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24 Infantry Battalion  
July to October 1943,  
Patrol Reports



Patrol Report 1 Oct 43

Patrol supplied by 14th Platoon C. Coy 24th Bn.

Patrol Comdr. Lt Col. G. Adlington

Strength. 1 Cpl. 10 R. Lt Col. Adlington. Pte Young.

Type of Patrol. Recce

Object. Recce track sqs 4464. 4465  
4563 as far as Gorge.

Time Out 0900 hr

Time In 1515 hr

Route Out Approx N.W. along creek from Camp Spiddy

Route In Reverse of Route Out.

## Details of Report:-

Searched vicinity of camp for supposed track but could find no trace of it. Proceeded along creek for 30 minutes & examined a native camp of approx. 15 leanpos on ledge on S.E. side of creek. They appeared to have been built within the last 3 weeks & had only been a temporary camp. Continued up the creek & noticed quite a number



of ~~the~~ mark. (Aust.) on creek bed, they continued  
to the Gorge. About 1 hour from the native  
camp we came across a small stream on  
SE side of creek, reced it but could find  
no trace of tracks. Continued another  
10 minutes & entered the gorge but  
could not get through as the creek  
had deepened & was very fast flowing  
with numerous small falls. The sides  
were rocky & precipitous.

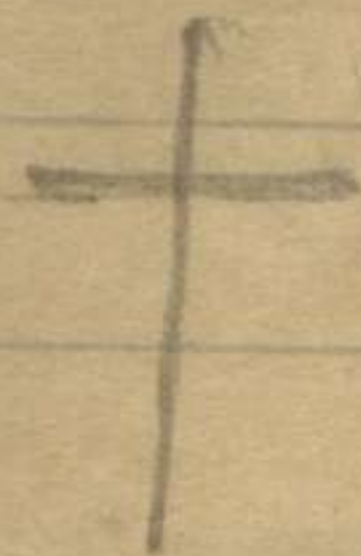
On return reced 3 tracks on  
NE side of creek, found another  
native camp similar to the previous  
one but with only 3 shelters. The other  
tracks seemed to be only native  
pads to coconut-palms.

The country E. of creek is very steep  
& covered with jungle. The W side being  
flat along creek until the Gorge where  
it is also steep & covered with jungle.

Sept. 9. Adlington



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GORGE

SMALL  
STREAM

NATIVE LEANTOOS  
(3)

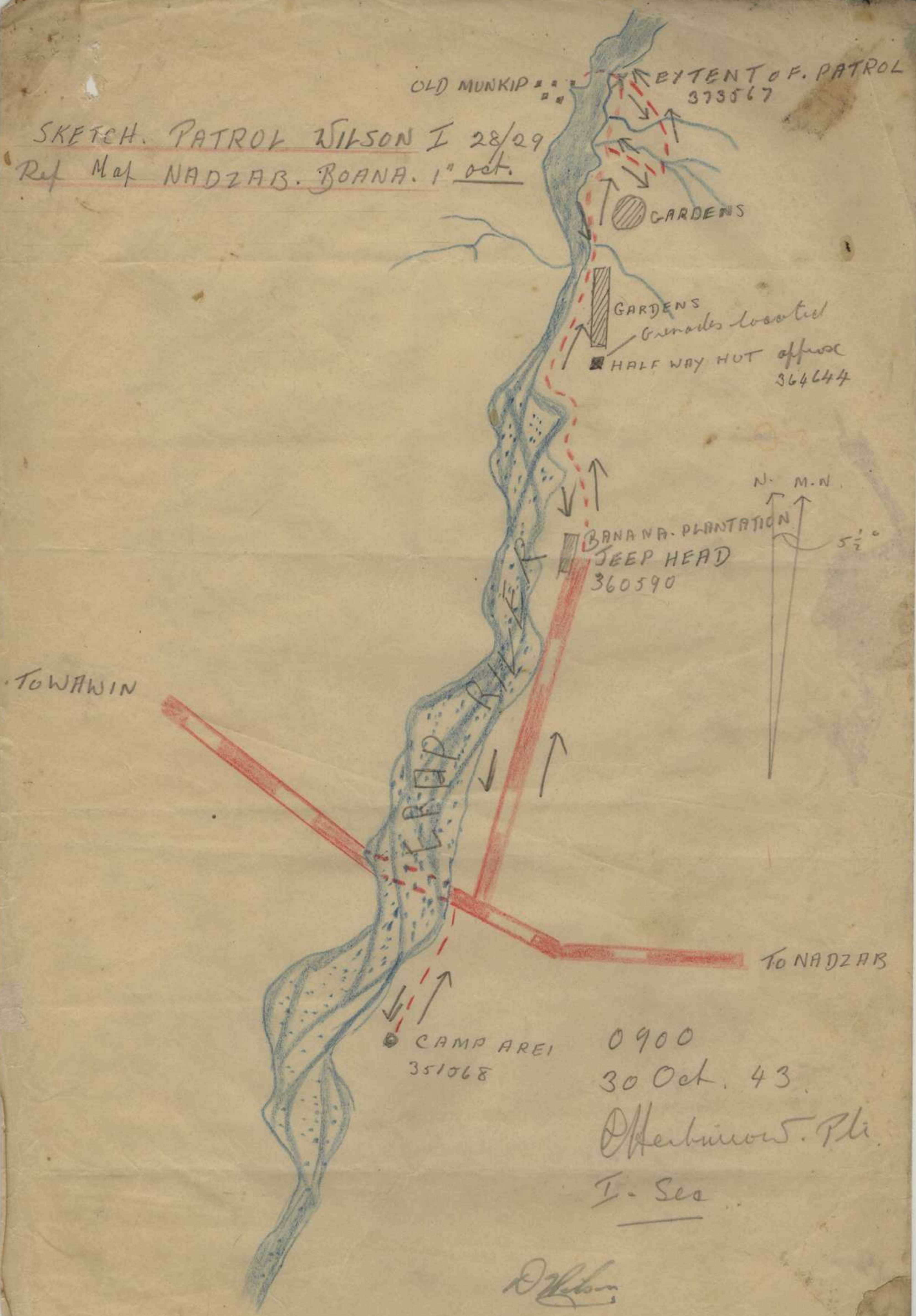
NATIVE LEANTOOS  
(15)

CAMP DIDDY



OLD MUNKIP ... EXTENT OF PATROL 373567

SKETCH. PATROL WILSON I 28/29  
Ref Map NADZAB. BOANA. 1" Oct.



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30 Oct. 43  
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*D. Wilson*

*Wilson  
0900  
30 Oct 43*



RECONNAISSANCE PATROL H.Q. COY 24 B APPK <sup>WARDIARY</sup>

FROM 1545 K/2

To 1900 K/3

REF MAP NADZAB 1 inch

PART IV

PATROL LEADER HUSTON. CPL  
PATROL STRENGTH 1. N.C.O 6 OR'S 2 OR'S to return with interim report night K/2  
PATROL ARMAMENT 5.05MG. 4 mags each 2 rifles 50 rounds each  
TIME OUT 1545 K/2  
ROUTE OUT Nth from Camp area 449601 to track June 451607 thence in EAST direction by 5th to track June 475563  
TIME IN 1900 K/3  
ROUTE IN West from track June 475565 to track June corrected to 443566 thence return through A Coy area approx 448599 to Camp area (H.Q.) 449601

OBJECT OF PATROL A. To observe possible enemy mut.  
 B. signs of enemy occupation and prepare TRACK MAP  
 SEE APPX A

DETAILS

Patrol moved from Camp area 449601 to D. Coy area and track June 451607 on EAST side of NGAFIR CK. Track clear and plain for 500+ when it developed into a very overgrown and indiscipherable series of fig trails. Working to the edge of timber line patrol encountered a cut track terminalling in a BARRICADE SEE APPXB. Corrected. M.R 454605. Patrol then moved DUE EAST to KUNAI where position established by resection at 455603 and then marched on bearing 140° encountering trail at 458598 and moved into timber belt at 459593. Up to this time trail overgrown and showed no recent mut for some time. The trail from this point good and appears to have been used by natives in numbers who appear to branch off at track June 462589. PATROL moved on track approx 150° to M.R 464578 where hut was observed. On investigation the conclusion was reached that gaps had used same by deduction of the fact that a platform erected in hut was piled with wood and signs of sleeping quarters. The wood appeared to have been cut for approx 3-6 weeks. Patrol then moved to 464577 where large trees in area were reddled on side by S.M.C. and rifle fire also footsteps across track probably gap type (see appx.c.) Patrol then moved to creek 465576 where we bivouaced for night, Time 1805 K/2. At 1915 alarm given, patrol immediately dispersed and halted patrol from B. Coy Comd by 4/CPL Paxino who then bivouaced for night K2/3 with us. AT 2300 K/2 Alarm again given and party approx 20 natives with fire sticks halted, who stated that they had proceeded from NADZAB Air field and were moving to MUNUM. Natives did not impress with manner or story but were allowed to proceed. Patrol in company with B. Coy patrol moved out 0727 K/3 to hut approx 473565 no signs of recent occupation to track June 475564 where patrol was held at 0752 for collection of KAI supply at Rd June 480553.



On return journey from Rd June track to track June 475553 missed and this lost by reason that the trail to Camp DIDDY was followed. Resection impossible owing to heavy timber. Returned to track June 475563 1600K/3 and after proceeding 500+ became overgrown and difficult to distinguish. Ground Swamp and Mosquitoes covered, and interlaced with impure streams. Patrol investigated hut and gardens approx 455564 nil result and proceeded to village and gardens 449565 approx which appeared to be deserted although 5 ponds were observed. Patrol then moved on trail at 2950 through numerous gardens to track June and Native village 442567. At this point position checked and Map correction considered necessary see appx D. Patrol then proceeded Nth along main trail to Camp area 449601 reptd in at 1900K/3

RESULT OF PATROL

A. NIL

B. obvious signs 3 weeks to 2 months old

Cpl

Time 1130 K/

Date 4 Oct 43

Officer in Charge  
Pte

I Sec

24 Hust Int Bn

W. Carroll Capt

Capt O.C. H.Q. Coy



WAR RECORDARY  
Track Report (unfinished) to 516  
1 Oct 43.

Lt Col Ferris.  
Capt Gordon

Moved out 0900 hrs  
Returned 1600 hrs.

Nothing out of ordinary to report except  
huts recently occupied but now deserted  
about 500 + 1000 yds along track from  
main junction (451615).

Track old + not very plain

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Continuation of Track Report.

Track followed until it finished on a kunai  
spur (no buildings etc)

Moved 0600 hrs Returned 1500 hours.

Information gained on full rice of track

Single file track thru kunai, & majority timber  
Track hard to follow & has not been used for  
some time. Good water, no food along track.  
Finish of track of no spot point value.

Not inhabited nor any signs of permanent habitation  
except of a "yankee" bivouac sight no track



PATROL REPORT.  
PATROL SUPPLIED  $\text{Q}$ . 15 Pl & boy 24 Bm.

WAR DIARY  
DATE 1/10/43

PATROL STRENGTH

Patrol Commander  
Pte. H. Geraghty.

2 ors Pte H. Geraghty + Pte H. Perry.

NATURE OF PATROL. Becc.

TIME out 0610 hrs. TIME IN. 1445 hrs.

Object of Patrol. - Becc. track. - CAMP DIDDY -

NGASAWAPUM.

Route out. Track camp Diddy to approx GRID. 60 - NEASAWAPUM.

Route in. Track NGASAWAPUM. - CAMP DIDDY.

Details of Patrol. Track found to be in very good condition ~~was~~ single track through kunai for approx. 1110 yds. and then enters the timber and widens out to 6 or 8 feet, with a little clearing of logs & trees could be made into a jeep track. ground appears to be very hard.

after entering timber we proceeded approx 1300 yds & came to dry creek bed which runs along <sup>NE</sup> side of track for about 100 yards & then crosses. <sup>SE side of track.</sup> after crossing dry creek bed track continues on & comes out onto edge of Kunai <sup>approx 1300 yds.</sup> & then turns to left back into the timber.

Sketch map attached.

Signed.  
H. Geraghty.



58  
58  
67

800 yds  
145 degs  
151 degs

DRY CREEK  
Mural edge

TIMBER

1000 yds  
145 degs

TIMBER

300 yds  
170 degs

KUNAI

750 yds  
145 degs

KUNAI

CAMP DIDDY  
150 yds  
125 degs

N

260  
450  
300  
1000  
230  
800  
600  
800  
280  
5120

1760 yds  
5280

Bearings Map

Do  
Sudden emergence  
4" to 1 mile



## Patrol Report.

Date 2. 10. 43.

Patrol supplied by:- Pl. 15 Coy. 6PATROL STRENGTH:- 1 N.C.Os 6 OR'sNATURE of Patrol:- Recce.Time Out:- 0530. HRS. Time IN:- 1115. HRS. <sup>Nasawopum</sup>Object of Patrol:- Traverse & Recce track from Camp Diddy toRoute Out:- Camp Diddy - Nasawopum.Route IN:- Camp Diddy Nasawopum.Details:-

Patrol moved forward along track to position where patrol finished the previous day, & carried on from there. We moved along a well defined track on a bearing of  $150^{\circ}$ . The track led through heavy timber but very little undergrowth. After travelling for about  $\frac{3}{4}$  hr we came to a track leading to the left on a bearing of  $65^{\circ}$  which we recce for a short distance & it appeared to be an old native pad. Moving along further we passed through 2 small clearings about 100 yds apart - both covered in knee grass. Moving along further for  $\frac{1}{2}$  hr we sighted a banana plantation about 100 yds ahead. At this point 16 shots were heard ~~by~~ <sup>off</sup> which sounded like rifle fire. We had just moved into



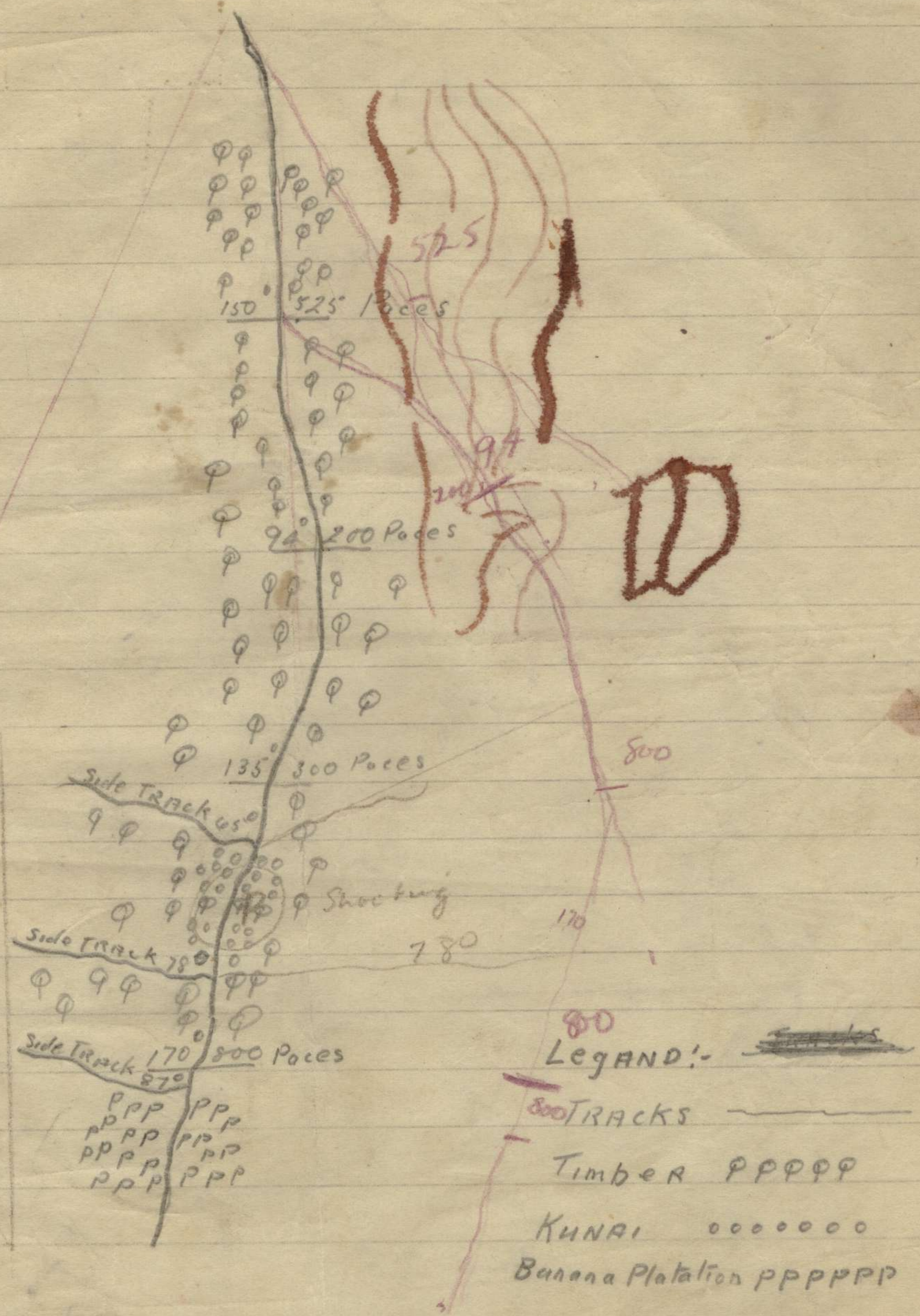
another side track was leading to the left on a bearing of  $78^{\circ}$  I noticed that all the side tracks were leading towards the hills.

We reached the plantation & was investigating several tracks when quite a lot of shooting was heard & appeared to be coming in our direction but not @ us. We went to ground & the firing stopped we waited a few minutes & then stood up to continue when the firing broke out again so decided to return to camp & report it.

We found the track all along to be in excellent condition & between 5 & 10 yds with throughout

Signed S. pl. McKenzie D.





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0-57

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**LEGEND:-**  
 TRACKS —————  
 TIMBER ○○○○○○  
 KUNAI ○○○○○○○○  
 Banana Plantation P P P P P P



Patrol Report 2-10-43. *Loop*

Patrol supplied by 14<sup>th</sup> Coy B. Coy Patrol bmdr Pte Bell S.I.  
Strength - 2 O.R.'s - Pte Bell S.I. Pte Wille W.

Type of patrol - Recce. Object - to Recce track for marking on map. Time out - 0530 Time in - 1600.

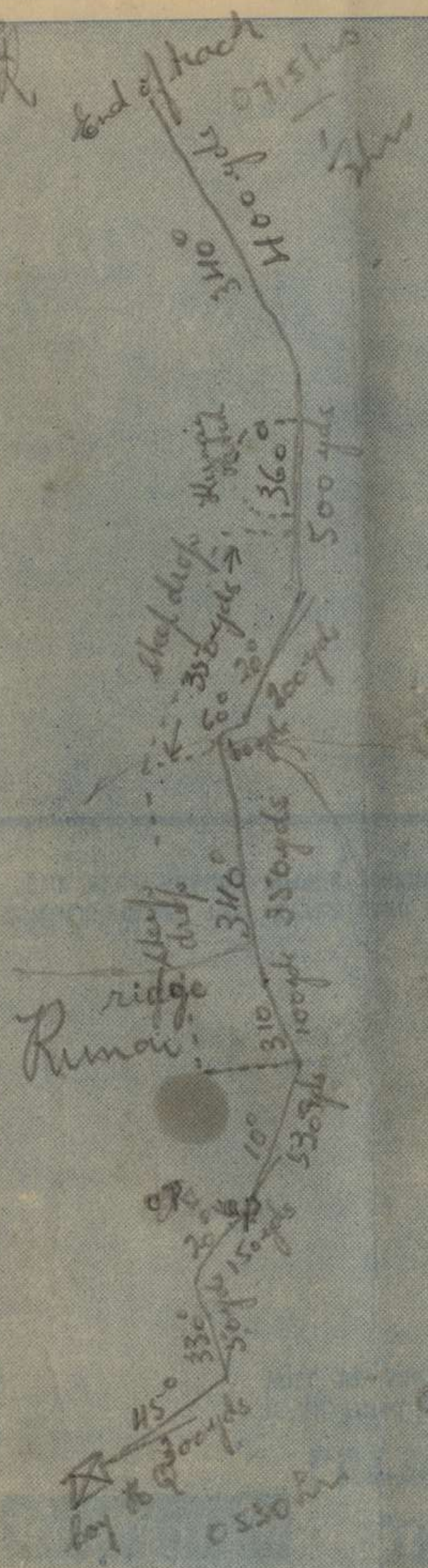
Route out - along track over Kunai Spur.

Route in - Returned along same track.

Details of Patrol.

Patrol started from Coy HQ. & moved in N.E direction over Kunai Spur past 14 OP. 130 yds from O.P. we climbed a steep grade of approx 40° for 500 yds. We then turned approx W. & moved along fairly flat track for 450 yds to jungle there was steep drop on south side of track of about 200 ft. After reaching jungle we turned approx N. the track travelled through fairly thick timber for 600 yds on grade of 30°. The steep drop still continued for approx 350 yds. After travelling the 600 yds we came upon small patch Kunai of approx 1 acre. The track ran along the east side of patch & entered jungle again. Still travelled in approx N direction for 500 yds where track faded out. The track through jungle appeared to have only been used two or three times & had been blazed.

Ivan I. Bell



WAR DIARY

Fairly thick  
Timber  
very little undergrowth

Kunai

0945  
1600



TRACK GOING MAP. H.Q. (in PATROL

NADZAB 1/12/43

could be made usable

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Good track to NGAFIR CK and Coy area

Numerous gardens EAST of NATIVE VILLAGE and track gone 442566.

Good track to Native village. appeared deserted but found evidence

Native garden one hut good condition very recent occupation Bamboo Bed. Good creek at 455

SWAMP. TIMBER 4m named seepage streams. 455564. Good

TRACK JUNE 470562 overgrown no recent movement Swamp and much seepage. MT

NGARONEND 234° track gone 475564. marking EAST POINT of patrol. Track well defined

light scrub timber that bad condition no recent occupation

light timber unname track.

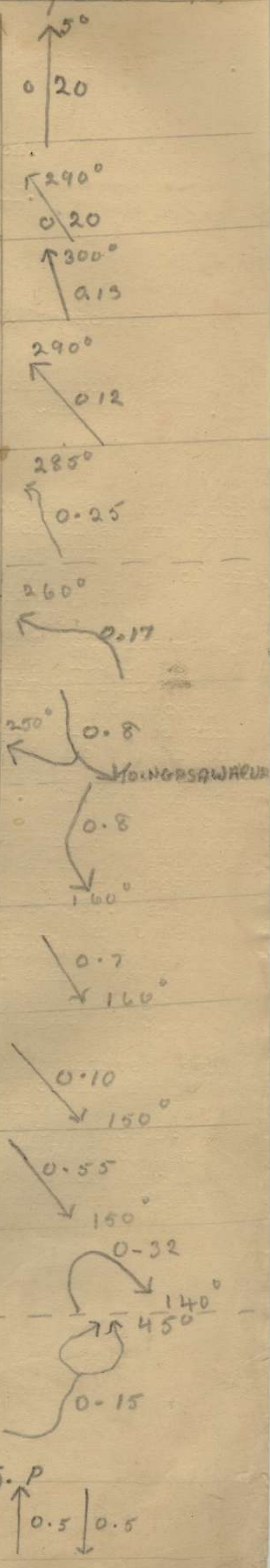
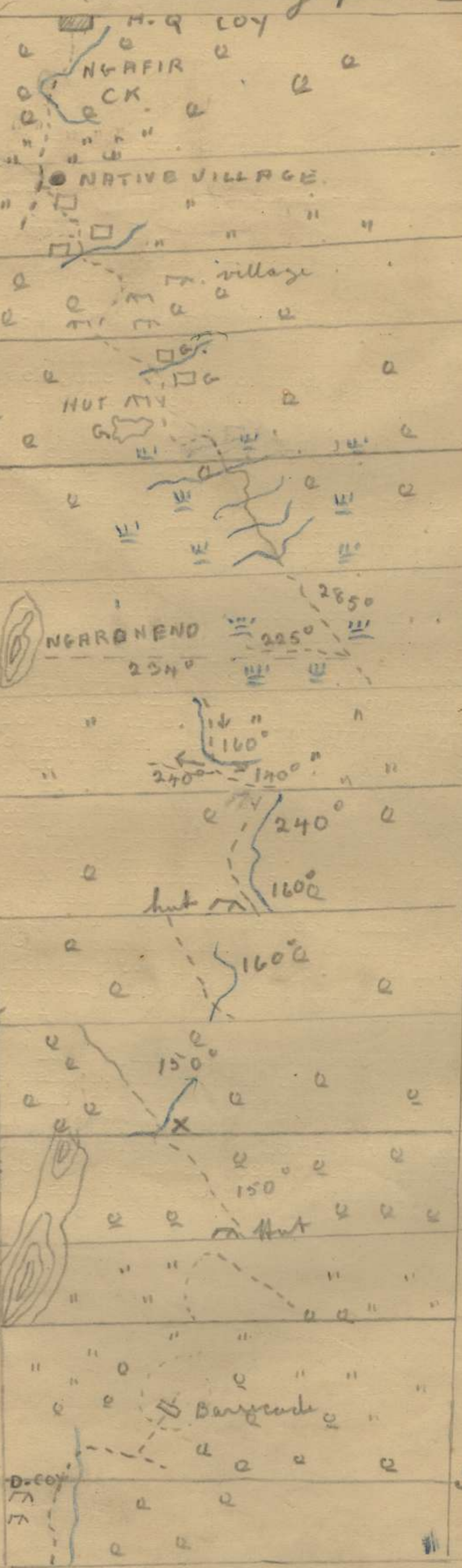
X. Bivouac area K2/3 5th side un named. CK.

well defined track NE approx 150° Hut 464578 investigated.

unknown ranges to Nth. Kunai bashed on 140° to timber line

track petered out 500' EAST of D. Coy area. Cut track to get

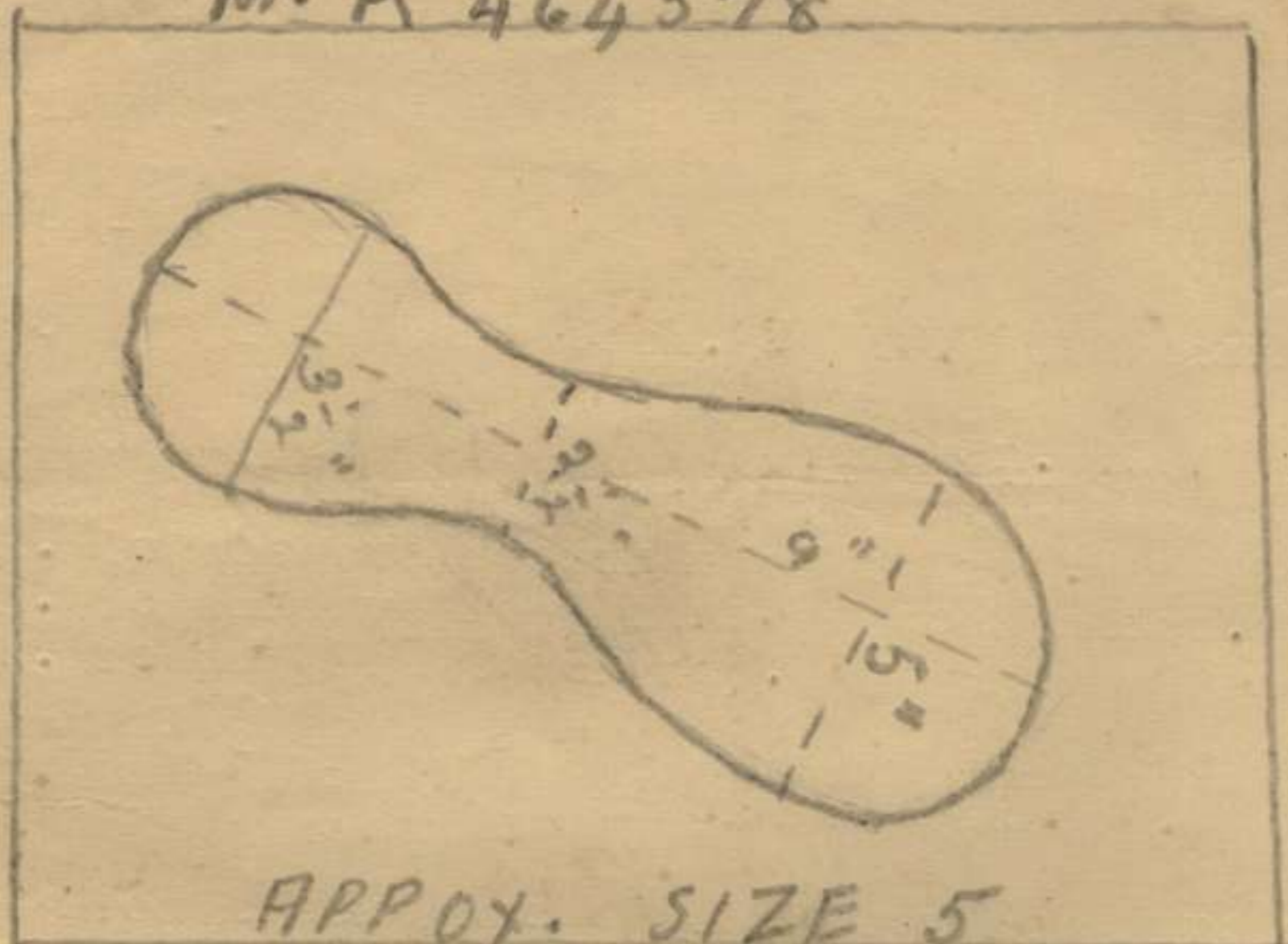
Baricade. jungle bashed to KUNAI to S.P. from H.Q. Coy area



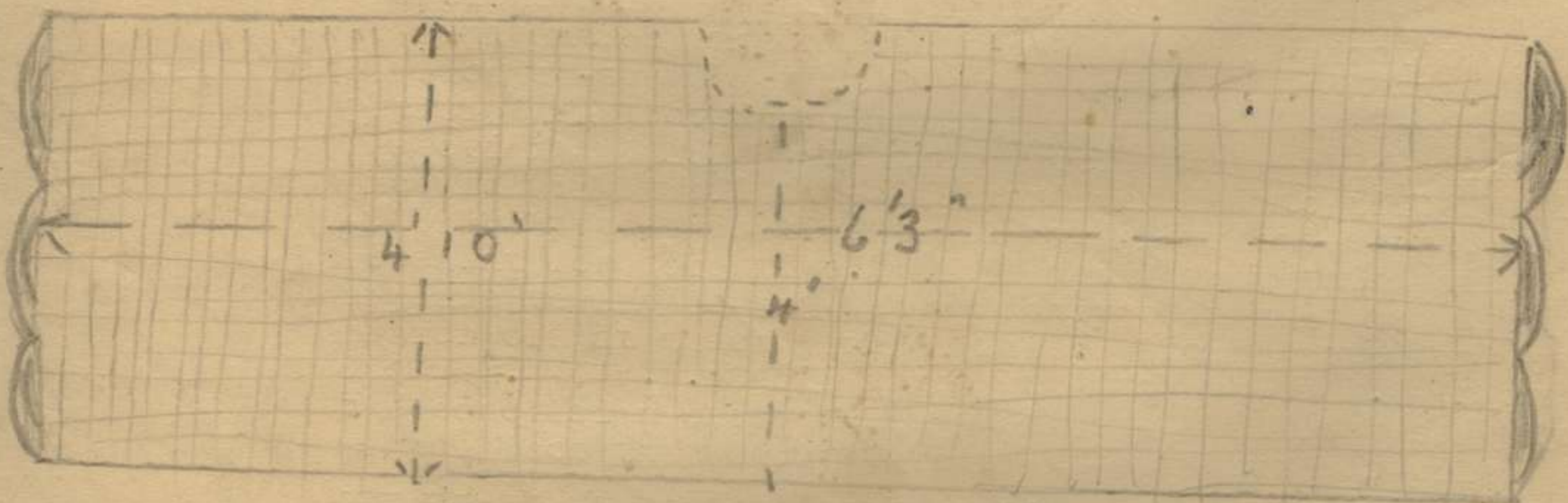


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M. R 464578

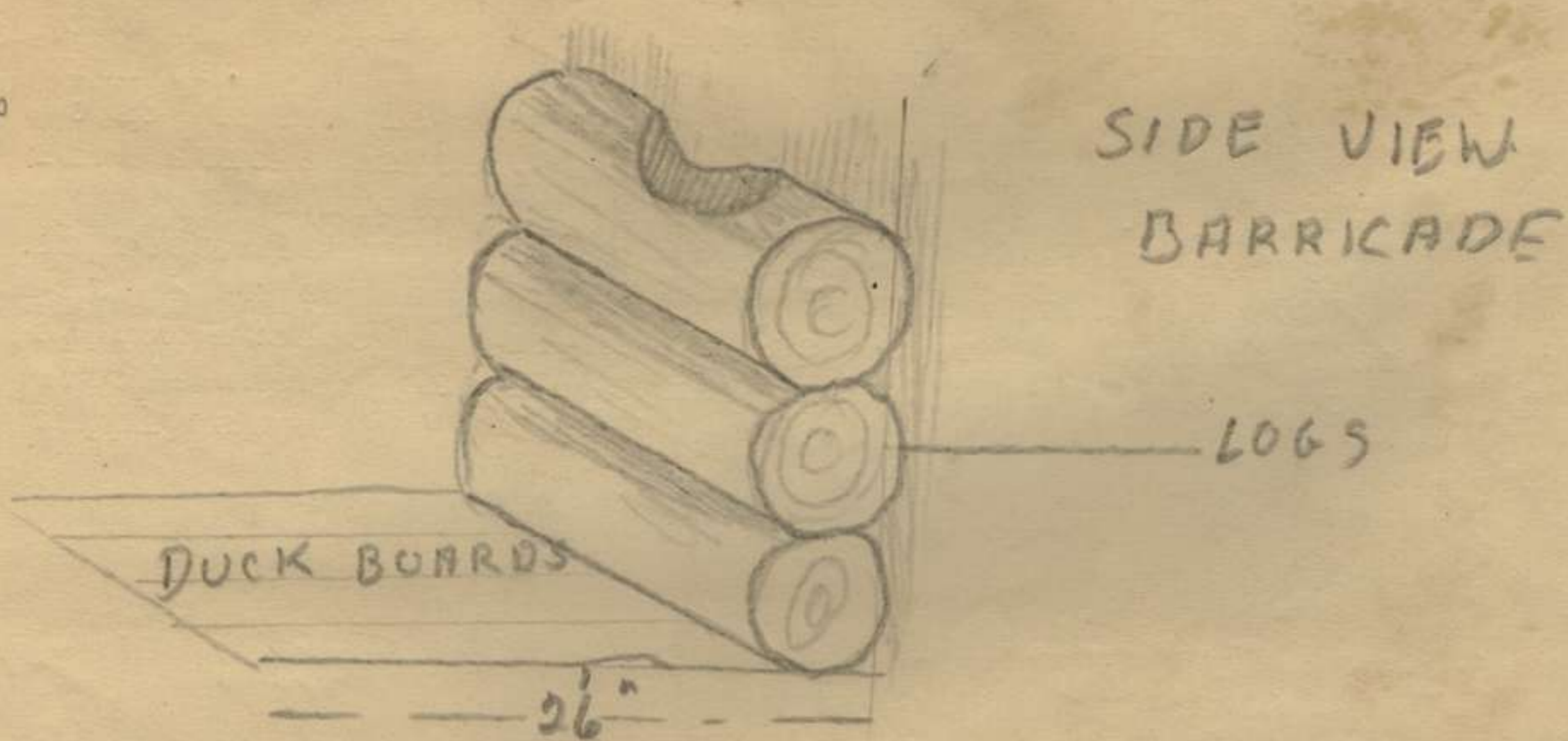


APPY. B.



FIRE LANE TO BARRICADE  
20'

*Stamps*

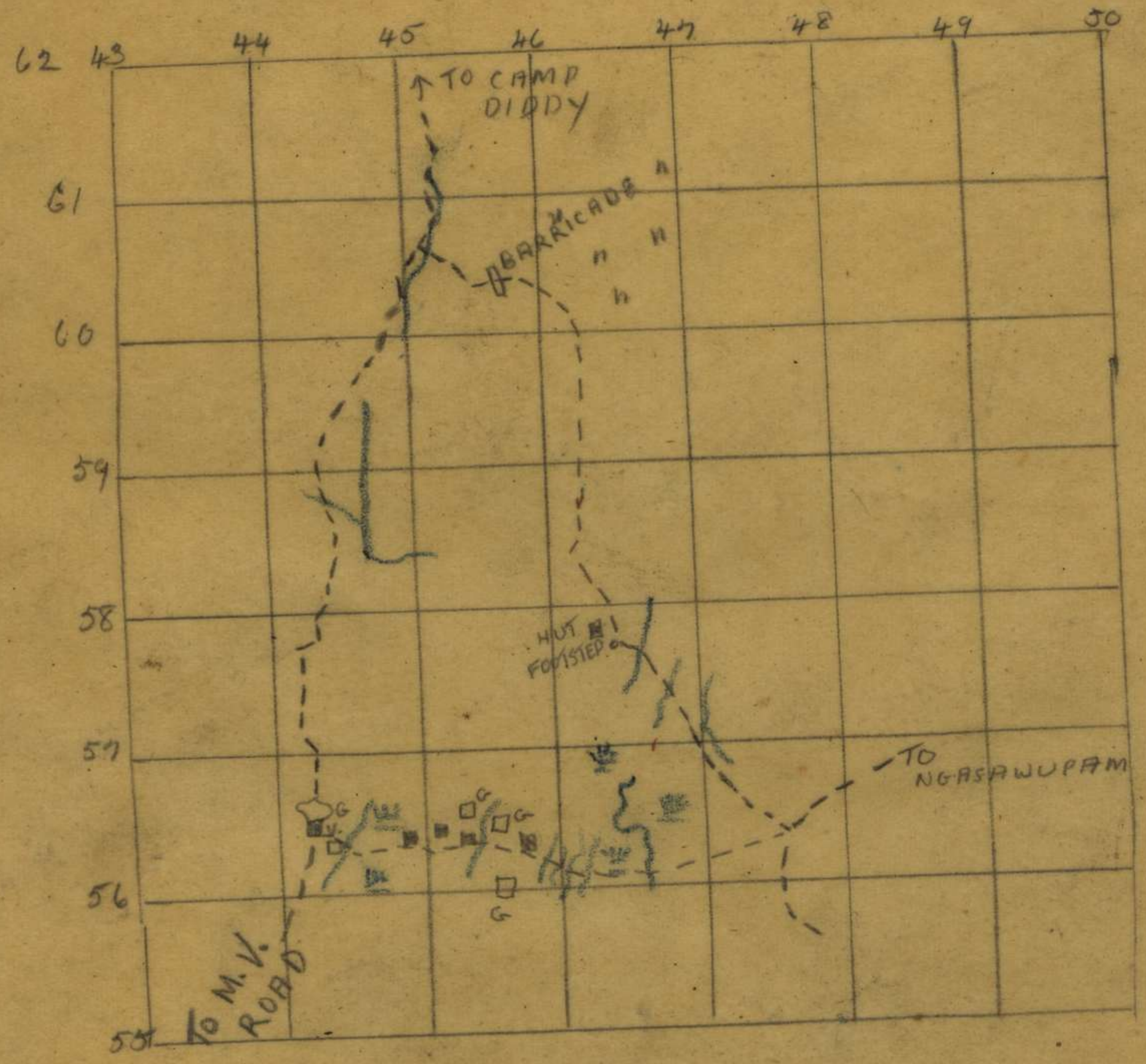




APPX · D.

RECCÉ PATROL ROUTE H.Q. Coy

2/3 Oct 43





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From No. .... Name ..... Unit .....

Date .....

Interim. Recce Report Date 1555 - K/2

Strength Patrol 1 HQ 15 ARs 40

Armament 3 Lewis on 4 mags 1815 - 15/2

1 1/2 Rifles on 50 Rbls

Time used: 1555 hours. Route out MR 452606 North to

Track junction MR 451607

Direction of Patrol - Recce for signs of Japs & Jap occupation

Area. 4 HQs and 15 ARs to MR 451607. 1815 hours. 1/2 to

Mon 1000 hours SW to cut track and turn to Co Area

1815 hours. Left camp MR 452606 thence NORTH to track junction

MR 451607. Traversing at approx 140° along ill defined

overgrown track for approx 1500' where track thickened

and continued bearing on compass bearing 140°

bearing for approx 2000' where we encountered

native pad which crossed into timber belt developed

into a fairly well defined track 1815 hrs K/2.

Moving at approx 130° down track observed but suspected

Jap occupation. Saw to see marks previously. No

documents or equipment found. continued on 40

unnamed creek MR 465577 at 1815 hrs K/2 contacting

patrol from HQ Coy of 1200 HQ Co. involving the night

with them. Recce Area. No sign of Japs.



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at 2200 hrs K/2 guard gave alarm of approaching party carrying fire sticks + making quite a lot of noise party immediately dispersed & challenged came they proved to be a working party of natives numbering 20 proceeding from No 2 & 3 down to MURUM who intended returning morning K/2

Travelling time to MR 465577 where patrol stopped for night 2 hrs 20 mins  
Country very thickly timbered tracks exceedingly ill defined in some cases completely obliterated  
Weather Wet & overcast  
Morale good Health good

Patrol L/C

Received 1510 hrs 4/3  
Glenville Capt



Interim Recce Report.

Strength of Patrol. 1 N.C.O. 13 OR's. Date 0730 K/3 to 1700 K/3  
Armaments. 3 Weins in 4 MAGS, 11 Rifles in 50 Rds  
Rations, carried. 2 Day. Field Ops.

Time out from MR 465577. 0730 hrs K/3  
Route out MR 465577 SOUTH to MR 469573 thence EAST to  
Creek MR 475575 thence S.EAST along Creek to NGASAWAPUM  
then along main track to MARKHAM VALLEY Rd thence  
S.S.EAST along track to NARAKAPOR.  
Object of Patrol. Recce for signs of Japs movement &  
Occupation.

Area. NGASAWAPUM to NARAKAPOR to MARKHAM river thence  
N.E. to MUMUM thence N.W. to our track back to camp area

Details. Left camp MR 465577 at 0730 hrs K/3 thence  
SOUTH for approx 400' reached creek not shown on map  
running NORTH & SOUTH proceeded along track running  
beside creek for approx 500' on bearing of approx 115° found  
5 deserted huts no signs of Jap occupation but signs of  
occupation by own forces arrived at these huts 0800  
Searched area left at 0810 continued along track on bearing  
of 135° crossed creek MR 475575 at 0815 K/3 running S.EAST  
continued along track traces of recent footprints going  
same direction struck 3 deserted huts at 0820 barricade on  
track running 45° off main track barricade at least 2 mths  
old proceeded along track at approx 160° for 400' arrived  
at NGASAWAPUM MR 485569 at 0830 hrs K/3 village deserted  
searched thoroughly, signs of recent native occupation  
also saw own troops. Slit benches under huts also  
some small Japanese articles (Cap, broken record, Whiskey bottle).

Recent track of Japs in centre of village  
Left NGASAWAPUM at 0845 proceeded along main track  
well defined to MARKHAM VALLEY RD met party of seven  
natives as patrol was leaving village interrogated them & they say  
that no Japs have been in the village or area these natives work  
at HADZAB under a (MASTER FRANK) left HADZAB morning K/3  
for NGASAWAPUM & are returning to HADZAB at 1600 hrs K/3.  
found deserted camp at MR 486560 proceeding along both  
sides of track to main road definitely an AUSTRALIAN Camp  
built to apparently accommodate at least a battalion  
arrived MARKHAM VALLEY RD at 0927 hrs K/3 at MR 485553  
Track between NGASAWAPUM & MARKHAM RD good Jap track but  
very muddy.

Ration truck arrived 1030 hrs K/3 had meal then left track  
junction at 1145 hrs K/3 & proceeded along well defined Japs



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Track at approx due SOUTH for 45 mins country on both sides of track very heavily timbered creek following track on WEST side of track then track came unto open Kunzi country & was here overgrown but foot pad still discernible about 500' along this open country a hut was observed at approx 100' EAST of track time approx 1300 hrs K/3. Hut was unoccupied but riddled with bullet holes no signs of Jap occupation surmise bullet holes caused by plane strafing proceeded on at 1310 hrs K/3 & track then opened & was well defined & creek bedded away to WEST thickly timbered country to EAST of track approx 100' to 200' from track arrived at NARAKAPOR at 1325 hrs K/3 this place is merely a plantation & very open, small hut about 20 in number definitely not native. Reccd area no signs of Japs in area or Jap occupation but definite signs of occupation by our troops & possibly American troops. (NARAKAPOR MR 504 514) Creek crossing track MR 504 517 now existent. Creek previously running along track & then turning west now running parallel to track approx 200' distance. Left gear & four men to prepare camp at NARAKAPOR. Myself & rest of party then proceeded <sup>at 1400 hrs K/3</sup> along track for approx 300' came to track junction of OLD MUNDUM track & NARAKAPOR track ~~at~~ MR 505 513 then crossed creek & followed a very ill defined track in direction approx SOUTH EAST arrived at open Kunzi at 1430 hrs K/3 which we believed to be NARAKAPOR air strip completely overgrown with Kunzi & edged with Pit Pit swamp. Reccd area for tracks & signs of Japs nothing observed & no tracks found believe impossible to reach MARKHAM RIVER at this spot owing to marsh & some element. Returned to NARAKAPOR along track & arrived there at 1700 hrs K/3 & camped for night. Weather hot & clear. Wind NIL Morale good Health good Travelling time to NARAKAPOR 6 Hours

Saxino G. L/Cpl

3/10/43



## Interim Reece Report

Strength of Patrol 1500 0000s. Date 1700 K/3 to 1700 K/4

Armaments - 3 Mvms in 4 Bags 9 Rifles in 50 Rds.

Rations carried 1 Day's Field Ops

Time out from NARAKAPOR MR 504514 at 0730 hrs K/4

2 Runners detached with progress report

Route out MR 504514 South to track junction previously reported as OLD MUNSOM track found that it petered out into heavy jungle. Patrol retraced its course to NARAKAPOR & moved along ill defined track on a bearing approx 140° thence NORTH EAST to MUNSOM.

Object of Patrol - Reece for signs of Japs movement & occupation area NARAKAPOR to NARAKAPOR to MARKHAM RIVER thence N. EAST to MUNSOM then N WEST to bus track back to camp.

Details - Left camp MR 504514 at 0730 hrs K/4 thence SOUTH for approx 200' when Jap track petered out, previously supposed OLD MUNSOM track was found to peter out in bush patrol retraced its steps to NARAKAPOR & took an ill defined track leading approx 140° followed on this bearing for approx 300' then for a further 300' on a bearing of 180° then track swung EAST & marched for approx 500' on 110° reached 3 deserted huts at 0855 K/4. Huts deserted no signs of Japs but signs of Jap occupation, slit punctures & punk holes dug around huts, on S. WEST of huts observation platform found on high tree with ladder for reaching platform. Definitely Jap O.P. Climbed to O.P. observed MARKHAM RIVER approx 1000 to 1500' bearing 160° also NGARONE to O.P. observed on bearing approx 276° distance too great to estimate. Jap writing on branches of tree very well defined track leading to platform. Patrol continued on at 0920 hrs K/4 on track leading approx 45° marched on this bearing for approx 200' to 300' then on a bearing of 30° for a further 15 mins approx 500' crossed small creek & arrived at 3 deserted huts at 0940 MR 519531 approx No signs of Jap occupation patrol continued on at 0955 hrs K/4 on track leading approx 90° after 400' approx track petered out & patrol returned to huts then back track leading approx NORTH after approx 300' track developed into a roadway track consisting mostly of fallen trees, track continued on a bearing of approx 105° for approx 400' then at approx 75° for a further 300' arrived at 1st deserted village at 1115 hrs K/4 not shown on map approx MR 528537 no sign of Japs or Jap occupation. Huts riddled with bullet holes left village at 1130 hrs K/4 on track leading approx 30° through native gardens, tracks in this area very ill defined, country heavily timbered, track then swung NORTH for approx 400' through thick jungle then ~~to approx 1215 hrs K/4~~ arrived at 3 deserted huts No signs of Japs approx MR 526544 left village at 1215 hrs K/4



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on track leading N. WEST arrived at creek not shown on map  
at 1225 hrs K/H approx MR 528045. Patrol then had lunch & continued  
on at 1330 hrs K/H track lead through heavy country in a  
NORTHERLY direction for approx 15 mins then N. WEST for  
approx 15 mins arrived at 8 deserted huts at 1400 hrs K/H  
No signs of Japs or Jap occupation left at 1410 hrs K/H  
on track bearing approx NORTH arrived at 4 deserted huts  
at 1425 hrs K/H presumably OLD MUNUM MR 515556. No signs  
of Japs or Jap occupation left village at 1445 hrs K/H on  
track leading NORTH for approx 500' came out onto  
MARKHAM VALLEY RD MR 517559 at 1500 hrs K/H proceeded WEST  
along road to MUNUM track junction MR 512560 arrived at 1510 hrs  
proceeded along very well defined Jap. track for approx 800'  
arrived at MUNUM MR. 513568 at 1530 hrs K/H. Rec'd area  
village deserted no signs of Japs camped for night.  
Weather Hot + Clear. Morale good Health good  
Travelling time to MUNUM 8 hours.  
Track from NARAKAPOR to MARKHAM VALLEY Rd via OLD MUNUM  
very ill defined. ✓

Paxino G. J. L/Cpl  
4/10/43



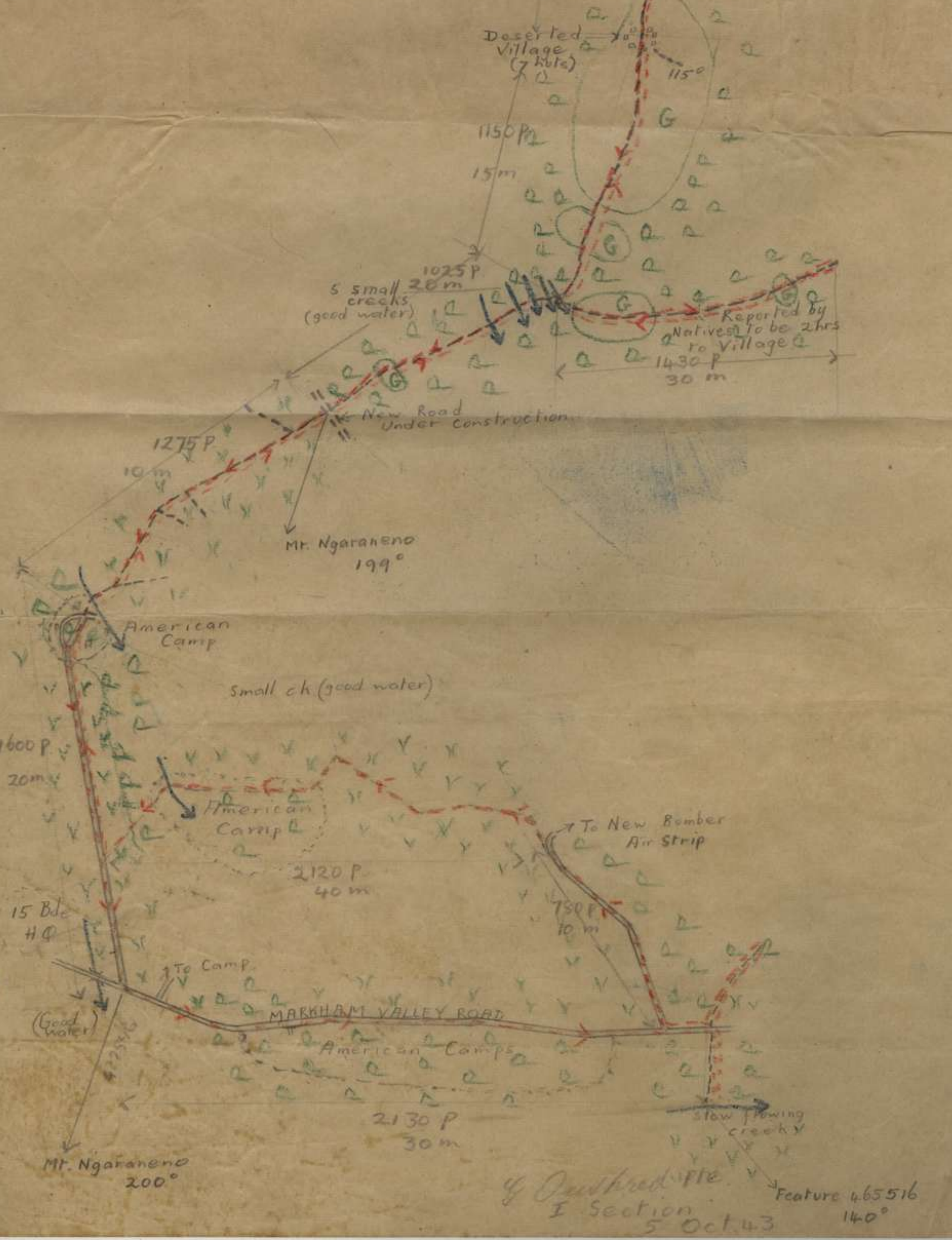
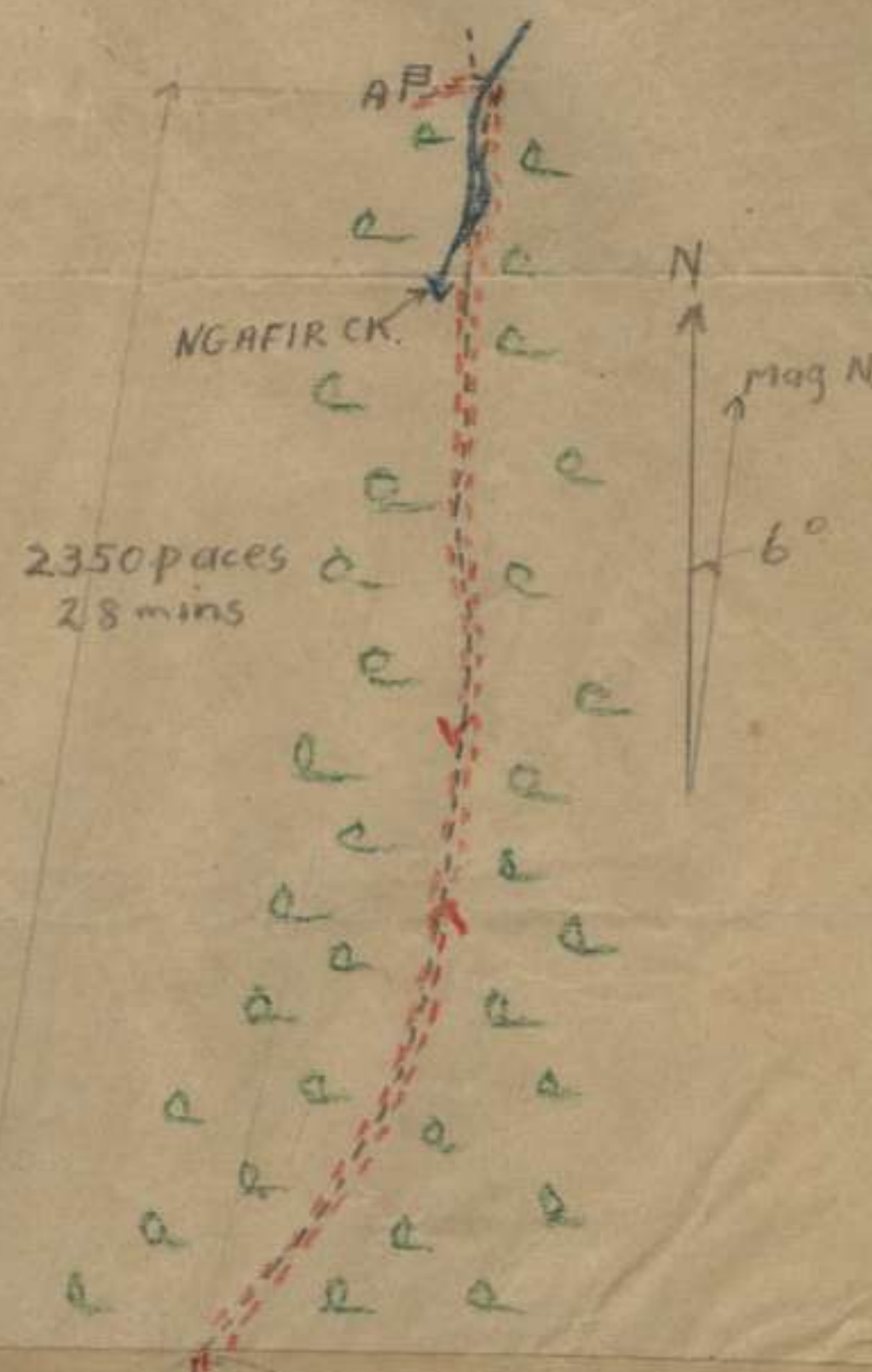
Left Monum at 0705 hrs K/S moved East for approx  
200' to center track arrived track junction at 1710  
Track lead NORTH for approx 400' then N.WEST for  
approx 500' track well defined country thickly  
timbered then west for approx 300' struck deserted  
hut in plantation at 0730 hrs K/S approx searched  
No signs of Japs or Jap occupation moved on at 0735  
on track bearing N.WEST for approx 200' came to creek  
running EAST & WEST crossed creek track then lead  
West for approx 400' arrived at 5 deserted huts at 0745 hrs  
moved on at 1800 hrs track leading NORTH proceeded for  
approx 300' & came to 2 deserted huts passed track leading  
South West (NGASAWAPUM track) track lead through large  
native gardens & at this stage was ill defined & overgrown  
in places & was running N.WEST for approx 300'  
came out onto deep creek bed running NORTH & SOUTH followed  
this for approx 200' arrived at deserted hut in center of  
gardens No signs of Japs or occupation followed creek  
bed which began to over in an easterly direction searched  
area thoroughly for tracks & none found patrol retraced its  
course to NGASAWAPUM track this lead on a bearing of 210°  
continued on this track for approx 500' arrived at a  
deserted village No signs of Japs or occupation, raining  
heavily at this time left village at 0945 hrs on track  
bearing 215° for approx 1000' arrived at track junction  
at 1020 hrs MRH 88567 proceeded along well defined track  
bearing N.WEST for approx 400' arrived NGASAWAPUM at  
1030 hrs had lunch moved on at 1130 hrs & proceeded  
back to camp on route taken out arrived camp 1430 hrs



SKETCH SHOWING ROUTE TAKEN  
BY PATROL FROM A COY 2-3 OCT 43

LEGEND

- KUNAI
- TIMBER
- CREEKS
- ROADS
- ROADS U/C
- TRACKS
- ROUTE TAKEN
- GARDENS





Patrol Report. 12R <sup>APP K</sup>  
~~SECRET~~  
WAR DIARY

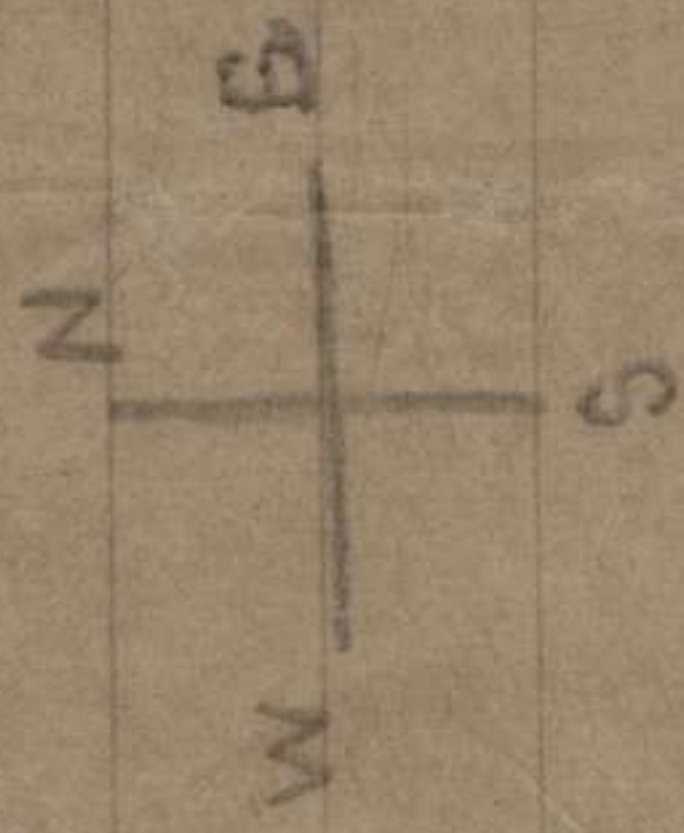
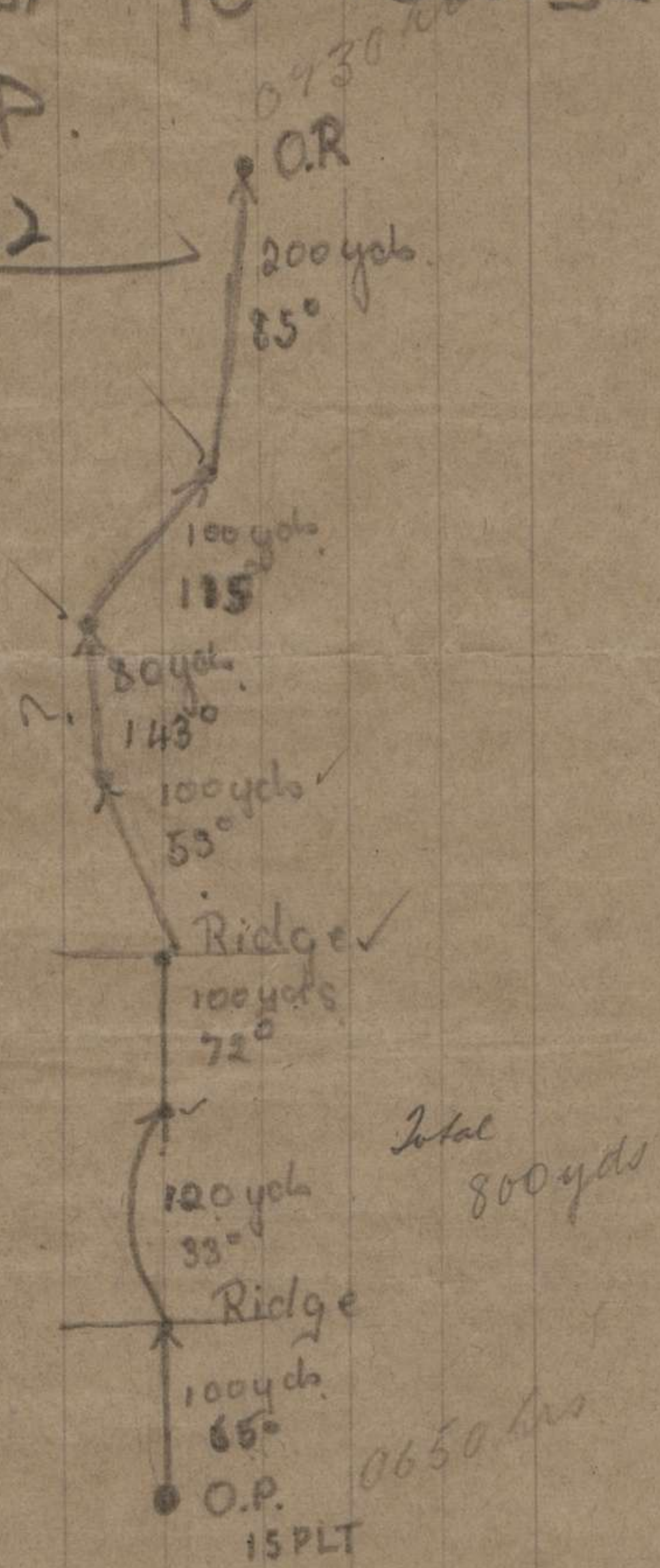
To 1024 Aust Inf Bn Type of Patrol Recce  
From 14 Platoon H.Q. Patrol leader Pte Sherwill  
Patrol Strength A 2 o's  
Patrol Found By 14 Platoon  
Armament 1 Owen 1 Rifle  
Object Recce and Traverse track.  
Rations 2 Meals  
Weather Fine  
Route Out Through 15 Platoon area due East.  
Route In West through 15 Platoon area  
Time Out 0630 Time In 0900  
Result Found possible better O.P. than one in use now.  
Details

Left camp area 0630 proceeded to fifteen platoon O.P.  
left O.P. 0650 in an E. direction taking bearings of the  
track approx. every 100 yards. The track followed the  
kunci ridge until we reached O.P. time 0730. We  
then made a recce of the area for half an hour and  
made a decision that it would be a far better O.P.  
than the present 15 Platoon O.P. Eight weapon pits  
are dug around the top of the ridge.

DSH/10  
Pte W Sherwill  
3/10/43  
14 Platoon area  
Time 1800.



SKETCH OF TRACK  
 FROM DIDDY TO POSSIBLE  
 NEW O.P.  
 (approx 464632)



Pte W Sherwill



## PATROL REPORT

WAR DIARY

PATROL SUPPLIED BY 15 PL. 6 boy. 2 H<sup>1</sup> Ba

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3/10/43

PATROL STRENGTH. 2 O.B.'s. Plt J. Beraghty &amp; Plt. K. Thomson.

PATROL Comd.

NATURE of PATROL. Recce.

J. Beraghty.

TIME out. 0545 hrs. TIME IN 1600 hrs.

Object. of Patrol. Recce - CAMP DIDDY - NGASAWASPUM.  
- TRACK.

ROUTE out. Camp Diddy - Ngasawaspum.

ROUTE in. Ngasawaspum - Camp Diddy.

Details of Patrol. Track found in very good condition. Patrol traversed from Natives gardens to Ngasawaspum after passing through gardens about 100 yds came to a small creek, & continuing on about 500 yds came to a larger creek both running W-E across track. Several small tracks found leading off on both sides of track on making Recce. along these. no traces of any foot prints were found.

at 1140 hrs Patrol contacted Plt. Houston & H.O.R.S. at NGASAWASPUM. Village, a jeep track found to be leading from Village to L.A.E - NADRA B Road.

SKETCH MAP

attached.

Signed

J. Beraghty.



SKETCH MAP.

NATIVE  
CARDER  
small  
CREEK

800 yds  
190 degs  
360  
189 degs  
205 degs  
25  
100 yds

180 yds  
200 degs  
300 yds  
210 degs

JBERT  
BACK  
160 degs  
NGAS  
AWAS  
PUM.

270  
190  
180  
300  
1270



ELECTRICIAN  
BASA

MANUFACTURE



REF Maps: NRDZFB 1 inch  
BOAHN 1 inch

WAR DIARY

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PATROL

REPORT

Bearings - TRUE

To I.O. 24 AUST INF BN

TYPE OF PATROL

RECC.

From 1 Sec 15 Pl C Coy

DATE 3rd October 43

PATROL LEADER L/Pl Christie J

PATROL STRENGTH 1 NCO 6 OR's (incl 'I' man)

ARMAMENT 3 Owen's 5 rifles and 2 grenades per man

OBJECT To Reach BOAHN recce AREA for enemy left defensive posts

WEATHER Fine first day; cloudy with rain second; cloudy third day

ROUTE OUT Camp DIDDY, NE up creek over range at approx 489661 BOAHN

ROUTE IN to Junc 495686; up BUNBOK R to 495689

TIME OUT 0545 K/1

TIME IN 1140 K/2

RESULT Unable to reach destination because of failure to cross the BUNBOK and BUSIP Rivers

DETAILS :-

0545K/1 patrol strength 8 left CAMP DIDDY 458631 followed clearly defined track leading up creek at 159°. The creek valley was thickly timbered. At 0558K/1 passed through area of ruined N.G.V.R. huts on right bank of creek. The track up the valley rough, rocky and crosses the creek many times. 0610K/1 passed through an old camp site recently occupied by our Gps - tins and biscuit papers strewn around. 0620K/1 passed an old dilapidated 2 man lean to. 0623 came to a creek Junc, track followed main valley turning left at 326°. 0725K/1 passed through area in which our Gps had recently bivouaced at approx 482647. 0740K/1 arrived at Lk Junc 481651. Commenced to climb up very steep spur on a bearing of approx 10°. Track up the spur is well defined - bench cut 3 to 4 feet wide. The climb up the spur is steep and arduous. Just after commencing to climb a small native garden of taro and a few banana palms was passed. During the climb up three old lean to's were passed. The track near the top of the spur became fairly sticky. Top of range was reached at 1035K/1. Covering the track was a recently made weapon pit with trench. Further to left of track on ridge were two one man weapon pits. In the area was 1 hut, several lean to's and a small Taro patch. A piece of paper with Jap writing on it was found. Signature.

Food of Bully-beef tins were strewn over area. After receiving area and having a meal we continued on our way at 1145K/1. For a time Rank.

we descended gradually until we a creek at approx 491668. The descend was gradual following a contour. 1407K/1 came to a creek with 15 lean to's on either side of it. The area had been occupied by our Gps. Date.

Just prior to reaching creek Junc - 481651 patrol passed thro' containing 17 lean to's which had been occupied by our Gps. Place.



Crossed creek moved along left bank and came out into kunai. Here last Japs had bivouaced. Tracks descended kunai hill along ridge to track junction. On a knoll covering track was def posn of 2 weapons pits occupied by four Japs. Followed track left down to Busip River. Reached river at 1525 K/1. Followed track up-stream ~~stream~~ <sup>WEST</sup> bank of river. River was reached at approx MR 503 682. A few hundred yards along track passed a large deserted native hut. Crossed 1600 K/1 reached junction of BUSIP and BUNBOK Rivers crossed BUSIP at its mouth followed track up right bank of BUNBOK and came to a recently destroyed swing bridge at 495689. Spent night at 494688. Spent entire morning K/2 attempting to cross the rivers between 493690 where there is a gorge and 504682 where there was another gorge. Many attempts including hand-crossing failed. The river was 35 to 40 yards wide with big boulders, approx 6ft or more deep. The current very swift. Commenced to return via same route at 1210 K/2. Spent the night at 491668.

During the return on morning K/3 met a party of 3 Angau police boys and carrying line en route to BOANA. Following information gained:

- (1) Way to reach BOANA
- (2) Japs left BOANA on 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept for MADANG.
- (3) Little equipment was left.
- (4) Japs had built defensive positions
- (5) The dromes were covered with 3 feet of kunai
- (6) No Japs in area.

Patrol reached camp at 1140 K/3. The track showed much use by our troops over the past few weeks.

H. J. Donald  
 Timor

24/10  
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## Patrol Report

Ref Map

 (4) *W*  
 JAPAN WAR DIARY  
 NADZAB I App K

Personnel - Cpl. McFarlane, 1 I Section + 7 O/Rs from  
A Coy 24 Bn

Arms - 2 Owen guns with 4 magazines per gun  
7 rifles + 50 rds per rifle.

Rations - 1 meal S.W.P. ration per man carried.  
1 day's F.O.R. per man to be picked  
up on arrival M.R. 443546

Object - To follow track SOUTH from MR 443588  
to 443546 thence SOUTH to MARKHAM RIVER  
to ascertain (1) nature of terrain  
(2) whether any Japs  
in area.

Route - Out - From A Coy area MR 445597 SOUTH  
along track to MR 443546 thence to  
MARKHAM RIVER  
IN - NORTH to MR 442559, along sk to  
MR 425565, along sk to MR 445597.

Time Out 1550 hrs 2 Oct 43.

Time In 1745 hrs 3 Oct 43.

The track from MR 443588 to 443546  
could not be located from either end.  
American camps have been constructed on  
the <sup>SOUTH side</sup> MARKHAM VALLEY RD from MR 428545 to 440545.  
A new road is under construction NORTH  
from MR 442546 to lead to a new bomber air  
strip (to be constructed). A deserted village is  
situated 30 mins SOUTH of camp area. 15 mins  
SOUTH from village a track was found leading EAST.  
Natives reported a village 2 hours along this  
track. There are a number of gardens in the  
area, growing mainly bananas + paw paws. There  
are a number of coconuts along the MARKHAM  
VALLEY RD. Good drinking water is available  
along the track from the camp area to the  
MARKHAM VALLEY RD. The ground is almost flat,  
having just sufficient slope to keep the  
streams flowing.



The patrol moved SOUTH from the camp area along a good foot track until a deserted village, surrounded by large gardens, was reached. A faint track was found leading from the village at 115°. The main track was followed until a small creek was crossed. Here a good branch track going EAST was found & followed for approx 1000 yds, two banana plantations being passed. The patrol then resupplied so the deserted village for mess & the night. Natives, contacted the following morning, said the branch track followed by the patrol, reached a native village after two hours. Except for plantations, the track to this stage was through timber. The track shown on map due SOUTH from MR 443588 could not be located.

On morning, 3 Oct 43, Epl McFarlane returned to a coy area, reporting that this track could not be located. He returned to the patrol, after being instructed to look for the track in the area MR 443546.

The patrol moved on from the creek crossed the previous evening & in 300 paces, had crossed 4 other small creeks by means of log crossings. Good drinking water is available at these creeks. After a further 700 paces through timber, the track emerges into kunai. Here, the construction of a new road by the Americans had just been commenced. The track continues for 1300 paces through kunai, with a small pad to the WEST & three small pads to the EAST, branching from the main track. After passing through the kunai, the track crosses a small creek & passes through a strip of timber and an American camp, then emerges onto a new good road. This was followed for 1200 yds to the

MARKHAM VALLEY ROAD.

The MARKHAM VALLEY ROAD was followed EAST for 2000 yds along the SOUTH side of the road was a strip of timber containing new American camps. On the NORTH was open kunai. At this point, approx MR 442546, a new road, going NORTH was being constructed. Americans told us that this led to a new bomber air strip which is to be constructed. After a further 150 yds along the main road, pads were found to the NORTH & SOUTH. The pad



to the NORTH was followed through kunai for 300 yds, when it reached timber + faded out. It is thought that this may have been the track shown on map from 443546 NORTH. The pad to the SOUTH was followed through light timber for 250 yds where it ended on the bank of a small sluggish stream flowing EAST. SOUTH of this stream is the MARKHAM RIVER. is all kunai. Two men moved a further 1000 yds EAST along the main road through thick timber, but could not find any further branch tracks.

The patrol moved back to the new road to the bomber strip, then along this road for 700 yds. They then turned WEST, moving across country through kunai. A small stream containing good water was crossed, then through a strip of timber, on to the new road, they back to camp area as per route out.

Along the route followed, there was no evidence of any enemy occupation, although small parties could hide in the timber + remain unseen. Many good ambush positions were available along the track through the timber.

G. Outhred Pte

I Section

6 Oct 43



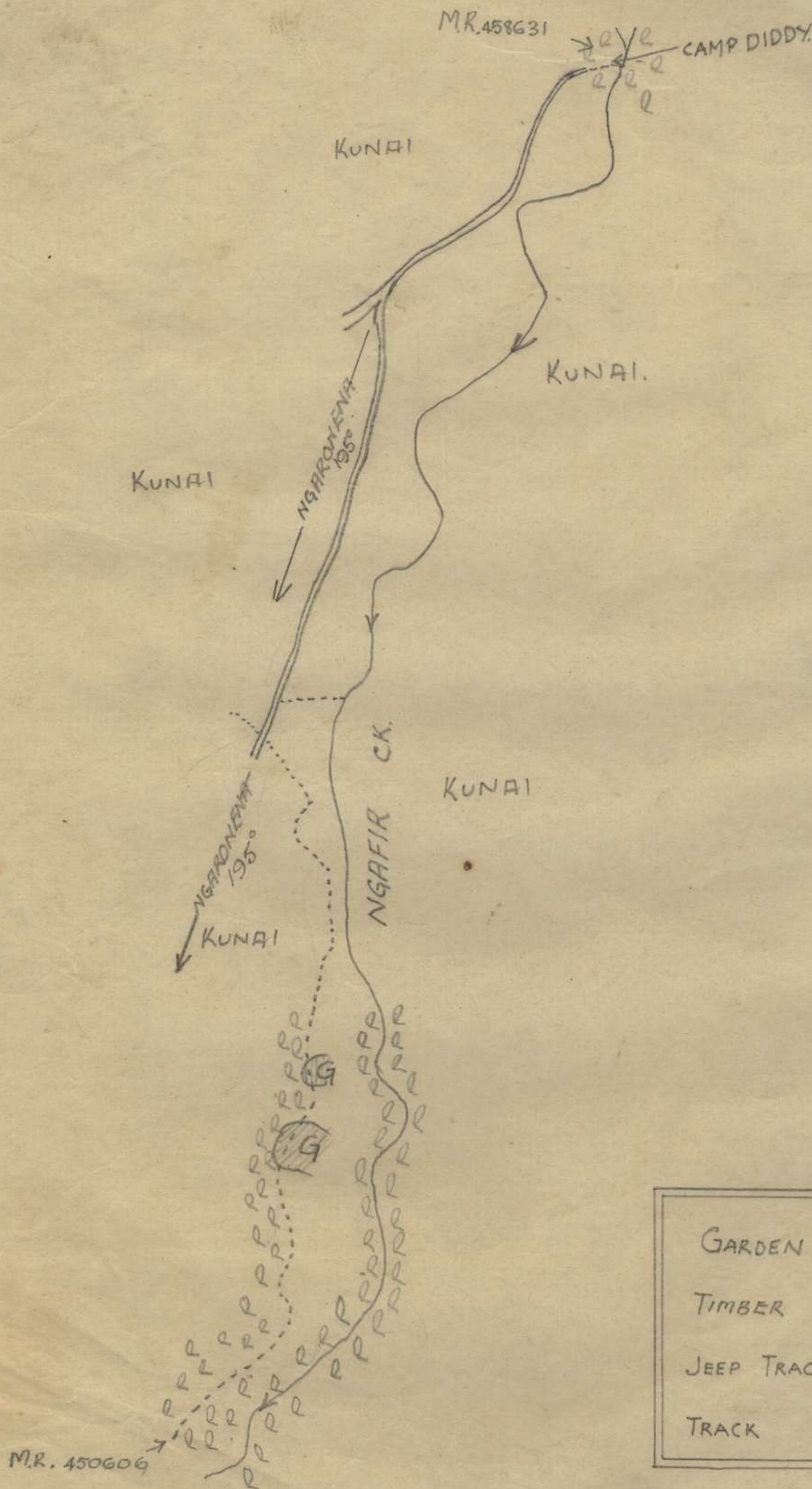
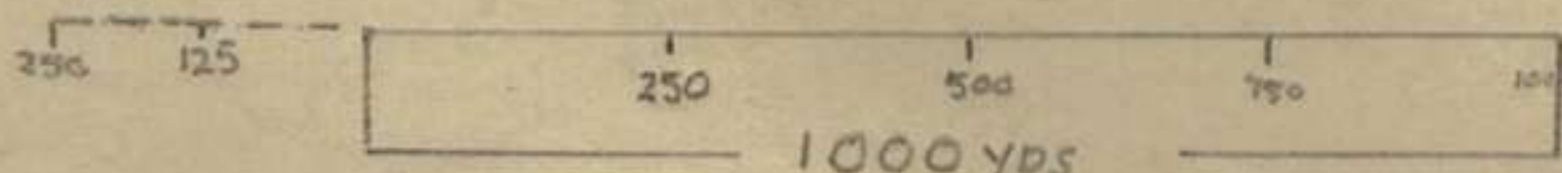




SCALE 4" = 1 MILE (4 : 63360)

MAP REFS. TAKEN FROM

NADZAB 1" = 1 MILE.



2 copies & make sketch  
WJS

GARDEN	(G)
TIMBER	rrrr
JEEP TRACK	====
TRACK	----

— J.L. WALKER. CPL. —



WAR DIARY  
Patrol Report ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~Patrol~~  
AppK

To: F.O. 24 Aust Inf Bn type of patrol: Recce  
From: D boy

Date: - 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> Oct. Patrol leader Leckie  
Patrol strength - 90 RA incl 4 runners &  
1 Int

Patrol found by - 16 Platoon D boy  
Armament - 2 Owens } rifles  
                  4 mags } 350 rds SAA of Grens  
Weight carried - 4 days FOR 4

malarial prevention equipment

Object - but tracks in foothills WEST  
of Boy area to ERAP river

Weather - Rain on 5 OCT otherwise  
very hot.

~~Time Out~~  
Route Out - Tracks running NW from  
Boy area to H 23626, thence WEST  
through foothills to 396627, thence  
SW to flat country, thence NW  
to ERAP River.

Route In - ERAP River to <sup>Boy area</sup> along  
foot of foothills.

Time Out: 0700 hrs. 4 OCT Time In: 6 OCT



Patrol Report cont.

Details. Left boy area & followed  
tracks running NW through timber  
and kunai which ran into foothills  
and disappeared at approx 423626.  
Two native huts on edge of timber about  
25 mins from boy area, another two huts  
35 mins further on. 6 or 8 small laan  
huts at 423626 recently occupied by troops.  
American F.O.R. trails lying about. Struck  
WEST through kunai and kangaroo  
grass to 403626 passing 3 small creeks  
with very steep sides. Camped 1st night.  
Continued on in WEST direction through  
very rough country to 396627 where we  
were halted by impassable ravine.  
Turned SW to approx 385621 thence NW  
to American A F camp in course of  
construction at 370630 (approx),  
thence along new jeep tracks to river.  
Contacted patrol from C boy here. Followed  
river running NORTH & contacted



Platoon of 57/60 B.W at 362640.  
Retreated track to 385621, thence on  
bearing of  $110^{\circ}$  to 405612 camped night  
on small piece. Continued on  $110^{\circ}$  to dry  
creek & turned S.W. along faint track for  
about 40 minutes to deserted native  
village, turned E. through very thick  
kumai to boy area.



Track Going MAP

OUT JOURNEY

Flat going  
Kunai

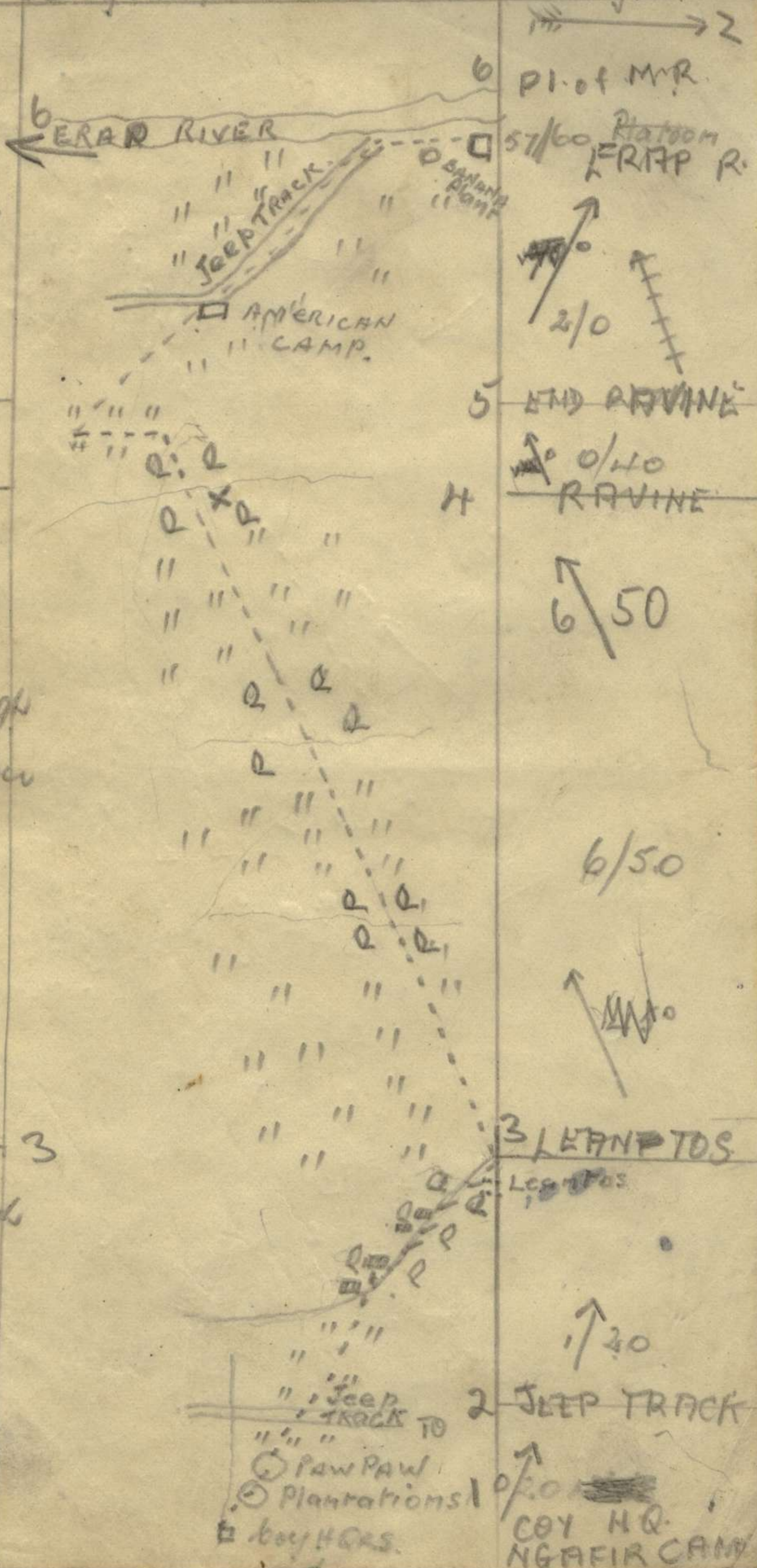
Very deep  
ravine

Slept at  
X 1st night

Very rough  
country  
both through  
Kunai  
and timber

Followed  
dry creek  
bed through  
timber.

Through  
timber &  
Kunai





TRACK GOING  
MAP IN  
JOURNEY

GOY HORS. ~~GOY HORS~~

Q. Q  
Paw  
PAWS.

←  
90° 0/20

← 90° 0/30

Very thick  
Kunai.  
flat  
country

Native village  
along front track  
No water

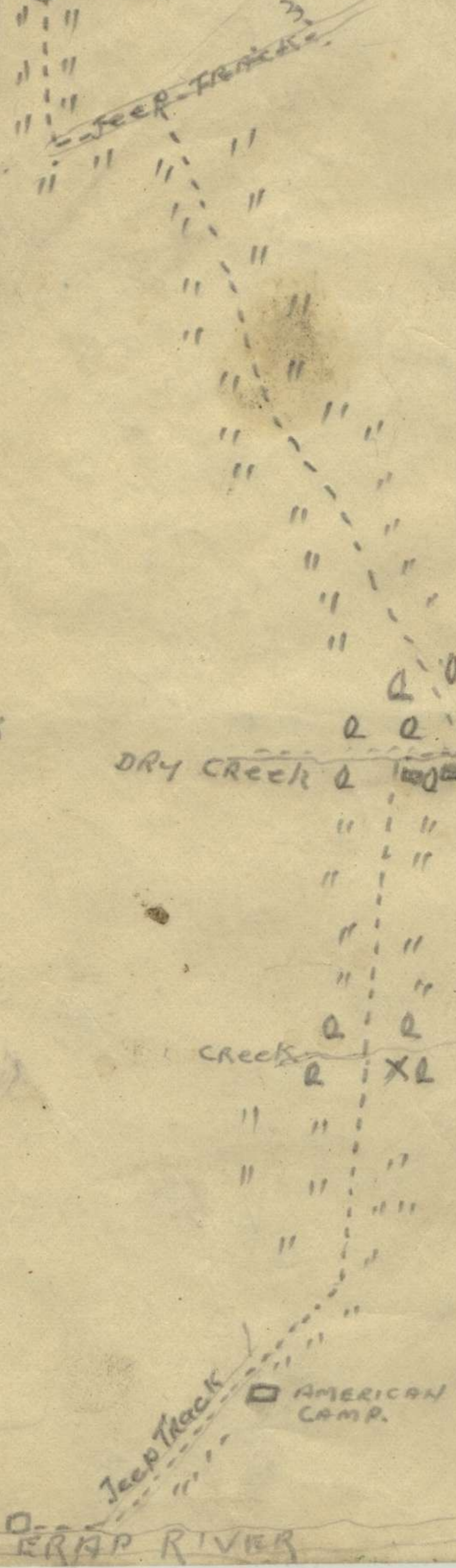
Kunai  
flat going

camp 2nd  
night.

Kunai +  
flat going.

flat  
going +  
Kunai.

Platoon 57/60 Bn



1/0  
90°

→ 0/40

1/15

↑ 25° 1/30

2/0

ERAP RIVER



1st Hops Boama 1st  
Nadzal PATROL

REPORT

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No I.O. 24 AUST INF BN

TYPE OF PATROL

~~STANDING~~  
~~RECCE~~  
~~FIGURING~~

From 13 Platoon "C" Coy

DATE 4<sup>th</sup> Oct, 1943 to 7<sup>th</sup> Oct, 1943 Patrol leader Sgt Staley, R.W.

PATROL STRENGTH 1 NCO, 7 OR's (INC 1 I Sec)

ARMAMENT 4 OSMG's; 4 Rifles

OBJECT Recce Boama Area for Defences & Equipment  
Rations 4 days FOR, 1 day SWP

WEATHER Clear visibility; cloudy & dull with occasional showers

ROUTE OUT Camp Diddy, NE along over range to Busip Rv.  
upstream to 490687 crossed; over spur to Bumbok Rv crossed at

ROUTE IN 494693 up mountainside to Boama.  
Reverse above

TIME OUT 0630 hrs 7/10/43 TIME IN 1540 hrs 7/10/43

Result Reached Boama found little equipment and no defences in entire area.

DETAILS :-

- 4/10/43 0630 hrs Patrol moved out from camp Diddy 458631 NE along creek crossing it many times.
- 0800 " Reached junction of creeks 482651, left creek climbed spur, passed through small garden on to bench cut track; track approx 4' wide, well defined, & much used; winds up spur to approx 488661.
- 1045 " Reached top of ridge where found 1 hut 5 lean-tos & 3 weapon pits. Followed track down valley to a creek approx 490668. Several lean-tos on left of track. Stopped for meal at creek.
- 1145 " bonk. along track still well defined but very muddy.
- 1300 " Track came onto a kumai ridge. Along this portion of track and continuing to the river, one is under observation at all times from lookout tower at Boama Mission.
- 1400 " Arrived at Angau camp on Busip River where we gained valuable information as to the river crossings & track to Boama.
- 1515 hrs. Continued along track upstream (Busip River) to log crossing 490687; followed upstream on other bank approx 490687.
- 1640 hrs. Turned right up ravine and kumai patch up steps following up kumai ridge. At top, at a bald patch, down steps and a defensive position with field of fire, down to log crossing over Bumbok Rv, at 494693.
- 1735 hrs. Made camp for night at 2 huts 50 yds downstream from bridge.
- 1740 "

Signature  
Rank  
Date  
Place



PATROL REPORT

RECCE WAR DIARY  
APPK

To I.O. 24 Aust. Inf. Bn.

From O.C. 16 pl., D Coy.

PATROL LEADER

Lieut. Thomas J.C.

DATE 5 Oct. '43.

PATROL STRENGTH 1 off. & 2 O.R.s

Found by 16 pl. D Coy.

ARMAMENT 1 Pistol, 2 Rifles, 3 Grens.

OBJECT To Establish a practical JEEP track from  
D Coy. Concentration Area <sup>(451606)</sup> to D Coy. Ops.  
Area M.R. 435622 Nadzab 1" 1M.

WEATHER. SHOWERS, OVERCAST.

ROUTE OUT } Via Foot pad, used as basic route for  
ROUTE IN } proposed Jeep Track.

TIME OUT 0845 hrs TIME IN 1250 hrs. 5 Oct.

DETAILS. An established foot-track was followed from D. Coy. Camp Area to BHQ - DIDDY CAMP JEEP TRACK. Certain obstacles were encountered mainly fallen trees, none of which would present great difficulty in clearing. The route crosses Kunai plains from the BHQ - DIDDY CAMP Jeep Track to a Belt of Jungle approx. 700 yds N. Thence the track follows a creek line, from which certain detours would be necessary for M.T. passage. The track could be brought to a point 300 yds off an excellent def posn., a Kunai - and scrub covered Knoll.

DEDUCTIONS (A) a working party of 10 men could



make quite a reasonable track to the area  
within one day.

(B) No bridges necessary, all streams  
fordable.

(c) Estimated Distance: 3,505 yds.  
Marching Time: 1 Hour

Map attached.

Thomas Lieut.

O.C. 16 pl. D Coy  
24 Aust Inf Bn.

5 Oct. '43

D Coy. Camp. Area



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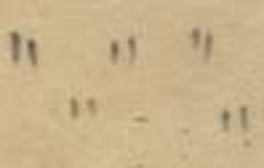
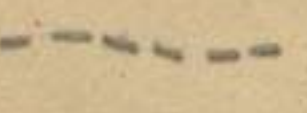

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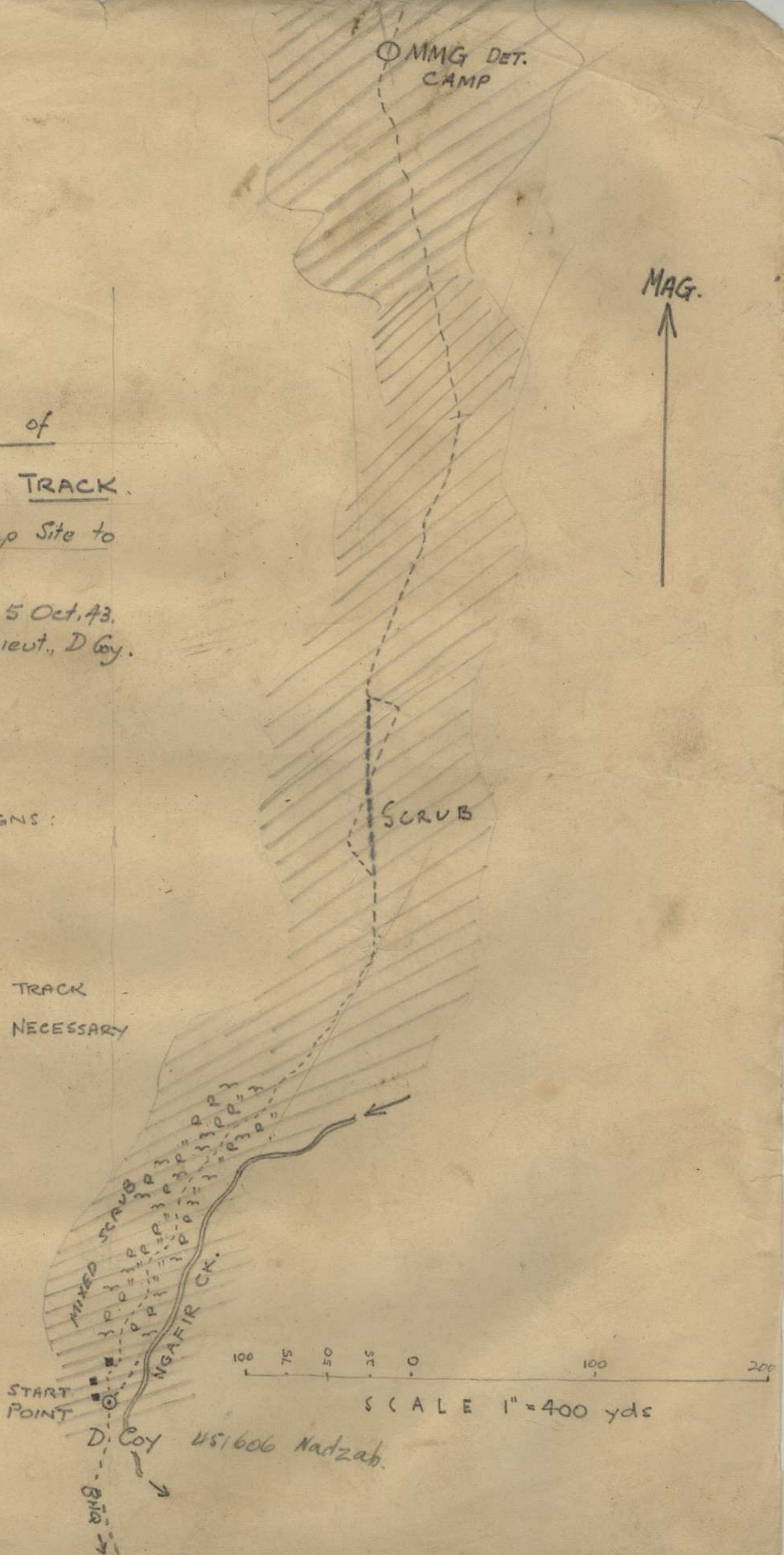
PROPOSED JEEP TRACK

FROM D Coy. Camp Site to  
Ops. AREA.

FROM TRAVERSE, 5 Oct. 43.  
By J.C. Thomas, Lieut., D Coy.  
WEATHER: WET.

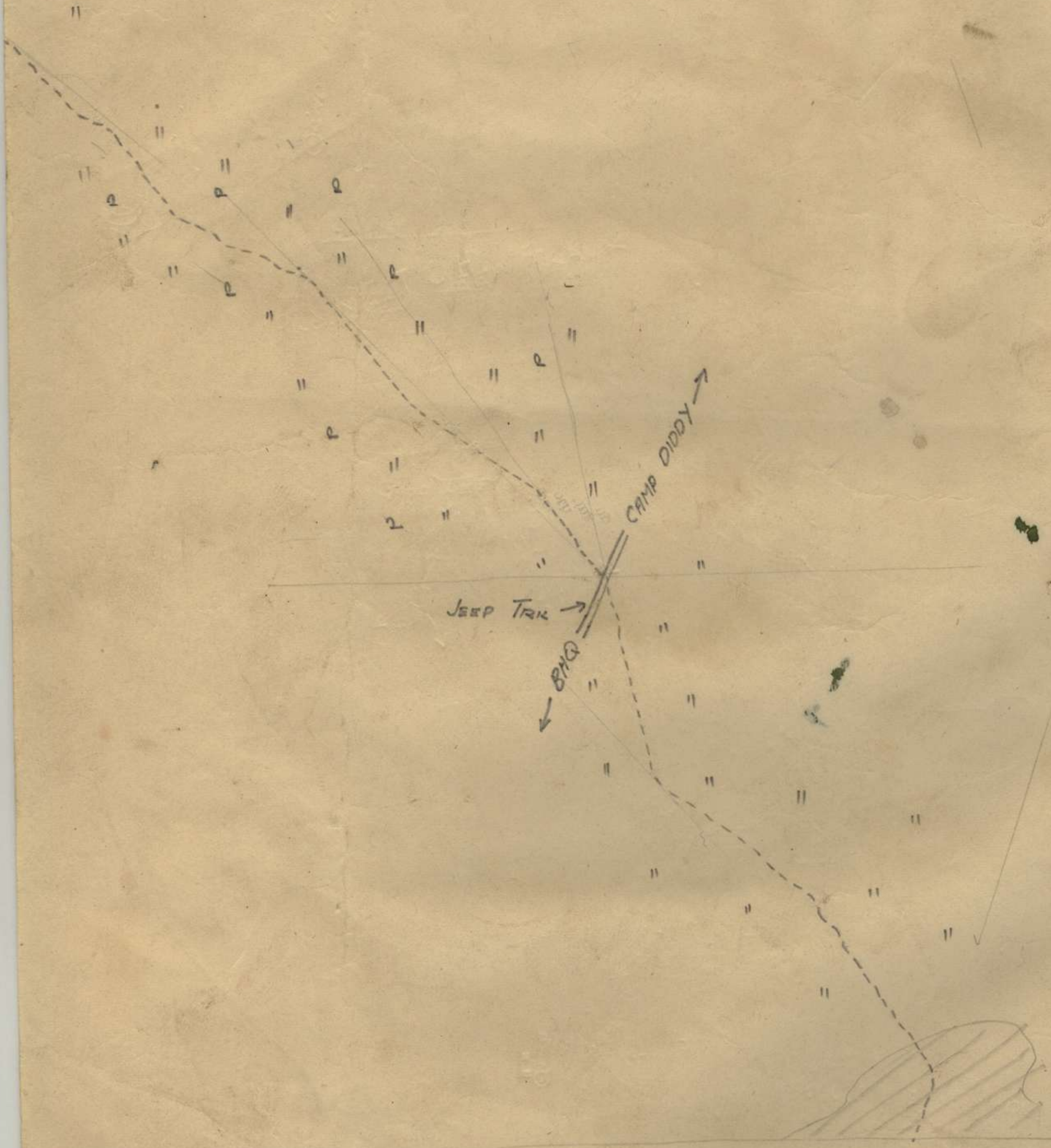
CONVENTIONAL SIGNS:

-  SCRUB
-  KUNAI
-  PRESENT TRACK
-  DETOURS NECESSARY



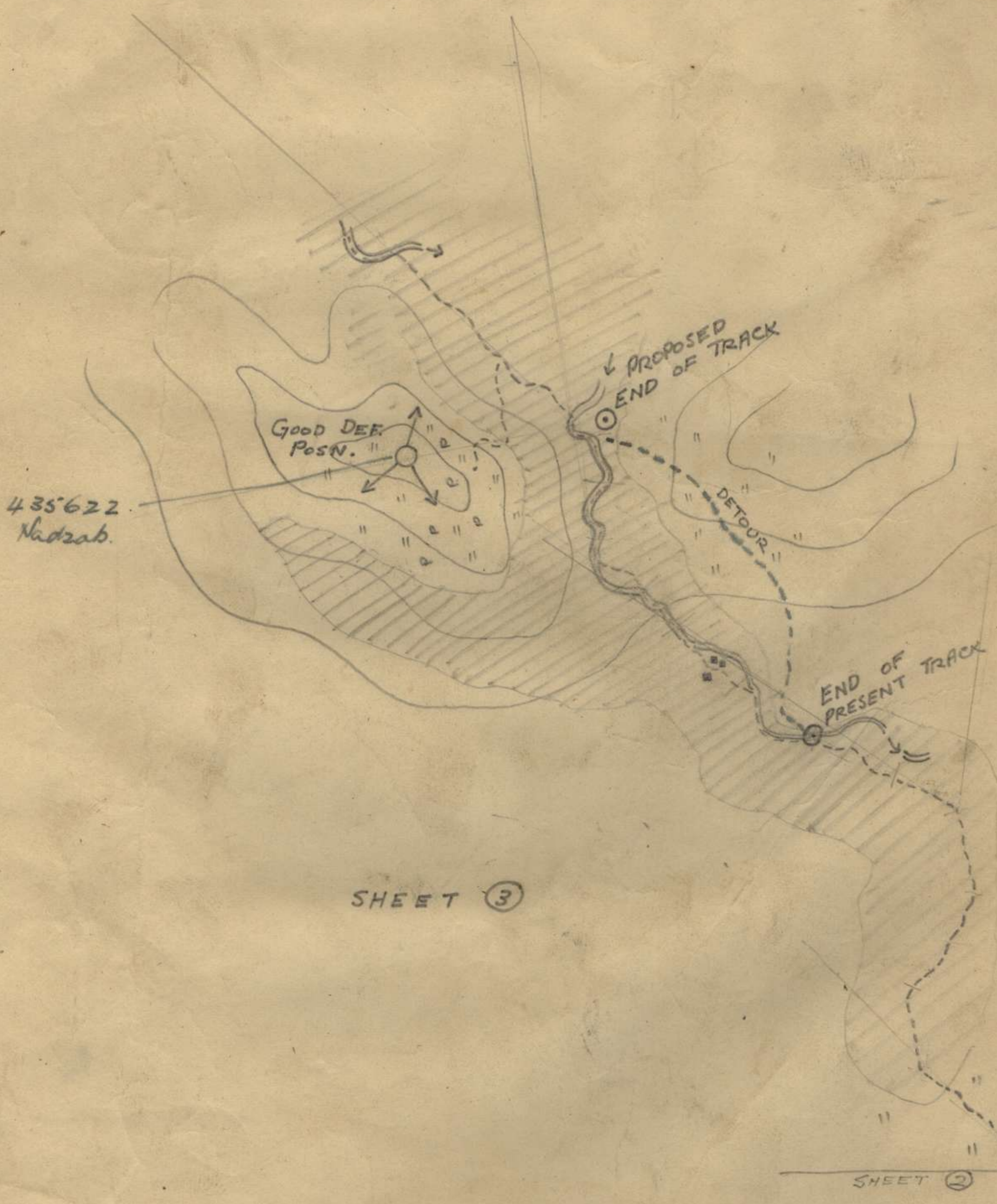


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SHEET 2



(13)

- 5/10/45: 0730 hrs Left camp, so continued patrol to Boana. Followed a native <sup>trail</sup> upstream (Bumbek Rr). Track narrow, defined, but rough.
- 0837 " Reached creek with banana water spout. Turned right along track which led to a native hideout. Through track, retraced steps to creek
- 0940 " Crossed creek and continued along other track which led into native garden, passed through number 4 out into 2nd garden.
- 1030 " Reached two store huts in garden #
- 1100 " Track petered out; broke bush in a slightly E of N. direction and struck a divided native track which led on to main track
- 1135 " Arrived on main track at office 497717. Moved up track along spur (well defined; showed much recent use, very slippery).
- 1230 " Arrived Boana Mission 500715 Had lunch.

In areas there are approx 80 huts, 3 W.B. Dwellings, 2 lookout towers, & 1 unused airstrip (Rough, with kumai about 2'6" high over entire area) Note. Many huts in bad state of repair.

Thoroughly inspected area for defensive positions which were nil; also equipment finding only 2 Steel Helmets, 20 clips, 30 ammo & 1 shovel. (Jap equip)



Patrol Report - Contd - 3 - 13

5/10/43.

1200 hrs

Moved into bush vicinity of Poana Mission, arranged meal + camp for night.

Only drinking water available in area was tanks at Mission houses which was only used to make tea.

There are many gardens in the area, growing bananas, paw-paws, sugarcane, taro, kow-kow cucumbers, spring onions, Chinese cabbage, yams, pumpkins, etc.

6/10/43.

Spent until 1500 hrs inspecting area.

From Poana Mission, can be seen many native villages dotted around the hills.

Sighted no natives, but saw fires in distance.

~~Camp~~ Signs of Jap occupation of mission on small scale.

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1515 hrs

Commenced return journey via same route

1900 "

At Angau Camp (Lumbuk) where made camp for night

7/10/43.

0800 hrs

Commenced return journey to camp Diddy

1540 "

Arrived camp Diddy



Leopold's sketch

PATROL REPORT

WAR DIARY

TO I.O. 24<sup>TH</sup> AUST INFANT BN

TYPE OF PATROL

RECCE & CONTACT

FROM 15 PL C Coy 24 AIB

DATE 6 Oct 43

PATROL LEADER

Cpl McKeenzie D.

PATROL STRENGTH 1 NCO 4 O/R

PATROL SUPPLIED BY 7 sic 15 pl

ARMAMENT CARRIED 2 OSMG 3 Rifles

WEIGHT CARRIED 20 lbs per man

OBJECT To see the easiest way for a contact track to be made with 57/60 Bn & to contact the same Bn.

RATIONS 3 days FOR 1 days SWPA. per man

WEATHER 1<sup>st</sup> day Intermittently overcast. Rain at night  
2<sup>nd</sup> day Intermittently overcast

ROUTE OUT From Camp Diddy to 140 P. at MR 460 635 & thence along ridge to feature MR 438 642 Nadjabi from there the patrol moved down from high features to lower foothills on south side of mountain ridge. The patrol moved across foothills to Crap now at MR 365 628 Nadjabi. Following river track north patrol struck 57/60 patrol at MR 363 640 Nadjabi.

ROUTE IN. From 57/60 standing patrol at MR Nadjabi 363 640 Nadjabi along path to post on river bank at MR 365 628 thence along jeep track to post approx 375 625 Nadjabi where patrol moved into kunai flats & went in general direction of Camp Diddy.

TIME OUT 0645 1/4

TIME IN 1630 1/5

RESULT Contacted 57/60 Bn standing patrol & received information of the extent & time of their patrols in the area.

DETAIL. Leaving camp Diddy patrol moved onto ridge starting at MR 452 632 Nadjabi but found after 2 hours that the ridge was useless to follow because of deep & hard screebanks to cross. Moving to lower foothills patrol moved through kunai till approx 375 625 Nadjabi where an American Engineers camp had been made. From there patrol moved to river along jeep track which comes out at MR 365 628 Nadjabi on the bank. The jeep track then continues up the Crap River for 1/2 mls. From there a well defined track leads to post of 57/60 Bn. Standing patrol at MR Nadjabi 363 640 at 1855 1/4 contacted

Information received from Intelligence man attached to 16 pl 57/60

1. 57/60 BHQ at MR Nadjabi 355 566
2. Standing patrol from 57/60 Bn at MR Nadjabi 363 640
3. This standing patrol patrols daily to square 3668.

Boonae provisional map.

Leaving standing patrol on morning of 5<sup>th</sup> at 0800 hrs. our patrol moved back along track to jeep track. Following jeep track to American camp we then struck back along kunai flats to jeep track leading to Camp Diddy.

The route followed was made by means of scrub-bashing & could not be used again as wind immediately blows kunai into original form.

SIGNED Cpl McKeenzie RANK Cpl.

DATE 7/10/43 PLACE Camp Diddy

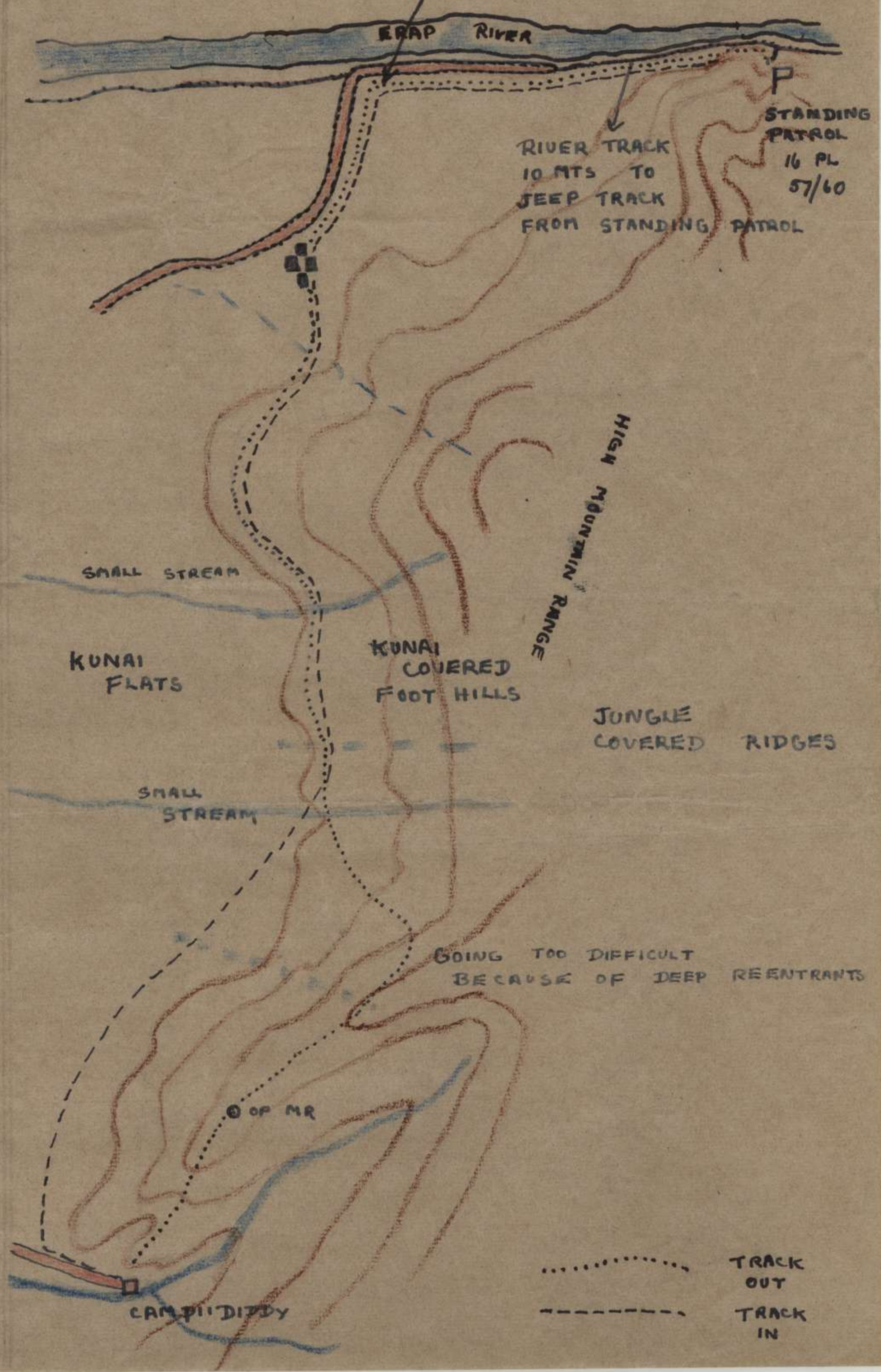


ROUGH GOING MAP OF PATROL TO  
57/60 STANDING PATROL ON ERAP RIVER



ERAP RIVER  
RIVER TRACK  
JEEP TRACK  
AMERICAN CAMP

1730 HRS CONTACTED  
LT/COL MASTERS 57/60



STANDING PATROL  
16 PL  
57/60

SMALL STREAM

KUNAI FLATS

KUNAI COVERED FOOT HILLS

JUNGLE COVERED RIDGES

HIGH MOUNTAIN RANGE

SMALL STREAM

PATROL MOVED DOWN FROM HIGH RIDGES

GOING TOO DIFFICULT BECAUSE OF DEEP REENTRANTS

O.P. MR.

CAMP DIDDY

CAMP DIDDY

..... TRACK OUT  
----- TRACK IN



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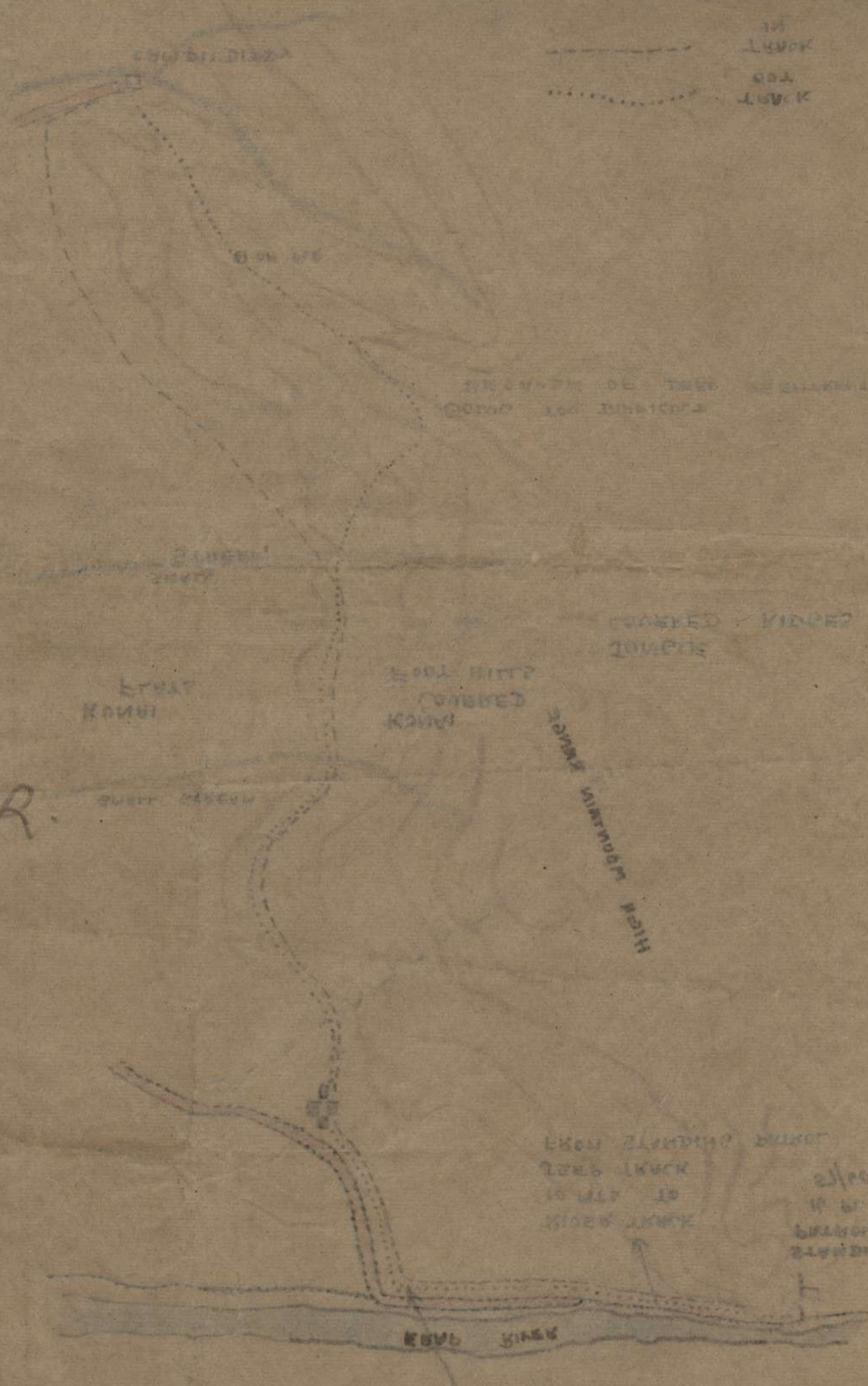
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Patrol Report - contd 13

Remarks.

7/10/43.

0800 hrs

Information from W/O. Blake (Angau)  
From natives he gained information  
that a garrison of 12 Japs had  
been stationed at Boema. These  
were joined by many other Japs  
and evacuated being last heard  
of at Manakesat.

1230 hrs.

Whilst having dinner on way  
back to camp Diddy, a Police Boy  
arrived with a letter message  
from W/O Blake, which I passed  
on immediately I reported in

General

Operational Reports carried;  
Several packets when opened  
were found to be unfit for  
eating.

Around the Mission Houses + Huts  
there were many books in German  
printing, also some in English

Further report on track to be made  
by the Command (I Section) who  
was the Patrol.

W/O Blake

W/O  
7/10/43.

Camp Diddy.



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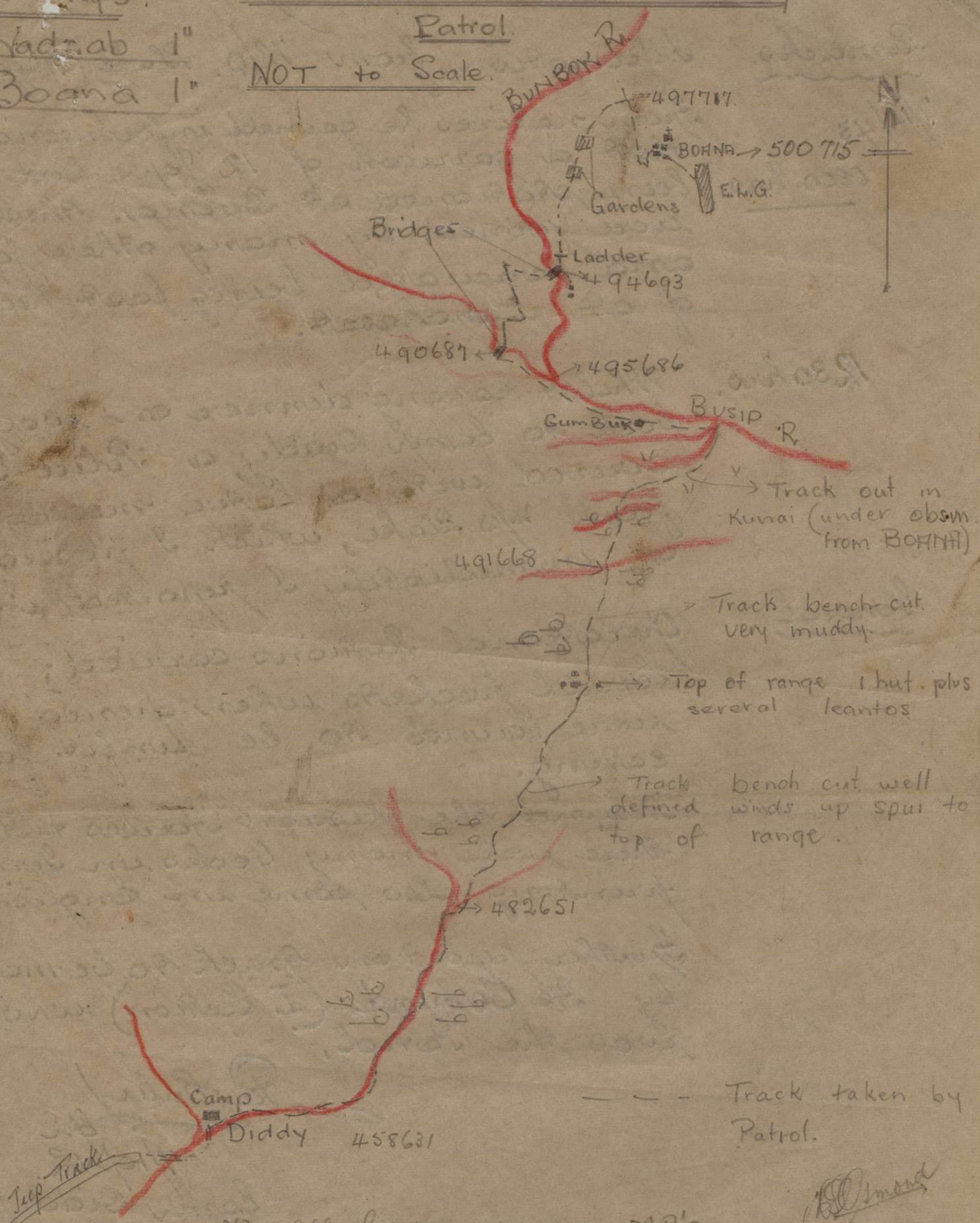
Nadzab 1"

Boana 1"

Sketch of Route Taken by

Patrol.

NOT to Scale.



--- Track taken by Patrol.

NB. all figures given are M.R.'s.

*[Signature]*



# PATROL REPORT

WAR DIARY Copy 1 of 4  
1-1307

To: 24 AUST. INF. BN.

TYPE OF PATROL RECCE

FROM: 'B' Coy 24 BN.

DATE: 7 OCT '43

PATROL LEADER L/CPL. SYKES

PATROL STRENGTH INCO 2 ORS.

PATROL SUPPLIED BY SEC. PL.

ARMAMENT CARRIED 1 OSMG 2 RIFLES

WEIGHT CARRIED 5 maps (own) 50 rds. per Rifle.

OBJECT To recce possible track from "B' Coy" to NGASAWAPUM - CAMP DIDDY track

RATIONS 1 meal 1 Emerg. Ration.

WEATHER Very hot, visibility good

ROUTE OUT On bearing of 10° to edge of timber at approx M.R. 455601 thence on bearing of 70° across Kunai plain to M.R. 472605 Ref Mark NADZAB 1"

ROUTE IN Reverse of route out

TIME OUT 0850 HRS.

TIME IN 1505 HRS

RESULT Recce what patrol considered was a good and easily defensible route.

DETAILS Patrol moved out from B Coy area on an approx bearing of 10°, scrub bashing for 20 minutes. Patrol had much difficulty in finding track which runs EAST & WEST along 60 grid NADZAB 1" as there were many old tracks in the area which we explored until they became indistinguishable. Patrol discovered tracks after 30 minutes searching and from bend in same at M.R. 465600, which is not in the Kunai as shown on map, but approx 50<sup>yards</sup> inside the timber, moved on a bearing of 70°, Kunai bashing for 20 minutes, when bearings were taken on Mt. NGARENENO 203° and high feature at 480332. 360°. Patrol continued on 70° for 15 minutes then swung North and moved at 40° for 30 minutes to edge of timber at foothills. 75 yards through the timber we reached the NGASAWAPUM track M.R. 472605 approx. It is a good track, timber cleared each side, making it 6 to 10 feet wide all along. The map shows this track running through Kunai, around the belt of timber at the foothills, but patrol moved ~~west~~ up the track 280° for 1/2 mile before emerging into Kunai, ~~10~~ 10 minutes further along, track entered timber again, another 180 yards and we came into the open and from this point took bearings

P.T.O.



on feature 480332 3480, creek 100 yds off the track 610  
and on the Camp DIDDY track ~~at~~ about 1/4 mile ahead  
where it rises sharply for approx. 75 yds up a ridge  
~~at~~ running E.N.E. from the foot of above mentioned  
feature.

Patrol returned to where it first entered track, moved  
along Southward for 300 yds. with no sign of it coming  
out into the knai. Patrol then returned to Camp  
area via the same route it went out.  
Arrived back in Camp at 1505 hrs.

H. Oliver

1830 hrs 7 Oct 43



GOING MAP OF POSSIBLE JEEP TRACK FROM B Coy AREA 453605 TO CAMP DIDDY -  
NGASAWAPUM TRACK AT APPROX 472605. REF. MAP NADZAB 1M. = 1ML.

ROUTE COVERED BY PATROL IS EASILY JEEPABLE AS IT IS. SURFACE THE WHOLE WAY IS HARD, AND WOULD NOT VARY IN WET WEATHER TO ANY EXTENT. DETOUR OF ONLY 50 YDS IS NECESSARY

AT DRY CREEK BED (SEC 4). ROUTE FOR WHOLE DISTANCE WAS QUITE FLAT GOING:

REPORT	SEC	ROUTE	TIME	DIRECTION
				T.N. ↑ BEARINGS MAGNETIC
TRACK WIDE AND GOOD. WATER IN CREEK IS CRYSTAL CLEAR AND IS SLOW RUNNING BUT CONSIDER GOOD DRINKING	5		0/15	317°
VERY WELL DEFINED TRACK. 6 TO 10 FEET WIDE UNTIL IT ENTERS KUNAI. WHERE IT NARROWS TO A GOOD NATIVE PAD. SLIGHT DETOUR WOULD BE NECESSARY FOR JEEP AS TRACK HERE IS ON THE EDGE OF 20 FT DROP TO CREEK BED.	4		0/10	308°
KUNAI THICKENED A LITTLE TO WITHIN 300 YDS OF TIMBER. THEN BECAME VERY THICK FROM EDGE OF KUNAI TO NGASAWAPUM - CAMP DIDDY TRACK. THROUGH LIGHT UNDERGROWTH & TIMBER, IS ABOUT 75 YARDS	3		0/50	70°
KUNAI BASHED. VERY THICK ON OUTSKIRTS OF TIMBER FOR A DEPTH OF APPROX 250 YDS THEN THINNED OUT CONSIDERABLY IS ONLY 2 FEET HIGH. GROUND FAIRLY EVEN.	2		0/20	70°
TRACK TO "D" Coy IS FAIRLY WELL DEFINED AND FINISHES AT NGAFIR CREEK APPROX 200 YDS ABOVE THAT Coy's AREA.				
MANY ILL DEFINED TRACKS IN THIS AREA. ALL VERY OLD TRACKS THESESEES NOT DISCERNABLE. BUT FAINT, NARROW CLEARINGS THROUGH TREES & SCRUB AND BLAZED UNDERGROWTH. INDICATED TRACKS BEING THERE. THEY ARE POSSIBLY OLD NATIVE HUNTING PADS.	1			10°

PATROL 7 OCT. 43

TIME. 1800 HRS.

TIME OUT 0850 TIME IN 1505 HRS.

DATE. 7 OCT. 43.

*2 copies  
1 enlargement  
9 m to 1 m  
showing track*

*Robinson etc.*



Ref Maps - NHD 1/25000 1"  
BOHNA 1"

PATROL REPORT  
BOHNA PATROL (PT. II)

WARDIA 1/25000  
TYRE RECCE

From: - 13 Pl. C. Coy.

Date: - 8.10.43

Patrol Leader: - Capt. Haley R. W.

Patrol Strength: - 1 N.C.O. 7 OR's. (incl 1 Imam)

ARMAMENT: - 4 O.S.M.G.'s; 4 Rifles

Weight Carried: - Approx 40 lbs per man.

Object: - Ricce BOHNA area for defences + equipment

Rations: - 4 days F.O.R. 1 day S.W.P.

Weather: - Clear visibility; cloudy and overcast with occasional showers.

Route Out: - Camp Diddy to junction BUSIP and BUNBOK Rivers. Up BUSIP to 490687; crossed river, climbed over spur to BUNBOK, crossed it at 494693, up mountain side to BOHNA.

Route In: - Reverse above.

Time Out: 0630 hrs 4/10/43

Time In: 1540 hrs 7/10/43

Result: Reached BOHNA found little equipment and no fixed defensive positions.

Details: Patrol left CAMP DIDDY 0630 4/4 arriving at the junctions of the BUSIP and BUNBOK Rivers 495686 at 1620 4/4. Followed up BUSIP river for approx 500 yds; came to an improvised bridge at 490687, which was crossed.

Patrol followed the track which followed up the left bank of the River. 1645 4/4 Patrol entered area recently occupied by our troops. Several lean-tos had been made. After climbing down the 2nd terrace patrol took the first turn to the right about 100 yards on, this leads to steps which were followed and lead up to the top of a kunai hill.

At top track turns abruptly right + follows down steps through a defensive posn and field of fire to river (BUNBOK) which was crossed by a log bridge



at 494693. Patrol camped night in two huts 50 yards downstream.

0730 L/5

Patrol left huts returned to bridge. At bridge patrol followed a native pad which turned left up a rocky face to a ladder 6'-8' high which ~~was~~ we climbed. The pad here is clear and easy to follow.

0745

Passed a partially constructed lean-to

0752

Passed a hut on the right with a pad leading to it.

0957

Crossed two small creeks 2ft wide.

0837

Reached a creek 2ft wide, had a banana water spout. Patrol took the track leading to right at 36°. This track led up to a native hide-out of 10 lean-tos, which were in good condition. Wrong track so patrol returned to creek crossing there at 0940

0940

crossed the creek and moved along the track on bearing of approx 281°

0950

Reached track junction. Track to left on 251° leads to village on river. Patrol moved along track branching to right at 326°.

0954

Walked along a log and entered a small native garden with two store huts in it. Passed through garden and entered a cleared patch of ground. Track through garden is indistinct.

1023

Struck the track again about 10 yards in bush from top end of clearing. Passed through another clearing into a Taro patch. On other side of Taro patch is a track junction. Patrol took track leading off to the right through the grass.

1035

Came to a creek 3ft wide; has a banana water spout. Track followed upstream for several yards, turned & left up bank in



- 3
- to patch of sugar-cane.
- 1049 came to two huts in middle of sugar cane area. Tried several paths leading out from huts, all petered out, so patrol broke bush moving in E of N. direction
- 1100 Watched stopped. Times from now approse. After a time patrol struck a disused native pad which we followed on a brg of approse  $41^\circ$ . Pad led to main track.
- 1135 Reached main track to BOANA at approse 497717. The track was on a narrow spur well defined and showed signs of much recent use. The track also showed signs of recent widening <sup>in parts</sup> and in some places a new track had been cut to overcome use of a sharp corner. The question arises if the Japs did this, what was he carrying that needed a fairly wide track.
- On a bearing of approse  $61^\circ$  patrol moved up the track. Track passed through banana plantation. Reached track junc on top of ridge at approse 1215. Track to BOANA turned left up ridge on brg. of approse  $27^\circ$ . On ridge approse 20 yards to right of ~~the~~ junc is a lookout overlooking main track. This look-out has three walls  $3\frac{1}{2}$  to  $4'$  thickness of earth.
- 1230 Entered BOANA a village of over 80 huts, many in shambles. At the northern end of the village are the three mission huts made of weatherboards and sheet iron roofs. Japs left huts in filthy condition.



BOHNA Area

On high ground the missions overlook the villages and the air-field approx  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile SE. On the surrounding hills many native villages, hideouts and gardens can be observed. Surrounding BOHNA itself are many gardens growing bananas, paw paws, mulberries, taro kow-kow, yams, spring onions, Chinese cabbage cucumbers, etc. From inspection it appears that the Japs stationed at BOHNA lived off these gardens for no tins were found.

Water: The water situation at BOHNA is poor. Water can be drawn from the tanks at the mission - we used it to make tea only. There are one or two small trickles in area E.L.G. It is approx  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile long, covered with kunai approx 2'6" high; ground fairly uneven. The drome had never been used.

Enemy Equipment: The enemy left very little equipment in area - 2 helmets, steel ~~rod~~ shovel and a few rounds of 30 ammunition.

Defences: - The Japs left had no fixed defences in the area. At two of the missions huts were two tunnels (air raid shelters), had fallen in; besides the main house was a deep uncompleted excavation 12ft wide 10ft wide 10ft deep. Logs and timber were beside the hole. In a nearby tree was a 40ft observation tower. From here one can observe the entire area. Also at ~~an~~ end of a hut another observation tower had been built.

Up the track which the patrol entered BOHNA were several small



fire lanes, each covered <sup>5</sup> by a man from a  
lying position behind a bush.

4/6. During the morning while the patrol  
further receded area, I with W.O. Bird of  
Angau traversed several native pads  
in the area, then went down to BANZAIN  
508688, a small village  $\frac{3}{4}$  hr from BOAHNA  
The Japs had occupied two huts there. They  
left 1 shovel.

1515 4/6 Patrol departed from BOAHNA en route  
for camp DIDDY

1900 Arrived at ANGAU camp at GUMBUK where  
patrol spent night.

0800 4/7 Patrol left GUMBUK for camp Diddy

1540 4/7 Arrived camp DIDDY.

Hellmond  
'I' Sec.  
8/10/43



Japanese Encountered 12<sup>th</sup> Oct.By 16 Pl. D. Coy 24<sup>th</sup> Aust. Inf. Bn.

Enemy were in poor condition, but apparently were suffering more from sickness than hunger. Rice was found, clean and ready for cooking.

The Village stank, the enemy had passed excreta everywhere.

They appeared to be armed only with grenades, however one U.S. Rifle was found.

One Prisoner captured, at present being held at BAWAN.

Signed Lieut. THOMAS.  
V.X. 43140

PATROL REPORT.Type of Patrol.

Fighting.

To I.O. 24. Aust. Inf. Bn.

From J. C. THOMAS. LIEUT.

PATROL FOUND BY 16 PL. D. Coy. PATROL LEADER. LIEUT. THOMAS. V.X. 43140

From - Firm Base established on BOANA-BAWAN TRACK at approx. (BOANA 1" IM.) 568719.

To BAWAN Village. 570718.

STRENGTH OF PATROL. 1. OFFICER. 14 O.R.'s.

ARMAMENT. 2. BRENS. 6 OWENS. 7 RIFLES. 30. 4" GRENADES.

OBJECT. TO FIND IF NATIVE INFORMATION CORRECT IN THAT JAPANESE occupy BAWAN.

RESULT. BAWAN WAS OCCUPIED BY 16 JAPS.

Time Out. ~~0230~~ 0230 HRS. TUESDAY. 12. OCT.

Time In. 0845 " " " "

WEATHER. RAIN UP TO 0500 HRS.

CONTACT WAS ESTABLISHED.

CASUALTIES. : OWN. Killed Nil. Wounded Nil.

ENEMY. " 15 " "

ONE PRISONER TAKEN.DETAILS.

Patrol of 1. Officer and 14 ORS. left firm base at 0230 hours. Patrol moved in single file to a creek approx. 30 minutes from Base.

35 minutes from Base Patrol



Details —  
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moved through a village that had been occupied by Japs. and burnt (partly) on their departure. A steep grade was climbed from this village (TAWUMBIN) for approx. 90. minutes to BAWAN.

BAWAN. was entered at approx 0430 hours.

Sounds of movement were heard in the Huts. The Patrol was placed at North & South sides ends of village. The moon went down and Patrol stood by until just light. A fire was lit in one of the Huts by Japs. The Japs were not aware of the Patrol.

When the light was reasonably clear (approx 0610) patrol leader fired one shot at corner of nearest Hut. This was a pre-arranged signal for the Patrol to commence assault.

As far as can be found from questions, the fire was returned by two gunnades only. These called no casualties. One Rifleman (Jap) fired several shots.

Patrol leader moved North half of Patrol down through Huts, & South half of Patrol covered track to MONAKASET. (581698) and also cleared Huts on South Area of Village. Several enemy endeavoured to make a run for it, but were killed.

Some enemy in Huts were wounded, and apparently intended to make a fight for it. Two gunnades were thrown & they were silenced.

On Village being cleared, 14 Bodies were counted.

Cpl. O'Brien and One section were detailed to move on up track in direction of MONAKASET. They encountered one Jap who endeavoured to escape. He was killed. Another was apprehended, & taken Prisoner.

A standing Patrol was established at CREST position, approx. 450. Yds S.E. of BAWAN.

Remainder of Patrol moved back to



Details. —  
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Firm Base area. Rear party moved up to  
BAWAN. to relieve Cpl O'Brien's section, at  
approx 0930.

Pl. FIRM. BASE now to be established  
at BAWAN.

Signed.

LIEUT. THOMAS.

V.X. 43140.

12<sup>TH</sup> OCT.

D. Coy. 24<sup>TH</sup> Aust. INF. Bn.

Copied by. G. NORMAN.

B.H.Q.

Time 2340. Hours 24 Bn.

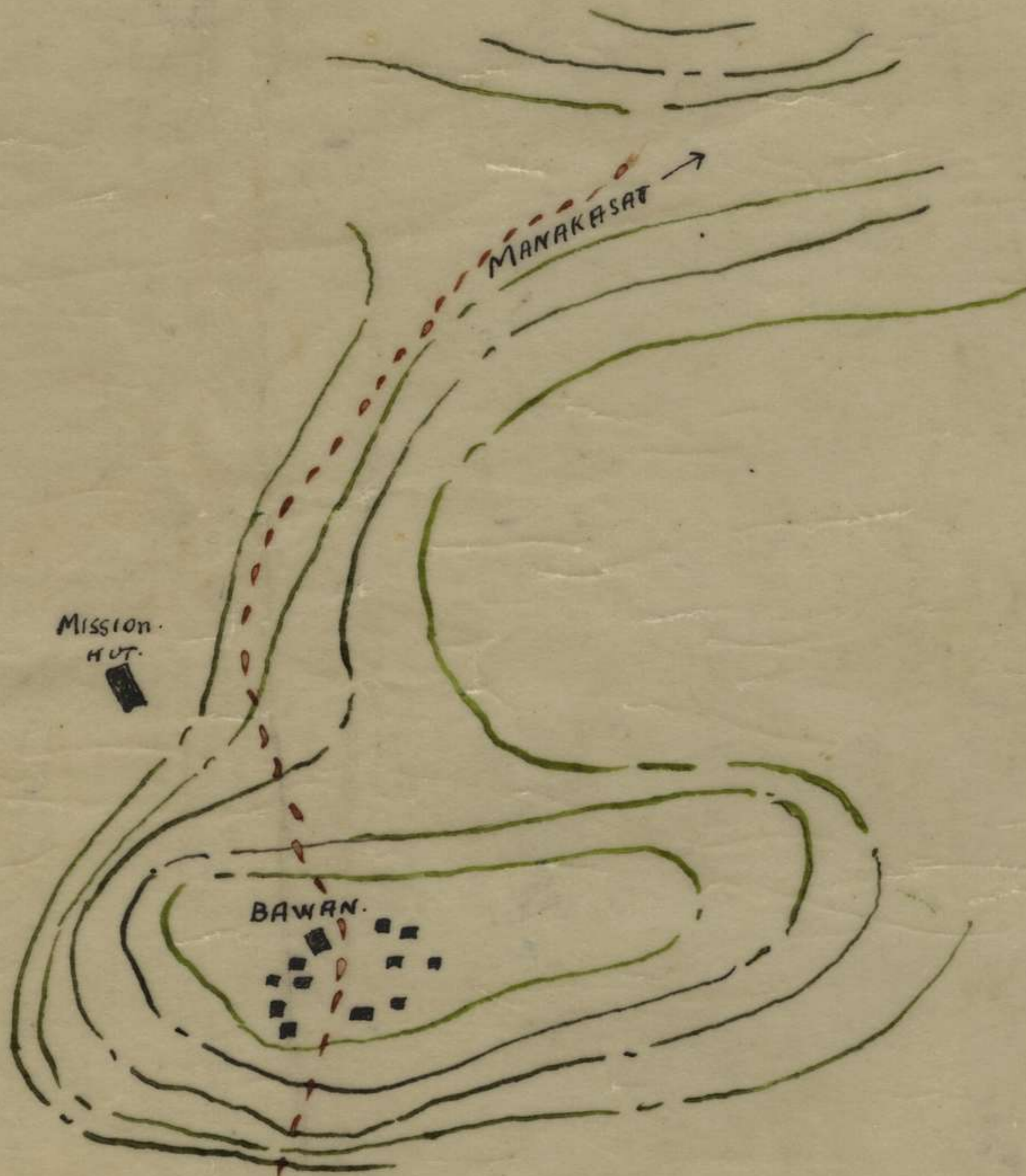
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SKETCH BAWAN AREA. BY LIEUT THOMAS 16pl.

REF MAP. BOANA ONE INCH.

Map. Ref 570719 APPROX.



SCALE 1 INCH. = 66 YDS. APPROX.

very steep  
cliff  
FIRM BASE 1hr  
(DAYLIGHT)

PATROL 16PL led by Lieut THOMAS contacted

JAPS. here 0610hrs 12 Oct 43

15 JAPS KILLED

OWN CASUALTIES - NIL

ONE PRISONER TAKEN.

1130hrs  
12 OCT. 43  
Russell  
"I" sec



PATROL REPORT

WAR DIARY

REPORT OF PATROL

TYPE OF PATROL RECC

REF MAP BOANA 1"

DATE 13 OCT '43

Patrol Supplied by B Pl. C Coy.

Patrol Comd Cpl Williamson.

Patrol Strength 1 NCO 2 GRs

WEATHER Fine vis good

Task of Patrol - To recc for ambush posn and O.P. junc of BAWAN & QWAMBELENG track. also to see if later village was clear of enemy

TIME OUT 0900 hrs 13 Oct

TIME IN 1600 hrs 13 Oct

ROUTE OUT Track BOANA to QWAMBELENG

ROUTE IN reverse of above

PART 1 result of Patrol - Ambush posn found at junc of BAWAN QWAMBELENG tracks. O.P. posn MR 514724 R.M. BOANA 1" 100 yds NE of peak. Area clear of Japs.

PART 2 DETAIL

Left Boana 0900 hrs. arrived junc of tracks MR. 515725 0945 hrs. Recc'd & chose ambush posn then moved on to village which we at first thought to be QWAMBELENG arriving there 1030 hrs a native passing through informed me that this was not QWAMBELENG but a new village WAMBELENG. 1140 hrs left WAMBELENG for QWAMBELENG approx NW. arrived there 1300 hrs. finding it all clear we returned to WAMBELENG for lunch. Left there after lunch at 1440 hrs and moved back to junction of track looking for O.P. en route. No suitable posn found until we were 10 mins SOUTH of junction. M.R. is approx ~~517727~~ 514724

Williamson

SIGNED L.G. Williamson Cpl  
Time 1650 hrs

Williamson Cpl





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WAR DIARY

# Patrol Report

Type of patrol - RECCE

REF MAP BOANA 1"

DATE 13 OCT '43

PATROL SUPPLIED BY - 13 PL.

PATROL COMD - L/CPA. NOYE. G.

PATROL STRENGTH - 3 O/S.

WEATHER - FAIR

TASK OF PATROL - Recce

TIME OUT - 1445L/12

TIME IN - 1600L/16

ROUTE OUT. North from BOANA to KNAMBELAN. KAWALAN

ROUTE IN - South from KAWALAN to SOKULEN. BOANA

PART I - RESULT OF PATROL - No sign of enemy ever having been anywhere along the route. Few natives seen. were friendly. little food, tracks fair, rough + steep in places.

## PART II DETAILS -

Patrol left BOANA 1445L/12 on an approx bearing of 95° after 30 mins travelling, steep climbing patrol reached WAMPAGNUM approx MR. 518724. 10 mins past there is a track junction one to BAWAN 140° and the other which we followed 338° to KNAMBARDIA, a comparatively new village time to here about 50 mins. KNAMBEENG was reached at 1715 hrs. Patrol camped here first night. Village was deserted & very little KAI in area, good water from small stream ~~not~~ close by. Left 0800L/13 in northerly direction and in two hours reached small hamlet pronounced by Dulnair NIM, as GANZAN. Kai scarce here and NIM was the only native seen. Track very fair bench cut for most of the way from WAMPAGNUM. but very rough from GANZAN to KAWALAN time 65 mins. Camped here 2nd night (14th) only native here was Dulnair GOWPO. Left 0830L/14 in southerly direction track very rough + steep for 45 mins until to small village BUNDENG(?) on WEST side of track bearing taken on what patrol thought to be LAKE WANUM 160°. Track

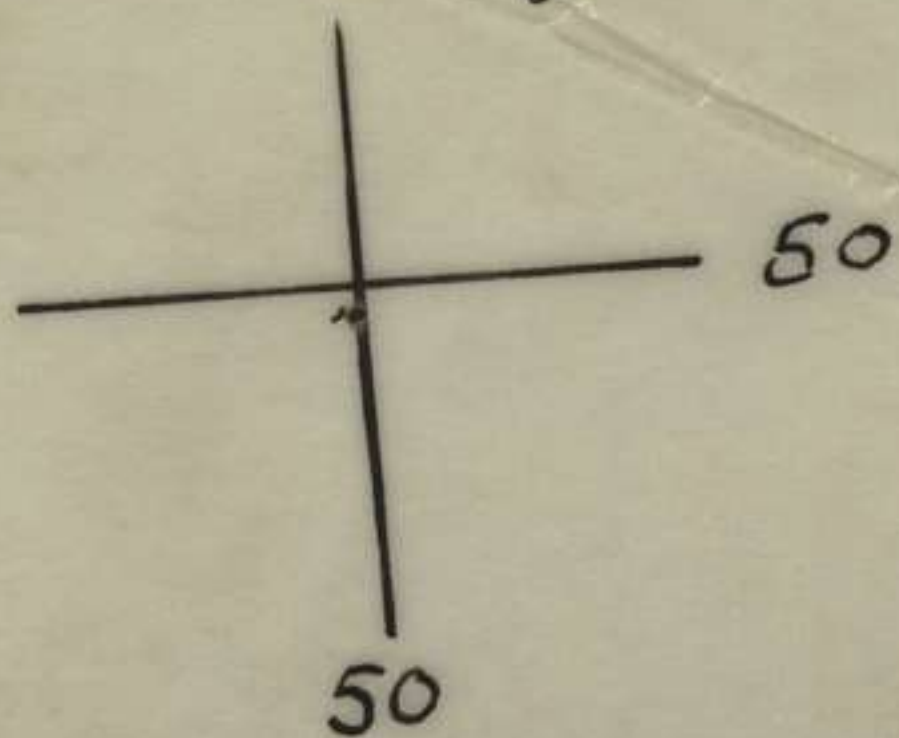
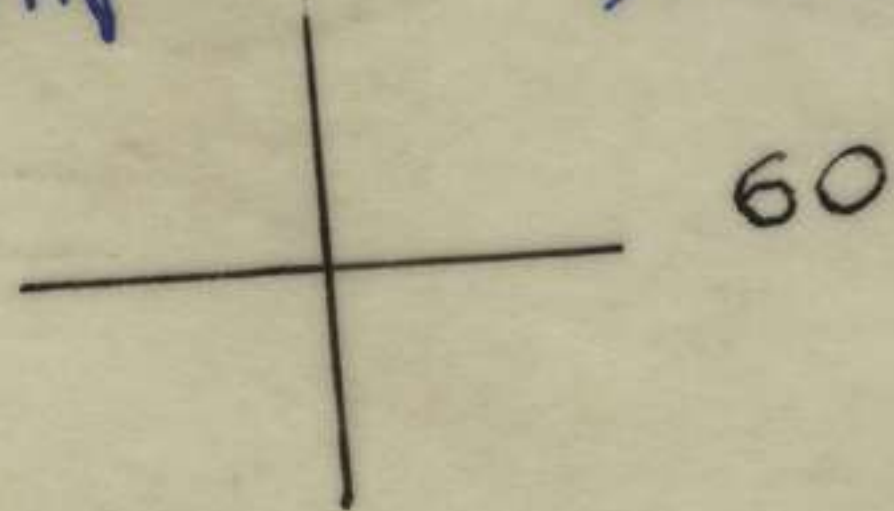
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SKETCH OF ROUTE TAKEN BY  
L/Cpl DAXINO & PATROL 2-5 Oct.  
Ref Map NADZAB IN 50 B.H.Q. MR. 449605

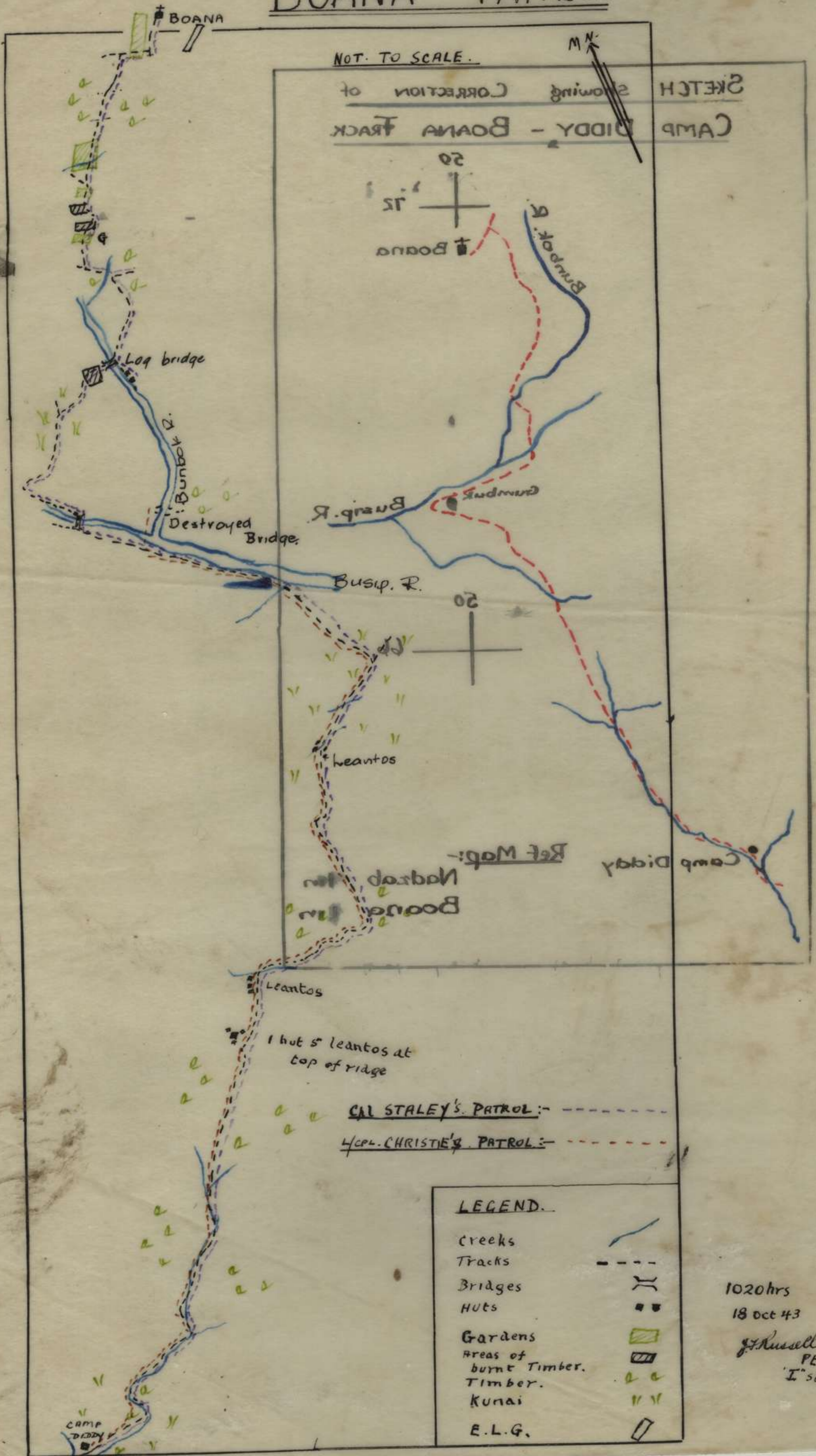


Time: 1555 hrs.  
Date: 18 Oct.

*H. L. Osmond.*  
*[Signature]*



# SKETCH of ROUTE TAKEN by the BOANA PATROLS



1020 hrs  
18 Oct 43  
J. Russell.  
Pte.  
I sec



WARDIARY



15 Pl.

Reece Patrol -

20-10-43

Cpl. J. Evans

Nature of Patrol -

To Reece back to "Green"

Strength of Patrol -

One P.C.G. one O.P.

Armament -

One Owen one rifle - grenades

Time Out -

0800 hrs

Time In -

1630 hrs

Personnel -

Cpl. Evans - Pte Gushby

Route Out -

Via Hotel Handain, across Luemba

Route In - river and Sanam river

Route In - across Sanam, then Luemba, Via Handain





Patrol left Ban-Dah @ 800 hrs for Grin.  
Proceeded North and reached Luembi river  
at 0830 hrs and Hanobain base camp, after  
finding out directions left Hanobain @ 900 hrs  
proceeded W along river for about 400 yds  
(back faint) and came to an old native  
swing bridge (unsafe for large body). On  
reaching opposite bank found well worn  
track heading N. W. and finally came  
to Sanam river. On Sanam river  
was another old native swing bridge  
comprised of thin logs and a few strands  
of curda supporting it. Track then headed  
in Westerly direction through native  
gardens straight up the side of the Mountain  
at times track was very steep, but well  
defined and dry. Patrol reached Grin  
at 1230 hrs, having dinner. Only occupants  
a few natives burning grass, had dinner  
left 1400 hrs returned same route arrived  
Ban-Dah 1630 hrs.

15100h/22 Cpl. G. Evans



WAR DIARY  
15th.



Rec. patrol report

21-10-43

Pte J. Leneane

Nature of Patrol - Recce

To Rec. track to Orin

Strength of Patrol

2 O.R.

Armament.

one Owen one rifle grenade

Time out - 0800 hrs

Time in - 1630 hrs.

Personnel.

Pte Leneane Pte Perry.

Route out -

Via Hanobain, across  
Tuenli and Sanam Rivers.

Route in -

across Sanam River, then  
Tuenli River, via Hanobain  
Plycet. To recce track between  
BANGDAP and ORIN and kill  
any Jap stragglers





Patrol left Bang Day 0800 hrs  
for Orin. Proceeded North - arrived  
Hanabain 0830 hrs. left Hanabain  
0900 hrs. Proceeded West along  
River for about 200 yds. and  
came to old swing bridge (very unsafe)  
crossed river <sup>and</sup> proceeded along well  
worn track heading in N.W. direction  
& came to swing bridge over Siamuk  
(fair condition) crossed River & proceeded  
along track running in West by direction  
through native gardens. Then up  
a steep mountain along a narrow  
well defined track & reached  
Orin. No traces of Japs seen  
P. S. Lane

Sighted  
1500 hrs



PATROL - REPORT

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REPORT OF PATROL No 1 MAWBY PATROL RECCE. PATROL

Ref. Map - NABZAB & BORNA 1 INCH TO 1 MILE Date 20/10/43

Patrol supplied by - BIXA IOPL. Patrol Comd. - CPL MAWBY

Patrol Strength - 1 NCO 5 ORs 2 O.S.M.G. 4 RIFLES 8 FOLLOWER MAGS 200 & 303

Task of Patrol - FIND ANY SIGNS OF ENEMY  
Movement NORTH ALONG ERAP RIVER & OLD MUNKIP VILLAGE  
Weather - OVERCAST RAINING

Time out 0800 HRS 20/10/43 Time in 1150 HRS 21/10/43

Route Out EAST SIDE OF ERAP RIVER. CROSS TO WEST SIDE PROCEED TO OLD MUNKIP VILLAGE

Route In. REVERSE TO ROUTE OUT.

PART 1. Result of Patrol - NIL

PART 2. DETAIL

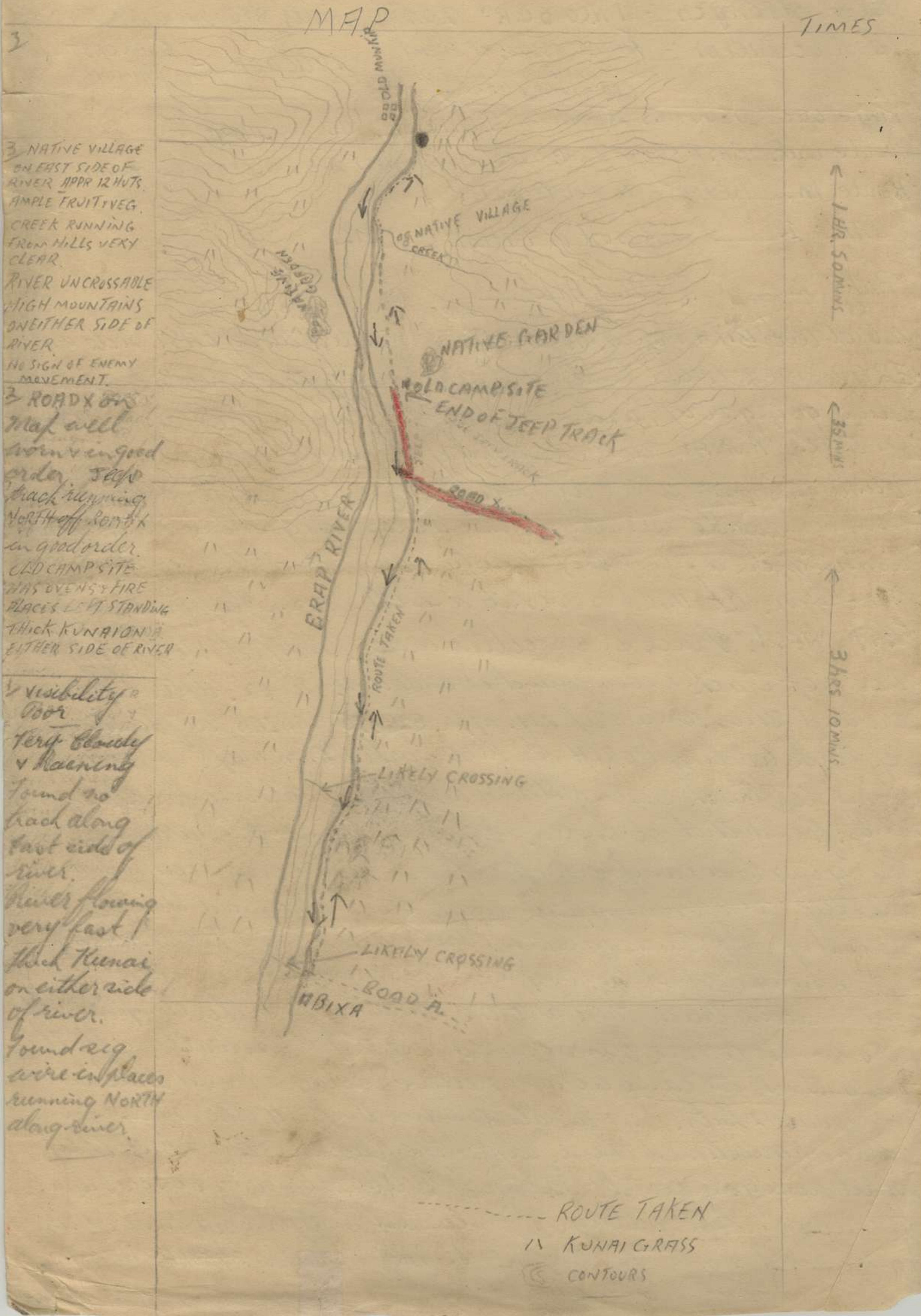
Patrol left BIXA Map Ref. app. 351518<sup>NABZAB</sup> & proceeded along EAST side of ERAP RIVER could find no track owing to the recent flood found going very hard. Both EAST & WEST side of river there is thick KUNAI. After walking for about 1 hr 30 min we found signs of a ill defined track which seemed to have just been made recently. Came across sig. wire which was running in a NORTHERLY direction but found that it never went far. At 1140 hrs we hit a well worn jeep track running EAST & WEST. Track in excellent order. Walked WEST along this jeep track & soon found it ended at river. After looking around this area map ref. app. 376625<sup>NABZAB</sup> we found another jeep track leading NORTH off ROAD marked X on map. Proceeded along jeep track leading NORTH and after walking for about 35 mins found that it ended. At this point there are structures belonging to a camp which seemed to have been occupied quite recently. A soft native pad single track continued NORTH from the end of jeep track which we proceeded along. Past through native garden which has ample fruit & vegetables in it. Further along track there are the remains of further camp which also seemed to have been occupied recently. On walking further along track we came across native village & found that it had about 12 huts. Saw a native Police boy & 4 other natives in village & questioned them. Asked them about ENEMY but they said him gone finish. Plenty of fruit coconuts & vegetables at the village. Left village & proceeded NORTH along river but could find no further track. At Map Ref. app. 375669<sup>BORNA</sup> we found that we could not get any further along EAST side



TRACK going MAP

20/10/43

ROUTE OUT :- NORTH along EAST side of river  
cross river & proceed to OLD MUNKIP VILLAGE & stop one NIGHT



3 NATIVE VILLAGE  
ON EAST SIDE OF  
RIVER APPR 12 HUTS  
AMPLE FRUIT VEG.  
CREEK RUNNING  
FROM HILLS VERY  
CLEAR.  
RIVER UNCROSSABLE  
HIGH MOUNTAINS  
ON EITHER SIDE OF  
RIVER.  
NO SIGN OF ENEMY  
MOVEMENT.

3 ROAD X  
Map well  
worn & in good  
order. Jeep  
track running  
North off Road X  
in good order.  
OLD CAMP SITE  
HAS OVENS & FIRE  
PLACES LEFT STANDING  
THICK KUNAI ON  
EITHER SIDE OF RIVER

visibility  
poor  
Very cloudy  
& raining  
found no  
track along  
east side of  
river.  
River flowing  
very fast  
thick Kunai  
on either side  
of river.  
found sig  
wire in places  
running NORTH  
along river.

----- ROUTE TAKEN  
\\ KUNAI GRASS  
(( CONTOURS



PATROL REPORT CONTINUED

of river owing to sheer cliffs. At this point we tried to cross river but found that it was impossible. Tried numerous other places to cross river but found it was also impossible. We climbed up onto hill & could observe Old MUNKIP village, could see that it was occupied by natives & there seemed to be appr. 25 to 30 huts. Had good look around the area we were at but found no signs of enemy movement. From there we moved back to the camp site we came across & stopped the night. Next morning 21/10/43 tried to cross river again but nearly got washed away so had to give it up. Proceeded back along the reverse route out to Bix A. Arrived Bix A Map Ref. appr. 364576 NABZAB 1145 hrs reported in.

Cpl. Mantey S.







By young Pte

Sketch Patrol I Pte Young Patrol comd

L/25

Ref Maps: NADZAB 1"  
WAIME 1"

351568  
● CAMP AREA



ERAD RIVER

345554

339529

TO NADZAB

PYRAMID HILLS

309531

293518

312524

MARKHAM RIVER

TO OLD NGARAGOOMA

NOT TO SCALE

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Patrol report continued

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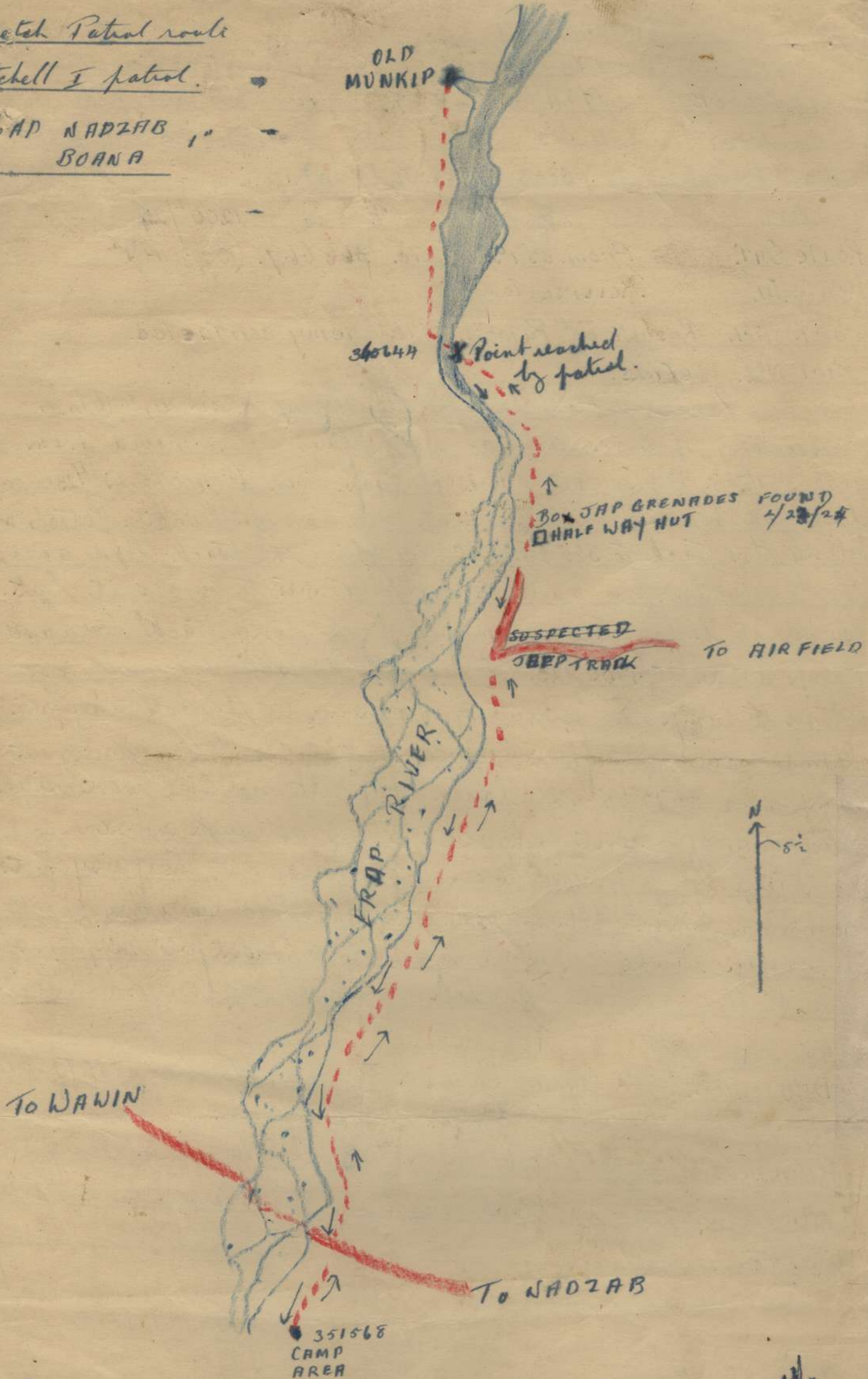
Remarks: The area covered and recce'd is clear of Enemy and no signs of gup occupation at any period is evident. No natives or native villages were encountered.



Sketch Patrol route

Mitchell I patrol.

Ref HQAD NADZAB  
BOANA



*Mitchell I*  
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## Patrol Report,

Type of Patrol Recce.

Report of Patrol. Mitchell 1

Date 23/24 Oct 43

Ref. Map. VADZAB - BOANA

Patrol Comd. Pte Mitchell

Patrol supplied By. N° 11 PLT

Weather. Fine

Patrol strength. 4 ORS

Weight per man. 30lb

Task of Patrol. To recce area To Mankip.

Time Out. 1000<sup>h</sup>/23Time in. 1200<sup>h</sup>/24

Route Out. From 351568 To. 368669. (BOANA) 1"

Route In. Reverse To. Out.

Part N° 1. Result of Patrol. NO enemy contacted.

Part N° 2. Details.

Recce. patrol found by. 11 plav. B Com. 24<sup>th</sup> Btn.

Consisting of 4 ORS armed with four rifles, moved from camp area 351568. Along east bank of Erap river. At 1100 hours <sup>h</sup>/23 encountered foot pad. heading in the general direction of Mankip. Patrol moved along this track to 365644. At this point the track lead across the Erap river. We made several attempts to cross it but found it impossible. so moved back along track to wards camp area. At 1700<sup>h</sup>/23 we decided to stop the night and return to camp the following morning, at the half way hut. Patrol moved out from half way hut at 0730<sup>h</sup>/24 arriving at camp area 351568 1200 hours <sup>h</sup>/24. At no time were signs observed of recent Jap occupation although a box containing Jap grenades were found at half way huts "common type." Between 1730 and dark <sup>h</sup>/23 we were visited by natives who supplied us with a plentiful supply of fruit. On questioning these natives no information was received.

DEDUCTIONS. — Area covered by patrol has NOT been occupied by enemy for some time.

REMARKS — At 1400 hours <sup>h</sup>/23 when moving along foot pad encountered Jap track running from river in easterly direction.

J. C. Mitchell



**GENERAL REPORT:** Track is well-defined throughout, average grade of 1-5 from BUANDUANG to the BUANDUANG PLATEAU, where it passes through kunai & gardens running fairly level. The PLATEAU extends for approx 1100 yds. On the edge of this, there is a very steep drop to the SANAM R., the track zig-zagging slightly, with a grade of between 1-3 & 1-4. There is a log, bamboo & kunai br across the SANAM, the which is strong. Track rises steeply, 1-4, later 1-6, finally about 1-8. Water is plentiful along the track & most of the distance covered contains NA gardens. NA food is limited. NAs are very helpful & will do all in their power to assist us. The BUANDUANG PLATEAU is a possible supply dropping hd: Dimensions - 1100 yds running NW-SE (157° True) by 600 yds at the Western end, thinning to 200 yds at the Eastern end. Approaches: NW down the unnamed river (say from sq. 6282), when plane needs to climb after dropping, - or from the SE, which is more difficult; also from the SOUTH, - on 30 deg, UP the SANAM R. Correction: NAs say NO NAME belongs to the River running NORTH from 633 808; the river running NE & EAST from 633 808 being THE SANAM RIVER.

**Accommodation for Gps:** BUANDUANG approx one boy str. SOKULEN: " one PL str.

**TIME OF TRAVEL FOR 1 SEC:**

BUANDUANG - SOKULEN 3 hrs 15 mins  
 SOKULEN - BUANDUANG 3 hrs 45 mins

23 OCT 43

**TRACK TIMES:**

BUANDUANG - SOKULEN 2-55  
 SOKULEN - BUANDUANG 3-25 - WITH PACKS.

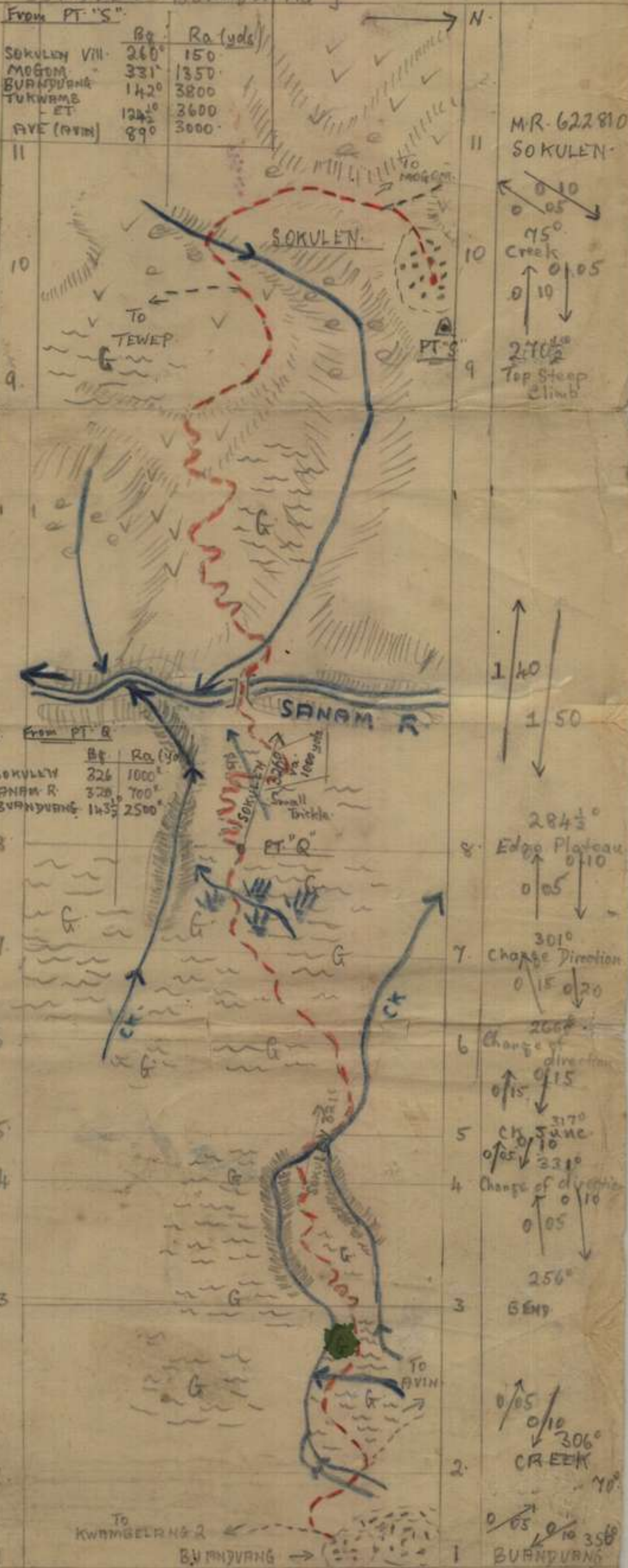
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**BUANDUANG - SOKULEN**

Ref. Map BOPNA One Part.

**SOKULEN - BUANDUANG**

**GOING MAP**



**SOKULEN (SOKALONG)** approx 40 huts. Village is lousy. Water handy - 5 mins good 10 mins. NA food limited. Track left, to MOGOM. UP 1-8. Cross Ck. - is swift flowing. Track left, to TEWEP. Gardens to left. Grade 1-10. Track goes along gully level. Top of Steep Climb.

Gardens, in gully, to right. Track continues to zig-zag up a kunai spur. Cross Ck - fairly large. Track rises steeply. 1-4, 1-3. SANAM RIVER - 40' W. S.D. Very swift - is very dangerous. River runs in a Gorge. Log, Bamboo and Kunai br across. Br is strong. Track falls V. steeply down kunai spur. gradient, 1-3 to 1-6.

Edge of Plateau. Small Ck - Swampy. Creek and Gorge 100 yds to the left. Track passes across plateau.

Kunai and gardens. Track goes along. On Plateau - passes through Gardens. Track leaves Ck - passes through Kunai. Ck - 5 ft W. 6 ins D. fairly swift. Track follows down Ck for a short way. DOWN 1-6.

DOWN 1-4. DOWN 1-6. Track falls steeply. 1-4 grade.

Track is falling, grade 1-8. fairly large Ck. to right. Small Ck. Gardens both sides. Creek in small gully, to left. Track right? To AVE (AVIN), Branch. 1-4. 1-4. 1-4. 1-4.

Down-cut track - Falls 1-8. BUANDUANG - Very large village.

Water 5-10 mins. NAs very helpful. NA food limited. Accommodation approx one boy str.

All Bqs TRUE. G = GARDENS. Map taken as 60 E.



13. Pl.

PATROL REPORT

23/10/43

WAR DIARY

Strength. INCO + 20 RS.

Arms carried - 3 rifles

Ammo " 50 rounds per man

Type of Patrol - Recon of track.

Course out - Boanna - ~~to~~ Sokum - Sicoran, Bundong

" In - Gunsang - Kwambeling Wompagnum  
- Boanna.

Patrol left Boanna 0800 hrs - 20/10/43

" Returned " 1120 " - 22/10/43.

Report

Track clear - no sign of any  
enemy in villages.

Made Sokum for lunch 1st day and stayed  
night at Bundong. Left Bundong 0830 approx  
arrived at Gunsang for lunch (approx 1200 hrs)  
\* Stopped night at Kwambeling (approx 1630 hrs)  
Left Kwambeling (0845 hrs) arrived back  
at Boanna 1120 hrs.

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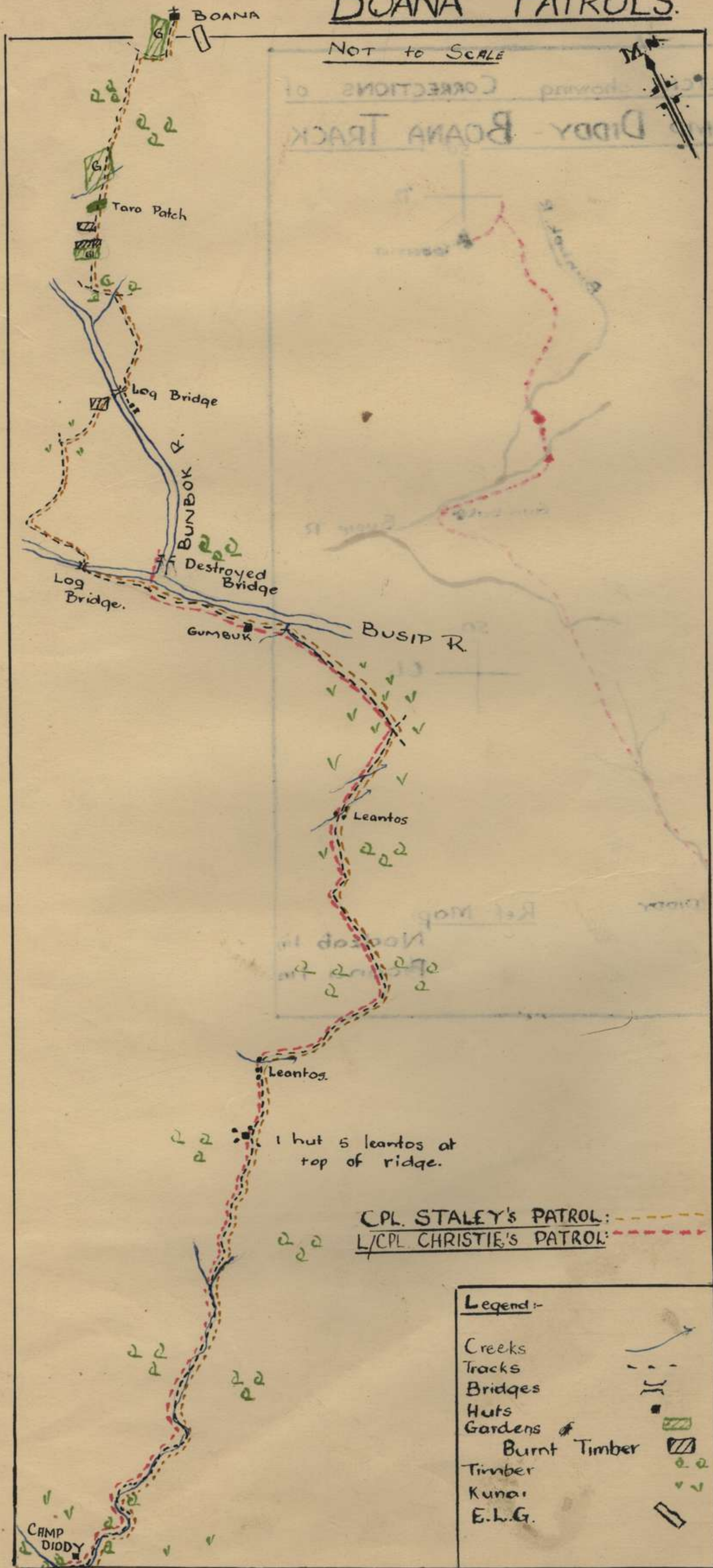
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# SKETCH of ROUTE TAKEN by the BOANA PATROLS.









KWAMBELANG 2 - TUBANG - From info from  
ACQUITTANCE ROLL  
WAR DIARY - K  
Capt. G. Walsh "D" Coy.

General Report: Track very steep and slippery, not very  
well defined, is rough and passes through gardens.  
Water along the track

Time of Travel for One Sec: 0/55 ↓ 1/30  
1 - 05 mins down  
1 - 40 mins up

21 Oct 43  
Lt. Col. Langford  
C. M. Coy.  
1 Sec.

Ref: KWAMBELANG 2 - TUBANG GOING MAP

Approx. 10 hrs. - Native  
good plentiful water handy  
offset of HANOBMAN village  
TUBANG - Small Village

Track to right  
Track Falls  
Steeply 1-4

Track Levels out  
for a few min

Track Falls  
Steeply  
1-4

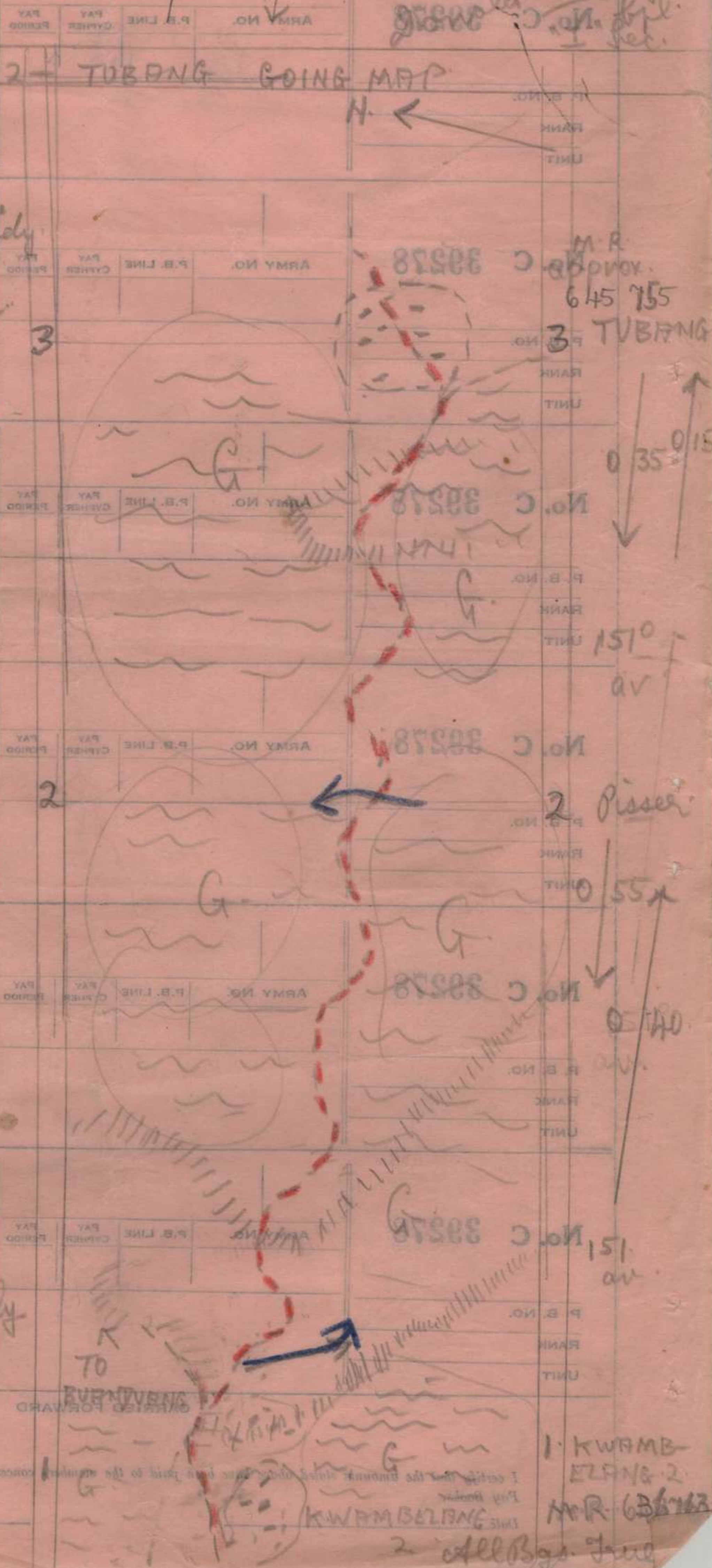
good Water

Gardens all the  
way.

Av gradient 1-5

Track Down Steeply  
Little bk.

KWAMBELANG 2 Fairly  
Large Village



1 KWAMB-  
ELANG 2  
MR. 636743  
2 All Bgs. Inc







WAR DIARY  
2 Oct 43

## DYBING PATROL No 1

R.M. NADZAB-WAIME-1"

Type of Patrol: Recce fighting

To: 1.0 24 Aust Inf Bn

From Bixra

Patrol found by 11 Pl

Date 21 Oct 43

Patrol strength

1.N.C.O. 5 O'RS

Armament

2 osmg's 2 Mags each 4 Rifles 50 Rnds each

Weight carried

14 lbs per man

Rations carried

2 days per man

Weather

fine

Route out

FROM 351568 to forde 357578 then to PYRAMID HILLS 295525

Route in

" 295525 S.E. to 335524 to 341530 to 343554 crossed river to 346557 then NDRTH along track to Camp area 351568

Time out

0800 1/21

TIME IN

1820 1/21

OBJECT

To recce area from Camp 351568 to Pyramid Hills 295517 for signs enemy occupation, and mop up any enemy contacted

### Details

Fighting and recce patrol found by 11 Pl B Coy 24 Aust Inf Bn consisting of 1.N.C.O and 5 O'RS. Cpl DYBING was patrol comd. Armaments were 2 osmg's and 4 rifles. Patrol moved from Camp area 351568 to forde and jeep track 357571. Extreme difficulty was experienced in crossing flooded RIVER. Patrol then moved across country to N.W. end of PYRAMID HILLS at 295525. The patrol did NOT reach the laid down patrol destination ~~at~~ at 295517, owing to heavy timber and undergrowth on EAST and South ends of PYRAMID HILLS. During the whole of this period no foot pads were encountered and patrol were forced to KUNAI BASH in general direction of PYRAMID HILLS. On reaching area 295525 patrol reced area over 1000 yds attempting to locate track as per appx-B but without success. On return route a track junction was located at 335524. one track in direction S.W. the other in W.W.N. DIRECTION. see appx'A" Whilst kunai bashing a Auxiliary plane tank was located apprx 313530 with the inscription (82 P.47. US. 200 GAL) stencilled on it, and another at apprx 328528 and with the following stencilled on it. "90. P.47. US. 200 GALS. These tanks appeared to have been dropped within a comparatively recent date, and were badly damaged. Patrol then proceeded EAST to the ERAP RIVER and from there in a Northerly direction to 341554 where river crossing was effected under extreme difficulty to 346557. The patrol then proceeded NTH along track on ERAP RIVER BANK to camp area 351568.

At no time were signs observed of recent Jap occupation. No Natives were encountered and no villages seen. The whole area is covered with kunai & bamboo grass with occasional clumps of dense timber & undergrowth. Swamp was encountered at sq 3356 (see appx'A")

The area covered is Jeepable. The patrol returned to CAMP AREA 351568 at 1820 1/21.

DEDUCTION: Area covered by patrol has NOT been occupied extensively at any time by enemy.

R. Dybing Cpl.

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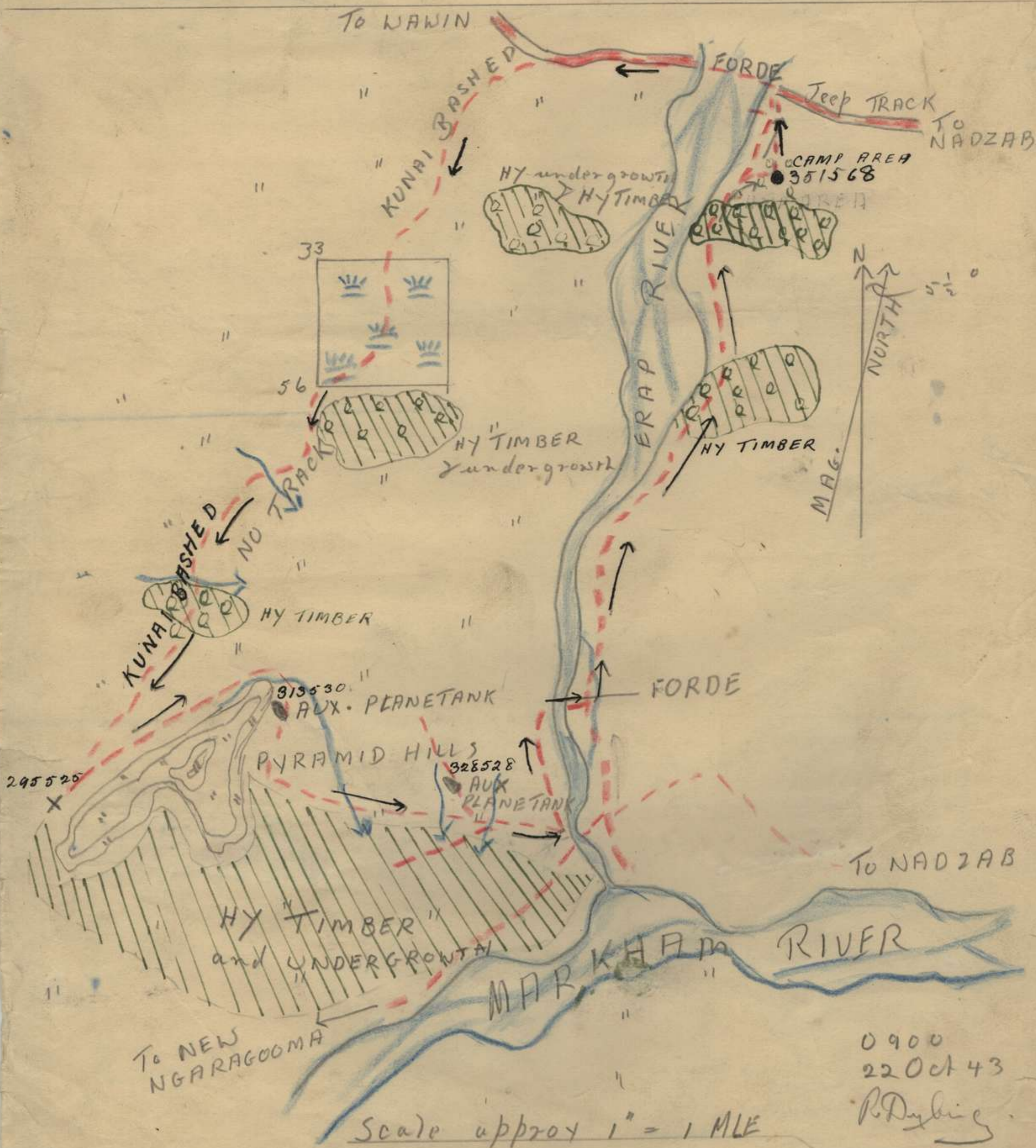
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SKETCH

No 1 DYBING PATROL

R.M. NADZAB 1" = 1 MILE

FROM 351568  
TO 295525



Scale approx 1" = 1 MILE

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22 Oct 43  
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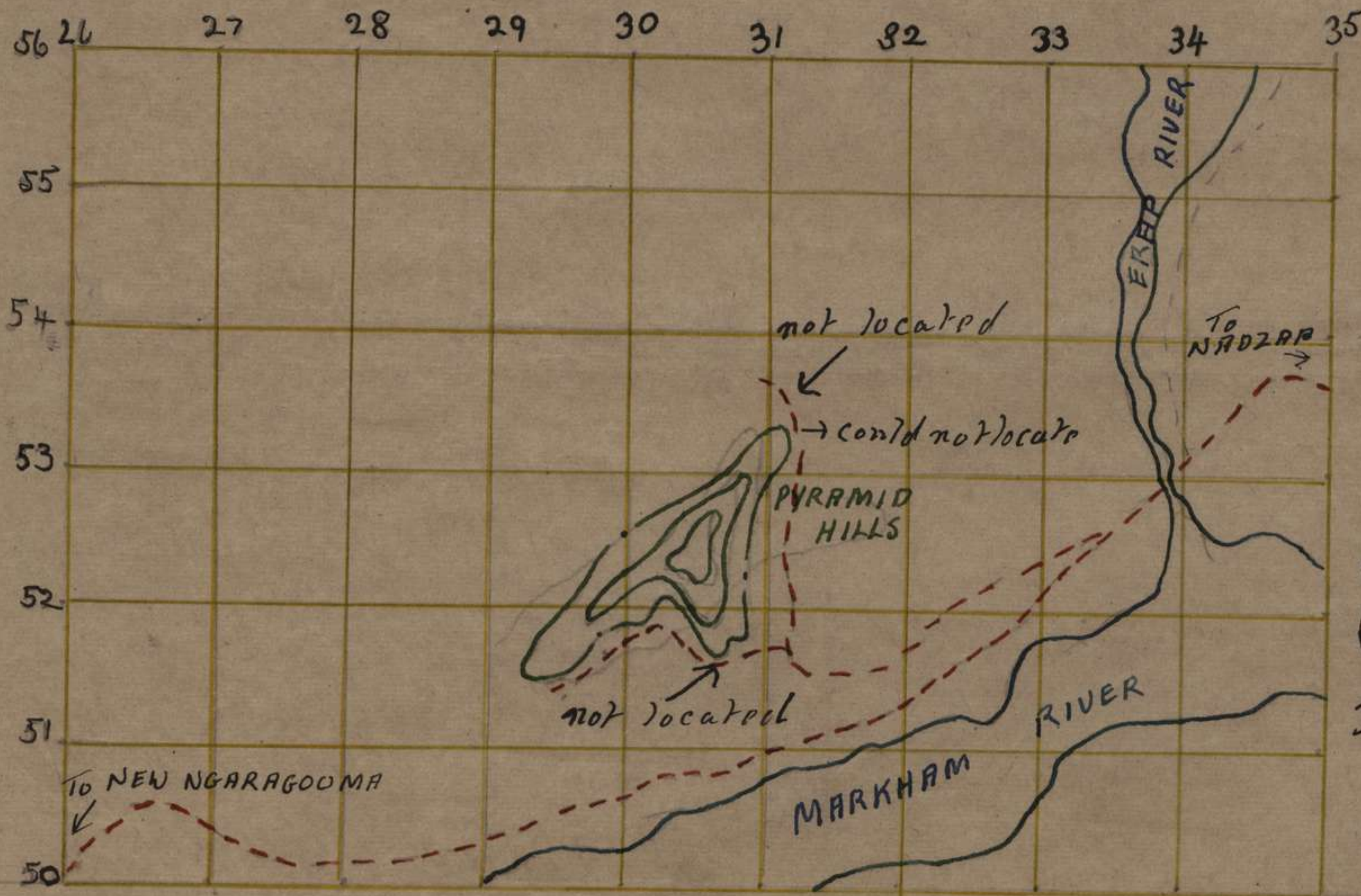
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APPX. B.

SKETCH MAP. PYRAMID HILLS AREA  
showing track not located

R.M. WAIME 1" & NADZAB 1"



0900  
22 Oct 43  
Oshenarrow  
Pte.  
I Sec.

*Shaw  
OCB*



Report of patrol.

Type of Patrol. Recce.  
24 OCT.

Patrol supplied by. 16 PL. D Coy. Patrol comd. Pte Lanning. W.S.

Patrol strength. 7 B.R.'s. 3 natives.

Armament. 2 Brens. 3 ovens. 2 rifles.

Task of Patrol. To recce area to NAMBANGA.

TIME OUT. 0700 hrs.

TIME IN. 1515 hrs.

ROUTE OUT. AVIN track NE. then east to river, to  
NAMBANGA.

ROUTE IN. NAMBANGA to river, west along river then  
S.W. to AVIN.

Result of Patrol. 30 mins out cross watercourse flowing E. to W.  
then native garden. Then another watercourse.

E.W. 65 mins out pass a small village. No enemy.

Another native garden. Then cross fair size watercourse.

3  $\frac{3}{4}$  hours out we come to a hill overlooking NAMBANGA.

Then proceed to NAMBANGA.

see separate report.

W Lanning Pte

W Lanning  
24 Oct



## Patrol and contact report.

Report of Patrol.

Type of Patrol. Recon

24 Oct.

Patrol supplied by 16 PL. D. Coy. Patrol comd. Pte. Lanning W.S.

Patrol strength. 7 OR's Armament. 2 Brens, 3 Owens, 2 rifles.

Time Out. 0700 hrs

Time In. 1515 hrs.

Object of Patrol.

Route Out. AVIN track N.E. then east to river, to  
NAMBANGA.Route In. NAMBANGA to river, west along river  
then S.W. to AVINNarrative. :- On sighting NAMBANGA I decided  
to attack after observing a while.

Moving unobserved we took up positions  
at south end of village, with 1 Bren 2 Owens  
on left and 1 Bren 1 Owen and 2 rifles  
facing down village. I called out to the  
enemy to surrender and immediately 5 enemy  
came rushing out. I then made off up the  
track heedless of our warning. We immediately  
open fired and brought the 5 down mortally wounded.  
We then cleared the village and proceeded back  
to AVIN.

There were 4 deceased enemy in village which was  
in a filthy condition, and unfit for human habitation.  
On Pouse in and out we found 9 bodies along tracks



in various stages of decomposition.

Result of Patrol 5 killed. 13 bodies found.

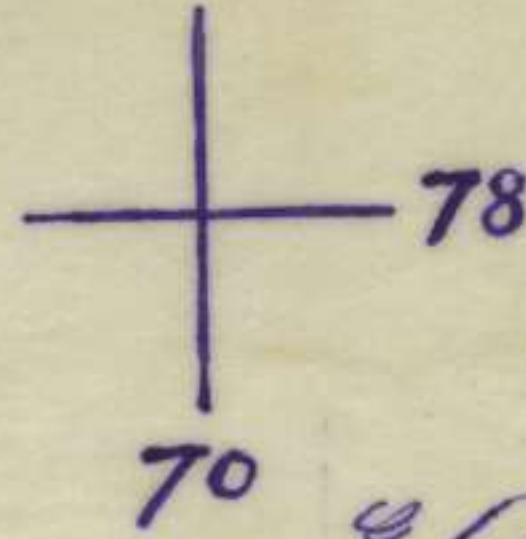
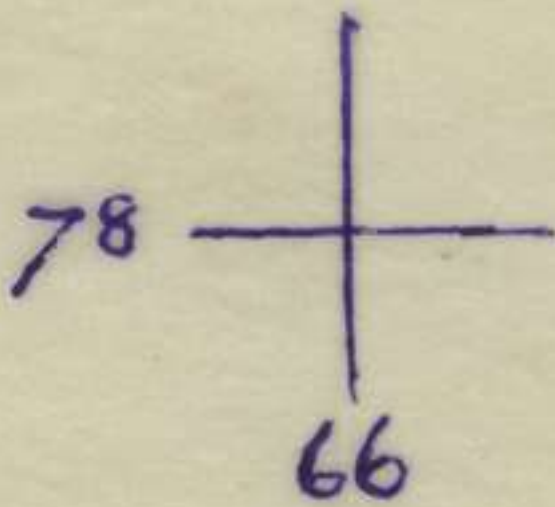
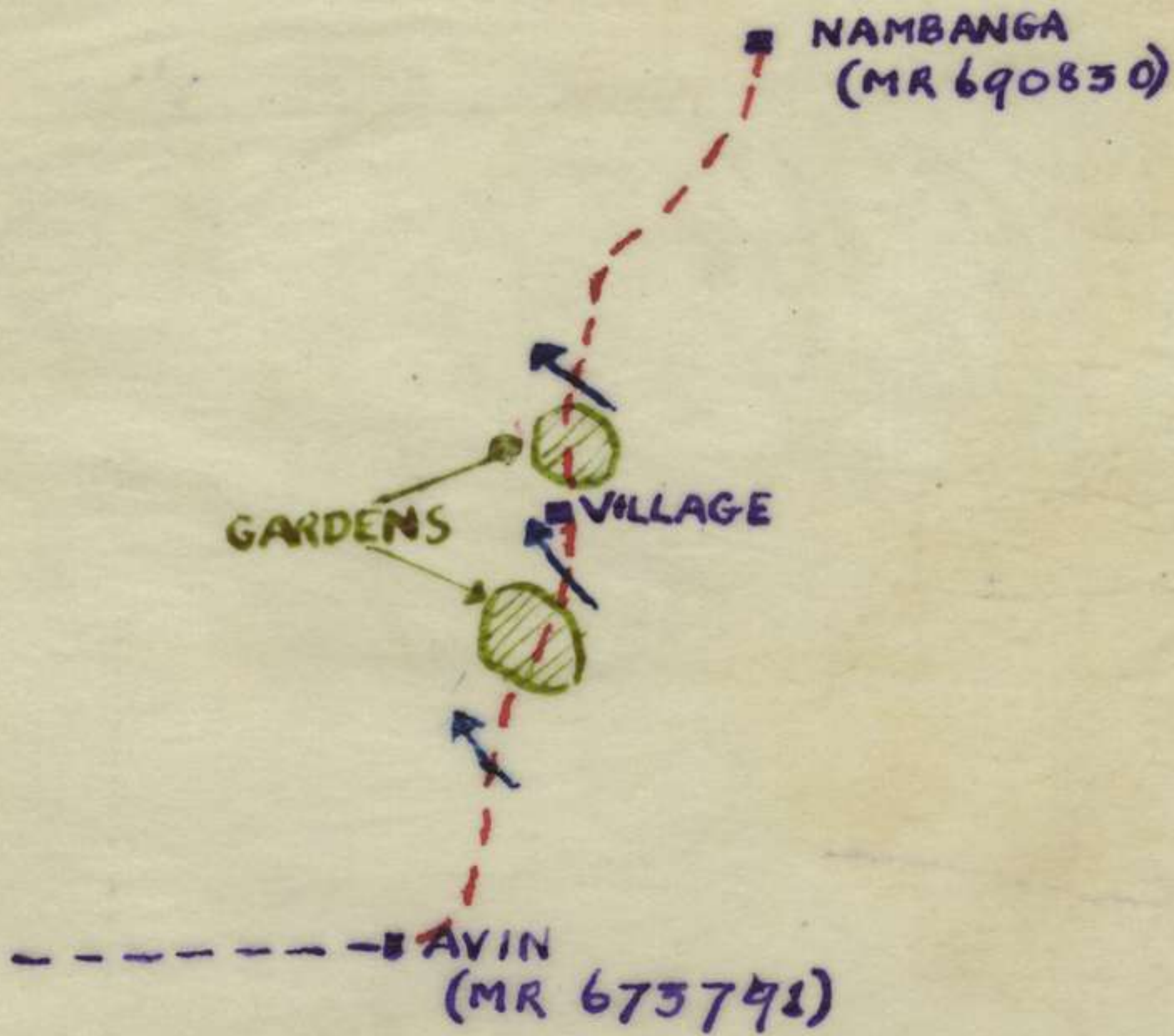
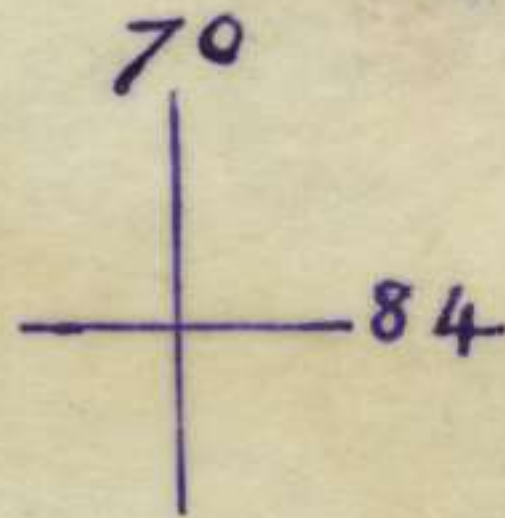
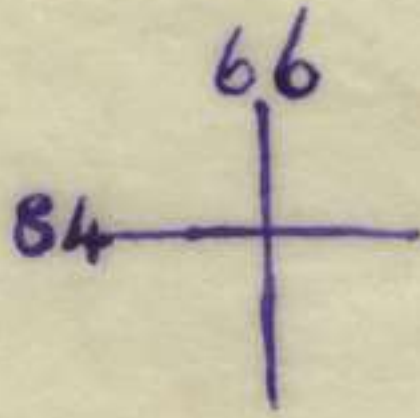
W. Lanning etc

W. Lanning  
oc 20/11/1918



SKETCH SHOWING APPROX ROUTE  
TAKEN BY PATROL AVIN TO NAMBANGA  
24 OCT 43.

Ref Maps - BOANA 1 IN  
MT SALAWAKET 1 IN



*of Outpost PE*  
I section  
29 OCT 43





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Reece Patrol

Report of Patrol No. 1.

Ref Camp. Wadjab 1" Waimie 1" Leron 1" Date. 24<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> Oct 43

Patrol supplied by Co 10 Platoon Patrol Comd. Cpl Downing D.F.

Patrol strength. 1 NCO 5 ORs 2 Owen each 60 rds 4 Rifles each 50 rds

Task of Patrol to gain information re lost USA "Cub" type high wing monoplane.

Time Out. 1415 hrs 24<sup>th</sup> Oct Time In 1130 hrs 26<sup>th</sup> Oct

Weather 24-25<sup>th</sup> Hot & fine visibility good. 26<sup>th</sup> mist cool, visibility poor

Route out From M.R. Wadjab 1" 355568 to ford 357578 then West along jeep track to Wawin M.R. ~~357578~~ Waimie 1" 227640 then to M.R. Leron 1" 173669.

Route In Reverse of Route out.

Part I Result of Patrol no information what so ever gained

Part II Details. three day rations carried.

Patrol arrived Wawin 1900 hrs 24<sup>th</sup> Oct track exact as shown on Wadjab 1" Leron 1". Flood water have washed across this track at many places but no damage has been done to track. Wawin was uninhabited and had been swept by flood water this made the Takuan Wawin track impossible to find. On track two Police boys were questioned at M.R. Wadjab 1" 335590 but no information re plane obtained. Patrol left Wawin 0830 hrs 25<sup>th</sup> proceeded along Sasiany track which is now jeepable as far as M.R. Leron 1" 170664 this is as far as patrol went. Patrol found great difficulty

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Patrol Report No. 1. 594 during continued

in crossing Rume River, several attempts were made to cross both up & down stream a crossing finally being made at M.R. Leron 1" 193652 arriving M.R. Leron 1" 173669 at 1145 hrs. Rig wire come out of ground at M.R. Leron 1" 193667 It cross river enters again at M.R. Leron 1" 170670 All this area was searched. no tracks found.

Patrol left M.R. Leron 1" 173669 at 1330 hrs to return to Wawin. arriving back at 1630 hrs. Left Wawin at 0630 hrs 26th It return to camp arriving back at 1130 hrs.

Patrol Comd. Comments: deductions.

As 'Douglas' transports fly East & West in a line approx. Rasing, Wadjab Idome, spread across from Barkham River to Sawtooth Hills, and Barkham River Wawin. therefore the whole of this area is covered by air observation and as the ground is flat & mostly Kunid grass the lost plane could not be in this area, no native contact was made on trip except two Police Boys mentioned in details.

all Camp Reps are approx.

To check position as only Wawin 1" Camp carried on patrol bearings were taken on main features and checked on returning to camp on Leron 1" Camp. These bearings were as follows :-





Patrol Report No. 1 by CPL Downing D.L. continued

Position from which bearings were taken. MR Levon 1" 173669

Bearing of 295° onto MR Levon 1" 072719.

Bearing of 330° onto MR Levon 1" 158695.

Bearing of 59° onto MR Levon 1" 225701.

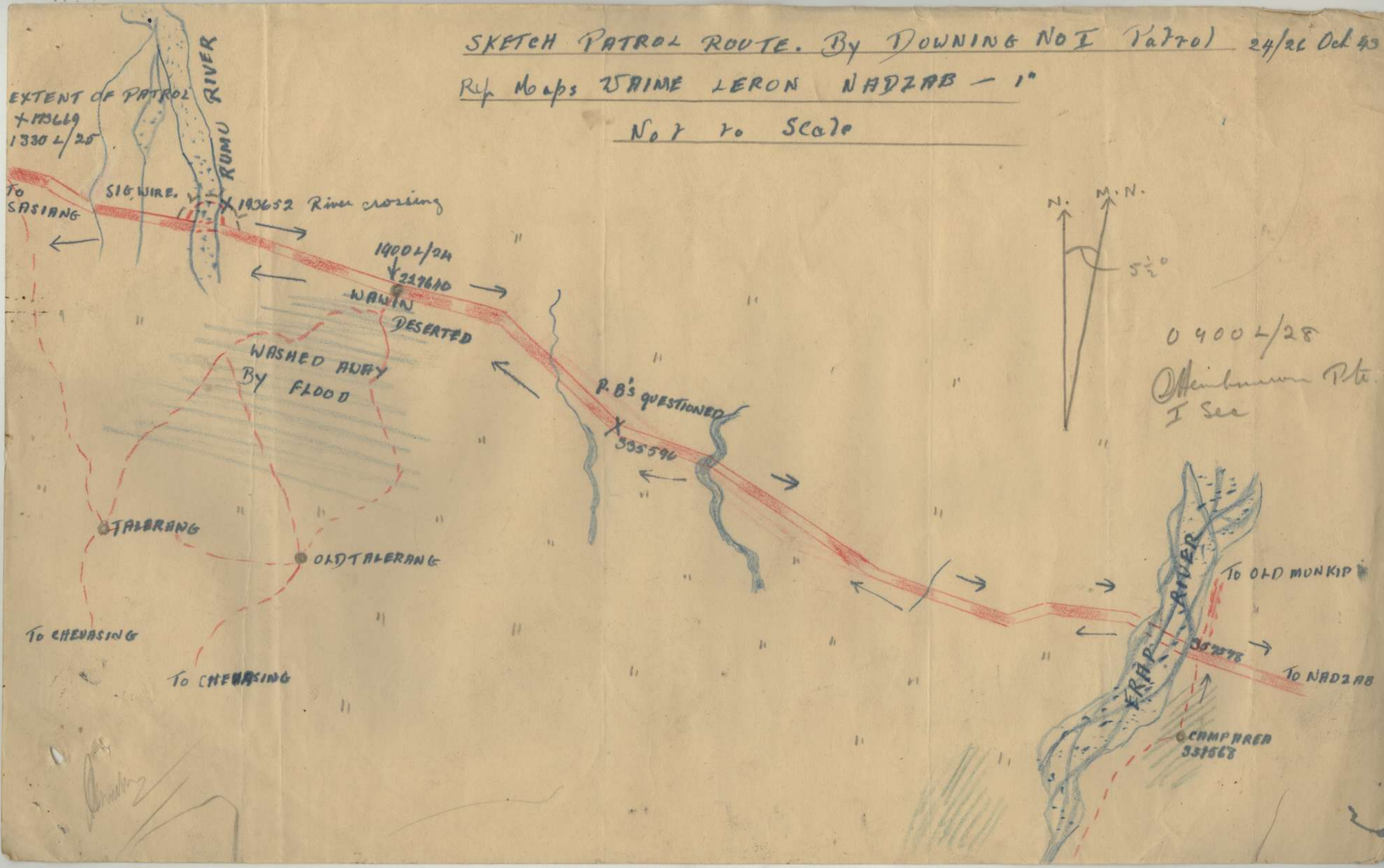
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SKETCH PATROL ROUTE. By DOWNING NO I Patrol 24/26 Oct 43

Ref Maps 57AIME LERON NADZAB - 1"

Not to Scale





PATROL REPORT.

TYPE. RECCE  
Fighting  
Standing.

To I.O. 24 Aust Inf Bn.

From. DUDI patrol found by. CNO

Patrol leader. IN GAFF WOLF

patrol strength. 1 WO 1 PI 3 OR

Armament. 2 omcs. 2 rifles 8 grenades

weight carried. 50 lbs rifle 1 mag per 25 M2

Object. To recon in area bounded by ...

Rations carried. 4 mags of ...

Weather. Fine till 1100 then rain and fog visibility till 1200

Route out. MANUKASAT BAMBOK XUM BUN

Route in. LUMDIAP BAMBOK MANUKASAT

Time out. 0800 L/18 Time in. 1915

Result. No signs of Jap activity. Hunt for MR 599-669 shown on the map

DETAILS. as LUMDIAP but no village there, then proceeded to BAMBOK  
600-666 still no village

Patrol left KUM BUN at 0800 hrs/18. proceeded to MANUKASAT arriving there at 1030 hrs track to KUM BUN very steep and muddy. Village was searched but nothing of importance was found. 5 Jap graves in the village each bearing the date 16-10-43.

Left MANUKASAT at approx 1100 hrs and moved to BAMBOK this track was very steep and muddy arriving there at 1200 hrs where we had lunch and searched the village several papers were found and sent back also 5 Jap graves were found but no date of burial on the graves. The village was in a filthy condition suggesting that the Japs were suffering from dysentery. One that that I inspected where the Japs had occupied and one at least had been killed, was in a filthy state blood, excrement, brains were all over the hut and if this hut is not destroyed it will be most unhygienic to our troops camped about 300 yds away. (14 PI will fix 1111 ropes)

Left BAMBOK at 1300 hrs and proceeded to LUMDIAP. This track is in good condition bench cut all the way for about 1 1/2 hrs. then we came to a rubber garden that had been occupied by the Japs we crossed several barricades and came to an area where a large concentration of Japs had been in occupation. Several packs, haversacks, and water bottles were lying around all had bullet holes in them. By the smell of the area several Japs had died there.



and had not been buried. A search was made but no  
bodies were found. We then retraced our steps and to  
KUMBU arriving there at 1915 hrs.

All directions taken appeared correct in relation to map  
MANAKASAT and BAMBOK, i.e. I believe in their correct position,  
LUMBAIP definitely is not. Patrol reached point 599669  
without a doubt but there was no sign of the village  
moved beyond to approx 600666 where the only sign of  
habitation is a very old banana plantation. And about 1/4  
mile to the WEST are two rather new looking gardens, suggesting  
a village in the vicinity. but no time was being  
limited we did not investigate further but returned  
to camp. more correct location of KUMBUM 568684.

Boiler  
etc

K. Gifford

mod 43



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BORNA - BANZAIN

WAR DIARY

GENERAL REPORT: Track is bench-cut and grade is easy, - about 1-6 to 7-8. Track passes across south end of BORNA DROME and passes along the hillside to BANZAIN. BANZAIN village is uninhabited.

TIME OF TRAVEL FOR 1 Sec:

1-00 hr.

TRACK TIME: 0745 0155

Donald A. Langford  
Capt.  
"I" Sec.  
24 Bn 29 OCT 43

Ref Map BORNA ONE IN BORNA - BANZAIN GOING MAP

BANZAIN: Approx 15 huts. NA food fairly plentiful - mainly Paw-Paws. Village uninhabited. Water can be got closets, - in the rear of the village, up the hill, a little.

Gardens in vicinity.

Small Stream. Track Rises for a short period.

Good Cks - Is Fair Stream and Good water.

Track Falls easily - is bench-cut.

Branch Track comes in, from right.

Thickly Timbered Country.

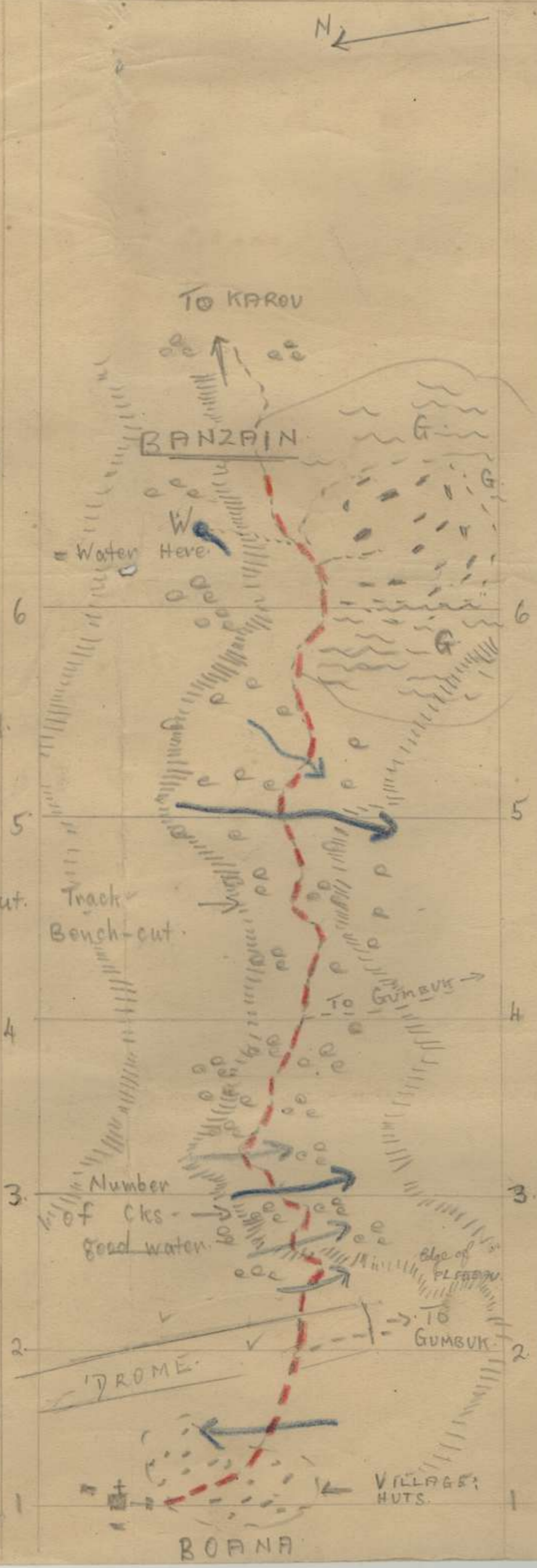
Number of Small Cks on track. All good water.

Track is Bench-cut and falls easily, grade approx 1-8, 1-6.

DROME - Small Planes Only. Good Dropping Ground. Small Ck. Village.

BORNA MISSION } Water in tanks, - otherwise 10 mins away.

H.Q. One Coy Str. approx. Japs were here for some time in Oct 43.



M.R. 521689

BANZAIN

0/05  
100° approx  
Good Ck.

0/10  
101°  
Track Junc.

0/10  
160° approx  
Small Ck.

0/15 0/20  
151° approx  
S. End of Drome. Track to GUMBUK.

0/05 0/05  
151° approx  
BORNA MISSION  
M.R. 497713





Type Recce

Patrol Report. 24/26 Oct 43

Patrol Comd. Cpl BIESSE

Report of Patrol BIESSE. NO I.

Date 24/26 Oct 43

Patrol Supplied by: Composite 10-11 Pbs.

Patrol Strength: 1 N.C.O.: 7 O'RS: 1 RAP orderly.

Armament: 2 O.S.M.G's 2 Bags each: 7 rifles 50 rounds each

Task of Patrol: To recce MUNKIP area for evidence of missing plane, and contact patrol C. Coy

TIME OUT: 1030 L/24 — TIME IN: 1300 L/25

Route out: From Camp area 351568 Nth along EAST bank ERAP RIVER to native gardens 371659 along Bank to 386687 to MUNKIP reported 413699

Route in: From 413699 to River crossing 374675 to OLD MUNKIP (BORORI) 368669 recrossing ERAP RIVER 369667 to EAST BANK and return to Camp area

Part I RESULT OF PATROL: nil return.

Details Recce patrol under Comd Cpl BIESSE left camp area 351568 1030 L/24 moving Nth along EAST BANK to 57/60 (camp area 370665) where patrol bivouaced night 24/25. Cpl BIESSE contacted luluai of OLD MUNKIP and obtained guide to take patrol to MUNKIP 413699 moving out from 370665 at 0930 L/25. The track at this period would be difficult to locate without a guide as because of numerous branch tracks, but is clearly defined. It is a dangerous trail as it follows the gorge for approx 1 hour where landslides etc can be





## Report Continued

easily caused by any misplacement of small boulders. The patrol reports that this track would not be possible after rain. The patrol continued along EAST Bank of ERAP RIVER to 374679 where the track turned in N.E direction. At this location the patrol were forced to wade the river owing to a lack of evidence of foot pad to KUNAI Spur 397687 and continued in EAST direction to 404687 where track was again discernable to ~~OLD~~ MUNKIP. CPL BIESSE at this stage took bearings on the streams and features in view establishing MUNKIP at 415693 and not at 413699. C Coy were here contacted 1335 1/25, patrol consisting of 1 N.C.O. 2 O'RS who agreed that the Map was inaccurate, but however, this they intended to check on their return by means of "Track Going Map" CPL BIESSE'S patrol interrogated TUL TUL at MUNKIP where 12 huts were observed, but was unable to obtain any information bearing on the missing plane. These natives were eager to please and gave all possible help including KAI, but are not of a high standard of intelligence. CPL BIESSE and his patrol started on return journey at 1515 1/25 and arrived at ERAP River crossing 386687 and crossed to OLD MUNKIP 368669 at 1700 1/25 with aid of guide. The patrol could here interrogated natives but information was negligible. Approx 30 huts are in this area. The patrol moved out on return at 1730 1/25 to River Crossing 369667 with aid of 7 Natives to 57/60 (camp site

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Patrol report continued.

at 1830 4/25 where night was spent. Patrol moved out to  
Camp area 351568 at 0930 4/26 arriving at Camp area 1300 4/26

Remarks. It is quite evident that the natives have not  
heard of or seen any signs of crashed plane. The patrol  
observed nothing to support theory that the plane crashed  
in this area. 2 O'RS returned Camp area 351568 approx  
1430 4/25 owing to illness.

Weather fine & hot days 24-25. Light rain fell  
1000 4/26 for approx 1 hr.

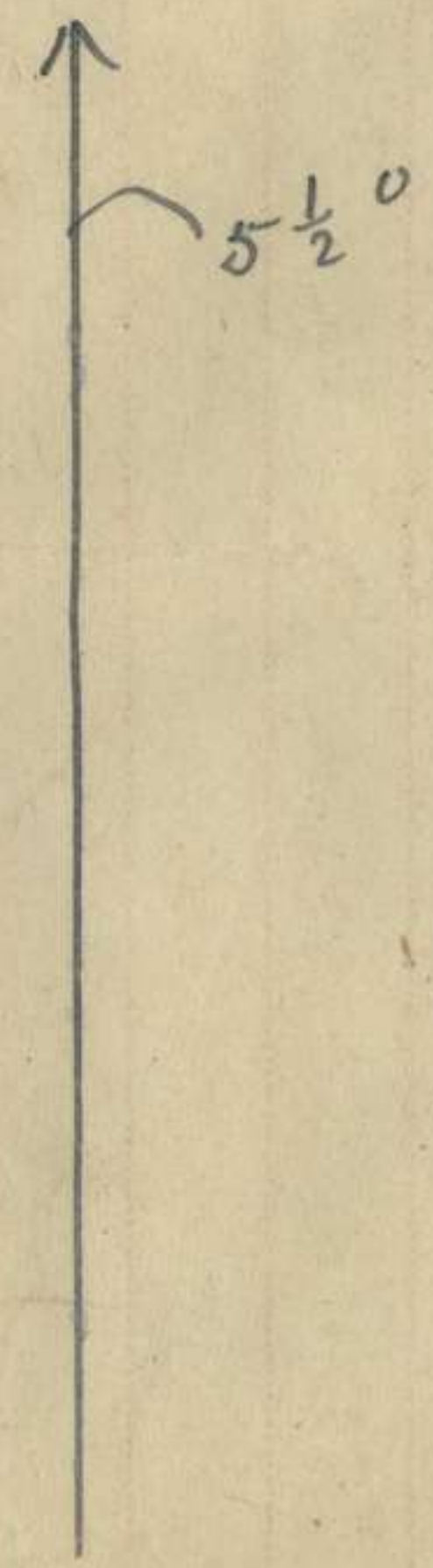
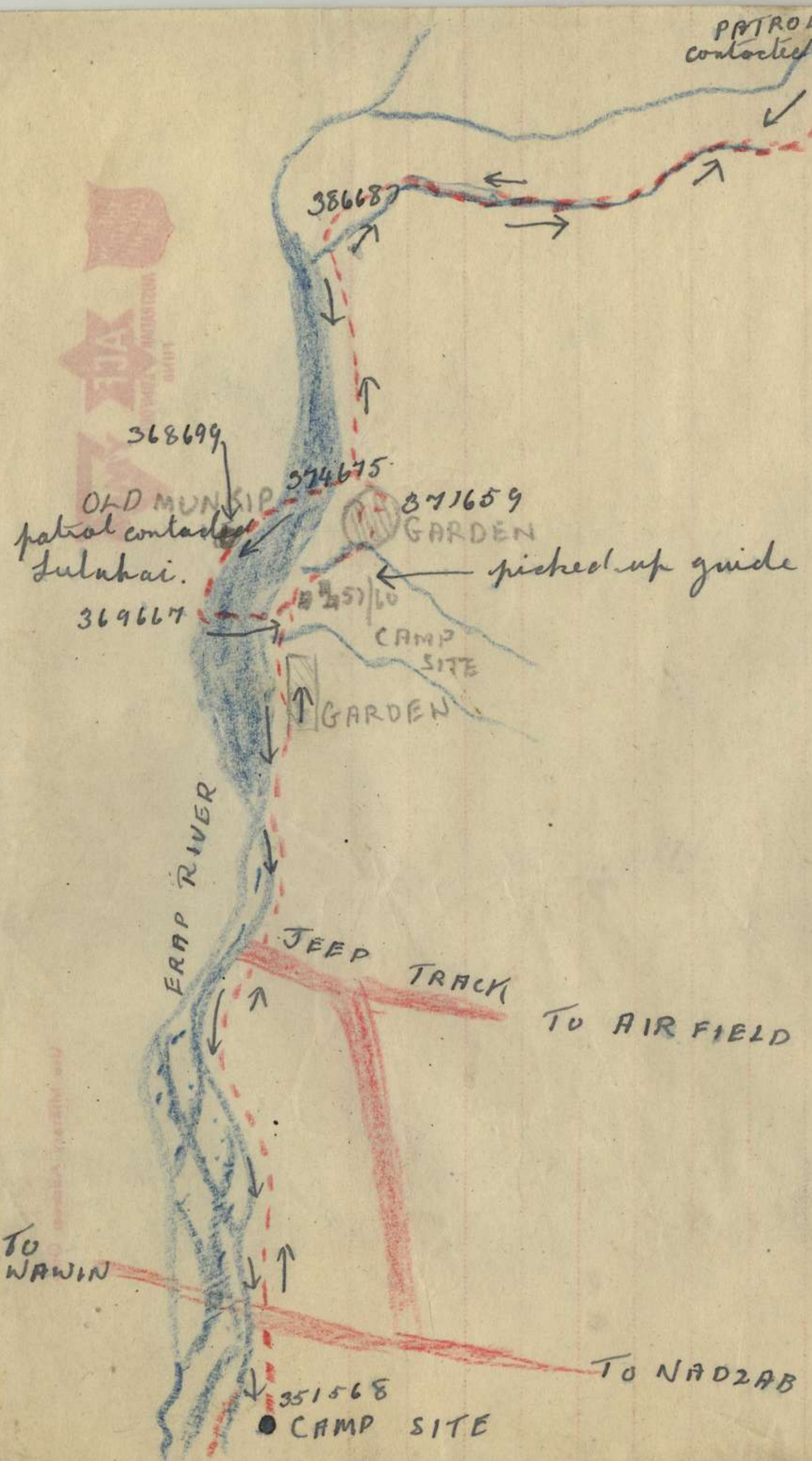
L. Buesse Cpl

*[Signature]*  
Cpl



PATROL contacted  
MUNKIP patrol C. Coy.  
TULTUL. Reported # 13699

Sketch Recce patrol route Cpl BIESSE  
24/26 Oct  
Not to Scale





General Report: Track from SOKULEN to track corner of kunai spur, ref. 618794, easy-going, slight down-grade. From there, down to the creek, very rough and dangerous climbing. From the creek up to TEWEP, "track" passes over a rock face, and is very steep and dangerous. Water is available en route. Village of TEWEP burnt after Japs had been in occupation. NIT's very helpful. NA that limited.

TIMES OF TRAVEL FOR One Sec.

SOKULEN-TEWEP 3-15  
 TEWEP-SOKULEN 3-45  
 approx. 2 hrs. without packs,  
 -both ways.

TRACK TIMES

SOKULEN-TEWEP 2-45  
 TEWEP-SOKULEN 3-15  
 -WITH PACKS.

Donald of Langford  
 bpl.  
 "I" Sec.  
 25 OCT 43 248n

Ref Map. BOANA One In

SOKULEN-TEWEP, TEWEP-SOKULEN GOING MAP.

TEWEP: Village burnt after Japs had occupied it. - Many Jap Graves in area. Gardens Nearby.  
 Small Creek - Flow on Rock-Face. Passes over Rock-Face - Dangerous. Track Rises Very Steeply, 1-3, 1-2. LARGE EK - Very Swift.  
 Small Creek. Track Falls steeply, - 1-3, 1-2, is treacherous and zig-zags very little - mainly straight-out climbing. Timbered.  
 Track Falls, first, at 1-6. Bench-Cut.

Kunai Spur, - Track passes around Corner.  
 Track Rises Gradually.  
 Kunai Spur, to right

Swampy, to Left.

Track going, level.

Small Creek - Good Water

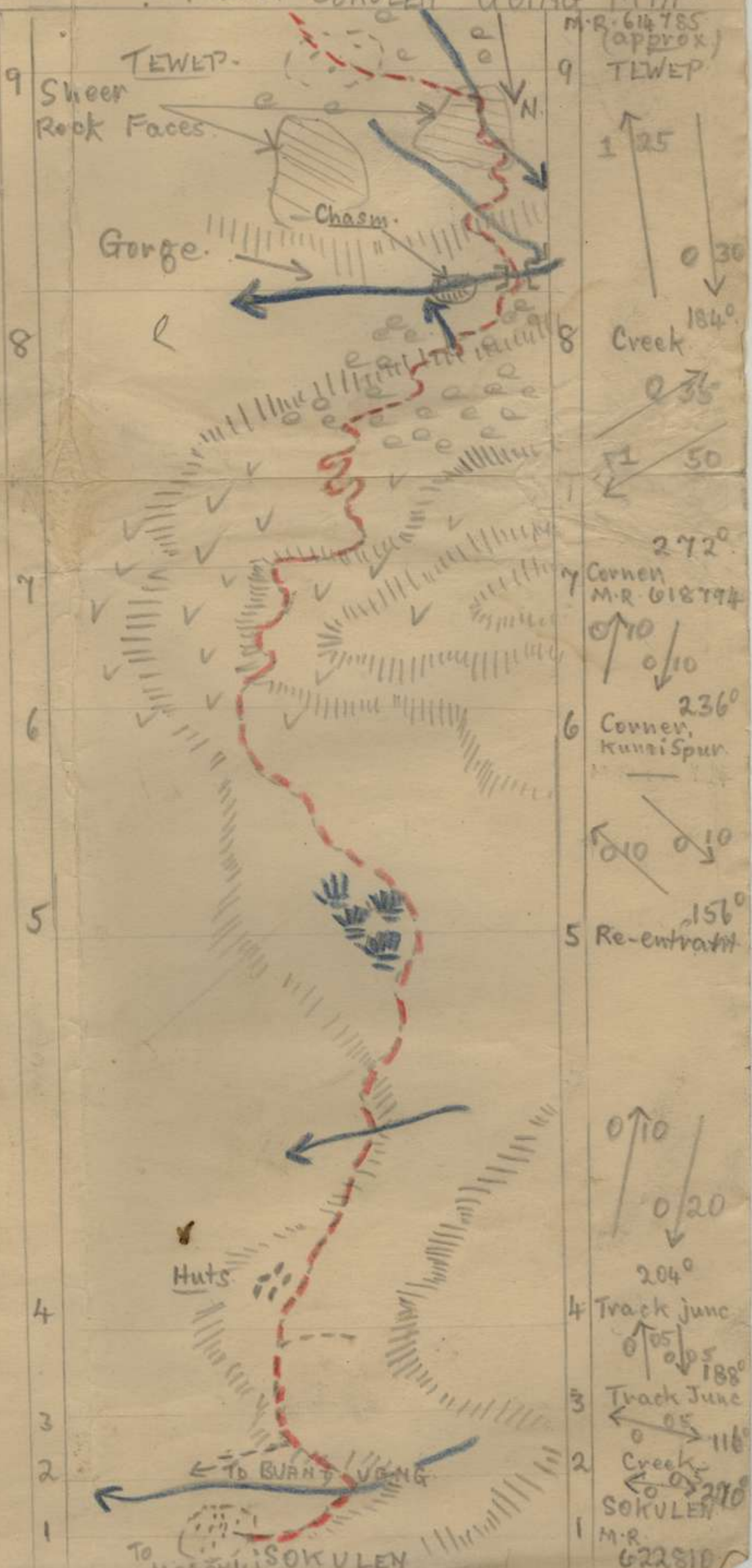
Gardens.

Group Huts to Left of track.  
 Track falls gradually, 1-8.  
 Track Leading to right, branches off.

Take track to right, To TEWEP.

Creek Ling. Fair-Sized Ch

SOKULEN (See Post PL. H.R.)





GENERAL REPORT: Track is bench cut for practically the whole distance, but is very steep and dangerous in several places shown below - surface very treacherous. NAA very helpful. NAA limited.

TIME OF TRAVEL FOR 1 SEC.:  
4 hrs.

TRACK TIME:  
3-15.

Donald of Langford bpl.  
"I" Sec  
240m  
25 OCT 43

Ref Map BOANA 6ne In.

TEWEP - ORIN GOING MAP

ORIN: Has been burnt down. Ample water nearby.

Good bench-cut track TO ORIN.

Track down to Ck very bad and dangerous.

From Garden to Top of Hill, - Track Steep - mostly bench-cut but rocky and dangerous in places.

Track through garden fair - garden. Barren.

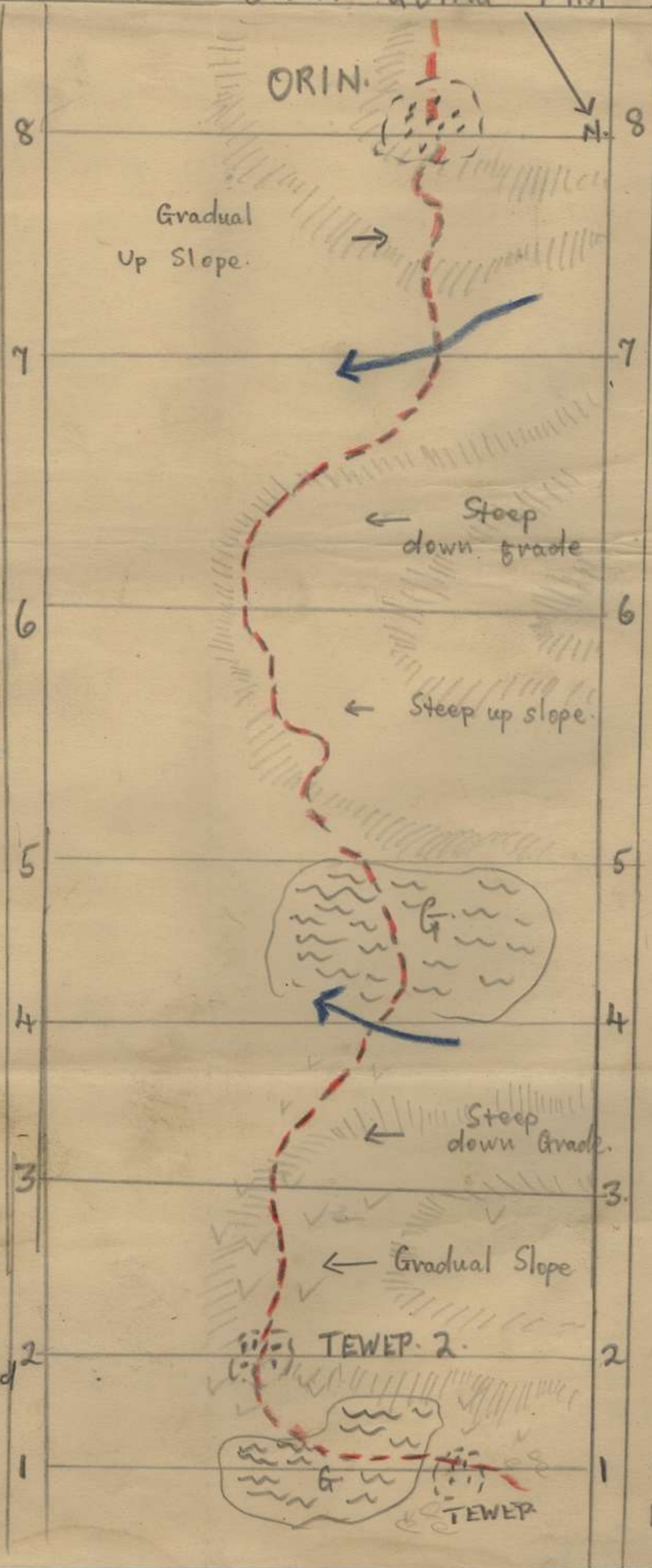
Track Falls to Chand garden - very steep - bad rocky track.

Top of Rise.

Good Bench Cut track to TOP OF HILL

TEWEP 2: Small Village. Track rises gradually. Good Bench-cut track.

TEWEP: Partly burnt down. Many Jap graves here.



approx. M.R. 610743

ORIN

0/15

Creek

0/30

Top of Hill

0/45

Top of Hill

0/15

Creek

0/30

TOP OF HILL

0/30

TEWEP 2

0/30

TEWEP

M.R. 614785 approx





Appendix

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Reeci Patrol

K. Patrol. comd.

Pte. D.A.W. Wilson

REPORT OF PATROL

Wilson No 1

Ref. map Nadzab-

Boana 1"

Wilson

Patrol supplied by No 11 Platoon.

Patrol strength 7 O.R.S.

Armament. 2 O.S.M.G. 2 mags, each. 5 Rifles 50 Rounds Each.

Start of Patrol. To Recce area between camp 351568 and old MURKIP 368664.

Weather. Fine during day - Heavy Rain 28-29.

Time out. 1100h - 28 Time in 1500h - 29.

Route out. From camp area 351568 to first junction 358578 to halfway hut 364644 to 373564

Route in - Reverse of Route out.

PART ONE No signs of enemy occupation

PART 2 Pte Wilson Patrol comd. 7 O.R.S. moved from

B. Coy. area. 351568. to first junction 358578 moving north along track to first head 360590.

From the first head we moved NORTH on East bank of the RAP-RIVER to location known as the halfway hut approx 364644. and B. Coy. for night 28-29.

at 1600. moved out north of continuation of track.

0630h - 29. moving on continuation of track in a

Southerly direction to reach 370564. At this point

we turned south up stream for 1000 yds. on Southern

Bank. Crossing creek then to 'rap River' opposite

old MURKIP 373564. Going to the rising river & back

of guide. Patrol was unable to reach old MURKIP village

at 0730. The then recce area thoroughly

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but was unable to observe signs of recent enemy occupation  
 Patrol commenced return journey at 0815 h-29 and  
 contacted Special Patrol commanded by cpl. Russell. R.A.P.  
 who was moving north to contact Callan Peak.  
 at 0930 h-29. at 370563. Patrol then proceeded  
 in southerly direction on east bank of Rap River to  
 half way but 364644. Locating there 5 enemy grenades  
 as reported by Mitchell N.O.P. Patrol and conveyed  
 them to Coy H.Q. 7.00 IN.F.M.

The Patrol then moved back  
 to camp area 351568. arriving there 1500 h-29.

Deductions. Enemy grenades fully charged appear to have  
 been deposited at half way but for some considerable  
 time - no sign of recent enemy occupation.

Remarks. Impossible to cross Rap River in full strength  
 and with out native guides

D. P. [Signature]

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 [Signature]  
 30<sup>th</sup> Oct 23



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part 5 I

WAR DIARY

20 August 3

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The Adjt  
24 Dist Inf Bn

VX 104474 Pte MATTHEWS N.L.

At 0600 K/19 a patrol, strength Pte MATTHEWS  
 (patrol Comd) Ptes EDGAR and WITTMAN  
 left OP (SAL 672032) to recon high  
 feature SE at approx 6850230 Object, to  
 ascertain if in occupation by enemy and  
 observe enemy movement EAST and SE of  
 feature 0

Route SE along OLD MALOLO track to  
 Bamboo Ridge 674028 thence EAST along Native  
 Pad. After proceeding approx 600 yds papers  
 containing JAPANESE writing, were discovered  
 on the track. Patrol went off track to bypass a  
 fallen log approx 40 ft long. On returning to  
 track, <sup>1300K/19</sup> 3 Japs. were seen crawling along track  
 under bamboo, towards the patrol. Pte Edgar  
 fired at the leading man & the enemy returned fire  
 with a burst of LMG. EDGAR moved off track  
 but MATTHEWS was hit and fell backwards on  
 his back, bleeding from the right side of his face. He  
 lay on the centre of the track. Each time attempts  
 to remove him were made, the enemy LMG again  
 opened fire. Ptes EDGAR and WITTMAN returned the  
 fire, firing through the scrub - results NOT observed.  
 WITTMAN and EDGAR retired up track 50 yds.  
 WITTMAN returned to OP to notify pl Comd & EDGAR  
 remained to cover MATTHEWS 0 As no assistance  
 had arrived at 1715 hrs. EDGAR scrubbed up  
 track, with patrol & led him to the AMBUSH  
 post, reaching there approx 1930 hrs.

The patrol took up a post in the dark and  
 at 2315 hrs, 4 men went forward to search the area.  
 They searched diligently along the track 60 yds  
 until it fell away on the SE slopes of the feature.  
 During the search, leaves were found on the North side  
 of the track, arranged recently, for seating accommodation.  
 There was no trace of Pte MATTHEWS or his  
 equipment. Nor any sound or movement of ENEMY  
 observed.



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The patrol returned to the OP, arriving there at 0435 hrs.

Questioning of the patrol by Lieut Darling revealed that:

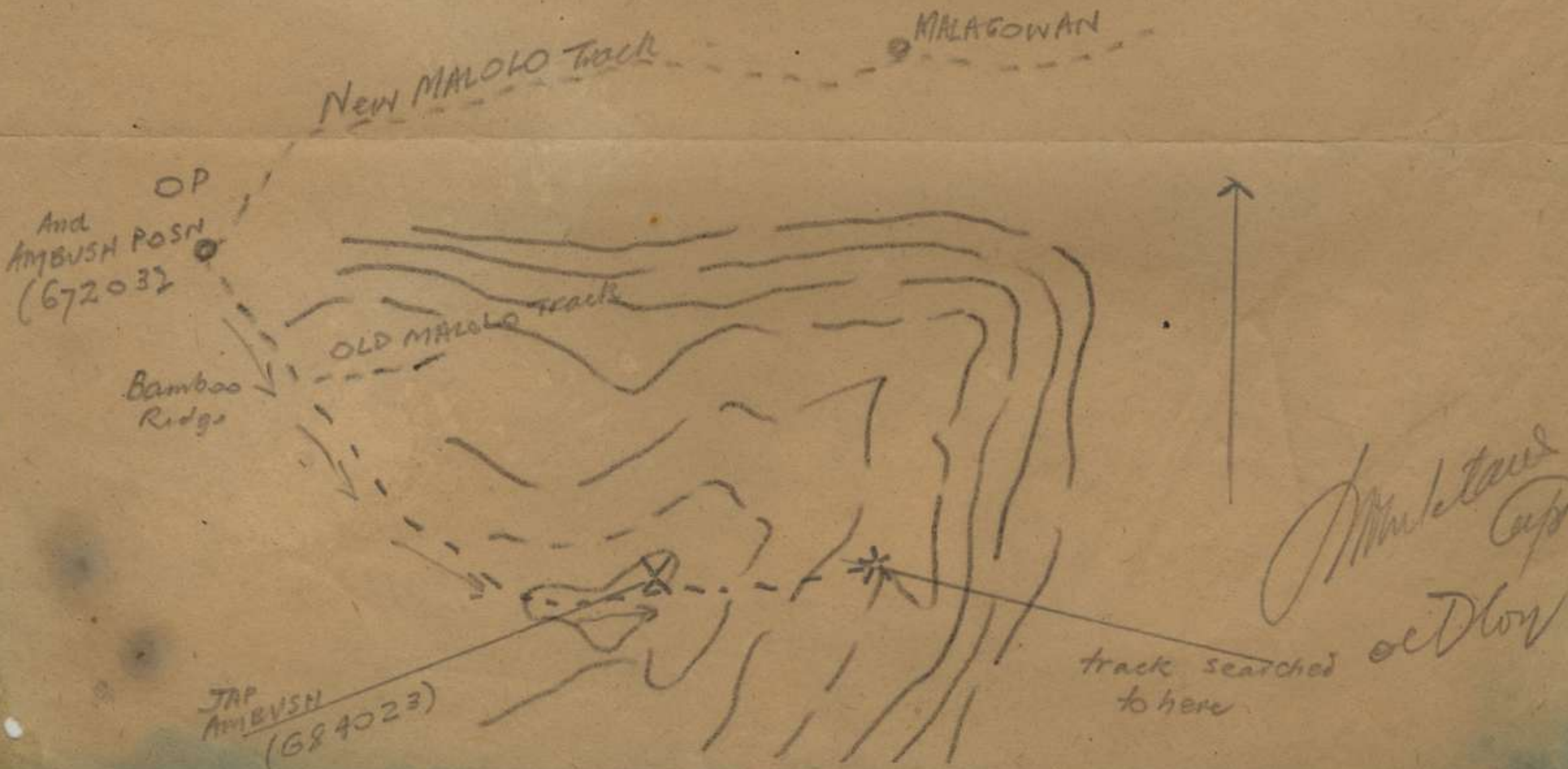
Pfc Matthew, when first hit, fell back and lay in a prone position on his back. He was bleeding from the mouth, uttering gurgling sounds which the M.O. indicated would be caused by a wound in the chest. In attempting to protect Pfc Matthew, further bursts of fire came along the track & it was impossible to move the wounded man. The body & back left by Pfc Wittman (taken off to allow easier travelling in returning for assistance) were apparently removed by the enemy under cover of darkness.

The track WEST of our position showed no recent movement, but EAST was a clear defined track, well worn. Deduction that the position was used by a STANDING PATROL.

The JAPS observed were dressed in green tunics like our clothing and were NOT wearing hats.

As they were crawling towards him under the bamboo, the leading scout considered them at first as our own troops.

The LMG was not sporadic or erratic. They apparently were well aimed shots, the bursts being even and well spaced.









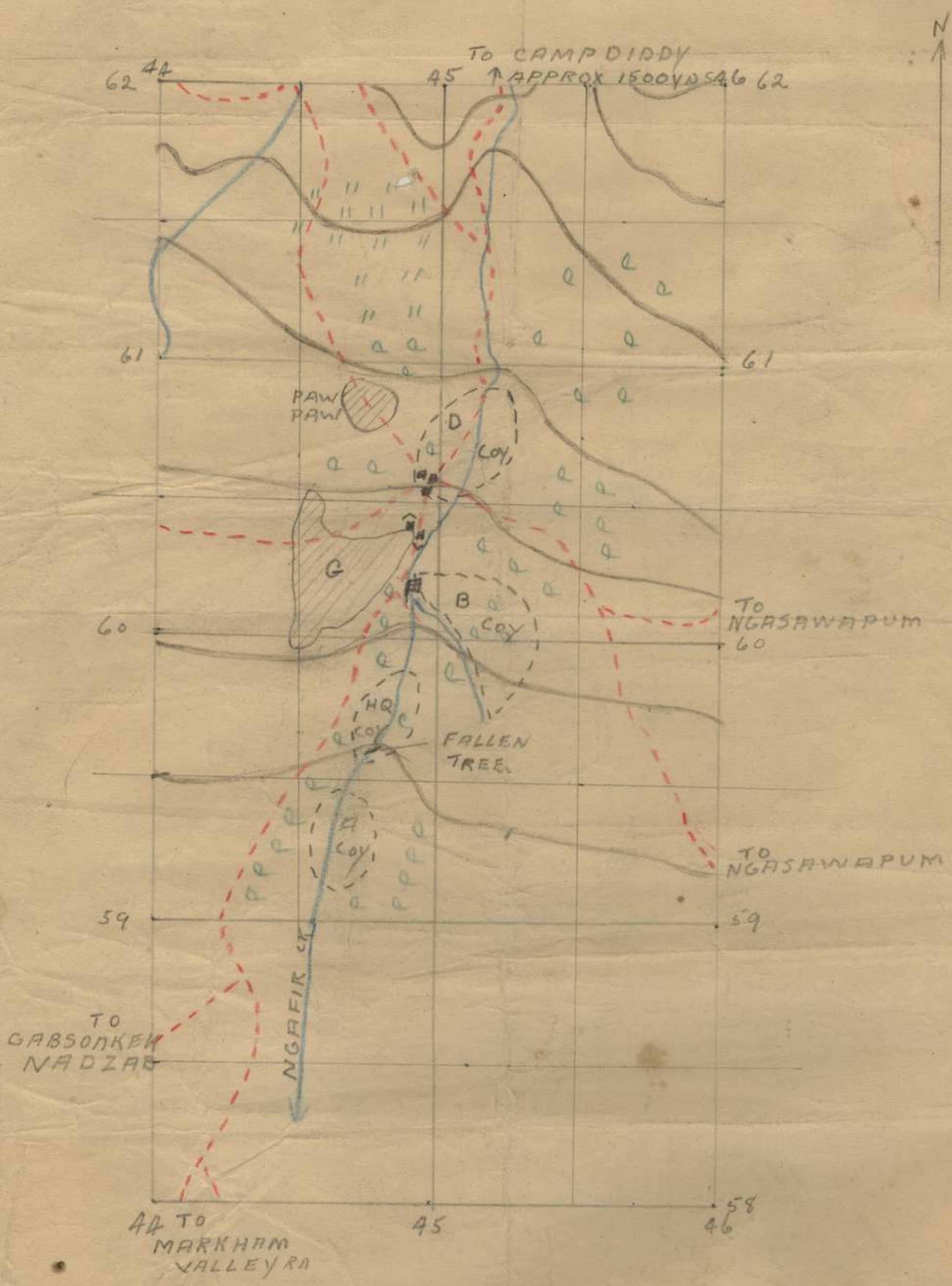
SKETCH OF BN AREA

~~BINA~~  
WAR DIARY

REF MAP NADZABI"

Map Ref BHA 449601

NOTE Single L/T From CAMP DIDDY  
FOLLOWS CREEK SOUTH OF BN AREA



SCALE 3" TO 1 MILE

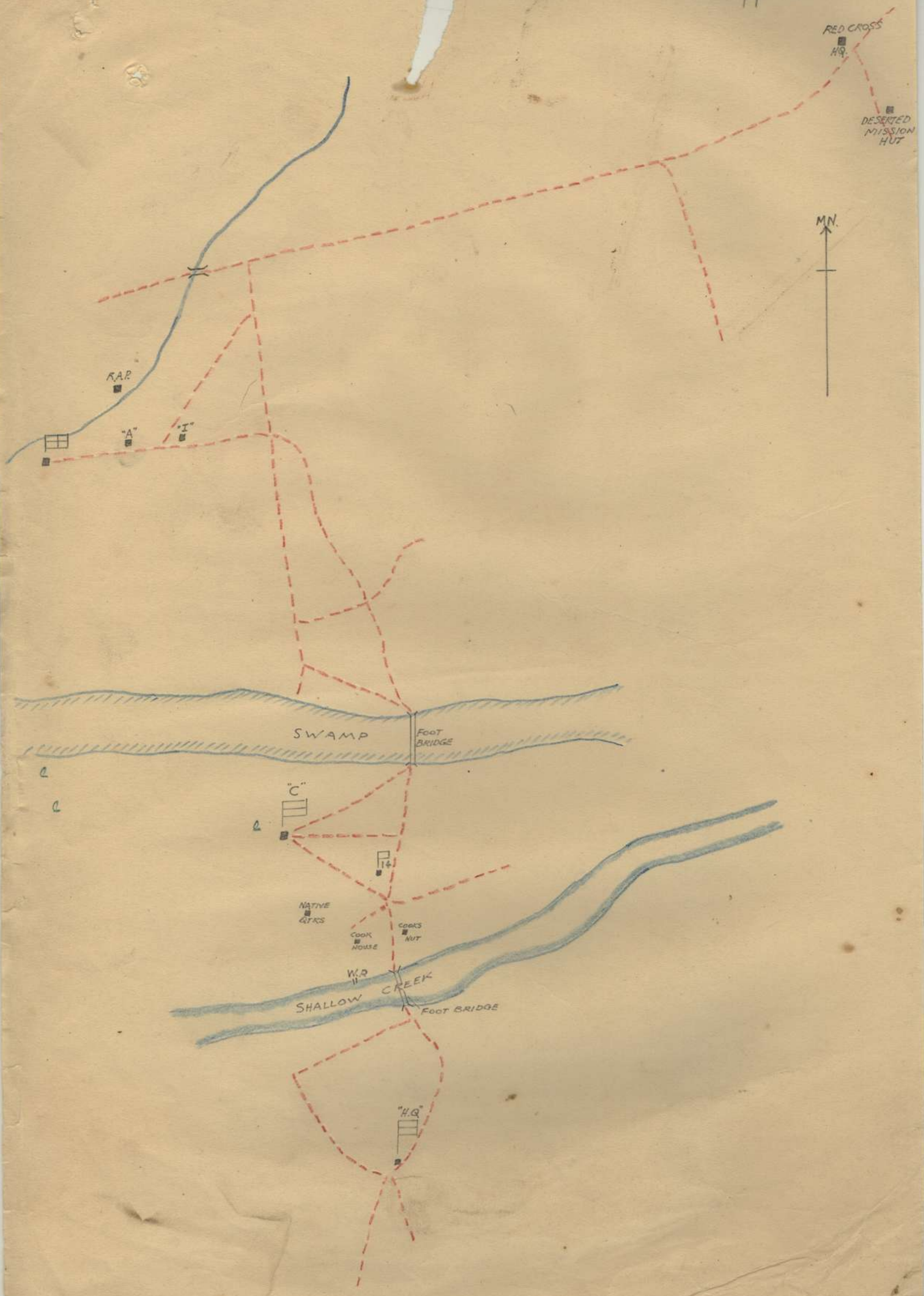
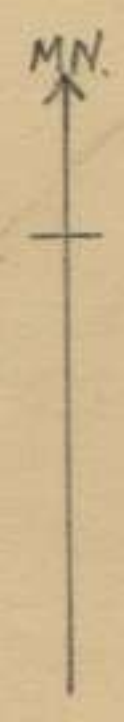
- LEGEND
- GARDENS (circle with dot)
  - TRACKS (dashed line)
  - CREEKS (solid line)
  - TREES & GROWTH (wavy line)
  - KUMBI (vertical lines)
  - FORMATIONS (wavy line) (VI SOFT)

Time 1615 hrs  
Date 10 OCT 43  
A. H. Schaday  
Pte



WAR DIARY  
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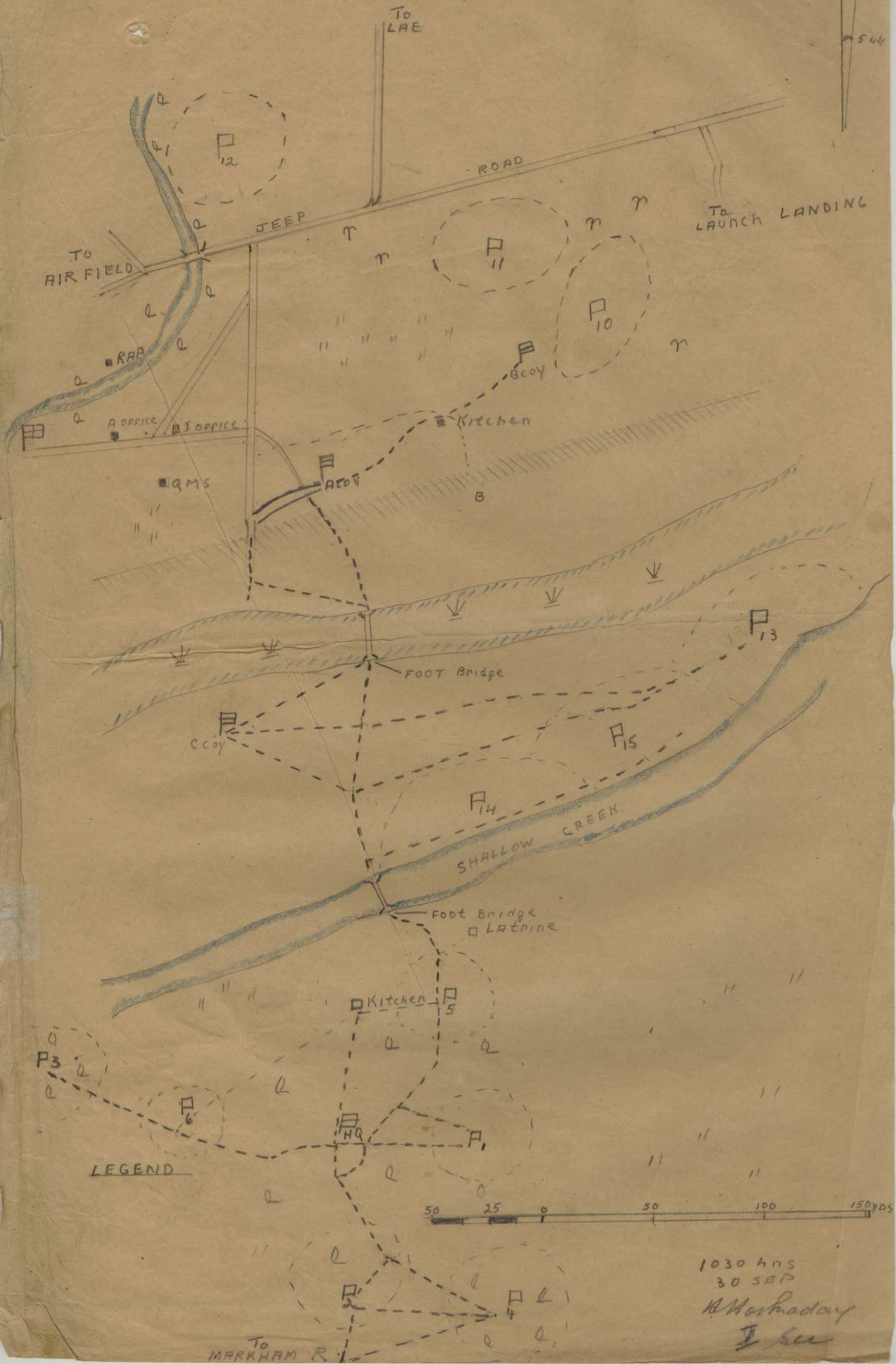
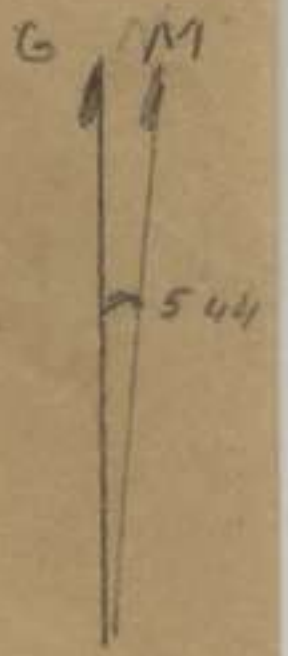
RED CROSS  
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DESERTED  
MISSION  
HUT





24BN BIVOUAC AREA  
REF MAP NADZAB LIN Sq 4154

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LEGEND

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1030 hrs  
30 SEP  
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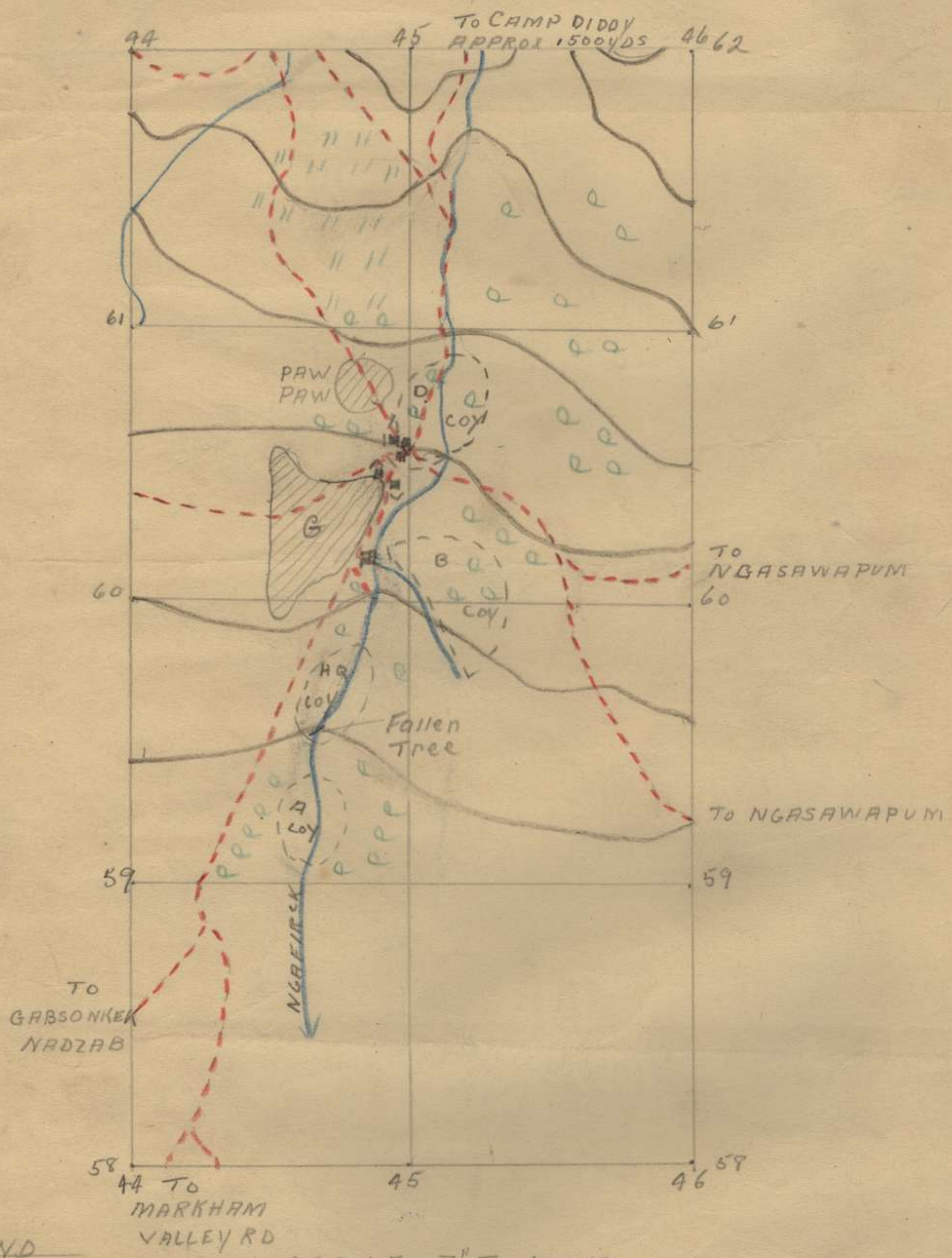
To MARKHAM R.



SKETCH OF BN AREA

REF MAP NADZABI  
MAP REF BHQ449601

Note single 1/2 from Camp Diddy  
follows creek south BN Area



LEGEND

- GARDENS (shaded circle)
- TRACKS (dashed red line)
- CREEKS (solid blue line)
- TREES & GROWTH (circles)
- KUNAI (double vertical lines)
- FORM LINES (wavy line)

SCALE 3" TO 1 MILE

Time 1700 hrs  
Date 10 OCT 43

Afternoon  
Pte



APPENDIX

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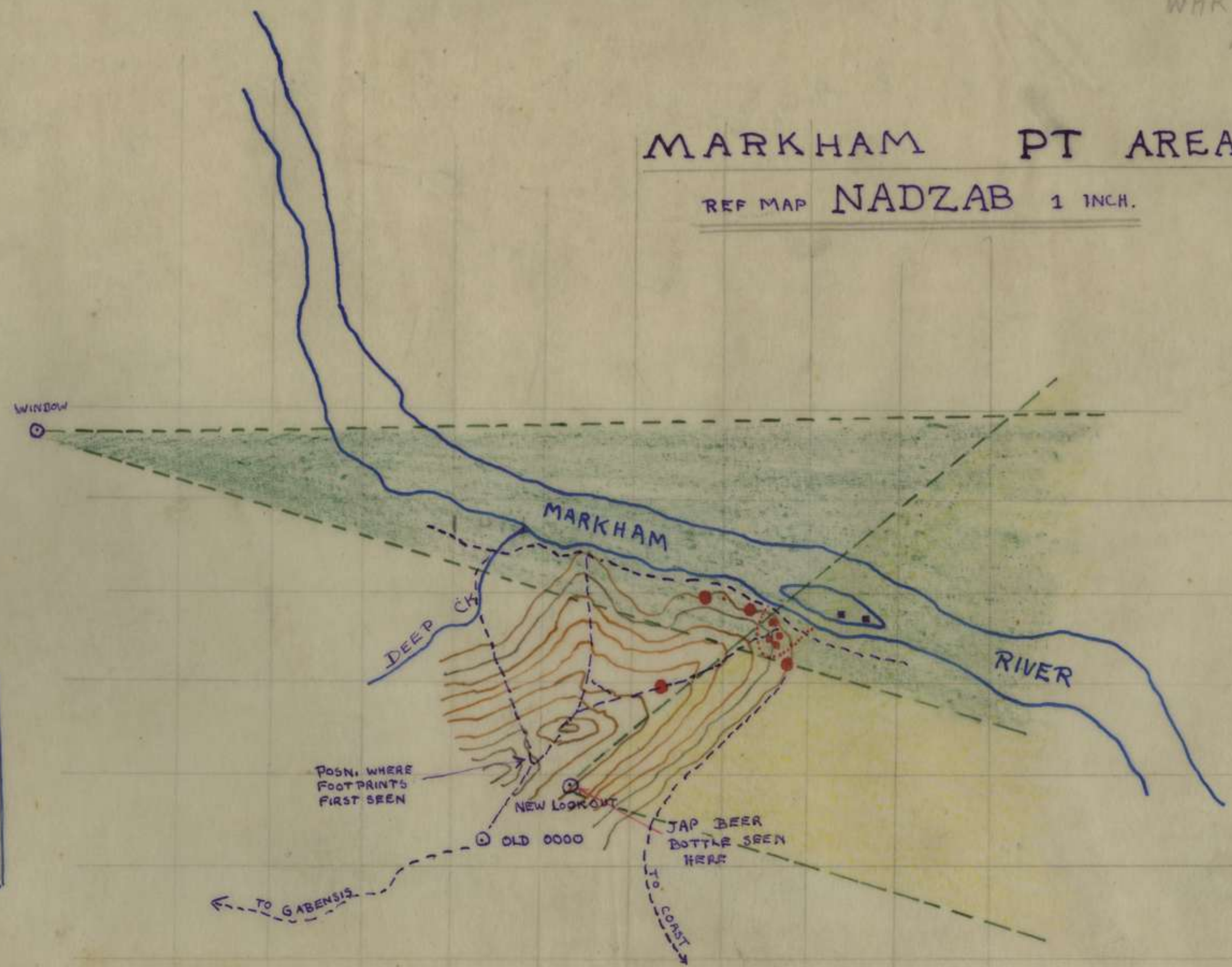
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# MARKHAM PT AREA

REF MAP NADZAB 1 INCH.



### LEGEND

JAP AMBUSH	
JAP CAMP	
VILLAGES	
TRACKS	
O.P.s	
FIELD OF VISION FROM O.P.	

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TIME 1100  
DATE 8 AUG  
24 BN



GOING ~~MARS~~ BOANA-SANAM R. VALLEY.

Ref. Maps.

BOANA One In.  
MARKHAM Strat.

SERIES

(11)

TITLES.

- ✓ (1) BOANA - BANZAIN
- ✓ (2) BANZAIN - KAROU
- ✓ (3) KAROU - KUMBUM
- ✓ (4) KUMBUM - MANAKASAT
- ✓ (5) MANAKASAT - BAMBOK
- (6) BAMBOK - BANGDAP
- (7) BANGDAP - KWAMBELANG
- ✓ (8) KWAMBELANG - BUANDVANG
- (9) BUANDVANG - AVE
- (10) AVE - TOOCOMWAN - NAM BANGA

ALSO:

- ✓ BUANDVANG - SOKULEN
- SOKULEN - MOGOM
- ✓ SOKULEN - TEWEP
- ✓ TEWEP - ORIN

(WEST SIDE OF SANAM)

CORRECTED TRACE - RESULT OF WORK WITH RANGE FINDER

WORK TO 28 OCT 43.

Some of these - viz those ticked, have been forwarded to you. Others follow quickly.

Donald A. Langford  
Capt.

28 OCT 43.



GOING MAPS.

SAFE HAND  
X COURIER

ELECTRICIAN

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(2) General Report: Track falls, as it follows the ~~...~~ round to M.R. 530683, then falls gradually, with a gradient of 1-6, after this begins, track follows up a spur on the EAST side of the bk, to KAROU. Track climbs throughout, with an average gradient of about 1-4. Water is easily obtainable along the track. NA gardens exist on the spur.

TIME OF TRAVEL for One Sec:

2 hrs 10 mins.

TRACK TIME: 1-40

Donald. J. Langford  
"I" Sec.  
24 Bn.  
27 OCT. 43

Ref. Map BORNA One IN. BANZAIN-KAROU GOING MAP

KAROU: approx 20 huts. Water. 5 mins. Track tonight, branches off. Cleared Patch.  
Top of Track. House KIAP on left.  
Country Timbered.  
Track Rises, 1-5 grade.

A Track Branching Left, Leads to NA gardens. Fair-sized Ck. runs by gardens.  
Gorge approx 80 ft. deep, to left. Track continues to rise, 1-5 grade. Cross Ck.  
Gorge to right. Cross Small Ck by Log Br.  
Top Rise - Gardens. Track Level for 5 mins.

Gardens.

Track Bearing Varies.

Gardens.

Track Follows Spur UP. Grade 1-4, 1-6.

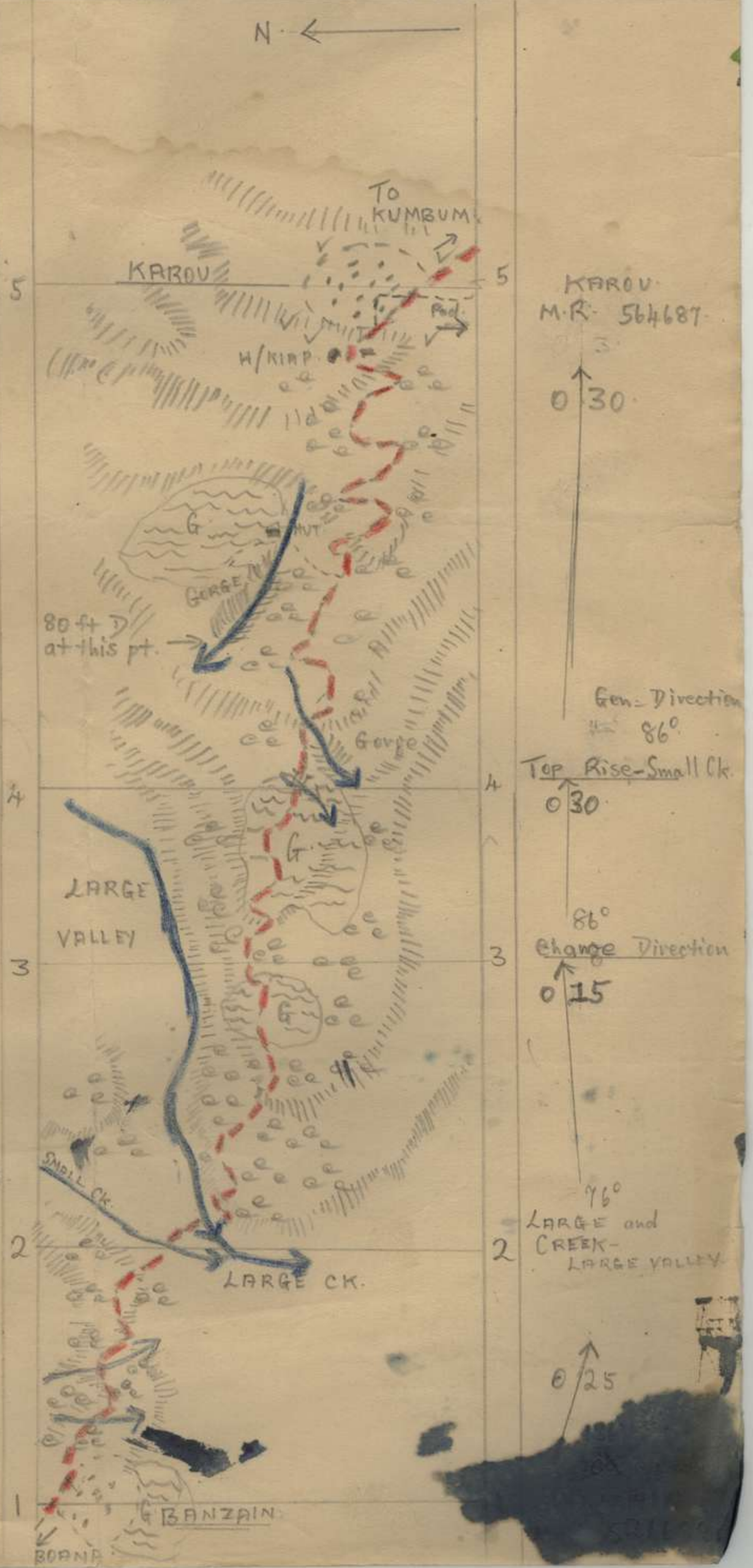
LARGE CK. 70 ft W. 1 ft D. 5 ft. Flowing Large valley to the NE from here. Small CK.

Track Falls about 1-8 grade. Country timbered fairly thickly.

Small CK. Track Undulates. Small CK.

Track Falls easily - about 1-8.

BANZAIN Village Gardens in vicinity.





GENERAL REPORT: Track descends from KAROU into a valley, with a grade of about 1-5, crosses many small cks. and then rises a little before reaching KUMBUM. KAROU is the "corner village" general direction of track, 66 deg. TRUE

TIME OF TRAVEL For One Sec.

1-00 hrs

TRACK TIME :

0-45

Gonald of Longford

"I" Sec 24 BN 27 OCT 43

Ref map BOBNA One In

KAROU - KUMBUM GOING MAP

KUMBUM approx 16 huts. Village Lousy. House KIP & Police Hut accommodation approx One PI Str. Water nearby. Track Rises, 1-8, into KUMBUM

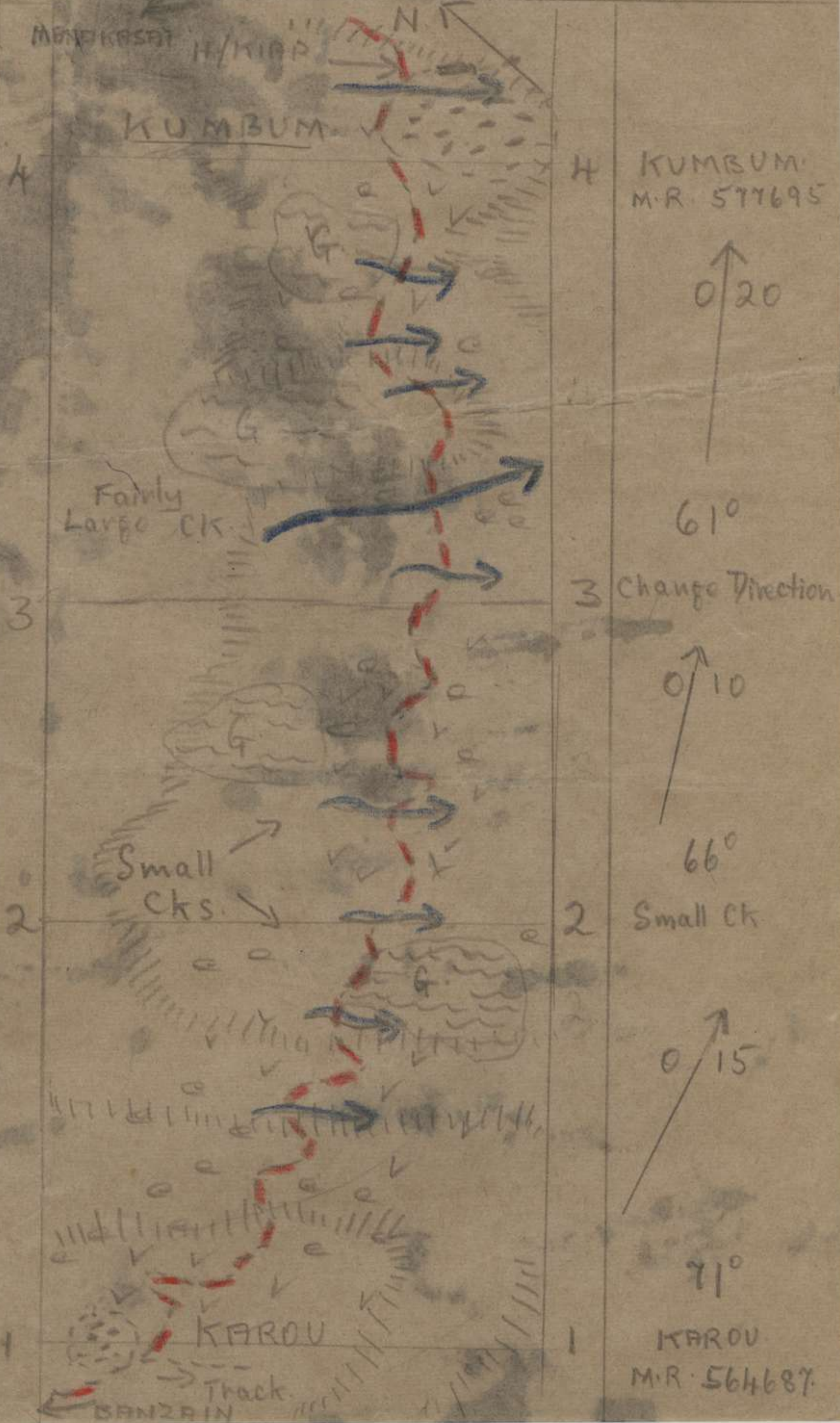
3 Small Cks. Track Rises over a "hump" Fairly Large Ck

Track Undulates. Large Re-entrant

Numerous Small Cks and Gardens

Track Falls, - gradient of 1-5

KAROU





KUMBUM- MANAKASAT

GENERAL REPORT:

Track Rises fairly steeply to a spur is reached, then passes across it to a large bk, thence rising 1-5 to very safe between spur and back track - NORTH EAST natives abandoned had died there and also as they had near MANAKASAT

hour till a steeply (1-4, 1-3) track not direction of KASAT as for the village. Gardens

Time of Travel for the Sec: 2 hrs 15 mins

TRACK

held of Longford by "I" Sec 24 Bn

27 OCT 43.

Ref Map BOANA One In

SAT - GOING MAP

Track Left, UP Spur, to BAWAN, GAWOK, ORIN consisted of MANAKASAT approx 12 Nearest water, CK. Area NO sit biv site. NAW village Oct 43 after Jap

Track Rises, 1-6, to MANAKASAT

LARGE CK - 15 ft W. 1 1/2 ft V. Very Swift Flow. Strong Log Br across CK. Biv site for limited party approx 0

Tracks Falls Steeply a Zig-Zags. Grade, 1-3 to

Gardens on both track

Track Falls rocky

Hillside Jungl Track continues to rise gradually

"Trickle" Native Gardens. Group of Huts - KUMBUM. Track Rises 1-6, 1-8 CREEK.

KUMBUM



M.R 590718 MANAKASAT 0/30

LARGE CK. 0/20

Track descends Steeply to CK. 0/10

MIT OF CK ON SPUR

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KUMBUM



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MANAKASAT - BAMBOK

WAR DIARY

GENERAL REPORT:

Journey between

two phases: (1) MANAKASAT -

BAMBOK. Both have their steep

and NAT gardens are plentiful

TIME OF TRAVEL FOR ONE SEC:

1 hr. 45 mins. TRACK TIME

1 hr. 30 mins. ex

places has only  
SANDAM R. xing -  
are very helpful  
food, WEST side of river

longford  
1 1/2 sec.  
24 BM.  
27 OCT 43

Ref Map BORNA One III

MANA

GOING MAP

BAMBOK Large Village  
2 cks - good water

Track Left, Leads To BANGDAP  
Ck Gorge on right.

Going Easier Grade about 1-

New  
Track follows up CK  
for approx 20 mins. is hard  
going 1-4.

SANAM RIVER Very  
Swift and Dangerous  
20 ft W 5 ft D  
Strong Pole Br. across R.

Gardens on hillside  
Track Falls  
to River, at av. grade  
of 1-6.

MANAKASAT

MANAKASAT

TO KUMBUN





WATUT

AREA

APPENDIX K



WINDOW vic UDMISIS - DEEP CK track

486455

Camp 13 - DEEP CK.

540437

KIRKS O.P.

The island in vicinity of MARKHAM POINT has been called  
NEW LABU IS and the village of NEW LABU is taken to be at map  
ref 587428 NADZAB one inch. The village at map ref 587427  
is un-named at present.

May

G.F. SMITH

Adm Comd 24th Aust Inf Bn

over.



2/6 Aust Inf Bn (2)  
 ANGAU WAU (1)  
 RAE 3 DIV (1)  
 Sigs 3 DIV (1)  
 Major DUCHATEL (1)  
 Q Branch (1)  
 File (1)

PATROL LOWER WATUT RIVER.

1. GENERAL.

24 Aust Inf Bn will provide a patrol of one officer, one rifle section and one Int personnel to proceed up the LOWER WATUT valley and return.

2. OBJECT.

- (a) General recce, with emphasis on
  - (i) track times for an infantry section
  - (ii) correction of maps and provision of data for more detailed mapping
- (b) (iii) propaganda amongst the natives in the form of "showing the flag"
- (c) (iv) training and experience in patrol work.

3. COMPOSITION.

- (a) One officer, one rifle section, one Int personnel of 24 Aust Inf Bn. This officer to be OC patrol.
- (b) One sapper and task to be done will be detailed by CRE 3 Div, and one signalman similarly detailed by CO Sigs 3 Div.
- (c) Major C.F. DUCHATEL of NG Fd Svy Unit, who is attached to OC patrol for advice on all matters, and for the purpose of acquiring mapping information.

4. ROUTE.

- (a) OUT: SUNSHINE, WATUT RIVER to MARALINAN, WORUP, PESEN, SOUTH bank of MARKHAM RIVER.
- (b) IN: At discretion of OC patrol, but NOT to cross the MARKHAM RIVER.

5. TIMES.

- (a) OUT: 1 May 43.
- (b) IN: NOT later than 22 May 43.

6. ASSEMBLY.

Patrol will assemble at SUNSHINE 1500K/30 Apr. 24 Bn will advise 3 Div, RAE and Sigs of name of OC patrol by 29 A pr.

7. EQUIPMENT.

At discretion of OC patrol and to include jungle knives.

8. ADMINISTRATION.

- (a) Rations to be carried will be decided by OC patrol in conjunction with Major DUCHATEL.
- (b) Rations will be drawn by 24 Bn from DID SUNSHINE.
- (c) ANGAU will arrange with Major DUCHATEL for necessary carriers.

9. INTERCOMMUNICATION.

Weekly general progress report will be forwarded to 3 Div by police-boy. Important information will be despatched without delay by the same means.

10. REPORTS.

- At conclusion of patrol, reports will be submitted to 3 Div
- (a) by OC patrol. Main points to be covered will be found in Appendix "A" para 2 (issued to 2/6 Bn for 24 Bn).
  - (b) by Major DUCHATEL of mapping information acquired.

11. ACK.

..... Lt-Col.

GS 3 Aust Div.



Ref Movement Jap Tps. NORTH OF MARKHAM

1. Previously reported - (ANGAU & P/O. LEYDEN). W.O. LUM killed <sup>vicinity</sup> KAIAPIT. Sun. 6<sup>th</sup> Jun. 43. by a patrol which does a "round" of this area <sup>from</sup> NADZAB. A large party of Japs was following them & evidently intended to make useable one of the KAIAPIT dromes. ~~Deserted~~ <sup>Natives</sup> ( ~~rainy weather~~ by ~~ill health~~ ) betrayed W.O. LUM'S party to the Japs.

This patrol has str. of 60. (see Lieut ROBINSON'S report on LOWER WATUT patrol.)

ANGAU man, CAVALLERI, stationed near ONGA, on receipt of this infm passed it back per wireless. (&/or an allied O.P. in this area.)

2. From infm from mission to MARALINAN-WURUF.

(Lieuts. ROBINSON, FRASIER, Pte. F. HASLER.)

Large fires observed from MARALINAN on Tues 8/6/43, at by bearings taken + infm from natives, the posn of the 2000 hrs; Jap patrol was at WAWIN RH, M.R. (W)R 1967.

An ANGAU representative, SAVILL had NOT at this time heard of W.O. LUM'S death + was expecting him there (by a note sent by W.O. LUM) about this time. (5 Police Boys reported killed + LUM'S personal servants held by Japs)

Natives in area worked very well + willingly, some "going bush", Sunday night because of a "scare" of unascertained origin. These Natives are very short of food, + as they worked well, could be assisted by sending them (p/ops + pt, possibly) "bulky" + Rice which is certainly due to them.

3. Other infm, re dromes: (see GOING MAPS) x 200 ft.

MARALINAN:

GAMAROK: Strip 1 mile length 1400 ft. being cleared. ^ Tpt. drome possible with some constn. to combat likely flooding. F/B drome

DUNGUNTUNG: Strip between GAMAROK and DUNGUNTUNG

WURUF: easily convertible to F. strip. F. strip. hills at rear only drawback.

(F.S. need 5000 ft)

4. Comments & Deductions:

(i) <sup>recd</sup> at patrol from C Boy, ordered by 3rd Lt Div. were intending to cross the MARKHAM on ~~night~~ evening Wed. 9<sup>th</sup> when the Jap patrol would be at NADZAB. They were prevented by unfavourable conditions - Intended Xing Thurs. evening for certain. OVER.



(ii) Movements of Jap Patrol of 60<sup>(2)</sup>, which does the <sup>route,</sup> NADZAB-ERAP-  
LERON-KAIAPIT, <sup>NADZAB,</sup> regularly, ~~→~~ weekly. (W.O. LUM) would  
appear to be as follows:-

Sun: KAIAPIT, or one of the neighbouring villages.

Mon: Area between SANGAN and SASSIAN R.H.

Tue: WAWIN R.H.

Wed: NADZAB - ~~CHIVASH~~ <sup>GABSONKER.</sup>

One day's rest here, + 3 days back to KAIAPIT area.

This would make one week's Patrolling. Track between KAIAPIT &  
NADZAB (according to late W.O. LUM) is an excellent one.

The Japs have a habit of burning areas where they  
camp. The LOWER WATUT Patrol observed one fire, vicinity, MRU R. 05-73 when  
(iii) Large bodies of Japs, both reinforcements & parties for const. work  
on dromes in this area, in particular, LERON & KAIAPIT, + for  
their def., appear to move DOWN from MADANG whenever required -  
in parties of 200-300.

(iv) Our success in this area, - particularly in vicinity  
LAE, will depend greatly on who gets in first with the dromes  
in area, LOWER WATUT valley - LERON area.

With dromes working ~~→~~ MARALINAN-WURUF area,  
our F's & B's can nullify Jap dromes NORTH side the MARKHAM  
and greatly assist <sup>in</sup> the subjection of LAE.

Protection, would be needed, of course, down the  
LOWER WATUT valley, + OLD EFAFAN, with ~~some~~ improvement would  
make excellent base. H.Q.

(v) Results of ill-treatment of Natives, by our side, shows its  
fruit in the loss of an almost irreplaceable man. The late W.O. LUM  
told us, how, that after 2-3 mos of ~~working~~ work for us, many natives  
deserted, being ruined in health for life.

(vi) Ref. GOING MAP, SUNSHINE-MARKHAM R., by LR WATUT valley, Sec 6,  
PESEN village's now situated at alternative village site,  
immediately in REAR of marked village posn. Donald. of Langford  
p. 12/16/42



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PATROL FILE 1801

3 Div

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Ref lower WATUT patrol @ what is extent  
of navigability of WATUT for craft of 12 inch  
draught similar recess boat which could be  
carried round small water falls

Reply I391

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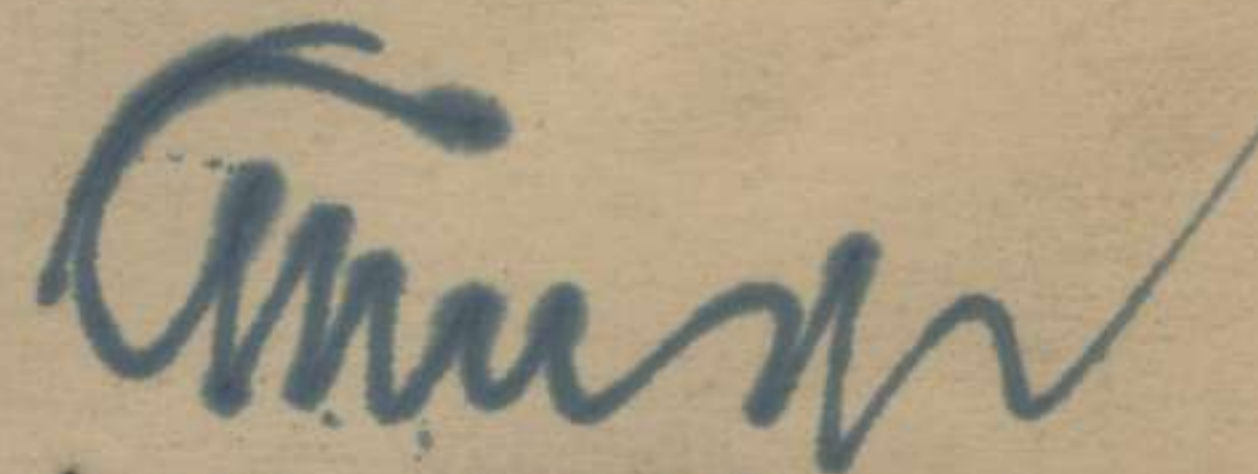
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REF LOWER WATUT RIVER PATROL.

I am forwarding herewith original of report dated 12 May, 43, received from Lieut. E.R. ROBINSON, O.C. of the above patrol. I would appreciate the return of this report when you have finished with it.

Also enclosed are:-

- (a) Copies of going map and sketches done en route by the "I" man with the patrol.
- (b) A spool of films taken of the following places.
  - (i) WATUT R. looking SOUTH - gorge.
  - (ii) WOWAS VALLEY looking WEST.
  - (iii) " " " "
  - (iv) " " " "
  - (v) EFOFAN VALLEY
  - (vi) MARILINAN looking NORTH.
  - (vii) " " " "
  - (viii) " " " "

  
(G.F. SMITH)

Major,  
Adm. Comd. 24 Aust. Inf. Bn.



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Ref. Map. Show Gulf. Special  
1" = 24 mile

Sunshine

27 May 43

Report on Lower Watur Patrol

7 May 43 — 26 May 43

by. Lieut. E. B. Robinson

O.C. Patrol

Route:— Out: Sunshine Watur River - Macalman -  
Nuruf - Pisen - Sth Bank Markham R.

In: same as out.

Object: General Recce.

- (1) Track times
- (2) Correction of Maps. data for Mapping
- (3) Propaganda amongst Natives
- (4) Training & Experience in Patrol. Work.

EW



Starting & Finishing Points & Track Times

Sunshine - L. Taiak	: track time	4 hrs 35 min
L. Taiak - Kaposwaga	:	4 hrs 15 min
Kaposwaga - Wenas	:	5 hrs 8 min
Wenas - Marabuan	:	3 hrs 15 min <del>4 hrs 30 min</del>
Marabuan - Wuruf	:	4 hrs 20 min
Wuruf - Pisen	:	3 hrs 15 min
Pisen - Markham	:	4 hrs 5 min

Estimate of Grade.

From Sunshine - Marabuan track follows. Walnut R. Gorge, rising & falling the whole time grades vary from 1-20 to 1-4, rising in some places to 600 ft above the river. Marabuan to Markham track, is on valley floor is level & in some places inclined to swamp.

Class of Track.

Track was originally built by natives under supervision of W.O. Lum, PANGRAU from Macatang. to Waru for the purpose of bringing cattle from Coastul areas to Waru. Except for a few minor slides the track is easily made, ready for mules several. rock faces make the task of making it jeepable very hard.

Lower from air & A.P. observation

Except for the part of the track from Banil River to Wuruf which is in open kunai the track is



continually in rain forest & affords excellent cover from air + O.P. observation.

### Stream Information.

Navigability: From Sunshin to Marakman  
<sup>NOT navigable.</sup>  
~~no stream~~ The Wabut or Subutani are  
fit for boats or rafts of any kind.  
from Marakman - Markham. The Wabut is  
extensively used for rafting & big native canoes  
The Markham is used for rafting & canoes.

Bridges. Several native kundai bridges cross the  
Wabut most of them in best repair with the  
exception of a few going to native gardens.  
The Wabut is bridged (L) Q 9716. by a cattle-bridge  
7 strands of shub wire well floored & with 6 ft sides.  
No more bridges were seen on the Lower Wabut or  
Markham River.

Baniel River is fordable just below the native  
foot bridge

### Possible O.P.s

Kunai Ridge between old Efofan & Marakman (L) Q 9620  
hill at the back of Resen gives good view of  
Markham Valley. but not a good tactical O.P.

### Alternative Tracks & Branches.

There is the old native track following the  
Wabut R. Gorge. This is now overgrown & unused  
as the new track is better & easier.  
The main track from Resen goes to Mastong via  
Guruf. Marawasa Kasawai Koropa Boelajim  
the native track to the Markham (used by Patrol)  
branches off this track.



Enemy information of boundary visited

There have been no ENEMY Patrols in the Lower Wabul Valley, although his Patrols are active on the North Bank of the Nankham R. These Patrols are large & over confident. very few precautions are taken, so prevent surprise attack. W.O. Lums of 17th AMB. has noted several positions where these patrols could be ambushed

Bovinae site.

Sambio. 3 huts. clean accom 30-40 men. good water. native garden adjacent. few mosquitoes.

Jarab. 3 huts (dirty) 20 men. water 5 mins. garden few mosquitoes. lot of flies

Kapaswaga. 3 good huts. 45-50 men. good water gardens at village on top of hill very few mosquitoes.

New as. 2 huts. cook house 25 min water. 3 mins gardens at village 800 yds. mosquitoes bad. sand flies.

Old Epafan. 1 hut. excellent water good cover. ideal with improvements for unit or formation HQ.

Maralenin.

Three huts & 2 Blue huts. 30-40 men. water 10 minutes. gardens at village. Chrome site alongside few mosquitoes.

Nuruf. 2 huts 20-30 men water 5 min gardens at village mosquitoes very bad.



Reser. 4 huts. 25-30 men water 10-minutes  
gardens. at village mosquitoes very bad.

Possible Landing Zones & supply dropping places.

Bonia K.L.G. small planes only. best condition  
too close to river for dropping supplies.

Roamer K.L.G. small planes only. fair condition  
fair for dropping of supplies difficult approach.

Efouan. good supply dropping place.

Marabouin. B. class drone. 30 men could  
make it suitable for transport planes inside  
a week.

Further supply dropping places at Wuy Danganlung  
see sketch maps.

Other Information.

Native reports to W.D. Linn. indicate Jap patrols  
come to Gabonketh, form a base. from here patrols  
move to Thwasing, back along up the trap  
across to Leow to Sangun & back by the valley  
road. Sub. Int from Thwasing brought in for  
questioning said that 60 men + 1 officer <sup>equipped with</sup> 3 h.m.c.  
submachine guns <sup>& rifles</sup> make the patrol. The patrol  
shot the pigs & cut down their bananas.  
Japs are unpopular with the natives.

Attitude of Natives.

The natives in the Wabur River Valley  
& surrounding districts are very friendly & anxious  
to assist the soldiers. Although food is  
scarce they offered the best to our patrol.



McLum has the villages organised to carry  
all cargo ~~along~~ <sup>along</sup> their section of the track  
where it is changed to the next village. The  
organisation is excellent. no trouble would be  
experienced in getting supplies to Pasa in this  
manner.

Salon's report. (unconfirmed) about Japs are working  
on Levon dome site.

Mapping Information.

being prepared by I section 24<sup>th</sup> Pn.  
to be forwarded

C. Robinson

27 May 43.



"D" 2d.

WOWTTS

Tues 11<sup>th</sup> Feb.

Dear Norm,

This recce is a marvellous experience, & I would not have missed it for anything (though my ~~Diarr~~ Diarrhoea has given me some terrible times.)

Yesterday, we did the equivalent of 25 mls on the flat - a very full day's march; & I did it on a couple of cups of tea and 1½ dog biscuits! It was all I could do to crawl into bed.

We have a chance of recuperating, at present. (I though I will be working all day.) I've got away from "the maddening crowd" & am sitting in a waterfall. (On a rock, see!) to have it quieter - Beautiful!

Re this mapping, etc. - The Major could not come with us, for which we are very sorry.

The going - Maps for round here take a terrific time to do, which will apx for any delay Pts for Back Bearings are well



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nigh hopeless, unless one is given double the time for the job. Ridges, etc block & abound

The H. Gulf, as regards the WATUT is reliable ROAMER, where it begins to get a bit out. The bend, & SABROAR CK are out of plumb.

One chap is supplying the lines & one the bgs, being the only method of enabling me to be not far behind, but it is unsatisfactory, especially as the compass bloke's work is not to my satisfaction.

The track surface is extra throughout - being made by LUMS for lifting cattle at one time.

The natives have been very good & we've had things such as Spring Onions, Spinach, Limes, eating Bananas (beautiful) [Banana-man] & tons of Kow-kow, etc.

one night the chaps rolled on the floor through being full-a-da-gut!

Best to all,  
Don

CONTOUR LINES are impossible.





From No.: .....

Name: .....

Unit: .....

Date: .....

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Wuruf  
19 May 43

To - I.O

24 Aust Inf Bn  
from O.C L. Walter Patrol.

General Report:

Patrol left <sup>(MAROLANAN)</sup> Marolanan

13 May 43 for Wuruf <sup>(WURUF)</sup> passed through  
Gamarok. Duguntung to Wuruf

Track time. plus 20 minutes.

Track ~~up~~ level & for the main part  
through kurai.

Accom. Duguntung 2 huts. 25 men  
water 5 min. mosquitoes.

Wuruf. 2 huts. 30 men water 5 min  
mosquitoes - bad.

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Left Humpy for Pesen <sup>PESEN</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> May 43  
On leaving Humpy the track entered  
rain forest & swamp jungle the  
country was low & muddy the  
surface of the track very slippery  
Track time 2 hrs 15 minutes

Accom Pesen 4 huts 25-30 men

3 min native gardens & morquitos

15<sup>th</sup> May 43 Patrol rec'd area in  
vicinity of Pesen.

16 May 43

Patrol moved to Sth. Bank  
Natham River 10 minutes out of  
Pesen. Patrol left main Nadang





From No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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New track. branch off into rain forest. on a native pad the jungle gave way to sago swamp then 1/2 hrs of Kunar more forest & sago swamp. reaching the Markham 5-booyds (short) west of junction of W. Markham track line. who 5 min accom nit. mosquitoes very bad. no good water.

Intention.

It is the intention of the patrol to return by the same route completing mapping detail. estimate arrive at Sunshini

26 May 43

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Attitude of Natives.

Extremely friendly & anxious to help. Soldiers, as well as coconuts & vegetable they have given us pineapples, kukumba, groundnuts. plenty but a very few full grown figs. As a native's wealth is measured by his figs this gift of a fig to the soldier is of great significance.

Enemy Activity.

No enemy activity reported in Wabun Valley. Native report presence of patrol of 60 men at Chivasing.

CHIVASING





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GABSONKEK

also. Jap. patrol from Gabsonkek  
to Erap ~~RIVER~~ LERON & back.

The natives report this patrol  
to be of 60 men 1 officer  
3 Lt machine guns several sub-  
machine guns, & the rest rifles

Naval spirit of patrol is  
excellent.

Mapping detail forwarded at end of  
patrol.

Edmundson Lt

oc. L. Walter Patrol

1020/25

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Ref Maps -  
HUMAN GULF

# GENERAL INTELL REPORT

## PATROL - LOWER WATUT VALLEY

DAY 4 - DAY 15 - (1943)

To 21 MAY 1943

(MARRALINAN)

GENERAL: <sup>GENERAL:</sup> Owing to ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~maps~~ <sup>maps</sup> being available, news has been delayed. If a ~~map~~ <sup>map</sup> can be procured, maps will be sent on ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~next~~ <sup>next</sup> day.

DAY 4 KAPASWAGA - WOWAS

" 5 Spent at WOWAS. (L) Q 950 225

" 6 WOWAS - MARRALINAN (L) Q 9338

" 7 MARRALINAN - WURUF (L) Q 975 470

" 8 WURUF - PESEN (L) Q 975 470

" 9 PESEN

" 10 Patrol of three, with Lieut ROBINSON Jc, proceeded to the bank of the MARKHAM R, 500 yds. WEST of the junc of the WATUT & MARKHAM Rivers, and returned. NO sign of JAP activity THIS side of the MARKHAM.

" 11 & 12 Spent at PESEN

" 13 PESEN - WURUF

" 14 WURUF - MARRALINAN

" 15 Spent at MARRALINAN

The Patrol is returning by the same route. Due at WOWAS to-morrow.

A well defined track exists through to PESEN, has an excellent surface, except, in particular, between WURUF and PESEN.

### HEALTH

The <sup>the</sup> hard marching through wet & on hard surfaces, has affected the feet of the Patrol to quite an extent.

### MORALE

Very high: The experience of passing through 'new' territory on such a job has had a very salutary effect.

### RATIONS

Not by Rations have had to be supplemented by what native foods can be obtained. Native food, for the most part, is very limited.

### NATIVES

Very helpful throughout, particularly the village of DUNGUNUNG.

1020/25  
Donald J. Langley  
21 May 43  
Pte



(iv) Organization - continued

## No. 3 (MORTAR) PLATOON

Motor cycle	1	Sergeant	
Motor cycle	2	Motor cyclist orderly	
Truck, 15-cwt., G.S.	1 and 2 (each)	2 mortar numbers Driver M.T. A.T. rifle and 200 rounds 72 rds 3-inch mortar ammunition	
Truck, 15-cwt., G.S. for personnel		Corporal Rangetaker Batman Driver, M.T. A.T. rifle and 200 rounds	
Carrier armoured fitted for 3-inch mortar	1	Lieutenant Fitter, M.V. A.A.O.C. Orderly Driver-mechanic	
Carriers armoured fitted for 3-inch mortar (each)	2, 4 and 6	Sergeant 3 mortar numbers Driver-mechanic 3-inch mortar and 72 rounds	
Carriers armoured fitted for 3-inch mortar	3, 5 and 7	Corporal 3 mortar numbers Driver-mechanic 3-inch mortar and 72 rounds	
<u>Total</u>			
<u>Personnel</u>		<u>Weapons</u>	
<u>Officers</u>	1	<u>Pistols</u>	3
<u>Other ranks</u>	45	<u>Rifles</u>	43
		<u>A.T. rifles</u>	3
		<u>3-inch mortars</u>	6

## No. 4 (CARRIER) PLATOON

Truck, 15-cwt., G.S.		Sergeant Driver, M.T. Platoon stores	
Carrier, armoured	1	Lieutenant Batman Driver-mechanic L.M.G. and 1000 rounds	
Carriers, armoured (each)	2, 5 and 8	Corporal Private Driver-mechanic L.M.G. and 100 rounds A.T. rifle and 200 rounds	
Carriers, armoured (each)	3, 4, 6, 7, 9 and 10	Corporal Private Driver-mechanic L.M.G. and 1000 rounds	
<u>Total</u>			
<u>Personnel</u>		<u>Weapons</u>	
<u>Officers</u>	1	<u>Pistols</u>	1
<u>Other ranks</u>	31	<u>Rifles</u>	31
		<u>A.T. rifles</u>	3
		<u>Bren Guns</u>	10



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from: O.C. L. Walnut Patrol.

Maramba

12. Mar. 1947

Kapaswaga - Nowas.

Day 4.

Track time Kapaswaga Roamer.

Roamer - Lower Pin

L. Pin - Bitap Creek.

Bitap Creek - Nowas.

Tracks: Kapaswaga Roamer good surface  
easy gradient. bench cut a few minor  
landlocks

Roamer - Lower Pin good surface - gradient  
increases rises & falls very greatly in places

Lower Pin - Bitap Creek surface stony  
gradient exceptionally steep rising 800ft.  
above river in very short distance

Bitap Creek - Nowas surface slightly  
muddy. fairly steep gradient.

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Topography :- Tremendously steep gorge  
rain forest. Gorge opens out to Roamer-chrom  
500 yds. long fair & fair huts. moths only.

Roamer-Piu Gorge closes in steep  
sided rain forest

Piu-Bitap. Gorge exceptionally steep.  
river racing & very turbulent. rain  
forest all the way.

Bitap-Nawas. Gorge steep rain forest  
river opens into valley at Nawas.  
Rain forest alternates with Kunai  
many native gardens.

Accommodation: L. Piu. 3 huts. (dirty)  
20 men only. water 3 minutes.

Bitap. 2 huts. only 15 men. water  
5 minutes.

Nawas. Police hut. 3 huts. 25 men.  
good water. 11 minutes.

few mosquitoes & plenty of  
sandflies.

Native foods in abundance.

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Wowas. Day 5.

Day spent in rest, mapping & small  
rice patrol.

Inf. Subs. from surrounding villages  
came in to see soldiers brought

Paw-Paws, Bananas, Yams & other  
vegetables & fruits. Patrol <sup>LANGAMAR</sup>

R. reported country similar to  
previously explored. a good bridge

shut cable & wooden slats built  
by natives supervised by W.O. <sup>LV B1B</sup>

A.N.G.F.U. for cattle.

Day 6.

Wowas. - Maralman

Track lines:

Track. good surface easy passage  
cross. Patrol at bridge for cattle  
below. Langamar junction.



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Apparatus

moved along S. bank Wabun  
Track good to Benin River  
Nadin bridge, across Benin  
1 man at a time type of bridge  
Benin - goyds. with fordable at  
bridge

Track Benin to Sofar, good, emerges  
from Rain forest to Kuncai

Sofar creek fordable in 3 places.  
Sofar - Nawlunian, good/bunch  
cut track easy grass to Nawlunian

Topography

Nawas - Benin River

gorge. rain forest. river on rocky.  
not very fast.

Benin R. - Sofar emerges from Rain  
forest to Kuncai. gorge changes to  
open valley. Sofar creek in center  
of valley. old mission ~~at~~  
at Kuncai. Climber to top of ridge  
& Low. Wabun Valley in view

From Nawlunian to Narkhan R.  
Valley flat, covered in wet



swampy jungle. Remained on one side  
west. with Kunai range of hills  
on right east Rain forest range  
MT. WATUT in centre.

MANAKINAN Drenn. 750 yds long.  
100 yds wide. well drained  
good surface. could be lengthened  
by 300-400 yds.

Accommodations

MANAKINAN: House Kiap.  
30 mm. water 15 mm.

Intention move to WUNUF 18 May

Attitude of Natives friendly, curious  
extremely helpful.

Morale excellent.

Therain Lt.

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TO Intelligence Officer,  
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From OC,  
L. WATUT Patrol.

MARALINAN.  
May 43.

KAPASWAGA - WOWAS Day 4.

Track time KAPASWAGA - ROAMER  
ROAMER - LOWER PIU  
LOWER PIU - BITOP CREEK  
BITOP CREEK - WOWAS

Track : Kapaswaga - Roamer. Good surface easy gradient bench cut a few minor landslides.  
Roamer - Lower Piu. Good surface gradient increases rises and falls very greatly in places.  
Lower Piu - Bitop Ck. Surface stony. gradient exceptionally steep rising 800ft above river in very short distance.  
Bitop Ck - Wowas. Surface slightly muddy. fairly steep gradient.

Topography. - Tremendously steep gorge. Rain forest. Gorge opens out to Roamer Drome 500 yds long fair. 2 fair huts. Moths only

Roamer - Lower Piu. Gorge closes in steep sided rain forest.  
Lower Piu - Bitop Ck. Gorge exceptionally steep. River racing and very turbulent; rain forest all the way.  
Bitop Ck - Wowas. Gorge steep. Rain forest. river opens into Valley at Wowas. Rain forest alternates with kunai. Many native gardens.

Accommodation.

Lower Piu. 3 huts (dirty) 20 men only. Water 3 mins.  
Bitop Ck. 2 huts. 15 men only. Water 5 minutes.  
Wowas. Police hut. 3 huts. 25 men. Good water 4 minutes. Few mosquitoes but plenty of sandflies. Native food in abundance.

WOWAS. Day 5.

Day spent in rest, mapping and small recce patrol. Tul-Tuls from surrounding villages came in to see soldiers brought Pa-Paws, Bananas, Yams and other vegetables and fruits. Patrol to LANGAMAR R reported - Country similar to previously exploited. A good bridge - steel cable and wooden slats built by natives supervised by WO LUMIB ANGAU for cattle.

Day 6.

WOWAS - MARALINAN.

Track times.

Track. Good surface, easy gradient. Cross bridge for cattle below LANGAMAR junction. Moved along S bank of WATUT. Track good to BENIR River. Native bridge across BENIR R. one man at a time type of bridge. BENIR - 80 yds wide - fordable at bridge.

Track BENIR - EFAPAN good. Emerges from rain forest to kunai.  
EFAPAN Ck. Fordable in 3 places.



EFAFAN - MARALINAN. Good bench cut track easy grades to MARALINAN.

Topography.

Wowas - Benir River. Gorge. 1 rain forest. River on rocky bed - very fast.

Benir R - Efafan.

Emerges from rain forest to kunai. Gorge changes to open valley. Efafan Ck. in centre of valley. Old mission defunct at present: Climbed to top of ridge - Lower Watut Valley in view. From MARALINAN to MARKHAM Valley flat covered with swamp jungle. Bounded on one -West side with kunai range of hills. On right - East side rain forest range. MT WATUT in centre.

MARALINAN DROME.

780 yds long, 100 yds wide, well drained, good surface. Could be lengthened by 300 - 400 yds.

Accommodation.

Maralinan.

House Kiap. 30 mins. Water 15 mins.

Intention.

Move to WURUF 13 May.

Attitude of Natives.

Friendly, carriers extremely helpful.

Morale

Excellent.

(Sgd) E. ROBINSON Lieut.



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WATUT. R.

Between OLD LEAFAN and WOWAS.

OLD LEAFAN.

EFAN NECK

61°

270°

1. mile c.

TONGWI (Hunting Area)

To BITAR etc

WOWAS

BANIL. R.

260°

W. 4.  
L. 40  
D. 20  
Condition

LANGIMAR. R.

35203°

Old Track.

WOWAS R. H.

Scale 1" = 1800 yds. approx.

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Ed Sketch WURUF Area

Bye Map

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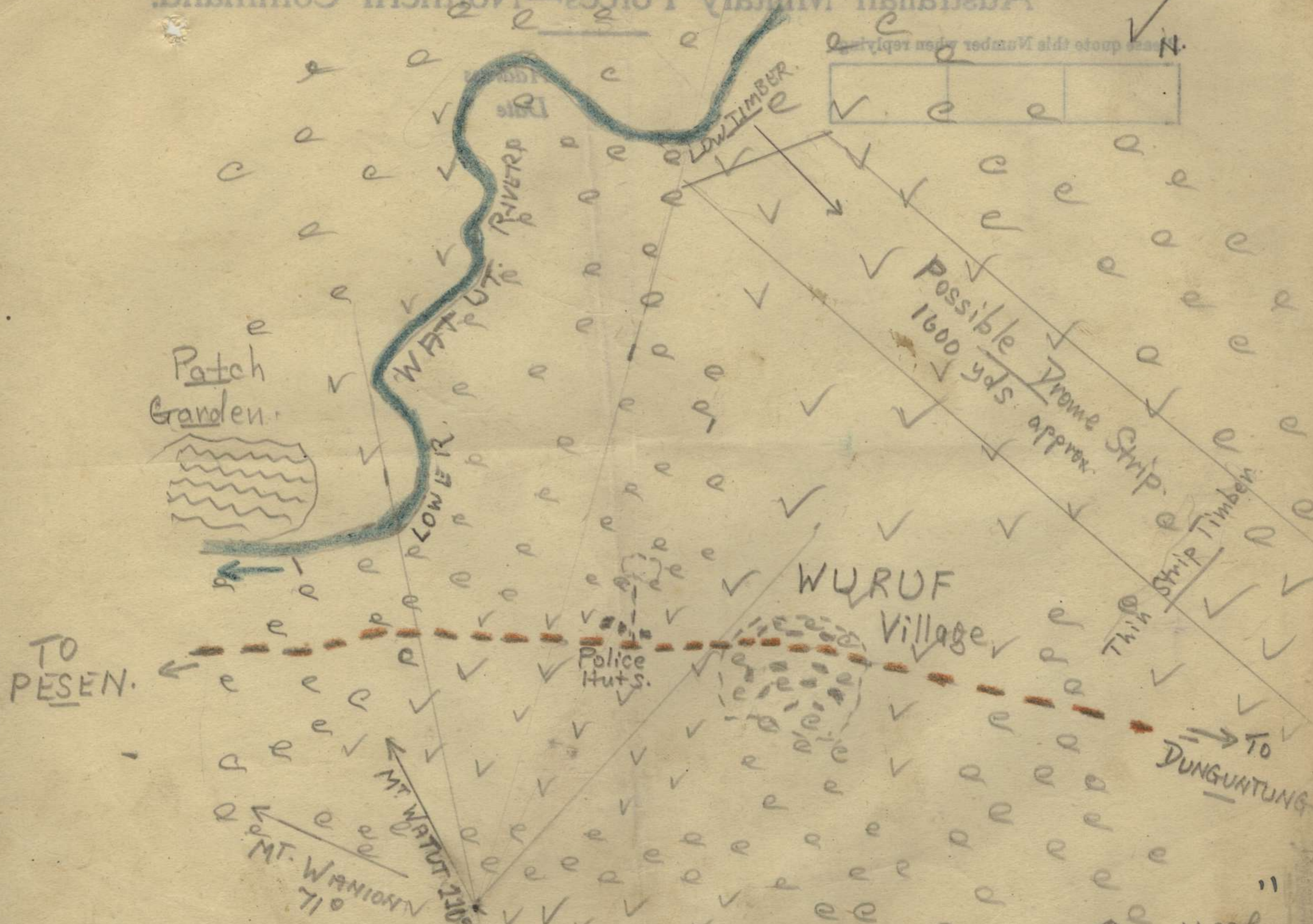
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From Hillside, REAR Police Huts.

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TO PESEN.

WURUF Village

TO DUNGUNTUNG

Scale: 1 in = 400 yds approx

Time: 1400 hrs. Date: 21. May 43

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D. Coy File

Time

Rough.

Remarks.

Cliff  
FALHOZE

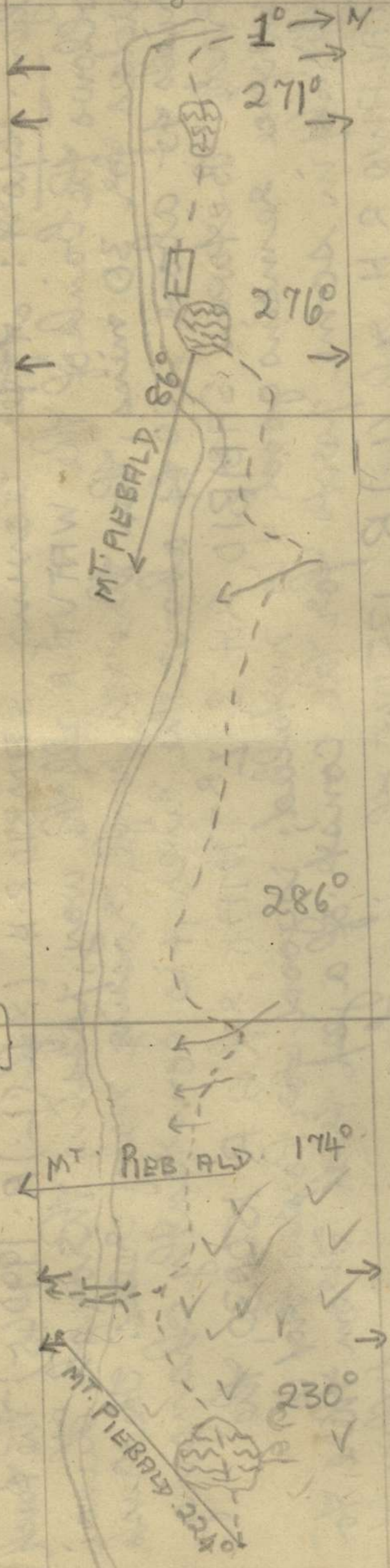
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Useable Kunala Br across River.

Swamp

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Bend in River  
Clearing - Grass  
Track Falls 1-10  
Poss. Supply Dropping Point  
600 yds.  
Clearing  
Steep Climb 1-6  
Track 20 ft above River  
Falls to  
Large Creek  
Kunai Patch  
Track Rises 1-6 to 100 ft  
Gorgey  
Clearing. Down 1-10  
Landslip  
Down 1-4  
Track Falls. Landslip.  
Rises to 250 ft  
Steep Climb. 1-5  
Large Cr. Jungle begins  
Creek  
Creek - good water  
Down 1-8  
Track down to Br.  
Kunai Spur  
Rises 1-10  
Garden - Track Soggy  
SAMBIO R.H.



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DRY. 2.  
SAMBIO R.H. TO GALAWO R.H.

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Date

Gen. Report: After leaving SAMBIO R.H. (ref (L) R 199045) the track follows the bank of the WATUT R. all the way, passing through Lunai ridges for 30 mins, then through jungle, crossing many creeks. The track rises to above 200 ft above the river, & is constantly changing grade. Between SAMBIO R.H. & L<sup>R</sup> TAIK, ref (L) R 150030, the surface remains good, & is metalled; is good for horses, but is difficult in some parts for the const. of a jeep track. From there, to GALAWO R.H., ref (L) R 135045, the going becomes more difficult, there being an av. gradient of 1-6, as the track rises & falls to 300 ft above the river. There are some parts where the const. of a jeep track would be considered impracticable. Lunch at L<sup>R</sup> TAIK. The night spent at GALAWO R.H. Natives very helpful & native food available.

SAMBIO—L<sup>R</sup> TAIK. 2-30.  
L<sup>R</sup> TAIK—GALAWO R.H. 1-40.

Total Time. 7 hrs 13 mins

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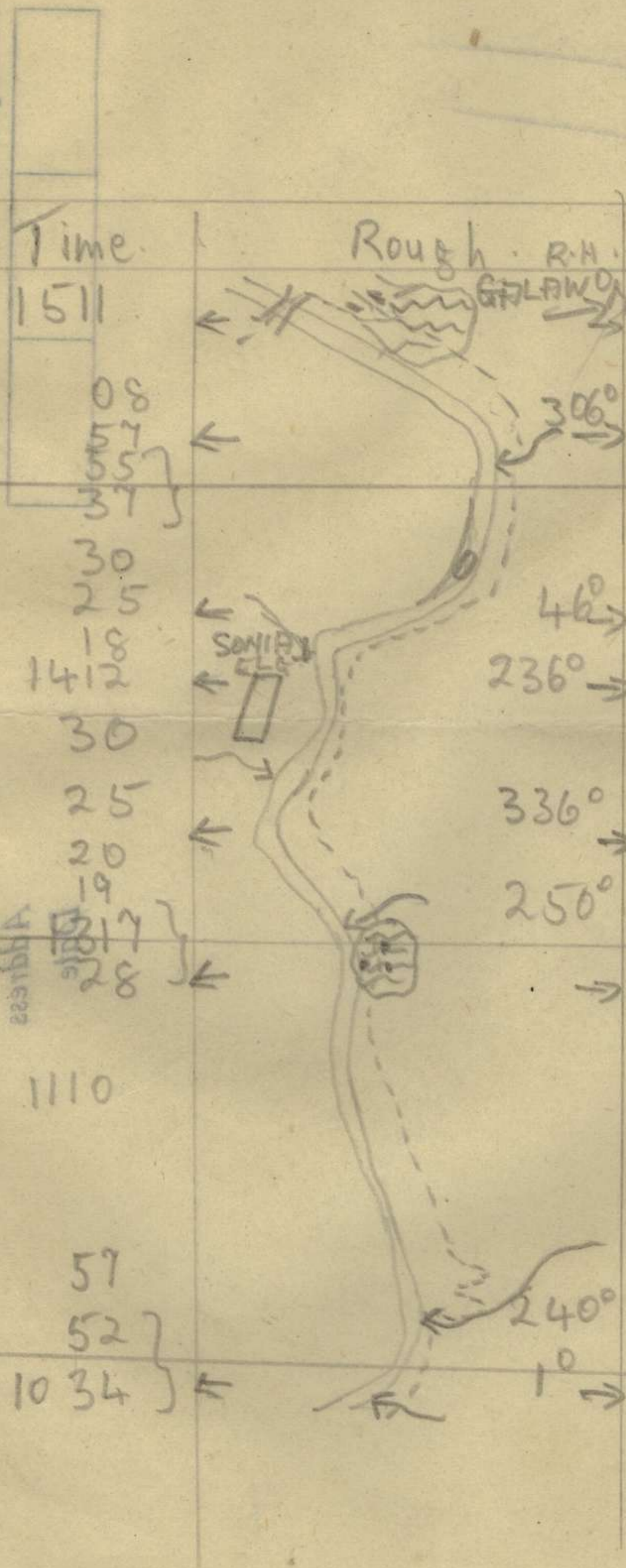


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REMARKS.

GALAWON R.H. 2 huts - 30 mins  
Good water. 5 mins.  
Garden  
Bend  
Creek - Largo.  
TOP Ridge.  
Track Rises 1-7.  
Is. in River.  
Track changes direction.  
Track wider - 300 yds.  
Creek.  
SONIA LG. much o/grown.  
800 yds. Approach Fair.  
Track Climbs.  
LR TRIPK. Big garden - Natives  
friendly 3 huts. Native foods.  
Track Falls, 1-5, 1-6.  
Rises steeply till this  
time.  
Track Zig-Zags to  
300 ft. V. hard. 1-5  
Creek track goes up 200 yds  
sandy Patch - Subject to flooding  
Large Ch.







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DAY 3

GALAWO R.A. -

KAPASWAGA 2-50

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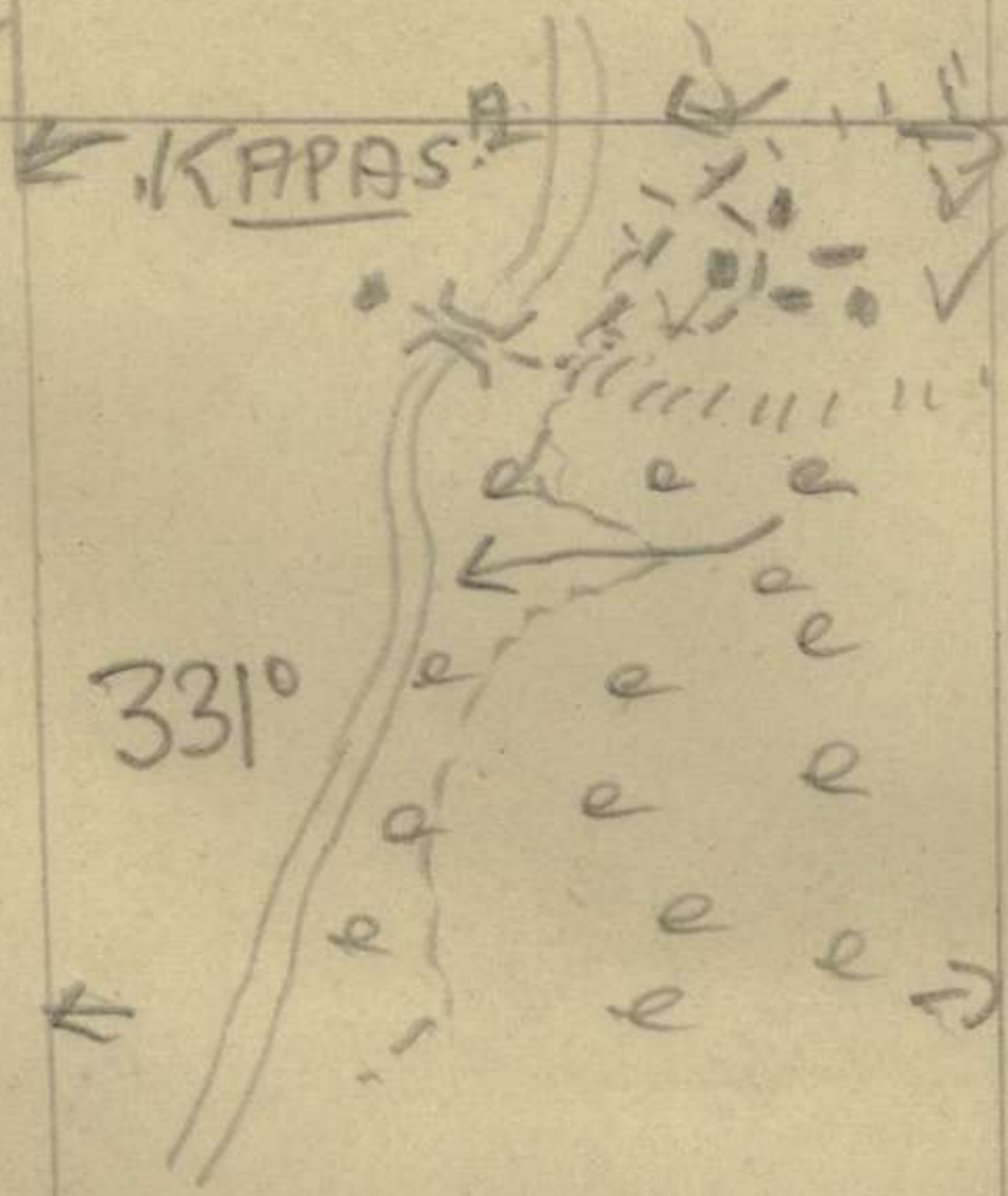
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Time	Route	REMARKS
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Good Kunda Br  
Over WATUTR  
huton opp side

Agaba 53  
52  
50  
48

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3 huts 45 men; good water  
close by No effective food in vicinity -  
has to be brought in  
KAPASWAGA (W.D. LUMS Place)  
Track Right, to House & Hut.  
Kunda Spur  
Down 1-8  
Creek.  
Long climb, 1/2 ml. Gradient av.  
To 400 ft. above River 1-8.  
Climb.



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DAY 3

REMARKS

Remarks

3 tanks in rear road block  
 cleared up, other tanks in rear  
 road block  
 KAPPS WARR (no. 100)  
 (base)  
 Troop right to house & river  
 down the  
 creek  
 Long line 1/2 mi. west of  
 To 400 ft above River  
 1-8  
 C Limp



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DAY 31

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Time	Rough	REMARKS
25	286°	N. REMARKS Creek.
13		creek.
12		Track changes direction
1000		Large Ck. Good Water
56		TWIN FALLS Ck. Good Water.
41		Garden.
39		
32	350°	
25		Good Water - Swift stream
20	KAPINCK 75°	KAPINCK Ck. Pole Br. 15ft W 2ft D B <sub>6</sub> UP Ck - 75°
04		Track (pad) Creek waterfalls.
02		Track Falls 1-7.
00		waterfalls of Lit. Ck.
57		
52	265°	Track Climbs 1-6. Jungle.
45	176°	TAIRAK Ck. Br. of poles - Fairly strong Good Water.
35	276°	Down 1-6 Garden - Clearing
30		B <sub>6</sub> UP Ck 176 deg. Ck - 18ft W 1 1/2 ft D
25		Down 1-8 Patchy - Grassy Spur.
20		Garden - Padup hill to NORTH
15		Creek
08		Creek. Track Climbs 1-8
06		Photo taken UP stream
0802		
0745		GALAWO R.H.

DAY 31 - KAPINCK - DAY 31



GALAWO - KAPASWAGA DAY 3

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Address

Date

Gen Report: From G.M. R.H. ref UTR 135045, the track continues to follow the course of the river, the surface remaining good, but it rises and falls, as usual; within an av. grade of 1-6, rising to 400ft, + more, above the river - jungle most of the way - ample water along track - natives helpful, and supplied native foods, which are NOT too plentiful at KAP. (w.o. Base), ref UTR 1072. 3 hrs, good condition, would hold 20-15-10, = 45 men - First real place of fac. importance - good water nearby - P.L. for any L of C, as suggested by DUCH. through DAMBE

Total Time 3 hrs 10 mins

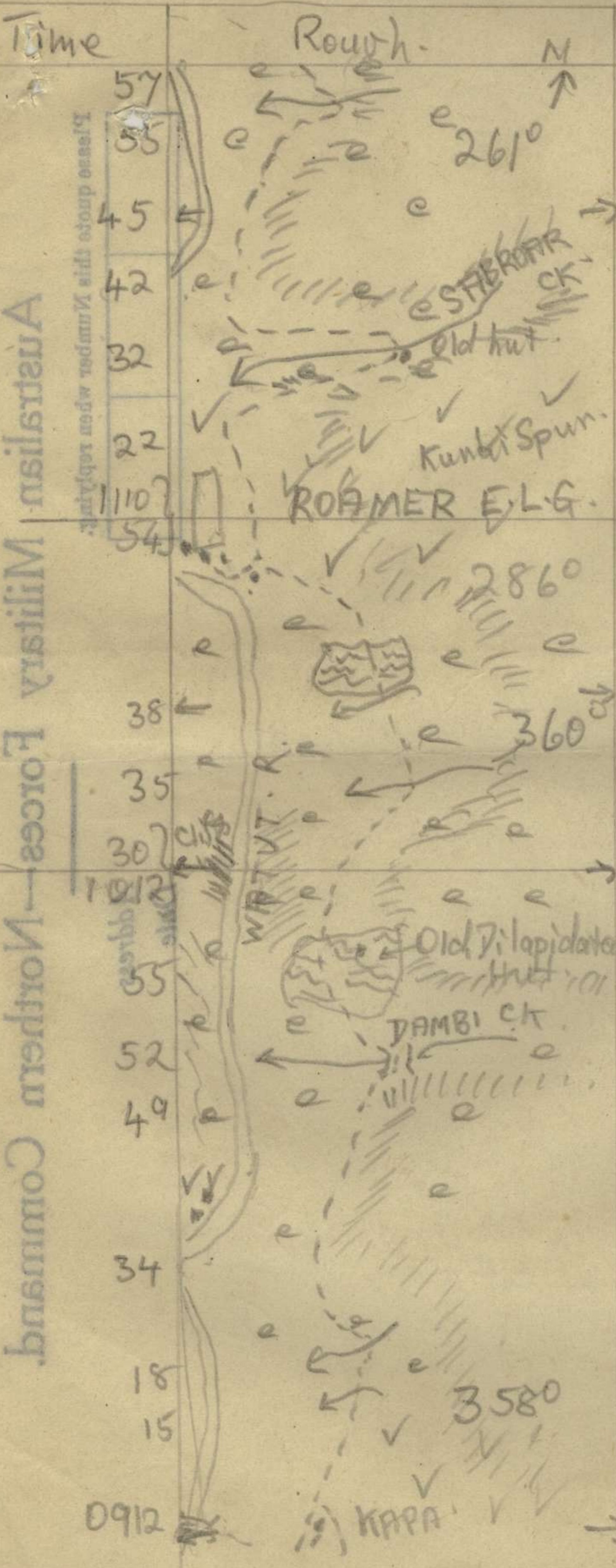
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REMARKS

ROAMER E.L.G. - approx 6-700 yds

Garden Creek. Av. Gradient 1-8, up & down. Large CK.

Very rocky & Gorgey here - Cliffs rise to over 600ft from river bed.

Garden. Deserted Village - One Dilapidated Hut.

DAMBI CK. log across as br. 20ft W 1ft D. swift flowing for clabe.

Track Falls 1-8

Two huts opposite. Jungle Country.

CK. Lit. CK.

Down 1-7 KAPASWAGTA



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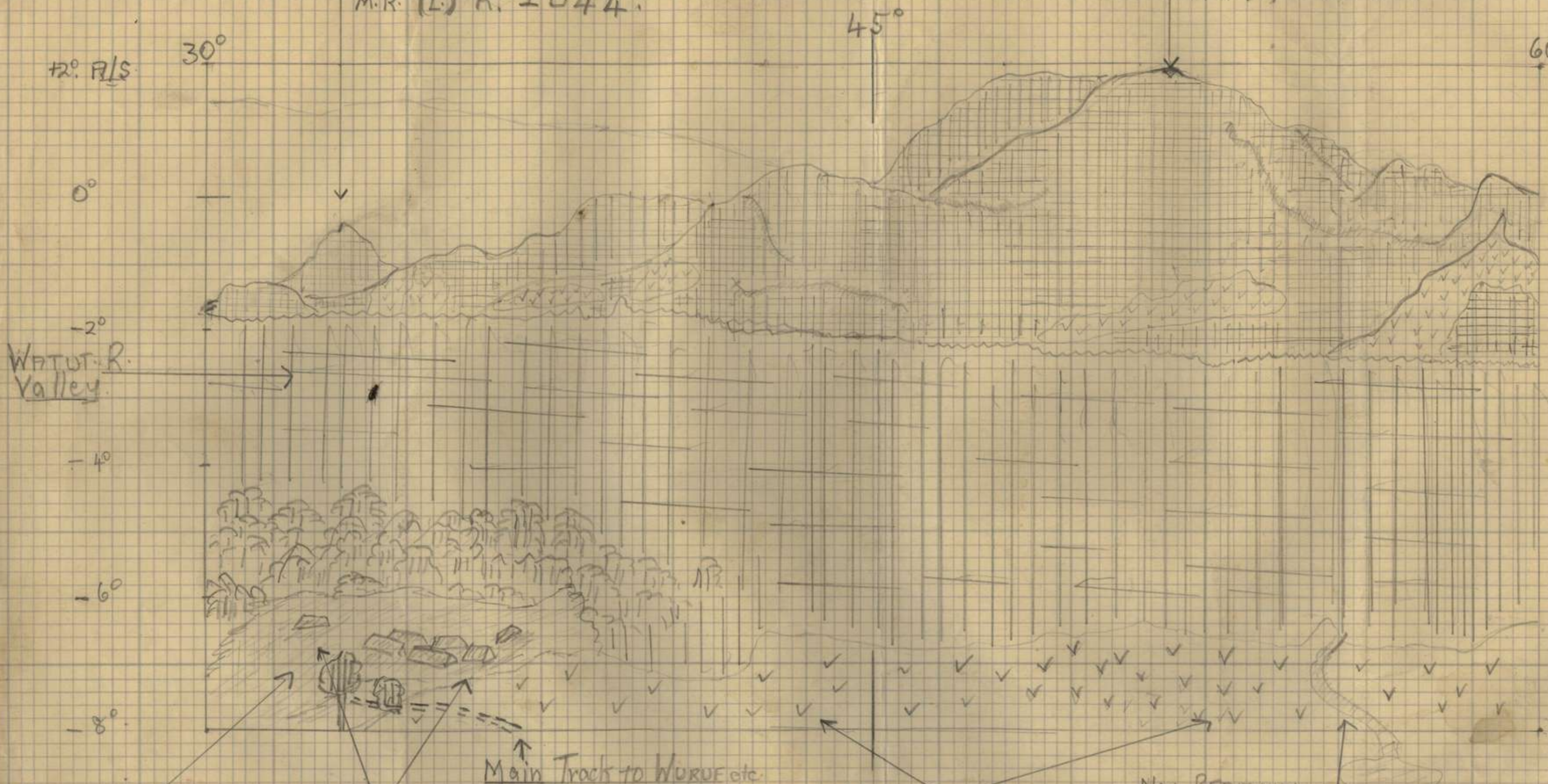
PANORAMA LOOKING TOWARDS MT. WATUT.

From Knoll, House KIAP, MARALINAN. M.R. (L) Q 950225.

MT WANION 33°  
M.R. (L) R. 1344.

MT. WATUT 52°  
M.R. (L) R 1032.

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Graden Round Village - MARALINAN Village.  
Mainly consists of Banana Plantations.  
Bg 35°

Clear. Excl. to Landing Strip.

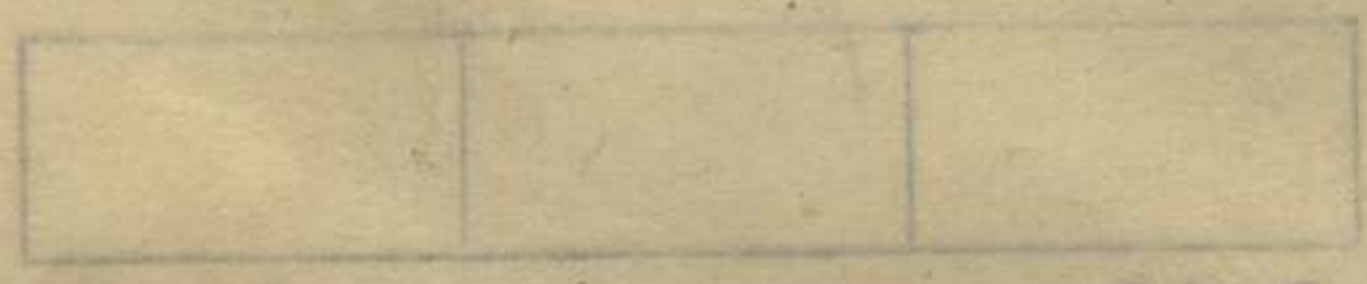
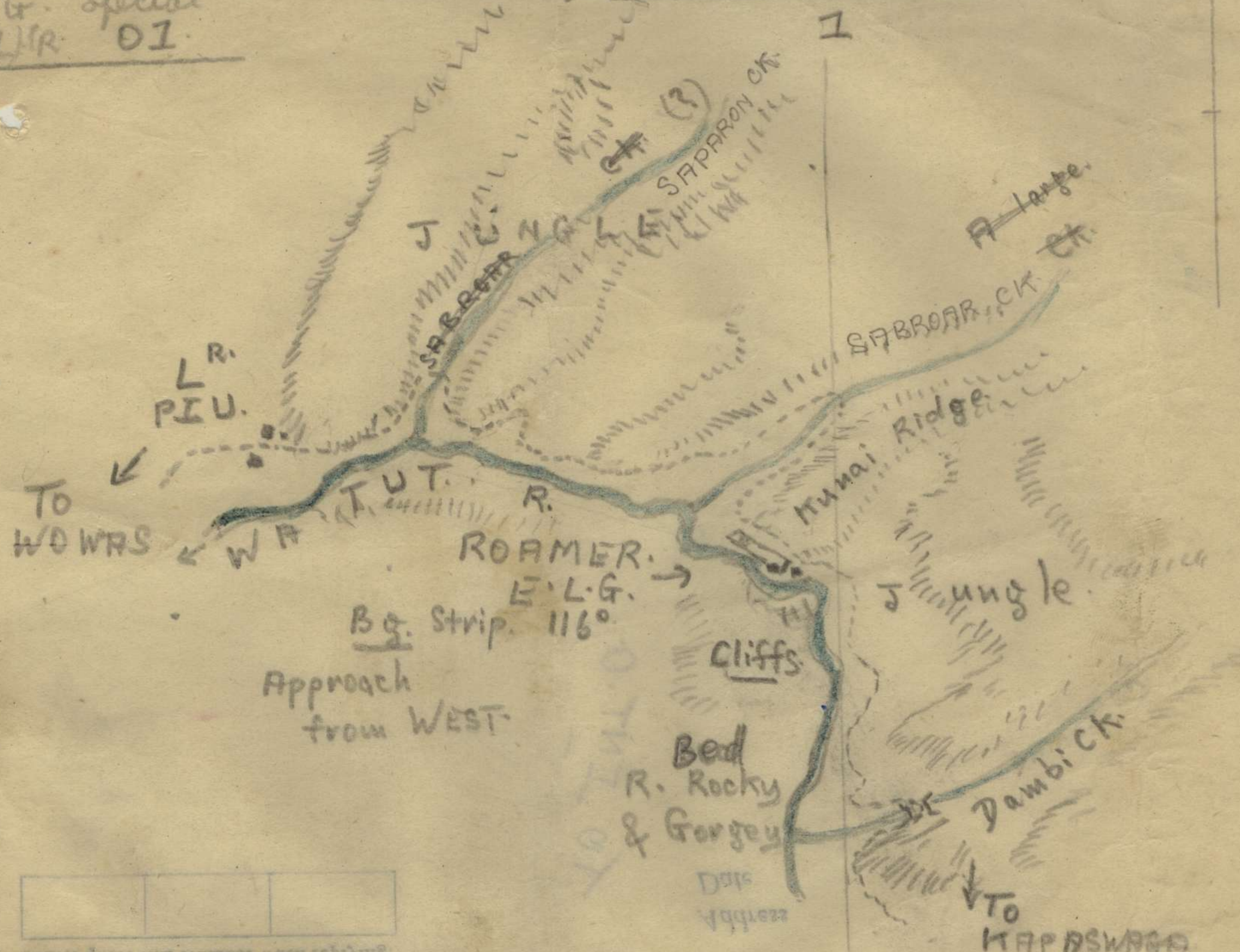
NON-PERENNIAL WATERCOURSE - Marshy.

TIME: 1700 hrs  
DATE: 21 May 43  
VISIBILITY: EXCELLENT  
Donald St. Lang



Ref. H.G. Special  
Sq. (L)R. 01

SKETCH WATUT. R. DAMBI CK. TO L<sup>R</sup> PIU.



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 11 May 43  
 Donald G. Loyal

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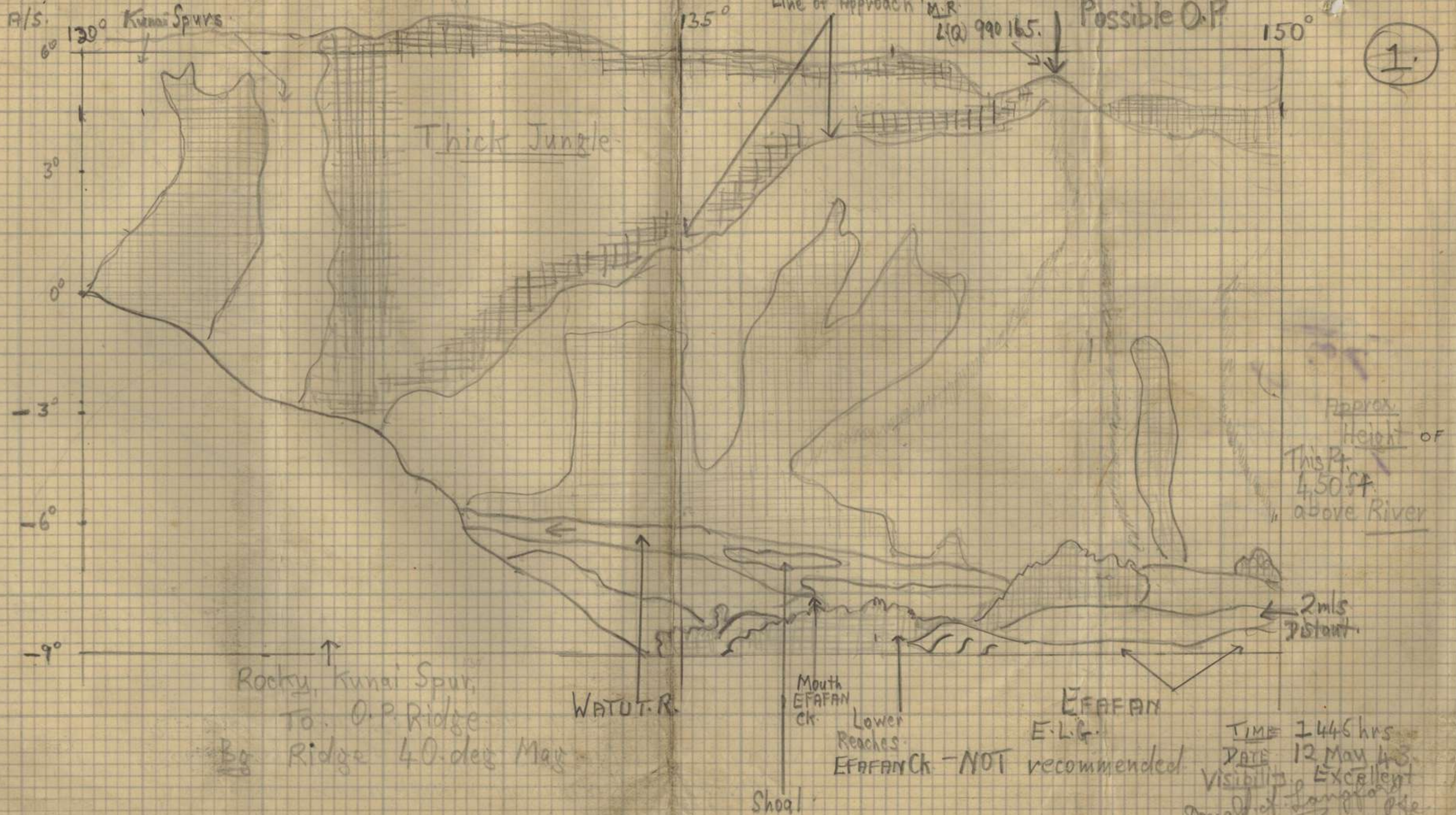
MARKHAM STRAIT.

PANORAMA LOOKING SE to WATUT River.

2 MAY 6.

From O.P. between EFAFAN and MARAUMAN M.R (L.) Q. 9810.

BEARINGS - Big Mag



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TIME 1445 hrs  
 DATE 12 May 43  
 Visibility Excellent  
 Donald J. Langford  
 I. J. ...



PANORAMA LOOKING IN A NORTHERLY DIRECTION  
FROM SPUR ADJACENT NIDDEN CAMP / HIDDEN VALLEY - AT O.P. USE CAMP  
REF. MAP WAO-SALAMAUA-LAE TRACK MAP



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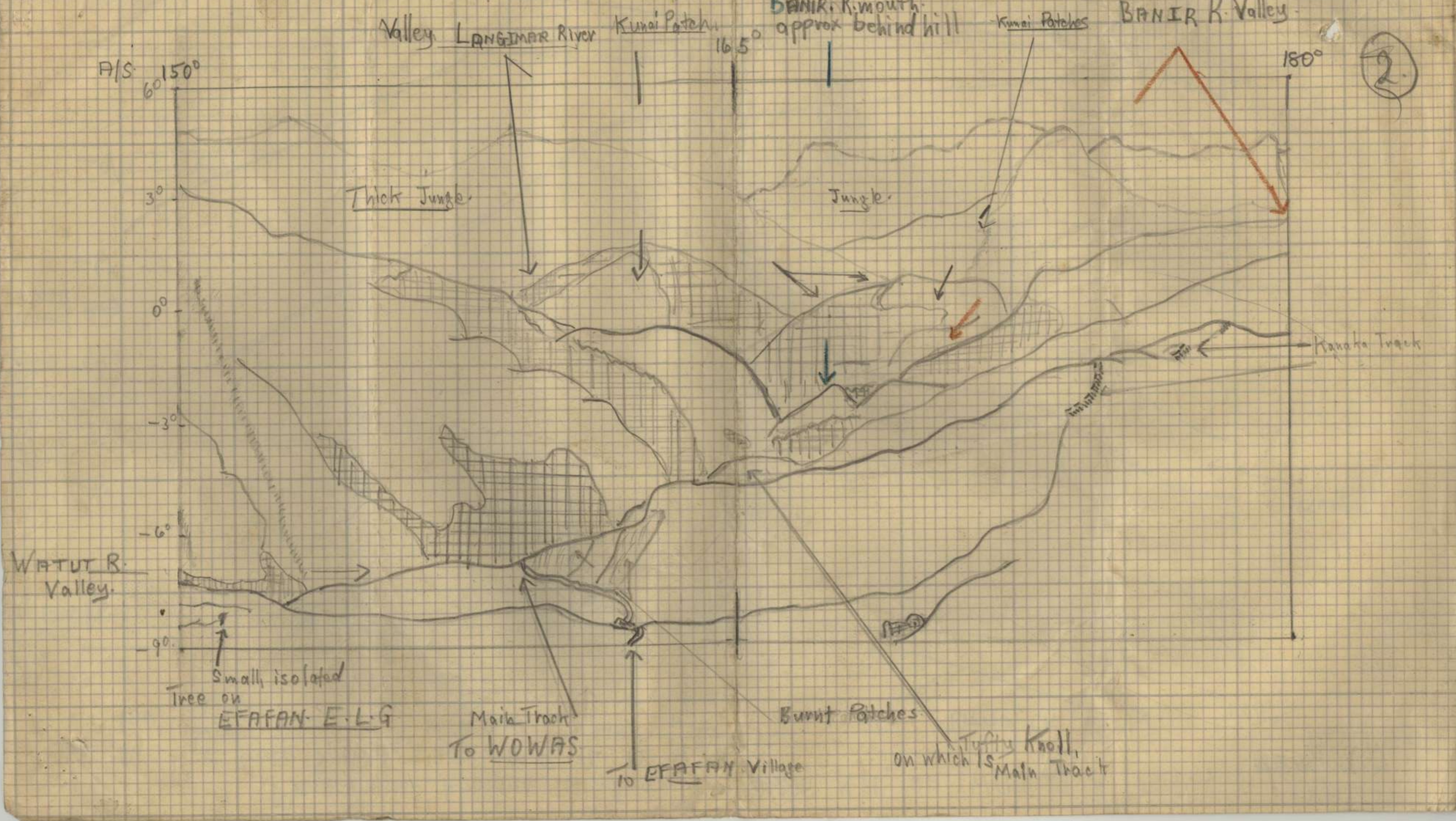
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MARKHAM STRAIT

PANORAMA, LOOKING SE. to BANIR & LANGIMAR RIVER MOUTHS

DRY. 6

From O.P. M.R. (L) Q 9810

BEARINGS ~~85~~ Mag





PANORAMA - LOOKING EAST from WOWAS R.H., up WATUT R. VALLEY.

DAY 5.

Ref Map, HUON GULF Special. 1/4 in. - M.R. (L) Q 970155

BEARINGS -  
Bgs. Mag.

This Mtn.  
Rises to 1200 ft.

Track From SNAKE 1 hr from this place.

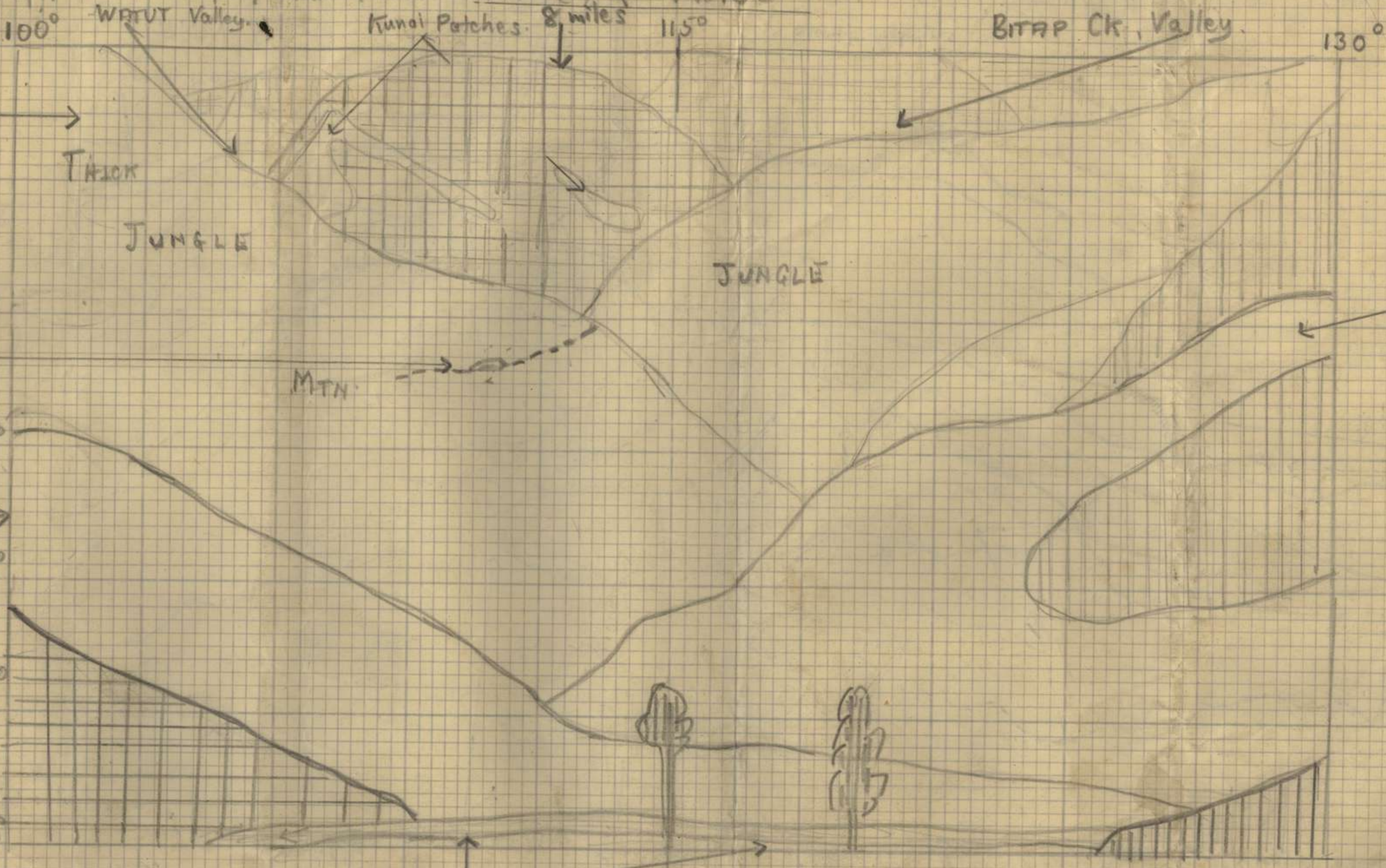
Kunai Knoll

-3°

-6°

-9°

-12°



WATUT R.

115°

130°

DATE SKETCHED -  
1500 hrs 11 May  
VISIBILITY - Excellent

TIME 1500 hrs.  
Date 11 May 43.  
VISIBILITY Excellent.  
Donald J. Langford. 1st Lt. 1st Per

Ht. 350 above  
River  
River 300 ft  
A. S. L.



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Film.

Wahat looking S. gorge & rain forest

Wowas. Valley looking West

Hope Valley.

Maikenen looking North.

other film exposed before  
being out.

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War Diary  
Sept K

To C.O. Ligo 3 Aust Div  
From Sgt Stanton

9 May 43 - JS1.

at or near CAPASWAGA (Local name)

Ref map Hason Gulf 4 miles SW lunch  
(L)R 1012. ©

Day 1 May 7. out SUNSHINE 1005 hrs  
arrived SAMBIO. Map Ref (L)R 2005  
1530 hrs © marching time  
2 hrs 10 minutes © Struck  
a bit of trouble creek in flood  
SNAKE RIVER also in flood. ©  
Difficult for P.L. much work.  
clearing timber & scrub ©  
Plenty water and camping spots ©

Day 2 Out SAMBIO 0745 hrs  
arrived LOWER TAIK map Ref  
(L)R 1603 1130 hrs © Stop for lunch ©  
Out LOWER TAIK 1315 hrs arrive  
GALAWO. <sup>map. Ref</sup> (L)R 0314 1530 hrs ©





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Marching time SAMBIO to  
LOWER TAIK. 2 hrs 30 minutes ©  
LOWER TAIK TO GALAWO 2 hrs  
20 minutes © This route followed  
WATUT RIVER, very heavily timbered  
would require much clearing  
of scrub and timber © Track  
good suitable for mule line, but  
some very steep grades, from  
1 in 3 to 1 in 7 © good water  
and camping spots for working  
party ©

Day 3. Out GALAWO 0745 hrs  
arrive CAPASWAGA 1100 hrs there  
is one large hut 20x40 and  
several lean to etc is known  
as TWO-H. LUM place who is  
ANGAU recruiting officer ©  
CAPASWAGA is native name ©





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Marching time 2 hrs 50 minutes  
The track still good as day 1  
and day 2, conditions for P.L.  
just as hard & plenty of  
water and camping spots &  
W/T As the before mentioned sectors  
are along the river with steep  
hills and are heavily timbered  
it would have shielding effect  
and cut down range of sets  
particularly low power sets  
208 etc. &

On our arrival CAPASWAGA  
the patrol was met by  
MAJ. DUCHATEL, & I have discussed  
with him as to route we  
traversed, and inquired if  
it would be possible to  
build a line through more





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open country along ridges,  
he said there is, so that  
route could be Recce after  
patrol returns.

Our intentions are to stay  
here till tomorrow, and  
make ROAMER then WOWAS  
by 1700 hrs. The following  
day will be spent doing  
map work and general Recce.

The natives are very friendly  
and are helping us in every  
way, our rations are  
supplemented by Paw-Paw's  
Bananas vegetables etc.

I feel in the pink, but  
pack rather heavy, rest of  
patrol well. Will send  
reports when possible

S/Sgt J. Stanton.



(D.R.L.S.)

C.O. Sigs 3 Aust Div  
BULOLO





To Int O

General.

INTELL REPORT

1000 hrs. Fri. 7 May to 1200 hrs. 9 May. 43.

PATROL LB WATUT RIVER.

ref Map  
HUONG GULF.  
Special  
Strat.

D.1. The Patrol set off, with 32 natives, at 1005 hrs., proceeding along the PANTAP track to DUCHATEL'S DROME, having to cross by ropes a ch. 1. km. out, owing to the WATUR being in flood.

PROGRESS:

We left the main track at the DROME, and crossed the SNAKE R., 600 yds. NORTH of junction between it and the WATUT, lunching the WEST side of SUNSHINE DROME at approx 1300 hrs. From there, the Patrol reached shortly after, SAMBIO R.H. ref. (L) R 19904 9, where the night was spent. ~~Country open to SAMBIO R~~

Note:

R.H. = Rest House

D.2. At 0800 hrs, 8th May, we left SAMBIO, reaching village at 1130, for lunch. The natives were friendly and helpful. The going thus far, and indeed all day, was through jungle, the track having a fairly constant gradient of 1-6, rising at times to 2, 10 ft. above the river.

LB TAIK

The night was spent at GALAW R.H., ref (L) R. 13. 5045; where there is a native garden. The natives were again of great assistance.

D.3. KAPASWAGA, ref (L) R 1012, was reached at 1100 hrs., where Maj. DUCHATEL was waiting.

The track again, was through jungle, rain forests, + climbed to 400 ft. above the river. Barriers were here changed, + the Patrol rested during the afternoon.



INTENTIONS. It is intended to reach WOWAS, ref. (L.) Q. 9715. to-morrow evening, & remain there the day following for the purpose of recess & mapping.

HEALTH  
of Ips Very fit, except for one case of Diarrhoea and one of Ringworms. The hard going & abundance of water softening the feet, works against them.

FOOD  
& RATIONS. Native foods supplement the Patrol's rations, which consist mainly of 70 lb of Rations, & the whole position is very satisfactory.

NATIVES. As mentioned, they have been of the greatest assistance & very willing.

WATER. Owing to the abundance of cks & springs along the track, there is no difficulty in this direction.

TRACK. Surface in good condition, so far, metalled for the most part, & with a few improvements, could take mules & horses. Would be difficult for the const. of a jeep track from SAMBIO R.H. on. Slopes usually average 1-6, and there are quite a number of landslips.

TOPOGRAPHY. Country very hilly & gorges. Extensive jungle tracts, with alternating bare patches.

TIME: 1400 hrs.  
Date: 9. May 43.  
Donald A. Langford  
Pte.

1715/11



N.B. Track times exclusive of halts which are necessary  
intended as weekly report. and to be  
to give points of interest and intended  
to be forwarded from. W.O.W.H.S on 11 May '43

Ref. Map Huon Gulf Special (Strat.)

KHPASW#6A

9 May '43

To. Int. O. 24 Aust Inf Bn

[(L)R.1012]

from O.C. Lower Watut Patrol. E.R. 1

Day 1

Sunshine - Sambio Rest. Hut.

Track Time a hrs 10 minutes

Tracks

well graded. Bench cut good surface fairly  
river rising in places to 50 ft above

Snake River fordable 400' above junction of W.

Rabine Kundai bridge 600' above junction  
very bad repair

Track across Snake R. flats hard to define  
not extensively used.

Track from Sunshine Drome to Sambio good  
surface well graded. Easy walking  
good mule track.

Topography: Sunshine to Snake River

Rights of track. Steep hills grass covered  
no cover from air

Left of track. Watut River flow extremely fast.  
banked on left by steep hills alternating

kunai & rain forest.  
Snake River - Sambio

after crossing Sunshine drome track entered  
Rain forest. visibility restricted

several ideal ambush positions on this stretch  
of track.



Sonia E.L.G. noted on clays opposite boat. Trace of  
manlunane to clear growth of scrub. On  
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manlunane to clear growth of scrub. On  
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manlunane to clear growth of scrub. On

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Sambio Rest. House: Three native huts in  
good repair accomodation approx 35-40 men  
Good clear stream of water 1 min. from huts.  
Native garden. Kankam baro saw paw  
bananas. adjacent.

DAY 2.

Samboi - Tjaiak - Galawa Rest. Hut.  
Track. times Sambio Tjaiak 2 hrs 30 min.  
Tjaiak - Galawa R.H. 2 hrs - 20 min.

Track: Bench cut in most places good  
surface rising steeply in places to 200'  
above river 4-5 minor landslides across  
Track. easily made into mule track

Topography. Track followed. River  
through gorge alternating kunai +  
rain forest of Watal. Sonia E.L.G. left bank  
Accommodation: Tjaiak. 1 Police Watch house 10 men  
2 native huts 20 men

Good water 5 minutes.  
Native garden. in area.



Galawa. Rest House: 2 huts. 25 men

Naku. 10 minutes along track.

In centre of native garden.

Day 3

Galawa R.H. — Kapaswaga

Track times 2 hrs 50 mins.

Track. Well surfaced in good repair rises & falls very steeply from river

Topography. River & track moves through a tremendous rocky gorge visibility poor rain forest all the way several good streams of water cross track.

Accommodation

Kapaswaga. H.Q. of W.O. Lum. AWEAK recruiting office  
1 large hut. 25 men. 2 small. 10 each.  
Total 45 men. Good water. 3 mins

native garden 5 mins

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Date

Appreciated



Met. Major Duchabel. (N.G. Fed. Survey) at Kapaswaga

Intention: Move to. WOI 175. (L) Q9715. 10 May 43  
Spend 11 May 43 mapping & recon patrols of  
surrounding areas

Attitude of Natives:

Natives appear extremely friendly  
and anxious to help. assisted in all ways.

At Tyak. Tut Tut. presented. Doctor Roy.  
Boss Roy & his father (I think it was) a  
great ceremony much saluting  
at Kapaswaga. Marys from. D'AMBI

brought in vegetables. cucumbers Paw. Paws.  
Granchillos would not accept pay. They  
were for "Soldier belong fight"

Patrol making great impression on natives  
Tut. Tut. from surrounding villages  
come to track to pay compliments

Morale Morale of troops high

Maj. Duchabel ill is not moving

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Rec'd  
17/5/43

Robinson

Lieut.

A.C. L. N. N. N.



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Date

References

Sambai R.H. (L) R 2104

Taiak R.H. (L) R 1403

Galawa R.H. (L) R 1305

Kapaswaga (L) R 1012

Included is Pre-ten reports from

I Sec member

Div sig

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of patrol

Please forward sig report to

3 Div sig

*[Signature]*

Communicated by Runner (P.B.)

leaving Kapaswaga 10 May 43



WATUT

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SUBJECT : MAPS

HQ 3 Aust Div

7 May 43.

GS 57/1264

2/6 hnst Inf Bn  
for 24 Aust Inf Bn.

Along the lines indicated by GOING MAP forwarded you on 30 APRIL, and as is to be used in the WATUT RIVER patrol, please prepare such a map, as far as possible, from BENS OP to MARKHAM POINT. *THIS IS URGENT!*

It has been found that such maps are extremely useful in aiding interpretation of vertical photos, some of which of that area are being prepared, and which are difficult to interpret.

Attached is track map showing routes already covered by these going maps, and a completion of uncompleted sectors should be carried out at first opportunities.

In the MARKHAM RIVER area, track maps, <sup>restricted</sup> due to vision, are the most helpful, and done properly, can enable patrols' positions to be ascertained.

Any suggestions regarding these maps will be appreciated.

*Message I 84 to YOGI*

*at 1233/8 states*

*Div instructs prepare GOING MAP as per proforma from BENS OP to MARKHAM PT. @ Include sig comms form lines and indications of re-entrants @ Urgently required for interpretation aerial photos Ack and advise possible date of completion.*

*quarries here*

*for* Lt-Col  
GS 3 Aust Div.

*Recd 1200/8*  
*MS*

*Reply I.R. 4. from YOGI - Ack. Will complete task with assistance of Pte Jones @ May be able to complete task by 15 MAY @ Area to be covered is extensive & hard going*

*Message I 91 to BOMO 1045/9 - Estimated time of completion 17 May*

*Message I 92 to YOGI 1050/9. Have advised BOMO that expected date of arrival at this HQ is 17 May. Jones left COCO today @ Written instr going today by courier.*

*Message I 223 20/5. Enclosed going map - BEN - MARKHAM PT*



24 Aust Inf Bn

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PATROL LOWER WATUT RIVER

1 GENERAL

24 Aust Inf Bn will provide a patrol of one officer, one rifle section and one Int personnel to proceed up the LOWER WATUT valley and return.

2 OBJECT

- (a) general recce, with <sup>SPECIAL</sup> emphasis on
  - (i) track times for an infantry section
  - (ii) correction of maps and provision of data for more detailed mapping
- (b) (iii) propaganda amongst the natives in the form of "showing the flag"
- (c) (iv) training and experience in patrol work.

3 COMPOSITION

- (a) one officer, one rifle section, one Int personnel of 24 Aust Inf Bn. This officer to be OC patrol.
- (b) one sapper, and task to be done will be detailed by CRE 3 Div, and one signaller similarly detailed by CO Sigs 3 Div.
- (c) Major C.F. DUCHATEL of NG Fd Svy Unit, who is attached to OC patrol for advice on all matters, and for the purpose of acquiring mapping information.

4 ROUTE

- (a) OUT: SUNSHINE, WATUT RIVER to MARALINAN, WURUF, PESEN, SOUTH bank of MARKHAM RIVER.
- (b) IN: At discretion of OC patrol, but NOT to cross the MARKHAM RIVER.

5 TIMES

- (a) OUT: 1 May 43
- (b) IN: NOT later than 22 May 43

6 ASSEMBLY

Patrol will assemble at SUNSHINE 1500K/30 Apr. 24 Bn will advise 3 Div, RA E, and Sigs of name of OC patrol by 29 Apr.

7 EQUIPMENT

at discretion of OC patrol and to include jungle knives.

8 ADMINISTRATION

- (a) Rations to be carried will be decided by OC patrol in conjunction with Major Duchatel.
- (b) Rations will be drawn by 24 Bn from DID SUNSHINE.
- (c) ANGAU will arrange with Major DUCHATEL for necessary carriers. ~~As far as possible boys will be recruited "en route" and carriers replaced returned.~~

9 INTERCOMMUNICATION

Weekly general progress report will be forwarded to 3 Div by police-boy. Important information will be dispatched without delay by the same means.

10 REPORTS

- At conclusion of patrol, reports will be submitted to 3 Div
  - (a) by OC patrol. Main points to be covered will be found in Appendix "A" para 2 (issued to 2/6Bn for 24 Bn)
  - (b) by Major DUCHATEL of mapping information acquired.

11 ACK

*J. Walker* Lt-Col  
GS 3 Aust Div.