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Apropos of our conversation regarding the ability of water craft to get to places without navigational instruments I enclose copy of a letter to the BGS setting out the exploits of two of the eraft of 53 Port Craft Coy. I think this may interest you as they were mentioned as a unit which would give it a go.

Please do not take this in the wrong way as I think you should be informed in an unofficial manner.

Yours sincerely,

Lt-Gol A N Backhozse, AD of In (WT), HQ First Aust Army (AIF) Dear

The General asked me to inform you on the happenings which led up to the despatch of your signal 40598 of 202205K. He wanted to assure you that we would not be such fools as to send small craft beyond the bombline intentionally. It all makes a very interesting story and one that proves there are still a large number of fools in the world.

2 ALC 15's from 53 Port Craft Coy, which is helping us out, set off at 2960011 for WAITAVALO. It is impossible to understand how they came to miss WIDE BAY but they went sailing gaily on past SHI SUE and TALLIES PLANTATION and it is presumed got opposite PUT PUT where the Japs opened up on them with approximately 100 rounds from mortars and other fire. They then turned back and shortage of fuel caused one of them to beach at 926565. The other took on the crew and DRLS and eventually reached WIDE BAY approximately 311100K. This latter craft was practically out of fuel and in a sinking condition.

As barges shelter along the coast when they strike patches of rough weather we were not unduly concerned until receipt of your A0598. We immediately turned on the Tac R and got Beauforts also to have a look, locating the barge as previously mentioned. We rescued the one in WIDE RAY and sent two platoons in LCHS which carried mortars and machine guns in addition to their normal armament. This party arrived at the beached barge 311745K and were able to tow it off and back to WIDE BAY.

We were very concerned over the whole thing as the DRIS included amongst other important documents our Op Order showing full details of our relief and future intentions. Still all's well that ends well. It would have helped materially if the Corsairs which definitely recognised the barges on 29th had passed the information quickly to you and we had then been informed immediately. The General took the view that the matter obviously had not been referred to you or the suggestion that we "warn water craft against such a dangerous practice" would not have been made. All necessary warnings were issued and crows briefed but even this cannot cope with the "navigational skill of some coxswains." In this case the time factor alone was sufficient for the coxswain to know that he had gone a long way past his destination.

The visits of the C in C and Wakehursts were apparently highly successful and they certainly seemed to enjoy themselves.

The relief of 6 Bde will start the end of this week and should be completed on the south coast within ten days. The north coast should not be much more than three of four weeks later.

Kindest regards,

Yours

Brig E L Shr an, HQ First Aust Army (AIF)

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Our patrols have moved as Lar EAST as JAMMUR BAY without encountering serious Japanese resistance.

On 27 Mar a patrol moving up the MARUPA-LEMINGI track encountered 3 Japanese one mile from MARUPA, Signs were found in this area of 12 Japanese having recently moved from the WEST to the high ground. At this stage our forward bases were just WEST of MARUPA.

Patrols on 28 Mar moved EAST from MARUPA along the coastal track and contacted two parties of the enemy one mile MEST of the UMAMITKI River. These Japanese were armed with knives, rifles and grenades, were wearing new clothing in good condition and carried packs containing three days rations. One Japanese was killed and 3 wounded. Our patrol considered that the enemy were patrolling from a base 400 yards to the EAST of the point of contact.

Our troops in the WAITAVALO area discovered a further 6 Japanese bodies and an HMG near the head of HEWRY RAID DAY.

Patrolling was carried out to the NORTH and NW of MARUPA on 29 Mar and also around the WAITAVALO feature. During this patrol one Japanese was contacted on the SOUTH side of the feature. The Jap immediately committed suicide.

A patrol on the same day EAST from MARUPA captured a prisoner in a weak state half way between MARUPA and the UMAMITKI River. Later reports indicated that the prisoner was too weak to be factal and he was receiving medical treatment. A deserted village containing 8 huts was found one mile EAST of MARUPA. A prelimnary interrogation report of the PW is to be found under "COD", ENEMY".

On 30 Mar patrolling was carried out in the southern slopes of the mountain range NCRTH of MARUKBA and along the coastal track to a point one mile EASE of the UMAMITKI River. During all these patrols no enemy movement was seen.

Further patrolling through the slopes of the range NCRTH and NW of MARUMBA was carried out on 34 Mar and also to the EAST and WEST of the WULWUT River. Patrols were also carried out along the EAST bank of the river on which MARUPA is situated and along the MARUPA-LEWING! track to a point 1½ miles from the coast. However a further patrol up the MARUPA-LEWING! track encountered 30 Japanese at a point 4 miles from the coast. These Japanese were moving SOUTH and were carrying 2 IMGs, a grenade discharger and a good supply of rations. After contact the enemy withdrew having had one of their number killed and two more probably killed.

On 31 Mar movement was seen and heard on the track from WIDE BAY to GODKA. One capanese was seen at Talinio, others were heard nearby and footprints were found in the vicinity.

The patrol moving EAST reached JAMER Eny on 31 Mar and found that area unoccupied. A large deserted ourse was found to the WEST of JAMMER BAY and it appeared to have been abandoused the previous day.

It would appear that the enemy has abandoned the NORTH coast of WIDE BAY and has decided to withdraw to the NORTH, possibly to the known enemy position at EBER BAY.

OPEN BAY AREA:

Patrolling has been carried out in the OPEN BAY area during the period under review with only slight contacts with the enemy.

Two old Japanese huts were found by patrols on 27 Mar on the SAI River at a point 3 miles from the coast. A skeleton was discovered in one of these huts, and signs were found of a party having moved NORTH from the area.

Some newly reconstructed small huts were found at the mouth of thenSAI River on 29 Mar but no evidence was found of recent occupation.

Lights were observed on night 28,29 Mar in the vicinity of TORIU River, and on 31 Mar MG fire and explosions were heard from the vicinity of the FOTAITI River.

On 30 Mar a patrol by our troops in strength contacted 7 Japanese at the POTAITI River, killing 3 and wounding 4. The patrol then moved WEST, crossed the river at a point 25 miles inland, and returned SOUTH without seeing any signs of recent movement.

Casualties NEW BRITAIN:-

27 Nov 44 - 31 Mar 45 Killed 203 (WIDE BAY 135)

- 13 Dec 43 - 31 Mar 44 Killed 5,102 PN 350

2. BOUGAINVILLE

NORTHERN BOUGAINVILLE

Australian troops now control the whole of SORAKEN Plantation WEST of the NAGAM River although a few enemy straggless may remain to be cleared.

Except for one enemy pocket, little opposition was encountered by our troops moving northwards, the enemy being content to harass our forward positions under cover of darkness.

On 26 Mar, forward troops supported by artillery engaged a determined enemy in position 2½ miles NORTH of the CCMPTON River mouth. The position was occupied on 27 Mar, approx 8/10 Japanese withdrawing to the NORTH,

A patrol along the NORTH coast of the plantation on 27 Mar located abandoned concrete buildings and pillbaxes. A quantity of equipment, oil and 75mm amounition, apparently ready for removal, was also found in the vicinity of the wharf.

Enemy artillery has continued to harass our positions but with little effect, Eighteen rounds from an estimated two 150mm guns fell on the coastal sector FORTE of the Original River on 27 Mar.

Patrols operating on TAIOF ISLAND (6 miles N/ of SORAKEN Plantation) contacted and killed three Japanese. Additional enemy equipment located includes two 47mm Tk A guns and one heavy machine gun.

PIATERAPAIA

The situation remains unchanged in this sector, operations being limited to patrolling and harassing of enemy positions by artillery.

On 24 and 26 Mar respectively patrols to SMITH'S HILL and HUNT'S HILL (approx 3,000 yds NORTH of PIATERAPAIA) reported them clear of enemy. A further patrol to RERRY'S HILL (21 miles NORTH by EAST of PIATERAPAIA) encountered 20/30 Japanese, killing four before breaking contact.

Troops who attacked an enemy position 42 miles NW of PIATERAPAIA on 27 Mar, killed 2 Japaness and destroyed pillboxes and huts.

EMPRESS AUGUSTA BAY

Generally, the position is unchanged in this area, with our forces regrouping along the line of the PURIATA River. The main track SE from the river to HIRU HIRU has been cleared.

Apart from two attacks on enemy positions in the HIRU HIRU Sector, operations have been confined to patrolling. Inemy artillery has been used on a comparatively heavy scale. On 22 Mar, our troops, supported by aircraft and artillery fire, successfully attacked enemy 1200 yas No of HIRU HIRU. Eighteen Japanese were killed in this encounter.

On the same day another force attacked a strong enemy position 500 yds SOUTH of HIRU HIRU but was forced to with-draw.

Further inland, extensive patrolling has been carried out 80UTH of MAKAPEKA. On 26 Mar a patrol sighted 50/50 well-equipped Japanese, moving in a NV direction 22 miles 8E of MAKAPEKA, Signs of a second enemy party were discovered 3 miles SOUTH of MAKAPEKA the following day.

On 27 Mar patrols, operating from NIHERO reported that the enemy concentrated 2_2 miles SV of NIHERO was very active and alert.

During the period 27/28 Mar contact was made with small parties of Japanese NORTH of the PURIATA River.

Our patrols attacked one of these parties in the PIKEI area (12 miles SE MOSIGEITA) and the enemy withdrew leaving behind nine packs filled with explosives.

It is considered that this party was probably one of a number of raiding "tai" which have been reported operating throughout the area and it is probable that they intended destruction of artillery in that area

On 25 Mar a patrol successfully attacked 12 Japanese dug in on the coastal track 2000 yds SE of the PURIATA River. Four of the enemy were killed, the remainder fleeing southwards.

GENERAL

Confirmation of the enemy's intention to hold the HONGORAI River line was obtained on 20 Mar by the capture of a 6 Div Operation Order.

On 20 Mar AIB scouts killed 27 Japanese and destroyed two large underground ammunition dumps 6 miles W34 of KIETA. A mission priest was rescued by the patrol.

Scouts also report a large number of enemy in a barbed wire encampment at INUS on the NE coast. An air strike was made on this position with unobserved results.

Casualties BOUGAINVILLE:-

22 Nov 44-29 Mar 45 Killed 1,517 IN 37 1 Nov 43-29 Mar 45 " 11,407 " 138

3. NEW QUINCA

BUT-DAGUA

In their coastal advance our forces have seized DAGUA airfield and have penetrated to DAGUA village. Opposition on the coast has been light, but strong resistance on the WONGINARA track confirms previous indications that the coastal area was being evacuated inland by that track. The enemy resistance there is possibly a rearguard action to secure the uninterrupted movement of vital stores.

On 22 Mar patrols along the DAGUA strip captured a position astride the road half way along the airfield and pushed on to DAGUA Lagoon. Other troops cleared the 300 feature one mile WEST of the strip overlooking the WONGINARA track, and MAGAHEN village, a mile and a half to the SW. 50/70 Japanese encountered on the road near the 300 feature the previous day, had retreated quickly on contact with our troops, abandoning rifles and food. A party of 30, possibly portion of the same force, was engaged two miles inland, and 14 enemy killed. Other patrols operated in the high ground SOUTH of BUT, and along the HALIKAMOK River. enemy were engaged atMUGULUWELA.

On 23 Mar further ground SOUTH of BUT and DAGUA was oleared, 25 Japanese were reported two miles SOUTH of MARABUS, and our positions at DAGUA were ineffectively shelled by the enemy.

During the next two days the area about MAGAHEN was cleared of the enemy and the 1410 feature WEST of the WONGINARA track captured. An enemy party made an unsuccessful attack on one of our outposts on the track, one mile SOUTH of DAGUA.

Strong enemy positions were located astride the track one mile NORTH of NONGINARA. A 75mm gun shelled our positions SE of the 300 feature, and a raiding party attacked one of our outposts at the EAST end of DAGUA strip.

On 27 Mer our troops launched an attack on a strong enemy position one mile NORTH of WONGINARA, but this was unsuccessful. 173 Japanese have been killed in these operations and 9 PW taken.

Information from several independent sources confirms the use of the track from WONGINARA through KABOIBUS to KULAURU as an L of C for inland evacuation. From the KABOIBUS-KULAURU area access can be had by good tracks to MAPRIK and the SEIIK River.

SCREW RIVER-MAPRIK AREA

The enemy continues to be aggressive in this area, and some sharp clashes have occurred.

SOUTH of our base at HOUSE COPP, on the UPPAR SCREW River, an enemy position at ISIMAR Creek was captured and two counterattacks repulsed. Enemy positions were mortared.

In the MAURAK area the enemy continues to offer strong resistance. A heavy co-ordinated attack was made on our MAURAK position on 21 Mar, but was repulsed with heavy loss to the enemy, 40 of whom were later seen withdrawing. Our force at MAURAK has been reinforced to a company strength. 50/70 Japanese were seen WEST of the village the next day, moving SOUTH. A position that has been held by the enemy for some time was occupied half a mile WEST of MAURAK, and contact made to the SOUTH of it. AUPIK(2), two miles SW of MAURAK, was captured on 26 Mar, and 12 enemy killed. 20/30 Japanese were later engaged one mile SE of that village. An enemy position one mile further to the SE was attacked without success. This area was however reported clear on 27 Mar, Natives state that there is an enemy HQ at MAPOBMA, three miles NE of MAURAK; probably NO 78 Inf Regt, which has been identified in the area,

Natives also report that the Japanese are employing native carriers from MAPRIK to bring stores to KAMAU, less than a mile MAST of MAURAK. Native police boys state that 50 Japanese from BUT arrived at MENDAMEN, three miles NORTH of YAKIL, on 23 Mar. This party probably followed the track from the ANU. B River through MISUAM and the ULAHAU River.

BALIF-SEFIK AREA

Successful patrolling has been carried out in the area WEST of the AMUK River. On 22/23 Mar, LAHINGA, 5/6 miles SE of BALIF, was captured, and a counter-attack by 40 Japanese on 24 Mar was repulsed. APERINGA, adjacent to LAHINGA, was cleared on 24 Mar. Three miles further SOUTH an enemy force was cleared from a group of villages by 27 Mar. During the period under review 96 enemy have been killed in the inland areas.

Further movement of Japanese troops towards the SEIK is evident. Police boys reported 50 Japanese arriving at AVANUMAGUM, two miles SE of YUBANAKUOR, on 19 Mar, but these had moved on by 24 Mar. Natives in the area however, were hostile to us and led a Japanese patrol against our police boys, who escaped without casualties. These boys were unable to penetrate WOSERA, on the MAPRIK-MARUI road, and it is assumed there is still a considerable body of troops in that area.

Native patrols have returned from AMBUNTI with information of enemy in the area. There is no estimate of strength as yet, but at least two officers are with the enemy troops. At YEBAN, a school to teach the natives Japanese has been set up and two AA guns are said to be nearby, either at YEBAN itself or near MAIO, to the WEST. A pedal operated radio is also reported in the area. Many newly constructed huts, good gardens, and signs of cance construction have been noted by aircraft. The local

natives appear to be co-operating with the Japanese under the superintendence of an ex-"doctor boy" named JUKURAMRS. It is reported that a party of Japanese who recently arrived at ANBUNTI from ANGORAM anticipated attack on the SEPIK, and made arrangements to move NW into the bush should this occur.

Apparently an enemy force, composition as yet undetermined, intends to seek refuge in the AMBUNTI area but its eventual intention is not clear.

An attempt to escape westward via the SEPIK River, and thence overland to the IDENBURG River in DUTOH NEW GUINEA is obviously impractical. Alternatively, the enemy may hope, by the establishment of a series of well-stocked base camps along the SEPIK River, to further his already expressed intention of following a policy of stubborn attrition of our forces. By supplementing his supplies by native foods, such a policy would at least lengthen his period of survival, and constitute an irritation, if not an actual threat to our troops NORTH of the SEPIK, unless counter-measures are implemented.

The presence of AA guns, radio, and two 50 ft barges seen on 20 Mar five miles upstream from MARUI, suggests that he may have been able to transport a measure of heavy equipment and stores into the area.

Casualties WEWAK-AITAPE area:-

3 Nov 44 - 29 Mar 45 Killed 2,531 FW 49 22 Apr 44 - 29 Mar 45 " 11,567 " 202

HANSA BAY

No patrol contacts have been made. Natives report a large party of Japanese WEST of the RAMU River, eight miles SOUTH of SCHILLING Plantation. Seven miles WEST of ANNANBERG 20 enemy were reported, and six miles SW five Japanese with a "captured aircraft machine gun". A patrol is investigating.

A lugger was seen at MARIENBERG on 23 Mar, and a new landing stage has been built at the eastern end of MURIK Lagoon.

Casualties HANSA BAY area:-

1 Oct 44 - 29 Mar 45 Killed 85 Fif 12 24 Apr 44 - 29 Mar 45 " 162 " 12

(b) AIR -0.0N

In BOUG. INVILLE, the majority of attacks for the past week were made on hutment areas around Nakaru. Many huts were destroyed and damaged. Tac R aircraft led Corsair patrols on many pinpointed targets including a barge hideout and fuel dump on the UMUM River. Various attacks were made on hutment areas at MUGUAI. A total of 50 huts were destroyed.

In NEW IRELAND, direct hits were made on AA positions around KAVIENG strip. A number of bridges were destroyed in the LOSSUK, BALUS and FESSOA areas.

In NEW BRITAIN, a total of 45,000 lbs of bombs was dropped on MATUPI area and 35,000 lbs on VUNAKANAU in two attacks. Enemy concentrations at the MATALAILI River and a hutment area at LEMINGI were attacked by Beauforts.

PART II

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The estimate of enemy strength in NE. BRITAIN remains in the vicinity of 32,000.

JAPANESE STRENGTH WIDE BAY

The initial estimate of 400 (with maximum of 500) was based on operational evidence together with identifications secured after contact had been made at KALAI Plantation and NUGINIKLUB in mid-Feb 45.

Documents subsequently captured permitted the OOB of the Japanese force to be built up. The force consisted of HQ 229 Provisional Indep Inf Bn (Comd Maj NARUSE) with two complete coys definitely identified, and sufficient other officer personnel identified to account for at least one other coy.

In addition, clothing tags and other items suggested the possibility of elements of other units being in the area. Although the evidence was too slight for their presence to be definitely accepted, an allowance of 50 (with maximum of 100) was made in the initial estimate in order to cover this possibility. It has since appeared that these troops were not, in fact. in the area,

Between 16 Feb and 31 Mar, 136 Japanese have been counted killed by our troops. It is considered that unreported casualties, including those due to wounds and those dead through our arty fire and general attrition, would account for a similar number, making a total of over 270 casualties suffered by the enemy.

It is clear that Maj NARUSE's unit has been destroyed as a fighting force. Assuming no subsequent reinforcement, a possible 100-150 Japanese, in dispersed and scattered parties, remain.

Our troops have completely cleared the MATTAVALO-TOL area as far as the MOONDET River, 1,000 yds MAST of BULUS. However, sightings during the past week suggest an approx 20/30 stragglers may still be in the surrounding areas. Others of the force were known to be in lightly-held coastwatching positions around FAMMER BAY. Remaining elements are considered to have withdrawn into the high ground MAST and NORTH of BULUS, and some have doubtless escaped along the LEMINGI track.

(Adapted from FAA Weekly Intelligence Summary 149)
PW PRELIMARY INTERROGATION REFORE

A prelimnary interrogation of the PV captured on 29 Mar EAST of MARUPA was carried out in the forward area on 1 Apr. The prisoner was in a weak state from the effects of dysentery.

Name: TANAKA, Fusuo Rank: Leading pto

Unit: 2 Coy (Lt KODAMA) 1 Bn 229 Mixed Regt 38 Div.
Comment: Probably rulers to 3 Mixed Regt 38 Div.
History: Arrived New BRICAIN in GO 759: force (16 Tele
Regt) about 2 years ago.

OperStional Information:

The strength of the units defending the TOL-WAITAVALO-KALAI area originally totalled approx 450, and comprised:

2 (KODAMA) Coy 4 (JINGUJI) Woy A mortar unit A MG P1

(Corment: Captured documents indicated that a mortar pl had been added to 2 Coy prior to 18 Feb 45, and a captured organisation chart had shown a MG pl as part of 2 Coy)

Japanese casualties in the TOL-WAITAVALO operations were 150 killed in action and 50 wounded who committed suicide, totalling 200. Of the remainder, 50 to 60 were selected to form 3 man suicide units and were left to operate in the area while the remaining 200 survivors, including the PW, retreated as a disorganised force in the general direction of RABAUL via a track across the BULUS River into the hills and thence to the coast at TOMA. (Comment: TOMA is NOT on the coast. PW either meant the coast nearest to TOMA, or that there is another place on the coast called

At the time of the fall of TOL, the force at JAMMER BAY was 1 sgt and 2i men, with 1 LMG. (Comment: This was probably 1 Pl 4 Coy which did NOT appear in a captured recent Coy organisation chart, and which, it was thought, had been detached to JAMMER BAY).

The PW had no knowledge of ADLER BAY but stated that the remainder of 229 Mixed Regt (probably meaning 3 Mixed Regt) was at TOMA at the time he arrived at TOL. This comprised 1 and 3 Coys of 1 Bn together with 2 and 3 Bns.

The PW stated that the 3 man suicide units depended on a supply and ammunition dump located between LEMINGI and the coast. The PW did NOT know the exact location.

Interrogator's Comment: Pil appears to be truthful.

5. TACTION

SUICIDE RAIDING PARTIES

Tactics of various types of Japanese Raiding Parties have been dealt with in previous issues of 5 Aust Div Intelligence Reviews.

A PW recently captured in the Philippines has provided information on the tactios of a new type of raiding party known as the "1 Independent Incendiary Company", whose specific job was to land by plane on an Allied airfield and systematically destroy the planes.

The destruction of the planes was to be carried out by placing blocks of picric acid on top of the wings and horizontal stabilisers, where they joined the fuselage.

Once lended, the party was to move in groups of three, one armed with a sub-machine gun and the others with rifles.

In addition to a pistol and sword, each man was to carry 5 grenades and one 5kg block of pierie acid. Prior to placing the pieric acid on the planes, the 5kg block was to be broken into 10 small blocks, each fused and detonated.

Although this particular raiding party failed in its mission, owing to the fact that the plane in which they were travelling was shot down before it reached the Allied airfield, the possibility of attacks by similar parties must not be overlooked.

(FAA Weekly Intelligence Summary No 149)

8. GENERAL

JAPANESE METHOD

Apparently one Ldg Pte KaDOWAKI of the Japanese Army did not consider Christmas and New Year a period of "Goodwill to all men" when he wrote the following New Year Resolution in his little black notebook:-

"On greeting the opening of the fourth year of the warwhen shall I see those American and English bastards?
I shall shoot again and again until my ammunition is gone,
then I shall attack and kill them by Japanese spirit
alone. If my bayonet should break, I'll batter them
to death; if my rifle should break, I'll sink my teeth
into their throats."

(FAA Weekly Intelligence Summary No 149)

JAPANESE PILOT CAPTURED ON GAZELLE PENINSULA

Further interrogation of the Japanese pilot who was shot down and captured on 10 Mar has provided the following information:

UNIT

PW, a Superior Petty Officer, was a member of SAITO

Naval Lir Unit commended by Rear Admiral SAITO and located at TOBERA Airfield. Ph estimated the unit a strength to be approx 2,500. The unit has been instructed to keep the airfield serviceable so long as aircraft exist there, but insorties has no duties: except gardening. They have no plans for offensive ground or air action.

The Construction and Maintenance Section is equipped with 3 tractors, 3 rollers, 10 trucks and 6 staff cars.

FLIGHT

PW took off from TOBERA Airfield in an old model ZEKE which was armed with two 20mm machine cannon and two 7.7mm MG. He carried two 60kg bombs under the wings.

The flight was a routine one, and PW's instructions were to make a circular sweep between RABAUL and JACQUINOT BAY and to attack opportunity targets.

AIRFIELDS

- (a) As the concrete strip at TORERA had been destroyed, PW's aircraft used the dirt strip west of the concrete one.
- (b) The VUNAKANAU Naval Airfield is under command of Gomdr IKARI. PW could give no details of the field except that he had seen several VUNAKANAU-based ZEKE fighters in flight. It is believed that VUNAKANAU is the most important air base in the RABAUL area.
- (c) PW confirmed that all other airfields in GAZELLE PENINSULA have been abandoned.

AIRCRAFT

At TOBERA, two serviceable aircraft are hidden in the rubber groves due east of the south end of the runway. Three numberviceable aircraft, on which mechanics are working, are in revetments east of the runway. Only eight pilots, four of whom are incapacitated, are available.

PW could give no estimate of the number of aircraft at VUNAKANAU.

SUPPLIES

Stooks of 91 octane fuel are limited, the bulk being stored in caves about 3 miles SE of the runway.

According to PW, food supplies for Naval Air personnel at TORERA are plentiful. Man are still receiving rice three times a day, although in smaller quantities than a year ago. Supplementary foods include fish, eggs, poultry, beef, pork and vegetables. Fish are caught by dynamiting, domestic fowls and livestock are raised, and each man helps in the growing of vegetables. Formosan civilians work full time in the gardens.

SAITO Unit personnel live in of the airstrip, Each cave is 50 ft deep. There are also underground shelters with concrete walls and seed-braced roofs covered with 50 ft of soil.

GENERAL

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PW's knowledge was largely restricted to the TOBERA area. The information he gave is consistent with known facts and is believed reliable.

(FAA Weekly Intelligence Summery No 149)

SURRENDER BROADCASTS

Although the use of propaganda as a medium for persuading enemy troops to surrender has been fairly widespread during the course of the present war, the means of disseminating such propaganda has mainly been by the printed word. While it must be conceded that the spoken word carries much more weight, occause of its direct appeal, the opportunities for using this type of propaganda have not been numerous on account of the highly mobile nature of the conflict. On various occasions early in the war in Europe, the enemy attempted to utilise this method of approach, but apparently little or no success was achieved. Opportunities for using breadcast surrender propaganda in the Pacific have been almost nil, but in the recent mopping-up operations in Manila, the occasion presented itself, and the following report gives an illustration of the type of propaganda used and the results achieved.

"A series of loud speaker broadcasts to the Japanese soldiers still fighting in several Government buildings in Manila resulted in 29 Japanese and Formosans choosing surrender to death, in one of the few instances of group capitulation by the enemy. The first broadcast was made on 25 Feb. It was brief and to the point. Translated, it said:-

Your life is yours to take or keep as you desire, but is it true loyalty to the imperor to throw away your life for a cause that is now heppices?

Fate has given you throu choices =

- i. You can commit suicide.
- 2. You can hold out a few minutes and then be blown to dust.
- 3. You may come to an honourable understanding with us and live to said the new eapan when the war is over.

If you surrender to us you will not be humiliated or disgraced.
Our troops will not fire for thirty minutes during which time you may come over to us.

As a result of this breedeast several prisoners were taken. They stated that many of the Japanese had left the buildings after hearing the message and that many more wished to surrender but were prevented by their officers.

As a result of the interrogation of these prisoners, another broadcast was made on 1 Mar to the Japanese remaining in the buildings. The programme started at 1600 and followed much the same text as that used earlier. It lasted fifteen minutes and the Japanese were again given thirty minutes to come out.

At five minute intervals the announcer stated the time remaining during which the Japanese could elect to surrender-or to die. With consciously vivid drama the Japanese were reminded:—'The man who stood beside you a few hours ago is now dead — what is your choice?' 'You have ten minutes left — do you want this to be your lifetime?'

There was no visible reaction on the part of the enemy until all but one and a half minutes of the allotted half hour had passed. At this point one Japanese came literally tumbling down over the rubble in front of the building. He was followed almost immediately by twelve more who advanced to our lines and surrendered. Another came to our lines from a pillbox adjacent to the building and was questioned by the language officer. It was found that he was an NCO in charge of a squad of eight men in the pillbox and that he would surrender his entire squad if medical treatment was promised for those of his men who were wounded. Reassured, he returned and brought all of his men save one who preferred to die. As the squad was proceeding towards our lines, two more Japanese who were in a foxhole jumped out and joined them,

As against the total of 29 (some of whom were Formosans) who proved susceptible to the surrender broadcasts, it should be noted that another 50/60 Japanese chose to ignore the appeal and died fighting in their positions in the building. Moreover, the surrender of the 29 was preceded and punctuated by terrific fire from artillery, tanks and all support weapons."

An interesting aftermath to the foregoing is provided by the remarks of a Japanese Sgt who was present in the buildings when the surrender broadcasts took place. This..., PW, who escaped from the final assaults on the positions and later surrendered, gave the following points with regard to surrender broadcasts:-

"Surrender broadcasts are for more effective than propaganda leaflets. As it is obvious that their position is hopeless, men would naturally turn to thoughts of survival.

Most of the men had either read in the newspapers about the Allied prisoners in Japanese hands or had actually seen them, and therefore each began to ponder over the question of how he would be treated were he to become a prisoner. Fear of death, thoughts of loved ones, devotion to duty, the food situation, disgrace of surrender, fear of execution after surrender, fear of torture and mishandling by guerillas etc - these were but some of the questions which came to their minds and were discussed by the men.

When the broadcast offering good treatment, good wholesome food, comfortable shelter, and a chance of survival was made on or about 25 Feb, some of the men posted on duty near the entrances of the building heard and discussed it with others. PW discussed this matter with his Sgt-Maj and decided at the time to surrender to US forces at the first opportunity, as he believed that he would never be able to return to Japan unless he was successful in escaping to the hills, which seemed impossible. Rather than take such a risk, he decided to wait for a favourable opportunity to surrender. The opportunity came early on the morning of 26 Feb when the unit was subjected to an intense artillery barrage. Pw and Sgt-Maj escaped in the confusion.

PW was of the opinion that it was very difficult for the men to surrender during daylight hours as others (Japanese) may kill them. Therefore, he advised that men should be told in the broadcast to break away at night from their unit in small groups and then surrender early the following day."

(FAA Weekly Intelligence Summary No 149)

TREATMENT OF PRISONERS OF WAR

Attached as Appendix"A" are notes on the treatment of Japanese Prisoners of War.

PART V

SECURITY

FIFTH COLUMN ACTIVITIES IN PHILIPPINES

A captured order, classified 'Most Secret', from CO 4 Bn to all company commanders and platoon leaders is translated in Adv ATIS Bulletin No 485. This order discloses the intention of the Japanese in Jan 45 to form units of specially trained personnel, with the object of continuing fifth column and reconnaissance activities in the Philippines.

The organisation, duties, etc, of these units are fully set out in the order which is set out below:-

"In accordance with Manila Naval Defense (BOEI) Operation Order No 25, special reconnaissance units will be organised.

- 1. Commanding Officer: Lt (Judicial) ANDO, Masafumi.
- 2. Organization: No more than two teams of three men each will be sent by all battalions of the Manila Naval Defense Force from each of their platoons.
- 3. <u>Duties</u>: Observation, reconnaissance, demolition, arson, surprise attacks, and fifth column activities as ordered.
- 4. Selection of personnel: Personnel for these units will be carefully chosen and appointed with attention to the following:
 - (a) Firmness of purpose, such as keeping secrets and avoiding improper actions.
 (b) Strength,
 - (c) Build and features. (d) Fluency in English.

- 5. Equipment: Pistols, hand grenades, etc, as required.
- 6. Clothing: As required, but mainly civilian clothes.
- 7. Performance of duty:
 - (a) For the present the men will be on duty in their platoons, and the platoon leader may use them in the patrol duties of his own unit.
 - (b) Training will be effected by the commanding officer of each unit for his own men, except when it is to be carried out under the direct control of the commanding officer.
 - (c) The commanding officer will use the teams either singly or in conjunction with one another.
- 8. Miscellaneous: Personnel may grow long hair if they have obtained permission.
 A list of personnel selected will be immediately submitted."

It should be borne in mind that in other areas recaptured from the Japanese, it is very likely that they have made plans, similar to the above, for the carrying-out of fifth column activities.

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PART III

TOPOGRAPHICAL

The following features have been given local names. The first named references are on 1/25,000 maps and the one inch to one mile references are shown in brackets:-

641545 (640545) BOURKES KNOLL 700522 (698519) ERNS KNOLL

Good barge points have been found at 804502, 808505 and 661518. (Ref map TOL 1 inch to 1 mile).

A new air dropping ground has been established at 632511 (ref map TOL 1 inch to : mile).

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TREATMENT OF PRISONERS OF WAR

Physical and mental condition of several Japanese prisoners recently received at 2 Aust Corps interrogation centre, indicate that some forward troops do not appreciate the importance of prisoners, and do not know how to treat them to ensure they yield their full intelligence value.

Reclings of contempt and detestation for Japanese are natural and understandable, but if these feelings lead to poor or indifferent treatment of their prisoners by front line troops, those troops are only half doing the job they started by taking the prisoners. It is essential that forward troops be taught to regard prisoners impersonally, and look on them not as hated enemy but as instruments which, if properly used, can lead directly to the destruction of more of their kind. Experience has proved beyond all doubt that if certain psychological traits in Japanese soldiers are exploited, information of the utmost value can be obtained. The extent to which some prisoners will go to assist their captors is amazing — to Australian soldiers who have been taught security consciousness.

Most prisoners will talk freely and truthfully, and many of them will go to the lengths of drawing plans of Japanese dispositions, new weapons, correcting our maps, advising us of Japanese tactical weaknesses, and even prompting us on the best tactics to use to capture enemy positions or kill greater numbers of Japanese.

The factors which produce this co-operation by prisoners are many and must be understood if the prisoners are to yield all the information they possess.

When a Japanese recovers from the bewilderment of being taken prisoner two things occur to him.

The first is that he will be killed.

The second is when he is not killed, he believes he is officially dead as far as his homeland is concerned, and faces the problem of making a new start in life, cut off entirely from Japan and his friends.

When the prisoner finds his life is spared he considers that a favour has been bestowed on him. However, a Japanese who accepts a favour or a gift from another person without repaying it with at least an equal gift, suffers a great loss of "face" — synonymous for self-respect, pride etc — the preservation of which plays a tremendously important part in Japanese behaviour. Irked by the obligation he is placed under by the sparing of his life, the need for regaining "face" by the discharging the obligation, is a very powerful factor in the prisoner's subsequent behaviour. The only way open to him to repay the obligation is by giving us what we want from him, namely information. The more information he gives, the greater "face" he recovers.

In that way the first motive for talking is established. That motive is strengthened by the need the prisoner has for providing for his ultimate future. Deeming himself an outcast from his own race without hope of returning to Japan after the

war, he recognises he must transfer his allegiance to some other country. Australia presents itself as a suitable new fatherland, so with the hope of post-war settlement in Australia, or assistance from Australia in settling elsewhere in the Pacific, the prisoner will set out to ingratiate himself with his captors. When the prisoner makes up his mind to talk there are practically no limitations to the information he will reveal. Until recently, Japanese soldiers were taught that surrender was unthinkable, and death by suivide if necessary was the only alternative for those exposed to capture. Therefore, as long as the Japanese High Command would not countenance surrender or capture, they could not logically teach the soldiers what not to say in the event of capture. Though the Japanese High Command is slightly modifying its uncompromising view towards capture, the relaxation has been so slight that it has not influenced the original views of the Japanese on Bougainville towards capture.

These traits in Japanese prisoners' thoughts can only be taken advantage of if:-

- (a) The prisoner feels he has a chance to regain "face" with his captors.
- (b) He feels there is a chance of postwar rehabilitation among white races, or in a white race dominated country.

In treatment of prisoners it is essential to do nothing that will dissipate these hopes.

Bad physical treatment is the quickest way to destroy a prisoner's value. It confirms the propaganda so often dinned into his ears by his officers that the white races are barbarians who will unfailingly kill him, possibly after torture. That belief leads to spathy or defiance, lies and often suicide. Mercy and fair treatment on the other hand raise the prestige of whites in Japanese eyes, and with that new estimation of his captors, there follows a desire by the prisoner to re-assert his face. Hopes of postwar rehabilitation will be destroyed if the prisoner is treated as an outcast. They will survive only as long as the prisoner feels he is regarded as a worthy human being, and accorded a measure of dignity and respect.

In the present campaign on Bougainville, the only prisconers who have lied to interrogators and failed to co-operate have been those who were badly treated by their captors or during transit to an interrogation centre. In one instance the prisoner possessed information of great importance to the Battalion which captured him, but that information was not extracted until eight days after capture, when the impressions of poor treatment by forward troops had been corrected by several days of considerate treatment in hospital. The prisoner then admitted he had lied during the Battalion interrogation because he was convinced by his treatment up to that stage, that he would be killed.

Commanding officers should impress on their men that, apart from humanitarian considerations, calculated good treatment of prisoners will yield valuable dividends, often save the lives of Australians with timely information of enemy whereabouts, and intentions, and will help speed the end of the campaign.

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5 AUST DIV INFM SUMPARY 44

(Compiled from infm received from 291200K to 011200K)

HQ 5 Aust Div (AIF) 1 Apr 45

NEW BRIDAIN

1. OWN OPS

(a) See 5 Aust Div sitreps.

(b) WIDE BAY

Patrol consisting of 3 offrs 2 engr personnel 10 natives and ANGAU carriers left NUGINIKLUB 301200K to recce track across neck of peninsula.

Tasks - (i) Recce overland and possible alternative routes.

(11) Contact NGIB patrol from OPEN BAY at 395481.

Patrol on reaching WATU PT will rest 3 or 4 days and return WIDE BAY approx 10 Apr.

At 290001K 2 ALC 15s from 53 Port Craft Coy departed this area for WAITAVALO. The barges missed WIDE BAY and proceeded NORTH along the coast past SUM SUM and TALILIS PLANTATION. On being fired on by rifles and hy long range mortars the barges turned back. At 301000K one barge was beached at 926565 due to shortage of fuel. The other took on the crew. (Who removed engine parts before abandoning their barge) and DRLS and proceeded SOUTH. The R aircraft located this barge approx 311000K drifting in WIDE BAY and craft from WAITAVALO went out and towed it in. Two LCMs each carrying one pl, one mortar and one MMG, went out from WAITAVALO on the afternoon 31 Mar to recover the stranded barge. This party arrived at the barge at 311745K and were able to tow it off and back to WIDE BAY.

(c) OPEN BAY

12 Pl NGIB left 222543 on 301300K to patrol inland track to 395481 returning 041600K.

Tasks - (i) Patrol inland track to 395481

(11) Contact NGIB patrol from WIDE BAY at 395481.

2. ENEMY

(a) WIDE BAY

On 29 War a deserted village was found at 693519. The village contained 8 huts and showed no signs of recent occupation.

Dog tracks were found on 31 Mar at 669535.

On 31 Mar AIB reported that one Jap was seen at TALINIC 563687, others were heard nearby and footprints were found in the vicinity.

An identity disc found on the PW captured on 29 Mar gave the identification of 16 Tele Regt, 5 Coy.

(b) OPEN MAY

On 29 Mar some newly constructed small huts were discovered at the mouth of the SAI RIVER. There was NO evidence of recent occupation.

On the night 28/29 Mar Its were observed in the vicinity of TORIU RIVER by an ANGAU native at NANTAMEU.

MG fire and an explosion was heard on 51 Mar from the direction of the POTALIEI RIVER.

TOPOGRAPHY

(1) The following features have been given local names (the first named refs are on 1/25,000 maps and the one in to one mile refs are shown in brackets).

641545 (640545) - BOURKES KNOLL 700522 (698519) - ERNS KNOLL.

- (11) Good barge pts have been found at 804502, 808505 and 661518 (Ref map TOL 1 inch to 1 mile).
- (iii) A new air dropping ground has been est at 632511 (Ref map TOL 1 inch to 1 mile).
- (iv) A rd was found from 799502 leading towards LEMINGI. (Ref map TOL 1 inch to 1 mile).

OTHER AUST OPS

4. BOUGAINVILLE

(a) KIA RAE area

24 Aust Inf Bn now under comd 3 Aust Div.

An attack by approx 50 Japs on B ech of 9 Aust Inf Bn 2 miles WEST of KIA RAE was repulsed. Later two pls of 61 Aust Inf Bn contacted and engaged 30 Japs in this same area killing 19, own cas 5 wounded.

HQ 25 Aust Inf Bn located approx 3 miles EAST of KIA RAE was unsuccessfully attacked by approx 100 Japs, cas enemy 19 killed 2 PW taken, own 3 killed 7 wounded.

(b) SISIVIE area

Patrol from 31/51 Aust Inf En attacked an enemy posn approx 5 miles WEST of SISIVIE killing 2 of the enemy, own cas 1 wounded.

(c) SORAKEN PLANTATION area

Patrols continue to seek out the enemy in the plantation area, 8 to 10 Japs were sighted in concrete buildings at the NORTH end of the plantation. Our mortars and arty active.

Cas this area enemy 3 killed 1 wounded.

3 Japs killed on TACIF ISLAND.

5. AITAPE

(a) BALIF area

Active patrolling continues mainly in areas NE - EAST and SE of BALIF.

Cas this area enemy 65 killed, 7 wounded own 1 killed 6 wounded.

(b) EUT - DAGUA area

Our tps with arty sp are attacking strongly held posns 4 miles SW of DAGUA. To date two attacks have been unsuccessful.

Patrols operating inland from BUT and DAGUA continue to mop up the enemy.

Cas this area enemy 68 killed 3 PW taken, own 6 killed 20 wounded. 3 INDIANS recovered.

Stores, tech egpt and arms dump captured near EUT.

AIR OPS

6. BOUGAINVILLE

27 Mar. 9 CORSAIRS bombed buts NAKARU destroying 5 and one six-wheeler truck left smoking. 2 CORSAIRS strafed trucks NAKARU. 8 CORSAIRS led by Tac R bombed TAITAI. 16 CORSAIRS destroyed 18 buts and damaged 3 at MUGUAI. 8 CORSAIRS led by Tac R bombed and strafed barge hideout and fuel dump UMUM RIVER mouth L3665, minor explosions and oil slicks.

28 Mar. 13 CORSAIRS destroyed 7 huts damaged 5 NAKARU.
8 CORSAIRS led by Tac R attacked INIGA one Jap killed. 8 CORSAIRS bombed Jap concs BANIU BAY. 6 MITCHELLS low level bombing and strafing runs along coast area from LONOHAN to NANAHAN on BUKA ISLE.

29 Mar. 28 CORSAIRS bombed MUCUAI, 40 huts 1 large truck and fuel dump destroyed 5 huts damaged. CORSAIRS destroyed 6 huts NAKARU.

7. NEW IRELAND

26 Mar. 6 MITCHELLS bombed ROLAND YOUNG PLANTATION. 8 VENTURAS cratered LOSSUK road.

27 Mar. 20 MITCHELLS bombed AA posns KAVIENG scoring 9 hits. 6 MITCHELLS bombed bivouac area LIBBA V1368. 3 MITCHELLS bombed PINKINDE V2857. 6 CORSAIRS bombed brs at LOSSUK and METAKOKO. VENTURA patrol destroyed brs BALUS and damaged one at FESSOA.

28 Mar. 6 MITCHELLS bombed dugout KIMADAN V4347. 24 MITCHELLS attacked AA posns KAVIENG. 3 MITCHELLS attacked bovousc area and gardens AMBA V2265.

8. NEW BRITAIN

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27 Mar. RABAUL patrol fired 3 trucks and destroyed another.

28 Mar. 10 MITCHELLS 5 VENTURAS dropped 45,000 lbs bombs in MATUPI area.

29 Har. 9 MITCHELLS 4 VENTURAS dropped 35,000 lbs on VUNAKANAU.

31 Mar. HEAUFORTS bombed and strafed def posns MATALAILI RIVER.

9. BOMBLINE - NEW BRITAIN

NO change.

ITEMS OF OVERSEAS NEWS

(From infm received for period 22-29 Mar).

10. NAVAL

PACIFIC

Softening up blows on Japanese Empire continued. 23 and 24 Mar a US task force attacked Jap posns, mainly air bases, in the RYUKYUS. On 24 Mar US carrier based planes sank an eight ship convoy NW of OKINAWA. The convoy consisted of 2 destroyers, 3 escort vessels - either destroyers or gun boats, and 3 large cargo vessels. On 26 Mar further naval and air bases on OKINAWA were attacked. One US 1t naval unit was damaged by enemy planes.

Convoy activity along the CHINA and INDO CHINA coasts is almost at a standstill. The only convoy of any size for the past two weeks was sighted off CAMRANH BAY on 21 Mar. It consisted of 7 ships of which 5 were sunk by our aircraft.

Increased small shipping mov has been noticed in JAVA and FLORES SEAS - 4 sea trucks, one 2,500 ton crago ship and one freighter sunk, 1 sea truck and 1 freighter damaged.

A close watch is being maintained in PHILIPPINE waters to guard against the possibility of an over water attempt to reinforce tps on MINDANAO. 3 submarines, 1 sea truck and 11 small craft have been sunk and 2 submarines 1 subchaser and one freighter damaged in these waters.

11. MILITARY

PHILIPPINES

Enemy cas to 22 Mar on the islands on which US forces have landed are:

MINDANAO

- 1350 killed

PANAY

- 446 killed and 30 captured

CEBU

- Unknown

LEYTE - SAMAR

- 77,419 killed, 756 captured (These figures do NOT incl enemy cas suffered by sinking of convoys attempting to reinforce tps on LEYTE).

PALAWAN

- 155 killed, 4 captured.

LUZON (to 21

Mar)

- 87,474 killed,867 captured (In addition 617 Formosans and Koreans had been

captured up to 7 Har).

12. AIR

JAPAN - CHINA SEAS

(a) 07/17

26 Mar 225 B29s bombed KITSUBISHI aircraft factory at NAGOYA. This was the heaviest attack yet made on Japanese mainland. 15 large fires observed spreading throughout plant.
27 Mar airfds and the OLURA aircraft factory at KYUSHU were heavily assaulted.

Our bombers maintained by assaults on the FORMOSA-RYUKYUS area. Chief targets were TAINAN, KACHIM, OKAYAMA, HAITO, TAIKOKOU, TOYOHARA, TAINHU and SHINCHIKU, where cones of parked planes were attacked, gun emplacements silenced and direct hits scored on hangers.

Bombers from 5 USAAF, operating from the PACIFIC, and 14 USAAF in CHINA now co-operating to tighten blockade of Japanese shipping lanes along CHINA coast.

(p) ENEWA

Few enemy interceptors have been encountered by our bombers and main def, especially of Japanese mainland, continues to be AA gunfire. The enemy has shown some aggressiveness in his efforts to keep open the sea lanes between the Empire and his Southern conquests. However he has been proved incapable of holding off our long range recce aircraft.

(W B MAGUIRE) Lt-Col
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(4) RAA 5 Aust Div. (5) RAE 5 Aust Div.

(6) HQ 5 Aust Div.

(7) 6 Aust Inf Bde.

(8) Sigs 2 Aust Div.

(9) AASC 5 Aust Div. (10) AIB, Jacq. Bay. (11) 41 Aust Idg Craft Coy.

WEATHER:

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Broken to overcast middle cloud. Scattered low cloud with light showers tonight. Visibility very good. Smooth sea Wind NAW, 12 mph.

Twilight 0534K Suntise 0556K set 1757K.

Moonrise None. set 1139K. Last quarter.

Dry bulb 850 040900K. Humidity 70%

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5 AUST DIV INFM SUMMARY 45

(Compiled from infm received from Oll200K to O41200K)

HQ 5 Aust Div (AIF) 4 Apr 45

NEW BRITAIN

1. OWN OPS

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(a) See 5 Aust Div Sitreps.

(b) WIDE BAY

16 Bn patrol from NUGINIKLUB along WEST bank MAVELO report 6 huts on track between YARA RIVER and MUMUS RIVER and also remains of crashed US bomber 527534. Bomber reported crashed 3 yrs ago.

Track along MAVEL O RIVER to 524560 passable only to small parties due to extremely rough going.

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(a) <u>AIB</u>

AIB have made four reports concerning enemy in the GODKA TALINIO area:

- (1) On 29 Mar it was reported that a small party of Japs had moved to GODKA from RIET 585978.
- (ii) On 30 mar a report was received that a large party of Japs moved to GODKA from RABATA 769098.
- (iii) On 30 Mar a party of 20 Japs ambushed 8 AIB natives one mile WEST of GODKA, possibly capturing one AIB native. The Japs were only loin cloths.
- (1v) On 2 Apr it was reported that there was strong evidence that the Japs were camped at TALINIO 563688. A gd post was observed and a much used track to a watering place.

(b) TAC R

The R flown on 2Apr over the LEMINGI and KLAK areas gave the following infm.

(1) <u>IEMINGI AREA</u>

803808. The village consists of two well constructed native type huts approx 30 x 20 ft. The ground in the area shows signs of recent activity. From the river junc at 805855 there are numerous gardens and clearings on each side of both rivers for approx 6000yds SOUTH. All appear to have been recently tilled and in excellent condition with crops growing. Many of the gardens were fenced.

785805. A village of approx 7 huts was observed.

The huts were in good condition and appeared to be occupied.

803813. Two khaki clad persons were straffed on the track. One was seen to fall, recover himself and both disappeared into the scrub.

856807. A village of approx 10 hats was seen and straffed. The village appeared to be deserted.

(11) KLAK AREA

980651. A wide strip of the jungle has been cleared along the SOUTH side of the ridge, approx 11,000 ft long and 150 ft wide. It would appear that this clearing has been designed to afford the Japs a cleared area across which our tps would have to pass in an attack on the commanding feature.

980651 (approx) At the upper edge of the clearing is a hy grass cam log emplacement. This emplacement would comd a view SOUTH to the ! coast.

occess. At the rear of the beach is what appeared to be a gun emplacement, revetted with sand bags, approx 30 ft wide. The front and sides were built up. In the emplacement was what appeared to be a cam gun. Palm fronds covered the barrel but a breech like construction could be observed. A native type hut is situated 10 yds behind the emplacement, and behind the hut is a line of four white rectangles, each approx 6 x 3 ft and 3 ft apart. A white pole is situated at the end of each rectangle. The pilot considered that this might be a Jap cemetery.

987636. A green painted type "A" barge was observed lying alongside the shore under cover of mangrove trees. The barge was straffed.

3. TOPOGRAPHY

It is considered the location of LEMINGI is 803808 and NOT at 855808 as shown on the map, but until infm is confirmed NO action will be taken to alter its posm on maps.

OTHER AUST OPS

4. BOUGAINVILIE

(a) KIA RAE Area

Two tps from B Sqn 2/4 Aust Armd Regt, are under comd 7 Aust Inf Bde.

25 Aust Inf En. 29 Mar A and C Coys approx 2 miles to the EAST of KIA RAE were heavily attacked - attacks were repulsed. 30-31 Mar. After repulsing four enemy bayonet attacks in str and withstanding hy mortar fire B Coy, with effective str of 35 incl 16 wounded, withdrew to A coy, where Japs attacked almost immediately. Six hy enemy attacks were made between 301545L and 311340L. At 311430L, one tp of AUST tks and two pls of D Goy arrived at a Coy and forced enemy to withdraw. They then mopped up enemy remaining in pits and bunkers,

action ceased 311615. Total known cas from 30 Mar to 1 Apr, enemy 138 killed (50 by tks) figures incomplete, own 8 killed 58 wounded. C Coy, same Bn, has been isolated since 30 Mar and NO contact had been made up until midday 2 Apr. Attempts to make contact by patrols have been unsuccessful. Coy has sighted 1 Apr by AUSER aircraft.

Other cas this area enemy 4 killed 2 wounded, own 2 killed.

(b) SISIVIE area

31/51 Aust Inf Bn. Active patrolling throughout gen area. Cas this area, enemy 24 killed 2 wounded.

(c) SORAKEN PLANTATION area

26 Aust Thf Bn. A Coy killed 4 of the enemy approx 4 miles SE of the plantation. Enemy inoffectively shelled our posns with 150 mm gun.

5. AIMPE

(a) BALIF area

Own and enemy patrols active to the EAST of BALIF, several posns were captured approx 5 miles ESE of BALIF.

An attack on enomy posns 7 miles EAST of BALIF was unsuccessful.

Several unsuccessful attacks were made by the enemy on our posns.

Enemy reported to be arming and training natives approx 10 miles SE of BiLIF.

Cas this area enemy 48 killed 8 wounded own 5 killed 8 wounded.

(b) BUT - DAGUA area

Patrols active throughout general area. Enemy posns 4 miles to the SOUTH of DAGUA captured.

Cas this area enemy 61 killed 1 wounded own 10 killed 11 wounded.

AIR OPS

6. BOUGAINVILLE

30 Mar. 16 CORSAIRS bombed and strafed suspected Jap HQ OSA. 16 CORSAIRS bombed buildings MUGUAI destroying 23 buildings and muts damaging 6. 4 CORSAIRS bombed and strafed fuel dumps and muts at mouth SAMIEI RIVER 4 huts destroyed. Patrol burnt two cars left one truck burning on rd MOISURU-MAIKI, further patrol destroyed four huts left trucks burning. 2 MITCHELLS bombed and strafed MAIASANG EUKA ISLAND.

31 Mar. 28 CORSAIRS bombed MALAHETA rd junc MUGUAI area destroying 49 huts 6 trucks 3 cars 2 cycles damaging 12 huts 4 trucks also destroying 8 huts damaging 4 MAIKI area.

1 Apr. 13 CORSAIRS bombed AA posns MULIKO destroyed 3 huts and 2 automatic guns. 13 CORSAIRS bombed AA posns EMERYS base.

7. NEW IRELAND

29 Mar. 6 MITCHELLS bombed ME coast DOI ISLAND. 3 MITCHELLS bombed biyoung area KAUT BAY. Patrols damaged LIBBA br.

31 Mar. 3 MITCHELIS bombed and strafed bivouac area IEMAKOT.
6 MITCHELLS bombed bivouac area KAUT BAY starting fires.
4 MITCHELLS bombed and destroyed br DALLUM. 2 MITCHELLS
2 VENTURAS bombed personnel area BORPOP. 10 MITCHELLS bombed brs
NE coast rd destroyed DALLUM br.

8. NEW BRITAIN

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30 Mar. 8 MITCHELLS 5 VENTURAS hit MATUPI ISLAND dropped 39,000 lbs of bombs. 12 LIBERATORS hombod plane park and strip TOHERA. RABAUL patrol burnt 3 trucks destroyed 1.

51 Mar. 7 MITCHELLS 5 VENTURAS bombed TOBERA. 6 MITCHELLS bombed two float planes MAIAGUNA. 20 MITCHELLS bombed TOBERA with unobserved results. 4 BEAUFORTS led by BOOMERANGS accurately attacked enemy cone MATALATL: I RIVER.

l Apr. 6 MITCHELLS 5 VENTURAS dropped 33,000 lbs bombs on VUNAKANAU, large explosions SOUTH side of target. 20 MITCHELLS dropped 59,000 lbs bombs on VUNAKANAU. Patrol attacked 3 barges KARAVIA BAY, burnt 2 cars, further patrol fired one truck and one staff car.

2 Apr. 3 BEAUFORTS attacked but cone KLAK.

9. BOMBLINE - NEW BRITAIN

NO change.

ITEMS OF WORLD NEWS

(From further infm received for week ending 27 Mar).

10. NAVAL

WESTERN BUROPE

Continued E boat activity incl mine laying off OSTEND and NORFOLK coast. 2 ships in convoy torpodeed by E boats and sunk off YARMOUTH. HMCS "GUYSEOROUGH" (Mine sweeper) torpodeed and sunk SW USHANT, HMS "DAFFODIL" (LSS) mined or torpodeed off DIEPPE and a LST sunk by mine or torpodeed off OSTEND. A morehent ship was sunk by U-boat off THE LIZARD, one torpodeed in convoy NW LONGSHIPS and another off PLYMOUTH. 4 Merchant ships torpodeed or mined off ZEEBRUGGE.

Combined Brit and US discharges through liberated ports wook onding 18 Mar approx:-

85,380 mon, 13,090 vehs, 49,599 tons of stores, 31,000 tons bulk coal, 112,300 tons bulk POL and 66,500 tons amn.

11. MILITARY

(a) WESTERN FRONT

SHAEF estimate 14-22 har enemy cas 100,000 P7, 32,000 killed. Total divs in WEST remain 65 but at least two-thirds of those divs are reduced to remnants. Of this total 8 are either Panzer or Panzer Grandier divs.

(b) EURHA

Jap forces area MANDALAY MEIKTILA MYINGYAN estimated 30,000 with further 18,000 southwards area YENGAN BYAUNG - MEIKTILA.

12. AIR OPS

(a) WESTERN EUROPE (16/17 Mar)

of 52,000 sorties flown nearly 31,000 flown by SHAEF (Air) in greatest sustained effort since early Jun, whilst nearly 14,000 comprised by bomber sorties against enemy comms, oil targets and airfds. Borber comd cut brs as far EAST as BREMEN with 10 and 6 ton bombs.

Rail mov NE from RUHR now virtually impossible. US Eight Air Force concentrated successfully on enemy rail targets, to prevent mil movs, and airfds, especially jet aircraft bases. Other results incl very by damage to BCHLEN synthetic oil plant and severe damage to WITTEN and WURZEURG.

Total Sorties

RAF Comds	Bombor 5198 Fightor 2550 Coastal 1396	Missing 78 " 5 Lost 10
USAAF	Hy Bombar 8441) Fightor 3895)	Losses 10-16 Mar Bombers 18 Fighters 16
SHAEF (Air)	30692	Missing 95

Enomy more active especially with jet a roraft over battle area - average 250 serties daily. Slight daylight opposition to allied raids with maximum effort day 20 km when 40/50 fighters operated during attack NUREMBURG. Night fighter sorties between 75/100 with main reaction against Bember Comd attack on HAMAU and BERLIN night 19/20. Slight increase in rocket attack on LONDON, flying bembs negligible. Small number rockets launched against HEMAGEN brhead.

(b) SE EUROPE

Some 16000 sorties flown for loss 91 aircraft. Targets incl oil refineries and marshalling yds in HUNGARY, YUGOSLAVIA, ITAIY and AUSTRIA.

(c) FAR EAST - SUPERFOR TRESS ACTIVITY 4 - 7 MAR

Sortics steadily increasing - 1887 for loss of 8 aircraft. Warking commencement big raids on JAPAN following targets attacked:

Night 9/10 TOKYO 13/45 tons omiolleat results
Night 16/17 KOBE 2055 tons Good to excellent results

MAGOYA (two raids, 3000 tons)
OSAKA (1965 tons)
KUALA LUMPUR
RANGOON (three raids, nearly 900 tons)

13. ECONOMIC

By Feb 1945 output of iron, steel, coal and coke by Verlingte Stahlwerke, who account for about half steel output for NW GERMAN, had fallen to 20, 27, 52; and 43 per cent respectively of Sep 1944 figures - this mainly due to direct and indirect effects of bombing as stocks of iron ore and lab remained constant. Similar reduction probable in other RUHR sps. Despite fall in coal output Verlingte Stahlwerke stocks rose from 205,000 in Sep to 550,000 in Nov reflecting effects tpt blocade of RUHR. Since Feb coonomic paralysis and isolation of RUHR virtually complete.

Reported drop in Feb tk output to 65 per cent of Doc regarded probable in view of very severe damage to all three Tigor tk factories at HENSCHEL. At KASSEL 40 hulls were seen in Feb now abandoned. Of three Panzer factories NUREMBURG was devastated, HANOVERLINDEN damaged and Darinber Benz BERLIN while NOT covered in recent rece has certainly been affected by current conditions if NOT by bombing.

First instance of intention to demolish German ports was seen 12 Mer at EMDEN where quays were being mined.

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As per 5 Aust Div Infm Summary 42.

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			NMS. 16 Aust Inf Bn - 1345k attacked by 15/20 Japs at 682	A Coy Appx 36 - 6 Ede GI 118
			NORTH and RE, attacked repulse	daren Appx 38 - 5 Div GO 86
			cleared, casualties enemy NOT 1 wounded; patrol along LEWING	H track Anny 30 - 6 Bde CT 49
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		1	661523 A Coy 682528. 19 Aust less B Coy established 58ப்பு;	
		· †	OPEN BAY - C Coy 36 Aust Inf Br 255526 saw footprints 1 Jap 2	n moved to
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Army Form C.2118.

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Unit HQ 5 AUST DIV (AIF)

Date and Time. From 000 hrs

To 2359 hrs 6 Apr 45

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JACQUINOT BAY	6 Apr		4 Aust Inf Bde - Nothing to report.	Appx 41 - 6 Bde G1 1188
			6 Aust Inf Bde - WIDE BAY - 14/32 Aust Inf Bn patrols to WAITAVALO feature and 627527 and 623539	Appx 42 - 6 Bde GI 1190 Appx 43 - Weather Forect Appx 44 - 5 Div GO 89
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			13 Aust Inf Bde - Nothing to report.	Appx 49 - 13 Bde GI 272 Appx 50 - RAA RA 456
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FORECAST JACQUINOT BAY, WIDE BAY AND COAST.

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(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) & Aust Inf Bde.

(8) Sigs 2 Aust Div.

(9) AASC 5 Aust Div. (10) AIB, Jacq. Bay. (11) 41 Aust Idg Craft Coy.

WEATHER:

Broken to overcast middle cloud. Scattered low cloud. Light showers generally and scattered continuous light rain during afternoon and evening. rurther showers tomorrow. Visibility very good. Light variable winds. Slight sea.

Twilight 0534K Sunrise 0556K Moonrise 0038K. 1756k set set 1330K. Last quarter.

060900K. Dry bulb 800

Humidity 87%

F/Sgt.

PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

FROM: 5 DIV

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TO:

6 INF BDE

INFO:

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5 DIV RECEPTION CAMP

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GO89 CONFIDENTIAL (.) remainder HQ l forest svy coy moving LAE NANTAMBU (.) 11 whites U4 natives 6 ton eqpt 2 jeeps and trailers one 15 cwt truck (.) on arrival joins adv coy HQ under comd 6 inf bde for local adm and att 36 inf bn (.) advise date move complete

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5 AUST DIV INFM SUMMARY 46

(Compiled from infm received from O41200K to O61200K)

HQ 5 Aust Div (AIF) 6 Apr 45

NEW BRITAIN

OWN OPS

See 5 Aust Div sitreps. (a)

(b) WIDE BAY

4 Apr at 1400K one native who did NOT belong to NGIB or ANGAU was detected in 16 Bn perimeter 658520 - native fled EAST. 5 Apr sec patrol NGIB unable locate tracks due to rain and traffic of own tps.

2. ENEMY

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(a) AIB

AIB report as follows:

3 Apr native scouts saw 6 native footprints (NOT local natives) at 575696 - on headwaters WULWUT RIVER about 1 mile NE of deserted village TALINIO. Tracks from direction GODKA (NORTH of TALINIO in MEVELO RIVER valley - posn NOT yet correctly fixed). Evidence suggests natives from MALABUNGA - 708116.

(b) Tac R

Tac R flown on 3,4 and 5 Apr over the WULWUT RIVER and KLAK areas gave the following infm:

WULWUT RIVER

Clearings and gardens:

Clearing 100 yds x 50 yds with circle of 4 ft stakes round 5 ft mound. Clearing 5 acres - 2 acres cultivated. 598583 Crops recently tilled. Tracks to WEST into jungle.

603590 Small clearing and garden. Small garden - well tilled. 584610

Clearing 300 yds x 150 yds - well worn track to old village site at 566621.
Clearing 100 yds x 150 yds. 584625

578613 565685

Small garden on WEST bank stream.

Villages and gps of huts

590606 6 native huts - serviceable - 200 yd square

583602

short grass clearing. NO tracks seen.

1 hut and garden - small clearing.

6 huts in clearing - signs occupation -587630

numerous gardens nearby.
6 native huts - serviceable - small clearing 603633 appear inhabited.

575648 10 native huts EAST end and 1 hut WEST end clearing 300 yds EAST and WEST. What appeared to be a breastwork 5 ft high 4 ft thick - earth and logs - in WEST end, facing 578652 4 huts - serviceable - SOUTH end clearing 6 acres. Area round huts well worn.

551662 7 huts - overgrown with creepers. Ground worn.

566621

Village site - overgrown.
6 serviceable huts in 2½ acre clearing. 556670 2 huts 300 yds SE. 1 hut 200 yds SOUTH

Many gardens on EAST slope towards river 5 huts (TALINIO), dilapidated and deserted. 563687 Overgrown.

589665 2 old huts and small garden.

7 new huts - closely packed - surrounding 562641 ground well worn. Village of approx 6 old huts - appear

uninhabited - in valley of MEVELO RIVER. Thought to be GODKA (GOSIKA). Tall grass and NO tracks. Correct posh will be communicated later.

It is considered that the above hamlets along WULWUT RIVER are inhabited by refugee natives from coast WIDE BAY.

(ii)KLAK area

002668 Suspected gun posn. Close by is a hut. A trench system extends 500 yds NORTH commanding the beach, with several cam shelters adjacent. 50 yds SOUTH is a revetment in which 4 x 44 gal drums are used.

999663 Hut 30 ft x 20 ft - inhabited. Numerous fresh

004664 Red 200 gal corrugated iron tk. NORTH to 002668.

992642- Track 10 ft wide parallel to coast at 200 Footprints

000657 002673 yds distance.

Similar track NORTH from 002668 crosses small creek on two 1 ft diameter logs.

982664 Large well tilled garden.

970660- Possible def posn SOUTH from KLAK RIVER cleared 40 ft wide, - turns EAST towards coast at SOUTH end. On southern slopes clearing is 70 ft wide - felled trees have been removed - many tracks.

OTHER AUST OPS

BOUGAINVILLE

(a) KIA RAE area

25 Aust Inf Bn (Infm Summary 45) C Coy now located approx 2 miles NE of KIA RAE, this coy killed 16 Japs in their area between 30 Mar and 1 Apr.

9 Aust Inf Bn. A patrol found signs of 70 to 100 Japs incl wounded, approx 4 miles NE of KIA RAE, it is believed they staged in this area night 1/2 Apr.

2/8 Aust Cdo Sqn. A patrol ambushed 40 to 50 Japs approx 9 miles EAST of KIA RAE, killing 15, and probably killed

Enemy ineffectively shelled our posns.

Other cas this area, enemy 8 killed 2 wounded 1 PW taken,

(b) SISIVIE area

31/51 Aust Inf Bn. 2 Japs killed this area.

(c) SORAKEN PLANTATION area

26 Aust Inf Bn. Our posns ineffectively shelled. Patrols active.

4. AITAPE

(a) BALIF area

2/6 Aust Inf Bn. Enemy posns approx 5 miles EAST of BALIF have been captured and the enemy are withdrawing to the EAST.

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HQ 41 Jap Div has been located approx 5 miles SSE of BALIF.

Cas this area, enemy 13 killed 2 wounded, 1 PW taken, own 1 wounded.

(BUT - DAGUA area

Enemy posns 4 miles to the SOUTH of DAGUA have been captured. Patrols are operating further to the SOUTH and EAST of DAGUA.

Cas this area, enemy 69 killed, own 3 killed 12 wounded. 1 INDIAN recaptured.

AIR OPS

5. BOUGAINVILLE

2 Apr 9 CORSAIRS bembed hut cones NAKARU. 8 CORSAIRS led by tac R bembed suspected enemy gun posns UNANAI and strafed rd MONCITU MISSION-HARI RIVER destroying several huts and one truck. 7 MITCHELLS 5 VANTURAS bembed MUGUAI.

3 Apr 8 CORSAIRS led by tac R bombed enemy cone NE TOGIOGU R?139. 8 CORSAIRS led by tac R bombed and strafed car and two trucks RURI - RATSOA. 4 MITCHELLS led by CORSAIR bombed and strafed:rd MAMAGATA - UNUNAI.

6. NEW IRELAND

2 Apr VENTURAS strafed huts and gardens destroying cattle at KOKA V3235. 19 MITCHELLS 6 VENTURAS bombed KAVIENG scoring hits on buildings, gardens, three medium AA posns, three MMGs and SL posns.

7. <u>PEW BRITAIN</u>

2 Apr VENTURAS night heckle RABAUL started fires and explosions near KERAVAT and HOSPITAL RIDGE. 12 CORSAIRS attacked MALAGUNA float plane hideout. 12 LIBERATORS bombed VUNAKANAU and KERAVAT. RABAUL patrol fired two trucks.

3 Apr 7 MITCHELIS 5 VENTURAS bombed VUNAKANAU.

8. BOMBLINE - NEW BRITAIN

NO change.

(il B MAGUIRE) or Lt-Col GS 5 Aust Div

DISTRIBUTION

As for 5 Aust Div Infm Summary 42.

PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

FROM: 5 AUST DIV

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TO:

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Unit HQ 5 AUST DIV (AIF)

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To 2359 hrs 7 Apr 45

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JACQUINOT BAY	7 Apr		4 Aust Inf Bde - Nothing to report.	Appx 51 - 6 Bde GI 1196
			6 Aust Inf Bde - WIDE BAY - 14/32 Aust Inf Bn and 16 Aust	Appx 52 - 6 Bde GI 1198 Appx 53 - 5 Div Ge 99
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HQ 5 AUST DLV (AIF) 0001 hrs Date and Time.-From. 2359 hrs & Apr 45 Place. Date. Hour. Summary of Events and Information. Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c. JACQUINOR BAY & Apr 4 Aust Inf Ede - Nothing to report. Appx 1 - 6 Bde GI 1201 Appx 2 - 6 Bds GI 1203 6 Aust Inf Ede WIDE BAY - 14/52 Aust Inf Bn and lo Aust Appx 3 - Intm Summary Inf Bn patrols all NMS. One To 2/14 No 47 Aust Fd Regt returned to wUNUNG. Appx 4 = 5 Div GO 105 OPEN BAY - U Coy 36 Aust Inf Bn returned (sitrep 399)to WATU PP. Appx 5 = 6 Bde GI 1206 Appx 6 - RAA RA 477 13 Aust Inr Bde Nothing to report. General Patrois reports 84 and 85 attached as appendices 58 and 59. Col FAULANCE returned to LAK. Lt-Col GILCHRIST AMGO(E) returned to LAE after spending a week inspecting equip--ment of all units in the area. Senator FRAZER A/Minister for the Army accompanied by Secretary for the Army Mr SINGLAIR. CGS Lt-Gen NORTHCOTE and PA arrived this area. Visited 105 ccs, HQ 5 Aust Div. 4 and 13 Aust Inr Bdes. Senator FRAZER received complaints from all soldiers in the unics he visited. Visited HQ mens mess during evening meal and listened to their complaints, chief of wnich were - length of service outside AUST, snortage of tobacco, and also the fact tist on completing their leave or 24 days they were moved to NORTH QUEENSLAND

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5 AUST DIV INFM SUMMARY 47

(Compiled from infm received from 061200K to 081200K)

HQ 5 Aust Div (AIR) 8 Apr 45

NEW BRITAIN

1. OWN OPS

Soo 5 Aust Div sitreps.

2. ENEMY

(a) WIDE BAY

- (i) On 6 Apr a patrol found a dummy tank at a village at 662533. The dummy was 6 ft long and 4 ft wide and was constructed of palms. The tracks were represented by sticks bound together.
- (11) A The R was flown 7 Apr over the VULVUT RIVER to check infm gained during previous The R (see 5 Aust Div Infm Summary 46) and to gain further infm.
 - 562641 A total of 13 serviceable native type huts of medium size are within a clearing approx 100 x 50 yds,
 - 551662 Proviously reported village appears described.
 603633 Proviously reported village appears described.
 - 575632 A cleared area approx 40 x 20 yds in which the hy timber has been recently folled but NOT removed. The foliage on this folled
 - timbor is still green.

 535735 The location of the village previously sighted in the valley of MEVELO RIVER, but
 - NOT located, is at 555735.

 4 medium sized native type huts in good condition. Huts appear inhabited. Approx 6 yds in front of one of the huts is a pole approx 20 ft high braced at the bottom. What appeared to be a white flag
 - was flying from the pole.

 545791 A small clearing containing one dilapidated native type but and a small loan-to.
 - 610673 An apparently described native village in a
 - 610676 6 serviceable native type huts on the edge of a clearing approx 100 x 50 yds.

The MEVELO RIVER valley between 510570 and 495733 is covered with dense jungle and does MOT appear to be inhabited.
All other sightings reported by previous Tac R were verified.

(b) OPEN BIY

AIB reported on 6 Apr that a deserted enemy came was found a short distance WEST of 310856. We tracks were found leading towards TORIU and the enemy had apparently moved towards the coast on approx 31 Mar. An enemy came at 302642 had also been evac approx 31 Mar.

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3. TOPOGRATHY

Ref 5 Last Div Infm Summary 44.

The patrol which left NUCINIKLUB on 30 Mar to recce track across the neck of the peninsular to WATU Pt reported that the track traversed could NOT be made jeepable. In its present state it could to be seed by inf in 4 days.

The track could be made jeepable from MAVELO PLANTATION to 390480.

From 432459 to 390480 the location of the track is NOT as shown on the map, but owing to cloud the correct location could NOT be plotted. This section of the track descends and ascends gradients at times 1 in 1.

It was considered that a possible crossing of the mtns at a lower altitude might be made jecpable from 390480 in the general direction of northings grid 49 then down YARA RIVER to the coast.

OTHER AUST OPS

4. BOUGLINVILLE

(a) KLi Rie area

Adv HQ 3 Aust Div has opened approx 3 miles SW of KIA RAE.

25 Aust Inf En. Following arty preparation Japs in strattacked bn HQ, A, E and D Coys in posns approx 3 miles NE of KTA R.E. Attacks were repulsed with hy enemy losses. Our tps supported by the counter attacked and forced enemy to withdraw. Cas from this action, enemy 307 killed (including one colonel) 3 PM, own 7 killed 6 wounded.

Other cas this area, enemy 8 killed.

(b) SISIVIE area

31/51 Aust Inf Bn. Patrol killed 13 Japs in this area.

(c) SORIKEN PLINTTION area

26 Aust Inf Bn. Hostile shelling of our posns caused some damage and wounded one.

Five JAVANESE escapees surrendered this area, and have given infm regarding enemy gun posns. Our arty engaged these posns.

5. AIME

(a) Bill area

Patrols to the NE and SE of BLIF have cleared several more villages and are gradually closing in on the enemy who are stopping our tps from advancing eastwards. This resistance is being met approx 6 miles ELST of ELIF.

Cas this area, enemy 11 killed 4 wounded, own 3 wounded.

(b) BUT - D.GUA aroa

Our patrols have had several minor clashes in this area.

Enemy posns approx 4 miles SOUTH of D..GU. have been cleared.

Cas this area, enemy 43 killed 3 PN, own 4 killed 8 wounded.

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6. BCJ ... IN LIE

3 Apr. 8 CORSAIRS led by Tac R bombed onemy conc NE TOGIOGU R2439. 8 CORSAIRS led by Tac R bombed and strafed RUMIKI garrison and HONGORAL RIVER def posns. 4 MITCHELLS bombed and strafed rd HIMAGAM - UNUNAL.

4 Apr. 15 CORSAIRS led by The R bombed enemy dof posns HONGORAI RIVER. 12 CORSAIRS bombed and strafed bivoure area and possible amm dump KORIU area; a large flash of black smoke was observed. MITCHELLS bombed enemy cones, bivouae and dump areas at KORIU, MAKAGLEA and MUGUAI.

5 Apr. Il CORSAIRS led by Tac R bombed and strafed Jap HQ at OSO. CORSAIRS bombed enemy def posns at AITARA, RUMIKI and on either side of main rd in the TOKINOTU area. In sp of 7 Aust Inf Ede, 7 MITCHELLS 2 VENTURAS bombed installations at MUGUAI dropping 27,000 lbs of bombs and starting large fires.

6 Apr. 6 MITCHRLLS and 3 VENTURAS hit by AA posns at EBERY'S

7. NEW IRELAND

5 Apr. Patrol bombod W/T sta at PANAPAI - one fighter lost. 6 MITCHELLS hocklod KAVIENG during night 4/5 Apr.

6 Apr. 27 MITCHELLS bombod in posns at KIVIENG.

8. NEW BRITAIN

5 Apr. 7 MITCHELLS 5 VEHTURAS bombed VUMAKANAU.

4 Apr. RABAUL patrol destroyed 1 truck damaged 2. 5 BEAUFORTS bombed and strafed coastal gun vicinity of KLAK.

6 Acr. 4 CORSAIRS bombed RALWAMA sup area destroying 10 huts. 5 LIBERATORS bombed TOBERA revoluents and dispersal areas.

9. BOMBLINE - NEW BRITAIN

No chargo.

ITEMS OF WORLD NEWS

(Compiled from infm received for week ending 5 Apr)

10. HAVAL - PACIFIC

Dospite allied air blows against Japanese shipping in home waters, large cones of warships were revealed by photos taken 28 Mar of KURE mayal Base on HONSHU and at KOBE in the INLAND SEA. These cones were made up of 12 major mayal units, 25 destroyers and 25 submarities.

Shipping activity along the CHIML and INDO-CHIMA coasts continues but with strong mayal escerts.

An appreciable rise in the number of ships reported is noticed at BALIKPAPAN and LACET ISLAND in BORNEC. 5 freighters and 2 submarines were sighted SCUTH of BALIKPAPAN and 8 freighters SW of LACET ISLAND on 29 Mar.

To the EAST of JAVA shipping activity shows a decided increase off ELI, LOMBOK and SOEMENTA. Small naval auxiliaries, a number of small coastal freighters and several freighters of 1000 tens plus barges and luggers have been reported. It would appear that the mov of tps and sups has been accelerated.

11. MILITARY

(a) PHILIPPINES

Enemy cas for the period 22-31 Mar are as follows:

MINDANAO (incl BASILAN ISLAND) - 665 killod, 11 Japs and 36 Formosans FW.

NEGROS - 191 killod, 5 FW.

LEYTE - SAMAR - 243 killod, 11 FW.

PALAWAN - 80 killod, 2 FW.

LUZON - unknown.

(b) OKINAWA

Of interest is the report that large numbers of Japanese civs are surrendering as a result of propaganda leaflets being dropped. As the civ population is estimated at 500,000 the gen reaction of the populace will be a possible indication of the civ reaction in the event of a ldg on the Japanese Home Islands.

12. <u>AIR</u>

CHINA - INDO-CHINA

Enemy fighter protection for shipping along the CHINA and INDO-CHINA coasts has increased from a cover of ten fighters escerting a convoy on 21 Mar up to 23 fighters observed over a convoy in the vicinity of HAINAN on 30 Mar.

This, together with increased naval oscorts, indicates a determination to run the blocado of the INDO-CHINA coast and that fighter rfts are being introduced into coastal CHINA and INDO-CHINA acrodromes. It is believed those rfts come from the interior of CHINA and from the MILAY-EURNA-THAILAND areas, rather than from the threatened homeland and adjacent islands.

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- 1. NEW BRITAIN

WIDE BAY ARMA:

Apart from one action on 5 Apr our operations in the WIDE BAY area have been confined to patrolling to the NORTH, EAST and WEST.

Patrols have reconnoitred up the LEMINGI track as far as a point 2 miles from the coast without sighting the enemy while a further patrol reached JAMMER BAY on 2 Apr, but no contact with the enemy was made. A previous patrol returning from JAMMER BAY captured a PW on 1 Apr near the mouth of the UMAMITKI River.

A patrol or 3 Apr operating along the WEST bank of the river on which MARUPA is situated discovered a recently used Japanese track from a point 700 yards EAST of BULUS, NORTH along a spur which rans parallel to and 500 yards WEST of the river. The track continued, but was not followed further NORTH than a point 2½ miles from the coast.

On 5 Apr one of our positions was attacked by 15 to 20 Japanese at a point one mile up the river on which MARUPA is situated. The attack was made from the NORTH and NE, and was repulsed with unknown casualties to the enemy.

There has been evidence of Japanese activity on the track from WAITAVALO which follows the WULWUT River to its headwaters and crosses to the headwaters of the MEVELO River. It was reported on 2 Apr that at TALINIO, 11 miles from WAITAVALO, there was strong evidence of a Japanese encampment having been made. A guard post was sighted and tracks were observed leading to a watering place in the vicinity.

At GODKA, on the headwaters of the MEVELO River, several reports have been received, the last being on 30 Mar, that parties of Japanese have moved to that village from the NORTH. On 30 Mar a native patrol was ambushed by a party of 20 Japanese one mile WEST of GODKA. The Japanese were dressed only in loincloths but their was no doubt of their identity.

An extensive Tac R programme was carried out during the period under review. These included reconnaissance of LEMINGI and KLAK areas on 2 Apr, WULWUT River Valley and KLAK area on 3, 4, and 5 Apr, and a further check on the WULWUT River Valley on 7 Apr.

It has been established from this and other sources, including captured Japanese maps, that LeMINGI is situated at 803808 and is occupied, as is also the area on either side of the two rivers as far NORTH as their junction 3 miles NORTH of the village.

At KLAK, in ADLER BAY, sightings were made of a possible gun position on the coast and of a wide strip cleared along the SOUTH side of a ridge SW of KLAK. It is believed that this clearing has been carried out to afford the Japanese a cleared area across which our troops would have to pass in an attack on this commanding feature. Emplacements were sighted on the upper edge of the clearing.

Many clearings were observed in the WULWUT River area, some containing gardens and others hits. One of these clearings, situated 2½ miles SOUTH of TALINIO, contained
11 huts with what appeared to be a breastwork 5 ft high and
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There has been no contact in this area and patrolling has been carried out from our base at MAVELO Plantation to the SAI River and inland to a depth of 3 miles.

A. European and native patrol reported on 6 Apr that a deserted enemy camp was found in the mountain area 4 miles SE of LAULI, and as no tracks could be found leading NORTH, it was considered that the enemy had moved towards the coast. Another deserted enemy camp was found on the MATALAILI River one mile inland from the coast, where enemy defensive positions had been reported previously. Both these camps had been abandoned approx one week previously.

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During the night 28/29 Mar our forward positions were harassed by a small enemy party and when later contact was made four enemy were killed. The peninsula was reported clear on 30 Mario and the second of the

Ineffective shelling of the coastal area has continued on a reduced scale; an expenditure of 110 rounds of 75mm and 150mm calibre was noted during the period.

over alltig ettiege påestællidet sy er A native report states that a large enemy force is concentrated at PORA PORA (42 miles NE of LALUM) and that the Japanese are training 70 natives in infantry tactica at RATSUA two miles further NORTH.

PORA PORA, bounded by swamp and hills, is situated at the junction of tactically important tracks leading to the EAST coast. The importance the enemy attaches to the

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northern sector of the island may be gauged from the follow-ing extract from a captured document dated 19 mar.
"Due to the importance of the situation in BURNIE, this area will be defended at all costs; six medium artillery and As guns will stand at TARLENA (approx 12 miles north of sudance) and TASUI (PORA PURA urea) awaiting the order to oven fire".

On 4 Apr 5 Javanese escapees, the surrendered to our forces, estimated 300 Japanese comprised the force at PORA PORA. They also pinpointed six artillery pieces in the FORA PORA - PORTON areas, sited to deny further penetration to the north and northeast. It is known that the Japanese had 50/60 Amboinese PW employed as labourers at TENINBA MAU on the NE

A ration state captured at SORAKEN dated 9 Har disclosed a total of 375. After deducting casualties to a Apr the remaining strength of this force should approximate 280.

It is difficult to assess the value of statements made by Javanese lately employed by the Japanese since it is known that many joined the enemy voluntarily and have been used extensively as police both in the NEI and in this area. The fact of their desertion at this critical stage of the operations may possibly be regarded as an attempt to survive rather than as a change of loyalty.

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Activity has been limited to patrol clashes and the haras-sing of known enemy positions by mortar fire.

Ouring the period 51 Mar-5 Apr patrols to MUNTS HILL (12 miles north of FLAT RAPAIA) killed 7 Japanese. On 1 Apr an NGIB patrol to BURITSIOTORARA (13 miles north of FIAT RAPAIA) ambushed an enemy party, killed 13, and captured documents. One bears and two light machine cond heavy and two light machine guns.

EMPRESS AUGUSTA BAY

During the past week Australian troops in the southern sector have been engaged in the fiercest fighting since their entry into BOUGAINVILLE: The seriousness of the enemy attempt to dispute our penetration along the DARARA-KIRU HIRU road is borne out by the size of the force committed and the suicidal tactics, including fanatically pressed bayonet charges, which characterised the action.

Repeated attacks against our forward posts and a scries of raids on rear L of C and gun positions compelled our withdrawal to positions in the vicinity of the DARARA ford,

On the night 28/29 Har simultaneous attacks yere launched against our positions.

Approximately 50 Japanese supported by automatic fire carried out a bayonst charge against "B" echelon in the DARARA area and at the same time further attacks were made by two enemy forces 75 and 100 strong, against positions 200 yards and 700 yards SE of DARARA ford. All these attacks were yards and heavy casualties inflicted on the enemy.

Further south a series of attacks was made against forward company positions at HIRU HIRU, and 700 yards and 1100 yards Na of MIRU respectively. The centre company was forced to withdraw and our forward elements were isolated.

On 31 Mar Australian tanks with infantry support crossed the PURIATA River and contacted our troops 1100 yards Not HIRU HIRU just as the enemy made his sixth attack on this position. Heavy casualties were inflicted on the enemy and his attack dissolved in disorder. On 1 Apr a patrol reached the forward company position but found it vacated. Contact was regained the following day and our troops have now withdrawn to positions 1500 yards SE of DARARA ford.

A total of 203 Japanese were killed during these operations.

In the NIHERO area extensive patrolling has been maintained. On 31 Mar a patrol sighted two enemy parties on the old government road and considerable activity in the NUKAHA area (4 miles SOUTH of NIHERO). A further patrol on 3 Apr ambushed 40/50 Japanese 32 miles SOUTH by WEST of NIHERO, killing 15.

GENERAL

Reports from native sources have located two enemy camps and dumps in the WAKUNAI River valley two miles Sw of NUMA NUMA. Approximately 150 Japanese including high ranking officers are said to comprise the force.

Native partisans continue to take toll of the enemy in the KIETA area. During the past week a total of 54 Japanese have been reported killed.

Favourable reports of the air strike on enemy installations at AMIO (6 miles WEST of KIETA) in Mar have come to hand staying that a large number of Japanese were killed and five vehicles and two 105mm guns destroyed,

Casualțies BOUGAINVILLE:

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3. NEW GUINEA

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During the past week our forces have carried out extensive patrols to clear the area inland from PUT and DAGUA. The wain effort has been devoted to expelling the enemy from rearguard positions on the WONGINARA track.

During 28 and 29 Mar our patrols cleared enemy amough parties one mile NORTH of WONGINARA mission, by-passing a strong enemy position on the EAST of the track. WONGINAPA itself was captured on 31 Mar, and our troops are now consolidating under cover of local patrols. The position by-passed on 29 Mar was attacked and cleared on 2 and 3 Apr, costing the enemy 35 killed, One 75mm gun was captured.

EAST of WONGINARA, MAGUA was cleared on 1 Apr, and reports were received of enemy in strength at MABAM River, two miles EAST of WONGINARA, and at LIWO, three miles SW of the mission. The enemy position on the river was captured on 2 Apr, and appeared to be an important MQ, as five officers were among the 20 Japanese killed.

On the coast, an ANGAU patrol killed five enemy in the PANAK-KOFI area, and rescued one Indian. Enemy are reported in strength at WALANDUUM and AUTOGI, two to three miles inland from BANAK, and patrols to these places and the MABAM River on 3 Apr killed nine enemy. AMOIA, two miles SOUTH of AUTOGI, was unoccupied.

Patrol engagements have also occurred SOUTH of BUT and along the HALIKAMOK River, SOUTH of SMAIN. 20/30 Japanese were reported at ALBIS, five miles SOUTH of BUT, on the track from MARABUS to YAMIL. This is one of the routes linking the coast and the main EAST-WEST track from MAPRIK to WEWAK. 189 enemy have been killed in these areas during the week.

The enemy apparently committed part of his coastal force in an attempt to hold the BUT-DAGUA area, but admitting the possibility of failure, made the role one of rearguard protection for the remainder of the force which moved inland by the WONGINARA track. Documentary confirmation of that intention has been gained and it appears that the withdrawal of the major part of his force has been accomplished.

SCREW RIVER & MAPRIK

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The previously consistent enemy counter attacks have lessened, only one having been reported this week. However, although resistance in the area is still strong our troops are gaining ground 3000m of MAURAL.

A party of enemy moving NORTH along the feature two miles SOUTH of our patrol base on the SCREW River was ambushed by one of our patrols and four killed. Further movement was reported on 31 Mar to the NE of IARE IMBIA.

MAIROKA, three miles NORTH of MILAK, was clear on 31 Mar, and AUIK two miles to the SE clear on 3 Apr. A village 200 yards SOUTH of AUIK was occupied by the enemy.

The enemy has been cleared from the immediate areas WEST and SOUTH of MAURAK, up to a depth of 2000 yards and two counter attacks by 30 Japanese 29/30 Mar were repulsed. Our forces unsuccessfully attacked a position to the EAST of MILAK, KAMAU, a mile EAST of MAURAK, was taken on 2 Apr; and natives reported 50/60 enemy two miles further to the SE.

Further to the SW and SOUTH, small patrol clashes have occurred. APERINGA, just SOUTH of ILAHINGA, was captured on 28 Mar, and our patrols have cleared positions to within two miles WEST of WORA, where the enemy are reported to be training and arming hatives. 86 enemy have been killed in these operations,

Retention of the MAPRIK area and its valuable link with the SEPIK River is of the utmost importance to the enemy and it is considered that both will be stubbornly disputed. Failure to hold that line would mean a withdrawal to the next NORTH-SOUTH route; that from the KABOIBUS group to KOROGO on the SEPIK River. Further, the surrender of MARUI would constitute a menace to any contemplated use of the SEPIK as an L of C or cseape route.

WOSEPA - SEPIK

Cur native patrols have encountered difficulty with the local natives in the WOSERA area. The importance of tribal boundaries is seen here, where it is apparent that the natives EAST of the line of demarcation which is just WEST of the MAPRIK-BURUI road, are still supporting the Japanese. Following an attack by our patrol on NUNGAGUA 24 Mar, in which seven Japs were killed, the Japanese were reinforced from surrounding villages, and a party is reported to have left JAMA, on the MARUI road, to reinforce NUNGAGUA.

Enemy activity continues along the SEPIK River. In addition to the YESAN area, already reported as a centre of Japanese activity, there have been many evidences of similar development in the MOIM area, 60/70 miles downstream, MOIM is the SEPIK River terminal of a through track from the WEWAK, area.

COASTAL AREA - BOIKEN-WEWAK

There is some minor activity in the BOIKEN area. Several Japanese and earthworks were seen at BOIKEN village, and LMG fire was directed at aircraft from that area.

There has been some activity at WEWAK on the WEST and NORTH sides of the point, and evidence of the use of tracked vehicles has been noted in the vicinity of Cape WOM.

Casualties NEW GUINEA, WEWAK-AITAPE:

3 Nov 44 - 5 Apr 45 Killed 2806 Pw 51 22 Apr 44 - 5 Apr 45 Killed 11842 PW 204

HANSA BAY

A recent report of Japanese parties active in the hills WEST of ANNANBERG is at present being investigated.

The suspected presence of enemy troops on MANAM Island as suggested by "flashing" lights observed on the NORTH shore by the crew of an Australian ketch has not been confirmed. The statements of natives contacted were very contradictory but an attempt to purchase stores from the ship's crew with apparently new Japanese currency indicates recent contact at least.

Native reports of 20 llar stating that an enemy party was located 8 miles SOUTH of SCHILLING Plantation have since been contradicted by a police boy at PIRIA.

Casualties HANSA BAY :

1 Oct 44 - 5 Apr 45 Killed 85 PW 12 24 Apr 44 - 5 Apr 45 Killed 162 Pd 12

(b) AIR - O.N

NEW BRITAIN

On 30 Mar 39,000 lbs of bombs were dropped on MATUPI Island. TOBERA was heavily attacked on three occasions and VUNAKANAU received 5 visits from our bombers during two of which 92,000 lbs of bombs were dropped.

Other targets in the RABAUL area were MALAGUNA, where two floatplanes were bombed, KARAVIA BAY area, where 3 barges were attacked and a truck and staff car were set on fire, and RALUANA, where a supply area was attacked. RABAUL was attacked on 2 500; sturting fires and causing explosions.

The recently discovered enemy positions at KLAK were attacked on 2 and 4 Apr when a hut concentration and the suspected gun position were bombed.

The suspected enemy concentration on the MATALAILI River was accurately attacked on 31 Mar.

PART. II

1. OOB - ENEMY

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

HQ 38 DIV

A captured document shows HG 38 Div at "MATARATA" in Nov 14. "MATARATA" has not been definitely located but is probably MATANATAR Plantation, three miles inland from KOKOPO.

229 INF REGT

2 & 3 Bns 229 Inf Regt are considered to be disposed in the TOBERA-TOMA area.

3 MXD REGT

An officer list, undated but necessarily subsequent to 25 Jul 144 when 3 Mxd Regt was formed, indicates the following Regt organisation:

HQ CO Lt-Col ENDO, Kenji Bn Repeating Gun Sig Coy Coy(RENSHAHO) (1/Lt KATSU-(1/Lt SHIMIZU MATA, Toshio) 3 Bn (Capt MIYASHITA) (Capt INABA Kiichi) Kidaichi) Regt Gun Coy Mortar Coy (Maj. SUWA, (1/Lt IWATA, (2/Lt YAMADA. Kurazo) : Waichiro Bunzaemon)

(FAA Weekly Intelligence Summary No 150)

WID: BAY

(a) Prelimnary interrogation of the PW captured on 1 Apr EAST of MARUPA revealed the following information:

Rank : ist Class Pte

Unit: NARUSE Bn, OIWA (Mortar) Pl, (Comment: PW did not know the name of the Regt to which his Bn belonged: IAPISE Bn is known to be a Bn (probably | Bn) of 3 Mixed Regt. This Bn is the "229 Provisional Indep Inf Bn" referred to in previous reviews. From captured documents it appears the mortar pl to which the PW was attached was under the command of Bn HQ and was not detailed either/2 or 4 Coys which comprised the "SU" Force at WAITAVALO)

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KALAI-WAITAVALO

The PW estimated the strength of the NARUSE Force in the KALAI-TOL area on 15 Oct 44 at 350. He could give no estimate of the 2 and 4 Coys but gave estimates for the other units in the area as follows:

OIWA Pl (Mortars) 30 MORI Pl (MG) 20 W/T Unit 10 Bn HQ 20 - 30

PW had heard that was a W/T station at JAMMER BAY.

ADLER BAY

PW thought that he had stopped at ADLER BAY en route to WAITAVALO in Dec 43 when there were 120-130 men there.

Casualties

Of PW's unit five were killed due to a premature explosion in one of the mortars, and three were wounded by enemy rifle or MG fire.

Weapons

The PW's unit arrived in the WAITAVALO area with two 81mm mortars with 900 rounds of ammunition. Two more 81mm mortars and two 105mm Improvised Arty Mortars with 100 rounds of 105mm ammunition were received just before the WAITAVALO battle, but only 10 of the latter rounds were fired. The PW thought that the improvised mortars had been made in RABAUL but he did not think that any factories had been set up for their manufacture.

<u>AFVs</u>

The PW had heard that there were tanks in the RaBaUL area, but was positive that there had not been any tanks or AFVs in the WAITAVALO area,

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The PW had heard that there were 10 serviceable planes at TOBERA, Including these, the total in the PABAUL area was about 30.

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The PW had heard that one submarine arrived per month at RABAUL.

Supplies

PW knew of only one ration depot between BULUS and LEMINGI. He did not know its location out stated that supplies were stored in huts.

In The units at TOL and WAITAVALO had been supplied by large MLCs arriving in pairs about twice a month since 15 Oct 44. On their last trip the MLCs brought only ammunition and no supplies, All these supplies came from RARAUL and no other means of transportation to WIDE BAY was used.

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In Oct 44 the PW had learned from two Japanese I. Ing there that there were 50 men stationed at TEMINGI, and were living at the foot of the mountains, probably in caves. This force was called the KLHLA Force and consisted of the TAKASAGO Unit (a Formosan group) and another Formosan group. It was the responsibility of this force to guard the rear of troops in the TAIRAVALO area. The PW heard that these Formosans were very formidable fighters especially in mountain warfare. They were armed only with rifles and machetes, and had no TAGS.

Suicide Units

All units in the WaltaValO area had "Div" orders to fight to the last man. No assistance would be forthcoming. Staff Offr HARA had visited the area to study the enemy situation just before the battle.

The OTWA Pl made its last stand in mean of SUGI Mt. After firing its ammunition, pl began to carry out a pre-arranged plan to withdraw to TOBERA It had also been planned to form five 3-man suitide squals from OTWA PL to locate and destroy enemy mortars. Destruction of enemy arty was not envisaged because they were too far in the enemy rear. Only weapons available were about four rifles for the whole pl and some hand grenades. This plan was not implemented.

Believing they were cut off, the OTAA Pl and the MORI Pl (MG) headed towards the WULKUT River, went a little upstream and turned back towards bolds-LaRUEBA Some then withdrew towards Lamingi while others went along the coast. Because of beri-beri PW was left behand.

Pr thought that most of the others returned to TOBERA because of its well prepared posns and because it was their home base. There was no plat to counter-attack. As the KODAMA unit (formerly 2 Coy, NUMA Up) had been transferred to 3 Mixed Regt in Sep 44 as 5 Coy, it made for Regt's home base in Cape GAZELLE.

Chronology

In Oct 44 Maj NARULI was appointed CO of NARULI force which consisted of Mortar Pl, MG Pl, JINGUII Unit (4 Coy), Bn HQ, and Wireless Squad. This force went everland from TOBERA to BULUS passing through LEMINGI and "HARUSE" Mountain (793703). The journey took 10 days.

Personality

Pa thought that Maj NARUJE might have committed suicide due to the failure of his mission,

Intropogator's Comment

Pa's military knowledge is limited. he answered all questions freely and apparently to the best of his knowledge. Information gained is considered to be reliable.

(b) Further interrogation of the Pu captured on 29 Mar gave the following further information, (The first interrogation of this PM was reported in 5 Aust Div Intelligence Review No 8)

OOB - TOL-WAITAVALO AREA

Part of 5 Coy of 16 Tele Regt KODAMA Unit (2 Coy) JINGUJI Unit (4 Coy) - 10 . 150 Mortar Pl

MG Pl (four secs) HMG Unit

Total approx 400 men.

200 20 (4 x 81mm mortars (2 improvised mortars) (6 HiGs) : :

Equipment

PW's unit had 2 transmitters and 2 receivers. 2 reserve transmitters were destroid by enemy action. The equipment was operated in caves in ZUNGEN HILL.

<u>Supplies</u>

PW knew of ration depots at ZUNGEN HILL, JAMMER BAY, and upstream of WULWUT and MEVELO Rivers.

LEMINGI

PW heard that there was a KINIA Force of about 200 Formosans there.

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There were only 22 man at JAMBER BAY, comprising

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ADLER BAY

There were 8 inf sig personnel living in the mountains but these were not part of PW's unit. There was also one coy of an unknown unit.

Personality

PW stated that 1/Lt HODAMA, OC 2 Cor and CO of the "SU" Garrison Unit had committed suicide.

5. TACTICS

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DUMMY JAPANESE LIGHT TANK

A dummy light tank was found after the action on WAITAVALO feature. The dummy was an excellent representation of a tank of no particular model and measured 12 ft in length and 4 6" in width and 5 6" high overall.

A wooden framework carried palm leaves to represent the body and turret and the tracks were constructed of sawn round timbers bound with vines. Two guns were represented by long wooden poles.

From a distance the dummy was a very convincing representation of a tank but, as it was placed in heavy timber, it would not have been visible from the air.

It is probable that the tank mentioned in a captured diary referred to this dummy, as a PW stated that there were no AFVs in the area.

Attached as Appendix "A" is a drawing of the dummy tank,

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SURRENDER PROPAGANDA BROADCASTS

Included in 5 Aust Div Intelligence Review No 8 was an article on the surrender propaganda broadcasts directed against the Japanese during the mopping-up operations in MANILA.

During recent weeks the first trial by Australian troops of direct broadcasts of surrender propaganda against Japanese front line troops was conducted in the BOUGAINVILLE area.

The site chosen for the trial was a forward infantry post on PEARL RIDGE within 950 yds of the enemy garrison on SMITH'S HILL and rearward features.

Conditions for the surrender appeals appeared most promising due to the condition of the enemy garrison. They were said, by a Pd 2nd Lt Medical Officer attached to the garrison, to be in very low morals, as the result of starvation and frequent and harassin; bombardment by artillery, mortars and aerial bombs, which caused steady daily casualties over a period of about three weeks.

He further stated that approximately half of the remaining garrison of 26 possessed surrender pamphlets at the time he deserted and he considered that they were anxious to surrender. They were deterred from doing no because they had no information on how and when to go about surrender, and our troops invariably brought down heavy automatic and artillery fire on all observed enemy movement on SMITH'S HILL. All night approaches to our positions were known to be heavily booby trapped.

Accordingly instructions on the method and time of surrender were prepared by the Bn Goad of PEARL RIDGE. These included an undertaking that at CCOO hrs each day firing would cease to permit any Japanese who wished to surrender to show himself at an appointed spot on SMITH'S HILL, where he could be seen by our troops and signalled in.

The message in Japanese was duplicated on special surrender pamphlets which display a general appeal to surrender on one side and a blank space on the other side for printing detailed surrender instructions.

Aircraft dropped 5000 of these pamphlets on SMITH'S HILL garrison on 7 Mar and twenty-eight 25 pdr shells were loaded with cardboard cylinders each containing 75 pamphlets and fired on to the Japanese positions at intervals extending over a week,

Broadcasts were commenced on 7 Mar also, and in the ensuing fortnight the unit put over 15 prepared programmes in 57 broadcasts.

Subjects of the broadcasts given by the Japanese linguist member of the unit were:

War news.

wany repetitions of the surrender instructions set out in the leaflets.

Background talks prepared by FELO on the failure of the Japanese High Command, the hopelessness of the war outlook for JAPAN and kindred topics.

Hopelesaness of the plight of SMITH'S HILL garrison.
Many details of their hardships and casualties supplied by the Medical Officer Fir were: emphasised.

General "depression" talks stressing the privations and difficulties of jungle warfare, the starvation and sickness that threatened the garrison and strength and accuracy of our artillery and mortar fire and air bombing and strafing.

Surrender appeals addressed personally to officers of the garrison whose names were supplied by the Medical Officer.

Previously prepared talks on the good treatment of Japanese PW in AUSTRALIA.

Sessions were introduced by recorded music of nostof Geisha girls and sentimental music and bands, of and Jazz by popular American singers and bands, of which the Japanese are very fond.

Other recorded items given included surrender messages and talks designed to create homesickness.

The only observed result was on 9 Mar when at 1230 hrs one Japanese appeared at the appointed surrender RV and commenced to dig in vigorously while the broadcast was in progress. He was warned through the loudspeakers that he would be fired on if he did not stop digging and he promptly moved to the safety of the reverse slope of the hill.

The broadcast experiment contributed little to the knowledge of propaganda warfare except confirmation of the fact that no matter how hard pressed and desperate his plight, the Japanese soldier's will to fight to the death is exceedingly hard to break,

In this experiment however, it was necessary for the security of our own troops to fix an RV in daylight at a spot where Japanese officers could observe any troops attempting to surrender. That probably provided a strong de terrent.

It is considered that there would be greater chances of success if the unit was used in a tactical situation where it was possible, without risk to our own troops, to nominate a surrender RV, where enemy could gather at night and avoid observation by their comrades and officers of their desertion.

In addition to its propaganda role the Front Line Broadcasting Unit offers possibilities of nerve warfars by broadcasting battle noises and disturbing noises at night and misleading information. In some instances, it could be used for communication to our forward patrols.

Range achieved by the broadcasts surpassed expectation. One Australian patrol operating 2000 yards from the unit, heard the broadcasts intelligibly and at good strength.

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BLUNDERBUSS

In apite of the considerable success attributed in enemy propaganda to the "improvised weapons" turned out by factories operating underground in RaHaUL Fortress, it seems that the user trials are not always successful.

A PW recently captured in GAZELLE Peninsula stated that he was a member of an "Improvised arty Mortar No 4 (105 mm)" mortar pl which was in operation in the WAITAVATO ... and TOL Plantations. He further stated that the strength of his unit was originally 25, and that although they had no losses as the result of Allied operations, five men had been killed and three wounded as the result of an unfortunate accident.

It seems highly likely that as the result of operational experience, a modification in the form of a 20 or 30 ft lanyard may be made to future models.

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(Compiled from information received from 0800 hrs 7 Mar 45 to 0800 hrs 12 Apr 45)

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JAPANESE IMPROVISED LOSmm ARTY MORTAR

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

Base 642 lbs Spigot 392 lbs Ground Peg 10 lbs.

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The projectile weighs 38% 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 locally fitted over the spigot until the base of the shell rests on the forward end of the spigot.

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

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

Samples were also captured of the charge and primer employed. The primer is apparently the primer out of the 105mm shell and the charge is contained in a cloth bag. The charge charge charge charge will accommodate two of these bags.

JAPANESE IMPROVISED 105mm ARTY/MORTAR

The mortar (or projector) weighs 114 lbs, made up

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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 32" 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.

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The range of the mortar is NOT known.

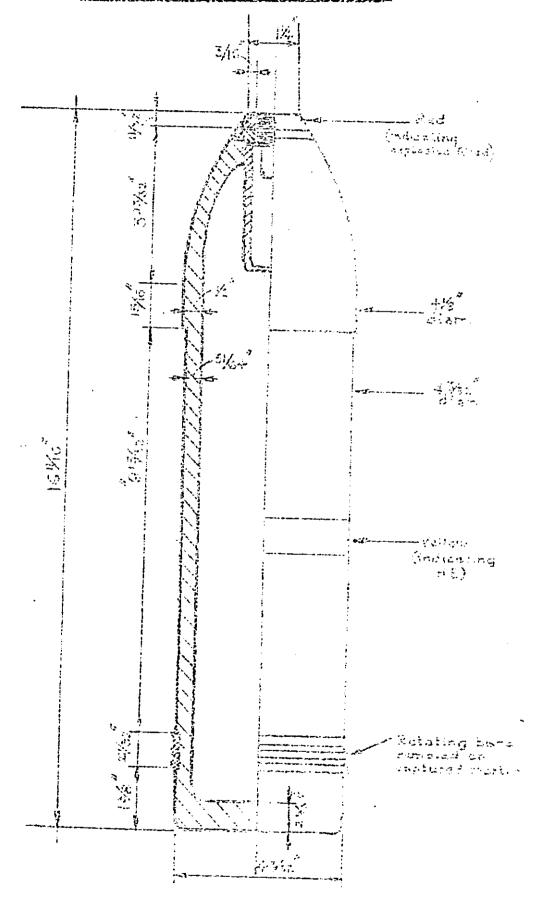
JAPANESE AREY 105mm BLUNT HOSE (HOWLTZER)

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and the second IMPROVISED ARTILLERY MORTARS

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

Issued by 38 Blv and addressed to 0 of S 8 Area Army. Dated 11 Feb 15.

Captured WAITA VALO 8 Mar 45.

Note: -

I. Quantities shown in brackets are the equivalents of the metric quantities appearing in the paraphlet.

2. Hortar No 4 appears to refer to the mortar captured WAITAVALO on 13 Mar.

Extracts:-

From HUMA (TN 38 Div) Staff No 672-D. Report regarding practical test of IMPROVISED ARTILLERY
LIORIARS. 11 Feb 15

To : GO (TH 8 Area Arry) 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 (HAKUGEKIHO) 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. 1.:
- .b. Improvised Artillory Mortar No 4 can be used as a light duty artillery northr or an a heavy grenade thrower.

 3. Surmary of Test Results.

 Part 1. Firing.

Part 1. Firing.

- a. Improvised Artillery Hortar No 2.
 - (1) Haximum range 650 metros (710 yds) (propoliant 50 grans elevation 43 degrees
 - (2) Rate of fire 2 rounds por minute.
 (Sono improvement may be expected with fully trained personnel)
- (3) Idnit for continuous fire approximately 20 rounds. (Some increase may be expected with the installation of water cooling, etc.)
 - (4) Hean deviation on average objective :-Bearing - 5 netres (5.46 yds) Range - 30 netres (32.79 yds)
- (5) Technical improvements in amunition and the use thereof, together with stabilization of the trajectory (clinimation of shock and tumbling of the projectile in flight) could result in increased range (about 1000 metres (1093 yds) and decreased doviation.

- b. Improvised Artillery Mortar No 4.
 - (1) Maximus range 250 metres (273 yds) (propellant 100 grams (elevation 43 degrees
 - (2) Rate of fire 3 rounds every 2 minutes. (some improvement can be expected with fully trained personnel)
 - (5) Limit for continuous fire approximately 40 rounds.
 - (4) Mean deviation on average objective:

 Bearing 4 netres (4.37 yds)

 Range 10 netres (10.93 yds)

Part 2. Mobility.

- a. Improvised Artillery Mertar 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 nameowork.
- b. Improvised Artillery Mortar No 4.
 - (1) Total weight is 50 kilograms (110 lbs), but it can be stripped into two parts; namely, barrol (20 kilograms (44 lbs) and carriage (30 kilograms (66 lbs) and can be transported by nampower.
 - (2) Since supply of armunition for Improvised Artillery Mortar No 4 is not easy (one 10 continetre 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 armunition should first be accumulated at the new sity.

4. Establishment.

- a. Improvised Artillery Mortar No 2.
 - (3) In the event of a division being equipped with 10 Improvised Mortars
 - (a) Artillery Units (including artillery attached to Sector Units) will be equipped with 24 Improvised Mortars, each Section being provided with one Improvised Mortar in agdition to normal equipment.
 - (b) Divisional reserve unit will be equipped with
 16 Improvised Mortars (h under the direct control
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 formed. (Shortage of assumition carriers will be
 rectified by employment of men-from the Formosan Labour Group)
 (c) In the event of establishment comprising more
 - (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 plateon as a basis, each plateon will

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

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

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Instructions for handling Improvised Aptillery Morter 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. Arrunition is remodelled mountain artillery shells with fins attached to the base. Type 86 fuze is fixed to the head of the projectile which explodes on contact (a 7 kilogram detonating charge).
- 2. Construction and Characteristics.

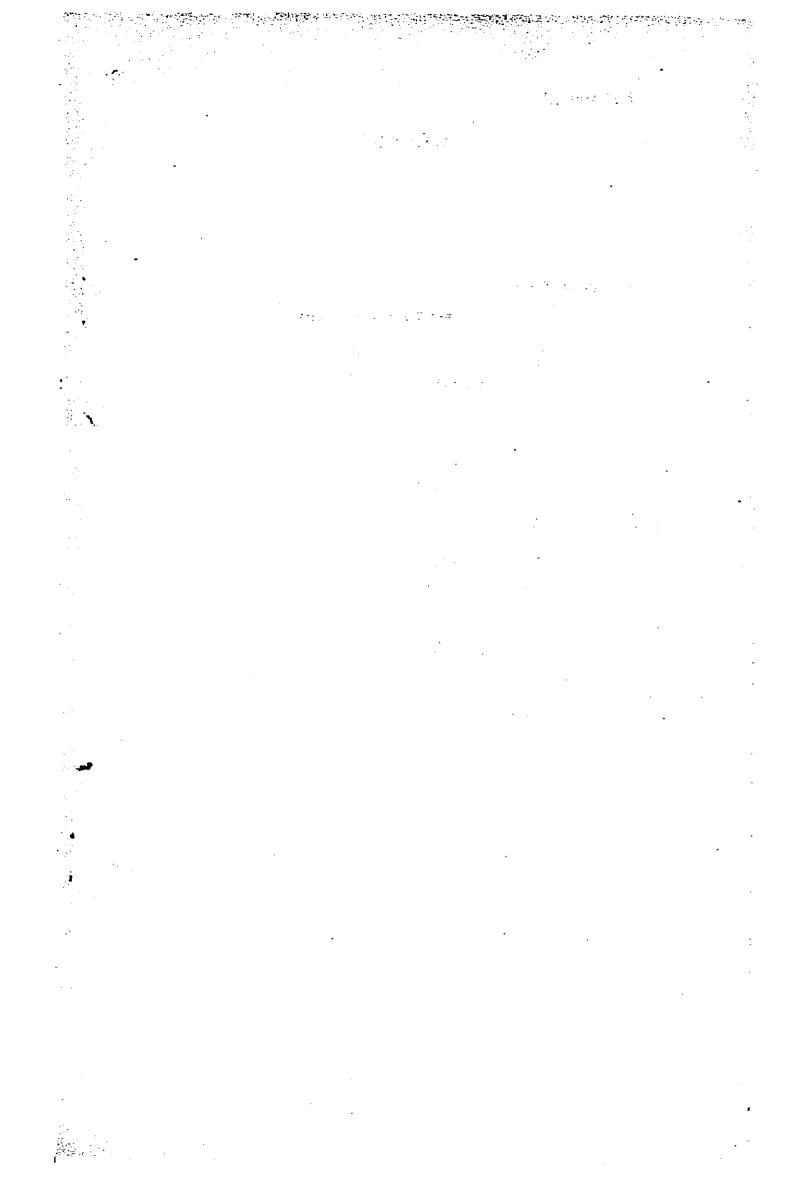
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Appendia No 2

Instructions for handling Improvised Artillery Mortar Eo 4.

- 1. Improvised Artillery Morter No 4 is constructed of onygen cylinders used by airplanes. It is light in weight and simply constructed. The shell is assembled from the 14 year, no centimetre cartriage case and 10 centimetre shell land neededled type 86 fuze is attached to the head and in responsible for firing the projectile on centict.
- 2. Construction and characteristics.
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 Thing mechanism is composed of firing pin and percussion cap
 catch. Carriage is made of steel and is fixed to the barrel
- 5. Administration is remodelled 10 centimetre shells and 10 centimetre cartridge cases. The outer ensing 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 a centil fine attached pin of the type 88 instantaneous fuse and attaching it at a safety catch. Powder charge is composed of 100 grans of the charges used in mountain artillery shells and 10 grans of black powder. (We see attached sketch to 2) and 10 grans of black powder. (We see attached sketch to 2)

(Translation by First Aust Army ATES Adv Roh)



JAPANESE ROCKET PROPELLED BOMB & LAULICHING RACK

Another Japanese rocket weapon has been encountered in Luzon, in the Manila area. This consists of a 63 kg aerial bomb, driven by a rocket motor attached to the rear. The combined missile is fired from a launching rack.

Characteristics

Launching Rack

3" = 4" creosoted hard wood. Trough: Material

13<u>11</u>2" Length Width(outside) 102" Width(inside)

2" = 4" with 2" x 2" braces Stand: Material

Height Height of Blev-

ation Holes from 16毫", 25", 33毫", 41%" ground

Bomb & Fuze

Tipe Bomb: Type 97 Navy CP Aerial Bomb (65 kg)

Type Fuze: A 3(b) Nose impact

Remarks: It is highly improbable that other Navy and

Army bombs of the same series could be used.

Rochet Propellant Unit

Haterial ≟" malleable iron & 12 gauge

sheet steel

Overall length Length of Body Diameter of Body

415"
215"
7½"
3 ballistite sticks 20½" x 3" Type of Filler

weighing 8 lbs each

Length of venturi tube 14"

Diameter of venturi tube aft 3 3/16" inside diameter Diameter of venturi tube fwd 13" inside diameter Total Weight 85 lbs

Oreration

Both and propellant unit are placed in trough at a point about 2" above sandbags where there is a stop to prevent them from sliding back. The propellant is ignited by an electric sould, measuring 2\frac{1}{4}" in length and 1 1/16" in diameter, which is screwed into the nose of the rocket propellant unit. When in firing position the launching trough is set into a hole in the ground 3' deep.

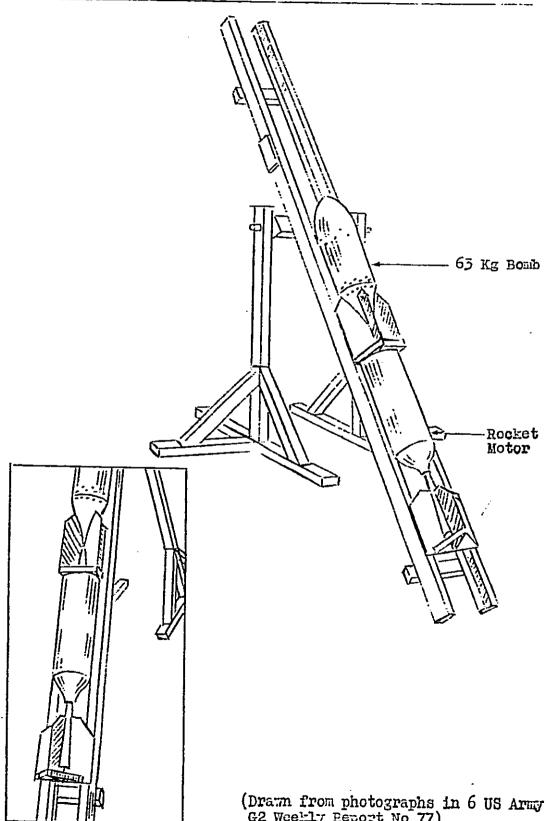
An angle indicator, consisting of a lead weighted string and pencilled markings on the launching trough, is provided to indicate the angle of incline of the trough. Range and capabilities of this weapon are unknown.

Remarks

This is further evidence of the enemy's intention to compensate for his lack of artillery by the use of self-propelled projectiles. It is to be expected that further types will be encountered.

(6 US Army G2 Weekly Report No 77 of 28 Feb 45)

JAPANESIE 63 KG BOMB WIITH ROCKET MOTOR ATTACHED & LATTE CHER RATK



(Drawn from photographs in 6 US Army G2 Weelly Report No 77)

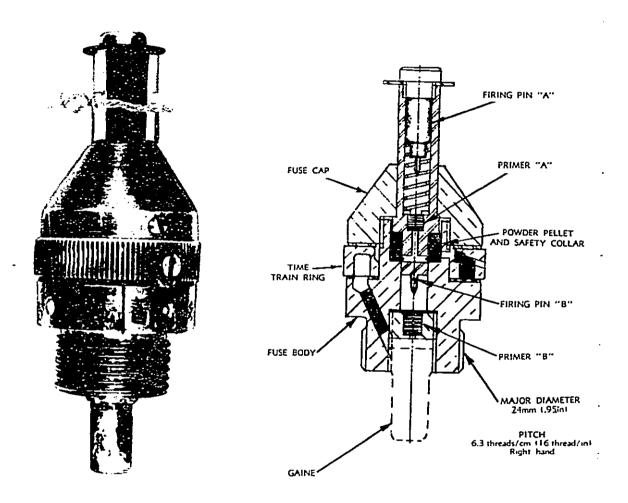
JAPANESE

MODEL 3

8cm MORTAR BOMB FUSE

TIME AND INSTANTANEOUS

SCALE Tin = 17in.



This fuse was recovered with 81 mm. (3.19 in.) Mortar Ammunition. A translation of the instruction tag reads:—" Examine exterior of fuse and after ascertaining it to be free from defects, remove the instruction tag, and attach the fuse to the shell.

When the projectile is fired the setback causes Firing Pin "A" to detonate Primer "A," this takes place within Firing Pin "B." The resultant flash passes out through holes in the lower section of Firing Pin "B" igniting the powder pellet, arming Firing Pin "B" for impact firing and also ignites the powder in the Time Train Ring. If the time train burns for the set time, it flashes to the gaine. On the other hand if the fuse should strike a resisting target before the set time has elapsed, but after the powder pellet has burned away, then Firing Pin "B" initiates Primer "B" in turn the gaine. The fuse can be set for impact only by turning the time train ring to a position off the time scale.

Appendix 'D(i)' to First Aust Army Weekly Intelligence Surmary No 149 of 29 Har 15.

JAPANESE "MOLOTOFF COCKTAIL"

This incendiary grenade was captured on Leyte in October 1944.

Description

The grenade consists of a glass beer bottle. Attached to the bottom by fabric or rubber harness is an igniter capsule of glass mouldings containing 25 grams of phosphorus.

Weight of bottle and igniter, filled 1 15 132 ozs.

Packing

The whole device is packed in a cylindrical cardboard carton, with cardboard spacers to protect the bottle and capsule. The latter is very sensitive. A label on the lid reads:

"Hend Incendiary Grenade manufactured Jun 144. Sagami Naval Arsenal".

Operation

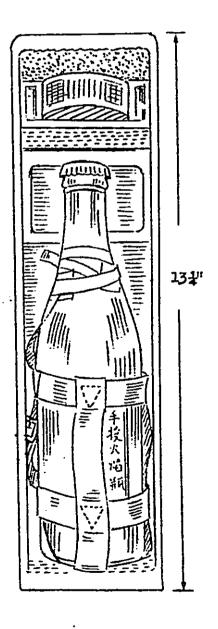
The igniter capsule is attached to the bottom of the bottle by the harness. On being thrown against a hard surface the bottle and capsule are shattered. The friction ignites the phosphorus, which in turn sets off the filling. The filling being viscious tends to adhere to the surface it strikes. Lateral spread of filling is about four feet. Most of the filling burns at the point of impact.

These grenades have not been encountered yet in this theatre of operations. Any specimens captured should be recovered and evacuated to this EQ.

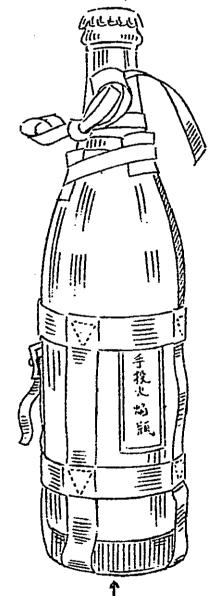
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PACKED IN CONTAINER



ASSELBLED READY FOR USE



Incendiary capsule fastened to bottle by harness

(From a report by 2/1 Aust CW Laboratory)

JAPANESE MODEL 93 (1933) PERSISTANT GAS **INDICATOR**



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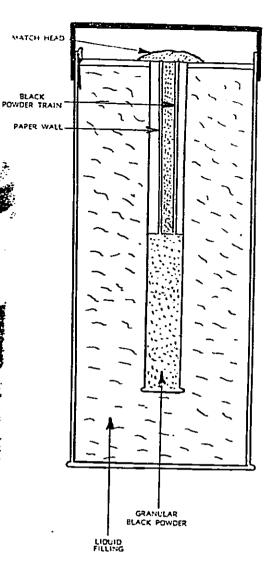
A. It may be a training aid used for teaching the detection of persistant gases. The odor is supplied by a Methyl Salicylate and the colour by a dark blue dye.

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B. It may be used to demarcate contaminated areas. It is thought that the Japanese may use standard colours to indicate contamination. The wintergreen odor of Methyl Salicylate may be used to indicate the presence of a certain persistant gas.

OPERATION.

The tube is ignited by rubbing the match head with the scrattering the liquid filling. As only one tube was available for examination, no functional tests could be made.



SECTIONAL DIAGRAM (Not to Scale)

CHARACTERISTICS.

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Thin walled cylinder ... Sheet metal
Colcur ... Dark blue grey painted
615 gms 121.6 czł
Weight of liquid filling ... 440 gms 125.5 czł
Weight of burster charge ... 3.18 gms 1.112 ozł
Total length ... 23 in
Diameter ... 23 in
The telescopic cover is held with a strip of grey
adhesive tape.

MARKINGS.

Printed in Japanese on a Gin by 4 in white painted area on the side of the tube are the following

"Model 93 Persistent Gas Indicator, No. 2 TOKYO Army Arsenal, Manufactured December 1941, Inflammable."

"INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE.

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 tal Strip off moisture proofing band.

 (b) Take off cover.

 (c) Pull our the scratcher block and strike the head of the igniter and upon ignition, throw it.

 Matters requiring special care in handling.

 (a) Throw quickly upon ignition.

 (b) It must not be allowed to explode within 20 metres of a person.

 (c) It must not be used at night,

 (d) Approximately 6 seconds after ignition, it will explode, scattering the indicator solution. Thereafter, it gives off an offensive odor."

Appendix 'B' to EQ First Aust Army Weekly Intelligence Summary No 150 of 5 Apr 45.

JAFANESE SUBSTITUTE ANTI-TANK MINEUSING ARTILLERY PROJECTILE

(From a document captured by 6 US Army. Origin unknown).

Pressure plate

Shear wire (iron)

Light covering of earth, leaves, etc.

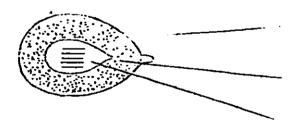
Chemical fuse
Detonator of fine
grained black powder

Tetryl

Booster

CHEMICAL FUSE

(P)



Bed redding

Chlorate of potash and sugar Glass ampoule of sulphuric acid

OPERATION

When a vehicle moves onto the pressure plate, the shear wire is cut, and the descending block crushes the amoule of subhuric acid. This fires the chlorate of potash and sugar mixture, which in turn sets off the black powder train and booster.

There is a delay of .5 to 1 second, therefore the document advises that the mines should be laid in terrain which will reduce the speed of AFVs.

REFECTS

Two 75 mm or one 15 cm howitzer shell is said to be capable of breaking a track.

PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

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WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

Army Form C. 248
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JACQUINOT BAY	14 Apr		4 AustInf Bde	- Nothing to report.	Appx 98 - Weather
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By Authority, L. P. Johnston, Commonwealth Government Painter, Camberra

5 Detachment, 6 Mobile Meteor Flight.

Forecast: Jacquinot Bay, Wide Bay and Coast.

Period: 141200K to 151200K.

Distribution:

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

(4) RAA 5 Aust Div.

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(8) Sigs 2 Aust Div.

(9) AASC 5 Aust Div.

(10) AIB Jacq Bay.

(11) 41 Aist Landing Craft Coy.

Weather:

Broken to overcast middle cloud and scattered low cloud. Light showers on hills this afternoon. Visibility good. Slight sea. Wind light and variable with sea breeze this afternoon.

Twilight 0534K

Moonrise 0819K set 2041K

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Sunrise 0556K Test 1753K 140900K Dry Bulb 80.00

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AMENDMENT 1 to 5 AUST DIV-LOCATION STATEMENT AND ORDER OF BATTLE NUMBER 49 as at 2359 HRS 13 APR 55

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HQ 5 Aust Div (AIF) G514 /4 Apr 45

1. Herewith Amendment 1 to 5 Aust Div Location Statement and Order of Battle Number 49 as at 2359 hrs 13 Apr 45.

2. All please acknowledge on pro forms below.

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

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AMENDMENT 1 TO 5 AUST DIV LOCATION STATEMENT AND ORDER OF BATHLE 49 as at 2359 HRS 13 APR 45.

- Delete serials 53(a), 53(c), 62, 64 and 77 to incl 128.
- 2. Amend the following serials -

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- Serial 5 Location MEG 858952. HOSKINS.
- Serial 8 Location JB 083804 PALMALMAL.

 delete remarks and insert under comd
 5 Aust Div for ops only.
- Serial 9 Location JB 083804 PALMALMAL. delete remarks and insert under comd 5 Aust Div for ops only.
- Serial 12 Remarks to read B To under comd 13 Bde.
- Serial 15a Location TOL 624515 WAITAVALO PLANTATION. Serial 18a Location TOL 635502 TOL PLANTATION.
- Serial 19b Location TOL 637503 TOL PLANTATION. Serial 20b - Unit to read Det Wksp Pl and Br Sec 55 Aust Fd Pk Coy (AIF).
- Serial 22 Amend unit to read 41 Aust Ldg Craft Coy (AIF)
 less rear HQ, adv party, two pls and det.
 Delete remarks end insert Rear HQ, adv
 party and one pl NOT yet arrived from AUST.
 One pl enroute AITAPE, det under comd 13 Bde.
- Sorial 23 Amend unit to read less two dets. Under remarks insert NOT yet arrived from AUST.
- Serial 26 Location MEG 838963 HOSKINS (d) att 360Bn for local adm.
- Serial 28 Remarks to read Dets 6 Ede and 13 Ede.
- Serial 29b Remarks to read under comd 13 Bde.
- Berial 31 Remarks to read Det each under comd 6 and 13 Bdes.
- Sorial 34 Remarks to read one Det each under comd 6 and 13 Bdes.
- Serial 35 Remarks to read unit att 13 Bde and 36 Bn.
- Sorial 39 Remarks to road two secs under comd 13 Bde, one sec under comd 6 Bde att 36 Bn.
- Serial 48 Unit to read 2 Aust Fd Amb (AIF) less B Coy. Insert reamrks B Coy under comd 13 Bdc . . location TOL 634507 TOL.
- Serial 50 Remarks to read one det under comd 13 Ede.
- Serial 53 Doleto romarks and insert A and D sees under comd 13 Edc.
- Scrial 58 Dole to remarks and insert one sec each under comi 13 and 29 Edes. Det under comi 6 Ede att 36 En.
- Sorial 60 Remarks to road one dot under comd 13 Ede.
- Sorial 61 Amend unit to read 5 Aust Div Postal Unit (AIF) loss four dets D 041828 MALMAL. Remarks now read one det each with 7, 8, 11 and 29 Bdos.

3. Insert the following serials -

Serial lla - A Tp 2/14 Aust Fd Rogt D 026826 WUNUNG, under romarks (b).

Serial 14s - One Sec 554 Aust IAA Bty, NOT yet arrived from BOUGAINVILLE.

Serial 53a - B soc 77 Aust Dental Unit (AIF) D 015848 - WUNUNG.

Serial 530 - F sec 77 Aust Dental Unit (AIF) D 016852

Sorial 62 - Det 11 Aust Div Postal Unit (AIF) loss det D 013843 WUNUNG. Det under com 6 Bdo att 36 Bn.

Serials 77 to incl 139 insert new pages 6 - 9, att for 6 Aust Inf Bde Gp and 13 Aust Inf Bde Gp.

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79		loss dot Det 6 Aust Inf Edo Sig Sec (AIF)	D MEG	013843 838963	WUNUNG HOSKINS	(c) att 36 Bn.
80		269 Aust IAD (Type J) (AIF) Less dot	D	013843	WUNUNG	(c) Det att 36 Bn.
81	Engrs	Adv HQ and 1 Pl 12 Aust Fd Coy (ATF) less dets	CD	957592	na ntambu	(d) att 36 Bn dets at NEG 83796 HOSKINS and CD 860530 UBILI
82		3 Pl 12 Aust Fd Coy (AIF)	CD	860532	UBILI	(d) att 36 Bn.
85 84	SIGS	Two WT Dets Sigs 2 Aust Div (AIF) One det 48 Aust Cipher Sec (Type K)	ОВ	171542	WATU PT	(d) Div tps att 36 Bn.
85		(AIF) E det 9 Aust Pigeon Sec (Type A)	OB	171542	WATU PT	(d) Div tps att 36 Bn.
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91	INT .	Det 33 Aust FS Sec (AF)	ОВ	171542	WATU PT	(d) Div tps att 36 Bn.
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5 AUST DIV 11FM SUMMARY 48

(Compiled from infm received from 081200K to 141200K)

HQ 5 Aust Div (AIF) 14 Apr 45

NEW BRITAIN

1. OWN OPS

(a) See 5 Aust Div sitreps.

(b) OPEN BAY

13 Pl NGIB recce patrol 120900K to 171600K from MAVELO to camp 342508 NE to track vicinity 375533 to track vicinity 414550 returning direct to 380481 thence to MAVELO along track.

TASK - Recce for jeep route.

14 Pl NGIB recce patrol 120900K to 171500K via track to 399481 to feature 400471 thence to 437480 thence EAST to grid 44. Return same route.

TASK - Recce for jeep route.

2. ENEMY

(a) WIDE BAY

Tac R flown on 11 Apr over the TOL-EHER BAY coastal area reported:

- 926589 An area of approx 2 acres recently cleared but NOT prepared for crops.
- 931586 An area of low scrub covers 5 to 6 acres across which a fence has been constructed from EAST to WEST. A track leads alongside the fence and SOUTH from the clearing for approx 200 yds where it disappears into the jungle.
- 928582 An area approx 75 yds square has been cleared. Felled timber remains.
- 927587 A garden of approx 1 acre in which were situated 2 small lean-to's.
- 926595 A possible track observed from this point leading ME for approx 500 yds along the count of the spur.
- 938575 Palms appear to have been freshly cut. Track leads SW for approx 500 yds.
- 882547 An area of approx 200 yds long and 20 yds wide running EAST has been cleared from SOUTH slopes of spur.
- 898565 An area of approx 3 acros has been cleared of all foliage.
- 884544 Clearing of approx 1 acre.

(b) OPEN BAY

On 12 Apr three possible parachute flates were observed at approx MATAIAILI RIVER mouth from WATU PT.

OTHER AUST OPS

3. BOUGATEVILLE

(a) KIA RAE area

Activity has been confined to patrolling in this area for the past four days. Several clashes have been made with the enemy to the NORTH and NE of KIA RAE.

Three of our arty jeeps were attacked by the enemy approx 1 mile NORTH of KIA RAE, nil cas.

A bayonet charge by the enemy on our posns approx 5 miles ENE of KIA RAE was repulsed, 4 of the enemy were killed.

The enemy has been ineffectively shelling our posns.

Cas this area, enemy 14 killed 1 wounded own 1 killed 3 wounded.

AIB report that 20 Japs were killed and one 150mm gun destroyed at KORIU 996415 (approx 13 miles SE of KIA RAE).

(b) SISIVIE area

Patrols are operating approx 4 miles NORTH of SISIVIE and throughout general area.
Our arty engaged enemy posns to the NW of SISIVIE, known casenemy 2 killed.

(c) SORAKEN PLANTATION area

Patrols are operating throughout general area. Hostile shelling of our posns to the SOUTH of the plantation wounded 3 and caused some damage in one of our bty posns.

(d) GENERAL

AIB report that natives killed 12 of the enemy in the BUIN area (SOUTH BOUGAINVILLE) and 86 in the KIETA area (SE BOUGAINVILLE).

4. AITAPE

(a) BALIF area

Our patrols to the NE, EAST and SE of BALIF continue to clash, and mop up enemy patrols.

An attack by our tps on enemy posn approx 7 miles EAST of BALIF was unsuccessful.

After our tps had captured an enemy posn the enemy cointer attacked but was repulsed.

Cas this area enemy 42 killed 4 wounded own 1 killed 4 wounded.

(b) BUT - DAGUA area

Our tps have advanced approx 2 miles EAST along the coast from DAGUA and have cleared out several enemy posns. An enemy W/T station has been captured approx 2 miles SE of DAGUA. An RAN vessel accurately bembarded enemy installations and gun posns approx 7 miles EAST of DAGUA. Cas this area enemy 88 killed 2 PW taken, ewn 2 killed 1 wounded.

AIR OPS

5. BOUGATAVILLE

7 Apr. 8 CORSAIRS led by Tac R bombod suspected enemy personnel areas ISINA R3173, unobserved results.

9 Apr. 8 CORSAIRS bombed and strafed Jap concentrations on HORGORIA RIVER. 34 CORSAIRS in support own tps accurately bombed and strafed enemy concentrations HATAI 925485.

10 Apr. 8 CORSAIRS bombed suspected large enemy concentrations NORTH bank PEPERI RIVER from 101419 to 019417. 12 CORSAIRS led by Tac R bombed and strafed enemy concentrations reported both sides EAST WEST road KORIU area. 11 CORSAIRS provided close support attacked tp concentrations approx 2500 yds SW HORINU (2). 6 CORSAIRS bombed and strafed Jap bivouac area WEST bank NARTO RIVER AHIO area. 13 CORSAIRS accurately bombed and strafed Jap concentrations NAHKARIO (SE RAUA HARBOUR). 6 MITCHELLS 8 CORSAIRS 5 VENTURAS bombed huts MUGUAI causing large fires.

6. NEW IRELAND

7 Apr. VENTURA sweep cratered approaches to LIBBA br V1378.
VENTURA rocco cratered approaches PINIS br, strafed KAIOIPAN to
FANGELAVA Z7186. 27 MITCHELLS 5 VENTURAS bombed AA posns KAVIENG
and PANAPAT. 2 CORSAIRS damaged br SOUTH of BULUS U4506.
27 MITCHELLS bombed AA posns FANGELAWA. VENTURA patrol destroyed
br at BULUS.

10 Apr. Patrol damaged br at BULUS.

7. NEW BRITAIN

7 Apr. CORSAIR patrol dropped 8 x 500 lb bombs on hutted area MATAPAN PLANTATION. 4 CORSAIRS hit buts and suspected RADAR sta RALUANA PT, 8 huts burnt two trucks destroyed and two damaged.

8 Apr. 6 VENTURAS hit target VUNAKANAU large explosions.
4 CORSAIRS attacked Jap camp KARAVIA BAY large explosions by smoke.
4 CORSAIRS hit hutted area KARAVIA BAY. RABAUL patrol destroyed trucks damaged 2 several Japs killed.

9 Apr. 5 VENTURAS hit personnel area TOBERA. 4 CORSAIRS bombed hutted area RALUANA.

8. BOMBLINE - NEW BRITAIN

NO change.

ITEMS OF WORLD NEWS

(From infm received for week ending 3 Apr 45).

9. NAVAL

(a) WESTERN EUROPE

Latost rocco 24 Mar located only "GNEISENAU" (dismantled) and old battleship "SCHLESWIZ HOLSTEIN" (damaged) at GDYNIA. "NURNBERC" at COPENHAGEN 26 Mar, "LUTZOW", "PRINZ EUGEN" and "IEIPZIG" last soon in DANZIG BAY 24 Mar. "SCHEER", "HIPPER" and "ENDEN" last soon KIEL 21 Mar.

HM submarines and surface craft continue to harry shipping off NORWEGIAN coast.

Combined US and Brit discharges through liberated ports for week ending 25 Mar totalled approx:

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14000 vohs
395500 tons of stores
44000 tons of coal
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66500 tons of amm,

(b) FAR RAST

Brit task forces which attacked SAKISHIM included battle-ships "KING GEORGE V" and "HOWE", aircraft carriers "INDOMITABLE", "VICTORICUS", "INDEFATIGABLE" and "ILLUSTRICUS" cruisers "SWIFTSURE", "ARGONAUT", "BLACKPRINCE", "EURYAIUS" and HMNZ cruiser "GAMBIA". Total of 574 sorties flown for loss of 17 aircraft, from which several crows are safe.

10. MILITARY

(a) WESTERN EUROPE

During this week an average of 15,000-20,000 PW were taken per day, Eight nominal inf divs considered to be destroyed to 26 Mar. Nominal enemy divs in WEST incl CHANNEL ISLANDS and WESTERN FRANCE decreased to 58.

(b) RYUKYUS

Str of Japanese Army RYUKYUS estimated at 106,000 of which 54,000 are in OKINAWA GP.

11. AIR - 23/24-30 Mar

(a) WESTERN EUR OPE

Though weather deteriorated over 7900 sorties were flown by allied hy bombers. Main effort was in sp of allied airbornings on 24 Mar when destruction of 15 rly brs between COBLENZ and BREMEN caused total suspension of rail mov NE from RUHR.

Total sortics:-

RAF Comds - Bomber 2757 missing 15 Fighter 1376 missing 2 Coastal 1458 Lost 12

USAAF - Hy bombol 5224) Lossos 17-26 Mar:
Bombors 58
Fightor 5393) Fightor 35.

SHAEF (AIR) - 17793 missing 161.

Enemy air dof loss active though jet aircraft still to the fore. Little fighter oppose to allied airborne ldgs 24 Mar. Average of 15 to 20 jet aircraft operating.

While flying bombs showed slight overall increase, rocket attacks against ENGLAND practically coased towards end of poriod.

(b) MEDITERRANEAN

Somo 10,000 sortios flown for loss of 59 aircraft.

(c) JAPAN

TOKYO population of 8,000,000 halved by evac. In one recent attack 250,000 houses estimated destroyed and a million homoless.

12. ECONOMIC

(a) OIL

Even allowing for some small production by underground plant total Mar production liquid fuels and lubricants loss than 20% of Apr 44 and potrol about 10%.

(b) FOOD

GERMAN authorities admit that national rationing scales are now to be regarded merely as a guidance for local food offices who must do their bost from local resources.

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

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As for 5 Aust Div Infm Summary 42.

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FROM: 5 AUST DIV

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TO: FIRSTAUSTARMY

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L AUST COMD AL SEC(4) 22 AUST AL SQN SEC CO B 594 EB & 3 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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GO148 SECRET (.) sitrep 405 to 142000K (.) WIDE BAY (.) 16 aust inf bn (.) amended cas patrol clash our sitrep 404 own 4 killed 1 missing believed killed 12 wounded (.) pl B coy two pls C coy est 755498; (.) 28 aust inf bn (.) patrols WAITAVALO feature NMS (.) 2/14 aust fd regt registered targets 767503 768499 (.) 141510K possible periscope one foot out of water sighted for ten minutes quarter mile off shore from MARUPA (.) travelling SE estimated speed 10 knots all infm

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

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IMMEDIATE to FIRSTAUSTARMY DRLS to all other addresses

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