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July 1943, Intelligence Reports
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IR 294

Ref your ~~to~~ footprints found BWARRIP patrol H/2 ① Has any explanation reason been established yet for their presence ② Ref my I 820 on NATIVE control can any info be given ~~to date~~ how this is progressing to date ③ NO reply yet to my I 828 ref M.P. explosions heard by 0000 ④ Ref my I 853 NO reply yet received ⑤ Has post of Camp 7 been definitely located yet

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FROM 3 and Div

Originator's Number

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Date

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SECRET 20.8.44 No 0800 A/16 0 5
 15 Bde 0 1820 N/16 0 Cpt 2/3 10
 indef. by digging in 50 yds from 15
 Isp Barricade by 1930 0 20
 30 faps 2 LMA's 25
 in the ambush 0 17 Bde 30
 0 reports received from 35
 OC 6 bay 40
 PIB 0 chosen native sent toward 45
 TAMBU BAY reports 5 faps man 50
 O.P. north side lagoon square 55
 7691 0 D.P. maintained on 60
 DOTI (LANI) 0 200 faps incl 100 65
 fresh marines at 150 ISI 0 10 european 70
 possibly german 14 LOKANU 75
 all faps who escaped from 80
 MURB. HASSAU BAY remained on 85
 ridge west LOKANU where they 90
 are now dug in 0 possibly 300 95
 faps in this area 0 Kawaka reports 100
 that faps expect their faps to 105
 land in TAMBU BAY 0 enemy discarded 110
 clothing and amm. in their flight 115
 from BITOI SAKUS area 0 120
 of lake reveals 500 yds of deep water 125
 suitable conceal boats all informed 130

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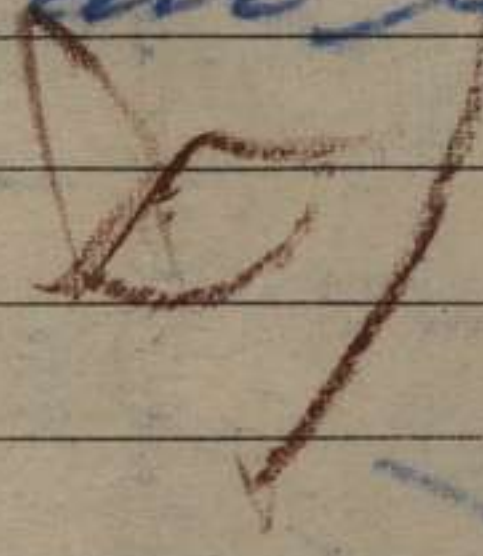
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TO: Hadd - 24 AUST INF BN
FROM: 3 AUST DIV
Originator's Number: 03979
Date: 16
In Reply to Number: 7

(Write horizontally)
SECRET @ Sidup 209 to 1400 h/16 @ 5
15 Bde @ 1125 h/16 6 bastards drop 10
91 bombs on OH1 VICTERS POSN 15
and COCONUTS @ bombs on 20
COCONUTS accurate @ afternoon 25
15 April A pl 2/3 indep. bay 30
in posn on NAMLENG RIDGE @ 35
0800 h/16 16 japs carrying sleds 40
observed moving SE ~~from~~ from 45
ambush posn N691930 @ 0940 h/1 50
B and C pls occupied posn 55
and report clear of enemy @ 60
WELLS O.P. 0600 to 0800 h/16 65
30 japs north from KOMIATUM 70
@ 0915 h/16 16 japs moving down 75
NAMLENG from ORODIBI 80
@ 17 Bde gr. @ BENNETT FORCE 85
established O.P. ~~at 0930~~ @ 90
Base patrol heard enemy voices 95
at 206923 all informed 100
110
115
120
125
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FROM	3 Aust Div.	Originator's Number	Date
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SECRET @ Sitep 210 To 2000k/16 @ 5

SALAMUA OP @ During 16 Jul Japs 10

appeared to be moving a naval 15

gun from ISTHMUS to MACDONALD 20

24 JUNE @ Barbed wire entanglements 25

were noticed in this area @ 30

24 Bn @ 2220k/15? BLANG patrol 35

reports engines heard out to sea 40

@ 2 natives apprehended moving south? 45

along beach @ have been sent 50

to V LFGH under white escort @ 55

natives state that Japs have NOT 60

used coastal track for 2 months 65

@ Also NABU natives have gone 70

bush @ 17 Bde gp @ Ref Sitep 206. 75

@ track runs to Jap area at 80

TAMBU SADDLE vicinity 904919 @ 85

1 Jap killed by our patrol @ 90

0850k/16 HQ 1 Bn 162 Pat. moved 95

to 694896 @ B Coy 2/6 Bn 100

less two pls. 683850 @ 16 105

pl 680896 @ 17 pl 683851 @ 110

1 Mtn Coy moving to 90896 @ 115

US arty OP now established at 120

783904 all informed 125

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SECRET @ Sitrep 211 To 2245 4/16 @ 10
 15 bde @ 1615 4/16 Jap mtn gun 15
 fired 6 rounds into A Coy. 20
 58/59 Bn area @ B Coy. 25
 two pls 703951 @ 10 and 11 30
 pls 703953 @ Ref sitrep 209 @ 35
 Jap ambush was found to be 40
 well dug in perimeter with 45
 100 yds of continuous trench 2 fill 50
 boxes of log constructions with 55
 3 ft. cover overhead @ Estimated 60
 held 60 Japs @ Total casualties 65
 during this action @ Enemy 10 killed 70
 @ Own 2 killed 13 wounded @ Disposed 80
 Hq 2/3 Insep Coy. Wkhs OP. @ A pl 80
 less 1 sec NAMING RIDGE @ 85
 1 sec astride Wkhs DIERKE Track 90
 @ B and C pls Jap ambush area @ 95
 our mortar and MMB engaged 100
 enemy mtn gun @ 1515 4/16 mtn gun 105
 fired. 12 shells into B pl area @ 110
 1605 4/16 MMB at NAMING engaged 115
 OROUBI and mtn gun @ During 120
 afternoon Jap not seen from 125
 OROUBI Towards GWAIBOLON and 130

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Return 0 WHLS OP 0 1430k/16
1 a/c dropped bombs vicinity
MACDONALD'S JUNC 0 1700k 1715k
6 faps north from KOMIATUN/16
0 13 faps south 0 17 bde gk 0 MAR
COY K 162 US Regt. 480900
0 Rty B 205 arty bn 812874
1505k/16. HQ 1 Bn 162 US Regt.
HQ 1 Coy 1 Coy D and 24 Northop
1st Coy 694876. To Coy B 695869
Coy 704894 0 One bty 218
arty bn at NAPIER 0 Both guns
with bty less stores now at
700896 0 Late afternoon 16 Jul
A Coy 2/5 Bn in contact with
faps no details 0 Morning 16 Jul
patrol C Coy 2/5 Bn killed 2
faps 0 Despoins Coy 2/5 Bn 0
Coy HQ 704897 0 16 pl 699901
0 17 pl 706897 0 18 pl 463896
all informed

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES — NEW GUINEA FORCE

Headquarters 3 Aust Div
16 Jul 45.

3 AUST DIV INTELLIGENCE REPORT 80.

From information received up to 2000K/16.

PART 1 - ENEMY ACTIVITY

LAE OP

1. 2230 - 2255K/15 sound of one engine from airfield, fog prevented observation.

BALAMAU OP

2. 1600K/15. Movement at town area.
16 Jul. 10 men at bomber which crashed on 8 Jul, and which was dragged further off runway by truck. Truck appeared to be salvaging material from this and other aircraft.
0800 - 1000K/16. Movement to town area and quarry, appeared to be moving naval gun from ISTHUS to MACDONALD'S JUNCTION and barb wire entanglements were noticed here.

MARHAM AREA. Ref maps NADZAB, WAGO 1:63360

3. BUANG RIVER MOUTH :

- 15 Jul. Patrol reconnoitred beach to approximately 633245 without seeing sign of the enemy.
2200K/15. Engines heard well out to sea. Could see nothing.

4. OP AT 491449 :

- 1430K/16. An unidentified person waded from the north bank of the MARHAM to NEW LABU ISLAND apparently pushing some object.

Comment:

Object may have been a log which is often used in crossing a river.

- 1433K/16. Canoe without sails or masts drifted down stream to NEW LABU ISLAND. The three occupants could not be identified.

MISIM AREA. Ref map KOMIATUM 1/25000.

5. 1630K/15 our troops digging in 50 yards from Jap barricade at 691930 in front of a position held by approximately 30 Japs and two LMGs.
Enemy voices heard at 706925 and fresh footprints seen on mile track.
0930K/16. Japs vacated the ambush at 691930 and retired to ORODUBI.
0800K/16. 16 enemy carrying stretchers observed moving SE from ambush. Ambush position found to contain 8 pillboxes of log construction with three feet overhead cover and estimated to have been occupied by 60 Japs 16 of whom were killed.

6. WELLS OP

- 0600 - 0800K/16. 50 Japs moved north from KOMIATUM.
0915K/16. 16 Japs moved from ORODUBI towards NAMLING.
1700K/16. 6 Japs moved north from KOMIATUM.
1715K/16. 3 Japs moved south to KOMIATUM.

MUBO AREA. Ref maps KOMIATUM MUBO 1/25000.

7. Ref para 8 Intelligence Report 79. Track leads to the Jap area MT TAMBU vicinity 707919.
8. on 15 Jul. 4 single engined aircraft attacked floats and barges

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LAMANGA ISLAND but were driven off by AA Fire.

9. 15 Jul. Further to para 9 INTELLIGENCE REPORT 79 a chosen native of the PIR who actually sold fruit to the enemy reported the following.
- (i) 5 Japs manning OP north of lagoon square 7691.
 - (ii) He counted 190 Japs in BOISI including about 100 fresh marines. Japs are entrenched in coconuts along shore.
 - (iii) OP on DOT ISLAND.
 - (iv) 10 Europeans, thought GERMANS, at LOKANU I.
 - (v) All Japs who escaped from MUBO and NASSAU BAY halted on ridge west of LOKANU where they all dug in. Possibly 500 Japs in this area.
 - (vi) A Kanaka reported that the Japs expected a Jap landing at TAMBU BAY.
 - (vii) Enemy discarded clothing and ammunition in flight from BITOI SALUS Area.
 - (viii) Reconnaissance of SALUS LAKE shows 500 yards of deep ^{water} suitable to conceal boats.
 - (ix) One staff officer at LOKANU I and BOISI.
 - (x) Japs L of C SALAMAUVA LOKANU is along beach track which shows much use.
 - (xi) supplies are brought nightly by a single launch from SALAMAUVA and landed at LOKANU. The only other craft in the area are two canoes plying between LOKANU and DOT ISLAND.
 - (xii) Jap bivouac area at foot of hill NW shore TAMBU BAY.
 - (xiii) Jap field piece on ridge north of LOKANU.

OP AT 763907 reports fires burned all day at 749955 and 753956.

PART 11

NARRATIVE OF OPERATIONS

15 Aust Inf Bde : Ref maps 1/25000 series.

1. 1230K/15. C Pl 2/3 Indep Coy attacked the Jap ambush position at 091950 after mortar and MG fire had engaged target. Jap strength in this position estimated 30 personnel and 2 LMGs. The enemy position was strongly held with log barricades across the track and it is reported that the Japs were using our grenades. At 1615K/15 2/3 Indep Coy reinforced C Pl and the ambush position was engaged from 3 directions. Our casualties were 1 killed and 11 wounded. Later indications were seen suggesting the Jap was evacuating the ambush.
2. At 0800K/15 16 Japs were seen to carry stretchers SE from the above position; and at 0930K/15 B & C Pls 2/3 Indep Coy occupied the position.
3. At 1500K/15 C Pl A Coy 58/59 Bn attacked an enemy position in HASKINE CR. No results to hand.
4. At 1723K/15 the MG with 18 Pl fired on 7 Japs in GRENNE COCONUTS and at 1755K/15 also fired on a party of natives who were carrying boxes in the GRENNE COCONUTS area. A Jap MG replied to this fire.

W. B. ...
1st Col.
GS 3 Aust Div.

Distribution.

15 Aust Inf Bde 17 Aust Inf Bde 24 Aust Inf Bn
Comd I Recorder Battle Board.

1130K/17
20/15

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3 Aust Div

17 Jul 43

3 AUST DIV INTELLIGENCE REPORT NO. 81

From Information received up to 2000K/17

PART I - ENEMY ACTIVITY

LAE OP

1. 0315K/17. Aircraft heard SOUTH.
0605K/17. Large barge near MALAHANG WRECK proceeding to LAE.

SALAMAUA OP

2. 0315K/17. Approximately 10 Japs moved from quarry to the top of the peninsula.
0820K/17. Truck from the quarry to town area.

MARKHAM AREA

Ref map HADZAB : 1 : 63,300.

3. 0P 491449 1030K/17. Two unidentified persons crossed from NEW LABU ISLAND to north bank of MARKHAM, one pulling and one pushing what appeared to be a small raft.
1530K/17. A canoe, apparently power-driven, moved upstream to the north bank. A canoe was also seen on the nullbank at 585434 with one unidentified occupant.
1545K/17. A motor boat moved from the north bank at 585434 to NEW LABU ISLAND with one occupant. The bow and amidships were piled with cargo.
1655K/17. Motor boat returned with three occupants.

MIRSIM AREA

Ref map KOMIATUM 1/25,000.

4. 1630K/16. Our OP at 678032 surprised by Japs armed with two LMGs.
5. 1750K/16. Fifteen japs without packs or hats doubled north down steps from Jap mountain gun at 706936.
1800K/16. Our MGC at HANLING scored a direct hit on this position. Gun was reported to have been shifted 100 yards on SALAMAUA side of 706936.
0800-0900K/17. 125 Japs with packs, rifles and one stretcher case moved north from KOMIATUM keeping to the east of the track below the crest of the ridge to avoid our harassing fire.
0735K/17. 50 Japs moving north from KOMIATUM were dispersed by MGC fire from HANLING.
1015K/17. Jap mountain gun fired 15 shells into GWAIBOLON area.
16 Jul. Enemy contacted NE of GROWUBI at 698944.
6. 1930K/16. When attacked by our troops the enemy vacated an excellent defence position on upper slopes of MT TAMBU, estimated to have been held by one platoon, supported by a suspected ~~xxx~~ battalion gun and several grenade dischargers.
Night 16/17 Jul. 6 Jap counter attacks were repulsed with the estimated loss of 50 to the enemy. A searchlight from SALAMAUA was directed on MT TAMBU. *This is NOT confirmed.*
AM 17 Jul. Patrol to 500 yards north of junction of STEPHENS - MILE TRACK was fired on. Japs were also heard chopping on high ground above MILE TRACK.
7. 0630 - 0650K/16. 64 Japs crossed footbridge to SALAMAUA.
14 Japs crossed footbridge to south from SALAMAUA.

LOKANU AREA

Ref map KOMIATUM 1/25000

8. 17 Jul. Tac/R north up the coast from SALUS reveals the following:-
 - (a) LOKANU VILLAGE: 12 native huts observed burnt down, only 3 remaining in good condition.
Remark:
Tac/R on 5 Jul reported 12 huts in good condition.
 - (b) DOT ISLAND: rowing boat white in colour, was seen beached

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beneath the coconuts on the north-west tip of the island.

- (c) Track running north-west to junction at 750968 seems to be wider than ordinary native tracks, showing every indication of recent regular use.
- (d) At 756964 the bamboos were flattened forming a clearing on a natural shelf with a view to the south and south-west. No entrenchments or signs of digging observed.
- (e) At 750968 no sign of suspected gun position was seen.
- (f) Two native gardens seen at 748954 and 757961 had the appearance of recent pillaging. Tracks were noticed in the undergrowth.
- (g) **HUIAMBUN** village. Coconuts on the foreshore showed signs of recent destruction. Native outriggers were observed badly broken.
Comment:
This supports native story reported to the PIB that all the outriggers in the area had been destroyed.
- (h) The small breaks in the coral as shown by the map are very evident.
- (i) **BOISI** village. Both the coconuts and outriggers were in a condition as in para (g). The ground could be plainly seen, the foliage was broken but no entrenchments were visible.
- (j) Fresh tracks of troops were seen on the sand between 747937 and 749940. No sign of bivouac positions were seen inland from this area. The break in the coral in the bay is very pronounced and the beach slopes gradually into the sea.
- (k) The underbrush at 765915 was seen to have been cleared.
- (l) No movement was seen in the whole area. *Visibility poor at times.*

PART II - NARRATIVE OF OPERATIONS

15 Aust Inf Bde. Ref maps 1/25,000 series.

- 1. An GP from D coy 24 bn on **NOTE-MALOLO** track at 672033 was surprised at 1830K/16 by a party of Japs who had two LMGs. We suffered no casualties and have now 3 men maintaining contact with the Jap.
- 2. At 0930K/17, 7 Platoon, A Coy 59/59 bn contacted the enemy HQ of **OHOFUBI 098944**. Our casualties two killed and one wounded.
- 3. The Jap mountain gun which is situated to the north of **KOMIATUM** fired 15 shells into the **CHAIKOLON** area at 1015K/17. This gun is now at 706936 which is approximately 100 yards north of its previous position. The change of position was caused by 2/3 Indep Coy MGC successfully engaging the gun and dispersing the men at 1800K/16.

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- 4. At 1930K/16 A coy 2/5 bn captured the upper slopes of **MT TAMBU** where the enemy estimated at one platoon withdrew from excellent positions. During the night the enemy counter attacked position 6 times supported by MGC, LMG and mortar fire without success. A conservative estimate of the casualties in this action is enemy 30 killed and our one kill.

3. Dispositions MARKHAM AREA. Ref map WAIDE 1 : 63,500.

A new GP for **KIRIA** has been established at 506824 and is manned by 2 CR's.

Distribution: HQF (2) 15 Aust Inf Bde (AIF) *W. Dennis Lusher Col* Lt-col
17 Aust Inf Bde; 24 Aust Inf Bn ✓ Comd I Recorder Battle board CS 3 Aust Div

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TO **24 Aust Inf Bn**

FROM **3 Aust Div**

Originator's Number **03985**

Date **17**

In Reply to Number **—**

~~SECRET~~ SITREP 212
 @ Rep ROAMER 1 mech @ HQ @ * 004 969321 @
 18' pl 968329 @ OP 969327 all informed

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TO Rpta 24 Aust Inf Bn

FROM 3 Aust Div

Originator's Number

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Secret O 1100h 213 B. 1400h/17 O
 15 Pde O 1630h/16 D Coy, 24 Bn
 OP at 642033 deployed by party
 of Japs with 2 LMG's O 110
 casualties O 3 Men maintaining contact
 with Japs O 1900h/16 7th A Coy
 58th Bn moved south to forward
 OP/DUR1 morning 17 Jul A Coy in
 * contact with Japs NE of OP/DUR1
 O Wells OP O 1450h/16 15 Japs with
 out hats on packs doubled down
 steps at 1805h/16 automatic fire heard from
 this area O 2/3 Grap Coy report
 up to 0930h/16 Considerable
 Jap mt north from KOMIATUM
 O 119 Carrying one stretcher moved
 north in line of Japs moving
 on the east of the track
 below crest of ridge to avoid
 our harassing fire O 0930h/16
 12 MITCHELL'S dropped bombs at
 739991 750990 O 15 Craters in south
 end of ridge O 0936h/17 3 MITCHELL'S
 dropped bombs at 736025 O COANE

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Force @ Night 16/17 Jul @ C Coy
PIB moving north towards Jap
outpost at 963922 @ 3 Bn 162 Bgt.
less com. K moving north about
const. @ Coys F and G in MASHU
JAY area with HQ @ same place
@ Rty. to 205 Jd city in hon
and ready to fire 809898
Bty. 218 Jd arty but have landed on
beach 995895 @ Re out TAC/R
LOKANU I BUAMBUN BOISI ops to?
10/15/19 @ LOKANU I 12 natives
huts burned down 3 remain @
Tracks LOKANU I to 950958 well
worn @ signs recent side @ small
along Von natural shield 956964
@ No sign of any Jd gun at
suspected gun house 959962 @
948954 area. 959961 Two natives
gardens @ signs of tracks in
unmaintained @ BUAMBUN @ Coy
CORONUTS on shore of Jap
recently destroyed @ Native outposts
badly broken @ BOISI @ 10 damaged
outposts @ 949937 to 949940

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fresh tracks of the on beach
at 765915. undergrowth cleared
for approx. 50 yds. No mt
seen over whole area but
light bad weather showery fall
informed

W/T
1520

1427
1430
1520

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TO *Appl 24 ansr Inf Bn*

4842

FROM *3 ansr Div*

Originator's Number

03998

Date

17

In Reply to Number

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SECRET @ Sidrap 214 to 2000 h/17 @ 5
 KPE up @ 1230 h/17 @ 1/LIBERATOR 10
 dropped in bushes vicinity airfield 15
 @ 4 large files apparently oil were 20
 searched @ 15 P.M. @ 0830 h/17 7 ft 25
 A boy 58/59 m. contacted enemy 30
 del 198944 @ over casualties 35
 2 killed 1 wounded @ 1045 h/17 40
 mtd gun fired 15 shells into 45
 @ WAPBOLON area @ 1030-1100 h/17 50
 our mortar accurately engaged 55
 @ 1800 h/17 2/3 indep coy 60
 MNC at NAKHIA secured direct 65
 lat on enemy mt gun @ 75
 dispersed @ gun in rear 80
 100 yds north of previous form @ 85
 0730 h/17 20 yds moving north 90
 found KEMIAUM face on 95
 by our ~~own~~ MNC @ 100
 @ 1700 h/17 1700 h/17 105
 captured off slopes of 110
 MT TRITBD where enemy was 115
 on mt no contact excepted 120
 shows @ being sight 11/17 125
 by our ~~infantry~~ 130
 captures which were supported

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by mortar HMG and log fire @ 5
 being kept searching from 10
 SALAMAUVA played on TAMBU 15
 area @ conservative estimate 20
 enemy casualties 40 killed 25
 own killed @ 0830 k/17 1 boy 30
 2/5 bn arrived TAMBU area 35
 from bivouac at Juba BUIED 40
 and BUIGAP CKS @ own ops 45
 now in posn A log at 715915 50
 1 boy 713913 @ enemy in posn 55
 at 915917 @ enemy is supported 60
 by individual low gun and 65
 number of type 89 grenade discharge 70
 @ 0800/00 k/17 125 faps with 75
 one stretcher case moved north 80
 from KOMIATUM @ this conference 85
 2/3 indep coy report ref. set 90
 2/ @ morning 17 faps rear patrol 95
 do 709922 heard chopping @ fight 100
 patrol do 605927 were fired on 105
 @ own casualties 2 @ 0800 k/17 110
 coy @ 162 reg placed under comd 115
 2/5 bn @ 1000 k/17 one sec of pb 120
 2/6 bn established as standing patrol 125
 680876 @ 1200 k/17 @ 16 pt 2/6 bn 130

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In Reply to Number

*moved to MVBO ship from
680976 @ Coane force @ by mach.
reprise NOW AT 826923 all
informed*

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FROM 3 ^{2nd} ^{and} ^{Dis} ²¹⁵ ^{to} ²³⁴⁵ ^{k/17} ⁰ ¹⁵ ^{Bde} ⁰ ¹⁶ ^{pl} ^d ^{coy} ²⁴ ^{Br} ^{ambush} ^{now} ⁶⁷²⁰³² ⁰ ² ^{boy} ^{58/59} ^{Br} ^{mortar} ^{ranged} ^{on} ^{enemy} ^{with} ^{gun} ⁰ ¹⁷ ^{2/3} ^{indep} ^{boy} ^{patrol} ^{downwards} ^{ORODUBI} ^{from} ^{HATHING} ⁰ ¹⁷ ^{Bde} ⁰ ¹⁷ ^{2/3} ^{br} ^{patrols} ^{located} ^{enemy} ⁱⁿ ^{the} ^{following} ^{posns} ⁷⁰⁶⁹⁹² ⁰ ⁵⁹²⁶ ⁷⁰¹⁹²⁰ ⁷⁰⁶⁹¹⁸ ⁷⁰⁷⁹¹⁶ ⁷¹⁵⁹¹⁷ ⁰ ^{enemy} ^{posns} ⁱⁿ ^{the} ^{MT. TAMBU} ^{area} ^{have} ^{NOT} ^{been} ^{constructed} ^{for} ^{more} ^{than} ³ ^{days} ⁰ ^{further} ⁸ ^{boys} ^{killed} ^{during} ^{day} ⁰ ^{COAME} ^{FORCE} ⁰ ¹⁹²⁵ ^{left} ^{coame} ^{force} ^{COMD} ^{POSTAT} ⁴⁹⁷⁸⁹² ⁰ ^{2/17} ^{Br} ⁰ ⁰⁹⁴⁵ ^{k/17} ^{patrol} ^{at} ^{FRAZERS} ^{mine} ^{reports} ^{one} ^{of} ^{the} ^{crashed} ⁱⁿ ^{vicinity} ^{BUIBAINING} ⁰ ⁹ ^{pl} ⁰ ² ^{coy} ^{collected} ^{by} ⁷ ^{pl} ^{at} ^{TRAZERS} ^{mine} ^{all} ^{informed}

(Write horizontally)

SECRET SITREP 215 to 2345 k/17 0 5
15 Bde 0 16 pl d coy 24 Br ambush 10
now 672032 0 2 boy 58/59 Br 15
mortar ranged on enemy with gun 0 20
Mortar gun replied with 8 shells 0 25
Our casualties nil 0 afternoon 30
17 Jul 2/3 indep boy patrol 35
downwards ORODUBI from HATHING 40
AIDGE and 691930 0 17 Bde 0 45
During 17 Jul 2/3 br patrols 50
located enemy in the following 55
posns 706992 0 5926 701920 60
706918 707916 715917 0 enemy 65
posns in the MT. TAMBU area 70
have NOT been constructed 75
for more than 3 days 0 further 80
8 boys killed during day 0 85
COAME FORCE 0 1925 left coame 90
force COMD POSTAT 497892 0 95
2/17 Br 0 0945 k/17 patrol at 100
FRAZERS mine reports one 105
of the crashed in vicinity 110
BUIBAINING 0 9 pl 0 2 coy collected 115
by 7 pl at TRAZERS mine 120
all informed 125
130

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FROM: *3 and Div* Originator's Number: *04007* Date: *18* In Reply to Number: *-*

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SECRET @ *side 216 to 0800 k/18* 5
24 Bn @ BUANG patrol reports 10
0340 k/17 dracer fire followed 15
by bright orange light east 20
on HORIZON presumed barge 25
at sacked by APC 1355/0400 30
light burning @ 0345/0355 k/17 35
two search lights in LAE directed 40
towards light @ 0445 k/17 some 45
ship or barge from LAE circled 50
area then returned @ 15 k/18 55
afternoon 17 Jul @ 7 PM a boy 60
58/59 bn still in contact with 65
Japs approx 698945 @ B bog 70
2/3 indep boy man in to ambush 75
bet between 691930 and OROJUBI 80
@ no details @ 1600 k/17 85
14 Japs moving through HAMKING 90
fired on by MMC at HAMKING 95
@ no observed results @ 1700 100
k/17 GRAVEYARD 697941 captured 105
by A pl @ 2 enemy counter- 110
attacks repulsed @ no contact 115
yet established with A Coy 58/59 120
bn @ 5 Japs killed @ 17 k/18 125
Dusk 17 Jul enemy supported 130

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*By
H boy 2/5
5 0 not* *quite strongly attacked
P.O. our casualties
details all informed*

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secnd @ sitref 217 to 1400
 h/18 @ 15 Bde @ 1046 h/18
 @ Bossoms bombd and strapped
 COCONUTS and OLD VICKERS
 posn @ bombs observed as
 follows @ 1 bomb east 1 bomb
 west CENTRE COCONUTS @
 2 Bombs SOUTH COCONUTS @
 2 bomb east SOUTH COCONUTS
 @ 14 bombs vicinity OLD VICKERS
 posn ALL informed

F 1557 LK

1420
 1425
 1512



~~17 am~~ ~~h/18~~ ~~15 Bde~~ ~~1046~~
 MSP SINDIA
 93-2-

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3" X 01

AFTA 24 Bn
3 Aust DIV.

04019 18

SECRET. STRKER 218 To 2000 K/18 @
 LAE OP. 1335 K/18 estimated at least
 50 a/c heard heading south @ 1415
 - 1425 several a/c heard heading
 NORTH @ SAMAMUA OP @ 0830 K/18
 Japs installing new gun at approx
 744009 @ 1406 K/18 enemy a/c
 number NOT known @
 24 Bn @ 1130 K/16 BUANG patrol discovers
 footprints & Japs approx 2 hrs
 old on South Bank BUANG RIVER
 @ 1425 K/18 OP at 4445 nadzab.
 1 inch reports 39 enemy a/c
 height 5000 ft flying NW from
 SAMAMUA @ 16. Pde Jp ref sink
 216 @ Dusk 1 aft ack on A Coy
 2/5 Bn repulsed @ known enemy
 @ 2000 K/19
 @ 1900 K/19
 enemy gun fired 3 rounds
 into A Coy area @ 0700 -
 0815 K/18 our mortars ranged
 onto enemy rooms @ 1000 K/18
 A Coy attacked preceded by
 mortar and mtn gun fire gaining
 30 yards @ our casualties 4 killed

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Track	then	continues	north	5
Bennett	force	1715 ^h /13	C Coy	10
2/5 Bn	600 yds	south	GOODVIEW	15
JUNE	B Coy	2/5 Bn	600 yds	20
west	of same	enemy strength		25
NOT	known	with	HMG and	30
Mortar	in	posn	on east	35
west	edge	at	GOODVIEW	40
JUNE	14 Jul	1 Jap killed		45
on	KOMIATUM	tracks	C Coy	50
2/5	Bn	patrolled	500 yds	55
south	along	KOMIATUM	Track	60
No	contact	with	enemy but	65
numerous	enemy	bodies	previously	70
killed	by	2/3	Indep Coy	75
found	3	Morning	14 Jul	80
March	3	Bn	762 US regt	85
killed	1 Jap	in	BASSIS	90
-GKS	area	6	afternoon 14 Jul	95
CAPE	DINGA	BASSIS	village	100
area	reported	clear	of enemy	105
by	3 Bn	162	US regt	110
all	informed			115
				120
				125
				130

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(1500 ft SE of Kamburam)

O Enemy posn 715917 20 on
 razor back With 3 HMBs.
 and our tps are unable to
 outflank posn @ Morning 18
 Jul too posn @ Coy 2/5 Pn
 moving along. The tracks from
 south and west contacted enemy
 in some strength at 706918
 vicinity GOODVIEW June @ Pn
 now digging in at 706917
 705918 @ Obsok/18 one up a/c
 circled MT TAMBU area @ 09107
 one MITCHELL bombed mouth 18
 FRANCISCO. RIVER @ COANE FORCE
 @ Morning 18 Jul barges landed
 stores at 789900 @ successful
 air attack earned out against
 enemy posns TAMBU BAY @
 one allied a/c thought to have
 been shot down all informed

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1/2 2130

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less two pls 680875 @ 19 pl
686895 @ 18 pl clearing Mubo.
strip. @ 300 fresh Jap graves
found in BUIGAP VALLEY between
Buigavilla and Buialang OKs
all informed

9040
9150

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TO

Rptd 24 Aust Inf Bn

FROM

3 Aust DIV

Originator's Number

04021

Date

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In Reply to Number

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SECRET 2100 219 B 2300 4/18
24 Bn 0 15 25 4/18 one up a/c
flying west from LAF with engine
spluttering 0 1440 - 1540 4/18. SE.
explosions heard out to sea in
direction LAF 0 15 1445 4/18
enemy mtn gun fired into
A Coy 58/59 Bn area 0 no
casualties 0 Ref strip 2/7 bombs
did NOT hit OLD VICKERS POST
0 Jap mvt and chopping in this
posn after air attack 0 Patrol
18 pl D Coy remained night
17/18 Jap at Junc FRANCISCO
and BUIRIS OK reports approx.
0001 4/18 party approx 20 Japs
heard moving north up BUIRIS CK
0 1500 4/18 fighting patrol 18 pl.
moved north up BUIRIS CK 0
ref strip 216 0 our Tps GRAVE
YARD 699945 repulsed
attacks at 2115 - 2250 4/19 and
0001 4/18 0 enemy casualties
12 killed own mt 0 Extensive
Jap defences found in this vicinity

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O Morning 18 July our Troops returned
 To NAMLING RIDGE 0800k/18
 patrol from NAMKING TR. within
 100 yds. west of OKODUBI reports
 no mt seen in OKODUBI HILLS
 O Patrol from 691930V heard
 Japs SW. of OKODUBI O
 1010k/18 shells from our mtr
 lty observed erupting in rear-
 tract NW. of TAMBU in vicinity
 suspected jap staging camp O
 GWAIBOLOM OP O 0600k-1800k/18
 28 Japs north over footbridge
 mouth FRANCISCO O 13 Japs
 south O 1906k/18. KRAA gun
 fired 8 shells into area south
 of 676973 O WELLS OP O
 1220/18 3 skeletons of Japs
 north along KOMIATUM TRACK O
 5 Japs south over footbridge
 mouth FRANCISCO then
 appeared to move south along
 coast O 19 Bde of O Ref
 with 218 O 1200k/18
 A Coy 2/5 Jn had gained 100

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TO 24 Aust Inf Bn

FROM D Coy 24 Bn

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Originator's Number. 41135

Date. 27

In Reply to Number. 1666

SECRET

LOCATION STATEMENT of map BUGASU SHEET 2 inch 0 coy HQ and rd plan junction track ONIBE DAHO and HORIVER 586036

0 18 plan CISSIMBOB 611031 0 16 plan DAHO 2606027 0 46 other maps available 0 Anticipated move 29 June

0 18 plan track NOTE MOLOHO approx-imate by ~~(660053)~~ 0 660053.

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Yds of vital ground. During
 afternoon our mortars fired at
 intervals and mtr fly registered
 with 9 rounds. @ 1430/18
 enemy LMG. fired onto our
 left flank without result. @
 one man wounded by Jap sniper
 @ Total casualties this area since
 16 Jul own 6 killed 14 wounded
 @ 82 enemy known killed @ Patrol
 from D Coy 2/5 Bn heard enemy
 east of TAMBU at 428912
 and 429915 @ Coy. @ 162 Regt
 less one pl 403895 @ one
 pl coy @ 689894 @ 1350/18
 6 probable type KLY with
 fighter escort approached LABABIA
 OP from NE and turned
 north @ 1400/18 25 fighters
 over this area @ attacked by
 6 lightnings @ 18 enemy departed
 @ Remaining 17 engaged over
 main area all informed

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3d Aust Div Intelligence Report No. 82

Headquarters 3d Aust Div
18 Jul 45

Information received up to 2000/18

PART I ENEMY ACTIVITY.

LAE OP

1. 17 Jul Barges voyed between wharves in harbour. About 15 barges in harbour.

1715K/17 Fire observed at NEW LABU.

0615K/18 One barge from East round 1000 POINT to LAE.

0735K/18 Visibility nil.

1255K/18 Unidentified aircraft, heading S.

1335K/18 at least 50 planes heard heading south.

1400K/18 Several aircraft patrolling to south.

1415K/18 Several aircraft heading north.

1423K/18

1445K/18 visibility nil.

SALAMUA OP

2. 0830K/18 How gun being installed at McDONALD'S JUNG at approx 744007.

1100K/18 Movement at quarry.

1400K/18 Many fighters and bombers heading south intercepted by our aircraft.

MARKHAM AREA

3. 16 Jul Standing patrol at HUANG mouth reported one native captured approximately square 6922. Native was moving west and claimed he had escaped from the Japs at WISAMA. He reported: (a) 10 Japs at WISAMA and 3 LMGs situated North, East and West, ^{Japs} do not move North along beach, (b) Troops and food are moved by barge between LAE and SALAMUA at night. (c) Japs had made no mention of knowledge of our troops in HUANG area.

0345-0355K/17 Patrol further reported tracer fire followed by bright orange light which burned for 15 minutes observed on horizon to the East (thought to be a barge strafed by our aircraft).

0345-0355K/17. 2 searchlights were directed in vicinity of strafing. ^{from LAE.}

0455K/17. Small ship or barge from LAE circled strafed area and then returned to LAE.

Comment: ^{The} number of natives getting out of SALAMUA singly and in small parties may be an indication of the native attitude toward the Japanese situation in SALAMUA.

1130K/16 Patrol to old ambush position found footprints of Japs thought to be about 2 hours old. Patrolling to beach and south as far as 634210 failed to reveal any sign of the enemy.

OP. at 491449

1730K/17 One motor boat with two occupants from NEW LABU ISLAND, to North bank at 535454.

0810K/17 A patrol to vicinity to NEW LABU ISLAND saw one new section post at 563489 and new living quarters about 40 yards north. Both positions unoccupied. 3 Japs were seen felling trees on edge of clearing adjacent to Jap camp.

5. 1425K/18 OP at 444445 observed 37 type GPT or FRD aircraft at height of 5000 feet heading ^{from} direction of SALAMUA.

1425K/18 One unidentified aircraft flew East from LAE with engine chattering.

6. Headquarters
 18 Jul Motor boat moved from North bank of the MAUKHAN at 585434 to NEI LAMI ISLAND with two occupants.
 1617K/18 Motor boat returned with three occupants.
 1630K/18 Two men in water possibly fishing at 585434.

NISSIN AREA.

Ref Map : KOMIATUM 1/25000

7. 1900K/17 Our patrols located the enemy in the following positions : 706922, 705926, 701926, 706918, 707916, 715917.
 17 Jul Further to para 6 Int Report No 51, defence positions were estimated to have been constructed not more than 3 days ago. A further 8 enemy were killed in this area during the day.
 Evening 17 Jul. Enemy attacked our post near 715917 but were driven off with an estimated loss of 25 killed. Jap astride razor back at 715917 armed with 3 RPGs.
 AM 18 Jul Enemy engaged at 706918.
 1900K/18 Further to para 6 Int Report No 51. Searchlight now reported to have shone from West side of KEA HILLS for a few minutes only and swung out to sea and switched off. There has been no confirmation of this searchlight. Japanese reported no visibility at this time.
 18 Jul Patrol heard enemy on the East side of MT TAMI at 788918 and 729918.

8. 17 Jul Enemy are still in position 500 yards along track from GRAVEYARD at approximately 698945. Jap ambush encountered on bench cut track between CROUCH and 691930.
 1600K/17 4 Japs moving through CROUCH engaged by MG from HAWLING.
 1700K/17 Jap position at GRAVEYARD 697941 was captured by our troops who later repulsed two Jap counter attacks killing 5 Japs.
 18 Jul A suspected Jap staging camp junction KRKINE OK and KOMIATUM TRACK.
 2115-2150K/17 Our force at the GRAVEYARD 699945 was attacked unsuccessfully by the Japs and again at 0100K/18, 12 Japs were killed. Extensive Jap defences were found along North South ridge and bench cut track East of GRAVEYARD and GRAVEYARD.
 0600K/18 No Jap movement seen at CROUCH.

9. 18 Jul Jap movement and chopping heard at OLD VICERS POSITION soon after our air attack.

10. 0815K/18 A patrol crossed the FRANCISCO 713975 moved to the East of COCONUT RIDGE and then on to the top of the Ridge. No enemy were seen.
 Night 17/18 Jul Patrol to 705967 returned to junction of FRANCISCO and BUR 18 OK. Reported that at 0600K/18 they heard a party of about 20 Japs moving North up BUR 18 OK. However, no footprints could be found in the morning.

11. GAIBOLON OK
 0600-1800K/18 25 Japs moved North across footbridge and 15 South
 1706K/18 KEA gun fired 20 shells which apparently landed south of 676975.

12. 71319 OK
 1830K/18 21 Japs with 3 stretchers moved North along KOMIATUM track.
 1830K/18 5 Japs moved South across footbridge and apparently along the coast.
 0600K/18 One unidentified aircraft circled MT TAMI area.
 1530K/18 6 light bombers with fighter escort approached LABAKIA from NE, turned and went North

PART II

NARRATIVE OF OPERATIONS

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Ref Maps : 1/25000 series

During the 17 Jul mortars of 58/59 Bn engaged enemy mtn gun North of KOKIATUM and during the afternoon our troops maintained contact with the enemy at approximately 698945. By 1700K/17 A Pl 2/3 Indep Coy had captured the GRAVEYARD position at 697941 and had repulsed two enemy counter attacks.

17 Me Bn.

During 17 Jul patrols from 8/5 Bn located new enemy positions on MT TAMBU and at dusk A Coy at TAMBU SADDLE 716915 were strongly attacked by Japs supported by mtn gun. This attack was repulsed and 25 Japs were killed. At 0700K/18 A Coy attacked supported by mortars and mountain gun but was held up after ^{adv} going 30 yards. Our casualties were 4 killed.

During the evening B Coy contacted the enemy in some strength in the vicinity of KOKIATUM JUNG and are now digging in near the enemy posts.

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Lt-col
83rd Aust Div.

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*SITREP 122 to 0700 4/29 00132 4/29 mortar
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trouble getting past ground soft will
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TO **BITO "W" LEBI**

FROM **DUPA**

Originator's Number

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SECRET 0 222 to 2000 K/19 0 LINE OP

0 1430K/19 approx 11 barges in HARBOUR
and 5 a/c parked on airfield 0 156000
0 0 1430K/19 GWAIBOLON OP reports 6
160000s dropped 12 bombs on ENEMY 2 mt
ngun 0 large craters observed 10 yds
from gun from 0 2/3 ind coy report
by strapping and one direct hit on
gun 0 17 0000 of 0 1830 K/19
harassed fire from our side bay into
enemy positions 0 in TAMBU area 0
mtn gun replied round from round 0
0 145 K/19 one mt a/c strapped
TAMBU BAY area 0 6 BOSTONS
bombed enemy mtn gun post and appeared
to score direct hit 0 This confirms
report from 2/3 ind coy 0 lead
exploded followed belived amn dump 0
A/c then strapped mtn track to
FRANCISCO RIVER 0 approx 1100 K/19
enemy strongly attacked 0
at A and D Coys 2/5 Bn a/c
endeavouring to move round to the
rear 0 the mtn gun by 0 engaged
enemy with accurate fire 0

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FROM 3 Aust Div

Originator's Number 03884

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SECRET SITREP 193 to 1400K/12 0 5

MISSIM AREA @ 0915K/12 OSCARS 10

North over NUMNS POST @ 1115K/12 15

14 pl 2/5 b arrived BASE 4 @ 20

MUBO AREA @ MACKECHMIE latest 25

radials to CAPE DINGH report small 30

enemy force this area @ Coy A 35

162 US rept reports enemy pocket 40

strength approx 75 well dug in 45

with mortars as the check 50

698878 MUBO 1/25000 @ 0920K/12 55

SADDLE AREA bombed and strafed 60

by six japs during emp. med Lt Bomber 65

with 16 fighters escort @ 70

casualties 2 killed 3 wounded @ 75

1105K/12 SH fire level 710885 80

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TO: BITO - W. BOMBO LEBI LANGAN MARPOZ

By 1200 K/19 area was reported quite
 our casualties 6 killed 8 wounded
 H Coy @ 1 bn 162 regt less one pl
 plus fighting patrol 2 pl 2/5 bn
 moving north along track up
 BUIGAP CR. This track known as
 CAMERONS TRACK all informed

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SECRET O sitep 223 to 2300K/19 O
 15 Bde O Afternoon 19 Jul composite
 pl A Coy 58/59 bn advanced 50 yds
 south and are digging in at 698946
 O Today casualties 10 own nil O 1600K/19
 C Coy mortar fired 30 bombs into OLD
 VICKERS POSN O no direct hits O 1510K/19
 16 Jul D Coy 696997 O 18 pl 698974 O
 1515 K/19 refused 219 fighting patrol
 up BUIRIS CK fired on O our casualties
 1 wounded 3 missing O 1630 K/19
 further g patrol moved north up
 BUIRIS CK O 1205K/19 MMB at
 NAMLING fired on 7 JAPS in ORODUBI O
 no results O 1220K/19 number of
 Japs at enemy mtn gun engaged O
 no results O 1425K/19 2 Japs patrol
 moving south to ORODUBI engaged O
 no results O WELLS OP O 1440K
 1550 K/19 30 Japs north of bridge
 mouth FRANCISCO O 17 bde gr O 1500
 - 1615 K/19 A Coy 2/5 bn reinforced
 by D Coy 2/5 Bn were again heavily
 attacked O A Coy held their ground
 and enemy eventually withdrew to

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boy B less two pls 714880 @I and 5
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WOODY ISLAND from June BITOI and 40
BUIGAP do GARRISON HILL @ this 45
area reported clear by 1130K/13 @ 50
patrol from D boy 2/6 bn now 55
operating from 649890 to BUIGAP 60
then to BUIGAP and on to June 65
BITOI BUIGAP @ patrol operating 70
in KITCHEN CK @ B boy 2/5 and 75
less one sec moved off en route 80
BASE 4 @ 13 pl 2/6 bn occupied 85
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 plus 715916 0 Coy 162 us Regs the per 2/19
 plus 715915 0
 A Coy 2/5 bn 716911 0 OP reports
 18 Jul 0 arty 00 698914 gun
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SUGARLOFF PATROL arrived LA today
 contacted them by phone and gleaned
 following information: SUGARLOFF
 includes OP unless cleared of tall bushes
 On 12th climbed tree and was
 able to observe LAE large
 amount of smoke over LAE after-
 noon 13th @ NC track between
 VA and SUGARLOFF @ native hunting
 pads between SUGARLOFF and
 LABU used by LABU natives
 all reports following
 from SYKES

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3 ARMT DIV INTELLIGENCE REPORT No. 84

Type Information received up to 2200K/20

PART I - HINDU AREA

LAE GP

1. 1515K/20 a number of aircraft heard flying SW.
Tower at TONGGONG HOUSE now appears to have a number of small gadgets on top.
2200K/19 light observed signalling in the vicinity of the THRACK.
0600K/20 one large barge MALAJANG WRECK to LAE.

MALAJANG GP

2. 0000-1200K/20. Truck from town area to LOCUI.
One truck from town area to MACDONALDS Junction.
Two trucks working town area to KELA. Usual movement around town area.
0935K/20. One enemy aircraft patrolling.

MARSHAN AREA

Ref map WAGO; HAREAB - 1/55,300.

3. Night 14/19 Jul DUANG RIVER MOUTH. Intermittent barge movement heard out to sea.
1247K/19 small party of Japs exploded booby trap on old karaka track at approximately 638229. Explosion followed by two bursts of L&B fire. No movement seen. Four Jap field dressing covers were found by the patrol near a large pool of blood 4 feet from the track. The only other traces of enemy found were footprints 500 yards north of trap at approximately 634234.
4. WINDOW GP 491449. 1000K/19 motor boat containing 7 occupants moved from north bank at 569454 to NEW LABU ISLAND.
1243K/19 motor boat returned with 5 occupants. One man landed on north bank half way to north bank of MARSHAN and then moved to 569454, after some minutes.
1700K/19 fire observed at approximately 569428.

Comment:-

This fire would appear to indicate the base from which personnel, who cross the river, operate, and the vicinity of a possible supply dump for NEW LABU ISLAND and MARSHAN POINT.

20 Jul. Power driven launch made 4 trips from NEW LABU ISLAND to north bank transporting a total of 17 men.

20 Jul. GP at 569421 reported 15 natives and four japs waded from NEW LABU ISLAND to south bank. Canoe activity reported during the morning to and from the island.

5. 1315K/20 large number of unidentified aircraft flew south over WAMPIT.

MARSHAN AREA

Ref maps WAGO; HAREAB - 1/55,300.

6. 1900-1415K/19 our position^s at MT TAMBU were unsuccessfully attacked and the Japs withdrew to their former positions in the area of squares 7291, 7192 and 7292.
19 Jul HOUSE GP 703914 reported quick firing AA gun in some area as mountain gun at approximately 703937.
BOGARTY GP 598914 reported gun flash from point west of KELA HILL.
0600K/20. It is reported that 200 Japs have been killed in the last few days in the MT TAMBU area.
0600K/20. Patrol contacted Jap position at 703917 and estimated it held by approximately one Coy armed with 5 L&Bs in circular defence positions sited west on a razor back.
20 Jul. The two small southernmost huts at KEMATIUM are reported to have been pulled down since evening 19 Jul.

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19 Jul. Jap positions reported at 697955 south of creek running east into BUIRALI CREEK. 2230K/19 enemy fired on, on WELLS - HANLING track. Twelve enemy counted were carrying mortars and rifles. on 20 Jul. Enemy reported to holding position on track between WELLS OP and ANHUNI KNOLL 699959. Felling of timber and digging heard. 1640K/20 enemy reported at 699958 ^{with} an estimated strength of fifty. 1245K/20 considerable force of Japs in the vicinity of ANHUNI KNOLL at 691955, both at the NE on SUGAR CANE RIDGE, 696955 and to the south. Enemy are dug in close to our positions and are attacking from the south.

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8 0200K/19 Barge movement heard in TAMBU BAY.

PART II - NARRATIVE OF OPERATIONS

Ref maps 1/25,000 series.

15 Dec

During the afternoon 19 Jul, 53/59 bn engaged the enemy with mortars at OLD VICKERS POSITION and with MG at GUDUBI. At 2230K/19 enemy were engaged by 2/3 Independent Coy near 691955. They had apparently moved via one of our patrol tracks from BUIRALI CREEK to HANLING - WELLS track junction. Later reports indicated enemy were in strength at 699958, 695955, and were attacking from the south end digging in close to our positions. 30 men from WELLS OP were harassing the enemy rear.

17 Dec Group

A Coy 2/3 bn reinforced by D Coy were heavily attacked during afternoon 19 Jul, but repelled the enemy who withdrew towards their former positions. A dual purpose AA gun was in action from 705957 which is the area in which the mountain gun was situated before being silenced by air attack. The total enemy casualties in the MT TAMBU area from 16 Jul to 6900K/20 is 238 killed. 6900K/20 one platoon B Coy 2/3 bn supported by mortar fire engaged enemy estimated at one Coy with 5 LMGs at 705957.



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<i>2/3 info say report enemy strength NOT</i>					
<i>known in posn astride track at</i>					
<i>689929 0 no details all informed</i>					

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SECRET						225	to 1200 K/20
		1500	0 2230 K/19				PARTY Japs moved on to NAMLING WELLS TUNCE took
							Believed to have used one of our patrol tracks from BUIRALI CK
							ENEMY were first engaged by standing patrol tracks c pl 2/3 indep coy and later by c pl from AMBUSH
			KNOLL 691935				no results observed but sounds of wood chopping and digging heard indicating preparation of an extensive position
							dispositions 2/3 indep coy at this stage were A pl NAMLING RIDGE
							B pl one sec and c pl AMBUSH KNOLL one sec B pl
							to 682914 1040 K/20 Japs eliminate strength 50 in posn at 689932
							later report states that enemy are in force south of AMBUSH KNOLL and also on ridge 695935
							Enemy attacking from the south and have dug in close to our posns
							20 men from WELLS harass enemy rear
							0930 K/20 2 WIRRAWAYS dropped 3 bombs on

Operators

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Station Call-sign or
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Budo

Frequency in K.C.	Signal Strength In Out
2200	

IR275 29 I445-

Embush on Kunai, spur of map
 545 5430 with crew 2910 K/29
 to west side of creek, to
 a pass covering the creek
 map 545 5438 with crew
 covered by 2000 patrol party
 at 2000 2000 in evening to
 of a pass. 2000 patrol
 on to the right from camp
 9 at 3000 K/29 then across
 creek upstream from log crossing
 reached ridge hill reached
 edge of Kunai morning in
 ridge patrol moved
 back ~~to~~ ^{towards river}
 failed to find enemy
 or any necessary enemy
 movement later reports
 are in force north of
 those are also on ridge
 O enemy attacking from
 our base and in close to
 from 30 men from West
 near 0030 K/20
 always 3 bombs on

2205
2215

THOMAS HOOD

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OLD VICARS POSN O O945 K/20 5
 boston BOMBED BUIRALI CK O 10
 During attack one a/c over NAMLING 15
 with engine trouble O observed losing 20
 height going east over MT TAMBO O 25
 17 Bde gp O Ref return 223 O now 30
 reported that gun at 708937 no check 35
 firing AA gun O COANE FORCE O 40
 1520 K/19 Coy L 162 US regt at 45
 734925 all informed 50



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TO
FROM

SECRET @ 226 to 2000

k/20 @ 57/60 Bw @ 17 pl D boy
now at MCCARRNS op. 959227

ROANES 1 inch 24 bw @ 1247

M/19 small party faps exploded
booby traps at 635229

WAGO line bursts 1 MA

fire heard after explosion @

patrol investigated and
found bloodstains and fap
footprints @ Dispos B boy

at 1600 k/20 @ 10 pl pat 20

11 pl DAMBI @ 12 pl BUANG

part of @ 17 Bal gpo 0630

k/19 men left to gstre with
5 rounds on do. pos where

enemy were heard digging
150 yds NW of 1 boy 2/5

Bw F/A @ do sal enemy

casualties MITAHBU area

from 16 July do 0800 k/20 @

282 killed @ 0800 k/20

preceded by an accurate

mortar shot one pl B boy

2/5 Bw moved towards

GOODVIEW TANC from the

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TO 24 Aust Inf Bn

FROM A Coy TOWERHOUSE - A196

Originator's Number

Date

In Reply to Number

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Re training dump return @ A Coy. not
return @ D Coy left all their things
dump and it is still in A Coy dump
but there is no no 303 therefore it
is not return @ If it is desired
the message will be passed but there
will be a long delay and
they have no things and
1430
1440

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 FROM _____

west @ uncounted enemy
 estimated one coy with
 at least 51 KMGs at 9059
 17 @ enemy posn appears to
 be semi-circular in shape
 facing west and is on
 closed country @ Casualties
 enemy 1 killed own nil
 @ During morning 20 Jul
 approx 20 rounds arty
 fire heard TAMBU BIV
 @ FOGARTY O.P. 698915
 reports allied a/c dropped
 2 bombs and shrapnel
 main track and main
 track north of KOMIATUM
 @ also the 2 south ~~tracks~~
 almost small huts in
 KOMIATUM approx 707927
 were pulled down during
 night 19/20 Jul all informa

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TO *BUILDER 1 BITO*

FROM *BUILDER 1 BOMO*

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JF 59

Date

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In Reply to Number

I 950

(Write horizontally)

Chachwas referred to were some of
5. intercepted @ first seen by UH11
at approx 1400 hrs on a pasture
WEST of ambush house @ 2 natives were
seen on that occasion @ 0700 hrs 1 native
seen by UH11 south 100 yds from
AMBUSH house @ he went back and
brought the others along @
shooting 0900-1000 hrs @ UH11 was
staying in camp the importance
of the difference between the natives
that run away and the ones
with sticks to you @
supposition was UH11'S

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Rpt 24 Aust Inf Bn
3 Aust Div 04082 21

SECRET @ SITREP @ 227 to 0201 K/21 @ 58/59
Bn 1600 K/20 one a/p/c over TSILI TSILI @
15 Bde @ 1345 K/20 7 men from 16 pl D Coy
58/59 Bn established ambush on BUIRISCK at
703994 @ standing patrol established at
703978 @ ref sitrep 223 three men
reported missing at 1515 K/19 have since
returned @ GWAIDOLON OP 1725-1825 K/20 103
japs south 12 japs north over foot bridge
mouth of FRANCISCO @ WELLS OP @ 1830 K/19
to 1346 K/20 113 japs and one stretcher case
north 53 japs south over foot bridge mouth
FRANCISCO @ 0720 K/20 8 japs down stairs from
KOMIATUM @ 2/3 Indep Coy report move through
ORODUBI 20 July 27 japs south from
GRAVEYARD @ 1515 K/20 japs engaged 3 pl
2/3 3rd Coy listening post from 693935
@ 124 K/20 japs attacked AMBUSH KNOLL @
Attack repulsed 1250 K/20 japs MMG and
mortar fired into AMBUSH KNOLL and at
1520 K/20 japs attacked from south and
east @ Attack repulsed @ 1430 K/20
continuous mortar and MMG fire onto AMBUSH
KNOLL @ during afternoon 10 further attacks
on AMBUSH KNOLL were repulsed @ enemy
casualties NOT known own 2 wounded

~~SECRET~~

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BUILDER 1 BOMO

FROM

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I 920

Date.

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MOST	SECRET	○	BUILDER 1	SMOKY	5
to	be	immediately	relieved	in	10
comd	by	DAWSON	○	original	15
orders	to	SMOKY	must	be	20
obeyed	○	Make	sure	DAWSON	25
understands	plan	○	original	orders	30
initially	SMOKY	were	"remains"	in	35
position	as	long	as	possible	40
and	inflict	maximum	casualties	on	45
enemy	passing	SOUTH	in	parties	50
of	70-100	upwards	○	the	55
was	to	take	up	ambush	60
position	on	beach	on	BEACH	65
to	be	occupied	DAY	and	70
NIGHT	○	the	was	to	75

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© 1815/20 enemy attacked AMBUSH KNOLL with
 by mortar and MMG support © chain
 thrust from 695935 © 17 Bde gp © Our
 snipers and mortars active in TAMBU AREA
 © 1600 K/20 2 guns by c 218 fld arty bn
 at 393372 registered targets in MT TAMBU AREA
 firing 16 rounds © Remaining two guns at NAPIER
 © Sounds from enemy perimeter indicated
 improving of defences changes in location
 12/6 Bn © 4 pl less one sect and 5 pl
 692868 © 14 pl 693864 © 16 pl 693869 ©
 2/6 bn 9 pl A Coy returned from
 FRAZERS MINE All informed

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4th 24 Aust Inf Bn

FROM

3 Aust Div.

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04085

Date

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SECRET SITREP 29 to 1400K/21 0
 57/60 bn 0 Disposers B Coy 0 Coy
 HQ 970315 roamer 1 lunch 0
 16 pl 1966334 0 11 pl 976324 0
 12 pl 986316 0 17 bde gp 0 Morning
 21 Jul B Coy 2/6 Bn arrived
 WENTS OP 0 Coane force night
 20/21 Jul following landed south
 end TAMBU BEACH 0 TK/a coy
 less two pls det BTY C 269
 Ca 0 16 portable hospitals
 0 all informed

1425
1430

L/T H/S 1500

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3 Aust Div. OK074 21

SECRET 0 Sitrep 228 To 0800k/21 0
 24 Bn 0 1900k/20 13 pl C Coy.
 arrived WAMPIT COANE FORCE 0600k/20
 arty in posn as follows 0
 Atys a and b 218 fd arty
 bn 795894 0 Pty B 205 fd arty
 bn 11 SAHVS. 0 10808 To 1015k/20
 registered on LOPANU 1 BOISI
 dot island and village
 1000 yds NORTH of BOISI 0
 Coy. K 3 bn 169 US regt.
 encountered and overcame enemy
 763922 and by 1030k/20 was
 moving along beach towards
 BOISI at the same time
 Coy I was moving towards
 745928 0 Coy. F 2 bn also
 moving north from NASSAU BAY
 gall informed



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FROM ASC Dupra

Originator's Number

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Strength	193 0	185 Av	18 0 8 Av	31 0	5
holding	5 days	less 74	MIDY	8 1/2 Vany	10
75 gms	78	24	vig or	120 fruit	15
juice	make	390 0	native strength		20
176 0	171 Av	185 Av	31 0	holding	25
652 lux	1/2	misc	66 1/2	gare	30
1805					35
					40
					45
					50
					55
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SECRET O Sitrep 230 to 2000 K/21 O
 24 Bn O 1415 K/21 13 pl c Coy
 arrived TIMNE O 1500 O morning
 21 July 62 enemy supported by mortars
 attacked our ambush posn on BUIRIS CK
 803994 O Also sounds of firing heard
 vicinity standing patrol 698027 O 19 base
 gr O 1250 K/21 9 twin engine enemy
 bombers probably TYPE L14Y with fighter
 escort dropped bombs between NAPIER
 and DUAL causing columns of white
 smoke O COANE force O 1230 K/21
 cogs K and L 162 Regt now 500 yds
 north of BOISI O 1250 K/21 68 Jap bomber
 25 Jap fighters dropped approx 10 bombs
 straddling BUIOI SOUTH ARM square 8083
 no damage O no casualties O This confirms
 19 base report O 2/19 Bn ref sitrep 227
 O Delete 9 pl inurl 7 pl all informed

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2 050

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TO Rptd 24 Aust Inf Div

FROM 3 Aust Div

Originator's Number

03863

Date

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SECRET	SITREP	189	To	1400k/11	0	5
MISSIM	AREA	0	2330	k/10	9	10
moved	100 yds	north	of	NAMHUNG	2/10	15
shelling	and	mine	had	damaged		20
weapon	parts	0	casualties	due	to	25
shelling	2	killed	12	wounded	0	30
2/3	Infantry	Coys	0	3	and	35
down	EGANS	TRACK	To	905910	YOMATIUM	40
1/25000	0	4	and	5	sec	45
7	sec	707917	0	8	sec	50
705920	0	1500k/10	12	ft	2/5	55
BASE	4	0	15	25	k/10	60
a/c	wheeled	from	hangar	took	off	65
leaving	directly	to	base	0	6830	70
OP	reports	bombs	dropped	south		75
edge	of	SAMMIAVA	air	strip	0	80
started	between	north	bank	0		85
FRANCISCO	R.	and	the	strip	all	90
informed						95
						100
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H: 5 Aust Div
21 Jul 45

5 AUST DIV INTELLIGENCE REPORT No 55

From information received up to 2000Z/21.

RUARY ACTIVITY PART I

LAL OE

1. 1430Z/20 1 type BAZE landed from OE and took off heading south.
- 1610Z/20 Visibility Nil.
- 1130Z/21 2 transportes bombed LAL. Bombs landed rear of workshops south end of drone and hotel to hillside area.
- 1240Z/21 approx 6 unidentified aircraft flying south.
- 1310Z/21 aircraft returned flying north.

SALAMUA OE

2. 1600-1700Z/20 Movement from quarry to top of peninsular.
- 1850Z/20 approx 40 aircraft overhead heading SOUTH.
- 1400-1600Z/20 2 trucks working from quarry to KELA.

MARSHAM AREA

Ref Map F 5000 (550)

3. 20 Jul Ref Para 4 Intelligence Report 54.
Motor driven launch transported 17 men from NEW LAMU ISLAND.
4. 1030Z/20 OE at 491440
2 canoes manned by natives moved upstream toward NEW LAMU ISLAND. 1 canoe went to north bank of MARSHAM, the other went to the ISLAND and unloaded 2 bundles.
- 1140Z/20 2 small sailing boats manned by natives moved upstream to north bank of MARSHAM.
- 1210Z/20 Boats crossed to south bank where it remained for 30 minutes.
- 1200Z/20 Large type launch with sails anchored on north bank of MARSHAM opposite NEW LAMU ISLAND.
5. 1340Z/21 REARANKING OE
8 Jap bombers 16 fighters and 3 unidentified aircraft flying EAST.
- 1350Z/21 6 enemy bombers 16 fighters from direction LAL flying SW.
6. 1600Z/21 OE at 491440 reports 1 Jap recon aircraft flew East and landed at LAL.

WATER-VAULT AREA

7. 1100-1200Z/20 OE at 980357 reports
Several fires seen across the MARSHAM River.

MIRIATU AREA

Ref Map SALAMUA, MIRIATU 1/25000

8. 1725-1830Z/20 CHAIKING OE
105 Japs SOUTH, 12 north across footbridge.
9. 1800-1840Z/20 WELLS OE
97 Japs North over footbridge.
1830Z/19 40 laden Japs moved south across footbridge.
16 Japs and 1 stretcher North across footbridge.
0645Z/20 11 Japs moved south across footbridge.

- 10. 1315Z/30 Japs engaged our listening post at 691935 from SUGARCANE RIDGE at 69935. *Draughtman*
- 1340Z/30 Japs unsuccessfully attacked AMIUSH KIVILL 69929.
- 1350Z/30 Japs mortared our positions on AMIUSH KIVILL and unsuccessfully attacked from SUGARCANE RIDGE and WELLS HANLING TRACK.
- 0710Z/30 6 Japs ^{moved} down steps from mountain gun positions 4 of them taking a branch track 50 yards to the north and disappeared into the scrub towards CRONCH.
- 1430Z/30 Continuous Jap mortar and M80 fire on AMIUSH KIVILL and IHLUAIA MPT 691935 positions. *Draughtman*
- 20 Jul 27 Japs moved from GRAVEYARD 697341 through CRONCH. 24 Japs moved in the opposite direction.
- 20 Jul A total of thirteen attacks were made on our positions in AMIUSH KIVILL Area.
- 11. P M 20 Jul Reports indicate that Japs defence positions are being strengthened in Mt TAMU area.
- 12. 21 21 Jul 62 Japs attacked our ambush position on MURIE CR at 73094 using 2 inch and 4 inch mortars. Shots were heard in vicinity of our standing patrol's position at 69827.

Attached as Appx A is a summary of documents captured in the Mt TAMU MURIE CR Area.

MIBO AREA.

Ref Map SUBO 1/3000

- 13. 1850Z/21 One twin engine bomber, thought type LILY, with approx 10 fighter escort approached MIBO from NE. Turned East towards MUII and dropped bombs along SOUTH AM MUII, causing white smoke.

PART II
NARRATIVE OF OPERATIONS

1. The reference to the withdrawal of our troops in para 4 of Intrep 63 was not correct. Our troops stood fast and the enemy finally withdrew to their former positions.
2. During 20 Jul the enemy made strenuous efforts to capture AMIUSH KIVILL 691935, making a total of 13 attacks on our position supported by heavy M80 and mortar fire. All these attacks were repulsed, for the loss of 2 wounded. Enemy casualties are unknown. On the morning of 20 Jul 62 Japs supported by mortar attacked our ambush position of MURIE CR 73094, but no further reports have been received.
3. During 20 Jul our snipers and mortars were active against the enemy positions on Mt TAMU and our arty registered targets in this area also, where the enemy appeared to be improving his defence.
4. During the morning US troops supported by arty advanced along the coast in TAMU BAY area and after overcoming enemy resistance at 762982 reached a point 500 yards north of MUII.

W. J. ...
69 S. Dist Div.

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REP (3)	15 Bde	17 Bde	COAST FORCE
24 In ✓	Comd	Battle Board	

CONTAINED DOCUMENTS

Ref map KUMIATUM 1/25000

The following documents were captured in the NT TAMBI BUI area on 6/65:

(a) Reproduction of KUMIATUM (Revised) one inch to one mile map in black and red. The map contains in detail all information shown on the Australian map together with the revised track information in the KUMIATUM BASS S area. It appears that the enemy captured a map showing our revised track information. The date of printing was June 65.

Enemy dispositions shown are as follows:

(i) A unit bearing BURNETT MARKS, showing three defended localities, and designated by ~~XXXX~~ Figure 1.

Comment: This indicates 1 Bn, probably 1 Bn 100 Regt as 1 Bn 65 Regt is known to have been in the BUI area.

(ii) Regimental HQ is marked on the east side of the KUMIATUM RIDGE at approx 71933 with Bn HQ at approx 71934.

(iii) Five defended localities, of probably Coy strength are as follows:

- 9 Coy at approx 71937
- 7 Coy at approx 71938
- 6 Coy at approx 71915
- 5 Coy at approx 71917
- Undesignated Coy at approx 71923.

Comment: As these companies are from all three Bns it seems that this force is composed of the remnants of 65 Regt reorganized into one composite force. The fact that only one Coy from 1 Bn is shown does not fit in with the theory that all 3 Bns 65 Regt had been brought forward to this area. There is no indication of the date of the dispositions marked, but it is most unlikely to be prior to 6 Jul.

(b) Sketch map of TAMBUI BUI area.

This shows a track leading from the south of the river at 74730, up the river to 74937 and thence up the spur in a general NW direction to join the track at 72735. A question mark against the track running north from this junction indicates that the enemy had no knowledge of the destination of this track.

Comment: In view of the increase in enemy activity noticeable in the NT TAMBUI area about ten days ago, it is possible that the enemy moved troops to NT TAMBUI from the TAMBUI BUI area via this track.

Annotations on the map showed:

(i) While a landing is possible in TAMBUI BUI it is almost impossible to manoeuvre in the interior.

(ii) The river delta is swampy but crossed by native paths, the natives are friendly and have many gardens.

(iii) Passage through the jungle in the ridges is extremely difficult owing to the thick undergrowth.

1. Place on Ops map
2. Enter in Collation File
Enemy Dispositions

Draughtman

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R/TA 24 Aust Inf Bn
3 Aust Div 04099 - 22 -

Secret. © 1140k/21 To 0045k/21 © 24 Bn © 0830k/21
 BOOBY TRAPS 150 yds north of ambush point approx.
 635227 WAGO one inch exploded by enemy © No
 mvt seen but much blood found © 1140k/21 Party
 relaying booby traps ambushed approx. 635228
 by large body of japs with LMG and MMGs ©
 Party withdrew to 635225 © Enemy attacked from
 north supported by 4 inch mortar and from
 south across ZUANG mouth simultaneously
 encircling to west © Estimated enemy
 strength 200 © Patrol withdrew to 619220
 but again attacked and forced back to
 HEGA 520210 © Casualties enemy one
 killed own one missing © 75 bde ©
 HQ A. Coy 58/59 bn plus 9 pl 697948
 © 10 pl under comd A. Coy 698948 ©
 Composite pl. still in contact south of
 GWAIBOLON © HQ B. Coy. plus 12 pl
 697948 © 11 pl 700951 © 13 pl under
 Comd B Coy. 697948 © 1500k/21 11 pl
 engaged 3 japs © One hit © 1955 to 1825
 10 mortar bombs from enemy point
 701953 and 3 shells from mtu gun
 which is still in same point
 * 701953 and 3 shells landed
 vic. entry 11 pl © No casualties ©
 gwaibolon of © 1805k/21 80 japs
 south open footbridge mouth FRANCISCO ©
 1325 to 1352k/21 2 guns from SAHAMUA
 registered 4 shells on village
 603965 © No casualties but amn
 dump hit and some stores damaged ©

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TO: *After 24 Aust Inf Bn*

FROM: *3 Aust Div* Originator's Number: *03968* Date: *15* In Reply to Number: *—*

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Secret @ site 205 to 1400k/15 @

RAF OP @ 0600k/15 approx 15 barges

in IAF HARBOUR @ 15 the @

1800k/14 a coy 58/59 bn killed

one pap. off @ 0830k/15 MTR

gun fired 15 shells into 698948

Our casualties 2 wounded @ P Coy

report enemy digging in eskine

PK area @ Composite pl engaging

them @ Enemy are filling trees

and digging in OLD WICKERS POSN

1150k/15? 1st mortar fired

12 bombs in NORTH COPOINTS

@ 1150k/15 6 hostons bombed

KOMIATUM tracks @ all bombs approx

150 yds west of enemy mtr gun

posn @ a/c also strafed KOMIATUM

TRACK ORODUBI and ESKINE @

0700k/15 3 sec 2/3 Inap Coy

left WELLS OP 1st route MINKING

@ 17 hrs ap patrol from BENNETT

force reached a posn 50 yds

from pap posn at GOODVIEW

TUNC where much noise and

chopping was heard @ 0700k/15 1 pl

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Coy now located as follows. 14 pl 699964
 15 pl 699962 17 pl 696965 5 faps
 observed at OLD VICKERS POSN Ref
 site 230 0900k/21 ration party returning
 from OP at 698027 fired on by 2
 LMG's at 704995 0 our car - watter
 one killed one wounded 0 during attack
 by 60 enemy on ambush point at
 690399H our troops suffered no casualties
 and withdrew to 16 pl posn 696946 0
 No further contact with enemy 0 Camp-
 site pl. from HQ Coy established
 posn at 685982 0 1215k/21 enemy
 attacked AMBUSH KNOWH but were driven
 off by 1215k/21 0 further attack at
 1350k/21 repulsed 0 Enemy also fired
 on NAMING 0 OUR CASUALTIES 13 killed
 2 wounded 0 Estimate of enemy in posn
 at 693932 0 one coy 0 VH 1815k/21
 enemy strongly attacked AMBUSH KNOWH
 but were again repulsed 0 One sec
 2/3 Indep Coy are in posn at WELLS JUNC
 0 17 bde gfd 0 21 ful harassing fire
 onto enemy posn MT. TAMBU area
 by mtn etc mortars and snipers 0
 13 faps believed killed 0 During morning
 voices heard 712916 0 One pl coy B
 162 US regt now approx 703905 0
 0930k/21 enemy mtn gun previously
 believed destroyed fired towards OROD
 UBI 0 Recce patrol to 704925 estimate
 25 faps in area 0 1600k/21 FOGARTY
 OP reports power launch in SOMOA
 HARBOUR 0 1400k/21 Two pls B Coy 2/6 Ba

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TO *BITO*

FROM *DUPA* *LEBI* Originator's Number *IR 383* Date *17* In Reply to Number *-*

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SECRET SITREP 177 to 1300/17 @ DUPA

Camps 6 9 8 0700 A/A and

bombing heard direction LAB @ Camps

6 8 17 0945 1/17 Explosions heard direct

of SAKANVA @ Camp 7 1030/17

UP persons crossed from NEW LAB

to north bank of

MARKHAM river ONE was pushing and

The other was pulling what appeared

to be a small raft

1 generator flew from the raft

over LAB bombing direct A/A followed

@ Camp 17 1230/17 1245/17

only burning

community DAE @ @ @ SITREP @

LEBI all areas SITREP

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attacked enemy from abridge
Track between WELLS JUNC and

AMBUSH KNOCK @ Attack NOT successful
but temporarily relieved pressure on
AMBUSH KNOCK TO Enemy casualties

NOT known own 1 killed & wounded
@ present dispositions B. Coy 2/6 Bn
less two pls WELLS JUNC @ One pl
dug in on track 6899270 one pl
DIERKE OP all informed

0105
0123

0226

~~0223~~



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FROM **Builder 1 Bomor**

Originator's Number **JF 66**

Date **15**

In Reply to Number **-**

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SUGAR LOAF PATROL	Sept 11/13	ref map	5
wagon	provisional	pure with report	10
of the SYKES	object of patrol	piece	15
NT SUGAR LOAF	and track	from	20
SUGAR LOAF to	Kalaha	person with	25
the SYKES AND JALHA	with PB and		30
carrier	by	equipment	35
on map	100	rounds	40
100	rounds	303	45
mm	explosives	Two	50
Packs	and	webbing	55
of	patrol	sugar loaf	60
for	OP	and track	65
found	Observations	at left	70
0700	proceeded	along	75
10	approx	map	80
moved	north	west	85
did	not	cross	90
on	map	climbed	95
the	line	west	100
(Also	REF	APPROX	105
the	not	cross	110
track	except	native	115
that	had	not	120
negative	perman	out	125
country			130

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RPTd 24 Bn

3 Am

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SECRET

Sitrep 232

to 0800K/22

24 Bn 0 ref sitrep 232 0 during

~~was~~ withdrawal some stores and ^{enemy} ~~was~~ ^{was} lost 0 casualties ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ 6 known killed 0 ~~missing~~ ^{missing} ~~aman~~ returned 0 150de after noon

21/21 full enemy mtu gun fired 3 rounds in vicinity of 4 pl 2/3rd Coy mortar at 698938 0 over mortar vicinity

6WA1BOLON replied with 5 rounds 0 All bombs within 200 yds of gun posn 0

2110 K/21 Japs made ~~at~~ ^{the} biggest attack on AMBUSH KNOLL 0 Estimated

by enemy casualties 0 here within 6 yds of our post before being driven off 0

0130 K/22 Japs encountered in vicinity NAMLING RIDGE 0 2 further attacks on

AMBUSH KNOLL at 0150 and 0430 K/22

~~both~~ both replied 0 enemy casualties unknown our 3 wounded 0 B Coy

58/59 Bn reported enemy still in ~~vicinity~~ vicinity 704994 0 COANE FORCE 0

Coy K advancing ~~to~~ north around TAMBU ^{BAY} ~~bay~~ ^{were} ~~engaged~~ by MG fire

from spur at north end of bay 0 1400 K/21 were in contact at 752922 0 Coy

0 followed Coy K and are in contact 749942 0 Coy I in res 0 BHO 747926

0 Coy F less one pl 80151 0 One pl moving to 725927 0

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to	VA	numerous streams flowing	5
east	to	southeast and petering	10
out	in swamp	along coast proceeded	15
around	edge	of swamp to	20
RUANG	RIVER	followed old track	25
along	RUANG	RIVER O PB	30
us	that	this area belongs	35
to	VAGAU	natives but they	40
have	not	used it for some	45
time	all	through natives from	50
LABI	we	it to hunt figs	55
which	abound	in plenty also	60
wild	lassowary	and fresh fowls	65
for	JARS	at lake and	70
LAF	O saw	dead pig that	75
had	been	shot with bow and	80
arrow	1 day	dead so natives	85
in	area	recently O crossed river	90
at	map	ref. 619219 Had	95
lunch	at	1245 hrs. arrived	100
VA	1415	hrs. while at map ref.	105
6222	53.	heard what appeared	110
to	be	shots in direction	115
of	LAKE - AT/MAP	ref 629262	120
but	not	sure of exact	125
			130

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WIRELESS DIARY

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Sheet No.

Period:

Station Call-Sign or Code Name From hrs. on

Enemy occupy ridge 752943

Time	To	From	Signals Made and Received	Signal Strength		Frequency in K.c/s	Remarks
				In	Out		
1625	to	1709	K/21			K/21	our arty engaged enemy guns
756961			fired 4 rounds				on LCV landing
141080		BAY	0			1527 to 1557	K/21 enemy gun engaged by our arty all informed

Op 09/5/42

0830
0838



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WIRELESS DIARY

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Period

Station Call-Sign or Name 254

Enemy activity occurred on 22/12/42

Builders to be kept to 0800

secret Osgt STAMPER, ANGAN, with smoky arrived

MAPOS 0800. He questioned natives

made BATH of the whole. Job @ 4 natives when brought to him from SMOKY were

NOT REK Gay but allowed to work with native courier from MAPOS and talked

with them @ RA BAIL. boy remained with SMOKY FOR questioned by builder 1

SMOKY and information from him you already have @ BARTLEY's guide knew

this boy and was sure he would not contact JAPS @ on this morning builder 1 SMOKY

allowed boy to go back and cover for other four natives @ in my opinion an assurance

of blue and he rechecked builder 1 smoky with having more sense than allow the natives

to go back to the enemy with information about the white man @ again sent the

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SECRET @ Aship 233 to 1400 K/22 @
 15 Bde @ 1000 1100 K/22 LIBIRATORS
 borstons MITCHELLS dropped large
 number bombs on -to KOMIATUM RIDGE
 and onto BUIRALI BK @ ONE A/C dropped
 5 bombs on KELA BILL @ 1100 K/22 13 PL
 58/59 bn moving to 697953 @ 17 bde
 gpe @ Casualties estimate enemy
 casualties MT MANDU area since 16 Jul
 350 @ COANE FORCE @ Following have
 arrived TAMBU BAY @ ONE SEC 2/6 ft
 MG @ Cannon coy 162 regt @ 1 LCM
 fired on by snipers when approached
 beach returned to NASSAU BAY
 @ with out unloading @ @ 0628 K/22
 Japs at 756964 opened fire on
 unknown targets @ Estimates enemy
 strength on high ground north of
 TAMBU BAY @ One reinforced coy
 on west flank @ strong points with
 aft mas mgs on east flank @ enemy
 long range gun at 787962 registered
 on to our arty. abt informed

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Rpta 24 Aust Inf Bn

FROM

3 Aust Div

Originator's Number

03980

Date

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In Reply to Number

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SECRET @ 210 To 2000 4/16 @
SALAMINA OP @ During 16 July 1942
approach to be moving a naval
gun from ISTHMIUS TO MARIONA
- V.D. @ Parkash with equipment
were noticed in this area @
24 Bn @ 2200 5/15 @
reports engine heard out to sea
@ 2 natives approached moving south
along beach @ have been sent
to 1564 under white cover @
Natives state that papers have NOT
used. Coastal track for 2 months
@ Also NABU natives have gone
back @ 17 Rde gr @ Rep site 2006
@ Track runs to the area at
TAMBU SADDLE vicinity 4049 19 @
1 tap killed by team 4/16 @
0850 4/16 HQ 1 Bn 162 Rpt. moved
to 6998 76 @ B Coy 2/16 Pmt
less two pl. 6838 50 @ 16
12 6808 76 @ 17 pl. 6838 51 @
1 Mtn bty moving to 2008 96 @
15 a/cy OP now established at
4839 04 all informed

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES — NEW GUINEA FORCE

C.O.
3 Aust Div.
Headquarters 22 Jul 43.

3 AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INTELLIGENCE REPORT NO 86
INFO INFORMATION RECEIVED UP TO 2200Z/43

PART 1 - JAPANESE ACTIVITY

LAE OP Ref map LAE LOCALITY.

1. 1621K/40 1 MATE landed.
Approximately 6 barges in harbour.
- 1742K/40 1 MATE heard to take off.
- 0215K/42 1 aircraft flying SE.
- 0404K/42 and 0426K/42. Large light from TERRACE.
- 0420K/42 Light flashed from vicinity 023412.
- 0615K/42 1 barge MALANANG WHEAR to LAE.
- 0843 - 1042K/42. Several unidentified aircraft from south patrolling.
- 1200K/42 4 fires at NEW LAE (village).

SALAMUA OP

2. 1600 - 1700K/41. 5 trucks and troops moving between QUARRY and KELA. Motorcycle with trailer moving in town area.
- 0600K/41 - 1015K/42. Usual activity in town area.

MADANG AREA Ref map MADANG WAGO 1:63300.

3. BUANG RIVER MOUTH

- 0830K/41 Japs exploded booby traps 150 yards north of our ambush at approximately 035227, and 2 to the south. No enemy were seen but large quantities of blood were observed.
- 1140K/41 When relaying booby traps our troops were ambushed in the vicinity of 035228 by large party of Japs armed with LMGs, MGs and MAs. Our patrol withdrew to 035225 but Japs in an estimated strength of 200 made attacks from the north using 4" mortars and simultaneously from the south across the BUANG mouth commencing an encircling move westward. Further withdrawing to a FIRM BASE approximately 019220 the patrol was forced back to LOR 520210.

The following information has been gained from a native captured at the mouth of the BUANG RIVER on 16 Jul.

- (a) A MADANG boy called LISI, he had been captured by the Japs at MADANG about 10 months ago.
- (b) He had been employed with a unit whose function was unloading cargo. The members of the unit were not young men and were armed with rifles only.
- (c) Transports which arrived by night 5 or 6 times a week were always unloaded hurriedly and left again before dawn.
- (d) Cargo which was transported along a MT road towards the RAMU contained many LMGs and rifles but no aircraft nor large guns.
- (e) There was plenty of food in MADANG.
- (f) Troops landed were used on road construction.
- (g) He left MADANG on 9 Jul on a wooden boat about 40 to 50 feet long, crowded with soldiers. They travelled only at night the itinerary being:
Left KORANGIT 1900K/10 arrived VILLIAU 0600K/11.
Left VILLIAU 1900K/11 arrived GALI 2400K/11.
Cargo was unloaded at both these places.
Left GALI 1800/12 arrived SIO 0630K/13.
Left SIO pm 8/13 arrived FINSCHHAPEN 0600K/14.
Left FINSCHHAPEN 1700K/14 arrived LAE 2400K/14.
From LAE to SALAMUA night 15/16 Jul.

Comment:

The above information should be treated with reserve. The dates given are considered unreliable although the time table is probably correct.

4. 1000K/22. GP at 417817 reports 7 persons crossed by barge from south bank of MANKHAM to 505434.
NATUT VALLEY AREA. Ref map ROANER 1:63300
 5. 21 Jul GP at 539337 reported fires across the MANKHAM. On two successive days these fires started as the transports landed.
Comment:
 This is probably coincidence as many fires have been reported recently north of the MANKHAM.
- MANKHAM AREA Ref maps SALAMAJA KUMIATUK 1:25000.
6. 21 Jul Japs voices heard west of 712916.
 Patrol found a track from 700903 to 714914.
 22 Jul Estimated enemy casualties since 18 Jul in MT TAMBU area 350.
 A captured document from the BUIKAP area which was apparently written immediately prior to attack on LABABA RIDGE 21 Jun shows on a very rough sketch the following approximate positions:
 Bivouac area 707949, 703941 or 703946, in vicinity of GOOLVIM JUNG at 706917; staging camps 710963 and 704939.
7. 1000K/21. PUGARTY GP reports one power boat in BANDA HARBOR with three trucks stopped nearby. Further 6 trucks moved from LAMBERS to FRANCISCO RIVER Mouth.
 1215 - 1300K/21 Two unsuccessful raids on our positions at 1400K/21 Japs were still in position half way between ANJUN KROLL and WILLS.
8. CHAIKLOM GP
 1200K/21 7 Japs moved north, 8 Japs moved south across footbridge.
 1605K/21 20 Japs south across footbridge appeared to be carrying stores.
9. 0900K/21 Enemy mount in gun, previously thought destroyed by our aircraft, fired a number of rounds into GROMBI area.
 Patrol to 100 yards NW of STEPHENS - MILA track junction observed and estimated 25 Japs in nearby area.
10. 1500K/21 Jap mountain gun at 700956 is reported to be in a pit, raised on a platform when firing then lowered and the position camouflaged with a movable screen or bush.
 1515K/21 Mountain gun fired three rounds on to MORTAR KROLL 693936.
 Gun appears to be in northern-most end of north bamboo clump and to be moved from time to time to fire on different lines.
10. 1735 - 1800K/21. Enemy mortar at 705953 fired ten bombs into area 700951.
 1325 - 1352K/21 Two guns from SALAMAJA registered four hits on huts at 693945.
 21 Jul 3 Japs seen OLD VICKERS POSE.
11. 0300K/21. 3 Jap MGs at 704995 fired on party returning from LAMBERS GP at 693927.
 2350K/21 Enemy reported still in area 704904.

12.

- 0045 - 1115K/21. 15 Japs moved to GRUBBI, one Jap to GRAVYARD. All carrying packs or loads but no arms seen.
- 21 Jul Estimated Jap strengths of one Coy at 000000. Japs appear to use route along valley 500 yards south of GRUBBI.
- 1015K/21 Heavy but unsuccessful attack by Japs on AMUSH KOLL.
- 2110K/21 Japs made very heavy attack on AMUSH KOLL. This was the ~~15th~~ 16th and heaviest attack made to date, and the enemy were stopped within 6 yards of our position. Attack was launched with usual warcries followed by the screams of the wounded.
- 0150K/22 Japs encountered adjacent to HAWLING RICH in the vicinity of LUBALIS HPT.
- 0150K/22 and 0430K/22 AMUSH KOLL again unsuccessfully attacked.
- 1120K/22 Heavy gun at ISHUS 744012 fired in direction of TAMBU BAY.

LOCHU AREA Ref map KOMIARUM 1:25000.

13. 21 Jul Japs defensive positions reported along ridge from 750943 to 730947 thence along contour. Japs reported to be using mortars and MAs. Heavy gun at 750951 (this was previously reported as 730954) fired four rounds on LCV in TAMBU BAY.
- on 22 Jul using to sniper fire from beach one LCH at TAMBU BAY returned to NASSAU BAY without unloading strength of enemy on high ground north of TAMBU BAY estimated by forward troops to be one reinforced Coy on the east with strong points on the west.

PART II

NARRATIVE OF OPERATIONS

14 Aug Inf Bn

(Ref map NABO 1 inch to 1 mile)

1. In launching an attack on our ambush positions 035027 a force of approximately 200 Japs suffered casualties from our booby traps. The Japs attacked from the north, supported by a 4" mortar, and from the south across the mouth of the BUANG RIVER making a simultaneous enveloping movement from the west. Our patrol was forced back to LISA 580110 having killed 7 Japs without loss to themselves. Some stores and ammunition had to be abandoned.

15 Aug Inf Bn

Ref map 1/25000 Series

2. At GRAIDOLAN the 30/39 Bn Composite Platoon maintained contact with the enemy, and 11 Pl engaged 5 Japs at 700951 killing one. One of our ration parties, returning from the CP at 000027 lost one killed and one wounded when engaged by 2 LMGs from 704935. 60 Japs attacked our ambush post at 703994 and our troops withdrew to 10 Pl position at 000976 without loss. Our position on AMUSH KOLL was again attacked at 1215, 1350 and 1615 hrs on 21 Jul, and at 2110 hrs enemy launched their 17th attack. This was a determined effort and the Jap reached to within 6 yards of our position before being driven off with losses considered to be heavy. Two further unsuccessful attacks were made at 0150 and 0430 hrs on 22 Jul. In these 3 attacks we suffered only 3 wounded.

(6)

During the afternoon of 21 Jul the enemy mtg gun fired three rounds at A/3 Indep Coy mortar position at 683938 and was engaged by 5 rounds from our mortar near CW INGLON. A heavy attack by LIBRATIONS MORTONS and MITCHELLS was made on KOMIATUM RIDGE, HELL track, and HUIKALI CRACK at 1900 hrs 21 Jul. One aircraft dropped 5 bombs on HELL HILL.

17 Aust Inf Bde

3. The enemy position in MT TAMBU area was engaged by snipers, mortars and the mtg bty during the morning of the 21st when three Japs were killed. It is conservatively estimated that 550 Japs have been killed in this area since 15 Jul, and further harassing was given by the mtg bty and mortars from 0600 to 0730 hrs on 22 Jul. An attack by two pls of B Coy 2/6 Bn failed to dislodge the enemy from their position astride the track at 683927 but relieved the enemy pressure on AMUNU HILL.

COAST FORCE

4. Coy K followed by Coy L and supported by arty met opposition from the spur at the north end of TAMBU BAY. The enemy in this area are estimated at one reinforced coy with MGs. Progress to date brings Coy K to a position 20 yards from the crest of the high ground north of the BAY with Coy L 50 yards from the crest further west.

W. Benjamin *Carle*
Lt-Col
C3 3 Aust Div

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735818 O	HQ	INACKECHINE	one pl	5
coy	C	838825	SAKAMAU	one in
Sub	dump	and	Hq	coy C 839833
O jeep	head north	BITOI	SOUTH ARM	20
O Combat	engines	assisted	by HQ and	25
C blys	arty	working	on jeep track	30
O Morning	16	Jul	PLB	moved out
Towards	LAKE	SAHUS	O	contacted enemy
Strength	NOT	known	North of	45
BITOI	NORTH	ARM	all	50
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* 836816 * 836816

⑨ north TAMBU BAY @ L Coy 50 yds
 from crest to west of K Coy @
 Progress slow due to terrain @ One
 Coy patrolling west and north from
 North end TAMBU BAY @ Our cas
 ulties one wounded @ HQ @ Coy
 PIB plus one pl at 427935 @
 E and R pl moving to cut track
 NW. of BOISI @ by @ 2030
 bn arrived at NASSAU BAY all
 informed

12.4

~~2022~~ K
 2030
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W/L T 21 0935

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~~SECRET~~ SITREP 148 to 1730 17/9
 1300 K/7 1 sec with 1 off 13gt LEBI
 arrived camp. 9 @ comms with camp 7
 spasmodic @ 1 sec. 8 pl LEBI at camp
 16 @ pl. HO and 1 sec at camp 15
 1 sec at DU PA @ otherwise SITVOR.

1735
1742

F 1825 Wot

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			24 Aust Inf Bn				
			3 Aust Div		04120	22	-
			SECRET 0	SITREP 235	to 2245	1/22	0 15 Bde 0
1830	1/22			11 shells	landed in 11 pl		
58/59			Bn area 0	1 wounded	0	Mortar	
			det at 698947	report new gun in			
			posn approx. 707926	0	Old gun may		
			have shifted to this posn		1/22		
			KEHA gun fired 6 shells	into square			
6395			0 D Coy standing patrol at				
703948			exchanged shots with party				
4 faps			vicinity 702949	0	Enemy casualties		
one own			nil 0	one see 16 pl	702996		
0			Patrol north along BURRIS CK	to			
			they see report no mvt seen but				
			found recent signs of 40 faps				
			moving north 0	GWAIBOLON OP report			
			two guns now at KEHA HILL	up to			
1400	1/22		little noise or mvt heard				
			vicinity	AMBUSH KNOLL 0	1230' to 1315	1/22	
4 faps				ORODUBI to GRAVEYARD 0			
8 faps				GRAVEYARD to ORODUBI 0	17 bde		
gr 0			1130	1/22 patrol to 706923	heard		
			much groaning and screaming	from			
			faps posn 0	1500	1/22 FOGARTY OP		
			reports fires west KEHA HILL	0	still		
			moving 1600	1/22 0	Mtn by and		
mortar				continued harassment			

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2313

30th Aug 1942
Rpta 24th Aug 1942
3rd Aust Div
HIC - 511 GR 857

SECRET SITREP 172 to 0800 k/y & WATUT
VALLEY & 6th pat one see of pl
PIB established standing patrol PREEN
Reports 0750 and 0930 k/b one w/c a/c
over PREEN 0 1400 k/b one tap reel
a/c over PREEN 0 tap track now
at 983344 ROAMER one in Mission
area 0 6th pat patrol from 8 pl A
Coy 58/59 bn discovered a tap staging
camp 908948 KPMATM. 1/25000
all informed

Work of GWAIBORDON OR report
two camps near of KRA Hill up to
HCO 1/2
moving
mountain
H 8 1/2
of 0
moving
from
1200 k/32
FOGART 109
KRA Hill
15430 k/y

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				In	Out		
			into enemy posns throughout day atq bn ref sitrep TAMBUL BAY been at less 11 pl 689929 still in posn AMBUSH KNOLL down off ridge estimated 300 yds mortars reach crest of precipitous terrain to 749939				MT TAMBUL AREA 1605422 2 guns 218 yds registered on KOMINTUM 234 gun which fired towards now believed to have 744012 B Coy 2/5 Bn WELLS JOIN 11 pl DIERKE between 11 pl and COANE FORCE Coy K at 750943 by supported by not able to ridge owing to how withdrawn all informed
							2305 2310 0005
							F/AS. 2345

Operators

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Builder 1	Signal Station		Signals Made and Received		From	To	Time
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SECRET further from SAIKRY & no enemy movement. Land visibility good & patrol consisting of 30 men. SOUTH of position of beach in JUNGLE adjacent to beach. Conf. started with swamp. Reached in perhaps one hour to attempt beach. Better view point of BUSHAMAN & SAMANUA area. Confronted with crocodiles they returned after noting that swamp goes inland through thick JUNGLE for 500 yards & further patrol attempt to cross VA near position. Surf flowing too fast and too deep. Can hardly be crossed. That reinforcement moving from KAP TO SAMANUA by land must use beach & will observe sea again tonight for any movement & visibility at night extremely poor. Native followed to go to village & has not returned. BARTLEY's guide who knows this native friendly. Convinced he will not contact JAP but has gone. Bush & not other natives sighted @ SAMANUA bombed at 1240 by 9 Mitchell's. Left 06 but no patrol consisting of 6 men and BUILDER & SAIKRY moved out on beach at 1700/5 moved north approx 1300 yds and observed

15:00
16:00

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				In	Out		
			RPTA 24 Aust Inf Bn 3 Aust Div			04130	23
			SECRET 0			1400 ^h /23	15/16e
			0 Wells of 0			2130 ^h -2300 ^h /22	stationary
			lights on 15THMUS 0			0945 ^h /23	bombing
			stuffing MISSION POINT area 0				ten
			men working vicinity MACDONALD				
			JUNE 0 GWAIBONAN 0			0945 ^h /23	3
			MITCHELLS dropped approx 10 bombs				
			and stuffed MAKOHU ASINI area				
			0 14 base of 0 early morning 23 Jul				
			patrol B Co 2/5 Bn reached				
			AMBUSH KNOLL and report tracks				
			tracks JUNE ambush trail clear 0				
			Discovered on track for 1000				
			of 70 weapons 7.15 connected by				
			underground Trenches 0 morning 23 Jul				
			registering and harassing for on				
			to enemy positions in Mount Tambora				
			area by our infantry and				
			2 guns 2/5 Bn 2/5 Bn continued 0				
			Drops 0 2/5 Bn 2/5 Bn 0				
			two pl 696911 one pl 695916 0				
			one pl 698915 0 COME FIRE 0 night				
			22/23 Jul following landed MASSAU RAY				
			0 HQ 6/4 6/4 A service 6/4 less det				
			of 205 6/4 arty 6/4 0 one pl				

Operators

uptd 24 Aust. Inf. Bn
3 Aust. Div 03786-7-9

SECRET PITREP 175 to 2300K/7
 valley area following Jps landed
 TSHH 7 Jul 0509 2 H pl bty
 Act 15 for coy B Coy 57/60. Bnless
 two pls and an HDS @ mission area
 @ delay in reporting info due to
 interruption in comms and ineffic-
 -ly of obtaining info from fwd int
 units @ 16th Coy 51/59 bn 704977
 KOMINTUM 1/25000 repulsed 3 attacks
 at 1125 1153 and 1215 K/7 @ East
 attack made by 30 Japs @ enemy
 casualties 2 killed own nil @ 1500K/7
 allied af dropped 22 bombs on
 BOB DUBI RIDGE @ 20 bombs in target
 area @ 1750 K/7 8 pl A Coy driven
 from NHMUNG by unknown number
 enemy @ 1815 K/7 Jap pushed back
 from ambush from 690933 to
 ORO DUBI @ SOMESTORES discovered
 incl 3 in mortar @ WEHLS OP @
 0830 K/7 30 Japs crossed Footbridge
 mouth FRHEISCO moving north @
 1145 K/7 50 Japs south along
 KOMINTUM 2 track @ 1200-1400/7
 28 north along track @ carrier
 lane from WEHLS arrived BASE # @
 Acetons 2/3 in det Coy 1830K/7 @
 Coy HQ and C pl STEPHENS June
 681916 Cpl Goodview June 706916
 @ mabo area @ afternoon 6 July @
 P18 contacted enemy party with
 2 HMBs at mouth BIFOT NORTH ARM @
 our casualties 1 wounded @ Coy
 R 162 Rept now protecting beach

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5325

(IK)

Rpta 24 Aust 3 Inf Bn CR91
3 Aust Div 04127 - 23 -

Secret 0 time 236 to 0800k/230 24 Bn 0 21 full patrol
for half an hour along BUANG RIVER from
LLEGA reports no mvt seen but found fresh
native foot prints 0 15 Bde 1830k/220 5 shells
landed in 10 pl 58/59 Bn area 0 3 Did not
explode 0 Casuarina killed 0 17 Bde 0
Night 22/23 Chopping heard from enemy posts
MT TAMBU 0 0545 2/23 LADIBIA OP reports 2 enemy
bombers flew east all informed 0825 0836
0900
10850.

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RITO

FROM

DUPA

Originator's Number

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JB-2

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green action

Comm. head 7 mm

expanded in action 36

traj. lost in action

OSMG-1 120

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From information received up to 2000K/23.

HQ, 3 Army Div.

23 Jul 43.

PAGE 1.ARMY ACTIVITY.SALAMUA GP

1. 1300K/23 10 Japs working at quarry.
1 truck from town area to quarry.

MATHAN AREA

Ref Map HADZAN, WAGO 1 : 63360

2. RUANG RIVER
Japs contacted by our patrol sq 5822.
3. GP at 471517
0940K/23 11 BOMBS flying towards LAE at 15000 ft.
4. 1530K/22 Fewer launch containing 4 persons, one clad completely in white, moved from south bank of the MATHAN to 585434.
During the day what appeared to be 8 ground sheets were hung on trees at 585434.
Comment: possibly fishing nets.

MATHAN AREA

5. Ref Map S. LAHUA KONGI-TUM 1/25000.
- 1840K/22 Patrol to BRUNDE GK Vicinity. Saw no enemy movement.
- 1930K/22 11 shells from mountain gun landed in area 700932. It is reported that either a new gun is at 700932 or the mountain gun has been shifted to this position 1000 yards south from the former position and in a bamboo clump.
- 1700K/22 Gun from KILA landed 6 shells in area 6895.
- 1400K/22 No further attack by Japs on ANUSH KNOLL since 0430K/22.
- 1230K/22 4 Japs moved from GRAVYARD to GROUND.
- 1315K/22 4 Japs repeated this movement and 4 moved in the opposite direction.
- AM 23 Jul Track from HILLS JUNG to ANUSH KNOLL reported clear of enemy. 70 weapon pits with underground communication were found.
- 1445K/22 9 Japs moved GROUND to GRAVYARD, 11 in opposite direction.
- 1510K/22 10 Japs moved from GROUND to GRAVYARD carrying boxes.
6. 22 July. BOAT ISLAND watching patrol 700978 fired on by 4 Japs moving from 700979.
Patrol along HUALS GK to 700926 reported signs of movement of 40 Japs north along HUALS GK.

WELLS OP.

- 7. 1815K/22 21 heavily laden Japs South, 21 Japs North across footbridge.
 - 0630K/23 17 heavily laden Japs South across footbridge.
 - 2130-2300K/22 Stationary lights on ISTHMUS.
 - 0645K/23 Truck from ISTHMUS towards KELA.
 - 0845K/23 10 men working MacDONALDS JUNCTION.
 - 1540K/23 12 Japs along ISTHMUS from mainland. Movement in vicinity of ODEA'S HOUSE.
8. Night 22/23 Jul. Chopping heard all night from enemy positions, MT TAMBU.

LOKANU AREA.

- 9. 1740K/22 Japs estimated at 300, were encountered at 750943.
- 0600 and 0615K/23 One unidentified aircraft over LOKANU Area.
- 1910K/22 Jap mortar fire on to our positions.
- 1200K/22 Jap gun at 756961 registered targets in our area.

MUBO AREA.

- 10. 0545K/23 LAHABIA OP reported 2 Jap medium bombers heading East.

PART II.

NARRATIVE OF OPERATIONS.

15 BDE.

- 1.7 During 22 Jul activity has been confined to patrolling. Enemy guns from KELA area have engaged 58/59 Aust Inf Bn position causing light casualties.

12. BDE GP.

- 2. Throughout 22 Jul our mortars and artillery harassed the enemy positions in MT TAMBU area. Early morning patrol 23 Jul reported the enemy had vacated their position at 692932 where extensive defensive positions connected by underground trenches were found.

COANE FORCE.

- 3. After reaching within a few yards of the RIDGE north of TAMBU BAY, the Japs counterattacked and forced Coy K and Coy L 3 Bn to withdraw to 747939.

AIR ATTACK 22 JUL.

- 4. All reports of the results of air attack on KOMIATUM RIDGE and BUIRALI CREEK are now to hand. KOMIATUM spur and MULE track was well bombed and strafed, a hut being demolished in KOMIATUM. One stick of bombs was seen to fall in suspected enemy occupied area 706925, and others in BUIRALI CREEK below ORODUBI. A patrol to 706923 at 1130K/22 heard much groaning and screaming from enemy positions. Bombs fell close to new position of mountain gun approx 708926. A large area of earth west down slope from old gun position 708936 was upturned. The attack was considered very satisfactory. Distribution - see over.
- W. J. ...*
Lt-col.

15 Aust Inf Bde
 17 Aust Inf Bde
 24 Aust Inf Bn
 I-Recorder. COANE FORCE
 Battle Board
 GOC.

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NARRATIVE OF OPERATIONS

15 JUL

1. During 22 Jul activity has been confined to patrolling. Heavy guns from 15th area have engaged 28/29 Aust Inf Bn position causing light casualties.

16 JUL

2. Throughout 22 Jul our mortars and artillery harassed the enemy positions in Mt Tambora area. Early morning patrol 23 Jul reported the enemy had vacated their position at 0830Z where extensive defensive positions connected by underground trenches were found.

17 JUL

3. After resting within a few yards of the ridge north of Mt Tambora, the Japs counterattacked and forced Coy K and Coy L & Bn to withdraw to 74750.

18 JUL

4. All reports of the results of air attack on KOMIYAMA RIDGE and BUIRALLI GHEK are now to hand. KOMIYAMA spur and BUIRALLI GHEK were well bombed and strafed, the being demolished in KOMIYAMA. One stick of bombs was seen to fall in suspected enemy occupied area 70825, and others in BUIRALLI GHEK below GROUND. A patrol to 70825 at 1130Z/23 heard much grunting and screaming from enemy positions. Bombs fell close to new position of mountain gun approx 70825. A large area of earth was dug down from old gun position. 70825 was captured. The attack was considered very satisfactory.

W. J. ...
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② AASC @ Det HQ bty 41 US
div arty @ 0600 - 0615 1/23 1 U/i
afe over HQ Coane force otherwise
no change - reported all informed

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TO

ANGAU SUNSHINE

FROM

ANGAU MAPUS

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RX191

Will advise operations required later

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3 Aug 50
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SECRET © Disref 238 to 2000 k/23 ©
15 Bde © relief of 2/3 indy leg
by 2/6 Jbn in the ~~the~~ WEEK'S time
ambush knoll area complete
by 1540 k/23 © COARNE FORCE ©
1910 k/22 Jap mortar fired into
coy k and coy h areas © no
damage © 1500 k/23 one see 2/6
by night in posn and ready to
fire at TAMBU BAY © 2/7 Bn ©
24 Jul B Coy dep ~~BULLOKE~~ en route
to POWER HOUSE © ~~A Coy dep~~

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RITO

FROM

BOMO

Originator's Number

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Date

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SITREP

to

1630/6

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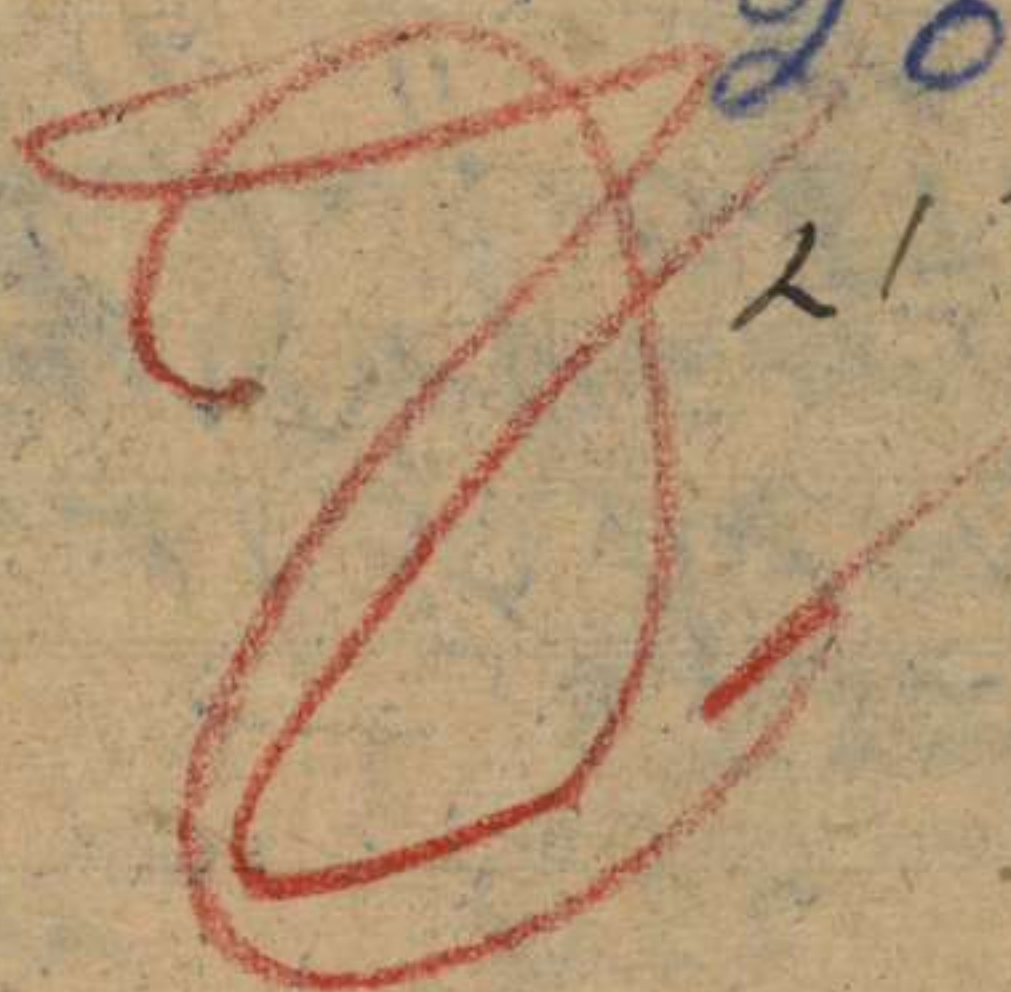
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~~BULLO on route to POWELL HOUSE~~

⊙ a boy left WAV on route SUMMIT
all informed

F 2100 LDR

2020
2025
2130


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TO

ASC BITO "W" ASC BOMO

FROM

ASC DYPA

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Date

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ST32, 1 6

Required for rations nearest week
1500 rations EUROPEAN 1400 rations
NATIVE @ include GETA and LOVY

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2 LIC 109
24 Quid Inf Bn
3 Quid Div 04144 24
Intelligence
Not in
CIB

SECRET @ Sidref 240 do 0800 k/24
Ralamana of. @ 0005 k/24
heard in SAHAMANA @ 17 1605/1715 k/23 120
well O.P. north from SUGARCANE RIDGE @
1730 k/23 patrol support Jap start-
ing patrol strength NOT known
still in occupation SUGARCANE
ridge @ C less one pl
AMBUSH KNOKK @ one pl 673928
@ standing patrol 691932 @ 1815
k/23 Jap machine gun fired @

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TO

adms 3 ~~secret~~ Div

FROM

M.O. ~~SECRET~~ WMPIT

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reply to message M.O. 30 which is completely wrong. Figures should read V R/L D & D. The message following

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F	1955	WMP		4/11/23							

Target NOT known @ Bty
~~218~~ @ 218 fd arty bn engaged
@ Jap gun ceased firing @
COANE FORCE @ one sec 2/6 fd
reg in posn 743932 all informed

0830
0834

F 0909 LQR

[Red scribble]

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Bono
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SECRET O Subrep 239 to 2300 K/23 O

4AE OP 1600 K/23 9 bargis in LAE
HARRISON O 59/5000 074 K/23

MCCALLS OP 959337 rooming lunch

reports one w/ a/c ~~outflow~~

went over 00 O 24 Bm O 0945 K/23

receptional from 14 ppl encountered

party Japs square 5830 WAGO lunch

O our patrol with ~~area~~ enemy

Casualties NOT known even nil O

0940 K/23 OP # 417517 #

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Forms C2128/13. Wt. 17936/206. 30M Pads. 7/40. B. & S. Ltd. 51-7280.

ZERES

WAOZAB 1 inch reports

flew to wa da lae O 1018 K/23

dog fight between BENS and LAE O

bullet NOT known O HQ 14 pl

now WAMPIT O 15 pl 1515 K/23 one

see 16 pl a Coy 58/59 bn returned

to 16 pl perimeter at 696976

704996 O standing patrol established

at 701978 705986 O Composite

pl HQ Coy left two sides 682978

O One pl 683986 O One pl 686984 O

0600 K/23 noce patrol strength 3 pl

D Coy 24 B left for NEW WAMUSA

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15 Pde 24th Div

FROM

D Coy 24th Div

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3 678038 1760e g/h 23 Jul 2 new
file from PIB at 15 30 3 bn 162
US regt contacted 2/5 bn troops in
MT TAMBU area OP of 80
C 218 fd arty bn established 60 yards
south GOOD VIEW WUNG 0 found registers
on enemy position in this area 0
0850 R/23 patrol from 2/6 Bn
reports sounds of digging on
SUGAR CANE RIDGE approx 695935
01115 K/23 our trench mortar
from WELLS and 2 inch mortar
fired into enemy position on
SUGAR CANE RIDGE 0

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TO *3 Aust Div*

FROM *24 Aust Inf Bn*

Originator's Number

9442

Date

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<i>Communication</i>	<i>(A) SUNSHINE</i>	<i>at 7 A.M.</i>	<i>7 A.M.</i>
<i>no change</i>	<i>(B) WAMPIT</i>	<i>decrease</i>	<i>9 MMSM&C</i>
<i>120. 100 30</i>	<i>area</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>in action</i>

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1550 K/23 9/6 gaps observed
moving north from SUGAR CANE
RIDGE all informed

~~1/2 0000~~

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FROM

51st. office. 24 Br

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In Reply to Number

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reports from loop since 1500 12/23

No reports from here disconnected

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3 AUST DIV INTELLIGENCE REPORT NO 88From information received up to 2000K/24PART I ENEMY ACTIVITYLAE OP

1. 1600K/23 9 barges in harbour no movement observed.
1505K/23 Fire on opposite bank from NEW LABU.
0717K/24 8 barges in LAE HARBOUR.

SALAMAUA OP.

2. 0005-0300K/24 barges heard in direction of SALAMAUA.

MARKHAM AREA. Ref Maps W AGO NADZAB 1 : 63360.

3. BUANG RIVER MOUTH
0945K/23 Jap ambush contacted 552212. Jap strength estimated
1 HMG, 5 LMG, 15 rifles.

MISSIM AREA. Ref Map SALAMAUA KOMIATUM 1 : 25000.

4. 0850K/23 Enemy were heard digging on SUGARCANE RIDGE at
approx 695935.
1140K/23 Jap at SUGARCANE RIDGE fired on our tps at AMBUSH
KNOLL 1445K/23 Japs LMG on SUGARCANE RIDGE silenced
by our MMG from AMBUSH KNOLL.
1505K/23 96 Japs seen leaving SUGARCANE RIDGE to North.
1715K/23 120 Japs seen moving north from SUGARCANE RIDGE
but a standing patrol of unknown strength remains
in Jap position.
Japs did NOT move into ORODUBI but appeared to move
into BUIRALI CK area where staging camps are sus-
pected at 704938, 702940, 707948.
1815K/23 When firing from KOMIATUM Jap gun was engaged by
our arty and ceased firing.
1420K/23 Patrol to GRAVEYARD heard Jap voices in vicinity of
BENCH CUT track.
Patrol towards ORODUBI heard sounds of chopping at
the foot of the spur leading to AMBUSH KNOLL.
1730K/23 Jap gun at 708936 fired 12 rounds in direction of
GWAIBOLON.
1800-1830K/23 Jap mountain gun fired one round and was fired
on by our mortar. Gun did not fire further 9 Japs
were seen near gun before firing.
5. WELLS OP
1230-1830K/23 282 Japs and 6 stretchers north across footbridge.
There was no movement observed past the church at
LOGUI.
Comment: There may be a staging camp in this area.
SALAMAUA OP observed similar movement into the
Coconuts in this area and came to the same conclusion
on 28 Jun.
1230-1730K/23 147 Japs heavily laden south across FOOTBRIDGE.
23 JUL Continuous activity at McDONALDS JUNC.
6. Exclusive of Japs killed in AMBUSH KNOLL and WELLS
JUNC engagements, it is estimated that from 30 Jun
to 1800K/23 Jap casualties were 207 killed and 38
wounded in 15 Bde area.
7. 0835K-0930K/23 Tac R reported :
(a) At 710917 track was visible and what appeared to
be two logs placed end to end with a small gap
between them was observed on the south edge of
the track.
(b) Six objects like barges were observed 5 miles
East of LAUPUI PT.

0830-0930K/23 Further Tac R reported :

(a) Coastal track North of KELA appeared well defined and showed signs of constant and regular use. Well made culverts cross small coastal creeks. The villages along the coast appeared deserted and in poor repair.

(b) On the forward slopes of the coastal ridge from BUSAMA to MISSION PT numerous large patches of jungle had been recently burnt out.

Comment: Probably the fires reported PM 22 Jul (ref sitrep 235).

(c) One barge was seen off KELA PT at 0858K/23 and one off the jetties approx 747017.

(d) From the air the numerous tracks as shown on the map were not visible. No movement was seen throughout the whole area.

9. LOKANU

Enemy on ridge to the north of TAMBU are reported to blow a bugle when our shelling ceases, upon which their positions are resumed. Grenades and even mortar shells were dropped on our men attempting to win the high ground.

10. TOPOGRAPHICAL

Attached as Appendix A is a trace of tracks in the KOMIATUM area which will be used for future reference (NGF, 15 Bde, 17 Bde, COANE FORCE only). Brigades and COANE FORCE will ack knowledge receipt by message.

PART II
NARRATIVE OF OPERATIONS.

24 Bn Ref Map WAGO 1 inch

1. On morning of 23 Jul a patrol contacted enemy ambush from 552212 and after killing 1 Jap withdrew to LEGA.

15 Bde Ref Maps 1/25000 series

2. During 23 Jul activity was confined to patrols and exchange of MMG, IMG and rifle fire. One of our mortars secured a near miss on the mountain gun 708936.

3. Estimated casualties inflicted by 15 Bde from 30 Jun to 1800 hrs 23 Jul are 207 killed and 38 wounded with a further 32 probably killed and 11 probably wounded. These totals are exclusive of casualties inflicted during action AMBUSH KNOLL-WELLS JUNC area 20-22 Jul when casualties are believed to have been heavy but no accurate estimate can be made.

17 Bde

4. During the morning 23 Jul our mortars from WELLS OP engaged the enemy on SUGARCANE RIDGE and later in the afternoon Japs were observed moving north from this position leaving a standing patrol of unknown strength. On the morning of 24 Jul one Pl C Coy 2/6 Bn captured forward slopes of SUGARCANE RIDGE. D Coy 2/5 Bn attacked enemy positions MT TAMBU area during the morning but were counter attacked and forced back by heavy fire.

COANE FORCE

5. 24 Jul track MT TAMBU - SCOUT HILL was secured west of TAMBU BAY. Enemy gun at 755941 was silenced by counter battery fire.

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CS 3 Aust Div.

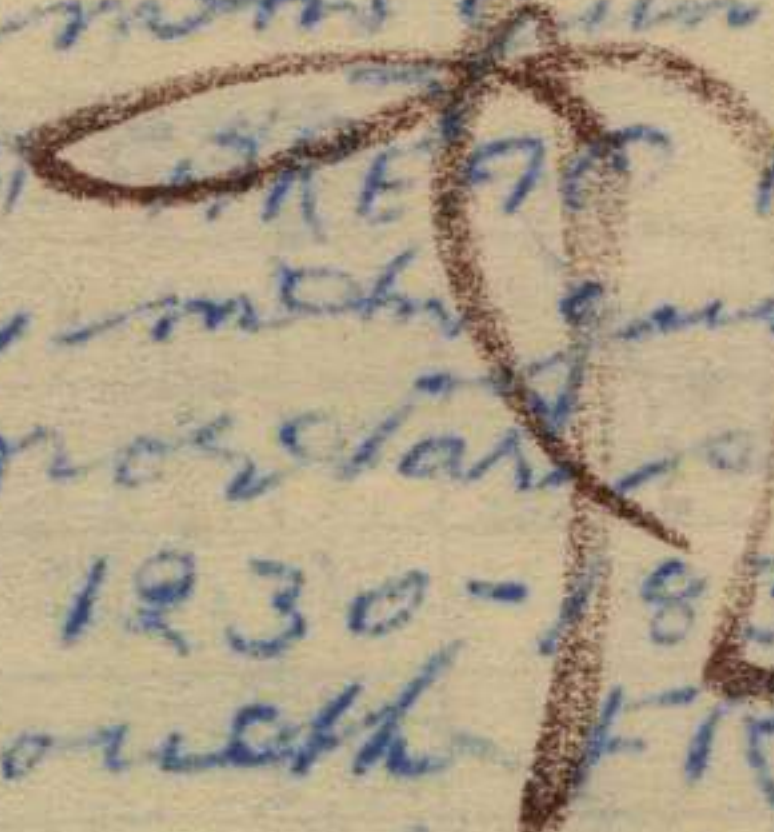
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NGF (2) 15 Bde 17 Bde 24 Bn COANE FORCE 57/60 Bn
1 ASP ALO 4 AC SQN Comd Int Recorder Battle Board

24 Pm
3 Am Div

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SECRET @ 241 24 1400 to 240 24 Pm @ refer ref
 239 further details from ridge past of @ estimated
 strength 1 BMG 5 LMG 15 rifles @ BMG @ opened
 fire @ our s/s took cover and engaged japs
 outflanking to the north @ then with drew
 and established ambush post LINIACK 545210
 @ 1315 h/23 patrol moved back to jap ambush
 post but made no further contact with enemy @
 Patrol returned to HEC-A leaving standing post
 @ LINIACK @ enemy casualties 1 killed 2 wounded
 our MMG @ AMBUSH KNOLL @ silenced by return
 fire @ 2/3 indep coy less 12 men WELLS O.P. @ and
 20 men AMBUSH KNOLL now concentrated NAMKING
 area @ patrol to GRAVEYARD heard jap voices
 @ 1730 h/23 jap mortar gun 708936 fired 12 shells
 into GWANIBOLON AREA 1800/1830 A boy 59/29 bn
 mortar engaged mortar gun from @ other gun replied
 with 1 round @ mortar scored 1 near miss on
 gun @ WELLS O.P. 1230-1830 h/230 mud across
 foot bridge mouth FIRE 1500 @ north 232
 japs 6 stretchers @ south 14 japs heavily laden @
 estimated dead @ jap casualties inflicted by
 units 15 beds from 30 Jun - 1800 hrs 2/3 July @
 207 killed 38 wounded @ 32 probably killed
 71 probably wounded @ these figures DO NOT
 include casualties inflicted during action
 ambush knoll with japs area 20/22 July @
 Jap casualties this action believed by but
 no accurate estimate can be made @ CORNER FORCE
 @ 1 coy and C boy PIB now at 731934 O.I. and R
 pls approx 732942 @ night 22/23 July following
 landed TAMBU BAY @ One sec 2/6 pd. reg



2. Body C 205 fd army bn all informed

F *[Signature]*

1600

1440

1445

1400

1608

* 0945 1/23 patrol contacted Japs in
ambush position at 552212 WAGO 1 MC

* 1123 1/23 Japs opened fire on AMBUSH
KNOCK O out MMC returned fire O

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JG 342

Date

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V104487 epl NORQUAY W. to personal
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ON 191

Rpta. 24 Aust Inf Bn
3 Aust Div

04152 - 24

SECRET 1100h 242 to 2000h/24 @ 17 Bde @ Morning 24
Jul d coy 2/5 Bn advanced north towards enemy posns
MT TAMBU area but were forced back by heavy fire @
at 1200h/24 the japs were counter attacking @ one pl.
C coy 2/6 Bn captured and are consolidating fwd
slopes of SUGAR CANE RIDGE @ Pas enemy 3 killed
own mil @ COAST FORCE @ night 23/24 Jul following
landed NASSAU BAY @ remainder Qty @ 209 CA

(aa) @ one pl. coy C 116 mg bn @ Morning
24 Jul harassing fire by our arty onto enemy posns
on ridge north of TAMBU BAY @ Jap gun at 755941
(755941) fired 3 rounds into area 760921 @
No damage @ Counter by fired silenced this gun @
Qty @ 205 Jd Arty bn and one Tr 11 Qty 2/6
Jd regt now in posn at TAMBU BAY @ Rpt site/ps
241 @ Delete night 23/23 Jul insert night 23/24
Jul @ 2/9 Bn @ 1436 h/24 BND plus portion 40 Coy
left WAU enroute SUMMIT all informed

2115

2027

0920

1 Add 24 Aust Div
3 Aust Div

04157 - 25

SECRET 0 Sitrep 243 go 0015 k/250 24 Pnd
1050 k/24 unknown number Heingined
double sailed bombers dropped 4 by
bombs at 352517 NADZATS 1 inch @ Ams
casualties 1 native soldier killed
1 missing @ NEW MARI natives went
back but later returned @ bombs
also dropped vicinity 275498
WYAME 1 inch @ 17 Bole go @ 1130 k/24
2/5 bn commenced attack P Coy white
in FUP at 715916 observed 105 Japs
move east along track towards
MTTAMBU @ Ams crossed track when
Japs passed and immediately came
under fire cross fire from MG's @ could

NOT advance owing to precipitous slopes
@ With draw go 708911 @ One pl B Coy
contacted and bypassed enemy at
698913 but contacted further from
7801913 200 yds by 150 yds estimated
held by one coy with by mortar @
after sharp engagement pl with
draw @ One see a boy moving along
track towards GOODVIEW JUNC were
fired on by rifles and 2 hMGs approx
6989070 @ engaged enemy then with
grenade @ 1100 k/24 @ 2/6 bn opened
WELLS @ fired pl c coy 2/6 bn
in posn 693933 @ enemy strength NOT
known in posn 694934 @ pl harass
enemy from with 2 inch mortar fire @
COMBAT FORCE @ 0800 k/23 60800 k/24
205 pl arty bn fired 239 rounds
218 fd arty bn fired 178 rounds harassing

fire onto ridge north TAMBU BAY
and spot gun def address 242 @
Coy I now on track at 726928 @
patrol from Coy I north east
along track observed Jap emplac-
ment in course of construction 732946
@ patrol found KANAKA dogs used
as sentry dogs at 739944 @ used as watch
dogs for warning enemy of movement
Coy K now 735927 @ patrol from
Coy K ambushed at 750941 @ Our
casualties 1 wounded @ mortar
from ridge north TAMBU BAY fired
several hrs mortar into our posns
TAMBU BAY @ no damage @ Coy M in
TAMBU BAY area all informed

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0057 0200/25

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	3	24 Aug 42		3783			
			SECRET @ SITREP 174 to 2000 K/7 @ MARKHAM AREA @ 1300K/7 disports & fl B Coy lib @ Pl HQ bobs 310372 Navy ab one inch @ one sec DEEP CK 543437 @ one sec KIRKS 331501 @ one sec DEX 310372 waime one inch @ MUBO AREA @ 0931 - 1045 K/7 @ MITCHELLS bastions liberators fortresses bombed and shrapnel WOODY ISLAND kitchen CK burjap CK STONY CK OBSERVATION HILL @ all ops report extremely accurate @ 1100K-1200K/7 @ Ultra bly mortars mmc engaged targets KITCHEN CK WOODY ISLAND GARRISON HILL GREEN HILL @ 1200K/7 attack commenced and was successful @ C boy 2/5 bn in form and consolidated -ing area 680880 MUBO 1/25000 with patrols to north and east @ B boy 2/6 bn captured KUNAI PATCHES 684869 after overcoming slight enemy resistance @ saw up in @ patrolling towards KITCHEN CK @ 1650 K/6 A boy 2/6 bn fwd sec struck ambush 684866 Overcame 1700K/7 losses reported to date 1 wounded @				

Operators

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Rpta 24 Aust Inf Bn h/c - GR 121
3 Aust Div. 04103 - 25

Secret 0 Sitrep 244 to 0800k/25 0 17 Bde gr 0 Disposal
2/6 Bn as at 1800k/24 BHO wells func 0 A
Coy less two pls 684911 0 9 pl less sec 682920 0
One sec 9 pl 684922 0 8 pl 683914 0 HQ B Coy
684925 0 10 pl 689929 11 pl 688928 0 12 pl 691932
0 C Coy less one pl AMBUSH KNOWH 0 14 pl lower slopes
SUGAR CANE ridge D Coy mudo area 0 2/7 Bn 0
Night 24/25 Jul AA Coy staged SKINDEWAI 0 BHO
plus portions HQ Coy staged SUMMITO 0600k/25
HQ Raa 3 Aust Div opened GUADAGASEL all
informed

0915 0832
0847

0920

MESSAGE FORM

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TO

FROM

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Date

In Reply to Number

SECRET - in small patrol be sent to SUGAR
LOAD while SUGAR may be able
used to get records towards SUGAR
part of of. Cut too PART. They by others take on 8/4/44

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2/1st Div. Aust Bn
3 Div. 04168 - 25 -

Secret @ 1st Div 215 to 1400k/25 @ 15 Pde @ 1800k/24

2 enemy mortar bombs fell in A Coy 58/59 Bn area
No damage @ C Coy maintained harassing fire on
to OLD VICKERS POSN. Throughout night 24/25 July @
HQ 2/3 2nd Coy NAMKING B.P.M. MORTAR KNOLL
693938 @ C pl less one sect NAMKING ridge

692937 @ 0800k/25 A pl plus one sec @ pl left
NAMKING en route GNAIBOHON @ 1200k/25 fwd OP
2/6 1st regt now at GNAIBOHON reports contact
established with guns at TAMBU BAY @ WELLS OP @

1700k/24 - 0815k/25 mt over footbridge mouth
FRANCISCO @ 9k south 80 north @ 17 Bde @ 0800k/25
arty and mortar fire on to down @



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TO

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FROM

BOMO.

Originator's Number

P22

Date

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In Reply to Number

Q446

Site of infection PART 2 @ Has been using net for last six weeks @ Net has been inspected daily for holes and has been tucked in at night @ Solution has been applied as laid down and all other precautions taken @ RAP orderly states case is very mild and may be P.M. but has given patient the benefit of the doubt

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I 778

Date

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In Reply to Number

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reports

0445 K/I

A/C over

LAE spasmodic A/A

fog

visibility

NIL @ NOTE @ Time may mean 1445 K/I @

you

SITREP

to 1730 K/I reported SITNOR @ Did you

obtain

report

from WINDOW before despatching message @

My I 770

stressed the importance of supposed ship at LAE @ NO

report

rec'd of patrol to LOOKOUT @ Has it returned @ Coy Comd

will in future ensure that SITREPS are properly compiled

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② Later reported all quiet in this area @ COANE
 FORCE @ Night 24/25 Jul coy C 116 medical
 bn arrived TANBU BAY @ Morning 25 Jul coy K
 162 regt at 748940 @ Coy 17 And is moving
 north along Track @ Ridge north TANBU BAY
 from 741944 754944? now called ROOSEVELT RIDGE
 all informed

1440
 1450



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pld 24 and dnf Pr
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SECRET @ times 246 to 2000 b/25 @ 24 Pr
0030 4/24, getting patrol strength 15
left LEGFI for beach via KARETTETI

@ approx 0001 b/25 police boy on
motor launch move TSUANG river mouth
from north returning shortly afterward

@ 15 bde @ morning 25 Jul guns from
TAMBU BAY registered targets OROBI
area by army TR @ Coame FORCE @ dispo

0735 b/25 HQ 3 bn 162 regn 7469370
boy K ~~7499400~~

HQ boy PIB 7469370 by 1230 b/25
boy A 205 fd army bn less det had
arrived and were in pos at

TAMBU BAY @ during 25 Jul one
sec PIB 729934 heavily attacked
by Japs @ remainder pl moving
to support sec @ Coy I now

at 727934 @ Coy h and I and
R pl on track SW of Coy I

@ patrol from Coy K patrol
ing track NW from BOISI @

Coy F with supporting weapons
at 734929 with patrols on track
SW of BOISI all informed

F 2140 *[Signature]*

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HQ 3 Aust Div
23 July 433 AUST DIV INTELLIGENCE REPORT 89

From information received to 2000K/25.

PART 1 -- ENEMY ACTIVITYLAE OP

1. 0630K/24 2 aircraft in No 1 and No 3 blast bays.
8 barges by LAE HARBOUR.
0832K/25 1 fighter took off and flew north.
0900K/25 1 unidentified aircraft took off and flew east.
1106K/25 Small arms fire heard in direction of OLD LAE OP.
1112K/25 1 unidentified aircraft landed from south.
Visibility nil.

MARKHAM area ref map NADZAB, WAGO, WAIME 1:63360.

2. BUANG RIVER MOUTH

Further details concerning the enemy contacted in this area 21 - 23 Jul are :

- (a) Wore dark green clothing, steel helmets with nets, webbing waist belts with pouches around it and webbing haversack on back.
(b) No bayonet were seen and many Japanese carried SMGs resembling the SOLOTHURN.

Comment: This, coupled with the fact that field dressings found were of naval origin, indicates that these troops were members of an SNLP.

- (c) Were of good physique, average height being more than 5 ft 8 inches.

3. Midnight 24/25 Jul. Police boy reports hearing a motor launch move to BUANG RIVER mouth from the north, returning shortly afterwards.

4. 1050K/24 An unknown number of 4 engined twin-tailed bombers dropped bombs at 352517 killing one of three native soldiers on patrol in that area. Bombing also reported in vicinity 275498.

5. OP at 317517:
1120K/24 Explosions were heard in direction of CHIVASING 214554.

6. OP at 491449:
0858-1510K/23 Continuous motor launch traffic reported across MARKHAM from vicinity of NEW LABU ISLAND.
1245K/24 Heavy continuous bombing heard in direction of NEW LABU ISLAND.
0850-1330K/25 Considerable launch activity from north to south bank of MARKHAM at NEW LABU ISLAND.

Comment: Increased traffic over the last few days may presage enemy activity in the MARKHAM PT area.

7. 1045K/25 Patrol ran into ambushes at 555420, containing 1 HMG 1 LMG and 6 SMG while following apparent Australian and native footprints.

WATUT VALLEY area ref map WAIME 1:63360

8. 0345/24 and 1120K/25 Explosions heard in direction of CHIVASING 214554.
1720K/24 Dust was seen rising close to the MARKHAM on a bearing of 43 degrees from OP 950337.

MISSIM area ref map SALAMAUA 1:25000

9. 1130K/24 Our troops at 712916 prior to attacking Jap position observed 105 Japs with 12 IMGs moving EAST along track toward TAMBU. Our troops following track after this party came under heavy MG cross fire. Enemy were contacted and by passed at 698913 but a further enemy position was encountered at 701913. This latter position measures approx 200 yards by 150 yards and is estimated held by one coy supported by heavy mortars. A section of our troops moving along GOODVIEW track came under fire of 2 IMGs and rifle rifles from approx 689907.

Enemy in unknown strengths were located at 694934.

25 Jul Continued sounds of defensive preparations heard on the west flank of MT TAMBU.

1430-1445K/25 LMG and rifle fire heard coming from track to the NE from MT TAMBU.

Enemy still in occupation of 699911. 9 enemy seen in kunai patch 695932.

WELLS OP

10. 1700-1730K/24 69 Japs moved south from SALAMAUA.
 1715-1800K/24 18 Japs moved into SALAMAUA from south.
 Fog prevented observation except between 1700-1800K/24.
 0630-0815K/25 62 Japs moved north across footbridge.
 0645K/25 25 Japs moved south across footbridge.
 0827K/25 Truck from vicinity LOGUI CHURCH to ISTHMUS.
 0900K/25 2 trucks from KELA along ISTHMUS.
 Activity at MACDONALDS JUNC.
 1245-1440K/25 15 Japs move north across footbridge and 4 south.
 1210K/25 Truck from ISTHMUS to LOGUI CHURCH, stopped for two minutes while movement took place between truck and church. Truck then went to footbridge, returning to church and then onto wooded area north of the church.
 1400K/25 Men seen digging 200 yards south of church.
 1430K/25 Truck moved along ISTHMUS from MACDONALDS JUNC.
 1715-1815K/25 144 Japs moved south across the footbridge and 7 north.

11. It is reported that an estimated 100 Japs occupy positions along BUIRIS CK from 702996 to 703992.

0900-1700K/22 40 Japs were observed to move along BUIRIS CK to this area. The track along the creek has been widened and the imprints of rubber footwear were observed.

No movement was seen by our watching post at junc of BUIRIS CK and FRANCISCO RIVER.

Comment: The enemy approaches evidently over the ridge to the east of BUIRIS CK.

12. AMBUSH KNOLL: Enemy killed in the actions at this position are reported to be 51.

13. Ref para 10 Int Report No 88. Correction to Appx A : AMBUSH KNOLL 691935.

LOKANU area ref map KOMIATUM 1/25000.

14. 24 Jul Jap gun at 755941 fired 3 rounds into area 760921 but was silenced by our counter bty fire. Patrol observed Jap emplacements in process of construction at 732946. Kanaka dogs were also found tied to tree at 739944 and it is thought that the Japs were using them as watch dogs. One of our allied patrols reported that Japs had yelled to them "if you are American do not fire".

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SECRET @ Sidup 247 to 2245 h/25 @
 24 by @ 1045 h/25 P13 patrol search
 5 following in has apparently to be
 Australian and native footprints
 were combusted at 555420 by
 4 party gaps with 1 HMG 1 HMG and
 6 SMC @ patrol engaged gaps then
 with drew. Enemy casualties 2
 killed own P13 no wounded @ 15 Bde
 @ 0730 h/25 following relief commenced
 @ HQ B Coy relieving HQ B Coy
 695975 @ 11 pl relieving 16 pl at
 690976 @ 10 pl relieving 18 pl
 697975 @ by 1300 h/25 standing
 patrols at 701978 and 605986
 were taken over by 13 boy
 pers @ reference 241 now estimated
 that 51 enemy were killed
 by 2 p 3 indep. coy action AMTIBUSH
 KNOCK wells June 20 to 22 Jul @
 our casualties 3 killed 7 wounded
 @ 17 lde @ 25 Jul patrol do
 west of our posno MT TAMBU
 area reports continued sounds
 of defensive preparations @ 1430
 do 1445 h/25 KMG and rifle
 fire heard direction track
 running NEMTTAMBU @ A boy 2/5
 now at 704896 @ 4 5 h/25
 en 7039070 patrol reports
 still in pos 699911 @ 2/6 bn
 report 9 enemy observed on kunai

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TO 3 DIV rptd A and D Coy 24 Bn BOMO DUPA KIMA

FROM BITO (94 Jn) I 748 30

(Write horizontally)

SECRET @ SITREP 163 to 0600K/30 @ C Coy MARKHAM

POINT @ Further to our SITREP 162 @ K/29 Our

ambush party of 7 occupied posn approx

map ref 545430 NADZAB one inch at

top of stone cliff face leading to

KUNAI SPUR to protect MORTAR at approx

552431 @ Although able to hold and

cause cas to JAPS moving WEST

along river track they would NOT hold

the encircling force of 20 JAPS moving

simultaneously down KUNAI SPUR @ Ambush

party protected mortar withdrawal after

attack and itself withdrew 0910 K/29

to posn 545438 on WEST side of DEEP CREEK

to cover track @ 1930 K/29 recce patrol

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patch 695932 @ Chopping beam to NK
 This posn @ 1000 1/25 // Bty 2/6 fd regt
 registered Targets ORODUBI KOMINTUM AREA @
 1315 1/25 further registration ORODUBI @ A Coy.
 2/7 Bn. GUADAGNANO BHD and PORTON HQ
 Coy SKINDENAI @ COMNFORCE @ Japanese Army
 1400 1/25 @ one acct // Bty 2/6 fd regt
 746936 @ Bty A 205 fd arty bn # 0923
 @ Bty B 1 gun 798870 3 guns 808878
 Bty C 763922 @ HQ 218 fd arty bn 782907
 @ Bty A 794895 @ Bty B 795895 all
 informed

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SECRET O Atrep 248 to 0600K/26 O come force O
 25 Jul during patrolling north TAMBU BAY
 Coy L casualties 2 wounded O Coy F established
 ambush points approx 736929 and 709929 O Jap
 mortars fired into supply dump BOISI area O
 1500/25 3 Jap dive bombers attacked gun point
 C bty 205 gd arty bn O 2 bombs in area O
 no damage O Ref atrep 246 now reported
 10/30 Japs moving NE from MT TAMBU by
 passed PIB ambush O Japs were engaged O
 no casualties all informed

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0830
0838

0922

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mta 24 ~~24~~ ² ~~Ant~~ ^{LIC} Inj Bn
3 Ant Div 04187

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SECRET O Aitip 249 to 1400 K/26 O. 15000 O
0800K/25 3 Japs at OLD WICKERS POSN in gaga
O 1710K/25 parole to ERSKINE CK contact
Japs out casualties 1 missing O 1900K/25
Relief of D Coy 58/59 bn by B Coy complete
O Wells op O 1635 K/25 15 on traps
moved from KELA through MACDONALDS
JUNC and disappeared in trees north
of LOBU Church O Gwaiabolon of
DURING morning 26 ~~at~~ jul 18 FORTRESS
7 LIBERATOR bombed MALOLO KELA ISTHMS
SALAMUA air field O 19 Bde 9h O 1130 K/26
believed spent 99 shell passed over
mta sty posn O COANE FORCE by 1500

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FROM

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Originator's Number

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Date

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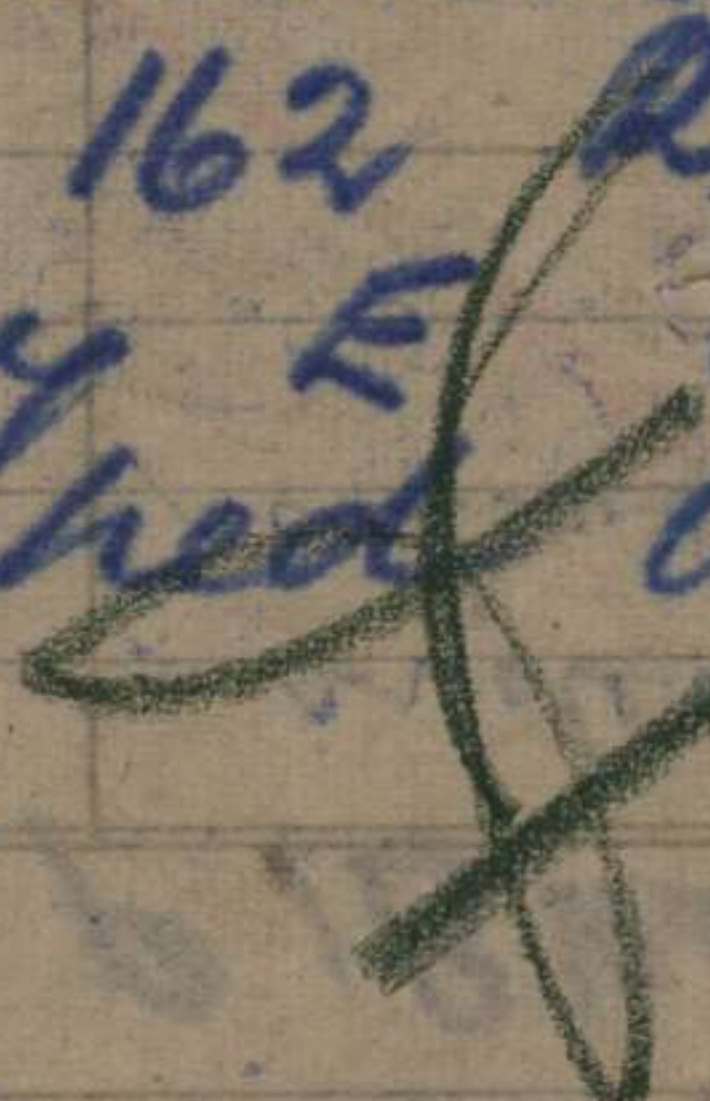
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K/25 one pl coy L ana one pl
P/B were in profn as ride track approx
723923. @ P/B estimates 50 traps in
this area @ night 25 - 26 June
following landed TAMBU Bay @
HQ 2 bn 162 Regt HQ coy lbs
att pl coy E Coy H @ one
LCV beached during landing all
informed



1419
1425

of 500 lbs.

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FROM

(LEBI) PIB

Originator's Number

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*Reference name order no 102/219
submits 1 only received K/16 in good order*

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3 Aust. Div

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SECRET 0-1142 250 to 2000 h/26 @ 2400 h - 0

25 Jul 42 PL established new from 530214

WAGO 1 inch @ OP 417517 Nagasaki 1 inch report

1346 h/26 11 ZEPHS for 15000 ft engaged

by unknown number. P38's @ 1400 h/26

Two ZEPHS NW over COMSIS. Height 10000

ft @ 1400 h/26 7 A/C bombers, 10 fighters

SW over COMSIS @ 1435 h/26 12 A/C bombers

North over OP @ 1500 h/26 1st A/C 249

during later attack SHANAMUA 1010 - 1115 h/26

Bomb dropped 741995 741991 744996

1300 h/26 Liberators ACCURATELY Bombed

KOMIATUM area @ Bombs fell KOMIATUM

VILLAGE @ East of KOMIATUM RIDGE

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TO **LEHA**

FROM **BUDO**

Originator's Number

I 685

Date

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In Reply to Number

3	Dw	have	believe	track	exists
SAGAIU	(SAGAIYO)	may	WAGO	405178	to
LEGA	track	vic	sq.	4515	@
Can	you	arrange	patrol	to	to recel
submit	going	report	and	sketch	@
this	confirms	telephone	message		

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② in creek @ June BURAHU ERSKINE Ck
Coane force @ 23 Jul B. and D Tps 162

Lt. aa. bty arrived at NASSAU BAY @
0900k/26 coy. I moving east towards

ROOSEVELT RIDGE contacted enemy at
938946 @ 0950k/26 10 a/c in dogfight over

NT TAMBUN @ Two were identified as P38's @
1125k/26 one up a/c flew south over NASSAU

BAY height 500 ft @ aa. engaged @ No
results all informed

~~Eff 215~~

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TO

ADS SUNSHINE

FROM

RAP party 2

Originator's Number

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Mtd 24 Aust Inf Bn
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SECRET O Strep 251 to 2330K/26 O 15 hde O
 Afternoon 26 Jul during registration OLD
 VICKERS POSN one round smoke fell
 in B Coy 58/59 in area. All HE shells
 fell OLD VICKERS posn O 17 hde O 2/5 bn
 patrol contacted 013 approx 727935 O
 Ref strep 250 further details air attack
 KOMIATUM O Bombs from 18 LIBERATORS were
 observed to fall at 703935 and 710932 O
 also large area 600 yards south KOMIATUM
 CLEARED of trees O morning 26 Jul
 corrected posn 14 pl C Coy 2/6 Bn 691932
 with enemy still in posn 100 yards
 to the east O 1330 K/26 15 pl relieved

gd regt accurately engaged enemy 5594
 posn A X 692932 firing 30 shells O 3 inch
 mortar from AMBUSH KNOLL engaged
 same posn O At completion of shoot
 Chopping was heard O 1630 K/26
 fighting patrol 13 pl moved towards
 X 692932 but was penned down
 50 yards east of 15 pl posn O Japs
 have 1 lt mortar and at least 31 rps
 in depth O Our casualties 1 killed by
 sniper O morning 26 Jul 105 mm gun
 registered 003031 O Coane force O
 Ref strep 24 O One gun key B 20
 gd arty bn 798890 should read 798890
 all interned 0025 - 0033

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TO *Angau - MAR 24 1945*

FROM *Angau HQ* Originator's Number *44-190* Date *4/15* In Reply to Number *—*

1st STAMPER *JUDD* *will receive* *1st*

HQ *who will return to* *HQ*

earliest *ACK*

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TO **BITO**

FROM **BOMO** Originator's Number **JF 22** Date **4** In Reply to Number **—**

Report from Sgt [unclear] VA O Valves

in set U.S. O Caused by bad

landings on prop O Battery connections

damaged during flight. Fuel cause

the above mentioned O dampers very bad

4/41, B. & S. Ltd. 51-15. (5/887) Wt. 46923/1825. 400M Pads.

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3 AUST DIV INTELLIGENCE REPORT NO 90.

Compiled from information received up to 2000K/26.

PART I - ENEMY ACTIVITY.

LAE OP.

1. 1754K/25 2 barges left LAE Harbour to South.
- 1818K/25 Barges entered LABU LAGOON but were lost to sight.
- 1330K/26 Approximately 20 unidentified aircraft from North to South.

MARKHAM Area.

Ref map NADZAB 1 : 63360.

2. OP at 491447.
- 0915-1310K/26 A total of 15 persons moved from the north river bank to NEW LABU ISLAND and 22 moved in opposite direction.

MISSIM Area.

Ref map KOMIATUM 1 ; 25000.

3. 25 Jul Enemy contacted in ERSKINE CK.
- 26 Jul Lateral route between NAMLING and GWAIBOLON reported open to movement by our troops.
- 26 Jul It is reported that 3 Jap's Ls of C from KOMIATUM, ORODUBI and GWAIBOLON converge at suspected staging camp in the vicinity of BUIRALI - ERSKINE CK junctions.
- 25 Jul Enemy reported still in position at 699911 and 9 Japs were observed in KUNAI PATCH 695932 together with chopping heard to the NE.

WELLS OP.

4. 1530-1820K/25 172 Japs with 1 stretcher moved north towards SALAMAUA. 69 Japs with cargo and 139 with packs moved South. No movement seen to pass LOGUI CHURCH.
- 1635K/25 150 Japs moved from KELA through MACDONALDS JUNCTION and into timbered area north of LOGUI CHURCH.

LOKANU Area.

Ref map KOMIATUM 1 : 25000.

5. 1500K/25 3 Jap single engined aircraft with fixed landing gear divebombed and strafed our artillery positions in TAMBU BAY area.
- 25 Jul It was reported that 10 - 30 Japs moving from MT TAMBU evaded our ambush. Jap mortars shelled our dump area at BOISI.
- An estimate of 50 Japs are reported dug in astride track at approximately 723925.
- 0900K/26 Enemy were contacted on ROOSE VELT RIDGE by troops moving east at 729934.

OVER///----

MUBO AREA.

Ref map MUBO 1 : 25000.

- 6. 1559K/26 9 enemy bombers with fighter escort were reported flying SE over GUADACASAL area.
- 1125K/26 1 unidentified aircraft reported flying south over NASSAU BAY.

PART II - NARRATIVE OF OPERATIONS

24 Aust Inf Bn. Ref map WAGO one inch.

- 1. Patrol during 25 Jul were ambushed by the enemy at 555420 and withdrew towards DEEP CREEK after killing two Japs. Our casualties were one wounded.

15 Aust Inf Bde. Ref map 1/25,000 series.

- 2. At 0800K/25 a small party of Japs at OLD VICKERS POSITION were engaged. During the late afternoon one of our patrols to ERSKINE CREEK contacted the enemy and our casualties were one missing.

17 Aust Inf Bde Gp

- 3. During the 25 Jul, our activities were confined to patrolling and enemy were heard constructing defences in MT TAMBU area.

COANE FORCE

- 4. During afternoon 25 Jul, 3 Jap dive-bombers attacked gun positions in TAMBU BAY area without causing damage.

- 5. ARTY During 26 Jul further targets were registered at ORODUBI and OLD VICKERS POSITION was engaged. Results of this shoot are not yet to hand.

J. Hodgman
Lt-col
GS 3 Aust Div

Distribution:-

- New Guinea Force (2)
- 15 Aust Inf Bde(AIF)
- 17 Aust Inf Bde
- 24 Aust Inf Bn
- COANE FORCE
- RAA 3 Aust Div
- 57/60 Aust Inf Bn
- 1 Air Sp Party
- ALO 4 AC Sqn
- Comd
- I Recorder
- Battle board



22 Jul Patrol to ridge north of TAMBU BAY reported several
Jap trucks at BUIAMBUN.
1510K/25 PIB patrol of 6 engaged by Japs at 729934.

15. Topographical

Ridge 741944 to 754943 will be known as ROOSEVELT RIDGE.

PART 11 - NARRATIVE OF OPERATIONS

15 Aust Inf Bde

1. During night 24/25 Jul harassing fire was maintained onto OLD VICKERS POSN. During morning guns from TAMBU BAY registered targets in ORODUBI area by arty R and forward OP 2/6 Pd Regt at GWAIBOLON established contact with the guns.

17 Aust Inf Bde Gp

2. At 1130K/24 2/5 Bn commenced attack against Jap positions in MT TAMBU area but were unable to make headway due to heavy enemy fire and precipitous slopes, and finally withdrew. On the left flank a pl from 2/6 Bn reached 693933. During morning 25 Jul enemy positions MT TAMBU were engaged by arty and mortar.

COANE FORCE

3. During late afternoon 24 Jul artillery engaged targets on ROOSEVELT RIDGE, and patrol observed enemy defence works in course of construction at 732946.
On 25 Jul one sec PIB were attacked at 729934 and the remainder of the platoon moved to their support. The remainder of the day was confined to patrolling.

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SECRET 0 Sitep 252 to 0800k/27 0. Ref sitep 246
patrol unable to reach beach owing to high tide
and swamps. No Japs at KALETTETA 0 1340-

1400k/26 OP 449514 nadzab reports 22 ZEKES

7 bombers attacked by 20 P8's over COMSIS 0

1 ZEKKE crashed approx 4429 WAGO. 1 inch 0

15 Bde 0 Disposms 58/59 bn used 2300k/26 0 A Coy

less two pls. plus MMG mortar 697946 0 7 pl

697945 0 8 pl 696944 0 HQ B Coy less two pls

plus MMG and mortar 695995 0 11 pl 698946

0 12 pl GWAIBOKON 0 HQ C Coy 699969 0 13 pl

MMG mortar 695965 0 14 pl 698968 0 15 pl 200962 0

HQ D Coy plus mmg mortar 696948 0 16 pl 699947 0

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② 17/12 698953 ① 19/12 698946 ①
HQ Coy Composite PL HQ Coy 683978 ①
1 sec 683986 ① One sec 684986 ① MMG
mortar 688973 ① 1410/1440 ^{1/26} 2/3 indep Coy
mortar and MMG at MORTAR KNOLL
engaged enemy in GRAVEYARD area ①
also engaged suspected enemy posn
200 yds west ORODUBI ① only answer ing
fire single rifle shot from GRAVEYARD ①
19 Bde Gp ① ^{1410/1440} ^{1/26} 9 volleys flew over
MT TAMBUI in direction TAMBUI BA ① intercepted
by allied a/c ① No details ① 2/9 Bn ① 2/6
B Coy arrived PHIMUNG ① All informed
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When contacted keep enemy under observation as long as possible @ at suitable distance WEST of contact point say 1/2 mile erect dummy barricade across track making plenty sounds of chopping @ protect construction with BREN along track @ cut fields of fire @ ON completion observers and construction party return FIRM BASE @ This ^{is} NOT to interfere with fighting patrols as construction party will be

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SECRET 253 to 1100K/27 @ 24 Bn @ Ref vital 252

during daylight 1 bomber followed bombs onto timber
at 489K03 @ 15 Bels @ 1745K/26 following heavy fire
C. Coy 58/59 Bn also engaged OLD VICKERS POSTN @ enemy
have withdrawn there food posns slightly @ harassing
fire into this posn throughout night 26/27 Jul @ 0925K/27

shells landed on ORODUB @ WELLS @ following areas
heavily bombed @ 0930K/27 742011 to 745012 @ 0800/27

KKLA to 742011 @ 0920K/27 743004 to 745008 @ LOGUI CHUR
- CH destroyed @ 0930K/27 estimated 300 Japs moved

into wooded area north of LOGUI CHUR @ 1020K
1100K/27 party Japs apparently salvaging stores from
church and two dumps 100 yards north of church @

Boxes taken into wooded areas north and south

of church @ COANK FOREK @ 1410K/26
enemy a/c bombed and strafed gun posns at
705K93 and 797892 @ 4 bombs fell close to gun
posns @ no damage @ 1334K/26 29 ZEKES approached
NASSAU BAY from direction MT TAMBU @ circled NASSAU

BAY in gps of 4 @ one P384 flying low SE from
MT. TAMBU @ one engine dead @ afternoon 26 Jul

pl. Coy L and det PIB engaged party Japs
725926 @ enemy casualties 10 killed @ two Japs
Coy L and pl PIB now in posn astride track

725928 @ Coy I contacted enemy with HMG
dig in on west end ROOSEVELT REDEF 737746

Enemy casualties 12 killed own 1 American 1 native
soldier killed @ 1815-1830K/26 5 shells 1 dud
from probably Jap 95 mm gun fell 746926

@ Night 26/27 Jap det service Coy 162 regt arrived
TAMBU BAY all informed

1450 - 1500 @ 5

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From information received up to 2000K/27

LAE OP

1. 1502K/26 Smoke seen at MALAHANG PLANTATION.
1700K/26 Smoke on ridge south of OP.
1800K/26 Barges active in harbour.
1055K/26 11 barges in harbour.
2000-2200K/27 Large amount of light movement vicinity VOCO and high wharves.
0510-0530K/27 Further lights noticed.
0615K/27 1 barge from MALAHANG WRECK to harbour.

MARKHAM AREA Ref Map NADZAB, WAGO 1 : 63360

3. 1105K/26 Patrol heard shots from direction of 549443.
1340-1400K/26 Following dogfight over OOMSIS one ZEKE was observed to crash in area square 4429.
1335-1605 K/26 A total of 9 persons moved south to north bank of MARKHAM RIVER and 6 north to south at NEW LABU.

MISSIM AREA Ref map KOMIATUM 1 : 25000

3. 1200K/26 Enemy still in occupation 692932.
1630K/26 Enemy equipped with at least three IMGs and light mortar in depth along track pinned down our fighting patrol 50 yards east of 691932.
4. 1410-1440K/26 Our mortar and MMG fire on GRAVEYARD was replied to by a single rifle shot from the Japs. Suspected Jap position 200 yards west of ORODUBI.
5. WELLS OP. Movement across footbridge.
0600K/26 39 Japs and 1 stretcher north.
1530K/26 50 Japs north.
0650K/27 109 Japs with packs moved south.
0730K/27 18 Japs south
Subsequent movement along main track was obscured by shadows but 58 Japs in light coloured uniforms were seen moving south.
0600-0800K/27 16 Japs north.
1915K/26 Light moved from ISTHMUS to vicinity LOGUI church.
0920K/27 Our aircraft destroyed LOGUI church.
0930-1000K/27 Approx 300 Japs moved into wooded area north of LOGUI Church.
0950K-1000K/27 Truck from ISTHMUS towards LOGUI and return.
1015K/27 Truck with troops from ISTHMUS towards KELA.
1020-1100K/27 Party of Japs apparently salvaging stores from Church and two dumps 100 yards north of church. Boxes were taken into wooded areas north and south of Church.
1025K/27 2 trucks from KELA along ISTHMUS.
6. 1745K/27 Enemy reported to have slightly withdrawn their forward positions at OLD VICKERS POSN
7. 1820K/26 A native who came through our lines in NEW BOBDUBI area carrying a white flag stated that 4 barges of troops arrived at SALAMAUA from KALINGI in NEW BRITAIN on night 25/26 July and were now in BUIRALI CK.

LOKANU Area Ref Map KOMIATUM 1 : 25000

8. 1410K/26 Enemy aircraft bombed and strafed our gun positions at 797892 and 795893.
1334K/26 2 groups ZEKES reported over NASSAU BAY.

9. 26 Jul Japs with HMGs and LMG dug in on high ground on East side of ridge at 737946.
 Japs contacted at 737946 and 725926, 10 being killed at latter position.
 1815-1830K/26 Probable Japs 75 mm gun shelled vicinity of 746926.
 27 Jul Patrol to ROOSEVELT RIDGE surprised party of Japs salvaging wire. Japs withdrew.

Ref Map SALAMAUA KOMIATUM 1 : 25000.

10. Further report from the interrogation of natives (See para 7 above)
- (a) Approx 300 troops arrived from KALINGI on night 25/26 Jul and are now at camp in vicinity 707949.
 - (b) The main store is at HOILE's picture theatre which is camouflaged green, black, red and white.
 Remark. Hoile's picture Theatre 743011.
 - (c) Other stores are at "Police Master's" house and LOGUI Church.
 Remark. Police Master's house 732015.
 - (d) The Jap commander lives at 736018 opposite a large *calafilum* tree which leans towards the sea.
 - (e) Camps at old European cemetery and 738987.
 - (f) All houses in KEIA suburb are occupied and also the European hospital at SALAMAUA township.
 - (g) Barges are hidden at PARSEE POINT.
 - (h) Japs still use the old SALAMAUA KOMIATUM TRACK, but detour along the edge of the clearing during the day. Most movement, however, takes place at night.
 Comment. This report corresponds with previous information concerning Jap commanders residence, camp at 738987. Reliability, therefore, appears to be good.

PART II

NARRATIVE OF OPERATIONS

15 Bde Ref Map 1 : 25000 series

1. Afternoon 26 Jul enemy in GRAVEYARD area and suspected enemy position 200 yards west of CRODUBI were engaged by mortar and MMG fire. No results were observed. Following artillery fire onto OLD VICKERS POSITION the enemy withdrew their forward positions slightly. Harassing fire on the position was continued throughout the night 26/27 Jul.

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2. Patrol from 2/5 Bn contacted PIB from ROOSEVELT FORCE approx 727935 on 26 Jul.
 During afternoon 26 Jul artillery fired 30 shells onto enemy positions at 692932 and same area was later engaged by 3 in mortar. Enemy were heard to be repairing their defences after completion of the shoot and a patrol moving towards the position were held up by light mortar and LMG fire.
 During 27 Jul the enemy was continuing to strengthen his defensive positions in MT TAMBU area.

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3. During afternoon 26 Jul two parties of US troops and det PIB engaged enemy at 725926 and 737946, killing 10 and 12 Japs respectively. Enemy aircraft bombed and strafed gun positions north of LAKE SALUS without causing any damage.

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SECRET @ 2100 255 to 2330 4/27 @ 15 to
1000 4/27 2/3 mcler coy mortar from MORRIS

For knoll FIRED 24 bombs into enemy
posns 694943 @ 2 inch mortar and MATG

fired into ORODUBI @ D coy 24 bn report @ 830
4/27 13 MITCHELLS bombed MARALO @ 1st
south mission pt @ south end of ISTHMIUS

@ 6 barges destroyed @ 0925 4/27 3 LIBERATORS
bombed south end of ISTHMIUS

causing larger flash and dense smoke @
ASINICK also bombed @ wells of throughout

afternoon constant track on it from
ISTHMIUS to wooded area north of LOGUICHURE

H @ also one truck containing fuel & packages
to area north footbridge mouth FRANCISCO

@ 1220 4/27 mtr gun from 808936 fired 6 rounds
in direction ORODUBI and 3 rounds direct

on ambush knoll @ quay below of 1910 4/27
32 shells in air @ footbridge mouth FRANCIS

@ 20 while gaps crossing @ 5 fell close to bridge
@ no damage observed @ 19 bldg @ 25 JUL

25 pads ranged effectively with 25 rounds
onto enemy posns MT TAMBU area @ 105 mtr

C 11 W's also accurately registered same
area @ patrol from 2/5 bn observed enemy

preparing defences close to our posns MT TAMBU
@ JAPS fired on this patrol @ 1630 4/27 our mortar

effectively engaged these enemy posns @ further
patrol to 694907 heard gaps estimated 40-50

@ C coy 2/5 bn new 409918 @ afternoon 27 JULY
firing heard direction coy to posn 625928 @

morning 27 JUL 2/6 bn 3 inch mortar fired
36 bombs into enemy posn 692932 @ JAP

lt mortar replied with 6 rounds into AMBUSH
KNOLL @ our mortar then fired on suspected
mortar posn 693932 @ 1240 4/27 JAP mtr gun

fired 6 rounds on 688928 all in for mtr

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MC fire coming from the direction of
the MADANO RAMU road. The transport
arrived at night under escort. The
soldiers had ample food, fish, dried
and tinned root biscuits and other
tinned stuff. All messes carried troops
who were used for road construction
here ^{there} was no shelter for disembark-
ation of troops but all arrived at
night. I did not see any troops leaving
MADANO by sea. There was green rice, fish
and cigarettes. I saw about 20 JAPS women
and was informed they were portals.
I was treated fairly and was the
only native on the area. K/9 was put
aboard small skiff which was
unarmed. Skiff crowded with soldiers.
We left MADANO at night and
stopped at KORANOKI island in the
morning. ~~Skiff~~ was put in under
the mangroves. About 1900 we left
KORANOKI and arrived VIKIAU about
0600. We left there about 1900
and arrived at BAH at approx 2400.
Cargo was unloaded at both
places. We left BAH at 1800.

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SECRET @ 256 of 0800 10/28 @ 15 Bde @
night 27/28 @ Laravengau on ERSKINE
CR OLD VICKERS POSN AND COCONUTS @

C bay 58/59 Pn report enemy posns 300 yds
Depth north of OLD VICKERS POSN @ 17 Bde
of a drop zone 2/3 Bn @ A bay less 2 avo
pls 6999110 One pl 7049140 One pl 105916
@ B bay less 2 avo pls 6979110 One pl 696915
@ one pl 699919 D bay and Coy C 16th Regt
area 6159150 up slope 255' a bay should
made 10/108 @ Coane FORCE @ 27th attack
on Rossell ridge commenced @ Coy E
supported by arty fire attacked front south
inflicting 1st casualties on the enemy @ now
digging in 7409440 Coy I moving NE along
SCOUT track encountered slight enemy resistance
@ now in ambush posns at 738901 and 73694
@ bay K patrolling southern slopes of ROOSELT
ELT RIDGE and have established alerting post

at 7519420 bet F at 7439360, avo
pls coy L and one pl PERB attacked
enemy posns 7259270 @ enemy casualties
by down 2 wounded @ 1710 10/27 218
@ arty bw gun posns shelled @ shells
fell short @ some in sea @ no damage
@ arty intermittent shelling con mine @
also intermittent mortar fire into
our posns TAMBU BAY @ no damage no
casualties @ all informed

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② ref sitrep 253 0 During
 attack by pl * coy L and det
 PIR now reported 15th Japs killed 0
 Night 27/28 1 bofor and MMG arrived
 TAMBU BAY 0 1 BOFOR and MMG arrived
 at 205. pl arty in posn at
 informed

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3 AUST DIV INTELLIGENCE REPORT 92

From information received up to 2000K/28

PART 1 - ENEMY ACTIVITY

LAE OP ref map NADZAB 1:63360

1. 0640K/28 11 barges at VOGO Wharf.
0700K/28 1 unidentified aircraft from south to north.
0937K/28 An unusual amount of smoke was seen at 634372.

MARKHAM area ref map WAIMI NADZAB 1:63360

2. 26 Jul During dog fight over OOMSIS area 2 unidentified objects seen to fall from one of the aircraft. One which was found at 206474 exploded on contact burning the grass for a radius of 20 yards. These objects were not HE bombs and no bomb fragments were found.

MISSIM AREA ref map KOMIATUM 1:25000

3. Estimates of enemy strength in MT TAMBU are at present at least 2 companies at full strength. At GOODVIEW Junc One company with a possible further company at the junction of STEPHENS and MULE tracks.
24 Jul Casualties inflicted on the enemy in MT TAMBU area estimated at 20.
4. 1500K/28 OLD VICKERS POSN was captured and found to comprise a network of pillboxes, foxholes and trenches with overhead cover 3 feet thick, capable of holding 120 Japs. Enemy casualties heavy, probable 70 mm gun captured.
5. am 27 Jul Mortar fire was exchanged between our troops and the enemy: the enemy shelling AMBUSH KNOLL, our troops suspected mortar at 693932.
1240K/27 Jap mtn gun from suspected position 708936 fired 6 rounds on 688928 and AMBUSH KNOLL.
27 Jul Enemy reported to be in position 300 yards in depth north of OLD VICKERS POSN.

WELLS OP

6. pm 27 Jul Truck moving constantly from ISTEMUS to wooded area north of LOGUI church. One trip was made with white packages to area south of church.
1600-1700K/27 49 Japs moved south over the footbridge, 49 moved north in small parties.
1815K/27 163 Japs north, 19 south. Truck movement in the area north of the church continues including one load of timber from the church.

LOKANU area ref map KOMIATUM 1:25000

7. 1710K/27 Our artillery positions at TAMBU BAY shelled by Jap artillery.
27 Jul Enemy were forced back from their position/vicinity of 740944 where our troops are now digging in. Slight enemy resistance along track in vicinity 738951 was overcome.
Enemy were attacked at 725926 and 15 enemy killed.

1100/29

PART 11 - NARRATIVE OF OPERATIONS

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1. At 1220K/27 enemy artillery fired a small number of rounds onto ORODUBI and AMBUSH KNOLL. Later in the afternoon our guns engaged Japs crossing the footbridge. Several rounds fell close to the bridge but no damage was observed. During night 27/28 Jul enemy at ERSKINE CK, OLD VICKERS POSN and COCONUTS were engaged with harassing fire. During morning 28 Jul Japs in ORODUBI were engaged by MMGs.
2. 58/59 Bn launched an attack on OLD VICKERS POSITION at 1500 hrs 28 Jul and after very heavy fighting captured the position. Enemy equipment and many weapons including one 70 mm gun were captured. The enemy suffered many casualties but the number of dead have not yet been counted. C Coy with 7 Pl under comd carried out the attack and consolidated the position.

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3. Artillery registered targets in MT LABU area on 27 Jul and our mortars engaged enemy defensive positions in that area, where the enemy strength is estimated as two strong coys.

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4. 27 Jul attack on ROOSEVELT RIDGE commenced and one coy captured the western end of the RIDGE after inflicting casualties on the enemy. From 1710K/27 for two hours the enemy intermittently shelled gun positions of 218 Fd Arty Bn.

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SECRET @ Rites 257 to 1400 K/28 O. LAF

OP @ 0640 K/28 11 barges VOCC

W448F @ 15 bde @ 2/3 in up bay @ 0700 28

MAB engaged 7 Japs in ORODUBI 1 Jap

ailed @ 1020 K/28 MAB landing ridge

engaged 5 Japs in ORODUBI no result

58/54 bn @ 11th established standing

patrol at yunc BOIRS CK FRANCISES PNE

706987 @ 17 bde gp @ estimated

enemy casualties during fighting

MT 14180 area @ 20 @ estimate

enemy strength at present MT 14180

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Area at LIME STAYS at full strength @ COANE FORCE @ Ref

Rites 256 intermittent shelling comm to 1910 K/27 @ several rounds fell acc

by A 218 gd arty in gun bosa @ Column well temporarily out all informed

1539 hrs

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refd 24 and 25/28
3. and 28

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SECRET @ Sidref 259 for 0045 6/29 @ 24 PM @
1000 6/28 patrol from 12 pt strength & engaged
enemy in posn 552212 WAO 1 inch @ result
NOT known @ 15 Bde @ 1630 6/28 A boy 2/7
bn arrived Kunda island square 6897 @
1700 6/28 B boy moving to KUNDA ISLAND @
(ref. sidref 258 @ correction do attacking
posn OLD VICKERS POSN @ C boy plus
7 pt A boy were also engaged) @ Disposn
58/59 bn @ fwd BHQ GWAIBOLON @ COY less
two pts 697967 8 pt 699962 @ H B coy
695975 @ 10 pt 697975 @ 11 pt 696976 @
12 pt GWAIBOLON @ C boy plus 7 pt A boy
OLD VICKERS POSN @ D boy less two pts
GWAIBOLON @ 17 pt 698953 @ 18 pt 698946 @
patrol along GRIFFS TRACK 699961 to 705964
then squashed along bunch cut track discover
freshly camouflaged machine pit at 705962
@ 17 Bde sp @ 0630 6/28 patrol from 15 pt
2/6 bn fired into enemy posn 692932 @
fire returned by **MMG** and 3 rifles @ 1300 6/28
25 pts killed ORMBUBI @ 1345 6/28 5 rounds
into OLD VICKERS POSN @ 1248-1330 6/28
enemy posns on lower slopes SUGAR CANE
RIDGE 692932 were engaged by arty mortar
and mmc @ B boy 2/6 bn then attacked
with 10 pt from AMBUSH KNOCK and 11 and
12 pts from the south @ 1430 6/28 10 pt
rejoin remainder of coy @ by 1700 6/28 enemy
had been driven back and B boy were
in posn 692933 @ Our casualties during
attacks 3 killed enemy NOT known but
much blood seen and signs of enemy
had dragged casualties out ^{with} drawing
@ enemy had 7 LMG's and 1 MMG in
his posns @ 1725-1740 6/28 enemy could
attack B boy but were halted
by mortar and MG fire 50 yds from
our posns @ Changes in location 2/6 bn
@ HQ A boy WELLS func @ 7 pt less one
sec DIRKE @ one sec 685923 @ 8 pt less

sec 686925 @ one sec 687927 @ 9 pl 6899290
 2 pl LUKUAI HUT 691934 @ 4 pl covering
 tracks 682914 and 679912 @ 5 pl 684918
 @ WELLS O.P. must across footbridge mouth
 francisco 0620-1800 h/28 @ 272 north
 29 south @ 1635-145 h/2 US ardy shelled
 footbridge mouth FRANCISCO @ 1650 h/28
 ranged on W/T sta salamana airfield
 @ 1630 h/28 shelled jap mortar gun which
 now believed 200 yds south of old
 posn @ following upon repositioning
 of GOODVIEW June at 700907 disposns
 now read as follows @ own @ HQ 2/5
 bn plus 5 pl 698902 @ A boy less two
 pls 696904 @ 7 and 9 pls less one sec
 698906 @ one sec 696901 @ B boy less two
 pls 693903 @ 10 pl less one sec KINDS O.P.
 692908 one sec FOGARTY O.P. 694905 @
 11 pl 694909 @ C boy plus 4 pl in perimeter
 def. area 706908 @ enemy @ 24 Jul estimated
 coy area 150 by 200 yds with by mortar
 at 701913 area containing two HMG and
 rifles 698907 strength estimated 27
 Jul 20-50 @ stall party at 698914 @
 25 Jul enemy occupied 699911 @ enemy
 located 705913 @ COONE FORCE @ after-
 noon 27 Jul enemy unsuccessfully attacked
 coy I posn at 738952 @ two pls coy I
 and one pl PIB engaged enemy estimated
 30-50 at 725925 @ enemy counter-attacked
 unsuccessfully @ enemy casualties 15 killed
 own 3 wounded @ further 50-60 Japs moved
 to 722922 @ later party of 3 Japs were
 ambushed 725927 @ 1 killed @ Coy E
 and F attacked enemy on ROOSEVELT
 RIDGE advancing 400 yds east @ now
 dug in at slopes ROOSEVELT RIDGE at 744944
 @ enemy casualties by Jap mortar harassed
 coy K posns on south side slopes ROOSEVELT
 RIDGE our casualties 2 wounded @ 1900 h/28
 Japs mortars engaged BOISI @ no ~~casualties~~
 all informed @

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Rptd 24 Aust Inf Bn

3 Aust. Div. - 04247 - 29 -

Secret @ sitrep 260 to 0800k/29 @ 17 Bede gr. @
 28 Jul enemy seen near weapon pits at
 699907 @ further chopping heard GOODVIEW
 JUNC area @ Disposns 1 bn 162 regt @ BHD
 717904 @ Coy A 716910 @ Coy B and D
 698897 @ Coy C 716913 @ D Coy 2/5 Bn
 under comd 1 Bn 162 regt 716914 all
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Mtd 24 Aust Inf Bn
3 Aust Div

OKR 53 - 29 -

SECRET SITREP 261 to HQ 1400k/29
 59/60 Bn @ 1600k/26 patrol from 59/60 Bn
 arrived WAIME @ 15 Pde @ Ref sitrep 258
 total casualties now reported own 5 killed
 9 wounded @ Enemy 11 known killed @
 1615k/28 Jap mountain gun fired 9 rds
 into A pl 2/3 Indep Coy POW @ Car.
 1 wounded @ MMG and MORTAR returned
 fire @ 1740k/28 12 gaps observed nearby
 GRAVEYARD @ 1900k/28 own mortar engaged
 GRAVEYARD @ 1905k/28 KE LA gun fired
 direction BOB DUBIO @ 0700k/29 Jap mount.
 gun fired several shells into 2/6

② In area 0 17 Bde gr 0 0645^k/29
one enemy a/c landed salamaua
airfield when returning from bombing
Tambu Bay 0 Still there 0725^k/29 0
COANE FORCE 0 0620^k/29 2 Jap dive
bombers dropped bombs TAMBU BAY 0.
AA engaged 0 No damage nor casualties 0
0900^k/29 enemy were shelling bty
a 218 fd arty bn gun positions at
795894 all informed

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1/4d 24 am & Inf Pm

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04262 - 29 -

SECRET @ Sitrep 262 to 2000 h/29 @ HAE O.P.O
 0830 h/29 13 barges in HAE harbour @ 15 Bde @
 A boy 58/59 bn established standing patrol
 706967 @ 1200 h/29 B boy 2/7 bn relieved
 B boy 58/59 bn @ B boy 58/59 bn moving to
 assembly area 688965 @ 15 pl C boy digging
 in 100 yds south of SOUTH COCONUTS @ HQ D
 boy 691946 16 pl 698946 @ 0700 h/29 87 fl
 D boy 24 Pm left CISSEMBOR in route
 to 16th ambush from 672032 @ 17 Bde
 @ lights observed NUKNUK throughout
 night 28/29 fl @ morning 29 fl single
 sap moving west along GOODVIEW TRACK
 EXPLODED booby trap @ 0700 to 0730
 h/29 sap instr gun fired 22 rounds
 into our positions on AMBUSH KNOLL and
 SUGARCANE RIDGE @ casualties 1 wounded @
 0830 to 0900 h/29 by raid on SALAMAVA
 by MITCHELLS LIBERATORS FORTRESSES
 @ bombs fell on KEHA HILL ISTHMUS
 vicinity footbridge mouth of francisco @
 2 large sheets of flame from ISTHMUS
 @ flame quickly died down but smoke
 continued to rise @ ref site 261 1345
 h/29 a/c seen on airfield @ two guns
 by C 218 fd ardy bn previously at
 NAPLER now in form 703897 awaiting
 ann. @ COANE FORCE @ ref site 261 0629
 h/29 1 dive bomber dropped one bomb
 vicinity by C 205 fd ardy bn gun form @
 no damage or casualties @ a/c last seen
 heading north losing height @ 0649 to 0728
 h/29 enemy gun fired 28 rounds in vicinity
 218 fd ardy bn gun form @ 3 rounds ^{FAILED} to explode
 @ no damage @ 1112 and 1127 h/29 2 rounds
 same area @ 1113 and 1130 h/29 2 rounds vicinity

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² Bty C 205² fd ardy bn @ ref site 259

Four casualties during attack ROOSEVELT
RIDGE 28 Jul 1 killed 19 wounded all
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MESSAGE FORM

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24 Aust Inf Bn
3 Aust Div

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SECRET 0 Sidref 264 Co 9800 10/30
 24 Bn 0 29 Jul patrol from 12 pl
 ser 565213 WAGO 1 inch found no
 sign enemy movt 0 Jap ambush posn.
 552312 NOT occupied 0 15 Bde 0 1545
 10/29 10pm 2 or 2/3 indep. coy from
 NAMLING RIDGE took over def. posns
 from A pl at 698945 0 ref sidref
 263 A pl advanced 250 yards south
 during attack at 1600 10/29 0
 now in strong posn overlooking
 enemy posns towards ORO DUB 10
 engaged with 2 inch mortar
 fire enemy posns which consist
 of extensive pillboxes and deep
 trenches with underground comm 0
 our casualties during attack
 3 killed 3 wounded 0 B boy
 2/7 bn in posn 695975 0 portion
 H.Q. Coy 682973 0 patrol from
 B boy 58/59 bn moved to vicinity
 608984 0 no movt seen or heard 0
 8 pl D boy 24 Bn relieved 16 pl
 at ambush posn 672032 0 patrol
 discovered two Jap ambush posns
 vicinity 680037 0 17 Bde 9pm 1600 10/29
 Jap A/C still in SAKAMAUA airfield
 0 location approx 738994 0 Coane FORCE
 1800 10/29 2 Japs captured at mouth
 SOUTH ARM 131 total all informed

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HQ 3 Aust Div
29 Jul 43

3 AUST DIV INTELLIGENCE REPORT

From Information received up to 2000K/29

PART I - ENEMY ACTIVITY

LAE OP

1. 0630K/29 two barges into harbour from north.
0740K/29 one fighter took off heading east.
0830K/29 13 barges in harbour.
0939 - 1045K/29 target practice at buoy outside harbour by possible dual purpose gun.

MARKHAM AREA Ref map NADZAB WAGO - 1/63360.

2. BUANG RIVER
1000K/28. Enemy position at 552212 engaged by patrol.
1330K/28. Patrol to 524157 via MENGA-BWUSSI track saw no sign of enemy movement.
3. 1436K/28 11 ZEKES over MAPOS 412197 flying east.
Ref para 3 Intelligence Report no. 91 corrected position of ZEKE crash square 4935.
4. 26 July. Amended totals of movements by launch across MARKHAM RIVER in NEW LABU vicinity are :-
31 Japs south to north, 21 north to south.
25 July. Further to para 7 Intelligence Report 89 it is now reported that Japs encountered wore steel helmets, while all Japs previously contacted wore only cloth caps.
Corrected map reference of engagement 546215.
28 July. Movement of Japs across river at NEW LABU ISLAND.
7 north to south. 3 south to north.
Jap beer bottle found at LEDGE 552421 and one set of footprints leading from 543407 towards GABENSIS.

WATUT VALLEY AREA Ref map WAIME 1/63360.

5. 28 July. An ANGAU patrol report states that the natives in the PESEN area expected Jap visit to GURUF and will not be controlled by our patrol officer.

MISSIM AREA Ref map KOMIATUM 1/25000.

6. 0630K/28. Japs fired MMG and 3 rifles from 692932 at harassing patrol.
1248 - 1430K/28. Jap positions at SUGARCANE RIDGE were attacked but at 1430K/28 Japs were still in position at 693933 containing 8 LMG and 1 MMG. Track from AMBUSH KNOLL to SUGARCANE RIDGE reported clear of enemy.
1740K/28 enemy counter attacked but halted 50 yards from our positions.
Patrol to bench cut track found unoccupied freshly camouflaged weapon pit at 705962. Track to this position from the south appeared well used but track to north not used.
1630K/28 Jap mountain gun believed shifted 200 yards south of 708936.
1300K/26 Jap LMG 150 yards from ERSKINE CREEK at approximately 700948 fired on one of our patrols.
0900K/27 patrol to track junction 706967 saw no enemy but a Jap signal line was found along track vicinity of 708964.
0930K/27 no jap track found leading from ERSKINE CREEK to ORODUBI. Probable Jap position indicated by movement to be at 703945.
0800K/28.
Jap activity heard 695938.
Upon investigation it was found that Jap positions extend from GRAVEYARD 698944 to the SE of 698945 and as far as ORODUBI.
There is a further position in re-entrant 300 yards west of ORODUBI.
Night 28/29 July lights observed throughout at NUK NUK.
0730K/29 Jap mountain gun fired 22 rounds on SUGARCANE RIDGE and AMBUSH KNOLL.

7. WELLS OP. 1200 - 1226K/28 motor cycle from north of LOGUI CHURCH to KELA thence back to ISTHMUS.

Movement across footbridge by enemy:-

1750-1800K/27 - 163 south to north.

0620-0750K/28 - 66 south to north and 27 north to south.

1515-1635K/28 - 43 including 4 limping badly crossed to north, 2 to south.

Comment:

Probably the force which evacuated OLD VICKERS POSITION.

1800-1805K/28: 13 north to south, 45 to north.

Dusk 28 July - 77 to south.

0625-0820K/29 - 15 Japs north, 20 south.

1420K/29 - 29 Japs and one stretcher case north. on raft

1715-1755K/29 - 49 Japs north, 5 south. Stretcher cases/moved to north bank dragged by 3 men on bridge.

0620 - 0720K/29 two trucks made two trips from Quarry along ISTHMUS.

0632K/29 one Jap aircraft made a forced landing at SALAMAUA airfield

8. 1750K/27 Jap ambush encountered at 687036 in approximate strength 20. Enemy camp is in the vicinity.

9. 28 July. Signal office in centre of OLD VICKERS POSITION had one phone and a line running north to the COCONUTS. Equipment captured included one MMG and 900 rounds, 3 LMGs, many rifles and much .256 ammunition. A 70 mm battalion gun was found with 300 rounds.

0630K/29 patrol from OLD VICKERS POSITION to within 100 yards of SOUTH COCONUTS observed :-

(a) NORTH COCONUTS. Defences built, one pillbox in centre facing SOUTH COCONUTS. One Jap in a foxhole. Grass trampled indicating much movement.

(b) SOUTH and CENTRE COCONUTS. Grass not trampled and weapon pits could not be seen. What appeared to be a pillbox was observed at north end of SOUTH COCONUTS, with a track leading from it.

1550K/29 enemy light automatic fire on to OLD VICKERS POSITION from NORTH and CENTRE COCONUTS.

1645K/29 KELA gun fired 6 rounds into area of 693965.

10. 1800K/26 large pillboxes reported under construction in MT TAMBU area.

PM 28 July enemy seen near weapon pits at 699907 and movement and chopping heard at GOODVIEW JUNCTION.

Further to para 3 Intelligence Report 92, enemy considered to have at least one company with at least 5 HMG and 4 LMG on TAMBU KNOLL at 715917, one company with 6 LMG at 711916. These figures exclude the 105 Japs with 12 LMGs reported in para 9 Intelligence Report 89.

11. In clarification of position at GOODVIEW JUNCTION an overlay showing own and enemy dispositions is attached as Appendix "A". (NGF only, one copy)

LOKANU AREA

12. Ref map KOMIATUM 1/25000.

PM 27 July. Jap unsuccessfully attacked our positions at 738952.

30 to 40 Japs were engaged at 725925. The enemy counter attacked and simulatenously moved 50/60 reinforcements to 722922. 15 enemy killed.

Enemy were pushed back east along ROOSEVELT RIDGE and our troops dug in at 744944.

Enemy mortars fired on our position on south slopes of ROOSEVELT RIDGE and BOISI. Three Japs moving north along track were ambushed at 725927 and one of them killed.

PM 28 July. Japs attacked our positions at 738934 without success. Enemy moved up reinforcements and attacked again late in the afternoon but were repulsed. On withdrawing the enemy are reported to have set up a public address system over which orders were issued with loud voices. This procedure supported by fire from mortars, automatic weapons and artillery without troops attacking.

Enemy harassed our positions with fire during the night.

0650-0730K/29 enemy gun fired 28 shells into our gun positions north of SALUS LAKE.

- 13. 0645K/29 one Jap aircraft bombed TAMBU BAY area and was seen to head north losing height.

PART II - NARRATIVE OF OPERATIONS
Ref maps 1/25000 series.

15 Aust Inf Bde

- 1. At 1300 hours 28 July 25 pounders shelled ORODUBI.
- 2. During morning 29 July one platoon of 58/59 bn were digging in 100 yards south of SOUTH COCONUTS.

17 Aust Inf Bde Gp

- 3. One company 2/6 bn attacked enemy positions on the lower slopes of SUGARCANE RIDGE, 692932 after these positions had been engaged by artillery, mortars and MMGs. By 1700 hours the enemy had been driven back and our troops were established at 692933. The enemy counter attacked but were driven off after reaching within 50 yards of our positions. Early 29 July enemy guns engaged our positions on AMBUSH KNOLL and SUGARCANE RIDGE. During the afternoon our artillery shelled the footbridge at the mouth of the FRANCISCO RIVER and ranged on W/T station on SALAMAUA airfield.

COANE FORCE

- 4. Afternoon 28 July. The enemy unsuccessfully attacked our positions at 738952 and 725925. Two companies advanced 400 yards east along ROOSEVELT RIDGE and dug in at 744944.
- 5. At 0620 hours 29 July, one Jap dive-bomber attacked gun positions at TAMBU BAY causing no damage nor casualties.

TOPOGRAPHICAL

A print showing tracks in MT TAMBU, LOKANU, SCOUT HILL area is attached as Appendix "B".

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Distribution:

- MG Force (2)
- 15 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)
- 17 Aust Inf Bde
- COANE FORCE
- RAA 3 Aust Div
- 24 Aust Inf Bn
- 57/60 Aust Inf Bn
- 1 Air Support Party
- ALO 4 AC Sqn
- Comd
- I Recorder
- Battle Board

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Apr 24 and Inf Bn

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0426H - 29

SECRET @ Sitref 2639 to 2300 h/29 @ 15 Bde @

1720 h/29 @ H.Q. 2/7 bn established 687909

@ Ref sidref 262 Jap casualties OLD VICKERS

POSM now reported 16 killed @ 1557 h/29

Jap LMG's fired on to ON OLD VICKERS POSM

from NORTH and CENTRE COCONUTS @ 1645

h/29 KEHA gun fired 6 shells 693965 @

- Casualties 1 wounded @ H.Q. D boy 58/59

bn now 697946 @ Morning 29 Jul patrol

- from A pl 2/3 ind. coy killed Jap at

GRAVEYARD 698944 @ 1545 h/29 MMG

mortar fired on GRAVEYARD and enemy

posn 695946 @ 1600 h/29 our sps attacked

GRAVEYARD ~~met~~ strong enemy resistance @

- enemy pushed back @ our sps consolidated

- ground won @ our casualties 1 killed

- 5 wounded @ GWAIBOLOM O.P. 1800 h/29

2 arty shells landed north end footbridge

mouth FRANCISCO @ 17 Bde sp. @ 1 bn 162

regt comd post 716913 @ 0930 h/29 25

shots ranged on GRAVEYARD @ 1025 h/29

US arty shelled footbridge mouth FRAN-

CISCO @ 1120 h/29 Jap gun 753018 fired

in direction TAMBU BAY @ 1400 h/29

GWAIBOLOM ARTY O.P. reports 2 enemy

fd guns 721006 @ recd patrol observed ^{enemy}

log barricade 702912 reported posn appar-

unoccupied @ heavy fighting patrol do-

wards same area fired on by SA and mortar

@ a patrol heard further enemy activity

706914 @ COANE FORCE @ afternoon 28 Jul

enemy unsuccessfully attacked one pl coy

I dug in at 738954 @ at same time further

Japs moved fwd to sp this force @ late

29 Jul Japs again attacked but repulsed @

Japs ~~then~~ with drew and made a

demonstration with noise in ponds

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of our posns. accompanied by fire from mortars MG and 75 mm gun. No attack event noted. Our troops held their fire. Our posns were engaged by harassing fire throughout night 28/29 Jul. Patrolling morning 29 Jul disclosed no Jap bodies but large amount blood. Our casualties 2 wounded. RAA 3 Div 1945 to 1755 hrs one 75 mm gun 2/6 ft regt six 105 mm guns two 75 mm guns fired concentration onto TAMBU RIDGE. Morning 29 Jul Jap a/c SHANAUUA airfield engaged by 105 mm guns. A/c NOT destroyed but 80 Japs near a/c scattered. 205 ft arty bn gun posns inter-
-mittently shelled throughout day. Our casualties - 1 killed 1 wounded. Slight damage to eqpt and comms all informed

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SECRET @ Sitref 265 to 1400 k/30 @
 LAE OP @ 1630 k/29 12 barges LAE
 HARBOUR @ 4 a/c in blast bays
 LAE airfield @ 15 Bde @ 1620 k/29 Jap
 met gun fired 6 rounds into AMBUSH
 KNOLL @ RFA 3 div @ ardy gun posns
 0930 k/30 @ 11 bdy 2/6 fd deg 746925 @
 one sec 1 man bdy 701894 @ bdy A 205
 fd ardy bn 760923 @ 1 gun bdy B 778890 @
 @ 3 guns bdy B 808878 @ bdy C 763922 @
 @ bdy A 218 fd ardy bn 794895 @ bdy
 B 794895 @ (2 guns bdy C 702893 @
 2 guns bdy C 696872 @ afternoon 29
 Jul 218 fd ardy bn heavily shelled
 KOMIATUM area vicinity Jap met gun
 @ 1755 k/29 205 fd ardy bn shelled
 footbridge over mouth FRANCISCO @
 0730 to 0805 k/30 four 25 pds 6105
 mm guns 2 75 mm guns also 3 Ft.
 4 hours fired concentrations into
 enemy posns MT TAMIBU area 00620
 k/30 bdy C 218 fd ardy bn neutralised
 Jap met gun 723940 @ large column
 of smoke from target area @ During
 morning 30 Jul TAMIBU BAY gun posns
 heavily shelled @ Our casualties killed
 @ 150 k/30 Jap gun reported firing
 from vicinity SCOUT Hill sq 7296
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24 Aust Inf Bn 3 - BK277

3 Aust Div. - 04288 - 30 -

Seret @ Sitep 266 To 2000k/30 @ SALAMAUA OP @
 1020k/30. AMIED A/c dropped bombs on
 KEKA HILL ~~at~~ MACDONALDS JUNE ✓ and
 ISTHMUS @ Smoke rose approx 1000 feet @
 24 Bn @ 1412k/30 12 mi a/c east over
 MAPOS @ 15 bde @ Early morning 30 Jul
 a pl. 2/3 indep coy cleared 3 faps from
 foxholes approx 697944 @ WELLS OP @ During
 night 29/30 July throbbing of motor engines
 heard south of SALAMAUA @ 1030k/30 6
 LIBERATORS bombed SALAMAUA @ Large cloud
 black smoke south end ISTHMUS @ HQ
 D Coy 24 Bn DAHO I 595026 @ 8 pl
 ambush posn 690029 to 692032 @ 16 pl
 less two secs dissemb. @ One sec 616013
 @ One sec 612004 @ 1820k/30. 2 enemy a/c
 flew south over SALAMAUA and dropped
 bombs square 6897 ✓ 17 bde op @ 0630k/30
 8 rounds from fap mtr gun on to
 AMBUSH KNOLL @ 62 Casualties one wounded
 0730k/30 2 patrols report enemy strength
 40/50 at 693935 @ Ref sitep 262 lights
 were observed in SALAMAUA NOT AT.
 NUK NUK @ Ref sitep 263. further patrol
 to log barricade on 29 Jul report
 of Ref should read 700908 @ 0730k/30
 arty. fire on to enemy posn MTTAMBU
 commenced @ 0840 - 0843k/30 during
 lull in arty fire ~~silence~~ ~~silence~~
 fire but mortar @ Details of attack on MTTAMBU
 today NOT yet available @ COANE FORCE @
 0530k/30 direct hit on one gun arty
 A 205 fd arty bn by enemy shells
 other guns engaged enemy gun @

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with counter battery fire @ 1140 4/30
only registered on ridge 700 yds north
ROOSEVELT RIDGE all informed

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@ 18 pl less two sees DAHO2

608005 @ one sec 616013 one sec
~~612004 @ X~~

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from 1602 - 1739 no large amt of
trunk to harbor 1606-1739⁴⁵ large act
in HARBOUR 1747 no two barges
west left harbor to N
1810 no 1 barge to S 1825
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SECRET O Setup ~~to~~ to 2345 K/30 O coane force O holding further to report O RAA 3ant div O at 1215 K/30 WELLS of reported 3000 aa guns at 745012 O am arty registered ~~through~~ O 266 wpr gun previously reported engaged in action again O during day into guns B 11 lty 2/6 fd Rgt now in action at 789900 registered target on SUGAR CAME RIDGE O arty also registered 40 aa gun at 75308 and the centre of the 15th mps O 15th mps was seen coming from base on 15th mps O during the day 180 yaps were observed moving north across post bridge north of SUGAR CAME RIDGE of whom 100 were seen between 1500 and 1700 K/30 our arty engaged in the post bridge and yaps were scattered while crossing O 17 hde Gp O at 0730 K/30 an arty engaged enemy posts and supported attack on mt TAMBORA O 2990 K/30 two pls coy C 163 Coy advanced under covering fire from 1000 but later held up just short of the crest of ridge by a machine gun fire O third platoon and coy A moved to the west flank O 1800 K/30 being and returned to their firm base O 1800 K/30 being the withdrawal with effective fire on to NW slopes of mt TAMBORA O the enemy posts consisting of strong pill boxes and weapons pits controlled by crane devices O present disposition of our troops as follows O Coy A less one pl 716915 O Coy B less two pls 717907 O one pl 717904 O Coy C plus one pl 716910 O D Coy 2/5 bn plus one pl coy 2 716915 O Throughout day active patrolling continued in BOON VIEW TUNG area O a patrol advanced unopposed Japs post at 698907 O This post now occupied by standing patrol of one sec 2/5 bn O further patrol reports no contact seen in area 704912 to 701905 O Chopping was heard at BOON VIEW TUNG O 15 hde O total enemy casualties attack on OLD WICKERS POSN now reported 18 O after attack by A pl 2/3 mack coy on 29 Jul 18 dead Japs were counted O A coy 58/59 bn moved ahead and by 1320 K/30 had cut the main KOMIATUN track where it crossed OSBORNE CR O By 1530 C coy less two pls were in posn on bench cut track at 704960 and 15 pl were at 704955 O at 1800 K/30 14 pl were at TUNG of BOODUBI salamaua and bench cut track O at 1-30 K/30 D coy 58/59 bn attacked SOUTH and NORTH coconuts supported by fire from mortars MG3 and the captured jap on gun O two pls attacking from OLD WICKERS POSN struck the opposition in SOUTH coconuts and were unable to make further progress owing to narrow track along razor back but are now occupying posts vacated by the enemy with in 20 yds of present jap posn O enemy casualties killed one missing all informed

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HQ 3 Aust Div
30 Jul 43.

3 AUST DIV INTELLIGENCE REPORT No 94

From information received up to 2000K/30.

LAE OP

1. 1527-1608K/29 barge movement in harbour, visibility nil.
1630K/29 12 barges in harbour.
1 aircraft in No. 1 Blast Bay, 1 in No. 3 Blast Bay,
2 in No. 2 Blast Bay.

MARKHAM AREA.

Ref maps NADZAB, WAGO 1:63360.

BUANG RIVER.

2. 29 Jul patrol to 565213 saw no sign of enemy.
Jap ambush position at 552212 found position unoccupied
3. 1412K/30 12 unidentified aircraft were over MAPOS flying east.
4. 30 Jul. Movement across MARKHAM RIVER vicinity NEW LABU ISLAND:
29 persons north to south bank, 18 south to north.

MISSIM AREA.

Ref maps SALAMAU KOMIATUM 1:25000.

5. 1400K/29. OP at GVAIBOLON reports 2 jap field guns at 721006.
1620K/29. Jap mtn gun fired 6 rounds into AMBUSH KNOLL.
0630K/30. Jap gun fired 8 rounds into AMBUSH KNOLL in 30 seconds.
1820K/30. 2 enemy aircraft from direction SALAMAU bombed area
square 6897.
1545K/29. Our troops captured jap position 250 yards south of
697945 including a pillbox one MMG and a 2 inch mortar.
Enemy defences in CRODUBI consisted pillboxes with
deep trenches and underground communication.
0620K/30. Jap gun at 703940 reported neutralised by our arty.
0930K/30. Enemy reported in strength 40-50 at 693935.
Night 29/30. Sounds of jap movement heard in GRAVEYARD area
throughout night.
6. 29 Jul. Patrol to 700908 observed log barricades which
appeared unoccupied, but a later patrol was fired on
by rifles and mortars from 698905.
Enemy were heard at 706914.
Jap stragglers reported to be moving north east along
track from MT TAMBU.
Enemy positions on MT TAMBU are reported to consist of
very strong pillboxes and weapon pits connected by
crawl trenches.
7. WELLS OP.
Movement of Japs across FRANCISCO footbridge:
Ref para 7 Int Report 93 "Dusk 28 Jul 77 to south" corrected to
read "dusk 28 Jul 77 to north 9 to south".
0600-1000K/30. 9 north, 14 south.
0600-1800K/29. Amended total for 29 Jul 147 Japs including 1
stretcher case north and 40 south.
1655-1745K/30. 160 Japs with full packs north through McDONALDS
JUNC towards KELA.

Comment:

An examination of movement across the footbridge over the past week indicates that a considerable portion of the movement is probably occasioned by supply carrying parties which move in the early morning and late afternoon between dumps north of LOGUI and on the south bank of the river. Total of unusual movement to the north is 604. Reinforcements moved south are only 266. This discrepancy may be accounted by movement of reinforcements by night thereby avoiding

observation as well as traffic congestion. It is unlikely that all the movement north is due to the evacuation of casualties as in the present situation it seems hardly in accordance with Jap practice to allow a number of walking wounded to leave the front line.

A further explanation is the withdrawal of troops into SALAMAUA.

The party of 166 north with packs which moved through to KEJA 30 Jul may indicate a redistribution of strength.

2015 and 2040K/29 light moved on bench cut track near the mouth of the FRANCISCO.

2045-2257K/29 lights at intervals near jetty on ISTHMUS.

1505K/29 fire seen on ISTHMUS to right of Guinea Airways jetty.

2000K/29 lights observed moving in GRAVEYARD area.

2145-2250K/29 light moved from KEJA to jetty.

2145K/29 light seen on beach below and to north of O'DEA'S HOUSE.

Night 29/30 Jul throbbing of motors heard practically all night south of SALAMAUA.

0740-0845K/30 truck movement from ISTHMUS to area north of IOCHI church.

29 Jul party of 80 Japs around aircraft on SALAMAUA airfield at approx 738994 were scattered by our arty fire.

2220K/29 red flare probably on water seen to east of ISTHMUS for 2 minutes

Parties of 60 Japs cross the footbridge regularly at 0700 hrs and between 1700 and 1730 hrs daily and disappear into the wooded area south of the bridge.

PM 30 Jul smoke seen rising from buildings in the centre of the ISTHMUS after our artillery fire.

FOO considers that the only heavy AA guns in SALAMAUA are 3 at 745012 and 1 at 753018

8. 29 Jul. Patrol observed 2 ambush positions and Jap activity in the vicinity 680037.

1200K/28. Patrol north along BUIRIS CK to 703989 reported no enemy seen and that track appeared not used for 3 days.

9. Ref para 6 Int Report 93 for NUK NUK read SALAMAUA.

10. Documents captured at OLD VICKERS POSN included a SALAMAUA revised 1:63360 and a KOMIATUM 1:25000 map.

11. Ref sitrep 241 of 24 Jul. After a careful check 15 Aust Inf Bde reduced their estimate of enemy casualties from 30 Jun to 1800 hrs 23 Jul to 193 killed and 20 wounded. With casualties since reported estimated total from 30 Jun to 1900 hrs 29 Jul is 262 killed 20 wounded.

IOKANU AREA Ref map KOMIATUM 1:25000.

12. 1120K/29 Jap gun at 753018 fired on TAIBU BAY area.

AM 30 Jul. Our arty positions in TAIBU BAY heavily shelled from suspected position at 7296 (sq), 1 gun receiving a direct hit.

13. AM 30 Jul Tac/R reports possible gun position in area 600 yds north of IOKANU although no movement was seen.

14. 1400K/29. 2 Japs were captured near the mouth of the BITOI SOUTH ARM.

PART II.

NARRATIVE OF OPERATIONS.

15 Aust Inf Bde.

1. 1545K/29 our MMGs and mortars fired on GRAVEYARD and enemy position at 696946. This was followed at 1600K/29 by an attack by A pl 2/3 Aust Indep Coy on GRAVEYARD. Strong resistance was encountered but the enemy were pushed back and our own troops consolidated in strong position overlooking enemy defences north of ORODUBI.

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2. During the afternoon 29 Jul 218 Fd Arty Bn heavily shelled KOMIATUM area in vicinity of Jap mtg gun. From 0730 to 0805K/30 four 25 pdrs six 105 mm hows two 75 mm guns and two 3.7 hows fired concentrations into enemy positions in MT TAMBU area.

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3. During afternoon 28 Jul one pl of Coy I dug in at 738954 successfully repulsed 2 attacks and enemy withdrew. Then made demonstration with noise in front of our positions but another attack did not eventuate.

At 1300K/29 2 Japs were captured at mouth of BITOI SOUTH ARM.

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1230 ^k /30	patrol	from	12 pl 24 Bn	contact	10
-ed	and engaged party	party of 7 japs			15
at 552212	Enemy casualties	NOT known			20
own NH	15 lde	Afternoon 29 Jul	patrol		25
from B pl 2/3	Indep Coy	to west of			30
graveyard	heard jap voices	Disposms 2/4 Bn			35
BHQ	689969	A Coy less two pls	698968		40
7 pl	699969	9 pl	700970	HQ B Coy	45
10 pl	696977	11 pl less one sec	695974		50
one sec	693977	12 pl	696975	1642 ^k /30	55
1 LIBERATOR	bombed KEA	17 Bde	9 pl		60
disposms	2/6 Bn	A Coy	692933	HQ B Coy	65
684925	One pl	689930	One pl less one sec		70
DIERKE	DIERKE	one sec	684923	one	75
pl less	one sec	686926	one so	688927	80
D Coy	arrived BASH	from	MAT MAT	RAH	85
3 DIV	1500 ^k /30	bty C	218 Ad arty	tn	90
engaged	pillbox	on	MT	TAMBU	95
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SECRET 1140 269 To 1400k/31 @ SALAMAUVA OP @
0600 0700 shells landing on ISTHMUS @ 15 Bde @
0200 k/31 enemy attacked B. Coy 58/59 Bn but were repulsed
@ 0430 k/31 further attack preceded by mortar fire
and grenades, forced our fwd troops to withdraw
slightly @ Now in posn 80 yds south of SOUTH
COCONUTS @ Our cas 2 killed & wounded one
missing @ Enemy NOT known @ Estimated SOUTH
COCONUTS occupied by 60 Japs @ 0630 k/31 Jap
mtn gun fired onto AMBUSH KINCH and was eng-
aged by our MMG on NAMLINE RIDGE @ 0730 k/31
Jap aft still on airfield @ 19 Bde g/v @ our 31
cas in attack on 'MT TAMBUI' on 30 Jul
5 killed 35 wounded @ No estimate enemy cas
yet received @ 0930 k/31 5 Japs approaching our
standing patrol at 698004 were surr on and
scattered @ 0700 k/31 10 Coy 2/6 Bn report 6 Japs
digging at approx 695938 @ COAST FORCE @ Night 30/31
July coy G moved from NASSAU BAY to TAMBU BAY @
RAA 3 Div @ 0910 k/31 Jap mtn gun which
has been firing from alternative posns in the
KOMIATUM area was engaged and believed destroyed
at 0730 k/31 @ G O C 3 Div landed at NASSAU BAY
in 'PIPER CUB' all informed
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 SECRET 270 to 2000 31024 Bn 5
 1530 1/30 1 police boy killed by one of our boot traps 10
 at 5442 12. W4501 inch 1400 4/31. 12 pl was relieved 15
 by 12 pl at LEGA 2 5302 1st 01 20
 0410 4/31 a further jap attack forced 25
 B coy 58/59 Bn to withdraw 70 yds 30
 our spt now in posn 150 yds south of 35
 SOUTH COCOANUTS 0 total B coy casualties 40
 from 1 2 30 4/30 to 1 330 4/31 2 killed 45
 10 wounded 1 missing 50
 2 known killed 55
 jul 2/7 Bn patrol from OLD VICKERS 60
 POSN fired on 2 japs at 694965 0 japs with 65
 drew 0 wells of 0 6 6 30 70
 620 4/31 large 75
 fires near jetties on 1ST HILLS lasting 80
 for 40 minutes 0 COANE FORCE 0
 throughout 30 jul aggressive patrol 85
 ling was continued against the 90
 enemy who are well dug in on 95
 ROOSEVELT RIDGE 0 during morning 100
 31 jul COY 9 moved through COY E 105
 posns at 4944 and attacked the 110
 enemy from the west 0 at the same 115
 time patrols pushed north up the slope 120
 at the east end of ROOSEVELT RIDGE 125
 results of this attack have NOT yet 130

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SECRET 43

HQ 3 Aust Div
31 Jul 45.

3 AUST DIV INTELLIGENCE REPORT 95.

From information received to 2000K/51.

PART 1 - ENEMY ACTIVITY

LAE AREA.

1. 0610K/30 1 barge from MALAHANG wreck to Harbour.
1602 - 1759K/30 large amount of truck movement to wharves.
1606 - 1740K/30 barge activity in harbour.
1747K/30 2 barges departed harbour to north.
1810K/30 1 barge to south.
1835K/30 2 barges to south. Visibility fair.

BUANG AREA.

2. 1245K/30 Jap party of 7 contacted at 552212.

SALAMAUA AREA.

3. (a) 0600 - 0900K/30 Movement across FRANCISCO by enemy - 3 north,
6 south.
(b) AA gun reported at 752019 by OP at 672032.
(c) 1000 - 1300K/30 Motorcycle and truck made several trips along
ISTHMUS.
Night 30/31 Jul Fires seen during night on ISTEMUS.
0600K/31 Large fires at jetty for 40 minutes.

BOBDUBI KOMIATUM AREA.

4. (a) 0600K/30 2 Japs with heavy loads including what appeared
to be mortar base plate moved from GRAVEYARD to
ORODUBI.
0630K/31 Jap mountain gun fired on AMBUSH KNOLL.
0730K/31 Six Japs seen digging on SW slopes of ORODUBI,
were fired on.
0910K/31 Jap gun at 706932 is believed to have been
destroyed by artillery fire.
0630 - 0930K/31 300 Japs reported moving south along track
at 707948.
18 bodies are reported to have been found at
occupied position 250 yards south 697945.
30 Jul Patrol to creek west of GRAVEYARD heard Jap
movement.
(b) 1830K/30 2 enemy divebombers attacked KUNDA ISLAND area,
dropping one bomb each.
(c) Further reports indicate that 16 enemy were
killed in successful attack on OLD VICKERS POSN
on 28 Jul. Estimated strength of enemy at SOUTH
COCONUTS is 60.

MT TAMBU AREA.

5. (a) 0745K/31 Patrol occupying Jap vacated position at 698907
fired on 5 approaching Japs.
(b) The identity of a Jap field piece discovered in
BUIGAP CK has been established as a 75 mm Regtl
Gun Type 41.
(c) The enemy have created a false crest on the
steep slopes of MT TAMBU by piling up cut
branches, foliage, etc. Approaches are covered
by well concealed MMG's probably in pill boxes
and by mobile LMG and rifle fire on the left
flank. The enemy on the knoll used hand grenades
against our troops.

LOKANU AREA.

- 6.(a)night 29/50 Jul Troops in ROOSEVELT RIDGE withstood 6 enemy counter attacks and harrassing mortar fire.
- (b) It is reported that enemy continues to bring up fresh troops.

PART 11.

NARRATIVE OF OPERATIONS.

15 Aust Inf Bde.

- 1. A Coy 58/59 Bn moved forward during early afternoon 30 Jul and occupied a position astride KOMIATUM track at OSBORNE CK followed later by C Coy who established themselves on bench cut track at 704960, 704958 and track junction 709968. While this move was taking place B Coy attacked SOUTH and NORTH COCONUTS supported by fire from mortars MGs and captured Jap bn gun. These troops met heavy opposition in SOUTH COCONUTS and owing to the narrow track along razorback could not proceed beyond the first Jap position encountered. This was occupied by our troops within 20 yards of present enemy positions. During early hours of 31 Jul the enemy counter attacked twice; the second time gaining some ground. After a further counter attack our troops took up a position 150 yards south of SOUTH COCONUTS.

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- 2. At 0730K/30 our artillery supported attack on MT TAMBU. Part of our force were held up just short of the crest of ridge by MG fire. An attempt to outflank the enemy to the west was unsuccessful and our troops returned to their firm base covered by fire from the mountain battery.

COANE FORCE.

- 3. During night 30/31 Jul Coy G 2 Bn 162 Regt was moved from NASSAU BAY to TAMBU BAY and in the morning passed through Coy E positions at 744944 and attacked the enemy on ROOSEVELT RIDGE from the west. At the same time patrols moved north up the slopes at the east end of the ridge. No results of this attack have yet been received.

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