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WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Unit 57/60 Aust Inf Bn

Date and Time.—From 1 Feb To 3 Feb '44

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
ORGORUNA 2	1 Feb		<p>A.Coy. 7 pl moved to ORGORUNA I. B Coy. Lieut Jacobs 27 ORS occupied Koba I245L NMS. Signs of recent occupation. One native in poor condition taken. Coy patrolling to MATALOI 2.</p> <p>C.Coy patrol Lieut Hendricks and 14 ORS out 0700L up BOKU RIVER to Koba. Patrol fired on by 2 IMGs and rifles 200 yds towards MATALOI 2. own cas. one killed one wounded. 14 pl moved from BOKU RIVER to KETOBA.</p> <p>D.Coy. Capt Newstead and 16 ORS out 0727L to occupy BIRI. observed Jap sentry at gardens North of BIRI. Weather. Cloudy, misty, visibility poor.</p>	<p>APPX C</p> <p>APPX C3 & 4.</p>
	2 Feb		<p>A.Coy. 8 pl moved to Koba. B.Coy patrols to 464806 and 467788 NMS. Patrol through Koba to 463798 fired on by two IMG and rifles from 467793. Patrol 2 Officers 38 ORS to Koba unable to proceed because of cliffs, returned to coy area.</p> <p>D.Coy patrol two Officers 25 ORS to BIRI- MATALOI I. intercepted Kanakas who stated 12 Japs in BIRI. Patrol moved to investigate but unable to reach village. Tac/R observed own troops ORGORUNA KISA. ASAKE. Track from MATALOI 2 to OLD YAULA showed signs of heavy use. No enemy sighted. Weather fine.</p>	<p>APPX D</p> <p>APPX D4.</p>
	3 Feb		<p>B Coy moving from Koba area towards MATALOI 2 contacted enemy 1530L 400 yds East of Koba. A flanking movement by one pl with mortar and MMG engaged enemy who withdrew to MATALOI 2 which was occupied approx 1830L and exploited 500 yds towards MATALOI I. Cas. own 2 wounded enemy one certain killed probably more.</p> <p>Pl contacted five Japs on track to MATALOI 2 one Jap killed carrying Owen Gun and several mags. 2000L MMG and mortar fire from direction MATALOI I on B Coy position 2130L Japs counter-attacked on both flanks encircling two pls. Remainder of B.Coy withdrew to def. area West of Koba where they were reinforced</p>	<p>12 Pl.</p> <p>APPX D</p>

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Unit 57/60 Aust Inf Bde

Date and Time.—From 3 Feb To 5 Feb

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
ORGORUNA 2	3 Feb		<p>by a pl of A.Coy. Heavy firing MATALOI 2 area during night until approx. 0230L when firing ceased.</p> <p>D.Cot patrol out to MATALOI I met Kanakas wearing red lap laps. In attempting to escape one native was wounded and stated approx 12 Japs BIRI 2. Patrol followed track indicated by Kanaka but at 031800L patrol had not reached BIRI 2. Patrol Comd. believed wrong track was indicated by Kanaka.</p>	<p>APPX "D"</p> <p style="text-align: center;">J</p>
	4 Feb		<p>A Coy moved from ORGORUNA 2 To KISA I615L. B.Coy less IO and II pls moved to ORGORUNA 2. D.Coy moved to 451804, I6 pl unsuccessfully endeavoured to locate missing pls. 1700L patrol led by IO. was fired on from 467793. posn had been considered clear after 12 pl attack 3 Feb. Weather. Fine. Lieut Hendricks (I1pl) reported in 1930L. had been stunned by Jap mortar blast trying to locate pl. Details of Jap counter attack launched on MATALOI 2 area night 3/4 Feb. 12 pl B.Coy was withdrawing according to plan to high ground SOUTH of MATALOI 2 when the Jap counter attack commenced 032130L. 12pl took up posn as planned. At 2130L the enemy wearing AUST hats and calling AUST names, attacked the remaining two pls. who held their fire until the Jap within own pl posns. In a heavy fire fight lasting four hours 30 Japs (certain) were killed and an unknown number wounded. own cas. one killed two wounded. one two missing. (Subsequently reported in 15 Feb.)</p> <p>Enemy did not attack again as expected after 0200DL but spent remainder of night evacuating killed and wounded. At 040900L IO and II pls withdrew according to plan under cover of mist and arrived at KOBA via the BOKU at 051050L.</p>	<p>APPX "D"</p> <p>APPX "D5"</p>
	5 Feb		<p>Dispositions A Coy KISA. B Coy KETOBA D.Coy ORGORUNA 2 Weather Fine.</p>	<p>APPX "D" J</p>

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Date and Time.—From.....To.....**13 Feb**.....

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
ORGORUNA	6 Feb		Dispositions Bn HQ KETOBA. A.Coy O.P.Ridge 422755 B.Coy KOROPA. C.Coy KETOBA. D.Coy and Tk/A pl ISARIBA. Weather overcast. Heavy rain PM.	APPX "D" <i>[initials]</i>
KOROPA	7 Feb		Dispositions Bn HQ KOROPA. A.Coy ISARIBA. B.Coy KESEWAI. C.Coy KOROPA. D.Coy KOROPA. Weather. Fine.	APPX "D" <i>[initials]</i>
	8 Feb		Dispositions Bn HQ and B.Coy arrived at MENE Camp 603562. A and C Coys KOROPA. D Coy KESEWAI. Weather fine.	APPX "D" <i>[initials]</i>
MENE	9 Feb		Dispositions. A and C Coys KESEWAI D.Coy MENE camp 603562 21/c Major Cuddon and advance party moved to GUYS POST for Bn move to KANKIRYO SADDLE area. Weather Fine.	" <i>[initials]</i>
	10 Feb		A and C Coys Mene 603562 at 1500L. 21/c Major Cuddon and party left GUYS POST 0800L arriving at PROTHERO 2 (2/9 Bn HQ) at 1310L. Capt Clarks party left GUYS POST at 1245L arrived at the SADDLE 1720L.	" <i>[initials]</i>
	11 Feb		Bn packing and preparing for move. Weather fine.	" <i>[initials]</i>
	12 Feb		Final preparations for move. Two guides from B.Coy left for KESAWAI to assist the 24 Bn patrols to MATALOI area. Weather fine, showery evening.	APPX "E" <i>[initials]</i>
DAMOUR STAGING CAMP	13 Feb		Bn left 603562 1230L arriving DAMOUR STAGING CAMP 1500L. R.C.Church Parade 603562 0900L prior to move. Protestant Service 1830L at Staging Camp. 6 pl. Established supply base at GUYS POST. Weather Fine and Hot.	" <i>[initials]</i>
	14 Feb			

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Date and Time.—From...14...Feb.....To.....20...Feb.....

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
GUYS POST	14 Feb		Bn moved from DAMOUR STAGING CAMP at 0800L and reached GUYS POST IIII5L. Staged the night. G.O.21/c and I.O. moved fwd. to PROTHERO 2 arriving 1600L. Weather fine.	APPX E d
PROTHERO 2	15 Feb		Bn. arrived at PROTHERO 2 area 1500L. Bn.HQ 642659. A.Coy 638661 B.Coy 643664 C.Coy 623668 D.Coy 645652 H.Q.Coy 644665. Weather misty cool showery.	d
"	16		Bn settled in. relief of 2/9 Aust Inf Bn completed 0900L Bn now under comd. of 18 Aust Inf Bn. Weather fine and cool.	d
	17		Maintenance and improvement of tracks and defences of area carried out. Coys local patrols beyond perimeter defences. Patrol C.Coy Lieut MELLETT 19 ORS out 0800L to reconce PAIPA I. Patrol 2/6 Cav.Commando Sqn.from 5800 feature reported to 8 pl on CANNING SADDLE 1130L left 1330L. MELLETT's patrol reached 595703 at 1600L NMS. Weather fine am. light rain evening.	APPX E I d
	18 Feb		15 Aust Inf Bde HQ. opened 671582 0900L. Bn now under comd. Local Coy patrols; NMS between 615681 and 2000 yds SOUTH EAST along SHAGGY RIDGE. MELLETT patrol in 1630L NMS, patrol reached 591710. PAIPA I still demolished. Weather fine and clear light rain at night.	APPX E d
	19 Feb		Local patrols. C.Coy patrol to PAIPA 2 NMS. Lieut Talbot Bde L.O. arrived 1500L. Five British Officer Observers arrived 1600L to stage night. Weather fine, misty PM.	d
	20 Feb		Bn. local patrols. Jap HQ. located at 631667. Documents forwarded to Bde. Three British Officers Observers, EM learner 15 Aust Inf Bde. GI and ADMS II Aust Div arrived in Bn area PM.	APPX E I d

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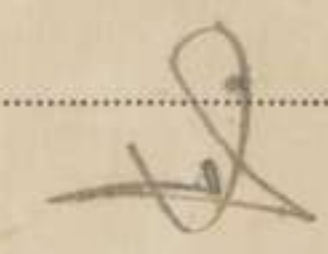

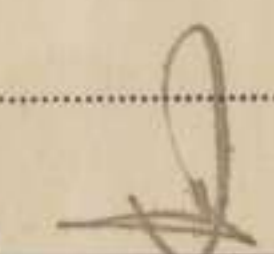
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Date and Time.—From 21 Feb.

To 23 Feb. '44.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
PROTHERO 2	21 Feb.		Routine patrols all coys. I.O. inspected old Jap. HQ. 641667. Documents found and fwded to Bde HQ. B coy patrol Lieut. NINK 19 ORs out 0825L fighting patrol to NIGGER KNOLL to contact 2/12 bn. Reached 592668 at 1600L. 3 English offr. observers and 1 OR reported in for night. Weather fine and clear.	APPX "F" 
	22 Feb,		All coys local patrols. NINKs patrol reached NIGGER KNOLL 1430L Left 1750L, no contact made. Arrived 592668 1830L. C coy patrol Lieut. MELLETT 19 ORs out 1340L recce to SAIPA 2 reached 606582 1830L. Lieut. YOUNG joined D coy. Brigs. HAMMER and O'BRIEN Maj. TRAVERS and Cpts WILLIAMS, HEDLEY and JEEVES arrived in area. Weather showery all day.	APPX "F" 
	23 Feb.		NINKs patrol left 592668 0900L and returned to coy area 1630L. MELLETTs patrol fired on by IMG. rifles and grenades by Jap. 300 yds EAST of SAIPA2 Returned fire and withdrew Own cas. nil enemy unknown.	APPX "G" 

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Date and Time.—From 24 Feb. '44. To 29 Feb. '44.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
PROTHERO 2	24 Feb. '44		Local patrols. "C" Coy patrol to FAIPA 2. Mellett's patrol returned 1400L, saw 1 Jap 613674. Weather showery.	APPX G J
	25 Feb.		Local patrols. Registration of Arty, 2" and 3" mortar on D.F. Tasks, "C" Coy area. "A" Coy HQ now at 634663, 7 Pl 635664, 9 Pl 633662. 10 pl moved to 637662. Weather fine a.m., heavy rain in evening.	APPX H J
	26 Feb.		"C" Coy patrol, Lieut Besier and 19 O.R.'s out 1150L to establish base and ambush at FAIPA 1 and patrol daily to SAIPA 2. Patrol stayed night 26/27 Feb, 606683. Det. 2/4 Fd Engineers deloused one 1000 lb. and one 500 lb. bomb in D Coy area. Weather: Mist and light rain all day.	APPX I J
	27 Feb.		A.B. and D Coys. Local patrols and track maintenance. "C" Coy Patrol 7 now at 595703. Ambush established 594706. Patrolled 600 yards forward NMS. Food base established 600684. S.C., T.O., of 6 Aust Inf Bde. and Capt. LENTON, 15 Aust Inf Bde BASCO arrived in area P.M. Weather: Fine and clear, light rain P.M.	" APPX J J
	28 Feb.		A Coy carried rations to dump 600683. 3" mortar registration B Coy area. C Coy Patrol 7 contacted enemy in force 583715. Patrol made 3 attempts to reach SAIPA 2 but were driven back by LMG, MMG and mortar fire. Lieut Besier missing. Weather: Fine a.m., heavy downpour 1800L.	J J
	29 Feb.		A Coy registration 2" and 3" mortars. C Coy Patrol 7 597689. Lieut Besier reported in 0930L. Weather: Fine all day, light showers p.m.	" J

Thomas Kent
for 10th Lieut Hamilton

War Diary
APPX "A"

INTELLIGENCE REPORT NO 3

SECRET

HQ 57/60 Aust Inf Bn.
24 Jan 44

Infm. to 2359 hrs 24 Jan

Ref Maps

URIGINA I in U
DUMPU I in D
BOKU.R. I/2500 B

I. OPERATIONS

- 19 Jan. A.Coy patrols
B.Coy carrying supplies EVAPIA-KESAWAI
C.Coy " " DID-EVAPIA
D.Coy " " KESAWAI-KOROPA
- 20 Jan A.Coy standing patrol BOKU RIVER withdrawn. Xing can be observed by OP. Standing patrol established KARONA I300L (5 ORS).
B.C.D.Coys no change.
- 21 Jan En.HQ. closed D6I7573 opened KOROPA I900L.
A.Coy. Five pers. 2/6 Cav Sqn. returned to own unit; left KETOBA I035L. L/T laid to BOKU RIVER in preparation for move fwd of two Officers and sec of 8 pl. (Scotts Patrol). Seven ORS. Tk/a pl moved BOKU RIVER to carry supplies for Scott. party unable to cross BOKU in AM as intended. No low cloud to cover crossing so remained BOKU RIVER.
B.Coy Carrying supplies KESAWAI - KOROPA
C.Coy " " EVAPIA - KESAWAI
D.Coy. " " KESAWAI - KOROPA
- 22 Jan Fwd En HQ. established KETOBA I900L
A.Coy Three attempts by Scott to cross BOKU unsuccessful due to flooding. River 20 yds increase in width. No alternate X ing located.
B.Coy. Carrying supplies EVAPIA - KESAWAI
C.Coy. " " EVAPIA - KESAWAI
D.Coy. O.C. 4 ORS adv party arriver at KOROPA.
Coy preparing for move, did NOT carry to KOROPA due to SOLU RIVER rise of four feet.
- 23 Jan A.Coy. Scott crossed BOKU first light and reached U449798 L/T comms est.
B.Coy. Carrying supplies KESAWAI - KOROPA
C.Coy. " " EVAPIA - KESAWAI. Coy est.
KESAWAI I200L.
D.Coy. KOROPA I330L.
- 24 Jan A.Coy. Further recce ORGORUNA 2 by Scott (patrol I7). Patrol I5 in I930L no report yet to hand.
B.Coy. Carrying supplies KESAWAI - KOROPA.
C.Coy. " " " "
D.Coy. " " KOROPA - KETOBA.

2 PATROLS

- 19 Jan A.Coy patrol I3 one NCO 2 ORS out I90530L in 200930L recce approach for pl behind ORGORUNA 2 and fwd of ORGORUNA I NMS. (report attached)
- 21 Jan A.Coy patrol I4 I Officer I OR out 0930L in I700L recce BUNAGUNA as dropping area. Area found suitable although 7 ft. kunai would have to be cleared.
- 23 Jan A.Coy patrol I5 I Offr 2ORS out 2300I5L in PM 24 Jan. further recce ORGORUNA.(report NOT yet to hand).
Patrol 9 attached appx A.

3 ENEMY INFM

ORGORUNA 1 NMS 19 Jan.

ORGORUNA 2 Patrol observed by enemy U427785 19 Jan indicates ORGORUNA 2 still occupied.

KISA and ASAKE NMS 19 Jan Patrol estimates it would take enemy four hrs to move ASAKE - ORGORUNA 2.

4 TOPOGRAPHICAL

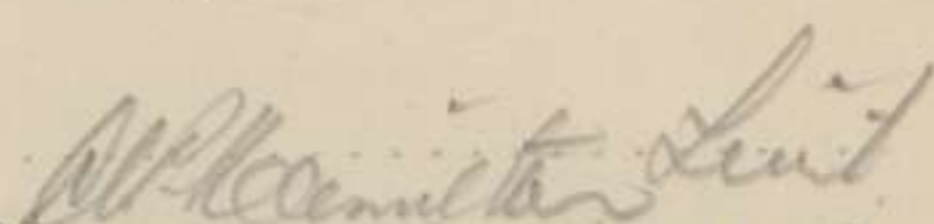
ASAKE appears to have been shifted back into jungle

KOROPA see Appx C fot sketch of village and defences.

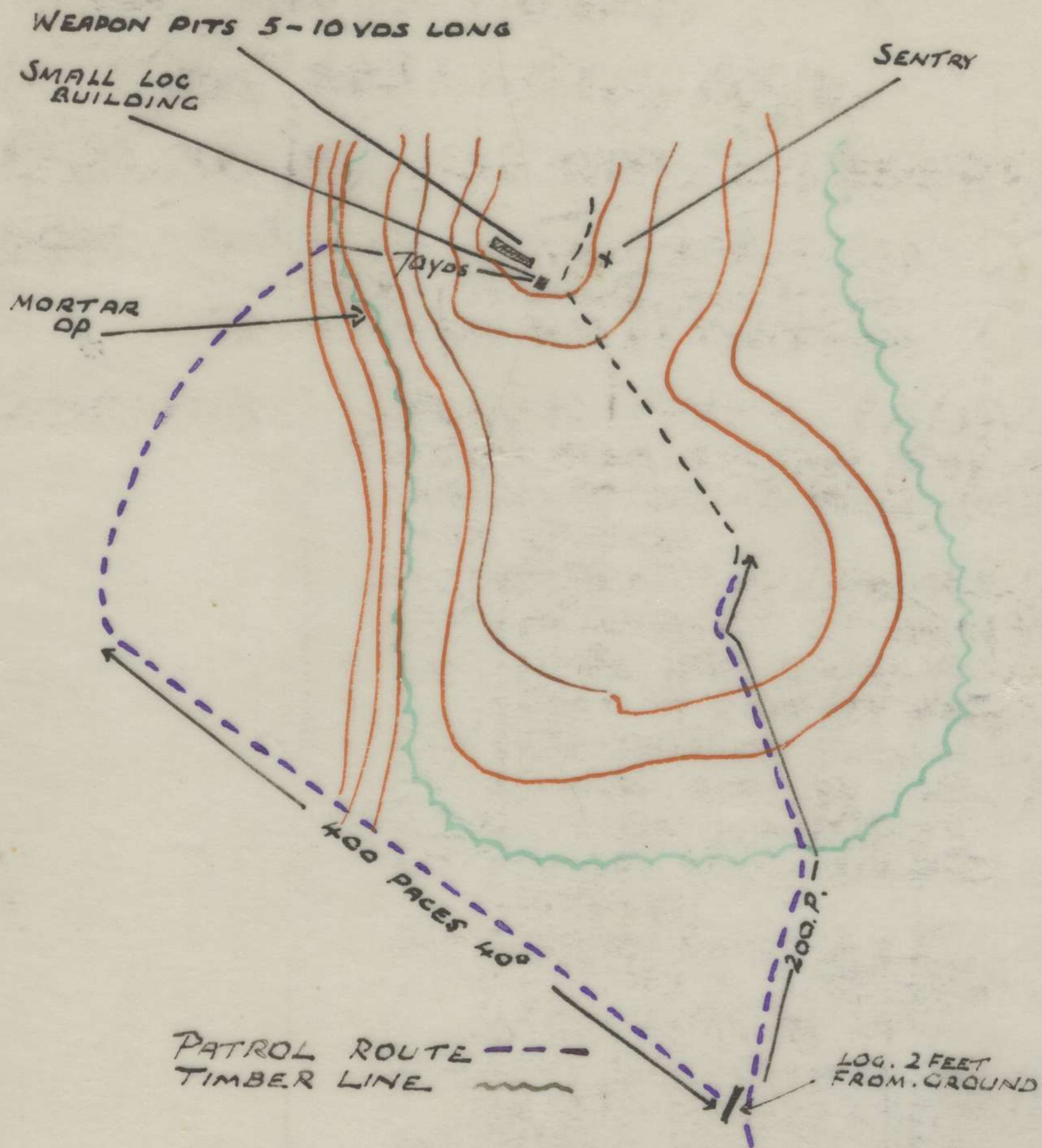
TRACK INFM see appz D for additional tracks KOROPA- KETOBA
KESAWAI area see also appx F ORGORUNA area.

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 IO 57/60 Aust Inf Bn.

PATROL N°9



. SKETCH DIAGRAMATIC ONLY .

"A" COY. PATROL 9.

Ref Map. BOKU RIVER 1/25000.

Date. 18 Jan, '44.

Patrol from BOKU RIVER Ref. 422561.

Patrol Strength Lieut SCOTT. Sgt. NEWLAND. J. 3 O.R's.

- Object
1. Infm re enemy ORGORUNA 2
 2. Infm re enemy positions.
 3. Possible Mortar Positions

- Information
1. Enemy ORGORUNA 2. One Jap seen, possibly sentry
 2. Enemy dispositions: Line weapon pits seen left side of track almost on top of hill with log building in front camouflaged with shrubs.
 3. Mortar Positions. Possible positions found but difficulties re O.P and movement of ammunition and mortar across BOKU RIVER
 - (a) Approx 1800 paces from creek 418767 position for M 3" could be used if enemy came down track from ORGORUNA 2.
 - (b) Five hundred paces from A.
 - (c) Sixteen hundred paces on from B.

NOTE: These positions not good but could be used.

 - (d) Further eight hundred paces further on from C, fair position
 - (e) Sixteen hundred paces on from D, best position to attack ORGORUNA 2. From here 418778 approx. Jap positions are 8/900 yards at 38°.
 - (f) With considerable amount of line laying an O.P. could be established overlocking enemy's outer defences.
 - (g) Suggest flying fox for movement of mortars and ammunition across BOKU RIVER.

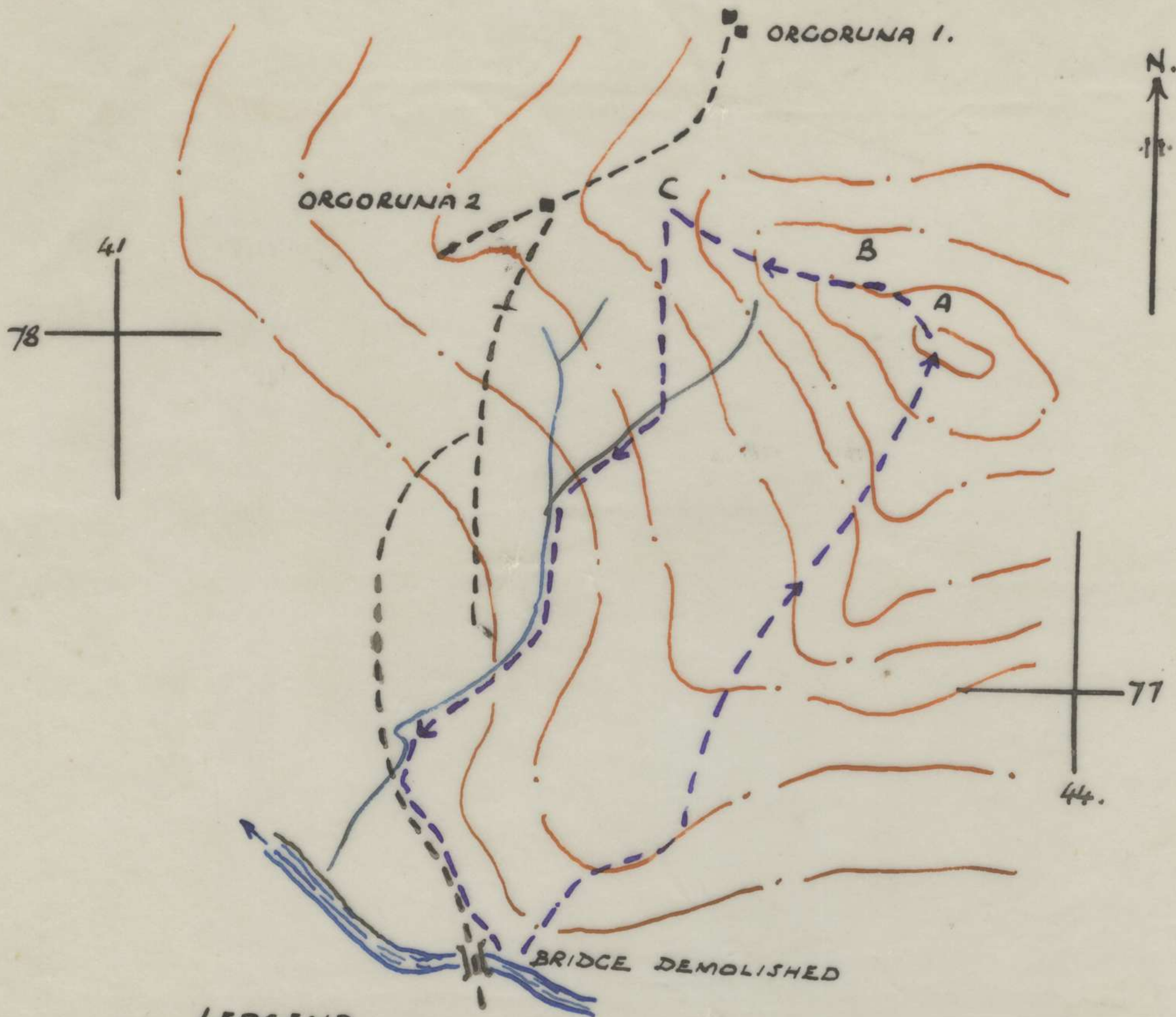
Narrative.

Time out. 180520L. In 181700L.
 Distance from BOKU CROSSING to Jap positions 5600 paces. Three small tracks vicinity fox holes 800 yards of Jap positions reced. Tracks were on left side of main track and each one was only 300 paces long. (1700 paces from Jap positions an ambush position was found but no signs of recent use.) Two members of patrol advanced 10 yards along main track passed banana trees and estimated Jap position was 100 yards beyond this point, where watch was kept for 20/25 minutes. Only one Jap was seen, appeared to be sentry. Patrol then moved back along track 200 paces to big log lying 2 feet off ground on left side of track. From here, 3 of patrol moved into scrub on bearing 140°. After climbing very steep slope, party came to edge of Jap positions. NMS. From here, view of weapon pits obtained for twenty minutes. Timber here, dense but easy to move through. 10 feet face and steep drop below that around whole left flank. With care, this would be easy to climb and from this position a view of enemy position obtained

Signed. W.H. SCOTT. Lieut.
 J. NEWLANDS. Sgt.
 (Mtrs.)

A COY PATROL N° 13.

Ref Map
BOKU RIVER 1:25000



LEDGEND

- | | |
|---------------------|-------|
| PATROL ROUTE | - - - |
| A. FIRST OP | |
| B. SECOND OP | |
| C. POINT WHERE SEEN | |

SCALE 2.56 IN TO 1 MILE

24 JAN '44

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FORM LINES DIAGRAMATIC
AS ON PATROL SKETCH.

"A" COY PATROL No.13.Ref Map. BOKU RIVER 1/25000.Date: 19/20. Jan '44Patrol from : 424760.Strength. 1 NCO, 2 O.R's.

Object

1. Recce lines of approach behind ORGORUNA 2 with view to platoon approach
2. Information re enemy strength ORGORUNA 2.
3. Enemy strength behind ORGORUNA 2 and back incl ORGORUNA 1.

Information

1. Lines of approach possible for platoon along route shown on sketch, first forty minutes after crossing BOKU RIVER very hard.
2. Enemy strength - No observation.
3. Enemy strength to ORGORUNA 1 - ORGORUNA 1 observed, NMS.

Narrative. Time out. 190530L. In 200930L. Patrol crossed BOKU RIVER 200 yds east of old bridge 423761 at 190630L, climbed up ridge for forty minutes then six minutes up along spur at 55° to ref 427765. Followed overgrown native pad 20 minutes at 35° and twenty minutes at 55°, then 60 minutes at 15° and twenty minutes at 360° to arrive at 436781. From this point, ORGORUNA 1 was observed for thirty minutes NMS. Moved on to 434784 and watched ORGORUNA 1 for ninety minutes NMS.

Moved down towards main track ORGORUNA 1 and 2 (estimate villages approx 1 mile apart.) but was observed 200 yards before reaching track. Moved back to creek 429780, down creek to main KETOBA-ORGORUNA track arriving at BOKU RIVER 202000L.

Estimated times: BOKU CROSSING to point where observed - 11 hours out, 3 hours return.

Additional: KISA was observed - No of big huts appeared in good condition.

ASAKE - Village also observed - Appears to have been shifted back into scrub - estimate it would take 4 hours to shift troops ASAKE-ORGORUNA 2.

"A" COY PATROL No.15.

Ref Map. BOKU RIVER. 1/25000.

Date: 22/23 Jan '44.

Patrol from: 422761.

Strength: Lieut JACKSON and 2 OR's.

- Object:
1. Same as for patrol 13.
 2. New lines of approach to right flank ORGORUNA 2.
 3. Bivouac areas.

- Information:
1. Enemy strength ORGORUNA 2 - lean to 1 foxhole and Jap tins on trip wire at 428787. Patrol observed from here a barricade, 9 foxholes, 1 shelter at 270° and heard Jap voices 100 yards away.
 2. ORGORUNA 1 - NMS.
 3. Lines of approach - Patrol moved 200 yards down track branching off at 434783, but found it led in direction ORGORUNA 1. Several other tracks were followed but were found to lead back to main track, otherwise only feasible approach as on sketch.
 4. Bivouac areas - Patrol used 434784.

Narrative.

Time out 220630L. In 231930L.

(a) Crossed BOKU RIVER 0630L and moved along track about 150 yards to 421762 then up spur, with a deep timbered water course on left. At 20 minutes struck footpad 423763, 50 minutes along footpad, disused foxhole on right 0940L, 427767. At 65 on, track follows razor back, and a further 20 minutes reaches disused huts 434767, 1105L. 15 minutes from here native gardens, here track peters out but can be picked up on opposite side of same spur. Continued for 65 minutes to where track veers off spur a little to left., Small stream 2 minutes walk down hill. Reached this point 1225L.

(b) From here track mainly uphill and when lost could be easily picked up by keeping on spur. Up to first kunai knoll 437778 ORGORUNA 1 can be seen from here but better observation from second knoll 435780.

(c) Ten minutes on, came to 2nd kunai knoll. Good observation here of ORGORUNA 1 313°. A village at 3° can be seen (ASAKE, another at 20° probably KISA.) Bivouaced for night here 434784.

(d) Left 230800L and followed track leading to ORGORUNA 1 for 200 yards then retraced track to junction where we turned right going along continuation of the horse shoe ridge at 280° for 1030 paces. At 1200L came to old Jap O.P. consisting of two huts and a ladder up tree 429785. A Coy positions could be observed at KETOBA from here.

(e) Tried to get round O.P. but unsuccessful. Moved down track 850 paces at average 320° to reach Jap tripwire. Arrived here 1340L. (15 minutes from O.P.)

(f) 1400L arrived near barricade, 9 foxholes and a shelter, after a further 300 paces, at 270° Jap voices could be heard 100 yards away.

(g) Returned Biv area 1515L. Left here 1600L arriving BOKU RIVER 1820L.

INTELLIGENCE REPORT No 4.

Information to 2359L. 29 Jan, '84.

Ref Maps. K-KOBEN 1/25000
B-BOKU R " "

1 OPERATIONS.

- 25 Jan. A Coy. Moved to north bank BOKU RIVER B 420764. Tk/A Pl. and M.G.Pl. moved to B 423759.
B Coy. KOROPA 1300L.
C Coy. " 1410L.
D Coy. KETOBA 1050L.
- 26 Jan. A Coy. New dispositons - Coy now at B 418766.1 Sec. KETOBA.
B Coy. Carried supplies KOROPA-KETOBA.
C Coy. Ditto,
D Coy. Settling in at KETOBA.
Brig. HAMMER, Bde.S.O. arrived KETOBA 1230L. Standing patrol established KARONA B395759.
- 27 Jan. A Coy. Lieut JACOBS arrived en-route O.P. approx. B429785.
B Coy. Carried supplies KOROPA-KETOBA. OC moved to KETOBA.
C Coy. Ditto. OC moved to KETOBA.
D Coy. No change.
Brig. HAMMER reced to THOMPSONS o.p. B421715, returned to KOROPA ~~and~~ departed L/T cable laid to B432774 in preparation D Coy move.
- 28 Jan. A Coy. Patrols.
B Coy. Arrived KETOBA 1200L.
C Coy. 13 Pl. remained KOROPA, Rest of Coy arrived KETOBA 1500L. Tk/A personnel remaining KARONA to supplement 4 pers. 15 Pl.
D Coy. Moved 0900L, arrived biv area B434775 1730L.
Arrivals KETOBA - EDWARDS, (War correspondent) HALMARICK, (Photographer).
Additional.- Sgt. BATES and 5 Pioneers moved to BOKU CROSSING to secure rope crossing. L/T layed to B435780, 1200L.
12 Pl. 24 En. under command from 28 Jan; task to patrol junction HAILE - SOLU RIVERS K474726. ADS established KOROPA.
- 29 Jan. A Coy. Established B421778. Patrols.
B Coy. Established B419766.
C Coy. 13 Pl. carrying KOROPA-KETOBA. 14 Pl. 423757. Standing patrol established 429759.
D Coy. Coy established at McINTOSH HILL. Patrols.
Additional. Air strike on ORGORUNA 2 by Vultee-Vengeance dive-bombers. Kitty bombers bombed and strafed. Strike 291110L to 291120L. T/R photos show hits on 2nd line of defences.

2. PATROLS.

- 25 Jan. A Coy patrol 15 report attached.
- 27 Jan. A Coy Patrol 16 Lieut JACOBS and 1 O.R. out 1000L. Task to observe air-strike from O.P. B429785. Patrol 17, Major McCALL, Lieuts SCOTT, GOODE, WATT, Sgt. NEWLANDS. J. out 1320L to recce forward of SCOTT's position. In 1850L. No report to hand.
- 28 Jan. C Coy. Patrol 18 from KARONA Strength 1 Cpl. 2 O.R's. Task to recce track to huts B401771 and track towards junction B412780. Also to check T/R report 24 Jan. Patrol reached B388764 NMS. Time out 1000L In 1300L. Report by L/T.
A Coy. Patrol 19, Lieut McCALL, 20.R's from B418776 out 1030L in 1530L, to recce huts B414781 and track to junction B422784. Patrol reported no signs of use.
- 29 Jan C Coy. Patrol 20, Cpl. SMART 2 O.R's out 0800L In 1340L to recce track junction as per patrol 18. Patrol did not reach objective but reached huts B392745 NMS.
A Coy. Patrol 21, Lieut SCOTT 6 O.R's to observe air strike damage ORGORUNA 2. Out 1240L. In 1600L, reported hits

3. ENEMY INFORMATION.

ORGORUNA 2. 24 Jan - Track from village to junction B422784
S.W. to huts B414781 very heavy use, boot marks
visible, no Japs sighted. Between ORGORUNA 1 and 2
no defences seen. Voices heard by patrol 15 confirm
enemy still in area.

KISA. T/R 27 Jan reports heavy use of tracks in area.
MATALOI 2. NMS 27 Jan, appears unoccupied.

4. TOPOGRAPHICAL.

Old Jap O.P. at approx B442714- has ladder up tree
affording easy observation RAMU VALLEY.

"A" COY PATROL REPORT No. 14.Ref Map: URIGINA 1"Date: 19 Jan, '44.Patrol from: Tk/A Pl. (Att. "A" Coy) KETOBA.Patrol Strength: Lieut. WATT and 1 O.R.Time Out: 0950L. Time In: 1700L.Object:
(a) To recon dropping grounds vicinity BUNA GUNA and SAUSI.
(b) Suitability of track from KETOBA to dropping grounds.Information: Dropping grounds exist both areas. Kunai is 6 to 8 feet high and would have to be cleared. A track from KETOBA to dropping grounds was recon. This track would have to be blazed in some places. Track follows a creek for some distance.
(See sketch)Narrative: The track leaves KETOBA and after 15 minutes track junction is reached. Track moved off to left at 140°. Track was followed for 15 minutes to a creek. Followed creek down for 20 minutes and came to native gardens. Followed track for 20 minutes through gardens and reached main track just below BUNA GUNA. There is an excellent ground at BUNA GUNA on the left side of the track. Ground is 1000 yards by 800 yards in area. Patrol followed track to the west for 800 yards through jungle when another possible dropping ground was found approx 900 yards by 600 yards in area.

Estimated time for natives to carry from BUNA GUNA dropping ground to KETOBA - 2 hours.

Signed: F. J. WATT, Lieut.

APPX "B" 2

"C" COY PATROL No. 18.

Ref Map: EOKU RIVER 1/25000

Date: 28 Jan, '44.

Patrol from: KETOBA.

Patrol Strength: 3 O.R.'s.

Time Out: 1000L. Time In: 1300L.

Object: (a) To recce track Jap KARONA ref 402753 to huts 425771 and on towards junction 412780.
(b) Check on Tac/R report 24 Jan.

Information: Patrol did not reach huts nor junction. Took track north west from KARONA 395795 and proceeded to approx 388764 without finding huts or junction.

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"A" COY PATROL No. 19.

APPX "B" 3

Ref Map: BOKU RIVER 1/25000.

Date: 28 Jan, '44.

Patrol from: Ref 422784 418776.

Patrol Strength: Lieut McCOLL and 2 O.R's.

Time Out: 1030L. Time In: 1530L.

Object: To investigate track from junction 422784 to huts 415781 as Tac/R 24 Jan reported heavy use and footprints.

Information: One hut on ridge, and one in a re-entrant to north; huts not occupied for at least six months. No tracks or footprints observed around village, while track from junction 422784 petered out 200 yards before reaching huts. Patrol had to scrub bash to reach huts.

Narrative: 1030L Departed 418776, proceeded for 60 yards to junction 422784 in re-entrant. Turned to 235° and at 1600 paces, reached the hut on ridge. The other hut was five to six hundred yards away in a re-entrant.

Signed: Lieut. McCOLL.

"C" COY PATROL No. 20.

APPX "B" 4

Ref Map: BOKU RIVER 1/25000.

Date: 29 Jan, '44.

Patrol from: KETO BA

Patrol Strength: 3 O.R's.

Time Out: 0830L. Time In: 13130L.

Object: Same as patrol No. 18.

Information: Patrol could not find track west across BOKU to KARONA 395795, but followed pad going SW. in hope of its crossing river. Reached huts 392749 NMS. Plantation in vicinity. Footprints visible but no signs recent occupation.

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"A" COY PATROL No. 21.

APPX B5

Ref Map: BOKU RIVER 1/25000

Date: 29 Jan, '44.

Patrol from: 421778.

Patrol Strength: Lieut SCOTT and 6 O.R.'s.

Time Out: 1240L. Time In: 1600L.

Object: To estimate effect of air strike 1110L on ORGORUNA 2 defences.

Information: Patrol reached within 75 yards of first defences finding disused Jap O.P. 423785. Consisted of a ladder up a tree. 50 yards on track was wired on each side. Patrol observed airstrike 1100L, two bombs hitting the village, defences appeared undamaged.

Signed: W.H. SCOTT. Lieut.

Information to 2359 2 Feb, '44.

Ref Map BOKU RIVER 1/25000

1 OPERATIONS.

- 30 Jan. A Coy occupied ORGORUNA 2 unopposed. Patrol to ORGORUNA 1. Coy entered ORGORUNA at 1310L.
B Coy. Established ORGORUNA 1, patrolling KOBA track NMS.
C Coy. 13 Pl. arrived KETOBA.
D Coy. Moved from 435780 1257L. Passed through ORGORUNA 1 NMS. 18mPl to KISA NMS. Coy HQ's established 434806, 16 Pl. 433805, 17 Pl. 438808, 18 Pl. 435807.
Fwd. Established 423786.
B.H.Q
- 31 Jan. B Coy. Coy completed defensive position. 12 Pl. reced track to hut 432794.
C Coy. Patrol from ambush position 429759 to recce track south bank BOKU RIVER towards KOBA. Unable reach KOBA.
D Coy. 1 Officer 9 O.R's occupied BIRI NMS. Patrol to KOBA did not reach village, estimate they were within 1 mile. KISA defences occupied for night.
- 1 Feb. A Coy. 7 Pl. moved to ORGORUNA 1.
B Coy. Patrol occupied KOBA. Coy moved to 458800.
C Coy. 14 Pl. moved from BOKU RIVER to KETOBA.
D Coy. Patrolling SANA.

2 PATROLS.

- 31 Jan. C Coy. Patrol 27 from 429759 along south bank BOKU RIVER. Did not reach KOBA but considered this possible with more time.
D Coy. Patrol 25 to BIRI. Occupied village for 1 hour NMS. Patrol 26 reced tracks around KISA NMS. Patrol 28 to KOBA did not reach village, returned 1530L.
- 1 Feb. B Coy. Patrol 29, 1 Officer 27 O.R's out 0720L. to KOBA. Occupied village 1245L and moved 200 yards towards MATALOI 2. Patrol found body of Pte. BRAMWELL of C Coy Patrol 30.
C Coy. Patrol 30, 1 Officer 15 O.R's 15 Pl. Out 0700L. up BOKU RIVER to KOBA. Found KOBA unoccupied. When 200 yards towards MATALOI, fired on by 2 IMG and rifles. Own cas. 1 Killed, 1 Wounded.

3 SUMMARY OF CASUALTIES.

- 30 Jan. A Coy. 1 Killed, 4 Wounded.
 1 Feb. C Coy. 1 Killed, 1 Walking wounded.

4 ENEMY INFORMATION

ORGORUNA 2 Defences for 30 men hurriedly evacuated. ORGORUNA 2 to ASAKE track shows signs of hasty withdrawal. Rice, cucumbers, clothing and boots abandoned.
KISA Signs of considerable use.
ASAKE No signs recent use.
BIRI Ditto.
KOBA Has been recently occupied.

Enemy occupying position approx 462796 where T/R reported on 1 Feb extensive defences.
Note: Attached is KISA Doctor Boy report.

NATIVE INTELLIGENCE.

Supplied by AUMIA - Doctor Boy of KISA.

Japs have gradually withdrawn from positions at ORGORUNA, KISA, KOBA, and MATALOI to a high feature overlooking MATALOI 2. This feature is astride the road leading to YAULA. A three strand barbed wire fence extends some hundreds of yards each side of road (Diagonally) well dug in and timbered positions, slightly below crest of mountain. On crest of feature, Machine gun positions cover approach to Jap defences. This new defence position of Japs was started near Christmastime. Two 3" Mortars ? were seen in this defence position by TUL TUL of MATALOI.

Jap motor road goes as far as pplace called MABRUK, below YAULA. No Jap are known to be in URIGINA, URUA, KORIGINA, RAINBANA, WIYAI or BIRI but kanaka of WIYAI (PAI-CUBA by name) reported that Japs were YABIA, a village on a tributary of the NURU RIVER.

Doctor Boy stresses that this information is kanaka talk and not what he has actually seen. Japs have not used mules or horses to KISA from YAULA for a month or more. Japs and natives from YAULA and KWATO carry down to new position. No reliable estimate of numbers of Japs can be obtained.

"D" COY PATROL REPORT No28

APPX C2

Ref. Map. BRIGINA 1"

Date: 31 Jan '44.

Patrol from 471825

Patrol Strength. Capt NEWSTEAD 9 O.R's. Patrol found by 57/60 Aust. Inf. Bn
Time out 1125L Time in 1700L.

Object

1. To occupy BIRI 478833 approx.
2. To remain there until order to withdraw.

Information BIRI was occupied at 1440L. There was no sign of Jap occupation.

Narrative. Native pad leading from KISA to BIRI was well defined but showed no sign of recent use apart from a few native footprints. Proceeds on a general bearing of from 25° to 40°. On reaching BIRI we took a bearing back to KISA of 215°. BIRI village consisted of five huts in state of good preservation, two of which showed recent occupation by natives as there were remains of native fires in both. There was also a bundle of fresh firewood, several new spears in a bow. There were a few tins around, a mat similar to those used by the Japs and a bottle with Jap characters engraved on it. The bottle was brought back. No other signs of Jap occupation, no foxholes or earth works and no Jap footmarks.

A small party of 1 N.C.O. and 2 O.R's went past BIRI for a further 600 yards but apart from a small native garden nothing else was observed. As there were no signs of Japs we decided to return at 1535L to report observations.

Approx 10 minutes walk south of BIRI is a native garden. A native was seen but vanished before he could be questioned.

"D" COY PATROL No.29

Ref Map URIGINA 1"

Date. 1 Feb. '44.

Patrol from: 478833

Patrol Strength: W.O.11. SAINSBURY, 3 O.R's.

Time Out: 1100L Time In: 1315L.

Object: To recce track running N.E. from BIRI 1.

Information: Patrol followed track till Jap sentry was observed then returned.

Narrative: Patrol followed track N.E. approx. 300 yards to a hut where the track finished. Followed branch track (see sketch) approx north to where the track forked. Patrol split into two parties of two men each and followed both tracks. The pair following the N.W.track travelled two hundred yards when a Jap was seen leaning against a tree. The patrol moved to within 50 yards of the Jap then withdrew. The Jap was not fired on because it was not desired to disclose the presence of our troops, till a further recce could be made.

The other section of the patrol followed track running approx east for 800 yards to a large stream, then returned where patrol was reformed at track junction.

Signed. M.J.SAINSBURY.WO.11
W. UPTON. Cpl.

APPX "C" 4

"D" GOY PATROL No. 30.

Date: 1 Feb, '44.

Ref Map: URIGINA 1"

Patrol from: BIRI 1 Ref 478833.

Patrol Strength: W.O.11. SAINSBURY and 6 O.R's.

Time Out: 1415L. Time In: 1800L.

Object: To locate Jap sentry previously seen and to ascertain strength of Japs in area.

Information: Jap sentry could not be found and no contact was made.

Narrative: The Jap sentry had been previously seen by patrol No.29 at approx 487840. Patrol reached this position and continued several hundreds of yards further along track without any contact. Patrol retraced steps to a track leading N.E on which footprints were observed. Crossed a stream on a bearing 130°. On the north side of the stream the track is well defined and runs approx north. Patrol followed track for about 200 yards but footprints still continued. Owing to lack of time the patrol, returned to BIRI 1.

Signed: M. JSAINSBURY. W011.

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57/60 Aust Inf Bn.
Int. Report No 6.
Infm to 2359 hrs II Feb.

Ref Map.
BOKU R. I/2500

1. OPERATIONS

2 Feb.	A.	Coy.	8 pl moved to Koba.
	B	"	Patrolling fwd from KOBA
	C	"	KETOBA
	D	"	Patrolling from BIRI I to MATELOI
3 Feb.	A	"	7 and 9 pl ORGORUNA 2. 8 pl KOBA
	B	"	Occupied MATELOI 2 approx 1830L
	C	"	KETOBA
	D	"	Patrol to BIRI 2
4 Feb.	A	"	Moved from ORGORUNA 2 to KISA
	B	"	Approx 082000L fdbed on by M.N.G and mortars from MATELOI I 082300L. JAPS attacked on both sides cutting off IO and II pls. Remainder of coy withdrew to bivouac area WEST of KOBA. The coy was reinforced by 8 pl.
	C	"	KETOBA
	D	"	16 pl patrol KISA to KOBA attempting to contact IO and II pls. 17 and 18 pls moved to posn 800 yds SOUTH EAST of KISA
5 Feb	A	"	8 pl rejoined coy at Kisa
	B	"	Lieut MENDRICKS reported in 041930L. IO and II pls reported in to stading patrol at BOKU RIVER 051050L Coy moved from ORGORUNA 2 to KETOBA.
	C	"	Ketoba
	D	"	Moved to ORGORUNA 2
6 Feb	A	"	Moved to MEMBERIDGE O.P. ridge 422 755
	B	"	Moved KETOBA to KEROPA
	C	"	KETOBA
	D	"	Moved ORGORUNA 2 to ISARIBA. Bn.H.Q. arrived KOROPA
7 Feb	A	"	Moved to ISARIBA
	B	"	Moved to KESAWAI
	C	"	KETOKA KOROPA
	D	"	Koropa.
8 Feb	A	"	Moved to KOROPA
	B	"	Moved to MEME River bivouac area
	C	"	KOROPA
	D	"	Moved to KESAWAI Bn H.Q. moved to MEME River bivouac area
9 Feb	A	"	KESAWAI
	B	"	MEME RIVER
	C	"	KESAWAI
	D	"	MEME RIVER
10 "	A	"	All coys at MEME River bivouac area
11 "			Bn, resting . Maintenance of weapons and refitting troops

2. PATROLS

2 Feb	B	"	patrol 33 Lieut BOLDWELL to 464806, report attached
		"	34 Sjt TEMPLE to 467788 report attached.
		"	35 Cpl MANSFIELD through KOBA to 462788 report attached
3 Feb	D	"	partol 36 2 offrs 25ors out night 2/3 Feb from BIRI to MATELOI I. met Kanakas wearing red lap laps, wounded one. He stated approx 12 JAPS occupied BIRI 2.
4 Feb	D	"	16pl patrol 37 KISA to KOBA unable to contact IO and II pl Patrol 38 led by I.O. fired on from JAP posn 464788 04170
Note			Also attached two patrol reports for I Feb.

O.P. REPORTS
None to hand

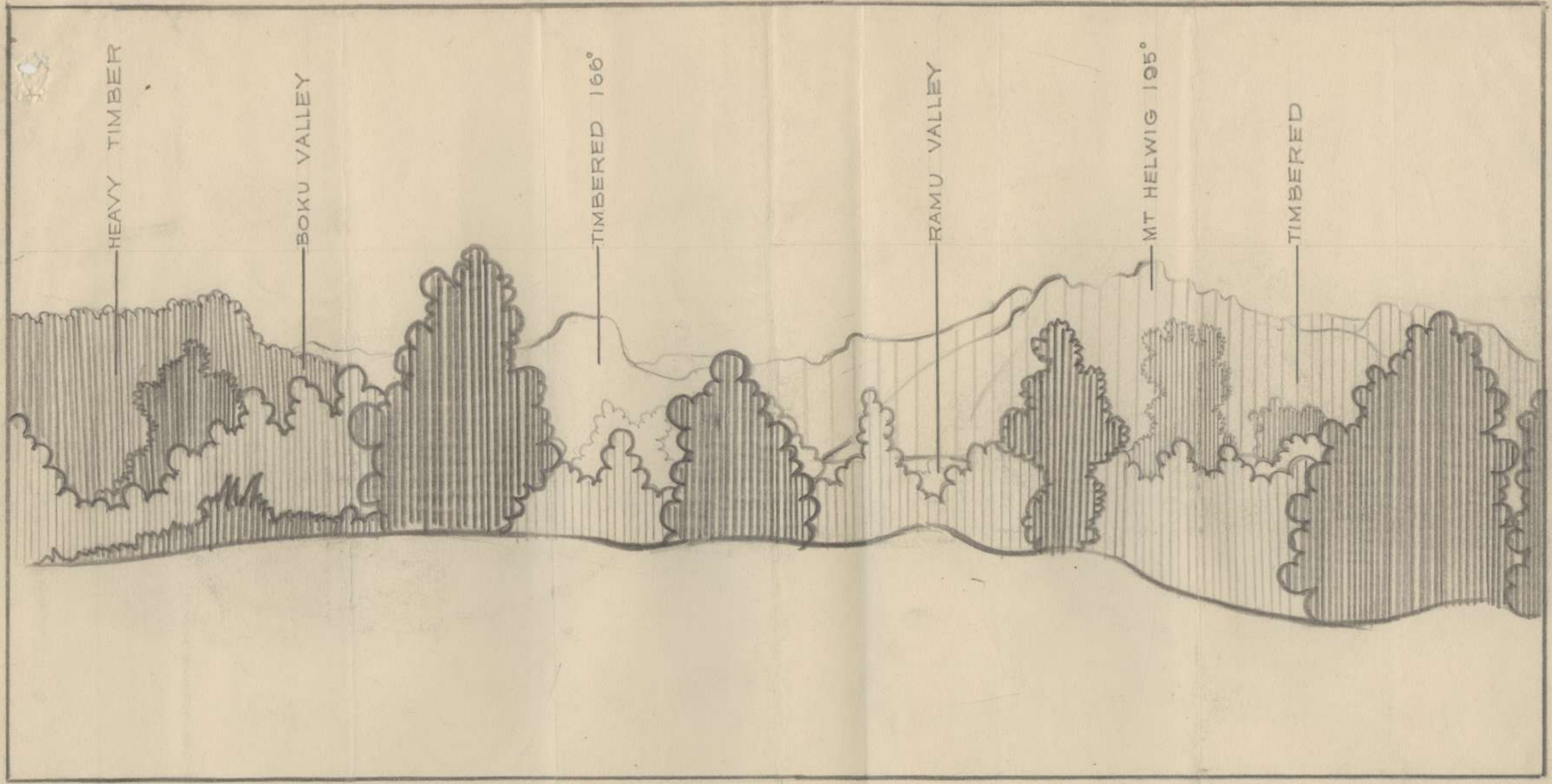
4. AIR OPS own Nil
Enemy recce planes over on nights 3/4 and 10 Feb

5. SUMMARY OF CASUALTIES
B Coy 2 M.I.A.
4 W.I.A.

6. ENEMY INFORMATION
Strong enemy force contacted MATELOI 2
Native reports 12 JAPS at BIRI 2

7. TOPOGRAPHICAL.

Track KISA MATELOI in good order, down hill all the way passing through rain forest. Excellent water obtainable as far as KOBA.
Bridge across creek leading to the BOKU RIVER is in good condition, no bridge exists across second creek at entrance to KOBA.
BOKU RIVER in this vicinity is fordable being knee deep South side of river from KOBA is covered with PIT PIT extending some 30 yds on frw slopes of hills.
Track time KISA → KOBA 60 minutes.



REF MAP BOKU R.
1:25'000

PANORAMA OF MT HELWIG AREA
LOOKING SOUTH EAST FROM ORGORUNA No 2
MAPREF 422786

WEATHER HOT
VISIBILITY FAIR
TIME TAKEN 2HRS
1400HRS 3FEB44
SIGNATURE
H Williams

"B" COY PATROL No. 33.

APPX ³D₂

Ref Map: BOKU RIVER 1/25000

Date: 2 Feb, '44.

Patrol from: 12 Platoon.

Patrol Strength: Lieut BOLWELL and 6 O.R's.

Time Out: 0930L. Time In: 1135L.

Object: To observe MATALOI 2.

Information: Patrol could not observe MATALOI 2 owing to high cliffs and dense timber.

Narrative: Patrol moved through KOBA to make sure that village was clear, and then returned to the stream running into the BOKU from the left. Patrol moved up-stream for 1000 yards to the 'S' bend in river and then attempted to climb spur. Spur very steep and heavily timbered and there was no possibility of observation on to MATALOI.

Signed: Lieut. D. J. BOLWELL.

Appx "D" 3

"B" COY PATROL No. 34.

Ref Map: BOKU RIVER 1/25000.

Date: 2 Feb, '44.

Patrol from: 457801

Patrol Strength: Sgt. TEMPLE and 6 O.R's.

Time Out: 0930L. Time In 1135L.

Object: 1 To locate any possible enemy diggings south of BOKU RIVER.

Information: Patrol could not find any enemy diggings south of BOKU RIVER.

Narrative: Patrol crossed BOKU RIVER due south of KOBA BRIDGE. South side of river very thick Pit-Pit for approx 30 yards. Track, which is overgrown and unused follows along south bank. Whilst climbing at 464785, automatic fire heard on left flank. This was at 1017L, continued to 1025L. Patrol continued to climb through very thick timber and undergrowth to a kunai knoll 467788. Enemy fire was thought to come from north side of BOKU RIVER. The patrol returned by the same route.

Signed:

Sgt. J. TEMPLE.

"B" COY PATROL No. 35.

APPX "D" 4

Re Map: BOKU RIVER 1/25000.

Date: 2 Feb. '44.

Patrol from: KOBA.

Patrol Strength: Cpl. MANSFIELD and 4 OR's.

Time Out: 0930L. Time In: 1135L.

Object: To protect track leading from KOBA village and to count Jap positions in village.

Information: Patrol took up position astride track forward of KOBA village. No. of Jap foxholes in village approx. 10.

Narrative: Moved through KOBA village to clearing at 462798 where it was fired on from across BOKU RIVER at 462796. Enemy weapons - 2 LMG and approx 6 rifles. Enemy first opened up at 1017L and again at 1025L.

Track good. Village consists of two huts. Patrol withdrew at 1120L without casualty.

Signed: R.L.MANSFIELD. Cpl.

Report by VX1921 Lieut. H. Jacobs
Att 57/60 A.I.B.

APPA "D5"
10 February '44

Arrived Bde HQ 19 Jan

Arrived 57/60 Bn HQ 20 Jan

Established Op at "KUNAI KNOLL", observing ORGURUNA 1 for 24 hrs
24/25 Jan with 1 OR

26 Jan joined "A" Coy and with Lieuts. Scott, McColl did recce patrol
around defences ORGORUNA 2.

30 Jan attached to 10 Pl "B" Coy

1 Feb ~~xxx~~ took fighting patrol 1 Off 24 ORs to KOBA Rest Houses.

2nd Feb Recce for attack on KOBA defences.

3rd Feb with 10 Pl attacked KOBA and MATALOI 2.

Night of 3/4 Feb. MATALOI 2. After preliminary Mortar preparation enemy attacked 10 and 11 platoon posns with a force approx 1 enemy platoon from front and rear. I was cut off from rest of B Coy with a force of 29 ORs, comprising 10 pl and 11 pl. Lack of comn prevented me from obtaining information as to "B" Coys intention. Judging from weight of attack assumed that Coy HQs and 12 pl had been wiped out. My force successfully fought off enemy after 40 mins. inflicting heavy casualties, estimated 30 killed. Held our posn until 0900 hrs 4 Feb then under cover of heavy mist and rain, successfully withdrew force down only escape route, a steep cliff on left flank of our posn. We had no casualties, and brought all weapons with us. However one 2" Mortar was lost in deep creek, and was unable to recover same.

Night of 4/5 Feb. This force by passed KOBA moving via BAKO RIVER
~~KETORA~~

5 Feb. Force arrived Bn area KETOBA approx 1200 hrs.

6/9 Feb Moved back with Bn to DUMPU area.

Troops under my command displayed good fighting spirit, and once attacked started their morale and discipline was of a very high order, Sgt Bull 10 Pl doing excellent job of Adm during attack. Cpl Mansfield 11 Pl when ordered by me to recce rear of our posn did so although under fire from automatic weapons in our rear.

Pte Sparks volunteered to make recce of KOBA area after we withdrew to ascertain if occupied by enemy. This was a dangerous mission as the Bn had already suffered 1 killed and two wounded in same area.

Lieut Henry Jacobs.

Intelligence Report 7.

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21 Feb 44

Infm to 2359 hrs 20 Feb 44

Ref Maps I/25000

DUMPU
KUMBARUM
AMUBA
PAIPA

I. OPERATIONS

I2 Feb Bn resting
I3 " Bn Left MENE RIVER HQ I230L, arrived DAMOUR staging camp I445L
I4 " Bn arrived GUYS POST II30L
I5 " Bn arrived PROTNERO 2 area I5I5L to relieve 2/9 Bn
I6 " Bn settling in
I7 " Patrol 2/6 Cav. I offr. 6 ORS reported in to 8 pl CANNING SADDLE II30L, left I330L. B Coy standing patrol 1000 yds down MINDJIM. N.M.S. See patrols
I8 " Patrols
I9 " Patrols
20 " Local patrols. Arty and 3in mortar registration on D.F. tasks CANNING SADDLE area.

2. PATROLS

I7 Feb C Coy patrol I. I offr 16 ors out 0800L in I8I630L recce to PAIPA I NMS. Report attached
I8 Feb C. Coy patrol 2. INCO 30rs out III5L in I450L recce down spur towards PAIPA 2. Reached P. 6I568I NMS. Chopping heard vicinity P. 6I2684. Report attached.

3. ENEMY INFORMATION

Jap diary found by patrol I. at 595688 sent per DRLS 20 Feb

DISTRIBUTION

I5 Aust Inf Bde I
File 2
War Diary 3.4

4. ADDITIONAL

Patrols:- 19 Feb C Coy Patrol 3. INCO 5 ORS Out 0900L in I625L to PAIPA 2 NMS. Report attached.

APRX E1

"C" COY PATROL No.1.

Ref Map: AMUBA 1/25000.

Date: 17/18 Feb, '44.

Patrol from: "C" Coy.

Patrol Strength: Lieut.MELLETT and 16 O.R's.

Time Out: 170800L. Time In: 181630L.

Object: Recce to PAIPA 1 and observed tracks for any enemy movement.

Information: PAIPA 1 clear of enemy. No movement seen on tracks. Fresh foot tracks (about 5/6 in party) seen on mule track vicinity PAIPA 1. 100 yards sig. wire cut out in area 596703 - Line repaired.

Narrative: Followed track down spur from Coy position, going very slippery and steep. Half an hour out, patrol demolished Jap dugout and hut. From here, track rises and follows sharp razorback to 595688. Here five demolished huts were seen. There was one Jap dugout still in good condition, which was examined and a book containing a receipt and cheque were found inside. (The three deserted huts shown on overlay still stand; one is a native hut and has been used recently.) The track down to huts 595703 is very steep and appears to have been broken by previous patrol. Most of the huts can be observed from main track. These huts appear to have been demolished. The locality appears to have been a headquarters at some time as the huts have been well constructed. This position is about 100 yards from mule track which is on west side of MINDJIM RIVER. Immediately track was reached it was found that sig. wire had been cut, 100 yards in all missing. This was replaced by patrol. The track at this point is about 10 feet wide. About 200 yards along track the first large bridge is struck followed by a second 100 yards further on. Both bridges are about 15 feet wide. The sig wire terminates between the two bridges (100 yards south of PAIPA 1.)

Along this track, fresh Jap footprints were seen running north, appeared to be one day old. No sign of enemy movement in PAIPA 1.

Only one small leanto is standing. 1530L patrol moved 500 yards beyond PAIPA 1 and camped for the night. At 1700L, there was a cloud-burst which flooded the track in places. 180800L, patrol moved back through village and returned on same track. Half way back to camp a bush kanaka was seen to disappear down side of razorback, presume that native was visiting gardens in vicinity. Patrol did not locate the track to NIGGER KNOLL but followed what appeared to be a disused track for 100 yards but as track became indiscerable, patrol returned to main track.

Signed: A.J.MELLETT. Lieut.

"C" COY PATROL REPORT No.2.

Ref Map: PAIPA 1/25000

Date: 18 Feb!44.

Patrol from: "C" Coy. Ref 623669.

Patrol Strength: Cpl. SWEET and 3 O.R's.

Object: To recce track to PAIPA 2 as far as possible in 1½ hours.

Information: Patrol reached 615681. Heard chopping on feature at approx 612684. Could not investigate because of limited time available.

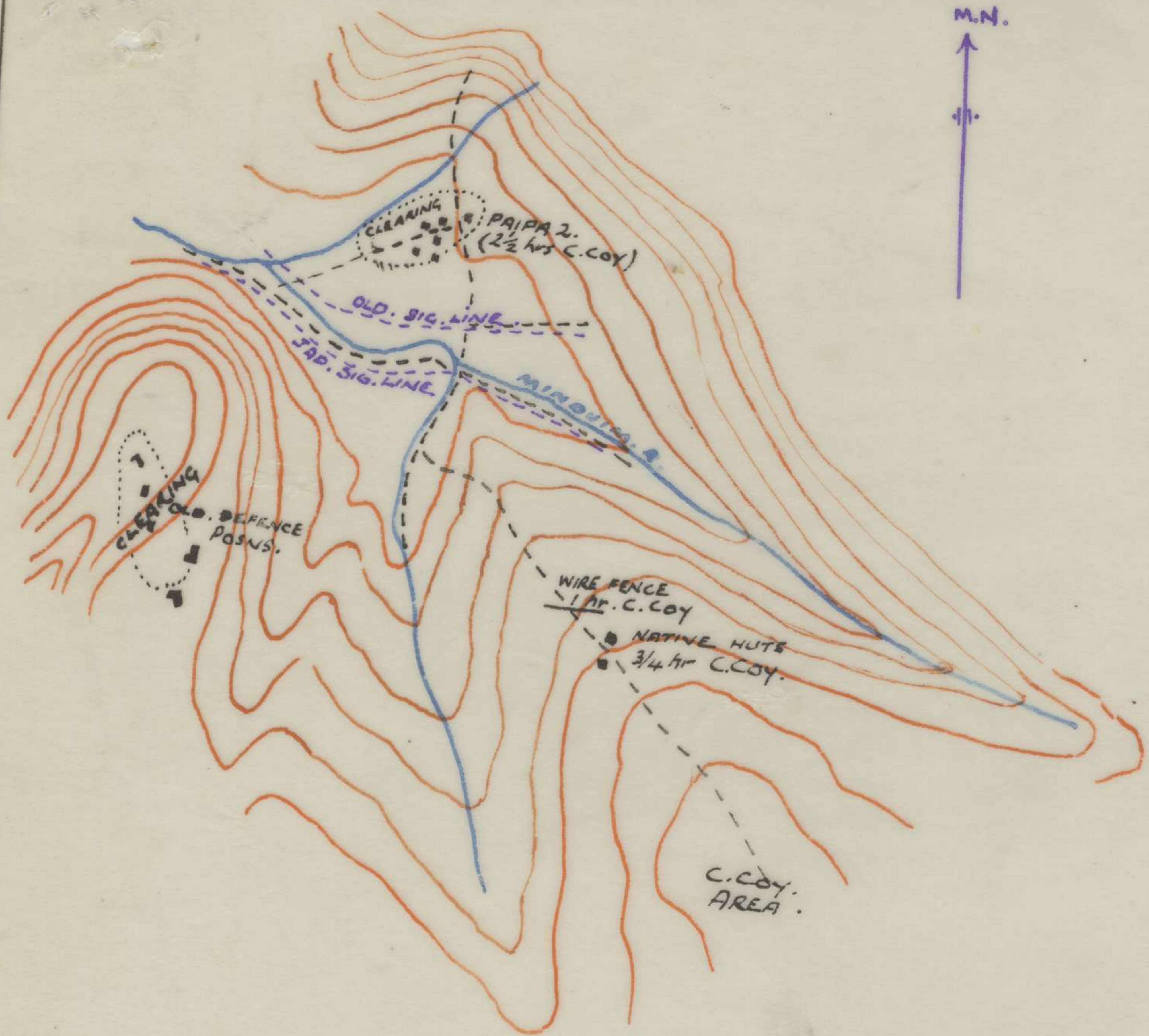
Narrative: Moved along track for 45 minutes to huts on left of track. 15 minutes from hut patrol came to a clearing with a wooden fence at one side of old native garden 615681. PAIPA 2 could be observed from here.

Feature 305° from here has a track running up it to a clearing at top where one hut could be observed. Heard sound of chopping and falling trees from top of feature.

Signed: L.G. SWEET. Cpl.

PAIPA II AREA

APPA E3



SCALE 2 1/2 IN. = 1 MILE.

A/CPL SWEET. L.C
19 FEB. '44

Traced by Pte WHEELDON.

"C" COY PATROL REPORT No.3.Ref Map: PAIPA 1/25000.Date: 19 Feb. '44.Patrol from: C Coy area 623669.Patrol Strength: Cpl. SWEET and 5 O.R's.Time Out: 0900L. Time In: 1625L.Object: To patrol to PAIPA 2 in search of enemy movement.Information: No signs of enemy movement.

Narrative: Patrol moved down spur and after going 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours reached a tributary of the MINDJIM 613683. A track follows this tributary in a southerly direction. There were fresh tracks of three or four natives leading down this track. Patrol was now $\frac{1}{2}$ hour from PAIPA2. There is an old Aust. sig line also a Jap sig line crossing at the junction 615686.

At PAIPA 2 there are seven native huts overgrown with grass and vines. No signs of recent occupation. No movement was seen where chopping was heard the previous day. Trees had been chopped down over a considerable area in the vicinity of 611687. MINDJIM tributary shown on map just south of PAIPA 2 is north of village.

Signed: L.G. SWEET. Cpl.

APPX "F"

INTELLIGENCE REPORT NO 8

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Infm to 2359 22 Feb 44

HQ 57/60 Aust Inf Bn.
22 Feb 44

Ref Map I/25000 AMUBA
PAIPA

I. OPERATIONS

21 Feb B Coy standing patrol MINDJIM RIVER withdrawn 1430L
owing to arty and mortar registration in area.
I offr with patrol inspected Jap HQ 64I667. Documents
found and fwded to Bde HQ.
A.C.D.Coys routine patrols.

22 Feb Local patrols.

2. PATROLS

20 Feb B Coy patrol 1. I.NCO 3ORS out 0930L in 1200L to recee
fwd of coy posns along MINDJIM RIVER.
Old Jap HQ located 64I667. report attached

21 Feb B.Coy patrol 2. I offr 19 ORS out 0825L in 23 Feb.
fighting patrol to NIGGER KNOLL to
contact 2/I2 Aust Inf Bn.
2II630L reached 592672, 22I400L reached
583684. report later.

C.Coy patrol 4. I.NCO 3 ORS out 1100L in 1600L reached
6I6680 NMS.

22 Feb C.Coy patrol 5. I offr 19 ORS out 1340L in 24 Feb.
recee patrol to SAIPA 2.

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Signed *A.P. Bamiller Lieut.*
I.O. 57/60 Aust Inf Bn.

APPX "F" 1

B. COY PATROL REPORT NO I 1/2

20 Feb 44

Patrol found by B Coy

Ref Map. PAIPA I/25000

Patrol from I2 pl

Strength Sgt Shaw 3 ORS

Time out 0930L Time in 1200L

Object. To recon approaches to coy area and exploit along Jap track.

Infm Coy area would be difficult to approach owing to stiff grade and heavy timber.

Narrative Patrol moved down the spur from I2 pl approx 400 yds where we found the Jap track. We moved NW to standing patrol posn and continued on for 880 yds where we came upon Jap posn as approx 641667. Five dugouts were in this vicinity. One was used as orderly room and contained paper, carbon paper, ink and general office equipment mostly in a state of decay. The other dugouts were used as living quarters and in each case in a bad state of repair. A good water supply near at hand. A well kept Jap grave near by would say by appearance to be that of an officer. Two booby traps were found at the entrance of one of the dugouts, these were deloused. Patrol returned by same route.

Signed. L.J. Shaw Sgt.

INTELLIGENCE REPORT NO 9

Infm to 2359L 24 Feb 44

SECRET
HQ 57/60 Aust Inf Bn.
24 Feb 44

Ref Map I/25000 AMUBA
PAIPA

I. OPERATIONS

23 Feb Patrols. L/T laid to NIGGER KNOLL
B.Coy standing patrol 63367I withdrawn AM due to Arty registration.

24 Feb. Local patrols

2. PATROLS

23 Feb B.Coy patrol 2 one Offr 19 ORS out 210825L in 231600L fighting patrol to NIGGER KNOLL to contact 2/12 En. 211600L reached 592668 (NOT 592672 as previously reported intrep 8) 221430L arrived NIGGER KNOLL no contact (NOT 1600 as reported) 221750L left NIGGER KNOLL and returned to 592668 at 221830L. Left 592668 at 230900L reaching 600684 at 1200L returned to coy area 1630L. Marching time out 10 1/2 hrs time in 4 hrs 50 Minutes. (report and sketch attached)

23/24 Feb C.Coy patrol 5. One Offr and 19 ORS out 221340L in 241400L recce patrol to SAIPA 2. Patrol reached 300 yds EAST of SAIPA 2 when fired on by Jap with LMG, Rifles and grenades. Enemy driven back from one def posn before patrol was forced to withdraw owing to suspected encirclement. Own cas nil enemy unknown. On outward journey AM 23 Feb patrol replaced 75 yds of sig wire which was missing in area 598688; between 600684 and PAIPA I replaced in all one and a third miles of wire. On reaching track along MINDJIM patrol noticed Jap footprints leading back to PAIPA 2. Patrol returned to C.Coy 241400L.

24 Feb C.Coy patrol 6 one NCO 4 ORS out 0900L in 1500L recce to PAIPA 2. Exploited several tracks vicinity village. Saw footprints several minutes old in river bed WEST of hut 614687; patrol could NOT locate any enemy. (report and sketch)

NOTE. Incorrect times reported earlier due to difficulty of comm causing misintepretation. Reports could NOT be checked owing to patrol moving after each report.

3. ENEMY INFM

Jap is in occupation of SAIPA 2, strength estimated eight men Jap footprints leading SE along track to PAIPA 2 23 Feb, plus the sighting of footprints at PAIPA 2 24 Feb indicates small enemy patrol PAIPA 2 area. One Jap sighted 24 Feb 613674 heading towards PAIPA 2 confirms this assumption. Apparently this Jap has been responsible for cutting of sig. lines.

4. TOPOGRAPHICAL

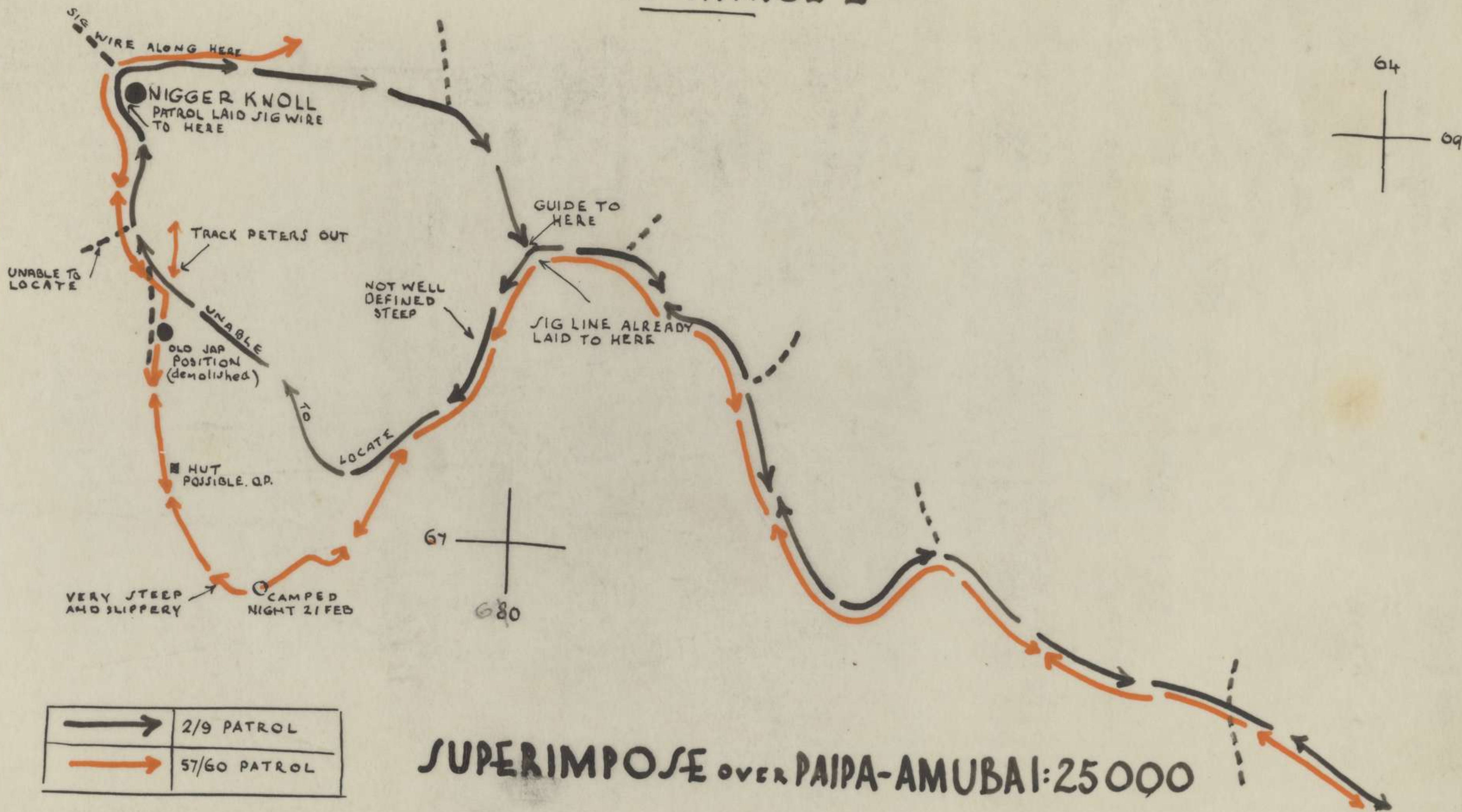
Refer to sketch attached to B.Coy patrol 2 for track correction

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Signed *W. Hamilton* Lieut
IO 57/60 Aust Inf Bn.

PATROL ROUTE

B. COY PATROL 2



21-23 Feb 44

APPX G 1

Ref Map AMURA I/25000
PAIPA "

Patrol from B. Coy

Strength One Offr 19 ORS

Patrol Leader Lieut Nink.

Nature of patrol Fighting patrol

Time out 0825 21 Feb

Time in 1600 23 Feb

OBJECT Fighting patrol to contact 2/12 En at NIGGER KNOLL

INFM Did NOT contact 2/12 En.

Track from 600684 poorly defined and overgrown in places, steep and slippery. In many places had to climb down with the aid of vines. Unable to complete circuit owing to uncertainty of area and time taken to reach objective.

NARRATIVE

Patrol left 600684 at 2135L, proceeded in SW direction down very steep poorly defined track. Progress very slow owing to sigs having to carry approx four miles of wire. After proceeding 1000 yds unable to find track leading to left 593678. Patrol moved a further 400 yds along track SSW to creek bed leading to junc of river 592668. River shallow, fast running and good water. Patrol reached this point 1430L. Small recon patrol sent out in endeavour to locate hut 693673 also track junc in this area. Patrol could NOT locate either hut or track junc. From 592668 patrol proceeded 100 yds up stream, crossed river on bearing of 270° and moved 600 yds to biv site for night at 1830L. Going very difficult up this feature and in places patrol moved on hands and knees; two hrs taken to cover 600 yds. At 220845L patrol proceeded approx due WEST up spur and turned NNE along crest of spur. Located hut and fox hole at 685673 (possible Jap pos) no sign of recent use. Patrol continued along spur and found newly dug Jap posn 683679. No signs of recent use. One hut and fox holes destroyed by patrol. From this posn an old track continued NORTH around side of spur. Track petered out after 600 yds. Time taken from biv area to Jap posns two and quarter hrs. Continued NORTH along track to 582684 but could find no trace of track junc. Track difficult. Located sig line connected onto track at 583683 and continued over NIGGER KNOLL. Just short of track junc D3 cable was joined to battle wire. At junc 581692 wire branched along both tracks. Arrived at NIGGER KNOLL 1600 hrs and recon area for two hrs endeavouring to locate 2/12 En patrol. Area showed signs of recent occupation by Aust troops. Recon track running EAST from 581692 for approx 1000 yds. Track drops steeply and veers left. Decided to return to river junc 592668 to biv for night owing to slow progress made in reaching objective, and absence of water in area. At 0900L patrol left biv area and reached track junc 600684 at 1200L, then returned to camp arriving in coy area at 1600L. Marching time outward journey 10½ hrs. marching time return journey four hrs fifty minutes. (laying of sig line caused delay on outward journey)

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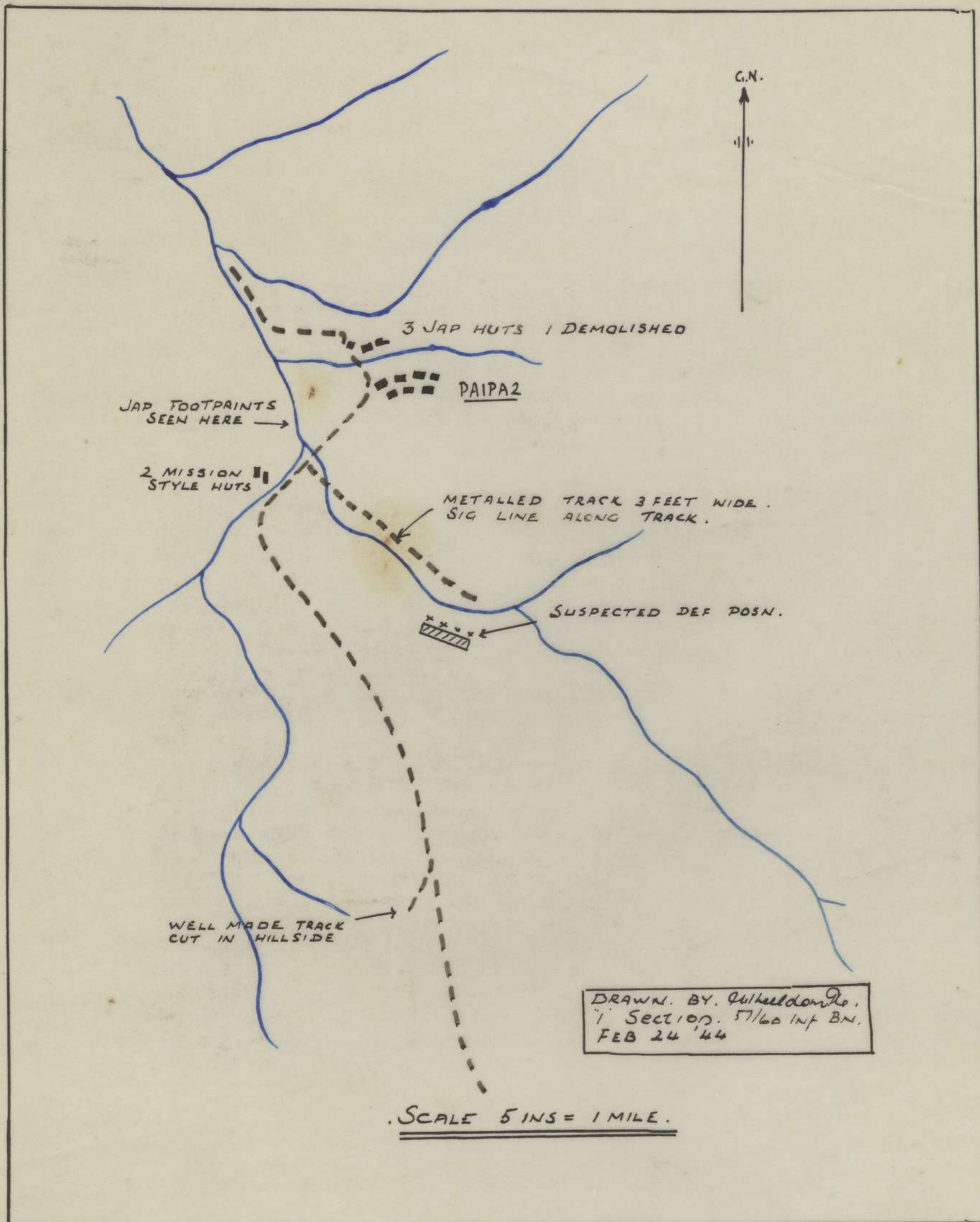
7 meals (FOR)
6 Bren guns, 6 mags per gun
7 Owen guns 6 " " "
7 Rifles 50 SAA and 2 grenades per man
4 Pistols

REMARKS

Suggest patrol to NIGGER KNOLL complete the circuit via the PAIPA track. If L/T is used on future patrols additional sigs would be required owing to difficult nature of country.

C COY PATROL N°6.

Ref Map PAIPA 1:25000



C. COY PATROL NO 6

24 Feb 44

Ref Map PAIPA I/25000

Patrol From C. Coy

Strength One NCO 4ORS

Patrol Leader Cpl Dempster

Time out 240900L

Time in 241500L

OBJECT

Recce patrol to PAIPA 2.

INFM

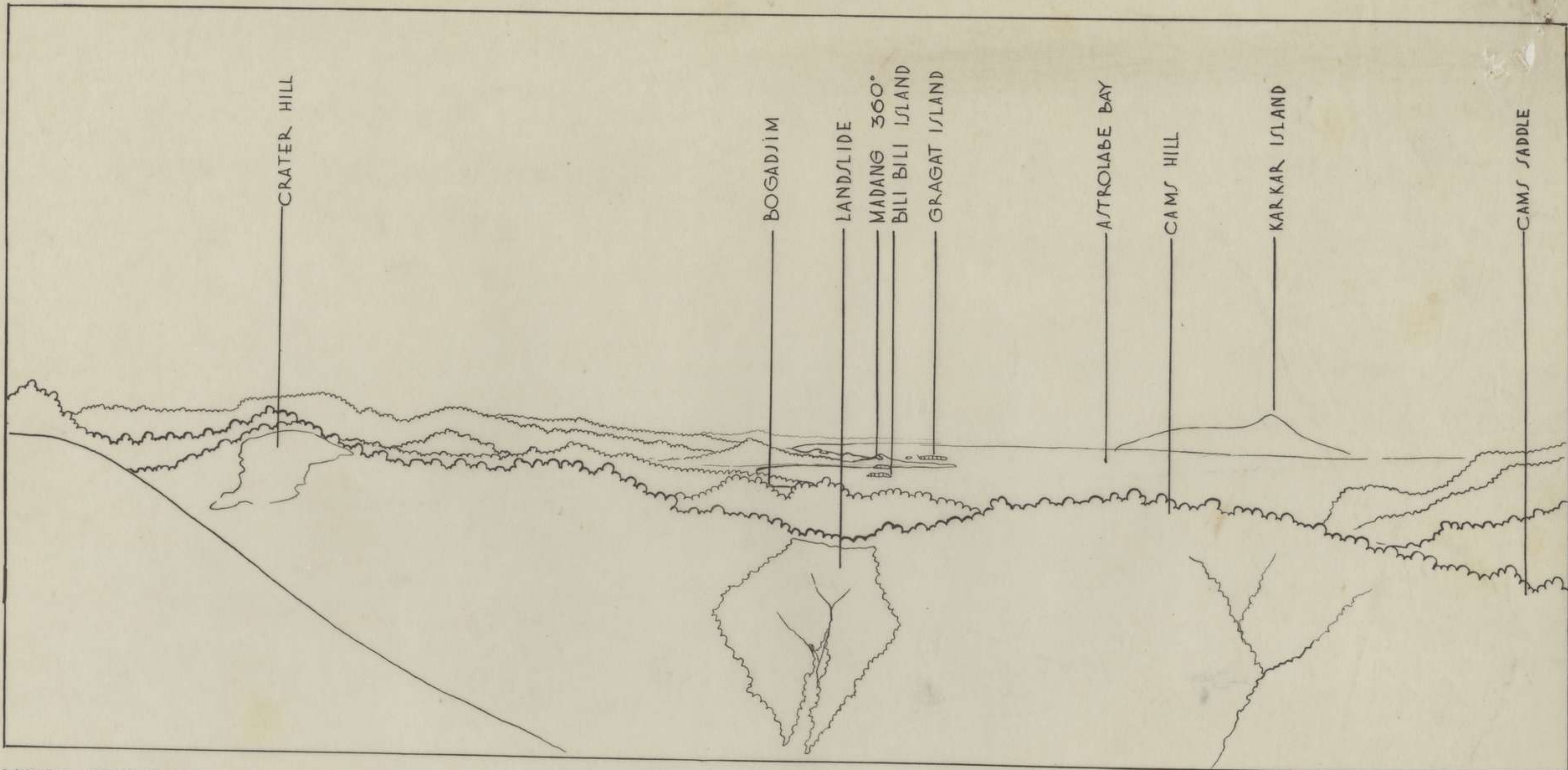
Tracks above and below PAIPA 2 run paralel with the river, well metaled, three ft wide but washed away in parts. No visible tracks leave river for 600 yds NORTH of PAIPA 2. Man made tracks cut into hill side leaver main track at approx 618676 running in SW direction. One set of Jap footprints were seen in river bed just WEST of village. Prints were very recent.

NARRATIVE

Patrol followed same route to PAIPA 2 as previous patrols, then followed track leading NORTH. The creek shown on map SOUTH of PAIPA 2 runs just NORTH of village. There is a small drain like water course on the SOUTH side. At 616688 there are three huts that seem to have been occupied by Japs. One hut has been demolished. Track leads back to river and follows the EAST side at an average distance of 40 ft from river. This was followed 600 yrs beyond PAIPA 2. Up to that point no track was found on WEST side of river and none leading off the left. From the river junc 615686 a maize of tracks led off to the WEST. All seemed to converge on two huts at 614685. These huts are built mission style with gabled roofs and sheltered doorways. The track leading up stream along the MINDJIM RIVER was followed to 618682. Due SOUTH of PAIPA 2 it crossed from the WEST to the EAST side of the river and there after continues on that side. It is a well built metaled track and the sig line runs along side. No trace of the huts marked on map at 617684. On SOUTH side of river in the vacinity of 618682 appeared to be Jap def posns with what appeared to be a bamboo screen in front. At 618676 a well defined track cut into the hill side leads to the SW but it has NOT been used for some considerable time. Footprints of one Jap were seen in the river bed just WEST of PAIPA 2. They were only a few minutes old because water was still running back into the prints. An attempt was made to find the Jap but his tracks were lost. No other of enemy were found.

W. Dempster. Cpl.

1944 93



REF MAP KUMBARUM
1:25000

PANORAMA OF ASTROLABE BAY
LOOKING NORTH FROM SHAGGY RIDGE..
MAPREF 655615

WEATHER-----FINE
VISIBILITY----GOOD
TIME TAKEN 2 HRS
1230 HRS 23 FEB 44
H Williams Pte.
1ST SEC 57/60AUST INF BN

INTELLIGENCE REPORT NO 10

APPX "H"

Infm to 2359L 25 Feb

SECRET
HQ 57/60 Aust Inf Bn.
25 Feb 44

Ref Map I/25000 AMUBA
PAIPA

1. OPERATIONS

Local patrols. Registration of Arty, 2in and 3in mortar on DF tasks C.Coy area.

2. PATROLS

Nil.

Attached is C.Coy patrol report No 5 with sketch.

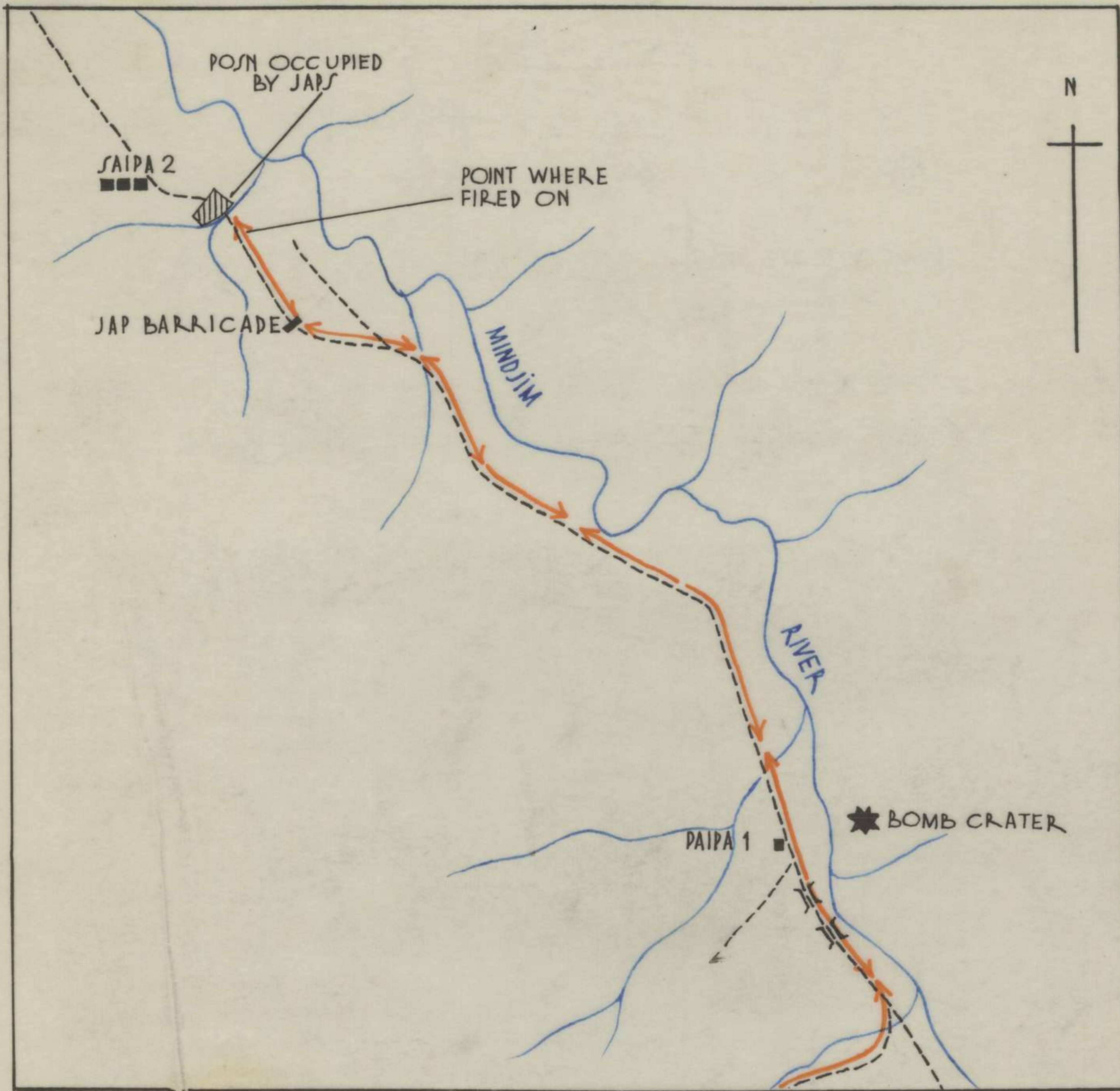
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IO 57/60 Aust Inf Bn.

APPX H 7

C COY PATROL 5



	PATROL ROUTE

SCALE 5 INCHES TO 1 MILE

26 FEB 44 DRAWN
 BY 1 SEC 57/60 AUST
 INF BN Williams Pte

APPX H 1

C. COY PATROL REPORT NO 5

Ref Map AMUBA 1/25000

Strength I Offr 19 ORS

Patrol Leader Lieut Mallett

Time out 22I340L Time in 24I400L

OBJECT

Rece to SAIPA 2 and ascertain if occupied and note tracks for enemy movement.

INFM

SAIPA 2 occupied possible by eight to ten men. Japs are patrolling mule track towards PAIPA 2.
One and third miles of sig wire missing between Coy area and PAIPA I.

NARRATIVE

Patrol moved to biv posn 596689. 75 yds SOUTH of posn sig wire cut and wire missing. Biv night at this posn.
23 Feb moved off 0800L, sig^{wire} still missing, no footmarks seen on track; wire missing in patches, total wire used in replacing line to PAIPA I was one and third miles. Wire now finishes 100 yds WEST of PAIPA I. On reaching mule track fresh foot prints of three men were seen leading SOUTH towards PAIPA 2. Continued along track beyond PAIPA I for approx 1000 yds where one set of fresh foot prints was seen leading SE. Continuing to approx 587714 patrol reached a track junc. One track about four feet wide continued straight on, the other turned to the left rising slightly. This track is about four foot six inches wide. As there were foot prints leading along this track patrol decided to investigate. On moving round a bend in the track movement was observed on the next bend. (about 300 yds from track junc.) At the point where the movement was observed there were two banana leaved shelters built. Moved onto bend where movement was seen and found a one sided barricade constructed of stones. This obstruction was situated behind a fallen tree. The posn had a clear view down the track for about 100 yds. A Jap helmet and six grenades laid out on a banana leaf in this posn. The occupant was in the process of cleaning and oiling the grenades. About three yds in off the track there was a banana leaf shelter with observation down the track. This shelter contained bunks sufficient to house eight to ten men. All showed fresh signs of occupation.
We moved about 300 yds further and on turning a bend in the track we fired on from three directions with LMG and rifle fire. Two or three grenades were thrown at the same time by the Jap. We attempted to push round the right flank but were again fired on. Patrol returned the fire forcing the Jap back. Patrol pushed on a further 50 yds where a hut was observed on the left of the track. At this posn we again fired on from the front and left flank. The Jap appeared to be working round to the rear so the patrol withdrew. Patrol returned to biv area without further opposition and camped for the night.
Patrol left biv area at 0830L and while resting one hour from camp a noise of breaking bush was heard about 400 yds EAST of the track approx 613674. One Jap was seen moving through the bush but we were unable to get a shot at him.
Patrol returned to coy area at 1400L.

Signes. A.J. Mallett Lieut

APPX "I"

INTELLIGENCE REPORT No.11.

SECRET.

Information to 2359 hours 27 Feb, '44

H.Q., 57/60 Aust. Inf. Bn.
27 Feb, '44.

Ref Map: AMUBA 1/25000
PALPA "

1. OPERATIONS.

- 26 Feb, A, B Coys. Local routine patrols and track construction in area. Refer also to patrols.
- G Coy. Patrols.
- D Coy. Detachment Engineers (2/4 Fd.) deloused one 500 pound and one 1000 pound bomb in coy area at ref 646649.
- 27 Feb, A, B, D Coys. Local patrols, and construction of 30 yard coy ranges commenced.
- G Coy. See patrols.

2. PATROLS.

- 25 Feb. A Coy. Patrol 1. 1 NCO and 4 OR's out 0930L. In 1630L to find new track from CANNING SADDLE to G Coy position 6266. Report attached.
- 26/27 Feb. C Coy. Patrol 7. 2 OFFCs and 19 OR's out 1150L to establish base and ambush at PAIPA 1 and patrol daily to SAIPA 2. Patrol stayed night 26/27 Feb. 606683. Arrived this point 1700L. 175 yards of sig wire was missing south of 606683. 27 Feb. Patrol established at 595703. Ambush established 594703 and patrolled to 600 yards forward towards SAIPA 2 NMS. 1 NCO and 5 OR's established a food base 600684. Party will carry daily to PAIPA 1.

3. TOPOGRAPHICAL.

Refer to A Coy patrol 1 for new track CANNING SADDLE to PAIPA - PROTHERO track. Attached is overlay sketch showing location landslide which runs from 664656 to 658649.

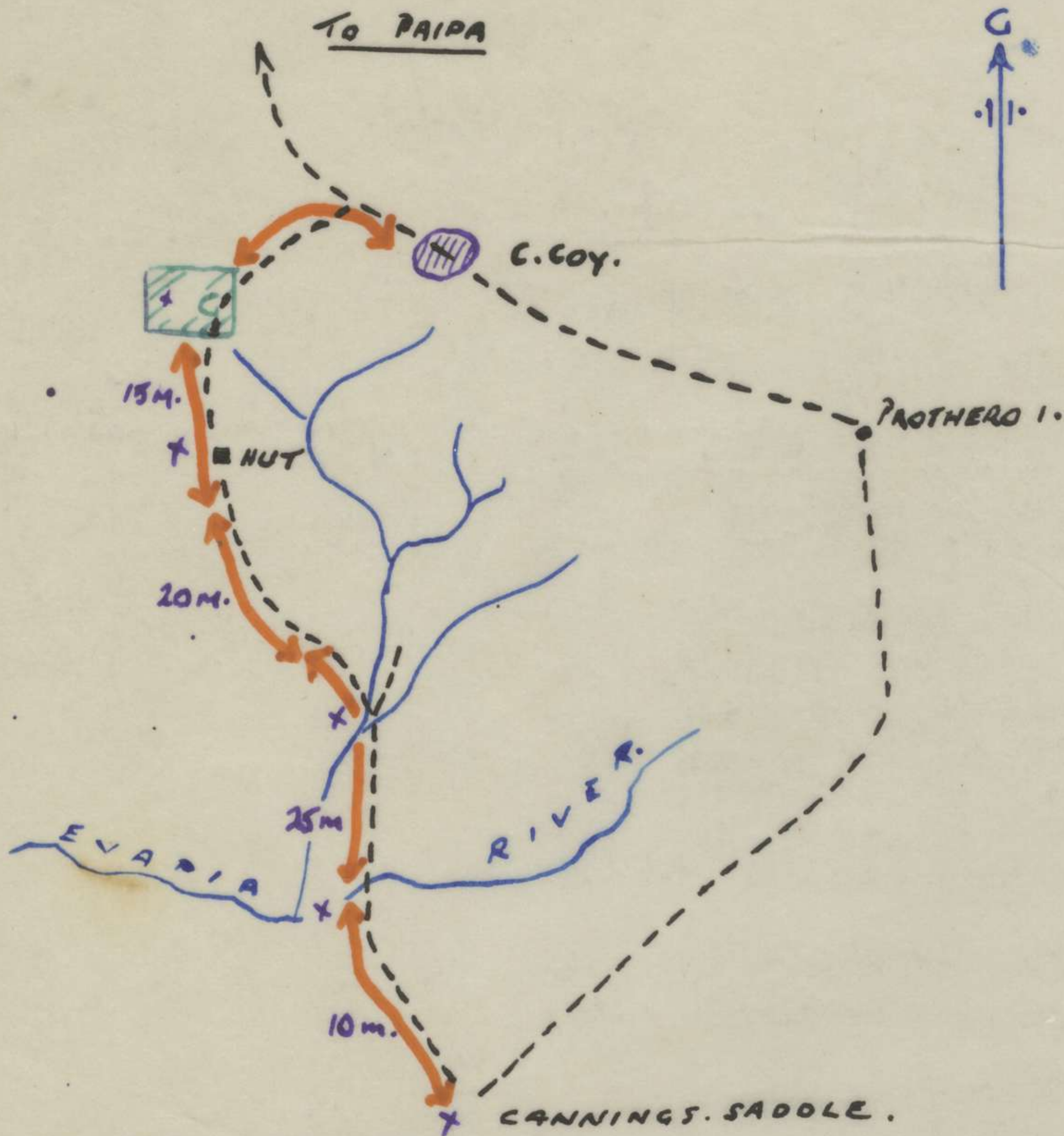
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A.P. Kemmitter Lieut
I.O. 57/60 Aust. Inf. Bn.

A COY. PATROL N°1.

Ref Map PAIPA 1:25000



PATROL ROUTE	↔
TRACK TIMES.	x 10m x

"A" COY PATROL REPORT No.1.Ref Map: PAIPA 1/25000Date: 25 Feb, '44.Patrol from: CANNING SADDLE.Patrol Strength: Sgt. McKEE and 4 O.R.'s.Time Out: 0930L. Time In: 1630L.Object: To find track from CANNING SADDLE to new "C" Coy area. Ref 6266Information:Narrative:

Track is little used but fairly good up to junction with PROTHERO-PAIPA track. Track used to some extent by natives. Grades very steep in parts. Natives were contacted 617662.

Narrative:

Patrol left CANNING SADDLE and moved west to creek junction 621656. Proceeded 100 yards up on left bank and turned north up spur, after passing small water-fall. Native hut passed 20 minutes after leaving creek, very steep grade. The crest of the spur was reached after a further 15 minutes, here track passes through native gardens. Track then follows ridge to join PROTHERO-PAIPA track at 620670. Patrol arrived "C" Coy 1130L.

Patrol contacted 12 natives at hut. (4 Women, 8 Children.) Native gardens contained taro and sweet potatoes.

Documents from 5 dead Japs at 620670 held this H.Q.'s pending arrival Japanese interpreter.

Signed: L. McKEE. Sgt.

APPX J

INTELLIGENCE REPORT No. 12.

SECRET.

Information to: 2359 hours, 1 Mar, '44.

H.Q., 58/60 Aust Inf Bn
1 March, '44.

Ref Maps: AMUBA 1/25000
PAIPA 1/25000

1 OPERATIONS.

28 Feb.	<u>"A" Coy.</u> <u>"E" Coy.</u> <u>"C" Coy.</u> <u>"D" Coy.</u>	Carried rations to 600683. 3" Mortar registration in Coy area. See patrols. Local patrols.
29 Feb.	<u>"A" Coy.</u> <u>"C" Coy.</u> <u>"D" Coy.</u>	Registration shoot 2" and 3" mortars, Coy area. See Patrols. Completed 30 yard range in Coy area.
1 Mar.	<u>"A" Coy.</u> <u>"E" Coy.</u> <u>"C" Coy.</u> <u>"D" Coy.</u>	Local patrols. See Patrols. Party of 11 men moved to 596690 to carry mortar ammunition to PAIPA 1, 2 Mar. Mortar det. moved to 596690. Working on Coy defences.

2 PATROLS.

28 Feb.	<u>"G" Coy.</u>	Patrol 7. Two officers and 19 O.R.'s out 261150L contacted enemy 583715 in considerable strength. Estimated from 4 LMG's, JUGI MMG, and heavy mortar fire plus considerable rifle fire that Jap is now in considerable strength at SAIPA 2. Patrol made 3 attempts to get into SAIPA 2 but were driven back by heavy fire. No casualties. 1230 to 1400 Arty engaged SAIPA 2 - results unobserved. Lieut Besier not yet reported in, last seen 583712. 3 hour search unsuccessful.
29 Feb.	<u>"G" Coy.</u>	Patrol 7. Patrol established 597689. Lieut. Besier reported in 600683, 0930L. Had been endeavouring to locate Arty Officer to indicate withdrawal of patrol. Arty Officer had returned in rear of patrol, and as there were Japs in the immediate vicinity, Lieut Besier was unable to return to patrol until next morning. Patrol 8. 2 Officer and 4 O.R.'s out 1400L, in 1620L to recce track west from junction 596690. Reached 590691. Track well defined. Sig wire has been laid for 500 yards.
1 Mar.	<u>"G" Coy.</u> <u>"B" Coy.</u>	Patrol 7. Now at 594702. Patrol 12 600 yards forward of position NMS. 58/59 Bn patrol contacted PAIPA 1. Patrol 3. 1 Officer and 12 12 O.R.'s plus 1 officer and 3 O.R.'s 4 Fd Regt out 0835L, in 2 Mar. (a) Recce and protective patrol to NIGGER KNOLL. (b) To guide Arty party to 18 Brigade positions. 1730L Reached 582689. Fresh Australian foot-prints and F.O.R. tins seen track junction 582684.

3 O.P. REPORTS. FRASERS OP. (58/59 Aust Inf Bn) Reported 28 Feb movement of enemy between SAIPA 2 and WARD's village. 0920L, 7 Japs moving west observed in clearing 581717. 1035L further 7 Japs observed in same position moving west.

VERY INFORMATION.

Enemy has strongly reinforced SAIPA 2 since contacting our patrols 22/27 Feb. (over)

5 TOPOGRAPHICAL. Attached is panorama of MENE RIVER valley from
PROTHERO 2.

Distribution.

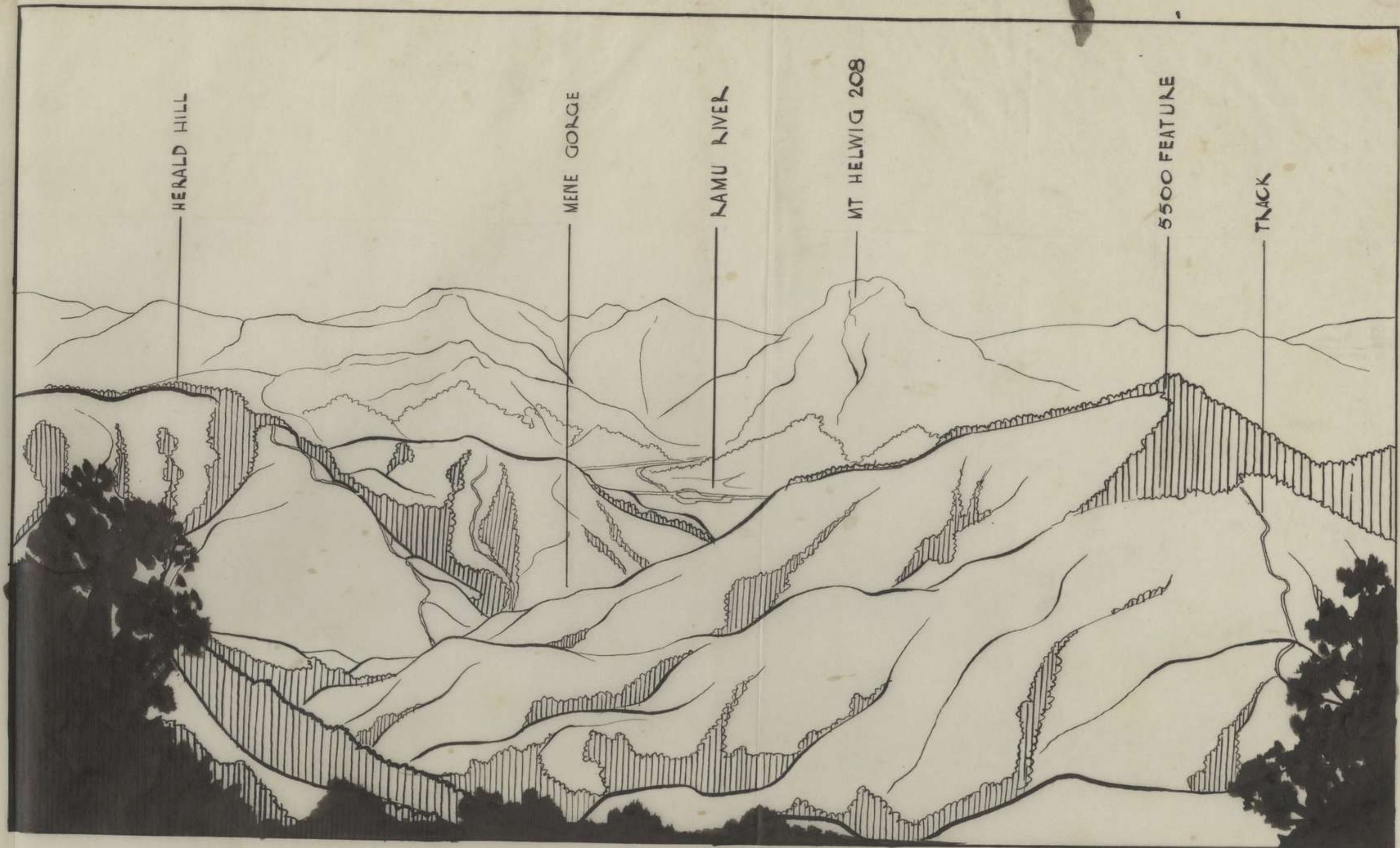
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Quinn Martin *capt*

1st Sgt. 57/60. Aust. Inf. Bn.

ADDITIONAL.

6 AIR OPS (OWN) 1030L to 1110L, 16 F-40's bombed and strafed SAIPA 2
area. 8 to 10 bombs fell in SAIPA area. Damage
unknown.



REF MAP PAIDA 1:25000

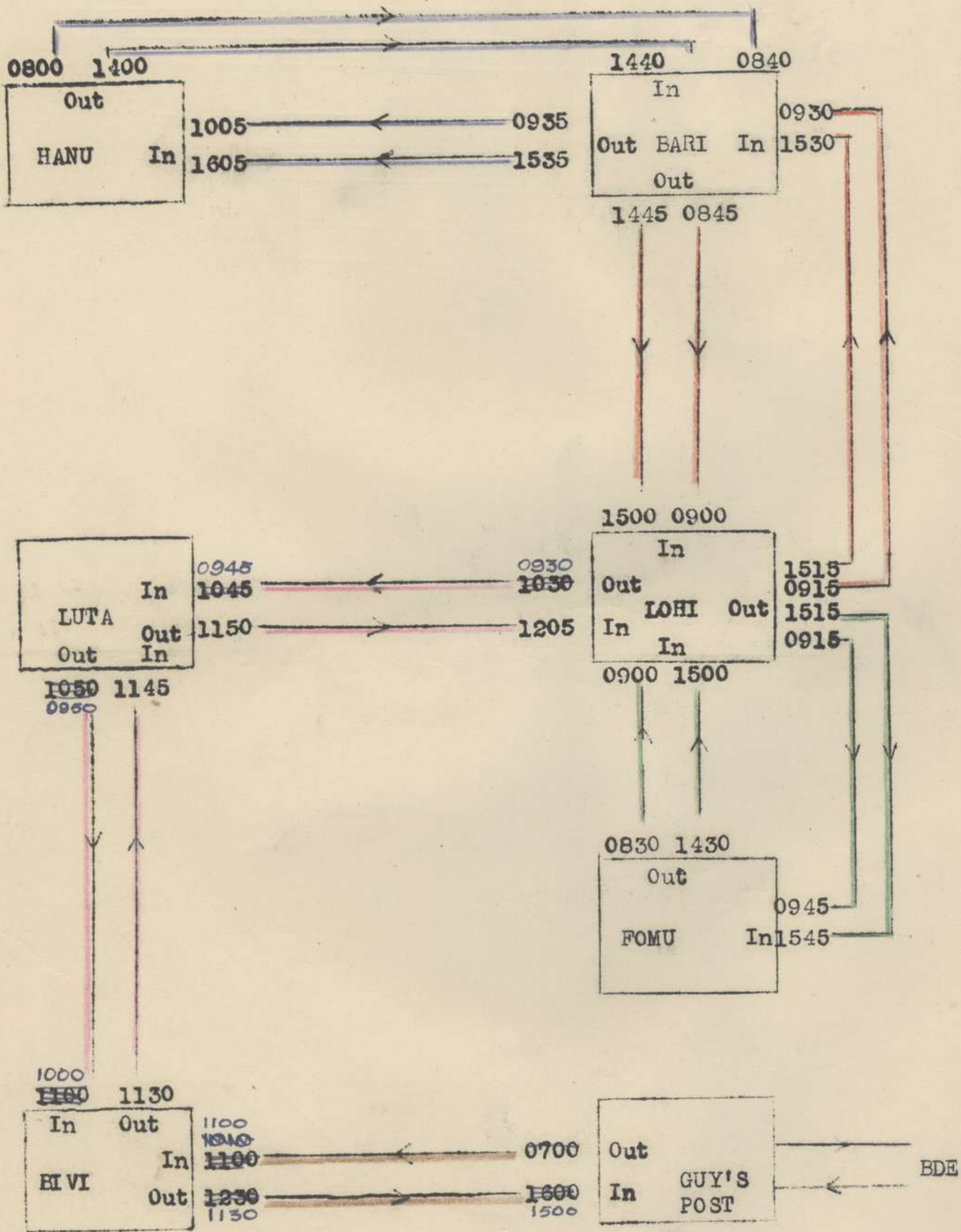
PANORAMA MENE GORGE

.. FROM PROTERO 2 MAP REFERENCE 643659.

WEATHER FINE
VISIBILITY GOOD
TIME TAKEN 1 HOUR
1200 HRS 28 FEB 44
Williams Pte.
1 SEC 5760 AUST INF BN

DAILY D.R.L.S. TIME TABLE

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D.L.S. SERVICE

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HQ 57/60 Aust Inf Bn

17 Feb 44

1. A daily DLS service, as per att diagram, will operate within the bn area commencing 18 Feb.
2. This service will be used for official and ordinary mail, patrol reports, etc.
3. Responsibilities for providing D.L.S. are indicated at the bottom of diagram. It is essential that times laid down are strictly adhered to.

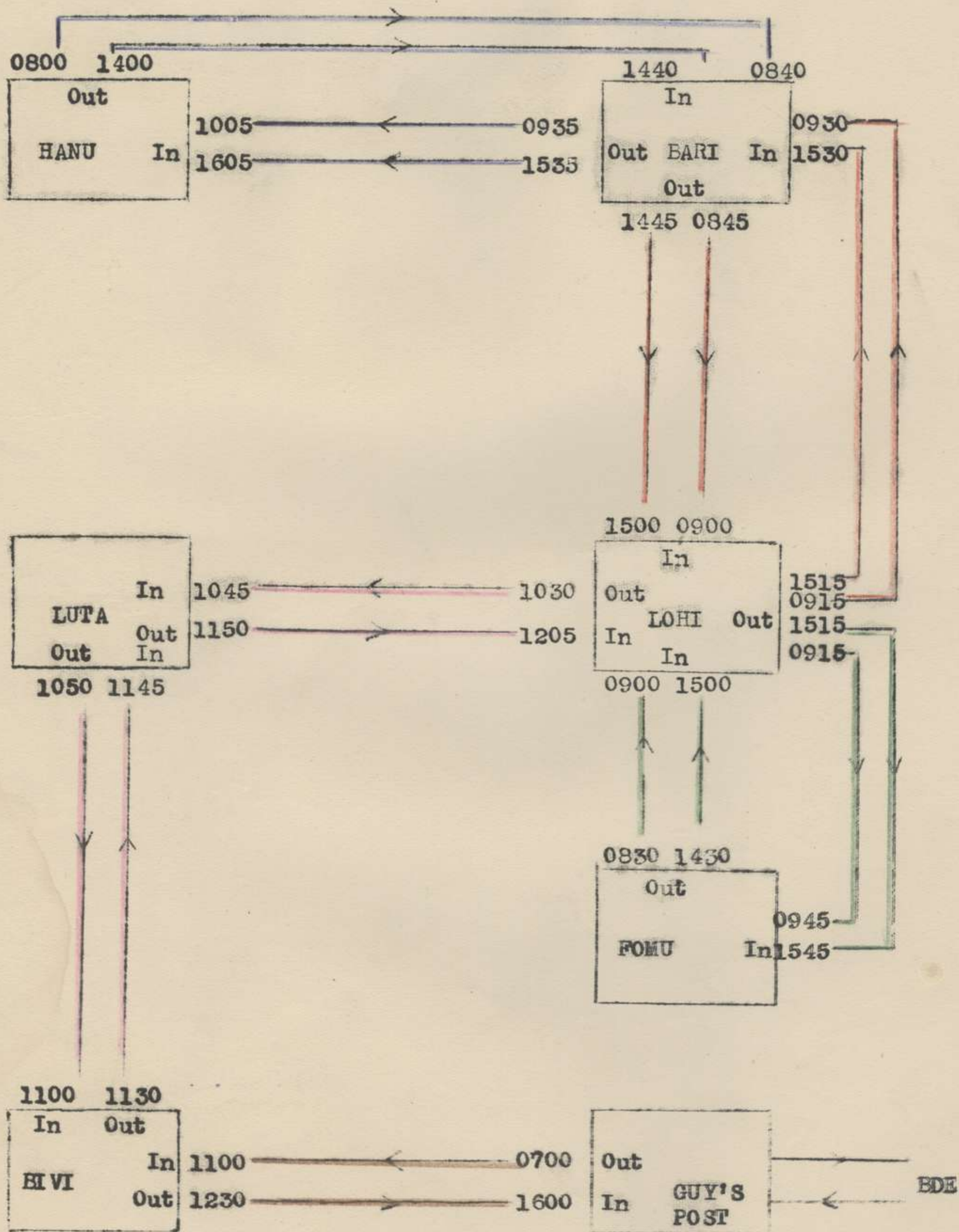
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Adjnt 57/60 Aust Inf Bn

Distribution

A Coy
B Coy
C Coy
D Coy
B Ech (KANKIRYO)
B Ech (GUY'S POST)
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SECRET

15 AUST INF BDE ADM INSTRUCTION NO 5

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HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)
5 Feb 44

MOVEMENT OF 15 AUST INF BDE GROUP

Reference:-

15 AUST INF BDE ENTRANCE	603556	EVAPIA	1:25000
JORDONS FORD	612548	DUMPU	1:25000
STATION COMMAND BEBEI	647545	DUMPU	1:25000
DAMOUR STAGING CAMP	659552	KUMBARUM	1:25000
HQ 18 AUST INF BDE	673579	KUMBARUM	1:25000
GUYS P.	672601	KUMBARUM	1:25000
KANKIRYO SADDLE	645666	PAIPA	1:25000

1. INFORMATION

15 Aust Inf Bde Gp will commence movement from existing unit areas on 6 Feb 44 to areas now occupied by units of 18 Aust Inf Bde. Units will receive instructions from this HQ relative to time and date of movement.

2. VACATION OF SITES

Units will ensure that vacated sites are left clean and tidy. All rubbish will be burnt, and any loose timber properly stacked. All standing buildings will be left in good condition. Units will render certificate to this HQ by 1800 hrs on the day of movement that these requirements have been carried out.

3. ROUTE

First Day: 15 AUST INF BDE ENTRANCE (603556) - JORDONS FORD (612548) - STATION COMMAND (647545) - DAMOUR STAGING CAMP (659552). Distance 4 1/2 milos.

Second Day: DAMOUR STAGING CAMP (659552) - HQ 18 AUST INF BDE AREA (673579) - GUYS POST (672601). Track time 4 1/2 hrs.

Third Day: GUYS POST (672601) to unit position in KANKIRYO - SADDLE AREA (645666). Track time 5 hrs.

4. TRAFFIC CONTROL

Arrangements will be made for provost guides at the following points:-

- (a) JORDONS BRIDGE
- (b) STATION COMMAND

5. STAGING AREAS

Staging Posts will be established at:-

- (a) DAMOUR BRIDGE - OC Lieut L S TALBOT HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde
- (b) GUYS POST - Manned by 18 Aust Inf Bde Capt J R BLACKSHAW TO 15 Aust Inf Bde will also be at GUYS POST.

Staging Areas will provide the following facilities:-

- (i) Coy areas suitably marked.
- (ii) Cookhouses.
- (iii) Water points.
- (iv) Latrines
- (v) RAP.

6. GUARDS

Units will maintain guards in unit areas until all stores, equipment etc are moved to new area.

7. AMMUNITION

(a) On the Man

- (i) 50 rounds per rifleman.
- (ii) 120 rounds per Bren LMG.
- (iii) 120 rounds per Owen SMG.

(b) Reserve Ammunition

Reserves of unit ammunition will be left properly covered in unit areas. This HQ is to be supplied, prior to move of unit, with a sketch map showing dump locations and also an ammunition state.

8. UNIT STORES

- (a) All unit stores will be transported to GUYS POST by Bde Transport.
- (b) Units will advise this HQ by 1200 hrs on day prior to movement, of number of Jeep loads of stores.
- (c) Surplus unit stores not required in forward areas will be held at unit dumps to be established at GUYS POST. Capt BLACKSHAW will allot areas for unit dumps.
- (d) Unit guards will be provided at GUYS POST and be responsible for custody of stores.
- (e) Unit QMs will make mutual arrangements with QMs of 18 Aust Inf Bde units for transfer of stores and equipment such as cooking utensils, switchboards and cable.
- (f) Hydro burners, Fowler and Sayer stoves will be moved with unit stores.

9. RATIONS

- (a) Unit reserve rations will be left stacked and properly covered in unit area. Location of unit dumps will be shown on sketch maps required.
- (b) Field Operation Rations (O2) will be placed with the unit reserve rations.
- (c) Prior to movement of units a statement will be rendered to this HQ of rations left in unit areas.
- (d) Rations on the man will be two Emergency Rations (A3).
- (e) Arrangements have been made for meals to be available at staging areas.

57/60 AUST INF BN ADM INSTN 3

HQ 57/60 AUST INF BN
FEB 44.

MOVEMENT TO 2/9 AUST INF BN AREA

Ref Maps :- DUMPU 1 : 25000 D
KUMBARUM 1 : 25000 K
PAIPA 1 : 25000 P

1 INFORMATION

57/60 Aust Inf Bn will move from existing camp area on 13 FEB 44 to area KANKIRYO (P 645666) - PROTHERO 2 (P 642659) - PROTHERO 1 (P 633664)

2 ROUTE

(a) 13 FEB 57/60 Aust Inf Bn Camp - JORDONS FORD (D 612548) - Station Command (D 647545) - DAMOUR STAGING CAMP (K 659552)
Distance 4½ miles. Marching time 3 hrs.

(b) 14 FEB DAMOUR Staging Camp - HQ 18 Aust Inf Bde Area (K 673579) - GUY'S POST (K 672601)
Marching time 4½ hrs.

(c) 15 FEB GUY'S POST - via unmapped track along headwaters of FARIA RIVER - KANKIRYO (P 645666) - to Coy positions.

3 MOVEMENT

(a) Order of March

(i) C Coy
(ii) A Coy
(iii) BnHQ
(iv) HQ Coy
(v) D Coy
(vi) B Coy

(b) S.P.

Junc Main Rd - track to BnHQ.

(c) Times past S.P.

(i) C Coy 1200 hrs
(ii) A Coy 1220 "
(iii) BnHQ & HQ Coy 1240 "
(iv) D Coy 1300 "
(v) B Coy 1320 "

4 STAGING AREAS

(a) Night 13/14 FEB - DAMOUR STAGING CAMP
OC - Lieut L.S. TALBOT HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde

(b) Night 14/15 FEB - GUY'S POST
OC Capt J.R. BLACKSHAW HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde

5 COY DISPOSITIONS ON ARRIVAL 2/9 BN AREA

(a) BnHQ PROTHERO 2 P642659
(b) A Coy - Relieving D Coy 2/9 Bn P638661
(c) B Coy - " A " " " P645652
(d) C Coy 2 " C " " " P622668
(e) D Coy - " B " " " P643663
(f) Allocation of HQ Coy pers will be made at GUY'S POST.

6 TRAFFIC CONTROL

Control points will be established at

(a) JORDONS CROSSING
(b) STATION COMMAND

57/60 AUST INF BN ADM INSTN NO 3 (Contd)

7. MESSING AND RATIONS

- (a) Meals are being made available at Staging Posts
- (b) 2 Emergency Rations will be carried on the man
- (c) Rations for consumption during movement will be supplied at Staging Posts.

8. MALARIA PRECAUTIONS

- (a) Complete malaria precautions will be taken during movement and Coys will submit daily signal as normal.
- (b) Mosquito nets will be inspected before move and repellent lotion will be carried on the man
- (c) DAMOUR STAGING AREA is a bad area for mites. Particular care will therefore be taken in this area, and all pers will sleep in clothes which have been thoroughly impregnated with Anti-Mite Lotion.
- (d) Prior to movement from this area Anti-Mite Lotion will be applied to all clothes. Coy Comdg will submit a certificate to BnHQ by 131130L that this has been carried out.

9. MOVEMENT OF STORES

- (a) Stores will be moved to GUY'S POST by Bde tpt on 13 and 14 FEB.
- (b) Coys will sup 1 Storeman to move at 130800L to GUY'S POST and establish Coy Stores Dumps in this area.
- (c) T.O. will control movement of stores from this area and will not leave until all stores have been cleared. 1 man from each Coy will remain with Coy Stores and will move to GUY'S POST when Coy Stores have been cleared.
- (d) T.O. will keep in touch with S.C. 15 Aust Inf Bde regarding tpt arrangements.

10. TENTAGE

- (a) All tentage will be struck and moved with Stores to GUY'S POST with the exception of the following which will remain erected :-
Tents & Flys - CO's, I Office, Orderly Room, HQ Coy CQ Store.
Flys B Coy Store, A Coy Office, BnHQ Kitchen, BnHQ Officer's Mess.

11. GUIDES

R.P's will move to Staging Areas ahead of main body and guide Coys to areas on arrival.

12. BnHQ

Closes present location, reopens DAMOUR STAGING CAMP 131200L.

13. AMN

- (a) On the man :

- (i) 50 rounds per rifleman
- (ii) 200 " " LMG
- (iii) 200 " " OSMG
- (iv) 2 grenades per man

- (b) All "on the man" amn surplus to the above will be returned by CSM's to the RSM by 131000L.

14. VACATION OF PRESENT SITE

- (a) Particular care will be taken to see that this area is left scrupulously clean and that "all foul ground" areas are suitably and clearly marked.
- (b) Bed frames and other constructions (except grass huts) will be wrecked and a neat dump of timber established in each Coy Area.
- (c) 4 Gall tins, wooden packing cases and other items of similar nature which are likely to be of use to 2/9 Aust Inf Bn will be tidily stacked in Coy dumps.

57/60 AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY ENEMY ADMINISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS NO 3 (Contd)

- 14 (Contd)
- (d) Latrines and urinals in good condition will NOT be filled in, but will be thoroughly cleaned.
 - (e) All rubbish will be completely burnt or buried and smouldering heaps of rubbish will NOT be left behind.
 - (f) Coy Comds will submit a certificate regarding compliance with the above, to reach EnHQ by 131200L.

15 SECURITY

Care will be taken that no indication of the unit's designation is left in this area.

R. R. R. R.
 Capt
 Adjt 57/60 Aust Inf Bn.

DISTRIBUTION:

COPY NO:

A Coy	1
B Coy	2
C Coy	3
D Coy	4
HQ Coy	5
2/9 Aust Inf Bn	6
CO	7
2 i/c	8
Adjt	9
Asst/Adjt	10
QM	11
RMO	12
I.O.	13 ✓
T.O.	14
Padro	15
File	16
War Diary	17/18

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COPY NO. 17.....

57/60 AUST INF BN ADM INSTN 3

HQ 57/60 AUST INF BN
19 FEB 44.

MOVEMENT TO 2/9 AUST INF BN AREA

Ref Maps :-	DUMPU	1 : 25000	D
	KUMBARUM	1 : 25000	K
	PAIPA	1 : 25000	P

1 INFORMATION

57/60 Aust Inf Bn will move from existing camp area on 13 FEB 44 to area KANKIRYO (P 645666) - PROTHERO 2 (P 642659) - PROTHERO 1 (P 633664)

2 ROUTE

- (a) 13 FEB 57/60 Aust Inf Bn Camp - JORDONS FORD (D 612548) - Station Command (D 647545) - DAMOUR STAGING CAMP (K 659552)
Distance 4½ miles. Marching time 3 hrs.
- (b) 14 FEB DAMOUR Staging Camp - HQ 18 Aust Inf Bde Area (K 673579) - GUY'S POST (K 672601)
Marching time 4½ hrs.
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- (iv) HQ Coy
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Junc Main Rd - track to BnHQ.

(c) Times past S.P.

- | | | |
|-------|---------------|----------|
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57/60 AUST INF BN ADM INSTN NO 3 (Contd)

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BnHQ Officer's Mess.

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57/60 AUST INF BN ADM INSTN NO 3 (Contd)

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R. M. M. M.
Capt
Adjt 57/60 Aust Inf Bn.

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HQ 57/60 Aust Inf Bn
22 Feb 44

I.O.

DISCIPLINE AND DRESS

1. GENERAL

Since the unit arrived in DUMPU area there has been a noticeable slackening in matters of dress, paying of compliments, personal tidiness and general discipline. The C.O. directs that in future a closer supervision be maintained over these matters, and that a considerable improvement will be shown throughout the unit. Set out hereunder are points requiring particular attention.

2. HATS

- (a) Hats will be worn in the regulation shape.
- (b) Puggarees or issue hatbands ONLY will be worn. Coys will supply Q.M. with number of hatbands required.

3. DRESS

- (a) Gaiters, U.S. Pattern or Anklets Web will be worn at all times.
- (b) Clothes will be kept in a good state of repair.
- (c) Shirts will NOT be worn outside trousers.

4. PERSONAL TIDINESS

- (a) All pers will shave daily.
- (b) The practise of wearing "Sideboards" will cease. The regulation shave is level with the top of the ear.
- (c) All pers will have regular haircuts. The wearing of long hair will not be permitted.

5. BOOTS

Dubbing will be applied to boots every second day. Arrangements have been made with the Q.M. for a regular sup of dubbing to Coys.

6. PAYING OF COMPLIMENTS

- (a) Compliments will be paid to officers at all times. When a senior officer approaches a party of men, the N.C.O. in charge will call the party to attention, approach the officer, salute, and explain to the officer who he is and what his party are doing. This regulation has been promulgated previously but has not been carried out. Coy comds will ensure that N.C.O.'s understand their duty in this respect.

7. MALARIA AND SCRUB TYPHUS PRECAUTIONS

- (a) Shirts will not be removed at any time, unless under a mosquito net.
- (b) Sleeves will be rolled down and buttoned at all times.
- (c) All pers will sleep under mosquito nets.
- (d) Mosquito repellent will be applied at 1930 hrs and re-applied every 2 hours thereafter.
- (e) Anti-mite lotion will be thoroughly rubbed in to all articles of clothing every 14 days. Coys will certify to BnHQ on 15th and 29th of each month that this has been done.

8. MISCELLANEOUS

- (a) The practise of hanging clothes on sig cable will cease.
- (b) Ration containers in the form of sandbags and 4 gal drums are NOT all being returned to the Q.M. Ration containers are in short supply and their return from coys is essential.

R. M. Martin Capt
Adjnt 57/60 Aust Inf Bn

DISTRIBUTION

(see over)

DISTRIBUTION

- A Coy
- B Coy
- C Coy
- D Coy
- HQ Coy
- Q.M.
- R.M.O.
- I.O. ✓
- R.S.M.
- File

(a) Letters, etc. referred to in this report will be sent to all times.

(b) Clashes will be kept in a good state of repair.

(c) Clashes will not be sent outside the camp.

(d) All letters will be sent daily.

(e) The practice of wearing "slippers" will cease.

(f) The practice of wearing a level with the top of the cap will cease.

(g) All boys will have regular haircuts. The wearing of hair hats will not be permitted.

Clashes will be kept in a good state of repair and every second day.

Clashes will be sent to the R.M.O. for a regular supply of paper.

(a) Compliments will be sent to officers at all times.

(b) A letter of appreciation will be sent to the R.M.O. for his services.

(c) The R.M.O. will call the roll of the camp and explain to the boys the meaning of the roll.

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(a) Clashes will not be removed at any time unless under a special order.

(b) Clashes will be kept in a good state of repair.

(c) Clashes will be sent to the R.M.O. for a regular supply of paper.

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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(Adapted) (Page 1)
(Revised Jan., 1943)
(Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 12 2 4 57/60 AUST INF BN (Unit) /194

W.E. 11 12c 2 OFFRS. 32 O.R.'s 739 + OFFRS. 1 O.R.'s 35 ATT. BY W.E.

PART A.—POSTED STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.								
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.				
-	-	-	1	Lieut.-Colonels Majors Captains Lieutenants Quarter-masters A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs.	AAMC	1	-	-	-				
-	-	1	4										
-	-	1	9										
-	-	5	24										
-	-	-	1										
-	-	-	-										
-	-	-	-										
-	-	7	39			1	-	-	-				
		AIP	A	A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
		A.	40	-									40
		E.(1)											
		E.(2)											

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 19 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.
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PART B.—PARTICULARS OF OFFICERS JOINED OR QUITTED DURING WEEK.

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit-From.	Date.	CAUSE.

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO (Unit) IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED. /194

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 12/2/1944 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Lt-col	VX108132	MARSTON	R.R.	CO	Yes		
Major	VX4299	CUDDON	W.S.	2 1/c	No	Det 18 AUST INF BDE	
"	VX81105	McCALL	W.	OC A	Yes		
"	VX81067	CONNELL	J.W.D.	" HQ	"		
"	VX48332	BARKER	W.F.	" B	"		
Capt	VX81077	McINTOSH	R.H.	" D	"		
"	VX81065	WOODS	K.R.	2 1/c	B Yes	"X" List - School	4/2/44
"	VX81069	LENOURY	J.	OC C	No	Det 18 AUST INF BDE	
"	VX3964	CLARKE	F.D.	2 1/c	A "	LOB	
"	VX81106	GRAY	A.A.	Att C	"		
"	VX81073	MARTIN	R.M.	A/Adjt	Yes		
"	VX81076	FOX	R.E.	2 1/c	C "		
"	VX81070	McALLISTER	N.M.	QM	"		
"	VX133031	ROSS	W.A.	2 1/c	D "		
Lieut	VX81068	BROOKES	J.D.	Pl B	No	X List - Hospital	
Capt	VX81074	BLACKBURN	N.S.	Att D	"	School	19/12/44
Lieut	VX81109	GOODE	N.W.	3 Pl	Yes		
"	VX81107	THOMAS	D.L.	Asst/Adjt	Yes		
"	VX81104	WATT	F.J.	4 Pl	No	Det 18 AUST INF BDE	
"	VX81105	MELLETT	A.J.	Pl C	Yes		
"	VX54760	DAVIS	W.G.	2 D	"		
"	VX50043	BOLWELL	D.J.	" B	"		
"	VX56025	JACKSON	R.S.	" A	"		
"	VX81110	FORD	H.J.	Att HQ	No	"G" Branch NGF	20/11/44
"	VX81112	ATRINSON	G.H.	Pl C	Yes		
"	VX81072	WILSON	M.A.	" A	No	Det 15 AUST INF BDE	31/12/44
"	VX81108	NINK	P.E.	" B	Yes		
"	VX101817	MADDISON	A.	5 Pl	No	Leave	
"	VX108342	SINCLAIR	S.V.	Pl A	Yes		
"	VX81071	LINTON	W.R.	2 Pl	"		
"	VX5209	EGAN	B.W.	1 Pl	"		
"	NX51600	HAMILTON	A.P.	I.O.	"		
"	NX76217	BERMAN	M.E.	T.O.	"		
"	NX76326	PASSLOW	V.	Pl B	No	Det 18 AUST INF BDE	
"	TX4719	BESIER	J.C.	" C	"	Leave	
"	VX81075	SCOTT	W.H.	" A	"	Det 18 AUST INF BDE	
"	VX8947	HENRICKS	E.E.	" C	Yes		
"	NX76218	LESERVE	S.A.M.	Att B	No	X List - Hospital	15/1/44
"	VX51553	WILLEY	C.B.	" A	"	LOB	
ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W/E							
Capt	SX15733	GRATTON	M.G.	RMO	Yes		

PART E.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER UNITS.

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
Chaplain	VX104114	SAMBELL G.T.	15 Bde	27/2/43	Padre
Capt	VX114154	HOCKING L.J.	23/21 Bn	19/1/44	Attached for Duty
"	VX114142	NEWSTEAD J.H.	"	18/1/44	" "
Lieut	VX1921	JACOBS H.J.	"	19/1/44	" "
"	VX114159	McCOLL S.J.	"	19/1/44	" "

Capt 12 FEB 1944/69 BRHM W.J. 19 Aust Inf Bn 7/2/44 *R. Marston* Lt-col

Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Army Form W.3008

(Adapted) (Page 1)

Revised Jan. 1943

44 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 19/2/194

37/50 JUST THE MAN

(Unit)

W.E. 11 120/2 OFFRS 32 O.R.'s 39 plus OFFRS. 1 O.R.'s 35 ATT. BY W.E.

PART A.—POSTED STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10				
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.								
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.				
-	-	-	1	Lieut.-Colonels									
-	-	1	4	Majors									
-	-	1	9	Captains	A.A.M.C.	1	-	-	-				
-	-	3	24	Lieutenants									
-	-	-	1	Quarter-masters									
-	-	-	-	A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.									
-	-	-	-	Civilians Counting as Offrs.									
-	-	7	39			1	-	-	-				
				DETAIL.	A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	TOTAL.
				A.									40
				E.[1]									
				E.[2]									

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E[1] & E[2].

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OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO _____ (Unit) IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED _____/194_____.

Army No.	Rank	Name and Initials	REMARKS [e.g. present whereabouts if known].

57/69 AUST INF BN Unit

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 19/2/1944 (Total to Agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A).

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
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"	VX81067	CONNELL	J.W.D.	" HQ	"		
"	VX48332	BARKER	W.P.	" B	"		
Capt	VX81077	McINTOSH	R.E.	" D	"		
"	VX81065	WOODS	K.E.	2 1/c B	"		
"	VX81069	LE NOURY	J.	OC C	NO	"X" LIST - SCHOOL	4/2/44
"	VX3964	CLARKE	F.D.	2 1/c A	YES		
"	VX81106	GRAY	A.A.	Att C	NO	L.O.B.	4/1/44
"	VX81073	MARTIN	P.W.	A/Adjt	YES		
"	VX81076	FOX	R.E.	2 1/c C	"		
"	VX81070	McALLISTER	N.M.	C.M.	"		
"	VX133031	ROSS	R.A.	2 1/c D	"		
"	VX81074	BLACKBURN	N.S.	Att D	NO	SCHOOL	19/12/43
Lieut	VX81068	HOOKER	J.B.	P1 D	"	"X" LIST - HOSPITAL	8/2/44
"	VX81109	GOODE	N.W.	3 P1	YES		
"	VX81107	THOMAS	D.L.	Asst/Adjt	"		
"	VX81104	WATT	F.J.	4 P1	"		
"	VX81105	MELLETT	A.J.	P1 C	"		
"	VX54760	DAVIS	W.C.	" D	NO	"X" LIST - HOSPITAL	15/2/44
"	VX50043	BOLWELL	D.J.	" B	YES		
"	VX56025	JACKSON	R.E.	" A	"		
"	VX81110	FORD	H.J.	Att HQ	NO	"B" BRANCH N.G.P.	20/11/43
"	VX81112	ATKINSON	G.E.	P1 C	"	"X" LIST - HOSPITAL	14/2/44
"	VX81072	WILSON	M.A.	" A	"	DET 15 AUST INF BDE	31/12/43
"	VX81108	NINK	P.E.	" B	YES		
"	VX101817	MADDISON	A.	5 PL	NO	LEAVE	13/11/43
"	VX108342	SINCLAIR	S.V.	P1 A	YES		
"	VX81071	LINTON	W.F.	2 P1	NO	"X" LIST - HOSPITAL	14/2/44
"	VX5209	EGAN	B.W.	1 P1	YES		
"	NX51600	HAMILTON	A.P.	I.O.	"		
"	NX76217	BE MAN	M.E.	T.O.	"		
"	NX76326	PASSLOW	V.	P1 B	"		
"	TX4719	BESSIER	J.C.	" C	NO	LEAVE	9/12/43
"	VX81075	SCOTT	W.E.	" A	YES		
"	VX8947	HANFICKS	E.E.	" C	NO	"X" LIST - HOSPITAL	14/2/44
"	NX76218	LE SERVE	S.A.M.	Att B	"	" " " "	15/1/44
"	VX51553	WILLEY	C.B.	" A	"	L.O.B.	
ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W/E							
Capt	SK15733	GRATTON	M.G.	FMO	YES		

PART E.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER UNITS.

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
Chaplain	VX104114	SARBELL G.T.	15 BDE	27/2/43	Padre
Capt	VX114142	NEWSTEAD J.H.	23/21 BN	18/1/44	Attached for Duty
Capt	VX1921	JACOBS W.J.	"	18/1/44	" " " "
"	VX114139	McGILL S.J.	"	18/1/44	" " " "

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Date of Despatch

R. Marston

lt-col.

Signature of Commander

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Army Form W.3008

(Adapted) (Page 1)
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(Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 26/2/1944

57/63 AUST INF BR

(Unit) 44

W.E. 11 12c 2 OFFRS. 32 O.R's. 739 plus OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 35 ATT. BY W.E.

PART A.—POSTED STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED

W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.						
1	2	3	4		6	7	8	9	10		
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.		
-	-	-	1	Lieut.-Colonels							
-	-	1	4	Majors							
-	-	1	9	Captains							
-	-	6	25	Lieutenants	AAMC	1	-	-	-		
-	-	-	1	Quarter-masters							
-	-	-	-	A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.							
-	-	-	-	Civilians Counting as Offrs.							
-	-	8	40			1	-	-	-		
		DETAIL	A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	TOTAL.
		A.	41	-							41
		E.(1)									
		E.(2)									

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.
* Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Col. Particulars will be shown, e.g., 20 U.K. Forces; 10 N.Z. Forces

PART B.—PARTICULARS OF OFFICERS JOINED OR QUITTED DURING WEEK.

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit From.	Date.	CAUSE.
VX114266	Lieut	YOUNG, M.	1 Aust Commando Training Bn	20/2/44	Auth - RTU Relinquished Appointment 11/12/43 vide - AMP Appointment List No. 6

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
			NIL		

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO PARTICULARLY REQUESTED (Unit) IS

Army No.	Rank	Name and Initials	REMARKS [e.g. present whereabouts if known].
		NIL	

57263 ASST INF BN Unit

PART D. NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 26 Feb 1944 (Total to Agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A).

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Lt-col	VX108132	MANSTON	R.F.	C.O.	YES		
Major	VX4299	GUDDON	W.S.	2 1/c	"		
"	VX91105	McCALL	W.	OC A	"		
"	VX81067	CONNELL	J.W.D.	OC HQ	"		
"	VX48332	BARKER	W.F.	OC B	"		
Capt	VX81077	McINTOSH	R.H.	OC D	"		
"	VX81065	WOODS	K.F.	2 1/c	B "		
"	VX81069	LE SOURY	J.	OC C	NO	"X" LIST - SCHOOL	4/2/44
"	VX3964	CLARKE	F.D.	2 1/c	A NO	"X" LIST - HOSPITAL	22/2/44
"	VX91106	GRAY	A.A.	Att C	NO	L.O.B.	4/1/44
"	VX81073	MARTIN	F.B.	A/adjt	YES		
"	VX81076	FOX	F.B.	2 1/c	C "		
"	VX81070	McALLISTER	N.W.		"		
"	VX133031	TOSS	W.A.	2 1/c	D "		
"	VX81074	BLACKBURN	N.S.	Att D	NO	SCHOOL	19/12/43
Lieut	VX81068	BROOKES	J.D.	Pl D	"	"X" LIST - HOSPITAL	8/2/44
"	VX81109	GOODE	N.W.	3 Pl	"	SCHOOL	23/2/44
"	VX81107	THOMAS	D.L.	Asst/Adjt	YES		
"	VX81104	WATT	F.J.	4 Pl	NO	SCHOOL	23/2/44 22/2/44
"	VX81105	WALLETT	A.J.	Pl C	YES		
"	VX84760	DAVIS	W.C.	" D	NO	"X" LIST - HOSPITAL	15/2/44
"	VX50043	EOLWE L	D.J.	" D	YES		
"	VX56025	JACKSON	F.S.	" A	"		
"	VX81110	FORD	H.J.	Att HQ	NO	"C" BRANCH N.S.P.	29/11/43
"	VX81112	AFRINSON	G.H.	Pl C	"	"X" LIST - HOSPITAL	14/2/44
"	VX81072	WILSON	M.A.	" A	"	DET 15 AUST INF BDE	31/12/43
"	VX81108	NINK	F.B.	" B	"	SCHOOL	25/2/44
"	VX101817	MADDISON	A.	5 Pl	"	LEAVE	13/11/43
"	VX103342	SIN LAIR	S.V.	Pl A	YES		
"	VX81071	LINTON	W.R.	2 Pl	NO	"X" LIST - HOSPITAL	14/2/44
"	VX5209	EGAN,	B.W.	1 Pl	YES		
"	NX51600	HAMILTON	A.P.	I.O.	"		
"	NX76217	BEHMAN	M.E.	T.O.	"		
"	NX76326	PA SLOW	V.	Pl D	"		
"	FX4719	BESIER	J.C.	" C	"		
"	VX81075	SCOTT	W.H.	" A	"		
"	VX8947	HEN ICKS	E.S.	" C	NO	"X" LIST - HOSPITAL	14/2/44
"	NX78218	LE SOUYE	S.A.M.	Att B	NO	" " " "	15/1/44
"	VX51553	WILLEY	C.B.	" A	"	L.O.B.	4/1/44
"	VX114266	YOUNG	K.	Pl D	YES		
ATTACHED ALLOWED BY							
Capt	VX15733	STATION	R.G.	EMO	YES		

PART E. NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER UNITS.

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
Chaplain	VX104114	SMYLL G.T.	15 BDE	27/2/43	Padre
Capt	VX114142	NEWTBAD J.H.	23/21 In	13/1/44	Attached for Duty

26 FEB 44
Date of Despatch

R. Marston Lt-col
Signature of Commander

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 12 / 2 / 1945 57/60 AUST INF (UHN)

W.E. 120 / 2 OFFRS 52 O.R.'s 739 + OFFRS 1 O.R.'s 35 ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

1 W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				5 DETAIL.		6 ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.					10			
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.			Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.				
-	-	-	1	W.Os. Class I.		AAPC Sjt	1	-	-	-				
NR	2	-	4	W.Os. Class II.		AEME Sjt	1	-	-	1				
NR	3	-	2	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.		Ptes	-	-	-	3				
-	-	-	-	Staff Sergeants						1				
NR	8	-	23	Sergeants		AAMC Sjt	1	-	-	1				
NR	17	-	47	Corporals		Cpl	2	1	-	-				
199	169	-	458	Troopers, Privates, etc.		Ptes	1	-	-	-				
-	-	-	-	Civilians counting as O.R.		AAOC Cpl	1	-	-	-				
-	-	-	-			AACC W/1	1	-	-	-				
199 *	199	-	535 *	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.		Sjts	2	-	-	3				
						Cpls	5	-	-	-				
						Ptes	16	4	-	-				
Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 7 of instructions for compilation of this return will complete analysis of Part B(1) and B(2). ** Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Col. Particulars will be shown, e.g., 20 U.K. Forces, 10 N.Z. Forces.				Detail		C.M.F.		AA Post Sjt				TOTAL.		
				A.I.F.		Under 19 Years.	19 Years and over.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	
				A	B	A	B			32	5	8		3
				B(1)	428	-	139	-						567
				B(2)										

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

Part C. Other Ranks Included in Part A Detached to Other Units.

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.
2	15 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)			24	Leave		
1	19 Aust Inf Bn			3	15 Aust Inf Bde		
				5	Fd Bakery 186 Supply Depot		
				7	B Sta Comd, 7 Aust Div		
				19	Rear Details		
				2	Staging Camp, DAMOUR		
				1	Records		
				18	18 Aust Inf Bde.		

Part D. Description of Other Ranks Whose Return To.....(Unit) is Particularly Requested. / / 194.....

Army No	Rank.	Name and Initials.	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 12/ 2/1944.

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, E.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians			
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers			
Blacksmiths								Printers			
Bricklayers								Radiographers			
Computers								Riggers			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers			
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers	27	23	NR
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters				Winchman			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners	6	5	NR	Wireman			
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners			
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics							
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)							
Fitters				Driver-Operator							
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers							
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians							
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)							
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors			
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers	1	1	-
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	11	11	-
Grinder, Precision				Hello Operator				Clerks, Supply			
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical			
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	10	6	NR	Coach Trimmers			
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors			
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks			
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies			
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals			
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.			
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics			
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant			
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.			
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers	1	1	-
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers			
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates			
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers			
CARRIED FORWARD	-	-	-	CARRIED FORWARD	16	11	-	CARRIED FORWARD	56	47	-
									Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.		
									769	567	*202

NOTES.—(a) If rank other than private is involved give details on back.
(b) Authorised trades or specialists not included in list will be added as required in spaces provided.
(c) Where A.W.A.S. and/or A.A.M.W.S. personnel are desired show details on back.
(d) Where replacement not desired note accordingly on return by insertion of N.R. in col. "Reints. Required."
(e) Where any request or notation is made on back of form, the words "See Back" should be written in one of the blank spaces on this page.

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Date of Despatch

a.w. 6m bks 3/43

R. Marston Lt-col
Signature of Commander

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 19 / 2 / 1944 57/60 AUST INF BDE (Unit)

W.E. 129 OFFRS 32 O.R.'s 739 + OFFRS 1 O.R.'s 35 ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

1 W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED				5 DETAIL.	6 ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.					10
2 Reinf'ts. Required.	3 Deficient W.E.	4 Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	7 Posted Strength.	8 Surplus to W.E.	9 Deficient W.E.	Reinf'ts Required.	
-	-	-	1	W.Os. Class I	AAPC Sjt	1	-	-	-	
NR	3	-	3	W.Os. Class II	" Cpl	-	-	1	1	
NR	3	-	2	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts	AEME Sjt	1	-	-	-	
-	-	-	-	Staff Sergeants	" Ptes	-	-	3	ArmrNR	
NR	7	-	24	Sergeants	AAMC Sjt	1	-	2	1 Pit Gun	
NR	13	-	51	Corporals	" Cpl	2	1	-	1 B/smith	
187	158	-	474	Troopers, Privates, etc	" Ptes	1	-	-	NR	
				Civilians counting as O.R	AAOC Cpl	1	-	-	-	
<u>187</u>	<u>184</u>			Totals of cols marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.	AACC W/11	1	-	-	-	
181	279		<u>555</u>		" Sjts	1	-	4	NR	
					" Cpls	4	-	1	NR	
					" Ptes	15	3	-	-	

Detail	A.I.F.		C.M.F.		R.A.W. & S.D.	R.A.M. & S.D.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL
	A	B	Under 19 Years	19 Years and over							
A							29	4	10		3
B(1)	441	-	143	-							584
B(2)											

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

Number of O.Rs	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs	Unit to which they belong
2	15 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)		
15	Aust Inf Bde		
3	15 Aust Inf Bde Sigs		

Part C. Other Ranks Included in Part A Detached to Other Units.

Number of O.Rs	Unit to which detached	Number of O.Rs	Unit to which detached
24	Leave		
2	Schools		
3	15 Bde		
5	Pd Bakery 186 Sup Dep		
7	Sta Comd 7 Aust Div		
9	near Details		
1	Records		
2	24 Aust Inf Bn		
7	L.O.B.		

Part D. Description of Other Ranks Whose Return To _____ (Unit) is Particularly Requested. _____/_____/194

Army No	Rank	Name and Initials	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 19 / 2 / 1944 .

Table with columns for Details of Tradesmen (GROUP I, II, III), W.E., Posted Strength, and Reints. Required. Includes rows for various trades like Ammunition Examiners, Surveyors, Engineers, etc.

NOTES.—(a) If rank other than private is involved give details on back. (b) Authorised trades or specialists not included in list will be added as required in spaces provided. (c) Where A.W.A.S. and/or A.A.M.W.S. personnel are desired show details on back. (d) Where replacement not desired note accordingly on return by insertion of N.R. in col. "Reints. Required." (e) Where any request or notation is made on back of form, the words "See Back" should be written in one of the blank spaces on this page.

19 FEB 44 Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander Lt-col.

Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 9/1/1944
 Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown

<u>SIGNALLERS</u>	W/E	Sjt	1	POSTED STRENGTH	1
"	"	Cpls	2	"	1
"	"	Ptes	24	"	21
(4 ORs being trained)					
<u>RANGEMEN</u>	W/E	T/Cp	11 4	POSTED STRENGTH	N11
(4 ORs being trained)					
<u>AAMC</u>	W/E	Sjts	2	POSTED STRENGTH	1
"	"	Cpls	1	"	2
"	"	Ptes	1	"	1
(1 Cpl being trained as Hyg Sjt)					
<u>AAPC</u>	W/E	Sjt	1	POSTED STRENGTH	1
"	"	Cpl	1	"	N11
(AAPC Cpl required)					
<u>AAGC</u>	W/E	WO	11 1	POSTED STRENGTH	1
"	"	Sjts	5	"	1
"	"	Cpls	5	"	4
"	"	Ptes	12	"	15
(2 ORs being trained)					

Signature of Commander

Date of Report

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 20/2/194 4.57/60 AUST INF BN (Unit)

W.E. 12 12c 2 OFFRS. 38 R's. 739 OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 39 ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.												
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts Required.								
-	-	-	1	W.Os. Class I	AABC Sjt	1	-	-	-								
NR	2	-	4	W.Os. Class II	Cpl	1	-	-	-								
NR	3	-	2	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts	AEME Sjt " Ptes	1 -	-	-	-								
-	-	-	-	Staff Sergeants				3	Armr NR 1 Fit Gun 1 B/smith								
NR	5	-	26	Sergeants	AAMC Sjt	1	-	-	-								
NR	3	-	61	Corporals	" Cpl	2	1	1	-								
153	134	-	498	Troopers, Privates, etc	" Ptes	1	-	-	-								
				Civilians counting as O.R.	AAOC Cpl	1	-	-	-								
153	147	-	592	Totals of cols marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.	AAOC W.Os " Sjts " Cpls " Ptes	1 2 3 12	-	-	-								
Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 7 of instructions for compilation of this return will complete analysis of Part B(1) and B(2).				Detail		C.M.F.		AA Post Sjt		CIVIL		R.A.N.		R.A.A.F.		+ TOTAL	
				A	A.L.F	Under 19 Years	19 Years and over	27		1	1	9			2		
				B(1)		156	-								619		
				B(2)													

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

Part C. Other Ranks Included in Part A Detached to Other Units.

Number of O.Rs	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs	Unit to which detached	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached
2	15 Aust Inf	Bde (AIF)		14	Schools		
3	15 Aust Inf	Bde Sigs		7	Sta Comd 7 Aust Div		
				3	15 Aust Inf Bde		
				18	Rear Details		
				2	Fd Bakery 186 Sup Dep		
				6	Leave		
				1	58/59 Aust Inf Bn		
				1	Records		
				7	L.O.B.		

Part D. Description of Other Ranks Whose Return To (Unit) is Particularly Requested. / /194

Army No	Rank	Name and Initials	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).
			NIL

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 26/ 2/1944 .

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
				B/F				B/F	16	17		B/F	56	53	
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, R.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangetakers	4		
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevadores			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical	4	4	
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers	27	23	NR	Tailors	2	1	NR
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identifa Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				By. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters				Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners	6	5	NR	Wireman				GENERAL DUTIES			
Electricians				Cooks	NIL	6	NIL	Woodturners				570 442 141			
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics								NON TRADESMEN			
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)								Batmen	34	40	
Fitters				Driver-Operator								Hyg Dutymen	2	2	
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers								Reg Police	7	5	NR
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians								Storemen	6	6	
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)								S.B.'s	20	17	NR
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				Para	32	20	12
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN			
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers	1	1		Water Duty	2	2	
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	11	11		ATT ALLOWED BY W/E.			
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply				AAPG Sjt	1	1	
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical				" Cpl	1	1	
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	10	6	NR	Coach Trimmers				ARME Sjt	1	1	
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors				" Ptes	3		
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks				Arms 1 Fitch 1B/son			
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies				AAOC Cpl	1	1	
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				AAMC Sjt	2	1	NR
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals				ATTACHED BY W/E.			
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.				" Pte	1	1	
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics				AACC Woll	1	1	
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant				" Sjts	5	2	NR
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.				" Cpls	5	3	NR
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers	1	1		" Ptes	12	12	
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers				AA Post Sjt	1	1	
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD				CARRIED FORWARD	16	17		CARRIED FORWARD	56	53		Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A respectively	774	619	155

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 (b) Authorised trades or specialists not included in list will be added as required in spaces provided.
 (c) Where A.W.A.S. and/or A.A.M.W.S. personnel are desired show details on back.
 (d) Where replacement not desired note accordingly on return by insertion of N.R. in col. "Reints. Required."
 (e) Where any request or notation is made on back of form, the words "See Back" should be written in one of the blank spaces on this page.

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Date of Despatch

H. M. ... Lt-col
Signature of Commander

Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 2/1944

Part E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in

Category	W/E	Strength	Posted Strength	Notes
SIGNALLERS				
	W/E	Sjt 1	POSTED STRENGTH 1	
	"	Cpls 2	" " 1	
	"	Ptes 24	" " 12	(4 ORs being trained)
RANGETAKERS	W/E	T/Gp 11 4	POSTED STRENGTH Nil	(4 ORs being trained)
AAMC (attached)	W/E	Sjts 2	POSTED STRENGTH 1	
	"	Cpls 1	" " 2	
	"	Ptes 1	" " 1	(1 Cpl being trained as Hyg Sjt)
AACC (attached)	W/E	WO1 1	POSTED STRENGTH 1	
	"	Sjts 5	" " 2	
	"	Cpls 5	" " 3	
	"	Ptes 12	" " 12	(5 ORs being trained)
COOKS	W/E	NIL	POSTED STRENGTH 6	(3 Trade tested not yet in receipt of pay)
		3 A/Trade Cp	" " " " "	" "

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REPORT ON EXERCISE CARRIED OUT BY
57/60 AUST INF BN
IN ORGORUNA - NATALOI AREAS
19 JAN - 10 FEB 44

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REPORT ON EXERCISE OF 57/60 AUST INF BNORGORUNA - MATALOI 2 10 JAN - 10 FEB 44

Ref Maps : HOKU RIVER 1/25,000
 KOEN " "
 EVAPIA RIVER " "
 UNIGINA 1" to 1 Mile

GENERAL

1. (a) The object of the exercise, was to carryout a raid against the enemy in occupation of ORGORUNA 1 and 2, using the maximum force available within the Bn; to patrol aggressively to KISA and KOBA with a view to temporarily occupying those places and to generally harass the enemy in the MATALOI area, in the hope that he would be drawn out and induced to counter attack successively prepared positions, in the ORGORUNA - KETOBA - KOROFA - KESAWAI areas.
- (b) The actual enemy strength encountered, proved to be light, with the result that lessons learned of an operational nature were not extensive, but confirmed those already learned by other units in other campaigns, and which had already formed a basis of the training policy formulated by HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde.
- (c) The problem of establishing and maintaining an L of C over such a distance - 26 miles map distance - was one from which many lessons were learned and it is considered, that it has been shown that an L of C over such a distance, can be established and maintained from the resources of an Inf Bde; and at the same time to fight a battalion at the end of this L of C.
 Notwithstanding the light opposition encountered, it is considered that the L of C which was established, could have been maintained over a lengthy period against strong opposition. Adjustments to unit organisation for handling the L of C forward of the limit of Bde responsibility, were made, as weaknesses became evident, and it is considered that the lessons learned regarding the organisation within the unit should prove of value for any future move of a similar nature.
- (d) Lessons learned as affecting each particular phase will be discussed at the end of the appropriate para. In considering the nature of the country over which the operation was carried out, the organisation within the unit for handling an L of C of such length, should apply to any operation under jungle conditions such as met within New Guinea.

INFORMATION

2. (a) Enemy. Information regarding the enemy was confined at the outset, mainly to that provided by Tac R, and these reports indicated that movement generally in the ORGORUNA area was of a minor nature, as also in the KISA - KOBA areas, with some defensive positions in each of these places, as well as at MATALOI 1 and 2.
 These reports which were regularly supplied by HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde, tended to indicate no increase in enemy activity, although what appeared to be new defensive positions were reported from time to time. No increase in enemy strength seemed to be taking place at all, and this was subsequently confirmed by contact.
- (b) Topography.
 1. Recce reports made available by 2/6 Aust Cav Regt proved of value in giving a general indication of the nature of the whole area, and as that unit had previously operated over the ground, information

obtained from interrogation of personnel of that unit also proved of value. This information was supplemented by air photos and a fairly accurate picture was thus obtained prior to any forward movement being commenced.

- ii. Air photos of the MATALOI 1 and 2 areas proved of great assistance, as also did those of ORGORUNA 1 and 2, all of which were dropped at KETOBA on D-1, and were available to Coy Comds prior to commencement of actual operations.

(c) Time and Space

HEMS camp site	- D.I.D.	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ hrs
D.I.D.	- EVAFIA RIVER	40 mins
EVAFIA RIVER	- KESAWAI	1 hr 35 mins
KESAWAI	- KOPOPA	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ hrs
KOPOPA	- ISAFIBA	1 hr
ISAFIBA	- KETOBA	1 hr
KETOBA	- BOKU RIVER	$\frac{1}{2}$ hr
BOKU RIVER	- ORGORUNA 2	2 hrs
ORGORUNA 2	- KISA	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ hrs
KISA	- KOBA	1 hr
KOBA	- MATALOI 2	$\frac{1}{2}$ hr

All times represent those taken by personnel carrying packs, and were slightly increased for personnel carrying rations and amm.

MOVEMENT

3. (a) On 10 Jan 44 instructions were received from HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde that the unit was to move to carryout the task as mentioned in para 1 (a) and that one Coy was to move forthwith to the KETOBA area. A Coy group as under moved from camp site at 1600 hrs 10 Jan and bivouaced that night in vicinity of EVAFIA River.

A Coy 57/60 Aust Inf Bn

One det Mor Pl

One Sec MMG

8 Sigs

3 Med Orderlies

T.O.

One det of 1 Offr 6 ORs from 2/6 Aust Cav Regt to act as guides.

- (b) The movement and concentration of the remainder of the unit in the KETOBA - BOKU area was governed by the establishing of the L of O and the building up of adequate reserves of supplies and amm, forward of D.I.D. Concentration was completed however by 29 Jan in readiness for commencement of move on to ORGORUNA 1 - 2 on D Day 30 Jan.

AIR SUPPORT

4. Although several air strikes against ORGORUNA 1 and 2 and KISA were arranged, adverse weather conditions forced the abandonment of all except one on 29 Jan. This was directed mainly against ORGORUNA 1 and 2 and comprised dive-bombing and strafing. This strike proved of immense value to the morale of our own troops and although subsequent examination of the areas on which the strike was made, failed to reveal any extensive material damage, it is considered the effect on the morale of the enemy must have been considerable.

PATROLLING

5. (a) From the arrival of A Coy at KETOBA on 13 Jan until 29 Jan, constant patrolling of the area forward to ORGORUNA 2 was carried out. The object of these patrols was to gather as much information as possible regarding routes for approach to both ORGORUNA 1 and 2, observe and estimate enemy strengths in both places, and generally to gather all available information which would be of use in planning the attack, and subsequent action towards KISA and KOBA.
- (b) A standing patrol was established at KARONA and regular patrolling of the BOKU RIVER towards KOBA was carried out.

to trace tracks previously reported by 2/6 Aust Cav personnel.

- (c) On 24 Jan a standing patrol of 1 Offr 12 ORs was established at 421779, approx 800 yds SW of ORGORUNA 2. This patrol had the task of constant observation of the enemy in that area, as well as providing protection for a forward supply dump which was being established on the North bank of the BOKU and for an amn dump for 3" Mor and SAA which was being built up in the area occupied by the patrol.
- (d) Patrolling of the ORGORUNA 1 area proved very difficult. The route taken was 423761 - 427765 - 436781 - 434784, which later was the route taken by D Coy in the outflanking move against ORGORUNA 1. The information supplied by patrols over this area, later proved to be not sufficiently accurate to be of the fullest benefit to D Coy. The main error was an inaccurate estimate of the distance between the two ORGORUNAS. This was placed at being one mile, and in view of the fact that these patrols were able to approach quite close to ORGORUNA 2, the distance to ORGORUNA 1 could have been accurately established. The distance between these two places was later found to be 800 paces, and the error on the part of the patrol, led to loss of direction by D Coy and inability to identify ORGORUNA 1, even though the Coy actually moved through the village.
- (e) A later patrol on 1 FEB along the BOKU River towards KOBA proved successful, inasmuch as the track having been obliterated by landslides and the going rendered almost impossible, through sheer cliff faces, the patrol leader by initiative and aggression, led his patrol for 1 1/2 hrs along the river itself and reached KOBA successfully.
- (f) Although in almost every case, patrols laid wire along the routes taken, and schedules of times for reporting were laid down, these schedules were not adhered to. In the early stages, when early information of enemy presence, conditions of tracks, times and conditions of moving and locations of patrols at set times, were of importance to comds, it often happened that reports were up to half a day and longer in coming to hand.

(g) LESSONS

- i. To enable comds to be kept fully in the picture during the preparatory "build up" for any operation early and accurate information is vital. Patrols leaders **MUST** be impressed with the importance of reporting regularly at times laid down. This enables the I Sec to keep the picture up to date continuously and have the latest infm available for the Comd at all times.
- ii. An accurate log of the patrol, should be kept by patrol leaders. Too often it was found during the interrogation of patrol leaders, that too much information which was of importance, had been memorised and that during the interrogation, doubt was created in the minds of patrol leaders regarding the real accuracy of conditions actually encountered by them. A patrol log should be an adjunct to every report, when information regarding times taken, paced distances and location of patrol movement could be checked by I Sec against sketch maps submitted, and the accuracy of infm gained, assessed at it's real value.
- iii. Difficulties of ground should be no deterrent to the movements of a patrol, and where no tracks exist, the patrol leader, where he has a definite bearing on which to move, **MUST** use his initiative and blaze and adequately mark tracks. The marking and sign posting of tracks taken by patrols, together with accurate logging of same is vital for any movement involving outflanking over difficult country.
- iv. The attachment of additional personnel to patrols,

to be used at regular intervals as runners, proved important, when the patrol up the BOKU River on 1 FEB was able to report contact with the enemy and give fairly accurate locations of his positions at KOBA, before the Coy detailed to occupy KOBA had actually reached the area. The Coy Comd was informed in sufficient time to enable him to plan his recce, without interference from known enemy positions.

OPERATIONS

Para 6(a) line 4 After route - insert 423782 - 427765 - 436781 - 434784.

KOBA along track to tk junction 446783 - KOBA.
B Coy to follow in rear of A Coy and on capture of ORGORUNA 1 and 2 to mop up between both places and move on towards KISA with a view to occupying that village, if opposition light or if village unoccupied.
C Coy with one det Mors to remain in defensive localities at KETOBA and provide standing patrols at KANONA and along BOKU RIVER 1400 yds towards KOBA.
One pl 24 Aust Inf Bn under comd to establish standing patrol at ISARIBA and to patrol daily to HAILE - SOLU River crossings, and along track from ISARIBA towards KOBA.
Tk A pl plus remainder of Mors and MMG personnel responsible for carrying and for protection of L of C BOKU River - ORGORUNA - KISA - KOBA.
Pnr pl less one det of 4 responsible for escort of natives on L of C KANOPA - BOKU River.
One det Pnr pl responsible for maintaining crossing over BOKU River.
Pwd Bn HQ moved with rear of A Coy to establish at ORGORUNA 2 on capture.
Rear Bn HQ - KETOBA.

- (b) In view of the distance and the type of country over which D Coy had to move to a suitable assembly area, movement of this Coy was commenced on 28 JAN to a bivouac area at 434775.
On 29 JAN A Coy moved to 421779 and B Coy to a position approx 300 yds north of BOKU River, C Coy taking over positions at KETOBA and standing patrol tasks.
- (c) Zero hour on D Day 30 JAN was fixed for one hr after completion of air strike timed for 1000 or not later than 1100, depending upon weather conditions. As the weather was unfavourable at 1000, and it was anticipated that, as cloud was clearing, the strike might be possible later. Coys were advised that Zero would be definitely advised as soon as Air Force intentions were known. When advice was received from HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde that the strike was cancelled, Zero was fixed at 1230 hrs.
- (d) A Coy moved into ORGORUNA 2 without opposition, although examination of enemy defensive positions indicated that approx 30 had made a hasty withdrawal. Abandoned equipment and food along the track to KISA, at least confirmed the speed of withdrawal.
D Coy came onto the main track between the two ORGORUNAS but acting on information supplied by patrol reports, actually moved through ORGORUNA 1 without knowing it, and proceeded to push along the track in the direction of KISA, after contacting A Coy.
After checking their movement for the distance estimated by previous patrols as being one mile it became obvious that an error had been made in distance and that adherence to the original plan would have rendered D and B Coys liable to some risk of loss of control had the enemy attempted a counter attack at that stage. B Coy was

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OPERATIONS

- (a) The plan for the capture of ORGORUNA 2 and 1 was as follows :
- A Coy plus one det Mors and one sec MMG - objective ORGORUNA 2 route - main track.
 - D Coy - objective ORGORUNA 1 - route - on capture of ORGORUNA 1 consolidate in that area and patrol towards KOBA along track to tk junction 446783 - KOBA.
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- therefore ordered to take over the task of D Coy at ORGORUNA 1 and D Coy was to move on to KISA. At 1900 hrs KISA was occupied by D Coy and although this area had been extensively prepared for defence all indications pointed again to a hasty Jap withdrawal during the day.
- (e) On 31 Jan, patrolling was carried out by D Coy to SANA and HIRI 1 but no signs of enemy were found. Inaccurate native information regarding tracks leading to HIRI 2 - (HIRI shown on map) caused the waste of almost the whole of the day by one patrol, and as the area was honeycombed with tracks HIRI 2 could not be located. B Coy were unable to locate any track from ORGORUNA 1 to KOBA, and as the ORGORUNA area could adequately be covered by A Coy, B Coy was ordered to move forward, occupy KOBA and MATALOI 2 and exploit to MATALOI 1.
- (f) With one detachment mortar and one section MMG, supporting, B Coy quickly occupied KOBA against light opposition only, previously located by C Coy patrol. One pl of A Coy was allotted to cover the KOBA area while B Coy moved to MATALOI 2. Slow progress was made to MATALOI 2 and by the time this place was occupied at 1830 hrs, insufficient time was available to exploit to MATALOI 1 and permit of consolidation being completed before dark.
- (g) At 2305 hrs 31 Jan a Jap counter-attacked our positions at MATALOI 2, preceding the attack with mor and MMG fire. As MATALOI 2 could be overlooked from three sides, the Coy Comd recommended the withdrawal out of range of Jap mors to ground which was indicated as being more suitable.
- (h) Whilst in the process of withdrawing, the Jap counter-attack developed, the on reaching KOBA it was found that 10 and 11 pls were out of contact. A patrol was ordered to remain in the KOBA area to connect up with 10 and 11 pls, the remainder of the force in that area being withdrawn to KISA. Long range enemy IMG fire was directed at KISA at the same time as the counter-attack developed at MATALOI 2.
- (i) On 4 Feb, B Coy HQ and 12 pl was withdrawn to ORGORUNA 2. A Coy with one det mor and one sec MMG took over KISA, and D Coy was moved to KOBA area to patrol vigorously, towards MATALOI 2 to make contact with 10 and 11 pls. Patrolling was carried out throughout 4 Feb and to approx 1000 hrs 5 Feb, at which time 10 and 11 pls were reported contacted by a further patrol from C Coy, which had moved up the BOKU River.

ACTION OF 10 AND 11 PLS.

7. (a) The order for B Coy to withdraw did not reach 10 and 11 pls with the result that these two pls remained in their positions after Coy HQ and 12 pl moved out. A Jap attack was launched from the right flank and another force followed through from the front. Some of the enemy were wearing Australian hats, using Owen and Bren guns and calling out Australian names. This caused some confusion initially. OC 10 pl who in the absence of Coy Comd took control, ordered fire to be withheld until ordered by him. At very close range the Jap was engaged and the pl comd estimated that enemy casualties were heavy. Jap firing was wild and ineffective to the extent that no casualties occurred amongst our troops.
- (b) When MATALOI 2 was first occupied, Jap defensive positions were used. On all pits and foxholes, sticks with pieces of white paper attached, were fixed in the ground. During consolidation new positions were sited and dug away from the Jap positions, with the result that complete surprise was gained by 10 and 11 pls when the counter-attack developed, as most of the enemy fire was directed against his own known pits and holes, which he apparently expected were occupied

by our troops.

10 and 11 pls remained in NATALOI 2 until 0900 hrs 4 FEB, when OC 10 Pl having had no contact with the Coy Comd, decided to withdraw and endeavour to regain touch with the remainder of the Coy or return to KETOBA.

- (c) As the result of a previous patrol having been successful in moving up the HOKU River and the information having been passed on to B Coy, this route was known to 10 and 11 pls. Under the command of the Pl Comd, by efficient navigation, both pls, by laying up and avoiding enemy patrols during daylight, and moving during the night, succeeded in returning to KETOBA on 5 FEB. No casualties were taken by either pl and with the exception of one 2" Mor which was lost in the HOKU River during the night, all personnel returned with weapons intact.

WITHDRAWAL TO DUMPY AREA

8. (a) In conformity with 15 Aust Inf Ede instructions, the movement back to DUMPY area, was planned to hold successively, ORGORUNA area, KETOBA, KOROPA, KESAWAI. This was carried out up to 7 Feb, when A Coy was at ISARIBA, C & D Coys at KOROPA and B Coy at KESAWAI.
- (b) The clearance of the KOROPA area of unit stores, amn, and casualties had not proceeded as speedily as intended, with the result that one day's delay was imposed at this stage. To preserve a correct defensive balance A Coy was therefore retained at ISARIBA until 8 Feb. It was considered as tracks from KCOBA and from HAILL - SOLU RIVERS as well as the main track junctioned at ISARIBA, the holding of commanding ground in this area was essential to the movement of stores etc from KOROPA, had the Jap decided to follow up along any of the routes mentioned.
- (c) The movement back was continued on 9 Feb and was completed with the concentration of whole unit in DUMPY area on 10 Feb.

LESSONS

9. The chief lessons learned were associated mainly with patrol information, and action during consolidation and counter-attack.
- (a) For the move of D Coy to the flank of ORGORUNA 1, sufficient time was allowed, and was available, for a thorough recon to have been made with a view to checking patrol times and distances. This was essential as, although the patrol reports appeared to be very extensive, these should have been checked by Coy and pl Comds prior to the move on ORGORUNA commencing on D day.
- Due to inaccuracy in estimation of distance and failure to carry out the most thorough recon possible in the time available, the object in moving D Coy to ORGORUNA 1 to cut the main track was not achieved, and those of the enemy who were originally at ORGORUNA 2 succeeded in getting away. The fullest possible use must be made by all Comds, within the time available, for a recon of the ground over which action is to take place.
- (b) The development of the Jap counter-attack at NATALOI 2 demonstrated, as has so often occurred in previous campaigns the danger of occupying his positions.
- Re-organisation and consolidation must be done quickly, and the fact that 10 and 11 pls remained in their pits and successfully withstood the counter-attack and mor preparation, demonstrated that troops resolutely held and well dug in, in positions sited for mutual support will hold a counter-attack such as was launched at the time. Plans must be made to meet Jap counter-attack, immediately objective is reached, and it is considered that with a favorable light provided by the lightly, clouded moon, the Jap may have expected some relaxation on the part of our troops in NATALOI 2 and delayed his counter-attack to

an hour when surprise may have been reasonably expected to be effected.

INTERCOMMUNICATION.

10. (a) W/T. 208 sets worked exceptionally well. 5K556B proved very successful working over distances up to 2 mile, and on one or two patrols, when line supply became exhausted a retransmitting station enabled patrol reports to be submitted over even greater distances. It is considered that these sets would be more easily handled if of a size suitable to enable them being carried in a basic pouch, and having speaker detachable. A waterproof container is also considered necessary as numerous occasions occur under jungle conditions when submergence in water is unavoidable.
- (b) V/T. The type of country limited the use of visual, although equipment was always available for use when conditions favored.
- (c) L/T. Proved very definitely to be the main and most reliable means of intercom. At no time did any failure in L/T occur. It is suggested that more reels cable No. 1 be made available to replace reels cable No 5, the latter being far too heavy and awkward to carry, thus slowing up the laying of cable. Line was laid behind all early patrols and by evening of day-1 had actually been laid to pl assembly areas, in readiness for the attack on OROGUNJA 2 on the following day.
- (d) BATTERIES. It is essential that all batteries and cells be placed in waterproof containers of sealed tins to prevent water or moisture from rendering them U.S. 3" mor boxes were used in later stages and proved satisfactory.
- (e) CARRIAGE OF EQUIP. It was found that, whenever signal stores were being handled by natives, one signaller should travel with each four boys, to ensure that at rest periods, stores were not dumped or thrown on the ground, thereby causing breakages to damage to vital eqpt.
- (f) PERSONNEL. Where several staging camps had to be maintained on an L of C, such as on this exercise, plus the normal allotment of sigs to Coys and patrols, it was found that the present strength of sig pl was inadequate. To provide for such an allotment, and as the same time cover suitable reserves in hand, it is considered that an increase of sig pl in an infantry bn operating under jungle conditions could be made to 1 offr 39 ORs.
- (g) The signal layout for the exercise is attached as appx 7.

L. of C.

11. (a) The results achieved in moving, handling and delivery of rations, gun, clothing, boots and mail to forward troops, amply demonstrated that it is possible to cope with the difficulties likely to be encountered over a long L of C, by the organisation of all personnel within a Bn, having Q experience, into "L of C" teams, and supported by representatives of all services provided within the Bn WE.
- (b) On 28 Jan when B Coy moved off from BOKU River the men carried the following.
1. Unconsumed portion of the day's rations.
2 F.O.R.'s.
2 Emergency Rations.
 11. 50 rds per man plus 25 rds per man as res for brems
2 grenades per man

250 rds per Bren gun
250 rds per O.S.M.G.
5 rifle grenades per sec
1 Discharge per Pl
12 2" Mor HE and one 2" para flare per Pl
6 each Red, Green and illuminating cartridges per Pl.

A and B Coys carried the same as above with the exception, that as they did not move until after breakfast on 30 JAN, the unconsumed portion of that days ration was represented by FOR, less one meal.

On the evening of 30 Jan, after the occupation of both ORGORUNA 1 and of KISA, rations for consumption by A, B and D Coys on 1 FEB, were in a dump 800 yds in rear of ORGORUNA 2, ready for carry forward on 31 JAN.

Again, within ten minutes of ORGORUNA 2 being occupied by A Coy, reserve amn arrived in rear of their positions, with reserve amn for B and D Coys in dump 800 yds in rear of ORGORUNA 2.

On late afternoon of 3 FEB, when B Coy had occupied NATALOI 2, and whilst digging was actually in progress, supplies of rations and amn plus mail, arrived in the Coy area. The value of building up the confidence of the troops in the efficiency of the organisation in their rear, is as vital as the actual supply of the wherewithal to fight and live, and the distribution of mail to the forward troops at that particular stage, proved that every requirement was moving along an L of C organised to handle them.

- (c) Before any very accurate knowledge of the ground forward of KETOBA was obtained, the stages decided upon, forward of DID, for the build up of the L of C were KESAWAI - KOROPA - KETOBA. Protection for the establishment of these stages, was provided by A Coy located at KETOBA, and local protection for KESAWAI and KOROPA was provided by the remaining Coys, as the forward movement proceeded and adequate reserves were placed at these points.

Once the preliminary recon of the ORGORUNA area was completed and reserves were established at KESAWAI and KOROPA, the KETOBA stage was moved to the north side of BOKU River. At this point ration and amn dumps were established, protection being provided by Tk A Pl, and surplus Mor and MMG personnel. From this dump amn of all types was carried forward to a point 800 yds SW of ORGORUNA 2 where protection was provided by the standing patrol already established. By D Day sufficient amn had been placed at this point to meet all reserve requirements of forward Coys.

- (d) The position by D Day was that two stages had been set up under unit control, i.e. KOROPA - BOKU River with organisation prepared for a third at ORGORUNA 2, on occupation of that place. It is considered that a Ln is unlikely to be operating an L of C longer than 3 days march, without any assistance from Bde and although the three stages mentioned above did not represent three days march, the organisation was such that, it could have operated over a distance covered by three days, each day corresponding to a stage in the forward movement of supplies.
- (e) 15 Aust Inf Bde had made available by D Day sufficient natives to carry from KOROPA - BOKU River, this line being based at KOROPA, and from BOKU River - ORGORUNA 2, these natives being based at BOKU River. The latter carry was extended on D + 1 to KISA and to place stores at NATALOI, Tk A pl was utilised. The final set up by the evening of D Day was therefore three stages under unit control, at KOROPA - BOKU River - ORGORUNA 2, and suggestions for the organisation within the unit to handle such stages are discussed below.

ORGANISATION OF AN L OF C

12. (a) It is considered that at the outset, a too optimistic view of the overall carrying capacity of the troops was taken, and insufficient allowance made for evacuations through sickness and other causes. In the early stages this proved embarrassing, as in addition to the placing at various points of adequate reserves; maintenance of the force, movement of M weapons, replacement of wastage of clothing and boots, maintenance and reserve medical and anti malaria stores had to be provided for. This wastage must always be considered in association with the time factor governing the operation. In this case the time covered was 10 JAN to 30 JAN, and results proved that in any initial planning, allowance for wastage should be set at not less than 10 % of available personnel, on the day of commencement of build up of L of C.
- (b) The availability of personnel from day to day must be carefully watched, if the provision to forward troops of a daily balanced ration is to be ensured. This is closely allied with the adequate staffing, capable and experienced, of each staging post. Basing an L of C on three stages, representing at the maximum three days, forward movement under unit control, the requirement is three staging posts, with three unit teams so designed, that all services in the M are included, e.g. Sigs, Medical, Q , R.P., and personnel to control and escort natives.
- (c) The first staging post must correspond with the point at which the unit assumes responsibility from Edc for L of C, and the suggested team is:
- T.O. normally has Q experience
 - C.Q.M.S.
 - Storeman from HQ Coy
 - Cook and one assistant
 - 2 Sigs
 - Postal Orderly
 - 2 R.Ps.
 - 1 Medical Orderly
 - 1 Barber
 - For Pl and sufficient personnel for escort of natives:
 - Remainder of 6 Pl .
- It is at this point that close supervision of the forward movement of rations, is necessary, and it is considered that AASC personnel should be located at this stage to supervise the correct breaking down of a balanced ration. Blocks of balanced rations should be stored under AASC supervision to be drawn by unit T.O. in proportion to the labour available to carry.
- It was proved that a very accurate system of issue is necessary at the first stage. On one occasion a completely unbalanced ration arrived at EDKU for issue to Coys, there being an excessive proportion of Tropical spread and flour, and a shortage of most other commodities. It is considered that breaking by AASC personnel should be done into blocks of 50 complete balanced rations.
- This figure is suggested as a basis on which unit team could work when allotting carriers to ration strength requirements, and would simplify the making up of Coy loads.
- (d) The intermediate stage need be no more than a checking point, where it is ensured that the rations are despatched from the first point arrive and are forwarded intact and where it may be necessary for some breaking down to take place for standing patrols or protective detachments on the L of C. A suggested team at this point is:
- C.Q.M.S. of HQ Coy
 - Storeman from HQ Coy
 - 2 Sigs
 - Cpl Medical Orderly
 - Cook
 - 2 R.Ps.
 - 1 A personnel for escort of natives.

- (e) The most important stage is the final one, or that nearest to the fwd troops, where final breaking down into Coy lots takes place. This should be controlled by the Q.M., who is so placed, to not only ensure a correct and balanced ration going fwd, but to be in a position to deal immediately with demands and requirements of fwd Coys, and to inspect the actual feeding of the troops. A suggested team at this point is:-

Q.M.
Storeman from No. 6 Pl.
W.O. Caterer
C.Q.M.S's of Rifle Coys
Cook and one assistant
Butcher
Sgt Medical Orderly
2 Sigs
2 R.Ps. experienced in control of natives.
Tk/A personnel sufficient for escort of natives.

The W.O. Caterer is included in this team, as it is considered that regular visits to fwd Coys is necessary to ensure that Coy cooks make the best possible use of the ration provided, and, that adequate arrangements are in hand within Coys for replacement of casualties among cooks.

- (f) Adequate ration and sun stores are necessary at each staging post, and should wherever possible be constructed with due regard to the nature of the ground during wet weather. At stage 1, a simple system of marking Coy loads is necessary, and it has been found that at the final staging post, the construction of Coy bins proved very satisfactory. On the arrival of the carrier line Coy loads are put straight into Coy bins without unnecessary confusion. Each Coy load is checked quickly by C.Q.M.S's with load lists, and carriers are quickly cleared from the area as a drill.

At each staging post kitchen and eating areas should be constructed. Sleeping areas were laid out and permanent frame works constructed for accommodation of staging post staff, plus personnel in transit. These only required the erection of tents shelter half and personnel were assured of a covering in a matter of minutes only. A rest hut is considered essential, where troops may obtain a hot drink and after changing into dry clothes, and cleaning up, enjoy some measure of relaxation. Good work was done in this respect by Ede Red Shield representative and staff, assisted by unit Padre. During the move back to DUMPU, a barber was located at KETOBA, KOROFA and KESAWAI. Although unable to cope with all personnel, the number of troops enabled to have a hair cut, greatly accelerated the final clean up on return to camp with the result that the day after returning all personnel had had a hair cut, and with the issue of new clothing and boots were refreshed and fit in a very short time.

- (g) All staging post areas must be fully sign-posted indicating the components of each post, with accurate posting of fore and aft tracks. These track signs should indicate time, distance in paces and conditions of track going between staging posts or intermediate rest or check points. The erection and maintenance of these sign posts is best allotted to R.Ps, who in addition should be responsible for an accurate check of personnel in transit either fwd or to the rear. Early information of the movement of personnel along the L of C enables adequate preparation being made for rationing and accommodation. A working knowledge of A matters should therefore form part of the training of all R.Ps.

- (h) The ~~xxxxxxx~~ unit postal orderly was located at KOROFA, where the unit identification was excised from all mail matter

prior to forward despatch with Coy ration loads. As all sorting was done at this point, it is considered that the removal of unit identification should have been carried a step further, and Coy addresses also removed. This could also be further extended by the removal of army numbers, all of these points being a source of identification of strength and make up of units, to an enemy possessing a knowledge of our C.O.B.

- (1) The carrying of amm under the almost continuous wet conditions gave some concern. Waterproof amm shelters are required at each staging post and constant attention to maintenance is essential. The advent of the 3" Mor carrier is timely, although for a carry of any great distance, it was found that 3 bombs was a maximum load and it is felt that the carrier designed for 4 bombs, when wet, will prove too great a load for troops.

MEDICAL
13.

- (a) Throughout the exercise, the health of the troops generally was good. In the early stages a number of cases of dengue were evacuated, these probably being contracted before leaving DUMPU area. At KETOBA, a number of cases of unconfirmed malaria occurred, these probably aggravated and brought out by strenuous nature of the work.

A number of cases of diarrhoea, and later twenty-two cases of clinical dysentery occurred. The foul nature of the Jap areas which had to be occupied, while the former were partly attributable to the lack of hot water for washing of eating utensils particularly in ORGORUNA and areas forward of there.

In spite of definite instructions regarding the sterilization of all water prior to drinking, some troops drank from streams direct, and consequently became casualties.

The importance of thoroughly cleaning up Jap occupied areas cannot be too strongly stressed. This cleaning up will often be governed by the tactical situation, but when circumstances are favorable, no time must be lost in cleaning up.

- (b) Twelve cases of abraded feet were evacuated. These were mainly from B Coy, who after several days of carrying through swampy ground followed up with the move to NATALOI 2. Investigation of each case, seemed to indicate that reasonable care of the feet had been exercised, and that the trouble was caused mainly by the conditions.

Nevertheless, care of the feet is the most vital part of man-management, and it is considered that Pl comds may have shown a tendency towards slackness in this respect. Daily inspections of feet by Pl Comds must be carried out, to ensure that those troops, who through tiredness or neglect, fail to attend to tenderness or soreness until they are in a condition where evacuation becomes necessary.

- (c) Personnel. The S.E. strength was decreased by 1 Sjt and 3 O.Bs. The R.A.P. Sjt was evacuated just prior to the move; he and two S.Es rejoined the unit later. One R.A.P. medical orderly was left at Rear EnHQ to supervise the forwarding of supplies and do R.A.P. duties in this area.

The Cpl chiropodist travelled with the R.A.P. as far as the HOKU River where he set up an A.S.P. This was a key position in view of the possible rising of the river preventing evacuation across it.

The 15 Aust Fd Amb provided one medical orderly for a staging post at ISAKIRA xxxxx.

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latter

When the R.A.P. Sjt returned to duty he was posted at KOROFA to ensure the forwarding of stores, the R.A.P. orderly was sent to ORGONUNA to establish a staging post and one S.B. returned from hospital remained at Rear En HQ. 6 S.B's accompanied D Coy from KETOBA to ORGONUNA 2 on account of the impossibility of evacuating along their route. These moved with the Coy to KISA where they were used in the evacuation KOBA.

- (d) Equipment and Stores. R.A.P. Fwd moved in rear of Fwd Coy. (Personnel R.M.O., batman and 2 S.B's)
The essential stores were carried in one medical companion, one surgical haversack, one shell dressing haversack and a webbing haversack, and a box containing bottles of mixtures, lotions, etc.
Two Thomas splints (without suspension bars) and crome wire were carried. A splint was only once used in a case of a perforating thigh wound - and was supported by three cross bars, one placed on top of the other two. Four pints of serum, one of saline and a blood giving and taking set and a blood filter were carried, the latter were packed in a Field Op ration tin. These were carried prior to the establishment of the A.D.S. KOROFA. Three two-man tents and six blankets were carried with the R.A.P. - all personnel carried a one-man tent - these were used for stretchers. A reserve of blankets was carried in the rear. The tents were dumped by the Coy prior to action and so provided a reserve.
A primus, a pressure lamp and solidified alcohol provided the necessary heating and lighting.
The medical companion was used mainly as a container and useless stores were replaced with morphia syrettes, a 10 CC syringe, ampoules of penkothal, distilled water, quinine, procaine and adrenalin and morphia, shell dressings and first field dressings, elastoplast and sticking plaster. It was very awkward to carry but provided a strong waterproof container which one of the R.A.P. personnel was able to carry in addition to his own equipment.
R.A.P. Rear. Minor cases were held and treated here. A wider range and larger quantity of stores were carried here.
- (e) G.A.P. The S.B's who acted as Coy medical orderlies carried either a shell dressing or web haversack containing shell dressings, morphia and enough medicines and dressings for minor complaints.
Tablets sulphaguanidine 500 were carried by each G.A.P. One S.B. was attached to each pl and one to Coy HQ.
- (f) Packing of Stores Bond wood boxes were not available but are ideal.
6 gal drums clearly labelled were the most satisfactory containers; boxes and sandbags allowed the stores to get wet.
Our troops carried the supplies and found boxes very awkward to handle. Under the wet conditions webbing packs and shell dressings became soaked.
It was essential for a medical personnel to travel with the stores.
- (g) Cartage of Stores The Fwd R.A.P. personnel (R.M.O., batman and 2 orderlies) carried the medical companion, surgical haversack, a shell dressing haversack and a web haversack.
The Tk A pl were used to carry medical and other stores forward and any patients back. These personnel carried the serum, Thomas Splints, two-man tents, blankets, primus and lamp.
The R.A.P. personnel each carried a one-man tent and two blankets between them; with this setup the R.A.P. was very mobile and could be set up at any time at a moments notice.

- (h) Evacuation of Patients. The Tk A Pl were utilised to evacuate from forward Coys to the fwd H.A.P. at ORGORUNA E where the natives took over. One-man tents were used for stretchers. Before an action the Coy packs with tents were dumped - thus supplying a reserve. The natives preferred to make their own stretchers. The Tk A Pl however were instructed in the construction of them. The S.B's were used mainly as medical orderlies but in the evacuation from KOBA, they carried to KISA.
- (i) Line of Evacuation. 32 natives were stationed at HOKU River for carry to KOROFA where 15 Aust Pk Amb had established an A.D.S., and a H.S.P. at KESAWAI with A.S.P's at the EVAFIA River and D.I.D. A surgical team accompanied the A.D.S.
- (j) Casualties. Four casualties occurred at ORGORUNA - one perforating GSW arm, one superficial perforating GSW region R Knee, two minor cases S.S.W. Four casualties occurred at KOBA - two cases of perforating wounds of shoulder, one corneal abrasion of L eye, one perforating BSW of the Chest. One case was evacuated from KOBA down the HOKU River. Only one case required intravenous resuscitation at the A.D.S. KOROFA. Some cases evacuated from KISA - KOBA area walked as far as the HOKU River but were carried from there on owing to their weakened state and the difficulty of the terrain.
- (k) Malaria Control. The unit is very malaria minded. Nets were always used except by B Coy during the attack on NATALOI. Atebrin was taken regularly and the repellent applied. No larval or adult destruction was carried out forward of KOROFA. Between 9 JAN and 11 FEB, 13 cases of unconfirmed malaria and 9 confirmed cases occurred. The majority of the unconfirmed were probably Dengue.
- (l) Hygiene. Generally good. If an area was to be occupied for more than 24 hrs deep trench latrines were dug. Latrines were dug at regular intervals along the L of C. Some difficulty was experienced in getting adequate water for washing eating eating utensils in one or two cases.

TOPOGRAPHICAL REPORT
ORGORUNA - KESAWAI - NATALOI AREA

HQ 57/60 Aust Inf Bn
19 FEB 44.

Ref Maps 1/25000
KOBEN
BOKU RIVER

1. GENERAL. The country covered by this report, comprises rain forest covering an area through which the BOKU and SOLU Rivers run south to the RAMU. It is a series of sharp razor backs varying from 600ft to 2100ft and numerous small streams. South of the SOLU in the KESAWAI - KOROFA area are jungle covered swamp flats.
The numerous tracks follow the razor backs mostly and all are muddy, undulating and although well defined, of a poor standard. Tracks improve on the north side of the BOKU.
Both the SOLU and BOKU Rivers are liable to flood and affected operations at times.
The higher parts of the locality, in accord with the RAMU Valley generally, are frequently covered in mist. This was both a help and a hindrance to operations. It afforded cover from the enemy but limited our own vision. All villages were uninhabited and in poor condition. Most are situated in the few kunai patches spread over the area. Some idea of the nature of the terrain may be gained from the attached panorama Appx "6".
2. TRACK TIMES. Attached per appx "2" is a sketch showing all track times in the area. Times are for troops in battle order.
3. TRACK CONNECTIONS. The 1/25000 KOBEN and BOKU River maps were found to be very reliable and accurate. Track traverses revealed a few minor inaccuracies and these are shown on Appx "5".
4. VILLAGES. KOROFA - KOROBA - ORGORUNA 2 and NATALOI 2 are non-existent. ORGORUNA 1 has four huts in poor condition. No gardens, only a few banana patches. All that remains of KOROFA is one hut, KISA is in fair condition; there are four good large and extensive gardens.
huts
5. JAP DEFENCES.
ORGORUNA 2. Very strong, well dug-in all round defence, situated on sharp razor back which overlooks forward defences and two pimples. Concealed approach possible to 100 yds. Forward defences are in a kunai clearing, razor back defences are lightly timbered.
ORGORUNA 1. No defences exist.
KISA. Defences very extensive. Cover all approaches to village and are laid out on three pimples. Position has observation of track as far as ASAKI.
KOBA. No defences in village. There are strong enemy defence works overlooking KOBA from at least 400 yds to the east, on the far side of a large creek which runs south to BOKU. Reference of position B464795.
NATALOI 2. Defences consist of all round foxholes and crawl trenches on pimple on top of spur which leads sharply up to NATALOI 1. MNCs at NATALOI 1

cover NATALOI 2 defences. Village is in a clearing, with one hut still standing. The Jap has 4 bunkers in the pen and light barbed wire forward of his defences. Once KOBA is passed, there is a covered approach right up to the wire.

The strongest enemy defensive position in the locality, apart from NATALOI 1 is KISA, although this place was abandoned by the Jap during the advance of our troops.

6. AIR-DROPPING
GROUND.

KETOMA, KORONA, BUNAGUNA and SAUSI.

7. O.P.s.

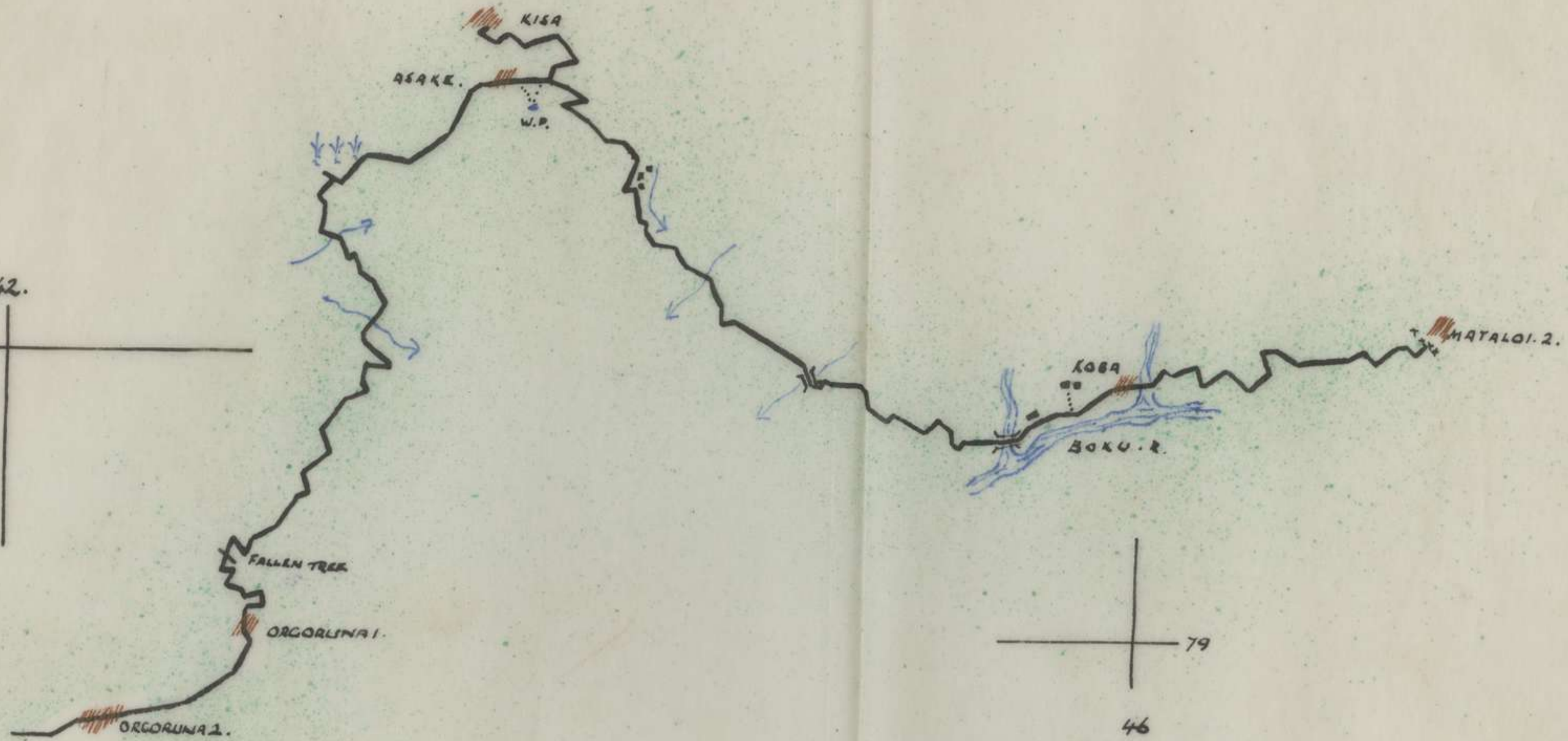
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KISA observes NATALOI 2 and vice versa.
NATALOI 1 observes NATALOI 2 and vice versa.
NATALOI 2 " KOBA " " "

TRACK CORRECTIONS ORGORUNA - MATALOI 2.

TO BE SUPERIMPOSED OVER BOKU.R. 1:25000

APPX 3

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TRACK TIMES	
ORGORUNA 2 TO ORGORUNA 1	15 MIN.
ORGORUNA 1 TO KISA	75 MIN.
KISA TO KOKA	60 MIN.
KOKA TO MATALOI	45 MIN.

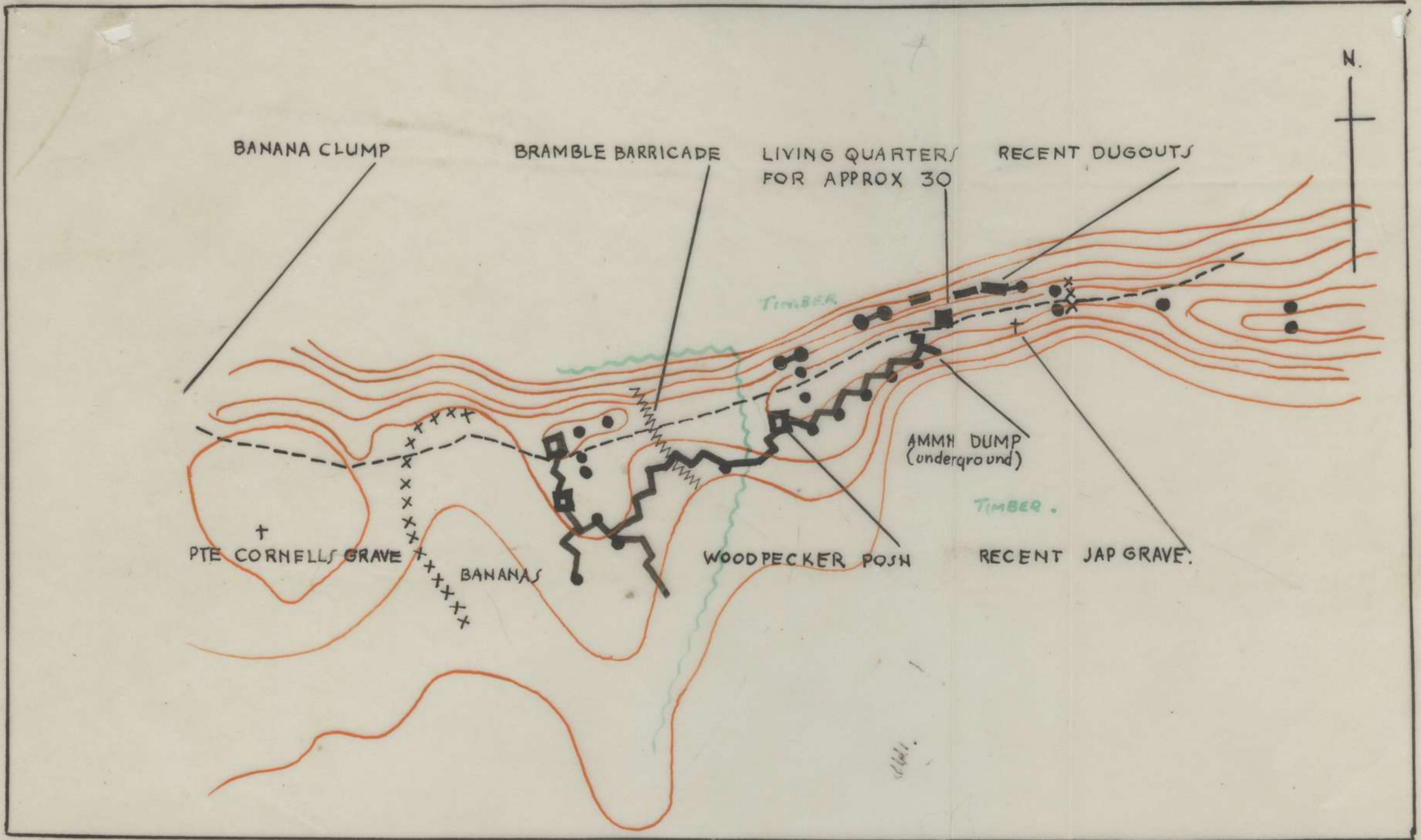
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JAP DEFENCES ORGORUNA 2

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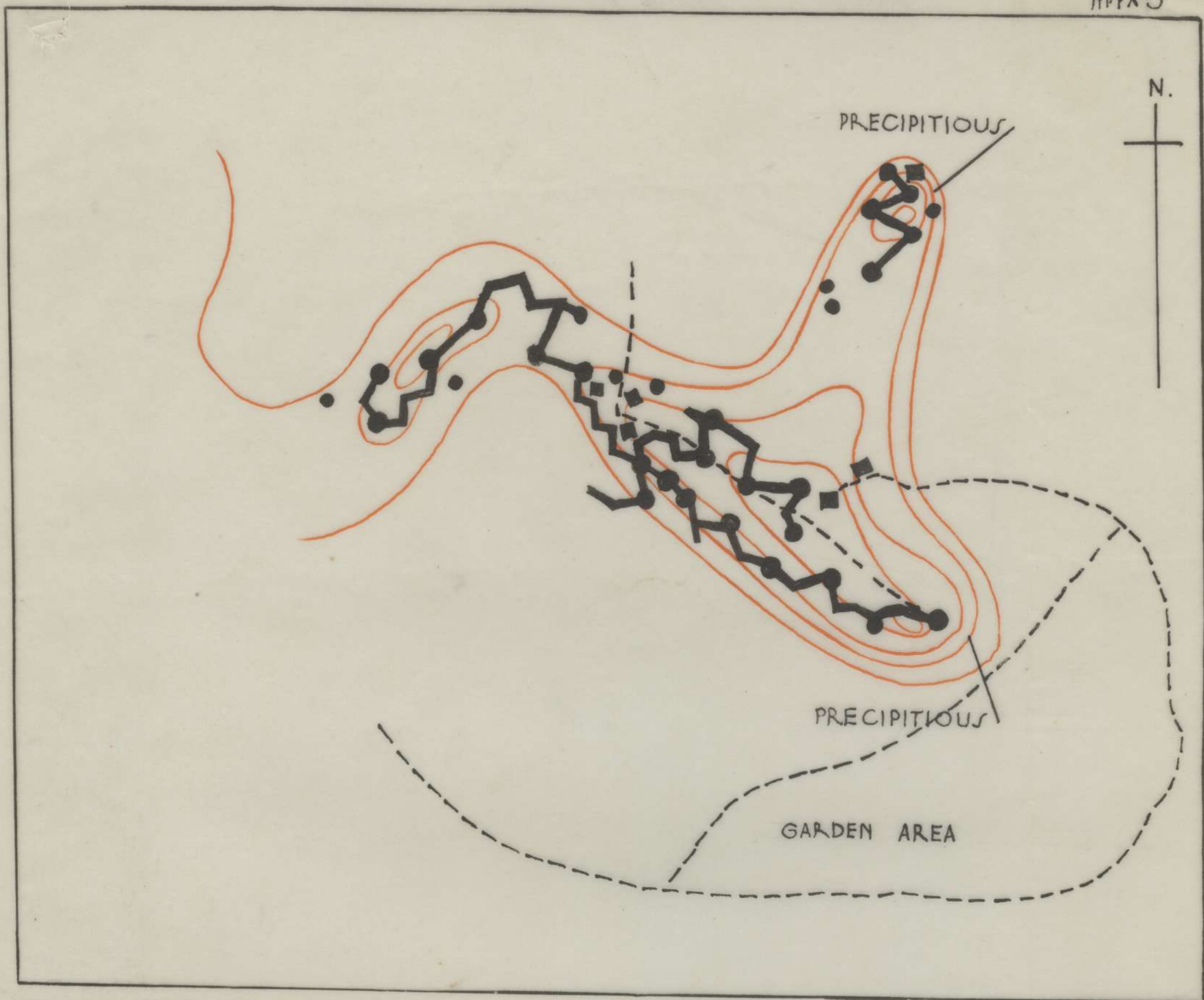
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**SCALE 1 INCH = 100 YDS**

TIME TAKEN 2 HOURS  
 COMPASS AND PACING  
 FORMLINES BY EYE  
 1600 HRS 30 JAN 44  
 # Williams Pte.  
 57/60 AUST INF BN

# JAP DEFENCES KISA

APPX 5

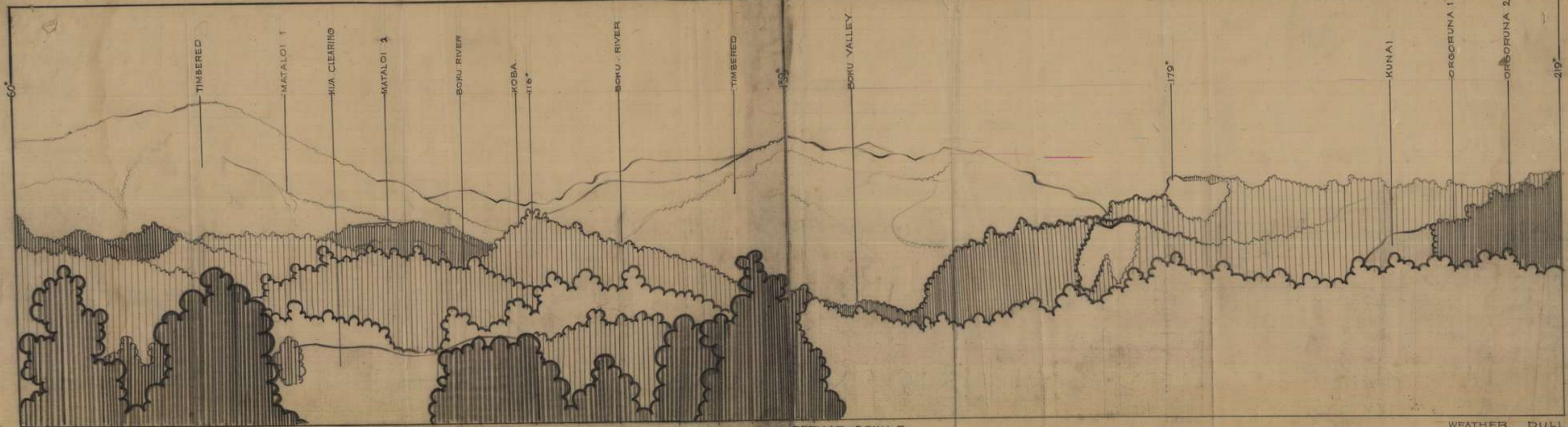


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SCALE 1 INCH = 100 YDS

TIME TAKEN 1 HOUR  
PACING AND COMPASS  
FOR LINES BY EYE  
1200 HRS 3 FEB 44.

*H. Williams Pte.*  
57/60 AUST INF BN.



REF MAP. BOKU. R.  
1: 25000

PANORAMA OF MATALOI AREA  
FROM KISA O.P. MAPREF 437810

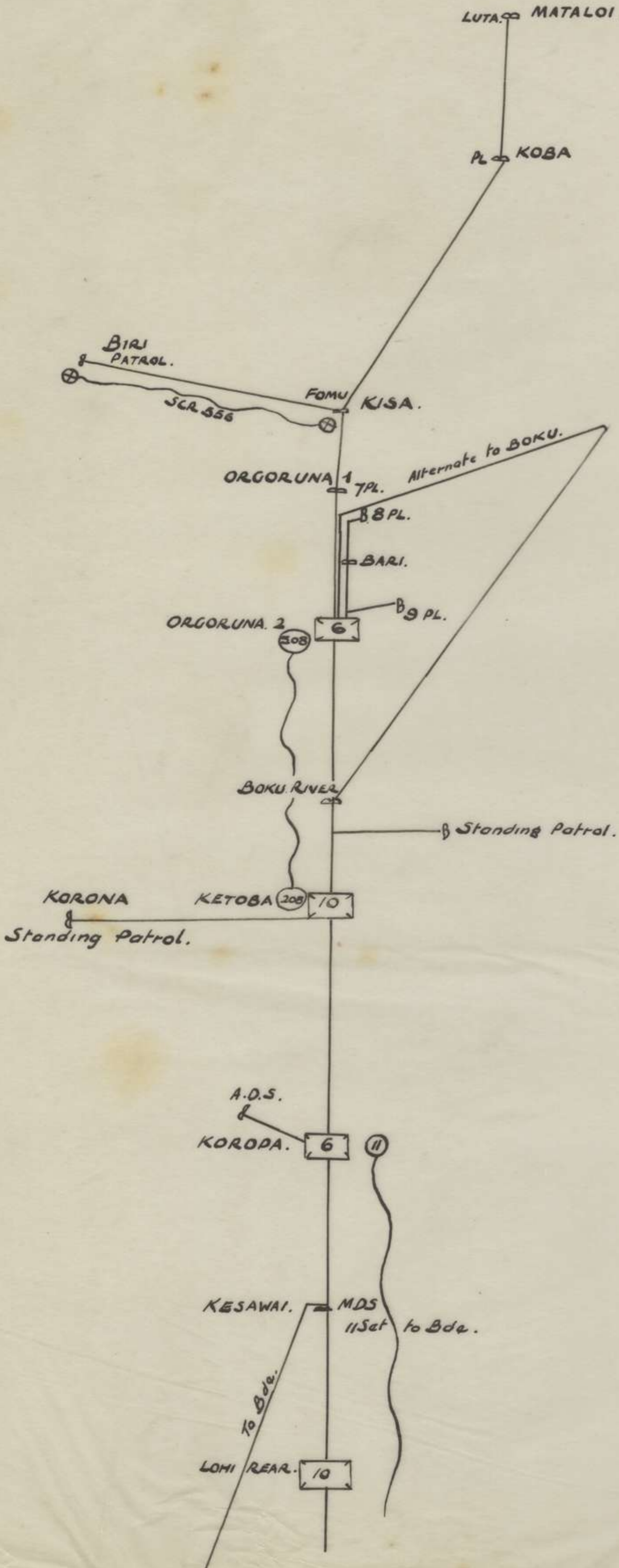
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FROM KISA O.P. REF437810

WEATHER DULL  
VISIBILITY PATCHY  
TIME TAKEN 1 HR  
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# SIG. DIAGRAM 57/60 AUST INF BN.

Appx. 7.



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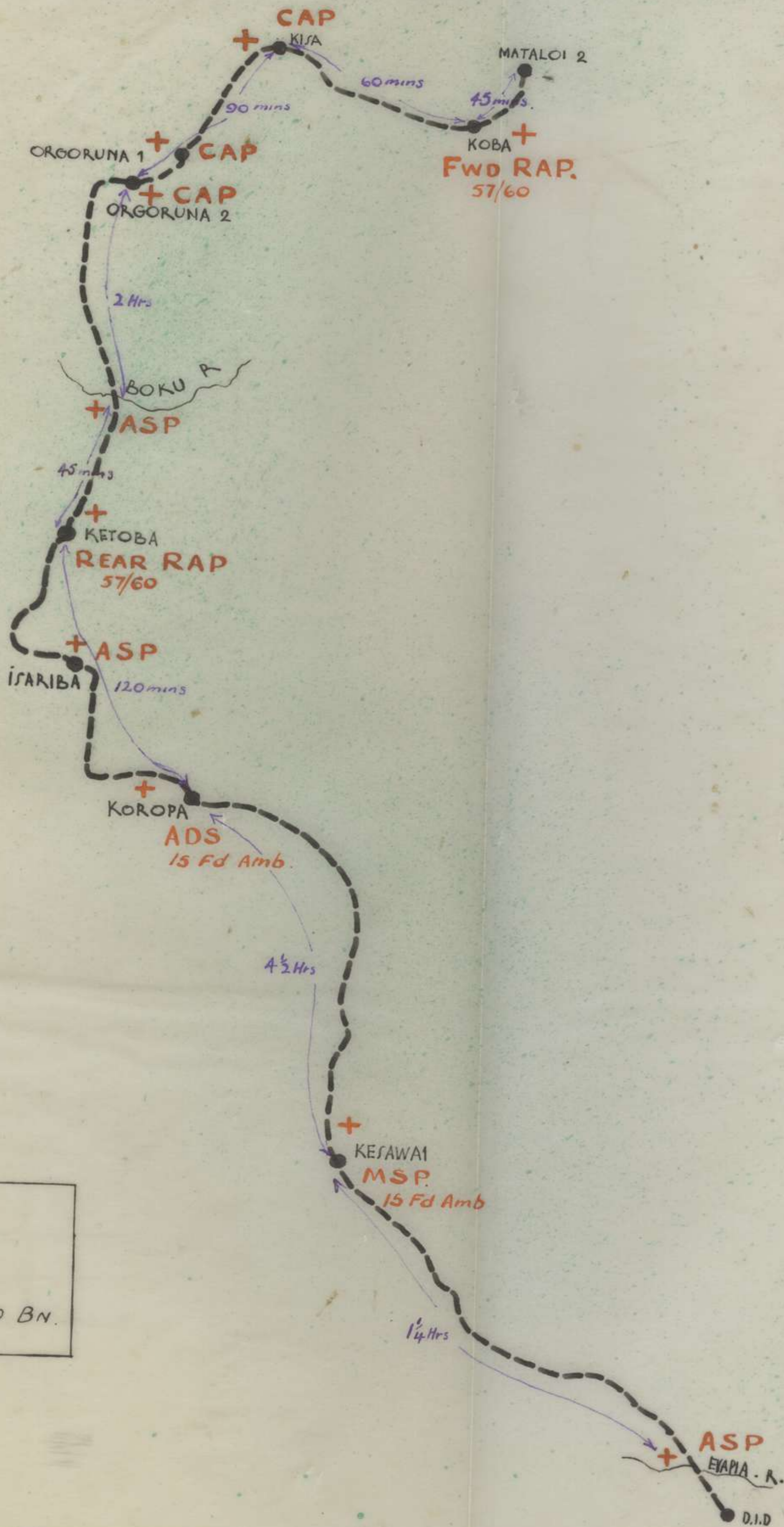


# MEDICAL LINE OF EVACUATION

AS AT 3/4 FEB 44.

APPX 8

REF MAP URIGINA 1 inch.



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5 MAY 1944

## WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Date and Time.—From....1. Mar.,....1.44.,.....To....3. Mar.,....1.44.,.....

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
PROTHERO 2	1 Mar.		<p>Dispositions, B.H.Q., PROTHERO 2, 642659. A Coy HQ, det Mortars 634663, 7 Pl. 635664, 8 Pl. CANNING SADDLE, 624645. 9 Pl. 633622, B Coy HQ, Sec MMG, 2 det mortars, 643664. 10 Pl 637662. 11 Pl. 643664. 12 Pl. 643664. C Coy HQ, Sec MMG, 13, 14 Pls. 623668, 15 Pl. 2 det mortars 625667. Standing patrol 597689. D Coy HQ 645652, 16 Pl. 646650, 17 Pl. 645653, 18 Pl. 645651. HQ Coy, 4 pl. 644665, 5 Pl. 642659, 6 Pl. GOY'S POST. Construction 30 yd. ranges in Coy area begun. PASSLOW'S patrol, strength 1 officer 12 OR's to NIGGER KNOLL with Capt. BLAKEBY and 3 OR's (Arty) to contact 2/12 Bn. Out 0830L, biv night 1/2 Mar, 605683 via C Coy - junction 612674 606668 - 602668 - 605683. Air strike 1030L on SAIPA 2 by one sqn air cobras - bombing and strafing. BESIERS patrol est base 594702. 58/59 Bn patrol contacted PAIPA 1. Corduroying tracks in Bn area continued. Weather: Fine, light rain in evening.</p>	
	2 Mar.		<p>Det mortars to give support to 15 Pl, 594702 unable to proceed beyond 596690 because of steepness of track. BESIERS standing patrol 594702 est. ambush position 595704 - manned during daylight. Patrol endeavoured to locate OP overlooking SAIPA 2 on high ground to left but was unsuccessful. PASSLOW'S patrol reached NIGGER KNOLL 1650L. Capt. BLAKEBY and 1 OR handed over to 2/12 Bn. Patrol bivouaced night 596690. A Coy patrol located 1 unarmed Jap 618652 feeding with natives. Jap was fired on but escaped. Track and defensive positions, maintenance continued. Weather: Fine.</p>	
	3 Mar.		<p>PASSLOW'S patrol returned to B Coy 1400L. BESIERS patrol still unable to locate SAIPA OP. Patrol Capt FOX, Maj. CONNELL 6 OR's contacted 58/59 Bn standing patrol 625677. Weather: Fine, misty p.m.</p>	

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Unit.....57./60 Aust Inf Bn.....

Date and Time.—From...4 Mar., 1944.....To...7 Mar., 1944.....

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
PROTHERO 2	4 Mar.		BESTER'S patrol 2 offrs 5 OR's recce fwd PAIPA 1 struck 3 Japs (1 Sgt 1 Cpl and 1 OR) ref 593707 at 1030L. 2 Japs were killed by fwd scouts. 1 of the Japs was carrying an Owen gun. Own cas. 1 killed (VX135959, Pte. HARRIS - Buried 595702 ) Patrol to 593707 in afternoon NMS. No further signs of Jap seen 2 Mar 613652. Contact made with 58/59 Bn patrol PAIPA 2 by C Coy. Mortar amm brought fwd to patrol base 594702. Brigs. KITTO, EASTWICK, CRA's 11 and 7 Divs arrived in Bn area to stage night. 45 reinforcements arrived in Bn area. Weather: Fine.	<i>Reuter</i>
	5 Mar.		1920L, 15 Pl relived by 7 Pl at standing patrol base 594702. 6 Pl moved from GUY'S POST to KANKIRYO SADDLE. Kai-line now using new L of C to 594702 via PAIPA 2. L/T laid to 610694. Recce by all coys of various coy areas for projected changeover 6 Mar. 58/59 Bn patrol contacted, PAIPA 2. Capt MARTIN, Lieut TALBOT, Capt. GRATTON and 2 OR's recce to NIGGER KNOLL out 0900L reached 594702. Weather: Fine, low ceiling, SW winds.	<i>Reuter</i>
	6 Mar.		15 pl returned to C Coy area 1245L. L/T laid to 600698 towards PAIPA 1. Capt MARTIN'S patrol to NIGGER KNOLL arrived 1530L. Biv night 6/7 Mar. 596690. 7 Pl patrol Lieut SINCLAIR 7 OR's to 593712 NMS, returned by track east side of MINDJIM. Change over of coys cancelled. Weather: Fine.	<i>Reuter</i>
	7 Mar.		8 Pl moved from CANNING SADDLE to PROTHERO 1 en-route PAIPA 1 8 Mar. 7 Pl ambushes est 594706, 595706. 0930L patrol fired on by Jap sniper from 597707, no cas. B Coy moved to A Coy area. Coy HQ, sec MMG 634663, 10 pl 633662, 11 pl 635664, 12 pl CANNING SADDLE. D Coy moved to 600684, 1720L. C Coy kai party to PAIPA 1 observed possible Jap footprints leading WEST along MINDJIM. 5 pl moved to PAIPA 2 arriving 1430L.	<i>Reuter</i>

Weather: Fine, a.m. Rain late P.M.

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Unit... 57/60 Aust. Inf. Bn.....

Date and Time.—From... 8 Mar., '44..... To... 9 Mar., '44.....

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
PROTHERO 2	8 Mar.		A Coy new dispositions PAIPA 1, Coy HQ, 9 pl 594702, 7 pl patrol base 594700 with daily ambush positions 596705 and 593707, 8 pl 1 det mortars 596702. B Coy settling in new area. D Coy new dispositions. Coy HQ, 17 pl. 1 det mortars 581691, 16 pl 579693, 18 pl 582693. A Coy search for signs of sniper 7 Mar unsuccessful. 5 pl. local patrols located huts 611683. Village had been hastily evacuated by natives. C Coy. track maintenance. Weather: Fine, showery in afternoon.	<i>Reuter</i>
	9 Mar.		8 Pl moved to 593703. Recce of PAIPA 1 area by Maj McCALL. Local patrols to 586703 and 598713 NMS. B Coy track maintenance, local patrols to 618652. 1 det mortars now attached B Coy. D Coy carrying rations TALBOT JUNCTION 596690 to NIGGER KNOLL. L/T communications est with C Coy 2/12 Bn CAMERON'S KNOLL. Lieut THOMAS, R.S.M., and "I" Sgt recce to TALBOT JUNCTION for Tas BHQ. D Coy patrol to huts 587701 NMS. Weather: Showers early morning otherwise fine.	<i>Reuter</i>

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Unit.....57/60 Aust. Inf. Bn.....

Date and Time.—From.....10 Mar., '44.....To.....11 Mar., '44.....

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
PROTHERO 2	10 Mar.		<p>A Coy patrol 9 Mar to 598713 and 586703. Lieut BERMAN and Sgt BYFORD investigated village where natives went bush. B Coy patrol departed with 58/59 patrol to DAUMOINA. C Coy carrying party with mortar amm and rations to TALBOT JUNCTION. Track construction, sub sec MMG detached to A Coy. D Coy BESIER'S patrol out 1030L, in 1530L recce GOODWINDS track. Jap footprints 24 hours old at 576705. Patrol to 588693 to contact A Coy. A Coy ambush positions now manned 24 hours daily. Recce up spur to NIGGER KNOLL. Patrol contacted D Coy 1330L. Patrol crossed MINDJIM RIVER reached 549714 NMS. Change in dispositions. A Coy HQ and 9 pl 594699, 1 sec 599699 7 pl 593702, 8 pl, det mtrs and 1 sec MMG 594703. D Coy. patrol out to contact A Coy at 588692 lost track owing to fog and missed A Coy patrol B Coy. 1 Sub sec MMG detached to A Coy. Weather: Rain in morning, fine in afternoon.</p>	
PROTHERO 2	11 Mar.		<p>A Coy patrol Lieut JACKSON, Arty Offr and 8 OR's to exploit route EAST of MINDJIM RIVER to bypass SAIPA 2 and locate enemy positions. Patrol Lieut SINCLAIR and 7 OR's to locate enemy dispositions up MINDJIM RIVER to SAIPA 2. Patrol Sgt McKEE and 7 OR's route along WEST of MINDJIM from 585712 to 580714 to locate enemy positions. Duration of patrol 111030L to 121800L. Communications by runner. D Coy Lieut BROOKES to spur 780700 to 585710 thence to SAIPA 2. Patrol Lieut BESIER to 574710 then to track 575714 and to SAIPA 2. All patrols out 1015L, duration 2 days. 2 Offrs 2 OR's to join 58/59 Bn patrol to DAUMOINA 12 Mar. BROOKES patrol stopped 503706 for night. Track bad. YOUNG'S patrol reached 581712 at 1445L NMS. Runner returned and saw 2 Japs on track. 1 Offr 220R's 2/12 Bn reported D Coy 1400L out 1430L. A Coy JACKSON'S patrol crossed MINDJIM 595704 reached 591716 approx 1445L. Biv for night.</p>	

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Unit...57/60 Aust. Inf. Bn.....

Date and Time.—From 11 Mar '44.....To 14 Mar '44.....

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
PROTHER 0 2.	11 Mar.		SINCLAIR's patrol took track to 597705. O.C. Coy recce along MINDJIM and to 588708. B Coy, local patrols. C Coy, 16 OR's carrying mortar amn to TALBOT JUNCTION. Weather: Fine, day and night.	<i>Reuter</i>
PROTHERO 2	12 Mar		At 1600L information was received that WARD's VILLAGE was evacuated. The Bn was to test the defences SAIPA 2 to discover if enemy was in occupation and to move up the valley to YOKOPI. Bn moved off at 2130L. By 0430L 13 Mar A Coy had reached a point $\frac{1}{2}$ way between SAIPA 2 and SAIPA 1 with B Coy approx 400 yards behind them just forward of SAIPA 2. C Coy moved from PROTHERO 1, reached PAIPA 1 at 0620L, whilst D Coy moved by moonlight from NIGGER KNOLL to TALBOT JUNCTION and reached PAIPA 1 0900L, 13 Mar. Patrols, 12 Mar Patrol fwd of PAIPA 1 moved to plantation 584720 and observed SAIPA 2 reported Arty fire 1115L on SAIPA 2 was accurate. No defences seen, 6 unoccupied foxholes overlooking PAIPA 1 were found on feature 587715. Weather: Fine and clear.	<i>Reuter</i>
PAIPA 1	13 Mar		A Coy at approx 572743 at 0430L dug in. Dispositions at 132130L. A Coy en-route to fwd YOKOPI 558756. B Coy 572747. C Coy 573743. D Coy SAIPA 1.131900L. CLARKE'S patrol returned from YOKOPI, report that main road begins there. 3000 yards of defences vacated this week, No enemy seen. Natives available 200 proposed to base 100 at KANKIRYO SADDLE to carry to PAIPA 1. 100 at PAIPA 1 to carry forward. No air dropping. Weather: Fine.	<i>Reuter</i>
PAIPA 1	14 Mar		Fwd B H Q, R M O moved to YOKOPI 558760. A Coy found Jap booby traps along track 573727. B Coy now 565749. C Coy 572749 Jap footprints between SAIPA 1 and 572749. By 1915L, A Coy in position fwd of YOKOPI. 7 Pl moved to DAUMOINA. 8 pl 556722 9 pl 2 secs 555760, 1 sec.557762. Coy HQ 1 sec MMG 1 det mortars 558760.	<i>Reuter</i>

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Date and Time.—From 14 Mar, '44 To 15 Mar, '44

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
PAIPA 1	14 Mar		<p>Cable head now at 548770. 7 pl fired on by enemy at 547780. at 1530L from across river. Enemy used MMG and rifles, Cas. unknown. Capt CLARKE arrived at cablehead to take charge of 7 pl.</p> <p>B Coy moved to vicinity of YOKOPI arrived 1730L, at 564750. D Coy moved from SAIPA 1 to position fwd of POSSIBLE LOOKOUT. arrived 1700L. Coy dispositions 563744 and 564746. Patrol from B Coy contacted D Coy 1700L at 564744. 7 pl at 547773, enemy estimated at 550780 fired 2" mortars LMG and rifles.</p> <p>Weather: Fine during morning, heavy rain afternoon, light rain at night.</p>	<i>Am</i>
PAIPA 1	15 Mar		<p>A Coy DAUMOINA patrol 7 pl now at cablehead vicinity 549775. Own cas. 1 Offr, Lieut S.V. SINCLAIR killed previous day. 1 OR missing believed safe. Patrol then moved junction motor road and mule track 543786. At 542786 patrol was fired on by enemy from 544788 and under fire along the road to 543784 from enemy moving south along track to creek EAST of MINDJIM. 1 Sec MMG 1 det mortars left Coy HQ 1200L for 7 pl positions. B Coy patrol contacted D Coy patrol 0930L at 564746. C Coy patrol out 1015L to move along MINDJIM for 2½ hours found old Jap position 566759. D Coy reports track from LOOK OUT to YOKOPI apparently alternative mule track, no observation from LOOKOUT. OP being cut at gardens 559749. Medical supplies, tools and fairly new SAA found in old hospital area in square 5576.</p> <p>Tac HQ on the move to YOKOPI. RAP est at YOKOPI. Lieut BORTHWICK and party of the 2 Aust Mountain Bty arrived YOKOPI 1700L.</p> <p>Arty communications to SAIPA 1. Weather: Fine during day heavy rain at night.</p>	<i>Am</i>

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Date and Time.—From.....16...Mar., '44.....To.....17...Mar., '44.....

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
YOKOPI.	16 Mar, '44		<p>LINTON's patrol down creek and up spur to 535783 where bivd for night 15/16 Mar. CLARKE'S patrol reached 546783 at 151750L. Old Jap footprints at 546783. Patrol going on by moonlight. LINTON'S patrol reached clearing 542783. Observed road at point 536792 and MINDJIM RIVER. At 1045L were fired on by unknown number of enemy armed with rifles and OWENS. Patrol returned to Coy area 16 1515L Fwd BHQ now est YOKOPI 558755. Dispositions A Coy 7 pl 1 sec standing patrol 543778. 8 pl. 1 sec standing patrol MINDJIM 544787. B Coy. carried amn and rations to A Coy. Det mortars arrived Coy. 1 sec 10 pl now at 569757. C Coy. Coy HQ now at 559757. 15 pl and 1 sub sec MMG at 561756. 13 pl and 1 sub sec MMG at 559759. Local patrolling on 3000' feature in square 5575. Our BHQ moved from PAIPA 1 to YOKOPI. Arrived approx 1300L. Weather: Fine during morning, heavy rain during night.</p>	<i>Review</i>
YOKOPI	17 Mar.		<p>A Coy. Standing patrol est 545786. No cover forward. 1 Jap seen at approx 546787. Pill box at 542787. Standing patrol 543778 captured 1 native. B Coy. TEMPLE'S patrol recce to 3800' feature out 0900L in 1900L. Reached objective and observed 20 foxholes and 20 weapon pits recently dug and camouflaged. Heard Japs talking nearby. Jap position overlooks YOKOPI. D Coy. YOUNG'S patrol to recce track to 2700' feature to determine if Japs in occupation. Did not reach objective. Precipitous densely timbered country. In 1900L. A Coy mortar shoot 1800L from 541777 on Jap position on 3800' feature. Lieut SCOTT to 545786 to observe shoot. SCOTT'S patrol moving with own mortar fire suffered 3 minor casualties from own fire. Patrol moved up spur to 552789 where fired on by Jap mortar. 2 minor casualties. Arty fired smoke on features to NE of YOKOPI on 16 Mar. from DESERTED HUTS vicinity SOUTH CAMERON'S KNOLL.</p>	<i>Review</i>  <i>Review</i>



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Unit..... 57/60 Aust Inf Bn.....

Date and Time.—From..... 17 Mar. '44..... To..... 19 Mar. '44.....

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
YOKOPI	17 Mar.		<p>It Col MARSTON, Maj. CUDDON, Maj. McGALL and a Mountain Bty Offr reced track to 541777. Weather: Hot during day, electric storm at night.</p>	<i>Reuter</i>
YOKOPI	18 Mar.		<p>A Coy Patrol out 1400L to recce suspected Jap L of C from 546788 to 562792. Patrol 1 NCO 4 OR's out 1300L to DAUMOINA via MINDJIM to observe enemy movement, returned 1850L NMS. WRIGHT'S patrol contacted enemy near top of 2400 feature 527783, estimate 2 enemy killed. Fired on again at 544782 on BOGADJIM ROAD from across the river. WRIGHT hit in leg and went bush, remainder of patrol returned. BROWN'S patrol found body of Capt. TOLLIS at 543784. SCOTT'S patrol reached 559791 at 1835L, returned 1930L NMS. B Coy TEMPLE'S patrol to recce Jap L of C from 3800 feature. A patrol down MINDJIM RIVER reached 570757 but a steep gorge prevented further progress and patrol returned 1930L. C Coy carried supplies from SAIPA 1 to YOKOPI. D Coy. YOUNG'S patrol 1 offr 5 OR's out 1400L to recce and observe enemy in vicinity 2600 feature. 529762, 2 day patrol. Enemy shelled general area YOKOPI from 1715L to 1930L, approx 15 shells, believed 75mm Mountain gun at approx 543800. Cas. Nil. Weather: Fine and clear.</p>	<i>Reuter</i>
YOKOPI	19 Mar.		<p>A Coy. BROWN'S patrol strength 4 encountered heavy enemy opposition. MMG, Mortar and Rifle fire at approx 541788 at 181830L. Enemy cas unknown, own cas, 3 wounded. 1 OR returned remainder 3 OR's missing believed killed. Lieut SCOTT and 5 OR's out 1400L in 1520L located Sgt WRIGHT'S body at 546781. B Coy. TEMPLE'S patrol returned 1600L, spent night 18/19 at 568782, unable to gain objective owing to nature of country. C Coy. Coy carried rations from SAIPA 1 to YOKOPI. D Coy. 29 men carried rations from SAIPA 1 to YOKOPI. 12 P-39's led in by 2 Boomerangs bombed and strafed 3800 feature at 1020L. Mountain Bty at SAIPA 1 accurately engaged</p>	<i>Reuter</i> <i>Reuter</i>

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Date and Time.—From 19. Mar., '44.....To.....21. Mar., '44.....

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
YOKOPI	19 Mar.		feature 3800 and ref 544800 approx 1800L. Weather: Fine and clear.	<i>Dunbar</i>
YOKOPI Ref Map: AMUBA 1/25000,	20 Mar.		A Coy. Moved to C Coy area 0900L. B Coy. Carried supplies from SAIPA 1 to YOKOPI. C Coy. Lieut ATKINSON and 6 OR's out 1150L in 1900L to 3800 feature to ascertain if enemy are still in position there. Patrol reached point 300 feet from summit and observed a Jap officer with field glasses observing from 15 feet above them YOKOPI area. C Coy. Relieved A Coy 0800L. Lieut SCOTT and 10 OR's out 1300L in 1620L to 546781 fired on Jap position at 542788 and 554788. No response from enemy. D Coy. YOUNG'S patrol to 2600 feature out 19 Mar. in 201000L, saw fresh footprints vicinity 532764 and at 548766. Failing light prevented identity of 2 figures sitting on what appeared to be an old bunker. 24 men carried rations from SAIPA 1 to YOKOPI. OUR MOUNTAIN BTY engaged 3800 feature 1230L, and further engaged 543787 and 545788. Lt-Col MARSTON, Maj. CUDDON, Capt MARTIN fwd of C Coy to observe arty shoot. Weather: Fine and clear.	<i>Dunbar</i>
YOKOPI	21 Mar.		A Coy. Carried supplies from B Coy to C and A Coy. B Coy. MANSFIELD'S patrol 11 OR's out 0900L to 3800 feature to ascertain enemy strength and positions, 2 day patrol. Spent night 21/22 at 568786. Coy carried rations from SAIPA 1 to C Coy. D Coy. Lieut BROOKES 15 OR's to 2400 feature out 0900L task to locate and destroy any enemy in the vicinity. Time 1030L, located Jap hut and 3 newly constructed foxholes at 527783, saw 4 Japs and shots were exchanged. Our cas. Nil. Enemy cas, unknown. Impossible to proceed further EAST owing to the feature being a narrow steep razorback. Sgt PICKERING'S patrol out 1000L to 2600 feature, 2 day patrol, spent night 21/22 at 541759. 15 P-39's bombed and strafed enemy positions 542788 at 1115L. Results unobserved. Weather: Fine in morning, showers in afternoon.	<i>Dunbar</i>

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Date and Time.—From 22 Mar. '44 To 22 Mar. '44

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
YOKOPI	22 Mar		<p>A Coy. Local patrol down MINDJIM. NMS. Coy carried rations, from YOKOPI to G Coy.</p> <p>B Coy. MANDSFIELD'S patrol reports unable to gain 3800 feature owing to nature of terrain. Returned 1415L. Established listening post 573756 from 1900L to 0700L. Coy carried rations from SAIPA. C Coy. ATKINSON'S patrol out 1500L to 3800 feature returned 211830L. NMS. ALIENDI AND 46R's out 1300L patrolled to 553781, N.W. to spur 550784. In 1630L. NMS.</p> <p>D Coy. Lieut. BROOKE'S patrol returned 211930L. Located Jap hut and three newly constructed fox holes at 527783. Saw four Japs at 530783. Shots exchanged. Own casualties nil. Enemy casualties unknown. Could not proceed further EAST owing to track being on steep razor back with only one man front. PICKERING'S patrol reports NMS. on 3800 feature. Routine patrol to WARDS out 0900L, in 1545L contacted 2/10 Bn. NMS. Coy carried supplies from SAIPA 1.</p> <p>Mountain bty registered on LINTON'S SPUR, and DF. task in A Coy area.</p> <p>Weather, Fine and clear.</p>	<p><i>Rubin</i></p>

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Unit.....57/60 Aust. Inf. Bn..... Date and Time.—From...23 Mar...144.....To...25 Mar...144.....

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
YOKOPI	23 Mar		<p>A Coy. Local patrol down MINDJIM. NMS. Coy carried rations.                      B Coy. Lieut. PASSLOW and 10 OR's out 1000L to ascertain enemy posn in vicinity 542788. Patrol reached 540785. Unable to observe enemy posn. Returned 1825L. Local patrol down MINDJIM. NMS. Coy carried rations.                      C Coy. Lieut. ATKINSON contacted enemy on 3800 feature at 1030L. Enemy casualties four killed. Own casualties nil. Estimate enemy strength approx twenty. A/W.O. BRAZIL and 40R's out 1230L to 546785. In 1500L. NMS.                      D Coy. Lieut. BROOKES and 26 OR's out 1545L. Staying night 23/24 Mar at GARDENS 542775. Task to clear 2400 feature of enemy. Coy carried rations. Fifteen aircrafts bombed and strafed enemy posn. 544783. Weather fine. Low fog in morning. Clear in afternoon.</p>	<i>Sumner</i>
YOKOPI	24 Mar		<p>A Coy. MINDJIM patrol returned 1430L. Spl moved to 556761 at 1300L. Coy carried rations to C Coy.                      B Coy. MINDJIM patrol in 1215L. NMS. Coy carried rations.                      C Coy. MAWSON and 4 OR's out 0900L to 545786. In 1700L. Task to ascertain if any enemy movement at 542788. Reached 546786 and observed enemy posn 541788. NMS. Two secs of 15 pl now at 544779 and 544778.                      D Coy. Lieut. BROOKE'S patrol encountered enemy opposition at 553783 at 1600L. Enemy are holding a razorback posn. Patrol withdrawn and are spending night 24/25 Mar at GARDENS 542776. WARDS patrol 30R's out 0830L in 1700L contacted 2/10 Bn. NMS. Coy carried rations.                      Enemy mountain bty shelled Bn area at 1730L. No casualties. Our mountain bty responded. No results to hand. Firing heard on a bearing of 305 degrees from GARDENS 542776. Weather, fine and clear.</p>	<i>Sumner</i>
YOKIPI	25 Mar		<p>A Coy. Local MINDJIM patrol. NMS. Coy carried rations. B Coy. MINDJIM patrol NMS. Coy carried rations. C Coy. Lieut. PASSLOW and 6 OR's out 1045L to 546785. Task to locate and observe enemy posns in vicinity 542700. Patrol in 1645L. Found fresh footprints along track 542783. Reached 543785 and heard noise of breaking kunai 541786. Observed three Japs aprox 545786. No observation of enemy posn 541788 from this point. Lieut. ATKINSON and 6 OR's out 1100L in 1745L to 546788. Task to observe road and mule track junc. Observe if</p>	<i>Sumner</i>

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Unit 57/60 Aust. Inf. Bn. Date and Time.—From 25 Mar '44 To 27 Mar '44.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
YOKOPI	25 Mar		<p>enemy are in occupation of area 542788 and 544788 and establish O.P. at 548788. Lieut. ATKINSON'S patrol in 1715L. Reached 553783 where fired on from approx 549782. No observation from this point. Patrol withdrew, found fresh footprints 553780. Lieut. JACKSON and 8 OR's out 1130L. Task to contact 2/10 Bn at 524783. Two day Patrol. D Coy LIEUT. BROOKE'S patrol in 1100L. Coy carried rations. 4 th. Fd. Regt. registered 1100L df. task 554763 and 553761. Enemy shelled Bn. area at 1730L. No casualties. Weather, overcast during, heavy rain at night.</p>	<i>Rush</i>
YOKOPI	26 Mar		<p>A Coy. Local MINDJIM patrol returned 1300K. NMS. Coy carried rations. B Coy. Coy carried rations. C Coy. Lieut. ATKINSON and 5 OR's out 0730K along EAST bank of MINDJIM to try and observe enemy. Patrol in 1615K. Reached 546785. No possible O.P. owing to <del>ease</del> heavily timbered country. NMS. Lieut. JACKSON'S reported at GARDENS 542776 at 1805K. No report to hand. D Coy. BROOKE'S 17 pl moved from 563746 to vicinity 553778. Task to deny enemy movement down MINDJIM RIVER and main road. Coy carried rations. Arty DF. task two 549765 registered at 1100K. Twelve Japs carrying packs observed at 542800. Mountain gun engaged them. Casualties unknown. O.P. selected 544782, overlooks main road mule track and MINDJIM VALLEY. Weather, overcast, improved during afternoon.</p>	<i>Rush</i>
YOKOPI	27 Mar		<p>A Coy One NCO, 3 OR's out 0900K to 546766, then follow river to 548774. Returned via main road. Task to observe any enemy in vicinity. In 1730K. NMS. Local patrol down MINDJIM. NMS. Coy carried rations. B Coy. Daily MINDJIM patrol. NMS. Coy carried rations from SAIPA 1 to coy. C Coy. Lieut. JACKSON'S patrol reached 2400 feature at 251800K. Patrolled to 519781. Spent night 25/26 Mar at 525783. Remained in this area until 261535K. NMS. No sign of 2/10 Bn. MAWSON and 3 OR's out 0930K. Task to patrol E. bank MINDJIM for enemy movement. In 1700K. Reached 546784. NMS. Sgt DICK'S patrol reached 556785. Track shows no sign of recent use. NMS. (cont.)</p>	<i>Rush</i> <i>Dumarton Capt</i>

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Unit.....57/60 Aust. Inf. Bn..... Date and Time.—From.....27 Mar '44.....To.....28 Mar '44.....

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
YOKOPI	27 Mar (Cont.)		D Coy. WARDS patrol in 1615K, contacted 2/10 Bn. NMS. Coy carried rations and amm.	<i>Rustin</i>
			4th Fd Regt registered LINTON'S SPUR 1530K.	
YOKOPI	28 Mar		Weather, low cloud all day, rain during late afternoon. A Coy. MINDJIM patrol in 1230K. NMS. Coy carried rations. B Coy. LIEUT JACKSON, 20 ORS I SIG 4SBS, out 0700K to occupy 2400 feature, to locate enemy posns, establish strength, recce approaches to and around enemy posns on NORTH side, clear enemy from LINTONS SPUR, recce to 2800 feature, and establish enemy posn reported by the 2/10 Bn. Patrol arrived 525782 at 1515K and established base. Patrol EAST along LINTONS SPUR met BERMANS patrol 1600K at 533783. Enemy posns 533783 located within 24 hrs. Foot prints still fresh. Patrol I.NCO 4 ors out 1600K to move WEST 513781, thence 500 yds NORTH along track. Lieut BERMANS patrol, 8 ors I sig out 0700K. Task to approach and establish if enemy are on LINTONS SPUR from 544783. Patrol met JACKSONS patrol at 1600K at 533783 where enemy posns were located. Patrol returning to camp. C. Coy. ATKINSON 8 ors I sig out 0700K. Task to establish if enemy are in occupation of 3800 feature, and establish alternate route. (2 day patrol). PASSLOW 8 ors I sig out 0700K. Task to patrol EAST bank of MINDJIM to 545789 and establish if enemy are in occupation of 543788, or on EAST bank of MINDJIM, and to recce mule track. Patrol reached 544788 at 1530K where recently disused JAP camp and def posns were found. D. Coy. Lieut YOUNG and 8 ors out 0700K. Task to establish an alternate route to 3800 feature, route to 556788, then NORTH to 556792, work around spur to 556796, then SE. (2 day patrol) Coy carried rations from SAIPA.I. weather overcast with showers.	<i>Rustin</i>

*Rustin*

# WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Unit 57/60 AUST INF BN

Date and Time.—From 29 MAR 44

To 30 MAR 44.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
YOKOPI	29 MAR		<p><u>A. Coy.</u> Local MINDJIM patrol. No movement seen. Coy carried rations.</p> <p><u>B. Coy.</u> JACKSON'S patrol reports one fresh grave on LINTON'S SPUR. Patrolling to 2800 thence to REIZAN RIDGE. Small patrol from JACKSON'S contacted SCOTT 543786.</p> <p><u>C. Coy.</u> PASSLOW'S patrol in 1200K reports reached 544796. No sign of MULE track. Returned to 543788 thence up track to 540794 and NORTH to main rd. Followed main rd to 544804 returned and contacted SCOTT 541788. ATKINSON'S patrol reports 3800 feature clear of enemy.</p> <p><u>D. Coy.</u> Coy moved from their area and took up B Coy positions MADDISON and 12 ORs out 1500K task to recce MULE track from 543786 to junc KOFEBI RIVER 569822. Maj CONNELL'S coy (B Coy) fwd elements reached 538789 no movement seen, Coy bivouaced night 29/30 at 543804. Weather Overcast rain during evening.</p>	<i>Reuben</i>
YOKOPI	30 MAR	<u>A. Coy</u>	<p>LINTON'S patrol 9 ORs out 1130K to 3600 feature via LINTON'S SPUR thence NORTH to 510814 to track junc, exploiting both tracks for 1000 yds. Two day patrol. Coy carried rations.</p> <p><u>B. Coy.</u> JACKSON'S patrol in 1000K reached 513790 where track lead left to 510796. At this posn 20 weapon pits, 5 foxholes encircled by wire were located. They had been evacuated 3 weeks ago. Maj CONNELL (B Coy) reached MABELEBU 1600K contacted Jap at 545823 and were fired on by LMGs from the SOUTHERN and NORTHERN side of KOFEBI RIVER. Estimated enemy strength 15. Casualties unknown. 2 Japs were seen in vicinity 539798 at 1700K, made off towards MINDJIM patrol, unable to locate them. Medical post at 538799.</p> <p><u>C. Coy</u> ATKINSON'S patrol in 1715K report Jap I of C running NORTH EAST down spur to MINDJIM no movement seen.</p> <p><u>D. Coy</u> MADDISON'S patrol unable locate MULE track EAST bank of MINDJIM have now linked up with B Coy at 552813.</p> <p>Weather - Fine and clear.</p>	<i>Reuben</i>

*Reuben*  
*Substantive Capt*

# WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Unit..... 57/60 AUST INF BN

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Date and Time.—From..... 31 MAR To..... 31 MAR 44

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
YOKOPI	31 MAR		<p>A. Coy LINTON'S patrol in 311730K. reached 510814 at 311115K. Exploited track NORTH EAST 800 yds found vacated Jap positions at 510814, 510810 and 512814. Each position approximate pl strength. Observation from 510814 of coast line and parts of RAMU VALLEY - BOGADJIM RD. Coy carried rations from SAIPA 1 to C Coy, Amn from A Coy to C Coy, repaired bridges. 15 men carried Mor amn from DAUMOINA to vicinity MABELEBU. 27 men carried Mountain gun amn from DAUMOINA to 543787 during night.</p> <p>B. Coy Advance continued up rd. At 311615K enemy fired from vicinity 545835 on natives carrying rations and amn fwd along rd. Simultaneously enemy fired from YAULA area with mountain gun and heavy mortar on our troops in area 552839. Own casualties 4 wounded. No known native casualties. Enemy fire from 545835 consisted LMG and rifles. Enemy strength unknown. I.O. in comd 3" mortar det in posn 548824 at 312230K. L/T comd to here. 14 Pl with mor det for protection. Dispositions 10 Pl, 551861 12 Pl 552849 Coy HQ 8 Pl 553839.</p> <p>C. Coy 14 Pl at SCOTTS CREEK 538799. Local patrol to SCOTTS CREEK returned 1630K defensive posns completed there. Coy carried rations, sig wire, amn to SCOTTS CREEK.</p> <p>D. Coy. Coy carried rations, amn SAIPA 1 to BnHQ. Fwd BnHQ SCOTTS CREEK 538799. Mountain Bty moved from 550771 to 543787 at 1815 K. From 312300K to 312320K 15 rds were fired to harass enemy in YAULA area.</p> <p>Weather - Fine and clear.</p>	

*Dunbar*

*Dunbar*



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5 MAR 44

57/60 AUST INF EN ADM INSTN NO 4

COMPANY CHANGE OVER

TO TAKE PLACE MONDAY 6 MAR 44

Companies will move into new areas as shown below :-

<u>PRESENT Coy Areas</u>	<u>Coy taking over</u>
C	A
A	B
B	D
D	C

All attached personnel i.e. I, Sigs, Mtrs, WGs but excl S.Es will remain in present area.

TIMES OF MOVE & ROUTES.

- A. Coy (i) 7 Pl move to PAIPA 1 5 MAR  
Route - 623668 - PAIPA 2 - 594702.  
(ii) 8 Pl move to old C Coy area on arrival of 12 Pl  
Route - CANNING SADDLE, main track to 623668.  
(iii) Remainder of Coy will move 0830 hrs.

- B. Coy (i) 12 Pl will move 0830 hrs  
Route - PROTHORO 1 to CANNINGS SADDLE.  
(ii) Balance of Coy will move 0900 hrs.

- C. Coy (i) 15 Pl will move 0800 hrs  
Route - via MINDJIM B. track to KANKIRYO SADDLE thence old D Coy area.  
(ii) Balance of Coy will move 1015 hrs.  
Route - PROTHORO 1, PROTHORO 11 old D Coy area.

D. Coy Will move complete at 0900 hrs via PROTHORO 11 to old B Coy area.

MEALS. Cooks may move before balance of Coys in case of A Coy and C Coy.

STORES. (i) The following stores will be left in Coy areas.

Hydro Burners	1	Containers 4 gal	15
Kettles, Camp,		Shovels, large	7
Oval with lids	1	Shovels, small	17
Dishes Baking	4	Picks	4
Ladles	3	Entrenching tools	3
Flys Tent	1		
Buckets	3		
Containers 2 gal			
water	8		

- (ii) Balance of stores to be carried by Coy.  
(iii) Opportunity must be taken to backload natives, to a limit - this must be controlled by Coys.

REE RATIONS  
S. ADM. Outgoing Coys will hand over a list of all rations and amm in area, to be left with I personnel

*Thomas*  
 Lieut  
 Asst Adjt 57/60 Aust Inf En

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ROUTINE ORDERS: PART 1

HQ 57/60 Aust Inf Bn

by

2 MAR 44

LT-COL R R MARSTON ED

SERIAL NO 1

COMD 57/60 AUST INF BN

Nos 1 .. 7

"G"

NIL

"AQ"

1.

SIGNAL CABLE -  
UNAUTHORISED USE.

At present, the demand for signal cable exceeds the amount that manufacturers can produce.

The practice of using this cable for the tying of packages and for improvised clothes lines, guy ropes or other unauthorised purposes will cease forthwith.

Coy Comds will ensure that there is no contravention of this order.

2.

PUBLICATIONS BY  
MEMBERS OF THE AMF

No member of the AMF shall, save in pursuance of his military duty, write for publication in any form any matter dealing with or referring to any military subject, whether fact or fictional, unless preparation and publication thereof have been approved by the Director General of Public Relations.

3.

INTRODUCTION OF  
PLANT DISEASES  
TO AUSTRALIA.

In past years the introduction of sugar cane into Queensland from New Guinea led to serious sugar cane diseases with resultant losses to the growers. To prevent repetition it is essential that the present practice of sending sugar cane to the mainland shall cease.

The forwarding of other plants from New Guinea to the mainland may also result in the introduction of other serious plant diseases which must be guarded against.

A member will not forward, or cause to be forwarded, or take with him from New Guinea to the mainland, any sugar cane plant or sugar cane, or any other plant which grows in New Guinea.

4.

DESTRUCTION OF  
NATIVE GARDENS  
AND USE OF FIRE-  
ARMS IN NATIVE  
AREAS.

Reports have been received of damage having been caused by troops to native gardens, and of natives having been alarmed by the indiscriminate use of firearms near native villages.

The looting or destruction of native gardens seriously interferes with the maintenance of a food supply for the natives, and renders it necessary for Army rations to be diverted to this purpose. The indiscriminate use of firearms near native villages has an adverse effect on the morale of the natives and consequently on their utility to the Armed Services, and renders the task of native rehabilitation by ANGAU more difficult.

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4. DESTRUCTION OF NATIVE GARDENS AND USE OF FIRE-ARMS IN NATIVE AREAS (contd).

No member will -

- (a) damage a native garden, except when the exigencies of the Service so require; or
- (b) remove any article from a native garden, except for his preservation in an emergency; or
- (c) discharge a firearm near any native village, except in the course of his duty.

5. GAMBLING.

Gambling by any member of the AMF within the Territories of Papua and New Guinea, is prohibited.

6. CONTROL OF REGIMENTAL FUNDS

(a) In accordance with GRO FS19/43, the following Committee of Management is appointed for the purpose of controlling Regimental Funds :-

VX4299	Maj W.S. CUDDON	Chairman
VX81103	Maj W. McCALL	Member
VX81073	Capt R.M. MARTIN	Member

(b) The function of this Committee will be to control all expenditure from Regimental Funds and to provide monthly, for publishing in Routine Orders, a statement showing receipts and expenditure for the month and balance of cash in the Fund as at the last day of the month.

(c) For the information of all ranks, the following regulations govern any expenditure from Regimental Funds :-

(i) Unit Regimental Funds will NOT be expended on articles of equipment, furniture or clothing which are authorised Government issues.

(ii) The principal purpose of the distribution of Canteen profits (which is the source of Regimental Funds) is to provide controlled amenities for W.O's, N.C.O's and private soldiers of the forces. The Committee of Management will seek to achieve this purpose in an equitable manner, having proper regard to the need for economical disbursements of the unit's funds.

(iii) Distribution of cash to members of units will NOT be made from Regimental Funds in any circumstances.

(iv) The accumulation of large credits will be discouraged.

(v) Expenditure from Regimental Funds shall NOT be made for ordinary military requirements, for the use of Officers, or in aid of any philanthropic or religious institution.

(d) The statement of expenditure, receipts etc provided monthly by the Committee of Management will be audited by two Auditors appointed from within the unit. These auditors will be -

VX31063	Capt	K.R. WOODS
VX3964	Capt	F.D. CLARKE

7.

TRUST A/C FEB 44.

Receipts

Brought Forward	£2329. 3. 8
25 FEB Canteen Profit	
Dec 43	67.10. 9

£2396.14. 5

Expenditure

Brought Forward	£1747.14.11
10 FEB Deposit Comds	
Battle Fund	100. 0. 0
12 " Excess Expenditure	
Xmas Messing	154.16. 8
" Deposit Comds	
Battle Fund	55. 4. 2
" J. Andrews & Coy (Diaries & Cal- endars)	3. 2. 9
25 " Deposit Comds	
Battle Fund	200. 0. 0
As per Cash Book	<u>135.15.11</u>
	<u>£2396.14. 5</u>

*R. H. Martin* Capt  
Adj't 57/60 Aust Inf Bn

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INTELLIGENCE REPORT, No.13.

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Information to: 2359 hours, 4 Mar, '44

H.Q., 57/60 Aust Inf Bn  
4th. March, 1944.

Ref Maps: AMUBA 1/25000  
PAIPA "

1. OPERATIONS

2 Mar. A Coy: Local patrolling. 2/6 Cav patrol, 1 officer and 8 O.R.'s reported in 8 Pl. CANNING SADDLE, 1000L out 1930L, nothing to report.  
B Coy: See patrols.  
C Coy: Mortar det. unable to move forward of 596690 owing to steepness of track. 11 O.R.'s carried rations to base 596690.

3 Mar. D Coy: Sighting and digging alternate defensive positions.  
A Coy: See patrols.  
B Coy: Ditto.  
C Coy: Ditto.  
D Coy: Defensive positions.

4 Mar. A Coy: Patrols.  
B Coy: 11 O.R.'s carried Mortar Amn to patrol base 594702.  
C Coy: Patrols.  
D Coy: Working on defensive positions.

2. PATROLS

2/4 Mar. C Coy: Standing patrol 594702. Ambush position 595704 manned during daylight. Patrol 2 officer and 2 O.R.'s from PAIPA 1 to recon for SAIPA O.P. on high ground WEST of PAIPA 1. Patrol reached 588698 - No O.P. located. Mortar Amn arrived 594702 - 1800L.  
3 Mar. Patrol to recon spur 593706 to 535701, to locate O.P. SAIPA 2. Reached 535701 - report no possible O.P. O.C., "C" Coy, O.C., "HQ" Coy, 6 O.R.'s contacted 58/59 standing patrol from 574702.  
4 Mar. Patrol, 2 officers and 5 O.R.'s from patrol base, recon forward PAIPA 1 for mortar and arty O.P.'s 3 Japs contacted 593707 - 1030L. Casualties:- 2 enemy killed. Own - 1 killed. A third Jap escaped. One of the Japs who was killed was carrying an Owen Gun. Patrol, 1 officer and 3 O.R.'s out p.m. past 593707 NMS.

1/5 Mar. E Coy: Patrol 3. Lieut PASLOW and 12 O.R.'s out 010835L in 031315L. Contacted 2/12 Bn on NIGGER KNOLL 021650L. L/Toc laid to NIGGER KNOLL. Full report attached.  
Note: Information from NINK's patrol 2 will now be considered obsolete.

5 Mar. A Coy: Patrol 2. 3 O.R.'s (8 Pl.) out 1100L, in 1230L. Recon from CANNING SADDLE to EVAFIA RIVER. Reached hut 618652. 1 unarmed Jap seen feeding with natives. Jap was fired on but he escaped. Report to follow.  
C Coy: Patrol 8. 4 O.R.'s out 0900L, in 1700L to (a) Recon and traverse from C Coy to PAIPA 2 (b) Contact 58/59 Bn standing patrol. Patrol did not contact 58/59 standing patrol. Report and sketch attached.

4 Mar. A Coy: Patrol 3. 4 O.R.'s out 0945L, in 1620L from CANNING SADDLE to make further investigation of enemy seen 618652. Patrol reached 604657 NMS.  
C Coy: Patrol 9. 3 O.R.'s out 0830L, in 1800L to contact 58/59 standing patrol PAIPA 2. Standing patrol contacted forward of 616677.

3 AIR OPS (OWN)

2 Mar. 1000L. 4 P-40's dropped 2 bombs SAIPA 2 area.

(ENEMY)

4 Mar. Approx. mid-day, 5 Jap bombers raided GUSAP. 1250L. 1 Jap bomber shot down in flames, crashing beyond ridge to NE of En area, approx square 6068, parachute observed to land. 58/59 En patrol investigating.

4 TOPOGRAPHICAL

- (a) Refer sketch attached B Coy patrol 3 to NIGGER KNOLL for new track 6067, 6068. Ignore track corrections given with B Coy patrol 2.
- (b) Check with arty survey reveals PAIPA 2 situated as shown on PAIPA 1/35000 map. 58/59 En standing patrol, supposedly at PAIPA 2 pin-pointed by arty survey as being at 625677 approx.

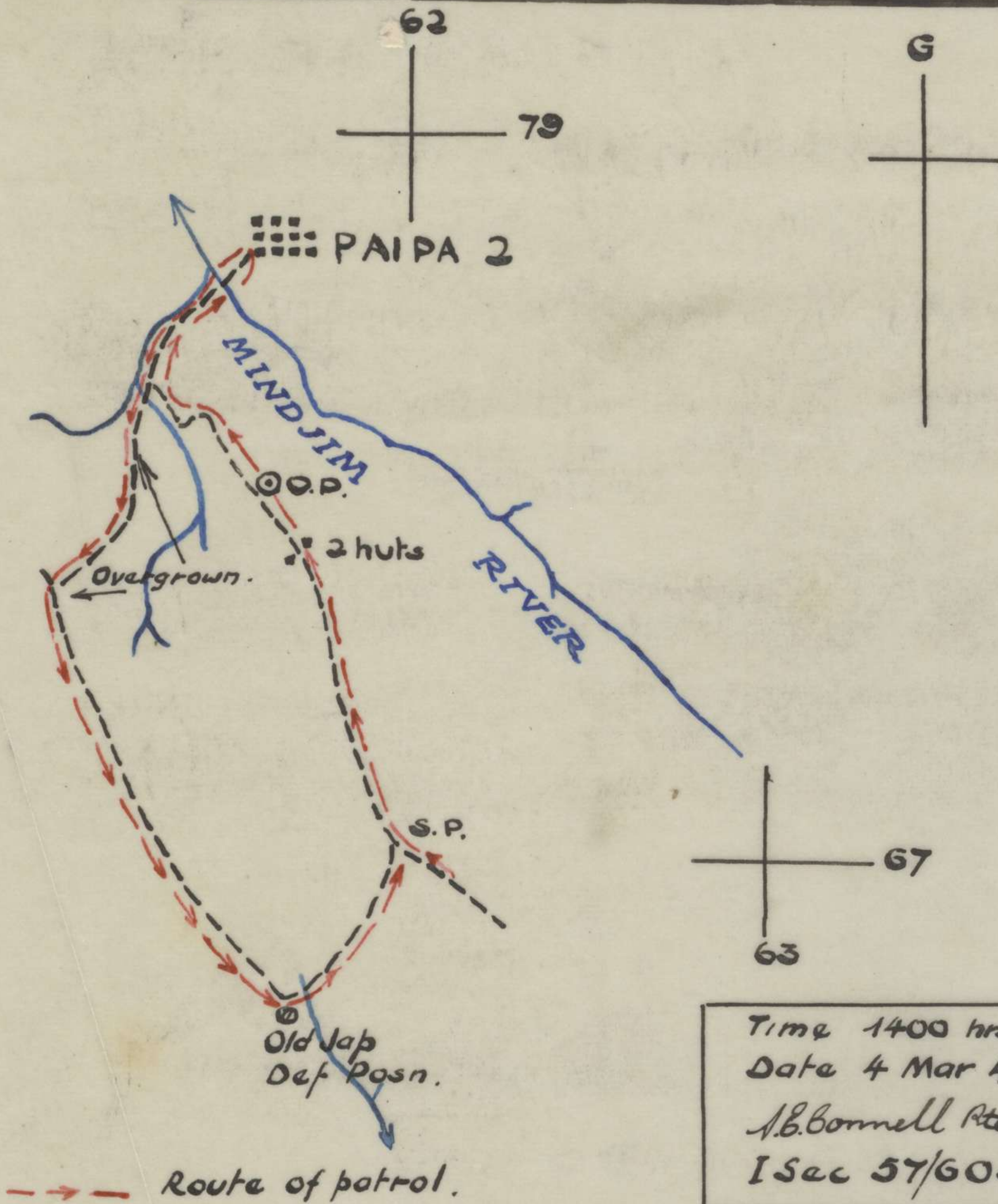
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Ment.  
Ass. Adjutant. for I.O.  
57/60. Aust. Inf. Bn.

# C Coy Patrol 8

To be superimposed, PAIPA 1/25000.



Time 1400 hrs.  
Date 4 Mar 44  
N.B. Bonnall Rte.  
I Sec 57/60 Bn.

"C" COY PATROL REPORT No. 8

Ref Map: PAIPA 1/25000

Date: 3 Mar, '44.

Patrol from: "C" Coy 620670.

Patrol found by: "C" Coy

Patrol strength: Sgt. DICK and 3 O.P.'s.

- OBJECT
- (a) To accurately traverse track "C" Coy H.Q. 620670 - 613683 - PAIPA 2 then from junction 613683 - 610677 - 620670 - Coy H.Q.
  - (b) To contact 58/59 Bn standing patrol at PAIPA 2.

INFORMATION

- 1 Track times: Track junction 620670 - O.P. 616680, 1 hour 20 minutes.
- |                          |                  |
|--------------------------|------------------|
| O.P. - MINDJIM RIVER     | 1 hour 10 mins.  |
| MINDJIM RIVER - PAIPA 2  | 15 minutes.      |
| Junction 613683 - 610677 | 2 hours.         |
| 610677 - 620670          | 1 hour 45 mins.  |
| Coy area - PAIPA 2       | 2 hours 45 mins. |
| PAIPA 2 - Coy area       | 4½ hours.        |

(Times given incl. time for traversing. Patrol time shorter)

- 2 Track Conditions: Track from 620670 to creek at 613683 - steep down grades, gravel track. 613683 to MINDJIM RIVER - track follows creek, good walking. MINDJIM RIVER to PAIPA 2 - gradual upgrades, part muddy. 613683 to 610677 - up cliff face for 300 yards then more gradual climb to track junction 610677, part of track over grown. 610677 - Coy area - steep upgrades, very muddy track.
- 3 Contact: No contact with 58/59 patrol at PAIPA 2. It is considered that 58/59 patrol is based at 6 huts 625677 and does not move forward to 617667 to which our patrol moves.
- 4 Accuracy of map: Generally correct. Features and tracks generally accurate. PAIPA 2, 11 huts, 8 on south side of creek 616676 and 3 huts on north bank. Track at 615668 continues SE to 617667 before following side of spur to junction 620670.
- 5 Additional Topographical: O.P. located at 616680 - good observation PAIPA 2, and MINDJIM RIVER to NW. In MINDJIM VALLEY near PAIPA 2, compass affected by rock formations. Up to 14° error is estimated.

Narrative

Time out: 0900L. Time in: 1700L.

Patrol left C Coy area 620670 at 0900L. First 200 yards of track not well defined as it follows dry creek-bed. Going down spur is good gravelly surface with steep downgrades until we reached 2 huts 617678 at 1010L. Huts not recently used. Continued down spur to 616680 where an O.P. from which PAIPA 2 and MINDJIM RIVER to NW of village can be observed, was reached 1020L. Bearings were taken on prominent features and position accurately fixed (old 4200 feature 23°, HYDE HILL 71°)

Track continued along spur 400 yards when small patch of pit-pit was encountered, and then turns from spur in westerly direction for about 100 yards, after which it goes down to creek at 613683 - this part is very steep. Track goes down south bank of creek to MINDJIM RIVER which was reached at 1130L. (2½ hours in all) River approx 8 feet wide, 3 feet deep at this point. Crossing river, patrol moved 200 yards to PAIPA 2. Village has apparently not been used for some time as grass has started to grow over tracks, and huts are in a bad state of repair. Reached village 1145L. Patrol from 58/59 Bn did not arrive village, patrol waited 1 hour, moving off 1245L to creek junction 613683. Crossing creek, patrol moved along track leading south. First 300 yards up cliff-face



almost impossible to climb, then up steep but steady climb for 400 yards where main PAIPA - PROTHERO track reached at 610697 - 1515L. Track from creek to this junction was completely overgrown. Main track very muddy and steep and runs in SE direction for 1200 yards to creek at 617867 which was reached at 1630L. Here there are old-Jap defensive positions and 3 dead Japs. (Previously reported and searched.) were noticed. Patrol then moved round side of spur to reach junction 620670 at 1700L.

Signed: A.E. CONNELL. Pte.  
"I" Section.

"B" COY PATROL REPORT No. 3.

Ref Map: PAIPA 1/25000  
ANUHA "

Date: 1/3 Mar, '44.

Patrol from: "B" Coy.

Patrol Strength: Lieut PASSLOW and 12 O.R.'s, attached 1 officer 3 O.R.'s (Arty)

Nature of patrol: Recce - protective.

Time Out: 010830L. Time In: 031400L.

- OBJECT:
- 1 Guide and protect arty recce party to NIGGER KNOLL.
  - 2 Contact 2/12 Bn at NIGGER KNOLL and establish patrol meeting point.
  - 3 With aid 24 Bn personnel, pin-point NIGGER KNOLL.
  - 4 Follow track from 581691 east to main PAIPA track.
  - 5 Note any position from which SAIPA 1 and SAIPA 2 can be observed.

INFORMATION:

- 1 Arty party handed over to 2/12 Bn at 1630L, 2 Mar, '44.
- 2 (a) 2/12 Bn contacted at NIGGER KNOLL.  
(b) Patrol meeting point established at ref 581691. Point marked by blazed tree at track junction.
- 3 With aid of 24 Bn personnel NIGGER KNOLL placed at 582689.
- 4 Track running east from NIGGER KNOLL 581691 to 597690 ("C" Coy ration base.) recce and traverse completed.
- 5 Patrol was unable to get any observation on SAIPA 1 or SAIPA 2.

NARRATIVE:

Patrol left PROTHERO 2 at 010840L and proceeded via "A" Coy to "C" Coy. Here the patrol was delayed by the late arrival of arty party.

From "C" Coy, patrol set out 1015L.

Day 1. Patrol on information from BEQ and previous patrol was taken by guides to track junction 610678 arriving at 1140L. From this point, patrol proceeded in a SE direction down very steep and poorly defined track, until stream junction 606663, this point was reached at 1325L. From here patrol proceeded north along stream and after approx 200 yards proceeded in NW direction until previous patrol bivouac area reached at 604675 approx at 1530L. From this point patrol reached main track at 1730L, going very hard, and information as per Lieut NINK patrol report (ref for track junction 606683) bivouac established at feature 4200 ref 603584.

N.E. This was route given to patrol as the route to NIGGER KNOLL; as can be seen from map refs, the route does to a certain extent conform with correct route via ref 609684 and thence direction SW to NIGGER KNOLL.

Day 2. From bivouac, patrol proceeded SE and contacted kai patrol at 1015L at ref 605684. After consulting C.O., patrol proceeded direct to "C" Coy base 596690 reaching this base at 1245L. In order to complete last leg of patrol, it was necessary to reduce patrol to 10 all ranks, incl. arty party.

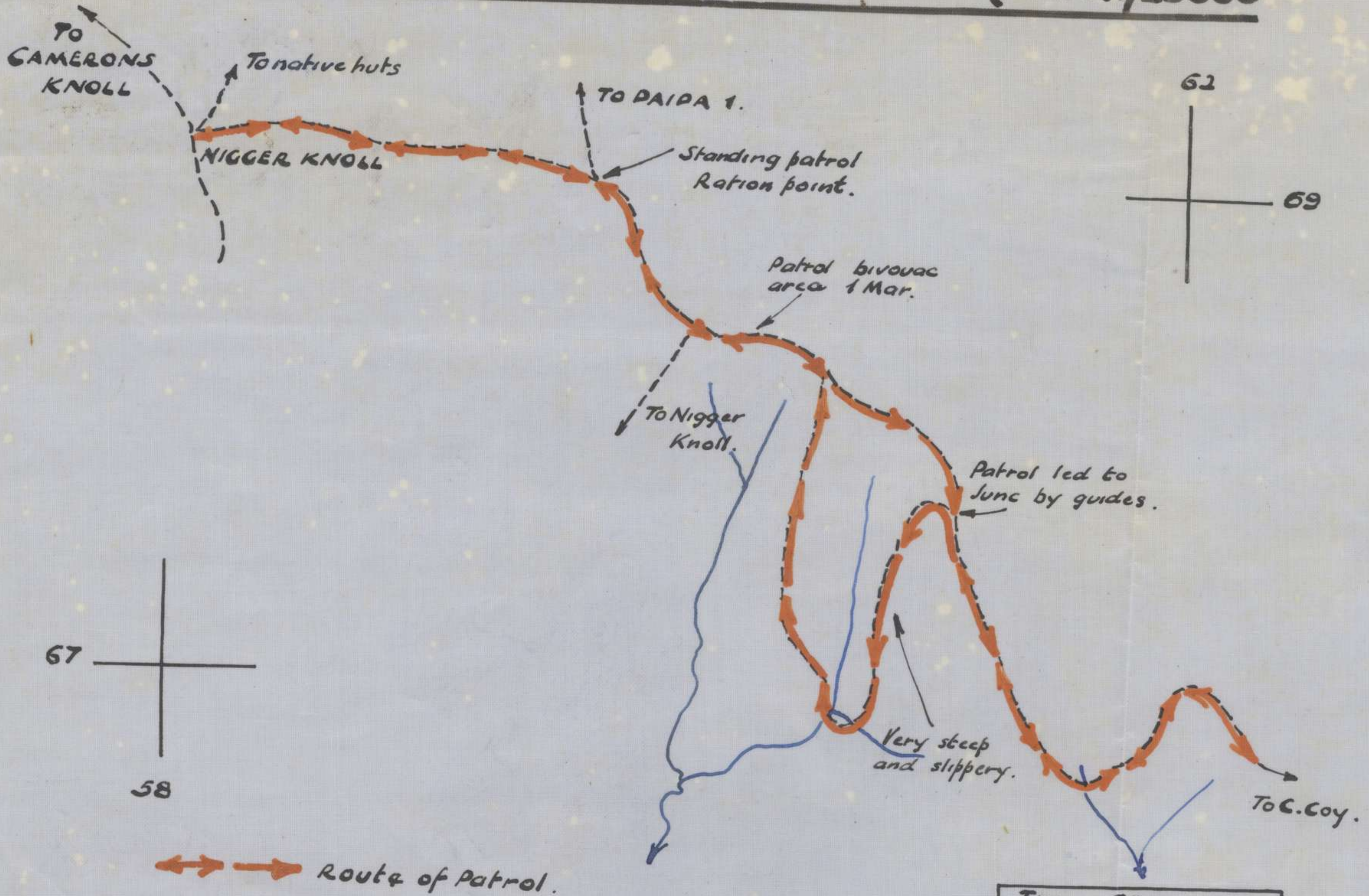
At 1400L, patrol set out for NIGGER KNOLL on fairly well defined track along NIGGER KNOLL spur. Going was by far the easiest encountered during the patrol. On reaching NIGGER KNOLL, 24 Bn personnel were able to identify knoll. Arty party were handed over to 2/12 Bn at 1630L. Patrol then returned to bivouac area at "C" Coy base at 1745L, after completing traverse of track.

Day 3. Returned via PAIPA - PROTHERO track to Bn area arriving at 1400L on 3 Mar, '44.

- REMARKS:
- (a) Progress on first and second day was hampered by condition of arty party, two of these people returning at 1000L on the second day.
  - (b) On third day condition of own patrol was showing signs of weakening, this was due to the following reasons.
    - 1. Incorrect information causing undue exertion on the first day when going was on hands and knees.
    - 2. Personnel of patrol were carrying more than was necessary.
    - 3. Weather condition made rest impossible.
  - (c) at almost all times during the patrol, the use of the compass for orienting position was impossible owing to main features being covered by cloud or tracks being through thick rain forest. The compass was used for general direction only.
  - (d) Accuracy of map. Once position established, map proved accurate and reliable.
  - (e) Man-loads. Five meals per man days 1 and 2.  
Weapons. 8 Owens, 6 mags per gun.  
2 rifles, 50 rounds, 2 grenades.  
7 pistols.  
1 Grenade per Owen-gunner  
Mosquito tent per man.  
Pullover per man.  
Gas cape per man.  
Mosquito lotion per man  
Atebrin  
F/Dressings and W/Bottles.
  - (f) It is suggested that patrols of this nature in future, carry only necessary weapons, plus rations, pullover, gas-cape and mosquito repellent. From experience on this particular patrol, it was found that, owing to weather condition, sleep was impossible at night.
  - (g) For observation on SAIPA, it was estimated a patrol from ref. 581691 along in a NNE direction towards huts at ref. 587701. There is NOT a track shown on map to this point, but from 24 En and 2/12 En, information, a track leads to this area.
  - (h) The track to NIGGER KNOLL from ref. 600684 does exist, time from "C" Coy is approx. 3 hours from this point.

Signed: V. PASSLOW. Lieut.

# B Coy PATROL 3 NIGGER KNOLL TO BE SUPERIMPOSED OVER AMUBA, PAIPA 1/25000

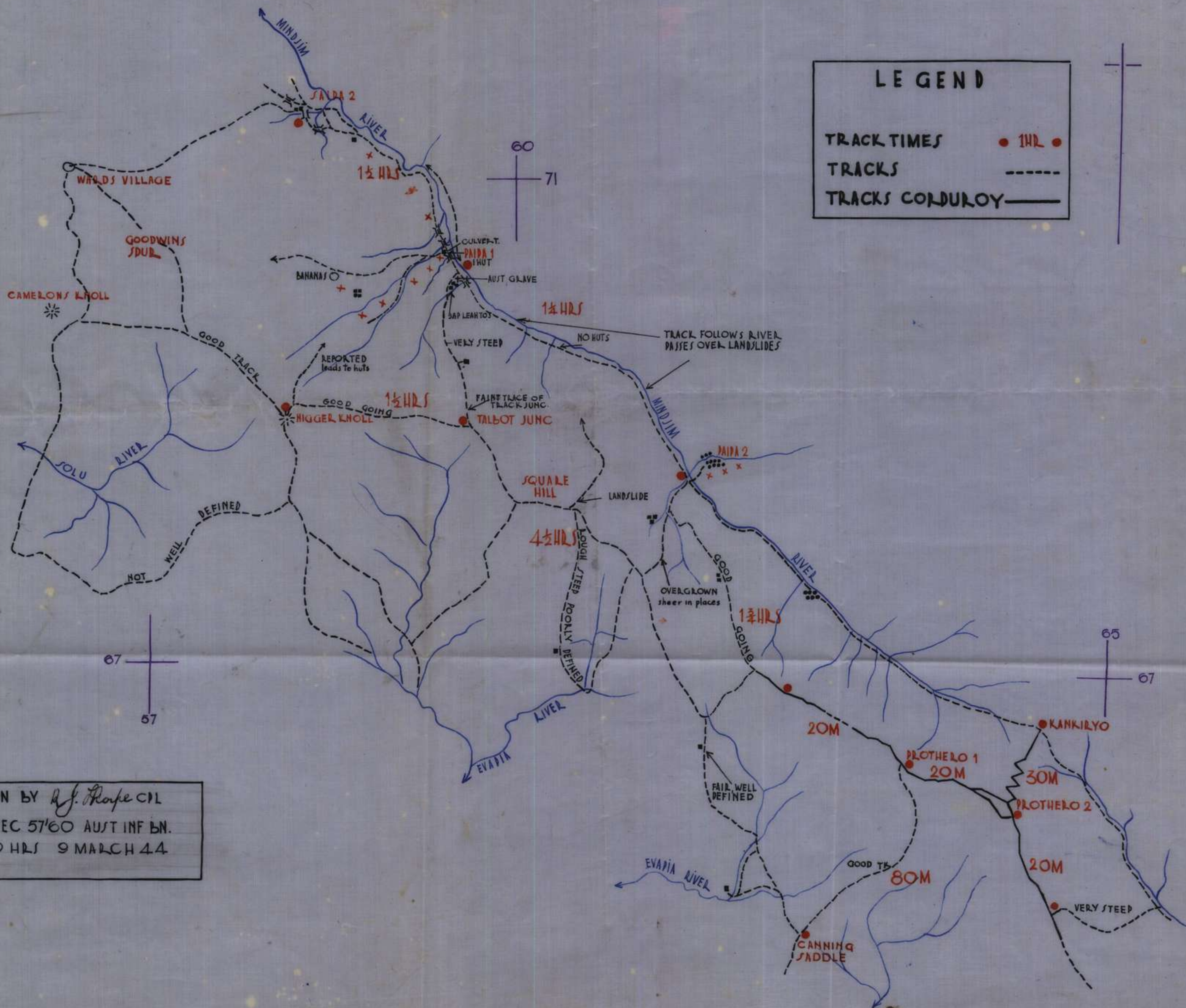


Time 09006  
Date 5 Mar 44  
Drawn by *R. J. [unclear]*  
'I' section 57/60  
AUST INF BN.

# TOPOGRAPHICAL OVERLAY

SHOWING-TIMES-COLLECTIONS AND ADDITIONS...  
 INFORMATION TO 9 MARCH 44  
 TO BE SUPERIMPOSED OVER PAIPA AMUBA 1:25000

WD



INTELLIGENCE REPORT No. 14.

SECRET.

Information to: 2359 hours, 7 Mar, '44.

H.Q., 57/60. Aust. Inf. Bn.  
7 Mar, '44.

1 OPERATIONS.

Ref Maps: AMUBA 1/25000  
PAIPA 1/25000

5 Mar. A Coy: 7 Pl left 1200L for standing patrol position 594702 to relieve patrol 7 (15 Pl.) Pl. arrived 1920L. Preparations for move to "C" Coy area by Coy.  
B Coy: Local patrols; recce "D" Coy area for move to that area.  
C Coy: Preparations for move to "D" Coy area. Kai party to standing patrol now uses new route: "C" Coy - PAIPA 2 - PAIPA 1. L/T laid along this route to 610694.  
D Coy: Preparations for move to "B" Coy area 6 Mar.  
H.Q Coy: 6 Pl. moved from GUY'S POST to KANKIRYO SADDLE.

6 Mar. A Coy: L/T to standing patrol (7 Pl.) laid to 600698.  
B Coy: Range practice.  
C Coy: 15 Pl returned to Coy area 1245L.  
D Coy: Nothing to report.

Change over of Coys 6 Mar temporarily cancelled.

7 Mar. A Coy: 8 Pl moved from CANNING SADDLE to PROTHERO 1 en-route PAIPA 1 8 Mar.  
B Coy: Change in dispositions: Coy HQ, Sec MMG, 634663, 10 Pl, 633662, 11 Pl. 635664, 12 Pl. CANNING SADDLE.  
C Coy: Kai party to PAIPA 1 observed tracks of 1 Jap, 1 native and a dog in a.m. on main track leading WEST. Tracks started at 612690 and veered off 601697.  
D Coy: Arrived 600684, 1720L.

(C Coy:) Additional: Patrol of 2 O.R's, p.m. 7 Mar, observed tracks of 1 native and a dog leading EAST from track junction 615668 to old Jap positions 100 yards from junction.

2 PATROLS

3/4 Mar. A Coy: Patrol 2 and 3 (Intrep 13) reports attached.

5 Mar. C Coy: Standing patrol (15 Pl.) 594702 relieved by 7 Pl, 1920L. Besier's patrol, 3 officers and 2 O.R's out 1020L, recce MINDJIM RIVER. Patrol reached 594707 NMS. 58/59 patrol contacted at PAIPA 2, 1300L. Martin's patrol: Adjutant, Ede.L.O., R.M.O., and 2 O.R's out 0900L, in 7 Mar, recce to NIGGER KNOLL via standing patrol 594702. Patrol bivouaced night 5/6 Mar 594702.

6/7 Mar. A Coy: Standing patrol (7 Pl.) Sinclair's patrol, 1 offr and 7 O.R's out 1430L, 6 Mar, in 1725L, recce forward of PAIPA 1. Patrol reached 593712, returning by track along MINDJIM RIVER on the EAST side, NMS. Martin's patrol: Left 594702 a.m. 6 Mar, reaching NIGGER KNOLL, 1530L. Patrol returned to PROTHERO 2, 1610L, 7 Mar. contact made with 2/12 Bn.  
A Coy: (Additional 7 Mar.) Standing patrol: Ambush positions established 594706 and 595706. 0930L, standing patrol fired on (3 shots) by Jap sniper at 597707. Fire returned. No enemy seen but sounds of breaking bush heard in vicinity. No casualties.

3 ENEMY INFORMATION

Estimated enemy strength SAIPA 2, 1 Pl (60 Men.)  
It is now established that our patrol (C Coy patrol 5)  
23/24 Feb, contacted the Jap at ref 586714, which is 500  
yards EAST of SAIPA 2. Information to date reveals possible  
MMG, 586714 commanding main track along MINDJIM. 4 LMG's  
and 1 mortar are also known to be in the area.  
The Jap has defences on spur at 585714 (Tac/R 28 Feb.) and  
a larger position on a pimple 583713.

Jap footprints on the main MINDJIM track all lead towards  
PAIPA 1 to approx 593708, then disappear towards the river,  
indicating the use of additional tracks or the MINDJIM back  
to SAIPA 2. A well defined track has since been located  
(6 Feb.) on the NORTH side of the MINDJIM.  
Although there was no movement seen, 6 Mar. on this track  
to 593712, a sniper fired shots on to standing patrol from  
587717, 7 Feb, suggesting use of this track by Japs.

4 TOPOGRAPHICAL

- (a) Feature 4200 ref 603684 has been named SQUARE HILL.
- (b) Attached are two panoramas of the MINDJIM VALLEY.

Distribution:

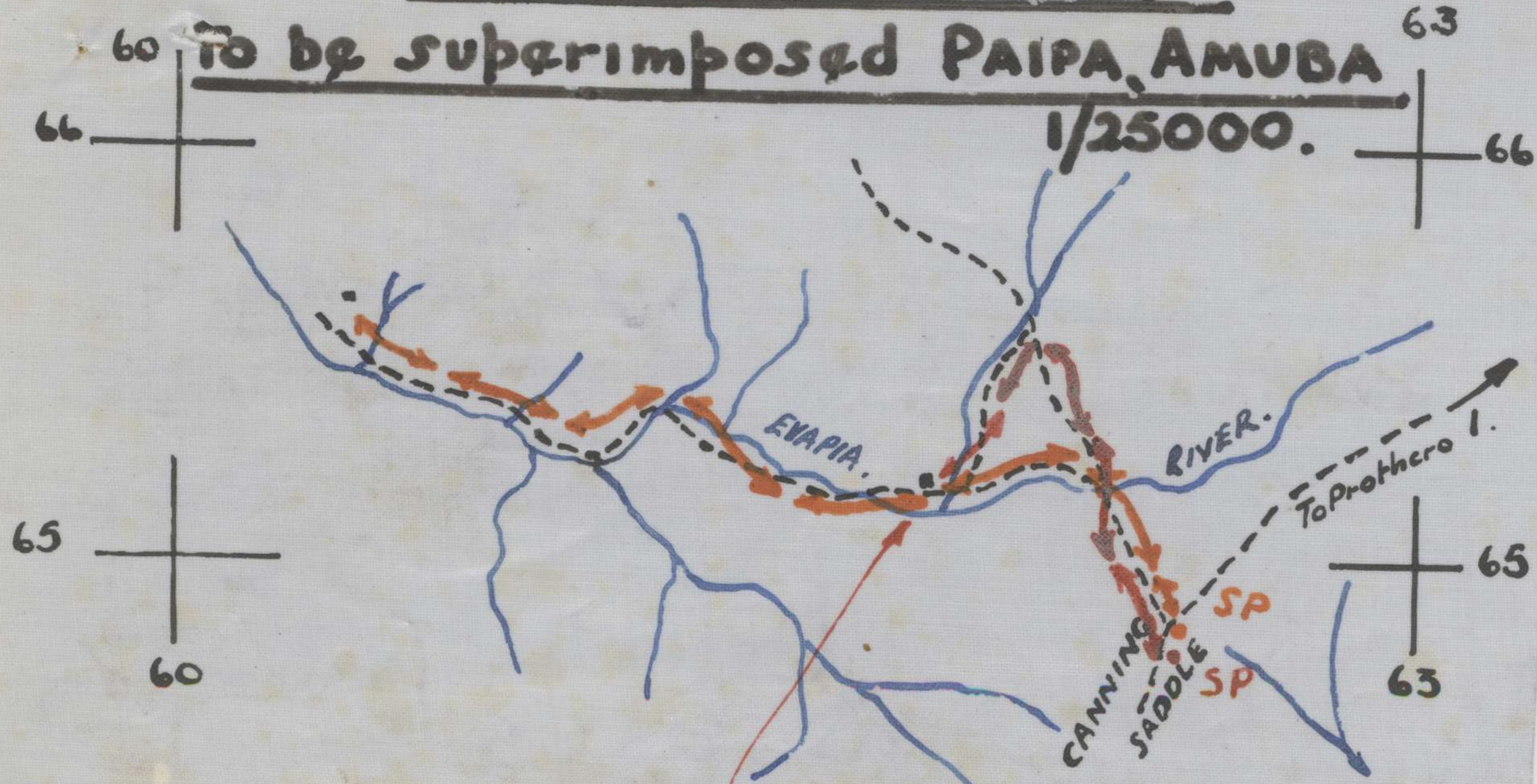
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Lieut.  
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# A Coy PATROL 3 & 2

To be superimposed PAIPA, AMUBA

1/25000.



- 3** Patrol Route
- 2** "

*Jap seen at hut.*

Time 1400L  
Date 7 MAR 44  
Drawn R. J. Hooper cpl.  
I Sec  
57/60 Aust. Inf. Bn.



"A" COY PATROL REPORT No.2.

Ref Map: PAIPA 1/25000  
AMUBA 1/25000

Date: 3 Mar, '44.

Patrol from: CANNING SADDLE 624645.

Strength: 3 O.R's, patrol leader Pte O'Connor.

Object: Endeavour to locate a new track to NIGGER KNOLL.

Information: Patrol unable to find a track. Patrol located 1 unarmed Jap at hut 618652. The Jap was fired on but escaped.

(a) Track times: CANNING SADDLE - 621656 35 minutes.  
621656 - River Junction 618652 30 minutes

(b) Track conditions: Track from CANNING SADDLE to river at 621656, good condition, easy walking. From 621656 to river junction 618652. Track follows river bed, going rather difficult.

Narrative: Time out 1100L. Time in 1315L.

Patrol moved along "C" Coy track for a distance of approx 1100 yards, reaching river at 1135L. Patrol then followed river down-stream for a distance of approx 700 yards to river junction 618652 reaching there 1205L. At this point the forward scout noticed smoke at a native hut 20 yards from river. On closer investigation, it was found that there were 4 natives, 2 women, three children and 1 unarmed Jap feeding outside the hut. The forward scout fired a burst from his Owen gun and the natives and Jap went bush. The patrol then moved along the river and fired 2 more bursts but the Jap had escaped in the bush.

The area around the hut is thinly timbered. The Jap escaped in a NE direction. He was dressed in a khaki shirt, slacks and cap and appeared to be in good physical condition. Patrol moved back over same route to CANNING SADDLE arriving at 1315L.

Signed: Pte.O'Connor.

"A" COY PATROL REPORT No.3.

Ref Maps: PAIPA 1/25000  
AMUBA 1/25000

Date: 4 Mar, '44.

Patrol from: CANNING SADDLE 624645.

Strength: 1 NCO and 3 OR's. Patrol leader - Sgt. McKee.

Object. (a) To find track to NIGGER KNOLL via EVAPIA RIVER.  
(b) Try to locate Jap seen 3 Mar.

Information. (a) The track does not exist from CANNING SADDLE via EVAPIA RIVER to NIGGER KNOLL.  
(b) Patrol unable to locate enemy, though intensive search was carried out.

Track times:

(a) CANNING SADDLE - 622653	15 minutes.
(b) 622653 - River Junction 618652	15 Minutes.
(c) 618652 - River Junction 610652	30 minutes.
(d) 610652 - 603655	1 hr. 35 mins.
(e) 603655 - Top of spur 604657	20 minutes.
(f) CANNING SADDLE - 604657	2 hrs. 55 mins.
(g) 604657 - CANNING SADDLE	1 hr. 20 mins.

Track distances:

(a)	600 yards.
(b)	400 yards.
(c)	1000 yards.
(d)	800 yards.
(e)	400 yards.

Track conditions:

(a) Good condition, good walking.  
(b) From 622653 to 603655, Track follows river-bed most of the way, very rough walking. Impossible to walk along banks.  
(c) Very steep and has not been used recently.

Accuracy of maps:

Maps fairly accurate, banks of EVAPIA RIVER steeper than shown on map.  
Water-fall approx 50 feet high at 603656.

Narrative:

Time out, 0945L. Time In, 1420L. Patrol left CANNING SADDLE at 0945L, followed "C" Coy track for 10 minutes, reached river 400 yards from CANNING SADDLE. Patrol then followed river to hut 618652 where Jap was seen 3 Mar. Reached here 1020L. The native hut was deserted but there were native footprints around the hut. The patrol had to follow river-bed as banks of river were too steep to climb. River approx 2 feet deep, hard walking. River junction 610652 reached 1040L.

Patrol continued along river, walking extremely difficult reached 603656 at 1215L. There is a water-fall at this point and the patrol was unable to follow river any further. Patrol found track leading NORTH along spur and followed this track for 400 yards, 1235L. This point could only be reached by lightly equipped troops. The track ended at this point.

Bearing taken on native hut on spur NW of river junction at 597661, bearing 290° from 604657. Patrol stopped at this point for lunch, leaving there at 1300L, arriving back CANNING SADDLE, 1420L.

Remarks.

Patrol suggests possible route via "C" Coy track to a point 300 paces up spur from 621656 where several indistinct tracks lead left. A faint track was observed leading up kunai spur from 592662, direction NW.

Signed: L. McKee, Sgt.



REFMAD PAIDA 1:25000

# PANORAMA EVAPIA VALLEY

FROM MAP REF 623668 LOOKING SOUTH EAST

WEATHER FINE  
 VISIBILITY POOR  
 TIME TAKEN 20MINS  
 1130 HRS 4 MARCH 44  
*H. J. Williams*  
 1 SEC. 57/60 AUST INF BN

INTELLIGENCE REPORT No.15.

SECRET

Information to: 2359 hours, 9 Mar, '44.

H.Q., 57/60. Aust. Inf. Bn.  
9 Mar, '44

Ref Maps: AMUBA 1/25000  
PAIPA "

1 OPERATIONS

8 Mar.

A Coy: Change in dispositions Coy H.Q., 9 Pl. 594702, 7 Pl. Patrol Base 594700 with daily ambush positions 596705 and 593707, 8 Pl, 1 Det Mortars 596702  
B Coy: Settling in, in new area.  
C Coy: 1 Officer and 2 O.R's escorted kai-line to PAIPA 1.  
D Coy: Change in dispositions Coy HQ, 17 Pl, 1 det Mortars 591691, 16 Pl 579693, 18 Pl 582693.

9 Mar.

A Coy: 8 Pl moved to 593705. Recce of area by O.C.  
See patrols.  
B Coy: Track maintenance. Local patrol to hut 618652 with object of pinning up notices in Japanese to entice lone Jap out, last seen 3 Mar. Patrol reported NMS. 1 Det Mortars now attached to Coy.  
C Coy: Track maintenance. Escorting of kai-line to PAIPA 1.  
D Coy: Coy carrying rations from TALBOT'S JUNCTION 596690 to Coy area NIGGER KNOLL. L/T communications established with C Coy, 2/12 Bn, CAMERON'S KNOLL. Ass. Adj., R.S.M., and I Sgt left PROTHERO 2,1030L recce for Tac HQ vicinity TALBOT'S JUNCTION.

2 PATROLS

8 Mar.

A Coy: 7 Pl patrol 4, 5 OR's to 597708 to search for sniper seen 7 Mar. Out 1430L, In 1530L NMS.  
5 Pl: PAIPA 2. Local patrol to recce all possible approaches to PAIPA 2. Patrols reached hut 617694 via track shown on PAIPA 1/25000 and via pad up-stream 618692 NMS. A further patrol reached village (3 huts) ref 611683. Village had been hastily evacuated presumably by natives who had fled at patrol's approach.

9 Mar.

D Coy: Patrol 1, Lieut YOUNG and patrol out 1330L, in 1630L, recce to huts 587701 NMS. Report not yet to hand.

3 TOPOGRAPHICAL

- (a) Attached is an overlay sketch showing additional topographical information of Bn area known to 8 Mar.  
(b) Junction 596690 now known as TALBOT'S JUNCTION.

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As per Intrep 1.

Capt. Adj.  
57/60. Aust. Inf. Bn.

4 ADDITIONAL.

Patrols.  
9 Mar.

A Coy: Patrol 5, 1 officer and 4 OR's out 1230L, in 1435L, recce of track from PAIPA 1 to Bananas, 586703. 3 huts observed 587701. Track 589703 to 593708 does not exist as previously thought.  
Patrol 6. 5 OR's out 1030L, in 1500L, recce to kunai patch 598713, NMS.  
(No reports to hand.)

INTELLIGENCE REPORT No.16

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Information to: 2359 hrs, 11 Mar, '44.

H.Q., 57/60 Aust Inf Bn  
11 Mar, '44

Ref Maps: AMUBA 1/25000  
PAIPA " "

OPERATIONS

- 10 Mar. A Coy: Change in dispositions. Coy HQ, 9 pl 594699, 1 sec. 599699, 7 pl 593702, 8 pl det mortars, sec MMG 594703. Ambush position now manned 24 hours daily.  
B Coy: Sec MMG detached to A Coy. Local patrol hut 618652 NMS.  
C Coy: Escorting kai-line to PAIPA 1. Sec MMG detached to D Coy.  
D Coy: Sec MMG arrived p.m., 581691. 30 men carried rations TALBOT'S JUNCTION to NIGGER KNOLL. 1650L Mortar Sgt reced site for O.P. SAIPA 2 vicinity 584704 but no observation SAIPA. Tac HQ recce patrol plus MMG officer left A Coy 1000L for NIGGER KNOLL. Return to A Coy for night 10/11 Mar.
- 11 Mar. A Coy: Major McCALL (O.C., Coy.) reced along MINDJIM RIVER to 593711 then to 593709 and on to 588708. See patrols also.  
B Coy: Local patrol EVAPIA headwaters NMS.  
C Coy: Carrying mortar amm and kai to TALBOT'S JUNCTION.  
D Coy: Daily patrol to SMITH'S O.P. 572705. Patrol 1 offr 22 O.R's 2/12 Bn reported in 1400L out 1430L.  
5 pl. PAIPA 2. Recceing area 599698 to 595695 for tracks. Adj and 2 1/c B Coy recce PAIPA 2 and area 603698 for Coy and HQ sites respectively. Out 1000L in 1630L. Tac HQ Recce Patrol returned PROTHERO 2 1530L.  
Lieuts ATKINSON, PASSLOW, 2 O.R's (B, C Coys) out 1100L contact 58/59 Bn for DAUMOINA patrol 12 Mar.

2 PATROLS

- 10 Mar. A Coy: Patrol 1 NCO and 1 O.R' out 1015L in 1530L reced and traversed track 593702 up spur to NIGGER KNOLL, contacted D Coy 1330L.  
Patrol 1 NCO 3 O.R's out 1000L in 1600L crossed MINDJIM 595704 reached 599714. NMS.  
D Coy: Patrol 2 Lieut YOUNG 3 O.R's out 0930L in 1409L to contact A Coy 588692 lost track and missed A Coy patrol. No report to hand.  
Patrol 3 Lieut BESIER, O.C D Coy, Arty FOO, 3 O.R's out 1030L in 1530L recce GOODWINDS Track. Reached 570705 where Jap footprints 1 day old were seen in creekbed on right of track. No OP's located, SAIPA area covered in mist.
- 11 Mar. A Coy: Patrol 7 Lieut JACKSON, Arty FOO, 8 OP's out 1030L in by 121800L, to exploit route EAST of MINDJIM to bypass SAIPA 2 and locate enemy dispositions. Patrol crossed MINDJIM 595704 reached 594714 1445L. Ev night 591716 NMS.  
Patrol 8, Lieut SINGLAIN 7 O.R's out 1030L in by 121800L, to locate enemy dispositions up MINDJIM to SAIPA 2. Patrol followed track to 597708, broke bush to 594712 last report 587714.  
Patrol 9 Sgt McKEE 7 O.R's out 1030L in by 121800L, find route along WEST of MINDJIM from 585712 to 780714 and locate enemy dispositions. Patrol followed track 584716 followed 2800 contour to 586712 1355L. Moved up spur to approx 581709 1535L.  
Communications 7, 8 and 9 patrols by runner.  
D Coy: Patrol 4 Lieut BROOKES 7 O.R's out 1015L, 2 day patrol. Recce to spur 580700 on to 585710 thence SAIPA 2. Patrol reached 583706 for night. Track very bad and slow going. Patrol located clearing 100 yards fwd 583706 which observes SAIPA 2. SAIPA 2 appears to be on a feature NW of known location SAIPA 2 as per AMUBA 1/25000. Mist obscured observation after 1515L. Arty FOO to investigate OP 12 Mar. OP will be known as BROOKES OP.

PATROLS (contd)

Patrol 5 Lieut YOUNG 7 O.R's out 1015L, 2 day patrol to spur 575700 and on to 580710 thence SAIPA 2. Patrol reached 581712 1445L. Route out: Left GOODWINDS track 100 yards EAST SMITH'S OP 573703. Followed track on 22° for 1/2 mile where Australian footprints were seen. Changed direction to 145° 1230L. Stopped for lunch at 578710. Patrol pushed on bearing 130° to 581712. No further report. Runner returning to D Coy saw 2 Japs on track at 576697. Fired 2 shots at Japs who went over bank and broke bush in a direction SAIPA 2. Sighted Japs approx 1700L.

Patrol 6 Lieut BESSIER 7 O.R's out 1015L, 2 day patrol to track SAIPA 2 - WARD'S VILLAGE, ^{at} 574710, thence to track at 575714 and on to SAIPA 2. ^{from}

Communications patrols 456 by runner.

3 TOPOGRAPHICAL

BROOKES OP 583707.

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Lieut.  
 Ass. Adj.  
57/60 Aust Inf Bn.

TEMPLE'S PATROL

Ref Map: AMUBA 1/25000

Date: 17 Mar '44.

Patrol from: B Coy

Patrol Strength: Sgt TEMPLE and 7 OR's.

Time Out: 170940L.      Time In: 171930L.

Object: To discover whether the enemy have an OP on the 3800 feature 561791.

Observation from the feature along BOGADJIM ROAD and MINDJIM RIVER.

Observe enemy positions in vicinity of 543787.

Information: Enemy have OP on 3800 feature at 561791 and is a strongly defended locality. 20 fox-holes and 20 weapon pits freshly dug in this vicinity. This feature overlooks YOKOPI and MINDJIM RIVER and the road towards SAIPA 1. Could not observe enemy positions in vicinity of 543787.

Narrative: Arriving at foot of spur of MINDJIM RIVER 556773 at 1100L. Pushing on up the spur the going was hard and we had to cut a track through the dense undergrowth for approx 200 yds. Arriving at 558777 at 1200L and pushed on to 558780 when we had lunch at 1230L. Pushed on up spur at 1330L and 1400L we struck a faint footpad with an irregular blaze on trees along pad. There were no footmarks visible and would say that the pad had not been used for months. Arriving at 558785 at 1530L and pushed on to 558788 at 1540L where we came upon 5 newly constructed covered foxholes camouflage very new. No tracks existed in front of these position. We came upon the track after passing foxholes and followed it up the spur. The track was well used no improvements made. We continued up the spur for 100 yards without finding any further foxholes. From this point on the spur was covered with earthworks newly constructed, green timber cut nearby probably to improve the positions. The spur at this stage was so narrow that the roofs of the pillboxes were used as steps and counted and passed 25 covered fox-holes and 15 bunkers arriving at the objective at 1615L. At this point could hear the enemy talking distinctly and from the noise surmise they were at mess. A new sig wire ran from here 561791 in a NW direction. From this position the BOGADJIM ROAD could be clearly seen between YOKOPI and SAIPA 1. A bearing was taken back to YOKOPI 175° Mag. From 561791 observation of BOGADJIM ROAD towards the north was not obtained because of high timber. Observation of enemy position 543787 was NOT practicable owing to the terrain. Estimated strength of enemy 50 to 60 men. Left objective 1645L and returned by same route reaching 556773 at 1805L arrived YOKOPI 1930L.

Signed: J TEMPLE. Sgt.

INTELLIGENCE REPORT No.17

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Information to: 2359 hours, 18 Mar, '44.

H.Q., 57/60. Aust. Inf. Bn.  
19 Mar, '44

Ref Maps: AMUBA 1/25000

1 OPERATIONS.

12 Mar.

A Coy: Patrol 7, 8 and 9 reported in. From information received, Coy prepared for move up MINDJIM. By 2130L Coy moved forward towards SAIPA 2. Reached point where progress was hard going. Moved forward again by moonlight and by 0430L reached point midway SAIPA 2 and SAIPA 1.

B Coy: Moved C Coy area PAIPA 2 along MINDJIM. Resumed progress in moonlight reaching point 400 yds rear A Coy fwd of SAIPA 2.

C Coy: Moved SQUARE HILL to TALBOT JUNCTION. Moved again in moonlight reaching PAIPA 1 0620L.

D Coy: Patrols 4 and 5 reported in, patrol 6 to biv night, returned Coy 13 Mar. Coy on move 2130L to TALBOT JUNCTION, arrived PAIPA 1 approx 0900L.

13 Mar.

A Coy: 1300L A Coy fwd of SAIPA 1, 572743. Encountered booby traps along road.

B Coy: Approx 700 yards rear A Coy. 569750.

C Coy: SAIPA 2.

D Coy: SAIPA 1.

Tac. HQ and Brig. HAMMER SAIPA 1.

14 Mar.

A Coy: Est. Saddle fwd of YOKOPI. 558760. Dispositions. 7 pl. moved DAUMOINA. 8 pl 556762. 9 pl. 2 secs 555760, 1 sec 557762, Coy HQ 1 sec MMG, 1 det mortars 558760. Cable head now 548770. 7 pl moved fwd to approx 542786 where fired upon by enemy approx 542788 using LMG 2" Mtr and rifles. Pl under fire to point 543784. Lieut SINCLAIR killed. No report of Pl. Capt CHARKE arrived cablehead 2030L to take charge.

B Coy: Vicinity 564750. Patrol 1 offr 7 OR's contacted D Coy 1700L 564744.

C Coy: 573743. CLARKES patrol reported to Coy as A Coy en-route YOKOPI.

D Coy: Moved to possible lookout 1300L arrived approx 1700L. No contact with 2/12 Bn as they had moved on. L/Toc communications est 1900L. Dispositions. Between 563744 and 564786.

Tac HQ now est. 558765.

15 Mar:

A Coy: 7 pl into cablehead 548773. 1 OR Pte. McLEOD missing. LINTON's patrol 1 sec 8 pl, 4 sigs, mtr sgt out 1415L to 2400 feature, to observe enemy positions and determine MMG and Mortar tasks in square 5378. CLARKE's patrol 1 sec 8 pl up EAST bank of MINDJIM along 800 ft contour to mule track to locate enemy positions. 1450L.

B Coy: Coy HQ and 2 secs 10 pl 564750, 11 pl. 562753, 12 pl less 1 sec 567754. 1 sec 570755.

C Coy: HQ and 15 pl 560756, 13 pl 559759, 14 pl 562757.

D Coy: HQ and 16 pl 564744. 17 pl 563746. 18 pl 561748 est OP 559749 manned during daylight hours. 1 NCO and 4 OR's out 0030L in 1700L contacted 2/12 Bn at WARDS returned via SAIPA 1.



1 OPERATIONS (contd)

16 Mar.

A Coy Linton's patrol biv. night 15/16 at approx 535783. Moved a.m. 16 Mar. to clearing 542783 observed BOGADJIM ROAD at point 536792 and MINDJIM RIVER. At 1045L were fired on by unknown number of enemy armed with rifles and Owens. Patrol returned down creek to approx 541799 then to 543778 then Coy area at 1515L. 1 sec of 7 pl standing patrol 543778 and 1 sec 8 pl standing patrol MINDJIM 544787 moved out 1235L. CLARKE's patrol reached 546783 at 151750L. No track along river but several faint ones at 546783, 1 with old Jap footprints going up hill.

B Coy: Coy carried amm and rations to A Coy. Det Mortars arrived Coy. 1 Sec 10 pl now at 569757.

C Coy: Coy HQ now 559757, 15 pl plus 1 sub sec MMG at 561756, 1 sub-sec MMG with 13 pl 559759. Local patrolling carried out on 3000 feature square 5575, tracks found were not recently used. MELLETT's patrol strength 7 out 1030L. Patrol moved along MINDJIM and observed disused huts 557772. Patrol reached bridge 549777 then reported fwd A Coy HQ. Arriving back at Coy HQ at 1645L.

D Coy: PICKERING's patrol strength 3 moved from 558750 to 557761. Task to contact 9 pl and est track along spur ( See Patrol Report.) 1 sec 16 pl moved 559749 to man OP ref 559749 permanently. 24

17 Mar.

A Coy: Standing patrol est. 541777. 1 Jap observed approx 546787. 1 native captured 543778. Mortar shoot from 541777 at 1800L, on enemy posn 542787. Shoot observed by Lieut SCOTT from 545786. Patrol 1 offr 6 OR's 2/6 Cav reported in 1000L, left 1100L with 3 Coy personnel to Mortar posn and then on to 2400 feature. SCOTT's patrol moving with own mortar fire received 3 minor cas. Patrol moved up spur to 552789 where they were fired on by Jap mortar receiving 2 more minor cas.

B Coy: Carrying rations fwd SAIPA. Temple's patrol strength 8 OR's to recce 3800 feature 561791 returned 1900L. (See Patrol Report.)

C Coy: Carrying SAIPA 1 to YOKOPI to DAUMOINA. 1 sec MMG moved from 13 pl to B Coy to reach 2700 feature.

D Coy: YOUNG's patrol to reach 2700 feature reached 546757 at 1530L. Returned at 1900L, could not reach feature owing to precipitous densely timbered terrain.

18 Mar.

A Coy: Patrol 1 offr 6 OR's out 1400L to recce possible Jap L of C from 546788 to 562792. Patrol reached 559791 report NMS. WRIGHT's patrol contacted enemy near top 2400 feature killing 2 Japs. Patrol returned down spur to BOGADJIM ROAD to point 544782 where they were fired on from across the river. WRIGHT hit in leg and missing rest of patrol returned. BROWN's patrol out 1350L to locate and bury body reported at ref 543784. Runner report finding body Capt TOLLIS, No further report from patrol.

B Coy: TEMPLE and 8 OR's out 1330L to recce Jap L of C from feature 3800 ref 562792.

C Coy: Carrying supplies from SAIPA 1 to YOKOPI

D Coy: YOUNG's patrol 1 offr 5 OR's out 1400L in 2012001 Task to recce and observe any enemy in vicinity 2600 feature ref 529762

1 OPERATIONS

19 Mar.

A Coy: BROWN's patrol encountered heavy enemy opposition MMG, Mortar and rifle fire at approx 541788 at 1830L.

1 OR returned to Coy wounded in thigh remainder of patrol 1 NCO and 3 OR's missing. SCOTT and 5 OR's left Coy 1400L located WRIGHT's body at 546781.

B Coy: TEMPLE returned. See patrol report attached. Coy carried rations SAIPA to C Coy.

C Coy: Local patrols and carrying rations SAIPA 1 to YOKOPI.

D Coy. YOUNG's patrol spent night 18/19 at 547747. 1 officer and 4 OR's out 1630L to locate unarmed Jap seen vicinity 567744. Coy carried rations SAIPA 1 to YOKOPI.

2 ENEMY OPS.  
18 Mar.

Jap 75mm Mountain gun shelled Rn area for approx 1½ hours. No casualties.

3 AIR OPS.  
OWN.

12 Kittyhawks led in by Boomerangs bombed and strafed 3800 feature at 1020L.

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Mountain battery at SAIPA 1 effective engaged enemy position 3800 feature and position 543800 at 1500L.

*A. H. Munn* Lieut.  
I.O. 57/60 Aust Inf Bn.

"A" COY PATROL REPORT No. 10

Ref Map: ANUBA 1/25000

Date: 15 Mar, '44

Patrol supplied by 8 Pl.

Patrol Strength: 1 Offr, 1 MMG Cpl. 1 Mtr Sgt and 1 OR.

Patrol Leader: Capt. CLARKE.

Time Out: 1450L.      Time In: 2330L.

Object: Recce and Fighting Patrol. Recce along EAST bank of MINDJIM to locate enemy positions, find mortar and MMG positions and tasks.

Information: Patrol reached 544787 observed enemy movement at 541788 and defensive positions. These positions cover MINDJIM, MULE TRACK and MAIN ROAD. No suitable MMG or mortar positions located. Communications by runner.

Narrative: Patrol moved out 1450 and crossed MINDJIM and continued along 800 ft contour breaking bush most of the way reaching river junction 545783 at 1750L. Observed several tracks leading to high ground on the right 3 or 4 days old. Followed one track and found several deserted Jap huts. Patrol continued along EAST bank of MINDJIM and reached 544787. There are several defensive positions and 4 pill-boxes at this position on approx 950 ft contour. Track around positions covered by barbed wire. Patrol observed 4 Jap at 541788 camouflaging defensive positions newly dug and heavily constructed. This position covers MINDJIM mule track to MAIN ROAD. There is a difficult and well protected approach to this position. From observation, it would appear this position is a defensive area. No movement seen on road. No movement seen on high ground on WEST bank of MINDJIM. Patrol returned up river bed arriving back at 2330L.

Signed: P. CLARKE. Capt.

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INTELLIGENCE REPORT No.18

SECRET

Information to: 2359 hrs, 22 Mar, '44

H.Q., 57/60. Aust. Inf. Bn.  
22 Mar, '44.

Ref Map: AMUBA 1/25000

**1** OPERATIONS

20 Mar.

A Coy: Coy were relieved by C Coy.  
B Coy: Daily MINDJIM patrol. Remainder of Coy carried rations from SAIPA 1.  
C Coy: Coy relieved A Coy 0800L. ATKINSON and 6 OR's patrolled to 3800 feature and returned 1840L, reported enemy still in occupation of feature. SCOTT and 10 OR's along main track to 546781 fired on enemy positions at 542788. No response from enemy.  
D Coy: YOUNG's patrol to 2600 feature returned 1000L. Reported fresh footprints vicinity 532764. 24 men carried rations SAIPA to YOKOPI. Patrol to locate unarm'd Jap in vicinity 567744 returned NMS.  
Pioneers: Have now completed 3 bridges.

21 Mar.

A Coy: Local patrol down MINDJIM. Coy carried rations.  
B Coy: MANSFIELD and 11 OR's out 0900L, in 221800L, patrolling 3800 feature to ascertain enemy strength and positions. Local patrol down MINDJIM reported NMS. Rest of Coy carried rations.  
C Coy: ATKINSON and 8 OR's patrolled to ref 543775 thence to 542780 and down river to main track. NMS. Coy carried rations.  
D Coy: BROOKES and 15 OR's out 0900L in 1800L patrolled to 2400 feature (report attached). PICKERING and 5 OR's to 2600 feature out 0930L, due in 221800L. Report att. Coy carried rations.

**2** AIR OPS  
(Own.)  
20 Mar.

15 P-39's bombed and strafed enemy positions 542788 at 1115L. Results unobserved.

Mountain Battery engaged 3800 feature at 201230L. Further engaged 543787 and 545788.

21 Mar.

15 P-39's bombed and strafed enemy positions 542788 at 1115L. Results unobserved.

DISTRIBUTION.

As per Intrep 1.

*D. W. Hammett*                      Lieut.  
I.O. 57/60. Aust. Inf. Bn.

Information to 2359L 24 Mar 44.

HQ 57/60 Aust Inf Bn

24 Mar 44

Ref Map: AMUBA I/25000

## I. OPERATIONS

22 Mar.

- A Coy MINDJIM patrol. NMS. Coy carried rations.  
B Coy MANSFIELD'S patrol returned I4I5L. (report attached)  
 Local patrol down MINDJIM NMS. Listening post  
 established 573756 from I900L. Coy carried rations.  
C Coy MINDJIM to 553781. NMS. ATKINSON, 16 OR's out  
 1500L, due in 23 Mar, to 3800 feature to locate enemy  
 posns and strength.  
D Coy PICKERING'S patrol exploited 2600 feature. NMS. (  
 report attached). Routine patrol to WARDS out  
 0900L, in 1545L contacted 2/10 Bn. NMS. Coy carried  
 rations.  
 MOUNTAIN bty registered on LINTON'S SPUR and DF. task in  
 A Coy area.

23 Mar.

- A Coy MINDJIM patrol, NMS. Coy carried rations.  
B Coy PASSLOW'S patrol to 540785 (report attached). Local patrol  
 down MINDJIM. Coy carried rations.  
 Atkinson's patrol in 1515L. BRAZIL, 40R's out 1230L to 546785.  
 In 1500L. NMS.  
D Coy BROOKS, 260R's out 1545L, staying night 23/24 at 546785,  
 then to clear enemy of 2400 feature. Coy carried rations.  
15 aircraft bombed and strafed 544783. No observation.

24 Mar.

- A Coy MINDJIM patrol. NMS. Spl moved to 556761. Coy carried  
 rations to C Coy  
B Coy MINDJIM patrol. NMS. Coy carried rations.  
C Coy MAWSON'S patrol reached 546786. Observed enemy posns  
 541788. NMS. Two secs 15pl now at 544779 and 544778.  
D Coy BROOK'S patrol encountered heavy enemy opposition 544778  
 at 1500L. Enemy are holding razorback posn. Patrol withdrew  
 and spending night 24/25 at 542776.  
 WARDS patrol contacted 2/10 Bn. Coy carried rations.  
ENEMY mountain gun shelled Bn area at 1730L. No casualties.  
 Our mountain gun responded. Results unobserved.

DISTRIBUTION.

as per Intrep 1.

Lieut.

I.O. 57/60. Aust. Inf. Bn.

PATROL REPORT

Ref Map: ANUBA 1/25000

Date: 23 Mar, '44

Patrol Strength: 1 offr, 11 OR's.

Patrol found by: B Coy.  
57/60. AIRn.

Patrol Leader: Licut. V. PASSLOW.

Nature of Patrol: Recce.

Time Out: 230900L.

Time In: 232000L.

Object: 1. To ascertain if Japs were still in occupation of area  
Map ref, 542783 and to pin point Jap defense positions.

2. Also to observe any movement on LINTON'S SPUR.

Information: 1. The patrol was NOT able to carry out observation OP  
area 542783 owing to difficult going and suitable OP's  
were NOT available in the area. The patrol was or  
could have been observed by Japs for period of 2 hours  
from the 3800 feature.

This was because LINTON'S SPUR was kunai covered and  
sloping towards the above feature.

2. There was no enemy movement observed on LINTON'S SPUR.

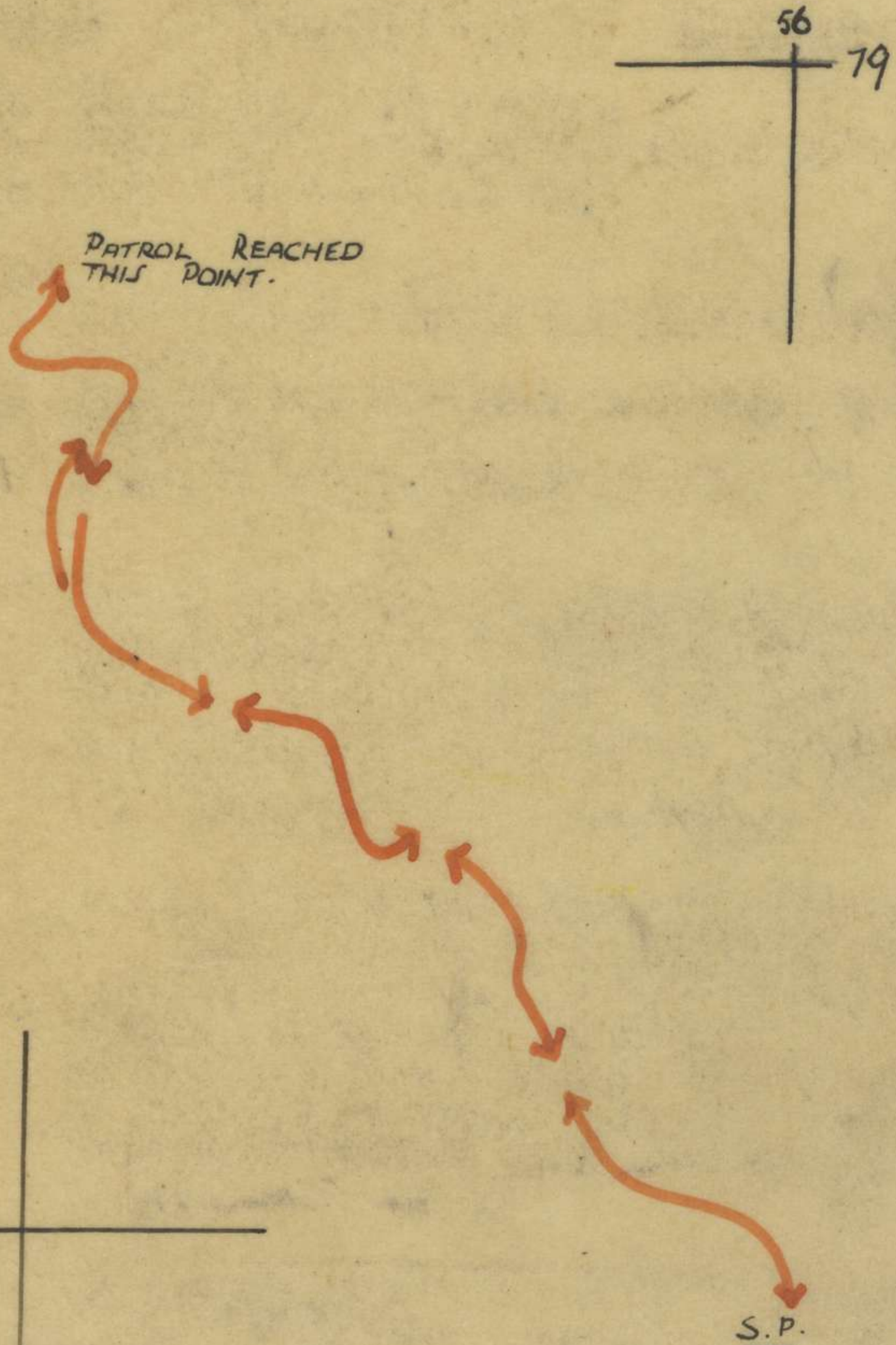
Narrative:

The patrol out at 1000L, patrol proceeded to gardens  
ref 543775 arriving at 1055L. Owing to the air strike  
being late, patrol did NOT leave the garden area until  
1220L. From here the patrol moved in NW direction to  
small stream at ref 541779, going was slow and in places  
track was NOT well defined and the last 100 feet to the  
stream was on a sheer drop. The patrol then proceeded  
NE along stream to ref 544783. The going along the  
stream was at times difficult and most of the way the  
main features rose sheer from the river, particularly  
at ref 543782, here the river was not more than 5 feet  
wide, with sheer banks up to 50 feet. Patrol arrived  
at ref 544783 at 1510L. In this area were old Jap  
diggings now overgrown. The patrol then moved along  
LINTON'S SPUR on old Jap track, there ~~was~~ no signs of  
recent use up to ref 539784, going on track was up  
gradual slope and was flanked on the patrol's left by  
a feature rising to a height of approx 50 feet. The  
track is on the right side of the spur and passes through  
kunai with very little cover to offer and patrol was in  
full view of 3800 feature. At ref 539784, 10 members  
of the patrol were placed in position on track and  
patrol leader and 1 OR moved fwd to a position at approx  
ref 541786. The going was on hands and knees around the  
side of the spur, this area is kunai and offers no  
cover as when kunai is crushed, it leaves tracks and  
persons in full view of 3800 feature. To get to a  
position suitable for an OP, it took about  $\frac{1}{2}$  an hour.  
From this point, the following magnetic bearings were  
taken:-

315°	to ref 539787	(Band in road.)
359°	" "	542787 " " "
47°	" "	3800 feature (558795)
320°	" "	530801 (Feature 3200)

After observing from this point and trying to crawl  
close to our objective we withdrew to patrol at 1630L.  
There was no movement seen in this area. To get to  
our OP position, it was necessary to cross crashed  
kunai track running in a NW direction. This track had  
NOT been used for some time and appeared to come from  
the HOGADJIM ROAD. At 1640L patrol to the gardens via  
the river and then from ref 542783 to the garden, much  
shorter than the route out. The track was in good order  
and going was reasonably easy. Patrol arrived at gardens  
at 1805L, and from here was instructed to return to  
pl area. Signed: V PASSLOW, Licut.

# SUPERIMPOSE OVER AMUBA 1:25000



PATROL ROUTE ———

DRAWN BY *J. Wheel down Pt*  
DATE 24 MAR  
UNIT I Section  
57/60 BN.

PATROL REPORT

Ref Map: AUUBA 1/25000

Date: 21/22 Mar, '44

Patrol Strength: 1 NCO and 5 OR's.

Patrol found by: D Coy  
57/60 In

Patrol Leader: Sgt. PICKERING.

Time Out:

Time In:

- Object:
1. Recce pill box 549765.
  2. Recce 2600 feature for signs of recent occupation by enemy.
  3. Use of feature as OP.

Information:

1. Pill box at 549765 has been unoccupied since last rain at least.
2. Feature has NOT been recently occupied, no footprints in evidence.
3. Feature NOT suitable as OP.

Narrative:

Day 1.

0915L, left Coy area. 0945L, reached HQ, briefed by I.O.  
1010L, left HQ followed main road to deserted hospital  
554765, followed creek west to junction 549765, investigated  
pill-box. 1215L, lunched. 1345L continued up creek to  
junction 544756, followed branch creek NW to 538762, moved  
off creek, camped for the night.

Day 2.

0800L, marched on bearing 180° Mag. to approx map ref 533762  
cross-formed track, no sign recent traffic. Recced track  
400 yards NORTH and SOUTH, 330° and 130° from where we struck  
track. Followed spur to top of hill. NORTH and WEST sides  
of feature, very steep. No sign of Jap occupation but sign  
of kanakas in area. 1330L, returned by same route as taken on  
way out. 1630L, reached HQ and reported to I.O.

TOPOGRAPHICAL:

- General topographical features met with on patrol were.
- I. Rough precipitous country along creek. Thick jungle on all sides prevented extensive observation 2600 feature NOT suitable as O.P. because view restricted on all sides by high timber.

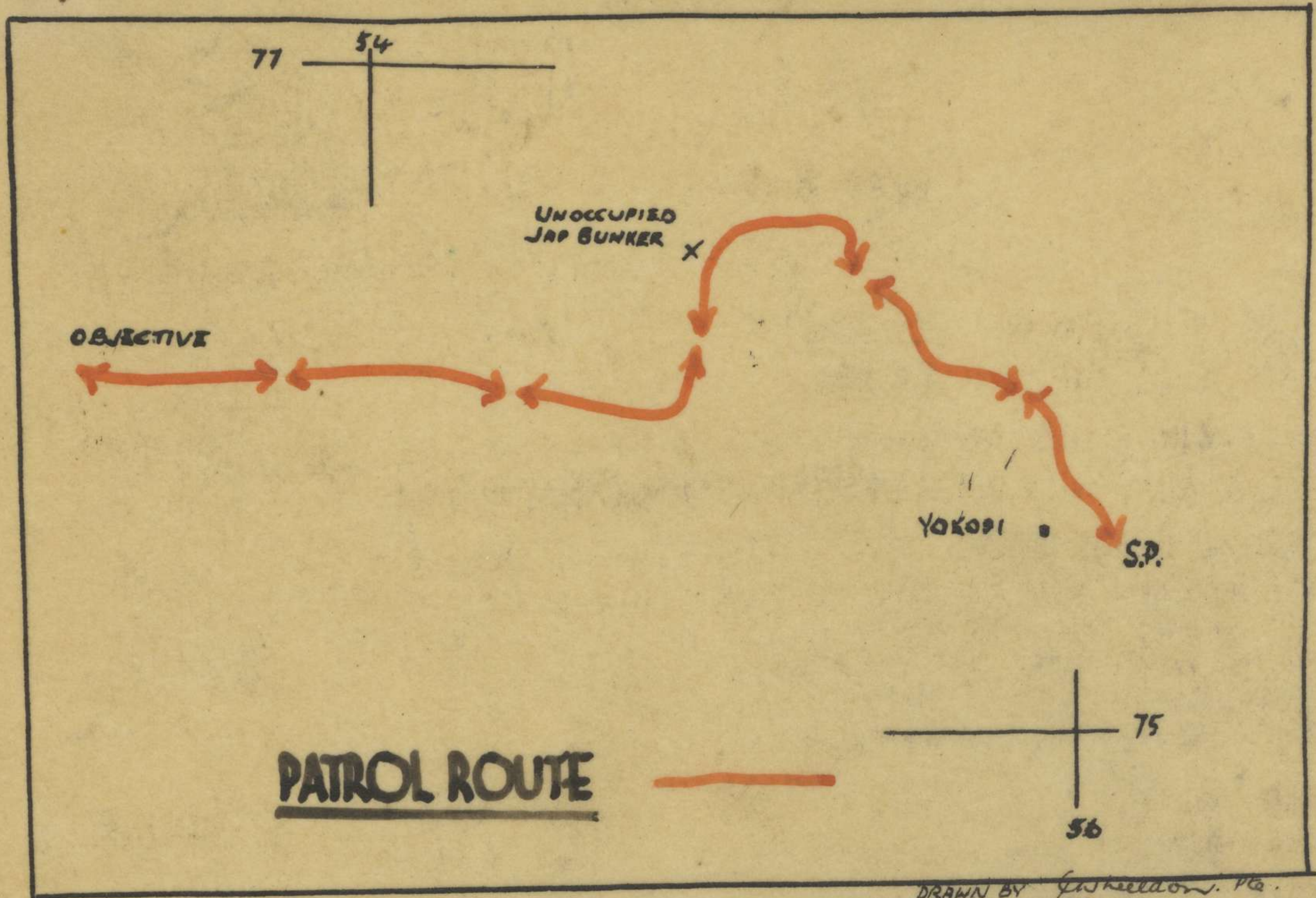
COMMUNICATIONS:

Patrol were in wireless communication with EnHQ by 208 set.  
Communication very satisfactory, reception at all times R.5.

H. PICKERING Sjt



# SUPERIMPOSE OVER AMUBA 1:25000



BROOKS PATROL REPORT.

57/60 Aust Inf Bn.  
21 Mar 44

REF MAP: AMUBA I/25000

PATROL FROM D. Goy

PATROL STRENGTH I Offr 14 ors I sig.

PATROL LEADER Lieut Brooks

TIME OUT 09301 TIME IN 20301

OBJECT Recce for OP and fighting to clear ridge if only light opposition encountered.

infm Patrol encountered enemy ambush posn along ridge. Patrol engaged enemy from 25 yds range. Accurate observation of enemy NOT possible owing to nature of ground but it is considered that they were in strength in ambush posn because of heavy return fire. Patrol withdrew and returned to base.

NARRATIVE After reaching main track along top of ridge, patrol moved E. On small knoll on top of ridge, fresh shallow foxholes and a new hut were found. It appears that these had been hastily occupied to cover approach from rear. Enemy posn was encountered further down ridge where the razor back commenced. ( ref approx 50 yds below bomb crater)

TOPOGRAPHICAL:

From garden ref 543775 to creek 548773, patrol broke bush thick vines. Ground very steep time taken one hour. From here to clearing ref 545774, ground very steep falling away to the NORTH time taken Half hour. Recce track to SOUTH of clearing and moved to river junction 542774 and crossed river. Ground on this leg precipitous. Time out one hour. Moved 20 yds up stream to point 440 yds from landslide and blazed track until patrol cut foot pad at ref 541777. time to here one hour. Patrol moved to WEST on bench cut pad across stream and then up the feature to 522782 where mule track was struck. Time taken 50 minutes. Track was very good walking but is along razor back which gives no opportunity for get away to flanks. Patrol finished at 542784. Time along track 20 minutes. Total time taken excluding lunch four and three quarters hours.

COMMS: 208 wireless set in contact with Bn HQ.

J. Brooks Lieut.

# SUPERIMPOSE OVER AMUBA 1:25000

**OBJECTIVE**

FIRED ON JAPS.

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**PATROL ROUTE**

DRAWN BY  
DATE

Wheldon Pte  
23 MAR.  
i Section 57/60 Bn.

YOKOPI

**S.P.**

B COY PATROL REPORT

*Gardner*

Patrol Strength: 1 WCO and 11 OR's.

Date: 21/22 Mar, '44.

Patrol leader: Sgt. MANSFIELD.

Ref Map: AMUBA 1/25000.

Nature of Patrol: Recce.

Time out: 0900L, 21 Mar, '44.

Time In: 1430L, 22 Mar, '44.

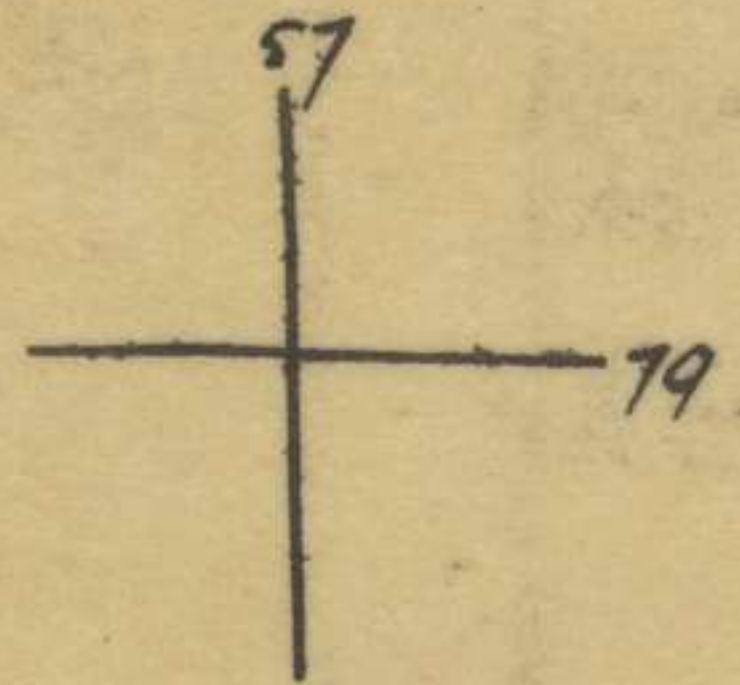
Object: To recce approaches to 3800 feature and to ascertain positions and strength of enemy.

Information: Owing to nature of terrain it was impossible to reach objective from that direction.

Narrative: Patrol moved out from BHQ at 0900L and followed stream from bridge at 559750 to MINDJIM RIVER. Crossed river and moved up spur, going fairly easy to 567773 then very difficult to top of saddle 568785. Patrol had to cut way through dense scrub. Small recce patrol went out from 568785 and located native hut at 569785. Made contact at this stage with BHQ at 1600L. Unable to move along saddle in direction of objective owing to there being a sheer drop 80 to 100 feet. Patrol then moved back along same track to 569781 and bivouaced the night. At 0830L 22 Mar, '44, patrol moved out on a bearing of 310° in an attempt to gain an approach to top of 3800 feature but failed to make any progress as it was confronted by a very steep gorge and very dense scrub. Kept dropping down and trying again but with no result. Made contact with BHQ at 11 00 hours. From map ref 564775 and received instructions there to move back to BHQ.

Signed: R. L. MANSFIELD, Sgt.

# SUPERIMPOSE OVER AMUBA 1:25000

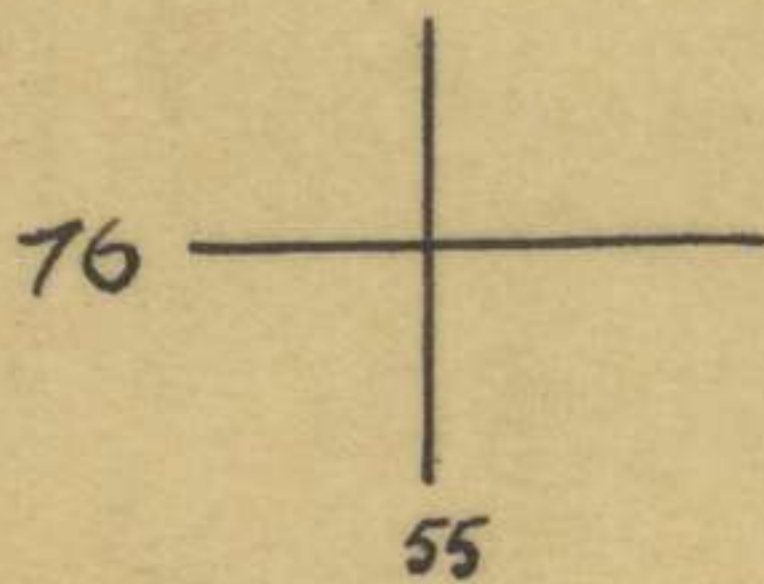


■ NATIVE HUT.

+ BIVOUACED  
NIGHT 21/22 MAR



B.H.Q.



PATROL ROUTE.

DRAWN BY Whealdon R.  
DATE 23 MAR.  
'I' Section 57/60 Bn.

*War Diary*

INTELLIGENCE REPORT No 20.

Information to 2359K 28 Mar '44

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HQ 57/60 Aust Int En.

Mar. A '44

Ref Map;

AMUSE I/26000

OPERATIONS.

25 Mar

- A.Coy. MINDJIM patrol NMS. coy carried rations.
- B.Coy. MINDJIM patrol NMS. coy carried rations.
- C.Coy. Atkinson's patrol to 3800 feature (report attached)  
Passlow's patrol out I045L to 546785. Task to locate and observe enemy posns vicinity 542788. Patrol reached 542783, found fresh Jap footprints and observed three Japs 545786. Patrol NO observation of enemy posns 541788 from this point. Patrol in I645L.  
Jackson and 6 ors out I100L to 546783. Task to observe road and mule track junction and to observe if enemy are in occupation of areas 542788 and 544788. Also to establish OP at 543788. Reached 553783. were fired on from approx 549782. NO observation from this point. patrol returned I715L  
Jacksons 8 ors out I130L to contact 2/10 bn at 524783 (report attached)
- D.Coy. Brooks in I100L. coy carried rations.

26 Mar

- A.Coy. MINDJIM patrol NMS coy carried rations.
- B.Coy. MINDJIM patrol NMS coy carried rations.
- C.Coy. Atkinson and 5 ors out 0730K along EAST bank of MINDJIM. Patrol reached 546785. NO possible OP owing to heavily timbered country NMS.  
Jacksons patrol returned through the Gardens 542776 at I805K (report attached)
- D.Coy. Brooks with 17 pl moved to the vicinity of 553778 to deny enemy mvt down MINDJIM and to establish OP of MINDJIM and main road. coy carried rations.

27 Mar

- A.Coy. Jennings patrolled to 548774 NMS. coy carried rations.
- B.Coy. Local MINDJIM patrol NMS. coy carried rations from SAIPA. I to coy area.
- C.Coy. Hawson patrol to 546784 NMS. Dicks patrol reached 556785 track shows NO signs of recent use. NMS.
- D.Coy. Wards patrol contacted 2/10 bn NMS. coy carried rations and ammunition.

28 Mar.

- A.Coy. Local MINDJIM patrol NMS coy carried rations.
- B.Coy. Jackson and 25 ors to 2400 feature ref 527783 and established base at 525782 at I515K. Small patrol I NCO and 4 ors exploited WEST to 513781 thence 500 yds NORTH along track. NMS. JAP had vacated posn within last 24 hrs. Jacksons patrol linked up with Berman's patrol at 533783 at I600k. Berman 8 ors I sig patrol through gardens 542775 thence to 544783 then WEST along track. met Jackson at 533783 and then returned to Coy.
- C.Coy. Atkinson and 8 ors I sig to 3800 feature to ascertain if enemy are still in occupation of feature. NO report. Passlow 8 ors I sig patrolled up EAST bank of MINDJIM to recon mule track. Last report patrol at 544788 I630K
- D.Coy. Young and 8 ors patrol to 3800 feature to establish alternate route to top of feature. NO report. coy carried rations from SAIPA I to coy area.

ENEMY OPS.

25 Mar

Enemy mountain shelled in area at I730L No cas.

Own Ops

27 Mar.

4 Fld Regt registered on LINTONS SPUR.

DISTRIBUTION

As per intrep I.

Lieut

I0 57/60 Aust Inf En.

C. COY PATROL REPORT.

22/23 Mar '44.  
Ref. map. MUBA 1:25000.

Patrol strength 1 Offr. 16 OA's.  
Patrol leader Lieut. H. ATKINSON.  
Patrol supplied by C Coy, 57/30 Bn.  
Time out 221500L. Time in 231330L.

Object of patrol 1. To ascertain enemy strength on 3800 feature.  
2. To destroy enemy if contacted.

Information.

1. Enemy were in posn on N. & N.W. slope of feature. Judging by cookhouse and utensils it is assumed there are more than 20 men in the area. The patrol was fired on by several Owen guns, 1 Bren, 1 heavy slow firing gun (probably woodpecker).

2. All enemy seen were engaged and killed. Four were definitely killed.

Narrative. off The patrol moved up the MINDJIM for thirty minutes. The track turned about ten yds N. of the stream at 557773. Then leads up the spur almost due N. biv night at 558788 (approx). Time from MINDJIM to biv area 3 hours. Biv at 1850L. One sick and one escort returned to camp 1725L. Contacted En. H.Q. giving approx posn. Patrol moved off 230800L.

At 0820L patrol reached first posn of four unoccupied bunkers at 559789. Patrol moved on cautiously 0910L when second bunker posn was first seen. Here the patrol halted and a recon party of four moved fwd over the top of five bunkers to a posn of a hut being used as an O.P. overlooking YOKOPI on a bearing of 180° Mag. Recon party moved fwd approx 15 yds to crawl trenches at the rear of the bunkers. From here the cookhouse and 2 men eating were visible at a distance of about 70 yds. This posn from where the recon party observed the feature is on the highest ground. We moved a Bren to this posn and fired on the enemy. Four enemy were killed fire from Bren, Owens and the patrol leader. Fwd portion of the patrol withdrew under cover of the Bren. The Bren gunner and support then withdrew through covering party protecting right flank. Area was then observed for 40 minutes. Fire was opened at 0950L by the enemy and patrol withdrew down the route previously used. Patrol was checked and all were present. Five minutes after the party withdrew Owen gun fire was heard above firing down the spur aimlessly in long bursts. Firing from right flank were a Bren and a woodpecker in long bursts. These guns were in a fixed posn. It was not possible to lay an ambush for the enemy Owen gunners following the patrol because the spur was so steep that the ambush party would have been overlooked. Patrol continued withdraw, still under fire from heavy enemy weapons which sprayed the trees overhead. Enemy fire continued intermittently for 20 minutes ending in single shots. Patrol left its previous route and went down to the creek on the left at 561783, rested there and then moved down the creek to the MINDJIM and contacted patrol of 4 men from Coy and moved back to Coy area, arriving 1330L.

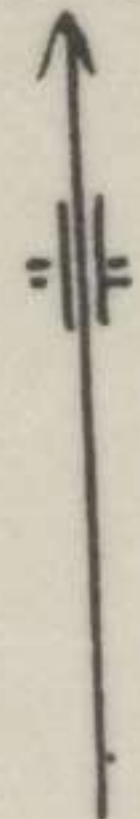
REMARKS

From observation while on the feature shelling, bombing, and strafing had not touched top of the feature. This would have to be done from the N.W. side. Japs were big men and in excellent condition. Area on top of the feature had been cleared and good visibility of enemy posns was possible. All enemy seen were unarmcd.

G. H. ATKINSON LIEUT.

# ENEMY POSNS. 3800 FEATURE

M. N.



LOW SCRUB  
PREVENTS  
OBSERVATION.

ENEMY  
DEAD

OLD USED HUT

KITCHEN

PROBABLE POSN  
LMG. WOODPECKER.

TRIP DUMPS  
TIRED FROM HERE

FOXHOLES

OLD LEAN TO

POSN FROM  
WHERE OUR  
BREN FIRED

O.P.

5 TIERED PILL BOX

SCALE

1 IN. = 25 YDS

VI

15 FT

PATROL ROUTE

TRACE OF SKETCH  
DRAWN BY

ATKINSON, H. LIEUT.

DATE 23 MAR

1 SEC. 57/60 BN



G COY PATROL REPORT.

25/26 Mar '44.  
Ref. Map AMUEA 1:25000

Patrol strength: 1 Offr, 8 OR's, 1 sig.

Patrol leader: Lieut. JACKSON.

Patrol supplied by: 14 Fl. 57/60 Bn.

Time out: 251200L Time in: 261900K.

Object: To proceed to 2400 feature ref. sq. 5278 and contact patrol from 2/10 Bn. Route via GARDENS ref sq. 5477. 2/10 Bn. not contacted.

Information:

Narrative: Time out 251200L. Time in 261900K.

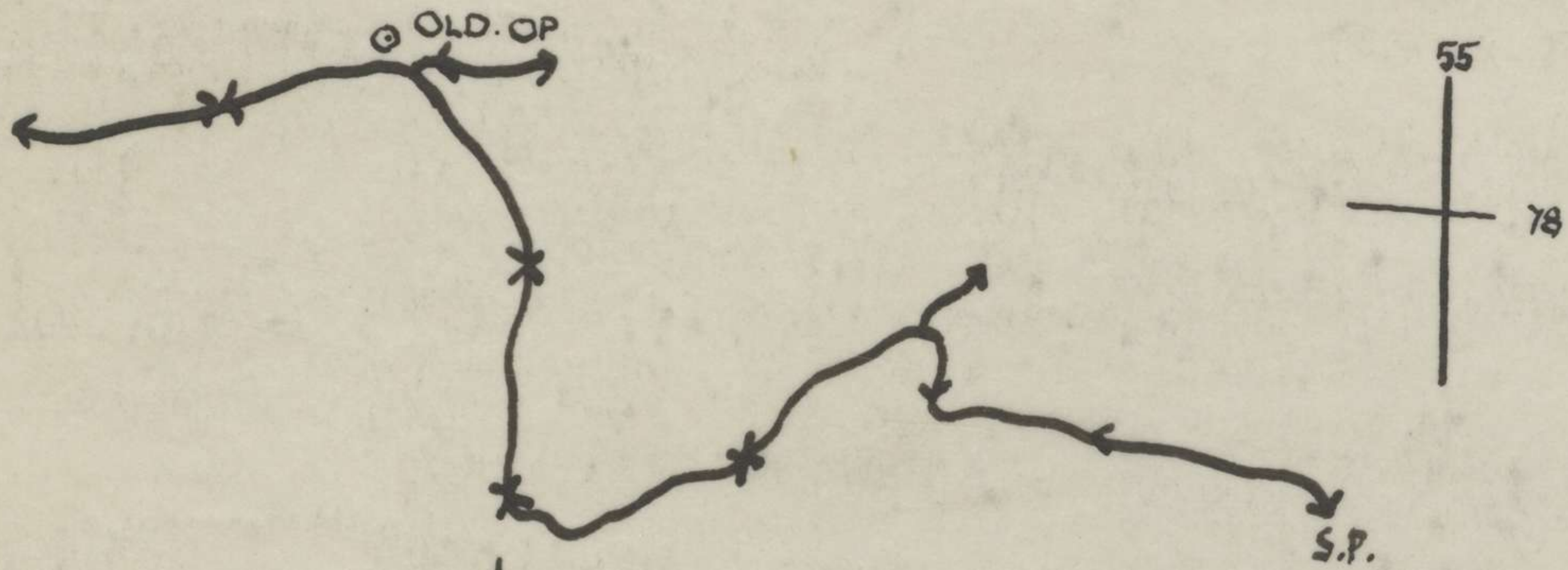
26 Mar. From Coy area to GARDENS sq. 5477, arriving 1235L, then to ref. 539775 where we had lunch, then to ref. 539777 and in error went N.E. down river until realised mistake and returned to ref. 539777. Proceeded up creek in W. direction for 1300 paces to creek ref. 530774. Proceeded approx N. on this branch creek 700 paces to a branch in creek. Followed right hand branch a further 500 paces and then left creek and continued at bearings between  $320^{\circ}$  and  $340^{\circ}$  for further 1000 paces (total 2200 paces from main creek). Arrived at summit 251800L. Patrol sent W. 300 yds over undulating ridges NMS, patrol sent E. along track for 100 yds track going steep down hill all the way NMS. Camp for night beside track.

26 Mar. Patrol 800 yds over slight ridges and then up hill track continued up hill but patrol returned as it was off the map. Patrol 100 yds E. located branch track to right which went up 10 ft rise to a small clearing. Estimate old O.P. overlooking all ground between  $90^{\circ}$  and  $150^{\circ}$  of location. Bearings to prominent features  $130^{\circ}$  to steep hill with rocky landslides approx 3 miles.  $15^{\circ}$  to pronounced hill approx 1 1/2 miles. Sig frequently called Bn and gave location but was unable to contact. Patrol left 261535K, returned by same route to G Coy area 261900K.

R.S. JACKSON. Lieut.

# JACKSON'S PATROL

SUPERIMPOSE OVER AMUBA 1:25000



PATROL ROUTE →

DRAWN BY *[Signature]*  
DATE 25/26 MAR  
UNIT 1 SEC 57/60 BN

B COY PATROL REPORT

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Patrol Strength: 1 NCO and 11 OR's.

Date: 21/22 Mar, '44.

Patrol leader: Sgt. MANSFIELD.

Ref Map: AMUBA 1/25000.

Nature of Patrol: Recce.

Time out: 0900L, 21 Mar, '44.

Time In: 1430L, 22 Mar, '44.

Object: To recce approaches to 3800 feature and to ascertain positions and strength of enemy.

Information: Owing to nature of terrain it was impossible to reach objective from that direction.

Narrative: Patrol moved out from BHQ at 0900L and followed stream from bridge at 559758 to MINDJIM RIVER. Crossed river and moved up spur, going fairly easy to 567773 then very difficult to top of saddle 568785. Patrol had to cut way through dense scrub. Small recce patrol went out from 568785 and located native hut at 569785. Made contact at this stage with BHQ at 1600L. Unable to move along saddle in direction of objective owing to there being a sheer drop 80 to 100 feet. Patrol then moved back along same track to 569781 and bivouaced the night. At 0830L 22 Mar, '44, patrol moved out on a bearing of 310° in an attempt to gain an approach to top of 3800 feature but failed to make any progress as it was confronted by a very steep gorge and very dense scrub. Kept dropping down and trying again but with no result. Made contact with BHQ at 11 00 hours. From map ref 564775 and received instructions there to move back to BHQ.

Signed: R. L. MANSFIELD, Sgt.

INFORMATION TO 2359K 31 MARCH

HQ 57/60 Aust Inf Bn

MAR 44.

Ref Map: AMUBA 1:25000.

OPERATIONS  
29 MAR

- A. Coy. Local MINDJIM patrol. NMS. Coy carried rations.
- B. Coy. JACKSON'S patrol reported one fresh JAP grave on LINTON'S SPUR; patrolling to 2800 feature thence REIZAN RIDGE. Small patrol from JACKSON'S patrol contacted SCOTT 543786 MAJ CONNELL biv night 29/30, 543804, fwd elements reached 538789. NMS.
- C. Coy. PASSLOW'S patrol in 1200K. Reached 544796; NO sign of MULE TRACK. Patrol returned to 543788 thence up track to 540794 and NORTH to main road; thence along the road to 544804. Patrol returned and contacted SCOTT 541788 (report attached). ATKINSON'S patrol reported 3800 feature clear of enemy.
- D. Coy. Coy moved to B Coy posns. MADDISON and 12 ORs out 1500K task to recce MULE TRACK from 543786 to junc KOFEHI RIVER 569822.
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30 MAR

- A. Coy. LINTON'S patrol 9 ORs out 1130K to 3600 feature via LINTON'S SPUR thence NORTH to 510814 to track junc, exploiting both tracks for 1000 yds. 2 day patrol. Coy carried rations.
- B. Coy. MAJ CONNELL B Coy reached MABELEBU 1600K, contacted Jap at 545825 and were fired on by LMG's from the SOUTHERN and NORTHERN side of KOFEHI RIVER est enemy strength 15. Casualties unknown. Two Japs seen in vicinity 539798 at 1700K, made off towards MINDJIM patrol, unable to locate them. Medical post at 538799. JACKSON'S patrol in 1000K, reached 513790 where track led left to 510796. At this posn, twenty weapon pits, five foxholes encircled by wire were located, had been evacuated three weeks ago.
- C. Coy. ATKINSON'S patrol in 1715K report L of C running NE down spur to MINDJIM. NMS.
- D. Coy. MADDISON'S patrol unable to locate MULE TRACK on EAST bank of MINDJIM have now linked up with B Coy at 552813.
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31 MAR

- A. Coy. LINTON'S patrol in 311730K reached 510814 at 311115K exploited track to NW 400 yds where it petered out, exploited track NE 800 yds, vacated Jap posns at 510814, 510810 and 512814, each posn approx pl strength, observation from 510814 of coast line and parts of RAMU VALLEY-BOGADJIM RD. Coy carried rations from SAIPA 1 to C Coy. Amn from A Coy to C Coy, repaired bridges. 15 men carried mortar amn from DAUMOINA to vic MABELEBU, 27 men carried Mountain gun amn from DAUMOINA to 543787 during night.

OPERATIONS

31 MAR (contd)

B. Coy. Advance continued up road, at 311615K enemy fired from vicinity 545835 on natives carrying rations and amn fwd along rd. Simultaneously enemy fired from YAULA area with mountain gun and heavy mortar on own troops in area 552839. Own cas 4 wounded. NO known native cas. Enemy fire from 545835 consisted LMG and rifles. Enemy strength unknown.

I.O. in comd 3" mortar det in posn 548824 at 312230K. L/T comd to here. 14 pl with Mortar for protection.

Dispositions - 10 Pl 551861, 12 Pl 552849, Coy HQ, 8 Pl 553839.

C. Coy. 14 Pl SCOTT'S CREEK 538799. local patrol to SCOTT'S CREEK returned 1630K, def posns completed there. Coy carried rations, sig wire, amn to SCOTT'S CREEK.

D. Coy. Coy carried rations, amn SAIPAI to EnHQ.

Fwd EnHQ. SCOTT'S CREEK 538799.

Mtn Bty moved from 550771 to 543787 at 1815K.

From 312300K to 312320K 15 rounds fired to harass enemy in YAULA area.

DISTRIBUTION

As per INTREP 1

I.O. 57/60 Aust Inf Bn

PATROL REPORT

57/60 AUST INF BN  
DATE 28-29 MAR 44.

PATROL SUPPLIED BY G COY

PATROL STRENGTH - 1 Offr 11 ORs

PATROL LEADER - Lt PASSLOW

TIME OUT - 0900 28 MAR 44.

TIME IN - 1130 29 MAR 44

OBJECT

1. To establish whether or not the enemy were in occupation of the area in the vicinity of 543788.
2. To exploit as far as possible in the time available.

INFM.

The enemy were NOT in the position but had vacated it about 72 hrs previously. The patrol reached 543803 on the BOGADJIM RD. A small party moved up the 3800 feature to approximately ~~##~~ 554792.

NARRATIVE.

The patrol moved from the Coy area across the MINDJIM and down the EAST bank of the river. At 545788 5 Jap huts were seen. There was no sign of enemy movement and the patrol moved into the position. Very strong defensive positions extended on both sides of this point, WEST to the river and EAST over the river. This posn was estimated to be at least 500 yds wide. A quantity of gear was found in this area including the recently smashed woodpecker, Jap blankets, clothing, amm. This position was reached at approx 1500K. The patrol moved NORTH EAST to approx 547791. From here a well defined track leads NORTH WEST down the hill reaching the river at 543795. The patrol moved down this track and then down the MINDJIM to 544797. The patrol then withdrew and spent the night at 545788.

On the morning of the 29 MAR patrol split into two parties, Cpl ALIENDI with 3 ORs moved up the spur leading from the bivouac area to the 3800 feature; further defensive positions were located up the spur, highest point reached approx 554792.

The remainder of the party moved to the WEST side of the river then along the track shown running NORTH WEST on the map to the huts at 539794. From here the track leads NORTH and is clearly defined and well used, it strikes the rd about the huts shown at 539798. From this point the patrol moved along the main rd passed the landslide at 543800 and reached 543804, no sign of enemy movement was observed. The patrol moved back to Coy area directly along the main rd. reaching Coy at 1130K. Cpl ALIENDI's party arrived at approx the same time.

REMARKS.

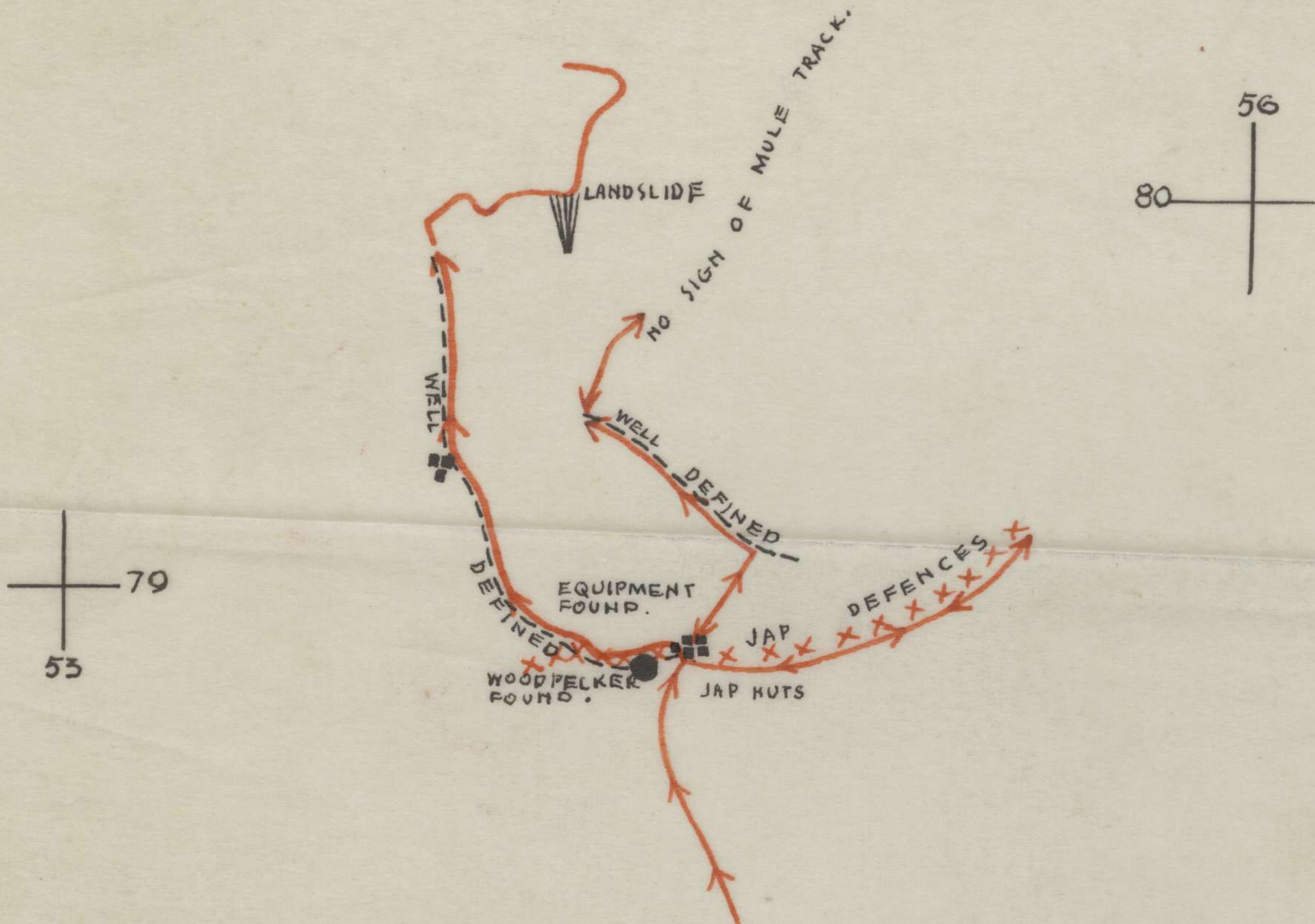
No sign could be found of the MULE track shown on the map leading down the EAST side of the MINDJIM RIVER. No position was seen which looked as if it might have been occupied by the enemy mountain gun.

LT V PASSLOW

# PATROL OVERLAY

PASSLOW PATROL

SUPERIMPOSE OVER AMUBA 1:25000



— PATROL ROUTE

DRAWN BY  
H. Williams Pto.  
INT SEC 57/60  
AUST INF BN.  
31 MARCH 44.

# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Army Form W.3008

(Adapted) (Page 1)  
Revised Jan., 1943

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 5 / 194

57/60 AUST INF BN

10 44 (Serial No.)

(Unit)

W.E. 11 120 2 OFFRS 32 O.R's 739 plus OFFRS 1 O.R's 35 ATT. BY W.E.

## PART A.—POSTED STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED

1      2      3      4				5	6      7      8      9      10				
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.	DETAIL.	Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.
-	-	11	14	Lieut.-Colonels					
-	-	11	9	Majors					
-	-	6	25	Captains	AASC	1	-	-	-
-	-	-	1	Lieutenants					
-	-	-	-	Quarter-masters					
-	-	-	-	A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.					
-	-	-	-	Civilians Counting as Offrs.					
-	-	8	40			1	-	-	-

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E[1] & E[2].	DETAIL	A.I.P.	A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	TOTAL.
	A.	41	-								
E.[1]											
E.[2]											

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.  
 * Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Col. Particulars will be shown, e.g., 20 U.K. Forces; 10 N.Z. Forces

## PART B.—PARTICULARS OF OFFICERS JOINED OR QUITTED DURING WEEK.

### OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit From.	Date.	CAUSE.
			NIL		

### OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
			NIL		

## PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO _____ (Unit) IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED _____ / 194

Army No.	Rank	Name and Initials	REMARKS (e.g. present whereabouts if known).
			NIL



57/60 Aust Inf Bn Unit

10...../44 (Serial No.)

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 4./3./1944 (Total to Agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A).

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit [insert Yes or No]	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Lt-col	VX108132	MARSTON	R.P.	C.O.	YES		
Major	VX4299	COOSON	W.S.	2 1/c	"		
"	VX81105	MCCALL	W.	OO A	"		
"	VX81067	CONNELL	J.W.D.	" HQ	"		
"	VX49332	BANKS	W.P.	" B	NO	15 Aust Inf Bde Trg Centre	
Capt	VX81077	McINTOSH	T.H.	" D	"	" " "	29/2/44
"	VX81065	WOODS	K.P.	2 1/c	B YES		
"	VX81069	LE HOUVEY	J.	OO C	NO	"X" List - SCHOOL	4/2/44
"	VX3964	CLARKE	F.D.	2 1/c	A "	"X" List - HOSPITAL	23/2/44
"	VX81106	GRAY	A.A.	Att C	"	L.O.B.	4/1/44
"	VX81073	MATTIN	R.W.	Adjt	YES		
"	VX81076	FOX	R.E.	2 1/c	C "		
"	VX81070	McALISTER	H.H.	C.K.	"		
"	VX133031	ROSS	W.A.	2 1/c	D "		
"	VX81074	BLACKBURN	H.S.	Att D	NO	School	19/12/43
Lieut	VX81068	McKEE	J.D.	P1 D	YES		
"	VX81109	GOODE	H.W.	3 P1	NO	15 Bde Trg Centre	23/2/44
"	VX81107	THOMAS	D.L.	Asst/Adjt	YES		
"	VX81104	WATT	P.J.	4 P1	NO	15 Bde Trg Centre	23/2/44
"	VX81105	MELIETT	A.J.	P1 C	YES		
"	VX54760	DAVIS	R.C.	P1 D	NO	"X" List - HOSPITAL	15/2/44
"	VX50043	BOLWELL	D.J.	P1 D	YES		
"	VX56025	JACKSON	R.S.	P1 A	"		
"	VX81110	BOYD	H.J.	Att HQ	NO	G BRANCH N.C.F.	20/11/43
"	VX81112	ATKINSON	G.H.	P1 C	YES		
"	VX81072	WILSON	H.A.	P1 A	NO	Det 15 Aust Inf Bde	31/12/43
"	VX81108	NINK	P.R.	P1 B	"	15 Inf Bde Trg Centre	25/2/44
"	VX101817	MADDISON	A.	5 P1	"	LEAVE	13/11/43
"	VX108342	SINCLAIR	S.V.	P1 A	YES		
"	VX81071	LINTON	H.H.	2 P1	"		
"	VX5209	EGAN	H.W.	1 P1	NO	15 Bde Trg Centre	29/2/44
"	NX51600	HAMILTON	A.P.	I.O.	"	" " " "	29/2/44
"	NX76217	SEMAN	H.E.	T.O.	YES		
"	NX76326	PASLOW	V.	P1 B	"		
"	TX4719	BESIER	J.C.	P1 C	"		
"	VX81075	SCOTT	W.H.	P1 A	NO	15 Bde Trg Centre	29/2/44
"	VX8947	HENRICKS	R.E.	P1 C	YES		
"	NX76218	LE SERVE	S.A.M.	Att B	NO	"X" List - HOSPITAL	15/1/44
"	VX51553	WILBY	G.E.	Att A	"	L.O.B.	4/1/44
"	VX114266	YOUNG	W.	P1 D	YES		
ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W/E							
Capt	5X15735	GRATTON	H.G.	H.M.O.	YES		

PART E.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER UNITS.

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
Chaplain	VX104114	SAMBELL G.T.	15 BDE	27/2/43	Padre
Capt	VX114142	NEWSTRAD J.H.	23/21 BN	18/1/44	Attached for duty

4 MAR 44

Date of Despatch

*R. W. M. [Signature]*  
for Lt-col  
AOD

Signature of Commander

# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Army Form W.3008  
(Adapted) (Page 1)  
(Revised Jan., 1943)

11/44 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 17/3/1944 57/60 AUST INF (Unit)

W.E. 11/12 OFFRS. 320.R's. 732 + OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 35 ATT. BY W.E.

## PART A.—POSTED STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
1	2	3	4		5	6	7	8	9
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.
-	-	-	1	*					
-	-	1	4	*					
-	-	2	10	Lieut.-Colonels	AANG	1	-	-	-
-	-	3	22	Majors					
-	-	-	1	Captains					
-	-	-	-	Lieutenants					
-	-	-	-	Quarter-masters					
-	-	-	-	A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.					
-	-	-	-	Civilians Counting as Offrs.					
-	-	6	38			1	-	-	-

	DETAIL	A.I.P.	A.I.P.	C.M.P.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 19 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).	A.	39	-	-								39
	E.(1)											
	E.(2)											

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.  
** Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Col. Particulars will be shown, e.g., 20 U.K. Forces; 10 N.Z. Forces.

## PART B.—PARTICULARS OF OFFICERS JOINED OR QUITTED DURING WEEK.

### OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit From.	Date.	CAUSE.
VX114142	Capt	NEWSTEAD J.H.	23/21 Aust Inf Bn	26/2/44	(Auth: HQF AMS 036 of 26/2/44)

### OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
VX101817	Lieut	MADDISON A.	Applic submitted		R.S.L.
NXY6218	Lieut	LE SERVE S.A.	Applic submitted		R.S.L.
VX51553	Lieut	WILLEY G.B.	105 Aust Tk A Regt	19/6/43	

## PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO (Unit) IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED. / /194.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).

57/60 AUST INF BN

Unit

11/44 (Serial No.)

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 11/3/1944 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
<del>Major</del> Lt-col	VX108132	MARSTON	R.R.	C.O.	NO	HQ 7 Aust Div	9/3/44
Major	VX4299	CUDDON	W.S.	1/c	YES		
"	VX81105	McCALL	W.	OC A	"		
"	VX81067	CONNELL	J.W.D.	" HQ	"		
"	VX48332	BARKER	W.F.	" B	NO	15 Aust Inf Bde Trg Centre	
Capt	VX81077	McINTOSH	R.H.	" D	"	" " "	29/2/44
"	VX81065	WOODS	K.H.	1/c B	YES		
"	VX81069	LE HOURS	J.	OC C	NO	"X" List - School	4/2/44
"	VX3964	CLARKE	F.D.	1/c A	YES	XXXXXXXXXX	
"	VX81106	GRAY	A.A.	Att C	NO	L.O.B.	4/1/44
"	VX81073	MARTIN	R.M.	Adj	YES		
"	VX81076	FOX	R.E.	1/c C	"		
"	VX81070	McALLISTER	N.M.	Q.M.	"		
"	VX133031	ROSS	W.A.	1/c D	"		
"	VX81074	BLACKBURN	H.S.	Att D	NO	School	19/12/43
"	VX114142	NEWSTEAD	J.H.	Att C	"	15 Bde Trg Trg Centre	29/2/44
Lieut	VX81068	BROOKES	J.D.	P1 D	YES		
"	VX81075	SCOTT	W.H.	" A	NO	15 Bde Trg Centre	29/2/44
"	VX81109	GOODE	H.W.	3 P1	"	" " "	23/2/44
"	VX81108	HINK	P.B.	P1 B	"	" " "	25/2/44
"	VX81107	THOMAS	D.L.	Asst Adj	YES		
"	VX81110	POND	H.J.	Att HQ	NO	G Branch NGF	29/11/43
"	VX81104	WATT	F.J.	4 P1	"	15 Bde Trg Centre	25/2/44
"	VX81105	MELLETT	A.J.	P1 C	YES		
"	VX54760	DAVIS	W.C.	P1 D	NO	Det DUMPU CON CAMP	14/2/44
"	VX56025	JACKSON	R.S.	P1 A	YES		
"	VX50043	BOLWELL	D.J.	P1 B	"		
"	VX11426	YOUNG	H.	P1 D	"		
"	VX81072	WILSON	H.A.	P1 A	NO	Det 15 Aust Inf Bde	31/12/43
"	VX108342	SINCLAIR	S.V.	P1 A	YES		
"	VX81071	LINTON	W.R.	2 P1	"		
"	VX81112	ATKINSON	G.H.	P1 C	"		
"	VX9047	HENRICKS	E.E.	P1 C	"		
"	VX8209	EGAN	R.W.	1 P1	NO	15 Bde Trg Centre	29/2/44
"	NX51600	HAMILTON	A.P.	I.O.	"	" " "	29/2/44
"	NX76217	BERMAN	H.E.	T.O.	YES		
"	NX76326	PASSLOW	V.	P1 B	"		
"	TX4719	BESIER	J.C.	P1 D	"		
ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W/E							
Capt	EX15735	GRATTON	M.G.	AMO	YES		

PART E.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER UNITS.

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
Chaplain	VX104114	SAMBELL G.T.	15 Bde	27/2/43	Padre
Lieut	VX61553	WILLEY C.B.	105 Aust Trk A Regt	10/6/43	Attached For Duty (LOB 4/1/44)

*W.S. Cuddon, 109*  
Signature of Commander  
Lt-col.  
A.O.D.

11/3/44  
Date of Despatch

# FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

10 / 44 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 4 / 3 / 1944 57/60 Aust Inf Bn (Unit)

W.E. 11 / 120 2 OFFRS. 32 O.R's. 739 + OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 35 ATT. BY W.E.

## Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W E				
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W E.	Posted Strength.		Arm of Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W E.	Deficient W E.	Reinfts Required.
-	-	-	1	W.Os. Class I	AAPC Sgt	1	-	-	-
NR	2	-	4	W.Os. Class II	ARME Cpl	1	-	-	-
NR	3	-	2	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts	Ptes	-	-	3	NR
-	-	-	-	Staff Sergeants	AAMG Sjt	1	-	1	NR
NR	4	-	27	Sergeants	" Cpl	2	1	-	-
NR	3	-	61	Corporals	" Ptes	1	-	-	-
102	83	-	549	Troopers, Privates, etc	AAOC Cpl	1	-	-	-
				Civilians counting as O.R	AACC WO1	1	-	-	-
				Totals of cols marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.	Sjts	2	-	3	NR
102	95	-	644		Cpls	3	-	2	NR
					Ptes	11	-	1	NR

Detail	A.I.F.		C.M.F.		AA Post		CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	TOTAL
	a	b	Under 19 Years	19 Years and over	A W A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.				
A	500	-	170	-			26	1	10*	670
B(1)										
B(2)										

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 7 of instructions for compilation of this return will complete analysis of Part B(1) and B(2).  
 * * Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Col. Particulars will be shown, e.g., 20 U.K. Forces, 10 N.Z. Forces

## Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

## Part C. Other Ranks Included in Part A Detached to Other Units.

Number of O.Rs	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs	Unit to which detached	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached
2	15 Aust Inf Bn	Edc	(AIF)	65	Schools		
3	15 Aust Inf Bn	Edc	Sigs	7	Sta Comd		
2	24 Aust Inf Bn	Edc		2	15 Aust Inf Bn		
				18	Rear Details		
				2	Fd Bakery		
				5	Leave		
				1	Records		
				8	L.O.B.		

## Part D. Description of Other Ranks Whose Return To (Unit) is Particularly Requested. / / 194

Army No	Rank	Name and Initials	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).
			NIL







**PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 11/ 3 /194 4.**

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.) B/F	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.) B/F	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.) B/F	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, E.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitches			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangetakers	4		
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddlefree makers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevadores			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical	4	4	-
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers	27	25	NR	Tailors	2	1	NR
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters				Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners	6	5	NIL	Wireman				<b>GENERAL DUTIES</b>			
Electricians				Cooks	NIL	7	NIL	Woodturners					570	487	91
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics								<b>NON TRADESMEN</b>			
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)								Batmen	34	40	-
Fitters				Driver-Operator								Hyg Dutymen	2	2	-
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers								Reg Police	7	5	NR
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians								Storeman	6	6	-
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)								S.B.'s	20	17	NR
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				IN DETAILS OF NON TRADESMEN			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors				Water Duty	32	20	12
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers	1	1	-	ATT ALLOWED BY W/E.			
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	11	11	-	AAFC Sjt	1	1	-
Grinder, Precision				Hello Operator				Clerks, Supply				Cpl	1	1	-
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical				AEME Sjt	1	1	-
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	10	6	NR	Coach Trimmers				Ptes	3	-	Armr
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors							1 Ft Gun
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks				AAOC Cpl	1	1	-
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies				AAOC Sjt	2	1	NR
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				Cpl	1	2	-
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals				ATTACHED BY W/E.	1	1	-
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.				AAOC Woll	1	1	-
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics				Sjts	5	2	NR
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tpin. Plant				Cpls	5	3	NR
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.	-	2	NIL	Engine Hands, I.C.				Ptes	12	12	-
Photewriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers	1	1	-	AA Post Sjt	1	1	-
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD	-	-	-	CARRIED FORWARD	16	20	NIL	CARRIED FORWARD	56	58	-	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	774	669	105

NOTES.—(a) If rank other than private is involved give details on back.  
(b) Authorised trades or specialists not included in list will be added as required in spaces provided.  
(c) Where A.W.A.S. and/or A.A.M.W.S. personnel are desired show details on back.  
(d) Where replacement not desired note accordingly on return by insertion of N.R. in col. "Reints. Required."  
(e) Where any request or notation is made on back of form, the words "See Back" should be written in one of the blank spaces on this page.

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Lt-col  
Signature of Commander



Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 11 / 3 / 194 4  
 Part E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in

Details of Tradesman	GROUP I	1	2	22	POSTED STRENGTH	1	2	22	POSTED STRENGTH	1	2	22	POSTED STRENGTH
Ammunition													
Artillery													
Aviation													
Chemical Warfare													
Communications													
Construction													
Engineering													
General Duties													
Health Services													
Intelligence													
Law													
Medical Services													
Military Police													
Music													
Postal Services													
Public Works													
Recreation													
Transport													
Training													
Unarmed Combat													
Warfare													
Other													
TOTAL													

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 (b) All posted trades or specialties not included in list will be added as required in spaces provided.  
 (c) Where A.W.A.S. and/or A.M.W.S. personnel are detailed show details on back.  
 (d) Where equipment not detailed note accordingly on letters by instruction of W.R. in col. "Remarks Required."  
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