	(.)	patrols	to	SIO
WEST	and	along	track	to	417420
MTS	(.)	PIB	native	reported	at
222350L	7	japs	vicinity	438405	(.)
NO	confirmation		from	investigating	patrol
(.)	29	aust	inf	bde	to
222000L	(.)	HQ	15	aust	inf
	now	located	699506	MUNIM	1
to	25000	(.)	D	coy	698508
(.)	47	bn	square	6743	bn
HQ	676431	(.)	rear	5	aust
div	HQ	closes	LAE	230800L	all
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2 AUST CORPS GENERAL STAFF INSTRUCTION NO 2

Subject: VISITING OFFICERS.

Adv HQ 2 Aust Corps
28 Jan 44.
G/364/SD.

1. Inconvenience and confusion is being caused at this Headquarters by the arrival without adequate notice of large numbers of visiting officers.

2. The following procedure will be adopted forthwith:-

(a) Officers visiting HQ 2 Aust Corps on duty will be accommodated in appropriate messes in accordance with the posting of the visiting officer in his own unit or formation.

(b) G(SD) will arrange reception of such officers and notify Q and Camp of accommodation and transport requirements.

(c) Officers staging through 2 Aust Corps area en route to other formations will normally be accommodated at 9 Aust Div Reception Camp which will arrange their onward movement.

(d) Heads of Branches will recommend to G(SD) when it is desired that officers covered by sub para (c) be accommodated at HQ 2 Aust Corps instead of at 9 Aust Div Reception Camp.

(e) Transport demands for onward movement of officers mentioned in (a) and (d) will be co-ordinated by Q Branch. Unless special reasons exist such movement will be by watercraft.

[signature] Brig,
GS 2 Aust Corps.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

Subject: ORDER OF BATTLE - 2 AUST CORPS

Adv HQ 2 Aust Corps (AIF)
21 Jan 44.
G/454/Ops.

1. 2 Aust Corps Order of Battle as at 212359L is attached.

2. 2 Aust Corps G/439/Ops of 8 Jan 44 will be destroyed by fire.

3. The Certificate of Acknowledgment and Destruction (see below) will be completed and returned to this HQ.

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Lt Brig,
GS 2 Aust Corps.

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NG Force	11-12	Safe Hand
FINSCHHAFEN Base Sub-Area	13	Sigs
B Aust Corps Sigs	14	Hand
2 Aust Corps Fd Cash Office	15	"
GOC	16	"
BGS	17	"
G1 (Ops)	18	"
G (Ops)	19-21	"
CCRA	22	"
CE	23	"
CSO	24	"
DA&QMG	25	"
A	26	"
Q	27	"
CLO	28	"
ADDS	29	Safe Hand
DAMS	30	" "
DDST	31	" "
DDMS	32	Hand
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2 AUST CORPS:

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ORDER OF BATTLE

2 AUST CORPS

As at 2359 hrs 21 Jan 44

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Serial No	Arm or Service	War Office Postal No	Units	Remarks
	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
1	HQ UNITS	45732	HQ 2 Aust Corps	
2		[illegible]165	HQ Pl 2 Corps 2/1 Aust Gd Regt	WIQ Tps
3		45742	2 Aust Corps Sec Int Corps	WIQ Tps
4		47130	ATIS Det No 1.	WIQ Tps(local adm only)
5		47014	2 Aust AAPTU	WIQ Tps(local adm only)
6				
7				
8	ARMD	45862	B Sqn 1 Aust Tk Bn	Under comd 11 Aust Div for local adm
9		45862	Rear Dets HQ 1 Aust Tk Bn	Under Comd 11 Aust Div for local adm
10				
11	ARTY	[illegible]	HQ RAA 2 Aust Corps	
12		45130	1 Aust Sub Pnt Plt (less two secs)	WIQ Tps. One sec under comd each 9 Aust Div and LAE Base Sub Area
13				
14				
15				
16	ENGRS			
17				
18				
19	SIGS	45747	HQ B Aust Corps Sigs	
20		45761	22 Aust Cipher Sec	
21		45749	2 Aust Tech Maintenance Sec	
22		45750	HQ 1 Coy B Aust Corps Sigs	
23		45753	2 Aust Line Maintenance Sec	
24		61329	4 Aust Line Sec	
25		61331	5 Aust Line Sec	
26		45754	HQ 2 Coy B Aust Corps Sigs	
27		61338	4 Aust Op Sec	Att 18 L of C Sigs
28		61339	5 Aust Op Sec	
29		45755	6 Aust Op Sec	
30		61343	5 Aust Lt Wireless Sec	
31		47752	30 Aust Lt Wireless Sec	
32		61342	4 Aust Hy Wireless Sec	Att 18 L of C Sigs
33		45756	4 Aust DR Sec	
34		45231	10 Aust DR Sec	
35		45260	33 Aust Wireless Task Sec	
36		45270	34 Aust Wireless Task Sec	
37		45752	HQ 3 Coy B Aust Corps Sigs	
38		45277	2/1 Aust Beach Sig Sec	
39			Det ATIS Sigs	
40				
41	S & T			
42				
43				

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
44	MEDICAL	45724	10 Aust Fd Amb	
45		55412	2/3 Aust Fd Amb	
46		55521	2/3 Aust CCS	
47		55520	2/2 Aust CCS	
48		49351	NG SAT Coy	
49			15 Aust AHCU	
50			Det 2/11 Aust AHCU	
51			A Coy 2/15 Aust Fd Amb	
52				
53				
54	DENTAL	45842	D & E Secs 2/5 Aust Dental Unit	
55			77 Aust Dental Unit, less A,B,C, & F Secs	
56				
57				
58	ORD	48295	2/122 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk(less det)	Det under cond 9 Aust Div
59		48296	2/123 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk	
60				
61				
62	ARMD	45762	244 Aust LAD	Att 3 Aust Corps Sigs
63		48293	2/122 Aust Bde Wkshops(less det)	Det under cond 9 Aust Div
64		48294	2/123 Aust Bde Wkshops	
65				
66	PRO	29745	One Sec 9 Aust Div Pro Coy	Under cond 4 Aust Inf Bde for local adm
67				
68	POST	45783	2 Aust Corps Postal Unit (less dets)	Dets FINSCHHAFEN Base Sub Area & 5 Aust Div
69				
70	PAY	45781	2 Aust Corps Fd Cash Office	
71				
72	MISC	61243	1 Aust Corps Reception Camp	
73				
74				
75				
			4 AUST INF BDE GP	
76		46000	HQ 4 Aust Inf Bde	
77		49110	4 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec	
78		46001	264 Aust LAD	Att HQ 4 Aust Inf Bde
79		46002	22 Aust Inf Bn	
80		46003	29/46 Aust Inf Bn	
81		46004	37/52 Aust Inf Bn	
[illegible]		[illegible]	1 Aust [illegible] (less [illegible] Sqns	

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
83		48379	1 Aust Tk Bn Sig Tp	
84		47907	Det 4 Aust Armd Bde Coy AASC	
85		45055	106 Aust Lt Fd Amb	
86		45963	1 Aust Tk Bn Ord Fd Pk	
87		45963	209 Aust LAD	Att 1 Aust Tk Bn
88		48638	1 Aust Tk Bn Wkshops	
89		45523	2/4 Aust Cav (Commando) Sqn	
90		48650	C Coy PIB	
91		61176	2/2 Aust MG Bn	
92		61177	2/77 Aust LAD	Att 2/2 Aust MG Bn
93				
94				
95				
			TPS U/C 4 AUST INF BDE	
96		61527	2/14 Aust Fd Regt	
97		40483	2 Aust Mtn Bty (less one Sec)	Sec at MORESBY
98		61038	11 Bty 2/3 Aust Tk A Regt (less One Tp)	One Tp under cond FINSCHHAFEN Base Sub Area
99		61359	HQ 2/4 Aust Lt AA Regt	
100		61359	10 Aust Lt AA Bty (less A Tp)	A Tp under cond 9 Aust Div
101		61359	B Tp 12 Aust Lt AA Bty	Remainder 12 Bty under cond FINSCHHAFEN Base Sub Area
102		49086	2/14 Aust Fd Regt Sig Sec	
103		49130	2/4 Aust Lt AA Regt Sig Sec (less det)	Det Under comd 7 Aust Div
104		61528	2/23 Aust LAD	Att 2/14 Aust Fd Regt
105		61360	2/4 Aust Lt AA Regt Wkshops (less one sec)	One Sec under cond 7 Aust Div
106			HQ 4 Aust Sup Depot Coy	
107			1 Aust Sup Depot Pl	
108			2 Aust Sup Depot Pl	
109			130 Aust Bde Wkshops	
110			130 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk	
111				
112				
113				
114				
115				
			24 AUST INF BDE GP	
116		61188	HQ 24 Aust Inf Bde	
117		49123	24 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec	
118		61005	2 Pl A Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt	
119		61192	2/76 Aust LAD	Att HQ 24 Aust Inf Bde
120		29865	2/32 Aust Inf Bn	
121		61190	2/43 Aust Inf Bn	
122		61127	2/7 Aust Fd Coy	
123		48858	2/31 Aust Sup Depot Pl	
124		55413	2/11 Aust Fd Amb	
125		61210	Det 9 Aust Div Fd Cash Office	
126		29746	Det 9 Aust Div Postal Unit	
127			One Sec 9 Aust Div Pro Coy	
128				
129				
			AIR SUPPORT	
130			4 Tac R Sqn	
131				

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
			2 AUST CORPS TPS UNDER COMD FINSCHHAFEN BASE SUB AREA	
132		47782	H Aust Hy Bty	
133		61038	Ond Tp 11 Bty 2/3 Aust Tk A Regt	
134		48405	2/I Aust Com AA Regt	
135		48406	2/1 Aust Comp AA Regt Sig Sec	
136		48407	2/1 Aust Comp AA Regt Wkshops	
137		61359	12 Bty 2/4 Aust Lt AA Regt (less B Tp)	B Tp under comd 4 Aust Inf Bde
138		48634	84 Aust Mob SL Bty (less C Med Tp)	C Med Tp ORO BAY
139		48638	84 Aust Mob SL Bty Wkshops	
140				
141				

5 AUST DIV

Serial No	Arm or Service	War Office Serial No	Unit	Remarks
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
1 2 3 4 5	HQ UNITS	46079 45180	HQ 5 Aust Div Det 32 Sec Aust FSW Atis Det	
6 7	ARMD	45862	A Sqn 1 Aust Tk Bn	
8 9 10 11 12 13	ARTY	46083 61359 46090	Det HQ RAA 5 Aust Div A Tp 10 Bty 2/4 Aust Lt AA Regt 5 Aust Svy Bty	
14 15 16 17	ENGRS	61509	8 Aust Fd Coy 1 Op Pl 21 Aust Mech Eqpt Coy	
18 19 20 21 22 23	SIGS		8 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec	
24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33	INF	48650	HQ 8 Aust Inf Bde 27 Pl C Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt 4 Aust Inf Bn 30 Aust Inf Bn 35 Aust Inf Bn A Coy PIB	
34 35 36 37 38 39	S & T	46010	HQ Comd AASC 5 Aust Div 241 Aust Sup Depot Pl 242 Aust Sup Depot Pl 39 Aust Indep Tpt Pl	
40 41 42 43	MEDICAL	46104	2/15 Aust Fd Amb (less A Coy) 4 Aust Fd Amb (less A Coy)	A Coy under comd 2 Aust Corps A Coy MILNE BAY

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
44 45	DENTAL	55573	One Sec 2/8 Aust Dental Unit	
46 47	ORD		133 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk	
48 49 50 51	ARMD		251 Aust LAD 133 Aust Bde Wkshops	
52 53	PRO		13 Aust Indep Bde Gp Pro Pl	
54 55 56 57	POSTAL	46021	3 Aust Div Postal Unit 8 Aust Inf Bde Postal Det	
58 59 60 61	PAY	46127	5 Aust Div Fd Cash Office 8 Aust Inf Bde Pay Det	
62 63	HISC	46130	5 Aust Div Reception Camp	

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
46	S & T	20743	HQ Cond AASC 9 Aust Div	Temporarily under cond 5 Aust Div
47		40426	HQ 2/6 Aust Sup Depot Coy	
48			Four Sup Depot Pls	One temporarily under cond 5 Aust Div
49		40428	HQ 2/156 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	
50			Two Gen Tpt Pls and two LADIs	One each temporarily under cond 5 Aust Div
51			Wkshop Pl	Temporarily under cond 5 Aust Div
52				
53				
54	MEDICAL	40428	2/8 Aust Fd Amb	
55		55445	2/3 Aust AMCU	Temporarily under cond 5 Aust Div
56				
57				
58	ORD	40295	Det 2/122 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk	Temporarily under cond 5 Aust Div
59				
60				
61				
62	ARMD	61097	2/58 Aust LAD	Att HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde
63		61125	2/61 Aust LAD	Att HQ 2/12 Aust Fd Regt. Temporarily under cond 5 Aust Div
64		61241	2/67 Aust LAD	Att HQ 9 Aust Div Temporarily under cond 5 Aust Div
65		61187	2/72 Aust LAD	Att 2/24 Aust Fd Pk Coy
66		61109	2/78 Aust LAD	Att HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde
67		40293	Det 2/122 Aust Bde Wkshops	Temporarily under cond 5 Aust Div
68				
69				
70				
71				
72	AUSC	29745	9 Aust Div Pro Coy (less three secs)	One Sec under cond 5 Aust Div temporarily. One Sec under cond 2 Aust Corps.
73		61210	9 Aust Div Fd Cash Office (less det)	Det under cond 5 Aust Div temporarily
74		29746	9 Aust Div Postal Unit (less det)	" " "
75		61195	9 Aust Div Salv Unit	" " "
76		40119	9 Aust Div Reception Camp	
77			8 ALP	Temporarily att to 5 Aust Div
78			W/T Sec 4 Tac R Sqn	" " "
79				

9 AUST DIV

Serial No	Arm or Service	War Office Serial No	Unit	Remarks
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
1	HQ UNITS	29734	HQ 9 Aust Div	Det temporarily under cond 9 Aust Div
2		61005	A Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt	
3		61028	D Sec Aust FS7	Det temporarily under cond 9 Aust Div
4			ATIS Det No 15	Temporarily att 9 Aust Div
5				
6	ARTY	61220	HQ RAA 9 Aust Div	Temporarily under cond 9 Aust Div
7		61124	HQ 2/12 Aust Fd Regt	" " "
8		61134	23 Aust Fd Bty	" " "
9		61124	24 Aust Fd Bty	" " "
10		61124	62 Aust Fd Bty	" " "
11		40430	2/3 Aust Lt AA Bty (Airborne)	" " "
12			No 9 Det 1 Aust Mob Met Flt	" " "
13				
14				
15				
16	ENGRS	29737	HQ RAE 9 Aust Div	Temporarily under cond 9 Aust Div
17		29418	2/13 Aust Fd Coy	" " "
18		61284	2/29 Aust Camfl Unit	" " "
19		29269	2/3 Aust Fd Coy	
20		61186	2/24 Aust Fd Pk Coy	
21				
22				
23				
24	SIGS	29730	Sigs 9 Aust Div less det	Temporarily under cond 9 Aust Div
25		40113	2/43 Aust Cipher Sec	" " "
26		29005	2/12 Aust Fd Regt Sig Sec	" " "
27		40106	3 Aust Engr Sig Sec less dets	" " "
28		40121	20 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec	
29		40125	26 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec	
30				
31				
32				
33	INF	61091	HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde	
34		61005	1 Pl A Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt	
35		61024	2/13 Aust Inf Bn	
36		61105	2/15 Aust Inf Bn	
37		61035	2/17 Aust Inf Bn	
38		61104	HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde	
39		61005	4 Pl A Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt	
40		61105	2/23 Aust Inf Bn	
41		61106	2/24 Aust Inf Bn	
42		61107	2/28 Aust Inf Bn	
43		40424	9 Aust Div Carr Coy	
44		61233	2/3 Aust Par Bn	
45				

29 AUST INF BDE

Serial No	Arm or Service	War Office Serial No	Unit	Remarks
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
1	HQ UNITS	46112	HQ 29 Aust Inf Bde	
2		61005	16 Pl D Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt	
3				
4				
5				
6	ARTY	46003	HQ RAA 5 Aust Div(less det)	Det with 5 Aust Div
7		46199	14 Aust Fd Regt (less A Tp and Det)	
8				
9				
10	ENGRS	45091	HQ RAE 3 Aust Div	
11		45092	4 Aust Fd Coy	
12		46092	11 Aust Fd Coy	
13				
14				
15				
16	SIGS	45097	Sigs 3 Aust Div	
17		46213	14 Aust Fd Regt Sig Sec	
18		45990	30 Aust Cipher Sec	
19		49127	29 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec	
20				
21				
22	INF	46114	15 Aust Inf Bn	
23		46115	42 Aust Inf Bn	
24		46116	47 Aust Inf Bn	
25				
26				
27				
28	S & T	47904	HQ 1 Aust Sup Depot Coy	
29			152 Aust Gen Tpt Coy incl No 2 Tpt Pl Two RDIs HQ and sec.Wkshops	
30		48045	18 Aust Sup Depot Pl	
31		48046	19 Aust Sup Depot Pl	
32		48026	9 Pl 154 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	
33				
34				
35				
36	MEDICAL	46121	7 Aust Fd Amb	
37				
38				
39				
40	ORD	49041	104 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk	
41				

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
42	AEME	49058	104 Aust Bde Wkshops	
43		45999	231 Aust LAD	Att Sigs 3 Aust Div
44		46113	312 Aust LAD	Att HQ 29 Aust Inf Bde
45				
46				
47	PRO		12 Aust Indep Bde Gp Pro Pl	
48				
49	HISC	46023	3 Aust Div Salv Unit	
50				

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2 AUST CORPS OP INSTN No 6

Copy No 24

22 Jan 44.

Comd 29 Aust Inf Bde
Comd LAE BASE Sub Area

INFORMATION

1. Adv HQ 5 Aust Div has moved to the FINSCHHAFEN area and is now commanding operations in the forward area. Rear HQ 5 Aust Div is to join Adv HQ shortly.

2. 29 Aust Inf Bde Gp is remaining in the LAE area and has assumed responsibility for the defence of the LAE - MADZAB area.

3. LAE BASE Sub Area is responsible for the coast and anti-aircraft defence of LAE.

INTENTION

4. 29 Aust Inf Bde Gp will come under direct command of 2 Aust Corps as from 1200 hrs 23 Jan 44.

ORDER OF BATTLE

5. Order of Battle 29 Aust Inf Bde Gp is att as Appx "A".

TASKS

6. Comd 29 Aust Inf Bde will be responsible for the co-ordination of the land, coast and anti-aircraft defence of the whole area.

7. 29 Aust Inf Bde Gp will be responsible for the defence of the area MONGI RIVER - ERAP RIVER both inclusive and for the land defence of LAE.

8. 29 Aust Inf Bde Gp will provide working parties for the development of the LAE BASE Sub Area from fighting troops as far as is consistent with requirements for the defence of the area.

9. Acknowledge

Signed at [illegible] hrs

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Brig,
GS 2 Aust Corps.

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Cond LAE BASE Sub Area	3 - 4	"
Adv HQ 5 Aust Div	5 - 6	"
Rear HQ 5 Aust Div	7 - 8	"
Cond	9	Hand
BGS	10	"
CCRA	11	"
CE	12	"
CSO	13	"
DA&QMG	14	"
A	15-16	"
Q	17	"
DDST	18	"
DDMS	19	"
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DDME	21	"
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Rear 2 Aust Corps	29	"

APPX "A" to 2 AUST CORPS OP INSTN No 6 of 4 Jan 44.

ORDER OF BATTLE - 29 AUST INF BDE GP

HQ UNITS	HQ 29 Aust Inf Bde 16 Pl D Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt
ARTY	HQ RAA 5 Aust Div less det 14 Aust Fd Regt less A Tp and det
ENGRS	HQ RAE 3 Aust Div 4 Aust Fd Coy 11 Aust Fd Coy
SIGS	Sigs 3 Aust Div 29 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec 14 Aust Fd Regt Sig Sec 38 Aust Cipher Sec
INF	15 Aust Inf Bn 42 Aust Inf Bn 47 Aust Inf Bn
S & T	HQ 1 Aust Sup Depot Coy No 2 Tpt Pl No 3 RDI HQ and Wkshop Pl 18 Aust Sup Depot Pl 19 Aust Sup Depot Pl B Pl 154 Aust Gen Tpt Coy
MEDICAL	7 Aust Fd Amb
ORD	104 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk
AEME	312 Aust LAD 231 Aust LAD 104 Aust Bde Wkshop
PRO	12 Aust Indep Bde Gp Pro Pl
SALV	3 Aust Div Salvage Unit

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MESSAGE OUT

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TO: (1) MGF rptd (2) rear 2 aust corps (3) 5 aust div (4) 7 aust div (5) 9 aust div (6) USN DREGER (7) FATF (8) ADV ALAMO FORCE (9) FINSCH BASE SUB AREA (10) Base F USASOS (11) 4 aust inf bde (12) 24 aust inf bde (13) 29 aust inf bde

FROM: adv 2 aust corps 0 2023 22

SITREP	No	48	(.)	5
aust	div	to	220900L	(.)
8	bde	(.)	250	personnel
30	inf	bn	disembarked	KELAHOA
220700L	(.)	4	bn	(.)
preliminary	report	two	ORs	killed
one	wounded	vicinity	SIO	MISSION
212315L	details	not	yet	available
all	informed			

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TO :: NGF rptd rear ? aust corps 5 aust div 7 aust div
USN DRESDEN FATF ADV ALAMO FORCE FINSCH BASE SUB AREA
base F USASOS 4 aust inf bde 24 aust inf bde 29 aust
inf bde 26 aust inf bde.

FORM adv ? aust corps 0.2020 22/1

SITREP	no	47	.	adv	5
aust	div	to	212100L	.	S
bde	area	.	relief	2/17	bn
by	4	bn	completed	211545L	.
location	bde	HQ	479424	bn	HQ
481421	.	C	coy	SIO	MISSION
all	other	coys	and	att	tps
within	1000	yds	NAMBARIWA	.	PIB
patrol	along	coastal	track	to	village
384450	sighted	24	dead	japs	.
jap	barge	beached	at	371459	.
patrol	proceeding	towards	340442	.	local
patrols	between	GOALING	R	SIO	LAGOON
incl	BARGE	PATROL	4	mls	along
river	report	HMS	.	4	bde
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div	to	202100L	.	comd	fwd
area	passed	from	9	div	to
5	div	201800L	.	comd	area
NORTH	river	KAPUCANA	passed	from	20
bde	to	8	bde	same	time
.	2/17	bn	local	patrolling	SIO
to	cover	relief	.	2/17	bn
less	one	coy	relieved	by	4
bn	less	one	coy	relief	to
be	completed	21	jan	.	HQ
26	bde	and	2/48	bn	less
one	coy	moved	by	sea	2/23
bn	by	road	KELANOA	to	SCARLET
BEACH	area	.	24	fd	bty
now	in	bivouac	area	2/23	bn
adv	HQ	.	hy	rain	fallen
in	past	36	hrs	still	raining
heavily	.	25	bde	to	201900L
.	location	ref	map	SATELBERG	1/25000
.	bde	HQ	623684	2/23	bn
623680	2/24	bn	626684	2/48	bn
less	HQ	coy	620680	.	all
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to	192100L	(.)	20	bde	(.)
patrolling	continued	in	SIO	area	(.)
2/17	bn	patrol	along	coastal	track
to	383450	MMS	(.)	patrol	along
[illegible]TH	bank	R	GOALING	to	454409
reports	35	graves	467418	dumps	medical
stores	453411	extensive	dump	area	455424
to	464427	(.)	4	bn	less
two	coys	arrived	NAMBARIWA	began	relief
2/17	bn	(.)	26	bde	(.)
2/24	bn	moved	by	sea	KELANOA
to	SCARLET	BEACH	(.)	one	tp
23	fld	bty	moved	by	sea
KELANOA	to	NAMBARIWA	bty	now	in
action	478423	(.)	all	informed	

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Subject: 2 AUST CORPS LOCATION STATEMENT

Adv HQ 2 Aust Corps (AIF)
17 Jan 44.
G/451/Ops.

1. Attached as Appendix A is 2 Aust Corps Location Statement, by arms and services, as at 2359 hrs 15 Jan 44.

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2 Aust Corps Fd Cash Office	22	"
FINSCHHAFEN Base Sub Area	23	"
GOC	24	Hand
BGS	25	"
G1 (Ops)	26	"
G (Ops)	27-29	"
CCRA	30	"
CE	31	"
CSO	32	"
DA&QMG	33	"
A	34	"
Q	35	"
CLO	36	"
ADDS	37	"
DAMS	38	"
DDST	39	"
DDMS	40	"
DDOS	41	"
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APPENDIX A

2 AUST CORPS LOCATION STATEMENT

By Arms and Services as at

2359 hrs 15 Jan 44.

Ref Maps : BUNA SALT SPECIAL : 1 in to 1 ml
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Serial	Unit	Area	Location	Remarks
HQ UNITS				
1	Adv HQ 2 Aust Corps	FINSCH	613659	
2	Rear HQ 2 Aust Corps	BUNA	165109	
3	23 Fd F Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt	FINSCH	613659	
4	HQ 5 Aust Div	LAE	699409	Adv Party at FINSCH remainder to move shortly.
5	Tac HQ 9 Aust Div	FINSCH	231182	
6	Main HQ 9 Aust Div	"	337119	
7	A Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt less 1, 2 and 4 pls	"	337119	
8				
9				
INTELLIGENCE				
	2 Aust Corps			
10	2 Aust Corps Sec Int Corps	FINSCH	613659	
11	Det ATIS	BUNA	165109	
12	1 Aust AAPIU	FINSCH	613659	
	5 Aust Div			
13	Det 32 Sec Aust FSW	LAE	699409	To move shortly
	9 Aust Div			
14	B Sec Aust FSW	FINSCH	337119	
15				
16				
CAV				
	4 Aust Inf Bde Gp			
17	2/4 Aust Cav(Commando)Sqn	FINSCH	632734	
ARMD				
	2 Aust Corps			
18	B Sqn 1 Aust Tk Bn and Rear Details	BUNA	160207	
	9 Aust Div			
19	A Sqn 1 Aust Tk Bn	FINSCH	333124	
	4 Aust Inf Bde Gp			
20	1 Aust Tk Bn less A,B & C Sqns	FINSCH	618665	
21	C Sqn 1 Aust Tk Bn	"	620723	

Serial	Unit	Area	Location	Remarks
ARTY				
	2 Aust Corps			
22	HQ RAA 2 Aust Corps less det	FINSCH	613659	Det at BUNA
23	1 Aust Mob Net Flt less two dets	BUNA	165109	Dets with 7 and 9 Divs
24	2/6 Aust Fd Regt	FINSCH	613768	Embarking 17 Jan
25				
26				
27				
	5 Aust Div			
28	Det HQ RAA 5 Aust Div	LAE	697411	to Move shortly
	9 Aust Div			
29	HQ RAA 9 Aust Div	FINSCH	231182	
30	2/12 Aust Fd Regt	"	554405	
31	A Tp 10 Aust Lt AA Bty	"	342115	
32	2/3 Aust Lt AA Bty(Airborne)	"	224193	
33	One Tp 11 Bty 2/3 Aust Tk A Regt	"	226193	
34	5 Aust Svy Bty	"	285168	
35	9 Det 1 Aust Mob Net Flt	"	554405	
36				
37				
	Under Cond 4 Aust Inf Bde			
38	2/14 Aust Fd Regt	FINSCH	606656	
39	2 Aust Mtn Bty less one sec	"	621656	
40	11 Bty 2/3 Aust Tk A Regt less two Tps	"	621669	
41	HQ 2/4 Aust Lt AA Regt	"	612596	
42				
43				
	29 Aust Inf Bde			
44	HQ RAA 5 Aust Div less det	LAE	697411	
45	14 Aust Fd Regt less A Tp and Det	"	678436	A Tp BUNA Det MILNE BAY
46				
47				
ENGRS				
	9 Aust Div			
48	HQ RAE 9 Aust Div	FINSCH	225185	
49	2/3 Aust Fd Coy	"	226184	In Op 26 Aust Inf Bde
50	2/13 Aust Fd Coy	"	235181	
51	2/24 Aust Fd Pk Coy	"	614653	
52	2/29 Aust Constl Unit	"	335124	
53	1 Op Pl 2/1 Aust Mech Sqpt Coy	"	335124	
	4 Aust Inf Bde Gp			
54	5 Tp 2/1 Aust Fd Sqn	FINSCH	618665	Att 1 Aust Tk Bn
	24 Aust Inf Bde			
55	2/7 Aust Fd Coy	FINSCH	618683	
	29 Aust Inf Bde			
56	HQ RAE 3 Aust Div	LAE	709407	
57	4 Aust Fd Coy	"	708469	
58	11 Aust Fd Coy	"	708410	

Serial	Unit	Area	Location	Remarks
SIGS				
	2 Aust Corps			
59	HQ 3 Aust Corps Sigs	FINSCH	613659	
60	Adm Sec 3 Aust Corps Sigs	"	613659	
61	22 Aust Cipher Sec (type X)	"	613659	
62	2 Aust Tech Maint Sec	"	613659	
63	HQ 1 Coy 3 Aust Corps Sigs X	"	613659	
64	2 Aust Line Maint Sec X	"	613659	
65	5 Aust Line Sec X	"	613659	
66	HQ 2 Coy 3 Aust Corps Sigs X	"	613659	
67	5 Aust Op Sec X	"	613659	
68	6 Aust Op Sec X	"	613659	
69	5 Aust Lt Wireless Sec X	"	613659	
70	39 Aust Lt Wireless Sec X	"	613659	
71	4 Aust DR Sec X	"	613659	
72	10 Aust DR Sec X	"	613659	
73	33 Aust Wireless Task Sec	"	613659	
74	34 Aust Wireless Task Sec less Cipher det	"	613659	Cipher det at MOROBE
75	HQ 3 Coy 3 Aust Corps Sigs X	"	613659	
76	Det ATIS Sigs	BUNA	165109	
77	2/1 Aust Beach Sig Sec	FINSCH	615657	
78	2/6 Aust Fd Regt Sig Sec	"	613768	Embarking 17 Jan
79				
80				
				X dets at BUNA
	9 Aust Div			
81	HQ Sigs 9 Aust Div	FINSCH	337119	
82	2/43 Aust Cipher Sec	"	337119	
83	2/12 Aust Fd Regt Sigs	"	554405	
84	3 Aust Engr Sig	"	225185	
85	20 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec	"	554405	
86	26 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec	"	227193	
87	Det 36 Aust Wireless Task Sec	"	337119	Det from 19 L of C Sigs
	4 Aust Inf Bde Gp			
88	4 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec	FINSCH	623699	
89	2 Aust Tk Bn Sig Tp	"	618665	
	Under Cond 4 Aust Inf Bde			
90	2/14 Aust Fd Regt Sig Sec	FINSCH	606656	
91	2/4 Aust Lt AA Regt Sig Sec	"	612596	Det with 7 Aust Div
	24 Aust Inf Bde			
92	24 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec	FINSCH	624682	
	29 Aust Inf Bde Gp			
93	Sigs 3 Aust Div	LAE	699408	
94	29 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec	LAE	680433	
95	14 Aust Fd Regt Sig Sec	"	678436	
96	3E Aust Cipher Sec	"	699408	
INF				
	9 Aust Div			
97	HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde	FINSCH	554405	Tac HQ 482422
98	1 Pl 2/1 Aust Fd Regt	"	554405	
99	2/13 Aust Inf Bn	"	233184	
100	2/15 Aust Inf Bn	"	561408	
101	2/17 Aust Inf Bn	"	480422	
102	HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde	"	227193	
103	4 Pl 2/1 Aust Fd Regt	"	227193	

Serial	Unit	Area	Location	Remarks
104	2/23 Aust Inf Bn	FINSCH	267162	
105	2/24 Aust Inf Bn	"	235189	
106	2/48 Aust Inf Bn	"	229195	
107	9 Aust Div Carr Coy	"	222184	
108	B Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn	"	554405	
109	2/3 Aust Pnr Bn	"	334124	
110	A Coy PIB	"	332122	Pls with 20 & 26 Aust Inf Bdes
111				
112				
113				
	4 Aust Inf Bde Gp			
114	HQ 4 Aust Inf Bde	FINSCH	623699	
115	22 Aust Inf Bn	"	550717	
116	29/46 Aust Inf Bn	"	577716	
117	37/52 Aust Inf Bn	"	616677	
118	2/2 Aust MG Bn less B Coy	"	631732	
119	C Coy PIB	"	KULUNGTUFU	
120				
121				
	24 Aust Inf Bde Gp			
[redacted]	HQ 24 Aust Inf Bde	FINSCH	624682	
123	2 Pl A Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt	"	624682	
124	2/28 Aust Inf Bn	"	626683	
125	2/32 Aust Inf Bn	"	616686	
126	2/43 Aust Inf Bn	"	616682	
	29 Aust Inf Bde			
127	HQ 29 Aust Inf Bde	LAE	680433	
128	15 Aust Inf Bn	LAE	676431	
129	42 Aust Inf Bn	"	686425	
130	47 Aust Inf Bn	NADZAB	698505	
S & T				
	5 Aust Div			
131	HQ Comd AASC 5 Aust Div	LAE	696410	To move shortly
132				
133				
[redacted]				
135				
136				
137				
138				
139				
	HQ 9 Aust Div			
140	HQ Comd AASC 9 Aust Div	FINSCH	344111	
141	2/6 Aust Sup Depot Coy less 2 pls	"	344111	two pls with 24 Aust Inf Bde Gp
142	2/156 Aust Gen Tpt Coy less B Pl and one RDI	"	342113	
	4 Aust Inf Bde Gp			
143	Det 4 Aust Armd Bde Coy AASC	FINSCH	618665	
144	HQ 4 Aust Sup Depot Coy	"	624734	
145	1 Aust Supply Depot Pl	"	624734	
146	2 Aust Sup Depot Pl	"	624734	
147				
148				
	24 Aust Inf Bde Gp			
149	2/29 Aust Sup Depot Pl	FINSCH	613689	
150	2/31 Aust Sup Depot Pl	"	626733	

Serial	Unit	Area	Location	Remarks.
151	B Pl 2/156 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	FINSCH	613689	
152	One RDI 2/156 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	"	613689	
	22 Aust Inf Bde			
153	B Pl 154 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	LAE	721415	
154	HQ 1 Aust Sup Depot Coy	"	721414	
155	18 Aust Sup Depot Pl	LAE	684426	
156	19 Aust Sup Depot Pl	"	703403	
157				
158				
MEDICAL				
	2 Aust Corps			
159	2/3 Aust Fd Amb	FINSCH	630730	Rest camp WAREO
160	10 Aust Fd Amb	LAE	-	Det at FINSCH
161	2/2 Aust CCS	FINSCH	612654	
162	2/3 Aust CCS	FINSCH	612654	
163	HG SAT Coy	"	612654	Att 2/2 CCS
164	Det 2/11 Aust AMCU	"	615651	
165	15 Aust AMCU	"	615651	
166				
167				
	9 Aust Div			
168	2/8 Aust Fd Amb	FINSCH	578814	
169	4 Aust Fd Amb(less A Coy)	"	332124	
170	2/3 Aust AMCU	"	332124	
171				
172				
	4 Aust Inf Bde Gp			
173	106 Aust Lt Fd Amb	FINSCH	612654	
	24 Aust Inf Bde Gp			
174	2/11 Aust Fd Amb	FINSCH	620690	
	29 Aust Inf Bde.			
175	7 Aust Fd Amb	LAE	686423	
176				
DENTAL				
	2 Aust Corps			
177	D Sec 2/5 Aust Dental Unit	FINSCH	622672	
178	D Sec 77 Aust Dental Unit	"	622667	
179	E Sec 77 Aust Dental Unit	"	SIALUM	
	9 Aust Div			
181	E Sec 2/5 Aust Dental Unit	"	622672	
182	HQ 77 Aust Dental Unit	"	626731	det at KELANOA
ORD				
	2 Aust Corps			
183	2/122 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk	FINSCH	613633	
184	Det 2/123 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk	"	613597	
	9 Aust Div			
185	Det 2/122 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk	"	227195	
186	Det 1 Aust Tk Bn Ord Fd Pk	"	333123	Att A Sqn 1 Aust Tk Bn
	4 Aust Inf Bde Gp			
187	1 Aust Tk Bn Ord Fd Pk less det	FINSCH	618665	Det with 9 Aust Div
	Under Comd 4 Aust Inf Bde			
188	130 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk	FINSCH	633726	

Serial	Unit	Area	Location	Remarks.
	24 Aust Inf Bde Gp			
189	2/118 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk	FINSCH	624681	
	22 Aust Inf Bde			
190	104 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk	LAE	714426	
ADVNE				
	2 Aust Corps			
191	2/53 Aust LAD	FINSCH	468957	Att 2/6 Fd Regt
192	244 Aust LAD	BUNA	165109	Det FINSCH
193	2/122 Aust Ord Bde Wkshop (less det)	"	609638	
194	2/123 Aust Bde Wkshop (less det)	"	608636	Det at LAE
	9 Aust Div			
195	2/56 Aust LAD	FINSCH	227193	Att 20 Aust Inf Bde
196	2/61 Aust LAD	"	231191	Att 2/12 Aust Fd Regt
197	2/67 Aust LAD	"	334193	Att Sigs 9 Aust Div
198	2/72 Aust LAD	"	225195	Att 2/24 Aust Corps Fd Pk Coy
199	2/78 Aust LAD	"	323133	Att 26 Aust Inf Bde
200	Det 2/122 Aust Bde Wkshops	"	366118	
201	209 Aust LAD	"	333123	Att A Sqn 1 Aust Tk Bn
	4 Aust Inf Bde Gp			
202	2/77 Aust LAD	FINSCH	615656	Att 2/2 Aust MG
203	264 Aust LAD	"	623692	Att HQ 4 Bde
204	1 Aust Tk Bn Wkshops Sec	"	615665	
	Under Comd 4 Aust Inf Bde			
205	2/63 Aust LAD	FINSCH	606656	Att 2/14 Fd Regt
206	2/4 Aust Lt AA Wkshops less sec	"	612596	Sec with 7 Aust Div
207	130 Aust Bde Wkshops	"	633726	
	24 Aust Inf Bde Gp			
208	2/76 Aust LAD	FINSCH	624687	
209	2/118 Aust Bde Wkshops	"	624681	
	29 Aust Inf Bde.			
210	231 Aust LAD	LAE	705444	
211	312 Aust LAD	"	681432	
212	104 Aust Bde Wkshops	"	714425	
PRO				
	2 Aust Corps			
213	One Sec 9 Aust Div Pro Coy	FINSCH	To be in 4 Bde area	Corps Unit att 4 Aust Inf Bde moving from 9 Aust Div
	2 Aust Div			
214	9 Aust Div Pro Coy less two secs	FINSCH	335121	
	24 Aust Inf Bde Gp			
215	One sec 9 Aust Div Pro Coy	FINSCH	624682	
POSTAL				
	2 Aust Corps			
216	2 Aust Corps Postal Unit less det	BUNA	165109	det FINSCH 613659
	5 Aust Div			
217	5 Aust Div Postal Unit	LAE	700409	To move shortly

Serial	Unit	Area	Location	Remarks
	9 Aust Div			
218	9 Aust Div Postal Unit less det	FINSCH	337119	
	24 Aust Inf Bde Gp			
219	Det 9 Aust Div Postal Unit	FINSCH	620679	
PAY				
	2 Aust Corps			
220	2 Aust Corps Fd Cash Office	BUNA	165109	With Rear Corps HQ
	5 Aust Div			
221	5 Aust Div Fd Cash Office	LAE	700410	To move shortly
	9 Aust Div			
222	9 Aust Div Fd Cash Office less det	FINSCH	337119	
	24 Aust Inf Bde Gp			
223	Det 9 Aust Div Fd Cash Office	FINSCH	624682	
SALV				
	9 Aust Div			
224	9 Aust Div Salv Unit	FINSCH	343112	
	22 Aust Inf Bde			
225	3 Aust Div Salv Unit	LAE	702402	
RECEP CAMP				
	2 Aust Corps			
226	1 Aust Corps Recep Camp	BUNA		Moving to LAE
	5 Aust Div			
227	5 Aust Div Recep Camp	LAE	703406	
	9 Aust Div			
228	9 Aust Div Recep Camp	FINSCH	618594	
229				
230				
LHQ TPS UNDER COND				
231	Det 1 Aust AAPIU	FINSCH	337119	Att HQ 9 Aust Div
232	Det Public Relations	"	337119	
233	Det ADCS	"	345109	
234				
HQF TPS UNDER COND				
235	Det ANGAU	FINSCH	337119	Att HQ 9 Aust Div
GHQ TPS				
236	ATIS Det to 15	FINSCH	231182	Att HQ 9 Aust Div
236a	GHQ Liaison Party	"	231182	" " "
RAAF TPS				
237	Det W/T Sec Tac R Sqn	FINSCH	231182	Att HQ 9 Aust Div
US TPS UNDER COND				
238	532 EB & SR	"	630587	
US TPS IN SP				
239	8 Air Liaison Party 5AF		231182	Att HQ 9 Aust Div

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TO :: 5 aust div 9 aust div 4 aust inf bde 8 aust inf bde 24 Aust Inf Bde 29 Aust Inf Bde NGF 3 aust corps sigs 2 aust corps postal unit 2 aust corps fd cash office FINSCHHAFEN base sub area GOC DGS G1(Ops) G (Ops) CCRA CE CSO DA & QMG A Q CLO ADDS DAMS DDST DDMS DDOS DDME CEME Corps Tps APM DADAPS Camp file war diary (2)

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G/451/ops	appx	A	(.)	add
following	8	aust	inf	bde
units	all	located	622668	(.)
serial	91a	8	aust	inf
bde	sig	sec	(.)	121a
HQ	8	aust	inf	bde
(.)	121b	27	pl	G
coy	2/1	aust	fd	regt
(.)	121c	4	aust	inf
bn	(.)	148a	241	aust
sup	depot	pl	(.)	149b
39	aust	indep	tpt	pl
(.)	173a	2/15	aust	fd
amb	less	A	coy	(.)
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FROM: Adv 2 Aust Corps 0.2003 19

SITREP No 41 (.) 9 aust div
to 152100L (.) 20 bde (.)
patrolling and mopping up JAP straggers
continued in SIO area (.) 2/17
bn patrol 466427 along NORTH bank
river GOALING to 4594 salient captured
unidentified field gun 465423 one 37mm
464424 and reports dump mm 469427
supplies 454425 (.) JAP barge hideout
with 2 sunken barges 471426 (.)
patrol 418438 along coastal track to
village 384450 killed 5 JAPS found
5 dead on route (.) PID
local patrol to dump area 455407
killed 4 JAPS (.) 26 bde
nothing to report (.) Tac R report
small parties JAPS moving NW toward
GALI on the coastal track and
the track GALI 832590 showing recent
heavy use (.) all informed

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FROM: adv 2 aust corps 0 1997 18

SITREP no 40 . 9
aust div to 180900L .
no change all informed

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adv 2 aust corps CD 1400 17

MOST	SECRET	(.)	WARNING	ORDER
(.)	2/14	aust	fd	regt
relieves	2/12	aust	fd	regt
in	fwd	area	no	move
before	28	jan	(.)	2/14
fd	regt	will	take	fwd
4	x	25 pr	8x	II
to	replace	4	x	25 pr
short	which	will	be	returned
this	area	by	2/12	fd
regt	(.)	all	other	guns
vehs	and	war	eqpt	will
be	handed	over	in	situ
except	that	2/14	fd	regt
will	take	fwd	eqpt	and
associated	stores	to	make	good
any	deficiencies	in	eqpt	handed
over	by	2/12	fd	regt
(.)	tentage	and	accommodation	stores
will	be	taken	fwd and	brought
out	by	relieving	units	(.)
items	in	excess	normal	WE
may	be	retained	by	mutual
arrangement	[illegible]	guiding	principle	unit
in	fwd	role	to	be
adequately	equipped	(.)	minimum	essential

adv parties may move as desired
(.) ACK

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FROM: Adv 2 Aust Corps 0.1996 17

SITREP	No.	39	.	9	aust
div	to	172100L	.	20	bde
.	patrolling	and	mopping	up	continued
in	SIO	area	.	2/17	bn
patrol	SIO	MISSION	SOUTH	to	416437
WEST	along	coastal	track	killed	7
APS	402444	.	PID	patrol	477416
WEST	along	JAP	inland	track	to
R	KWAMA	patrolled	area	EAST	bank
between	25	and	395	northing	grids
NMS	.	enemy	dump	200	new
rifles	much	amn	and	wireless	eqpt
474405	.	one	75	MM	captured
416441	.	26	bde	MTR	.
TAC/R	reports	numerous	small	parties	JAPS
moving	WEST	on	coastal	track	WEST
KIARI	.	signs	continue	SOUTH	of
track	KIARI	to	GALI	and	MALASANGA
old	area	.	5	aust	div
to	172000L	.	ANGAU	patrol	confirm
JAPS	have	used	track	to	MELAMBI
.	no	further	details	available	.
NO	change	otherwise	.	all	informed

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FROM: Adv 2 Aust Corps 0.1085 17

SITREP No. 38 9 Aust Div
to 162100 . 20 bde .
2/17 bn patrol 416440 along coastal
track to 401444 killed seven JAPS
at SIO WEST found 10 dead
in area . 26 bde . 2/48
bn A coy patrol with PIB to
KIVALAMIA NMS . natives report NO
JAPS in area for 10 days
. 2/3 pnr bn patrol SIAGUM
to KALASA area NMS but
20 dead JAPS found 293046 .
9 aust div carrier coy . patrol
along river RUTO to 217165 NMS
. TAC/R reports 20 JAPS 059486
of 1 inch and 50 JAPS
208448 moving WEST . 11 supply
parachutes 860600 . 5 aust div
to 162000L . ref maps NADZAB
& MOUNT SALAWAKET . information received that
JAPS have been making patrols to
MELAMBI 780702 . NO details yet
available . AMGAU patrolling to 840818 with
individual agents working fwd of this
point . one pl 29 bde
moving from GAWAN 6764 to MUNGALUMBA
7669 . all informed

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TO:	5 aust div	9 aust div	4 aust inf bde	
FROM:	adv 2 aust corps		SD 1382	16

HOST	SECRET	(.)	prepare	26
aust	inf	bde	for	mvt
present	location	to	FINSCHHAFEN	area
by	back	loading	craft	which
carries	fwd	&	aust	inf
bde	gp	(.)	units	on
arrival	FINSCHHAFEN	area	be	prepared
bivouac	in	sites	allotted	(.)
units	will	move	with	all
unit	stores	and	equipt	at
present	held	less	vehs	(.)
vehs	not	required	for	fwd
tps	will	be	moved	back
later	by	rd	by	mutual
agreement	5	and	9	aust
[illegible]	(.)	26	bde	under
cond	2	aust	corps	for
local	adm	on	arrival	(.)
advise	composition	each	flight	24
hrs	before	departure	(.)	ACK

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TOO: 16/1635L

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FROM: adv 2 aust corps 0 1982 16

SITREP	No	37	(.)	9	aust
div	to	160900L	(.)	NO	CHANGE
all	informed				

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FROM: Adv 2 Aust Corps 0.1975 16

SITREP	No	36	9	aust	div
to	152100L	.	20	bde	.
2/17	bn	B	coy	advanced	and
occupied	SIG	mission	area	418437	killed
5	JAPS	found	2	other	dead
en	route	.	natives	state	large
enemy	party	including	many	sick	moved
WEST	from	SIG	mission	12	jan
.	PIN	patrol	471417	SW	along
track	to	466400	NW	along	track
to	457410	killed	2	JAPS	459415
otherwise	NIL	.	26	bde	.
2/4C	bn	A	coy	patrol	with
NIL	patrolled	track	to	village	234118
ref	1	inch	map	no	sign
recent	mvt	on	track	.	TAC R
report	track	WASU	MALASANGA	shows	considerable
use	.	tracks	MALASANGA	area	very
heavy	recent	use	.	all	informed

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FROM: adv 2 aust corps 0 1971 15

SITREP	No	35	(.)	9	aust
div	to	150900L	(.)	NO	CHANGE
(.) 4 Bde (.)	PIB	patrol	reports	ZAGAHEMI	now
clear	of	enemy		all	informed

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FROM : Adv 2 Aust Corps 0.1967 15

SITREP	No	34	9	aust	div
to	1421005	.	20	bde	.
2/17	bn	patrolled	coastal	track	478423
to	442462	found	7	enemy	dead
WMS	.	patrol	475424	WEST	to
SIO	mission	4143	WMS	PIC	patrol
WEST	along	track	from	470410	to
garden	420407	captured	2	PWs	471415
.	8	dead	JAPS	counted	on
track	.	remainder	2/17	bn	moved
fwd	GNEISSNAU	to	MAIBARITA	whole	3
coy	468427	D	coy	472426	.
23	fd	bty	less	one	tp
moved	by	sea	KELAKOA	MAIBARITA	now
in	action	474428	.	2/15	bn
D	coy	moved	513405	with	sec
at	ford	510413	.	26	bde
.	2/48	bn	patrol	on	SW
track	along	SOUTH	river	DALIMAN	WMS
.	one	PW	taken	207201	native
report	believed	reliable	states	approx	50
JAPS	moved	NORTH	through	BAKOA	3203
10	jan	making	for	SIO	.
all	informed				

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SITREP	No	33	(.)	9	aust
div	to	140900L	(.)	NO	CHANGE
(.)	all	informed			

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FROM: adv 2 aust corps 0 1960 14

SITREP	no	32	.	9	aust
div	to	132100L	.	20	bde
resumed	adv	in	coastal	sector	and
occupied	NAMBARIWA	.	2/17	bn	less
2	coys	adv	by	coastal	track
and	reached	river	GOALING	477417	at
133OL	killing	5	japs	taking	1
PW	and	capturing	one	37mm	gun
2	81mm	mortars	signal	gear	marine
engine	and	much	amn	and	eqpt
.	numerous	enemy	dead	along	coastal
track	.	bn	now	holding	beachhead
NAMBARIWA	where	supplies	and	amn	landed
during	afternoon	.	disposition	2/17	bn
HQ	480422	A	476423	C	465418
bn	456424	.	2/13	bn	moved
to	KAKANOA	HARBOUR	area	233184	preparing
to	move	NAMBARIWA	by	sea	if
required	.	24	fd	bty	now
in	action	537412	.	26	bde
.	2/48	bn	.	coy	patrolling
southwest	along	track	to	193160	found
fresh	jap	footprints	202167	patrol	on

track	NORTH	river	DALLMAN	to
187178	NMS	4	dead	japs
191181	.	tac	recce	reports
some	use	inland	track	NAMBARIWA
river	KWAMA	single	jap	moving
WEST	.	little	activity	SIO
MISSION	SIO-WEST	.	small	parties
JAPS	packs	up	moving	NORTH
WEST	WASU	KIARI	MALASANGA	.
KAIRI-	MALASANGA	track	shows	recent
hy	use			

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2 AUST CORPS OP INSTR NO 5

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12 Jan 44.

INFO

1. 8 Aust Inf Bde is expected to arrive at FINSCHHAFEN commencing 16 Jan 44.

2. 8 Aust Inf Bde will be moved forward as early as movement facilities permit, to relieve forward units of 9 Aust Div for movement to healthy areas prior to calling back to FINSCHHAFEN.

INTENTION

3. HQ 5 Aust Div will take over command as 8 Aust Inf Bde move forward.

METHOD

4. Cond 5 Aust Div will hand over cond at LAE to cond 29 Aust Inf Bde and move to 9 Aust Div to relieve Cond 9 Aust Div of control of the operations forward of SIO. Cond 9 Aust Div will hand over to Cond 5 Aust Div and direct the movement and concentrations of 9 Aust Div.

5. A nucleus staff of 5 Aust Div will move to FINSCHHAFEN preparatory to being called fwd to relieve their opposite numbers on HQ 9 Aust Div.

6. The relief of the remainder of HQ 9 Aust Div will be arranged mutually between the two Conds.

7. Staffs, Services and HQ Units 9 Aust Div will remain under cond 5 Aust Div until relief is effected or they are no longer required by 5 Aust Div.

8. Operations beyond SIO will be conducted with the minimum force necessary using patrols of PIB forward. The remaining units should be located in the most healthy areas available.

Acknowledge

Signed at 1635 hrs.
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Subject: REQUESTS FOR AIR TRAVEL.

Adv HQ 2 Aust Corps (AIF)
13 Jan 44
Q/335/8D.

Ref this HQ Q2 of 1 Jan 44.

1. The request contained in para 3 of that memo is not being observed and since 1 Jan 44 last minute applications for air movement have resulted in at least 5 special trips by jeeps and drivers, usually late at night. In the majority of these cases it is considered that the necessity for air movement could have been anticipated and the required 48 hours notice given to Q Branch.

2. Applications for air movement must be signed by the GHQ Regulating Officer at Base F after signature at this HQ and repeated applications for signature late at night may prejudice securing this signature in a real emergency, when prior application is not possible.

3. In future, at all times, except in emergency when air travel is required at short notice, Branches or Services requiring air movement will submit to Q Branch a completed application on the prescribed form, at least 48 hours before movement is required.

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FROM: ade 2 aust corps 0 1953 13

SITREP	No	31	(.)	9	aust
div	to	130900L	(.)	very	hy
rain	all	night	still	continuing	otherwise
NYR	(.)	all	informed		

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FROM: adv 2 aust corps 0 1947 13

SITREP	no	30	.	9	aust
div	to	122100L	.	20	bde
active	patrol	in	preparation adv		on
NAMBARIWA	.	2/17	bn	patrol	with
POO	from	510413	rounded	GNEISENAU PT	
by	constal	track	to	493416	thence
to	550	feature	504413	.	due
hy	rain	river	KAPUGARA	broke	through
sand	column	at	mouth	in	channel
6	ft	deep	crossable	only	with
ropes	.	patrol	scaled	20	ft
cliff	508414	with	ropes	thence	by
narrow	rough	track	to	507416	where
two	wood	ladders	lead	down	to
constal	track	5	feet	wide	and
well	used	.	abandoned	jap	HQ
492417	.	6	enemy	dead	counted
1	PW	taken	.	patrol	514410
to	530397	NMS	.	patrol	from
510410	along	east	bank	river	KAPUGARA
located	probable	Jap	crossing	498402	.
2/13	bn	moved	fwd	to	river
BURI	area	dispositions	bn	HQ	[illegible]
A	coy	566402	B	coy	571401
C	coy	568401	D	coy	573400
.	26	bde	.	[illegible]	HQ

[illegible]	227193	.	2/48	bn
moved	by	sea	STALWT	to
KELAKOA	bn	HQ	229195	3
coy	229192	C	coy	[illegible]
D	coy	228193	A	coy
relieved	2/13	bn	standing	patrol
River	crossing	207180	.	0
East	div	carrier	coy	moves
by	sea	KILIGIA	to	KELAKOA
222184	.	62	fd	bty
in	action	area	520414	registered
SIO	IS	and	SIO	mission
two	recce	report	signs	recent
by	mvt	inland	track	NAMBAWA
RIVER	KWAMA	party	10	days
full	packs	strafed	373728	all
informed				

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FROM: Adv 2 Aust Corps			0.1942		12
SITREP	No	29	.	4	aust
inf	bde	to	120700L	.	HQ
11	aust	tk	A	bty	moved
from	KILIGIA	to	620669	.	9
aust	div	to	120900L	no	change
.	otherwise	nothing	to	report	.
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FROM: adv 2 aust corps 0 1936 12

SITREP	No	20	.	PART
1	.	4	aust	inf
bde	to	111900L	.	37/52
aust	inf	bn	C	coy
HQ	pl	and	4	det
morture	moved	to	620730	.
9	aust	div	to	11215 OL
20	bde	reached	advance	in
coastal	sector	0900L	2/17	bn
leading	.	3	coy	balance
one	troop	train	advanced	on
coastal	track	5	coy	on
high	ground	to	REST	.
at	508415	leading	tank	exploded
cluster	of	mines	and	damaged
track	.	infantry	continued	advance
and	reached	river	KAPUGARA	1430L
counting	12	dead	JAPS	and
taking	2	PW's	.	patrols
crossed	sand	bar	at	mouth
of	river	and	proceeded	GNEISENAU
POINT	by	narrow	rugged	track
at	base	of	spur	.
progress	barred	by	cliff	face
508415	where	rope	and	wood
ladder	was	required	by	JAPS
.	abandoned	mortar	and	4
dead	JAPS	in	vicinity	.
standing	patrol	established	508414	.

between	river	BURI	and	river
KAPUGARA	several	well	prepared	posns
abandoned	and	large	dumps	of
amn	and	eqpt	mouth	river
KAPUGARA	.	all	informed	

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FROM: adv 2 aust corps C 1936 12

SECOND and last part .
dispositions 2/17 bn HQ 513413
A 515411 B 512412 C
513411 D 511409 . 2/15
bn moved fwd tc river
BURI area dispositions bn HQ
561406 A 554407 B 561404
C 547394 D 550402 .
26 bde NTR . cur
arty registered targets HAIBARIWA area
with arty recce . 23
fd bty in action area
573396 . 24 fd bty
564404

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FROM: adv 2 aust corps 0 1935 11

SITREP	No	27	(.)	9	aust
div	to	110900L	(.)	20	bde
resumed	adv	0830L	(.)	all	informed

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FROM: adv 2 aust corps 0 1933 11

SITREP	no	26	.	9	aust
div	to	102100L	.	20	bde
active	patrolling	in	preparation	further	adv
.	2/17	bn	patrol	with	3
tks	in	sp	advanced	along	coastal
track	to	542412	NMS	but	empty
fox	holes	547411	and	posns	for
t	least	50	japs	very	recently
vacated	542412	with	abandoned	eqpt	incl
sig	gear	and	explosives	.	patrol
from	552403	to	huts	547394	NW
along	track	to	535401	NNE	.
bivouac	area	occupied	by	enemy	previous
night	549397	.	standing	patrols	est
540412	and	547394	.	2/15	bn
less	D	coy	moved	north	river
DALEMAN	dispositions	BHQ	228202	A	603377
B	226201	C	607375	.	D
coy	standing	patrols	river	crossing	203377
NNE	.	26	bde	.	2/24
bn	moved	by	sea	SIALUM	bn
KELAMOA	dispositions	BHQ	235189	A	235191
B	235193	C	234188	D	228197
.	our	arty	harassing	river	crossing
510413	and	498402	.	24	bty
in	action	565404	.	all	map
refs	1/25000	second	series	.	bde
HQ	9	aust	div	now	at

224184	.	24	aust	inf
bde	.	A	and	C
ccys	2/28	bn	bivouac	MANEBA
POINT	area	.	4	aust
inf	bde	.	NTR	-
all	informed			

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FROM: adv 2 aust corps 0 1932 11

SITREP	25	to	101700L	.	C
coy	PIB	.	patrol	of	2
sjts	4	ptes	7	carriers	which
left	PIWENGGU	5	jan	ambushed	1000
yds	from	INDAGEN	on	PIWENGGU	INDAGEN
track	.	boss	boy	of	carriers
who	ran	into	KANAKAS	armed	with
rifles	spears	tomahawks	bows	and	arrows .
but	later	escaped	gives	following	details
.	quote	.	after	capture	bound
and	taken	to	japs	at	INDAGEN
.	KANAKAS	returned	at	dark	and
had	not	caught	europeans	.	boss . . .
boy	said	nothing	to	questions	then
was	told	strength	of	PIB	patrol
PIWENGGU	also	that	air	strip	constructed
KULUNGTUFU	.	escaped	when	taken	lavatory
.	7	jan	saw	japs	give
message	to	KANAKA	for	big	master
at	OOWAHAN	(near	INDAGEN	NOT	on
map)	where	plenty	soldiers	who	would go
into	PIWENGGU	after	patrol	.	unquote
.	jap	infm	re	coy	activities
probably	from	PIWENGGU	doctor	who	proceeded
patrol	into	KOM	.	infm	[illegible]
	.				

reliable	.	1	pte	and	carriers
missing	.	enemy	patrol	observed	INDAGEN
PIWONGGU	track	moving	towards	TABU	area
9	jan	.	enemy	numbers	unknown
no	contact	yet	.	PSI	patrol
ambush	posn	ref	map	KULUNGTUFU	one
inch	2174	.	patrol	MASA	area
visited	ZAGAHENI	signs	recent	aust	patrol
between	KULUNGTUFU	ZAGAHENI	NO	sign	enemy
occupation	.	one	jap	estimated	dead
3	days	found	ENDO	6	jan
.	village	burned	by	enemy	.
patrol	left	coy	HQ	191630	to
take	up	ambush	posn	YAPANG	.
remainder	coy	airstrip	.	all	informed

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FROM: Adv 2 Aust Corps 0.1931 10

SITREP	no	24	9	aust
div	to	100900L	.	2/17
bn	.	091930L	2	JAPS
engaged	with	LMG	at	553409
1	believed	killed	.	100615L
2	JAPS	walked	into	company
position	1	killed	other	committed
suicide	.	our	artillery	harrassed
enemy	position	539410	and	532412
and	ford	mouth	river	KAPUGARA
.	all	informed		

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TOO: [illegible]

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FROM: adv 2 aust corps 0 1929 10

SITREP	no	23	.	9	aust
div	to	092100L	.	20	bde
continued	adv	in	coastal	sector	and
reached	river	BURI	.	hy	arty
and	mortar	fire	forced	enemy	withdraw
during	night	from	posns	area	267187
leaving	12	dead	.	enemy	posns
well	dug	and	sited	and	well
stocked	with	food	incl	rice	dried
fish	and	compressed	rations	.	2/17
bn	adv	0900L	with	B	coy
on	coastal	track	C	coy	on
high	ground	to	WEST	.	1230L
B	coy	encountered	strong	resistance	from
approx	50	enemy	with	1	HMG
	LMGs	and	mortar	in	timbered
creek	628382	.	enemy	posn	was
heavily	engaged	by	arty	mortars	and
HMG	.	1615L	1	tp	tk
previously	bogged	on	coastal	track	moved
up	in	support	fwd	inf	and
attack	across	creek	drove	enemy	from
posn	.	evidence	of	accurate	shelling
and	mortaring	enemy	posns	and	some
jap	casualties	.	B	coy	with
tk	in	support	adv	and	crossed
river	BURI	disposition	bn	HQ	619386
A	618 384	.	part	2	follows

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FROM : Adv 2 Aust Corps 0.1929 10

SITREP	no	23	part	2	.
B	617385	C	622384	D	614383
.	Patrol	B	coy	encountered	2
JAP	gardens	251200	during	morning	.
2/15	bn	B	coy	standing	patrol
was	relieved	at	river	crossing	266157
by	2/13	bn	D	coy	and
moved	to	270165	.	enemy	tps
encountered	by	20	bde	8	jan
identified	238	regt	.	26	bde
.	2/24	bn	patrol	found	JAP
twin	engined	bomber	which	crashed	082140L
at	393026	.	8/9	bodies	found
in	vicinity	and	documents	recovered	.
our	arty	in	addition	giving	direct
support	20	bde	registered	target	with
arty	recce	for	future	ops	.
TAC R	reports	some	activity	and	bivouac
areas	in	re-entrants	SOUTH	MAIBARIWA	defensive
posns	WEST	side	river	KAPUGARA	and
signs	considerable activity		SIO	mission	and
SIO	WEST	.	JAPS	strafed	this
area	.	all	informed		

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TOO: 101115L

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FROM : Adv 2 Aust Corps 0. 1926 9

SITREP	no	22	9	aust
div	to	082100L	.	20
bde	continued	advance	in	coastal
sector	C900L	.	2/17	bn
A	coy	after	crossing	river
UENAGA	encountered	strong	opposition	from
approx	40	JAPS	with	4
LMGs	and	grenade	dischargers	in
well	dug	camouflaged	posns	268188
.	One	pl	located	enemy
flank	264187	and	attacked	killing
at	least	8	JAPS	but
came	under	HMG	fire	from
another	post	at	track	junction
265187	.	enemy	posns	heavily
engaged	by	arty	and	MMGs
.	C	Coy	began	outflanking
move	high	ground	to	WEST
and	reached	255188	.	One
tp	tanks	moved	by	sea
from	SIALUM	to	support	2/17
bn	and	landed	at	281182
ready	for	action	9	Jan
.	disposns	2/17	bn	HQ
279182	A	Coy	270187	B
Coy	270177	C	Coy	255188
D	Coy	277184	.	2/15
bn	patrol	from	263157	SW
to	track	260184	patrolled	track
from	252139	to	270154	captured

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1	PW	otherwise	NMS	.
2/13	bn	moved	fwd	to
KELANOA	area	dispositions	Bn	HQ
292163	A	Coy	296165	B
Coy	292161	C	Coy	290161
D	Coy	296163	.	HQ
20	Bde	285168	.	26
Bde	HQ	change	dispositions	.
2/2[illegible]	bn	D	Coy	on
KALABA	KELANOA	patrol	reached	village
228106	ref	KALASA	1	inch
thence	moved	NE	down	track
to	KELANOA	saw	3	JAPS
killed	1	at	245125	otherwise
NMS	.	4	Bde	relieved
24	Bde	responsibility	defence	GUSIKA WAREO
BAZULUO	area	081200L	.	TAO R
report	co siderable	activity	valleys	SW
NAMBARIWA	and	track	SE	river
mouth	.	All	informed	

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(9) BASE F UMASOS (10) 4 aust inf bde (11) 24 aust inf bde

FROM: adv 2 aust corps 0 1923 9

SITREP	21	to	090900L	(.)
9	div	sitrep	to	092100L
not	yet	received	(.)	4
bde	(.)	B	coy	22
bn	moved	to	563527	with
pl	575738	(.)	D	coy
moving	(.)	37/52	bn	concentrated
area	616677	(.)	otherwise	NTR
(.)	all	informed		

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES - 2 AUST CORPS

Subject: ORDER OF BATTLE - 2 AUST CORPS

HQ 2 Aust Corps,
8 Jan 44.
G/439/Ops.

1. 2 AUST CORPS Order of Battle showing command of units as at 2359 hrs 7 Jan 44 is attached.

2. Order of Battle forwarded with 2 Aust Corps G/418/Ops of 20 Dec 43 will now be destroyed by fire and certificate of destruction completed and returned to this Headquarters.

3. Please acknowledge.

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3 Aust Corps Sigs	11	Hand
2 Aust Corps Cash Office	12	Safe Hand
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BGS	14	"
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G (Ops)	16 - 18	"
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ORDER OF BATTLE

2 AUST CORPS

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HQ 2 AUST CORPS AND 2 AUST CORPS UNITS

Serial No (a)	Arm or Service (b)	War Office Serial No (c)	Unit (d)	Remarks (e)
1	HQ UNITS	45732	HQ 2 Aust Corps	
2		61065	23 pl F Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt	LHQ Tps
3		45733	2 Aust Corps Sec Int Corps	LHQ Tps
4		45138	Det ATIS	GHQ Tps (local adm only)
5		47914	1 Aust AAPIU	LHQ Tps (local adm only)
6				
7				
8	ARMD	45862	"D" Sqn 1 Aust Tk Bn	U/C 11 Aust Div for local adm only. Det MILNE BAY
9		45862	Rear Dets Bn HQ 1 Aust Tk Bn	U/C 11 Aust Div for local adm only
10				
11				
12	ARTY	61120	HQ RAA 2 Aust Corps	
13		45130	1 Aust Mob Mat Flt less two secs	LHQ Tps one sec with each 5 and 9 Aust Divs
14		45590	1 Sec 3 Aust Svy Bty	U/C LAB Base Sub Area for local adm only
15		61081	HQ 2/6 Aust Fd Regt	
16		61081	11 Aust Fd Bty	
17		61081	12 Aust Fd Bty	
18		61081	56 Aust Fd Bty	
19				
20				
21				
22	ENGRS			
24				
25				
26	SIGS	45747	HQ 2 Aust Corps Sigs	
27		45761	22 Aust Cipher Sec Type K	
28		45749	2 Aust Tech Maint Sec	
29		45750	HQ 1 Coy 2 Aust Corps Sigs	
30		45753	2 Aust Line Maint Sec	
31		61331	5 Aust Line Sec	
32		45754	HQ 2 Coy 2 Aust Corps Sigs	
33		61339	5 Aust Op Sec	
34		45755	6 Aust Op Sec	
35		61343	5 Aust Lt Wireless Sec	
36		47752	39 Aust Lt Wireless Sec	
37		45758	4 Aust DR Sec	
38		45231	10 Aust DR Sec	
39		45260	33 Aust Wireless Task Sec	
40		45270	34 Aust Wireless Task Sec	
41		45759	HQ 3 Coy 2 Aust Corps Sigs	
42			Det ATIS Sigs	GHQ Tps local adm only
43		45277	2/1 Aust Bench Sig Sec	
44		49084	2/6 Aust Fd Regt Sig Sec	
45				
46	AASC			
47				
48	MEDICAL	45724	10 Aust Fd Amb	
49		55412	2/3 Aust Fd Amb	
50		55521	2/3 Aust CCS	
51			2/2 Aust CCS	

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
54		49351	HG Sea Amb Tpt Coy	
55			15 Aust AMCU	
56			Det 2/11 Aust AMCU	
57	DENTAL	45842	D Sec 2/5 Aust Dental Unit	
58			C & D Secs 77 Aust Dental Unit	
59	ORD	48295	2/122 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk	
60		48296	Det 2/123 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk	
61				
62	AEME	45762	244 Aust LAD Type A	Att 3 Aust Corps Sigs
63		48293	2/122 Aust Bde Wkshop Sec less det	Det U/C 9 Aust Div
64		48294	2/123 Aust Bde Wkshop Sec less det	Det U/C 9 Aust Div
65		61082	2/53 Aust LAD Type A	Att 2/6 Aust Fd Regt
66				
67				
68				
69	PRO	29745	One Sec 9 Aust Div Pro Coy	
70				
71	POST	45783	2 Aust Corps Postal Unit less dets	Det U/C FINSCH BSA Det att 5 Aust Div
72				
73	PAY	45781	2 Aust Corps Fd Cash Office	
74				
75	MISC	61243	HQ 1 Aust Corps Reception Camp	
76				
			4 AUST INF BDE GP	
78		46000	HQ 4 Aust Inf Bde	
79		42110	4 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec	
80		46001	2/4 Aust LAD	Att HQ 4 Aust Inf Bde
81		46002	22 Aust Inf Bn	
82		46003	29/46 Aust Inf Bn	
83		46004	37/52 Aust Inf Bn	
84		45862	1 Aust Tk Bn (Less A & B Sqns & rear det Bn HQ)	
85		45053	5 Tp 2/1 Aust Fd Sqn	
86		48379	1 Aust Tk Bn Sig Tp	
87		47907	Det 4 Aust Armd Bde Coy AASC	
88		45055	det 6 Aust Lt Fd Amb	
89		45963	det 1 Aust Tk Bn Ord Fd Pk	
90		45963	209 Aust LAD Type B	Att 1 Aust Tk Bn
91		48638	Det 1 Aust Tk Bn Wkshop Sec	
92		45523	2/4 Aust Cav (Commando) Sqn	
93		48650	C Coy PIB	
94		61176	2/2 Aust MG Bn less 3 Coy	
95		61177	2/77 Aust LAD	Att 2/2 Aust MG Bn
			TPS U/C 4 AUST INF BDE	
96		61527	2/14 Aust Fd Regt less two btys	Two Btys en route
97		48483	2 Aust Mtn Bty less one Sec	
98		61038	11 Bty less Two Tps 2/3 Aust Tk A Regt	One Tp U/C 9 Aust Div. One Tp U/C FINSCH BSA
99		61359	RHQ 2/4 Aust Lt AA Regt	Corps Tps . 11 Aust Lt AA Bty U/C 7 Aust Div
100		61359	10 Aust Lt AA Bty less A Tp	A Tp U/C 9 Aust Div
101		61359	B Tp 12 Aust Lt AA Bty	Balance U/C FINSCH BSA
102				
103			2/14 Aust Fd Regt Sig Sec	
104		45130	2/4 Aust Lt AA Regt Sig Sec Less det	Det U/C 7 Aust Div

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
105		61520	2/03 Aust LAD	Att 2/14 Aust Fd Regt
106		61360	2/4 Aust Lt AA Regt Wkshop Less one Sec	One Sec U/C 7 Aust Div
107				
108				
			24 AUST INF BDE GP	
107		61103	HQ 24 Aust Inf Bde	
108		49123	24 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec	
109		61005	2 Pl 2/1 Aust HQ Gd Regt	
110		61192	2/76 Aust LAD	Att HQ 24 Aust Inf Bde
111		61189	2/26 Aust Inf Bn	
112		29065	2/32 Aust Inf Bn	
113		61190	2/43 Aust Inf Bn	
114		61127	2/7 Aust Fd Coy	
115		48856	2/29 Aust Sup Depot Pl	
116		48858	2/31 Aust Sup Depot Pl	
117		48420	3 Pl 2/156 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	
118		-	One MDI 2/156 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	
119		55413	2/11 Aust Fd Amb	
120		48117	2/118 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk	
121		48118	2/118 Aust Bde Wkshop	
122		61210	det 9 Aust Div Fd Cash Office	
123		29746	det 9 Aust Div Postal Unit	
124				
125				
126				
			IN SUPPORT	
127			4 AC Sqn	Flights A and B with 7 and 9 Aust Divs respectively
			2 AUST CORPS UNITS UNDER COND FINSCH BASE SUB AREA	
128		47782	H Aust Hy Bty	
129		61038	One Tp 11 Bty 2/3 Aust Tk A Regt	
130		48405	2/1 Aust AA Regt (Comp)	
131			2/2 Aust Lt AA Bty	
132			2/4 Aust Hy AA Bty	
133		48406	2/1 Aust AA Regt (Comp) Sig Sec	
134		48407	2/1 Aust AA Regt (Comp) Wkshop Sec	
135		61359	12 Aust Lt AA Bty less B Tp 2/4 Aust Lt AA Regt	B Tp U/C 2 Aust Corps
136		48634	84 Aust Mob SL Bty less C Med Tp	
137		48638	84 Aust Mob SL Bty Wkshop Sec	

HQ 7 AUST DIV

Serial No (a)	Arm or Service (b)	War Office Serial No (c)	Unit (d)	Remarks (e)
1	HQ UNITS	46079	HQ 5 Aust Div	
2		61005	16 Pl D Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt	
3		45180	Det 32 Sec Aust FSW	
4				
5				
6	ARTY	46083	HQ RAA 5 Aust Div	
7		46199	14 Aust Fd Regt less A Tp and Det	A Tp BUNA Det MILNE BAY
8				
9			21 Aust Tk A Bty	u/c Temporarily
10		48408	2/3 Aust Comp AA Regt	u/c Temporarily
11			HQ and A tp 162 Aust Lt AA Bty	u/c Temporarily
12			73 Aust Mob SL Bty	u/c Temporarily
13			H Aust Hy Bty	u/c Temporarily
14		46135	2/6 Aust Svy Bty less one sec	u/c Temporarily one sec DUMPU
15			One Sec 1 Aust Mob Met Flt	u/c Temporarily
16			One Sec 3 Aust Svy Bty	u/c Temporarily
17	ENGRS	45991	HQ RAE 3 Aust Div	
18		45992	4 Aust Fd Coy	
19		46092	11 Aust Fd Coy	
21	SIGS	45997	HQ Sigs 3 Aust Div	
22		46213	14 Aust Fd Regt Sig Sec	
23		45998	38 Aust Cipher Sec	
24		42127	29 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec	
25		48409	2/3 Aust Comp AA Regt Sig Sec	u/c Temporarily
26			202 Aust AA Regt Sig Sec	u/c Temporarily
27	INF	46112	HQ 29 Aust Inf Bde	
28		46114	15 Aust Inf Bn	
29		46115	42 Aust Inf Bn	
30		46116	47 Aust Inf Bn	
31				
32				
33				
34				
35				
36	AASC	46010	HQ Cond AASC 5 Aust Div	
		47264	HQ 1 Aust Sup Depot Coy	
38		48832	3 Aust Sup Depot Pl	To come u/c 7 Aust Div
39		48833	4 Aust Sup Depot Pl	To come u/c 7 Aust Div
40			152 Aust Gen Tpt Coy incl:	
			No 2 Tpt Pl	
			No 2 RDI	
			No 3 RDI	
			HQ and Sec Wkshop	
41		48845	18 Aust Sup Depot Pl	
42		48846	19 Aust Sup Depot Pl	
43		48826	B Pl 154 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	
44				
45				
46				
47				
48	MEDICAL	46121	7 Aust Bd Amb	
49				
50				
51				
52	DENTAL			
53				
54				

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
55	ORD	49041	104 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk	
56				
57				
58				
59	ARMS	49058	104 Aust Bde Wkshop	
60		45999	231 Aust LAD	u/c Sigs 3 Aust Div
61		46113	312 Aust LAD	u/c 29 Aust Inf Bde
62			2/3 Aust Comp AA Regt Wkshop	u/c Temporarily
63			det 11 Aust AA Regt Wkshop	u/c Temporarily
64			82 Aust Lt AA SL Wkshop Sec	u/c Temporarily
65				
66	PRO	46128	One Sec 5 Aust Div Pro Coy	
67			12 Aust Indep Bde Gp Pro Pl	
68				
69				
70				
71	POST	46021	3 Aust Div Postal Unit	
72				
73				
74	PAY			
75		46127	5 Aust Div Fd Cash Office	
76				
77				
78	MTSC	46023	3 Aust Div Salvage Unit	
79		46130	5 Aust Div Reception Camp	
80				
81				
82				
83				

Serial No (a)	Arm or Service (b)	War Office Serial No (c)	Unit (d)	Remarks (e)
1	HQ UNITS	29734	HQ 9 Aust Div	
2			A Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt	LHQ Tps
3		61828	"B" Sec FSW	LHQ Tps
4				
5				
6	CAV			
7				
8				
9	ARMD	45062	"A" Sqn 1 Aust Tk Bn	Corps Tps
10				
11				
12	ARTY	61220	HQ RAA 9 Aust Div	
13		61124	HQ 2/12 Aust Fd Regt	
14		61124	23 Aust Fd Bty	
15		61124	24 Aust Fd Bty	
16		61124	62 Aust Fd Bty	
17				
18				
19				
20				
21				
22		61359	A Tp 10 Aust Lt AA Bty	
23				
24		48436	2/3 Aust Lt AA Bty (Airborne)	
25				
26				
27				
28		61038	One tp 11 Bty 2/3 Aust Tk A Regt	Corps Tps
29				
30				
31		46090	5 Aust Svy Bty	
32		45130	One Sec 1 Aust Mob Met Flt	LHQ Tps att 2/12 Aust Fd Regt
33				
34				
35				
36				
37	ENGRS	29737	HQ RAE 9 Aust Div	
38		29269	2/3 Aust Fd Coy	
39				
40		29418	2/13 Aust Fd Coy	
41		61186	2/23 Aust Fd Pk Coy	
42		61284	2/29 Aust Camflg Unit	
43		61509	1 Op Pl 2/1 Aust Mech Eqpt Coy	Corps Tps
44				
45				
46				
47				
48	SIGS	29738	Sigs 9 Aust Div	
49		48113	2/43 Aust Cipher Sec (Type K)	
50		49085	2/12 Aust Fd Regt Sig Sec	
51				
52				
53				
54		49106	3 Aust Engr Sig Sec	
55		49121	20 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec	
56				
57		49125	26 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec	
58				
59				

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
60		45272	Det 36 Aust T/T Tast Sec	Detached from 19 Aust L of C Sigs
61				
62	INF	61093	HQ 30 Aust Inf Bde	
63		61005	1 Pl 2/1 Aust Gd Regt	
64		61094	2/13 Aust Inf Bn	
65		61185	2/15 Aust Inf Bn	
66		61095	2/17 Aust Inf Bn	
67				
68				
69				
70				
71				
72		61104	HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde	
73		61005	4 Pl 2/1 Aust Gd Regt	
74		61105	2/23 Aust Inf Bn	
75		61106	2/24 Aust Inf Bn	
76		61107	2/48 Aust Inf Bn	
77				
78				
79				
80				
81		48424	9 Aust Div Carr Coy	
82				
83		48650	A Coy PIB	HHQ Tps
84				
85				
86				
87	MGs	61176	B Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn	Corps Tps
88				
89				
90	PNRs	61233	2/3 Aust Pnr Bn	Corps Tps
91				
92				
93	AASC	39743	HQ Cond AASC 9 Aust Div	
94		48426	HQ 2/6 Aust Sup Depot Coy	
95		48853	2/26 Aust Sup Depot Pl	
96		45560	2/27 Aust Sup Depot Pl	
97		48855	2/28 Aust Sup Depot Pl	
98				
99		48857	2/30 Aust Sup Depot Pl	
100				
101		48428	2/156 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	
102				
103				
104				
105				
106				
107				
108				
109				
110	MEDICAL	48428	2/8 Aust Fd Amb	
111				
112				
113		46104	4 Aust Fd Amb (less A Coy)	A Coy MILNE BAY
114		55445	2/3 Aust AMCU	
115				
116				
117				
118				

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
119	DENTAL	45842	E Sec 2/5 Aust Dental Unit	Corps Tps U/C
120			77 Aust Dental Unit less	Corps Tps U/C
121			C and D Secs	
122	ORD			
123				
124		48296	2/123 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk less det	
125		48581	Det 1 Aust Tk Bde Ord Fd Pk	
126				
127				
128				
129				
130	AEME			
131		61097	2/58 Aust LAD (Type J)	Att HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde
132		61125	2/61 Aust LAD (Type A)	Att 2/12 Aust Fd Regt
133		61241	2/67 Aust LAD (Type A)	Att HQ 9 Aust Div
134		61187	2/72 Aust LAD (Type A)	Att 2/24 Aust Fd Pk Coy
135				
136				
137		61109	2/78 Aust LAD (Type J)	Att HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde
138				
139				
140				
141				
142				
143				
144		48293	Det 2/122 Aust Bde Wkshop	
145		48294	Det 2/123 Aust Bde Wkshop	
146				
147				
148				
149	MISC	29745	9 Aust Div Pro Coy less one sec	
150		61210	9 Aust Div Fd Cash Office less det	) dets) with 24 Aust Inf
151		29746	9 Aust Div Postal Unit less det	) 3de)
152		61195	9 Aust Div Salvage Unit	
153		48119	9 Aust Div Sec Reception Camp	
154				
155				

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7/8 JAN 44.

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Lt-Col	J G ROWAN	Comd 37/52 Aust Inf Bn
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Lt-Col	SCOTT	2/32 Aust Inf Bn
Maj	JAMES	2/43 Aust Inf Bn.

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FROM : Adv 2 Aust Corps 0.1919 8

SITREP	No	20	9	aust
div	to	081130L	.	adv
guard	9/17	bn	have	encountered
approx	60	Japs	with	at
least	4	LMGs	and	grenade
dischargers	in	well	dug	camouflaged
bunkers	and	foxholes	268187	and
268188	these	posns	now	being
heavily	shelled	.	all	informed

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TOO: 0530/5th.

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FROM: Adv 2 Aust Corps 0.1915 8

SITREP	No	19	.	20
bde	resumed	adv	0900L	otherwise
NTR	.	all	informed	

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FROM: adv 2 aust corps 0 1911 8

following	maps	will	be	in
use	as	from	100001L	(.)
1/25000	new	series	WALINGAI	KALASA
CAPE	KING	WILLIAM	SCHARNHORST	PT
SIO	(.)	photomaps	0370	KELANOA
0371	SCHARNHORST	PT	(.)	all
informed				

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IMPORTANT to (1) & (2) TOO:
DRLS all others

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FROM: adv 2 aust corps 0 1710 Z

SITREP 10 . 9 aust div

to 0721[illegible] . 20 bde .

advance patrolling and preparation for further

adv . 2/17 bn patrol to

river UENAGA at 266176 thence along

east to coast NW along coastal

track to 263194 reports NNE but

large unoccupied Jap bivouac area 266176

with dump eng stores incl magnetic

mines and recent occupied NG posns

268187 . 2/15 bn patrol from

269161 along NORTH bank river DALIMAN

to 263156 thence NORTH to river

UENAGA at 257174 NNE but unoccupied

Jap posns square 2616 and signs

recent enemy occupation 260170 . patrol

from 270159 SW along track attacked

4 japs at 267149 killing 2

and making 2 NW and located

river crossing used by enemy 267176

. PID patrols SW along track

from KALANOA cross river DALIMAN 269157

and attacked party 11 japs 253[illegible]

killed 8 and making 1 NW

. 26 aust inf bde .

2/24 bn D coy patrol from

KALASA TO KALANOA reached 234096 ref KALASA

one inch in difficult muddy

going killed 5 Japs on route
and 4 dead . jeep hard
reached river DALLMAN during the day
. 4 bde . mvt to
new posns proceeding . dispositions .
22 bn . bn HQ 590717
A coy 548717 B coy moving
C coy 548720 D coy 588722
. 29/46 bn . bn HQ
581717 A coy 612721 B coy
611720 C coy 601716 D coy
579718 . 37/52 bn . A
coy 569801 B coy 562808 C
and D coys 617676 . 24
bde . 2/32 bn concentrated 617604
. 2/4 cav sqn HQR from
WARSO SATELBERG . all informed

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TOO: 0615002

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FROM: Adv 2 Aust Corps O 1906 7

SITREP No 17 , 9

Aust Div to 070900L no

change all informed

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TOO: 071600A

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FROM :: adv 2 aust corps 0.1901 7

SITREP	16	.	9	aust
div	to	062100L	.	20
bde	resumed	adv	in	coastal
sector	0830L	and	by	1145L
reached	line	R	DALMAN	2817
.	bde	occupied	posn	astride
river	with	2/17	and	2/15
bns	fwd	and	2/13	bn
reserve	covering	posn	RIVER	SAZOMU
.	dispositions	2/17	bn	HQ
288178	A	coy	290176	B
coy	285178	C	coy	287173
D	coy	283174	.	2/15
bn	HQ	inland	273168	A
coy	290176	B	coy	285178
C	coy	287173	D	coy
276162	.	2/13	bn	HQ
305147	A	coy	302146	B
coy	302140	C	coy	296143
D	coy	302145	.	HQ
20	bde	313143	.	during
afternoon	enemy	engaged	our	FDLs
with	LMGs	from	265175	and
LMG	fire	from	265187	.
enemy	posn	engaged	by	arty
and	neutralized	.	patrol	to
track	junc	281180	killed	2
Japs	.	2/15	bn	captured
2	PW	in	bn	area
.	PIB	patrol	reported	25
Japs	moving	NORTH	square	

/2616

2616	and	22	Japs	moving
NORTH	square	2615	(.)	native
reports	believed	reliable	state	many
Japs	in	poor	condition	moved
SW	from	KELANOA	along	track
for	KUNUKIO	2	days	ago
(.)	26	bde	(.)	2/23
bn	moved	fwd	to	area
SAPARO	river	dispositions	bn	HQ
324135	A	Coy	322135	B
Coy	327133	C	Coy	325132
D	Coy	323137	(.)	2/48
bn	A	Coy	moved	by
sea	WALINGAI	to	SIALUM	now
at	300103	(.)	2/24	bn
D	Coy	pat rol	KALASA	to
KELANOA	reached	265065	ref	KALASA
one	inch	killed	7	Japs
(.)	track	reported	fair	as
far	as	SIKIKIA	thence	steep
and	muddy	(.)	4	Bde
(.)	22	Bn	(.)	A
and	C	Coy	moved	to
WAREO	area	(.)	29/46	Bn
(.)	B	Coy	D	Coy
portion	C	Coy	moved	GUSIKA
WAREO	area	(.)	A	Coy
and	remainder	C	Coy	moved
to	524806	(.)	37/52	Bn
(.)	Pl	B	Coy	returned
to	Coy	area	563808	from
512835	(.)	A	Coy	loss

pl	returned	to	coy	area
569802	from	patrol	base	512835
(.)	one	pl	A	coy
returned	512835	out	030815L	in
061500L	ref	one	inch	from
512835	to	496857	thence	NW
to	ZAGAHEMI	and	return	sade
route	NLS	(.)	24	bde
(.)	no	change	(.)	all
informed				

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FROM: adv 2 aust corps 0 1899 6

SITREP 15 tac 9 aust div
to 060900L 20 bde resumed adv
0830L otherwise NTR

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TOO: 041245Z

J B Plant Capt

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Subject: Liaison Visit to HQ ALAMO FORCE, HQ USN DREGER, HQ 532 ESB.

Adv HQ 2 Aust Corps (AIF)
6 Jan 44.
G/306/3D.

Distribution: List A-Branches Arms and Services.

1. Branches Arms and Services are advised that a Liaison Officer will visit the above HQs on 7 Jan 43.

2. Correspondence is required in G Liaison Office by 0900 hrs 7 Jan 43.

J G Hamilton
Lt-Col
GS 2 Aust Corps.

OUT

TO : : HQF rptd (2) recr 2 aust corps (3) 5 aust div (4) 7 aust div
(5) USN DREGER (6) FATF (7) ADV ALAMO FORCE (8) FINSCH BASE
SUB AREA (9) base F USASOS

FROM : : adv 2 aust corps 0.1607 6

SITREP	14	.	9	aust
div	to	058100E	.	20
bde	.	no	major	change
in	dispositions	but	active	patrolling
fwd	in	preparation	further	adv
.	9/17	bn	B	coy
moved	fwd	to	CHISSI	PT
and	established	standing	patrol	283164
.	from	this	pt	patrols
●	coastal	track	reached	R
DALLMAN	and	patrolled	tracks	to
SW	as	far	as	27
existing	HQS	.	VILLAGES	at
286167	and	286163	show	signs
recent	Jap	occupation	.	R
CHISSI	reported	20	ft	wide
4	ft	deep	at	mouth
R	DALLMAN	100	yds	wide
●	ft	deep	at	mouth
.	good	beach	294163	.
26	bde	.	2/23	bn
moved	fwd	to	CAPE	KING
WILLIAM	area	dispositions	bn	HQ
367115	A	369114	B	366113
C	366111	D	365115	.
2/48	bn	began	move	fwd
by	sea	from	WALINGAI	and
KANOMI	to	SIALUM	area	dispositions
bn	HQ	379103	C	coy
379104	D	coy	389091	A
and	B	coys	still	WALINGAI
anchorage	protecting	beach	head	until

dumps	cleared	? !	to	STATE:
?	Jan	.	?/?:	bn
9	coy	?itrol	?ARMA	found
native:	?to	?ourth	Jap	main
body	?ord	?rough	5	days
ago	.	?itrol	?an	?ord
along	?ain!	??	?ailed	?0?0?0
by	last	?:	.	one
Jap	killed	?460?:	track	?ported
good	.	0?	?is	.
?/?	coy	?qt	?illed	?/?0
bn	WARSO	?ar.	.	?qn
HQ	553?16	?ith	?ain	body
WARSO	?r	?nd	fed	?itrols
burned	?t	?ASPIRIC	?nd	?.?PUL
.	?/?	?n	?oncentrated	?0?0?
.	?	?d	.	?CR
.	all	informed		

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MOST SECRET

AMENDED APPX A to
2 Aust Corps OO No 4
dated 4 Jan 44

5 Jan 44

CHANGES OF COMMAND

The following units will pass from command of 9 Aust Div at 1800 hrs 6 Jan 44 and will -

1. Come under command HQ 2 Aust Corps

(a) 4 Aust Inf Bde Gp consisting of

HQ 4 Aust Inf Bde
4 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec
264 Aust LAD
22 Aust Inf Bn
29/46 Aust Inf Bn
37/52 Aust Inf Bn
2/4 Aust Cav (Commando) Sqn
2/2 Aust MG Bn (less B Coy) and
2/77 Aust LAD
C Coy PIB
1 Aust Tk Bn Gp (less A and B Sqns)

(b) 24 Aust Inf Bde Gp consisting of

HQ 24 Aust Inf Bde
24 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec
2 Pl 2/1 Aust HQ Gd Regt
2/76 Aust LAD
2/28 Aust Inf Bn
2/32 Aust Inf Bn
2/43 Aust Inf Bn
2/7 Aust Fd Coy
2/29 Aust Sup Depot Pl
2/31 Aust Sup Depot Pl
B Pl 2/156 Aust Gen Tpt Coy
one RDI 2/156 Aust Gen Tpt Coy
2/11 Aust Fd Amb
2/118 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk
2/118 Aust Bde Wkshops
det 9 Aust Div Fd Cash Office
det 9 Aust Div Postal Unit

(c) Units in support 4 Aust Inf Bde Gp

2/14 Aust Fd Regt
2/14 Aust Fd Regt Sig Sec
2/83 Aust LAD
2 Aust MTN Bty less one Sec
11 Bty less two tps 2/3 Aust Tk A Regt
RHQ 2/4 Aust Lt AA Regt with under comd
10 Aust Lt AA Bty less A Tp
B Tp 12 Aust Lt AA Bty
2/4 Aust Lt AA Regt Sig Sec less det
2/4 Aust Lt AA Regt Wkshop less one sec

(d) 2/3 Aust CCS
2/3 Aust AAHCU
D Sec 2/5 Aust Dental Unit

(e) 2/122 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk
det 2/123 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk

(f) 2/122 Aust Bde Wkshop less det
2/123 Aust Bde Wkshop less det

(g) one sec 9 Aust Div Pro Coy

2. Come under command HQ FINSCHHAFEN Base Sub-Area

M Aust Hy Bty
one tp 11 Bty 2/3 Aust Tk A Regt
2/1 Aust Comp AA Regt Sig Sec less det
2/1 Aust Comp AA Regt Wkshop less det
12 Aust Lt AA Bty less B Tp 2/4 Aust Lt AA Regt
84 Aust Mob SL Bty less C Med Tp

DISTRIBUTION:

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9 Aust Div	1	By LO
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24 Aust Inf Bde	3	By Hand
FINSCHHAFEN Base Sub Area	4	By Hand
Rear HQ 2 Aust Corps	5	"
B Aust Corps Sigs	6	
Cond	7	
BGS	8	
CCRA	9	
CE	10	
CSO	11	
DA&QMG	12	
A	13	
Q	14	
DDST	15	
DDMS	16	
DDOS	17	
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2 AUST CORPS O O NO 4. Copy No

Ref Map : MASAWENG RIVER
1 in = 1 mile. 4 Jan 44.

INFN.

1. US forces have captured all objectives at SAIDOR.

2. SE of SIO enemy forces are covering their withdrawal with rearguards.

3. It is expected that the enemy forces in the SIO-SAIDOR area will withdraw to the west of SAIDOR moving by land and sea.

4. Probable Scale of Attack. Thepresent enemy inferiority in naval and air forces preclude theprobability of a major attack on FINSCHHAFEN by sea or air and the maintenance of a large force by land is beyond the capacity of the enemy's supply service. The only probable forms of attack on FINSCHHAFEN are:-

Air attack by night
Small infiltrating raiding parties

Enemy action in 9 Aust Div area is probably limited to

Air attack by day or night,
Attack by land or sea by small forces to delay our advance by seizing and holding an area on the forward L of C.

5. Units remain or come under command of the formations shown in Appx A as from 1800 hrs 6 Jan 44.

6. 8 Aust Inf Bde Gp is moving to FINSCHHAFEN to come under command 2 Aust Corps.

INTENTION.

7. 2 Aust Corps will relieve 9 Aust Div of responsibility for the area south of the MASAWENG R.

METHOD.

8. Inland patrolling will be restricted to that neces ary for ops and the security of the force in each area.

9. 24 Aust Inf Bde Gp will prepare for embarkation and will concentrate in the area NORTH HILL-SONG RIVER-SCARLET BEACH.

10. 4 Aust Inf Bde Gp will take over from 24 Aust Inf Bde Gp. Relief to be effective not later than 8 Jan. On completion of the relief one bn will be disposed in each of the following areas:-

(a) WAREO
(b) Rd GUSIKA-WAREO
(c) NORTH HILL - SCARLET BEACH.

11. LOB Gps 4 and 24 Aust Inf Bdes and 2/4 Aust Cav Commando Sqn will rejoin parent units.

4 Aust Inf Bde Tasks -

(a) Hold the area GUSIKA-SCARLET BEACH-SATELBERG- WAREO

(b) Prepare plans for movement to repel any enemy threat within the Corps area,

(c) Patrol the coastal area to incl MASAWENG R

(d) Maintain the rd SCARLET BEACH-GUSIKA-WAREO,

(e) Training to the full extent that the above tasks permit.

13. FINSCHHAFEN BASE SUB AREA remains responsible for the seaward and AA defence between both incl SIMBANG and SIKI CREEK.

ADM.

14. Issued separately.

INTERCOM.

15. To facilitate the issue of instns by 9 Aust Div, copies of this order have been issued direct to 4 and 24 Aust Inf Bdes.

16. Signal system to come into force on effect of this order will be issued in a separate Signal Op Instn.

Acknowledge.

(Sgd) C Finlay, Lt-Col,
for Brig,
GS 2 Aust Corps.

Signed at 1200 hrs.
Issued through Sigs (except as shown)

DISTRIBUTION.

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4 Aust Inf Bde	2	By Hand
24 Aust Inf Bde	3	
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Rear HQ 2 Aust Corps	5	"
B Aust Corps Sigs	6	
Comd	7	
BGS	8	
CCRA	9	
CE	10	
CSO	11	
DA&QMG	12	
A	13	
Q	14	
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Appx A to 2 Aust
Corps OO No 4.

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2/76 Aust LAD
2/28 Aust Inf Bn
2/32 Aust Inf Bn
2/43 Aust Inf Bn
2/7 Aust Fd Coy
One Sup Depot Pl
One Sup D pot Pl
One tpt pl 2/13C Aust Gen Tp Coy
One RDI
2/11 Aust Fd Amb
One bde ord fd pk
one bde wkshop
det 9 aust div fd cash office
det 9 aust div postal unit

(c) 2/14 Aust Fd Regt, Sig Sec & 2/83 Aust LAD) In
2 Aust Mtn Bty (less one sec)) support
Two tps 11 Bty 2/3 Tk A Regt) 4 Aust
HQ 2/4 Aust Lt AA Regt, Sig Sec & Wkshop) Inf Bde Gp
With under command)
10 Bty (less A Tp)
3 Tp 12 Bty

(d) 2/3 Aust CCS
dets 10 Aust Fd Amb
Det HQ Sea Amb Tpt
2/3 Aust AHCU
D Sec 2/5 Aust Dental Unit

(e) 2/11B Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk)
2/12B Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk) +
det 2/12C Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk)

(e) (Contd) 2/118 Aust Bde Wkshop less det
2/122 Aust Bde Wkshop less det
2/123 Aust Bde Wkshop less det

2/65 Aust LAD

(f) One sec 9 Aust Div Pro Coy

2. Come under command HQ FINSCHHAFEN Base Sub Area

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Appx 1

OUT

TO :: (1) HGF rptd (2) rear 2 aust corps (3) 5 aust div (4) 7 aust div (5) USN BERGER (6) first air task force (7) ADV CP ALAMO FORCE APO 322 (8) FINSCHHAFEN base sub area (9) base F USASOS

FROM adv HQ 2 aust corps 0.1889 4

SITREP 13 . 9 aust
div to 042100L . 20
bde continued advance in coastal
sector 0830L 2/17 bn leading
. by 1145L 2/17 bn
reached line of river SAZOMU
2 JAPANESE killed 3 PW
taken . 2/17 bn patrolled
fwd as far as COCONUT
GROVES 297152 where patrol under
fire from 1 LMG 1
LMG from 294154 . enemy
posn heavily shelled . patrol
killed 2 JAPS at crossing
river MAMGU 298150 . dispositions
2/17 bn HQ 309147 A
coy 308142 B coy 310143
C coy 307140 D coy
308147 . 2/13 bn moved
fwd in support 2/17 bn
to area river SAMBORO dispositions
bn HQ 322134 A coy
321135 B coy 319137 C
coy 322136 D coy 322132
. 2/13 bn moved fwd
to CAPE KING WILLIAM area

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DRLS to (5) and (7)
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~~SECRET~~ YOU.

TO: HQS [illegible] (4) [illegible] (5) 5 Amt Div (4) 7 Amb Div (5) USA Berlin (6) FLEET AIR/CASK PONCE (7) ADV CP NAMO TOKYO APO 500 (8) FLEET POST OFFICE SAN [illegible] (9) Base V USACOS

FROM: ADV 8 Army Corps 6 Info

SUBJECT: [illegible] 8 Army Corps div to

CONTROL: [illegible] CONTROL: 8/17 im

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OUT

TO :: (1) NGF rptd (2) rear 2 aust corps (3) 5 aust div
(4) 7 aust div (5) USN DREGER (6) first air task force
(7) adv CP ALAMO FORCE APO 322 (8) FINSCHHAFEN BASE SUB-AREA
(9) base F USASOS

FROM : adv 2 aust corps 0.1876 4

SITREP	11	.	9	aust
div	to	032100L	.	20
bde	.	by	arty	and
mortar	fire	on	enemy	posns
movts	R	SANGA	forced	enemy
to	withdraw	and	20	bde
resumed	adv	0830L	2/15	bn
leading	.	at	1530L	leading
coy	at	357160	engaged	approx
40	japs	in	posn	on
high	ground	352116	.	enemy
also	engaged	by	arty	mortars
and	were	forced	to	withdraw
inland	with	casualties	.	by
1800L	2/15	bn	reached	SHEDS
area	square	3412	.	approx
40	enemy	astride	coastal	track
at	526131	shelled	and	withdrew
north	.	PW	taken	at
track	junc	364116	from	7
coy	79	rept (.)	R SANGA	jeep
obstacle	expect	to	be	bridged
by	first	lt	4	jan
.	dispositions	bde	HQ	378[illegible]5
.	2/15	bn	HQ	347123
A	344121	B	343127	C
341124	D	346124	.	2/17
bn	HQ	363118	A	363116
B	368114	C	371112	D
362119	.	2/13	bn	HQ
405078	A	403077	B	391092

C 400080 D 406077 .
26 bde . 2/23 bn
and 2/24 bn moved fwd
to NUZEN area . dispositions
2/23 bn HQ 424058 A
423059 B 424057 C 423061
D 421059 . 2/24 bn
HQ 426048 A 428041 B
425047 C 426046 . D
coy patrolled from KALASA south
to village 363031 and to
355028 and also west along
track to headwaters of R
SANGA all RMS . 4
bde . ref 1 inch
map . 37/52 bn A
coy began 3 day patrol
from 512856 to track junc
thence north along tra ck .
22 bn patrol to AIMOLAO
RMS . 24 bde MTR

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Appx A to 2 Aust
Corps OO No 4.

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pl 2/1 Aust HQ Gd Bn
2/76 Aust LAD
2/28 Aust Inf Bn
2/32 Aust Inf Bn
2/43 Aust Inf Bn
2/7 Aust Fd Coy
one sup depot pl
one sup depot pl
one tpt pl 2/156 Aust Gen
Tpt Coy
one RDI
2/11 Aust Fd Amb
one bde ord fd pk
one bde wkshop
det 9 Aust Div Fd Cash Office
det 9 Aust Div Postal Unit

(c) 2/14 Aust Fd Regt, Sig Sec & 2/83 Aust LAD) In
2 Aust Ltn Bty (less one sec))support
Two tps 11 Bty 2/3 Tk A Regt)4 Aust
HQ 2/4 Aust Lt AA Regt, Sig Sec & Wkshop)Inf Bde
with under comd;)Gp

10 Bty (less A Tp)
B Tp 12 Bty

(d) 2/3 Aust CCS
dets 10 Aust Fd Amb
det NG Sea Amb Tpt
2/3 Aust ADCU
D Sec 2/5 Aust Dental Unit

(e) 2/118 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk)
2/122 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk) +
det 2/123 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk)

(e) 2/11E Aust Bde Wkshop less det)
(Contd) 2/122 Aust Bde Wkshop less det) +
2/123 Aust Bde Wkshop less det)

2/65 Aust LAD

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2. Come under command HQ FINSCHHAFEN Base Sub Area

11 Aust Hy Bty
One Tp 11 Bty 2/3 Tk A Regt
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12 Bty less B Tp 2/4 Aust Lt AA Regt
84 Aust Mob SL Bty less C med tp

+ one of those units to be specified separately will be included in 24 Aust Inf Bde Gp vide sub para (b) above.

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Appx 1

MESSAGE OUT

OUT :

TO : (1) MGF RPTD (2) Rear 2 Aust Corps (3) 5 Aust Div
(4) 7 Aust Div (5) USH DREGER (6) FIRST AIR TASK FORCE
(7) Adv CP ALAMO FORCE APO 322 (8) FINSCHHAFEN BASE
SUB-AREA (9) Base F USASOS

FROM : 2 Aust Corps O 1808 3

SITREP	10	to	030900L
.	during	night	several
small	enemy	parties	moved
EAST	down	track	from
KALASA	engaged	by	2/15
bn	.	patrols	investigating
	all	informed	

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TO :: (1) NGF rptd (2) rear 2 aust corps (3) 5 aust div (4) 7 aust div (5) USN DREGER (6) first air tsk force (7) adv CP ALAMO FORCE APO 322 (8) PINSCHHAFEN BASE SUB-AREA (9) base F USASOS

FROM adv 2 aust corps 0.[illegible]/2 3

SITREP	9	. -	9	aust
div	to	022100	.	20
bde	continued	to	adv	in
constal	sector	and	reached	SIALUM
.	2/15	bn	with	one
tp	tanks	began	adv	063OL
on	two	coy	front	.
enemy	party	on	escarpment	401071
shelled	by	tks	and	dispersed
.	frd	tps	occupied	KWAJEWAN
4007	by	1245L	and	continued
adv	to	track	junc	391093
.	some	enemy	movement	observed
at	mouth	R	SANGA	3710
and	1715L	one	81	MM
mortar	fired	spasmodically	fwd	of
our	FDL	until	neutralised	by
hy	arty	concentration	.	no
water	sup	found	north	of
creek	424059	.	24	fd
bty	moved	by	sea	from
SCARLET	BEACH	to	NUZEN	BEACH
426050	and	came	into	action
4204	at	1630L	.	62
fd	bty	moved	by	rd
from	KANOMI	to	NANDA	now
in	action	432028	.	dispositions
2/15	bn	HQ	400084	A
395083	B	398084	C	391093
D	392085	.	2/17	bn
moved	fwd	in	sp	2/15

bn	dispositions	bn	HQ	430944
K	423046	B	426044	C
423041	D	42?064	•	patrol
along	track	SW	from	HUMEN
to	village	397032	HMS	•
2/13	bn	also	moved	fwd
from	KANOMI	area	dispositions	bn
HQ	430033	A	420032	B
431034	C	433022	D	430030
•	ARE	to	A	SQN
tks	with	leading	coy	431022
two	tps	425052	•	26
bde	•	2/23	bn	C
coy	returned	from	patrol	base
KARAKO	•	bn	moved	fwd
to KANOMI	area	dispositions	bn	HQ
473992	A	470995	B	474005
C	478991	D	471996	•
2/24	bn	A	and	D
coys	moved	HUMEN	area	A
coy	428040	D	coy	reached
village	397033	enroute	KASAGA	•
;	bde	22	bn	patrol
to	AINOSA0	5572	HMS	•
B	coy	22	bn	and
D	coy	29/46	bn	returned
to	coastal	area	from	HOMPUA
•	24	bde	•	2/4
coy	sqn	patrol	from	HOMPUA
via	ONDEO	reached	ZAGAHEMI	HMS
but	village	shows	signs	recent
jap	occupations	second	patrol	moving
from	HOMPUA	to	ZAGAHEMI	by
direct	northerly	route	•	

PT	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
1	8	[illegible]	10	[illegible]
[illegible]	6	[illegible]	10	[illegible]

all informed

This [illegible]
In order if [illegible] or to [illegible]

[illegible] (1)
[illegible]
IMPORTANT

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MESSAGE OUT

OUT : :

TO : : (1) NGF rptd (2) rear 2 aust corps (3) 5 Aust div (4) 7 aust div (5) USN-DREGSR (6) first air task force (7) adv CP ALLIED FORCE APO 322 (8) FINSCHHAFEN BASE SUB-AREA (9) base F USASOS

FROM : : adv 2 aust corps 0.1864 2

SITREP	8	.	9	aust
div	to	020900L	.	quiet
night	.	20	bde	resumed
adv	020830L	.	fwd	tps
have	reached	065	northing	.
no	opposition	so	far	all
informed				

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TOO: 021300L

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FROM :: adv 2 aust corps 0.1862 2

SITREP	7	.	9	aust
div	to	012100L	.	20
bde	.	2/15	bn	continued
adv	in	coastal	sector	.
hvy	shelling	during	night	forced
enemy	to	withdraw	from	HANDA
area	and	patrols	occupied	village
by	080OL	.	D	coy
advanced	along	coastal	track	to
coconuts	428037	and	C	coy
passed	through	and	captured	HUZEN
426047	after	overcoming	enemy	post
at	422043	killing	5	wounding
4	and	capturing	2	LMGs
.	coy	occupied	gen	line
coast	426047	to	416047	and
patrolled	fwd	to	creek	425058
killing	3	JAPS	.	another
patrol	up	track	SW	from
HUZEN	to	415035	saw	only
1	JAP	but	report	signs
recent	hvy	movement	on	track
.	one	to	tks	moved
fwd	with	leading	inf	and
reached	HUZEN	small	parties	of
enemy	moving	north	from	HUZEN
during	morning	engaged	by	our
arty	.	jeephead	reached	creek
426047	.	2/17	bn	patrol

reached 415977 no details yet
. 2/13 bn no change
. 2/15 bn dispositions A
coy 431031 B coy 437027
C coy 426047 with pls
421047 and 416047 D coy
428037 . 26 bde .
2/24 bn moved fwd by
sea to RUA area 4600
. 2/48 bn moved fwd
to WALINGAI anchorage area 493938
. 2/23 bn C coy
from patrol base KARAKO 4497
patrolled towards GERUP 4197 reached
426983 in difficult going NMS
. PIB patrol on inland
track from OROAKO ZAKOSEP GERUP
killed 2 JAPS and report
good track with signs considerable
enemy movement north about 4
days ago (.) 4 bde .
37/52 bn A coy patrol
from patrol base 513838 to
ZAGAHEMI no report (.) patrol to
AIMOLAO 5578 NMS . 24
bde no reports . all
informed

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(7) Adv CP ALAMO FORCE APO 322
(8) PINSCHHAFEN BASE SUB-AREA (9) Base F USASOS

FROM: Adv 2 Aust Corps 0.1857 1

SITREP	6	(.)	9	Aust	Div
to	0109OOL	(.)	A	coy	2/15
Bn	now	in	NANDA	preparing	exploit
beyond	(.)	parties	of	Japs	withdrawing
north	towards	NUZEN	being	engaged	by
arty	(.)	arty	harassing	fire	NUZEN
and	enemy	posn	423060	during	night
all	informed				

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TO	(1) HQ? rptd (2) rear 2 mnt corps (3) 5 mnt div (4) 7 mnt div (5) USA ORDER (6) adv GP ALA.O FORCE APO 322 (7) PHILCOMJAPEN ADZ SUB-AREA (8) base F USASOS (9) ALO FARP		
PRO:	adv 2 mnt corps	C.1855	1

SITREP	5	.	9	aust
div	to	312100L	.	20
bde	ex timed	adv	in	constal
sector	.	3/15	br	vested
through	2/13	br	LA C I	area
and	advanced	to rds	LA DA	.
str	last	it	our	fwd
tps	in	contact	15th	corps
50	tops	in	area	LA DA
village	4303	enemy	posns	engaged
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Subject: MOVEMENT - 8 Aust Inf Bde

HQ 2 Aust Corps (AIF)
7 Jan 44.
G/431/Ops.

9 Aust Div.

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War Diary (2).✓

1. 8 Aust Inf Bde Gp is ready in LARDY DARDY for movement to REDHERRING to relieve one brigade group at present under command 9 Aust Div. It is proposed that the brigade group relieved will return to SPAVIN in the shipping that brings 8 Aust Inf Bde Gp to REDHERRING.

2. The Order of Battle of the Brigade Group is as follows:

HQ 8 Aust Inf Bde
8 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec
2/1 LAD
27 Pl G Coy 2/1 Cd Regt
8 Fd Coy
4 Inf Bn
30 Inf Bn
35 Inf Bn
241 Sup Depot Pl
242 Sup Depot Pl
39 Indep Tpt Pl
One RDI
2/15 Fd Amb
133 Bde Ord Fd Pk
133 Bde Wkshop
One Indep Bde Gp Pro Pl
Det Fd Cash Office
Det Div Postal Unit

3. Arrangements are complete for the units to move with personal arms and equipment, scale A accommodation stores, unit equipment less vehicles.

4. Shipping for the movement has not yet been allocated but it is anticipated that the move will be accomplished in two or three lifts, the first elements arriving at destination approximately 10 Jan 44. The shipping plan, giving firm dates and allocation of units, etc., to the various lifts will be signalled immediately it is available.

5. It is proposed, subject to concurrence of 9 Aust Div, that 24 Aust Inf Bde Gp be relieved as personnel of that Brigade have been drawn from localities in SPAVIN which will facilitate early return from home stations to duty after leave.

6. In accordance with exisitng policy the brigade group relieved will move from REDHERRING with personal arms and equipment, all unit and accommodation stores which can be released from forward areas, less vehicles.

7. 9 Aust Div will advise as early as possible:

(a) Order of Battle of brigade group to be relieved by units of 8 Aust Inf Bde Gp as specified in paragraph (2) above.

(b) ORO 318 particulars by individual units comprising sub-paragraph (a) above in accordance with the policy expressed in paragraph 6 above.

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2 AUST CORPS INTELLIGENCE REPORT No 112

(Information from 0930L/30 Jan to 0930L/31 Jan 44)

OPERATIONS

1. LAND - OWN AND ENEMY

5 AUST DIV (Ref map 1/25,000 PESCHEL POINT).

8 Aust Inf Bde

On 29 Jan our forrmost troops were patrols from PIB who had advanced to 161435. En route during the day they killed 12 enemy and wounded one; two others escaped. These enemy were mainly medical personnel who were in reasonable physical condition and armed with one rifle.

Little information concerning activity on 30 Jan has been received. At 1110 hrs Tac R reported that our troops had reached 156454. One gun 23 Fd Bty was in action at 168427 and the remainder of the Tp was expected to reach the area during the day. 29 coils of barbed wire were found at 286418.

The large party of Japs reported in contact with the PIB patrol at 253423 on 26 Jan was later discovered to consist of 6 Japs. All were killed.

SAIDOR (Ref map 1 inch to 1 mile SAIDOR).

Details of the encounter West of MOT R on 28 Jan have been received. Our patrol crossed MOT R in rubber boats and proceeded towards TETEREI (422848). When they had reached a point 500 yds SW of TETEREI they were attacked by 20 Japs. The patrol engaged the enemy and then proceeded SE along the beach. They then encountered 70 Japs moving NW and after heavy fighting our patrol moved to MOT R. The enemy followed and brought heavy fire to bear on the river mouth. Enemy casualties are estimated to be 43. Our patrol also suffered casualties. The enemy were well equipped and well clothed.

Enemy strength on the West flank is reported to have increased since 23 Jan and patrols report that the enemy appears to be concentrating West of SAIDOR. Natives and Allied patrols report that the enemy is by-passing SAIDOR from the East along the track GALI-TAPEN-KOKOPO-BAMBU-GWARAWON-YOGA YOGA thence North to the coast. This is the route referred to in 2 Aust Corps Int Report No.103.

CAPE GLOUCESTER

29 Jan

Activity was confined to patrolling.

ARAWE

28 Jan

No enemy were observed as far West as the airstrip.

2. SEA - OWN

Night 29/30 Jan

Our PT boats on patrol did not sight any enemy craft. A large fire or beacon was observed at Cape CROISILLES.

3. AIR - OWN

30 Jan

BISMARCK SEA

Three Mitchells on armed recce bombed and strafed/a 500/1000-ton transport off TINGWON Island (East of NEW HANOVER).

NEW BRITAIN

Four Airacobras on recce, strafed barges and possible fuel dumps at Cape MENSING.

SECRET

OPERATIONS (Contd)

3. AIR - OWN (Contd)

RAMU VALLEY

Nine Vultee Vengeances with nine Kittyhawks as escort accurately dive-bombed OLD YAULA village and strafed dumps along the enemy L of C.

MADANG

Four Airacobras on recce strafed villages along the coastal track near ERIMA Plantation, and started fire amongst fuel drums at BOGADJIM.

Six Mitchells scored four near-misses on shipping in BOSTREM Bay. A large explosion resulted from bombs falling amongst dumps on the nearby shore.

ALEXISHAFEN

Fourteen Mitchells bombed and strafed the runways and village. The bombing was reported as excellent; 11 tons of bombs were dropped.

HANSA BAY

Seven Mitchells bombed runways, and a further eleven Mitchells bombed and strafed the shipping in the Harbour, and AA posns to the North of HANSA Bay. Two 5500/7000-ton general transport ships received direct hits and one is believed sunk and the other probably sunk. One Mitchell was shot down over the target and two were damaged.

Signed at 1500 hrs.

Major
GS 2 Aust Corps

SECRET

2 AUST CORPS INTELLIGENCE REPORT No 111

(Information from 0930L/29 Jan to 0930L/30 Jan 44)

OPERATIONS

1. LAND - OWN AND ENEMY

5 AUST DIV (Ref map 1/25,000 PESCHEL POINT).

8 Aust Inf Bde

29 Jan

4 Bn made a substantial advance along the coast to 166428, (West of SIDOR). Detailed dispositions are not available. Thirteen dead Japs, in a decomposed condition, were found along the track. 5 Tp 23 Fd Bty was in action at 289415.

A PIB patrol towards ULAP was unable to reach its objective owing to thick jungle. However, some equipment was captured - an MMG in fair condition, and about 80 rounds 75mm amn at 276416 and an LMG in good condition at 279417.

A and B Coys 35 Bn are now concentrated near SCHORNHORST Point.

4 Aust Inf Bde (Ref maps 1 inch to 1 mile series).

A patrol from C Coy PIB entered IBDAGEN (015926) at 1530 hrs 27 Jan and found no enemy. Natives state that Japs left the area on 14 Jan for ULAP and also reported that there were no enemy at KOMBANG (007918).

SAIDOR (Ref map 1 inch to 1 mile SAIDOR).

28 Jan

Our patrols to the East did not contact any enemy.

To the West a strong enemy posn was discovered on the West bank of YAWI R near SINDAMAN. An enemy party just West of MOT R was observed by a fighting patrol.

7 AUST DIV

29 Jan

One Coy 2/9 Bn, supported by arty, MMGs and a direct support air strike, attacked the enemy posn on the lower slopes of the 4100 feature. The attack was met by strong enemy opposition and our troops were unable to gain ground. The enemy are holding the posn in considerable strength with many MGs.

ARAWE

28 Jan

Our patrols East to the air-strip did not contact any enemy. A patrol two miles North of Cape PEIHO was fired upon by an enemy sniper.

2. AIR - OWN

29 Jan

NEW BRITAIN

Thirty-six Bostons accurately bombed and strafed the settlement area, dumps and defended posns at Cape BUSCHING starting several small fires.

Eight Bostons attacked enemy pill-boxes at NATAMO with unobserved results.

NEW GUINEA

RAI COAST - Two recce Airacobras strafed and set fire to a barge at Cape MENSING. Two Marauders also strafed the trail and villages between WARAI - BOGADJIM.

Our aircraft were fired upon by 25 rifles from HERWAKEH Point. The pilots consider that there is an enemy concentration at this point.

RAMU - Eight Vengeances and 15 Kittyhawks in support of ground tps bombed and strafed the village of OROGUNA No.2; all bombs fell in the target area. One Vengeance crashed returning to base.

NUBIA - Seven Mitchells bombed an area 2 miles NNE of NUBIA. Results were unobserved. AA was reported as heavy and accurate.

SECRET

OPERATIONS (Contd)

2. AIR - OWN (Contd)

BISMARCK SEA

Six Mitchells carried out an extensive seaward recce of the West and East BISMARCK Sea. Three unidentified motor vessels were sighted in HANSA Bay.

3. AIR - ENEMY

FINSCHHAFEN

At 1645 hrs 29 Jan one enemy aircraft dropped one bomb on a Liberty ship. No damage or casualties were suffered.

Signed at 1130 hrs.

Major
GS 2 Aust Corps

SECRET

2 AUST CORPS INTELLIGENCE REPORT No 110

(Information from 0930L/28 Jan to 0930L/29 Jan 44)

PART I

OPERATIONS

1. LAND - OWN AND ENEMY

5 AUST DIV

8 Aust Inf Bde (Ref map 1/25,000, PESCHEL Point).

28 Jan

8 Aust Inf Bde continued the advance along the coast and by last light 4 Bn (less A Coy) were in the KIARI area. Dispositions at last light were : Bn HQ 273416, B Coy 273415, C Coy 272416, D Coy 275416. A Coy moved up to 249424 during the day.

One section B Troop 23 Fd Bty was landed at WASU anchorage and went into action in that area.

A PIB patrol contacted a large party of Japs near GAWAIN (253423) but no details have been received. Further PIB patrols killed five Japs at 274416 and four others at different points along the track.

SAIDOR (Ref map 1 inch to 1 mile series)

27 Jan

An Allied patrol 1500 yds North of SINDAMAN discovered 60 to 80 Japs armed with automatic weapons moving North in this vicinity. AIYUA (400740) is reported occupied by enemy who prevented natives from entering the village during the day.

A patrol from SIBOG(345750) to SINDAMAN encountered enemy in strong defensive positions on the West bank of the YAWI R. Another patrol South from GAIUMI(374776) was ambushed by the enemy at SEIN(382758). Two of our troops were wounded and the patrol withdrew to SERANG(410781). Another patrol encountered enemy just West of MOI R.

7 AUST DIV

18 Aust Inf Bde

28 Jan

2/9 and 2/12 Bns were re-grouped during the day. In minor encounters with the enemy in the vicinity of 4100 feature our troops inflicted a number of casualties.

CAPE GLOUCESTER(Ref Map 4 miles to 1 inch WESTERN NEW BRITAIN)

27 Jan

From the airstrip area a coy patrol South towards MIAPAUA(XM6782) reached a point about 2000 yds West of NAKAROP (XM6984) by last light 27 Jan and reported that 50 enemy with MGs and mortars were occupying defensive posts 700 yds East of this position. At 0750 hrs 28 Jan our patrol attacked the enemy who are reported to be in strength one coy, well-equipped and dug in on a cliff commanding all approaches. Our force suffered some casualties and withdrew slightly to the West. In BORGEN BAY sector the area between the second river East of NATAMO and the Government trail (West of NATAMO) and thence to a point 4 miles SW of NATAMO was reported clear of enemy on 27 Jan. A patrol made contact with a possible enemy rearguard 5000 yds SE of NATAMO Point. A patrol 3½ miles SSW of NAKAROP found at least 50 enemy with MGs and mortars. A patrol 5500 yds South of HILL 600 saw three Japs and two natives with fix bayonets moving South carrying a large pig.

2. SEA - OWN

Night 27/28 Jan

No contacts were made during the night. The southern patrol observed a light 5 miles SW of REISS Point on the outward run. The light was again observed on the return run and the area strafed. The light went out. Another patrol saw what appeared to be MT headlights along the shore in MEGIAR Harbour(just North of CAPE CROISILLES).

Night 28/29 Jan

Again no contact was made.

3. AIR - GMI

28 Jan

NEW BRITAIN

Twelve Bostons bombed and strafed troop concentrations at BORGEN BAY causing some damage and casualties.

NEW GUINEA

SAIDOR. A force of eight Bostons successfully attacked from minimum altitude, enemy troops and dump areas at SIGOR and TAGUR. Two fires were started and low level strafing caused some casualties.

HANSA BAY. A further harassing attack along the enemy L of C between BOGIA Harbour and CAPE CROISILLES was carried out by 14 Mitchells. Two bridges near BOGIA were destroyed, villages along the coast were thoroughly strafed and another bridge damaged over the DURGAN R. One barge was also sunk off KARIM.

PART II

4. ENEMY EQUIPMENT (Ref Map 1/25,000 PESCHEL POINT)

An abandoned Jap barge was discovered at 307416. On the barge were found British 2-pounder TkA guns marked "GMH 1941" The guns had been broken up.

Major
GS 2 Aust Corps

Signed at 1920 hrs.

SECRET

2 AUST CORPS INTELLIGENCE REPORT No 109

(Information from 0930L/27 Jan to 0930L/28 Jan 44)

PART I

OPERATIONS

1. LAND - OWN AND ENEMY

5 AUST DIV

6 Aust Inf Bde (Ref maps 1/25,000 SIO, and 1/63,360 series).

27 Jan

During the day 4 Bn advanced to ASIWA R but did not contact the enemy.

Patrols from A Coy PIB covering the advance, reached KIARI where they killed three enemy in good physical condition.

Dispositions of 4 Bn at last light were as follows: Bn HQ 322425, C Coy 311421, A Coy 321424, B Coy 323425 and D Coy 343446. With the arrival of B Coy, 30 Bn (less C Coy) is now concentrated at KELANOA.

At 1400 hrs Allied aircraft strafed one Jap moving West at DE'SIUS Point, and another wearing a pack, at BONGA.

ANGAU reports indicate that the enemy has withdrawn from ILOKO (915906) and neighbouring villages. There is an unconfirmed report that enemy reported at ULAP (959155) and moving on MELANGDUNG (083992) - ULAP track are stragglers from KALASA. The same source reported that INDAGEN (014928) and UINUNU (965931) have been evacuated by the enemy.

SAIDOR

26 Jan

An Allied patrol returning from SINDAMON encountered enemy 1500 yds North of the village; details of the action are not yet available.

Natives report that this party consisted of 60/80 Japs armed with automatic weapons.

7 AUST DIV

18 Aust Inf Bde (Ref map 1/25,000 PAIPA).

27 Jan

The R established that the enemy were holding the small feature at 679674 (referred to as the PIMPLE) which is covered with heavy undergrowth. Our troops surrounded the enemy on three sides and maintained contact during the day. Some regrouping took place, but details are not yet available.

A patrol from 2/9 Bn towards PAIPA observed parties of 20 and 50 enemy moving from the vicinity of 4100 feature in square 6768 into the gardens in square 6468. Stretcher cases and walking wounded were included in these parties. Smaller parties on the right flank moving in the same direction were surprised by our patrol and some casualties were inflicted.

CAPE GLOUCESTER

26 Jan

There was active patrolling throughout the area and HATAMO was reported clear of enemy.

ARAWE

26 Jan

A patrol to LIPIP air strip was fired upon by nine enemy. One Jap was killed.

2. SEA - OWN

26/27 Jan

Our PT boats did not contact any enemy barges during the night. Heavy shore fire was encountered from 75mm batteries on the East side of Cape CROISILLES.

PART I OPERATIONS (Contd)

3. AIR - OWI

27 Jan

NEW BRITAIN

Two recce Airacobras strafed and left unserviceable two barges at Cape RAOULT.

NEW GUINEA

RAI COAST - Five recce Airacobras strafed three barges at GAUSS Point and damaged a further four barges one mile East of MARAKUM.

RAMU VALLEY - Nine Vultee Vengeances dive-bombed bridges 6 and 7 on the BOGADJIM Road. No direct hits/scored but near misses caused damage to the approaches.

ALEXISHAFEN-MADANG - Twelve Bostons bombed and strafed AMELE Mission destroying a further four buildings. Another force of twelve Bostons attacked NOBONOB Mission starting fires. Seven Mitchells bombed dump areas at MUGIL Point causing a large explosion amongst stores. One twin-engined enemy aircraft was destroyed.

HANSA BAY - Two squadrons of Mitchells bombed and strafed from minimum altitude personnel and supply areas at BOGIA village and Harbour. The village was completely destroyed, large fires started and several explosions were observed at BOGIA Creek mouth. A small bridge at DUMABUN was destroyed. One of the escorting Thunderbolts strafed a sea truck in HANSA Bay.

ADMIRALTY ISLANDS

A further heavy strike against AA posns, the air strip, stores and bivouac areas was carried out by forty-one Liberators. In all 107 tons of bombs was dropped, direct hits being scored on the runway, four large buildings were demolished and fires were started which were visible 30 miles from the target area. AA was reported as light and inaccurate.

DELAYED REPORTS/NEW BRITAIN

25 Jan

Two Bostons and eight Kittyhawks bombed gun posns at the mouth of KABU R scoring direct hits.

26 Jan

Nine Bostons on a direct support mission for our ground forces one mile East of HATAMO accurately bombed and strafed enemy defended areas.

PART II

4. OOB

Extracts from 18 Army Int Summaries No.150 (to 31 Oct) and 151 (to 10 Nov) which were captured at KANKIRYO on 24 Jan read :

"ATEMBLE Defence Unit 10 Coy 237 Regt completed assembly this area 23 Oct."

"Main Force 239 Regt which is to come under command NAKAI Force assembly near OTO 1 Nov. 1 Coy 239 Regt to be KULAU Defence Unit left OTO 30 Oct."

Comment: This is the first report of elements of 237 Regt moving into the RAMU Valley.

Signed at [illegible] hrs.

Major
GS 2 Aust Corps

SECRET

3 AUST CORPS INTELLIGENCE REPORT No 108

(Information from 0930L/26 to 0930L/27 Jan 44)

PART I

OPERATIONS

1. LAND - OWI AND MINEK

5 AUST DIV (Ref maps 1/25,000 SIO and FISCHEL Point).
6 Aust Inf Bde
26 Jan

A PIB patrol which moved 1000 yds east of KWAIA R. captured a PW in a weak condition at 356445. Another PIB patrol moved from 359448 to the HONGO R. at 301403 without seeing any enemy.

D Coy 4 Bn moved from 359447 to 342440. There were other slight changes in the dispositions of 4 Bn which was disposed at last light as follows:- Bn HQ 361449, B Coy less one pl 361446 with one pl at 366463, A Coy 359448, C Coy 359449. Last night A Coy PIB were located at 358448.(It would now appear that only PIB patrols reached 315423 on 25 Jan).

Total enemy casualties forward of SIO from 21 Jan to 26 Jan are 24 killed, 42 found dead and one PW.

TAC/R REPORTS(ref maps 1 inch to 1 mile series)

Tac/R reports of 25 Jan state that the track south from MALALAMAI to MUFUKU is wide and well worn, particularly in square 7365 where it leads into T.P.K. The area 802608 to 800593 is also reported well worn.

SAIDOR

25 Jan

An enemy patrol south of YAGOMI was ambushed by allied troops. Four were killed and two PW were taken.

7 AUST DIV (Ref maps 1/25,000 PAIPA and JUBA).
18 Aust Inf Bde
26 Jan

2/9 Bn carried out a wide encircling movement around the 4100 feature (6768) but were held up by enemy on the lower slopes of the feature at 678684. Elements of 2/9 Bn were in contact with the rear of this position, with 2/10 and 2/12 Bns in contact with the enemy from the south and east respectively, where they are held up by strong enemy resistance and difficult terrain.

2/9 Bn discovered a mule track at 678684 which is believed to lead down to HOSLA R.

15 Aust Inf Bde

A patrol from 24 Bn found abandoned a well-prepared enemy position at 568698.

CAPE GLOUCESTER

25 Jan

A patrol 1500 yds along the track running south from HATHO Point was engaged by enemy MGs, and snipers covering the pillboxes. Dump discovered at HATHO consisted of engr eqpt including nine sweeping paravanes.

The patrol to MAGAMAPU found there a large abandoned enemy bivouac area in a filthy condition.

2. SEA - OWI

On night 25/26 Jan our PT boats saw two groups of three red tracer or very lights in the vicinity of GUSS Point. These were followed by a green light on the beach. A large light was seen 2 miles south of GASI. (5 Aust Div Sitrep)

3. AIR - OWI

25 Jan

NEW GUINEA

RAI COAST

Thirty-two Bostons bombed and strafed from minimum altitude the villages of YARA, GALI, DONG., and OLD YAGOMI demolishing many huts, destroying three trucks at OLD YAGOMI and starting many fires.

ALEXISHAFEN AREA

Nine Mitchells bombed ALEXISHAFEN No. 2 airstrip causing a large fire at the end of the strip.

Eleven Vultee Vengeances dive-bombed dumps at MAGAD. plantation also strafing targets on the shore of FRIEDRICH KARL HARBOUR.

At 1620 hrs, nine Mitchells attacked a barge concentration at BOGADJIM B.Y, sinking one large barge and damaging many others.

ADMIRALTY ISLANDS

LOS NEGROS ISLAND

Seventeen Liberators dropped 90 tons of bombs on the island destroying a jetty and starting five large fires.

MOMOTE

The airstrip and surrounding dispersal areas at MOMOTE were again heavily attacked by 25 Liberators. The bombing was reported as accurate, the airstrip being damaged and many direct hits scored on dumps. Six buildings were also destroyed.

NEW BRITAIN

Airacobras on recce destroyed three small boats and on a barge sweep from CAPE BUSCHING - GASMATA and DORFER BAY - MATAKO left four barges unserviceable.

From all the operations all our aircraft returned.

DELAYED REPORTS

24 Jan

Twenty-five Beauforts with Kittyhawks and Spitfires as escort successfully attacked dump areas at CAPE HOSKINS starting fires at the Northern end of the strip and amongst dispersed stores.

PART II

4. ENEMY DISPOSITIONS

The following information was received from two PWs captured at YAGOMI (east of SAIDOR) on 25 Jan. They belonged to 1 Pl 1 Coy 1 Bn of 80 Regt, and were the only survivors of this Coy. They estimated that the maximum effective strength of 1 Bn was 120.

They further stated that the Bn had been withdrawing from FINSCHHAFEN area since 1st to Nov and had reached GALI on about 20 Jan.

Native food had been used for subsistence during the withdrawal. No rations had been received at GALI. On 20 Jan a party(incl the PWs) left the GALI mission to guard YAUT R, and were given money to purchase native foodstuffs. They had been engaged in foraging instead of patrolling as instructed.

PW did not know the locations of 2 or 3 Bns 80 Regt, and had no knowledge of any troop movements south of GALI.

Signed at 1600 hrs.

Major
GS 2 Aust Corps

SECRET

2 AUST CORPS INTELLIGENCE REPORT No 107

(Information from 0930L/25 Jan to 0930L/26 Jan 44)

OPERATIONS

1. LAND - OWN AND ENEMY

5 AUST DIV (Ref map 1/25,000 SIO).

8 Aust Inf Bde

25 Jan

At 0830 hrs 4 Bn advanced along the coastal track and at 1700 hrs was disposed as follows :- Bn HQ 361448, A Coy 362446, B Coy 360445, C Coy 363445, D Coy less one pl 359447 with one pl at 358448. During the advance two Japs were killed.

A PIB patrol killed two enemy at 315423. A Coy PIB covering theadvance of 4 Bn, reached 315423 at last light.

SAIDOR (Ref map 1 inch to 1 mile SAIDOR).

24 Jan

A patrol discovered that 28 Japs were occupying GABUTAMON. Delayed reports state that about the middle of Jan, 30 enemy were bivouacked between GERALEI (390850) and BILIAU (411860) and that ther was a rice dump on the beach nearby.

25 Jan

A patrol to SIPDAMON killed two Japs and found one dead. Another patrol killed two Japs about 400 yds West of MOT R.

7 AUST DIV (Ref map 1/25,000 PAIPA).

13 Aust Inf Bde

25 Jan

Elements of 2/10 and 2/12 Bns maintained contact with enemy occupying a strong defensive posn on the 4100 ft feature in area 6768.

A patrol from 2/12 Bn West from KANKIRYO towards PAIPA inflicted some casualties on the enemy.

CAPE GLOUCESTER (Ref map 4 miles to 1 inch WESTERN NEW BRITAIN).

24 Jan

Allied patrols in an action East of NATAMO killed 30 Japs. It is reported that at least 30 automatic weapons have been captured or destroyed in this sector during 23/24 Jan.

A patrol contacted enemy estimated st engths one platoon, with HMGs, 1500 yds South of Mount MUHLULU; no details have been received.

A patrol towards MAGAIRAPUA (approx XM6985) saw two enemy who fled. A patrol East of Mount GULU reported that there was a strong enemy force South of the posn. Another patrol reported the track GIE (XM5984) - MALVOVO (XM6083) clear of enemy and was informed by natives that the enemy had evacuated towards the East.

An enemy barge off Cape GAUFFRE is believed to have been sunk by arty fire.

ARAWE

The area for 5000 yds forward of our FDLs was reported clear of enemy. An enemy base is reported on ANU R. with enemy movement West towards MIO. (ANU R at its mouth is approx 12 miles East of PULIE R).

The area ADI R to Cape PEIHO was reported clear of enemy; also the tracks and gardens NE of UMTINGALU (XM3822), although one Jap was found in this village.

Patrols to MESELIA (XM4322) and LUPIN saw no enemy.

SECRET

PART I OPERATIONS

2. AIR - OWN

25 Jan

ADMIRALTY ISLANDS

A further attack by thirty-seven Mitchells was carried out against supply dumps and installations at LORENGAU and grounded enemy aircraft on the MOMOTE air strip. Direct hits were scored on houses, a jetty was destroyed and many large fires started. AA was reported to be heavier and one Mitchell was destroyed over the target area and four damaged. Escorting Lightnings destroyed five barges off LOU Island and strafed a 3000-ton merchant vessel at PAPITALOI Island.

HANSA BAY

Forty-four Liberators dropped 116 tons of bombs on supply and dump areas in HANSA Bay and on AA posns on LAING Island. Owing to weather, accurate observations of damage was NOT possible.

ALEXISHAFEN

Three Liberators unable to reach primary target bombed ALEXISHAFEN area with unobserved results.

RAMU VALLEY

Twelve Vultee Vengeances again successfully bombed enemy posns at MATALOI No.1. All bombs fell in the target area.

RAI COAST

Eight Thunderbolts on an 'opportunity sweep' started fires among huts at GALI also killing two Japs.

3. AIR - ENEMY

ARAWE

On 24 Jan six enemy aircraft dropped eight bombs but caused no damage. One enemy aircraft dropped one bomb in the area on 25 Jan but also caused no damage.

PART II

4. OOB

Papers on the body of a Jap killed at SINDAMON (near SAIDOR) suggest that he belonged to 5 Coy 61 Inf Regt 4 Div.

Comment: Since Oct 43 there have been indications, mostly rumours, that portion of 4 Div may be in NEW GUINEA.

Signed at 1640 hrs.

Major
GS 2 Aust Corps

SECRET

2 AUST CORPS INTELLIGENCE REPORT No 106

(Information from 0930L/24 Jan to 0930L/25 Jan 44)

PART I

OPERATIONS

1. LAND - OWN AND ENEMY

5 AUST DIV (Ref maps 1/25,000 SIO).

24 Jan

Again the activity was confined to patrolling. D Coy 4 Bn moved forward to the remainder of the Bn in the SIO Mission area and C Coy 30 Bn moved to the North of GOALING R at 472426. A 4 Bn patrol West from SIO Mission killed two Japs at 382443. A patrol from the PIB moved West along the coastal track to the KWAMA R and thence to 342443. The patrol then moved East to 360444, where the KWAMA R was crossed, and then North along the East bank of the river and returned via the coastal track. No Japs were seen. During the day approximately 600 natives returned to the village at 444460.

SAIDOR (Ref map 1 inch to 1 mile SAIDOR).

23 Jan

Patrols reported SINDAMAN (429735) and SIBOG (445750) to be clear of enemy. One Jap was seen two miles SW YAGOMI and four Japs near the mouth of the YAUF R.

7 AUST DIV

18 Aust Inf Bde (Ref map 1/25,000 PAIPA).

24 Jan

With the capture of a strong enemy posn on KANKIRO SADDLE the Bde now holds the commanding ground and has complete observation over the enemy. Our tps have now consolidated on the Saddle. The enemy posns captured included an extensive defensive system with strong pillboxes connected by deep communication trenches. Captured documents indicate that a Regtl HQ and a Bn HQ had been sited within this defensive system.

15 Aust Inf Bde (Ref map 1/25,000 AHUBA).

One Coy 24 Bn supported by arty attacked enemy posns at 567707. After a hard fight up steep slopes against determined enemy resistance the posns were captured. The ground gained covers the approach to SAIPA 2.

CAPE GLOUCESTER

23 Jan

An Allied patrol is reported to have killed forty Japs near NATAMO.

2. AIR - OWN

24 Jan

ADMIRALTY ISLANDS

Thirty-eight Mitchells in a heavy attack on LORENGAU bombed and strafed shipping and supplies In all 20 luggers, barges and schooners were destroyed including one 500/1000-ton vessel which was left burning and listing. 12 European type houses, the jetty and dumps were also destroyed and a number of Japs estimated at 30, killed. Thirty-six tons of bombs were dropped and many strafing passes made.

Two squadrons of Lightnings escorting the bombers strafed and destroyed 4 grounded aircraft on the strip and damaged 3. Two schooners, one launch and two barges were left burning in PAPITALOI Harbour as a result of strafing attacks by the Lightnings.

WEWAK-BORAM

Sixteen Liberators attacked supply dumps in the strip area at WEWAK and a further 23 Liberators bombed the strip at BORAM. Bombing was accurate, fires were started and 7 aircraft destroyed on BORAM strip. In all 109 tons of bombs were dropped.

PART I - OPERATIONS (Contd)

2. AIR - OWN (Contd)

HANSA BAY

Twenty-seven Mitchells attacked supplies and dumps, but no details are yet available.

MADANG

Nine Mitchells bombed targets in the MADANG area causing one large fire. One Liberator bombed AMELE Mission with unobserved results.

RAMU VALLEY

In the 7 Div area eleven Vultee Vengeances dive bombed MATALOI No.1 village. All bombs were reported in the target area and the village was completely demolished.

DELAYED REPORTS

On 22 Jan twenty-three Beaufforts bombed dump areas at the AUGEN R mouth, dropping 23 tons of bombs. Bombing was reported as excellent.

SIGHTINGS AND ATTACKS ON SHIPPING

One Liberator on armed recce during early morning 23 Jan bombed a 5500/6500-ton merchant vessel at 02°03' South, 148°35' East. Vessel is claimed as damaged. Another vessel of similar size was sighted nearby. A further convoy of 10 small to medium ships and one destroyer was sighted at 04°00' South, 150°27' East, but the course of the convoy could not be determined. One Liberator dropped bombs on a merchant vessel in a 4-ship convoy at 02°06' South, 149°12' East. Vessel is claimed as damaged.

3. AIR - ENEMY

ARAWE

At 2300 hrs 23 Jan one enemy aircraft dropped one bomb in the area.

PART II

4. ENEMY SUPPLY (Ref map 1/25000 SIO).

Examination of GOALING R and its tributaries confirms evidence of captured documents and PWs that HANBARIWA was the principal supply base for enemy tps in FINSCHHAFEN area. Along almost the entire length of GOALING R from its mouth to 455413 both banks of the river have been used to provide barge offloading points, barge hideouts or dump areas. In particular, there was a fuel dump at 464428, barge workshops at 453424 and engineer stores dump at 459416. In the upper reaches there were large bivouac and hospital areas. The tributary at 472420 and various arms of it were extensively used for hiding and offloading barges and there were large dumps of various kinds in this vicinity. At least 20 prepared barge hideouts have been counted along GOALING R itself, and the tributary mentioned above has an estimated capacity of 25 barges.

The bombing and strafing attacks of our air force had been very effective and nearly all principal dumps had suffered damage. 6 sunken barges are visible and owing to depth of river it is possible others have sunk out of sight.

(9 Aust Div Int Summary No.32).

Signed at 1700 hrs.

Major
GS 2 Aust Corps

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2 AUST CORPS INTELLIGENCE REPORT No 105

(Information from 0930L/23 Jan to 0930L/24 Jan 44)

PART I

OPERATIONS

1. LAND - OWN AND ENEMY

5 AUST DIV

6 Aust Inf Bde (Ref maps 1/25,000 SIO, KWAMA RIVER and
23 Jan SCHARNHORST POINT).

Activity for the day was confined to patrolling. A patrol from 4 Bn moved South from SIO Mission to 415406 without sighting any Japs. Four patrols were sent out by A Coy PIB from 416441. The first patrol moved South from 400445 to 389406 where it was fired on by a sniper but the subsequent search failed to locate the Jap. The second patrol moved along the coastal track to the mouth of the KWAMA R but was unable to effect a crossing and then moved South along the East bank to 362443 where it crossed the river with difficulty and then continued SW to the plantation at 356436 and thence NW to the huts at 343447. At this point there were no signs of recent occupation, and no enemy were sighted en route. The third patrol moved to the South from SIO Mission along the inland track to KALASA as far as LEMBANGANDO (018173) where a party of twenty Japs were ambushed and killed without casualties being suffered by the patrol. The fourth patrol, along the East bank of the KWAMA R, contacted four Japs at 363439 killing three; the fourth escaped. A minefield was located at 457451.

During the day approximately 200 natives, mainly women and children, returned to SIO LAGOON from the hills, stating that they had been instructed to do so by an ANGAU officer. The captured enemy equipment at NAMBARIWA included two 90mm Mortars, one MMG, five LMGs, one SMG and a large quantity of medical stores.

A Tp 23 Fd Bty moved to 422450. 30 Bn less one Coy is now concentrated at 227199.

Tac/R Reports (Ref maps 1/25,000 - PESCHEL POINT).

23 Jan

A number of parachutes were observed at several points along the coastal track and in all cases the containers were intact. Some parachutes were seen in square 1346, six at 036479, five at 028482 and eight at 036479. A total of four dead Japs were seen between 150467 and 248424.

Delayed Report - 21 Jan (Ref map 1 inch to 1 mile SINGORKAI).

The coastal track from GALI to MALALAMAI and the inland track South from MALALAMAI as far as 757628 were reced and showed signs of much use.

SAIDOR (Ref maps 1 inch to 1 mile SAIDOR and SINGORKAI).

22/23 Jan

A patrol to SURI (433765) sighted two Japs and an ANGAU patrol reported that there was about thirty Japs at GARUTAMON (710580) at 0800 hrs 22 Jan. A patrol to WABOL (470742) made no contact, and a patrol to SIBOG (445750) also saw no enemy. A patrol South on the East side of the MOT R to YOGA YOGA (447652) saw no enemy and found the MOT R to be unfordable in the vicinity of GARAMI (374777).

7 AUST DIV

18 Aust Inf Bde (Ref maps 1/25,000 KUMBARUM and PAIPA).

23 Jan

The Bde offensive continued successfully during the day resulting in the complete capture of SHAGGY RIDGE and a stronghold being established on KANKIRYO SADDLE.

On the right flank 2/10 Bn by vigorous patrolling drove the enemy from wired posns at 708643 in FARIA VALLEY. A Coy of this Bn advancing North along FARIA RIDGE contacted a well

PART I OPERATIONS (Contd)

1. LAND - OWN AND ENEMY (Contd)

7 AUST DIV (Contd)

prepared enemy posn at 690672, and after arty preparation, attacked at 1700 hrs driving the enemy from forward posns into alternative posns.

Contact was maintained during the night 23/24 Jan.

In the centre 2/9 Bn continued the advance along SHAGGY RIDGE capturing the high feature at 682651 by 1130 hrs on 23 Jan. Our tps were then held/temporarily by MG fire, but an outflanking movement around precipitous slopes cleared the enemy from the ridge. At 1315 hrs elements of 2/9 and 2/12 Bns made contact at 678657. On the left flank forward elements of 2/12 Bn after occupying posns near KANKIRYO contacted enemy guns which were withdrawn promptly to the North.

During the days operations one 75mm Type 94 fd gun, one 37mm QF gun, a number of HMGs and LMGs with a quantity of arty ammunition were captured. The enemy dead as the result of the Bde attack are reported to be 130.

15 Aust Inf Bde (Ref maps 1/25,000 BOKU RIVER, AMUBA and KOBEN).

23 Jan

A regrouping of forward troops in the Bde occurred during the day and one Coy 24 Bn moved to 573656 with Bn HQ, and one Coy 57/60 Bn at KETOBA (419744) and another Coy at 455678.

CAPE GLOUCESTER (Ref map 4 miles to 1 inch WESTERN NEW BRITAIN).

One Allied rifle Coy advanced to NATAMO Point where they contacted an enemy force, estimated strength one reinforced rifle Coy, in well prepared posns. In the ensuing engagement ten Japs were killed but no further details are available. A patrol to a point 1,000 yds North of AGILUPELLA (216682) encountered one Pl of Japs and four enemy were killed. Another Allied patrol to the SW from the strip area killed one Jap.

2. SEA - OWN

Night 22/23 Jan

The same PT boat patrols were carried out as for the previous night. Many lights were observed along the coast, particularly at BOGADJIM. One PT boat was fired on by a shore battery at a point just West of HERWARTH Point.

Night 23/24 Jan

At 2300 hrs our PT boats destroyed one Type A and two Type B barges (one loaded with troops). The barges were moving on a Southerly course off MALAS Point.

At 0150 hrs PT boats were fired upon by 3-inch guns and MGs from MATUKA.

At 0355 hrs one Type B barge was destroyed at BIBI (ref map 1 inch to 1 mile POMMERN BAY, 052941). Numerous lights were observed along the shore between Cape CROISILLES and DOVE Point.

3. AIR - OWN

BORAM

Thirty-four Liberators accurately bombed AA posns and installations at BORAM and Cape HOEM. 92 tons of bombs were dropped destroying buildings and starting large fires. Many explosions were seen and gun posns were silenced.

Fifty/sixty ZEKES, TONYS and OSCARS intercepted our formations over BORAM and were engaged by 32 Lightnings which were escorting the bombers. 19 enemy aircraft were destroyed, six probably destroyed and five damaged. Our losses were three Lightnings missing.

AWELE

One Liberator bombed and destroyed buildings in the plantation area.

RAI COAST

Ten Bostons bombed and strafed BONGA village and the track BONGA-GALI. 4 camouflaged dumps were strafed.

PART I OPERATIONS (Contd)

3. AIR - OWN (Contd)

BORGEN BAY

Thirteen Bostons bombed and strafed pillboxes in the NATANO - SILIHATI Point area in support of ground tps. The area was well covered, 6 tons of bombs being dropped.

DELAYED REPORTS

NEW BRITAIN

On 21 Jan thirty-two Beauforts attacked targets in the AMGEN R area dropping 29 tons of bombs. Observation of results was obscured by heavy cloud over the target area. One of our escorting Kittyhawks crashed at sea.

4. AIR - ENEMY

FINSCHHAFEN

During night 23/24 Jan an unidentified number of enemy aircraft dropped 6 bombs at FINSCHHAFEN causing some casualties. Three bombs were dropped on the airstrip at DREGER Harbour and one anti-personnel bomb hit a Liberty ship causing some casualties, but only very slight damage.

ARAWE

During night 22/23 Jan six enemy aircraft made a low level bombing and strafing attack in the area, dropping 20 bombs which caused slight casualties.

CAPE GLOUCESTER

At 0847 hrs 23 Jan one enemy aircraft dropped one bomb but caused no damage.

PART II

5. ENEMY SUPPLIES

In 2 Aust Corps Int Report No.103 para 5, it was reported that cannisters dropped by parachute at SEL contained 40/50 lbs of rations. It has now been established that they contained 60/70 lbs of food.

Comment:

It would appear that the enemy has been using two types of supply cannisters, one containing 60/70 lbs of food, and the other about 110 lbs.

6. ENEMY EQUIPMENT

Preliminary reports on enemy craft destroyed by PT boats night 23/24 Dec near CHEISHIAU Point give the following information :-

Fuel barge: The body of this is cylindrical, tapering to a cone fore and aft. Total length is 104/110 ft and body is 16 ft in diameter. The cone aft is 18 ft long and has four fins (two horizontal and two vertical). The horizontal fins are set so as to prevent vessel nosing down. The forward cone is 26 ft long and has 2 bollards for attaching tow ropes. At the stern there is also a heavy bollard, and a second vessel could therefore be towed astern.

The barge has no means of self-propulsion and is constructed of 2 inch steel plate. It contains 4 fuel tanks and there are two low hatches amidships, and superstructures fore and aft, in which are hatches to fore and aft tanks. The four tanks are estimated to have a total capacity of 120,000 gallons. A pipe connecting fore and aft tanks would enable vessel to be trimmed. There is no provision for a crew. A demolition charge was found in one tank. Fuse had been lit but charge had failed to explode.

(Note: This is the fuel barge referred to in 2 Aust Corps Int Report No.83).

Armed Picket Boat: 36 ft long, 12 ft beam, 4 ft to 4 ft 6 ins draught constructed of ¼ inch steel plate with teak decks, single screw propulsion. Armed with 20mm gun forward in turret, 37mm gun in turret above wheelhouse and 20mm aft in turret. It has a very large towing ring aft of the wheelhouse.

(9 Aust Div Int Summary No.32)

PART II ENEMY (Contd)

7. ENEMY METHODS

Examination of barge hideouts along GOALING R and its tributaries shows enemy made full use of even small tributaries as hiding places. In some cases banks had been cut away to make the tributary wide enough to take a barge. Foliage overhead had been left undisturbed (until attacks by our bombers) and in addition bamboo frameworks covered with foliage were erected over hideouts. In other places on the main stream, barges were hidden under overhanging trees; in these cases the natural camouflage was improved by constructing a wall of palm fronds parallel to the bank. Barges then lay up between this wall and the bank.

(9 Aust Div Int Summary No.32)

Signed at 1905 hrs.

Major
GS 2 Aust Corps

ADDENDUM

LAND - ROOKE ISLAND

On 22 Jan the Island was reported clear of enemy and considerable equipment was found abandoned.

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2 AUST CORPS INTELLIGENCE RE ORT No 102

(Information from 0930L/20 Jan to 0930L/21 Jan 44)

OPERATIONS

1. LAND - OWN AND ENEMY

9 AUST DIV (Ref map 1/25,000 SIO).

20 Jan

At 1800 hrs the command of operations passed from 9 Aust Div to 5 Aust Div and at the same hour 6 Aust Inf Bde relieved 20 Aust Inf Bde in the area North of the KAPUGARA R. During the day patrols from 2/17 Bn in the SIO area covered the relief. 2/17 Bn less one Coy was relieved by 4 Bn less one Coy.

HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde and 2/48 Bn less one Coy moved by sea, and 2/23 Bn moved by road, to FINSCHHAFEN area. 24 Fd Bty moved back to SAPARO (269159 ref map 1/25,000 CAPE KING WILLIAM).

There was heavy rain in the SIO area for 36 hrs to 2100 hrs and rain was still falling at that time.

The R Reverie (Ref maps 1 inch to 1 mile MALASANGA and SIMMORKAI).

Heavy track usage was noticed NW from GALI but there was no evidence of inland movement from GALI to RUANGE (819571). Supply parachutes were observed in the MALASANGA and YUPIHA R areas and all the containers were still untouched. Eleven Japs were strafed at the URAWA R crossing.

Native patrols report enemy concentrations in BONGA-YARA area (7753).

SAIDOR

19 Jan

Operations have been brought to a standstill by exceptionally heavy rain and movement is restricted. Outpost posns are being supplied by sea.

CAPE GLOUCESTER

19 Jan

All Allied troops have now been withdrawn from GREEN Beach to the strip area. The Allied Force in the BORGEN Bay area has been relieved by portion of the force from the strip area.

The main enemy concentrations are reported to be along the South and SW shores of BORGEN Bay and the high ground SW of the Bay, particularly in the vicinity of AKAROP and MAGAIRAPUA (5 miles SW and 4 miles WSW of HATAMO Point respectively).

2. SEA - OWN

On night 19/20 Jan PT boats patrolled from PESCHEL Point to GAUSS Point, from Cape IRIS to 3 miles South of MADANG, and from 3 miles North of ALEXISHAFEN to Cape CROISILLES without making any contact. Visibility was very poor owing to heavy rain.

3. AIR - OWN

20 Jan

HANSA BAY

Thirty-six Mitchells successfully bombed and strafed docks, supply and ground installations in the HANSA Bay area. 8/10 barges were destroyed and three damaged. Buildings and supply dumps were destroyed by direct hits, and AA posns silenced. Large fires were observed from probable fuel dumps. 39 tons of bombs were dropped.

SHAGGY RIDGE

Fifty-six Mitchells successfully bombed targets in the SHAGGY RIDGE area.

3. AIR - OWN

NEW BRITAIN

Twenty-three Bostons carried out bombing and strafing missions along the coast from BORGEN Bay to Cape RAOULT and REIN Bay, along the South coast near Cape BUSCHING, and from the PULIE R mouth to DIDMOP and IBOKI Plantation.

DELAYED REPORTS

On 19 Jan two Airacobras on recce along the RAI coast strafed three camouflaged barges at GALI, another one mile SE of GAUSS Point, and two at MARAKUM (917945 ref map BOGADJIM 1 inch to 1 mile). All barges were drawn up on the beach and received hits.

On 17 Jan thirty Beauforts bombed dump areas on the AMGEN R near GASMATA. Bombing was accurate. 30 tons of bombs were dropped, including 4½ tons of incendiaries. One of our aircraft crashed in the sea but the crew was rescued.

Signed at 1250 hrs.

[signature] Capt.
for Major
GS 2 Aust Corps

SECRET

2 AUST CORPS INTELLIGENCE REPORT No 101

(Information from 0930L/19 Jan to 0930L/20 Jan 44)

OPERATIONS

1. LAND - OWN AND ENEMY

9 AUST DIV

20 Aust Inf Bde (Ref map 1/25,000 SIO).

19 Jan

Apart from patrolling there was no activity during the day. For the second day in succession a patrol from 2/17 Bn moved along the coastal track to the unnamed village at 383450 without seeing any enemy. Another patrol from the same Bn followed the South bank of the GOALING R to 454409 finding 35 enemy graves at 457413, dumps and medical stores at 453411, and an extensive dump area between 455424 and 464427. 4 Bn arrived at HAMPARIWA during the day and one tp 23 Fd Bty moved by sea from KELANOA to HAMPARIWA and is now located at 473423.

26 Aust Inf Bde

During the day 2/24 Bn moved by sea to the FINSCHHAFEN area.

4 Aust Inf Bde (Ref maps 1 inch to 1 mile KULUMBUFU and TIMBE RIVER).

A detailed report has now been received from the PIB patrol to the INDAGEN area mentioned in para 2 of 2 Aust Corps Int Report No 92. A recce patrol consisting of two sgts, four CR, six carriers and the medical tul-tul of PIWENGGU left PIWENGGU (The correct name of this village is AVENGU) at 0800 hrs on 5 Jan and that night camped along the PIWENGGU-INDAGEN track. The medical tul-tul was sent forward to contact the natives in INDAGEN and report whether the enemy was occupying the village. The tul-tul did not return and next morning the patrol was ambushed about 1000 yds South of INDAGEN and closely pursued by armed natives and at least one Jap. When a Jap was killed by one of the sgts the natives desisted from their pursuit. The patrol returned to PIWENGGU less the carrier boss boy, one other carrier and the medical tul-tul. Subsequently the boss boy returned to PIWENGGU having been captured and later escaping. He reported that there were three Japs at INDAGEN and had been told that there were also two Europeans there. As a result of having overheard a conversation between the Japs and the natives he learned that there were enemy at a number of places along the INDAGEN-ULAP (959156) track, but could not obtain any information as to their strength. He also reported that stores were landed at WASU Harbour and then carried South to ULAP. Native foods from the HUBE district, where there was a surplus available, were taken North to ULAP.

Note: According to information previously received ULAP is incorrectly located on the 1 inch to 1 mile map and is situated at 959156.

CAPE GLOUCESTER (Ref map 4 miles to 1 inch - WESTERN NEW BRITAIN).

19 Jan

A patrol to a point 1000 yds SE HILL 660 made no contact with the enemy. A three-day patrol from the strip area to the track junction at XE5983 encountered an enemy patrol of twenty Japs and eight natives, but no details of the outcome of this encounter are available.

2. SEA - CWN - Night 18/19 Jan.

At 0230 hrs on 19 Jan our PT boats sank four Jap Type A barges well out to sea between Cape CROISILLES and Cape JUNO. Each barge contained between 30 and 40 well equipped Japs wearing packs and there were no survivors. Other patrols along the coast between SIO and MADANG did not make contact with the enemy.

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PART III - TOPOGRAPHICAL

TRACK PIWENGGU - IINDAGEN (Ref maps 1 inch to 1 mile KULUMOTUMU and TIMBE RIVER).

The route followed by the patrol mentioned in para 1 of this Report is not the track marked on the 1 inch maps, but runs directly NW from PIWENGGU across the sink hole area to IINDAGEN.

The route is extremely rough and is not recommended for troops although it is appreciated that they could negotiate same. It is considered that it would take an infantry coy, normally equipped, 3 to 4 days to move over this track from PIWENGGU to IINDAGEN.

The atmosphere at the top of the range is reported to be intensely cold.

Signed at 1130 hrs.

Major
GS 2 Aust Corps

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AIR - OWN

19 Jan

BORAM

Fifty-four Liberators attacked AA posns, ground installations and strips in the BORAM area. Bombing was accurate, starting many large fires and causing explosions. Direct hits were obtained on AA emplacements. 114 tons of bombs were dropped.

BOGADJIM

Sixty-one Mitchells again attacked targets in the SHAGGY Ridge area. Bombing was reported as accurate.

SECRET

2 AUST CORPS INTELLIGENCE REPORT No 100

(Information from 0730H/18 Jan to 0730H/19 Jan 44)

OPERATIONS

1. **LAND - OWN AND ENEMY**

9 AUST DIV

20 Aust Inf Bde (Ref map 1/25,000 SIO)

18 Jan

Activity was again confined to patrolling and mopping up of stragglers. A 2/17 Bn patrol from 468427 along the North bank of GOALING R captured an unidentified field gun at 465423, a 37mm gun at 464424 and discovered an ammunition dump at 460427 and a supply dump at 454425. Another patrol from 2/17 Bn West along the coastal track from 418438 to the unnamed village at 384450 killed five Japs and found five dead en route. A 2/15 patrol to the Jap dump area at 454407 killed four Japs. An enemy barge hide-out was located up the GOALING R at 471426 where two sunken barges were found.

26 Aust Inf Bde

There is nothing to report on this sector.

Tac/R Reports (Ref map 1 inch to 1 mile SINGORKAI).

17 and 18 Jan

(a) Attached as Appendix "A" is a summary of Tac/R Reports for 17 Jan.

(b) Tac/R along the coast between SIO and GALI from 1600 hrs to 1715 hrs 18 Jan reported that 15 Japs with packs up were moving NW on track between URAWA R and GALI. Bunkers were sighted at 930551, 880588 and 877596. Eight supply parachutes previously reported at 865600 had been collected but at 865587 a further nine parachutes, from which the containers had not been recovered, were observed. Recent heavy use of the track running South from GALI as far as 832590, was noticed.

Comments:

(1) Two reports have been received as to the amount of food contained in the canisters attached to each parachute. One report gives the food content weight per parachute as 65 lbs, and the other as 110 lbs, so it seems likely that two types of containers exist. Based on the standard rations which appeared to be normal during the SATELBERG-SIO operations, the 65-lb container would maintain approximately 26 men for one day and the 110-lb container 44 men for one day.

(2) The track leading South from GALI through 832590 is an overland route from GALI to KAIAPIT and runs through the KWEMBUNG hamlets in the area 7149 (Ref map SINGORKAI 1 inch to 1 mile). Recent aerial photographs of the KWEMBUNG hamlets disclose unusually large native gardens covering approximately 190 acres. It can be expected that food reserves would be available to the enemy from this area. The march from GALI to the garden area would occupy approximately 3 days over very rugged country. At ISAM 7050 (Ref map 1 inch to 1 mile SINGORKAI) a track to the SE leaves the main KAIAPIT track and runs through the CUA area (6341 ref map 1 inch to 1 mile MAPRIK) where photographs disclose 640 acres of gardens. The march from KWEMBUNG to CUA would take a further 3 to 4 days.

SAIDOR

16-18 Jan

(Ref maps 1 inch to 1 mile SAIDOR and SINGORKAI).

An Allied patrol from YAGOMI reported that at 1700 hrs on 16 Jan five Japs were seen 175 yds inland on the banks of YAUT R. Seven supply parachutes were captured in the vicin-

1. LAND - OWN AND ENEMY (Contd)

SAIDOR (Contd)
ity of SEL and six supply parachutes were captured near the MOT R. All contained rations.

ARAWE
16-18 Jan

The attack on 16 Jan achieved its objective and mopping has since been completed. Two Allied tanks bogged in swampy ground could not be recovered and were destroyed by our troops. The total enemy killed in the attack is now reported to be 139.

2. SEA - OWN

On night 17/18 Jan PT boats operated along the coast as far as MADANG without making contact with the enemy. Much activity was observed on the beach at BOGADJIM.

3. AIR - OWN

HANSA BAY
18 Jan

AA and ground posns in the HANSA Bay area were again attacked by Allied heavy bombers, forty Liberators dropping 126 tons of bombs. 26 barges, 7 luggers and 1 MV (1000-1500 tons) were observed in the harbour.

SHAGGY RIDGE

Sixty-one Mitchells attacked targets in SHAGGY RIDGE area but no details are available.

INTERCEPTION
WEWAK

Sixty-eight Lightnings whilst on a fighter sweep from HANSA Bay to WEWAK intercepted fifty to sixty enemy aircraft over WEWAK. The enemy force was composed of ZEKES, TONYS, OSCARS and HAMPS of which twelve were destroyed and two probably destroyed for the loss of three Lightnings and four damaged.

Signed at 1440 hrs.

W.B. Bruette, Capt
for Major
GS 2 Aust Corps

Appendix "H" to
2 Corps Int Report 120

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HQ 2 Aust Corps
16 Jan 44
G/322/A0

DETAILED REPORTS TAC/Rs CARRIED OUT 17 JAN 1944 BY 4 TAC/R SQN

MISSION NO 1.

Ref Map MALASANGA 1 inch
TIMER RIVER 1 inch.
Time of Tac/R : 0820 - 1135
Visibility : Good
Weather : Clear.

1. TIMER RIVER

Six Japs seen wading across river mouth - a/c made straffing pass - probably killed four. Nine dead Japs seen on sand bars - result of straffing attack 16 Jan. 6 X 3 stick tripods were observed in mouth of river on sand bars - a ring of stones around base - ashes in middle of one. Apparently used for preparation of food. Tracks lead from main track to ref 215442 where foot-tracks were seen on beach above high water mark. The beach at this point is suitable for barge landing. Two foxholes and lean-to observed ar ref 205441 - signs of recent occupation - area well trampled. On both sides of the river there are fairly well worn and recently used tracks leading to banana and possibly sugar cane gardens at ref SC 1640. River has been forded at refs 185419 - 181414 and 196439. Close to the gardens there are two villages - one of 4 huts in good condition - the other of 12 huts - old and delapidated - tracks around huts well worn. 4 Japs equipped with packs were seen at ref 204454 - took cover. 3 Japs were seen under hut in village ref 204460. A deal of litter was seen around the huts. Track between 2 small coconut plantations at refs 203461 and 199465 was broad and slushy - plantations well trampled.

2. MALASANGA

The village itself appears to be unoccupied - track indicates that village is not occupied. At ref 191471 there are a number of well worn tracks in the sago which gives the impression that they were caused by others than Japs obtaining sago from the palms- pilot considered possible bivouac area. 9 white supply chutes and 3 containers were observed area SC 1345. No tracks in area - no signs of containers having been opened. The kunai is very high and it is possible that they are difficult to see from the ground. SC 1746 still showing signs of recent heavy use. A secondary track runs parallel to coastal track on WEST side of REISS PT - it meanders through the gardens in the area. Two green lean-tos were observed at 166450- some objects were seen - pilot unable to identify. A track runs from River bend at ref 197442 to ref 189435. Throughout this area there are quite a number of recent and well used tracks which in every instance lead to gardens but appear to regain the main coastal track in every case.

A circular clearing of approx 10' diameter was observed on a knoll at ref 152455. A track leads from this point to coastal track at ref 158445. The track was thin - but recently used. An object was observed towards one side of clearing - pilot unable to identify. At ref 153442 two well used tracks approx 150 yds apart lead into dense jungle approx 200 yds SOUTH of coastal track - pilot unable to observe further due to dense growth. The beach at this point for 500 yds is suitable for barges.

3. [illegible]
One Jap seen at ref 08[illegible] - not equipped. Signs of litter at this ref. For approx 300 yds SOUTH of this ref the undergrowth has been broken down on each side of the track - a number of small recently used tracks lead off from main track. At [illegible] the track avoids the village then runs SOUTH to River at ref 070474 where the river has been forded - track then runs along River for 100 yds - thence left to join main track at ref 065482 From village to ford again the undergrowth has been broken down with tracks leading off. 1 chute was observed in the area 1500 yds SOUTH of village - previously 3 were observed in this area. Difficult to observe if containers had been opened but tracks and litter were seen in vic mtn of 3 chutes at ref 075474.

MISSION NO 2.

Ref maps: KALADAUGA 1 inch
[illegible]AI 1 inch.
Time of A/C : 0810 - 1105
Visibility : Good
Weather : Clear

1. GALI
At ref 040610 a bunker type position was observed - approx 6' square with slits approx 9" to 1' on two sides - giving coverage of coast - both ways. NIL in village - track passes through village does not appear to have been used.

2. [illegible] POINT
Still eleven chutes showing. Some canisters had been opened a couple of tins were observed - apparently rations had been consumed on the spot. Other containers were still intact. One Jap seen on landing mouth of [illegible] - took cover on approach of a/c. When first seen was moving W.W.(One Jap seen on track at edge of village stationary leaning on rifle - apart from that no other apparent signs of occupation. at ROKUJI).

3. URAWA RIVER
One Jap seen at 046330 - moving WEST - equipped with pack. WESTERN half of bridge across River has broken adrift - will not hamper movement - River quite fordable at present.

4. LEPSIUS POINT
Six Japs seen at 062530 - on approach of a/c Japs dropped packs and scattered. On return of a/c approx 30 minutes later packs had been collected - one Jap lying on seaward side of track. One Jap seen at mouth of unnamed creek ref 040526 -minus pants.

5. SINGORAKI
NIL in village - no apparent signs of use or occupation.

6. [illegible] RIVER - One dead Jap seen floating in River.

7. [illegible] - Track from coast to village did not show any signs of recent usage - likewise the village itself - the only additional feature to previous report is a constructed platform at 287394 in the form of a landing stage - possibly a gun platform - approached would permit a gun being dragged up to location. Not possible to assess age of construction - did not have a new appearance. Parachutes and containers in 303 3440 and 3471 appear to be still intact. No tracks showing in area. Track from [illegible] to GALI appears to have had fairly heavy use - from GALI WEST track appears to thin out a little.
From [illegible] to GALI approx four single Japs seen - not pinpointed. NIL BASE of SINGORAKI.

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2 AUST CORPS INTELLIGENCE REPORT No 99

(Information from 0930L/17 to 0930L/18 Jan 44)

OPERATIONS

1. LAND - OWN AND ENEMY

9 AUST DIV

20 Aust Inf Bde (Ref map 1/25,000 SIO).

17 Jan

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26 Aust Inf Bde

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5 AUST DIV (Ref map 1 inch to 1 mile MOUNT SALAWAKET).

17 Jan

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2. AIR - OWN

17 Jan

GALI

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HANSA BAY

AA posns in the HANSA Bay area were attacked by forty-two Liberators. 129 tons of bombs were dropped.

SIGHTINGS

(a) 20 - 30 barges in HANSA Bay area.

(b) One MV 500 - 1000 tons East of AWAR Plantation.

BISMARCK SEA - Attack on convoy.

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Signed at 1245 hrs.

[signature]
Major
GS 2 Aust Corps

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1 AUST CORPS INTELLIGENCE REPORT No 58

(Information from 0900Z/16 Jan to 0900Z/17 Jan 44)

OPERATIONS

1. LAND - OWN AND ENEMY

9 AUST DIV

20 Aust Inf Bde (Ref map 1/25,000 SIO).

16 Jan

Activity was again limited to patrolling. A patrol from B Coy 2/17 Bn moved along the coastal track from 416440 to 401444 killing seven Japs at SIO WEST (402441) and finding an additional ten dead in the area.

26 Aust Inf Bde (Ref maps 1/25,000 CAPE KING WILLIAM and KALASA).

A patrol from A Coy 2/24 Bn and a PIB detachment moved along the KELANOA - KINALAKNA (235105 of map 1 inch to 1 mile KALASA) track as far as KINALAKNA without sighting any enemy. Natives reported that there had been no Japs in the area for ten days. A 2/3 Pnr Bn patrol from SIALUM to KALASA saw no enemy, but found twenty dead Japs at 297046. A patrol from 9 Aust Div Cavalry Coy moved down the RIVO R to 217165 without sighting any Japs.

Tac/R Reports (Ref maps 1 inch to 1 mile KALASANGA and SINGORKAI).

Numerous small parties of Japs, totalling in all about 200 pns, were sighted moving West along the coast from PESCHEL Point (290429) to GAUSS Point (761456). One Jap was killed by strafing at the river crossing at 930560 and a further fifteen killed at REISS Point 190470.

Eleven supply parachutes were seen at 060600 and a loaded barge was observed on the beach half a mile West of NEMAU (089480). Four well camouflaged barges were sighted one mile East of YAGOMI (712679), and three barges three miles west of YAGOMI.

5 AUST DIV (Ref maps 1 inch to 1 mile MADZAB and MOUNT SALAWAKET).

16 Jan

Information was received that the enemy was patrolling to MELAMBI R at 750702, but no details are yet available. ANGAU is patrolling to 810616, and one pl from 29 Aust Inf Bde is moving from GAWAN (in the area 6764) to BUNGALUMBA (779698).

7 AUST DIV (Ref map 1 inch to 1 mile DUMPU) - 15 Jan.

Enemy arty shelled the forward posns of 2/9 Bn on SHAGGY Ridge while our arty engaged enemy posns at 680644. Otherwise there was no reported activity.

CAPE GLOUCESTER

16 Jan

There was no major activity during the day but two enemy were captured. A patrol discovered a track running South from the strip area which, it is thought, leads to HATAMO.

ARAWE

16 Jan

An attempt by our troops to push the enemy back to the East met with determined resistance, but fourteen enemy MG posts were knocked out. Fifty-five Japs were killed and one PW taken. One 75mm gun and 20 MGs were captured or destroyed.

2. SEA - OWN

PT boats operated along the coast between SIO and SAIDOR on the night 15/16 Jan without making contact with the enemy. Lights were observed at SALI.

3. AIR - OWN

ARAWE

In close support of Allied ground tps twenty Mitchells and eighteen Liberators dropped 80 tons of bombs on enemy posns in the ARAWE area.

BOGADJIM ROAD

Thirty-five Bostons bombed and strafed the road, dumps and huts in the YUALA - DAUMOINA areas. 17 tons of bombs were dropped and huts destroyed.

CAPE CROISILLES - CAPE GOURDON

Twelve Mitchells conducted a sweep of the coast from Cape CROISILLES to Cape GOURDON. Twenty huts and two bridges on the coast road were destroyed. Three enemy fighters were destroyed for the loss of one Mitchell.

MARAKUM (14 miles East BOGADJIM)

Two Kittyhawks whilst on recce of coast from SIO to BOGADJIM sighted and strafed ten camouflaged barges at MARAKUM and one barge party filled with stores 500 yds to the West. Two barges were definitely destroyed with several others probably damaged.

Interception

SAIDOR

Sixteen Kittyhawks intercepted 30-40 enemy fighters over SAIDOR area. Eighteen enemy fighters were destroyed and two probably destroyed without loss to our aircraft.

Signed at 1530 hrs.

H Bowden, Capt
Major
GS 2 Aust Corps

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2 AUST CORPS INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No 97

(Information from 0930L/15 Jan to 0930L/16 Jan 44)

OPERATIONS

1. LAND - OWN AND ENEMY

9 AUST DIV

20 Aust Inf Bde (Ref map 1/25,000 SIO).

15 Jan

The Bde activity was again on a limited scale. During the day B Coy 2/17 Bn occupied the SIO Mission area 418437 and during its advance killed five Japs and found two others dead. The PIB patrolled a circuit from 471417 - 466400 - 457410 - 460422 and back to base. Apart from two Japs who were killed at 459415 no enemy were seen.

26 Aust Inf Bde (Ref map 1 inch to 1 mile KALASA).

A patrol from A Coy 2/48 Bn with a PIB detachment moved along the track SW from KELANOA to an unnamed village at 234118. There was no sign of recent enemy movement along the track.

Tac/R Reports (Ref maps MALASANGA and TIMBE RIVER 1 inch to 1 mile).

Tac/R on morning of 15 Jan reported six parachutes at 372411 and three parachutes at 349409, all with containers intact. Five Japs took cover in the jungle at 185471. The track WASU - MALASANGA was reported to have been fairly heavily used in the previous 24 hours. Some smoke was noticed rising from the jungle in the vicinity of ULAP.

Comment:

Presumably the village referred to as ULAP is the one marked on the 1 inch map at 268274. It is reported, however, that the village at 268274 is WENEMEE whilst ULAP is located at 959157.

4 Aust Inf Bde (Ref maps 1 inch to 1 mile MASAWENG RIVER and KULUNGTUFU).

A PIB patrol from MASA reported ZIGAHEMI and another village in vicinity now clear of the enemy. A standing patrol has been established at GAIENG (334760). No further report has been received from the PIWENGGH patrol.

7 AUST DIV (Ref map 1 inch to 1 mile MT KUBARI).

Active patrolling continued on all fronts without contact being made. 2/10 Bn HQ is now established at 706629.

CAPE GLOUCESTER

HILL 660 was captured by Allied troops on the afternoon of 14 Jan and consolidation is now proceeding. Extensive patrolling is being carried out along the tracks to the South and SE. Fifty Japs were killed on 14 Jan.

2. AIR - OWN - 15 Jan

ULIGAN HARBOUR

(a) Twenty-four Liberators and ten Mitchells bombed and strafed ULIGAN Mission, supply dumps, AA posns and barges in the Harbour. 80 tons of bombs were dropped, five barges were destroyed and two damaged. One AA posn was destroyed and two damaged.

(b) Sightings:- One lugger and sixteen barges in harbour; seven near the Mission, stores on the beach and much digging were observed in the area SW ULIGAN Harbour. The coast rd appeared well used but br over MALAS R had been destroyed. General activity was reported over the whole area, particularly MATUKA Plantation where many fresh vehicle tracks were seen.

ALEXISHAFEN

Twelve Thunderbolts strafed airstrip, setting afire two grounded aircraft and dumps in the vicinity.

2. AIR - OWN (Contd)

ERIMA

Fourteen Mitchells bombed the plantation and village, starting fires.

YAULA

Twelve Kittyhawks attacked MT dispersal areas and supply dumps SE of the village.

PAIPA

Ten Mitchells led in by Boomerangs bombed and strafed the village, damaged the bridge and destroyed one hut. Tracks and huts in area showed signs of recent activity.

3. AIR - ENEMY - 15 Jan.

NADZAB

At approx 150730L eight Tonys attacked the strips in two waves, damaging by strafing four Thunderbolts and three Transports. We sustained one casualty.

DUMPU

Three Oscars strafed the area causing casualties, but no damage.

SAIDOR

Three recce aircraft were observed over the area during the day.

Signed at 1600 hrs.

Major
GS 2 Aust Corps

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2 AUST CORPS INTELLIGENCE REPORT No 96

(Information from 0930L/14 Jan to 0930L/15 Jan 44)

OPERATIONS

1. LAND - OWN AND ENEMY

9 AUST DIV (Ref maps 1/25,000 SIO and SCHARNHORST POINT).

20 Aust Inf Bde

13 Jan

Bde operations were limited to active patrolling towards TELIATA Point and SIO Mission. A patrol from 2/17 Bn moved along the coastal track from 478423 to 442462 without seeing any enemy except seven dead.

Another patrol from the same Bn moved West from 475424 to SIO Mission 419438 and reported seeing no enemy. A PIB patrol along a track to the North then West from 470410 to a garden 420407 captured two PW at 471415 and found eight dead Japs along the track. B and D Coys 2/17 Bn moved forward from GNEISENAU Point to KAMBARIWA and at last light B Coy was at 468427 and D Coy at 472426. The locations of Bn HQ, A and C Coys remained unchanged from the previous day. D Coy 2/15 Bn moved from SCHARNHORST Point to a position East of the KAPUGARA R at 513405, with a Sec at the mouth. 23 Fd Bty has one tp moved by sea from KELANOA Harbour to KAMBARIWA and is now located at 474428.

Tac/R on morning 14 Jan reported 15/20 Japs on East bank and two on West bank of KWAMA R in vicinity 3643

26 Aust Inf Bde

Activity was confined to a patrol from 2/48 Bn along the track South of the DALLMAN R. No movement was seen. A prisoner was captured at 207201. Natives report that on 10 Jan 50 Japs moved North through BAKOA (371017 ref map KALASA 1 inch to 1 mile)., making for SIO.

7 AUST DIV

No change has been reported.

SAIDOR (Ref map SAIDOR 1 inch to 1 mile).

A patrol to TETERI (422849) on the morning of 14 Jan found Japs, strength one Coy, occupying the village. Since the commencement of operations in this area 33 Japs have been killed and two PW taken.

ARAWE

Active patrolling continued. In the operations in this area a total of 164 enemy have been killed and two PW captured.

CAPE GLOUCESTER

Two Coys have advanced about one-third of the way up HILL 660 but are held up by heavy enemy fire from the top of the feature. The estimated enemy strength on the hill is one Cannon Coy and one Pl of infantry. During the day's fighting 40 Japs were killed, bringing the grand total for the operations to 3015 with eleven PW.

2. AIR - OWN

14 Jan

FRIEDRICH KARL HARBOUR

Twenty-six [illegible] and strafed enemy installations dropping 29½ tons of bombs. [illegible] and two huts were destroyed. Sightings included one lugger in harbour and 10/12 barges on Northcoast GRAGAT Is.

MADANG

Eighteen Liberators dropped 48 tons of bombs on supply dumps in the area, causing one large fire and destroying buildings.

Sightings: 2 barges near ERIMAIAFEN Plantation
1 lugger South of MILITAT Plantation.

2. AIR - OWN (Contd)

BOGADJIM

One Liberator bombed the village

Sightings: 1 possibly full barge at ERIMA Plantation jetty.
1 small escort vessel leaving the jetty.

CAPE BUSCHING AREA

Seven Liberators dropped a total of 21 tons of bombs on LAGAN and GILNIT villages and on Cape BUSCHING itself.

Sightings: 1 barge opposite GILNIT.

SILIMATI POINT

Twelve Bostons bombed and half destroyed an unnamed village SE of SILIMATI POINT. Twelve tons of bombs were dropped.

ALEXISHAFEN

Two Lightnings on recce at 1830 hrs sighted ten enemy bombers on No.2 strip. One bomber was set on fire as a result of straffing.

SUBMARINE Sighting

A Liberator on armed recce sighted a submarine on a South Easterly course at 143°40'E, 4°10'S (approx 70 miles NNW Cape GLOUCESTER). The submarine crash-dived immediately.

Signed at 1500 hrs.

Ford
Major
GS 2 Aust Corps

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2 AUST CORPS INTELL E.O. REPORT No 24

(Information from 0900L/13 Jan to 0900L/14 Jan 44)

PART I

OPERATIONS

1. LAND - OWN AND ENEMY

9 AUST DIV (Ref maps 1/25,000 SIO and SCHAUENHORST POINT).

20 Aust Inf Bde

During the night 12/13 Jan heavy rain fell and continued on the morning of 13 Jan. 20 Bde, however, continued its advance and occupied MAMBARIWA. 2/17 Bn less two Coys advanced by the coastal track and at 1330 hrs reached the GOALING R (477417). During the advance five Japs were killed, one PW was taken and one 37mm gun, two 81mm mortars, one marine engine, signal gear and other equipment was captured. There were numerous enemy dead along the track. At last light the Bn was holding the MAMBARIWA bench head with HQ and A Coy across the GOALING R at 480422 and 476423 respectively. C Coy less one Pl was at 465418 with the third Pl at 455423. B and D Coys remained in the GREISENAU Point area at 511410 and 511409 respectively. During the afternoon ammo and other supplies were landed at MAMBARIWA.

2/13 Bn returned to KELANOA Harbour area 233184 in readiness to move to MAMBARIWA by sea if required.

Tac/R reports that some use has been made by the enemy of the inland track from MAMBARIWA to the KWADA R (362462). Small parties of Japs were sighted moving along the coastal track to the West at (Ref map 1 inch to 1 mile MALASANGA) WASU Harbour (349410), KIARI (331410), and MALASANGA (195470). A copy of the full report is attached as Appendix "A". 24 Aust Fd Sty has moved forward to 537412.

26 Aust Inf Bde (Ref map 1/25,000 SCHAUENHORST POINT).

A Coy 2/[illegible] Bn patrolled from track junction 218184 along track to SW to 193160 and along track north of DALLMAN R to 187178 without seeing any movement. On the Southern track, fresh Jap footprints were seen at 202187 and on the Northern track four dead Japs were found at 191181.

4 Aust Inf Bde (Ref maps 1 inch to 1 mile MASAWENG RIVER and KULUNGWU).

A patrol from C Coy PIR to MASA area (approx 402733) killed four Japs. Another Jap escaped at YAMANZAKO (399848). There is no further report from the PIWENGU patrol.

7 AUST DIV

No change is reported. An enemy mountain gun shelled our fwd posns on SHAGGY RIDGE at 2300 hrs on 12 Jan.

SAIDOR (Ref SAIDOR 1 inch map).

A delayed report states that the Allied outpost in the vicinity of SIL (369719) was attacked by the enemy at 0425 hrs on 8 Jan. The attack was repulsed and six enemy were killed. It is reported that the inhabitants say that, prior to the Allied landing, the enemy had garrisons of 50 at SAIDOR and 80 each at SILIAN (411609), GUMBI (509611) and WILWILAN (565779). All withdrew in the direction of MADANG on the Allied landing.

CAPE GLOUCESTER (Ref DORE POINT and GLOUCESTER Aerodrome 1/20,000 Special Maps).

The force land one Coy which has been occupying GREEN Beach has moved by land to the strip perimeter area. In the BORGEN Bay sector the Allied advance to the SE continued during morning 12 Jan against slight opposition and the left flank of the Allied force gained some ground on HILL 660. The line held by the Allied tps at 1400 hrs on 13 Jan was 725673 - 730874 - 732875 - 733879 - 734879 to 737880, and it is estimated that 870 Japs have been killed since 7 Jan, and that the total enemy killed in the area to 12 Jan is 2375/2975

PART I OPERATIONS (Contd)

1. LAND - OWN AND ENEMY (Contd)

ARAWE

Active patrolling continues.

2. AIR - OWN

13 Jan

DIDMOP (10 miles NE ARAWE)

Ten Bostons dropped 5 tons of bombs in the area in close support of the Allied forces.

BOGADJIM ROAD

Twenty-three Bostons dropped 14 tons of bombs on opportunity targets along the BOGADJIM Rd. The GORI R bridge was destroyed by a direct hit. All other bridges seen were in good condition.

ALEXISHAFEN

Twenty-eight Liberators dropped 74 tons of bombs on dumps in the area. Six fires were started and two houses were destroyed.

Sightings: 9 barges in MURU R mouth
1 small vessel in BOSTREM Bay.

CAPE GOURDON - CAPE CROISILLES

Nine Mitchells on a barge sweep from Cape GOURDON to Cape CROISILLES obtained a direct hit on a lugger in ULIGAN Harbour. Accurate medium AA fire was encountered.

Sightings: 10 barges on South shore ULIGAN Harbour
Prepared defensive posns along the coast from Cape GOURDON to ULIGAN Harbour.

PART II

3. ENEMY INTENTIONS

An undated letter from one Jap MO at HAMBARIWA to another MO at SCHARNHORST, probably written about 6 or 7 Jan 44, contains the following information :-

(a) Boats had already stopped calling at HAMBARIWA.

(b) No future casualties could be evacuated. "They must determine to do their best." It was suggested therefore that the unit could be asked "to take suitable measures to avoid casualties," so that "the entire body can cross the mountain(s) in good health."

Signed at 1600 hrs.

Major
GS 2 Aust Corps

SECRET

Appx "A"
To 2 Aust Corps
Int Report No. 95.

DETAILED REPORT OF TAC/Rs CARRIED OUT 13 Jan 44 BY

4 TAC/R SQN

MISSION I:

Ref Map SIO 1/25000
Time of Tac/R: 0800-1055L
Visibility: Fair - Poor
Weather: Low overcast.

1. GENERAL:
Whole area to be recced showed evidence of recent heavy rain. Rainstorms were encountered during recce making accurate assessment of track usage very difficult. Only those portions of tracks sheltered by trees could be assessed.

2. NAMBARIWA
N.H.S. No change from report of 12 Jan. Our artillery observed firing along track RIVER mouth to NAMBARIWA - at 0845 and 1010 hrs.

3. SIO LAGOON
No definite sign of movement apparent along coastal track - NAMBARIWA to SIO LAGOON. Three Japs carrying bundles were seen at 434047 - direction of movement uncertain. Swamp area and garden area still under water.

4. SIO WEST
Coastal track from LAGOON to SIO WEST - shows evidence of slight usage in last 24 hours. Track from 454409. to KWAMA RIVER shows some use.

5. KWAMA RIVER
Track running parallel to River showed signs of some movement during last 24 hrs. At the ford across KWAMA River a number of long poles were observed. These possibly are used to assist personel crossing river. On each side of ford there are stakes in the ground - probably against which the poles are laid. Coastal track proceeding Westerly from KWAMA River showed approx the same use as that on Eastern side of river. 1 Jap was seen at refs 425408 and 434408 carrying packs and appeared to be moving in Westerly direction.

MISSION II:

Ref Maps WAISANGA 1"
SIBONGAI 1"
Time of Tac/R: 0800 - 1130
Visibility: Good
Weather: Heavy overcast.

1. WASU
From WASU to Sp 1756 track showed signs of heavy recent usage - footprints were observed - track had obviously been used subsequent to recent rain.

2. PESCHEL POINT - ULAP
Signs of recent activity were observed at PESCHEL POINT. Two main tracks lead in the direction of ULAP MISSION. Numerous small tracks lead into ravines - all showing signs of recent use. Villas in area are kunai covered working back from coast where timber becomes increasingly dense. ULAP is a village of 26 huts - three of which are in disrepair.

2. - Cont.
Not over much activity apparent in village. The main activity appears to have taken place between ULAP and coast. Four 10 x 10' constructions were observed at ref sq 2838. These had flat grass roofs and the walls were constructed of thin saplings in log hut type construction. A number of circular clearings with dead palm flooring were observed in open kunai - approx 10' diameter. These were located in sq 2838 and interspersed among the four constructions mentioned above.

4. KIARI
A number of caves were observed in area 272417. The coast at this point is stepped. Tracks lead from main coastal track into these caves and showed recent use. At 264415 two shelters were seen. Two Japs were observed sitting under one - strafed by A/c. These shelters were of four poles and no sides. KIARI is village of only three huts. Quite a lot of litter was seen around the shelters and the village of KIARI.

5. SINGOR
A village of approx 6 huts - all in disrepair - all grass had disappeared from roofs. Two Japs were observed crossing river mouth at 208454. Were wearing shorts or had trousers tucked up - equipped with packs.

6. MALASANGA
A village of approx 18-20 huts - all in good condition. Four Japs were observed moving West 500^{x} West of village - were carrying packs. The country in REISS POINT area is a shallow basin - marshy - and fringed with sago palms to depth of 1000^{x}. In sq 1746 there are a few shallow gullies with tracks leading around the sides of the jungle into the gullies - subsidiary tracks lead down to the bottom of the gullies. Throughout the square there were signs of heavy recent activity. A loaded barge in good condition was observed at ref 150446. Barge was well bonched and partially hidden under trees - no tracks were apparent leading from barge. Fair track activity was observed in sq 1344. Track leads away from coast into heavy timber - unable to trace for any distance. 3 u/s barges were observed at ref 100467.

7. NEMAU
A village of 9 huts, half of which were in disrepair. A barge and 8 white supply chutes were seen in vicinity - some containers observed. Coastal track from sq 1746 to NEMAU approx 3' wide and very well used recently.

8. SINGORKAI
A village of 3-4 huts - good condition.

9. HUTUHUTU
13 huts - two in disrepair. A round band rotunda type hut was observed on the point - in which was observed a number of bundles. Only normal activity observed.

10. LEPSIUS POINT
From HUTUHUTU to LEPSIUS POINT track approx 3' wide and well used recently. All creeks in area LEPSIUS POINT had log bridges. At ref 980599 a lean-to was observed on each side of creek. A fair amount of use has been made of leans-to.

11. ROEIJI
A village of 25 huts - in good condition, showing signs recent activity. Had the appearance of being constantly but not heavily used. At ref 678577 a circular clearing of approx 12' diameter was observed. Green palm fronds had been placed around the clearing and were leaning in towards top in a piled arms formation. Was situated on a knoll - giving view along coastline to East and West. A well used track ran along creek from ref 662578 to YUWONG (not observed) around knoll to clearing - a track then leads to PAIUPI - but very much less used. A light footbridge was observed at mouth of YUPNA River.

12. MOSA POINT
16 white supply chutes were observed in open kunai - a number of containers were seen also. No trucks were observed loading to or about containers. Gave the appearance of having been dropped fairly recently - the chutes were still lying quite lightly on the kunai. Tracks were observed to go inland along the YUPNA River also along unnamed creek ref 840611. Tracks not followed for any distance inland.

13. GALI
Village completely demolished - track passes straight through.

14. GENERAL INFORMATION.
Gardens sago palms and coconuts in area recced had been ransacked and knocked about. This was particularly noticeable between WASU and SARI River.

15. BEACHES
The following refs are good beaches. Time did not permit a thorough beach recce. Possible dump areas - land approaches etc have not been taken into consideration.

WASU,. 206454 - 220418. 134442 - 139442. Small landing point NEMAU. SARI RIVER - 042515. Small landing points at 043523 - 034535 - 918542 and 893558. 862577 to 868604.

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2 AUST CORPS INTELLIGENCE REPORT No 94

(Information from 0030L/12 Jan to 0030L/13 Jan 44)

OPERATIONS

1. AIR - OWN

12 Jan

ALEXISHAFEN

Eighteen Liberators and thirty-six Mitchells dropped 84 tons of bombs on supply dumps and wharf areas around DOSTREM Day and the former MISSION area. Large fires were started, and an unstated number of barges on the North shore of DOSTREM Day were damaged by strafing Mitchells. A jetty South of VITAR Plantation was destroyed.

Sightings: 5 bombers on ALEXISHAFEN No.1 airstrip
5 barges KWAMA R (VINCKE Pt)
1 " HAMZARIWA
1 " in the mouth of the GUM R (MADANG area)
2 " 100 feet long in DOSTREM Day
3 " 22 feet long in DOSTREM Day
1 schooner in HIS Inlet (North of MADANG)
1 " in KARL FRIEDRICH Harbour.

Note: One squadron reported sighting a total of thirteen barges in the ALEXISHAFEN area.

PRIMAHAFEN

Sixteen Mitchells attacked supply dumps in the plantation area causing fires.

WARAI (Ref SAIDOR 1 inch to 1 mile First Revision 366841).

Twelve Bostons attacked areas believed to contain store dumps and dropped six tons of bombs. The bombs fell in the target area but results could not be observed.

GAROVE ISLAND

One Liberator on armed recce bombed six medium AA posns in METO Plantation on the North side of PETER Harbour, scoring damaging near misses on two posns.

Sightings: 7 merchant vessels 20 miles West of KAVIENG
1 probable 5000/7000-ton freighter transport and several smaller vessels in KAVIENG Harbour between MUSA Island and CHINATOWN.

2. LAND - OWN AND ENEMY

9 AUST DIV (Ref maps 1/25,000 SCHARNHORST POINT and SIO).

20 Aust Inf Bde

The Bde carried out active patrolling in preparation for the advance on HAMZARIWA. An FOO went forward with a 2/17 Bn patrol from 510413 (KAPUGARA R) round GNEISENAU Point by the coastal track to 493416 and thence to the 550 feet feature at 504413. Due to heavy rain, the sandbar at the mouth of the KAPUGARA R was washed away, and a channel six feet deep was formed which could be crossed only with ropes. Having reached the sheer hundred foot cliff face at 508414 which had previously barred all forward movement, the patrol used ropes to climb a rock face from which the Japanese had removed the ladders, and gained a narrow rough track. This was followed to a point 507416, where two wooden ladders led down to a coastal track three feet wide and well used. The patrol found an abandoned Jap headquarters at 499417. Six enemy dead were counted, and one PW was taken.

A patrol from 518410 to 530397 reported no enemy movement. A patrol from 510410 along the East bank of the KAPUGARA R located a probable Japanese crossing at 498402. 2/13 Bn moved forward to the HURI R area. Their last light dispositions were as follows: Bn HQ 470402, A Coy 506403, B Coy 571401, C Coy 568401, D Coy 570400.

PART I (Contd)

2. LAND - OWN AND ENEMY (Contd)

26 Aust Inf Bde

At last light on 12 Jan Bde HQ was at 227193. 2/48 Bn moved by sea from SIALUM to KELANOA. Last light dispositions were as follows: Bn HQ 229195, B Coy 229192, C Coy 231201, D Coy 229193. A Coy relieved the 2/13 Bn standing patrol at the river crossing 207180.

9 Aust Div Carrier Coy moved by sea from KILIGIA to KELANOA 222184.

62 Fd Bty, in action from 520414, registered SIO Island and SIO Mission.

Tac/R reported signs of recent heavy movement by an inland track from NAMBARIWA to the KWANA R. A party of ten Japs with full packs was strafed at 373428.

7 AUST DIV

No change is reported.

3. SEA - OWN

Delayed reports of operations by our PT boats on night 10/11 Jan are as follows: Three PT boats lying to the North of REISS Point contacted three Type A barges proceeding NW loaded with approximately thirty personnel each. The PT boats closed to a range of 100 yds, when the barges opened fire with 37mm guns and small arms. All the barges, which were carrying extra fuel on deck, were sunk. One PW was taken, and the rest of the Japs were killed. Two PT boats destroyed two Type A barges on the North side of SIO Island at 110730L. The barges were apparently about to load personnel, mainly natives, of whom some were killed. A large life boat at the same place was destroyed.

Signed at 1530 hrs.

Major
GS 2 Aust Corps

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2 AUST CORPS INTELLIGENCE REPORT No 93

(Information from 0930L/11 Jan to 0930L/12 Jan 44)

OPERATIONS

1. AIR - OWN

11 Jan

ULIGAN HARBOUR

Twenty-four Mitchells destroyed six barges and damaged others.

ALEXISHAFEN

Twenty-three Liberators bombed AA posns causing fires and explosions.

Sightings: Five barges on South side of BOSTREM Bay and six barges to the South of MADANG strip. There is a small supply dump North of SIMSIMI on SEK Is.

BOROKO BAY

Six Liberators attacked HILL 660 and the bombing was reported to be accurate.

2. SEA - OWN

Bad weather prevented PT boat operations night 10/11 Jan.

3. LAND - OWN AND ENEMY

9 AUST DIV

11 Jan

20 Aust Inf Bde (Ref map 1/25,000 SCHARNHORST POINT).

20 Bde resumed its advance in the coastal sector with 2/17 Bn leading. B Coy 2/17 Bn and one troop of tanks advanced along the coastal track, with D Coy protecting the western flank. At 530415, the leading tank exploded a cluster of mines which damaged the track. The infantry continued the advance and reached the KAPUGARA R at 1430L. Twelve dead Japs were counted and two prisoners were taken. Our patrols crossed the sandbar at the mouth of the river and proceeded towards GHEISENAU Point by means of a narrow rugged track at the base of the STOLZENFELS spur. Further progress towards HANEARIWA was barred by a cliff face at 508415 where wooden and rope ladders had been in use by the Japanese. An abandoned mortar and four dead Japs were found in the vicinity. A standing patrol was established at 508414. Between the BURI R and the KAPUGARA R there were several well prepared defence posns which had been abandoned. Large dumps of ammunition and equipment were found abandoned at the mouth of the KAPUGARA R.

The wrecked object at GHEISENAU Point which was described in 2 Aust Corps Int Report No.83 is stated to be a submersible cargo barge.

Last light dispositions of 2/17 Bn were as follows: Bn HQ 515413, A Coy 515411, B Coy 512412, C Coy 513411, D Coy 511409.

2/15 Bn moved forward to the BURI R area. Last light dispositions of 2/15 Bn were as follows: Bn HQ 561408, A Coy 554407, B Coy 561404, C Coy 547394, D Coy 550402.

Our arty registered targets in the HANEARIWA area with arty recce aircraft. 23 Fd Bty was in action from 573398 and 24 Fd Bty from 564404.

4 Aust Inf Bde (Ref map 1/25,000 SATELBERG).

11 Jan

B Coy, 2/1 Bn pl, and a mortar detachment moved to 620730.

HQ 2/11 Fd/A Bty completed a move from KILIGIA to 620669.

7 AUST DIV (Ref maps 1 inch to 1 mile series).

15 Aust Inf Bde

A patrol from 2/4 Bn contacted enemy of approximately pl strength dug in at 595705.

OPERATIONS (Contd)

3. LAND - OWN AND ENEMY (Contd)

HUDE DISTRICT (Ref Strat Map)

A patrol from C Coy of the PIB visited YAMANZAKO and ZONGIFIFI, but made no contact with the enemy. A further patrol in the PIMENGGU area will return to PIMENGGU area on 13 Jan, as no contact has been reported. On 6 Jan, one Jap was killed on the track to IMDAGEM. The remainder of the Coy is located at the airstrip.

CAPE GLOUCESTER

Since 091800L one hundred enemy dead have been counted. Two enemy barges, each carrying fifteen men, landed at MATAKO. Our arty sank the barges.

SAIDOR

Our outpost at SEL is reported to be in contact with the enemy along the track between SEL and SEURE. No details are available.

Signed at 1600 hrs.

Major
GS 2 Aust Corps

War Diary

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2 AUST CORPS INTELLIGENCE REPORT No 92

(Information from 0930L/10 Jan to 0930L/11 Jan 44)

OPERATIONS

1. AIR - OWN

10 Jan

WEWAK

Six Lightnings on fighter sweep intercepted 40 enemy aircraft, destroying one. A delayed message of a sweep by four Thunderbolts over WEWAK reports one TONY shot down in flames. A large unidentified vessel sighted in WEWAK Harbour was later seen to be burning. It is thought that the TONY shot down crashed directly on the deck of the ship.

BOGIA

Eighteen Mitchells on barge sweep from BOGIA to Cape CROISILLES destroyed four barges, three luggers and four small boats, and damaged one barge. Extensive damage was done to buildings and AA posns.

OTHER SHIPPING 9 Jan. AWAR, 15 barges, one sea truck of 500 tons. DALUA Bay to BILAU Bay 15 barges.

MADANG

Eighteen Liberators dropped 56 tons of bombs. The bombing was reported to be accurate, and numerous barges (unspecified as to numbers and locations) were sighted. Four luggers were seen at MARADAMON (GRAGAT Is).

BOGADJIM

Eighteen Mitchells attacked dumps at ERIMA and bridges on the BOGADJIM Road. Hits were scored on bridges on the road. The extent of damage to bridges has not yet been reported. The GORI R bridge only is specifically mentioned as damaged. A delayed report of operations on 9 Jan states that two Airacobras strafed MG posns on the jetty at ERIMA. One MG posn was hit and left burning. The enemy fired on our aircraft from four posns each with twin-barrelled MGs operated by a crew of four.

NAMBARIWA

Twelve Bostons attacked accurately the bivouac areas from NAMBARIWA to 310. There were nil sightings.

BORGEN BAY

Twelve Bostons and six Liberators attacked enemy posns on the northern slopes of HILL 560. The bombing was accurate.

2. LAND - OWN AND ENEMY

2 AUST DIV (ref maps 1/25,000 SCHARHORST POINT and CAPE KING WILLIAM)

20 Aust Inf Bde

During daylight, the Bde actively patrolled its front in preparation for a further advance. 2/17 Bn with three tanks in support patrolled along the coastal track to 542412. No movement was seen, but empty foxholes and defensive posns for at least 50 enemy were found at 547411 and 542412. The defensive posns had been very recently vacated, and equipment, including signal equipment and explosives, had been abandoned.

A patrol from 552403 to huts at 547394 thence NW along the track to 535401 reported no movement seen. A bivouac area at 549397 had been occupied by the enemy on the previous night. Standing patrols were established at 540412 and 547394.

The 2/13 Bn less D Coy moved North to the DALLMAN R area with dispositions as follows: Bn HQ 228202, A Coy 603377, B Coy 226201, C Coy 607375, D Coy standing patrols at RIVER CROSSING 203177.

26 Aust Inf Bde

2/24 Bn moved by sea from SIALUM to KELAWOA. Bn dispositions at last light were as follows: Bn HQ 235189, A Coy 236191, B Coy 235193, C Coy 234188 and D Coy 228197.

Our arty harassed the KAPUGARA R Crossing at 510413 and 498402. 24 Bty of 2/12 Fd Regt came into action from 565404.

OPERATIONS (Contd)

2. LAND - OWN AND ENEMY (Contd)

7 AUST DIV

9 Jan

16 Aust Inf Bde

2/9 Bn was redisposed with one Coy at each of the following positions: 684645, 691630, 700619 (with Pl at 703627) and at 686614 (with Pl at 694611).

HUBE DISTRICT

On 5 Jan six ORs with seven carriers left PIWENGGU to patrol to INDAGEN on the North side of the CROMWELL Range (approx 25 miles South of KIARI). The boss boy of the carrier line reports that the patrol struck an enemy ambush about 1000 yds from INDAGEN. The boss boy had been captured by kanakas armed with rifles and native weapons. Before escaping, he was taken to the Japs at INDAGEN, where he gathered from his interrogation that the Japs were well informed from native sources of our strength and of our landing ground construction in the KULUNGTUFU area. He also heard that there were a number of Japs at OOMANAN, which is a large village near INDAGEN.

On 9 Jan, an enemy patrol of unknown strength was observed on INDAGEN-PIWENGGU track moving towards the HUBE area. Our own patrol has laid an ambush.

CAPE GLOUCESTER

On 9 Jan the US 3 Bn 5 Regt encountered strong opposition inland, and patrols pushed SW to try and locate the enemy flank. Two enemy counter-attacks at 092330L were repulsed, one against 3 Bn 5 Regt and the other on 7 Regt front on the coast. No details of enemy casualties are available. A three-day patrol departed from the airstrip perimeter to try and locate a reported inland track to BORGEN Bay. The line reached at BORGEN Bay on 7 Jan ran from the large hideout one mile South of SILIMATI Point due West for approx one mile. The enemy posns at HILL 660 overlook the centre of the line.

In the airstrip perimeter area, there is no change.

ARAWE

Active patrolling continues.

SAIDOR

On 10 Jan the West flank advanced to YAMAS extending along the ridge approx one and one-half miles to the South. One pl was located at GALEK, and a standing patrol at Cape IRIS.

3. SEA - OWN

Our PT boats on night 9/10 Jan reported an attack on four Type B and two Type A barges at 100030L off DORNER Bay. The barges, which were on a NW course, were loaded with troops. The Type A barges were armed with 13mm and possibly 20mm guns. They attempted to fight off the PT boats, but one Type B barge was sunk and the others were probably badly damaged, though were not seen to sink. Some debris was observed after the action.

Three barges were observed beached at WASU Harbour. The PT boats on approaching the beach were heavily engaged by a shore battery from VINCKE Point and from the WASU R mouth.

A further patrol contacted seven special Type barges and one B Type barge all loaded with troops heading NW at 100427L one mile South of WEBER Point. The barges returned fire when attacked, but two were destroyed and the remainder badly damaged. Results could not be observed because of heavy shore fire.

A third patrol destroyed six Type A barges on the beach at BIRI at 092315L. A possible submarine was contacted near SIO, but no attack developed. Later, two rubber rice bags were collected from the water.

Signed at 1930 hrs.

Major
GS 2 Aust Corps

SECRET

2 AUST CORPS INTELLIGENCE BROK No 92

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2. LAND - OWN AND ENEMY

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7 AUST DIV

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Signed at 1930 hrs.

Major
GS 2 Aust Corps

SECRET

2 AUST CORPS INTELLIGENCE REPORT No 91

(Information from 0930L/9 Jan to 0930L/10 Jan 44)

OPERATIONS

1. AIR - GWI

9 Jan

ALEXISHAFEN

Twenty-four Liberators attacked AA posns around the strip, dropping 96 tons of bombs. Bombing was reported accurate, and fires and explosions were caused in the target area. Sightings: Eight to nine barges were reported on the shore between SIO and MADANGWA.

ERIMAHAFEN

Nine Marauders attacked the bivouac area and AA posns, dropping twelve tons of bombs. Bombing was reported accurate. Many barges were sighted along the coast, but locations and numbers were not stated.

GALI

Twelve B25s attacked the bivouac area and barge staging point. Nine tons of bombs fell in the target area. Our aircraft encountered heavy probable rifle fire during runs. The coastal track is reported to be well used. A bridge of unspecified type was observed at 008640 (ref map SINGORKAI 1 inch to 1 mile).

RAI COAST

Four Airacobras on recce from HERWARTH Point to BOGADJIM probably destroyed a serviceable barge at BIBI Beach. An unidentified barge was sighted at REISS Point and another at LEPERS Point. Recent activity was observed along the well used coastal track from LEMBIUS Point to HUSEN Point. An MT road was seen joining BEMAU with BOGADJIM. Thunderbolts sighted one barge under trees near ZIKE Point. After circling, preparatory to attacking, our aircraft could not locate the barge again.

SAIDOR

At PESCHEL Point, Thunderbolts sighted one barge in good condition containing ropes and matting, and four probably unserviceable barges. These four barges were empty except for a few pieces of new lumber. All barges were left completely unserviceable.

SE of SAIDOR, fifteen barges were strafed, and most of them were believed to have been left unserviceable.

RABAUL

On night 7/8 Jan, twenty-five Beauforts attacked LAKUNAI and TOMERA dispersal areas, dropping twenty-five tons of bombs. Bombing was excellent, and at TOMERA, fires were started which increased in intensity.

S/L's were reported more than usually effective, and two flak ships were sighted near PRAED Point.

2. AIR - NEW (Ref map 1/25,000 CAPE KING WILLIAM).

A Patrol from 2/3 Bn found a Japanese twin-engined bomber at 344935. This aircraft was reported to have crashed at 0021401, and is probably the aircraft which raided the KILIGIA - GUMINA area (see 2 Aust Corps Int Report No.90). Eight to nine bodies were found in the vicinity and documents were recovered.

3. LAND - GWI AND NEW

2 AUST DIV

9 Jan

2/3 Aust Inf Bde (ref map 1/25,000 SCHARNHORST POINT and CAPE KING WILLIAM

References to 1/25,000 KELANGA HARBOUR are shown in brackets).

A patrol from 2/15 Bn from 204161 (263157) SW to track 199155 (250150) paralleled the track from approx 194160 (252139)

3. LAND - OWN AND ENEMY (Contd)

20 Aust Inf Bde (contd)

to 211172 (270156) and captured one prisoner. Otherwise no movement was seen.

2/13 Bn moved forward to KELANOA area with dispositions as follows: Bn HQ 228193 (293163) A Coy 235192 (296165) B Coy 233186 (293161) C Coy 231187 (290161) D Coy 236190 (296163) Bde HQ 227195 (293168).

26 Aust Inf Bde (ref Map KALASA 1 inch to 1 mile).

There were no changes in dispositions. D Coy of 2/24 Bn on patrol from KALASA to KELANOA reached village 228186 thence moved NE down track to KELANOA. The patrol saw three enemy at 242129; otherwise no movement was seen.

9 Jan

Tac/R reported considerable activity in the valleys SW of KAMAKEWA and beach SE of river mouth.

29 Aust Inf Bde

The Bde continued its advance in the coastal sector and reached the BURI River. Heavy arty and mortar fire forced the enemy to withdraw during the night from posns in the area 569361 (267137) leaving twelve dead. The enemy posns were well dug and sited and well stocked with food including rice, dried fish, and compressed rations. At 0900L 2/17 Bn advanced with B Coy on coastal track, and D Coy on high ground to the west. At 1230L B Coy encountered strong resistance from approximately fifty enemy with one HMG, two LM's and a mortar in the timbered creek at 567404 (628362). The enemy posn was heavily engaged by arty, mortars and MMGs. At 1515L, one troop of tanks previously be ed on the coastal track moved up in support of forward infantry who attacked across the creek and drove the enemy from the posn. The posn, when captured, showed evidence of the accurate shelling and mortar fire to which it had been subjected, and some Japanese casualties were found. B Coy, with tank support, advanced and crossed the BURI R. Dispositions at last light were as follows: Bn HQ 557408 (619366) A Coy 556405 (616364) B Coy 554407 (617365) C Coy 560406 (622364) D Coy 552405 (614363).

A standing patrol from B Coy 2/15 Bn was relieved at river crossing 207179 (267157) by D Coy 2/13 Bn and moved to 210187 (270165).

Tac/R reports defensive posns on west side of the KAPUGARA R, and there are signs of considerable activity at SIO MISSION and SIO WEST.

7 AUST DIV (per maps 1 inch to 1 mile series).

15 Aust Inf Bde

Patrolling was continued on 9 Jan.

10 Aust Inf Bde

A Japanese posn in the FARIA R valley at 704638 was engaged by our arty and mortars.

CAPE GLOUCESTER

A patrol from HELEN Beach to LAE 578662 contacted a small enemy force in that area. The area outside the aerodrome perimeter was patrolled 9 Jan, but no contact was made

At BOLEBEK Bay, the advance to the SE is continuing but slowly due to dense jungle and heavy rain. There is no report of the line reached.

SAIDOR

A Jap strength of ten to fifteen men attacked our OP in the vicinity of SIO. Six of the enemy were killed. The patrol was well equipped.

4. SEA - OPNS

Our PT boats on the night 9/10 Jan destroyed one empty Type A barge on the beach near HAI KARIA and engaged enemy troops on the beach. Three barges, one of which was loaded with seventy to one hundred troops moving east off HERMAN Point, were sunk and one barge on the beach, loaded with

4. SEA - OWN (Contd)
ammunition, was destroyed. Three loaded barges moving east off RIKUA were sunk, and three on the beach at MARAKUM were destroyed. Forty to fifty boxes of fuel found adrift in POMENIN Bay were destroyed. The PT boats were fired on from the following points :-

On shore east of SIO MISSION by one 37mm.
High ground east of SIO MISSION by one 20mm.
REISS Point by two 37mm.
Between SCHARNHORST and GNEISENAU Points by mortars.

5. SEA - ENEMY
Our aircraft on armed recce of the BISMARCK Sea reported a convoy of one destroyer, one ocean-going tug and four cargo vessels (tonnage not given) on course 350 degrees at speed of 15 knots at 3°30' S, 149°50' E.

Comment: This posn is 140 miles North by West of Cape HOSKINS, and it is considered more likely that the convoy was returning to the Mandates from RABAUL rather than from Cape HOSKINS.

Signed at 1730 hrs.

Major
GS 2 Aust Corps

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2 AUST CORPS INTELLIGENCE REPORT No 90

(Information from 0930L/8 Jan to 0930L/9 Jan 44)

OPERATIONS

1. AIR - O.W.

8 Jan

HADANO

Eleven Liberators dropped 39 tons of bombs on AA posns and buildings. Bombing was reported accurate. A direct hit was obtained on GRAGAT Mission and hits were observed on other buildings in vicinity.

ULIGAN HARBOUR

Twenty-four Mitchells in a beating and strafing mission attacked enemy barges and AA posns, dropping 23 tons of bombs. Of the 15 to 20 barges and luggers reported in the harbour, two barges were destroyed and two luggers damaged. An AA posn at SIKOR (303025 ref map UVO EAST 1 inch Provisional) was destroyed. Aircraft also reported several buildings like barracks around the harbour.

REISS POINT

Two empty barges off the beach at REISS POINT were strafed by four Thunderbolts and left completely unserviceable.

ARAWE

Six Marauders, six Bostons and ten Mitchells attacked DIDMOP village on the PULIE R. Bombing was accurate and caused a large explosion in centre of target. Fires were also started in UMTINGALU village. Two barges were sighted at the mouth of the PULIE R, and four in the MAPARU R, twelve miles to the east.

BORGEN BAY

Of five Liberators briefed to attack enemy positions at SILIMATI Pt, only one reached the target, the remainder being diverted to ERIMAIAMEN (near MOMADJIM).

REIN BAY

Four Airacobras on recce reported marked activity in the area between ILOKI Plantation and KEMENGE. At ILOKI two well camouflaged barges which were sighted under trees were strafed. One small explosion was observed. Heavy oil slicks were observed around ILOKI, and from the mouths of the ARIA and ILOLI Rivers to a point several miles out. Gun emplacements (calibre not stated) were observed in ILOKI Plantation 100 yards from the tip of Cape NEUMAYER.

At TAVEVELIAI, four miles west of Cape NEUMAYER, a radio or possible radar station was sighted. Deep footprints on the beach from Cape RAOULT to Cape MEMSING appeared to point towards the west.

2. AIR - ENEMY

8 Jan

At 2140L, one enemy aircraft dropped three bombs between GUSIKA and KILIGIA. No damage or casualties have been reported.

At 2252L, enemy aircraft approached the DREGER Harbour area from the south and dropped an unstated number of bombs. The aircraft were engaged by heavy AA, and one was reported to have been shot down.

3. LAND - OWN AND ENEMY

9 AUST DIV

8 Jan

20 Aust Inf Bde (ref map KELANOA HARBOUR 1/25,000).

At 0900L, the Bde resumed its advance along the coast. By 1130L, 2/17 Bn had encountered approx 40 enemy with at least 4 LMGs and grenade dischargers in well dug camouflaged bunkers and foxholes at 256133. Our arty heavily shelled these posns. One platoon located the enemy flank at 264137 and attacked, killing at least eight Japs, but came under MMG fire from another post at track junction 259137. These posns were heavily engaged by both arty and MMGs.

3. LAND - OWN AREA (Contd)

20 Aust Inf Bde (Contd)

C Coy began an outflanking move towards the high ground to the west and reached 255188. One troop of tanks moved by sea from SIALUM to support 2/17 Bn and landed at 281182. Last light dispositions of 2/17 Bn were: HQ 279182, A Coy 270187, B Coy 270177, C Coy 255185, D Coy 277184.

7 AUST DIV (ref maps 1 inch to 1 mile series).

7 Jan

In 21 Bde sector, 58/59 Bn relieved 2/14 Bn. Patrolling was continued.

In 15 Bde sector enemy arty and mortars were active during the morning against our forward posns on SHAGGY RIDGE, causing light casualties.

Patrols of 2/2 Pnr Bn to 659661, reported no contact. A patrol from 2/2 Cav (Commando) Sqn returning from JAPPA encountered an enemy ambush party approx 30 strong in the vicinity of TABARU, 420962.

CAPE GLOUCESTER and ARAWE:

The situation was unchanged to 061300L.

4. SEA - CMN

At 072310L, PT boats contacted five 70-ft barges three and one-half miles north of POINT ZEE Day on a course SE. Two barges were carrying troops, and the remaining three were believed loaded with supplies.

Comment: It is thought more likely that the barges were not intended to by-pass SAIDOR, but were destined for SIO-OR, a known barge off-loading point to the west of WILIAU. End of Comment.

Off HAMARIWA at 072100L PT boats sighted two 50 ft rafts carrying mostly rice, some canned squid and medical supplies consisting of dressings and quinine. The rafts were sunk.

At 072135L PT boats contacted one submarine offshore one and one-half miles from HAMARIWA. The submarine dived and PT boats attacked. Nil results were observed.

Signed at 1700 hrs.

Major
GS 2 Aust Corps

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2 AUST CORPS INTELLIGENCE REPORT No 89

(Information from 0930L/7 Jan to 0930L/8 Jan 44)

PART I

OPERATIONS

1. AIR - OWN

7 Jan

ALEXISHAFEN

Twenty-four Liberators bombed AA posns and defences and bombing was reported accurate. 96 tons of bombs were dropped.

MADANG

Fourteen Mitchells attacked supply areas at MADANG. No details yet available.

BOGADJIM AREA

Twelve Mitchells bombed and strafed dumps and occupied areas in BOGADJIM Plantation. Several AA posns were silenced.

RAI COAST

Nine Mitchells bombed and strafed targets on the coastal area from WENGA Point to VINCKE Point, and a dump area at SALI with unobserved results. Much activity was reported in the VINCKE Point area.

BORGEN BAY

Eighteen Liberators bombed enemy defences on HILL 660 on the western coast of BORGEN Bay. Bombing was accurate and one large explosion seen. 44 tons of bombs were dropped.

ARAWE

Twelve Lostons in support of ground troops bombed and strafed enemy gun posns. One of our planes was shot down by AA fire but the crew are believed safe.

DELAYED REPORTS

On 5 Jan four Airacobras on armed recce between SIO and BOGADJIM strafed and left unserviceable four barges in SAUERUAK Bay, one near GAUSS Point and one at KULISANGA. Supply dumps were strafed and left burning and AA posns silenced. Five or six Japs in the vicinity were observed hit. One of our planes failed to return.

2. LAND - OWN AND ENEMY

9 AUST DIV

7 Jan

20 Aust Inf Bde (ref map KELANOA Harbour 1/25,000).

Movement was limited to active patrolling by our forward troops. A patrol from 2/17 Bn to UENAGA R at 266176 thence east to the coast/SW along the coastal track to 263194 saw no/and movement but discovered a former enemy bivouac area and dump of engineer stores, including magnetic mines, at 265176, and recently evacuated MG posns at 266187. A patrol of 2/15 Bn from 269161 along the north bank DALIKAN R to 253156 thence north to UENAGA R at 257174 also saw no movement but found vacated enemy positions in the area 2615 and signs of recent enemy occupation at 260170. Another patrol moved from 279159 SW along the track and killed two enemy and captured two others at 267149. This patrol also found the river crossing which was used by the enemy at 267156. PIR patrols SW along the track from KELANOA crossed DALIKAN R at 259157 and attacked a party of 11 Japs at 255153, killing eight and taking one PW.

26 Aust Inf Bde (ref map 1 Inch to 1 Mile series).

The patrol of D Coy 2/24 Bn from MALASA to KELANOA reached 234096. Five enemy were killed along the track and four more were found dead. The track passes through difficult country, and is very muddy.

4 Aust Inf Bde (ref map FORTIFICATION POINT and MASAWENG R WEST 1/25,000).

The occupation of new positions continued. Last light dispositions were - 22 Bn: HQ 550717, A Coy 548717, C Coy 546720 with D Coy and Rear HQ 536792 - 29/46 Bn: HQ 581717, A Coy 612721, B Coy 611720, C Coy 601716, D Coy 579715.

PART I (Contd)

2. LAND - OWN AND ENEMY (Contd)

4 Aust Inf Bde (Contd)

C and D Coys 37/52 Bn moved to 617575. One platoon A Coy returned from 512835 to the company area at 569602.

24 Aust Inf Bde (ref map SAKEL.ERG 1/25,000).

2/32 Bn was concentrated at 617684, and 2/7 Fd Coy at 618682.

7 AUST DIV (ref maps 1 inch to 1 mile series)

6 Jan

In 16 Bde sector enemy were observed near 706632 and subjected to mortar fire. Enemy snipers were active against our forward positions on SHAGGY RIDGE.

In 21 Bde area a company patrol from 2/14 Bn contacted enemy dug in east of ORGORUNA (456310). 2/2 Cav (Commando) Sqn reported JAPPA (482940) and WIYAI (475910) clear of enemy.

SAIDOR

6 Jan

No further information has been received.

CAPE GLOUCESTER

On 6 Jan and again on 7 Jan infantry supported by tanks and arty attacked SE along the coast of BORGEN Bay and by 1300 hrs 7 Jan our FDLs were on a mile front in a line running west from the coast 1300 yards south of SILIMATI Point. Enemy casualties in this fighting were 200. A large body of enemy was reported to be occupying the eastern slopes of HILL 660, to the south of ourFDLs.

ARAWE

6 Jan

A patrol attacked enemy 2000 yards NW of our FDLs, killing one and taking two prisoners. Another patrol attacked an enemy position 600 yards east of our FDLs but were held up by heavy MG fire.

3. SEA - OWN

There were no PT ops on the night 6/7 Jan owing to heavy seas.

4. SEA - ENEMY

At 1730 hrs 7 Jan an enemy submarine was sighted five miles NE of SAIDOR moving towards MADANG. It was attacked by three Mitchells and sunk.

Comment: It is possible that the submarine was engaged in evacuating enemy troops from between SIO and SAIDOR.

PART II

5. ENEMY OOB NEW BRITAIN

A PW captured 27 Dec 43 at MATAMO (BORGEN Bay) belonged to the QF Gun Coy of 53 Regt (17 Div)

He stated that his Regt and half Div HQ arrived RABAUL 10 Dec 43. The other two regiments and remainder of Div HQ stayed in CHINA.

According to his story, 53 Regt was only 1500 strong. The QF Coy was about 200 strong, 50 of whom were sick with Malaria at [illegible]. The Coy had three QF guns which may have been 37mm.

The Regiment and Div H Q remained at RABAUL but the QF Coy proceeded straight to TULUVU. Only one section of 20 men under command Sgt [illegible]SHI were sent to MATAMO with one gun.

PW stated that 16 Div was still in CENTRAL CHINA.

Comment: Evidence of the location of 16 Div is inconclusive and often conflicting. It is possible, however, that at least elements of it are in the NE Sector.

Signed at 1605 hrs.

[signature]
Major
GS 2 Aust Corps

SECRET

3 AUST CORPS INTELLIGENCE REPORT No 38

(Information from 0600L/6 Jan to 0930L/7 Jan 44)

PART I

OPERATIONS

1. AIR - OWN (6 Jan)

ALEXISHAFEN

Seventeen Liberators attacked AA posns and defences dropping 46 tons of bombs. Some large explosions and two fires were seen, and four guns were silenced.

BOGADJIM

Nine Mitchells and five Marauders bombed dumps near ERIMA. Direct hits were obtained on the targets causing explosions. 20 tons of bombs were dropped. Thirty-six Bostons bombed and strafed the road, bridges, villages and dumps between BOGADJIM and YAULA from a minimum altitude. 15 tons of bombs were dropped.

RAI COAST

Nine Mitchells accurately bombed and strafed targets from GAUSS Point to VINCKE Point causing columns of white smoke at 321408 (ref MALASAUA 1 inch).

HORGEN BAY

Twelve Mitchells bombed and strafed the coastal area in support of ground troops but inability of ground troops to indicate targets made bombing inaccurate. 12 tons of bombs were dropped.

DELAYED REPORTS (5 Jan)

Thirteen Mitchells bombed targets on the BOGADJIM Rd. An additional twenty-three Mitchells bombed and strafed the coastal area from VINCKE Point to PESCHEL Point.

Eight Thunderbolts on coastal patrol between 1720 and 1755 hrs strafed and destroyed one barge at MAKLARIWA, two barges off CHISSI Island and two barges in SCHLANGEN Harbour. The barge at MAKLARIWA exploded.

2. LAND - OWN AND ENEMY

9 AUST DIV

6 Jan

20 Aust Inf Bde (ref maps SIALUM and KELANOA Harbour 1/25,000).

At 0830 hrs 2/17 Bn resumed the advance along the coast and at 1145 hrs reached the DALLMAN R (2317). The Bde then occupied positions astride the river with 2/17 and 2/15 Bns forward. At last light dispositions were - 2/17 Bn: HQ 298178, A Coy 290176, B Coy 285176, C Coy 287173, D Coy 283174; 2/15 Bn - HQ 293168, A Coy 290175, B Coy 285176, C Coy 287173, D Coy 276162; 2/13 Bn - HQ 305147, A Coy 302146, B Coy 302140, C Coy 296143, D Coy 309145 with HQ 20 Bde at 315143.

During the afternoon the enemy engaged our SDLs with LMGs from 265175, and MMGs from 265187. Our arty then shelled and neutralised these positions.

A patrol to the track junction 281180 killed two enemy. 2/15 Bn captured 2 PWs within the Bn area. A PIB patrol reported a total of 47 enemy moving [illegible] the areas 2615 and 2616.

Reliable native reports state that many enemy in poor condition moved SW from KELANOA along the track towards KUMUKIO (161130) two days earlier.

26 Aust Inf Bde (ref maps SIALUM and KELANOA Harbour 1/25,000).

2/23 Bn moved forward to SAPARO R area and was disposed as follows: HQ 324135, A Coy 322135, B Coy 327133, C Coy 325132, D Coy 323137. A Coy 2/48 Bn moved from WALINGAI to SIALUM area (380103). A patrol of D Coy 2/24 Bn from KALASA to KELANOA reached 265065 (ref map 1 inch to 1 mile series) and killed seven Japs. The track is reported as fair to SIKIKIA and thence steep and muddy.

PART I (Contd)

2. LAND - OPNS AND ACTY (Contd)

4 Aust Inf Bde (ref maps FORTIFICATION Point and MASAWENG R West 1/25,000).

A and C Coys 22 Bn moved to WAREO. B and D Coys 29/46 Bn and det C Coy took up positions between GUSIKA and WAREO. A Coy and C Coy (less det) moved to 581305. One platoon B Coy 37/52 Bn moved to 563308 and A Coy less one platoon was concentrated at 569302. One platoon A Coy which moved out at 0815 hrs 3 Jan on a three-day patrol from 512835 to 496837 thence NW to ZA AMPI and returned by the same route saw no enemy movement.

24 Aust Inf Bde (ref map FORTIFICATION Point 1/25,000).

2/4 Cav (Commando) Sqn moved to WAREO with patrols to SATELBERG and ZAPILIO. 2/32 Bn less A and B Coys moved to 521721.

7 AUST DIV

No change was reported in the situation in 7 Div area to 0900 hrs 6 Jan.

SAIDOR
5 Jan

An unconfirmed report states one of our patrols contacted a few enemy on the SIO-SEIBE track. An inland patrol killed one Jap about one mile south of FALOMER.

CAPE GLOUCESTER
5 Jan

In the airfields area two enemy complete with arms and equipment were captured. Our troops patrolled extensively outside the perimeter.

In the DOWER Bay sector the attack to the SE was continued against opposition.

PART II

3. ENEMY INTENTIONS

(a) A PW captured at MADOKAI on 4 Jan 44 belonged to the Labour Coy of 79 Regt and was attached to Regtl HQ. He stated that on 5 Dec 79 Regt received an order from 18 Army to withdraw by a new track to be cut by 20 Engr Regt and labourers from LAKONA area through the mountains to MADARIWA. The retreating troops were due to arrive at SIO on 7 Jan. He heard that a strong defensive position had been prepared between MADANG and KARUGARI Island (unlocated. Probably KARKAR Island, although it is stated to be West of MADANG). PW said the existence of these positions was announced to bolster morale.

(b) A PW captured in the SAIDOR area stated that 20 Div was moving into the SIO area on 2 Jan 44 to replace 51 Div which was withdrawing to PALAU for re-formation.

Comment: It is probable that the main force of the defeated 20 Div has already retreated beyond SIO and that 51 Div remnants from LAE were previously evacuated, probably to PALAU.

4. ENEMY CASUALTIES

A PW captured at Cape GLOUCESTER stated that two battalions each 1000 strong were reduced by half owing to casualties inflicted by our bombing prior to the landing.

Signed at 1200 hrs.

W Bentley Capt
Major
GS 2 Aust Corps

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I AUST CORPS INTELLIGENCE REPORT No 67

(Information from 0300L/5 Jan to 0600L/6 Jan 44)

OPERATIONS

1. LAND - SOLOMONS

2 AUST DIV

5 Jan

20 Aust Inf Bde (ref map KAIAPA PATROL 1/25,000).

5 Coy 2/17 Bn advanced to CHESS Point and patrolled forward, but otherwise there was no major change in the dispositions of our forward troops. 5 Coy established a standing patrol at 298154 and from this point patrols on the coastal track reached DALIKAI R and patrolled tracks to SW as far west as 27 Existing Grid without seeing any enemy. The villages at 286177 and 308162, however, appeared to have been recently occupied by the enemy. The patrol doing the coast reported that CHESS R is 20 feet wide and 4 feet deep at the mouth, and DALIKAI R is 100 yards wide and 5 feet deep at the mouth. The beach at 294163 is reported suitable for landing craft.

Further details of the advance on 4 Jan have been received. 2/17 Bn reached the line of SAZORO R at 1145 hrs. Here two enemy were killed and three PWs taken. A patrol encountered LMG and LMG fire from the enemy at 294154, and the position was heavily shelled. Two more Japs were killed at 298150. 2/15 Bn moved forward in support of 2/17 Bn to SAZORO R area and at last light 4 Jan was disposed: Bn HQ [illegible], A Coy 321135, B Coy 319117, C Coy [illegible], D Coy [illegible]. 2/15 Bn advanced to near Cape KING WILLIAM.

26 Aust Inf Bde (ref map SIAIUM 1/25,000).

2/25 Bn moved forward to Cape KING WILLIAM area and at last light was disposed: Bn HQ 367115, A Coy 369114, B Coy 366113, C Coy 368111, D Coy 365115. 2/48 Bn less A and B Coys moved forward by sea from WALINDAI and KANOMI to SIAIUM. At last light Bn HQ was 379105, C Coy 379104 and D Coy at 389091. A and B Coys remained in WALINDAI area. Natives reported to a patrol from D Coy 2/24 Bn at KALASA that the enemy main body had moved through the village about 1 Jan. The patrol moving inland had reached 328094 by last light. One enemy was killed at 346094.

4 Aust Inf Bde (ref map FORTIFICATION POINT 1/25,000).

B Coy 29/49 Bn moved to 578809 and D Coy 37/52 Bn to 574806.

7 AUST DIV (ref map URIGINA 1 inch to 1 mile).

4 Jan

In 18 Bde sector enemy arty shelled our forward positions on SHAGGY RIDGE causing slight casualties.

In 21 Bde sector a patrol from 2/14 Bn reached KEFOBA (448756) without contacting the enemy. Positions on the 5800 feature (5567) appear to have been recently deserted by the enemy.

Tac R reports recently received stated that all bridges on the main BOGADJIM - YAULA road, except those over five fordable rivers, have been repaired.

SAIDOR

4 Jan

At 1345 hrs a patrol to the west encountered five Japs at TETEREI. One was killed and the remainder withdrew. At 1455 hrs another patrol repulsed an attack by about 30 enemy with rifles. An enemy party with one MG is reported to the rear of SILIAU village and an LCM patrol was subjected to MG fire from CAPE IRIS. Patrols to SEL and the south reported no contact with the enemy.

PART I (Cont'd)

CAPE GLOUCESTER

[illegible]

Our troops to E from [illegible] remained stationary [illegible], and our troops advanced 500 yards during the day. In 4 hours to 5 Jan it is reported that between [illegible] have been killed bringing the total enemy killed to date to more than 2000.

In the immediate vicinity our troops are mining the perimeter.

ARAWE

[illegible]

Our troops at [illegible] had an enemy counter attack more than 100 yards east of our [illegible] but evacuated it [illegible] and it was further fire. Seven Japs were killed.

2. AIR - OPS

[illegible]

Forty-four Liberators bombed AI [illegible] and strips. 72 tons of bombs were dropped causing many fires.

WEWAK

AI posns and defences were bombed by nine Marauders and nine Mitchells. Fires were seen and one grounded aircraft is believed destroyed. [illegible] tons of bombs were dropped.

[illegible] COAST

Twelve Mitchells bombed and strafed suspected enemy bivouac areas and evacuation points from [illegible] Point to KILIA and PESTEL Point from a minimum altitude. Considerable enemy activity was observed and numerous fires and dumps were started.

Two Kittyhawks on [illegible] eye p bombed and strafed nine barges lying off shore [illegible] miles west of [illegible] (ref map [illegible] 1 inch to 1 mile 7919/0). One bomb exploded amongst the barges, others being near misses.

DELAYED REPORTS

RABAUL

On night 2/3 Dec Thirty-five Liberators bombed LAKUNAI strip and dispersal areas. [illegible] tons of bombs were dropped, including 5 tons of fragmentation. Photographs show accurate crushing many fires, visible [illegible] miles.

WEWAK

One enemy bomber and one fighter were destroyed by our fighter patrols over WEWAK area on 3 Jan.

3. SEA - OPS

Our PT boats [illegible] on night 4/5 Jan.

Signed at 0815 hrs.

Major
GS 2 Aust Corps

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I AUST CORPS INTELLIGENCE REPORT NO 67

(Information from 0600L/5 Jan to 0600L/6 Jan 44)

OPERATIONS

1. LAND - SOUTH AND EAST

9 AUST DIV

5 Jan

20 Aust Inf Bde (ref map KAIAPIT MAP O R 1/25,000).

2/17 Bn moved forward to CHISEL Point and patrolled forward, but otherwise there were no major changes in the dispositions of our forward troops. 2/15 Bn established a standing patrol at 298154 and from this point patrols on the coastal track reached DALIKAI R and patrolled tracks to 97 as far west as 97 E astng Grid without seeing any enemy. The villages at 286157 and 286162, however, appeared to have been recently occupied by the enemy. The patrol along the coast reported that CHISEL R is 20 feet wide and 4 feet deep at the mouth, and DALIKAI R is 100 yards wide and 5 feet deep at the mouth. The beach at 294152 is reported suitable for landing craft.

Further details of the advance on 4 Jan have been received. 2/17 Bn reached the Mouth of SILOKI R at 1145 hrs. Here two enemy were killed and three PWs taken. A patrol encountered LMG and LMT fire from the enemy at 294154, and the position was heavily shelled. Two more Japs were killed at 298150. 2/15 Bn moved forward in support of 2/17 Bn to SAIDOR R area and at last light 4 Jan was disposed: Bn HQ 321154, A Coy 321155, B Coy 319157, C Coy 321156, D Coy 321152. 2/15 Bn advanced to near Cape KING WILLIAM.

26 Aust Inf Bde (ref map SIALUM 1/25,000).

2/2 Bn moved forward to Cape KING WILLIAM area and at last light was disposed: Bn Hq 367115, A Coy 369114, B Coy 366113, C Coy 368111, D Coy 365115. 2/48 Bn less A and B Coys moved forward by sea from WALINDAI and KANOMI to SIALUM. At last light Bn Hq was 379103, C Coy 379104 and D Coy at 389091. A and B Coys remained in WALINDAI area. Natives reported to a patrol from D Coy 2/24 Bn at KALASA that the enemy main body had moved through the village about 1 Jan. The patrol moving inland had reached 328044 by last light. One enemy was killed at 346044.

4 Aust Inf Bde (ref map FORTIFICATION POINT 1/25,000).

B Coy 29/46 Bn moved to 578809 and D Coy 57/52 Bn to 574806.

7 AUST DIV (ref map VIRGINIA 1 inch to 1 mile).

4 Jan

In 18 Bde sector enemy arty shelled our forward positions on SHAGGY RIDGE causing slight casualties.

In 21 Bde sector a patrol from 2/14 Bn reached KEPOBA (448766) without contacting the enemy. Positions on the 5800 feature (5567) appear to have been recently deserted by the enemy.

Two R reports recently received stated that all bridges on the main BOGADJIM - YAULA road, except those over five fordable rivers, have been repaired.

SAIDOR

4 Jan

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CAPE GLOUCESTER
AREA

Our attack to SE from [illegible] consolidated against heavy opposition, and our troops advanced 600 yards during the day. In 4 hours to 5 Jan it is reported that between 100 and 600 Japs have been killed bringing the total enemy killed in 7 days number to more than 1000.

In the Airfield sector our troops are within the perimeter.

ARAWE
AREA

Our troops at head of valley position 100 yards east of our ADC but encountered MG and LI MT number fire. Seven Japs were killed.

2. AIR - OPS

NEW GUINEA

Twenty-four Liberators bombed AK roads and strips. 72 tons of bombs were dropped causing many fires.

WEWAK

AK posns and dock area were bombed by nine Marauders and nine Mitchells. Fires were seen and one grounded aircraft is believed destroyed. [illegible] tons of bombs were dropped.

AK COAST

Twelve Mitchells bombed and strafed suspected enemy bivouac areas and evacuation points from [illegible] Point to KLAMI and POSTEL Point from a minimum altitude. Considerable enemy activity was observed and gun posn, huts and dumps were strafed.

Two Kittyhawks on armed rec'p bombed and strafed nine barges lying off shore [illegible] mile west of AITAPU (ref map MADANG 1 inch to 1 mile 79/360). One bomb exploded amongst the barges, others brought near misses.

DELAYED REPORTS

BALIKPAPAN

On night 2/3 Dec thirty-five Liberators bombed LAKUNAI strip and dispersal areas. 34 tons of bombs were dropped, including 3 tons of fragmentation. Several large and accurate explosions many fires, visible for 50 miles.

WEWAK

One enemy bomber and one fighter were destroyed by our fighter patrols over WEWAK area on 3 Jan.

3. SEA - OPS

Our PT boats [illegible] on night 4/5 Jan.

Signed at 08/15 hrs.

Major
GS 2 Aust Corps

SECRET

2 AUST CORPS INTELLIGENCE REPORT No 86

(Information from 0600L/4 Jan to 0600L/5 Jan 44)

PART I

OPERATIONS

1. LAND - ON AND ENEMY

2 AUST DIV (area MILANOA Harbour 1/37000).

4 Jan

At 0810 hrs 0 Aust Inf Bde resumed the advance along the coastal track with 2/1 Bn on lead coy. No details of the advance are available but in the afternoon it was reported that 2/17 Bn had two Coys north of SAZON R(210144) and two Coys south. There had been no contact with the enemy up till that time.

7 AUST DIV

3 Jan
In 18 Bde sector dispositions are as follows, Hq 2/10 Bn 712614 with Coys at JOHS POST (749617), KUMBARUM(721571), JOHN'S KNOLL (712617) and 706636. 2/12 Bn is occupying the area 6959. A Pack aircraft observed a party of Japs moving down the FARIA R at 692562, and they were then shelled by our arty.
In 21 Bde sector one Coy 2/4 Bn relieved one Coy 2/14 Bn at 558624, and 2/16 Bn was concentrated at 518572. 2/27 Bn bivouacked in the LAKES area (5858). A patrol from 2/14 Bn crossed the SOIU R but made no contact.

SAIDOR

On 3 Jan a patrol to the east reached HUR, and a patrol south reached a point one mile SE of KALININ. Both patrols failed to contact the enemy. In abandoned barracks at FAIGGER a patrol discovered the packs of 3 officers and 150 OR in good condition and completely equipped. It is believed that upon the landing they moved into the hills. Work was commenced on the strip during the day.

CAPE GLOUCESTER (3 Jan)

From the perimeter around the initial landing beach at BORGEN BAY, two coys supported by medium tanks attacked SE. The attack is reported to be progressing slowly.

The perimeter around the airfields is being expanded. Active patrolling is being carried out over a wide area forward of the perimeter. During the day work was commenced on No 2 strip and it is estimated that it will be completed in four days. Total enemy killed are reported to be 1434 and 7 PWs have been captured.

GREEN BEACH (TUALI area)

Our artillery shelled LAGOON POINT where our patrols had encountered enemy on 2 Jan. Our patrols then moved forward and destroyed enemy equipment and supplies. There was no enemy activity in the area during the day.

ARAWE

The total enemy killed in sector to 3 Jan are reported as 137.

2. SEA - CWN Night 2/3 Jan

At 2200 hrs 2 Jan our PT boats sank 2 Type A barges moving north between GREIGENAU POINT and NAMARINA; one barge was loaded with troops. Our craft were fired on by a shore battery at NAMARINA.

At 0030 hrs 4 Jan the PT boats sank 2 type B barges moving W at or KEISS POINT.

3. SEA - ENEMY

(a) At 1347 hrs 3 Jan a Liberator on recce sighted a 1000/1500 ton freighter transport in HUPULUP Harbour (25 miles north of SEPIK R mouth). The aircraft attempted to bomb the freighter but without success. Twelve barges were also sighted in the harbour.
(b) At 1500 hrs 3 Jan one gun truck was sighted in WANSA BAY and 18 barges nearby.
(c) At 0930 hrs 4 Jan our aircraft on a recce sighted 5/6 barges in the KAPUGARA R (near KEISEMAU POINT).
(d) At 1000 hrs 4 Jan one of our aircraft returning from a strike sighted six barges at the mouth of GOGOL R.

PART II

4. ENEMY INTENTIONS:

The following recent evidence appears that the enemy has been withdrawing from East of SIO:-

(a) A PW captured at KWAMKWAM on 2 Jan 45 was one of the reinforcements that arrived in the SIO area during Dec 44 for the re-forming of I Bn 80 Regt. Inter alia, he stated that the general talk amongst the troops was that they were retreating as fast as possible. There was NO talk of making a stand.
(b) An extract dated 30 Dec from a captured notebook reads "Div will advance (sic) to SIO. For this purpose portion will firmly occupy SUTAMORE and KALASA vicinity."
(c) Tac R of 3 Jan records new track heavily used from KALASA along the foothills to DARKAN River, at MR2 up 1/25-000 series 265157 thence West bank inland and across country to area 3841 (near WASU). Many enemy were seen moving along the track. The track on 4 Jan showed signs of recent heavy use.
(d) Other evidence suggests that at least Rear 20 Div HQ has already withdrawn to MADANG.

There is evidence however that there were still enemy in forward areas at least until 3 Jan:-
(a) Our PT's boats operating off HAMBARIA on 2 Jan 45 were fired upon by "enemy batteries."
(b) Several parties of Japs moving on night 2/3 Jan down track to KALASA were engaged by 2/17 Bn.

Signed at 0846 hrs

Major,
GS 2 Aust Corps.

STOP PRESS
AIR - OWN - (See over).

5. AIR - OWN

4 Jan
ALEXISHAFEN
Thirty-eight LIBERATORS bombed by btys and defences at ALEXISHAFEN. 102 tons of bombs were dropped, resulting in many fires and silencin gun posns. Six aircraft were hit and slightly damaged by AA fire.
MADANG
Coastal defences on BELIAU IS and at MADANG were bombed by nineteen Liberators. 55 tons of bombs were dropped but accurate bombing was prevented by low cloud over the target areas.
Five Liberators bombed dumps in the BOGADJIM area dropping 15 tons of bombs with unobserved results.
RAI COAST
Ten Marauders and nine Mitchells bombed barge hide-outs, personnel and dump areas at NADZAB. Bombing was accurate and the target covered with smoke. Some fires were observed. 27 tons of bombs were dropped.
BOREN BAY
Nine Mitchells in support of ground tps bombed enemy gun posns near SILIMATI POINT. Target was indicated by smoke. 6 tons of bombs were dropped.
DELAYED REPORTS
On 3 Jan 14 Mitchells bombed dumps at ERIMA plantation. Fires were observed as a result of the bombing.

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2 AUST. CORPS INTELLIGENCE REPORT No 65

(Information from 0300L/ Jan to 0300L/6 Jan 44)

PART I

OPERATIONS

1. AIR - OWN

(a) ALEXISHAFEN

Forty four Liberators bombed enemy defences and bivouac areas. 151 tons of bombs were dropped causing explosions and large fires with clouds of black smoke over the target area. 11 aircraft received minor damage from AA fire. One Liberator bombed a suspected bivouac area at NAMARIdA. One aircraft crash landed at base.

(b) MADANG

Six Liberators bombed coastal defences on LELIAU IS(738252 - and map one inch provisional series). 16 tons of bombs were dropped and thirty two tons were reported destroyed.

(c) HOKOPO AT

Twenty four Liberators bombed and strafed the coastal area east of MORATAI AT to HOKOPO with unobserved results. 10 tons of bombs were dropped.

(d) DELAYED REPORTS

On 2 Jan, six Mitchells on a barge sweep from SAIDOR to BOGADJIM strafed barges along the coast and docks and huts in the BOGADJIM area.

2. SEA - OWN

(a) On 2 Jan two enemy cruisers were sunk by our naval forces near KAVIENG and both are believed to have been sunk or beached. Two destroyers were also attacked. One was left burning and probably sank and the other was damaged. (ALAMO FORCE Report)

(b) Sighting: At 1810 hrs 2 Jan a Liberator on armed recce in the BISMARCK SEA observed a convoy of seven ships at 01.10 north 147.00 east moving on a course of 115 degrees. The convoy consisted of 2 light cruisers, 2 light naval craft, 3 x 5000/7000 ton freighter transports, and one seaplane believed launched by one of the cruisers. Our aircraft attempted to bomb one of the freighter transports but without success, and was slightly damaged by the intense AA fire.

3. LAND - OWN AND ENEMY

9 AUST DIV (Maj Gen)

HQ Aust Inf Bde (Ref map SIALUM and KELANOA HARBOUR 1/25000)

Following heavy arty and mortar fire which forced the enemy to retire from SAMOA R area, HQ Bde resumed the advance along the coast with 2/15 Bn again leading, and by last light had reached the SHEDS area (3412). At 1530 hrs the leading company, which had advanced to 357120, engaged about 40 enemy occupying positions on the high ground at 352116. The enemy were also brought under arty and mortar fire and forced to withdraw inland after suffering casualties. By 1700 hrs our forward troops reached the SHEDS area (3412). About 40 more enemy astride the coastal track at 326131 were shelled and withdrew north. A PW was taken at the track junction 364116. Both 2/13 and 2/17 Bns moved forward during the day and at last light our dispositions were - HQ 20 Bde 378105, HQ 2/15 Bn 347123 with B Coy at 343127, C Coy 341124, A Coy 344121, D Coy 346124. Dispositions of 2/17 Bn were Bn HQ 363118, A Coy 363116, B Coy 368114, C Coy 371112 and D Coy 362119 and 2/13 Bn had Bn HQ at 405078, A Coy 403077, B Coy 391092, C Coy 400080 and D Coy 406077. SAMOA R was discovered to be a jeep obstacle but is expected to be bridged by first light 4 Jan.

26 Aust Inf Bde (ref map SIALUM 1/25,000).

2/23 and 2/24 Bns both moved forward to NUZEN area. Dispositions at last light were HQ 2/23 Bn 424058, A Coy 423059, B Coy 424057, C Coy 423061, and D Coy 421059 - HQ 2/24 Bn 426048, A Coy 428041, B Coy 425047 and C Coy 426046. D Coy patrolled from KALASA south to the hill at 365071 and then to 356063 and west along the track to the headwaters of MAI A R without [illegible] opposition.

PART I (Contd)

3. LAND - OWN AND ENEMY (Contd)

1 Aust Inf Bde (ref map MASAWENG R 1 inch to 1 mile).

A three day patrol of A Coy 37/52 Bn moved from 512856 to the track junction and then north along the track towards WANNOKAI. A patrol from 2 Bn to AI CLAO saw no movement.

I AUST DIV (ref map KUMBARUM 1/25,000)

2 Jan

At 0900 hrs 18 Bde opened at 597588. 2/9 Bn relieved 2/16 Bn on SHAGGY Ridge and 2/10 Bn was moving forward to relieve 2/27 Bn. 2/10 Bn dispositions were Bn HQ and one Coy at JOCK'S KNOLL (719617) and the remainder of the Bn at GUYS POST. HQ 2/12 Bn and one Coy moved to 598602.

In 21 Bde sector HQ 2/16 Bn and two coys moved to 618572 and 2/14 Bn to 590598. 24 Bn moved to 599586 and 2/25 Bn to 607582 with HQ 21 Bde at 610570.

No contact was made with the enemy during the day.

SAIDOR

In afternoon 2 Jan our forces encountered some opposition but the final objective for the day was secured by 1935 hrs. Patrols advanced to RANGER against some enemy resistance, and captured ammunition and supply dumps. A total of 15 enemy are reported killed and our casualties are two wounded.

CAPE GLOUCESTER

On 2 Jan a patrol from the airfields sector contacted a patrol from TUALI at DORF Point. Patrols south from TUALI encountered enemy dug in at LAISOM Point. Our troops were fired upon by 20 mm cannon from this position.

Our troops in CAPE GORIKI sector attacked the enemy to the SE but met opposition from enemy dug in with MGs and mortars. The enemy counter-attacked but were repulsed with many casualties. Enemy casualties were reported to be 1000.

ARMY

On 2 Jan patrols 500 yards north of our left flank failed to contact the enemy. Two enemy were killed during the day.

Signed at 0845 hrs

[signature]
Major
GS 2 Aust Corps

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2 AUST CORPS INTELLIGENCE REPORT No 84

(Information from 0600L/2 Jan to 0600L/3 Jan 44)

PART I

OPERATIONS

AIR - OWN

1 Jan

(a) SAIDOR

Sixty-six Liberators and seventy Mitchells bombed and strafed targets at SAIDOR and eastwards along the coast to WEBER Pt. 260 tons of bombs were dropped. Smoke and fires were seen in the bombed areas.

Nine Bostons and six Airacobras conducted barge sweeps from SAIDOR to WALD Bay. Barges near LEPSIUS Pt were strafed and two others bombed and damaged.

(b) BOROKI BAY

Nine Mitchells and nineteen Bostons accurately bombed and strafed the coastal area from a minimum altitude. 17 tons of bombs were dropped and 61,000 rounds expended in strafing.

Six Airacobras conducted a barge sweep from BOROKI Bay to REISBECK Bay and damaged five barges.

(c) ALEXISHAFEN

Fourteen Mitchells bombed the strip and dumps. No details are available.

(d) 2 Jan SAIDOR

In support of ground troops, forty-three Liberators, three Mitchells and twenty-five Bostons bombed and strafed targets in the SAIDOR area. Bombing was reported as excellent and resulted in a number of large fires and some explosions. 95 tons of bombs were dropped.

(e) ERIMA

Twelve Mitchells bombed stores and dumps near the jetty at ERIMA. Results were obscured by clouds.

2. SEA - OWN

At 2035 hrs 1 Jan our PT boats sank one type B barge and one 80 foot barge, both moving south off VINCKE Point. An enemy shore battery located about 1½ miles east of VINCKE Point fired on our craft.

3. LAND - OWN AND ENEMY

9 AUST DIV (2 Jan)

20 Aust Inf Bde (ref map SIALUM 1/25,000).

The advance in the coastal sector was continued to SIALUM area. 2/15 Bn supported by one troop of tanks resumed the advance on a two coy front at 0830 hrs. A party of enemy on the escarpment at 401071 were dispersed by tank fire. At 1245 hrs KWAIKWAI (407077) was occupied and our troops continued the advance to the track junction 391093. Some enemy movement was observed at the mouth of the SANGA R (3710) and at 1715 hrs an enemy 81mm mortar fired spasmodically forward of our advanced elements until it was neutralised by heavy arty concentration. 24 Fd Bty moved up by sea from SCARLET BEACH to NUZZI BEACH and was supporting 20 Bde from 4204 by 1630 hrs. 62 Fd Bty moved forward by road from KAIOMI to NANDA and came into action at 432098. At last light the dispositions of 2/15 Bn were: C Coy 391073, D Coy 392085, B Coy 398084, A Coy 395083, and Bn HQ 400084. One troop of tanks was at 391093 and two troops at 4[illegible]. A patrol from 2/17 Bn SW along the track from NUZZI to the village 397032 saw no movement. 2/17 Bn moved up during the day and at last light was disposed: D Coy 422064, Bn HQ 423059, A Coy 424046, B Coy 426044, C Coy 423041. 2/13 Bn dispositions were: Bn HQ 432033, A Coy 428032, B Coy 431034, C Coy 433029, D Coy 430030.

PART I (Contd)

3. LAND - OWN AND ENEMY (Contd)

26 Aust Inf Bde (ref map BLUCHER Point and SIALUM 1/25,000).

C Coy 2/23 Bn returned from KARAKO and the Bn moved forward to KAHOMI area. At last light dispositions were: Bn HQ 473992, D Coy 471996, B Coy 474995, A Coy 470995 and C Coy 472991. A and D Coys 2/24 Bn moved to the MUZEN area. D Coy reached the village 397033 and A Coy 428040.

4 Aust Inf Bde

A patrol from 22 Bn to AIMOLAO saw no movement. B Coy 22 Bn and D Coy 29/46 Bn returned to the coastal sector from HOMPUA.

24 Aust Inf Bde

A patrol from 2/4 Cav(Commando) Sqn moved from HOMPUA through ONDEO to ZAGAHEMI which appeared to have been recently occupied by the enemy.

7 AUST DIV (ref map 1 inch to 1 mile series).

2/14 Bn relieved 2/31 Bn, 24 Bn relieved 2/25 Bn, and both came under command 25 Bde. 2/25 Bn moved to 606582. Our patrols in this sector did not contact the enemy. 2/2 Cav (Commando) Sqn found the pilot of a crashed B25, uninjured, at USINI(ref RAMU strat sheet WO 2588).

SAIDOR

Following heavy bombing by our aircraft, an American force landed at SAIDOR at 0722 hrs 2 Jan. The landing was unopposed. No contact was made with the enemy during the day, and all objectives, including the strip, were secured.

CAPE GLOUCESTER

The perimeter around the airfields was extended on 2 Jan, and our troops further consolidated their positions. Patrols moved around the coast to contact the patrols from TUALI area. Patrols from the latter area had reached DORF Point on 31 Dec.

ARAWE

Two enemy mortars were silenced and 14 Japs killed on 1 Jan.

PART II

4. ENEMY OOB

3 Coy of 53 Regt (17 Div) has been identified in CAPE GLOUCESTER operations.

Comment:

A PW captured on 13 Nov stated that 53 Regt had the task of defending GASMATA. There was earlier evidence to suggest at least part of the Regiment was in Western NEW BRITAIN.

Signed at 0848 hrs.

Major
GS 2 Aust Corps

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2 AUST CORPS INTELLIGENCE REPORT No. 83

(Information from 0300L/1 Jan '44 to 0600L/2 Jan '44)

PART I

OPERATIONS

1. AIR - OWN

31 Dec

ALEXISHAFEN

Thirty-six Liberators bombed enemy occupied areas and dumps. 98 tons of bombs were dropped resulting in a number of explosions and large fires. One of our aircraft, hit by AA fire, crash landed at DUMPU.

MADANG

Twenty-one Liberators attacked dumps and the runway at MADANG, and BILIAU village. Several fuel fires and large explosions were seen. Aircraft met heavy AA fire and seven were damaged. 63 tons of bombs were dropped.

BOGADJIM

Nine Marauders and ten Mitchells bombed BOGADJIM PLANTATION. 28 tons of bombs were dropped but results were unobserved.

Twenty-four Mitchells accurately bombed and strafed bivouac areas and store dumps at ERIMA PLANTATION. Some fires were observed. 26 tons of bombs were dropped and about 40,000 rounds expended in strafing.

BORGEN BAY

Twenty-three Bostons bombed and strafed enemy positions in the coastal area but results were not observed.

INTERCEPTION - ARAWE

An enemy force of fighters and bombers was intercepted by Kittyhawks and Thunderbolts near ARAWE. Eight enemy bombers and four fighters were destroyed and two fighters probably destroyed without loss to our aircraft.

2. AIR - ENEMY

1 Jan

(a) Enemy aircraft dropped 12 bombs in the BORGEN BAY area causing slight damage.

(b) 32 enemy aircraft attacked our LSTs and barges off ARAWE but no damage was inflicted.

3. LAND - OWN AND ENEMY

9 AUST DIV (ref maps SIALUM, BLUCHER POINT and MASAWENG R WEST 1/25,000)

1 Jan

20 Aust Inf Bde

Our artillery heavily shelled NANDA during night 31 Dec/1 Jan and forced the enemy to withdraw. At first light 2/15 Bn moved forward from 437030 and by 0800 hrs patrols had occupied the village. D Coy advanced along the coastal track as far as the COCONUTS (428037) and C Coy then passed through. After overcoming an enemy post at 422043, killing five and wounding four, C Coy captured NUZEN (426047), and occupied a general line from the coast west to 416047. A patrol pushed forward to the creek at 425058 and killed three Japs. Another patrol SW along the track from NUZEN to 415035 saw one Jap only but reported that there were signs of recent heavy movement on the track. One troop of tanks moved forward with the leading infantry and reached NUZEN at last light. Jeephead was also pushed forward to the creek at 426047. During the morning small parties of enemy moving North from NUZEN were shelled by our artillery.
Last light dispositions of 2/15 Bn were - C Coy 426047, D Coy 428-037, A Coy 431031, B Coy 437027.
A patrol from 2/17 Bn reached 415997 during the day. There was no change in the dispositions of 2/13 Bn.

26 Aust Inf Bde

2/24 Bn moved forward by sea to the vicinity of RUA(465002)

and 2/48 Bn moved to area WALINGAI anchorage (493938).
C Coy 2/23 Bn patrolled forward from its base at KARAKO (445973) towards GERUP (412976). Moving through difficult country they reached 426983 without seeing any movement. A PIB patrol on the inland track from OKORAKO (385886 ref map MASAWENG one inch) through ZAKOBEP (407958) and GERUP killed two Japs. They reported that the track showed signs of considerable enemy movement north about four days ago.

4 Aust Inf Bde
A patrol of 'A' Coy 57/52 Bn from 513838 to AIMOLAO(552787) saw no movement.

I AUST DIV

31 Dec
In 21 Bde area the enemy again shelled our forward positions on SHAGGY RIDGE and the company position of 2/27 Bn at 707633. Apart from patrolling there was no activity in 25 Bde sector.

CAPE GLOUCESTER
On 1 Jan the enemy attempted to infiltrate on the eastern flank of the perimeter around the airfields but were repulsed.
In the TUALI area our troops have been out of contact with the enemy since 1600 hrs 31 Dec.

4. SEA - OWN
9 Aust Div reports that our PT boats made no contacts on night 31 Dec/1 Jan but reported large fires near NAMBARIWA.

PART II

JAPANESE SEA-GOING RAFT:

Photographs taken of the object sunk by PT operations on night 23/24 Dec 43 as reported in 2 Aust Corps Intelligence Report No. 76 disclose the following details:-
The craft (a memory sketch of which appears as Appendix "A") appears to be cylindrical with a conical bow. Amidships there are two hatches on the long axis of the cylinder, surrounded by a low railing. Two towing bollards are near the base of the cone. Construction of the stern is not apparent from the photograph but it has been drawn in the sketch from verbal information. The cylinder diameter is 20-25 ft approx and length 100-110 ft approx.

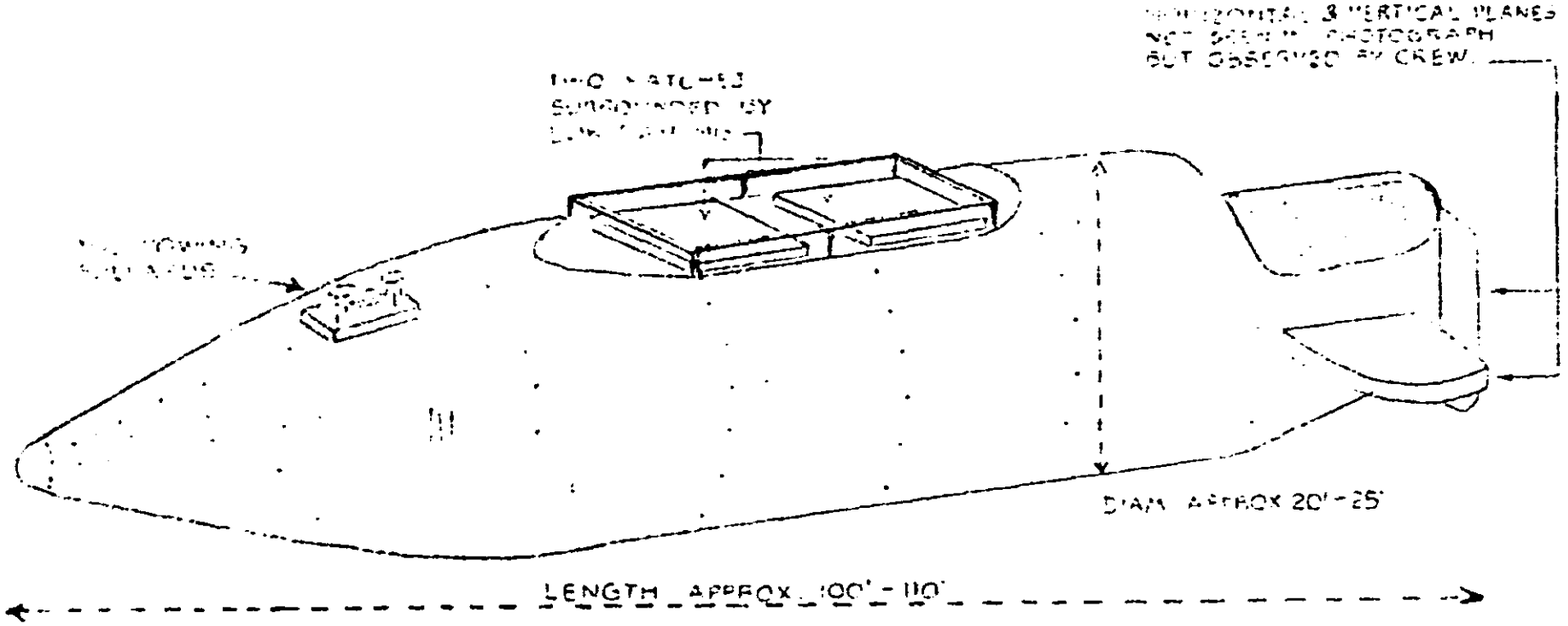
Comment. The dimensions mentioned give a cubic capacity of approximately 2500 shipping tons, assuming the craft to be entirely hollow. With allowance for buoyancy and internal strengthening, it is possible that the craft could be loaded with over 1000 cubic tons of cargo. It is possible that the craft is a steel construction of the type of raft mentioned in 2 Aust Corps Int Report No. 77 para 5. The information on which that report was based disclosed that sea rafts were capable of carrying approx 1500 cubic tons.

Signed at 0803 hrs

Major,
GS 2 Aust Corps.

JAPANESE SEA-GOING RAFT

Appendix A to
this report
No. 13



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2 AUST CORPS INTELLIGENCE REPORT No. 32

(Information from 0600L/31 Dec '43 to 0600L/1 Jan '44)

PART I

OPERATIONS

1. LAND - ENEMY AND ENEMY

9 AUST DIV (ref maps L.C.E. POINT and SIALUM 1/25,000)

20 Aust Inf Bde
31 Dec. 20 Bde continued the advance along the coast. 2/15 In passed through 2/13 In near KAIONI and at last light our forward troops were in contact with about 50 enemy near HAMBA village (439031). The enemy was engaged by artillery and mortar fire. During the advance three enemy were killed, one PW taken and a 75 mm gun captured at 443027. At last light 2/13 In dispositions were C Coy 437030, D Coy 443027, B Coy 440026, A Coy 426026. 2/17 In also moved up and was disposed A Coy 447016, B Coy 454015, C Coy 447014, D Coy 449022 with Bde at 456003. There was no change in the dispositions of 2/13 In. One troop of tanks moved forward with 2/15 In but were held up in the afternoon at the steep creek crossing at 453017. At 1500 hrs our artillery engaged fifteen Japs moving north at 426051, and later shelled two small parties of enemy moving south at 423061.

26 Aust Inf Bde
Bde HQ moved to 457005. A patrol of C Coy 2/23 In moved NW from KARAKO (445973) to 437994 where the track terminated. No signs of recent movement on the track were observed. A PIR patrol from AMZIA (456913) killed three enemy at 454927 and moved on through difficult country to ORORAKO (3865 ref map 1 inch to 1 mile).

4 Aust Inf Bde (ref maps MASA T.I. 1 inch to 1 mile)
30 Dec. C Coy 22 In and D Coy 29/46 In reached KOMPUA (492824) without seeing any movement. A three day patrol from A Coy 37/52 In left 527836 for ZAMAREMI. A patrol from 22 In to AIMALAO (552736) killed one Jap in the village.

24 Aust Inf Bde
Patrols from 2/4 Cav (Commando) Sqn moved from KOMPUA to ONDEO (428838) and KOMPUA to DOKODOBO (495830) without seeing any movement. The latter patrol made contact with a 4 Bde patrol.

7 AUST DIV (ref maps KUMAKAUM 1/25,000 and 1 inch to 1 mile series)
30 Dec. During the day the enemy shelled our forward troops on SHAGGY RIDGE and a company position of 2/27 In at 707633. In 25 Bde sector the enemy patrolled more actively and patrol clashes took place in areas 6461 and 5065 and on the 5000 feature at 565655. Both sides suffered casualties. Our patrols contacted an enemy position near OKOKUMA (460810).

CAPE GLOUCESTER (ref maps 1/20,000 series)
At 1200 hrs 30 Dec the Marines captured No 1 and No 2 airstrips at CAPE GLOUCESTER. Enemy estimated one battalion were occupying a high feature near the airfields. Our troops attacked the enemy and a perimeter was established 1000 yards from the strips.

Further to the east in ORIN BAY area our troops have established a perimeter around the initial landing beaches to a depth of 1500 yards. About one battalion of the enemy was reported digging in opposite the centre of the perimeter.

2. AIR - OWN (29 Dec 43)

CAPE GLOUCESTER AREA

Fifty-three Liberators, thirty-five Mitchells and nine Marauders bombed and strafed targets in support of ground troops at CAPE GLOUCESTER. 194 tons of bombs were dropped.

A further twenty-three Mitchells bombed and strafed targets in the coastal area at ORIN BAY.

2. AIR - O.K. - Contd.

[illegible] PENINSULA

Five Liberators bombed enemy bivouac areas at SIO.

30 Dec 43.

CAPE [illegible] AREA

Twenty-two Fortress bombed and strafed troop concentrations near CAPE [illegible], 9 tons of bombs were dropped and 30,000 rds expended in strafing.

A further twelve Fortress bombed and strafed enemy encampments near [illegible] dropping 9 tons of bombs.

ALEXISHAFEN.

Twenty-seven Liberators bombed AA posns and occupied areas. 41 tons of bombs were dropped resulting in several large explosions and fires and the destruction of AA posns.

[illegible] PENINSULA

Twelve Mitchells bombed and strafed barge hideouts at MAP ARIA. No results of the strike are available.

One unescorted Airacobra on a barge sweep along the coast strafed two loaded barges at SIHOKAI, three at PESCHEL POINT and one empty barge at [illegible] POINT.

PART II

An undated sketch map of MAP ARIA area was captured at LUCAS POINT. It shows dilleting areas for 5, 6, and 9 shipping Engineers.

Comment. Elements of all three regiments have been identified at various staging points along the barge supply route. WEWAK - HANSA - [illegible] AREA. These are the only three shipping Engr dets that have yet been identified on the north [illegible] GUINEA coast, and are believed to be controlled by a Shipping Group.

Signed at 0640 hrs

S. H. Loux

Major,
GS 2 Aust Corps.