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WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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(adapted.)

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Unit.....51.5 AMST DIV. (4TH)

Date and Time.—From.....0001 hrs.....To.....2359 hrs 20 Mar 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, L.I.C.s, Etc.
JACQUINOT BAY	20 Mar		4 Aust Inf Bde - Nothing to report.	Appx 217 - Weather
			6 Aust Inf Bde - WIDE BAY - 14/52 Aust Inf Bn - patrols	Forecast
			Found abandoned enemy position 640321 2	Appx 216 - 6 Bde CI 1040
			dummy AFVs 650520 and enemy equipment	Appx 219 - 6 Bde CO 1616
			626519; 3 dead Japs found in area; dis-	(request for
			positions - B Coy less one pl D Coy	Tac R BARUA)
			614514, C Coy 650521. 19 Aust Inf Bn -	Appx 220 - Intelligence
			from 0530K and 0600K small party Japs	Review No 6
			attached 3 Coy 613522 patrol cleared area-	Appx 221 - Infm Summary
			casualties enemy 5 killed own 1 killed 3	41
			wounded; Bn HQ and C Coy established	Appx 222 - 5 Div CO 957
			627515. B Coy HQIB - attached by approx	(sitrep 380)
			26 Japs moving westwards carrying full	Appx 223 - 6 Bde CI 1039
			packs between 1350K and 1515K, attacks	Appx 224 - 6 Bde CI 1047
			repulsed casualties enemy 1 killed some	(part 1)
			wounded, own NIL; Coy now at 654515.	Appx 225 - 6 Bde CI 1047
			Road jeepable to 627515.	(part 2)
			Patrol report attached as Appx 216.	Appx 226 - 15 Bde CI 232
			OPEN BAY - Pl D Coy HQIB patrol coast	
			track SAI RIVER RMS.	
			15 Aust Inf Bde - Nothing to report.	
			General - Rear elements 16 Aust Inf Bn moved LUNUNG	
			to MALAI today.	
			Brig MAITLAND DNS AA, Col MORROW Consult-	
			-ing Physician LHQ and Col LITTEBJOHN	
			Chief Surgeon LHQ left for 6 Bde-1000 hrs	
			accompanied by ADIS returning 020700K.	

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Unit...HQ 5 AUSF DIV (4TH)

Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs To 2359 hrs 20 Mar 45

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5 DETACHMENT, 6 MOBILE METEOR FLIGHT

FORECAST JACQUINOT BAY, WIDE BAY AND COAST

PERIOD: 2012 00K to 211200K.

Distribution:

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| (1) Coy B, 594 EB & S Regt. | (6) HQ 5 Aust Div. |
| (2) Port Director, Jacq. Bay. | (7) 6 Aust Inf Bde. |
| (3) 5 AUST Base Sub Area. | (8) Sigs 2 Aust Div. |
| (4) RAA 5 Aust Div. | (9) AASC 5 Aust Div. |
| (5) RAE 5 Aust Div. | (10) AIB, Jacq. Bay. |

WEATHER:

Well broken middle and high cloud generally. Overcast low cloud at first with heavy showers, but becoming well broken later. visibility good. Wind southeast, 5 mph. Moderate sea with long, low swell.

Twilight 0536K. Sunrise 0558K.
set 1805K.

Moonrise 1231K.
No moonset.
First quarter.

200900K. Dry bulb. 78°
Humidity 87%

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TO 5 AUST DIV

(x) For Information (INFO.)

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GI 1040 SECRET @ Police report 46 @ 14/32 Unit 2.1
 1st @ 40 C @ PL A say @ fighting @ 200850 K @ when back
 completed @ from say area EAST and NORTH @ was @
 locate work running NW SE area 655521 @ two say
 cable @ then @ be prepared lead C say in @
 41 C @ PL B say @ fighting @ 200850 K @ when back
 completed @ done EAST for 5th 3rd machine in
 which other JAP machine suspected being located @ clear
 whole area incl direction @ search for possible
 help for area @ 1st area clear 1st area to base @
 C say move to D say then clear 648523
 center 500 of D say @ 42 C @ PL D say @ fighting
 @ 200850 K @ when completed @ investigation back
 2nd 3rd EAST @ 633517 to new search head location mainly
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War Diary

1919

The first of the day was a
very fine day. The sun was
out and the wind was light.
The temperature was about
60 degrees. The clouds were
very light and the sky was
blue. The water was very
calm and the boats were
all out. The people were
all happy and the day was
very good.

(From information received from 1200 hrs 11 Mar 45
to 1200 hrs 18 Mar 45)

OWN FRONTS SWPA

1. NEW BRITAIN

(a) LAND - OWN AND ENEMY

WIDE BAY AREA:

Throughout the night 10/11 Mar the enemy, supported by mortar fire, attacked our coy perimeter on the southern slope of the WAITAVALO feature. All these attacks were repulsed, during which the enemy casualties were 15 killed and many more believed killed or wounded. It was thought that during the night individual Japs crawled into our positions in search of their casualties.

Later in the day a heavy mortar bombed our area but arty fire quickly silenced this weapon. An enemy ammunition dump was found on the feature, near the western end of TOL plantation.

Continuous heavy rain over the WIDE BAY area on 12 Mar caused flooding of the WULWUT and MEVELO Rivers and hampered our movement. The enemy continued their fire from heavy mortars on our forward positions. Patrolling was carried out during the day along the north and south slopes of the feature, during which signs of recent enemy occupation were found on the northern slopes at a point one mile east of the WULWUT River. No enemy movement was seen during these patrols.

Heavy rain continued to hamper operations on 13 Mar. Further enemy bombing by heavy mortars occurred during the day on our positions on the southern slopes of the feature.

On 14 Mar our mortars accurately bombed a Jap defensive position located on the WAITAVALO feature at a point $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles east of the WULWUT River. During the day a Jap ZEKE dropped three bombs on KASALEA. The reason for this action is not known, as there were no Australian troops in that area at the time.

A report was received that a strong party of Japs and Kambis had massacred the natives of the village of GODKA, at the headwaters of the MEVELO River. A native survivor from the village stated that the Japs had indicated their intention of moving south to the OPEN BAY area, using the Kambis to guide them down the track.

On 15 Mar one of our patrols penetrated to the Jap defensive position which had been discovered the previous day and contacted the enemy. Our positions were subjected to grenade discharger fire but no casualties were inflicted.

Following our air strike and arty and mortar concentrations, our forces on 16 Mar attacked the enemy position located on 14 Mar. Our forward movement was held up by heavy MG and mortar fire, and a force was moved round the left flank and reached a position 50 yards from the Jap perimeter. Another force, attacking from the left rear, was held up by heavy fire from the Jap position. The enemy were found to be strongly entrenched in deep shelters and possessed large numbers of HMGs, LMGs and grenade dischargers. In this action three Japs were known to have been killed and one wounded.

Two heavy bombs and 21 anti-personnel bombs were dropped by two single-engined enemy planes on to the bridge area over the WILMUT River 1000 yards from the river mouth.

A strong European and native patrol, moving through the foothills of the main range north of the MATAVAU feature, reached the river on which MARUMBA is situated and on 17 Mar commenced patrolling the ford area 300 yards from its mouth.

OPEN BAY AREA:

Heavy rain fell on the OPEN BAY coastal area during the week and operations were limited to patrolling to the SAI River. No enemy have been sighted during the period under review.

It was reported on 11 Mar that a party of Japs were preparing timbered defensive pits facing towards COOPER'S CREEK at a point 200 yards north of the MATALILI River one mile from its mouth. The strength of the enemy was stated to exceed 28 Japs with some Kombis.

RABAUL AREA:

Truck activity continues in the RABAUL area. Aircraft on 13 Mar noted considerable Jap activity at the mouth of a cave in MATAPAU plantation (East of RALUANA POINT, BLANCHE BAY) with many trucks operating in the vicinity. A large Japanese flag was planted at the cave entrance. Patrolling aircraft have destroyed several trucks here and at TALILI BAY during the past week.

Casualties NEW BRITAIN

27 Nov 43 - 18 Mar 45	Killed 175	PW 1	(OPEN BAY 65)
15 Dec 43 - 18 Mar 45	Killed 5074	PW 349	(WIDE BAY 110)

(16) AIR - ENEMY

The pilot of the ZERO which was shot down on 9 Mar ten miles SE of CAPE ORFORD was captured by the natives at KORAPAN 4 days later. He stated that he was on a training flight carrying two 60 Kg bombs and loaded 6.5 and 20mm guns for use against opportunity targets, and that he and his colleagues had not been given instructions to support the Jap ground forces.

He was based on TOBERA airfield and had been there for a considerable time, never moving out of the area except for training flights which extended as far south as JACQUINOT BAY. There were only two other serviceable planes at TOBERA both of which were fighters, although there were three unserviceable.

He stated that TOBERA and VUNAKANAU were the only serviceable airfields in GAZELLE PENINSULA and that an unknown number of serviceable planes was at VUNAKANAU. At TOBERA there were only five pilots fit for service and three or four others with disabilities which prevented them from flying. None of them knew where the battlefronts were located, and thought it was possibly at JACQUINOT BAY.

All the planes in the RABAUL fortress area were Navy planes flown by Naval pilots. Supplies were not dropped to the forward troops but, the pilot thought, were sent by the mountain route to the forward areas by army MT of which there was a considerable quantity. The coastal road

on the east coast of GAZELLE PENINSULA was thought to be unserviceable through Allied bombings.

The PW stated that there was a scarcity of petrol, ammunition and bombs for aircraft in the RABAUH area.

There is reason to believe that the PW was not completely truthful, although he talked freely.

2. BOUGAINVILLE

NORTHERN BOUGAINVILLE

Slight gains have been made in the northern area, and except for small isolated parties of Japanese, our forces established 4,000 yards north of the GENGIA River now control the area southwards and extending inland for approx 3000 yds.

On 11 Mar, following arty preparation, our troops advanced and occupied a position on the coastal track 600 yds south of the COLETON River. Patrols operating forward of this position have located a strong enemy post near the river mouth.

On the same day another force effected a landing approx 2½ miles south of the northern tip of SORAKEN Plantation. After establishing a bridgehead our troops moved inland and by 12 Mar had occupied a position in the plantation, 3000 yds north of LAIUM, against slight and ineffective opposition.

The advance in a south-easterly direction continued and on 13 Mar contact was made with our troops approx 1 mile NE of LAIUM. Two enemy attacks on 13/14 Mar were repulsed.

During the period under review Japanese arty was again active, a total of 260 rounds being fired from an estimated 7 guns. This suggests the enemy in this area is not short of heavy equipment and is probably still capable of strong resistance.

The force which landed on SAPOSA Island on 6 Mar has now returned to the mainland and reports the area clear of enemy. A total of eight Japanese was killed during this operation.

An ANGAU patrol which visited TAIOF Island (6 miles NW of TSIMBA) on 11 Mar ambushed an enemy party, ten of whom were killed. One Japanese officer was captured. An arty OP has now been established on the island.

PIATERAPAIA

The situation remains unchanged in this sector, operations being confined to patrolling and harassing of enemy positions by arty and mortars.

Patrols penetrating to a depth of 2½ miles NW and NE of ARTILLERY HILL have clashed with small enemy parties. Six Japanese have been killed in these skirmishes.

EMPRESS AUGUSTA BAY

Extensive patrolling has been maintained in the southern sector, and the area north of the PURIATA River, except for odd stragglers, is now clear of the enemy.

In the TOKO area, a strong enemy post (including pillboxes) on the track 1500 yds south of the DARARA ford has delayed our southward penetration. Our troops outflanked and occupied this position on 14 Mar, the enemy withdrawing to the south-east.

A further force moved overland from the west bank of the PURIATA River and is now in positions two miles SE of the DARARA Ford astride the track DARARA-HIRU HIRU thus blocking the enemy's main escape route.

A coastal patrol which contacted and killed 8 Japs on 10 Mar has now reached a point 4 miles SE of the PURIATA River without making further contact.

In the MAKAPEKA area our patrols have been active and several clashes have occurred. Our forces have advanced against slight opposition and are now established on the track MAKAPEKA-RUMIKI 2 miles SE of the former village. The enemy is declining to make a decisive stand.

On 9 Mar our troops occupied NIHERO (7½ miles SE of MOSIGETTA) without opposition. A patrol to SINAKAI (2 miles SW of NIHERO) reported it clear of Japanese but found signs of heavy foot traffic leading southwards. Contact was established on 11 Mar with patrols operating eastwards from MAKAPEKA. Seven enemy graves were found when our troops occupied enemy positions.

Following a period of inactivity the enemy has again made use of his artillery, but with little effect, 90 rounds falling to the rear of our troops.

GENERAL

On 9 Mar an AIB patrol reported that approx 180 Japs arrived at ISIMA (12 miles south of KIETA) and that natives attacked and killed 22 enemy before defensive positions had been prepared.

Information gained through the co-operation between natives and an AIB patrol operating in southern BOUGAINVILLE has resulted in extensive damage being caused to enemy installations and equipment. On 8 Mar aircraft destroyed a large ammunition dump and 30 trucks in the TAITAI area (11 miles SE MOSIGETTA). Another strike also destroyed 1 truck, 2 tanks and killed many of the enemy at TABUT (NE coast).

Casualties BOUGAINVILLE:-

1 Nov 43 - 15 Mar 45	Killed 11,188	PW 135
22 Nov 44 - 15 Mar 45	Killed 1,298	PW 34

3, NEW GUINEA

ANGAMB RIVER AREA

Following coastal patrolling, our troops crossed the NINAHU RIVER at the mouth, clearing the enemy from positions on the east bank and astride the Old German Road. B.I., one mile to the east, was captured 13 Mar, together with a large dump containing unserviceable MT, medical stores and small arms.

To the south west, stiffer opposition was encountered about the former AOZU detachment's reserve area on the upper DUNIB Creek. Two positions were captured here on

6 and 7 Mar although an attack on 8 Mar was unsuccessful, a position 100 yards south was taken on 9 Mar, and much equipment and medical stores captured. An enemy counter attack during night 9/10 Mar was broken up.

In all these actions, a total of 30/40 enemy was killed.

Japanese dead in the coastal area have been well clothed, fed, and armed. The enemy's weakening resistance can be attributed mainly to the heavy casualties suffered in this sector. Seventy Japanese were reported to be at IRLP Creek, two miles NE of ABOAM, on 7 Mar. Heavy rains fell in this area during the period.

SCREW RIVER

Patrols from our base on the SCREW River, 5 miles north of MAPRIK, have followed the river to within two miles of MAPRIK without making contact. Half a mile south of the base, an enemy party of 60 is holding a position astride ISAMIK Creek, despite several bombing attacks. Our troops attacked this position on 13 Mar, without success.

MILAK - ILPRIK AREA

Several enemy parties are still clinging persistently to positions west and EW of MAPRIK. Our patrols have engaged the enemy at MAPOBIA, one mile NE of MILAK, in the KUIRDE villages, and in several places SE of AUPIK. Sharp attacks by the enemy on our positions at MLURAK and WAIKIM in this area met with no success.

It is possible that the enemy is trying to cover MAPRIK to allow the bulk of his forces to fall back on the SEPIK. Natives reported a HQ at WORA (four miles south of MAPRIK) which is connected to the areas SE of AUPIK by a well used track. The approaches to the MAPRIK - MLURU road could be expected to be held in the event of a withdrawal of forces from the BALIF areas, since any force gaining this track, a former MT road, could push down to the SEPIK quickly, and cut the retreat of troops moving over the more difficult country west of the road.

BALIF

Our patrols continue the ejection of enemy parties from the areas south of BALIF. Police boys on 7 Mar reported enemy parties scattered over the area from ASAMAKOR SE to YUBANAKUOK. ASAMAKOR was captured on 8 Mar, and a company base established the following day.

Patrols made minor contacts SE of ASAMAKOR during the next few days. AWI, five miles SOUTH of BALIF, was occupied on 12 Mar.

Patrols have engaged small parties SOUTH of ILAHOP, in the SAUNAMBE sector. The position in this area appears to be that the enemy has little definite co-ordination between his parties, and apart from isolated cases, falls back on pressure from our patrols without any serious attempt at resistance. But for the necessity to forage as he goes, the enemy would probably move towards the SEPIK more quickly than he is now doing.

SEPIK

There is a great deal of canoe activity between MARUI and the AMBUNTI area. At YAMBON, previously reported as a Japanese garrison point, there are 100 huts, and 50 canoes were seen on 10 Mar as well as ten 25/30 foot canoes under construction. Parties of Japanese in canoes have been strafed during the week. Sightings have been made as far East as TAMBANUM, 50 miles downstream from MARUI.

Of interest in this move to the SEPIK are the reports from tactical reconnaissance aircraft that the YAMIL-KOROCO track is more heavily used than the track MAPRIK-MARUI, and villages along the route show numerous signs of occupation.

There is the remote possibility that some enemy may move to the headwaters of the SEPIK, where a comparatively short portage could take them to the INDENBURG River; thence down stream to CAPE D'URVILLE in northern DUTCH NEW GUINEA.

COASTAL AREA

Signs of enemy activity are still being noted eastwards of BUT. Aircraft have reported light anti-aircraft fire from the WEST end of BUT strip, and further signs of MT activity have been seen around the BUT River dump areas. The tracks about DAGUA are well used, and in particular there seems to be some movement through WONGINARA Mission, three miles SOUTH of DAGUA strip.

Coils of barbed wire and fresh boat marks on the beach were seen on 11 Mar EAST of SMAN, three miles WEST of DAGUA.

Casualties WENAK-BITAPE area:-

3 Nov 44 - 15 Mar 45	Killed 2,008	PW 37
22 Apr 44 - 15 Mar 45	" 11,044	" 206

HANSA BAY

There is little activity in this sector. Native troops fired at Japanese in SCHILLINGS Plantation on 12 Mar with unobserved results.

They also report seeing six unidentified Europeans near DENDEN, on the RAMU River, on 11 Mar. No white patrols were known to be in the area at this time.

Casualties HANSA BAY area :-

3 Nov 3 Nov 44 - 15 Mar 45	Killed 80	PW 12
24 Apr 44 - 15 Mar 45	" 157	" 12

PART II

1. OOB - ENEMY

The total estimate of strength of Japanese land forces in NEW BRITAIN remains in the vicinity of 32,000.

WIDE BAY

Documents recently captured in the WAITAVALO area shed further light on the composition and history of the Japanese force in that area.

The garrison consists, in the main, of Provisional 1 Bn, 229 Inf Regt, comprising 1, 2, 3, and 4 Coys, all of which have been identified. The Provisional Bn Comd is Maj NARUSE, and it is considered that this officer is identical with Maj HARUUE/SHIGEMOGI, who was previously reported as possible Comd 1 Bn 229 Regt, and identified in the same area.

Organisation and History of Provisional 1 Bn 229 Inf Regt

As 1 Bn 229 Regt had been despatched to the ADMIRALTIES, where it was subsequently destroyed, the Provisional 1 Bn 229 Regt probably was formed to bring the 229 Regt in NEW BRITAIN up to strength.

The organisation of the Bn was completed at KOKOPO on 25 Nov 43. It was formed from the disbanded remaining units of 51 Div in RABAU, plus personnel culled from 2 and 3 Bns of 229 Regt. Captured diaries indicate such transfers from 7 Coy 2 Bn and 10 Coy 3 Bn 229 Regt.

The Bn left KOKOPO on 2 Dec 43 arriving on 3 Dec in the WIDE BAY area, where it has remained to the present time, being engaged in garrison duties and the construction of defence positions.

The location of these defences on the high ground inland from the WAITAVALO and TOL Plantations, as indicated in captured documents, was confirmed during the week when our forces captured an extensive system comprising caves, tunnels and communication trenches.

On 10 Mar 45 a clothing tag, bearing the identification "KUMA 8936", which is the code of 3 Mixed Regt 38 Div, was captured. Although reinforcement by elements of 3 Mixed Regt is a possibility, the information is insufficient to support this at present.

A captured Jap pouch indicates the possibility of 229 Provisional Indep Inf Bn being part of 3 Mixed Regt. This Regt is the third major element of 39 Div which also contains 228 and 229 Inf Regt.

No confirmation has yet been received of the presence in the WAITAVALO area of :-

1 Fd Hospital, 38 Div
228 Inf Regt, 38 Div
6 Fd MP Unit, under 1/Lt MORITA

Naval Troops

Recent identifications do not affect the estimated Japanese strength in the WAITAVALO area.

OPEN BAY

An identification disc captured at OPEN BAY on 8 Mar 45 had inscribed on it the code numbers "AKATSUKI 7048" and "WEST 17" which were those borne by 106 Land Duty Coy.-

This unit was disbanded during the general reorganization at RABAU in Jul 44. The identification indicates the presence in the OPEN BAY area of the unit which absorbed part at least of 106 Land Duty Coy.. This unit may possibly be 54 Inf Regt 17 Div, as elements of 4 Coy of that Regt have been identified in the OPEN BAY area.

KOKOPO

A captured letter, dated 16 Feb (presumably 1945) addressed to a member of the WAITAVALO Force, was written by 2/Lt TAKAKUMA Sei of GO 5730 Force (21 Fd Duty Unit), at KOKOPO. This unit was disbanded at RABAU in Jul 44, therefore it appears that the unit (at present unidentified) which absorbed 21 Fd Duty Unit, was located at KOKOPO in Feb 45. In this connection it is believed that KOKOPO is included in the 38 Div area of responsibility.

(FAA Weekly Intelligence Summary No 147)

2. EQUIPMENT

JAP IMPROVISED 105mm ARTY MORTAR

An improvised mortar which fires a 105mm arty shell was captured on the western end of the WAITAVALO feature on 13 Mar. This mortar was probably made from scrap materials in the RABAU area. It has possibly been designed to bring very short range artillery fire to the forward areas without risking the capture of an artillery weapon, and without incurring the difficulties of transportation of such a weapon over mountainous country.

A general description and measured drawing is attached as Appx "A".

A pamphlet, captured at WAITAVALO on 8 Mar, entitled "Improvised Arty Mortars" gives performance data and construction characteristics of two improvised arty mortars. The mortar No 4 referred to in the pamphlet appears to be the description of the mortar captured on 13 Mar.

A translation of extracts of the Jap pamphlet "Improvised Arty Mortars" is attached as Appx "B".

JAP BALLOON BOMBS

The recent observation and recovery of balloon bombs on the west coast of AMERICA gives cause for considerable speculation as to the possibilities of utilising this weapon.

First reference to high altitude balloons was made by Super-Fortress crews who observed five balloons at a height of 22/24000 feet, in the YAWATA area (JAPAN) in Aug 44. Until 19 Dec, a total of 20 additional sightings was made.

Since then eight balloons have been recovered in AMERICA and numerous sightings have been reported. Examination of the equipment has shown that the balloon is made of paraffin treated paper and has a diameter of 33½ ft. Attached to the shroud lines (of 40/50 ft in length) is a mechanism consisting of an aneroid barometer, a wet cell battery and fuzes to which are attached sand filled paper ballast bags. The battery and barometer may be set so that when the balloon descends below a pre-determined altitude a fuze is ignited which in turn releases a ballast bag.

A long fuze, burning time 1 hr 22 minutes, is also attached and is designed to destroy the apparatus upon completion of the flight.

The balloon has been estimated to have a lifting capacity of 800 lbs, but the shock cord attached to the shroud could not withstand a stress greater than 125 lbs. Indications are that the parts are being mass produced.

The balloons which have landed in AMERICA have obviously been timed to take advantage of seasonal winds which blow from west to east at 20/30,000 ft. These winds prevail except in the months of July, August and September. Estimated time of flight from TOKYO to the west coast of AMERICA is 88/135 hours.

Explosives so far recovered with the apparatus include 15 Kg anti-personnel bombs and incendiary bombs. In addition, a celluloid container in which was a frozen liquid has been recovered. The composition has not yet been reported.

The possibility of using this equipment for bacterial warfare cannot be overlooked. It is known that the Japanese have paid some attention to this aspect of warfare, and a 1 Kg bacterial bomb (BYORYOKIN) has been referred to in captured documents.

Within First Aust Army area a balloon with black box attached was observed at 5000 ft on 12 Feb by a Corsair patrol over RABOUL. The balloon was estimated to be 6 ft in diameter and the box suspended 10 ft below it.

This may possibly have been an automatic weather device. However, the consideration that incendiaries could be used in this manner cannot be overlooked.

(FAA Weekly Intelligence Summary No 144)

3. TACTICS

JAP RAIDING UNIT - BOUGAINVILLE

A feature of Japanese tactical teaching has been their insistence on the value of small raiding parties, whose mission is secretly to infiltrate enemy lines and destroy objectives such as Command Posts, dumps and gun positions.

On 11 Mar 45, one of our patrols operating two miles north of TAI TAI captured a PW who proved to be an Orderly Room Sjt of HQ 23 Inf Regt. This PW stated that last Jan, 6 Div had ordered selected personnel from each of its component regts to report to Div HQ at KAIKA for thirty days special training. All these men were familiar with the terrain around and inside the TOROKINA perimeter, and were

well briefed on Australian dispositions, in particular the locations of HQ, dump areas and aircraft. This information had been built up from native reports and the results of interrogations of Allied airmen.

The selected personnel were divided into seven parties each of 12 specially trained and rested men.

On 28 Feb, PW saw a 6 Div instruction ordering the first party to leave MAIKA on 1 Mar for TOROKINA; the others were to follow at weekly intervals. Although aiming to travel as light and fast as possible, the men carried special rations together with maximum quantity of high explosives.

The route of these parties, according to PW, was to be through the hills east of the perimeter, avoiding tracks and villages in order to preserve complete secrecy of movement. They aimed to arrive at TOROKINA after about 10-15 days travel.

The raiding parties, after making rendezvous inside our perimeter, were to split into further small groups each with a specific objective. Their tasks included the destruction of installations, dumps, aircraft, gun positions and other strongpoints, and their general aim was to inflict as many casualties and cause as much havoc as possible within our lines. One party was allotted the specific mission of "getting" the 2 Aust Corps Commander.

Partial confirmation of the PW's statements has already been provided by the sighting of two parties of Japanese moving towards TOROKINA from the direction of the PURILTA RIVER. One party of unknown strength was seen at MAINUKI (20 miles north of MOSIGETTA and 18 miles due east of TOROKINA) on 9 Mar, and another, strength 30, near KUPON (in the JABA River area 8 miles north of MOSIGETTA) on 12 Mar.

The anticipated failure of these parties to achieve their purpose may well be due in part to the information provided by this PW, again emphasising the value of the intelligence to be obtained from such sources.

BOOBY TRAPPED 75mm GUN

A 75mm gun found in the MOSIGETTA area (BOUGAINVILLE) on 26 Feb was booby trapped. The booby traps were found standing upright on the gun and covered with a thin layer of soil and consisted of 7 x 11mm fuze shells with safety wires and segments removed. Approximately 10 lbs pressure would fire the detonator. The trap was set so that on removing the soil covering from the gun, the fuze would be trodden on or tapped with digging tools.

(FAA Weekly Intelligence Summary No 147)

4. SUPPLY

SUPPLY OF WAITAVALO FOR CE

Documents captured recently in the WIDE BAY area provide interesting information on the supply of rations and clothing to the Japanese garrison at WAITAVALO.

On 15 Nov the issue of rations was:-

Rice	500	grams
Dried Vegetables	30	"
Tinned Food	20	"
Condiments	20	"
Total -	570	grams per man per day

In Dec, the daily scale of rice issue was reduced to 580 grams. The standard Japanese rice issue in the SWPA was 870 grams, but only in very rare instances was this amount ever issued, half the standard scale being normally supplied. (It would appear therefore that the WAITAVALO issue is a reasonably good one).

The above ration is equivalent to 1 1/4 lbs per man per day, and as this would be supplemented by garden produce it is probable that troops in this area have been adequately fed.

A diary has disclosed that during Dec, Jan and Feb, a total of at least seven barges arrived at WAITAVALO. The following extract gives some indication of the cargoes carried:-

"The goods on the MLCs were staple foods, clothing, sweets, medical supplies and many others. There were rice cakes in drums and a few comfort bags."

Assuming each barge load averaged 8 tons and that at least half of this was rations, then after allowing for dead weight for packing, sufficient food could be brought in to supply 400 men for four months at the above scale of ration.

These facts provide indications of the present enemy capability to supply outlying garrisons forward of RABAU.

(FAA Weekly Intelligence Summary No 147)

5. GENERAL

DUTCH NEW GUINEA RESCUE

An account of the rescue of the crew of a crashed Allied aircraft in DUTCH NEW GUINEA appears below and illustrates the way in which the co-operation of the natives may be enlisted by resourceful troops in order to destroy the enemy.

Returning from a CERAM raid, a B-25 made a forced belly landing in one of the few cleared spaces in the area. The American pilot and two crewmen, although uninjured, were in a serious predicament. They were sighted by another plane of their squadron which notified the Air-Sea Rescue office at BIAK. With a party of 16 consisting of US infantrymen and radioman and Dutch-Japanese soldiers the rescue PBV landed on MCCLUER GULF at the mouth of the river which led nearest the lost party.

Natives who had enjoyed Dutch Administration warmly greeted the party and under cover of darkness took them up river in outrigger canoes to KAMPOENGBAROE, a native village. Native vigilance prevented an early set-back when they detected the approach of a Japanese-manned barge and hid the canoes in foliage along the river bank.

From KAMPOENGBAROE an advance rescue party of two US soldiers and 38 natives paddled upstream to the point nearest the lost airmen. Using aerial maps the party struck out through the jungle taking the shortest route to the plane. The party was under constant surveillance of a PBV which dropped food and a radio to the airmen, and ammunition and food to the party at the village. Allied planes sighted a party of 90 Japanese moving in barges along the coast south of KAMPOENGBAROE and strafed them, forcing them to abandon the barges. This party was observed to be heading towards KAMPOENGBAROE evidently in search of food and canoes.

News of the approach of the Japanese party reached the lieutenant in charge of the Dutch troops at the village in quick time by jungle grapevine. He prepared a reception. A lone Japanese with a native party was the first to arrive. He was killed. The natives said he had been sent to arrange accommodation at the village. The Dutch lieutenant sent the natives back to the enemy force with a message purporting to be from the advance scout, that the Japanese were to come forward in single canoe-loads spaced at half-hourly intervals in order that their quartering could be arranged in orderly fashion. The village party set 50 calibres on either side of the village which lay on a hairpin bend. At a pre-arranged signal, the native crew of the first canoe to round the bend, dived overboard and the Japanese were despatched with a burst of fire. Throughout the afternoon successive canoe-loads met the same methodical destruction. Evidently becoming impatient after dark, the remainder of the enemy arrived in a group of canoes, somewhat jamming the trap. Americans, Dutch and natives joined an all-in shooting, spearing, grappling melee. They killed 38 Japanese and captured seven. Those who escaped into the jungle provided several days sport for the native spearmen.

Fearing reprisals against the villagers, it was decided to evacuate the women and children of the former Dutch administrators of the village leaving the rest to go "bush". They and the seven PW were safely flown out.

Several days later the crashed aircrew and rescue party were flown to BLAK.

(FAA Weekly Intelligence Summary No 147)

SUBMARINE LISTENING POST - NEW BRITAIN

An enemy submarine listening post (type 1 hydrophone) has been established 4,340 yards 182° 30' from MT TURANGUNA (SOUTH DAUGHTER) Peak. From this point obstructions, consisting of an underwater cable, extend in a southerly direction to RALUANA PT - covering the entrance to SIMPSON HARBOUR, RABUL.

PART III

TOPOGRAPHICAL

Ref map TOL 1" to 1 mile.

Amend BUIUS River (mouth 675515) to HOGNDEI River.

River (mouth 663519 thence to 693625) now named BUIUS River.

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for LT Col *W. C. R. Libman*
GS 5 Aust Div

DISTRIBUTION

As per 5 Aust Div Intelligence Review No 3,
plus 1 Aust Comd AF Sec

JAPANESE IMPROVISED 105mm ARTY MORTAR

The mortar (or projector) weighs 114 lbs, made up as follows :-

Base	64½ lbs
Spigot	39½ lbs
Ground Peg	10 lbs

The projectile weighs 38½ lbs and is composed of a 105mm arty shell, to the base of which is rivetted the brass cartridge case. The cartridge case is emptied of its charge, the base cut off and 4 brass fins attached. The cartridge case is loosely fitted over the spigot until the base of the shell rests on the forward end of the spigot.

The spigot is composed of a 4" external diameter tube 17" long, welded to a 4"x4" angle, which is secured at an angle of 45 degrees to the base by means of two bolts and wing nuts. The tube is sealed by a metal disc welded 3½" from the forward end, forming the charge chamber. Threaded through the centre of the disc is the primer holder, which appears to be shaped to accommodate a rimmed-cartridge type primer.

The primer is fired by a firing pin which is set into the the cocked position by a cocking handle operating against a spring. The cocking handle is held in the cocked position by a latch to which is attached a 20 ft lanyard. On releasing the cocking handle the firing pin fires the primer which in turn detonates the propellant charge, thus discharging the projectile.

The ground peg prevents the backward movement of the mortar during firing, and possibly is also used as a pivot, enabling the mortar to be directed on to previously ranged target areas.

There is no provision for elevating or traversing the mortar, and the only sighting device is a white line painted on the spigot.

No samples were captured of the charge or primer employed.

The range of the mortar is NOT known.

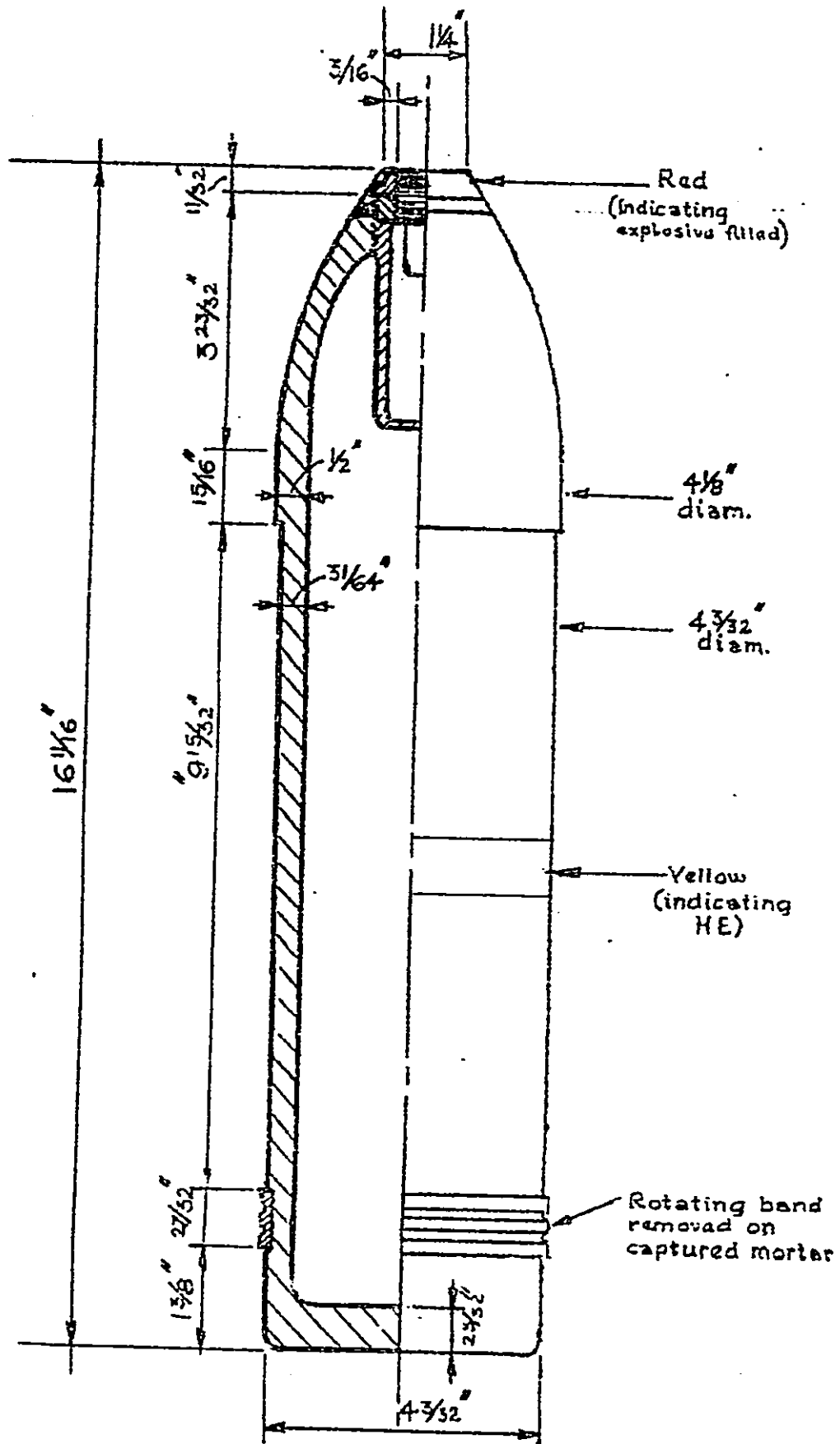
JAPANESE ARMY 105mm BLUNT NOSE (HOWITZER)

PROJECTILE

ADAPTED FOR USE WITH IMPROVISED ARTY. MORTAR

CAPTURED WAITAVALO AREA 13 MAR 45

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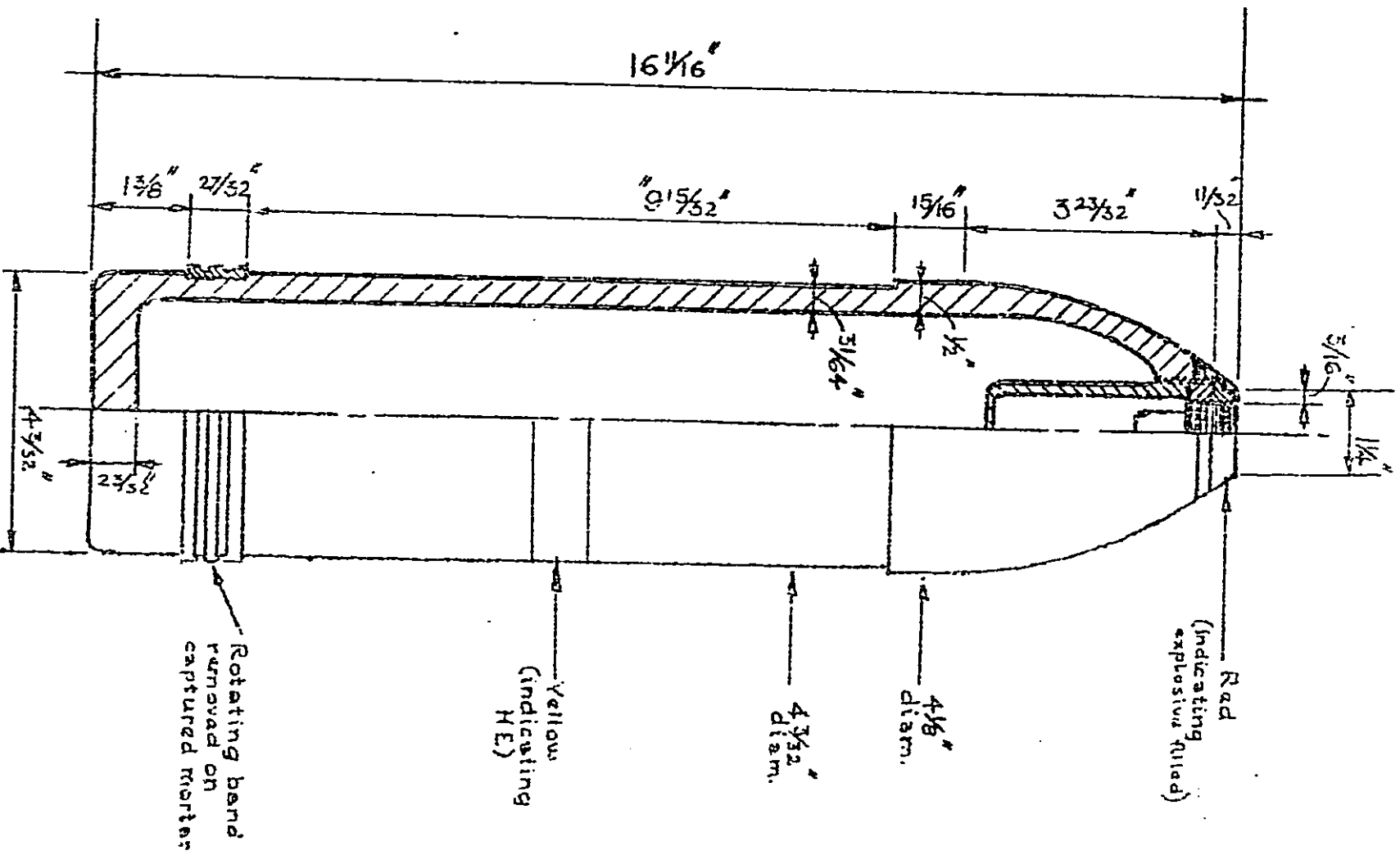


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CAPTURED WATWALO AREA 12 MAR 45



Appendix "B"
to 5 Aust Div Intelligence Review
No 6

Translation of a mimeographed pamphlet giving performance data and constructional characteristics of "Improvised Arty Mortars".

Issued by 38 Div and addressed to C of S 8 Area Army.
Dated 11 Feb 45.

Captured WAITAVALO 8 Mar 45.

Note:-

1. Quantities shown in brackets are the equivalents of the metric quantities appearing in the pamphlet.
2. Mortar No 4 appears to refer to the mortar captured WAITAVALO (on 13 Mar.

Extracts:-

From: NUMA (TN. 38 Div) Staff No 672-D.
Report regarding practical test of IMPROVISED ARTILLERY
MORTARS. 11 Feb 45.

To : GO (TN 8 Area Army) Chief of Staff.

Particulars regarding the above subject are submitted herewith.

1. Conclusions.

- a. Improvised Artillery Mortar No 2 can be generally used as a substitute mortar (HANUGEKI HO) of low rate of fire. When the stability of the trajectory is improved it will be most suitable for use as a close combat weapon.
- b. Improvised Artillery Mortar No 4 can be used as a light duty artillery mortar or as a heavy grenade thrower.

3. Summary of Test Results.

Part 1. Firing.

a. Improvised Artillery Mortar No 2.

- (1) Maximum range - 650 metres (710 yds) { propellant 50 grams
(elevation 43 degrees
- (2) Rate of fire - 2 rounds per minute.
(Some improvement may be expected with fully trained personnel)
- (3) Limit for continuous fire - approximately 20 rounds. (Some increase may be expected with the installation of water cooling, etc.)
- (4) Mean deviation on average objective:-
Bearing - 5 metres (5.46 yds)
Range - 50 metres (32.79 yds)
- (5) Technical improvements in ammunition and the use thereof, together with stabilization of the trajectory (elimination of shock and tumbling of the projectile in flight) could result in increased range (about 1000 metres (1093 yds) and decreased deviation.

b. Improvised Artillery Mortar No 4.

- (1) Maximum range - 250 metres (273 yds)
(propellant 100 grams
(elevation 45 degrees)
- (2) Rate of fire - 3 rounds every 2 minutes. (Some improvement can be expected with fully trained personnel)
- (3) Limit for continuous fire - approximately 40 rounds.
- (4) Mean deviation on average objective:-
Bearing - 4 metres (4.37 yds)
Range - 10 metres (10.93 yds)

Part 2. Mobility.

a. Improvised Artillery Mortar No 2.

- (1) Total weight is 80 kilograms (176 lbs), but it can be stripped into two parts; namely, barrel (25 kilograms (55 lbs) and carriage (55 kilograms (121 lbs) and can be transported by manpower.

b. Improvised Artillery Mortar No 4.

- (1) Total weight is 50 kilograms (110 lbs), but it can be stripped into two parts; namely, barrel (20 kilograms (44 lbs) and carriage (30 kilograms (66 lbs) and can be transported by manpower.
- (2) Since supply of ammunition for Improvised Artillery Mortar No 4 is not easy (one 10 centimetre shell weighs 20 kilograms (44 lbs), the mortar should be maintained in a fixed position if at all possible. In the event of a change of position being necessary the requisite amount of ammunition should first be accumulated at the new site.

4. Establishment.

a. Improvised Artillery Mortar No 2.

- (3) In the event of a division being equipped with 40 Improvised Mortars:
 - (a) Arty Units (including artillery attached to Sector units) will be equipped with 24 Improvised Mortars, each Section being provided with one Improvised Mortar in addition to normal equipment.
 - (b) Divisional reserve unit will be equipped with 16 Improvised Mortars (4 under the direct control of CO Reserve Unit and 4 to each battalion). Improvised Arty Mortar platoons will be specially formed.
(Shortage of ammunition carriers will be rectified by employment of men from the Formosan Labour Group).
 - (c) In the event of establishment comprising more than 40 pieces to the division, all artillery units will be equipped with one Improvised Mortar each and AA units will be similarly equipped.

b. Improvised Artillery Mortar No 4.

- (1) With the platoon as a basis, each platoon will

consist of 2 sections, each section being equipped with one Improvised Mortar. A section will consist of section leader and 5 men (inclusive of 2 ammunition carriers).

- (2) In the event of the division being equipped with 15 mortars. (It evidently full establishment)
 - (a) Companies occupying key points will be allocated 2 Improvised Mortars each in addition to their normal equipment.

Appendix No 1.

Instructions for handling Improvised Artillery Mortar No 2.

1. Improvised Artillery Mortar No 2 is constructed of 3 inch steel tubes and oxygen cylinders used by airplanes. It is a weapon corresponding to type 97 infantry mortar. Ammunition is remodelled mountain artillery shells with fins attached to the base. Type 88 fuze is fixed to the head of the projectile which explodes on contact (a 7 kilogram detonating charge).
2. Construction and Characteristics.
This artillery mortar is composed of barrel, carriage and accessories. Calibre - 77.5 millimetres (3 inches); length 1.13 metres (46 1/2 inches). Firing mechanism and fuze are at the base of the barrel. Firing mechanism is composed of firing pin spring and firing pin stop and is fixed at the base of the barrel. Carriage is made of steel and is attached to the barrel by means of rivets and wing nuts. Change of elevation is made possible by means of wing nuts. (See attached sketch No 1).

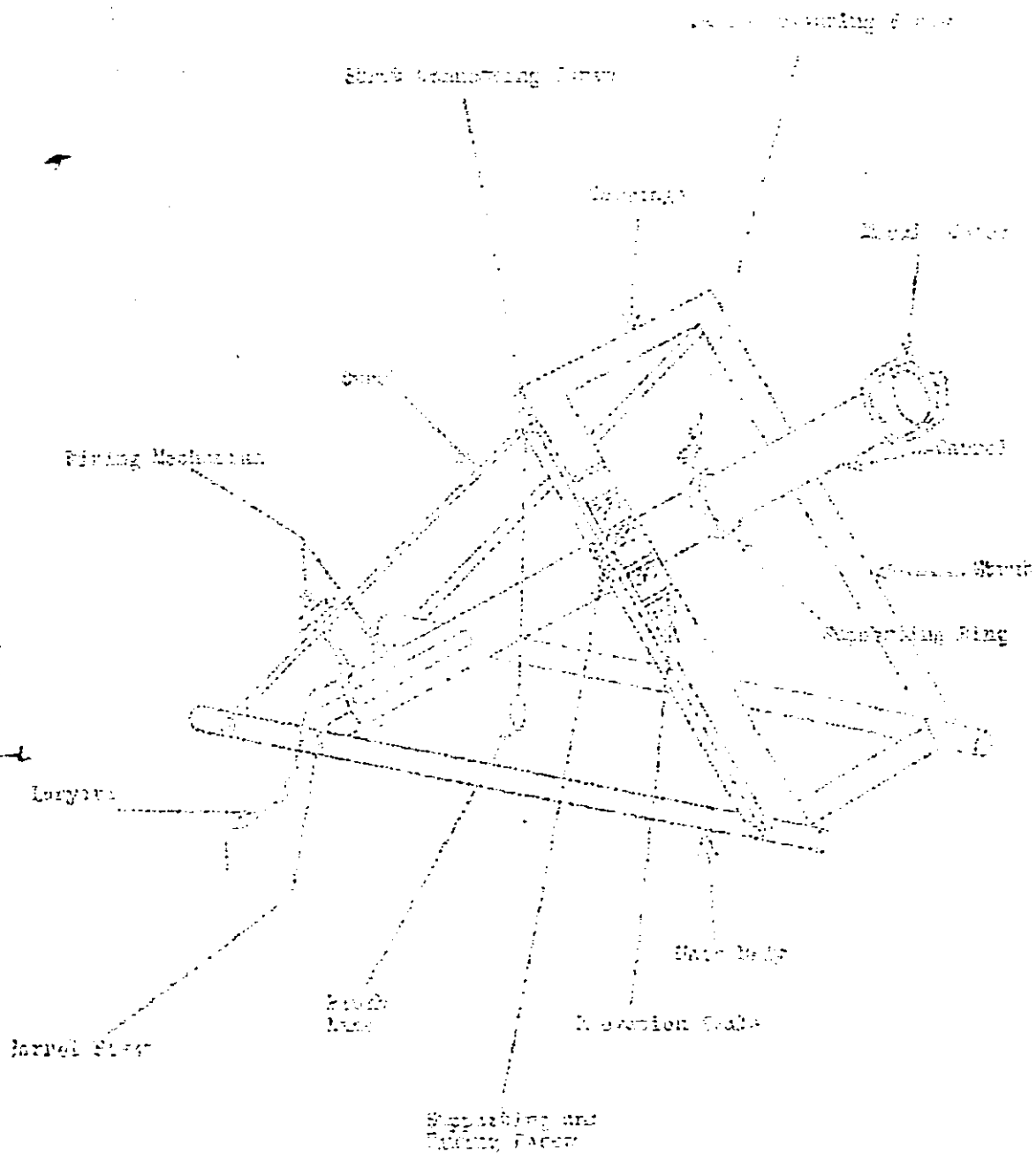
Appendix No 2

Instructions for handling Improvised Artillery Mortar No 4.

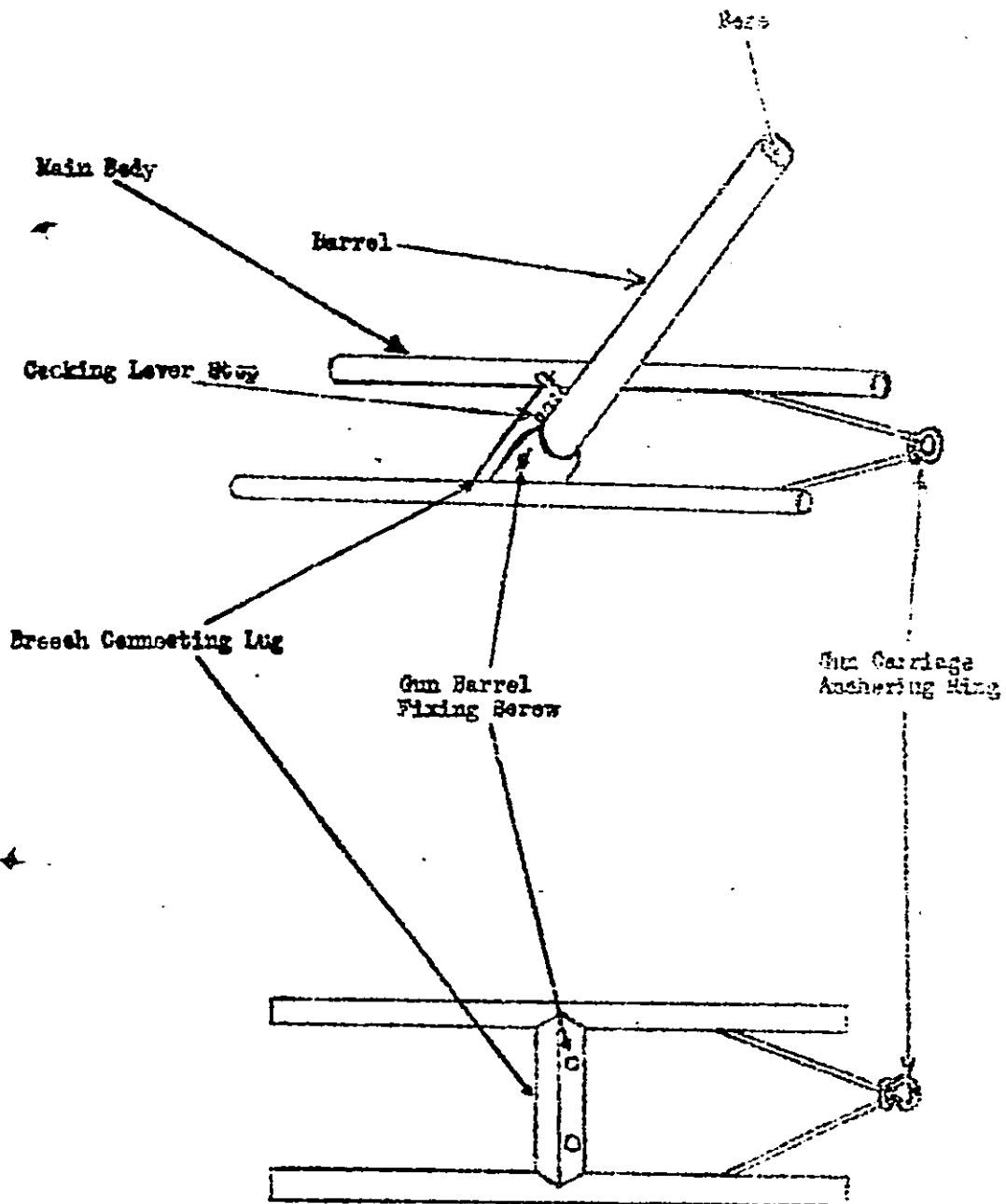
1. Improvised Artillery Mortar No 4 is constructed of oxygen cylinders used by airplanes. It is light in weight and simply constructed. The shell is assembled from the 14 year, 10 centimetre cartridge case and 10 centimetre shell base. Remodelled type 88 fuze is attached to the head and is responsible for firing the projectile on contact.
2. Construction and characteristics.
This artillery mortar is composed of barrel and carriage. Calibre - 100 millimetres; length 45 centimetres (17 1/2 inches). It has firing mechanism and percussion cap in the lower part of the powder chamber. Maximum elevation is 45 degrees. Firing mechanism is composed of firing pin and percussion cap catch. Carriage is made of steel and is fixed to the barrel by means of rivets.
3. Ammunition is remodelled 10 centimetre shells and 10 centimetre cartridge cases. The outer casing of the 10 centimetre shell is used to house the fuze and propellant charge. The lower portion of the 14 year 10 centimetre cartridge case is cut off and joined to the base of the shell and 4 small fins attached thereto. Fuze is constructed by taking off the centrifugal pin of the type 88 instantaneous fuze and attaching it at a tangent (diameter 1.2 millimetres) to the percussion cap and safety catch. Powder charge is composed of 100 gram of the centre part of the charges used in mountain artillery shells and 10 grams of black powder. (See attached sketch No 2)

(Translation by First Aust Army ATIS Adv Ech)

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SKETCH NO 2



WD

SECRET

5 AUST DIV INFM SUMMARY 41

(Compiled from infm received from 171200K to 201200K)

HQ 5 Aust Div (AIF)
20 Mar 45

NEW BRITAIN

1. OWN OPS

Ref Maps: WIDE BAY 1/25000 Series.

(a) See 5 Aust Div Sitreps.

(b) WIDE BAY

Three huts were found in area captured by own tps WAITAVALO area - one to accomodate 100 tps at 632521, and two more, one of which was for offrs, at 634523.

Posn at 632522 showed much damage from arty fire.

(c) OPEN BAY

When sudden flooding of HAVELO RIVER 182230K forced A Coy 36 Aust Inf Bn to evac hurriedly posn at 223537, all weapons were saved but amn rations and personal eqpt was lost.

2. ENEMY

(a) WIDE BAY

(i) Further interrogation of the native survivor of Village of GODKA (rcf 5 Aust Div Infm Summary 40) indicated that the enemy strength did NOT exceed 30 Japs and 5 KEMBIS. The Japs came from M.L.L.BUNG, with guides from LEMINGI. The enemy apparently intended to take reprisals against some BAINING natives who had recently killed a small party of Japs. While the enemy party was at GODKA arty fire was heard from WIDE BAY and the Japs then stated that they might later visit that area. Natives in a hamlet near GODKA had also been massacred by the Japs.

(ii) Two Jap Improvised 105 mm Arty mortars were captured on 13 and 18 Mar in the WAITAVALO area. One of these mortars examined and the translation of a captured Jap revealed that it is made up from materials in the RABUL area, fires a 105 mm 14th year arty shell and has a range of approx 270 yds. It has a fixed elevation, no traversing gear and no sights. Rate of fire is 3 rounds every 2 minutes.

(iii) Of three dead Japs found in the WAITAVALO area on 18 Mar, 2 were wearing AUST clothing.

(b) OPEN BAY

(i) On 16 Mar a light was seen shining seawards from vicinity AULO POINT on a bearing of 33° magnetic.

(ii) On 18 Mar 20 Japs and 5 natives were observed making camp at 290660 and cutting a road towards the beach.

3. TOPOGRAPHY

Ref map TOL 1 in to 1 mile.

Amend "BUIUS RIVER" (mouth 675515) to "MOONDEI RIVER".
River (mouth 663519 thence to 693625) now named "BUIUS RIVER".

Following is a complete list of references to locally named features in the WAITAVALO area.

Ref maps WAITAVALO 1/25000 and TOL 1 in to 1 mile.

Brackets indicate TOL 1 in refs.

622521	(617519)	CAKE HILL
621518	(617517)	LONE TREE HILL
624519	(621517)	MOOSE HILL
627519	(623518)	YOUNGS HILL
632519	(626518)	PERRYS KNOLL
633519	(627518)	KATHS
632522	(626519)	BACON HILL
638519	(633518)	LAMSHED.

OTHER AUST OPS

4. BOUGAINVILLE

(a) KIA-RAE area

9 Aust Inf Bn. A and B Coys have arrived at mouth of PURIATA RIVER and are patrolling SE along the coast. Patrol from NGIB killed 6 Japs approx 6 miles SE of PURIATA RIVER mouth.

25 Aust Inf Bn. A Coy on two occasions were unsuccessfully attacked by the enemy. (Coy posn is approx 3 miles EAST of KIA-RAE). Gas resulting from these attacks were enemy 7 killed 2 wounded, own 1 killed 4 wounded.

(b) MAKAPEKA area

61 Aust Inf Bn. Preceded by arty and air strike, enemy posns approx 4 miles SOUTH of MAKAPEKA were occupied. 1 Jap killed in this area.

When a patrol from 2/8 Aust Cdo Sqn attacked a village approx 6 miles SE of MAKAPEKA they killed 18 of the enemy and captured arms and documents.

(c) JABA area

58/59 Aust Inf Bn. A ration party from this Bn was ambushed approx 6 miles NW of JABA, own cas 3 killed 3 wounded, enemy NOT known.

(d) PIATERAPAIL area

55/53 Aust Inf Bn has been relieved by 31/51 Aust Inf Bn.

(e) TSIMBA area

26 Aust Inf Bn are now concentrated in area approx 4 miles NE of TSIMBA. Approx 1 mile to the EAST of our posns the enemy are preparing defensive posns on high features, and are reported to be in strength. After arty preparation two of our pls occupied fwd slopes of these features.

Enemy arty ineffectively shelled our posns. Gas this sector enemy 8 killed.

5.5. BITAPE

(a) BALIF area

Patrolling continues to clear out villages to the EAST and SOUTH of BALIF. The following are results of these patrols enemy 66 killed 4 wounded own 6 wounded.

Natives report that a large Jap native carrier line left YAMIL (approx 16 miles EAST of BALIF) for BUT on the NORTH coast.

HQ 2/6 Aust Inf Bn has opened approx 4 miles NE of BALIF.

(b) BUT area

Enemy posns approx 3 miles NW of BUT attacked and captured, one enemy 15 killed.

WEST approaches to BUT strip have been cleared, our fwd tps have reached BUT jetty.

Three 20 mm guns, ammunition, and 100 forty four gallon drums of oil captured.

Gas this area enemy 24 killed own 3 killed 24 wounded.

AIR OPS

6. BOUGAINVILLE

16 Mar. 18 CORSAIRS destroyed 21 trucks damaged 8 at MUGUAI R3838. 13 CORSAIRS destroyed 8 huts and destroyed petrol wagon NAKARU R3331. 4 CORSAIRS led by Tac R bombed and strafed MONOITU R0040. BOOMERANG fired one truck ARU R2135.

17 Mar. 8 CORSAIRS scored direct hits on defensive posns HORINU (2) Q9655. 27 CORSAIRS destroyed 41 huts two trucks and 6 dumps MUGUAI R3838.

18 Mar. 9 CORSAIRS destroyed 14 huts and damaged 6 MUGUAI.

7. NEW IRELAND

16 Mar. 3 MITCHELLS attacked NAMATANAI.

17 Mar. 9 MITCHELLS attacked BORPOP.

8. NEW BRITAIN

16 Mar. 6 MITCHELLS dropped 6 x 2000 lb bombs on RATAVAL. 12 CORSAIRS patrol burnt 30 ft boat UTUAN ISLAND also staff car two trucks and killed 11 Japs near RABUL town. 9 LIBERATORS dropped 24000 lbs bombs on PRAED POINT and 48000 lbs bombs on VUNAKANAU. RABUL patrol killed 13 Japs destroyed 2 large trucks and large building.

17 Mar. Patrol destroyed one truck damaged one other.

9. BOMBLINE - NEW BRITAIN

NO change.

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(W B MCGUIRE) Lt-Col
GS 5 Aust Div

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As for 5 Aust Div Infn Summary 26,
Plus 1 Aust Comd AL Sec (4).

PRO FORM MESSAGE FORM

FROM 5 AUST DIV

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TO FIRSTAUSTARMY

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SIGS 33 AUST FS SEC LMSC 41 AUST LDG CRAFT COY 5 AUST DIV
RECEPTION CAMP 1 AUST COMD AL SEC (4) CO B 594 EB & S REGT
5 AUST BASE SUB AREA AIB JACQUINOT BAY DO ANGAU JACQUINOT BAY
DET ANGAU 5 AUST DIV PORT DIRECTOR JACQUINOT BAY SOML
ALO HOSKINS

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G0957 SECRET (.) sitrep 380 to 202000K (.) WIDE BAY (.) 14/32 aust
inf bn (.) patrols found abandoned enemy posn at 640521 2 dummy
AFVs 630520 and enemy eqpt 626519 (.) 3 dead japs found in area (.)
disposns B coy one pl D coy 614514 G-coy 638521 (.) 19 aust inf
bn (.) 200530K to 200600K small party japs attacked B coy 613522
patrol cleared area (.) cas enemy 5 killed own 1 killed 3 wounded (.)
patrol est ambush posn 629534 (.) bn HQ C coy est 627515 (.) B coy
NGIB (.) attacked by approx 20 japs moving westwards carrying full
packs. 201330K and 201430K to 201515K both repulsed cas enemy
1 killed some wounded own NIL (.) NO mov or fresh tracks EAST end
WAITAVALO feature (.) coy now est 654515 (.) rd jeepable to
627515 (.) arty fired HF tasks MARUPA area night 19/20 mar (.)
OPEN BAY (.) pl D coy NGIB patrol coast track SAI RIVER NMS. all
info

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For Action

6/22

TO	(w) For Information (INFO.)	Message Instructions
5 AUST DIV 36 BN		GR

ORIGINATOR'S No.

E-1 1039 secret O siting 279 to
200800K 14/32. In O 200 change O 16
In O 14 - 009 security patrol encountered
unidentified natives 191828K at
591506 O natives dispersed into
jungle. O 19 In O 200530K small
party Japs attacked B 009 6/4522
from NORTH O 200600K further attack
repulsed O patrol cleared area
found 5 enemy dead including
2 officers O own police boys 1 killed.
2 wounded O 36 BN siting O all
uninformed

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For Action			
TO	S amst div		Message Instructions
(x) For Information (INFO.)	1st cipher part		GR-

ORIGINATOR'S No. 631047
 202047 secret 0 2100 280 to 202000K0
 10/32 bn 0 patrol 400 c 0 reached 646521
 found old defensive position 0 die 0 found
 2 dummy 400 637522 0 die 0 track good
 400 c 0 400 2 400 dead found 0 400
 617506 0 400 STEINS 613522 400 0
 17-18 617514 0 several MG barrels found
 approx 632522 also mortar from and 1 dead
 400 0 16 bn 0 patrol 400 0 3 OKs found
 MEVELO RIVER remainder will cross at
 mouth 0 about later 0 19 bn 0 patrol
 MEF reached 632534 0 established and
 attacking over 0 along strip 279 cas
 now own 1 killed 3 wounded enemy 5
 killed 0 bn HQ and 400 632512 GOLDEN
 beach which is good large point 0
 impossible get 400 units into zone getting
 639502 unit getting extended

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FROM (A) 6 amst inf hde Originator		Date—Time of Origin 202030K	
TO 5 amst div For Action		For Information (INFO.)	
36 bn 2nd and final report			

ORIGINATOR'S No.
GI 1047 @ 36 bn patrol 48 NM 50
B Coy NGIB @ camp now est 554155.
2013 30 K big unknown number during @
2014 30 K to 2015 25 K further attack repulsed @
No patrol available find enemy later since
high rain @ Cas enemy 1 killed 2 some
wounded @ own ind @ approx 20 @
NO movement or fresh tracks EAST end
NAITAVALO feature @ total cas for day @
enemy 6 killed 3 found dead unknown
number wounded @ later report @ enemy who
attacked NGIB coy had full picket came
down EAST @ road now capable to
GOLDEN BEACH

CIPHER MESSAGE

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partment or headquarters, and is not to be
even in cipher, without being paraphrased.
(Messages marked CIP need not be
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MESSAGE FORM

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FROM (A) 13 AUST INF BDE		Date—Time of Origin 201900K	
TO 5 AUST DIV		Office Date Stamp 2025 D165	
(w) For Information (INFO.)		Message Instructions GR	

ORIGINATOR'S No. GT 232 SECRET SITREP 116 to
201900-K 29 to G coy 2/1 gd regt under
cmd from night 18/190 max 2 16 km rear
party departed 8021 for KALAI 201800-K 0
- 100800 K 15 points CIPHER MESSAGE

This message may be sent AS WRITTEN
by any means except { } Wireless
Signed

If liable to be intercepted or fall into
enemy hands, this message must be
sent IN CIPHER

Signed W. Kitchener

Originator's Instructions
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Unit HQ 5 AUSL DIV (AIF)

Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs To 2359 hrs 21 Mar 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
JACQUINOT BAY	21 Mar		4 Aust Inf Bde - Nothing to report.	Appx 227 - 6 Bde GI 1052
			6 Aust Inf Bde - WIDE BAY - 19 Aust Inf Bn - C Coy patrol from 627515 along coast to 660520 re-	Appx 228 - Weather Forecast
			-ported area clear of enemy; dispositions BN HQ A and C Coys 658520 B Coy 657519	Appx 229 - 5 Div GO 962
			D Coy 658532. 14/32 Aust Inf Bn - patrol contacted 3 Japs who fled 652525.	Appx 230 - 5 Div GO 597
			Local patrols WAIKAWALO feature captured quantity equipment and ammunition. B	Appx 231 - 5 Div GO 965
			Coy NCIB located 644540. Patrol report 47 attached as Appx 227/	Appx 232 - 5 Div GO 966
			13 Aust Inf Bde - Nothing to report.	Appx 233 - 5 Div GO 970
			General - Arrangements have been made with SASO Ops HORCOM that 4 REAUFORTS will land	Appx 234 - 5 Div GO 972
			JACQUINOT BAY strip every second day to carry out close support and tactical strikes.	Appx 235 - 6 Bde GI 1058 (sitrep 381)
			Col HASLEM CO 13 Sqn (HEI) visited GOC - Gp-Capt HEILY visited GOC and stayed night.	Appx 236 - 6 Bde GI 1058 (part 1)
			GOC and ADC inspected new strip at base.	Appx 237 - 6 Bde GI 1059
			One Bty 2/14 Aust Fd Regt warned for movement to OPEN BAY.	Appx 238 - 6 Bde GI 1059
			Det-41 Aust Ldg Craft Coy of 10 ALC40 and 1 ALC120 warned for movement to AITAPE.	Appx 239 - 6 Bde GI 1059
			Appx 229/	Appx 238 - RAA RA 388
				Appx 239 - RAA RA 388

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

Army Form C. 2118
(adapted.)

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Unit HQ 5 AUSI DIR (AF)

Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs To 2359 hrs 21 Mar 45

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TO	For Action	62913	
(v) For Information (INFO.)			

ORIGINATOR'S No. 61 1052, SECRET (1) lateral report 19 (1) 19 BN lateral report 1151 reports, well defined track from 632512 to Stone Jetty then NE (1) no sign tracks to SE and EAST (1) 2 observed but 639505 well kept garden 642503 by Stone Jetty NOT suitable large point

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5 DETACHMENT. 6 MOBILE METEOR FLIGHT

FORECAST JACQUINOT BAY, WIDE BAY AND COAST

PERIOD: 211200K to 221200K.

Distribution:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|
| (1) Coy B, 594 EB & S Regt. | (6) HQ 5 Aust Div. |
| (2) Port Director, Jacq. Bay. | (7) 6 Aust Inf Bde. |
| (3) 5 Aust Base Subx Area. | (8) Sigs 2 Aust Div. |
| (4) RAA 5 Aust Div. | (9) AASC 5 Aust Div. |
| (5) RAK 5 Aust Div. | (10) AIB, Jacq. Bay. |

WEATHER:

Scattered middle and high cloud generally. Broken low cloud at first with heavy showers on hills this afternoon becoming general tonight, cloud breaking to scattered later. Visibility very good. Wind south, 2 mph. Moderate sea with long, low swell.

Twilight 0536K. Sunrise 0558K
set 1804K

Moonrise 1326K
set 0033K

First quarter.

210900K. Dry bulb 82°
Humidity 80%

Weymond
F/Sgt.

6 MMF

G2 = 9/10/13

AD + return G

Gd 21 var

PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

FROM: 5 AUST DIV

21 2010 K

TO: 41 AUST LDG CRAFT COY

INFO: 4 AUST INF BDE 6 AUST INF BDE 13 AUST INF BDE
RAA 5 AUST DIV TAC RAE 5 AUST DIV RAE 5 AUST DIV
SIGS 2 AUST DIV AASC 5 AUST DIV 5 AUST DIV RECEPTION CAMP
CO B 594 EB & S REGT 5 AUST BASE SUB AREA
MOV JACQUINOT BAY PORT DIRECTOR JACQUINOT BAY

COPIES TO: COMD G AQ MED ORD
AEME PAY POSTAL BB WD

G0962 SECRET (.) WARNING ORDER (.) det 41 aust ldg craft coy will move 10 ALC40 1 ALC120 to AITAPE (.) cpe sec 1 aust ldg craft wksp will move to LAE att 10 aust watercraft wksp on arrival (.) if possible move NOT later than 25-mar (.) craft move with full crews total approx 53 all ranks plus qualified navigator for each convoy (.) take accn stores proportion unit eqpt personal arms and eqpt (.) utilise available space carriage POL (.) ensure adequate first second line repair facilities with each convoy (.) crews remain AITAPE until relieved by 43 aust ldg craft coy (.) 2 ALC40 1 ALC120 will be routed via LAE to load 3 aust ldg craft wksp (.) sec 1 aust ldg craft wksp will load on these craft to LAE (.) advise date ready to move (.) final details of move will be arranged by Q ack

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Degree of Priority

BY HAND to 41 AUST LDG CRAFT
COY.
DRLS to info addresses.

Rob Burgess May

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(Pads of 100) (Adapted Sept. 1943)

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5 AUST DIV

212045K

For Action

6 AUST INF BDE

TO

(w) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions GR

ALO HOSKINS AIB JACQUINOT BAY

ORIGINATOR'S No.

A0597 SECRET (.) 4 BEAUFORTS available JACQUINOT BAY strip every
second day from 23 mar carry out close sp and tactical strikes (.)
a/c land JACQUINOT BAY from NEW GUINEA midday prior to strike for
briefing return midday day of strike for interrogation (.) suggest
first strike 23 mar MARUPA second strike 25 mar COOPERS CLEARING
(.) advise if suitable (.) require requests for strikes this HQ
midday day prior to strike (.) request must contain full
topographical details and targets able seen from air or indicated
by smoke lead in a/c not available all strike (.) if no close sp
required desire your requirements tactical strikes

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RD DOUGLAS Capt
Signed

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PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

FROM: 5 DIV

21 2130 K

TO: 5 BASE SUB AREA MED

INFO: 4 INF BDE 6 INF BDE 13 INF BDE RAE 5 DIV SIGS 2 DIV
AASC 5 DIV 5 DIV RECEPTION CAMP

COPIES TO: COMD G AQ DENTAL ORD AEME PRO
PAY POSTAL BB FILE WD

G0965 CONFIDENTIAL (.) 104 mob bact lab at present att 104 CCS will
pass from comd 5 base sub area to 5 div at 221200K mar 45 (.) first
aust army SD1977 of 182115K NOT to all addressees refers

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to fall into enemy hands this
message must be sent IN CIPHER

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D R L S

W. H. Burgess Stop
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PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

FROM: 5 AUST DIV

21 2135 K

TO: 6 AUST INF BDE 13 AUST INF BDE TAC RAE 5 AUST DIV RAE 5 AUST
DIV DO ANGAU JACQUINOT BAY AIB JACQUINOT BAY PORT DIRECTOR
JACQUINOT BAY

INFO 5 AUST BASE SUB AREA

COPIES TO: AQ BB FILE WD

GC966 CONFIDENTIAL (.) 6 sec 1 aust forest survey coy will carry out
forest assessment of coastal area commencing RONDAHL HARBOUR 9 apr
arriving CAPE TURNER approx 22 apr and MEVELO RIVER approx 2 may

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to fall into enemy hands this
message must be sent IN CIPHER

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Degree of Priority

D R L S

RH Burgess May
.....

PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

FROM: 5 AUST DIV

21 2220 K

TO: 4 AUST INF BDE 6 AUST INF BDE 13 AUST INF BDE
HQ G COY 2/1 AUST GD REGT RAA 5 AUST DIV RAE 5 AUST DIV
41 AUST LDG CRAFT COY SIGS 2 AUST DIV 33 AUST FS SEC
AASC 5 AUST DIV 5 AUST DIV RECEPTION CAMP CO B 594 EB & S REGT
DET ANGAU 5 AUST DIV COMD G AQ CHAPLAINS MED DENTAL
ORD AEME DAPM PAY POSTAL DLO EDUCATION AMENITIES
CANTEEN OFFR CATERING ADVISER YMCA SALVATION ARMY
RED CROSS CAMP MIL HIST DADPR 5 AUST BASE SUB AREA
AIB JACQUINOT BAY PORT DIRECTOR JACQUINOT BAY
DO ANGAU JACQUINOT BAY

COPIES TO: BB FILE WD

G0970 CONFIDENTIAL (.) G in C arrives approx 1100 hrs 22 mar (.)
visit WIDE BAY 23 mar (.) departs AM 24 mar all infm

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fall into enemy hands this message
must be sent IN CIPHER

*DRLS excl
6 bn/Bde.*

W.B. Maguire Lt Col.

PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

FROM: 5 AUST DIV

22 0200K

TO: FIRSTAUSTARMY

INFO: 4 AUST INF BDE 6 AUST INF BDE 13 AUST INF BDE RAA(3) RAE(5)
SIGS 33 AUST FS SEC AASC 41 AUST LDG CRAFT COY
5 AUST DIV RECEPTION CAMP 1 AUST COMD AL SEC (4) CO B 594 EB
& S REGT 5 AUST BASE SUB AREA AIB JACQUINOT BAY
DO ANGAU JACQUINOT BAY DET ANGAU 5 AUST DIV
PORT DIRECTOR JACQUINOT BAY SOML ALO HOSKINS

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PAY POSTAL DADPR MIL HIST BB FILE WD

60972 SECRET (.) sitrep 381 to 212000K (.) WIDE BAY (.) 19 aust inf
bn (.) C coy patrol from 627515 along coast to 660520 reported area
clear of enemy (.) disposns (.) bn HQ A and G coys 658522 B coy 657519
D coy 658532 (.) barge point est 659517 (.) 14/32 aust inf bn (.)
patrol contacted 3 japs who fled 652525 (.) local patrols WAITAVALO
feature captured quantity eqpt amm (.) D coy withdrawn to 614514 (.)
B coy NGIB located 644540 all infm

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fall into enemy hands this message
must be sent IN CIPHER

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Degree of Priority

IMMEDIATE to FIRSTAUSTARMY
DHLS to all other addressees
except ALO HOSKINS

John A. May
.....
for Lt Col
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TO	For Action
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(w) For Information (INFO.)

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ORIGINATOR'S No. 10 ST
 292 to 212000 K
 NO change in date - 49 in P. H. CM
 211310 K/A 241600 K in
 199543, then in AVELO
 296547 then WEST
 22 in 27
 cancelled in all

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FROM (A) RAA 5 DIV		Originator	Date-Time of Origin 21 0945 K	Office Date Stamp
TO 5 DIV		For Action	G 29/1 21 Mar 45 211500K	Message Instructions GR
		(u) For Information (INFO.)		

ORIGINATOR'S No.

RA 368 SECRET (.) sitrep 121 to 210700K (.) HF tasks engaged
MARUPA night 20/21 mar otherwise no change

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enemy hands, this message must be
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FROM

(A)

RAA 5 DIV

Originator

Date—Time of Origin

21 1045

K

Office Date Stamp

72927
21 0120K

For Action

TO

5 DIV

(u) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions GR

ORIGINATOR'S No.

RA393 SECRET (.) sitrep 122 to 211900K (.) 2/14 fd regt (.)
recce regtl area TOL complete (.) 27 bty occupying posn that area 22
mar (.) main OP 633514 FCO at 662524 (.) 5 svy bty (.) B tp (.) svy
complete to 630512

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WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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(ad: p: ed.)

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Unit.....HQ 5 AUST DIV (AIF)

Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs. To 2359 hrs. 22 Mar 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
JACQUEINOT BAY	22 Mar		4 Aust Inf Bde - Nothing to report.	Appx 240 - Weather Forecast
			6 Aust Inf Bde - WIDE BAY - 14/32 Aust Inf Bn - found 1 dead Jap 533520 1 grave 633518. 19 Aust Inf Bn - enemy ammunition dump 660518; remains 3 skeletons remnants equipment and clothing AUST army issue 656502; dis-positions Bn HQ C Coy 658522 A Coy 674516 E Coy 661519 D Coy 652532. Arty fired 21/22 Mar on MARUPA area. Patrol report 46 attached as Appx 241.	Appx 241 - 6 Bde GI 1060 Appx 242 - 5 Div CO 978 (sitrep 382) Appx 243 - 3 Bde GI 1034 Appx 244 - RAA RA 372 Appx 245 - RAA RA 402
			15 Aust Inf Bde - Nothing to report.	
			General - The air strike 25 Mar whose target was MARUPA MISSION has been diverted to BLAK due operations forward troops. C-in-C Gen Sir Thomas BLANEY, Lt-Gen F R HERRELL, Chief of Staff and Lt-Col SMITH PA to C-in-C arrived 1145 hrs. In the afternoon visited 105 CCS and spoke to all battle casualties and officers ward; 4 Bde and bns; and 13 Bde and bns staying where for afternoon tea.	
				R. ThompsonCapt 02(L)

1. 24. 347. 157^a.

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5 DETACHMENT: 6 MOBILE METEOR FLIGHT

FORECAST JACQUINOT BAY, WINE BAY AND COAST

PERIOD: 221200K to 231200K

Distribution:

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| (1) Coy B, 594 EB & S Regt. | (6) HQ 5 Aust Div. |
| (2) Port Director, Jacq. Bay. | (7) 6 Aust Inf Bde. |
| (3) 5 Aust Base Sub Area. | (8) Sigs 2 Aust Div. |
| (4) RAA 5 Aust Div. | (9) AASC 5 Aust Div. |
| (5) RAE 5 Aust Div. | (10) ATB, Jacq. Bay. |

WEATHER:

Scattered middle and high cloud near the coast. Overcast low cloud at first with heavy showers tonight, scattered low cloud generally later. Visibility good. Wind east, 2 mph. Moderate sea with long, low swell.

Twilight 0536K. Sunrise 0558K
set 1803K

Moonrise 1415K
set 0128K
First quarter.

220900K. Dry bulb 79°
Humidity 83%

J. H. Weymouth F/Sgt.
6 MMF

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TO (u) For Action (2) For Information (INFO.)

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ORIGINATOR'S No. observation of RAY height square 6552

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PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

FROM: 5 AUST DIV

222250 K

TO: FIRSTAUSTARMY

INFO: 4 AUST INF BDE 6 AUST INF BDE 13 AUST INF BDE RAA(3) RAE(5)
SIGS 33 AUST FS SEC AASC 41 AUST LDG CRAFT COY 5 AUST DIV
RECEPTION CAMP 1 AUST COMD AL SEC (4) CO B 594 EB & S REGT
5 AUST BASE SUB AREA AIB JACQUINOT BAY DO ANGAU JACQUINOT BAY
DET ANGAU 5 AUST DIV PORT DIRECTOR JACQUINOT BAY SOML
ALO HOSKINS

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GO978 SECRET (.) sitrep 382 to 222000K (.) WIDE BAY (.) 14/32 aust inf
bn found 1 dead jap 633520 1 grave 633518 (.) 19 aust inf bn (.) enemy
amn dump 660518 (.) remains 3 skeletons remnants eqpt and clothing AUST
army issue 636502 also NEW GUINEA coins latest date 1938 (.) disposns
(.) bn HQ C coy 658522 A coy 674516 B coy 661519 D coy 659532 (.) arty
fired HF tasks night 21/22 mar registered targets 22 mar KARUPA area
(.) OPEN BAY (.) patrol A coy 36 aust inf bn 221010K sighted 1 KEMBI
227545 who disappeared NORTH all infm

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to fall into enemy hands this
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Originator's Instrs
Degree of Priority

IMMEDIATE to FIRSTAUSTARMY
DRLS to all other addressees
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R. Thompson Capt
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for R Col
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(A)

RAA 5 DIV

22 1115

K

For Action

TO

5 DIV

(w) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions

GR

ORIGINATOR'S No.

RA372 SECRET sitrep 123 to 220700K (.) 2/14 fd regt (.) IIR task MARUPA area engaged during night (.) 27 bty move 22 mar TOL area cancelled (.) 5 svy bty (.) svy completed to 639502

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RAA 5 DIV

22 2200

K

For Action

TO

5 DIV

(w) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions

GR

ORIGINATOR'S No.

RA402 SECRET sitrep to 221900K (.) 2/14 fd regt (.) targets registered suspected OP area 688523 and 703525 (.) A tp FOO with A coy at NOONDEI river 677521

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Army Form C. 48
(adapted.)

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Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs To 2359 hrs 23 Mar 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
JACQUINOT BAY	23 Mar		4 Aust Inf Bde - Nothing to report.	Appx 246 - 6 Bde GI 1065
			6 Aust Inf Bde - WIDE BAY - 19 Aust Inf Bn patrol to MARUPA thence 683524 HRS.	Appx 247 - Weather Forecast Appx 248 - 5 Div AO 606
			13 Aust Inf Bde - Nothing to report.	Appx-249 - 5 Div GO 980 Appx 250 - 5 Div AO 608
			General - Patrol reports 49, 50 and 51 attached as Appendices 246, 251 and 252. C-in-C and party visited 6 Bde by HL, lunched at 6 Bde HQ and met CO 12/14 Aust Ed Regt, CO 6 Aust Ed Amb, CPE, and CO NGIB. In the afternoon visited 14/32 Aust Inf Bn and spoke to troops in area. Report received that all bombs fell in target area on strike KAK. Request made to FAA for change of bombing line (Appx 248) but as yet no reply received. FAA advised that WAITAVALO-TOL areas clear of enemy except stragglers. 6 Bde requests Tac R COOPERS CLEARING 24 N-Mar - Forwarded to ALO HOSKINS for action.	Appx 251 - 6 Bde GI 1057 Appx 252 - 6 Bde GI 1070 Appx 253 - 5 Div GO 983 (sitrep 383) Appx 254 - 6 Bde GI 1071 Appx 255 - RAA RA 406 Appx 256 - RAA RA 409
				P. ThompsonCapt G2(L)

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For Action		0392	
TO	5 DIV	2300	Message Instructions—GR
(w) For Information (INFO)		0510	

ORIGINATOR'S No.

6-2 1065 Secret 0 Subreport 49 0
1492. br 0 44 C. 0 220800 221455 K 0 found
top by mortar 638521 plus 1. clear top 0
top. grave vicinity 231511 0 45 C. 0
221315 K 221535 K to area 653522. and
North location 0 was found 0 16-br 0 H 6 0
230700 K 231100 K alternate days 0 and pl
fighting 0 622521 along track west to BERK
similar 0 sign of enemy and track 0
H 7 0 240000 241600 alternate days 0
622521 North along track to 606540 0
similar 0 report on track enemy near 0
19. br 0 M 90 0 G.M.S. 0 suitable copy on
667519 where MONDEI river 30 yds wide
6 miles deep bank 6 to 8 ft rock bed
M 91 0 N.M.S. 0 well defined track to
NW from 662527 to 654538 0 foot prints 4
fats moving North 0 M 92 0 N.M.S. 0 good
well worn track 675531 to 670535 to
Marston 667535 to 61155 665536

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For Action

TO

(u) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions

GR

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ORIGINATOR'S No.

670535 for village 15 kts evacuated
3 days 0 defenses 0 documents 0 some bullet
believed dum dum —

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5 DETACHMENT, 6 MOBILE METEOR FLIGHT

926721
23 March 5
1120

FORECAST JACQUINOT BAY, WIDE BAY AND COAST

PERIOD: 231200K to 241200K.

Distribution:

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| (2) Port Director, Jacq. Bay | (7) 6 Aust Inf Bde. |
| (3) 5 Aust Base Sub Area. | (8) Sigs 2 Aust Div. |
| (4) RAA 5 Aust Div. | (9) AASC 5 Aust Div. |
| (5) RAE 5 Aust Div. | (10) ATB, Jacq. Bay. |

WEATHER:

Almost overcast middle and high cloud generally. Broken low cloud generally with scattered showers tonight. Visibility very good. Wind northeast, 2 mph. Moderate sea with long, low swell.

Twilight 0536K. Sunrise 0558K.
set 1803K.

Moonrise 1504K.
Set 0226K.
First quarter.

230900K. Dry bulb 82°
Humidity 80%

72 = 9/2/3

Weyman F/Sgt.
6 MAR

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FIRSTAUSTARBY

TO

(w) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions—GR—

8 AUST INF BDR ALO HOSKINS

ORIGINATOR'S No.

SECRET (.) NEW AIRFORCE BOMBLINE from 251200K (.) NO
Attack SOUTH or WEST of line ULANITKA RIVER 760498 to 768596
WEST to river June 594882 WULWUT thence EAST to MT QIVU
577613 thence to coast NORTH perimeter COOPERS CLEARING
287627 (.) line extends seawards EAST from 760498 and WEST
from 287627

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TO

FIRSTAUSTARY

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For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions

GR

ORIGINATOR'S No.

60980 TOPSRO your 60908 of 231000H (.) HAITAVALO TOL areas clear of
enemy except possible stragglers (.) patrols indicate NO organized
enemy WEST of river 675515

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MESSAGE FORM

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FROM (4)	Originator 6 AUST DIV	Date-Time of Origin 23 900 K	Office Date Stamp CLY: [Signature]	
TO	For Action ALO HOSKINS		Message Instructions GR	
	(w) For Information (INFO) 6 AUST INF BDE			

ORIGINATOR'S No.

A0608 SECRET your ALO81 of 221530Z (.) require tag r COOPERS
 CLEARING 24 mar (.) 6 bde G0817 of 112245K and our A0557 of 120945K
 refers (.) NO BOMB OR strafe during recce out patrols in area

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MESSAGE FORM

Register No. 151

Call	Ser. No.	Priority	Transmission Instructions
			D434

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FROM (A)	Originator	Date-Time of Origin	Office Date Stamp
	6 airt inf ltr	230853K	G2992. 2311Kw

CIPHER MESSAGE (1530)

TO	6 airt div	GR
	(w) For Information (INFO.)	

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ORIGINATOR'S No.

G3 1067

SECRET

Initial report 500 0 19 00 00 M 95
A coy fighting thru pls under command
00 230740K departed on result
of initial 6 airt division under the
RAY RUPA mission 115 K RAY heights
674524 0 west to main track
south to mission west to present
location 0 cleared area of enemy 0
abandoned suitable 0 coy defense position
0 should RAY heights 0 on 94 two
pls D coy fighting 230730K 231500K
0 NE along BULGS east 0 abandoned
village 670535 and 667535
SE 0 MCANDIE 0 similar 0 cleared
area of enemy 0 probability river 0
abandonment of RAY heights 0 on 95
pl B coy fighting 230740K 231500K 15 0
661521 south along east slope 0 0 0
666234 must be 0 0 0

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(A)

Originator

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For Action

TO

(u) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions GR

ORIGINATOR'S No.

north to a similar contact

B coy cleared area of enemy strip

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For Action

TO	(w) For Information (INFO.)
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ORIGINATOR'S No. *GT 1070* SECRET *6* patrol report *51*
day due to anticomunications C
14/32 km C 46 C E HL Bay C
fighting C 230800 KC 231300 KC
bay area to 609527 to 614528 C
return same route C patrol area
signs enemy movement C 47 C C
HL C bay C fighting C 230800 KC
231200 KC bay area to YOUNGS HILL
then to A bay area C return same
route C signs enemy movement C
48 C C the area D bay C fighting C
230830 KC 231230 KC bay area
to LONG TREE HILL then CAKE HILL C
return same route C signs enemy
movement.

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PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

FROM 5 AUST DIV

23 2250 K

TO FIRSTAUSTARMY

INFO 4 AUST INF BDE 6 AUST INF BDE 13 AUST INF BDE RAA(3) RAE(5)
SIGS 33 AUST FS SEC 44SC 41 AUST LDC CRAFT COY 5 AUST DIV.
RECEPTION CAMP 1 AUST COMD AL SEC(4)22 AUST AL SQN SEC :
CO B 594 BB & S REGT 5 AUST BASE SUB AREA 41B JACQUINOT BAY
DO ANGAU JACQUINOT BAY DET ANGAU 5 AUST DIV PORT DIRECTOR
JACQUINOT BAY SOML ALO HOSKINS

COPIES TO COMD G AQ MED(7) ORD AEME (5) PRO
PAY POSTAL DADPR MIL HIST BB FILE WD

G0983 SECRET (.) sitrap 383 to 232000K (.) WIDE RAY (.) 19 aust
inf bn patrol to MARUPA thence 683524 NMS.(.) otherwise NO change
all infm

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fall into enemy hands this message
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Degree of Priority

IMMEDIATE to FIRST AUST ARMY
DRIS to all other addressees
except ALO HOSKINS

John Burgess May
Lt-Col
40D

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Originalator
baerst im phole

232035

For Actions

92307

53 Mary
2250

D467

TO

5 Aug 41

(u) For Information (INFO.)

~~Message Instructions~~ **GR**

GR

ORIGINATOR'S No.

GENERATOR'S No. ET 1071 2004 0 256 to

▲ = 2000 YD 16.6 - 6' WULFERT RIVER

in flood & washed away @ 3 coys.

allowing at SWR and independent BE crossing

19 Jan 8 NO change 0

36 km @ 40 c/mile @

2/18 fd reqt NO change @

11/32 Lb Q¹ 1a/1 - mustard reported

total 286 identified as 90-mm. C

destroyed ~~by~~ by mortar and not complete

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23.2035 K

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System:

pp

Signed

Signed

Mr. G. H. Jones

Time Cleared

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MESSAGE FORM

Register No.

92621

Call

Ser. No.

Priority

Transmission Instructions

23 Mar 5

1120

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FROM

(A)

Originator

RAA 5 DIV

Date—Time of Origin

23 1100 K

Office Date Stamp

For Action

TO

5 DIV

(u) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions GR

ORIGINATOR'S No.

RA406 SECRET sitrep 125 to 230700K (.) 2/14 fd regt (.) rifle
and LMG fire heard vicinity 638524 at approx 222130K (.) FOO
with A coy engaged area firing ceased (.) HF tasks MARUPA area
engaged throughout night

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[Signature] Lt

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Priority

Transmission Instructions

92303

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FROM

(A)

Originator

RAA 5 DIV

Date—Time of Origin

23 2100 K

Office Date Stamp

23 Mar

2145

For Action

TO

5 DIV

(u) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions GR

ORIGINATOR'S No.

RA 409 SECRET (.) sitrep 126 to 231900K (.) 2/14 fd regt (.) FOO
moved with 19 bn patrol to 684527 through MARUPA and hill 200 at
684524 NMS (.) track MARUPA LEMINGI in poor condition to 684527
otherwise no change

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[Signature] Lt

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WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

Army Form C. 2118
(adapted.)

(Erase heading not required).

Unit.....52 5 AUS DIV (AIF)

Date and Time.—From.....0001 hrs To.....2359 hrs 24 Mar 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
JACQUINOT BAY	24 Mar		4 Aust Inf Bde - Nothing to report.	Appx 257 - ALC HOSKINS
			6 Aust Inf Bde - WIDE BAY - A Coy 14/32 Aust Inf Bn re-	Appx 258 - Weather
			-lieved D Coy 19 Aust Inf Bn at 658532.	Forecast---
			19 Aust Inf Bn - 23 Mar D Coy patrol EAST	Appx 259 - 6 Bde GI 1073
			from 659532 wounded 2 of party of Japs	Appx 260 - ALC HOSKINS
			forging for food at 657534, Japs fled	ALC 62
			leaving equipment and documents. D Coy	Appx 261 - 6 Bde GI 1074
			less two pls 657532 two pls 658532.	Appx 262 - 6 Bde GI 1073
			OPEN BAY - Pl patrol B Coy 36 Aust Inf Bn	Appx 263 - 5 Div CO 901
			inland track to SAI RIVER found well	Appx 264 - 6 Bde GI 1077
			constructed old Jap camp approx 286547.	
			15 Aust Inf Bde - Nothing to report.	
			General - C-in-C attended div conference.	
			Visited 2/48 AGH.	
			Departed for TOROKIMA 1030hrs.	
			NOTE - In general was pleased with pro-	
			-gress of division.	
			Complimented DASH on turnout and	
			efficiency of provost personnel.	
			Lt-Col BAGHOUSE AD Tn-Water Tpt PAA	
			visited this Bn in connection with the	
			movement of Det 41 Aust Ldg Craft Coy to	
			AITAPE. This det to move 20 Mar and	
			will come under comd 45 Ldg Craft Coy on	
			arrival.	
			Patrols reports 52 and 53 attached as	
			appendices 259 and 261, and 54 as 202.	

D. 151, 342 1574

By Authority: L. F. JONES, C. C. (Commanding Officer, Prison, Camp)

R. Thompson
.....Capt
G2(L)

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MESSAGE FORM

Register No. 252

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FROM (A) ALG HOS	Originator	Date—Time of Origin	Office Date Stamp G 20 15 24/10/43 24/10/43
For Action			Message Instructions GR
TO 5 Div (w) For Information (INFO) 6 BDE			

ORIGINATOR'S No.

ALG 71 MA- 23

SECRET (1) TL/R 141- 21 (1)

666518 GWN TROOPS VICINITY HARVEST 7 HUTS
IN CLEARING (1) TRACK BUDS 1 WTH FROM
VILLAGE TRIND COASTAL TRACK IN TIMBER
678515 (1) UNDERGROWTH 111 HCEV (CLEARED)
THIS AREA SHOW SIGN ACTIVITY (1) COASTAL
TRACK TO BE 111 WOOD USED (1) 666514 2 OLD
NATIVE TYPE HUTS.

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5 DETACHMENT, 6 MOBILE METEOR FLIGHT

FORECAST JACQUINOT BAY, WIDE BAY AND COAST.

PERIOD: 241200K to 251200K.

Distribution:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|
| (1) Coy B, 594 EB & S Regt. | (6) HQ 5 Aust Div. |
| (2) Port Director, Jacq. Bay. | (7) 6 Aust Inf Bde. |
| (3) 5 Aust Base xSub Area. | (8) Sigs 2 Aust Div. |
| (4) RAA 5 Aust Div. | (9) AASC 5 Aust Div. |
| (5) RAE 5 Aust Div. | (10) ATB, Jacq. Bay. |

WEATHER:

Overcast middle and high cloud. Broken low cloud by day becoming overcast at night with light showers at first and light rain later. Visibility good. Light variable winds. Smooth sea with long, low swell.

Twilight 0536K. Sunrise 0558K.
set 1802K.

Moonrise 1551K.
set 0326K.
First quarter.

240900K. Dry bulb 80°
Humidity 91%

J. H. Weyman F/Sgt.
6 MMF

G2 = 9/20/1
Old & broken 9 9/20/1

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FROM (A) <i>6 Aust int cable</i> Originator		Date-Time of Origin <i>232025K</i>	Office Date Stamp <i>DS17</i>
TO <i>5 Aust dis</i> (w) For Information (INFO.)		For Action <i>92021.</i> <i>24 Mar.</i> <i>1345.</i>	
Message Instructions—GR—			

ORIGINATOR'S No. *GI1072* Secret *Internal-report 520*

19 Aust int cable 1192 AMIS NO. 2101 recent
enemy occupation MANUPA mission in vicinity
D. mission only in table distance area of
track between east bank river from
mission to 65533 contact to both sides
near to 65533 contact to both sides
1194 to 65533 @ recorded 2 of 10 11 11 11
village 670327 @ 1194 1194 1194 1194
1 1194 1194 1194 1194 1194 1194
leading to 1194 1194 1194 1194 1194
for track 1194 1194 1194 1194 1194
66 Aust int cable 1194 1194 1194 1194
WEST from crossing 1194 1194 1194 1194
well conducted 1194 1194 1194 1194
beverage 1194 1194 1194 1194 1194
1194 1194 1194 1194 1194 1194

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MESSAGE FORM

Register No. 274

Call	Ser. No.	Priority	Transmission Instructions
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FROM (A)	Originator	Date—Time of Origin	Office Date Stamp
	ALG. HOSKINS	24 1300A	6 30 24
For Action			
TO 5 DIV			
(w) For Information (INFO.)			
6 BDE 36 BN.			
			Message Instructions GR

ORIGINATOR'S No.

ALO 82 MARCH 24

SECRET

302642 RED CLOTH CLEARLY SEEN

306642 UNDER-BUSH POSSIBLY CLEARED

FALL JUNGLE THEN TRACK RENE
THROUGH AREA

302635 TO 312133 USED TRACK

295115 2 CYLINDRICAL CARTS ON BRANCH
POSSIBLY CONSTRUCTED OF STICKS
AND IN CIRCLE.

G3

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FROM (A) Gausthink Kdc	Originator	Date—Time of Origin 232115K	Office Date Stamp
TO 5 and div	For Action	63022 24/11/45 541425K	D516.
(w) For Information (INFO.)			
Message Instructions			GR

ORIGINATOR'S No.

SECRET 6 K ated report
- 53 @ 19 Gausthink Kdc
M96 @ 240730 Kdc 24/1500 Kdc
fighting one pl A coy @ NORTH.
along east bank MCCNDEI river and
LEMPONE. back to time limit to
similar @ 1015 enemy and
* coy defensive area vicinity 683529 @
M97 @ 240800 Kdc 24/1600 Kdc
pl B coy fighting @ NW around
low slope / TOL feature WEST along
low ground NORTH of TOL to
by grid C similar to 1015
enemy @ M98 @ 240730 Kdc 24/1530 Kdc
pl C coy fighting @ 662524 through
A coy East of low ground SOUTH
MARUPA feature @ similar to 1015
enemy @ large plain mouth
MCCNDEI river @ M99 @ 240730 Kdc
independ @ pl D coy fighting @

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TO (2)				Message Instructions
(u) For Action				GR
(u) For Information (INFO.)				

ORIGINATOR'S No.

EAST from 662534 to MOONDEI river

indefinite. O signs enemy investigate jap
village location suitability, dependent upon
MOONDEI river & all informed

-X- -X- corrupt graph

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FROM (A) 6 BDE			Date-Time of Origin 24 2015 K
For Action			Office Date Stamp
TO 5 DIV			Message Instructions GR
(w) For Information (INFO.)			

ORIGINATOR'S No.

GE 1079 Planet patrol report 54 016hr
H 7 N.M.S. D report H 6 0 250800 K 0
251600 K 0 19 hr 0 M 96 0 reached 686534 0
deserted village 687534 bananas in hut
indicate now 3 to 4 days previously 0 well
tended garden. Roadland exit 687534 track
leading East through 687534 0
log ahead visible at 685534. indicates
track from West 0 M 97 0 N.M.S. 0 square
6843 0 M 98 0 1 sap retreated at sight
689517 apparently unarmed NOT believed OP
several showed tunnels poor condition
688579 0 good large point 680516 0
M 99 0 no sign now since 23 mar 0
19/32 hr 49 C 0 240730 K 0 241105 K GEAST
bank WUZUHT river to 617536 0 similar
N.M.S. 0 all informed

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PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

FROM: 5 AUST DIV

250020K

TO: FIRSTAUSTARMY

INFO: 4 AUST INF BDE 6 AUST INF BDE 13 AUST INF BDE RAA(3) RAE(5)
SIGS 33 AUST FS SEC AASC 41 AUST LDG CRAFT COY
5 AUST DIV RECEPTION CAMP 1 AUST COMD AL SEC(4)
22 AUST AL SQN SEC CO B 594 EB & S REGT 5 AUST BASE SUB AREA
AIB JACQUINOT BAY DO ANGAU JACQUINOT BAY DET ANGAU 5 AUST DIV
PORT DIRECTOR JACQUINOT BAY SOML ALO HOSKINS

COPIES TO: COMD G AQ MED(7) ORD AEME(5) PRO
PAY POSTAL DADPR MIL HIST BB FILE ND

G0991 SECRET (.) sitrep 384 to 242000K (.) WIDE BAY (.) A coy 14/32
aust inf bn relieved D coy 19 aust inf bn at 658532 (.) 19 aust inf
bn (.) 23 feb D coy patrol EAST from 659532 wounded 2 of party 10 to
15 japs foraging for food at 667534 japs fled leaving eqpt and
documents (.) D coy less two pls 657532 two pls 658532 (.) OPEN BAY
(.) pl patrol B coy 36 aust inf bn inland track to SAI RIVER at
296547 found well constructed old jap camp approx 286547 all infn

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DRLS to all other addressees
except ALO HOSKINS

R. Thompson Capt

*for Lt Col
RDD*

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FROM
(A)

Originator

Date—Time of Origin

Office Date Stamp

6 BDE

242000K

For Action

D 5541

TO 5 DIV

(v) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions GR

36 BDE

ORIGINATOR'S No.

G-I 1077. Secret C. Action 218 to 242000K C.
1432. C. 241415K. A coy received D-coy 19. C.
663534 D. patrol 50 C. A.M.S. WHITAVHLO patrol
D 16. C. A.C. change C. 19. C. A. Dispositions C.
C. HQ. A coy B-coy C-coy exchanged D-coy
less 16 and 17. J.L.S. 662534 D 16 and 17 J.L.S. 662534
D 36 C. C. 10. J.L. and NG 18 13. J.L. left WATU
for 219543 at 241300K D 10. J.L. remaining
that area until return patrol 50 C. 240815K
20. to 30. J.L.S. gunfire observed. bursted at
20. C. C. bearings 30° magnetic from
WHITAVHLO. presumably near TENDO C.uffs.
Smoke observed before last shot during
15 minutes D 2/14. J.L. sent D. NC change C. B-coy
NG 18 C. 241500K noises of coupling. talking. break-
ing. bust. heard near camp. C. patrol found
tracks 2 natives and a cut. track about a
week old. Leading west. C. standing, patrol
est. 571476 C. all informed

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242000K

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WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

Army Form C. 218
(adapted.)

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Unit.....19.5 AUST DIV (AIF)

Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs To 2539 hrs 25 Mar 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
JAGUINOT RAY	25 Mar		4 Aust Inf Bde - Nothing to report.	Appx 265 - Weather
			6 Aust Inf Bde - WIDE RAY - 19 Aust Inf Bn - A Coy at 630516 D Coy 673527; patrol to 633527	Forecast Appx 266 - 5 Div AC 613
			INS; heavy rain. MCOLDEI 675515 and EULMUT	Appx 267 - 5 Div AC 614
			RIVERS in flood.	Appx 268 - 6 Bde CI 1087
			Patrol report 55 attached as Appx 262.	Appx 269 - 5 Div GO 937
			15 Aust Inf Bde - Nothing to report.	(sitrep 365) Appx 270 - 6 Bde CI 1081
			General	Appx 271 - 6 Bde CI 1092
			4 Beauforts bombed and strafed enemy concentrations 502642 MOTALAILI RIVER -	Appx 272 - RAA RA415
			all bombs in target area.	Appx 273 - RAA RA417
			6 Bde request Tac R 26 Mar - activity coastal track and coast from MARUPA to CAPE BOCHIN.	
			AIR report 2 Japs seen near BALAYANG.	
			Brig HATLAND, Col LITTLEJOHN and Col MORROW left by ML for IAE via FINSCHAFEN.	

R. Thompson
..... Capt
22(1)

14060
105

5 Detachment, 6 Mobile Meteor Flight.

Forecast: Jacquinet Bay, Wide Bay and Coast.

Period: 251200K to 261200K.

Distribution:

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|------------------------------|----------------------|
| (1) Coy B 594 EB & S Regt. | (6) HQ 5 Aust Div. |
| (2) Port Director, Jacq Bay. | (7) 6 Aust Inf Bde. |
| (3) 5 Aust Base Sub Area. | (8) Sigs 2 Aust Div. |
| (4) RAA 5 Aust Div. | (9) AASC 5 Aust Div. |
| (5) RAE 5 Aust Div. | (10) AIB Jacq Bay. |

Weather:

Broken middle and high cloud, well broken low cloud throughout. Light showers tonight then intermittent moderate rain. fine tomorrow morning. Visibility good deteriorating in rain. Wind E 2 mph. Smooth sea with long low swell.

Sunrise 0558K

Twilight 0536K

Moonrise 1632k

set 1802K

set 0537K

250900K Dry Bulb 78.2°

First Quarter.

Humidity 96%

R.L. Mason Sgt.
6 MME

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MESSAGE FORM

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6 INER DIV

Originator

Date—Time of Origin

25 1935 K

Office Date Stamp

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For Action

TO

FIRSTAUSTARKY

(w) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions GR

6 BDE

ORIGINATOR'S No.

AG513 CONFIDENTIAL (.) 4 BRAUERTS bombd strafed enemy cons 302642

NATALAILI RIVER (.) "all bombs in target area

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by any means { except } Wireless

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enemy hands, this message must be
sent IN CIPHER

Signed *Single Capt*

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TO

ALO HOSKINS

(u) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions

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6 AUST INF BDE

ORIGINATOR'S No.

AC614 SECRET (.) your ALO84 of 261500K (.) the R required 26 mar activity coastal track and coast from MARUPA to CAPE BORGAN (.) is possible that remainder force from WAITAVAJU are evacuating either on coastal track or by barge to KEER BAY (.) any barge or tp mov between MANIHET RIVER and CAPE BORGAN may be strafed

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PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

FROM: 5 AUST DIV

26 0120 K

TO: FIRSTAUSTARMY

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SIGS 33 AUST FS SEC AASC 41 AUST LDG CRAFT COY 5 AUST DIV
RECEPTION CAMP 1 AUST COMD AL SEC(4) 22 AUST AL SQN SEC
CO B 594 EB & S REGT 5 AUST BASE SUB AREA AIB JACQUINOT BAY
DO ANGAU JACQUINOT BAY DET ANGAU 5 AUST DIV PORT DIRECTOR
JACQUINOT BAY SOML ALO HOSKINS

COPIES TO: COMD G AQ FED(7) ORD AEME(5) PRO
PAY POSTAL DADPR MIL HIST BE FILE WD

G0997 SECRET (.) sitrep 385 to 252000K (.) WIDE BAY (.) 19 aust inf
bn (.) A coy 680516 D coy 679527 (.) patrols to 683527 NMS (.) patrol
coastal track saw 1 unarmed jap 689517 (.) hy rain MOONDEI 675515 and
WULWUT RIVERS in flood all infm

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IMMEDIATE to FIRST AUST ARMY
DRLS to all other addressees
except ALO HOSKINS

John J. May
for Lt Col
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For Action

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5 ANST DIV

(u) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions

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ORIGINATOR'S No.

GE 1081 SECRET TO CTRF 290 - 65 250800 K 0 16

2.1 P.1 G MULVINT RIVER

Frank worked away to 19 10/25/43 (10/25/43) 661520

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For Action			
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Originator

Date—Time of Origin

Office Date Stamp

For Action

TO

(a) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions

GR

ORIGINATOR'S No.

FROM NGIB 0 Red m. 11/16/42 258 track to WEST
faded out after short distance. 1st rain
washed out prints 0 11/32 1st NO
change 0 all info

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(A) RAA 5 DIV

25 1125 K

93050
25 Mar
11150

For Action

TO 5 DIV

(u) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions—GR—

ORIGINATOR'S No.

RA415 SECRET (.) sitrep 129 to 250700K (.) 2/14 fd regt (.) HF task
on 701521 during night 24/25 mar

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(A) RAA 5 DIV

25 1945 K

93063
25 Mar 45
2015

For Action

TO 5 DIV

(u) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions—GR—

ORIGINATOR'S No.

RA 417 SECRET (.) sitrep 130 to 251900K (.) FCO with A Coy 19 bn on EAST
side MOONDEI RIVER report likely barge point at mouth (.) river risen
4 ft unfordable (.) total 3 90mm and two improvised mortars found
WAITAVALO area of which 3 put out of action by earlier arty fire

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WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

Army Form 2118
(ad:pted.)

(Erase heading not required).

Unit..... HQ 5 Aust Div (AIF)

Date and Time.—From..... 0001 hrs..... To..... 2359 hrs. 26 Mar 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
JACQUINOT BAY	26 Mar		4 Aust Inf Bde - Nothing to report.	Appx 274 - 5 Div GO 999
			6 Aust Inf Bde - 14/52 Aust Inf Bn dispositions - Bn HQ C Coy 630514 A Coy 659533 B Coy 613321 D Coy 653515. 19 Aust Inf Bn 261300H patrol A	Appx 275 - 6 Bde GI 1034 Appx 276 - AIC HQSHEMS AL026
			Coy fired on 2 Japs wearing MUST greens	Appx 277 - 5 Div AC618
			NO arms moving into clearing MARUPA will-	Appx 278 - 5 Div GO1
			-age Japs fled NORTH NO casualties. D	Appx 279 - Infm Summary
			Coy at 1530H SHX saw 3 Japs wearing MUST	Appx 280 - 5 Div GO 6
			greens moving SOUTH along EAST bank	(sitrep 306)
			MCOODEI RIVER; patrol to 637530 contacted	Appx 281 - 6 Bde GI 1101
			3 Japs wounding 1. B Coy H&ID establish-	(part 1)
			-ed 655517. Arty engaged targets area	Appx 282 - 6 Bde GI 1101
			EAST of MARUPA.	(part 2)
			13 Aust Inf Bde - Nothing to report.	
			General - Patrol report 56 attached as Appx 275.	
			No MLs available JACQUINOT until further	
			notice.	
			Results air recce from MARUPA to CAPE	
			BORAM attached as Appx 276.	
			G Bde request The R 27 Mar to ascertain	
			stage of and activity on and whether any	
			part recently used track MARUPA to LENINGI.	
				<i>R. Thompson</i> Capt 02(L)

PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

FROM: 5 AUST DIV

26 1050 K

TO: LIST "B" - less serials 4, 14, 15,
17, 18, 20, 22, 26, 37
and 40.

GO999 RESTRICTED (.) until further notice NO MLs will be
available in the JACQUINOT BAY WIDE BAY area

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except wireless

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6	AUST INF DE.	260800K	
For Action			
TO	(w) For Information (INFO.)		Message Instructions
5. AUST DIV.			GR

ORIGINATOR'S No. 1094

19 aust in m 106 c 260830 K 11

271600K 11 fl 17 am fighting MARUPA

EAST along coast track c 11 similar 11

as m 103 in m 107 in 260830 K 11

261200K 11 fl 11 am fighting 11

682528 fl 670537 11 similar 11 11

village 670537 c 11 m 108. 11 260730 K 11

261500K 11 fl 11 am fighting 11

First across MOONDEI river at 685534

along LEMING track c 11 similar 11

also near 11 11 11

all involved

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FROM (A) ALO HOSKINS		Originator	Date-Time of Origin 28 K		Office Date Stamp
TO 5 DIV		For Action			
(w) For Information (INFO.)				Message Instructions	GR
6 BDE					
ORIGINATOR'S No. AL086 mar 26 SECRET (.) 938576 8 huts appear deserted clearing on hill behind hut (.) 902545 good landing beach (.) 845508 828508 813504 possible landing beaches footprints observed on each (.) 899536 life dinghy on reef (.) unserviceable type "A" barge on beach lean to in contract (.) 765498 small footpad observed (.) 679511 large new native type hut in old cultivated area (.) NO area suitable for barge landing except those names					
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TO ALO HOSKINS		For Action			
(w) For Information (INFO.)				Message Instructions	GR
6 AUST INF BDE					
ORIGINATOR'S No. A0618 SECRET (.) TAC R required 27 mar ascertain state of and activity on and whether any part recently used track MARUPA to LEMINGI					
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PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

FROM: 5 AUST DIV

26 1930 K

TO: LIST "B"

G01 CONFIDENTIAL our G371 of 28 feb (.) serial 6 increase
list C to 8 list D to 8

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g. R. Lagare Lt.
!!!!!!

SECRET

5 AUST DIV INFM SUMMARY 42

(Compiled from infm received from 201200K to 251200K)

HQ 5 Aust Div (AIF)
26 Mar 45

NEW BRITAIN

1. OWN OPS

See 5 Aust Div Sitrops.

2. ENEMY

(a) WIDE BAY

A crashed Zero which apparently crashed at least 3 months ago was found on 21 Mar at 653504 near TOL jetty. The plane was in fair condition although some instrument fittings had been removed prior to its discovery.

An abandoned Jap village was found at 663532 on 22 Mar. The village contained 15 huts and appeared to have been evacuated 3 days previously. Some bullets were found which were thought to be dum-dums.

(b) OPEN BAY

AIB considers that the enemy is making an inland track from the SOUTH through 340656 to TORIU with access to HILL 1200. 315657 LAULI and MATAIAILI areas. Portion of the track had been cut within the last 10 days. It is considered that the enemy is returning to TORIU or is constructing inland positions to avoid being outflanked. The enemy had a reasonable quantity of fresh rice and now tinned food.

OTHER AUST OPS

3. BOUGAINVILLE

(a) KIA RAE area

25 Aust Inf Bn. A and D Coys supported by arty and mortars attacked and captured enemy posns approx 3 miles SE of KIA RAE. The enemy counter attacked A Coy posn but was forced to withdraw when our arty engaged.

B Coy. encountered extensive Jap posns in the same area and after heavy hand to hand fighting forced enemy to withdraw to new posns, our arty engaged these posns.

The following cas are as a result of the above action, enemy 40 killed own 6 killed 17 wounded, 1 missing.

(b) MAKAPESKA area

61 Aust Inf Bn. A patrol unsuccessfully attempted to outflank enemy pill boxes containing approx 30 Japs in this area.

2/8 Aust Commando Sqn. This Sqn is concentrated approx 5 miles SE of MAKAPESKA. Patrols from the Sqn are operating to the NORTH, EAST and SE of their posn. They have made

several contacts with the enemy and have inflicted the following cas, 59 killed 3 wounded. Patrols report that large numbers of enemy occupy posn approx 5 miles to the SOUTH of MAKAPEKA.

- (c) SISIVE area (approx 18 miles NE of LARUMA RIVER mouth)

Our arty engaged enemy posns in this area. Patrol base est approx 2 miles SOUTH of SISIVE.

- (d) SORAKEN area (approx 5 miles NORTH of TSIMBA)

26 Aust Inf Bn. Patrols along WEST bank of NAGAM RIVER have reached the mouth of the river and report NMS. An attack by the enemy on A Coy posn was unsuccessful.

1 Jap hospital barge found this area. Enemy ineffectively shelled our posns. Our arty active.

5. AITAPE

- (a) BALIF area

Patrols have occupied enemy posns approx 5 miles SOUTH of BALIF.

As a result of vigorous patrolling enemy are being forced to withdraw SOUTH.

Our patrols attacked the enemy approx 11 miles NE of BALIF and occupied posns.

Vigorous attacks by the enemy on our posns approx 5 miles EAST of BALIF were repulsed.

Cas this area enemy 77 killed 12 wounded, own 3 killed 10 wounded.

- (b) BUT area

Tps of 16 Aust Inf Bde have advanced EAST along the coast and now occupy DAGUA.

Late reports indicate that our tps are holding a perimeter from BUT to DAGUA and for approx 2 miles inland.

Barges are using the old BUT jetty for unloading stores. 6 Div HQ Comd Post has opened at BUT.

Cas this area, enemy 115 killed own 11 killed 12 wounded.

9 enemy PSW have been taken.

4 Indians have been recaptured in this area.

AIR OPS

6. BOUGAINVILLE

19 Mar. 12 CORSAIRS bombed huts NABAKU R2335. 8 CORSAIRS attacked bivouac area RUSEI R0737. One truck one drag strafed by patrol near SILIBAI CREEK.

20 Mar. 8 CORSAIRS led by Tac R destroyed several huts at PIANO R2336. 9 CORSAIRS bombed huts and MT park MUGUAI R3838 11 huts 3 trucks destroyed 1 hut and 4 trucks damaged. 14 CORSAIRS destroyed or damaged 18 huts NAKARU R3231. Patrol strafed two barges ARAWA BAY.

21 Mar. 9 CORSAIRS struck hut conc NAKARU R3231, 9 huts destroyed or damaged. 22 CORSAIRS bombed timber mill MUGUAI R5838, large fires 4 large 19 medium sized trucks one 8 wheeled truck destroyed.

8 CORSAIRS led by Tac R knocked out tank 200 yds WEST UNABAI R3653. 2 CORSAIRS led by Tac R sank one barge near ROTSOA L2869.

23 Mar. 9 CORSAIRS bombed reported Jap conc INUS PLANTATION L7345. 11 CORSAIRS led by Tac R bombed hut conc RUSEI R0737, 16 huts destroyed 6 damaged. 12 CORSAIRS destroyed 20 huts damaged 5 at MUGUAI R3838.

24 Mar. 12 CORSAIRS led by Tac R bombed troop and hut concs RUSEI, 7 huts destroyed and a further 4 damaged. 10 CORSAIRS attacked MUGUAI 19 huts destroyed 1 damaged. 9 CORSAIRS led by Tac R scored hits on Jap posn TARLENA.

7. NEW IRELAND.

18 Mar patrol bombed LEMOS.

20 Mar. 7 MITCHELLS 5 VENTURAS hit BORPOP personnel area 24000 lbs bombs dropped good results observed. 2 CORSAIRS destroyed hits on GLOBIO ISLAND U2208.

22 Mar. 23 MITCHELLS bombed LEMAKOT PLANTATION Z7188. 9 VENTURAS bombed AMBA V2265. 6 MITCHELLS bombed bivouac area KAUT BAY Z4095. 6 MITCHELLS attacked DALLUM br V5545.

23 Mar. 22 MITCHELLS bombed AA posns KAVIENG. 6 MITCHELLS bombed DOI ISLAND. 6 MITCHELLS bombed LUISUCK br. Patrols destroyed 6 huts MANE ISLAND.

8. NEW BRITAIN

19 Mar. 9 MITCHELLS hit TOBERA/destroyed one truck strafed two camouflaged barges one of which exploded and burned.

20 Mar. 6 LIBERATORS attacked enemy supply dumps on REMBARR RANGE 48000 lbs bombs dropped. Patrol strafed and damaged 1 truck 3 japs killed.

23 Mar. 4 BEAUFORTS led by Tac R bombed Jap occupied huts KLAH (ADLER BAY area).

9. BOMBLINE - NEW BRITAIN

NO change.

ITEMS OF OVERSEAS NEWS

(From infm received for the period 28 Feb - 13 Mar 45)

10. GENERAL

In future it is intended to incl brief items of interest concerning allied ops in European and Asiatic theatres. Items will be extracts from sources other than wireless and press news.

11. NAVAL

(a) Combined Brit and US discharges through liberated channel ports totalled approx:

Week ending 25 Feb - 105,000 men, 12000 vehs, 408000 tons stores, 32250 tons bulk coal, 110500 tons bulk POL and 72500 tons amn.

Week ending 4 Mar - 82,500 men, 13675 vehs, 421500 tons stores, 49300 tons bulk coal, 137300 tons bulk POL and 66000 tons amn.

- (b) Provisional estimates indicate 19 allied ships totalling 77500 tons were lost by enemy action during Feb 45, - 13 by U-boat, 3 by mines, 2 by surface craft, 1 by aircraft. Tonnage compares with 75000 tons lost during Jan.

12. MILITARY

(a) WESTERN FRONT

Total enemy divs on Western front total 66, incl 3 divs CHANNEL ISLANDS and ST NAZAIRE, LORIENT and DUNKIRK areas in Western FRANCE.

(b) ITALY

So far firm evidence of only two divs having left ITALY this year for def GERMANY but indications are that a third div may have begun to move.

13. AIR OPS

(a) WESTERN FRONT

- (i) Main air attacks were directed against oil plants and rail and rd systems for the periods 23/24 Feb - 2 Mar and 2/3 Mar - 9 Mar.

(ii) Total sorties flown:-

23/24 Feb - 2 Mar

RAF Comds - Bomber 5196 Missing 36.
Fighter 1985 outstanding 2
Coastal 1180 lost 5.

USAAF - Hy bomber 8356) Outstanding 17-23 Feb -
Fighter 4418) Bombers 21 Fighters 45.

SHAFF (Air) - 20743 missing 20.

2/3 Mar - 9 Mar.

RAF Comds - Bomber 5363 missing 111
Fighter 2030 outstanding 7
Coastal 1281 lost 8.

USAAF - Hy bomber 6020) Outstanding 24 Feb
Fighter 2682) - 2 Mar - bomber 32
fighters 54.

SHAFF (Air) - 12779 missing 38.

- (iii) Enemy fighters continued to operate over battle fd some-times in some str, rising to 250/300 on 1 Mar and 300/350 on 2 Mar. Considerable night fighter opposition night 7/8 Mar when 200 sorties flown against Allied attack on DESSAU. Enemy fighter opposition to hy bomber attacks by day negligible.

(b) MEDITERRANEAN

22-28 Feb 14,445 sorties flown for loss 98 aircraft.
2-9 Mar 10,221 sorties flown for loss 62 aircraft.

(c) FAR EAST

30 Jan - 24 Feb - 850 superfortress sorties flown for loss 19 aircraft.

24 Feb - 4 Mar - 250 superfortress sorties flown for loss 4 aircraft.

14. ECONOMIC

Air attacks continue to reduce oil output in GERMANY, which during Feb was 23% of pre-attack level. Current monthly rate of petrol production estimated at below 70,000 tons which is barely one third of estimated minimum requirements.

Allied advs in the WEST have deprived GERMANY of important industrial resources - mainly coal. The whole of the RUHR area is practically isolated by Allied adv, cutting of canals and of RHINE itself, and persistent bombing of main rlys eastwards.

W B Maguire May

(W B MAGUIRE) Lt-Col
GS 5 Aust Div

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As for 5 Aust Div Infn Summary 41,
Plus 22 Aust AL Sqn Sec.

PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

FROM 5 AUST DIV

27 0245 K

TO FIRST AUST ARMY

INFO 4 AUST INF BDE 6 AUST INF BDE 12 AUST INF BDE RAA(3) RAE(5)
SIGS 28 AUST FS SEC AASC 41 AUST LDG CRAFT COY 5 AUST DIV.
RECEPTION CAMP 1 AUST COMD AL SEC (4) 22 AUST AL SQN SEC
CO B 594 EB & S REGT 5 AUST BASE SUB-AREA AIB JACQUINOT BAY
DO ANGAU JACQUINOT BAY DET ANGAU 5 AUST DIV PORT DIRECTOR
JACQUINOT BAY SOML ALO HOSKINS

COPIES TO COMD G AQ MED(7) ORD AEME (5) PRO
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G06 SECRET (.) sitrep 386 to 262000K (.) WIDE BAY (.) 14/32 aust
inf bn (.) bn-HQ C coy 630514 A coy 659533 B coy 613581 D coy
633518 (.) 19 aust inf bn (.) 4 coy patrol to 713510 NMS (.)
261600K patrol 4 coy fired on 2 japs wearing AUST greens NO arms
moving into clearing MARUPA village japs fled NORTH NO cas (.)
D coy (.) 261530K 3 japs wearing AUST greens seen moving SOUTH
along EAST bank MOONDEI RIVER (.) 261635K 6 japs seen moving NORTH
along EAST bank MOONDEI RIVER (.) patrol to 687530 contacted
3 japs 685527 wounding 1 (.) japs fled EAST (.) B coy NGIB est
655517 (.) arty engaged targets coastal area EAST of MARUPA
all infm

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IMMEDIATE to FIRST AUST ARMY
DRIS to all other addressees
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R. Thompson Capt
for Lt-Col
AOD

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For Action

TO 5 Aust div
(w) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions GR

ORIGINATOR'S No.

G11101 next O pntel 294 to 262000 K O
14/32 bn O bn HE HQ coy 633514 O A coy.
662535 O B coy. 615521 O C coy. 633514 O
D coy. 638519 O 16 bn O no change O
19 bn 261530 K D coy. sighted 2 japs
moving Aust across carrying packs
moving SOUTH on EAST bank MOONDEI RIVER
O 261600 K A coy. patrol fired on 2 japs
moving Aust across carrying packs NO
arms moving SOUTH into clearing MARUPA
village O japs fled NORTH leaving one
pack containing jap clothing food O NO cas
O 261635 K D coy. sighted 6 japs moving
NORTH along EAST bank MOONDEI O too
distant to fire appeared to carry packs
Arms O M 106 (x) in 261650 K O
reached 713500 O 700000 O
first 2 days old clothing and food
shack with wood inside and room
in that area

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6 Aug 45	For Action	26 2045	G 8110 21772 (0100)
TO	(w) For Information (INFO)	Message Instructions—GR	
6 Aug 45			

ORIGINATOR'S No.

On 1101 2nd to 1101 0 68-2528 to 68-2536 to
68-2530 to 68-2532 to 68-2534 4MS 0 will defend
back from 68-2529 up ridge to 68-2536 and
continued north 0 will defend back 68-2533 running
west NW ultimately connect village 670538
68-2529 0 M 108 3 68-2533 3 68-2529
unmanned and 0 running NW to 67 68-29 fled
and 0 2 carried back 0 will not without 0 old
village 6 2nd 68-2531 not secured considerable
time 0 2nd back to 0 2nd gate down empty
back from 68-2533 0 3d 1st 0 no about
Army 0 2nd 0 2nd 0 2nd 0 2nd 0 2nd 0 2nd
68-2531 0 2nd 0 2nd 0 2nd 0 2nd 0 2nd
will remain by 0 2nd 0 2nd 0 2nd 0 2nd

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WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

Army Form C. 2118
(adapted)

(Erase heading not required).

Unit HQ 5 AUSTR DIV (AIF)

Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs To 2353 hrs 27 Mar/45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
JACQUINOT BAY	27 Mar		4 Aust Inf Bde - Nothing to report.	Appx 283 - Weather
			6 Aust Inf Bde - 18 Aust Inf Bn - D Coy patrol contacted Japs 683527; D Coy established 682528; Bn HQ and 3 Coy MGIB 672517. 27 Bty 2/14 Aust Fd Regt 639499.	Forecast Appx 284 - 6 Bde GI 1100 Appx 285 - 5 Div A0619 Appx 286 - 6 Bde GI 1105 Appx 287 - 5 Div GO 12 Appx 288 - 6 Bde GI 1109
			13 Aust Inf Bde - Nothing to report.	
			General - patrol reports 293 and 57 attached as Appx 284 and 286. 6 Bde request 2 day Tac R (20-29 Mar) to ascertain state and activity on coastal and inland tracks SIA RIVER to MAMILLI RIVER.	

R. Thompson Capt
G2(I)

5 Detachment, 8 Mobile Meteor Flight.

Forecast: Jacquinet Bay, Wide Bay and Coast.

Period: 27 28
261200K to 281200K.

Distribution:

- (1) Coy B 594 EB & S Regt.
- (2) Port Director, Jacq Bay.
- (3) 5 Aust Base Sub Area.
- (4) RAA 5 Aust Div.
- (5) RAE 5 Aust Div.

- (6) HQ 5 Aust Div.
- (7) 6 Aust Inf Bde.
- (8) Sign 5 Aust Div.
- (9) AASC 5 Aust Div.
- (10) AIB Jacq Bay.

Weather:

Broken to overcast middle cloud and scattered to broken low cloud, showers generally in the afternoon and night. Visibility good temporary deterioration in rain.

Sunrise 0557K
set 1802K
270900K Dry Bulb 79.0°
Humidity 91%

Twilight 0535K

Moonrise 1712K
set 0446K
Full Moon.

R. L. Mason Sgt.
6 LFF.

G2 = 6/27/11 Gd on way.
and RAA
Jack - sig a direct
advised for 41 logel copy
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For Action			

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TO 5 and det

(w) For Information (INFO.)

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Message Instructions GR-

ORIGINATOR'S No.

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SECRET

to hel report 293 @ 14/32 In @ delayed
back to SIC @ 250700K 251500K @
THANSON H co fighting BULUS river
west of WILSON river 673052 C O.
250730K 261400K HCC pl 3 co fighting
region 614521 to 596568 near back
615335 A 624539 and finding start
151014H back returned 251645K unable
cross river 617536 @ located back 617536
morning NE @ 53 @ 250800K 251430K @
cease patrolling high ground to L
WILSON river @ 54 @ 251430K 251500K
@ 55 @ 251500K 251600K @ 270730K
271430K @ pl 11 co fighting 662535
west of back position 632533 @ destroyed
enemy at approx @ 270 270730K 271300K
615521 to back approx 618534 NE
to 620455 @ 270 270730K 271300K
622300 WEST to 615521 @ 270 270730K 271300K

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Originator

Date—Time of Origin

Office Date Stamp

For Action

TO

(u) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions

GR

ORIGINATOR'S No.

GI11000 SECRET 58 C 270730K

271500 K0 route TOL WAITAVALO. O D con

O deop enemy straggle O
comms 27 Mar 108 set hourly and
figs 016 010 H 7 released? O

H 7 270800 K 301600 K O H B con
fighting 612521 WEST along

Yech track to BIRA. River 577527

NORTH along track, EAST bank, to

571548 over to 577525 then

EAST along JAP track to 614532 SOUTH

to 612521 O clear area enemy set out

signs movement state tracks sig

271500 O W/T to H. H. O H 7

270800 K. 271600 K H B con fighting

612521. NORTH to track line 611532 WEST

along JAP track to limit limit O task

ad Lev H 90 comms and set for L/T. O

H 10 280800 K 281600 K O route as

for H 7. routes as for

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FROM (4)			Originator		D 793
TO			For Action		
(a) For Information (INFO.)			(2)		
ORIGINATOR'S No.			Message Instructions GR		

H 8 0 comm. hand set for L/T 0 Kc
B corp. fighting withdrawal H 6 H 7
now cancelled

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enemy hands, this message must be
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Signal

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Call	Srl. No.	Priority	Transmission Instructions
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FROM (4)	Originator 6 AUST DIV	Date-Time of Origin 27 1545 K	Office Date Stamp
For Action			COPY: 0 BB Message Instructions GR
TO	ALO HOSKINS (w) For Information (INFO.) 6 AUST INF BDE		

ORIGINATOR'S No.

AC619 SECRET (.) 2 day tac r required 28-29 mar (.) ascertain state and activity on coastal and inland tracks SAI RIVER to NATALAILI RIVER (.) locate enemy cons reported by AIE 290260 302642 288632 300630 300620 (.) on completion task suggest standdown until further recess required

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Call	Sec. No.	Priority	Transmission Instructions
			GR 146 271830K

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FROM (A)	Originator	Date—Time of Origin	Office Date Stamp
6	BDE	271830K	
For Action			
TO			DS27
(u) For Information (INFO)			Message Instructions GR

ORIGINATOR'S No.

7-1105 secreted actual report 570 delayed
report from 16 BN of M109 270730K 281600K
at 11. 16 BN fighting at MARUPA EAST along
coast track at similar to for M109 270730K
line 108 at 1105 call when communication
M109 271830K 271830K 11. 16 BN
fighting at 682528 North and EAST to 690535
EAST to 682528 track at SW along track
682528 SW along road to 682528 area
area of enemy stragglers at 2000 distance
when hostile at 2000 level actual, 1105
info.

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PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

FROM: 5 AUST DIV

27. 2320 K

TO: FIRSTAUSTARMY

INFO: 4 AUST INF BDE 6 AUST INF BDE 13 AUST INF BDE RAA(3) RAE(5)
SIGS 33 AUST FS SEC 41 AUST LDG CRAFT COY
5 AUST DIV RECEPTION CAMP 1 AUST COMD AL SEC (4)
22 AUST AL SQN SEC CO B 594 EB & S REGT 5 AUST BASE SUB AREA
AIB JACQUINOT BAY DO ANGAU JACQUINOT BAY DET ANGAU 5 AUST DIV
PORT DIRECTOR JACQUINOT BAY SOME ALO HOSKINS

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GO12 SECRET (.) sitrep 387 to 272000K (.) 19 aust inf bn (.) D coy
patrol contacted 3 japs 683527 (.) D coy est 682528 (.) bn-HQ and
B coy 1 NGIB 672517 (.) 27 bty 2/14 aust fd regt 639499 all infm

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IMMEDIATE to FIRSTAUSTARMY
DRLS to all other addressees
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(A)

Originator

Date—Time of Origin

6 PVE

272000K

For Action

TO

5 Div

(x) For Information (INFO.)

C3162
711

DSSD

36 BN

27/11/01
2250

Message Instructions—GR—

ORIGINATOR'S No.

GT 1109 2nd 11/296 to
272000K 11/22 BN -changed 16 BN 11
WULNUT RIVER new baseable "SWR and FBE 11
19 BN 11 210450K D Coy fired 11 2 JAPS
685530 were returned to CAV even 1.1 flight
grounded remaining on duty enemy not
known 11 D Coy 684531 11 B Co. NG 12 plus
BN 11 11 11 4755 11 2/11 11 11 11 11
27 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11
all 11 11

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WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

Army Form C. 118
(adapted.)

(Erase heading not required).

Unit HQ 5 Aust Div (AIF)

Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs To 2359 hrs 28 Mar 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
JACQUINOT BAY	28 Mar		4 Aust Inf Bde - Nothing to report.	Appx 289 - 6 Bde GI 1108
			6 Aust Inf Bde - WIDE BAY - 14/52 Aust Inf Bn - further 3 Jap bodies found and 1 HMG 326519; A Coy established 650525; patrol between MULANT and TULUS RIVERS MTS. 18 Aust Inf Bn - pl patrol A Coy EAST along coast track contacted enemy 733502 at 1120H killing 1 wounding 5; patrol reached 733505 and made further contact. Dispositions - A Coy 653521 B Coy 632527 C Coy 632510 D Coy 661519 En HQ B Coy HQIR at 655017. 20 Bty 2/14 Aust Td Regt in action 637498. Patrol reports 58, 59 and 60 attached as appendices 289, 291 and 292.	Appx 290 - 6 Bde GI 1108 (part 1) Appx 291 - 6 Bde GI 1110 (part 2) Appx 292 - 6 Bde GI 1111 Appx 293 - Weather Forecast Appx 294 - 5 Div GS/2026/Int Appx 295 - 5 Div CO 2 Appx 296 - AQ A1898 Appx 297 - 5 Div AC 620 Appx 298 - 5 Div CO 18 Appx 299 - 6 Bde GI 1112 Appx 300 - 6 Bde GI 1117 Appx 301 - RAA-RA 434
			15 Aust Inf Bde - Nothing to report.	
			General - FELO Review of Reactions to Propaganda No 16 issued and attached as Appx 294. 5 Aust Div COB issued and attached as Appx 295. IE Lord WARRENURST Governor OF NSW, Lady WARRENURST and Lady SLANEY visited this area and the itinerary is attached as Appx 296. 4 Beauforts 0800H will bomb and strafe LEMING.	

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Army Form C.2118
(ad:pted.)

Unit.....

Date and Time.—From..... To.....

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
		-2-		
	28 Mar		General (Contd) - Lt E H FLINT OC Lang Det 5 Aust Div left for LAE on transfer and Lt PARISH is appointed CC. Det 41 Aust Ldg Craft Coy LC AL040 and 1 AL0130 departed for AITAPE via LAE 0500H. Det 1 Aust Forest Svy Coy departed LAE for MANTAMEU for timber assessment. Capt GM SWAN has been appointed LO (Iaj) 5 Aust Div.	
				R. Thompson.....Capt. G2(L)

R. Thompson Capt
G2 (L)

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For Action		

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28 Mar 48
1030
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TO 2 and inf
(x) For Information (INFO.)

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ORIGINATOR'S No.

93 110E second C. Initial report 28 C 14/32, low C
54 C C 180730 K C 281430 KO
as for 26 C C 60 C C 280730 K C 281500 K C pl. B cony
C 615531 to back 616536 NE K 62, 4539 SE 632533
went to 281500 K C. Nothing enemy airplanes C 61 C C
280730 C 281500 K C as for 28 C C 16 for C 148
D cony. night 27/28 mar 577522 C H 9 C signal
line to 611532, commencing C 19 for C local initial 56
683531 to village 670537 NMS C 683531 to 685529
people out to 2000s having moved east from river
across back to high ground this morning C 19 for C
in 100 C 271430 K contacted enemy 738500, killed 1
wounded 2 C enemy broke back to rear contact with
withdrew to 722502 C 271400 K 729506 contacted
enemy with withdrawal enemy C believe were, but not
with base and support 742506 C JAPS moved known
after grenades, maps, new clothes, back 3 days, actions

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5 Detachment, 6 Mobile Meteor Flight.

Forecast: Jacquinot Bay, Wide Bay and Coast.

Period: 281000K to 291000K.

Distribution:

- | | |
|------------------------------|----------------------|
| (1) Coy B 594 EB & S Regt. | (6) HQ 5 Aust Div. |
| (2) Port Director, Jacq Bay. | (7) 6 Aust Inf Bde. |
| (3) 5 Aust Base Sub Area. | (8) Sigs 2 Aust Div. |
| (4) RAA 5 Aust Div. | (9) AASC 5 Aust Div. |
| (5) RAE 5 Aust Div. | (10) AIB Jacq Bay. |

Weather:

Broken to overcast middle cloud and scattered low cloud.
Scattered showers this afternoon and isolated tonight. Visibility
good temporary deterioration in rain. Calm sea with no swell.

Sunrise 0557K

Twilight 0535K

Moonrise 1831K

set 1802K

set 0612K

280900K Dry Bulb 84.0°

Full Moon.

Humidity 73%

R. L. Mason Sgt.
6MMF

G. J. Mason
G. J. Mason
Adm. in charge

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SUBJECT : FEL0 REVIEW OF REACTIONS TO PROPAGANDA NO 18

Hq 5 Aust Div (AIF)
GS/2086/Int
28 Mar 45

Ref 5 Aust Div GS/2056/Int of 3 Mar 45

1. Forwarded herewith for your information is/are copy/copies of the abovementioned document.

Alfred Thompson
for Lt Col
GS 5 Aust Div *Capt*

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F.E.L.O REVIEW OF REACTIONS TO
PROPAGANDA No 18 DATED 15th MARCH, 1945

BOUGAINVILLE:

Japanese: Nearly all prisoners recently interrogated in this area have commented at some length on leaflets, especially if they are so worded as to convince the Japanese soldiers that they will not be maltreated on capture. In their final interrogations, three out of four prisoners who surrendered in the Jaba River area at the beginning of November 1944, admitted that leaflets had influenced them to surrender. One even swam the Jaba River in order to reach the Allied lines.

Natives: There continues to be indications that increasing numbers of natives in Japanese-occupied areas of Bougainville are turning against the Japanese. Leaflets are reported to be largely responsible for their actions.

WEWAK - AITAPE:

Japanese: Most of the enemy dead found in this area have leaflets among their possessions. Among the leaflets found have been surrender leaflets, and copies of a special leaflet announcing the fall of Manila.

A 2nd Lieutenant surrendered with a leaflet on 13 Nov 44. He said in his interrogation that, convinced he could not live much longer under the conditions prevailing in New Guinea, he decided to surrender, using a leaflet handed to him by one of his men in September.

NETHERLANDS EAST INDIES

AJOE ISLANDS:

Natives: On 20 Feb 45, the crew of an aircraft carrying leaflets saw a large gathering of natives near a church on Ajoë Island. Leaflets were dropped to them, the aircraft flying at tree-top level. The natives were seen with leaflets in their hands, waving them at the aircraft. Some took canoes to retrieve leaflets which had fallen in the sea. Many of them waved the Dutch flag.

HALMAHERAS:

Japanese: On Morotai, propaganda directed against the Japanese has met with considerable success. During the period of two weeks from 28 Jan to 10 Feb 45, thirteen prisoners surrendered as a result of leaflets.

On 2 Mar a further two Formosans surrendered with leaflets, bringing the number of prisoners who have surrendered as a result of leaflets since the commencement of the surrender campaign on 26 Dec 44 to twenty-two. This figure represents nearly 3 1/2% of the total number of prisoners captured.

SANGIHE ISLANDS:

An aircraft on a leaflet dropping mission over these islands on 26 Feb 45 saw natives waving to the aircraft. In one place they took out their canoes to retrieve leaflets which had fallen into the sea.

JAVA:

It is reported that when leaflets were dropped over Batavia in September 1944, the Kompei took immediate steps to prevent their being read by the local population. Orders were issued to this effect, and cars were sent out in all directions to gather the leaflets.

28 Mar 45

Ref Maps: NEW BRITAIN 1 in to 1 mile series

INFM

1. Enemy:

See 5 Aust Div sitreps, int reviews and infm summaries.

2. Additional Tps:

The following sub-units are to come under comd for ops and local adm when released from airstrip constr JACQUINOT BAY:

One Mech Eqpt Pl 2/3 Aust Rly Constr Coy.

One Tipping Truck sec 2/3 Aust Rly Constr Coy.

INTENTION.

3. 13 Aust Inf Bde Gp and 37/52 Aust Inf Bn Gp will relieve 6 Aust Inf Bde Gp of present op responsibilities in WIDE BAY and OPEN BAY areas respectively.

METHOD:

4. Summary:

6 Aust Inf Bde Gp will be relieved of their present op role in two phases as follows:

Phase 1

13 Aust Inf Bde Gp will relieve 6 Aust Inf Bde Gp less 36 Aust Inf Bn Gp of their op responsibilities in the WIDE BAY area.

Phase 2

37/52 Aust Inf Bn Gp will relieve 36 Aust Inf Bn Gp of their op responsibilities at HOSKINS and in the OPEN BAY area.

On relief 6 Aust Inf Bde Gp will conc in the WUNUNG area.

5. Phase 1

(a) Order of Battle - 13 Aust Inf Bde Gp

See Appx "A" att.

(b) Mov

(i) In accordance with priority att as Appx "B".

(ii) NO move before the following dates:

Bde Recce Parties	-	2 Apr 45
Adv Parties	-	4 Apr 45
Main Body	-	9 Apr 45

(iii) LOB gps will move with units.

(c) Comd

Comd will pass from 6 Aust Inf Bde to 13 Aust Inf Bde in the WIDE BAY area when Bde HQ and two bns of 13 Aust Inf Bde are conc in that area. Bde comds will arrange date and time of assuming op responsibilities and this HQ notified by 13 Aust Inf Bde.

(d) Role 13 Aust Inf Bde Gp

Will be in accordance with 5 Aust Div Op Instr 25 of 3 Mar 45 and 5 Aust Div Op Instr 27 of 6 Mar 45.

(e) 6 Aust Inf Bde Gp

(i) On relief 6 Aust Inf Bde Gp will conc in the WUNUNG area.

(ii) Role

6 Aust Inf Bde will assume op responsibilities of 13 Aust Inf Bde in accordance with 5 Aust Div Op Instr 26 of 6 Mar 45.

(f) Arms and Services

(i) Units and deta in the WIDE BAY area now under comd 6 Aust Inf Bde will pass to comd 13 Aust Inf Bde at date and time comd passes from 6 Aust Inf Bde to 13 Aust Inf Bde.

(ii) Units incl on Order of Battle ^{of} 13 Aust Inf Bde Gp and at present under comd heads of arms and services will pass to comd 13 Aust Inf Bde on arrival in WIDE BAY area.

(iii) Units at present under comd 6 Aust Inf Bde will revert to comd of heads of arms and services on arrival at JACQUINOT BAY.

6. Phase 2:

(a) Order of Battle - 37/52 Aust Inf Bn Gp

See Appx "C" att.

(b) Mbv

(i) In accordance with priority att as Appx "D".

(ii) NO move of main body before 25 Apr 45.

(iii) LOB gps will move with units.

(c) Comd

Comd will pass from 36 Aust Inf Bn to 37/52 Aust Inf Bn in the OPEN BAY area when the latter bn is conc in that area. Bde comds will arrange date and time of assuming op responsibilities and this HQ will be advised by 4 Aust Inf Bde.

(d) Role 37/52 Aust Inf Bn Gp

Will be in accordance with 5 Aust Div Op Instr 25 of 3 Mar 45.

(e) 36 Aust Inf Bn Gp

On relief 36 Aust Inf Bn Gp will come in WUNUNG area with the remainder 6 Aust Inf Bde.

(f) Arms and Services

- (1) Units and dets in OPEN BAY area now under comd 36 Aust Inf Bn will pass to comd 37/52 Aust Inf Bn at date and time comd passes from 36 Aust Inf Bn to 37/52 Aust Inf Bn.
- (ii) Units incl in Order of Battle of 37/52 Aust Inf Bn Gp and at present under comd heads of arms and services will pass to comd 37/52 Aust Inf Bn on arrival in OPEN BAY area.
- (iii) Units at present under comd 36 Aust Inf Bn will revert to comd of heads of arms and services on arrival at JACQUINOT BAY.

7. Dets of Arms and Services NOT being relieved

Reliefs of personnel of dets remaining in the respective areas may if desired be effected by heads of arms and services but NOT without reference to this HQ.

ADM

8. Mov

9. Handing over accn stores eqpt and vehs

} Will be issued separately.

INTERCOMN

10. WT link 5 Aust Div - 13 Aust Inf Bde

Will be provided by 9 Aust Wireless Sec (Lt)

11. Wireless layout

(a) Phase 1 - Diagram att as Appx "E".

(b) Phase 2 - Diagram att as Appx "F".

12. Additional Sig Eqpt and Personnel

Sigs 2 Aust Div will supplement sig resources of Bde Sig Secs as necessary.

ACK

W B Maguire
(W B MAGUIRE) Lt-Col
GS 5 Aust Div

Issued through *DAIS*

Signed at *1715* K

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	<u>OO</u>	<u>APPXS A - D</u>	<u>Appx E</u>	<u>Appx F</u>
4 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)	1	1	1	1
6 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)	2	2	2	2
13 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)	3	3	3	3
RAA 5 Aust Div (AIF)	4	4	4	4
Tac RAE 5 Aust Div (AIF)	5	5	5	5
RAE 5 Aust Div (AIF)	6	6	6	6
41 Aust Ldg Craft Coy (AIF)	7	7	7	7
Sigs 2 Aust Div (AIF)	8	8	8	8
AASC 5 Aust Div (AIF)	9	9	9	9
5 Aust Div Reception Camp (AIF)	10	10	-	-
Co B 594 EB & S Regt	11	11	-	-
5 Aust Base Sub Area	12	12	-	-
Port Director JACQUINOT BAY	13	13	-	-
AIB JACQUINOT BAY	14	14	10	10
DO ANGAU JACQUINOT BAY	15	15	-	-
Comd	16	16	11	11
G	17	17	12	12
AQ	18	18	13	13
Med	19	19	-	-
Dental	20	20	-	-
Ord	21	21	-	-
AEME	22	22	-	-
Pro	23	23	-	-
Pay	24	24	-	-
Postal	25	25	-	-
HQ First Aust Army (AIF)	26 - 27	26 - 27	14 - 15	14 - 15
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ORDER OF BATTLE - 13 AUST INF BDE GP

(Issued with 5 Aust Div OO 8 of 28 Mar 45)

UNITS UNDER COMD

HQ 13 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)
2/14 Aust Fd Regt less one tp
5 Aust Svy Bty (AIF)
13 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec (AIF)
Line det and WT det Hqs 2 Aust Div (AIF)
Det 48 Aust Cipher Sec (Type K) (AIF)
2/14 Aust Fd Regt Sig Sec
Det 9 Aust Wireless Sec (Lt)
B Det 9 Aust Pigeon Sec (Type A) (AIF)
Det 33 Aust FS Sec (AIF)
One Unit 5 Aust Div Language Det
29 Pl G Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt
11 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
16 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
28 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
HQ 1 NGIB
B Coy 1 NGIB
250 Aust Sup Dep Pl (AIF)
251 Aust Sup Dep Pl (AIF)
Two Secs 52 Aust Tpt Pl (AIF)
2 Aust Fd Amb (AIF)
Det 28 AMOU (Type A) (AIF)
A and D Secs 77 Aust Dental Unit (AIF)
107 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk (AIF)
128 Aust Bde Wksp (AIF)
2/83 Aust LAD
279 Aust LAD (Type J) (AIF)
One Sec 5 Aust Div Pro Coy (AIF)
Det 1 Aust Div Postal Unit (AIF)
Det 5 Aust Div Fd Cash Office (AIF)
5 Aust Div Sal Unit less Det
Det NG Sec AACOS

UNITS IN SP

Tac HQ RAE 5 Aust Div (AIF)
4 Aust Fd Coy (AIF)
Adv HQ and two pls 13 Aust Fd Coy (AIF)
Det Mech Eqpt Pl 55 Aust Fd Pk Coy (AIF)
Det Wksp Pl 55 Aust Fd Pk Coy (AIF)
Det 7 Aust Engr Sig Sec
Adv HQ 41 Aust Ldg Craft Coy (AIF)
Air Sp Party RAAF - on arrival this area

UNIT ATT

82 Aust Mob Cinema

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PRIORITY OF MOVEMENT

FOR RELIEF OF 6 AUST INF BDE GP AND CONG 13 AUST INF BDE GP -
WIDE BAY AREA

(Issued with 5 Aust Div CO 8 of 28 Mar 45)

Serial Number	Priority of Relief	Units to be relieved	Units to carry out relief	Remarks
		<u>6 AUST INF BDE GP</u>	<u>13 AUST INF BDE GP</u>	
1	1	One Tp 2/14 Aust Fd Regt (incl det Regt Svy Party)		To move to JACQUINOT BAY by first available tpt and come under comd RAA 5 Aust Div whilst awaiting onward mov to OPEN BAY. Str 8 all ranks Str NOT to exceed 140 all ranks - to incl reps of service units. Bn to be nominated by 6 Aust Inf Bde Bn to be nominated by 6 Aust Inf Bde
2	2	Bde Recce Party	Bde Recce Party	
3	3	Adv Party 6 Aust Inf Bde Gp	Adv Party 13 Aust Inf Bde Gp	
4	4	One Aust Inf Bn	28 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	
5	5	HQ 6 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)	HQ 13 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)	
6		6 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec (AIF) less det	13 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec (AIF)	
7		269 Aust LAD (AIF) less det	279 Aust LAD (AIF)	
8		18 Pl E Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt	29 Pl G Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt	
9		One Aust Inf Bn	11 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	
10		6 Aust Fd Amb (AIF) less A Coy	2 Aust Fd Amb (AIF)	
11	7	B and F Secs 77 Aust Dental Unit (AIF)	A and D Secs 77 Aust Dental Unit (AIF)	

Appx "B" (contd)

Serial Number	Priority of Relief	Units to be relieved	Units to carry out relief	Remarks
12	8	15 Aust Sup Dep Pl (AIF)	251 Aust Sup Dep Pl (AIF)	
13	9	One Det 55 Aust Tpt Pl (AIF)	Two Secs 52 Aust Tpt Pl (AIF)	
14	10	14 Aust Sup Dep Pl (AIF) less A Sec	250 Aust Sup Dep Pl (AIF)	
15	11	137 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk (AIF) less det and Rear Party	107 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk (AIF)	
16		2/137 Aust Bde Wkps less Det and Rear Party	128 Aust Bde Wksp (AIF)	
17	12	One Sec 5 Aust Div Pro Coy (AIF)	One Sec 5 Aust Div Pro Coy (AIF)	
18		Det 11 Aust Div Postal Unit (AIF)	Det 1 Aust Div Postal Unit (AIF)	
19	13		5 Aust Svy Bty (AIF) less B Tp	To complete conc this unit WIDE BAY area.
20			Air Sp Party RAAF	To move after arrival 79 Wing RAAF at JACQUINOT BAY.

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ORDER OF BATTLE - 37/52 AUST INF BN GP

(Issued with 5 Aust Div OO 8 of 16 Mar 45)

UNITS UNDER COMD

37/52 Aust Inf Bn
D Coy 1 NGIB
One Tp 2/14 Aust Fd Regt
12 Aust Fd Coy (AIF)
Det 1 Aust Forest Svy Coy - for local adm only.
Det 4 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec
One WT det Sigs 2 Aust Div (AIF)
Det 48 Aust Cipher Sec (Type K) (AIF)
E Det 9 Aust Pigeon Sec (Type A) (AIF)
Det 33 Aust FS Sec (AIF)
One Unit 5 Aust Div Language Det
2 Aust Sup Dep Pl (AIF)
Sec 88 Aust Tpt Pl (AIF)
A Coy and Det B Coy 4 Aust Fd Amb
21 AMCU (Type C)
F Sec 83 Aust Dental Unit (AIF)
Det 130 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk
Det 130 Aust Bde Wksp (AIF)
Det 264 Aust LAD (Type J) (AIF)
One Det 11 Aust Div Pro Coy (AIF)
One Det 3 Aust Div Postal Unit (AIF)
Det NG Sec AACS
Det 8 Aust MC Gp (Type E) (AIF)
Det 41 Aust Ldg Craft Coy (AIF)

UNITS IN SP

One Mech Eqpt Pl 2/3 Aust Rly Constr Coy
One Tipping Truck Sec 2/3 Aust Rly Constr Coy } When relieved
from airstrip
duties JACQUINOT
BAY

Air Sp Party RAAF - on arrival this area

PRIORITY OF MOVEMENT

FOR RELIEF OF 36 AUST INF BN GP AND CONC 37/52 AUST INF BN GP -
OPEN BAY AREA

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Serial Number	Priority of Relief	Units to be relieved	Units to carry out relief	Remarks
1	1	<u>36 AUST INF BN GP</u>	<u>37/52 AUST INF BN GP</u>	To complete conc 12 Aust Fd Coy (AIF) on NORTH COAST. str NOT to exceed 30 all ranks To incl det Regt Svy Party
2	2	Adv Party 36 Aust Inf Bn Gp	12 Aust Fd Coy (AIF) less Adv HQ and two pls	
3	3	36 Aust Inf Bn	Adv party 37/52 Aust Inf Bn Gp	
4		Det 6 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec (AIF)	37/52 Aust Inf Bn	
5		Det 269 Aust LAD (AIF)	Det 4 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec (AIF)	
6	4		Det 264 Aust LAD (AIF)	
7	5	A Coy 6 Aust Fd Amb (AIF)	One Tp 2/14 Aust Fd Regt	
8	6	A Sec 14 Aust Sup Dep Pl (AIF)	A Coy and Det B Coy 4 Aust Fd Amb	
9	7	Det 55 Aust Tpt Pl	2 Aust Sup Dep Pl (AIF)	
10	8	Det 137 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk (AIF)	Sec 88 Aust Tpt Pl (AIF)	
11		Det 2/137 Aust Bde Wksp	Det 130 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk	
			Det 130 Aust Bde Wksp (AIF)	

Serial Number	Priority of Relief	Units to be relieved	Units to carry out relief	Remarks
12	} 9	One Det 5 Aust Div Pro Coy (AIF)	Det 11 Aust Div Pro Coy (AIF)	Relief to take place after 41 Aust Ldg Craft Coy conc JACQUINOT BAY } Priority will be advised after these sub units are released from airstrip constr JACQUINOT BAY } To move after arrival 79 Wing RAAF JACQUINOT BAY
13		Det 11 Aust Div Postal Unit	Det 3 Aust Div Postal Unit (AIF)	
14		Det Co B 594 EB & S Regt	Det 41 Aust Ldg Craft Coy (AIF)	
15			One Mech Eqpt Pl 2/3 Aust Rly Constr Coy	
16			One Tipping Truck Sec 2/3 Aust Rly Constr Coy	
17			Air Sp Party RAAF	

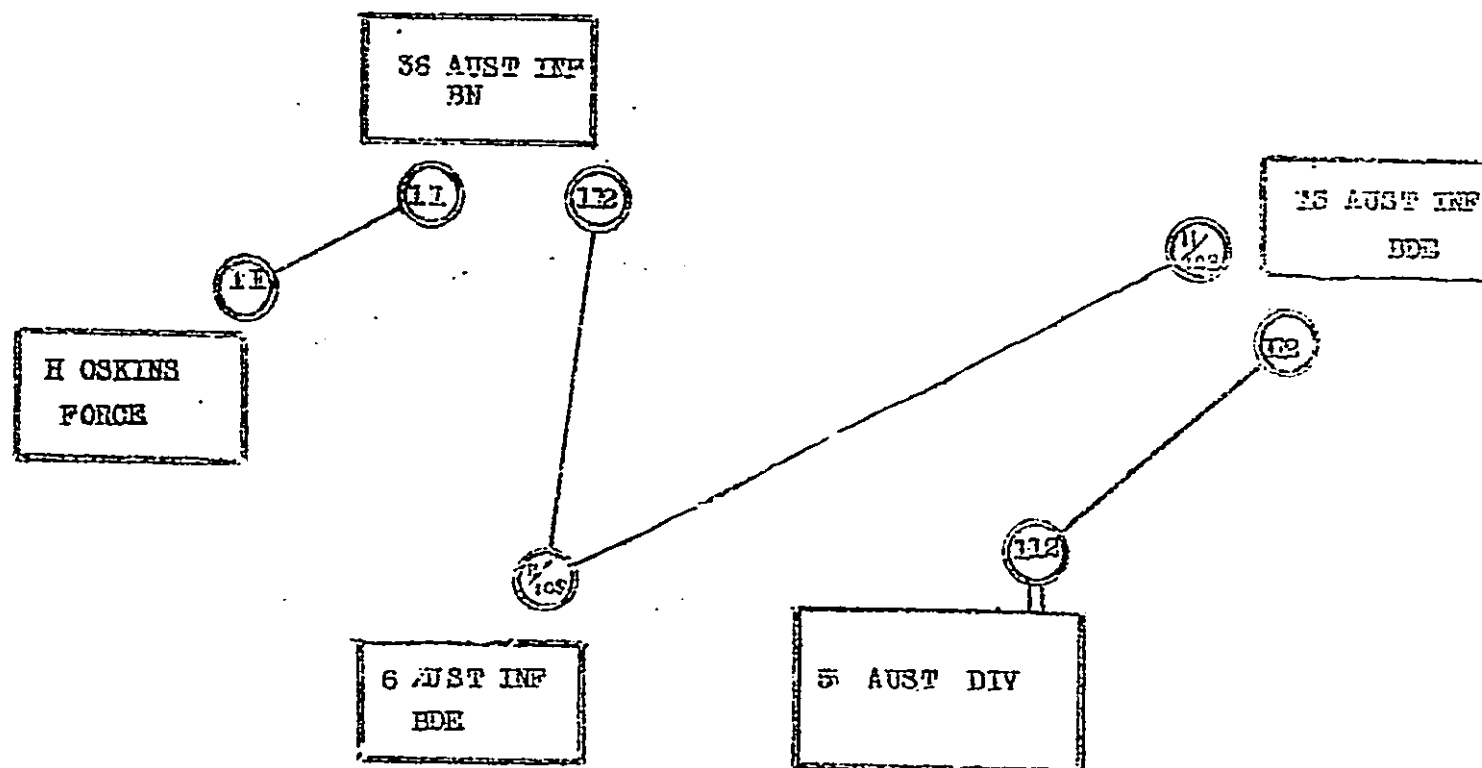
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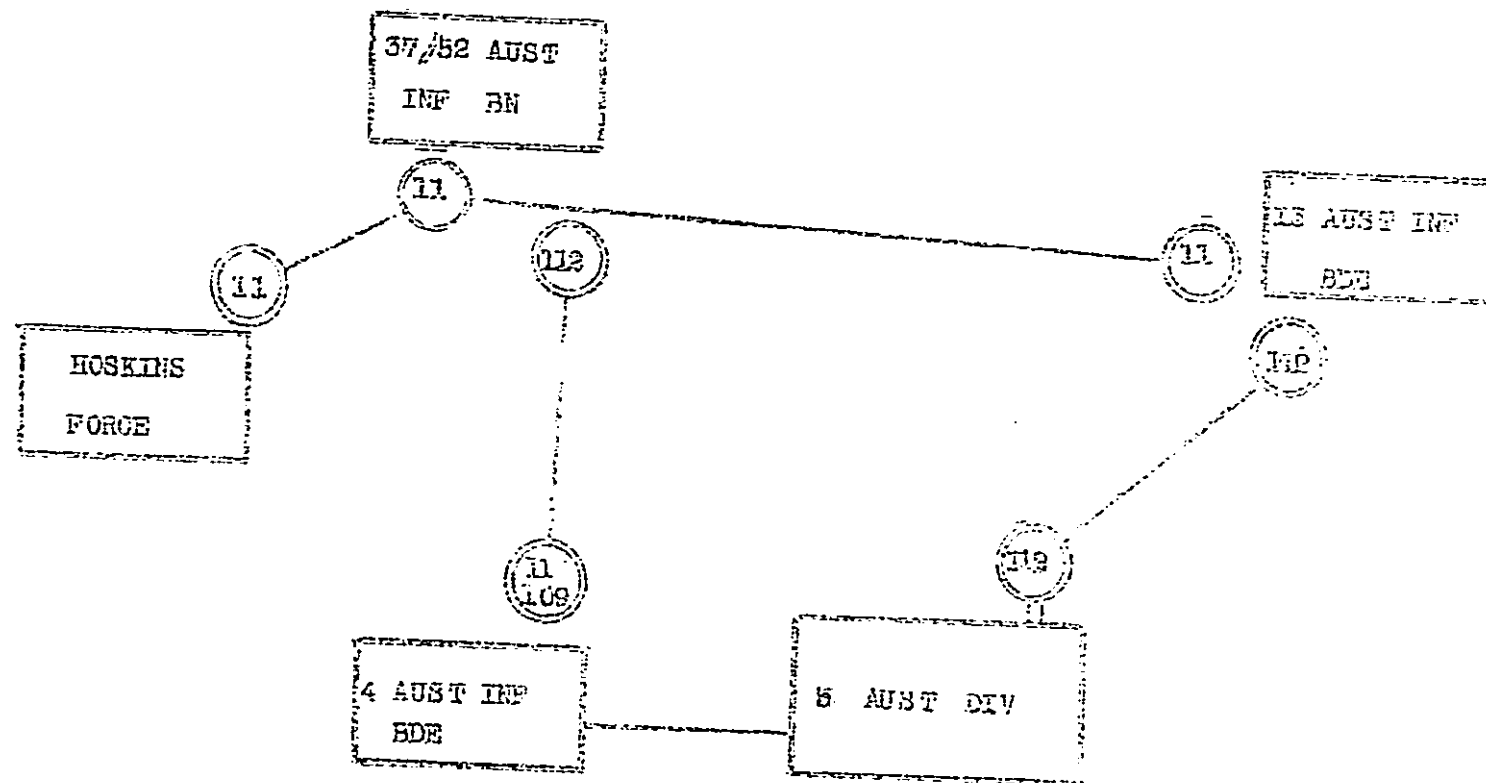
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W/T DIAGRAM • PHASE 2 COMMS

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Aust Div
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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL VISIT - JACQUINOT BAY

HQ 5 AUST DIV (AIF)
28 Mar 45
A1898

Distribution: List C, less serials - 2, 10, 15, 17, 18, 28, 29,
33 - 36, Serials 5 and 6 - 1 and 3 copies
only respectively

Reference 5 Aust Div A 1874 of 27 Mar 45

1. In view of the further alteration in the date and time of arrival and departure of the official visitors, the itinerary has been amended accordingly.
2. New summary of itinerary is attached as Appendix A.

Michael J. Griffin
(E.A. GRIFFIN) Lt-Col
4A & 2MG 5 AUST DIV

Appendix "A"
to 5 Aust Div A.1898 of 28 Mar 45

ITINERARY FOR OFFICIAL VISITORS JACQUINOT Bay ON 29 MAR 45

291000 hrs Arrive JACQUINOT Airfield
291030 hrs Morning Tea at HQ 5 Aust Div
291100 hrs HQ 4 Aust Inf Bde, depart 1135 hrs
291140 hrs Arrive HQ 13 Aust Inf Bde, depart 1215 hrs
291230 hrs Arrive HQ 5 Aust Div for lunch, depart 1330 hrs
291340 hrs Arrive 105 Aust CCS, depart 1425 hrs
291440 hrs Arrive 2/8 Aust Gen Hosp. Afternoon Tea about 1510 hrs.
Lady Wakehurst and Lady Blamey remain with Matron
Wheeler.
291600 hrs HE arrives HQ 5 Aust Div:
300800 hrs Depart JACQUINOT Airfield. Call at 2/8 Aust Gen Hosp
at 300745K.

NOTE: Provost Escorts will accompany the Official Parties.

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FROM

(4)

5 DIV

Originator

Date—Time of Origin

281250 K

Office Date Stamp

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For Action

TO

6 INF HDE

(w) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions

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A0620 SECRET (.) 4 REAUFORTS 220800K will bomb and strafe LEMINGI (.)
a/c will route to target from mouth WANANGOT RIVER (.) a/c call sign
TOPSY frequency 4885

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PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

FROM: 5 AUST DIV

29 07/0 K

TO: FIRSTAUSTARMY

INFO: 4 AUST INF BDE 6 AUST INF BDE 13 AUST INF BDE RAA(3) RAE(5)
SIGS 33 AUST FS SEC AASC 41 AUST LDG CRAFT COY 5 AUST DIV
RECEPTION CAMP 1 AUST COMD AL SEC (4) 22 AUST AL SQN SEC
CO B 594 EB & S REGT 5 AUST BASE SUB AREA AIB JACQUINOT BAY
DO ANGAU JACQUINOT BAY DET ANGAU 5 AUST DIV PORT DIRECTOR
JACQUINOT BAY SOML ALO HOSKINS

COPIES TO: COMD G AQ MED(7) ORD AEME (5) PRO
PAY POSTAL DADPR MIL HIST BB FILE WD

G018 SECRET (.) sitrep 388 to 282000K (.) WIDE BAY (.) 14/32 aust inf
bn (.) patrols between WULWUT and BULUS RIVERS NORTH of WAITAVALO
feature NMS (.) further 6 jap bodies and 1 HMG found 626519 (.) A coy
est 658525 (.) 19 aust inf bn (.) pl patrol A coy EAST along coast track
contacted enemy 738502 at 271120K killing 1 wounding 3 (.) patrol
reached 739505 where further contact made 271400K (.) indications enemy
patrolling from base approx 742506 (.) patrol returned (.) disposns (.)
A coy 659521 B coy 682527 C coy 682510 D coy 661519 bn HQ B coy NGIB
at 655617 (.) 28 bty 2/14 aust fd regt in action 637498 (.) OPEN BAY
(.) one pl D coy NGIB est ambush posn mouth SAI RIVER (.) one pl D coy
36 aust inf bn moved HOSKINS to NANTAMBU all infm

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to fall into enemy hands this
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Originator's Instrs
Degree of Priority

IMMEDIATE to FIRSTAUSTARMY
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except ALO HOSKINS

R. Thompson Capt
.....
for Lt Col
HCO

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ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY FROM (4) 6 lde.			Date-Time of Origin 280830K
Originator For Action			Office Date Stamp 1895 9 27 75 25 May 45 Message Instructions GR 0930
TO 2 dvl (w) For Information (INFO.)			
ORIGINATOR'S No. CII 1112. secnd G. subsp 297 to 280800K G.			

ref our partial report 29 find 266516 should read 256516 ref map MEVELO 1 inch G. clear weather

KAKAI area G. subsp G. cell unit This message may be sent AS WRITTEN by any means except { } Wireless	If liable to be intercepted or fall into enemy hands, this message must be sent IN CIPHER. Signed <i>[Signature]</i>	Originator's Instructions Degree of Priority IMMEDIATE	<table border="1"> <tr> <th>Time</th> <th>System</th> <th>Op</th> </tr> <tr> <td>THI or TOR</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Time Cleared</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	Time	System	Op	THI or TOR			Time Cleared		
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(A)

RAA 5 DIV

Originator

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28 2030 K

Office Date Stamp

28 Mar

For Action

TO

5 DIV

(w) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions

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RA 434 SECRET (.) sitrep 136 to 281900K (.) 2/14 fd regt (.)
28 Bty moved to TOL area (.) otherwise no change

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Unit IR 5 AUST DIV (AIF)

Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs To 2359 hrs 29 Mar 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
JACQUINET BAY	29 Mar		4 Aust Inf Bde - Nothing to report.	Appx 302 - Weather
			6 Aust Inf Bde - WIDE BAY - 14/52 Aust Inf Bn, local patrols HMS. 19 Aust Inf Bn - patrols to 695531 HMS. 16 Aust Inf Bn - 2 Coy established 608520; patrol to 525536 HMS; patrol contacted 1 Jap who committed suicide 627516. En HQ and B Coy 1 IGIB at/35517; patrol coastal track captured 1 PW weak condition 714508. Patrol reports 61 and 62 attached as Appendices 303 and 304. CPEN BAY - B Coy 33 Aust Inf Bn 254377.	Forecast Appx 303 - 6 Bde CI 1113 Appx 304 - 6 Bde CI 1120 Appx 305 - Enzn 5 Div C407 Appx 306 - Intelligence Review No 7 Appx 307 - 5 Div GO 30 Appx 308 - 6 Bde CI 1124 (part 1) Appx 309 - 6 Bde CI 1124 (part 2) Appx 310 - RAA RA 439 Appx 311 - RAA RA 442
			15 Aust Inf Bde - Nothing to report.	
			General Location Statement and OGS No 49 issued and attached as Appx 305. Lt JARMAN IO 5 Div visiting 66-Bn leaving 1200H. 4 Beauforts bombed and strafed IENHNGI village; bombs fell in target area; number of hits destroyed. Lt-Col SILCHRIST LMG(B) arrived to inspect equipment in the field.	
				<i>R. Thompson</i>CaptG2(L)

5 Detachment, 6 Mobile Meteor Flight.

Forecast: Jacquinot Bay, Wide Bay and Coast.

Period: 291000K to 301000K.

Distribution:

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|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| (1) Coy B 594 EB & S Regt. | (6) HQ 5 Aust Div. |
| (2) Port Director, Jacq Bay. | (7) 6 Aust Inf Bde. |
| (3) 5 Aust Base Sub Area. | (8) Sigs 2 Aust Div. |
| (4) RAA 5 Aust Div. | (9) AASC 5 Aust Div. |
| (5) RAE 5 Aust Div. | (10) AIB Jacq Bay. |
| | (11) 41 Aust Landing Craft Co. |

Weather:

Broken to overcast middle cloud. Almost overcast low cloud with heavy showers this afternoon and tomorrow morning. Visibility good. Calm sea with no swell.

Sunrise 0557K
set 1801K

Twilight 0535K

Moonrise 1910K
set 0655K

290900K Dry Bulb 82.0°
Humidity 80%

Full Moon.

R. L. Maion Sgt.
6 MMF

G2 = 1600 29/3

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59 C. (1) 63 C. (1) 290730K (1) 291500K (1)
All in area (1) as for 60 C. (1) 64 C. (1)
to AM fighting (1) high ground TOL
WATTAVALU in area SOUTH and
NORTH of ridge between KATHS and MOOSE
HILL (1) 1st Mt. and 2nd Mt. (1) 290730K (1) 291500K (1) 16 Aust in the (1)
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(w) For Information (INFO.)	(Messages marked C.T.P. need not be paraphrased.)	GR

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 BAY and in what direction 1)
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Subject: LOCATION STATEMENT AND ORDER OF BATTLE 49
as at 2359 hrs 28 Mar 45

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HQ 5 Aust Div (AIF)
G467
29 Mar 45

1. Attached as Appendix "A" is 5 Aust Div Location Statement and Order of Battle by Army and Services as at 2359 hrs 28 Mar 45.
2. It is requested that any errors or omissions be advised immediately.
3. All previous Location Statements and Orders of Battle issued by this Headquarters will be destroyed.
4. All please acknowledge on pro forma below.

W B Maguire
(W B MAGUIRE) Lt-Col
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13 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)	3	79 Wing RAAF	21
RAA 5 Aust Div (AIF)	4	Comd	22
RAE 5 Aust Div (AIF)	5	G	23 - 26
41 Aust Ldg Craft Coy (AIF)	6	AQ	27 - 29
Sigs 2 Aust Div (AIF)	7 - 9	Chaplains	30
AASC 5 Aust Div (AIF)	10	Med	31 - 32
5 Aust Div Reception Camp (AIF)	11	Ord	33
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Appx "A" to 5 Aust Div
G467 of 29 Mar 45

Ref Maps: NEW BRITAIN 1 in series

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CAPE DESCHAMP	CD
OPEN BAY	OB

NOTES:

(a)	To move WIDE BAY
(b)	To move OPEN BAY
(c)	To remain WIDE BAY
(d)	To remain OPEN BAY

Serial	Arm or Service	UNIT	Ref Map	Map Ref	Location	Remarks
1	HQ and HQ Units	Hq 5 Aust Div (AIF)	D	041828	MAIMAL	
2		231 Aust IAD (Type A) (AIF)	D	037827	MAIMAL	
3		No 5 Mil History Fd Team	D	041828	MAIMAL	LHQ Tps
4		Det Directorate of Public Relations	D	041828	MAIMAL	LHQ Tps
5		Det 8 Aust MC Gp (Type E) (AIF)	OB	171542	WATU PT	Army Tps under comd for local adm att 36 Bn.
6		1 Aust Comd AL Sec	JB	082803	PALMAL- MAL	Under comd 5 Aust Div for ops only
7		40 Aust Sqn AL Sec				) NOT yet arrived from AUST.) On arrival under comd 5 Aust Div) for ops only.
8		55 Aust Sqn AL Sec (AIF)				
9		56 Aust Sqn AL Sec (AIF)				
10	GAV	2/2 Aust Cdo Sqn				NOT yet under comd from AUST.
11	ARTY	HQ RAA 5 Aust Div (AIF)	D	035827	MAIMAL	
12		5 Aust Svy Bty (AIF) less B Tp	D	041824	MAIMAL	(a) B Tp under comd 6 Bde.
13		Det 6 Mob Let Flt	D	035827	MAIMAL	LHQ Tps.
14		8 Aust RADAR Det (Type A) (AIF)	D	041824	MAIMAL	

Serial	Arm or Service	UNIT	Ref Map	Map Ref	Location	Remarks
15 15a 16 17	ENGRS	Hq RAE 5 Aust Div (AIF) less Tac Hq Tac Hq RAE 5 Aust Div (AIF) 4 Aust Fd Coy (AIF) 12 Aust Fd Coy (AIF) less Adv Hq and 1 and 3 Pls	D CT TOL D	042827 586436 615513 027848	MAIMAL KALAI WAITAVALO WUNUNG	Adv Hq and 1 and 3 Pls under comd 6 Bde att 36 Bn. Remainder of coy to move GREEN BAY under comd 6 Bde att 36 Bn on arrival.
18 18a 18b 19		7 Aust Engr Sig Sec less two dets One det 7 Aust Engr Sig Sec One det 7 Aust Engr Sig Sec 13 Aust Fd Coy (AIF) less Adv Hq 2 and 3 Pls	D CT CD D	043827 588435 860532 044826	MAIMAL KALAI UBILI MAIMAL	Att 13 Aust Fd Coy Att 12 Aust Fd Coy
19a 19b 20 20a		Adv Hq and 3 Pl 13 Aust Fd Coy (AIF) 2 Pl 13 Aust Fd Coy (AIF) 55 Aust Fd Pk Coy (AIF) less dets Det Mech Eqpt Pl 55 Aust Fd Pk Coy (AIF)	TOL CT D TOL	635502 588435 024830 635502	TOL KALAI WUNUNG TOL	
20b		Det wksp Pl 55 Aust Fd Pk Coy (AIF)	TOL	609520	WULUT RIVER	
21 22		284 Aust LAD (Type A) AIF 41 Aust Ldg Craft Coy (AIF) less Adv Hq, Adv and Rear parties and det	D D	026836 028826	WUNUNG MAIMAL	Under comd 55 Aust Fd Pk Coy Adv Hq under comd 6 Bde. Det en route AITAPE. Adv and rear party NOT yet under comd from AUST.
23 24		1 Aust Ldg Craft Wksp Sec (AIF) less det Det 43 Aust Ldg Craft Coy	D	228826	WUNUNG	Under comd 41 Aust Ldg Craft Coy. Det en route AITAPE. NOT yet arrived from AUST. On arrival under comd for local adm - to move LAE Att 5 Aust Base Sub Area.
25 26		One Mech Eqpt Pl and One Tipping Truck Sec 2/3 Aust Rly Constr Coy Det 1 Aust Forestry Svy Coy	D	073820	PAIMAILMAL	
27 27a	SVY	Det 3 Sec 2 Aust Fd Svy Coy (AIF) less det First Aust Army Svy Map Dep Det First Aust Army Svy Map Dep	TOL D	615513 041828	WAITAVALO PTN MAIMAL	On arrival from LAE to come under comd 5 Div for local adm att 36 Bn.

Serial	Arm or Service	UNIT	Ref Map	Map Ref	Location	Remarks
28	SIGS	Sigs 2 Aust Div (AIF) less dets	D	041828	MAIMAL	Dets with 6 Bde and 36 Bn.
29		48 Aust Cipher Sec (Type K) (AIF) less four dets	D	041828	MAIMAL	Two dets under comd 6 Bde.
29a		One Det 48 Aust Cipher Sec (AIF)	D	019835	WUNUNG	Att 4 Bde.
29b		One det 48 Aust Cipher Sec (AIF)	D	013843	WUNUNG	Att 13 Bde.
30		Two dets 34 Aust Wireless Sec (Hy) (AIF)	D	041828	MAIMAL	
31		9 Aust Pigeon Sec (Type A) (AIF) less B and E Dets	D	041828	MAIMAL	Dets under comd 6 Bde.
32	INF	Hq G Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt	D	041828	MAIMAL	LHQ Tps
33		19 Pl E Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt	D	041828	MAIMAL	LHQ Tps
34	INT	33 Aust FS Sec (AIF) less dets	D	041828	MAIMAL	Dets under comd 6 Bde.
35		5 Aust Div Language Det less two units	D	041828	MAIMAL	Units att 6 Bde and 36 Bn.
36	AASC	Hq Comd 5 Aust Div AASC (AIF)	D	045823	MAIMAL	
37		Hq 154 Aust GT Coy (AIF)	D	047821	MAIMAL	
38		52 Aust Tpt Pl (AIF)	D	018857	WUNUNG	Two secs to move WIDE BAY
39		55 Aust Tpt Pl (AIF) less three secs	D	049819	MAIMAL	Three secs under comd 6 Bde incl one sec att 36 Bn
40		88 Aust Tpt Pl (AIF)	D	024837	WUNUNG	One sec to move OPEN BAY
41		154 Aust wksp Pl (AIF)	D	047320	MAIMAL	Under comd 154 Aust GT Coy
42		Hq 4 Aust Sup Dep Coy (AIF)	JB	056820	PAIMMALMAL	
43		1 Aust Sup Dep Pl (AIF)	D	024827	WUNUNG	
44		2 Aust Sup Dep Pl (AIF)	JB	056821	PAIMMALMAL	(b)
45		250 Aust Sup Dep Pl (AIF)	D	018857	WUNUNG	(a)
46		251 Aust Sup Dep Pl (AIF) less C Sec	JB	056821	PAIMMALMAL	(a)
46a		C Sec 251 Aust Sup Dep Pl (AIF)	D	032826	MAIMAL	(a)
47	MED	105 Aust CCS (AIF)	D	022830	WUNUNG	
48		2 Aust Fd Amb (AIF)	D	017848	WUNUNG	(a)
49		4 Aust Fd Amb (AIF)	D	024842	WUNUNG	A Coy and det B Coy to move OPEN BAY
50		28 Aust Malaria Control Unit (Type A) (AIF) less det	D	019832	WUNUNG	One det under comd 6 Bde

Serial	Arm or Service	UNIT	Ref Map	Map Ref	Location	Remarks
51		104 Aust Mob Bacteriological Lab (AIF)	D	022830	WUNUNG	Att 105 CCS
52		32 Aust Hosp Laundry Unit (Type B) (AIF)	D	018843	WUNUNG	Att 105 CCS
53	DENTAL	77 Aust Dental Unit (AIF) less A B C D E and F Secs	D	030826	MAIMAL	B and F Secs under comd 6 Bde
53a		A Sec 77 Aust Dental Unit (AIF)	D	015848	WUNUNG	(a)
53b		C Sec 77 Aust Dental Unit (AIF)	D	024832	WUNUNG	(a)
53c		D Sec 77 Aust Dental Unit (AIF)	D	016852	WUNUNG	(a)
53d		E Sec 77 Aust Dental Unit (AIF)	D	015843	WUNUNG	
54	ORD	107 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk (AIF)	D	014844	WUNUNG	(a)
55		130 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk (AIF)	D	023833	WUNUNG	Det to move OPEN BAY
56	AEME	128 Aust Bde Wksp (AIF)	D	014844	WUNUNG	(a)
57		130 Aust Bde Wksp (AIF)	D	023833	WUNUNG	Det to move OPEN BAY
58	PRO	5 Aust Div Pro Coy (AIF) less three secs and det	D	033826	MAIMAL	One sec under comd 29 Aust Inf Bde. One sec plus det under comd 6 Bde - det att 36 Bn.
58a		One sec 5 Aust Div Pro Coy (AIF)	D	013843	WUNUNG	Att 13 Bde
59		Two secs 11 Aust Div Pro Coy (AIF) less det	D	033826	MAIMAL	Det to move OPEN BAY
59a		Det 11 Aust Div Pro Coy (AIF)	D	019835	WUNUNG	Att 4 Bde.
60	PAY	5 Aust Div Fd Cash Office (AIF) less dets	D	041828	MAIMAL	One det under comd 6 Bde
60a		Det 5 Aust Div Fd Cash Office (AIF)	D	013843	WUNUNG	
61	POSTAL	5 Aust Div Postal Unit (AIF) less three dets	D	041828	MAIMAL	One det each with 7, 8 and 29 Bdes
62		Det 1 Aust Div Postal Unit (AIF)	D	013843	WUNUNG	
63		Det 3 Aust Div Postal Unit (AIF)	D	023827	WUNUNG	Part of det to move OPEN BAY
64	SAL	Det 5 Aust Div Sal Unit	D	044026	MAIMAL	Remainder of unit under comd 6 Bde

Serial	Arm or Service	UNIT	Ref Map	Map Ref	Location	Remarks
65	MISC	5 Aust Div Reception Camp (AIF)	D	044823	MALMAL	
66		Det NG Sec AACs	D	041828	MALMAL	
67	US ARMY	Co B 594 EB & S Regt less det	D	028826	MALMAL	To be relieved by 41 Aust Ldg Craft Coy. Det under comd 6 Bde.
68	RAAF	79 Wing RAAF	JB	082802	PAIMMAL	Adv party only arrived from AUST -- att 5 Div for ops only.
69	TPS ATT	Det ANGAU	D	009868	MANAGUNA	Div native lab compound.
	INF	<u>4 AUST INF BDE</u>				
70	HQ and	HQ 4 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)	D	019835	WUNUNG	
71	HQ	4 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec (AIF)	D	019835	WUNUNG	Det to move OPEN BAY
72	Units	264 Aust LAD (Type J) (AIF)	D	023836	WUNUNG	Det to move OPEN BAY
73	INF	22 Aust Inf Bn	D	019840	WUNUNG	
74		29/46 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	D	015843	WUNUNG	
75		37/52 Aust Inf Bn	D	020843	WUNUNG	(b)
76		25 Pl G Coy 2/1 Aust Ed Regt	D	019835	WUNUNG	LHQ Tps
		<u>6 AUST INF BDE GP</u> (To move WUNUNG)				
77	HQ and	HQ 6 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)	CT	582444	KALAI	
78	HQ	6 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec (AIF) less det	CT	582444	KALAI	
78a	Units	Det 6 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec (AIF)	MEG	838963	HOSKINS	Att 36 Bn
79		269 Aust LAD (Type J) (AIF) less det	CT	582444	KALAI	Det att 36 Bn
80	ARTY	2/14 Aust Fd Regt (Jungle Div) less 3 Btys	CT	580442	KALAI	Div tps one tp to move OPEN BAY
80a		27 Bty 2/14 Aust Fd Regt (Jungle Div)	TOL	639499	TOL	Remainder of unit to remain WIDE BAY
80b		28 Bty 2/14 Aust Fd Regt (Jungle Div)	TOL	657498	TOL	
80c		64 Bty 2/14 Aust Fd Regt (Jungle Div)	MEV	590510	LAMARLEN	

Serial	Arm or Service	UNIT	Ref Map	Map Ref	Location	Remarks
81	ENGRS	2/14 Aust Fd Regt (Jungle Div)	CT	580442	KALAI	(c)
82		Sig Sec	CT	580442	KALAI	(c)
83		2/83 Aust LAD (Type D)	CT	584444	KALAI	(c)
84		B Tp 5 Aust Svy Bty (AIF)	CT	584444	KALAI	(c) Div tps.
84a		Adv Hq and 1 Pl 12 Aust Fd Coy (AIF)	CD	957592	NANTAMBU	(d) Att 36 Bn, dets at LEG 837962 HOSK-INS and CD 860530 UBILI.
85	SIGS	less dets	CD	860532	UBILI	(d)
86		3 Pl 12 Aust Fd Coy (AIF)	CT	580446	KALAI	(c)
86a		Adv Hq 41 Aust Ldg Craft Coy (AIF)	CT	582444	KALAI	(c) Div tps.
87		Line dets Sigs 2 Aust Div (AIF)	OB	171542	WATU PT	(d) Att 36 Bn
88		Two WT det Sigs	CT	582444	KALAI	(c) Div tps.
89	INF	One Det 48 Aust Cipher Sec (Type K) (AIF)	OB	171542	WATU PT	(d) Div tps att 36 Bn
90		One det 48 Aust Cipher Sec (Type K) (AIF)	CT	582444	KALAI	(c) Corps tps
91		Det 9 Aust Wireless Sec (Lt)	CT	582444	KALAI	(c) Div tps
92		B det 9 Aust Pigeon Sec (Type A) (AIF)	OB	171542	WATU PT	(d) Div tps - att 36 Bn
93		E det 9 Aust Pigeon Sec (Type A) (AIF)	TOL	630514	WAITAVALO	(c) Under comd from 13 Bde
94	INT	14/32 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	CT	587438	KALAI	(c)
95		16 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	TOL	658522	MARUMBA	(c)
95a		19 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	OB	171542	WATU PT	(c) LEQ Tps
95b		36 Aust Inf Bn less A and D Coys	OB	222543	MAVELO RIVER	(c)
96		A Coy 36 Aust Inf Bn	CD	957592	NANTAMBU	(c)
97	INT	D Coy 36 Aust Inf Bn	CT	582444	KALAI	(c)
98		18 Pl E Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt	TOL	655517	BULUS RIVER	(c)
99		HQ 1 New Guinea Inf Bn	TOL	655517	BULUS RIVER	(c)
100		B Coy 1 New Guinea Inf Bn	OB	171542	WATU PT	(d) Att 36 Bn
101		D Coy 1 New Guinea Inf Bn	CT	582444	KALAI	(c) Div tps.
		Det 33 Aust FS Sec (AIF)	OB	171542	WATU PT	(d) Div tps - att 36 Bn

Serial	Arm or Service	UNIT	Ref Map	Map Ref	Location	Remarks
102	AASC	14 Aust Sup Dep Pl (AIF) less A Sec	CT	582443	KALAI	Att 36 Bn, det MEG 838963 HOSKINS
102a		A Sec 14 Aust Sup Dep Pl (AIF) less det	CD	955592	NANTAMBU	
103		15 Aust Sup Dep Pl (AIF)	CT	582447	KALAI	
104		Two secs 55 Aust Tpt Pl (AIF)	CT	582444	KALAI	
105	MED	One sec 55 Aust Tpt Pl (AIF)	MEG	838963	HOSKINS	Att 36 Bn
106		6 Aust Fd Amb (AIF) less A Coy	CT	585438	KALAI	Div tps
106a		A Coy 6 Aust Fd Amb (AIF) less dets	CD	956593	NANTAMBU	Att 36 Bn, incl surgical team from 2/1 AGE. Dets at MEG 838963 HOSKINS
107		One det 28 Aust Malaria Control Unit (AIF)	CT	585438	KALAI	CE 171542 WATU PT (c)
108	DENTAL	21 Aust Malaria Control Unit (Type C)	CD	956593	NANTAMBU	(d) Att 36 Bn
109		B Sec 77 Aust Dental Unit (AIF)	COL	630512	WAITAVALO	Div tps
110		F Sec 77 Aust Dental Unit (AIF)	CT	585438	KALAI	Div tps
111		F Sec 83 Aust Dental Unit (AIF)	OB	171542	WATU PT	(d) Base tps under comd for local adm att 36 Bn.
112	ORD	137 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk (AIF) less det	CT	582443	KALAI	Att 36 Bn
112a		Det 137 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk (AIF)	CD	955592	NANTAMBU	
113	AEME	2/137 Aust Bde Wksp (Type A) less det	CT	582443	KALAI	Att 36 Bn
113a		Det 2/137 Aust Bde wksp (Type A)	MEG	838963	HOSKINS	
114	PRO	One Sec 5 Aust Div Pro Coy (AIF)	CT	582444	KALAI	(c) Div tps
115		One det 5 Aust Div Pro Coy (AIF)	OB	171542	WATU PT	Div tps att 36 Bn
116	PAY	Det 5 Aust Div Fd Cash Office (AIF)	CT	582444	KALAI	(c) Div tps
117	POSTAL	Det 11 Aust Div Postal Unit (AIF)	CT	582444	KALAI	Div tps - one rep with 36 Bn

Serial	Arm or Service	UNIT	Ref Map	Map Ref	Location	Remarks
118	SAL	5 Aust Div Sal Unit less det	CT	583444	KALAI	(c) Div tps
119	CANT- EENS	Det NG Sec AACS	CT	582444	KALAI	(c)
120		Det NG Sec AACS	CD	955592	NANTAMBU	(d) Att 36 Bn
121	US ARMY	Det Co B 594 EB & S Regt	OB	171542	WATU PT	Att 36 Bn
		<u>13 AUST INF BDE GP</u> (To move WIDE BAY)				
123	HQ and	HQ 13 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)	D	013843	WUNUNG	
124	HQ	13 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec (AIF)	D	013843	WUNUNG	
125	Units	279 Aust LAD (Type J) (AIF)	D	013843	WUNUNG	
126	INF	11 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	D	017857	WUNUNG	
127		28 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	D	014847	WUNUNG	
128		29 Pl G Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt	D	013843	WUNUNG	LHQ Tps

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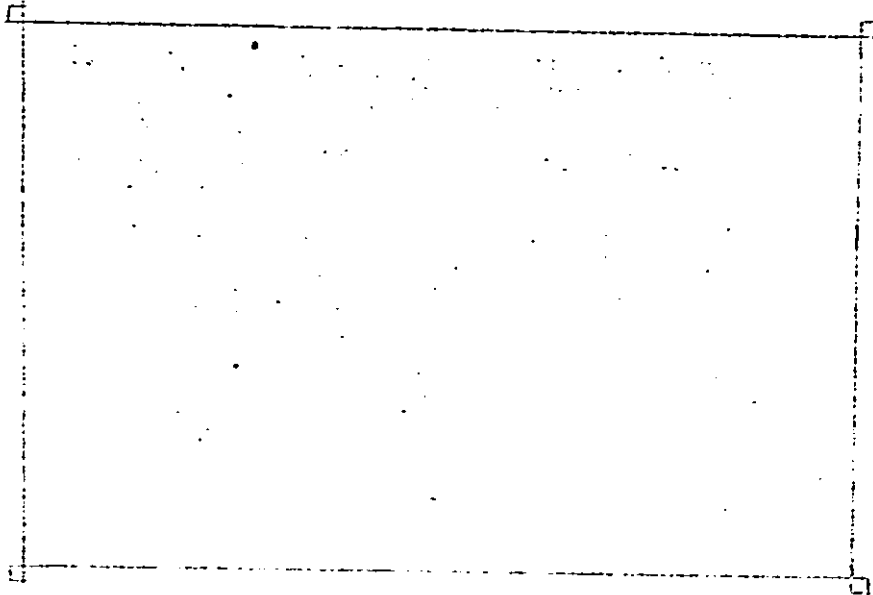
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INTELLIGENCE REVIEW

— N° 7 —

NOTE:



(From information received from 1200 hrs 19 Mar 45
to 1200 hrs 1 Mar 45)

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1. NEW BRITAIN

(a) LAND - OWN AND ENEMY

WIDE BAY AREA:

During the period under review our forces have cleared all organised enemy from the WAITAVALO-TOL area and EAST to the BULUS River (ref map TOL 1" to 1 mile).

Patrols moving along the northern and south-eastern slopes of WAITAVALO feature on 19 Mar found evacuated Japanese positions and abandoned equipment. A patrol along the northern slopes found three Japanese who withdrew. Signs were found of the withdrawal of at least 20 Japanese in an easterly direction at the eastern end of the valley NORTH of the feature. Three huts were found on the feature, one being for officers, and, of the other two, one was large enough to accommodate 100 troops. Two dead Japanese were found to be wearing Australian clothing.

More abandoned enemy positions were found by patrols on 20 Mar on the eastern end of the WAITAVALO feature together with two dummy AFVs. Approx 20 Japanese carrying full packs attacked our position one mile NW of MARUMBA but were repulsed. A small party of Japanese attacked our troops at the crossing of the WUENUT River but our patrol soon cleared the area of enemy.

On 21 Mar a patrol EAST to the river on which MARUMBA is situated reported that the coastal area to that point was clear of enemy. More abandoned enemy equipment and ammunition was found by patrols on the WAITAVALO feature, and an ammunition dump was also found on 22 Mar. Three skeletons and the remnants of some Australian Army issue clothing and equipment were found near the TOL jetty. With these were found some NEW GUINEA coins.

On 21 Mar a Japanese "ZERO" aircraft was discovered near TOL jetty. The plane had crashed apparently more than three months previously but was in fair condition, although some instrument fittings had been removed prior to its discovery.

An abandoned Japanese village was discovered by one of our patrols on 22 Mar near BULUS. The village contained 15 huts and appeared to have been evacuated three days previously. Some small-arms ammunition which was found was believed to be "dum-dum". On 24 Mar a party of 10 to 15 Japanese was discovered just EAST of this village while they were engaged in foraging for food. The Japanese immediately fled leaving behind them equipment and documents.

Further interrogation of the native survivor of the village of GODKA reported in the last Review indicated that the strength of the enemy who harassed the natives there did not exceed 30 Japanese and 5 Kombeis. The Japanese came from MALABUNGA with guides from LEMINGI to take reprisals against some BAINING natives who had recently killed a small party of Japanese. The Japanese had no intention of moving to the SOUTH coast until sounds of artillery fire were heard from the WIDE BAY area, and they then expressed their intention of moving to that area. Nothing more has been heard of this enemy party.

On 26 Mar 3 parties of Japs were sighted in the MARUPA area, but all fled on contact with our troops.

OPEN BAY AREA:

On the OPEN BAY side no actions have taken place against the enemy. Patrolling was carried out to the SAI River along the coastal and inland tracks, sighting only one Kembu who fled, and a well constructed old Japanese camp approx four miles EAST of MAVELO.

A European and native patrol, two miles SOUTH of LAULI on 18 Mar sighted a party of 20 Japanese and 5 natives making a camp 500 yards from the coast and cutting a track towards the beach.

A report was received that the Japanese were engaged in cutting an inland track to TORIU giving access to LAULI and the MATALAILI River area. Portion of the track which passed through a point four miles SE of LAULI was thought to have been cut on approx 14 Mar and it is considered that the Japanese have been preparing inland defense positions against our possible outflanking of their previously reported coastal positions SOUTH of LAULI.

Casualties NEW BRITAIN:

27 Nov 44 - 27 Mar 45 Killed 191 (OPEN BAY 65, WIDE BAY 126)
 PW 1
 15 Dec 43 - 27 Mar 45 Killed 5090 PW 349

2. NEW IRELAND

An interesting report has been received from AIB sources. Two natives who were captured on LIHIR IS (40 miles east of NEW IRELAND) had been assisting a party of about 16 Japanese, who had landed from a submarine on approximately 11 Mar. After a little persuasion, the natives disclosed the enemy party's whereabouts, and revealed that the submarine was scheduled to make a return visit on the night 21/22 Mar. On the basis of this information, appropriate plans were made by our forces, but no reports of resultant enemy contacts have yet been received.
 (FAA Weekly Intelligence Summary 148)

3. BOUGAINVILLE

NORTHERN BOUGAINVILLE

Our forces advancing along the north coast crossed the COMPTON RIVER without opposition, and established a base $\frac{3}{4}$ mile north of the river mouth. They now control the southern end of the SORAKEN Plantation.

On 15 Mar, forward elements moving eastwards crossed the FAGAM RIVER, a small stream flowing northwards into SORAKEN HBR, and occupied positions on the SW slopes of HORSESHOE KNOLL (3,000 yards NNE LAIUM). Four days later the enemy attacked these positions in strength but was driven off.

A further unopposed landing was made on 19 Mar approx 1 1/2 miles south of the northern tip of SORAKEN PTN. A bridgehead was established and on 20 Mar contact was made with our troops advancing north from the COMPTON RIVER. Widespread patrolling continued, and vacated enemy positions, containing one 75mm gun and one 20mm dual purpose A/A-Tk gun, were located in the area.

Enemy artillery was again active, but on a reduced scale. Most of the rounds fired fell in unoccupied areas and were consequently ineffective.

A PW has stated that Japanese in the northern sector are moving towards POROPORO (4½ miles NE LAIUM). It is possible the enemy intends to attempt a stand in this area as POROPORO is situated between the hills and a mangrove swamp at the junction of tracks leading to the east coast, and is therefore of considerable tactical importance.

The PW also confirmed the fact that the area north of TARLENA is primarily the responsibility of Naval troops, while the area south of TARLENA is under army control.

Since contact was made with the enemy at TSIMBA on 19 Jan, a total of 295 Japanese has been killed in operations in this area.

PIATERAPIA

Operations in this sector have been ~~limited~~ ^{limited} owing to change over of tps. Patrolling has been on a reduced scale and few enemy contacts have been made.

EMPRESS AUGUSTA BAY

The determined enemy opposition being encountered in our southward penetration tends to confirm the information given by two PW that the Japanese intend to stand on the line of the HONGORAI RIVER, delaying our advance as long as possible in order to provide time for the preparation of defensive positions.

In the DARARA area, during the period 15/17 Mar, four enemy attacks on our forward positions were repulsed. On 19 Mar our tps supported by artillery, MG and mortar fire, advanced and occupied TOKINOTU (south of the FURILTA RIVER and 3 miles SE DARARA) together with positions nearby on the track leading to HIRU HIRU, 1500 yards to the southeast.

On the same day elements of an Australian force which had previously executed a flanking movement and cut the track in the vicinity of HIRU HIRU, linked up with the tps forward of TOKINOTU; while returning to their base however, they located extensive enemy positions approximately 1100 yds NW of HIRU HIRU. Our tps charged the enemy and after hand to hand fighting forced them to withdraw 300 yds to the north. Very heavy fire was then encountered and our tps were unable to make further headway.

total of 29 Japanese was killed during this operation.

Further east, in the HAKAPEKA sector, slight gains have been made. On 17 Mar, after air and artillery preparation, our forces ejected the enemy from positions 3000 yds SE of the village and established a firm base. Other tps moved along the track HAKAPEKA-RUMIKI to a point 2000 yds NW of the latter village.

Around NIHERO, extensive patrolling has been carried out and on 15 Mar reports indicated that a considerable enemy force was in occupation of the area 2½ miles SW of NIHERO.

A patrol along the northern arm of the HONGORAI River on 17 Mar contacted and killed 18 Japanese approx 3000 yds SSW of NIHERO. Two days later a further 20 enemy were reported in this area.

South of the HONGORAI River constant enemy traffic along the old Government road has been reported.

On 18 Mar a coastal patrol from the PURATA River killed 6 Japanese approx one mile EW of the HONGORAI River mouth. The hinterland between these rivers consists mainly of heavy swamps and swamp forest, which restricts movement.

GENERAL

The enemy raiding party reported near KUPON on 12 Mar made contact with our forces on 17 Mar when they ambushed one of our ration parties at a river crossing 13 miles north of MOSIGETLA. Three of our tps were killed, and the Japanese captured our rations.

On 15 Mar AIB scouts one mile south of KIETA destroyed a large mortar ammunition dump and killed a number of enemy in huts. Further south, in the ISINA area, natives are reported to have disposed of a further 21 Japanese.

On 18 Mar, a native report referred to a tank hideout in Southern BOUGAINVILLE. Aircraft operating in this sector on 20 Mar claim to have destroyed one tank 2000 yards west of UENAI where the enemy truck park was formerly located.

Casualties BOUGAINVILLE: -

1 Nov 43 - 22 Mar 45	Killed	11,304	PW	135
22 Nov 44 - 22 Mar 45	Killed	1,414	PW	34

(FMA Weekly Intelligence Summary 148)

4. NEW GUINEA

BUT AREA

During the past week Australian forces advanced eastwards along the coast against only scattered enemy elements, and are now established at BUT in force. Patrols further forward have penetrated to within 2000 yards of DAGUA airstrip.

An enemy position at ULBI, one mile west of BUT airstrip, was captured on 16 Mar and patrols two miles inland engaged a party of 9 Japanese between the AJUMB and NINAHU Rivers. HGAU patrols operated inland for 2000 yds and along a line parallel to the coast through LOKIM to HLABUS. Ineffective enemy artillery fire was encountered on the coast.

On 17 Mar BUT strip was cleared, and our tps reached BUT village and jetty, while a patrol killed four Japanese near MUGULWELA, on the south bank of the NINAHU River, three miles upstream.

By 21 Mar our tps had brushed aside minor resistance, and the coast was clear as far as the mouth of the HLIKJOK River, inclusive of the old German road.

Our forces are consolidating the newly-won ground and are already bringing in supplies by barges to the BUT Jetty.

Large quantities of equipment and stores were captured during the advance, including one 75mm gun, four 20mm dual purpose guns, heavy workshop and lathe equipment, one searchlight, 100 drums of oil, medical stores and ammunition.

In view of the existence of these stores, it is reasonable to assume that heavy casualties to the enemy are principally responsible for the lack of opposition met with on the coast.

Captured documents confirm this shortage of manpower, one "battalion" being indicated as consisting of 8 or 9 men.

DAGUA AREA & INLAND

The main item of significance in this sector is the increasing activity at DAGUA and the traffic on the track through WONGINARA Mission to KABOIBUS and YAMIL. Air reports indicate strongly that stores have been moved from the BUT area through DAGUA, on to this track.

A native report of 15 Mar states that a large carrier line under Japanese guards left YAMIL for BUT on 4 Mar. It seems probable that this party is moving to DAGUA to pick up stores for transfer from the coast towards the SEPIK.

The road DAGUA-BOIKEN does not appear to be in use by MT.

These factors, together with the recent move of a command post of 18 Army to AMBAKUNJA, in the MT TURU area, indicate that the enemy intends to carry out a partial evacuation of the coastal sector, retaining his hold on the area from WEWAK to the SEPIK River.

BALIF

There are still enemy parties roaming in these areas, and several patrol clashes have occurred south of ILAHOP, and east of ASANAKOR. At SUMAMBE, two miles SE of ILAHOP, 12 Japanese were killed on 16 Mar. Our tps have occupied further positions to the south, and a company base is now established at UTUMFU, eight miles south of BALIF, with a platoon outpost at WAPINAMAKAKI, two miles south of ASANAKOR. Apart from one counter-attack at ILAHETA, three miles south of ILAHOP, there has been very little opposition to our progress in this area.

MAPRIK AREA

In contrast to the BALIF area, the enemy continues to contest the approaches to MAPRIK with great vigour. It is believed that fresh tps from 20 Div have been thrown into the fighting in this sector.

From 14 to 19 Mar, almost daily attacks have been made by enemy parties against our positions at MAURAK and HILAK, NW of MAPRIK. All of these have been repulsed. One of the attacks was made from the west of MAURAK, where an enemy position has been established for some time. Some of the enemy in this area were thought to be based on KULINGA, one mile NE of HILAK.

On 19 Mar, natives reported that the Comd 41 Div, Lt-Gen HANO Goro, accompanied by a bodyguard, was two miles SE of MAPRIK. Our patrols immediately investigated but found the area clear. It is known from captured documents that this officer planned to move with his HQ on 12 Mar to MAPRIK from ILAHOP.

SEPIK RIVER

Natives have reported approx 250 enemy around WOSEMA, twelve miles south of MAPRIK on the ILRUI Road.

They are stated to be well armed and it is thought that they are tps forced out of the BALIF areas who may be en route to the SEPIK, foraging as they go.

In the SEPIK Valley, there is continued evidence of increasing enemy activity. This centred on two areas in particular; first, the area 25 miles WSW of MARUI, where the SAKCHI River joins the SEPIK at WASHKUK Lagoon near the AMUTTI Hills; and second, the MOIM villages - YUAT River area, 50 miles east of MARUI. In both these areas many huts and excellent gardens have been sighted, together with evidence of heavy canoe activity.

Although the enemy trend towards the SEPIK is well substantiated by these and other reports, no pattern of his general organisation and intentions can yet be formulated.

Casualties WEWAK-AITAPE area:-

3 Nov 44 - 22 Mar 45	Killed 2,262	PW 40
22 Apr 44 - 22 Mar 45	Killed 11,298	PW 193

HANSA BAY

Little ground activity has taken place. Natives from PIRA, 6 miles south of SCHILLING'S PTN, reported that a Japanese party kidnapped three young men, probably to question them on our activities.

Japanese are still in SCHILLING'S PTN and on one occasion directed small arms fire at a BEAUFORT on armed reconnaissance.

Casualties HANSA BAY area:-

3 Nov 44 - 22 Mar 45	Killed 80	PW 12
24 Apr 44 - 22 Mar 45	Killed 157	PW 12

(FAC Weekly Intelligence Summary 148)

(b) SEA - OWN

An Australian naval vessel shelled targets at JAMMER BAY ADLER BAY and SUM SUM on 9/10 Mar, and COOPERS CLEARING on 17 Mar. The North Coast bombardment took place during inclement weather and further proposed actions were cancelled.

(c) AIR - OWN (SWPA)

In BOUGAINVILLE, principal aerial activity has been centred around MUGUAI, where 110 huts were reported destroyed and 15 damaged during the week. Several hits on MT were also made and a petrol truck was burnt.

Two AIB reports give evidence of the effectiveness of air strikes in SOUTHERN BOUGAINVILLE. They state that 100 Japanese were killed in a recent raid on the MIBO River ford and that large arms and ammunition dumps have been destroyed at KOOMBARONA, 11 miles NW of MUGUAI.

In NEW IRELAND, BOMPOE was hit by mediums on two occasions and NAMATANAI was also attacked by Mitchells.

In NEW BRITAIN several strikes were cancelled due to bad weather over the GAZELLE PENINSULA, but some successful attacks were made by aircraft from GREEN ISLAND and MADZAB. VUNAKINAU received 48,000 lbs and PRAED Pt 24,000 lbs of bombs. TOBERA was hit by Mitchells, and Liberators bombed Japanese supply dumps in the REMBARA range with good effect. Beaumonts supported our forces in an attack on Japanese positions at WAITAVALO Ptn.

In NEW GUINEA Beauforts continued their bombing and strafing attacks on Japanese positions and occupied villages. Liberators dropped 96,000 lbs of explosives on personnel and supply areas in the WEWAK area and attack bombers harassed the coastal L of C.

Armed reces were carried out in the SEPIK River area and several Japanese villages were bombed and strafed.

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1. OOB - ENEMY, LAND

The estimate of strength of Jap forces in NEW BRITAIN remains in the vicinity of 32,000.

From captured documents it appears that "229 Provisional Indep Inf Bn" is part of 3 Mixed Regt, the organization of which was not previously known. It appears that 3 Mixed Regt is commanded by Lt Col ENDO Kenjii and contains or contained three battalions, a Regimental Gun Coy, Repeating Gun Coy, Mortar Coy, Sig Coy and Med Unit.

Each battalion contains 3 or 4 Coys and an MG Coy, the latter being composed of four platoons.

One battalion of 3 Mixed Regt appears to be named "229 Provisional Indep Inf Bn", probably because its personnel were drawn from 229 Inf Regt, evidence of which has been given by captured diaries. This battalion is commanded by Maj HARUSE, and 2 and 4 and possibly 1, Coys have been identified in the WAKUP: MARUPA area together with a Bn HQ.

2 Coy was known as the "SU Garrison Unit" under comd 1/Lt KODAMA Seizo, and contained three platoons, an MG Pl and a wireless squad. The strength of 2 Coy on 1 Sep 44 was 158 all ranks.

4 Coy under 1/Lt FUKUDA (or KAMIMIZUKA) Hideo, contained three platoons and an MG Pl, and on 3 Oct 44 the strength of the Coy was 112. Effective strength on 23 Jan 45 was 128. However on 22 Mar 45 the strength of 2 Pl had been reduced from 25 to 13, and 3 Pl from 25 to 15. It appears that before 27 Jan 45 1 Pl of this Coy had been detached for duty elsewhere, possibly at JALMER BAY, as no mention of this Pl was made in captured Coy Organisation Charts dated 27 Jan 45 and 28 Mar 45.

Commanders -

3 Mixed Regt - CO Lt Col ENDO Kenjii
229 Provisional Indep Inf Bn (SU Force) CO ; Maj HARUSE

2 Coy (SU Garrison Unit) CO ; 1/Lt KODAMA Seizo
HQ Squad CO SGT SOMETANI Goukichihiro
1 Pl CO 2/Lt ABE Kazuo
2 Pl CO 2/Lt KOTERA Seijiro
3 Pl CO 2/Lt TAKAHASHI Katsura
MG Pl CO Capt OHTA ENDO Koji (deceased)
2 1/c SGT TOHIDA

4 Coy	OC	1/Lt JINGUJI/KIMIMYADERA Hideo
Bn Squad	OC	WO TAKEMOTO Shizu
1 Pl	OC	1/Lt KASHI/KAKO Tadao
2 Pl	OC	2/Lt HASEGAWA Ryukichi
3 Pl	OC	2/Lt TSUKUTA Akira
Mt Pl	OC	2/Lt ODA Masaeaki
Actg OC 27 Jan 45 - WO TAKEMOTO		

NOTES:

- (1) 1 Pl possibly detached from 4 Coy and stationed at JAMMER Bay.
- (2) 4 mortar Pl was added to the SU Force prior to 18 Feb 45 under comd 2/Lt OIWA.
- (3) Bn officers' Appointments unknown:
 - ? Capt MIZUTANI (possible Coy comd)
 - 1/Lt KEMISAKA (probable Coy comd)
 - 1/Lt IZUMIMOTO
 - ? 1/Lt HIRAFUTO
 - ? 1/Lt TACHIDA
 - ? 1/Lt YAMAMOTO
 - 2/Lt NAKAMURA
 - OKAMOTO (Probable Pl comd)
 - SASAKI (possible coy comd)
 - ? 2/Lt HASHIMOTO
 - ? 1/Lt TSUCHIYA
 - ? 1/Lt MATSUBASHI

5. TACTICS

ANTI-SHARK TACTICS

A PW captured in the MALAYANAS stated: "All personnel in convoy MANILA to HILMAHENA, May-Jun 44, were issued a special red loin-cloth (fundoshi) 7-8 metres long, compared to ordinary loin-cloth of 2 metres. When leaving MANILA, CO had warned men to be prepared to jump overboard at any time. Japanese claimed that a shark would not attack anything as big as itself, therefore, this loincloth was allowed to trail behind the swimmer to frighten sharks. Cloth was simply wrapped around the body during the voyage."

(FAM Weekly Intelligence Summary 148)

SUICIDE IN JAPANESE ARMY

Japanese Suicide Attack Methods are summarised in an article included as Appendix C to this Summary.

7. CHEMICAL WARFARE - IJCE

Preliminary reports from two different sectors indicate a possible use of gas by the enemy: in one case believed to be a toxin, the other non-toxic.

The first incident, alleged to have occurred in the vicinity of MOSARIO, was investigated by a US chemical officer who rendered the following report: - "Flammable grenades were used in an unknown number on one of our platoons. Yellowish liquid turned the ground yellow; also a brown paper towel discoloured to a yellowish colour. Used during rainstorm at night. Cause d troops to cough and their eyes to smart. Approximately 15 men were affected in the platoon."

It is believed that the grenades contained H_2SiCl_4 (silicon tetrachloride) which is a non-toxic acid smoke.

The second report of gas being used was from the MANILA area. A platoon leader gave the following report: "Our troops were in the upper storey of a house - the first grenade hit the window on the second floor, burst with a small pop, hissed and gave off a bit of white smoke. Another hit the walled-in enclosure around the building and exploded in the same way. Troops in the house immediately felt a stinging sensation in the eyes and left the house. They later became violently sick and were still feeling the effect 18 hours later. No odour was detected. From angle of impact it was determined that the grenade was launched, and not thrown by hand."

No technical chemical analysis has been made of this grenade.

(FAA Weekly Intelligence Summary 148)

8. GENERAL

JAPANESE CARRIER CAPABILITIES

Recent photographs of Japanese shipyards have permitted assessment of the Japanese carrier position.

An article on Japanese Carrier Capabilities is included as Appendix "B" to this Review. Since preparation of this article, preliminary reports have been received of the results of the American carrier-based aircraft strike against the enemy fleet in Japanese home waters on 18 and 19 Mar. These reports indicate that among naval vessels damaged were two or three large carriers, two light or escort carriers, and two escort carriers. The names of the damaged vessels are not yet known.

(FAA Weekly Intelligence Summary 148)

JAP GUN POSITION - WHITEVALEO.

Appendix "A" gives details of a Jap gun position found on the WHITEVALEO feature.

JAPANESE ARTILLERY IN BURMA

Attached as Appendix "B" is an article on the Japanese use of artillery in BURMA.

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SECURITY

JAPANESE WEARING AUSTRALIAN CLOTHING

The possibility of the Japanese wearing Australian clothing has been reported from the K.M.S. Bay area.

On 10 Mar 45 an IGIB patrol sighted a party of six unidentified persons, but did not open fire as the party were attired in Australian clothing. The outfit was stated to be jungle greens, gaiters, boots, berets - all Australian type - although no information is available as to arms carried.

A check revealed that no Australian patrol was in that area at the time the party was sighted.

It has been suggested that the Japanese may have obtained this clothing when supplies were dropped by aircraft in the area of the Kuku River mouth in May 44. At that time assistance was being given to a party of British Indians behind the Japanese lines.

The practice of the enemy masquerading as Allied troops is not a new ruse. ALMO Force Report No 56 points out that during an action on BLAK Island, a Japanese dressed in American uniform and not noticed by ground troops, climbed on to the leading tank, opened the driver's hatch, and dropped a hand grenade in on the driver. Further, one evening during the late twilight hours, eight or ten Japanese casually walked through a company bivouac, conversing in English and even employing American slang. They stopped by the tanks and, although one mentioned "under there", suspicion was not aroused as the others were talking about horse racing at Santa Anita. They then continued through the bivouac and out the far side. Later they returned. This time they were not successful in entering but were driven off. In their haste they left behind several shell cases filled with explosive charges with detonators attached. Undoubtedly their plan was to blow up the tanks.

In areas such as NEW GUINEA, where the Japanese supplies are limited, a likely increase in this infiltration by disguised Japanese in search of food, ammunition, etc, should be guarded against.

(FAL Weekly Intelligence Summary 148)

On 26 Mar 2 unarmed Japs wearing Australian jungle greens were fired on by our troops at MANUPA. The Japs fled north. The wearing of Australian uniforms by the enemy may be a form of ruse to confuse our troops or may indicate a shortage of their own supplies of clothing.

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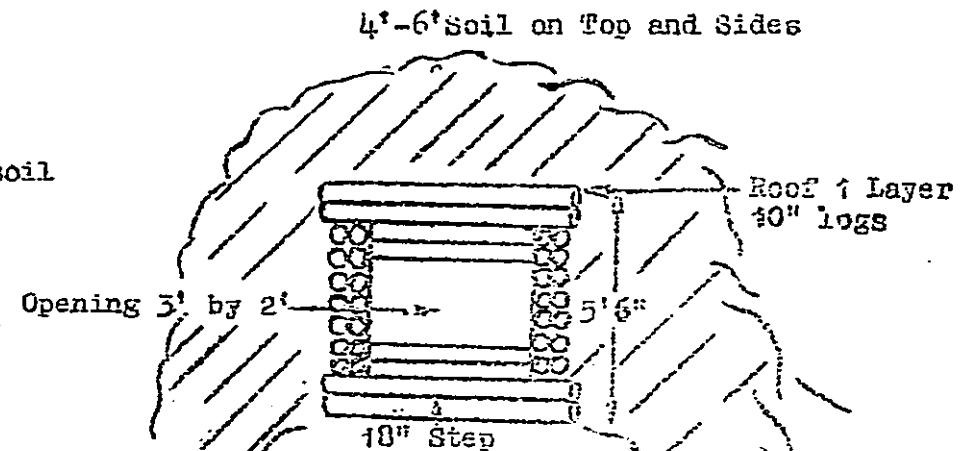
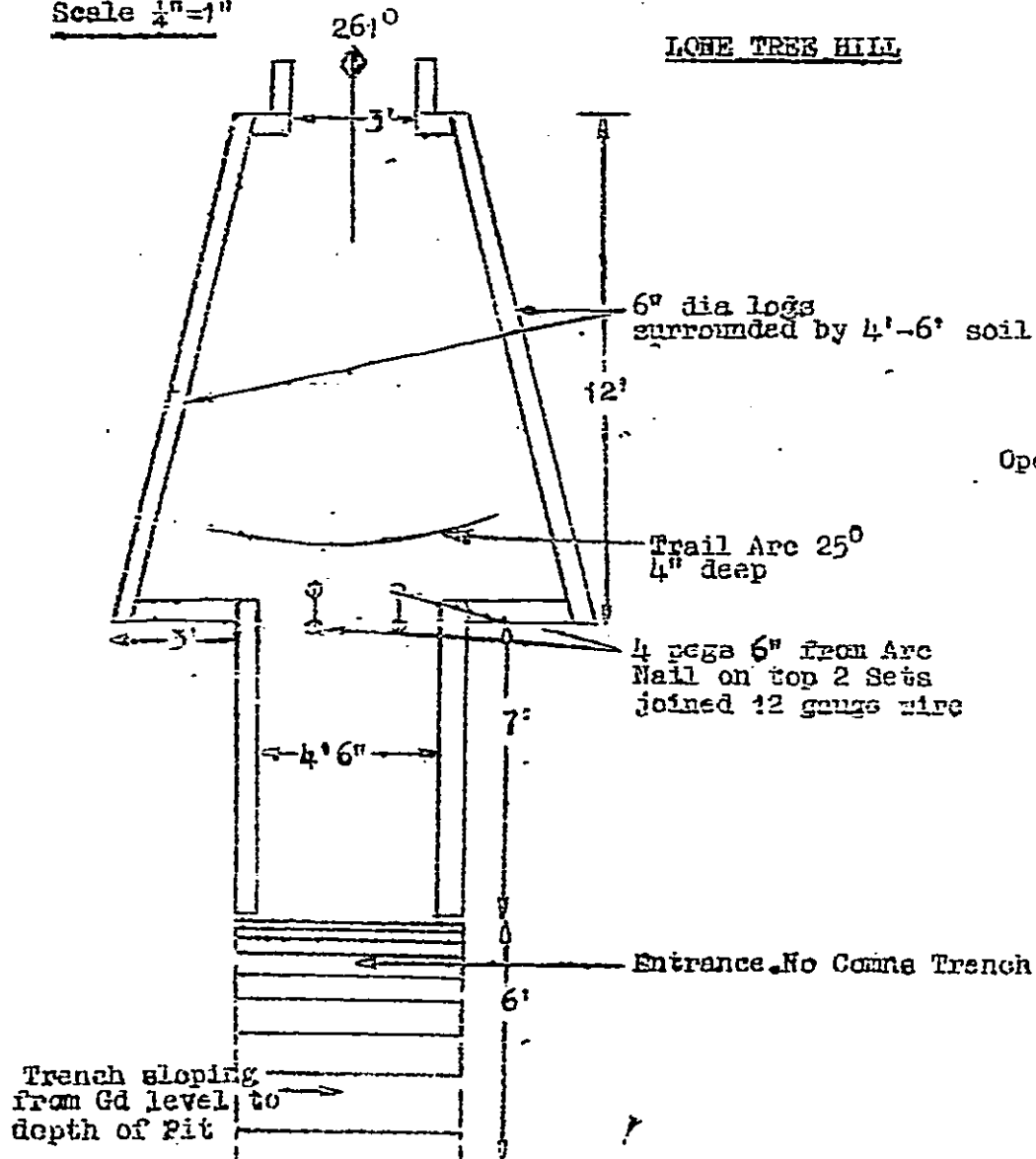
PLAN AND ELEVATION (Jap gun post)

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LOVE TREE HILL



FRONT ELEVATION

All logs bound together with 12 gauge wire

Prepared by 2/14 Rd Regt.

JAPANESE ARTILLERY IN BURMA

Observers' recent reports on operations of Japanese field artillery in the BURMA Campaign permit comparison with artillery tactics and gunnery encountered in operations in the Central Pacific Islands.

Apparently there is no substantial difference in the methods used by the Japanese in these two theatres. In both, massing of fires was conspicuously absent; night firing was rarely used; guns were located singly or in pairs, well dug in; camouflage was uniformly excellent and no use of time shell or smoke was reported.

Specific items regarding artillery employment during the BURMA campaign are covered below.

TRANSPORTATION

Both light and medium artillery was used. While difficult terrain hindered the displacement of the 10 cm gun and 15 cm howitzer, it seldom prevented the movement of light artillery over the most difficult type of terrain. Such light artillery was variously transported by man pack, mule, horse, elephant, boat, truck and tractor. Lack of necessary equipment made movement over roads generally slow; however, in difficult terrain, there were instances of incredible speed under adverse conditions. In solving the transportation problem the Japanese were at all times resourceful and used any type of transportation available.

AMMUNITION

HE, with type 88 delay and impact fuzes, was used generally. There was no indication of the use of time shell, although some shrapnel was used. The number of defective rounds was high, and in some concentrations, 40 per cent were duds. This occurred with all calibres except the 70 mm infantry gun.

GUN POSITIONS

Light artillery positions, characteristically, were "well forward" and located to afford maximum protection and accomplishment of a single mission, such as firing on a road junction or a defended position. Batteries of three or four guns, when used, were sited one gun behind the other, about 100 or 200 yards apart, down the line of fire. Extremely staggered positions in depth were used rather than the more conventional type of artillery battery position. Guns were more frequently located singly or in pairs, and roving guns in support of forward infantry units were used extensively. Even the latter were dug in and well camouflaged. The 75 mm mountain guns were usually located just over the crests of hills, in the sides of steep slopes or in the "saddles" between hills. They were usually sited to cover one particular area.

One of the few "battery" positions encountered consisted of the four 75 mm guns located in the corners of a "square". One section of two guns fired at one target, while the other section fired at another. Medium gun positions were usually widely separated, and consisted of single gun or section (two guns) positions in depth; two guns were placed close together with one gun 500 to 1000 yds in rear and the other at an equal distance to the front. Alternate positions were used extensively.

GUNNERY

Contrary to operations in the Central Pacific, there was no indication of survey data being used. In spite of this, on one occasion the Japanese placed fire, without registration, on a mountain 9,000 feet high from a position less than 4,000 feet high and at a range of over 13,000 yards. The initial rounds were in the centre of a gun position. There are no other examples of such accuracy in observed fire and the example cited may have been merely good luck.

Medium guns were used at near maximum range to avoid counter battery fire. As a result, they could bring fire in support of their own infantry only, and normally could not molest rear areas. The Japanese disliked firing at night, and did so only in support of infantry attack; even then they rarely fired for more than one hour. Concerning concentrations of fire, the best they used were six medium guns. In large scale attacks, a steady slow rate of fire with rarely more than 10 guns was used. To avoid discovery by sound and flash units, deceptive measures such as firing several different calibre guns from widely separated localities, firing artillery from two locations during registrations, and employing light cover fire for medium weapons was used. Artillery employment indicated there was less artillery than was actually the case. The reasons for this are as follows:-

- (a) Mass fires of more than one battery were never used.
- (b) Single concentrations seldom contained more than 10 rounds.
- (c) Concentrations, apparently unobserved, were fired frequently by only one gun.

The Japanese in several instances expended considerable ammunition in counter-battery fire. This firing was almost entirely ineffective. Although the Japanese had withdrawn over this same ground and were familiar with the likely battery positions, apparently no survey was made and firing was done entirely by use of data obtained from inaccurate maps. Forward observers were used boldly and in most instances conduct of fire was done from OPs located near the guns. In some cases, 20 to 30 minutes were necessary to obtain an adjustment.

Counter-battery measures used by the Japanese consisted of squads trained to infiltrate into battery positions and, by surprise, attempt to kill personnel and destroy weapons.

In operations in this theatre, the Japanese, time and again, missed magnificent opportunities for inflicting heavy casualties by failing to mass fires on targets of opportunity.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Japanese used what they had - runners, voice, hand signals, wire and radio. The use of runners from the OP to the guns resulted in extremely slow fire adjustments. (The same situation developed at SAIPAN when our naval gun fire and artillery destroyed Japanese wire communication.)

CAMOUFLAGE

As usual, excellent cover in the form of wires covered with fresh foliage was used. All equipment and positions were carefully covered by some type of camouflage. Because of fear of counter-battery fire positions were moved frequently, and firing ceased when our aircraft were in the air. Local protection was good. Strong bunkers and slit trenches were present in all positions. In one instance when an Allied Infantry Platoon attacked a position containing two 75mm guns and one 15 cm howitzer, the local defence was sufficient to frustrate the attacking infantry.

The accuracy and effect of Japanese artillery fire were good, and the effect of individual rounds was comparable to that of Allied artillery. Although Japanese artillery was not as well trained and did not use the modern tactics of Allied armies, these employed were effective in the terrain of GUAM. Their effectiveness undoubtedly would have been improved but for a serious shortage of ammunition - due, in this case, to the extremely difficult task of maintaining long supply lines over practically impassable terrain.

SUICIDE IN THE JAPANESE ARMY

We have long been familiar with the Japanese tendency to place great reliance on suicide tactics. Captured documents and diaries still use such expressions as "suicidal counter-attack" "commit seppuku" "suicide defence" "the wounded will destroy themselves" "suicide penetration units" and the like.

This contradiction of all human instincts, the taking of one's own life, has been cultivated and utilized by Japanese commanders, and has indeed been lifted to the category of a national virtue.

Many weapons recently developed by the enemy deliberately attempt to exploit the willingness of the individual Japanese to commit suicide. First and most important, in the Japanese air services, there is the suicide crash diver, whose exploits are well known. The Japanese at the controls of an aeroplane who is willing and anxious to die for his country has indeed proved to be a serious menace. On the sea, the Japanese has developed a small craft to attack our shipping. Though disguised under a variety of names, the boat is a thinly-veiled suicide attack vehicle; a successful attack means dropping depth charges at such close range as almost certainly to blow up the operator and his boat. But it is on land that we are confronted with the greatest array of plain and fancy suicide weapons and suicide tactics. The favoured new tank-attack weapon developed by the Japanese is a lunge mine whose successful employment demands an approach within two or three feet of the target; successful detonation of the mine results in the complete disintegration of the lungers.

There have been numerous reported instances of Japanese with explosives wrapped around their bodies hurling themselves into the path of tanks and even swimming out to attack vessels. The shoulder-pack mine was devised merely as a more convenient method for the Japanese soldier to carry a heavier weight of explosive by which he might blow himself and the chosen target to Kingdom Come. Explosives have been fastened to the end of short bamboo sticks; the Japanese soldier wielding this weapon is supposed to lie doggo in a foxhole until the American tank passes over him, and then insert it into the treads.

Suicide patrols, suicide penetration parties and the like, with the legend of the human torpedo always held before them as the perfect example, accept death as the normal and expected results of their efforts. For example, a PW tells us that the "fishing" battalions, who are in reality infiltrators par excellence, hold out as a reward for the successful completion of the first "kirikomi" (penetration) mission, a posthumous promotion to second lieutenant.

These tactics are the tactics of desperation. Realizing that fire power and armour plate are after all superior to so-called "spiritual power", and knowing, moreover, that it is too late in the game to develop the weapons sufficient in quantity and quality to cope with ours, the enemy has deliberately based some of his new weapons and tactics, and possibly his principal hope of staving off defeat, upon the strong willingness of the individual Japanese to die for his strange ideology.

In trying to turn the suicide propensity into useful channels, enemy commanders have had to reverse some deep-seated and long accepted dogmas. For example, it has always been axiomatic for the Japanese to save one hand grenade with which to commit suicide when hope of survival vanished; hara-kiri under such circumstances was expected of him. But we have recently found some captured orders cautioning Japanese soldiers to restrain their suicidal impulses, presumably so that their commanders

might equip the would-be suiciders with a lunge-nine or package of explosives, and proscribe a useful time, place, and manner for the act of suicide.

It has likewise been axiomatic for the Japanese to believe that nothing could resist the banzai charge - the bayonet assault preceded by waving of sabres, blowing of bugles, and hysterical screaming. Bitter experience has taught some Japanese the contrary, and now we find YAMASHITA'S 11th Area Army telling its entire command in carefully guarded but unmistakable language, that banzai attacks are to be avoided in favour of other suicide tactics as proscribed and laid down, and which are already familiar to us. "Combat Regulations of 11th Area Army" dated 15 Oct 44 includes the following instruction:-

"Defensive combat must be active and offensive in nature. However, because such actions as massed counterattacks, unprepared and hasty, are apt to end in sudden defeat and so hinder the execution of subsequent combat, they must be avoided."

"The Japanese troops", said Radio Tokyo while commenting upon the invasion of Iwo Jima, "have adopted a six-point policy, namely (1) defend the island to the last man, (2) use explosives in destroying the enemy, (3) annihilate the invaders by storming assaults, (4) make every shot count, (5) kill ten Americans for each Japanese lost, and (6) use guerrilla tactics in attacking the foe".

Except that the enemy commanders on Iwo Jima have adopted a more ambitious casualty ratio - Japanese generals on Luzon have indicated they will be quite satisfied with 3 dead Americans for each dead Japanese - Radio Tokyo's pronouncement might well serve as a summary of present enemy capabilities on Luzon.

For the Luzon campaign has now entered the phase where, aside from the last-ditch defence of chosen mountainous sectors, the only significant capability remaining to the enemy is that of employing the various weapons and tactics belonging to the suicide category. In particular we must expect infiltration tactics to be raised to fever pitch as the enemy becomes progressively weaker and more desperate. Some of those attacks will be ridiculous and ill-conceived; but others will be carefully planned and executed, and will require our utmost vigilance to detect and defeat.

(FAA Weekly Intelligence Summary No 148)

JAPANESE CARRIER CAPABILITIES

Note: CV Heavy Carrier
CVE Escort Carrier
CVL Light Carrier

In the light of photographic coverage, reports of the Japanese carrier-building programme have been re-examined to assess the potential threat of CVs and CVEs in future operations.

It is well established that Japan rushed repairs on large carriers, which were damaged during the 1944 engagements; that two CVs are under construction; and that in Empire shipyards tanker hulls are being converted to escort carriers. To what extent and with what success the enemy might reasonably be expected to use these ships is a matter which deserves consideration.

Since 19 Jun 44, Japan has lost six first line carriers: three CVLs and three or more CVEs. The SHOKAKU, TAIHO and HITAKA were sunk by US submarines and carrier-based aircraft on 19-20 June, during the First Battle of the Philippine Sea. The CV ZUIKAKU and the CVEs ZUIHO, CHITOSE and CHIYODA were victims of the Third US Fleet in the northern action of the Battle for Leyte Gulf on 26 Oct. The CV UNRYU was torpedoed and sunk by a US submarine on 19 Dec, north of Formosa, before that vessel ever engaged in action. One more unidentified carrier (probably of the UNRYU class) was sunk near the Empire on 29 Nov by another US submarine. During the period of all these sinkings, damage to our surface craft by carrier-based planes was negligible.

Japan's CVEs also have fared poorly. Far-ranging US submarines have accounted for at least two (possibly the UNYO and JINYO), leaving only two known escort carriers remaining operational. Of the five tankers recently converted into CVEs or nearing completion as such, one already has been crippled and probably was sunk by Fifth US Fleet aircraft in the Tokyo strike of mid-Feb.

Photographs have now been received of all the likely carrier building yards, except Osaka. A review of this photographic information and of captured documents permits a fairly accurate estimate of the Japanese carrier position - subject to modification when good Osaka pictures become available.

Carriers

- 3 CV - Ready for operation if trained air groups are available (AMERI, KAISSAN, HITAKA).
- 1 CV - Building and possibly about ready to commence operating.
- 1 CV - Building, hull launched; no flight deck; building progress very slow.
- 1 CVL - Operational (ZUIHO).
- 1 CVL - Building (CHIYODA).
- 1 or 2) - Operational and probably engaged in convoy escort work (CHITOSE and UNRYU - one may be sunk).
- 3 CVE - Building at Kure; two near completion.
- 2 CVE - Building at Yokohama; one of these was just completed when hit by Fifth US Fleet carrier planes. If not destroyed, she will need extensive salvage operations.

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...the Japanese have

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(FAM Weekly Intelligence Review 148)

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PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

FROM 5 AUST DIV
TO FIRST AUST ARMY

29 2345 K

INFO 4 AUST INF BDE 6 AUST INF BDE 13 AUST INF BDE RAL(5) RAE(5)
SIGS 33 AUST FS SEC AASC 41 AUST LDG CRAFT COY 5 AUST DIV
RECEPTION CAMP 1 AUST COMD AL SEC (4) 22 AUST AL SQN SEC
CO B 594 EB & S REGT 5 AUST BASE SUB AREA AIB JACQUINOT BAY
DO ANGAU JACQUINOT BAY DET ANGAU 5 AUST DIV PORT DIRECTOR
JACQUINOT BAY SOML ALO DET 5 T.C R SQN

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GO20 SECRET (.) sitrep 389 to 292000K (.) WIDE BAY (.) 14/32 aust
inf bn (.) patrols 660533 to 628530 and 613521 to 628530 NMS (.)
19 aust-inf bn (.) patrols to 690516 and 695531 NMS (.) 16 aust-inf
bn (.) B coy 608520 (.) patrol to 525536 NMS (.) patrol contacted
1 jap-who committed suicide 627516 (.) 1 NGIB (.) bn HQ and B coy
655517 (.) patrol coastal track captured 1 PW weak condition 714508
(.) 2/14 aust fd regt (.) 64 bty 637501 (.) OPEN BAY (.) B coy
36 aust inf bn 254577 all infm

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R. H. Hughes Major
1st Lt - Col
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621124 SECRET 5 dated 300 to
290000 K 6 14/32. low C patrol 62 C
returned 291255 K 7 637533 funnel
and low covered heat west 1 afternoon
back and 1015 C 63 C returned 291205 K
1015 64 C returned 291505 K 1015
new 684533 inactivated island via
LEADING back to 695437 SE to
back in 101534 WEST to MCCNDEI
night and 101534 SE to 101534
and 101534 back at 1694232 C
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TO

5 HQT DIV

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ORIGINATOR'S No.

611124 SECRET 5 36km E Bay

now est and digging in 554577 G

16 km from S. mouth SAI report small

boats moving, which has no movement

just from S. STD for PCHATI river

300700 H 6 241630 A day without

MAVELU 201530 started movement

formation, side of river, unable to

identify E 1. Note E. below DI continued

formation in moon lake at 794500

no further details E. formation during

retreat. This H 6 E 16 km E MEXELO

river at 565530 now SAIH river at

566519 formation E. below H 8. formation

night 24/30 574530 H 11 formation

night 29/30 585530 H 15 E.

2/10 101530 E. formation, night TEL

26, H 6, call 10501 E. H. 6 5501

E. H. 6 57501 E. all improved.

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29 0930 K

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TO

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RA439 SECRET (.) sitrep 137 to 290700K (.) 2/14 fd regt (.)

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Unit.....HQ 5 AUS DIV (SIF)

Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs To 2359 hrs 30 Mar 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
JACQUINOT BAY	30 Mar		4 Aust Inf Bde - Nothing to report.	Appx 312 - 6 Bde GI 1125 (part 1)
			6 Aust Inf Bde - WIDE BAY - Hq 6 Aust Inf Bde established 634508. 14/32 Aust Inf Bn - patrol reports area 643561 640545 634537 clear of enemy. 19 Aust Inf Bn - patrol to 702520 LMS. 3 Coy 1 MCIB - pl patrol along coast track now at 730505 LMS. Regt HQ 2/14 Aust Fd Regt at 635500. Patrol reports 64 65mm mortar attached as Appx 312	Appx 313 - 6 Bde GI 1125 (part 2) Appx 314 - Infm Summary 45 Appx 315 - 5 Div GO 40 (sigrep 390) Appx 316 - 6 Bde GI 1128 (part 1) Appx 317 - 6 Bde GI 1128 (part 2)
			OPEN BAY - E Coy 56 Aust Inf Bn contacted 7 Japs. 6355H at POTIITI RIVER killing 3 wounding 4 own casualties NIL.	Appx 318 - RAA RA 417
			13 Aust Inf Bde - Nothing to report.	
			General - Gp Capt REILAND CO 73 Wing RAAF called on GOC. Capt S J DAVISTOCK has been appointed C-OFIT(CN) this Hq from Adjut and QM Lt Gas School.	
				R. ThompsonCapt C2(I)

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5 AUST DIV INFM SUMMARY 43

(Compiled from infm received from 251200K to 291200K)

HQ 5 Aust Div (AIF)
30 Mar 45

NEW BRITAIN

1. OWN OPS

See 5 Aust Div sitreps.

2. ENEMY

(a) WIDE BAY

- (i) On 25 Mar a Jap village apparently recently abandoned was discovered at 681526. Three 90 mm mortars and two improvised mortars were found in the WAITAVALO area on 25 Mar, of which three had been put out of action by earlier arty fire.

- (ii) The R flown 26 Mar observed the following:

938576 - 8 huts, apparently deserted, in a native coconut grove. On the feature NW of the huts are approx 6 clearings 50 x 50 yds, apparently freshly cleared but no cultivation was observed.

845508 and 328509 - Beaches considered suitable for barge unloading points. Numerous footprints in the sand were observed, and indications of activity were seen on the fringe of the jungle on the eastern beach.

JAMMER BAY - Many footprints observed on NORTH end of bay.

813504 - Mouth of river is approx 20 ft wide and is considered passable for barges at high tide.

804503 - An unserviceable Type "A" barge was observed well aground on the beach.

NO other areas between CAPE BORGAN and MARUPA appear appear to be suitable for ldg points.

899536 - On the reef is an oval life raft approx 10 x 15 ft with what appeared to be 44 gal drum tied in the centre of the raft.

- (iii) On 26 Mar a Jap village was discovered at 669535.

- (iv) On 27 Mar signs were found of 12 Japs having moved EAST from the river at 663631 and across the track to the high ground.

- (v) AIB reports that on 26 Mar two unarmed Japs were observed moving towards GODKA. These were thought to be refugees from the WAITAVALO campaign. NO other signs of mov were seen on the rd GODKA - BALAYANG.

(b) OPEN BAY

- (i) On 27 Mar two old Jap huts were found at 299548. A skeleton was discovered in one of them. Signs were found of a party having moved NORTH from the huts recently.
- (ii) The R flown 24 Mar observed two cylindrical objects on the beach at 285625 each approx 3 ft in diameter and 4 ft long. The objects were lt red in colour, hollow in the centre and appeared to be constructed of sticks.

3. TOPOGRAPHY

(a) WIDE BAY

A patrol reported that the track junc shown at 652533 could NOT be found but a well defined track runs NW. The track was followed to 616538 where it crossed the river. The river at this point was found to be unfordable.

(b) OPEN BAY

The R flown on 24 Mar supplied the following topographical info:

- (i) 306642 - A possible track leads from this pt NORTH up the ridge and another ESE parallel to and approx 100 yds from the river.
- (ii) 308635 to 313633 - A track could be seen intermittently through the jungle running along NORTH side of the spur and approx 100 yds from the crest. Where observed, the track appeared to be recently used. At 311633 the track branches SOUTH and runs up the slope to the crest of the hill.

OTHER AUST OPS

4. BOUGAINVILLE

(a) KIA RAE area

Reports indicate that the enemy are reinforcing their tps in this area.

NGIB engaged enemy in dug in posns approx 4 miles SOUTH of KIA RAE, they forced the enemy to withdraw and killed 3.

(b) SISIVIE area

Patrol from 31/51 Aust Inf Bn killed 5 of the enemy approx 2 miles SSE of SISIVIE.

(c) SORAKEN PLANTATION area

Enemy attack on pl posn SOUTH of plantation was repulsed, cas unknown.

After arty sp Jap posns in plantation area were attacked, 12 of the enemy were killed and 1 wounded.

Enemy ineffectively shelled our posns.

Other cas this area, enemy 2 killed 2 probably killed.

5. AITAPE

(a) BALIF area

Enemy posns approx 11 miles ENE of BALIF have been captured and counter attacks by the enemy were repulsed. An attack by 40 Japs on our posns 6 miles SE of BALIF was repulsed. Active patrolling continues throughout this area. Cas this area enemy 22 killed 9 wounded.

(b) BUT - DAGUA area

Our tps are pushing inland and have captured enemy posns to the SOUTH of BUT and DAGUA. Counter attacks on our posns were repulsed. Hostile shelling of our posns wounded 2. Cas this area enemy 46 killed 3 PW taken, own 4 killed 12 wounded.

AIR OPS

6. BOUGAINVILLE

26 Mar. 8 CORSAIRS bombed truck loading ramp and suspected store dump NAKURU. 13 CORSAIRS bombed hut concs NAKARU destroyed 8 damaged 4. 5 CORSAIRS burnt 3 heavy duty trucks loaded with stores NAKARU. 9 CORSAIRS destroyed 5 huts damaged 2 MUGUAI.

7. NEW IRELAND

25 Mar. 24 MITCHELLS bombed A/A posns KAVIENG starting large fires. 5 MITCHELLS bombed gardens AMBA.

26 Mar. 8 MITCHELLS 5 VENTURAS dropped 13 tons bombs on BORPOP personnel area.

8. NEW BRITAIN

25 Mar. 4 BEAUFORTS bombed Jap occupied area MATALAI area.

26 Mar. RABUL patrol destroyed loaded truck and whale boat.

29 Mar. 4 BEAUFORTS bombed hutment area LELANGI, number huts destroyed.

9. BOMBLINE NEW BRITAIN

NO attack SOUTH or WEST of line UMAMIKA RIVER 760495 to 768595 WEST to river junc 594582 WULWUT thence WEST to MT GIVU 377615 thence to coast NORTH edge COOPERS CLEARING 287627: line extends seawards EAST from 760495 and WEST from 287627. NO attack on watercraft SOUTH of ADLER BAY.

ITEMS OF OVERSEAS NEWS

(From infm received for period 13-22 Mar)

10. NAVAL

(a) EUROPE

- (1) German midget subs and E boats active in NORTH SEA but ineffective. 15 subs were sunk by surface craft, shore btys and aircraft.

(iii) Combined Brit and US discharges through liberated channel ports for week ending 11 Mar totalled approx -
109,000 men, 12,652 vehs, 374,400 tons of stores,
28,200 tons bulk coal, 101,300 tons bulk POL and
77,600 tons amm.

(b) PACIFIC

The attack by a US task force of the Fifth Fleet against the Japanese navy may have robbed the enemy of any chance of further offensive action. It has further reduced the enemy's capability to provide escorts for the merchant shipping still using the already perilous sea-lanes between JAPAN and her southern conquests.

Preliminary results are reported to be:-

Sunk - 6 Freighters
Sunk or damaged - 1-2 battleships, 2-3 large cruisers
2 lt or escort carriers, 2 escort
carriers, 1 hy cruiser, 1 lt cruiser,
4 destroyers, 1 submarine, 1 destroyer
escort and 7 freighters.

11. MILITARY

(a) WESTERN FRONT

- (i) Estimated 129,000 enemy captured RHINELAND battle
8 Feb - 14 Mar.
- (ii) Total enemy divs in WEST now total 65 with the departure
of one SS Gren div from WEHR.

(b) EASTERN FRONT

- (i) German pocket DANZIG estimated 15 to 20 divs.
- (ii) German forces isolated in LATVIA, EAST PRUSSIA and
DANZIG about 65 to 70 divs.

(c) FRENCH INDO CHINA

Although French resistance continues NORTH INDO CHINA,
Japanese now virtually in complete control. Japanese forces
estimated 45,000 comprising two divs and one indep mixed
bde plus possible elements of another div.

12. AIR OPERATIONS

(a) WESTERN EUROPE

- (i) For the week ending 16 Mar air attacks were continued
on oil installations and Ls of C in GERMANY.
- (ii) Total sorties -

Bomber comd	- 5566 missing 39
Fighter comd	- 1806 missing 1
Coastal comd	- 1468 missing 4
USAAF bomber	- 6660) outstanding 2/9 Mar:
fighter	- 3797) 9 bombers 1 fighter.
SHAEF (Air)	- 21544, 43 outstanding.

- (iii) Enemy fighters again active over battle area; 225/250 sorties on 13 Mar and a further 300 on 15 Mar. Average 50 night fighters operating nightly. Enemy reaction to Allied attacks negligible, except when Bomber Comd attacked LUTZ KENDORF oil plant.
- (iv) Slight decrease in overall scale of rocket attack on LONDON.

(b) MEDITERRANEAN

Over 16,000 sorties flown for loss of 59 aircraft. Rail centres in HUNGARY, AUSTRIA and ITALY again successfully attacked.

(c) PACIFIC

The Japanese air inertia has continued in the face of large scale B-29 attacks on KOBE 17 Mar and NAGOYA 18 Mar, and the carrier-based raids 18/19 Mar.

50 interceptions failed to press home an attack over KOBE, while meagre and ineffective fighter opposn but more intense flak was encountered over NAGOYA. None of our bombers was lost. In the attacks on FORMOSA-RYUKUS, the enemy showed little interest in daylight raids but introduced some night fighter opposn on the night 6/7 Mar.

The most determined aerial def was over HAINAN ISLAND where on 6 Mar Allied bombers with fighter cover were intercepted by 20/25 fighters, of which 5 were shot down. This determination may be due to -

- (i) HAINAN'S use as an adv radar and visual detection posn for PHILIPPINE based aircraft.
- (ii) Its importance in the enemy's air combat def system.
- (iii) Its value as a protection to sea sup lanes.

W B Maguire May
(W B MAGUIRE) Lt-Col
GS 5 Aust Div

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UNITED STATES MESSAGE FORM

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TO: FIRSTAUSTARMY

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SIGS 33 FS SEC AASC 41 LDG CRAFT COY 5 AUST DIV RECEPTION CAMP
1 AUST COMD AL SEC (4) 22 AUST AL SQN SEC CO B 594 EB & S REGT
5 AUST BASE SUB AREA AIB JACQUINOT BAY DO ANGAU JACQUINOT BAY
DET ANGAU 5 AUST DIV PORT DIRECTOR JACQUINOT BAY
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NMS (.) 19 aust inf bn patrol to 702520 NMS (.) B coy NGIS pl patrol
along coast track now at 780505 NMS (.) regt HQ 2/14 aust fd regt est
635500 (.) OPEN BAY (.) B coy 36 aust inf bn contacted 7 japs
300935K at POTAITI RIVER killing 3 wounding 4 own cas NIL (.) coy
moved WEST acrossed river 297581 moved SOUTH along track no sign recent
use all infm

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H. Thompson Capt
for Lt-Col
(AOD)

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G7 1128 Serial # 0154302 Re 20200K 14/32
Sent in b6C Kallab b6C G30115K D con-
tact know b41545 @ the sea. Kallab report
see between b24537 and b4561 and SOUTH
of b41545 clear of enemy's features b41545 known
as BOURKES known as b6C b7c b6C NMSO
to sent in b6C 20200K Report 52 found
at 7 days at AITAHU river and killed 3
men and 4 women and 1 child 20160K crossed
teams 2975-79 from south along track NMS
on 20th March see a full report
NAOT 11280 Release status changed back
vicinity TORU river night 28/29 April

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ORIGINATOR'S No. 61432 SOURCE 00186 ref TOL.

12 inch G DI 501 780505 C flattened
5 day old footprints coastal road C
Hank, cancelled at 764500 C a track
leading north from 712700 to
road to 745700 C 2/11/43 and for ref
ref H.R. 640500 C 16 km C D car
MEVELC now unavailable C patrol
H's further ahead C new track road
to rd cut from 578535 to 571543 C
H 11 C ref 00000 1 inch 1 inch
night 30/31 mar 520555 C H 12 N.H.S.
H 13 100 sets enemy footprints
known from 610530 H 19 in C H 116 C
marked 700520 C 1000 C H 117 cancelled
area covered by local security
patrol N.H.S. night shown C ref
which 300 P.W. now at H.A.H. 100 ft.
to track or intercept to new air direction
Transmit 100 to add information.

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For Action

G3259
302115K

TO

5 DIV

(w) For Information (INFO)

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Unit HQ 5 AUSTR DIV (AIF)

Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs To 2359 hrs 31 Mar 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
JACQUINOT BAY	31 Mar		4 Aust Inf Bde - Nothing to report.	Appx 319 - Weather
			6 Aust Inf Bde - WIDE BAY - 14/52 Aust Inf Bn - patrols to 658532 to 643557 and 629533 and WAITAVALO feature LMS. 16 Aust Inf B - patrols to 609521 to 574532 and 598531 LMS. 19 Aust Inf Bn - patrol EAST from 660510 to feature 700522 LMS enemy footprints made morning 31 Mar leading EAST along track. B Coy 1 NCIB - pl patrol NORTH along LEMINGI track 1400H contacted 30 Japs at 712562 moving SOUTH carrying 2 LMGs 1 grenade. Discharge good supply rations; casualties enemy 1 killed 2 probably killed own MIL. Patrols 65 and 67 attached as Appendices 320, 321 and 322. OPEN BAY - 3 Coy 36 Aust Inf Bn moved to 278530 LMS.	Forecast Appx 320 - 6 Bde GI 1130 (part 1) Appx 321 - 6 Bde GI 1130 (part 2) Appx 322 - 6 Bde GI 1134 Appx 323 - 5 Div AC 627 Appx 324b - 5 Div CO 53 Appx 325 - 5 Div AO 624 Appx 326 - 5 Div CO 56 (part 1) Appx 327 - 6 Bde GI 1133 Appx 328 - 6 Bde GI 1139 Appx 329 - 6 Bde GI 1143 (part 1) Appx 330 - 6 Bde GI 1143 (part 2)
			13 Aust Inf Bde - Nothing to report.	
			General - Brig. BARBER (BRA 3AA) arrived. Left with 1/CRA for 2/14 Aust Inf Bde Regt returning 2 Apr.	
			4 REAUFORTS led by Tac R bombed and strafed concentrations MAMILLI RIVER - bombing very accurate.	
			2 ALG15 which left JACQUINOT BAY 230000H for 6 Bde missed WIDE BAY and continued	

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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(adapted.)

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Unit.....HQ 5 MSA DIV (AIF)

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93276
31 May 5
1030

5 Detachment, 6 Mobile Meteor Flight.

Forecast: Jacquinet Bay, Wide Bay and Coast.

Period: 311000K to 011000K.

Distribution:

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|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| (1) Coy B 594 EB & S Regt. | (6) HQ 5 Aust Div. |
| (2) Port Director, Jacq Bay. | (7) 6 Aust Inf Bde. |
| (3) 5 Aust Base Sub Area. | (8) Sigs 2 Aust Div. |
| (4) RAA 5 Aust Div. | (9) AASC 5 Aust Div. |
| (5) RAE 5 Aust Div. | (10) AIB Jacq Bay. |
| | (11) 41 Aust Landing Craft Co. |

Weather:

Broken to overcast middle cloud. Scattered low cloud at first then broken to overcast. Heavy showers this afternoon. Scattered light rain tonight. Visibility good. Calm sea.

Sunrise 0557K

Twilight 0535K

Moonrise 2031K

set 1759K

set 0821K

310900K Dry Bulb 79.0°

Full Moon.

Humidity 91%

R. J. Mason
Sgt.
6 MMF.

Register No.

ORIGINATOR'S NO
 621130. Start of helicopter 65 @
 13 km N M 118 up to 100 ft. Shaking @
 210730 K @ 311200 K @ 684231 EAST to L'AMINGI
 track NORTH to 693535 @ similar @ clear
 area. 2 pigeons @ M 119
 1 P 100 ft. Shaking 210730 K @ 311200 K @
 380N13 EAST along track to ERNS KNOLL
 700530 @ similar @ 2500 ft. Start of line
 @ M 120 as for M 117 @ 14132 km @ 69 c @
 2 sec A @ 100 ft. Shaking @ 210730 K @ 311400 K @
 60 ft. and 100 ft. to 656532 WEST to 610535
 then to 632535 EAST to 660530 SOUTH to
 the sea area @ clear area of diving @
 divisions @ 70 c @ as for 65 E 1371 c as for
 71 c 1372 c as for 65 c

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6 amst and bde				
For Action				
TO	(w) For Information (INFO)		Message Instructions GR	
5 amst and bde				
(2nd final cipher part)				

ORIGINATOR'S No.

11-11-40 11011 0
 11-11-40 11011 0
 301600K 0 as for H10 0 H14 0 H16 0 H18 0
 310800K 0 031600K 0 as for H8 0 intentions 0
 known as night 31/1 571627 night 1/2 571543
 night 2/3 571527 0 to Bcoy 0 30 mar
 return present location 4 apr 0 H15 0
 12 Bcoy 0 310800K 0 311600K 0 as for H9 0
 1 N615 0 D2 0 3 off 2 2 mgr personnel 10
 native 0 ENGLISH carriers 0 rice 0 301200K 0
 address 10 apr 0 110111K 0 across ENGLISH
 track to WPTU point 0 possible alternative
 route 0 contact 0 110111K 0 110111K 0
 110111K 0 110111K 0 110111K 0 110111K 0
 meeting 110111K 0 110111K 0 110111K 0 110111K 0

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For Action			
TO 5 DIV			Message Instructions GR
(u) For Information (INFO.)			

ORIGINATOR'S No.

GZ 1134 secret C patrol report 67
N bn C H16 C out pl A Coy recd. C
010800 K C 021600 K C from 567518
to ford 552501 C similar C
investigate area 550495 C report
signs enemy occupation condition
of tracks C communications L/T C
move to C Coy area 567515 31 Mar
C all informed.

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FROM

Originator

Date—Time of Origin

Office Date Stamp

(4)

5 DIV

31 1830

Copy to: G

BB

WD

For Action

TO

FIRSTAUGTAMBY

(w) For Information (INFO)

Message Instructions GR

6 INF BDE

ORIGINATOR'S No.

AO527 SECRET (.) 4 BRAUPOETS 4 0900H led by tac F bombed and strafed
COMO MATAITAI RIVER (.) bombing very accurate

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REL3 to 6 Inf Bde

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PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

FROM: 5 AUST DIV

31 1940 K

TO: FIRSTAUSTARMY

INFO: 4 AUST INF BDE 6 AUST INF BDE 13 AUST INF BDE RAA 5 AUST DIV
RAE 5 AUST DIV 41 AUST LDG CRAFT COY SIGS 2 AUST DIV (3)
AASC 5 AUST DIV 5 AUST DIV RECEPTION CAMP 5 AUST BASE SUB AREA(4)
PORT DIRECTOR JACQUINOT BAY (3) DO ANGAU JACQUINOT BAY
AIB JACQUINOT BAY 79 WING RAAF

COPIES TO: COMD G(4) AQ(3) CHAPLAINS MED(2) ORD AEME PRO
PAY POSTAL BB FILE WD

G053 SECRET (.) ref our location statement and OOB 49 (.) location
report 24 (.) serial 5 MEG 838952 HOSKINS (.) serial 8 JB 083804
PALMALMAL delete remarks insert under comd 5 aust div for ops only
(.) serial 64 delete (.) serial 118 under unit delete less det

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to fall into enemy hands this
message must be sent IN CIPHER

Originator's Instrs
Degree of Priority

D R L S

.....*B. H. Sagar Lt*.....

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Call	Srl. No.	Priority	Transmission Instructions	
ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY				
ROM (A)	Originator 6 DIV	Date-Time of Origin 30 1975 K	Office Date Stamp COPY 1 62	
TO	For Action 6 INF BDE			Message Instructions GR
(w) For Information (INFO)				

ORIGINATOR'S No.

A0624 SECRET (..) 310900K 4 BEAUFORTS will bomb and strafe jap conc
 NATALALI RIVER (..) 310800K a/c will call ANGLE and square on
 frequency 4885 for SAVANNAH their respective areas (..) please advise
 ha

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PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

FROM: 5 AUST DIV

01 0415 K

TO: FIRSTAUSTARMY

INFO: 4 AUST INF BDE 6 AUST INF BDE 13 AUST INF BDE RAA(3) RAE(5)
SIGS 33 AUST FS SEC AASC 41 AUST LDG CRAFT COY 5 AUST DIV
RECEPTION CAMP 1 AUST COMD AL SEC(4) 22 AUST AL SQN SEC
CO B 594 EB & S REGT 5 AUST BASE SUB AREA AIB JACQUINOT BAY
DO ANGAU JACQUINOT BAY DET ANGAU 5 AUST DIV PORT DIRECTOR
JACQUINOT BAY SOCL ALO DET 5 TAC R SQN

COPIES TO: COMD G AQ MED(7) ORD AEME(5) PRO
PAY POSTAL DADPR MIL HIST BB: FILE WD

G056 SECRET (.) sitrep 391 to 312000K (.) WIDE BAY (.) 14/32 aust inf
bn (.) patrols 658532 to 643557 and 629533 and WAITAVALO feature NMS
(.) 16 aust inf bn (.) patrols 609521 to 574532 and 598531 NMS (.) D
coy est 559520 (.) 19 aust inf bn (.) patrol EAST bank MOONDEI RIVER
and LEMINGI track to 688534 NMS (.) patrol EAST from 680510 to feature
700522 NMS enemy footprints made early morning 31 mar leading EAST
along track (.) B coy NGIB (.) pl patrol our sitrep 390 JAMMER BAY
unoccupied (.) large camp 799502 possibly def posn abandoned 30 mar
(.) pl patrol NORTH along LEMINGI track 291400K contacted 30 japs at
712562 moving SOUTH carrying 2 IMGs 1 grenade discharger good sup
rations (.) enemy withdrew (.) cas enemy 1 killed 2 probably killed
own nil (.) pl returned coy posn (.) OPEN BAY (.) B coy 36 aust inf bn
moved to 278530 NMS all infm

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Originators Instrs
Degree of Priority
IMMEDIATE to FIR AUST ARMY
DRLS to all other addressees

K. Thompson
.....Capb
for Lt-Col
AOD

Army Form 02135 (Small)
(Rev. of 100) (Adapted Sept. 1943)

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Date 9/27/43
Signature D/B/Mars
8948

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FROM (A) 6 AUST INF BDE		Originator	Date—Time of Origin 210815 K
TO 6 AUST DIV		For Action	
(w) For Information (INFO.)			

Message Instructions GR

ORIGINATOR'S No. GT 1133 SECRET O SITREP 303 6 210815 K @ 16 Dms
9.1 B. 10. 2 IAPS furnished. R can terminate 302400 AS 674531 O
No firing @ 200/100 @ 400/100, and 200 @ 400/100 110 change
@ all other times

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Priority

Transmission Instructions

93299

ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

FROM
(A)

Originator

Date—Time of Origin

Office Date Stamp

6 amsd in 1 line

311325K

31 Mar

For Action

11650

TO

5 amsd in 1 line

(w) For Information (INFO.)

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GI 1139 200000 311300K

113120 200000 310700K

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*[] Indecipherable g/f - check w/pt requested

Register No.

Transmission Instructions

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(A)

For Action

TO

(w) For Information (INFO.)

~~Message Instructions--GR--~~

ORIGINATOR'S No.

[illegible]

or

Signed

Time Cleared _____

MESSAGE FORM

Register No. _____

Call	Ser. No.	Priority	Transmission Instructions
ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY			
FROM (A)	Originator	Date—Time of Origin	Office Date Stamp
6 am 1st 1st			
For Action			
TO	5 am 1st 1st	62327 19/5/45 C/O 138K	
(w) For Information (INFO.)		Message Instructions	GR
1st am 1st 1st			

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