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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES — NEW GUINEA FORCE

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3 Aust Div
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3 AUST DIV INTELLIGENCE REPORT No 103

From information received up to 2000E/8

PART I - ENEMY ACTIVITY

1. LAE area

0815E/8 1 barge left LAE, arriving at LAE 0630E/8.

2. SALAMAUA area

(a) Night 7/8 Aug Lights were seen flashing at the mouth of the FRANCISCO.

(b) 7 Aug Patrol moved out along track to 705906 and moved up spur to HZ where they observed 7 enemy moving down hill towards them.

(c) 1800E/7 Aircraft on airfield destroyed by artillery fire.

3. MUNIS-ASIRI area ref map SALAMAUA 1:25000

7 Aug 15 Jeps and 10 well constructed huts were observed at NEK GUMADU 679089.

4. BUNDIEI KOMIATUM area

8 Aug Patrol heard enemy voices at 698971.

5. MT TAMBI-OF DIVIDE area

(a) 6 Aug A patrol moved out to high ground at 719955 finding no sign of enemy. Good observation to the west was obtained from this point. A Jap mortar was believed to be firing from 711936. Much chopping was heard coming from the northern slopes of MT TAMBI along the general line of the heavy contour line which passes through 720922. Patrol was unable to reachits objective at 704913 owing to the terrain.

(b) 7 Aug Patrol to headwaters of SUGAR CREEK. 705910 were fired on by rifles.

(c) 7 Aug Column of wood smoke was seen rising from TAMBI area 714917.

6. LOKAMU area

(a) pm 7 Aug Patrol found a strong line of fortifications being built by the enemy from 728955 to 734960, two bunkers being already completed. Two Japs were seen in a tree at 728963 and one on the ground.

(b) 1130E/8 Enemy 75 mm gun fired 12 rounds into TAMBI BAY area.

(c) 7 Aug Patrol located 8 enemy pillboxes on ROOSEVELT RIDGE approx 747943.

PART II - SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

1. 16 Bde area During the afternoon of 7 Aug, 8 Coy 58/59 Bn launched an attack on enemy position at 607966. No progress was made and 8 Coy returned to the original positions.

2. 17 Bde Gp area Mortar fire was brought down on enemy positions at PRICE'S KNOLL and at dusk the crest and western slope of MT TAMBI were engaged.

3. RAA 3 Aust Div Targets in SALAMAUA, ROOSEVELT RIDGE, MT TAMBI and KOMIATUM RIDGE were engaged with harrassing fire through out the night.

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From Information received up to 2000K/9

PART I - ENEMY ACTIVITY

1. LAE AREA.

0630K/9 one barge left LOE wharf went south to 2 miles east of LABU turned, and went back to VOCO wharf.
1330K/8 slight truck movement on road to WEBBS.
1550K/8 approximately 60 men observed moving from WEBBS along MARKHAM Road, were lost to view near ALLEN's.
1637-1815K/8 barge movement between HIGH, LOW and VOCO wharves.
1645-1650K/8 truck movement between the wharves and WEBBS.
0658K/9 approximate 8 barges in harbour.
0725K/9 approximately 30 men moved by road from HILLSIDE area to WEBBS
0946-1351K/9 truck and car activity between terrace wharves and WEBBS.
Wireless mast previously reported at TOKOROA is a palm tree.

2. SALAMAUA AREA

(a) 1215K/8 12 Japs seen near MACDONALDS JUNCTION.

(b) WELLS OF reports crossings over the FRANCISCO.
1800K/8 15 to north.
0830K/9 15 to north, 1 to south.
Footbridge is now down and the Japs wade across.

3. MOBILITY-KOMIATUM area

(a) 8 Aug patrols found enemy weapon pits and equipment at both NORTH PIMPLE 702947 and SOUTH PIMPLE 702946 but saw no sign of the enemy.
At 9 Aug enemy at 695956 were engaged and our fire was returned from a light mortar.

(b) 0745-0830K/9 Jap gun in SALAMAUA fired 16 rounds into a line from OLD VICKERS GUN position to 693947. The gun position could not be observed.

4. MT TAMBU-GOODVIEW AREA

(a) 8 Aug, a patrol along STEPHENS track to 697912 moved south to MULE TRACK 699910 and then up the spur to 701912 where a trip wire was located. 80 yards south there were barricade defences and another 100 yards south, further defences. 100 yards still further south mundo trip wires were found. At 700910 2 Japs were seen patrolling. Enemy were also heard in creek and on the spur in the area 704914.

(b) Another patrol down STEPHENS track and across to MULE TRACK at 699911 found no sign of the enemy.

(c) A carrying party of 30 Japs was seen moving east on the GOODVIEW - MT TAMBU track about 300 yards west of the enemy positions on MT TAMBU. The party was apparently carrying ammunition.

5. LOKAU AREA

1130K/8 enemy guns fired 10 rounds into 735925.
Enemy gun believed to be at approximately 732949 fired 4 rounds to the east.
1[illegible]K/8 Jap gun vicinity LOKAU fired 25 rounds into area 756924.

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PART II - NARRATIVE OF OPERATIONS

1. 15 Aust Inf Bde Area

During afternoon 8 Aug a patrol from A platoon 2/3 Indep Coy discovered an unoccupied weapon pit at 702947. Further pits were observed 100 yards south but no enemy movement was seen.

2. 17 Aust Inf Bde Area

At 2215 hours 8 Aug, 42 Aust Inf Bn plus one Coy 15 Aust Inf Bn at TAMBU BAY were placed under operational command of 17 Aust Inf Bde. During the evening 8 Aug three Coys 42 Aust Inf Bn arrived at TAMBU BAY. Throughout the night 8/9 Aug our mortars engaged enemy positions on MT TAMBU with harassing fire. During morning 9 Aug 2/6 Aust Inf Bn mortars on AMBUSH KNOLL engaged enemy on PRICES KNOLL.
A patrol from B Coy then moved out and engaged these positions with TSMG and MY rifle fire.

3. RAA 3 Aust Div

Continuing their harassing fire on 8/9 Aug our artillery engaged targets in SALAMAUA, on KONIATUM RIDGE and the spur west of MT TAMBU. The area north GOODVIEW JUNCTION was also engaged.

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TO 24 Bn 57/60 Bn 7 DIV

FROM	Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
15 BDE	O 1474	20	

LOCATION	at	1800 hrs	O	BDE HQ	422548
HQ	24 Bn	413543	C Coy	24 Bn	458631
HQ	57/60 Bn	420548	D Coy	57/60 Bn	250568

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HQ 3 Aust Div

10 Aug 43

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From information received up to 2000K/10.

PART 1 - ENEMY ACTIVITY

1. LAE area

(a) 2020K/9 One a/c took off LAE airfield. Lights seen through the night in the vicinity of the wharves and VOCO POINT.

(b) 0605K/9 4 barges left LAE arriving LAHU at 0641K/9.

2. MARKHAM area ref map HEATHS 1/25000

9 Aug 20 persons moved north to south and 5 south to north across the river in the vicinity of NEW LAHU.

1245K/9 12 canoes seen fishing 570432.

3. HUANG area ref map WAGO 1/63360

1030K/6 Patrol fired on by rifles Jap ambush position 631219. One enemy killed.

4. SALAMAUA area ref map SALAMAUA 1/25000

(a) WELLS OP reports movement across the mouth of FRANCISCO.

1740K/9 17 Japs north.

0630K/10 4 Japs south.

(b) New gun position reported at 743012.

5. BUIRI-ASINI area ref map KOMIATUM 1/25000

0730K/10 Standing patrol at 702992 heard enemy movement in BUIRI CK area. Being observed by the enemy patrol withdrew to 701995 and set an ambush into which enemy ran, 3 being killed. Patrol moved south and observed enemy footprints pointing south at 704986.

6. BOBDUBI-KOMIATUM area ref map KOMIATUM 1/25000

(a) 1550K/9 Enemy guns fired 25 rounds onto OLD VICKERS POSN and to the west of it. Estimated map ref of guns 733961, to the east of a large clump of trees on the south end of a kunai patch.

Comment: A captured map shows gun positions in this area.

Guns estimated to be of 5 to 5½ inch calibre with a flat projectory.

Comment: Probably 10 cm.

(b) 9 Aug 5 Japs were seen on spur south of the pimple 701946.

1045K/9 Patrol to pimple 701946 fired on by rifle and LMG.

(c) Late PM 9 Aug. More than usual enemy activity observed in ORODUNG area and sounds coming from 695936.

(d) 10 Aug Further sounds of enemy at 695936.

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(d) 9 Aug Jap sentry observed patrolling along 200 yds of KOMIATUM track and for 20 yds towards 704958.
Jap activity heard on bench cut track 500 yds south of 704958 and also 600 yds to the west of same position. Bench cut track to the north reported clear.

(e) 1745-1805K/9:8. Japs moving south observed on KOMIATUM RIDGE at approx 708959.

7. MT TAMBI - GOODVIEW area ref maps MUBO, KOMIATUM 1/25000

9 Aug Enemy still in occupation GOODVIEW JUNCTION.
No movement was seen on saddle 699908 but sounds of work in progress came from both north and south of saddle.
Enemy still in occupation of area 702910, but no sound of enemy was heard at 701907.

PART II - NARRATIVE OF OPERATIONS

1. 15 Aust Inf Bde area

(a) A patrol to a knoll at 702946 was fired on by a Jap LMG and rifles one of our men being killed.
(b) Following sounds of enemy movement in BUKIS CK a Jap party was ambushed at 701995 three of them being killed.
(c) A and B Coys 58/59 Bn moved to GWAIBOLON area.

2. 17 Aust Inf Bde area

(a) Extensive patrolling by 2/6 Bn in the GOODVIEW area gained further information of enemy disposition. Harassing mortar fire was brought down onto enemy pillboxes at GOODVIEW JUNC.
(b) B Coy 15 Bn deployed on the ridge west of BOTSI, while 42 Bn arrived in the BOTSI area.
(c) Increased enemy activity in ORODUBI and PRICES KNOLL 695936 late afternoon 9 Aug was met by our mortar fire into these areas.
(d) HQ 2/6 Bn moved from WELLS OP to a position on STEPHENS TRACK 690906.

3. RAA 3 Aust Div

AA gun on SALAMAUA ISTHMUS was neutralised during Allied air attack. Harassing fire was continued throughout night 9/10 Aug onto targets in SALAMAUA KOMIATUM GOODVIEW areas.

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HGB.WTP. 24 AUST. INF. BN. LOCATION STATEMENT No. 2. 17/6

AS AT 1800 hrs. 15 JUNE, 43.

MAP LEGEND:- WAU-SALAMUA-LAE 1 inch to 2 miles. MSL

WAUBAB (Provisional)	1 inch.	N
ROAMER (Provisional)	1 inch.	K
WAIRE (Provisional)	1 inch.	W

COY.	LOCATION.	MAP REF.	REMARKS AND PROJECTED MOVES
H.Q. 24 Aust. Inf. Bn.	SUNSHINE	MSL807603	
H.Q. Coy less two secs No.1 Pl, No.2 Pl., two det. No. 3 Pl. and one det. No. 4 Pl.	"	MSL807603	
One det. No. 4 Pl. HQ.Coy	WAU	MSL302704	
A. Coy. Under direct Comd. 15 Aust. Inf. Bde.			
B. Coy. Coy. HQs. plus det. No. 1 Pl. HQ. Coy. One det. No. 3 Pl. HQ. Coy.	PARTEP 2	R270210	
Pl. H.Q. and sub. sec. No.2 Pl. HQ. Coy.	ZENAG	R261163	
Det. No. 3 Pl. H.Q. Coy.	"	"	
10 Pl. No. 1 Sec.	TOKANIN.	MSL402107	
Pl. H.Q. and No. 2 Sec. & sub. sec.	DAMBI	MSL402800	
No. 2 Pl. HQ. Coy.	MANGGA	MSL403108	
No. 3 Sec.	PARTEP 2.	R270210	
11 Pl.	"	"	
12 Pl.			
C. Coy. Coy. H.Qs. plus 1 sec. No. 1 Pl			
H.Q. Coy, 1 sec. No. 2 Pl.			
and 1 det. No. 3 Pl. H.Q. Coy.	DEX	M600363	
No. 13 Pl. Pl. H.Q.	BOBS	M319422 ✓	
1 Sec.	KIRKS.	M332501 ✓	
1 Sec.	NGARANENO	M412512 ✓	
1 Sec.	COMMS	M460455 ✓	Projected moves see below.
No. 14 Pl. [redacted] 1 sec.	BEMS-	M401409 ✓	
	FISHERS POST	M442405	
Pl. H.Q. & 1 Sec.	COMMS	M460455	
1 Sec.	DEEP CREEK	M541436 ✓	
No. 15 Pl. Pl. H.Qs.	COMMS	M460455	
1 Sec.	BOBS.	M319422	
1 Sec.	KIRKS	M332501	
1 Sec.	NGARANENO	M412512	
Sub. Sec. M.M.G. as Rifleman	BEMS.	M401409	

D. Coy. under direct comd. 15 Aust. Inf. Bde.

PROJECTED MOVES OF C COY.

At present 15 Pl. is in process of relieving 15 Pl. and the following locations will apply as at 1800 hrs. 19 JUN. 43 when changeover complete.

C.H.Q., M.M.G. and Mortars.	DEX.	M600368
13 Pl. H.Q.s and 1 sec.	BOBS	M319422
1 Sec.	KIRKS.	M332501
1 Sec.	NGARANENO	M412512
2 O.R's of this sec.	OLD MAR I	M378304
14 Pl. [redacted] 1 sec.	BEMS-	M401409
	FISHERS POST	M442405
Pl. H.Q. & 1 Sec.	COMMS.	M460455
1 Sec.	FORWARD C.P.	M351452
13 Pl. HQs. and 1 sec.	DEEP CREEK	M541436
1 Sec.	COMMS	M460455
1 Sec.	AMBUSH POSN.	M510425
1 Sub. sec MMG. as riflemen	COMMS	M460455

Capt.,
Adjt- 24 Aust. Inf. Bn.

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24 AUST INF BDE. LOCATION STATEMENT. No 4.

as at 18.0 hrs. 15 Jul 43

MAP Legend - BULOLO First Edition 1 inch. Key U
NADZAB Provisional " N
HOAMER " " R
WAIME " " W
SALAMAUA " " S
Mt MISSIM " " M
WAU " " V

COY.	LOCATION	MAP REF.
H.Q. 24 Aust Inf Bde.	SUNSHINE	B 242006
H.Q. Coy. less 2 det No 1 pl		
A Coy. Coy HQ plus 7 pl HQs.	POWER HOUSE	B 310996
" No 1 sec		
" No 2 sec		
" No 3 sec		
No 9. Mtr.Pl. HQ plus No 5 sec.	MACHINE BRANCH CK.	M 370974
No 7 sec.	RAIDER	M 454000
No 8 sec	DOUBLE MT	M 488010
8 Pl. attached to D Coy. (see below)		
B Coy. Coy HQs and 11 Pl.		
plus. 1 det No 1 pl HQ Coy.		
" 1 det No 3 Pl " "		
less Tk/A rifle and 2 in mortar.	PARTEP 2.	R 572212
10 Pl. Pl HQs & 1 sec. moving to -		
plus 1 sec No 2 pl HQ Coy.	DAMBI	V 358186
1 sec moving to HANGGA	HANGGA	V 379153
1 sec " "	TOKANIN	V 394160
Tk/A rifle and 2in. mortar teams of 11 Pl plus One sub sec. No 2 Pl HQ Coy. plus 1 det No 4 pl HQ Coy. with 2 BREN guns.	ZENAG	R 257165
12 Pl.	Vic. HUANG R. mouth.	V 636225
C Coy. Coy HQ plus 1 sec No 1 Pl HQ Coy.	DEX	V 310372
13 Pl. Pl HQ plus No 1 sec		
" No 2 sec.	COMSIS	N 459455
No 3 sec	COMSIS-WINDOW	N 459455/ N 491449
14 Pl. Pl HQ plus No 6 sec.	BOBS	N 320431
No 4 sec	NGARANGO	N 412611
No 5 sec	KINGS	N391501
15 Pl. Pl HQ	BOBS	N 399411
No 7 sec	TIMES	N 279309
No 8 sec less 6 men	WAMPIT	N 314380
No 9 sec	BOBS-Fwd C.P.	N 4444435 -
6 men No 8 sec.	FISHERS POST	N 4404405
H. Q. I.A.B. less 8 Pl.		
Coy HQs - 2 Offrs 4 Sn 13 natives	DEX	V 310372
6 pl HQs 1 Offr 2 Sn 20 natives. plus 2 sec.	COMSIS	N 460467

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COY		LOCATION	MAP REF.
B Coy. F.I.S. continued.			
6 Pl.			
1 sec.	2 Bu 12 natives.	DEEP CREEK.	N 543487
6 Pl.			
HQ and 1 sec.	2 Bu 12 natives	BOKS	N 320[illegible]
1 sec.	1 Bu.11 natives	KIPKS	N 331601
1 sec. 1 Offr	2 Bu 13 natives	NGARANDO	N 412611
	1 Bu 4 natives.	VAGAD-MARKHAM	
		Pt patrol.	-
Totals.	1 Offrs 7 Bu 44 natives.		

D COY. 24 Bn. Under direct Cond 15 Aust Inf Bde.

~~Coy HQs plus 6 pl HQ and 1 sec (A Coy)~~ Pl and HQs	vic. DAID		S 615016
HQ. 1 sec.	"	"	S 613013
1 sec. No 2 pl.	"	"	S 621016
Standing Patrol 3 pl.	"	KOTA	S 626077
16 Pl. Assault Pl No. 4 pl.		SUBSIDIE	S 625[illegible]-625034
C.F.	"	"	S 673032
16 Pl. HQ plus 1 sec	"	DAID	S 608005
1 sec	"	"	S 616013
1 sec	"	"	S 612004
C.F.	"	"	S 616005
1 Det No 3 pl HQ Coy.	"	"	S 611005
MMG Pl	"	"	S 613013

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		Coy	24 Bn	1230 K/7	0940 K/8	Secret Sitrep to 1230 K/10 DAHO OPO 1010 K/7. 21 Heavy bombers over SALAMAUA SAL X.O and area approx. bombed NO observations but loud explosions heard 1125 K/7 loud explosions and dense smoke observed SAL area at approx bearing 90 deg 8 pl nil report.	
2	A 5-10	3 Div.	Bito Fwd	1405 K/7	0940 K/8	rpt our A500 guides for air transport Ofra to proceed to NGF and report camp condt. first available plane matter urgent all informed	1.0
3.	015	3 Div	Bito Fwd	1428 K/7	0940 K/8	SECRET SITREP 297 to 1400 K/10 2400 K/6 advised 3 Aust Div opened MANOO 15 bde 1910 K/6 patrol from B Coy 58/59 bn moved to approx ~~1905 K/6~~ 699965 where they were fired on by enemy strength NOT known on posn on a spur running SE from this pt 2030 K/6 booby traps at 698947 were exploded total casualties inflicted by Japs in OLD VICKERS POSN area since 1 Aug 62 killed COANE FORCE following arrived NASSAU BAY 6 Aug 2 offrs ~~78~~ ors 15 Aust Div BWO Arrived NASSAU BAY 0130 K/7 14 offrs 314 ors 42 Aust Div RAAF 3 Aust Div night 6/7 Aug 1 mtr bty engaged target GOOD VIEW junc area with harrassing fire B Bty C 205 F.A. Regt engaged N.W. slopes of MT TAMBU with harassing fire 0616 K/7 arty OP 692989 reports hy. rifle and MG. fire heard vicinity GOOD VIEW junc 0735 K/7 US arty accurately shelled ISTHMUS all informed.	1.0
4	E 303	LAE OP	24 Bn	1430 K/7	0940 K/8	16 men moving to WEWAK apparently do. FD experises disappeared 6 BOSTONS from SOUTH to NE. over HVON G. approx 1000 ft circled HOTE OP returned SOUTH 1330 hrs 2 canoes from direction mouth MARKHAM R. with sail moving WEST along river disappeared ref LAE 1/250,000 Photo Map 030A LAE 134 135 1400 hrs cultivated ground left EMERY'S for MINER and ELECTRICIAN Builder 1 left BITO 1400 K/7 for BONNO	1.0
5	Q 676	BITO	BONNO	1505 K/7	0940 K/8		
6	ERQ	SMOKY	BITO	1605 K/7	0940 K/8	Boat arrived at furn base K/5 suggest SEARCH & DESTROY PATROL be transferred Reasons being (1) P.B's won't work forward of LEGA since accident (2) Boat is useless in the swamps in this area when SAK SAK would NOT allow it to negotiate the mud and slush (3) Consider coast can be reached down NORTH bank of BUANG and thus ascertain the use of COAST L of C.	1.0
7	1.D.15	SMOKY	BITO	1516 K/7	0940 K/8	SECRET SITREP to 0300 K/10 Ref MAP WAGO Ref fighting patrol K/5 K/6 Report following also sketch 0600 K/5 patrol of Builder 1 SMOKY 3 NCO's 18 ors left LINE ~~RACK~~ CR 543214 with object to contact enemy and see if beach accessible from BUANG River Arms 2 Brens 4 SMG 16 rifles 2 grens per man 0945 K/5 followed NORTH contacted and absorbed GR MAWBY at 569180 1230 K/6 LUNCH at 592270 1300 K/5 arm of river 1345 K/5 went into jungle NORTH bank following NATIVE hunting pad which led off at 86° magnetic until 1715 K/5 bivouac night was spent at approx 572250 0630 K/6 moved EAST through swamp to hunao 0910 K/6 emerged on BUANG R. at approx 624221 and continued EAST along river 0940 K/6 Builder 1 SMOKY joined patrol on to main track at 630190 Track showed signs of recent and consistent use by ENEMY 1020 K/6 GL MAWBY and Builder 1 SMOKY injured JAP AMBUSH 631219 and were fired on by rifles Lpl MAWBY gave burst of STG. and Builder 1 SMOKY a rifle shot into 1 JAP. at point blank range Opposition moved up and fired on area enabling them to get clear Ops	1.0

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1300	LAE QF	8170	1900	0945	SECRET. SITREP 298 to 2000 K/7. 15 BDE. B. Coy 2/7 Bn reports one killed & one wounded by MORTAR fire on route from KUNDA IS. to [illegible] 10 Platoon Bn area behind Lokalo SOUTH COCONUTS. 17 Bde at 0605 K/7 and 2/5 Bn at 699905 was heavily attacked from 3 sides and were forced to withdraw. One mortar fired accurately engaged this area. At 1130/7 10 Pl commenced attack and by 1300 K/7 had reoccupied their original posn. 1030 K/7 one mortar on AMBUSH KNOLL fired 15 rounds into enemy posns on PRICES KNOLL. CO 2/7 now at OBSERVATION HILL. 0930/- 1030 K/7 allied A/C attacked SALAMAUA. Bombs started at 739983 and 740990 smoke rose to 300 feet and fires still burning. at 1130 K/7. 1030 K/7 one Liberator flying from direction SALAMAUA dived down over AMBUSH KNOLL. Rounds fell close to our guns. Apx. RAA 3 DIV. All night and morning 7 Aug Bty C 218 A Bn engaged enemy posns NORTH of GOLDVIEW JUNC with intermittent harassing fire. All informed.	
1678	8170	AIR FIELD	3100	0945	Repatriation doctor Melbourne advises that father of L/Cpl CRUISE ill and requests compassionate leave. Have requested further particulars. Please advise L/Cpl. CRUISE.	
27	30 Fd	Re Rly	2817	0945	SECRET SITREP 299 to 3300 K/7. 15 Bde after 7 Aug. B. Coy 58/59 Bn unsuccessfully attacked enemy in posn at 697966 and returned to their original posn. Hq D. Coy 58/59 Bn [illegible] at 697954. Patrol from D Coy [illegible] 24 Bn located 15 Japs and two well constructed huts at NEW NAMING 679039. Apx 30 enemy in area NEW NAMING 702958. 17 Bde Sp Platoon from 162 Regt moved out 7 Aug made contact with Coy 162 725926, when they stopped	

(C.E.F.O.(+))

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							investigation⊙ Builder 1 SMOKY decided AMBUSH POS could NOT be cleared without heavy casualties and thus area was held until 1230H/6 when patrol was withdrawn⊙ JAP ambush from has cliff on SOUTH side and river 10 yds away on NORTH side⊙ JAPS wore light green uniforms and helmet steel AMERICAN style⊙ Patrol arrived from base 1015H/6 men in high spirits but tired and worn⊙ Wet clothes and NO sleep⊙ Casualties⊙ Enemy 1 killed⊙ OWN NIL⊙ 1830H/6 one section reinforced from KULU reported in at FIRM BASE⊙ No PBE will stop forward of LA causing delays in messages⊙ Heavy rain during last few days⊙ 2206H/6 severe earth tremor felt⊙ OTHER WISE SITNOR⊙ ordo
8	EL 548	D Coy	24 Bn	1645H/7	0940H/8	Patrol no 10 out 0630H/8 in 1800H/11⊙ route from CISSIMBOB to HIGHGROUND - KONIATUM 6699 NE. along ridge to feature 680⊙ Route in retrace steps⊙ Object⊙ To prove area clear of enemy and observe enemy activity east and NE. of feature	I.O.
9.	I.D. 17.	SMOKY	BITO	1800H/7	0940H/8	Secret SITREP to 1900H/7⊙ SITNOR	I.O.
10.	EL 320	D Coy	BITO Fwd	1730H/7	0940H/8	SECRET⊙ SITREP 82 to 1710H/7⊙ 5 plus MALOLO OP.⊙ 1015H/7 to 1045H/7 15 LIBERATORS bombed SAL from low level⊙ Columns of smoke observed rising⊙ Light A/A fire on appearance of LIB. ceased when bombs dropped⊙ STEVENS patrol in 1230H/7⊙ 13 Japs + 10 well constructed huts at NEW WOMASU	I.O.
11	I.P. 16	SMOKY	BITO	1800H/7	0940H/8	Sketch and report marked urgent completed today⊙ including sketch of patrol report and Sketch of JAP ambush posn 631219 WAGO⊙	
	Q176	3 Div	24 Bn	1806H/7	0940H/8	Movement of natives to GUADAGASAL MT area	I.O.
13	I 1362	BITO	Bomo Dupa	1855H/7	0940H/8	Secret⊙ SITREP 288 to 1800H/7⊙ B Coy 24 Bn⊙ BUANG Area⊙ 1020H/6 1 pl patrol 10 offrs 21 ors of JAP ambush 631219 WAGO⊙ fired on by rifles⊙ Fire returned by OSMG and rifle⊙ 1 bn enemy killed⊙ OWN NIL⊙ 1230H/7 Patrol leader withdrew to FIRM BASE 545210 as he considered ambush posn. could not be taken without hy. cas⊙ A Coy⊙ 1 pl arrived 545210 WAGO to reinforce to 11 pl⊙ C Coy SITNOR⊙ B Coy PIB⊙ 1015H/7⊙ 12 persons NORTH to SOUTH 4 persons SOUTH to NORTH bank MARKHAM river VIC NEW LABU ISLAND⊙ SUNSHINE area OP 255026 Bulolo	1.0.
~~14~~	~~A500~~	~~3 Div~~	~~BITO Fwd~~	~~1432~~	~~0930H/8~~	~~Ref our A500 guides for air transport⊙ Pers to~~	
14	024	Ordy 3 Div	Ordy 24	2100	"	See No 2. Ref our A500 of 8/8 re air transport of personnel. Documents captured at OLD VICKERS POSN reveal that our tactics at BUANG R. succeeded in wiping down force of about one enemy Bn. Enemy planning attack from WEST down BUANG valley. Intention is to keep as large as possible an enemy force occupied in this area. You will employ WARFES tactics to harass the enemy wherever he can be found in this BUANG valley and RIVER MOUTH. Operating from a firm base, small patrols strongly	

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1072	EL806	D Coy 24 Bn	15 Bde rptd 24 Bn	0602	1128	SECRET (.) sitrep 143 to 0600k/29 LOOKER pl 0530k/29 1 sec moved EAST 5 yds on N of track and dug in unsble to proceed further and spur very narrow and further mvt would bring sec in line EAST WEST along track Cpl RELLY and 5 Ors out 0530k/29 route S from 684023 then E to native pad running NS (.) small fishing craft reported in my sitrep 142 observed at 713045 NOT now visible	1.0	–
1073	E382	TOJO	24 Bn	0700	1128	from 1800 vis nil rain and fog nil report .	1.0.	–
1074	I119	ADV BASA	REAR BASA BIKA BIXA DUDI	1135		AIR SUPPORT WEATHERREPORTS (.) report for week-ending 29 Aug will be fwded to REAR BASA as previously (.) commencing Mon 30 Aug coys will signal colated reports daily to ADV BASA by 0700 hrs the following morning (.) the first report for Mon 30 Aug to reach ADV BASA by 0700k/31 and will be identified by first gp ASWR (.) infm will be signalled in sequense of columns and where any column NOT applicable will be indicated as NIL (.) ACK	Sig's	1076 1079 1092.
1075	Phone	WAMPIT	BASA	1255	1300	AIR FLASH NGARAMENO OP. report lu/i a/c flying N over LAE at 1255 hrs. (Later advice stated 4 planes were reported flying WEST from LAE then SOUTH then circled and flew off NORTH. – this infm was AIRFLASHED) Immediately afterwards 4 P47's appeared in same area – may be identical)	11.F.S. 1.0	– 1074
1076	IP71	BIXA	ADV BASA	1250	1300	In reply to I 119 ACK.		
1077	O 29	ADV 3 DIV.	WAMPIT FORCE	2130	1300	SECRET SITREP 11 to 200k/28 (.) 58/59 Bn patrol ambushed 40 Japs 717971 killing 15. B coy heavily engaged night 26/27 Aug and withdrew to 714999 (.) 2/7 Bn D coy 0930 at 715995 patrol active (.) strong enemy attacks on 15 pl repulsed and pl withdrew into coy perimeter (.) 28 Bn to 1230k/28 (.) patrol activity continued standing patrol est 716964 (.) 162 Regt to 1830k/28 (.) locations 1 bn HQ 733444 B coy 733956 C coy 734945 D coy 731943 (.) 2 Bn HQ 753947 E and F coys plus 2 pls H coy gen area 741955 G coy 732946 (.) 3 Bn 738939 L coy 735946 (.) 12 Japs killed during encounter vic 743949 (.), RAA 3 Aust Div to 1200k/28 (.) KCB fire brought to bear on known Jap posn following shelling at TAMBU BAY area at 1030k/28 (.) NIL damage in coy area (.) OP at 685926 reported 3 large fires LAE following air strike all informed.	1.0.	–
1078	IR585	DUDI	BASA	1300	1315	SECRET SITREP 293 to 1300k/29 (.) RM WAIME NADZAB camp 5 307382 (.) 1130k/29 large fire MR 260570 (.) 1030k/29 2 ors 4 pl relieved 2 ors 15 pl (.) camp 12 429414 14 pl HQs est (.) WINDOW 491449 (.) 0905k canoe 5 occupants crossed from N to S or river vic 583433 (.) camp 13 446406 4 ors 13 pl relieved4 14 pl at 1030k/28 camp 7 417517 1 or 4 plrrelieved 1 or 15 pl 0900k (.) DEX 310372 3 MMG arrived 1200k/29.	1.0.	–
1079	IR585	DUDI	BASA	1345	1425	In reply to I 119 ACK	1.0.	1074
1080	6326	NGF	rptd WAMPIT	0130 FORCE	1425	5000 lbs US rations going fwd to DID Adv 5 Air Force WAU in GEORGE PEALE (.) specify they be moved onward from BULLDOG earliest possible at rate of 1000 lbs per day (.) please arrange. (CANCELLED SEE SERIAL 1109)	1.0. ADJT	1109.
1081	EL812	D coy	24 Bn	1036	1425	A 1360 amended cas return re pers reported missing VX104474 Pte MATHEWS N.L. Missing believed killed 19 Aug amended to killed in action 19 Aug body found on track ref map SALAMAUA 1/25000 685023 (.) VX104514 Pte SMITH N W reported missing 21 Aug (.) After SMITH moved SOUTH off track patrol called out and SMITH replied stating unhurt (.) 3274 patrol also observed SMITH moving WEST (.) NO further infm available.	ADJT	–
1082	A942	5 DIV	24 Bn	1000	1445	for BLACK YMCA rep (.) informed you instructed FAULKNER remain your area (.) FAULKNER was instructed proceed NASSAU to est store for holding and distribution of supplies (.) have received NO word from you (.) what quantity supplies do you hold and what are your requirements (.) from LORD.	ADJT	

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1083	032	5 Div	WAMPIT FORCE	0930	1455	SECRET SITREP 12 to 0800k/29 (.) 15 Bde to 1930k/28 (.) 58/59 Bn est 100 Japs attacked C coy night 27/28 Aug 25 enemy killed (.) amended location D Coy 714973 (.) patrols active (.) 29 Bde to 2030k/28 (.) 42 Bn (.) patrols active (.) 47 Bn (.) A Coy attacked enemy pill-boxes area 712963 (.) 32 Japs killed 20 wounded 2 pill-boxes destroyed our cas 2 ors killed 1 offr 4 ors wounded 1or missing all informed.	I.O.	-
1084	O 20	ADV BASA	AWW CAMP 6 rptd DUDI		1508	Lieut RICHARDS will NOT be moving to CAMP 6 (.) further details later.	I.O. SIGS	-
1085	EL816	D coy 24 Bn	15 Bde rptd 24 Bn	1201	1542	SECRET (.) SITREP 144 to 1200k/29 LOOKER pl nothing further to report MALOLO OP vis NIL.	I.O	-
1086		REAR BASA	ADV BASA		1555	Capt K. A. CARROLL and Cpl ROBERTSON J.A. arrived from SUNSHINE 1555.	-	-
1087	I 120	ADV BASA	SMOKY rptd BIXA		1555	BUILDER 1 emphasises operations demand infm of enemy mvt along beach track and whether LAE to SALAMAUA or vice versa (.) Coast NOT reached since 12 Aug by your patrols (.) Ensure that this is made the primary object of all future patrols (.) This infm regarding beach mvt urgently required.	SIGS	-
1088	EL805	D Coy 24Bn		1047	1600	16 pl in posjn at AMBUSH 672032 7 pl moving to HOTE will take over defence of HOTE area (.) ETA 1500k/29 LECKIE patrol out 0600k/30 in 1730k/31 route EAST along spur on grid 04 OBJECT recce MALAGOWAN and jap camp WEST of MALAGOWAN	C.O. I.O.	
1089		RMO	ADJT		1600	Recommendation for promotion L/Sgt SCOTT to A/SGT Pte W.A.RUSSELL to A/CPL approved	ADJT	-
1090	I121	ADV BASA	DUDI		1616	Ensure that T panel strips are covered from hostile a/c observation (.) have guards standing by to identify friendly a/c before exposing panels.		
1091	I122	BASA ADV	BASA REAR		1710	FOR ELECTRICIAN (.) Advise approx time Column 2 ASWR applicable for area No 9 (.) Take average time over last 14 days (.) Important to know earliest island visible (.) Urgent.		1102
1092	I1532	REAR BASA	ADV BASA	1455	1720	In reply to I 119 ACK.	I.O.	1074
1093	RQ51	D Coy	RECORDS NGF L of C area	1420	1825	VX104514 SMITH N.W. reported missing in action. BASA	Adjt.	
1094	Courier	REAR ADV BASA BASA			1825	Envelope Trg, Offr ; 3008 & 9 W/E 28 Aug ; works progress report 2/14 Fd Coy; amendment of remote detachment mainland, Int summary; 3 trg memorandums; packet RSM.		
1095	CEN 5807	NGF	WAMPIT FORCE rptd Corp	28/8	1925	for O.C. 5 pl 2/14 Aust Fd Coy (.) 14 Fd coy DOBADURA require portion WE TABLE left in custody 1 Aust 2/25 fd park extra equip/ all cases marked 17 left HQ with serial 1 to 15 (.) 1384 serial 1 to 4400 (.) total weight 400 lbs approx (.) also comprend all weight 2600 lbs with case 61201 four sets weight 48 lbs (.) can these be flown DOBADURA (.) please advise CE 1 Aust Corp of ACTION taken .	Adjt.	2298
1096	I1534	REAR BASA	ADV BASA	1900	1945	SECRET SITREP to 1900k/29 (.) Engineers (.) SUNSHINE-MARKHAM ROAD completed to 252057 BULOLO 1 inch (.) OP 255026 BULOLO 1 inch reports a/c heard in SOUTH heading NORTH approx 10000 ft otherwise SITNOR.	C.O. I.O.	
1097	IR 7	BIXA	ELEC-TRICIAN BASA	1930	1930	SECRET SITREP (.) to 1930k/29 (.) from PARTEP 2 STAGING (School) 8 o/rs to TIMNE 0815 (.) 5 o/rs to BIKA 0845 (.) 5 o/rs to BIXA 0845 (.) 2 o/rs 6 pl 5 o/rs 5 pl 2 o/rs BORI HQs arrived from MUMENG 1200 left for TIMNE 1300 (.) S/Sgt BARNES from PARTEP 1 1645 (.) 11 o/rs 11 pl reported BIXA from PARTEP 1 1655	C.O. I.O.	

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WAMPIT FORCE I124)- 29 - ---
MOST SECRET(.) Requeat AIRSTRIKE 0745 hrs Z day
NEW LABU ISLAND sq 5842 HEATHS 1/25000 particulars
NEW LABU 1 and NEW LABU 2 (.) Also NORTH bank
MARKHAM RIVER from 590431 WEST to 560439(.) Also
suspected JAP posns 582435 and NE along track
from 583433 to and incl HEATHS 597448(.)Suspected
JAP 75 mm AA sq 5843(.) RPA steep wooded spur
from HERTZOGS to MARKHAM POINT 1000 yds WEST of
ISLAND(.) RPB Timbered island sq 6042 1500 yds
EAST of NEW LABU ISLAND(.) BOMBLINE (.) NOT SOUTH
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1098	Q789	WAMPIT FORCE	NGF	2040		request that when sugar flour or other such commodities are dropped each such commodity be in two bags one inside the other (.) single bags and drums break (.) when dropped bread badly damaged (.) would prefer flour (.) would also appreciate dropping chilled meat (.) NO GUINEA GOLDs or first class mail received since 15 Aug NO registered mail since 11 Aug (.) receipt mail ~~xx~~ excellent effect on morale	Sig	
1099	Q790	24 Bn	D coy 24 Bn	2045		CONFIDENTIAL (.) Lieut LOOKER will NOT censor any more mail (.) ACK	Sig.	1142.
1100	IR587	DUDI	BASA	1900	1945	SECRET SITREP 294 to 1900k/29 (.) RMS WAIME NADZAB 1 inch (.) camp 5 307382 (.) 1300k/29 large fire approx MR 278615 (.) 1345k large fire MR 318641 (.) camp 7 317417 (.) 1315 k large fire 350610 (.) WAMPIT 307381 (.) 15 pl 8 sec arrived 1030k/29 (.) 1315 9 sec arrived from BOBS 1540k Cpls JOHNSTONE and STALEY arrived from TIMNE (.) TIMNE 12 HQ 2 A coy 1 C coy personnel arrived between 1500k and 1800k(.) otherwise SITNOR.	1.0. C.O.	
1101	QX261	WAMPIT FORCE	HQ NGF rptd 24 Bn	1730	2000	for DDOS (.) withdrawl of natives by ANGAU necessitates pack tpt carrying full distance BLAKES PARTEP 2 (.) supply along L of C prejudiced as unable to operate effectively through lack of materials mentioned letter Q27 dated k/20 particularly showing material (.) NIL available 102 FOD (.) request supplies be dropped ZENAG alternatively fwded BULOLO (.) AASC unable to supply oats for last three weeks (.) requirements 7 bags weekly (.) SMITH	Sig	
1102	I1535	REAR BASA	ADV BASA	1910	2000	for ELECTRICIAN (.) ref your I 122 average time 0745 hrs.	1.O	1091
1103	I1536	REAR BASA	ALL COYS	1910	2000	LOCSTAT down to secs and incl att pers to reach this HQ by 1800k/20 (.) use map refs	Sig	
1104	W 1	SMOKY	BIXA rptd BASA (In reply to I ~~M~~)	1710	2020	willy tony 2 RAP orderlies arrived FB 1730k/28 MR to FB is approx 554217 NOT rptd NOT approx 589217 as shown me at BASA (.) BUILDER 1 SMOKY NOT yet returned ACK your I 111 (.) preliminary recce party of 1 offr 1 or proceeded to SOUTH bank BUANG R to recce track to coast (.) depart 1330k/29 returning 1700k/29 (.) await return of B 1 for infm on cutting track to SUGARLOAF as per instr from MINER 1 over phone (.) total strength at FB 1 offr 26 ors 8 ND 2 LD (.) holding 016 for B 1 personally remainder able bodies being employed in triming FB otherwise SITNOR	1.O.	997b
1105	EL822	D Coy	24 Bn	1834	2135	SECRET SITREP 145 to 1830k/29 (.) LOOKER returned NO mvt of enemy ~~xxxx~~ observed (.) intensive MMG & LMG fire during afternoon on bearing 140 degrees mag (.) 1545k/29 8 pl in posn HOTE area MALOLO OP accurate shelling of EAST end of ISTHMUS from 1710k/29 to 1815k/29 (.) 1750k/29 smoke observed 687036	C.O 1.O.	
1106	O 38	ADV 5 DIV	WAMPIT FORCE	1500	2135	SECRET SITREP 13 to 1400k/29 15 Bde to 1100k/29 58/69 Bn (.) estimate 1 coy fresh Japs involved enemy cas now recorded 40 killed probably more (.) D coy now at 714978 (.) 29 Bde to 1200k/29 patrols active (.) RAA 3 Div to 1900k/28 (.) harassing fire enemy posns vic 739952 to 1410k/28 (.) CB fire 28 Aug on known enemy gun posns (.) all informed	C.O 29 Bde 1.O.	
1107	II24	WAMPIT FORCE	NGF rptd DUDI	2100		MOST SECRET(.)		
1108	Q6327	NGF	WAMPIT FORCE	0130	2320	X1 US comn team strength all risks 63 equipment 20 deadweight tons wireless applying to you for mvt WAU MORESBY via BULLDOG(.) Arrange backloading MT to BULLDOG AND request 2 AUST BASE SUB- AREA move onward MORESBY by watercraft	Adjt	
1109	Q6338	"	"	1245	2320	Ref my Q/6326 of 28 Aug CANCELLED		

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FROM SMOKEY

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Ref. map WAGO ⊙ Recce fighting patrol from FIRMBASE ⊙ Patrol led by Cpl MAWEY consisting of 1 N.C.O and 4 ORs left FIRMBASE 0630 K/A 1/0 endeavour to find old KARETE track 1[illegible] NORTH bank moved approx 560321 as far as I 126's returned KIS having found NO trace at all of this track ⊙ Retraced ⊙ 0800 Crossed LINE A CREEK M.R. 546213 and proceeded EAST along well defined KANAKA track from 546213 till approx. 0845 at MR approx 546214 where left defined track. Led in NORTH EAST direction ⊙ Following this for 150 yds. track petered out in jungle ⊙ Led through jungle to approx 561210 and came out on dry creek bed ⊙ 1130 approx followed down dry creek bed to approx 564219 but found NO tracks ⊙ 1215 approx returned along dry creek bed and other side of river to 546212 ⊙ 1315 approx returned along main track to FIRMBASE ⊙ Deductions ⊙ Thorough examination reveals NO sign of track junction and JAPS would therefore be very unlikely to find same

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NO	Ch NO	FROM	TO	TOO	TOR	DETAILS	
1110	E384	TOJO	24 Bn	1900	2320	From 1500 vis NIL NIL report	IO —
1111	D 9	NGF 1 CORPS	5 DivNGF WAMPIT FORCE	1530	2320	All comns incl SITREPS will be despatched direct 1 CORPS from 2359 hrs 29 AUG	I.O —
1112	EL820	D COY	24Bn	1702	2320	LOOKER P1(.) Enemy harrased by fire from Sec on NORTH side of track while fwd Secs relieved by remaining Secs(.) Enemy did NOT return fire BUT voices and mvt heard by our tps. 30 AUGUST43	IO 1052. 1067
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1113	Q6345	NGF	WAMPIT FORCE	0241 2230	0241	Owing conditions out side control this HQ now NOT repeat NOT possible drop 30 Aug(.) Drop planned 31 Aug in lieu (.)Ref Q6324 drop will be in accordance the rein (L)Airforce will NOT drop in area designitated by you (.) ACK (In reply to I 117)	Adjt I.O. 1114
1114	I 126	WAMPIT FORCE	NGF	0252		(In reply to Q 6345) ACK	Sig 1113
1115	I 127	Adv Basa	DUDI	0254		NO droppings today will advise later	Sig. —
1116	I 123	WAMPIT FORCE	NGF rptd	2025 k/29		SECRET SITREP 26 to 2000k/29(.) 24 Bn (.) 1030k/29 14 P1 HQ established NEW GABENSIS 429414 NADZAB 1 inch(.)1 Sec 15 P1 arrived WAMPIT 307391 WAIME 1 inch(.) 1315k/29 1 Sec 15 P1. arrived WAMPIT (.)1655k/29 1 Sec 11 P1 arrived PARTEP 2 272212 ROAMER 1 inch(.) 1330k/29 Recce patrol left FIRM BASE 554217 WAGO 1 inch to recce track SOUTH bank BUANG RIVER to coast (.)All informed	,, —
1117	H11	BIKA	ADVBASA	0600	0730	Amn return	RSM —
1118	K165	BIXA	" "	0640	0730	Amn return	RSM —
1119	L303	BIXA	BASA R rptd ADV	0650	0730	Strength state and Sick figures	ADJT —
1120	IR588	DUDI	BASA	0700	0730	SECRET SITREP 295 to 0700k/30 (.) SITNOR	I.O. —
1121	JG605	DUDI	""ADV	0700	0730	Amn return	RSM —
1122	JG602	DUDI	" REAR rptd ADV	0700	0730	Strength state	ADJT —
1123	IR 8	BIXA	BASA	0730	0730	SECRET SITREP (.) to 0730k/30 (.) SITNOR	I.O
1124	I127	WAMPIT FORCE	I AUST CORPS rptd	0807		SECRET SITREP 27 to 0800k/30 (.) SITNOR (.) ALL INFORMED	I.O.
1125	Q791	" "	N.G.F	0903		Daily amn return	SIGS —
1126	Phone	DUDI	BASA	0855	0910	AIRFLASH 4 U/I A/C reported over KIRKS OP height 15000-20000 ft flying EAST	HFS. —
1127	Q792	WAMPIT FORCE	NGF rptd 1 AUST CORPS	0910		SECRET (.) Please advise map ref dropping point GARAGOS RIVER so that attempt may be made to clear jungle.	1180.
1128	I128	WAMPIT FORCE	58/59 BN	0920		Please advise location 9 P1 A Coy 24 Bn as at 1800K/30.	
1129	Q793	ADV BASA	ZENAG	0950		W.O.II HODSON will move DUDI forthwith to temporarily act as CSM (.) sgt DIXON will be in comd ZENAG defences (.) comd will remain with BIKA.	SIGS — 1141
1130	I	ADV	BIKA	1000		NO reply to our I 119 of 29 AUG (.) please expedite	30 Aug

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TO BUILDER 1 SMOKY RPTD BOMO

FROM	Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
BTO	I 1216	28	JF 150

(Write horizontally)

Your MUST ~~Must~~ keep FIGHTING Patrols pinching O 5
Relief is on the way so do NOT let up O 10
DON Coy has been unrelieved for OVER TWO 15
MONTHS and are sick fighting O what Patrols 20
have gone out since HE SUGARLOAF Patrols returned 25
O Total was 127 some doing today while L/CPL 30
WALSH'S Patrol K/29 Coy was out O Send FIGHTING 35
L of C between ambush and beach and Patrols 40
bypass JAP along track to VR O Not impossible to 45
track O watch your rear O ACK. 50
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1131	I 130	WAMPIT FORCE	A.L.O. 5 AF BULOLO	1010		For NOBLETT from BUNSELL (.) this force under 1 Aust Corps from 0001 hrs today (.) can you advise whether requests for air strikes demands for air photos etc should be made through you or direct to 1 Corps	SIGS
1132	PHONE	ZENAG	BASA ADV	1050		1020 to 1035 K/30 4 planes dropped at ZENAG	V.O C.O. —
1133	O 21	ADV BASA	REAR BASA rptd ZENAG BIXA	1108		REAR BASA will despatch two LMG LEWIS by next boy-line to ZENAG (.) they will replace MMG on NORTH WEST corner of drome (.) MMG will then be sent to BIXA (.) one LMG to be mounted NORTH WEST corner of drome other SOUTH centre.	SIGS
1134	I131	WAMPIT FORCE	1 AUST CORPS	1115		for GSO (int) (.) unless otherwise instructed SITREPS and INTREPS will be fwded direct 1 Corps with copy to 5 DIV as previously (.) NO further comns to NGF (.) can you advise whether requests for AIRSTRIKES should be made direct 1 Corps or to A.L.O. at BULOLO (.) My request I 124 og 2100k/29 sent NGF should it now be repeated 1 Corps (.) can you arrange early delivery 12 maps each HEATHS LAE NADZAB LAE VICINITY all 1/25000 and 12 maps each WAIME NADZAB LERON BOANA 1 in to 1 mile	SIGS 2263
1135	0140	DUDI	ADV BASA	1100	1120	can SGT CAFFIN be attached 13 pl as pl Sgt.	ADJT 1136
1136	Q 795	ADV BASA	DUDI	1130		ref your D 140 YES	SIGS 1135
1137		REAR BASA	ADV BASA	1200		CAPT CAMERON arrived ADV BASA .	— —
1138	A 33	1 AUST CORPS	WAMPIT FORCE	1515 29/8	1225	AAS W3007 to be rendered daily as from 1 Sept	ADJT —
1139	Q 6352	NGF	WAMPIT FORCE	0100	1225	horse shoes being fwded WAU 30 Aug addresses WAMPIT FORCE.	—
1140	O 17	1 AUST CORPS	WAMPIT FORCE	0025	1225	In reply to Q767 SECRET (.) regret NOT possible to send LO at present (.) details your role given Capt CHALK due to leave WAU 27 Aug	Adjt 832
1141	H 38	BIKA	ADV BASA	1140	1225	In reply to I 119 ACK	L.O 1074
1142	EL817	D Coy	24 Bn	0831	1225	In reply to Q790 ACK (.) LOOKER advised re NOT censor confidential MEMO being held pending his return from fwd area so as NOT to effect morale of tps.	Adjt 1099
1143	EL824	DIFA	BASA	0600	1225	SECRET (.) SITREP 146 0600k/30 LOOKER pl NIL report LECKIE patrol 0500k/30 to recce MALAGAWAN and Jap camp	1.O. —
1144	EL826	DIFA	BASA	0600	1225	Cas return as at 2350k/29 (.) killed NIL and NIL wounded NIL and NIL sick NIL and NIL	Adjt "
1145	0553	58/59 Bn	24 Bn	0700	1225	strength 9 pl 1 and 20 hospital 6 (.) 6 ors reported in 28 Aug(.) VX130907 Pte McCALLUM P.W. evacuated to ADS 29 Aug PIO verama	
1146	IR589	DUDI	BASA	1300	1330	SECRET SITREP 296 to 1300k/30 (.) RMsWAIME 1 in (.) camp 5 307482 (.) 0730k/30 large fire at approx M.R. 255523 (.) 0855k/30 4 U/I A/C flying EAST at 20000 ft (.) DEX 310372 LIEUT YOUNG SGTS CAFFIN HOWARTH CHRISTENSEN CPLS BLUNDELL and CATLIN arrived DEX between 1000k and 1100k/30 (.) Otherwise SITNOR	I.O.
1147	Q796	WAMPIT FORCE	1 AUST CORPS ~~NGF~~ rptd REAR BASA	1405		four planes dropped this-morning from approx 500 ft (.) estimated recovery 75 per cent (.) planes dropped from 150 ft (.) has been found that when stores are dropped from 50 ftat slow speed recovery is 90 per cent with fewer stores damaged	
1148	Q794	24 Bn	58/59 Bn	1412		please advise names of 6 ors reported in to 9 pl 24 Bn	
1149	Courier	DUDI	BASA		1420	weekly air support report; Int report 29 Aug; piece of paper picked up in hut at MUMENG; package for Capt BUNBURY; summary of evidence Pte TIBALLs	Sig 30 Aug

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TO BUILDER 1 BOMO

FROM BITO

Originator's Number I 1134

Date 28

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Ref commando role ⊙ again stress URGENT need for immediate action before japs dig in ⊙ advise time fighting patrol left today ⊙ if not already sent send forthwith ⊙ This is change of lifetime SOOKY ⊙ dupa pls itching for job ⊙ patrol referred to as 99 left LA 0730K/22 this about 2½ hrs too LATE patrol must leave first light and advise arrangements for breakfast made accordingly ⊙ other contacted two three men keep enemy under observation as long as possible ⊙ at suitable distance west of contact point say m 1/2 mile erect dummy barricade across track making plenty sounds of chopping ⊙ protect construction with BREN along track ⊙ cut fields of fire ⊙ on completion observation and construction party return FIRMBASE ⊙ this is not to interfere with fighting patrols as construction party will be drawn from FIRMBASE personnel ⊙ construction of Dummy barricade not to be undertaken until dep from FIRMBASE established ⊙ round the clock strips to me thanks on firmbase

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1150	I 132	ADV BASA	SMOKY rptd BIXA	1425		Name SMOKY FORCE to be discontinued SMITH FORCE will be name used by patrol in future	Sig 2421
1151	R 52	24 Bn	D Coy 241130 Bn rptd BASA		1508	for Capt WHITELAW (.) have you anyone to replace Cpl TONKIN as P and O Cpl (.) as Cpl TONKIN required BHQ for instruction forthwith (.) ACK	Sig 1155
1152	Q6336	NGF	WAMPIT FORCE 1 DET 5 A.F. MVT MORESBY BASE AREA rptd 5 AF MVTS TERAP 2 AUST BASE SUB AREA	1200/29	1557	Dets HQ U.S. BDE strength offr 1 ors 3 plus U.S. ration 21000 less lbs will move MORESBY to WAU reporting dets ADV A.A.F WAU assembly area (.) Journey will commence in ABLE TASMAN about 1st SEPT (.) MVTS MORESBY organisation accordingly (.) MORESBY base area instruct 2 AUST BASE sub area arrange onward movements earliest possible at rate of 10000 lbs rations per day	Adjt.
1153	O 44	5 DIV	WAMPIT FORCE	0940	1557	SECRET (.) SITREP 15 to 0800k/30 (.) 15 BDE to 2130k/29 (.) 58/59 Bn (.) 1 pl located HOTE 622015 (.) 29 BDE to 1200k/29 (.) 42 BN 6 Japs killed by patrol;preceded by hy arty MG and mortar concentration D Coy 1520k/29 attacked CHARLIE HILL 725957 (.) Attack unsuccessful coy withdrew to previous posn (.) 47 BN mortae fire pillboxes gen area 712966 (.) D Coy 708953 (.) 162 U.S REGT 2100k/29 (.) B Coy occupied perimeter 736955 (.) L Coy 736947 (.) 2 BN HQ 748953 (.) G Coy 749944 (.) RAA 3 DIV enemy A/A posn 752018 and last standing building on SALAMAUA ISTHMUS engaged and hit (.) All available guns utilised in support of inf attack (.) All informed	C.O I.O
1154	I 42	5 DIV	WAMPIT FORCE	2000/29	1557	SECRET SITREP 14 to 2000k/29 (.) 15 BDE 1330k/29 (.) 58/59 BN B Coy 761981 (.) C Coy moving 714975 (.) D Coy 719983 (.) 2/7 BN (.) B Coy 705940 (.) C Coy and EDWARDS pl area 709998 (.) 29 BDE (.) 15 BN 18 00k/29 6 BN HQ ~~709998~~ coy C and D Coy 738293 (.) B Coy less 12 pl 734914 (.) 12 pl standing patrol 721925 (.) A Coy bivouac night 29/30 approx 2 miles NORTH TAMBU BAY (.) 162 US REGT to 1630k/29 (.) fighting patrol B Coy now vacated Jap perimeter at 736955 (.) apparently vacated hurriedly by Japs 1 70mm gun 60 rifles many packs and some documents found (.) L Coy encountered perimeter from approx 736957 to 300 yds (.) Slight opposition overcome patrol activity continued (.) All informed	C.O I.O
1155	EL 830	D Coy 24 BN		1245	1627	Unable replace TONKIN at present (.) Will advise at earliest opportunity	Adjt 1151
1156	Q 396	3 DIV 24 BN		1423	1627	From PATERSON emitted to your trust accounts today pounds 88 - 18 -10 (.) Expecct take up to month to clear to you (.) Send paybook and clothing coupons of Pte MILLS in envelope addressed to me	"
1157	Phone			1725		LIEUT SWINEACRE of 11 Fighter Sector re move to MORESBY.	
1158	Courier	REAR ADV BASA	BASA		1818	cas return; bayonet Builded 1; letterotrg offr; letter MINER; for ELECTRICIAN letter from Capt NOBLETT L.O. maps 2 NADZAB 1 inch. 2 HEATHS 1/25000, 2 LAE 1/25000, Int summary weekly air support weather report.	
1159		KUPA rptd ADV BASA			1818	Strength report 1 Offr 5 NCO 21 Ors	
1160	O 50	5 Div	WAMPIT FORCE	1540	1906	SECRET SITREP 16 to 1400k/30 (.) 15 Bde to 1300k/30(.) relief of A and B coys 2/7 Bn by C and D coys respectively 58/59 Bn now proceeding (.) 29 Bde to 1200k/30 (.) 42 Bn (.) 1 pl astride track junc 831955 preparatory to fwd move by A and C coys (.) number OPs captured 830954 (.) patrol moving WESTERN side of CHARLIE HILL to ck track (.) 47 Bn (.) coy now astride track vic track junc 716972 (.) 15 Bde A coy arrived 748924 at 0800k/30 (.) 163 US Regt at 1300k/30 (.) A coy in area between 741959 and 747965 (.)	Adjt. C.O I.O 30 Aug

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Beta	I 1126	22	

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Subsequent to further to I 1122 the basis for fighting patrol will be COMMANDO TACTICS which COMMANDO TACTICS as you will fully know are designed to inflict heavy casualties on the JAPS and destroy his will to fight. Whenever a JAP is found he will be attacked immediately following which SNIPERS and HARASSING fire will be used to keep the JAPS constantly on the move. Should a JAP be found he will be set upon by overwhelming force and annihilated. Also pieces for tracks inland from SOUTH of RUANG to west of the Selected good fighting men and leaders for the COMMANDO patrol LANE may be used to cancel previous orders limiting selection of 11 Fd to be used for FIRMBASE construction select best men of this section and use them to replace weakest in 12 Fd who will then with remainder of 11 Fd seek return to MAROS Total commando force will be 2 offrs 34 ors At least HALF of force will remain at FIRMBASE protecting LEGA also MAROS and will construct FIRMBASE 1 on priority task COMMANDO patrol GETTING at enemy. High percentage of Auto weapons to be carried by patrol. Cancel previous order for 2 EW 15 and send to FIRMBASE 2 items to

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1160	Continued					cas (.) 3 Offrs and 5 ors wounded (.) LMG fire/L coy on Jap posns vic 738949(.) RAA 3 Div to 1100k/30 (.) 105 and 75 mm guns engaged Japs vic SOUTH WEST end SALAMAUA airstrip with good effects (.) barge off KKELA PT engaged by 25 pdrs and sunk (.) night 29/30 Aug 105 and 75 mm guns fired concentrating to cover landing of supplies DOT ISLAND (.) gb fire on known enemy gun posns and Jap guns silenced All informed		
1161	RQ 52	REAR BASA	ADV BASA	1715	1906	for MINER (.) map ref 417403 NADZAB 1 inch	Adjt.	
1162	I1545	REAR BASA	BASA FWD	1835	1906	ASWR (.) SUNSHINE Aug 30 0900 hrs NIL NIL NIL 1815 hrs hy fog in morning lifted 0900 hrs scattered clouds light wind from NORTH EAST vis good	I.O.	
1163	IW 4	SMOKY	ADV BASA	1130	1936	SECRET SITREP to 1130k/30 (.) BUILDER 1 and patrol arrived at FB at 1800k/29 (.) report following (.) otherwise SITNOR	I.O.	
1164	I 2815	NGF	ADV HQ 9 AUST DIV BULOLO	0950	1936	1131 maps dispatched this HQ by DRLS 29 Aug (.) please ACK receipt. Passed by	Adjt.	
1165	I1544	REAR BASA	FWD BASA	1900	1950	SECRET SITREP to 1900k/30 (.) Engrs (.) SUNSHINE-MARKHAM Rd/further advanced NO k/30 spent filling in 2 small cks and small patches along rd (.) expect to reach MUMENG 4 or 5 days time otherwise SITNOR	I.O.	
1166	O 22	I AUST CORP	WAMPIT FORCE	1958		ref future ops this unit please advise time of first light		
1167	IR 10	DUDI	ADV BASA	1900	1950	SECRET SITREP 297 to 1900k/30 (.) RM NADZAB WAIME DEX 310372 Sgts SCOTT BARNES Cpl ROBERTSON and PTE BARKER Sig KEEN MAAS arrived DEX 1645k/30 (.) WAMPIT 307381 Capt BUNBURY and 17 ors of 11 pl arrived 1730k/30 (.) WINDOW 491449 (.) 1830k/30 canoe with 2 occupants and small bundle of cargo in centre of canoe vic NEW LABU IS (.) Owing to vis being hazy it could NOT be identified (.) OOMSIS vic 459455 (.) 14 pl established HQs 1500k/30 (.) BENS 479411 Lieut YOUNG Sgt CAFFIN Cpl BLUNDELL arrived 1730k/30 (.) DEX Capt SENDER and batman arrived 1345k/30 (.) Capt CAMERON arrived 1655k/30 (.) otherwise SITNOR	C.O. I.O.	
1168	IR 9	BIXA	BASA	1930	2005	SECRET SITREP to 1930k/20 (.) 20 ors 11 pl under Capt BUNBURY departed BIXA on SECRET MISSION Lieut CHILDS and 2 ors 11 pl arrived BIXA from KUPO 1630 (.) 4 ors 3 pl departed BIXA for KUPO 0830 (.) 2 ors 11 pl arrived BIXA from KUPO 1925 (.)	I.O.	
1169	Verbal	Mr CHILDS ELECTRICIAN			1850	LEGA reports barges heard moving LAE - SALAMAUA from 1825 to 1840 hrs AIRFLASH to 11 fighter sector		
1170	I2809	NGF	WAMPIT FORCE	2000 28/8	2018	for GSI (.) stationery obtained being despatched as you requested first available plane	I.O.	
1171		BIXA	ADV BASA	1818	2018	Amendments to LOCSTAT of 28-8-43 (.) dispositions of BIXA are the same with the following exceptions:- No 11 pl from PARTEP 1 PARTEP 2 to WAMPIT (.) 1 det 3 pl from PARTEP 2 to DAMBI (.) ZENAG ceases to be under comd but some personnel still there (.) personnel at PARTEP 2 are now CHQ and 1 det 3 pl	I.O.	
1172	I 134	ADV BASA	SMITH FORCE rptd BIXA	2020		for ELEC (.) your SITREP unsatisfactory (.) if patrol arrived FB 1800k/29 why was NOT RESULT repeat result of patrol sent (.) Now 24 hrs after patrol returned and still NO repeat NO result (.) your job is to obtain infm and transit with all possible speed (.) advise URGENT why you are falling down on your job 30 Aug. 43.	S.I.O.	

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1173	I 133	WAMPIT	1 AUST FORCE CORPS rptd	2021		SECRET SITREP 28 to 2000k/30 (.) 24 Bn (.) 1730k/30 2 secs 11 pl arrived WAMPIT 307381 WAIME 1 inch (.) 1500k/30 14 pl now at OOMSIS 459455 NADZAB 1 inch (.) 0830k/30 1 det mor left PARTEP 2 for LEGA 521210 WAGO 1 inch (.) 1825 to 1840k/30 barges moving LAE - SALAMAUA heard from LEGA (.) number NOT known (.) all informed.		—
1174	D141	DUDI	ADV BASA	2105	2128	SECRET SITREP (.) Native from GABENSIS just reported to Camp 11 with infm that unknown number of Japs seen at Camp 12 1800k/30 (.) Two PBs guarding kai line there have NOT reported back (.) Guard on GABENSIS airstrip standing to with orders to hold (.) All posns standing to (.) PB has left camp 11 to contact PBs at camp 12	C.O. LO.	1177 1184 1185 1187 1192
1175	EL829	D Coy 24BN		1730	2155	SECRET SITREP 148 to 1820k/30 (.) LOOKER reports 6 trees felled (.) Chopping ceased 0715k/30 (.) MALOLO OP 1700k/30 smoke observed 684034 (.) 1745k/30 smoke from fires approx 724026	C.O. I.O.	—
1176	Q 797	WAMPIT FORCE rptd 1 AUST CORPS 15 BDE	5 DIV	2155		MOST SECRET (.) Plan for ops under direct orders from NGF was based on availability of 1 offr and 46 Ors X list and rear details pers sent fwd to 24 BN on special request of NGF (.) This unit responsible for hugh area (.) L of C extremely vulnerable (.) Without these reinfts cannot accept responsibility in unforeseen eventualities in present weakened state (.) NGF OP IMSTRN 89 allotted ONE bn less 1 coy for ops from BUANG RIVER to WATUT RIVER (.) Include defence several dromes (.) 7 offrs 200 Ors being average str 2 coys in your area (.) Only 9 offrs 221 Ors rifle coys remain with unit (.) As it appears too late to extricate 22 Ors already moved to D Coy 24 BN under comd 15 AUST INF BDE request that 1 offr 24 Ors be returned to this unit as soom as possible	Sig.	
1177	I 135	WAMPIT FORCE rptd	NGF	2200		SECRET SITREP 29 to 2145k/30 (.) 24 BN (.) GABENSIS native reports unknown number JAPS seen NEW GABENSIS CAMP 429414 NADZAB 1 inch (.) NO report 2 PBs guarding ration line at the camp (.) Phone lines NOT yet cut (.) All posns incl GABENSIS airstrip guard standing to (.) 14 Pl C Coy at COMSIS 459455 moving to cut BWARIP - GABENSIS track (.) B Coy PIB parties temporarily patrolling SOUTH bank MARKHAM from KIRKS to NGARANENO (.) 13 Pl moving BENS - GABENSIS to cut track (.) All informed	S/B 1174	
1178	I 136	ADV BASA	DUDI	2225		SECRET (.) For BUILDER 1 (.) Confirming phone instrns from BUILDER 1 BASA (.) 13 PL will move from BENS to GABENSIS and cut off enemy in that area (.) A patrol from 4 Pl pers will proceed from NGARANENO across to the BWARIP track (.) Line will be cut at BENS before moving	S/B	
1179	E 388	TOJO	24 BN	1930	2245	1800 2 barges from E W 1 from LABU arrived LAE (.) 1901 4 A/C left LAE drome floodlit i in quarters 1915 ONE light flashing one sight third lagoon ref WAGO prov 632355approx	I.O.	
1180	Q798	WAMPIT FORCE	NGF rpt 1 Corps	2300		ref Q792 and ou r SITREP to 2145 hrs 30 AUG (.) Owing to present tactical situation request NO dropping EAST BENS until situation clears	Sig	1127 1177
1181	I 137	Rear BASA	ADV BASA	2200		LOCSTAT B Coy (.) CHQ plus 1 det 3 Pl HQ Coy PARTEP 2 ROAMER 272212 less 1 det CHQ at MAPOS WAGO 412197(.) 10 Pl plus 1 det No 1 Pl HQ Coy plus 1 Sec No 12PL LEGA WAGO 521210 (Firm base 575226) (.) 11 Pl HQ plus 3 Secs WAMPIT WAIME 307381 (under comd C Coy)(.) 12 Pl HQ plus 2 Secs BAMBI WAGO 358183 plus 1 subsec No2 Pl HQ Coy plus 1 Det No 3 Pl h HQ Coy(.) 7 Pl A Coy Pl HQ plus 2 Secs TOKANIN WAGO 396160 1 Sec MUNGGA WAGO 324151 (.) T/A rifle and 2 " Mortar team from 12 Pl attached to HQ Coy det at ZENAG ROAMER 257165 NB NO copy of LOCSTAT	C.O. I.O.	
1182	IW5	SMOKY	BIXA	1430	2200	SECRET (.) Report on SUGARLOAF PATROL(.) Ref map WAGO(.) Fighting patrol from FB 575226 under Builder 1 BIXA 1 NCO 15 or's and 1 "I" man k/25(.) Arms (.) 2 Brens 6 OSMG 9 rifles 2 grens per man amn booby trap material fuses etc (.) OBJECT To booby trap Lof C alon	C.O.	

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Patrol reached KARESTE at 1420. Leave remained till 1500 throughout the day. The KARESTE area was thoroughly searched for signs of enemy but none could be found all tracks leading to and from KARESTE are completely overgrown. The track MR 5445224 leading SOUTH to Briang River is covered with undergrowth and shows NO signs of having been used for at least 6 months. This track leading to VIGHI is in poor condition MR 5402250. The engineer destruction for the night of day once east MR 55-9229 appears that owing to the weakness of members of Unit and the fact that two men had developed DYSENTERY and all were suffering from sores and I decided to camp the night at KARESTE. All tracks leading East were booby trapped and double guarded. Patrol left KARESTE 0530 hrs and proceeded on bearing of 40 degrees MAGNETIC from KARESTE we cut our way through dense jungle and rain forest. The country in this area is continually rising and falling as the

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beach track 627267(.) WEATHER(.) Fine k/25,26 27 28 29(.) ROUTE OUT(.) 575226 baring 40 deg to 595250 then 80deg to 620258 and then 10 deg to 621266 (.) ROUTE IN (.) 621266 190 deg to 620258 then 270 deg to 609258 then 210 deg to 500234 along NORTH arm BUANG RIVER to FB (.) TIME OUT 0630k/25 TIME IN 1800k/29 (.) RATIONS for 5 days plus emergency rations(.) RESULT OF PATROL(.) Unable to reach coast because of deep swamps(.)Details(.) Patrol under command of B 1 BIXA left 0630k/25 and moved along a bearing of 40 deg along SOUTHERN slopes of SUGARLOAF range(.)Going was very rough Thick jungle and big rocks were encountered making progress very slow(.)After 2 hrs journey an old track was discovered(.) This track may be the one used by DUCHATELS on his trip to SUGARLOAF(.)It was ill defined but could be followed (.) Unable to give any MR for the track owing to the jungle being so thick unable to pick up any landmark to state bearing (.) After 4 hrs slow travel this track faded out and we were unable to trace any further(.) We had to break bush and this work was very exhausting and halts were frequent (.) First night(.) Was at 595250 (. K/26 patrol moved on a bearing of 80 deg and continued jungle bashing(.) At NO time up to this stage had the patrol any opportunity to observe surrounding country owing to thickness of jungle and the height of the trees (.) Impossible to climb any trees (.) The night halt we at 620258(.) On k/27 moved on bearing 10 deg and proceeded along EAST side of SUGARLOAF (.) The track taking was on edge of swamp and high feature follwing around/idge until we started to trace NW (.) Attempts were made between 622257 and 622265 to cross the swamp (.) Small creeks were followed but they fadedout in the swamp(.) Swamp this stage very treachorous (.) Surf plainly heard (.) Patrol then climbed on to high ground at apptox621260 to try and gain an OP(.) A view was obtained of the coastline(.) It was approx 1500 yds away and there was NO sign of the lake shown on the WAGO maps (.) this tends to show how inaccurate the map is (.) In my opinion the distance on the journey out is far in excess of what is shown on the map (.) Patrol returned to 620258(.) Considerable Barge mvt was heard throughout the whole night k/27/28(.) Barges seemed to be following very close to the coastline moving from LAE to SALAMAU(.) Surf heard very plainly and also bom bing of SALAMAU(.) K/28 marched on bearing of 210 deg(.) During that day there was considerable air activity in the direction of LAE and heavy A/A fire was heard(.) Patrol jungle bas hed to 600204 where the night was spent (.) Day 29 moved on a bearing 230 deg to NORTH arm of BUANG RIVER and moved to FB along NORTH track (.) Patrol at this stage was very tired after 5 days hard and exhausting work (.) All personnel are suffering from thee itch which becomes unbearable (.) Sleep is hard to obtain (.) Patrol did a good job under these conditions (.) BUILDER 1 BIXA led the patrol for the whole journey and was responsible for direction and carving of track(.) The patrol had all confidence in their leader morale at start of patrol was fair but men gained confidence after the first day It was necessary k/26 to send 4 members of the patrol back to FB (.) They were suffering from colds and foot complaints and would have been a hindrance had they continued(.) Sketch to follow

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1183	O 23	ADV BIXA w BASA DUDI	2345		SECRET(.) BIXA will move two secs to DUDI on 31 AUG to provide protection DEX and escort duties	Sig.
1184	PHONE	DUDI BASA	0045	0048	CAMP 11 has nothing to report(.) Patrol has NOT returned.	1174
1185					31AUGUST	
1185	T 10	NGARA-AWW NENO BULOLO rptd 24 Bn	2000	0120	Unknown number Japs troops reported by 24 Bn at GABENSIS map ref 420409 NADZAB 1 inch I.O.	1179

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1185 IR592 DUDI BASA Fmt 2300 2338 LOC STAT

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1186	O 57	5 Div XXXXXX XX	WAMPIT FORCE	2215 0400	SECRET SITREP 17 to "2000k/31(.)15 Bde to 1930k/30 (.)Patrol activity continuous(.) 29 Bde to 1800k/30 (.)Patrol active one enemy pillbox 710967 attacked and cleared 5 Japs killed (.)A Coy carried recce for attack 1430K/30 C Coy did NOT reach track junc 716971 as heavy opposition encountered714967(L) Slight cas Coy now at 716968 (.)42 Bn (.) D Coy vicinity 722959 then 726958(.) Plambush sec on track to NORTH CHARLEY HILL (.)A and C Coys moved from 731953 NORTH along two tracks(.)A Coy met light encounter opposition 730956 and C Coy 726955(.)C Coy moved to 728957 and attacked enemy posns whilst A Coy prepared Firm Base 100 yds to SE and both Coys night 30/31(xx) Aug(.)162 US Regtto1730k/30(.)I and L Coys nade contact after taking Jap posn approx 737948(.)Estimated 70 Japs killed in area over period by arty and mortar fire (.)P sn now secured to 200 yds to NORTH towards approx 741952(.)Japs occupy posn 200 yds to NORTH (.)20Japs estimated killedby A Coy in last 24 hrs(.) C Coy moved to 736955(.) Patrols E and F Coys advanced to approx 740955 encountered opposition estimated 6 Japs xx killed (.) Patrol withdrew slightly and dug-in(.)RAA 3 Aust Div to 1900k/30 6 105 mm engaged Jap mvt vicinity A/A posns on peninsula with good results	I.O.
1187	Phone	DUDI	AdvBasa Sigs	0300	NOTHING to report.	I.O. 1174
1188	H 12	BIKA	ADV BASA	0600 0740	In reply to 0.6	R.Sm
1189	H 38	BIKA	ADV BASA	0630 0740	ASWR k/30 (.) 0900 hrs NIL NIL NIL 1815 hrs hy fog to 0900 hrs scattered cloud light wind from NE vis good (.) As REAR BASA furnish this infm to you nightly is this report necessary	I.O.
1190	K167	BIXA	ADV BASA	0640 0740	NIL RETURN	
1191	L 307	BIXA	REAR BASA	0645 0740	Strength return	Adjt
1192	IR593	DUDI	BASA rptd ADV	0700 0740	SECRET SITREP 298 to 0700k/31 rm WAIME NADZAB 1 inch (.) Camp 11 397411 (.) fighting patrol left for NEW GABENSIS 429414 night k/30 (.) OOMSIS 459455 (.) fighting patrol left for NEW GABENSIS night k/30 (.) times of departure strength of patrols fwded later (.) NGARENENO 409510 fighting patrol strength 1 NCO 5 ORs left at 2130k/30 to cut BWARIP - GABENSIS track approx MR 435508 (.) WAMPIT 306382 (.) recce patrol strength 2 NCOs 5 ORs left at 0655k/31 to recce track to BENS (.) otherwise SITNOR	I.O. 1174
1193	Phone	DUDI	BASA	0910	0740k/31 NGARENENO OP reports patrols strength 6 which left Camp 6 last night sighted on a bearing of 150 degrees mag (.) lost to view when next seen were moving back to camp (.) PIB runner sent to tell them to stand fast and fight (.) BUILDER 1 instructs that 5 men of 4 pl move immediately from KIRKS to support (.)	I.O.
1194	Phone	DUDI	BASA	0910	0855k/31 3 bursts MG fire heard from BOBS on a bearing of 130 degrees mag (approx HALF WAY HUTS) (.) further sec leaving DEX 0910 to support (.)	I.O.
1195	Phone	BIXA	BASA	0925	0925 2 secs ordered by message O 23 left PARTEP 2 for DEX	Adjt.
1196	JG607	DUDI	BASA REAR	0100 0740	Strength return rptd ADV BASA	"
1197	IR 10	BIXA	BASA	0730 0740	SECRET SITREP (.) to 0730k/31 (.) SITNOR.	I.O

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FROM B1 Bon10 | Originator's Number DF 102 | Date 23 | In Reply to Number

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SECRET Report on Patrol sent to regmt
contact with enemy @ 1 NCO 5 ors 1 PBI @
@ 730 K/23 crossed LINDA CK mkg NAGO
545210 moved along BUNG River @
after crossing river for second
time and Bunong down pad
PATH BANK 100 yds jab foot prints
going west and east @ Also nature
foot prints were observed @ 0945 moved
along 200 yds further and 55 Jap MMG
opened up from left flank @ only fired
a short burst and fired high @ as there
was no cover Patrol withdrew to cover behind
rock @ 1 Jap was observed standing up 25 yds
from rock and was immediately killed @
MMG was not seen and there were no fired @
of prior but @ heavy auto fire was then
brought to bear from post in front of us
about back 30 yds away @ 2 more Japs
showed themselves as they were ambushing @
to our flank & patrol opened fire but result @
not observed @ mort was heard on left flank
and it was considered Patrol was being
encircled and the patrol @ withdrew to
LINDA CK and took up ambush posn
on LEFT side until 1315 hours @.

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1198	Phone	DUDI	BASA		0940	0953k/31 Lieut YOUNG of 13 pl rang from BENS and reported that patrol last night went to GABENSIS where he collected the native who saw the Japs this-morning the boy took them to the spot where the Japs were seen (.) this is 1 half hr the BWARIP side of OLD Camp 12 NEW GABENSIS 429414 and states that he saw 4 Japs on track with more further back Lieut YOUNG searched the area but could find NO Japs and is now back at BENS	I.O.	
1198	I 138	WAMPIT FORCE	1 AUST CORPS rptd		0818	SECRET SITREP 30 to 0800k/31 (.) 24 Bn (.) ~~XXNRx~~ NO further report from patrols w hich left BENS 399411 NADZAB 1 inch and OOMSIS 459455 night k/30 to contact Japs reported by natives to be at NEW GABENSIS 429414 NADZAB 1 inch at 1800k/30 (.) 0655k/31 recce patrol str 7 left WAMPIT 306382 WAIME 1 inch to recce track to BENS (.) 1730k/30 11 pl B coy came under control C coy (.) BUANG AREA (.) whilst patrol was on SUGARLOAF 612258 WAGO 1 inch considerable barge mvt LAE-SALAMAUA was heard close to coast throughout night 27/28 (.) all informed.	Sig.	
2200	Q6377	NGF	NG L of C sigs BULOLO rptd WAMPIT FORCE 1 Aust Corps.	01450832		Passed to 2/34 Aust Supply pl (.) Landing WAU - BULOLO today 3 a/c distillate for engrs 2 a/c pol 1 a/c explosives 1 a/c misc including MAIL comforts for WAMPIT (.) Office in charge 2/34 responsible safe transit stores WAMPIT (.) Evacuate gas cylinder EX 102 fwd ord depot	Adjt	
2201	O 8579	NGF	1 AUST CORPS rptd WAMPIT FORCE	02150832		Air flash states dispersed number of Japs reported GABENSIS by 24 Bn (.) please reinstruct air force regarding tomorrow of drop to WAMPIT force arrange for 31 Aug from DOBODURA (.) ACK	Adjt.	2215
2202	S 31	BIKA	ADV BASA	08000843		Strength return.	"	
2203	I 13	1 AUST CORP	WAMPIT FORCE k/30	09300843		CARP 004 despatched through 5 Aust Div	Adjt.	
2204	H 12	DUDI	BASA FWD	07010850		Amn return.	R&M.	
2205	I 1547	REAR BASA	FWD BASA	08000850		SECRET SITREP to 0800k/31 (.) SITNOR	I.O.	
2206	I 139	ADV BASA	BIKA rptd REAR BASA	0900		ASWR (.) in future reports will be signalled by BIKA rptd REAR BASA (.) Rear will NOT signal but will collate infm and hold for reference	Sig.	
2207	EL843	D COY	24 Bn	07300945		Weekly sick report w/e 30 Aug		
2208	IR594	DUDI	BASA	08560945		NGARENENO OP reports 0740k/31 our patrol from NGARENENO observed moving SE on a bearing 150 deg mag approx MR422503 (.) BOBS camp report 3 burst MG fire heard bearing approx 130 deg mag at 0845k/31 (.) NGARENENO OP reports 0855k/31 patrol returning to NGARENENO (.) runner sent from NGARENENO to tell patrol to stay out and fight.	I.O.	
2209	E 389	TOJO	3 Div rptd 24 Bn	07001040		0545 and 0705 two a/c took off LAE to S (.) 0610 one barge arrived LABU from S coast.	I.O.	
2210	SIGS 6234	TSILI	24 Bn rptd coy HQ		1015	GNARANINO station reports Japs GABENSIS rptd GABENSIS (.) can you confirm and if so have you advised TOJO		2221
2211	Q 51	1 AUST CORPS	WAMPIT FORCE rptd NGF	00251058		SECRET (.) ref NGF Q6324 Q6345 planes dropping WAMPIT 9 GABENSIS TODAY as follows 6 ETD DOB 0600 6 ETD 0615 hrs 6 ETD 0900 hrs half to each dropping ground (.) dropping will be at areas designated by you (.) fires to be lit ground marked as arranged (.) load vid NGF Q6324 plus stores for RAE	Adjt.	

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2212	IR591	DUDI	basa	2100	1145	ASWR camp 5 0730k/30 NIL NIL NIL 1730k fine but cloudy vis fair owing to smoke from grass fires (.) camp 7 0930k NIL NIL NIL 1700k fine during morning light rain in afternoon vis fair (.) camp 15 0930k/ NIL NIL NIL 1800k fine but cloudy vis fair (.) camp 20 0800k NIL NIL NIL 1815k fine all day vis fair.	I.O.	
2213	IR596	DUDI	BASA	1130	1145	1115 k/31 1 sec15 pl arrived BENS from WAMPIT NIL report.A	I.O.	
2214	IR595	DUDI	BASA	1030	1145	LACSTAT of B coy PIB RMs NADZAB WAIME 1 inch (.) OLD NARAGOONA 296483 coy HQ 6 pl HQ plus 2 secs (.) NEW NARAGOONA 249501 1 sec6 pl (.) NGARENENO 409510 8 pl HQ plus 1 sec (.) OLD MARI 378501 1 sec 8 pl (.) KIRKS 328502 1 sec 8 pl		
2215	Q801	WAMPIT FORCE	1 AUST CORP DUDI	1150	rptd NGF	In reply to 08579 ref SITREP 29 30 Aug (.) reports indicate ELG GABENSIS WAMPIT clear of enemy (.) stand by for dropping.	Sig	2204
2216	Phone	SIGS	BASA	1225		300 yds of line burnt twisted and broken PARTEP side ZENAG. Believed to have been done by NATIVES	Adjt.	-
2217		BASA REAR	FWD BASA	1130		W.O. HARTRICK arrived.		-
2218	Phone	DUDI	BASA		1310	Sgt MILLS of ANGAU at GABENSIS informed by native last night (.) the native did NOT bother to warn 2 PBs at camp (.) NGARENENO OOMSIS and WAMPIT patrols NOT yet reported in NO tracks could be found by patrol from 11 pl	I.O.	
2219	IW6	SMITH	ADV BHQ	0530	1310	SECRET SITREP to 0530k/31 (.) 1615k/30 patrol under BILLY and 7 o/rs returned from SOUTH side of BUANG River (.) track cutt to approx MR 570213 WAGO (.) patrol under L/Cpl SROFT and 5 O/Rs returned 1645k/30 from NORTH side of BUANG track cutt to approx 592239 WAGO (.) report following (.) otherwise SITNOR		
2220	IW 7	SMITH	ADV BASA	1130	1310	SECRET SITREP 1130k/31 BILLY and 5 o/rs left FB at 0730 k/31 to reach track to beack along NORTH side of BUANG (.) patrol to last approx 3 days (.) 0710k/31 patrol left for NORTH and SOUTH side of BUANG (.) to continue cutting track (.) otherwise SITNOR		
2221	I 140	WAMPIT FORCE	TSILI TSILI	1330	rptd TOJO	In reply to SIGS 6234 (.) GABENSIS NATIVE reported 4 JAPS seen at 1800k/30 on track BWARIP - GABENSIS sq 4242 NADZAB 1 inch with others behind (.) patrol searched all night from NGARENENO BENS OOMSIS and this-morning TWO patrols from WAMPIT (.) NO trace found but 3 bursts LMG fire heard 0855k/31 from approx half way huts 372393 (.) 3 patrols NOT yet returned (.) will in future repeat all my SITREPS TSILI TSILI will you reciprocate (.)	Sig.	2210
2222	Q802	WAMPIT FORCE	5 PL 2/14 FD COY	1340		as from 0001k/1 5 pl 2/14 AA FD COY will come under comd HQ RAE 1 Aust Army Tps	Adjt.	
2223	I 141	WAMPIT FORCE	1 Aust CORP	1345	rptd	SECRET SITREP 31 to 1300k/31 (.) 24 Bn (.) 0953k/31 patrol searched area vic track sq 4242 NADZAB 1 inch NO signs of footprints or mvt (.) 0845k/31 3 bursts LMG heard direction half way huts 372393 (.) 3 patrols NOT yet returned (.) all informed.	Sig	
2224	IR 597	DUDI	BASA	1300	1350	SECRET SITREP 299 to 1300k/31 (.) RMs WAIME NADZAB 1 inch (.) Camp 5 307382 1230k/31 several explosions heard in a WESTERLY direction faint a/c engines heard (.) camp 7 417517 1155k/31 one burst of MMG fire heard on a bearing of 20 mag on NORTH bank of MARKHAM RIVER (.) DEX 310372 1100k/31 2 o/rs 13 pl and 1 o/r 15 pl arrived from TIMNE (.) 1120k/31 5 Pioneers arrived WAMPIT from TIMNE (.) 1130k/31 Sgts BOYLE and HUNT arrived DEX from TIMNE (.) OOMSIS 459455 fighting patrol which left 2130k/31 arrived back at OOMSIS 1200 NIL report (.)at BENS 397411 fighting patrol left 2130k/30 returned 0945k/31 report NO sign of enemy (.) NO report received from WINDOW	I.O.	

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2225	EL840	D COY 24 BN		1202 30/8	1405	SECRET SITREP 150 1200k/31 (.) LOOKER report further sounds of choping and one tree felled (.) LECKS patrol NO report (.) 1115k/31 shelling in ISTHMUS commenced (.) shots observed vic 732012	IS	-
2226	EL840	" "		2010 30/8	1405	KELLY patrol in 1950k/30 native pad running SOUTH from enemy posn 605023 finishes at ck 691017 recce SOUTH along ck 200 yds then returned to pad at 691017 and recced area EAST to 695019 NO other pads found (.) route in from 691017 WEST to approx 682017 then NORTH to 684023	IS	-
2227					1430	BUILDER 1 and ELECTRICIAN left for TIMNE	-	-
2228	Q803	WAMPIT 1 AUST FORCE CORP rptd NGF REAR BASA		1530		SECRET (.) 9 Planes dropped ZENAG 1330 31 Aug (.) ANGAU withdrew 75 natives from MUMENG 29 Aug (.) present available boy-line and pack tpt can carry 180 boy loads per day (.) present bottleneck this area well over 2000 boy-loads (.) impossible to supply fwd tps for operations unless droppings as requested SIG O 10 be made GABENSIS WAMPIT area(.) ref SITREP 29 that area now clear (.) please advise urgently (Degree IMPORTANT)	SIGS	-
2229	Phone	ZENAG BASA		1450	1310	1310 to 1355k/31 9 planes dropped ammunition and rations (.) bad dropping Mortar bombs and grenades burst their boxes and are strewn over wide area	ADJT C.O.	-
2230	SIGS	A W WTOJO 5555 M'BY rptd WAMPIT		1410	1630	WARNING REPORT received unknown number enemy tps at GABENSIS repeat GABENSIS report rec'd NGARANENO repeat NGARANENO	Adjt.	
2231		COURIER			1630	Sketch MARKHAM PT area from DUDI;; Int Report DUDI 30 Aug ; Patrol report SGT BOYLE k27.	IS	-
2232	O 19 1	rptd AUST CORP WAMPIT FORCE		1030 30/8	1705	SECRET SITREP 1 to 1000k/30 (.) WAMPIT FORCE TO 2000k/29 NO change (.) 4 Thunderbolts straffed GABMATZUNG MISSION hut completely destroyed by fire (.) 29 Aug 25 MITCHELLS bombed and straffed shipping dumps and township ALEXISHAFEN (.) 12 barges destroyed fires started (.) BOGADJIM village and road bombed and straffed buildings destroyed fires started (.) 35 LIBERATORS over WEWAK and BORAM airfield several grounded aircraft destroyrd fires started (.) enemy fighters intercepted 18 destroyed 9 probables 1 allied a/c missing (.) preliminary report from fighter escort of7enemy fighters destroyed 3 probables (.) one 100/500 ton vesseel bombed and straffed approx 75 miles ~~1815~~- NORTH NAGKA NIL hits (.) all informed	ADJT	-
2233	EL840	D Coy24 Bn		0600	1705	SECRET SITREP (.) 149 to 0600k/31 (.) LOCKER pl NIL report.	IS	-
2234	SIG 763	SIGMA SIGS 15 Bde 24 Bn			1705	for SIGMA (.) when NO traffic being passed please arrange for half hourly call due to difficulty in contacting you here (.) ACK (acked by Rear Basa.)		
2235	Phone	KUPO	BASA		1750	Weather report (.) dull and cloudy cold NE wind vis fair.	IS	-
2236	EL841	D COY	24 Bn	0601	1815	Strength state.	ADJT	-
2237	Q 97	5 DIV	1 AUST CORP rptd WAMPIT FORCE	1520	1714	ref WAMPIT FORCE Q797 of 30 Aug (.) party 1 offr 46 ors 24 Bn arrived NASSAU approx 8 days ago were ordered ~~pass~~ join coy 24 Bn att 15 Bde by adv 3 Div now located that area (.) WAMPIT FORCE desire party move their area which will take approx 6 days walk please advise action to be taken	"	-
2238	Phone	Dex Adv	BASA		1900	1630 Mr CHILDS arrived DEX	-	-
2239	PHONE	TIMNE	"		1715	BUILDER I and ELECTRICIAN arrived TIMNE 1700k/31		
2240	COURIER	REAR ADV BASA	BASA		1855	8 NGF SITREPS; 3 TSILI TSILI SITREP; Int report D Coy w/e 31 Jul; Int reports D coy to 13 Aug; a file of old 3 Div summaries L AE - NADZAB infm resume; Int summary to 31 Aug; LOCSTAT PACK TPT; posting of AAMC Offrs; cas return; B2069.		
2241	1 154	REAR ADV BASA	BASA	1900	1957	SECRET SITREP to 1900k/31 (.) Engrs NO change (.) HQ Coy (.) SITNOR		

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2/1 C.I.O. "P"	TF 112	26	—

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~~FROM~~ COMMANDO PATROL REPORT PACK MULE

PATROL LED BY BOMBERA SMITH CONSISTING OF

1 PB ⊙ RANK AND 2 NMC 2 OTHERS EACH

180 LBS IO RIFLES 30 ROUNDS EACH 35 GRENADES TWO OF WHOM

WERE SPECIALISTS ⊙ DEMOLITION FOR TRACK

OF PATROL ⊙ BOOBY TRAPS AND MINES JOB

WAS TO DESTROY AND MAKE IMPASSABLE ⊙ OBJECT

WAS TO DESTROY 2 OF 6 BRIDGES 1 RDB AND 1 VIA ⊙

ROUTE WAS AS FOLLOWS FROM LF PASS OF MT KARESTE

ALONG WATERSHED TO PEAK OF MT RANGE NORTH OF BUANG

RIVER ⊙ ROUTE WAS TO FOLLOW CREST OF RANGE TO A DEFINITE

OBJECTIVE ⊙ DUE NOT MORE DOWN TO BUANG RIVER AGAIN

BOOBY TRAPS HAVE BEEN PREVIOUSLY LAID ON TRACKING TWO

JAP AMBUSHES AT MR 552212 WHICH ⊙ ⊙ ⊙ ⊙

4 MEN OF PATROL ⊙ BACKED UP 29 STOCK 24 AND

MULE LOADING TRACK MR 529280 WENT TO KARESTE MR

5-d222) ⊙ THIS TRACK IS ABOVE PRECIPITOUS AND OVER

GROWN ⊙ NO GRADE IS NEVER LESS THAN ONE OF BEFORE

IT MEETS LYNCH CK MR 540246 ⊙ FOR MOST OF THE WAY

THE TRACK HAD TO BE SPECIALLY BUILT UP AS IT RAN DOWN

CORTICAL AVERAGE 2 ⊙ PATROL REACHED LYNCH CK

AT (QBC) KTS MR AND 2 DAYS AFTER THE TRACK WAS HACKED

ON THE OTHER SIDE OF CREEK ⊙ THE TRACK FROM THERE TO KARESTE

WAS VERY STEEP THE GRADE ON AVERAGE BEING 1 IN 3 THE TRACK

WAS IN VERY POOR CONDITION AND HAD NOT BEEN USED SINCE

18TH MAY 43 WHEN SGT NORTON LED A PATROL FROM

VAGAU TO LAE

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2242	IR598	DUDI	BASA	1900	1957	SECRET SITREP to 1900k/31 (.) RMs WAIME NADZAB WINDOW 491449 1130k/31 raft crossed NORTH to SOUTH 4 persons 1530 canoe N to S 4 persons 1550 raft N to S 4 persons 1800 canoe N to S 3 persons in vic NEW LABU ISLAND (.) DEEP CK patrol left 0700k/31 returned 1630 report patrol reached ledge and proceeded down ledge to swamp track but did NOT reach track owing to late hr (.) NO sign enemy mvt (.) BENS 397411 BUILDER 1 and batman Lieut HAEBERLE 1 det mortars 1 sub-sec MMg Cpl ROBERTSON sigs CAMPBELL and LANCEY arrived 1725k 1 sec 11 pl sigs HOOD and STEWART arrived 1320k/31 (.) DEX 310372 1 pioneer 2 NCO 9 ORs B Coy arrived 1715 otherwise SITNOR	I.O.	
2243	IR 11	BIXA	BASA	1945	1957	SECRET SITREP to 1930k/31 (.) Mr BLACK YMCA to TIMNE 0930 (.) 2 sigs from MUMENG to BIXA 1135 arrived (.) 1 OR amenities from BLAKES 1215 to TIMNE 1315 (.) Lieut CHILDS from BIXA to DUDI 0900 (.) 1 OR 15 pl from MUMENG 1700 departing for WAMPIT 0800k/1 (.) 6 ORs 12 pl and 1 OR 11 pl arrived BIXA from KUPO 1900.	I.O.	
2244	CEN 4955	NGF	WAMPIT FORCE	1210	2010	for 2/14 FD COY (.) RHEINHOLD well delivered you at WAU 1 Sept three D 4 angle dozers and one D 4 bulldozers with operators (.) ACK	Adjt	Acked 2248
2245	11553	KEAR BASA	ADV BASA	1835	2010	ASWR (.) SUNSHINE 0630 hrs 0700 hy fog vis NIL 0830 hrs hy fog early morning scattered cloud light wind from EAST vis fair	I.O	
2246	IR599	DUDI	BASA	1930	2010	further to SITREP 300 NEW GABENSIS 429424 8 sec 15 pl arrived 1500k/31 patrol moved to BENS OP but NO further sign of any further enemy mvt (.) TIMNE BUILDER 1 ELECTRICIAN BASA arrived TIMNE		
2247	TO/28	1 AUST CORPS	WAMPIT FORCE	2155 30/8	2010	SITREP 2 to 2000k/30 (.) 1 (.) 5 Aust Div to 2000k/29 (.) coastal area (.) patrol from B 162 Regt located abondoned Jap perimeter 736955 (.) 1 70 mm gun 60 rifles and equpt captured (.) Coy L moved 300 yds NORTH from 736946 overcoming slight enemy resistance (.) patrolling continueing (.) 2 (.) WAMPIT FORCE NO further report received (.) 3 (.) Air ops 9 Aug GASMATA bombed (.) 2 barges destroyed 2 miles WEST of cape BEECNEY (.) 30 Aug (.) WEWAK area incomplete report (.) 17 LIBERATORS bombed DAGUA drome 10 grded a/c destroyed (.) 9 MARAUDERS bombed Cape GLOUSTER runaway damaging both (.) 9 MITCHELLS attacked 7 to 9 barges BORGAN BAY 4 to 5 destroyed or damaged 6 BOSTONS attacked 5 to 6 barges MAPE river 3 destroyed 2 badly damaged (.) All informed	I.O.	
2248	Q 804	WAMPIT FORCE	NGF 1 AUST CORP	2100 2016		Inreply to CEN 4955 ACK. (ref eqpt for 2/14 Engnrs)	S.O	2244 1095
2249	I 142	WAMPIT FORCE	rptd			SECRET SITREP 32 to 2000k/31(.)24 Bn(.) C Coy 1155k/31 ONE burst MG MMG fire heard NORTH bank MARKHAM RIVER approx 427542 NADZAB 1 inch(.)1900k/31 ALL patrols searching for reported enemy mvt vic NEW GABENSIS 429414 returned(.) NIL result NO trace enemy found(.) All informed	Sig.	
2250	W 9	SMITH FORCE	BIXA	1400	2010	Patrol report(.)MR WAGO 1 inch(.)Recce patrol from F B(.)Patrol BILLY(.)30/8 1 offr 7 OR's (.)ARM 2 Owen 5 rifles 2 gren per man Object to cut track along SOUTH side BUANG to the coast(.)Weather fine and clear(.)Route out from FB to bench cut track at MR 555219 along track to 557221 down creek to 559216 cut track to 558215through centre of island to NORTH arm at 556214 crossed SOUTH arm at 557213 cut to 558211 along to small creek at 560211 continued 90 deg to 564211 reached waterfall at 566211stopped at 570213 (.)Route insame as route out(.)Time out0830k/30(.)Time in 1615k/30(.)Load carried 2 days rations and 2 emerg rations(.)Result of patrol(.)Track cut approx 3000 yds(.)Details(.) After leaving FB went down bench cut track to 557221 then along creek to NORTH arm of BUANG 559216(.)Started cutting at this point(.)Jungle was very thick but nothing impossible(.)Moved to centre of island at 558215 travelled WSW to 555214then cut to NORTH arm at 556214 crossed to SOUTH arm and started cutting at 557213 to the 500 ft level	I.O.	

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FROM B 1 BOMO

Originator's Number JF 119

Date 28

In Reply to Number F 1204

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K/27 SITNOR ⊙ FIRMBASE nearly complete & will be complete 200 K/28 no ♂ sick delayed const ⊙ NO enemy most observed on BURNG RIVER by standing patrol ⊙ TWO MORE men in bed with fresh temp and being Rpt under observation ⊙ night 29th 0700 hrs SITNOR ⊙ Two good ⊙ patrols INFO 50 x IRB left LA 0530 K/28 to take JAP. ambush post two miles to bed at 0300 hrs for patrols to see along the track hence left LA at 0530 ⊙ object of patrol which left at 05 30 K/28 is to ambush track 6 move NORTH ambush JAP DOUBLE in and to harass JAP in his form ⊙ Weapons carried 3 0.9 MG 180 rds each 3 rifles 50 rds each 6 4 Rifle grenades 6 Tank grenades are Rds discharged ⊙ Patrol has rations for two meals only & has been instr that they must contact JAP

0800

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					31 AUGUST 43	
2280	(cont'd)				at 558211 kept cutting track on that level until small creek was reached at 560211(.) Continued at 90deg up to feature 600 ft at 564211 (.)At 566211 a small water fall was reached and was necessary to continue up another 100 ft to 570213(.)This posn was reached at 1400k/30 when the patrol started back to FB(.)NO trace of any Jap movement was seen at any time(.)Observations were impossible owing to thick growth of the jungle(.)The track was kept away as far as possible from the river and was cut between the 600 and 700 ft level(.)The going was rough at times because of heavy timber and rocks but patrol cut approx 300 yds in the first day	
2251	Q805	AdvBASA	DUDI	2225	For Capt SENDER ADMS 3 Aust Div advise Capt SENDER appointed RMO 24Aust Inf Bn from 1 AUG	Adj
2252	IW 8	SMITH FORCE	BIXA	1500 2100	Patrol report(.)Ref Map WAGO 1 inch (.)Recce patrol (.)From FB patrol leader L/Cpl CROFT(.)30/8 1 NCO 5 OR's(.)ARMS 3 Owens 3 Rifles 2 grens per man(.)To cut track NORTH side BUANG in direction of SUGARLOAF(.)Weather fineans clear(.)Route outFB to bench cut track at 555219 down creek to 559218 along track to 566220 then NE to 575227(.) Route in(.)Same as route out(.)Time in 1645k/30(.)Result of patrol(.)Track was recced and cut for approx 3000 yds load carried 2 days rations 2 days emerg rations(.)Details (.)Left FB 0830k/30 and proceeded to bench cut track at 555219then along track to 559218(.)Moved along track at 60 deg to 566220(.)At this point cutting s tarted and proceeded at 40 deg to 575227(.)The growth was very thick here and many big rocks were encountered around the many re-entrants(.)This point was reached at 1445 and patrol returned to FB by the same route(.)Going on this side of the river is very hard but track was cut through to distance of approx 3000 yds from FB on the first day(.) NO sign of any Jap mvt was seen	I.O. CO. I.O.
2253	IW 11	SMITH FORCE	ADV BASA		2040 Position where L/Cpl CROFT and patrol reached k/30 M/R should read 575227	I.O.
2254		TOJO	24Bn	1850	2040 Can you fwd any infm on our line of retreat if necessary and any instructions	ADJT
2255	EL651	DCoy	24 Bn	1800	2040 SECRET SITREP 1515 to 1800k/31(.)LOOKER Pl sounds of chopping EAST of enemy posn 685023(.) MALOLO O.P. NIL report	I.O.
2256	O 73	5 Div	WAMPIT FORCE	1615	2135 SECRET SITREP 19 to 1400k/31(.)15 Bde to 1300k/31(.)Actove patrolling continues(.) 29 Bde to 1040k/31(.)47 Bn C Coy bivouaced night 30/31 Aug at 715965 NOT at 715956as previously reported(.)162 US Regt to 1300k/31(.)Locations Coy A 738959 Coy B 737955 Coy D 731944(.)Coy B now moving NORTH(.)Coy I vic 704952 and encountering opposition(.) Coy L moving to 3 Bn area(.)Coy K moving to area vacated by Coy L(.)Fighting patrols from E and F Coys vic 744949 and 745957(.) Other patrols active (.)A Coy PIB are now at 738923(.)C Coy less 1 pl 751954(.)AA 3Div to 1200k/31(.)Night 30/31 Aug harassing fire on beach 738013 to 744012(.)0900k/31 two bty's 105mm's engaged enemy vic CHARLEY HILL(.) 0946k/31 105 mm's engaged enemy SAMOA HARBOUR (.)1120k/31 two bty's 205 US Bn engaged Jap mvt track junc 7 4012 causing cas (.)All informed	C.O. I.O.
2257	IR600	BASA	DUDI	2005	2135 ASWR(.)Camp 5 0640k NIL NIL NIL1730k(.)Overcast vis fair NE wind 20MPH(.)Camp 7 0630k NIL NIL NIL 1745k overcast vis fair NE wind 20mph(.)Camp 15 1000k NIL NIL NIL 1740k overcast vis fair (.)Camp 20 0600k NIL NIL NIL 1800 overcast vis fair	I.O.
2258	O 17	1 Aust CORPS	WAMPIT FORCE	0025 K/30	2232 SECRET(.) Regret NOT possible to send LO at present (.)Details your role given Capt CHALK due leave WAU for your HQ 27Aug [THIS MESSAGE recd. previously See (31 AUGUST 43)	I.O.

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2259	Q 806	ADV BASA	DUDI	2300		4 days rations and amn on the way(.)Ensure correct ration state given to ASC(.) 12 bags mail arrived RearBASA 12 more to come(.)Friendly service and swift delivery ensured(.)Advise B.1 BASA two new switch boards batteries horseshoes without nails arrived		Sig.	
2260	O 41	1 AUST CORPS	WAMPIT FORCE	1255	2308	SITREP 3 to 1000k/31(.)1(.)5 Div 2000k/30(.)Regrouping NORTH to FRANCISCO R continues(.) 29Bde 1520k/29 D Coy 42 Bn from posn 722956 unseccussfully attacked held 725957(.)Active patrolling continues to NORTH and EAST of hill(.) 15 Bde(.)Patrol B Coy ~~[illegible]~~ 47 Bn captured pillbox 710967(.)C Coy moving to track junc 716971 encountered opposition 714968(.) C Coy now at 716969 162 Regt A Coy now disposed from 721959 to 747965(.)Coy L made contact with Coy I after capturing Jap posns 737-48(.)Jap pocket 200 yds to NORTH still out(.)Arty(.) In addition supporting attack and harassing ~~fixx~~ enemy our arty shelled barge off KELA PT		I.O.	
2261	JG613	DUDI	Sgt ~~[illegible]~~ CREBBIN	2130 2150		Forward Sgt HUNT's compass and address camp 3 per courier 1/9 if possible		Adjt.	
2262	EL846	D Coy	24 Bn	1500 2150		16 Pl. at 672032 will relieve LOOKER Pl. at 682023 on 1 Sept.		I.O.	
1 SEPTEMBER 43						1 SEP	1 SEPTEMBER 43.		
2263	Sig764	15 Bde	24 Bn	2000	0130	For Sigs(.)Code name allotted D Coy 24 Bn as from 0100 hrs 1 Sept 43 LEFA rptd LEFA(.) ACK All informed (ACK'd by BASA REAR.)		Adjt.	
2264	0.50.	1 Aust CORPS	WAMPIT FORCE		0130	MOST SECRET(.) Time of commencement your operations is first light on day following the date mentioned our message 08439 of 23 Aug.		Adjt.	2285
2265	O 8	Adv 5 Div	WAMPIT FORCE	2359	0730	SECRET (.) SITREP 20 to 20001/31 (.) 15 Bde to 1900k/31(.)58/59 Bn (.) A Coy moved fwd to 719985 (.) Patrol activity continued throughout day (.) 29 Bde to 1930k/31 (.) 42 Bn (.) from action by A and C coys to day established that Japs have line mutually sp LMG posts from 725958 to 728959 and thence 730957 (.) A and C coys now in perimeter 728956(.) one pl B Coy 720951 and 1 pl with D coy (.)Cas 42 Bn 31Aug 1 OR killed 10ffr 90Rs wounded(.)47Bn(.) Patrols from C coy have established that line of Jap LMG posns run from 713967 to 718969(.) C coy now at 715964(.) Patrol 3 men attacked pillbox 710967 killing 4 Japs(.) Patrol at 718965 killed 5 Japs(.) 15 Bn to 1800k/31(.) C coy arrived 751955 at 1240k/41 (.)D coy pushed fwd up ridge running from 748962 to 753954 against opposition and now digging for night 31 at 748965(.) Recce reveals enemy holding posn on high grd above coy(.) Battle HQ 15 Bn 751955(.) RAA 3 Div to 1900k/31 considerable Jap mvt SW and SALAMAUA airfield ranged most effectively(.) Jap gun posn and likely supply dump LOKANU engaged 400 rds concentration(.) Enemy posns 713966 engaged 3 direct hits top and entrance dugout and locarions 6 pillboxes can now be spotted 162US Regt to 1830k/31(.) A coy now astride track running EW at approx 747954 and severe fighting in progress(.) About 20 Japs are 100 yds to SE in well organised posns with at least 1 LMG and mortar(.) ANother estimated 20 Japs are on saddle to WEST at 734956(.) Unknown number Japs on Knoll near 734954(.) The to junc is also covered (.) NO supplies have been delivered to coy in last 24hrs although later report states B coy patrol approached within 150yds of track to A coy but were stopped by approx 30 well equipped Japs moving to Jap perimeter estimated 100yds past OP A coy (.) C coy now at 730952 and killed 2 Japs near saddle(.) Patrol from E coy moving to contact I coy killed 2 Japs and cut wire(.) I coy and patrol K coy occupied high grd in vic(738950(.) Japs occuping posn on high in vic(.) K coy now at approx 737947(.) 15 Bde to 2100k/31(.)XXXXXXX2/7Bn9(.) Patrol report indicate area N of ARNOLDS crest 710997 strongly reinforced by enemy		Adjt 2/c.	

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mountain range is marked with deep
recent track branched extra point
about MR 3-7-5-2-3-7 RT. 1-K-O-L-S-O at this
Hay I decided that I would keep
go reach down above Tree area Khartago
of tracks and Track estimated
that it would take Further Full
day's walking to reach the coast
other part then turned back and
moved along the track like out back
to KARESTE arriving there 21/1800 hrs
KARESTE was again searched no case enemy
had reached it our absence of them
where no signs of them having been
there of part of them KARESTE 0720 K/26
and arrived LH 1215 hrs 0 the track
leading into KARESTE MR 3-4-5-2-4 was
left by party had concluded there
has been no enemy movement in KARESTE
since he has moved up the BUANG RIVER nor
has he recce any known tracks in
KARESTE area Lim may operation it
would take at least one and a half
days to reach SUGAR LOAF area by
Moving EAST along BUANG RIVER Road

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18 (cont'd) night. 6 aug moved to hill 725933. No enemy met seen but [illegible] of [illegible] patrol at least 5 days previously. Much chopping [illegible] NORTH MT TAMBU area general line of hy contour [illegible] 720932. 7 aug 1 Jap [illegible] killed at 704914. 1735 K/7 [illegible] mortar fired 29 rounds on to PISTEND CREST MT TAMBU. 24 portable [illegible] 718907. 1220 K/7 2/6 Bn mortar on AMBUSH KNOLL accurately engaged [illegible] PRICES KNOLL. Ref [illegible] 298 [illegible] down at 1245/7. RAA 3 Bn night 6/7 aug during harassing fire SALAMAUA [illegible] Morning 9 aug harassing fire on to SALAMAUA [illegible] 1100 K/7 dump [illegible] 1 hr. 2 lames rose to 400 ft. ISTHMUS was also effectively shelled 1500 K/7. 8 pellboxes on ROOSEVELT RIDGE at [illegible] arty bn 1800 K/7. 11 Arty Bn engaged N.E. slopes of MT TAMBU. All enformed

19 I 290 BOMO BITO 0430 0940 SITREP [illegible] 0430 K/8 [illegible] SITNOR C.O.

20 16507 DUPA BITO 0530 0940 SECRET SITREP 236 to 0530 K/8 DUPA SITNOR. LEBI SITNOR C.O.

21 EL46 DCoy 24 Bn 0600 0940 Strength state Adj

22 EL45 DCoy 24 Bn 0601 " SECRET SITREP 83 to 0600 K/8. SITNOR C.O.

23 I 1365 24 Bn [illegible] 0620 " SECRET SITREP to 0600 K/8 SITNOR [illegible] C.O.

24 JG475 DUPA BITO 0700 " [illegible] Adj

25 JG476 " " 0705 " [illegible] return "

26 JG477 " " 0707 " Bed return "

27 JG478 " " 0710 " Strength state "

28 S 25 [illegible] [illegible] return "

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1057	IR 6	BIXA	ELECTRICIAN BASA	0730	0745	SECRET SITREP (.) to 0730k/29 (.) SITNOR.		I.O.
1058	I116	WAMPIT FORCE	NGF rptd	0807		SECRET SITREP 25 to 0800k/29 (.) 24 Bn (.) NIGHT k28/29 (.) Following straffing attack GABMATSUNG MISSION hut completely destroyed by fire (.) All informed		I.O. RSM
1059	JG397	DUDI	ADV BASA	0655	0818	Amn return.		I.O
1060	I1528	REAR BASA	ADV BASA	0700	0818	SECRET SITREP to 0700k/29 (.) SITNOR.		RSM
1061	Q787	WAMPIT FORCE	NGF	0900		Amn return.		
1062	Q6324	NGF	WAMPIT FORCE	1515	0900	as impossible to drop WAMPIT or GABENSIS pin point 5 air force will retain GABENSIS WAMPIT area with view drop CAROGAS river between WAMPIT GABENSIS 9/AC per mission ETA 29 or 30 Aug composition or load part two to follow		I.O. POST
1063	EL899	D coy 24 Bn	15 Bde rptd 24 Bn	1801	0900	SECRET (.) sitrep 140 to 1700k/28 (.) 1700k/28 to 1720k/28 LOOKERS pl heard MMG and LMG distinctly on bearing 150 mag unable to estimate distance sounds of chopping heard from enemy posn atc 1645K/28 and 1720k/28 (.) NO mvt observed (.) MALOLO OP when vis cleared 1535k/28 SMALL fishijg craft observed on beach 714045 NO mvt near craft.		I.O.
1064	Q6314	NGF	WAMPIT FORCE	1505	0900	Q770 cannot make drop 28/8 planes being made drop 30/8 further infm later.		Adjt I.O. 884
1065	EL808	D Coy 24 Bn	15 Bde rptd 24 Bn	2055	0919	2032k/28 to 2045k/28 large fire observed vic OLD WOMASA 697047		
1066	S 29	BIKA	ADV BASA	0800	0919	strength return		
1067	I117	WAMPIT FORCE	NGF rptd DUDI	0930		WAMPIT and GABENSIS landing ground cleared kunai burnt off signal fires lit each corner dropping area (.) T panels laid out (.) GAROGAS RIVER area between WAMPIT and GABENSIS mostly jungle swamp droppings anywhere along GAROGAS would result extremely small percentage recovery (.) standing by WAMPIT and GABENSIS for dropping.		1113
1068	EL809	D Coy 24 Bn	15 Bde rptd 24 Bn	0710	0955	0603k/29 (.) 16 pl moved out from HOTE to relieve 18 pl ambush posn 672032		
1069	I118	ADV BASA	SMOKY rptd BIXA	1123		FOR ELECTRICIAN (.) where are your SITREPS (.) forward a SITREP every time runner moves back to LA (.) when L/T comn est to FB furnish SITREPS as at 0530 and 1730 hrs (.) you are NOT however confined to these times send SITREP whenever anything important happens (.) send SITREP stating facts of patrols completed BEFORE long patrol and contact report is signalled (.) It is your duty to ensure infm reaches here promptly.		
1070	Q788	ADV BASA	BIXA DUDI rptd BIKA	1125		RMO will fwd to coys supply of sulphilamide tablets (.) six will be supplied to each man RMO when moving into area where contact likely (.) They will be kept in sealed tobacco tin preferably LOG CABIN together with salt and atebrin tablets (.) on relief from fwd areas sulphanilamide tablets will be withdrawn (.) as supply is very limited great care will be taken to avoid waste (.) BIXA and DUDI will be responsible for issue to all tps in their respective areas (.) if wounded personnel will consume six tablets immediately four hrs later four two hrs later two(.) This prevents wounds from becoming septic.		
1071	Q 56	ADV 5 DIV	WAMPIT FORCE	2150	1128	party at present with 15 Bde the balance straggling on track (.) endeavouring to colect complete party and will move to SUNSHINE via PILMUNG immediately.		

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29	E306	LAE OP	24 Bn	1010	1315	re your Q 674. 4 galls petrol received Jul 14. 4 galls July 22, approx 7 galls July 26. 40 galls received Aug 5, total now on hand 36 galls. Oil urgently reqd 2 natives due LAE OP Aug 12 suggest they be used to carry oil. CO.
30	Q1779	3 DN	BITO fwd	1120	1315	3 DN were [illegible] to ration US [illegible] DN area [illegible] US [illegible] DID and ASC PARTEP CO.
31	A519	3 DN	24 Bn	1205	1315	H.Q.P. [illegible] BOBADURA [illegible] BEALE [illegible] GRAHAM LIEUT MATTHEWS [illegible] BEATTIE 24 Bn.
32	EL546	D Coy	[illegible]	1230	1315	SECRET SITREP [illegible] to 1230 K/S. SITNOR CO.
33	[illegible]	3 DN	[illegible]	[illegible]	1800	SECRET SITREP 3 [illegible] 1830 [illegible] HQ 24 Bn opened at 2722 [illegible] Roamer [illegible] 6969450 H.Q. [illegible] 6999620 [illegible] two sec [illegible] 6999660 one sec 6989670 one sec 6989640 Mortar [illegible] and 75 pers 53/59 Bn 6999660 [illegible] patrol from [illegible] Bn to 1039 [illegible] was engaged by [illegible] COANE [illegible] 0300 [illegible] 6 offrs 177 ors [illegible] NASSAU BAY [illegible] Aug arty engaged targets on KOMIATUM ridge [illegible] targets in SALAMAUA were also engaged [illegible] 15 [illegible] fired [illegible] rounds into TAMBO BAY area [illegible] suspected enemy [illegible] CO.
34	IR 504	DUPA LEBI	BITO	1730	1800	SECRET SITREP 237 to 1730 [illegible] DUPA [illegible] SITNOR [illegible] LEBI [illegible] from camps [illegible] otherwise SITNOR CO.
35	EL 550	D Coy	24 Bn	1730	1925	SECRET SITREP 75 to 1730 [illegible] reported [illegible] 1420 [illegible] in direction MALAGAWAN [illegible] rifle shots and 12 bursts LMG [illegible] moved east along MALOCO track to approx 680034 and est ambush [illegible] returned 1730 [illegible] NIL report [illegible] formed [illegible] JONES patrol had contacted enemy [illegible] NO report from JONES patrol CO.
36	E303	LAE OP	24 Bn	1400	1925	From 0635 to 1245 hrs vis nil due to rain and fog 1230 light truck [illegible] on road to WEARS vis poor.
37	I 1373	24 Bn	Bomo Dupa Lebi fwd BITO	1825	1925	SECRET SITREP 260 to 1800 [illegible] B Coy 24 Bn [illegible] Buang area [illegible] NO report received [illegible] Otherwise SITNOR [illegible] C Coy 24 Bn [illegible] B Coy P.1B [illegible] SITNOR (8 AUG 43)

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1047	O 19	ADV BASA	BIXA	2025		SECRET (.) Ref O 17 O 16 M det will move SMOKY forthwith (.) Capt FLEWELLEN will return to BIXA from SMOKY after 14 days in that area (.) when last of BORI persons attached BIXA arrive LA for SMOKY all BIXA pers will be concentrated one pl at TOKANIN area remainder PARTEP 2 (.) ref 014 SMOKY may now hit in strength	Sig	
1048	I115	WAMPIT FORCE	NGF rptd	2025		SECRET SITREP 24 to2000k/28 (.) 24 Bn (.) k/26/27 patrol searched area NORTH from BUANG river 625221 WAGO 1 inch to 620242 and WEST to 60 grid (.) NO enemy seen (.) 0920k/28 number u/i a/c circled NGARENENO OP 417517 NADZAB 1 inch then flew EAST out to sea (.) 0935 and 1100k/28 LAE bombed (.) MT LUNAMAN obscured until 1200k/28 by hy smoke from fires started vic mount (.) 1200k/28 patrol to 553424 observed NEW LABU ISLAND for 30 mins NO mvt seen (.) 1230 - 1400k/28 6 large fires burnt in radius 3 miles CHIVASING 215554 WAIME 1 inch (.) 1735k/28 4 P47s made TWO straffing runs at 50 ft over GABMATSUNG mission 415545 starting fires which were still burning 1855k/28 (.) 1100k/28 13 pl C coy arrived BENS 399411 (.) All informed.	Sig	
1049	EL792	D Coy	24Bn	1425	2248	Recce shows enemy posn at 685023 located on a narrow spur 30ft wide running EAST - WEST(.) Posn sited for all round defence(.)Each attempt to approach posn by own troops from WEST or EASTalong track or from NORTH or SOUTH up steep slopes has been met with LMG fire(.) Spur from enemy posn WEST for 150 yds is only 5 ft wide(.)Track from OP 672032 to enemy posn is along top of narrow spur running SE to approx 674027 thence EAST to 685023(.) Track is covered with roots and fallen timber and heavy undergrowth(.)Own posn located 80 yds WEST of enemy posn(.)Owing to nature of country and jungle type undergrowth all attempts to approach enemy posn have been unsuccessful(.)Our troops well supplied with rations and amn and water carried to posn daily.	I.O.	
1050	E381	TOJO	24 Bn	1900	2352	1400 to 1550 vis NIL 1600 bomb holes visible from morning raids three on drome between hillside avenue and district office 1600 3 Bostons bombed and straffed LABU and coast line at 500 and 1000 ft MG A/A only 1705 slight truck mvt WEBBS VACUUM	I.O.	
1051	I1527	WAMPIT FORCE	Adv 3 Div 29 August 43.	2130	2352	For Capt HARVIE(.)Ref our I 1482 of 22 Aug (.)Could advice be given please of probable date of receipts of prints of exposures 14 to 24 taken from NGARANENO(.) These required urgently 29 August 43	I.O.	712 2426
1052	QX6324	N G F	WAMPIT FORCE	1725 k/28	0630 k/29	Part 2 and last part(.)AMN(.) 3 A/C contain .303 bandolier 20 parachutes cargo 13 parachutes 9 mm OSMG 11 parachutes(.) 4 A/C contain 2 in. mortar HE 3 parachutes smoke I.O. 1113 2 parachutes 3 in. mortar 55 parachutes(.) 2 A/Ccontaing 3 in. mortar smoke 18 parachutes M 36 gren 4 sec 12 pattern(.)1A/C containing M 36 gren 7 sec repeated PARTEP .303 belt parachute tracer 1 parachute 28 pistol 300 rounds .303 belt 1 parachute (.)2 A/C containing .303 cargo 4 parachute belt 3 parachute 38 pistol 196 rounds remainder gren M 36 4 sec 1 parachute remainder native ration 2½ A/C (.) Aust SWPA ration 4 A/C(.)Filled OPS rations 2 A/C total 18 A/C(.) Proportion amn all A/C and spread through out all A/C	Adjt	
1053	H 9	BIKA	ADV BASA	0600	0745	In reply to O.6 Amn return.		
1054	K164	BIXA	BASA ADV	0640	0745	In reply to O.6 NIL RETURN.		
1055	JG596	DUDI	REAR BASA rptd ADV	0653	0745 BASA	Strength state.		
1056	IR584	DUDI	BASA	0700	0745	SECRET SITREP 293 to 0700k/29 (.) camp 7 417517 ref fire GABMATSANG (.) mission hut completely destroyed by fire during night k/28/29 (.) Otherwise SITNOR.		

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1034	H39	BIKA	ZENAG	1400	1750	W.O. HODGSON will take comd morning k/28 (.) S/Sgt TRATT and Cpl McLEAN will move to PARTEP and report MINER by 1200k/29 relief will arrive from BIKA 1400k/29.	Adjt.
1035	E 3	TOJO	24 Bn	1430	1700	from 0725 vis nil 0822 number u/i a/c raided LAE heavy bombing intense ack ack (.) 0931k a/c raided LAE intense ack ack (.) unobserved 0950 aircraft raided LAE sporatic ack ack	I.O.
1036	E379	TOJO	24 Bn	1130	1605	primas stove at this post out of order result use of petrol (.) is it possible to have another as personnel unable to get hot drink during daylight hours.	Adjt. 1044
1037	Courier	REAR BASA	ADV BASA		1840	Intelligence summary, B coy comds weekly report and sick return, letter for MINER, letter for Trg offr, cas return.	
1038	RQ50	WAMPIT FORCE	NGF	1710	1842	In reply to Q6223 (.) of 24 Aug received 27 Aug (.) NO knowledge JOHNSON or TAYLOR this L of C	Adjt. 966
1039	Q6324	NGF	WAMPIT FORCE	1525	1842	as boxes dropped WAMPIT and on GABENSIS pin point 5 air force will regain GABENSIS WAMPIT area with view drop along GARAGAS WAMPIT river between WAMPIT GABENSIS (.) 9 a/c permission ETA 29 or 30 Aug composition of load part 2 to follow.	Adjt. I.O. 1043
1040	I1526	REAR BASA	ADV BASA	1900	1925	SECRET SITREP to 1900k/28 (.) SUNSHINE MARKHAM road completed to 252072 BULOLO 1" otherwise SITNOR.	I.O.
1041	IR 583	DUDI	BASA	1900	1942	SECRET ~~RR~~ SITREP 291 to 1900k/28 (.) RM NADZAB WAIME 1 inch (.) Camp 5 307382 (.) 1315k/28 1 large fire approx 255565 (.) 1330k/28 1 large fire ~~184586~~ 184556 (.) 1335k/28 large fire 205520 (.) Camp 7 417518 (.) 1735k/28 4 P47 straffed GABMATSUNG MISSION TWO runs were made at approx 50 ft (.) Mission hut was hit several times 1 fire was started in grass 50 yds NE of hut (.) 1730k large fire 370560 (.) 2NCOs 5 o/rs 4 pl arrived KIRKS 1510k/28 (.) 2 NCOs 5 ORs 4 pl arrived camp 6 1745K/28 (.) 1 NCO 1 OR 4 pl arrived BOBS 1015k/28 (.) Capt PECK and CHALK arrived DEX 1500k/ (.) Lieut BABER and BEATTIE arrived DEX 1730k/28 (.) camp 15 491449 (.) DEEP CK patrol left 0615k returned 1630k report s patrol arrived DEEP CK 0745k and turned up stream then started to climb after climbing for two hrs NO suitable lookout could be found at 1200k patrol started to return down kunai track towards kunai spur at approx MR 553424 LAE could be observed also NEW LABU ISLAND (.) after observing for 30 mins could observe NO mvt (.) moved on to raspberry patch patrol then decided to return to camp (.) camp 7 417517 1855k fire mentioned at GABMUTSUNG spreading towards hut otherwise SITNOR.	I.O.
1042	IR 5	BIXA	BASA	1930	2000	SECRET SITREP (.) to 1930k/28 (.) 1 OR 10 pl arrived BIXA from KUPA 1500 also 1 OR coy HQ rejoined from MUMENG 1645 (.) 3 ORs 4 pl arrived ZENAG 1145 left for TIMNE 1305 (.) MO and Batman arrived PARTEP staging camp from MOPO 1630.	I.O.
1043	Q785	WAMPIT FORCE	NGF	2005		In reply to Q6324 message badly mutilated (.) please repeat.	Sig. 1039
1044	Q786	ADV BASA	TOJO rptd DUDI REAR BASA	2010		In reply to E379 new primas being fwded (.) return damaged one (.) use only kero or white petrol.	Sig. 1036
1045	O 18	ADV BASA	REAR BASA	2013		BUILDER 2 BASA will move to ADV BASA 29 Aug (.) PAINTER will temporarily be in command REAR BASA.	Sig.
1046	O 22	5 Div.	WAMPIT FORCE	1445	2015	SECRET SITREP 110 to 1400k/28 (.) 15 Bde to 0730k/28 2/7 Bn B coy 718983 harassed enemy posn to NORTH night 26/27 Aug with mortar fire C coy line comn est (.) patrol to EDWARDS SPUR 714001 killed 4 Japs (.) D coy withdrew to 717987 moving to posns WEST of SANDY CK flows into FRANCISCO River at 712984 (.) 29 Bde to 1230k/28 (.) patrol action continue standing patrol est 716964 (.) RAA 3 Div harassing fire night 26/27 Aug all informed.	I.O.

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(37 contd)						SUNSHINE area 0 O.R. 255036 BULOLO trench 0330 7/8 enl a/c in SI 0830 7/8 C.O. enl a/c heard in WEST circled to NORTH then flew WEST 0 Allumpmeer
38.	JG479	DUPA	BITO	1915	1925	M.R.T.
39.	Q680.	BITO	BITO Remo Kila DUPA	1807	1925	Rf. JOJO 306 to Bito of 3 Aug 0 action taken to supply oil 0 8 gallons. I.O. leaving WAMPIT mooring of PAWCO. Conversation with Lt (x) Chalk. Plans for Clagro to proceed also Lcce Hack from WINDOW back to GASKINS
40.	Plane	LFBI	BITO	2100		
41	RQ 3.	BITO	Adv BITO	2025	2140	Div advise Lieuts HAEBERLE and BEATTIE despatched by air to DOBADURA forward Adjt mov't 0 Div informs they will arrive here within 7 days.
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42	E 309.	LAE O.P.	B.TO and DUPA	1922 7/8	0330 7/9	1550 hrs approx 60 men observed moving from WELKS along MARKHAM Rd. lost to view near ALLENS 0 1628 to 1715 hrs barge mvt between high low and VOCO wharves 1643 to 1650 truck mvt between wharves and WEBBS I.O.
43	O 45	3 DIV	BITO and	2015	0330	SECRET. SITREP 302 to 2000 7/8 15 Bde 0 Morning 8 Aug patrol from B Coy 2/7 Bn heard Jap voices vic track junc at 698971 0 7 Bde GPO Wello OP. 1750 7/7 five Japs observed around v/c SALAMAUA air field 0 1820 7/7 ARTY scored direct hits on air craft three Jap aircraft caught fire and exploded 0 Jap gun of 1 STHMVS fired two rounds at each following times 1950 2015 2220 7/7 fired further five rounds 0545 7/8 0 0900 7/8 2/6 Bn mortar AMBUSH KNOLL fired 10 rounds onto enemy posn PRICES KNOLL 0 COANE FORCE 0 Afternoon 7 Aug patrol from Coy 2/162 Regt found strong line of enemy defence being constructed from 734955 to 734960 Bunkers already completed 0 Two Japs observed in tree and one on ground vic 738930 0 ARTY fire destroyed tree 0 RAA 3 DIV arty fired night 7/8 Aug 0 218 Fd Arty Bn fired 36 rounds ROOSEVELT RIDGE 50 rounds DOT INLET and area west 0 205 Fd arty Bn 52 rounds SALAMAUA 18 rounds airfield. All informed.
						Adjt.
44	RQ 4.	~~3 Div~~ 24 Bn	3 Div BITO and	2030	0320	Request for release of 3000 rounds 9 m m O.S.M.G. ammn for training SECRET. SITREP 303 to 2315 7/8 0 17 Bde HQ 0 Evening 8 Aug three Coy 42 Aust. Inf. Bn plus one Coy. 15 Aust Inf. Bn. which is at VOISI placed under command of 17 Bde 0 RAA. 1630 7/8 WELLS. O.P. reports three Japs in footbridge mouth FRANCISCO 0 1700 7/8 1 M.C.N. Batty and C 209 Fd Arty Bn engaged enemy posn. MT TAMBU with harassing fire 0 1800 7/8 Japs guns vic LOKANU fired 25 rds into area 756924 All informed.
45	O.49.	3 DIV	BITO and	2340	0330	

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46	O1010	15 Bde	BITO fwd	0020	0330	3 Div. have permitted use of nine pl. 24 Bn for Ops ⊙ 26 persons 9 pl. will be attached 58/59 Bn 9 Aug.	C.O.	
47	IR.505	DUPA LEBI	BITO fwd.	0530	0640	SECRET. SITREP 238 to 0530 K/9 ⊙ DUPA ⊙ SITNOR ⊙ LEBI ⊙ SITNOR	C.O.	
48	I1575	BITO	BITO fwd	0608	0640	SECRET. SITREP 261 to 0600 K/9 ⊙ SITNOR ⊙ All informed.	C.O.	
49.	030	3 DIV	" "	0825/8	1045/8	SECRET SITREP 300 to 0800 K/8. 15 BDE. 1500 K/7 fwd HQ 58/59 Bn now at 696945. Ref sitrep 299 our cas. in B. Coy attack aftn 7 Aug. 3 wounded. all informed	1.0.	
50	.	LAE O.P.	" "	0730/8	1045/8	0612 hrs 1 barge left LAE arrived LABU 0630 hrs. Vis NIL and fog.	1.0.	
51	E.L554	D Coy	24 Bn	0600	0930	Secret SITREP 86 to 0600 K/9 SITNOR	1.0.	
52	E.L554	-	-	"	"	Strength state	BITO.	
53	Phone	LEBI	BITO fwd		1010	W/T Set 11 at LEBI reported now operating. O.C. reports his HQ will be able to function Wampit area in accordance with orig. instrs. that 'B' Coy P.I.B. occupy fwd posn. O.C. states he cannot carry on without 1 Pl. European tps Phone conversation BUILDER 1 BITO and BUILDER 1 LEBI.	—	
54	Courier	" "	—		1100	Daily Int. Summary. Ops Instn No 4, Confidential Report by Capt Carrol re B. Coy fwd area. Plan of patrols coy B. P.I.B and manning of O.P. P.I.B and personal letter from O.C. 9 I.B.	1.0	
55	EL656	D. Coy	24 Bn	1000	1105	Daily O.P. reports 0829/9 1 mitchell flying low crossing range at 43° from DAVO. 2 direction SAL. Loud explosions straffing heard SALAMAUA area	1.0	
56	1292	BOMO	BITO	0600	1105	SITREP to 0600 K/9 No further word from SMOKEY otherwise SITNOR.	1.0.	
57	adv Bito Q682	Bomo		1115	.	Please submit full report on SMOKY ops. also advise what eqpt has been lost by SMOKY, if steps have been taken to replace it and with what result, if the losses have been reported if NOT why NOT	Sigs	
58	adv Bito Q683	DUPA		1200	.	Please advise what surplus blankets, clothing and rations are held, where stored and if reqd for any specific purpose.	"	192
59	A526	3 DIV	MILBASE MELB	1000	1200	Father VX L/Cpl CRUISE 24 Bn dangerously ill. Please investigate and advise view advisability compassionate leave. Home address 30 LANGDON RD. CAULFIELD.	Adjt.	
60	053	3 DIV	24 Bn	0835	1200	SECRET. SITREP 304 to 0800 K/9. 15 Bde aftn 8 Aug patrol from A pl 2/3 Indep. Coy discovered unoccupied weapon pit at 702947. further weapon pits observed at 702946 but no mot seen. COANE FORCE 1130 K/8 10 shells landed in area 735925. no damage. active patrol being continued throughout 8 Aug. all informed.	1.0.	
61	1022	SMOKY	BITO	0710	1200 ~~1450~~	Request you fwd air photograph of BUANG RIVER mouth to enable us to pinpoint Jap base in area if our recce can locate same. am asking BOMO to fwd template.	1.0.	
62	1023	SMOKY	BOMO	0710	~~1450~~ 1200	Please fwd to us AIR PHOTOGRAPH template at present in office. Need this to give ref on air photograph of area	1.0	

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1023	Q784	ADV BASA	BIKA BIXA	1400		BIKA will assume comd ZENAG defences as from 0001 29 Aug (.) BIXA personnel will remain.	Sig.	
1024		BIXA	ADV BASA	1350	1408	Ref RO 93/43 Paras (a) & (b) complied with.		
1025	PhoneB.1.BASA at DUDI		ADV BASA		1505	1505 BUILDER 1 BASA is leaving for TIMNE now arriving PARTEP midday 28 Capt BUNBURY's mission is cancelled 11 pl will NOT move from present location but will remain on call.	Adjt. Adjt	
1026	8 17	SMOKY rpt BASA	BIXA Adv rea BASA	1520		0 16 is cancekled. 11Pl will now concentrate PARTEP 2 by midday k/29	SIGS	1019
1027				1530		2 A/C commenced dropping at ZENAG.		
1028	PIB650	CHALK	WAMPIT FORCE	1040 k/27	1530 k/28	Please arrange for horse to be at BLAKE'S by 1000k/27(.) Important reach DEX k/27. (This message was received in two different forms on k/27.)	-	
1029	D48	DID BUL LO	1024 Bn SUNSHINE	1330	1530	Ration indents for consumption 5 Sept and thereafter will be submitted to F.S.D. WAU(.) Indent for period commencing 5 SEP to reach F.S.D. WAU by 1 SEP.	ADJ	
1030	P056	B.1 BASA	BASA adv	1510	1520	SECRET 11Pl will concentrate PARTEP 2 by midday k/29.	IO	
1031				1540		2 A/C completed dropping at ZENAG.		
1032		ANGAU TIMNE			1600	Report from L/CPL CROSS ANGAU TIMNE. Also letter for W.O. BURTON.	ADJT	
1033	N 1	SMOKY	BIXA	1800 27/8	1715	Patrol report ref map WAGO 1 inch fighting patrol (.) patrol under Sgt NORTON (.) patrol strength 1 Sgt 7 ors armourment 3 OSMG 1 Bren 1 2" mortar 2 cup dischargers 3 rifles (.) ammunition OSMG 6 mags Bren 6 mags 2" Mortar 6 bombs HE 2 4 sec grenades per man 6 7 secs grenades for discharger cup with 6 spare base plates for use on 4 sec grenades if necessary 50 rds per rifle (.) Object (.) to find and engage enemy NORTH side BUANG river (.) weather fine and clear (.) route out jungle bashed along slopes NORTH of BUANG river (.) route in jungle track along NORTH ~~track~~ bank BUANG river (.) time out 0600k/26 time in 1500k/27 (.) Load carried 3 days rations gas capes pull-over net with mortar bombs extra grenades split up over whole party (.) left FB at 0600k/26(.) at 0630 crossed creek 6 yds wide 1 ft deep map ref 576232 (.) we then moved higher up hill and jungle bashed on 90 degrees till 1200 (.) had lunch approx 585237 (.) moved on at 1300 due SOUTH and struck BUANG (.) at 1410 hrs map ref approx 598215 moved up and down river for 500 yds and observed SOUTH side until 1530 (.) nothing to be seen but jungle (.) 1530 left river and headed NORTH for 50 mins then turned EAST (.) camped for night at 1730 map ref 603252 (.) left this area 0600k/27 jungle bashed EAST until 0700 struck SOUTH to BUANG and hit river approx 617236 (.) At 0800 informed by members of patrol that ~~approx~~ ambush of k/15 was on opposite side of BUANG observed this area from NORTH bank of river until 1000 hrs but owing to thick jungle on SOUTH bank could see nothing or hear nothing (.) if enemy are still in ambush they are very ~~quite~~ quiet it would be impossible to use 2" mortar from any posns on NORTH bank owing to thick jungle (.) on each ocasion when coming out of river struck well defined native pads so decided to follow it for ½ an hr (.) this track runs due NORTH approx 620242 (.) followed it for 500 yds and as it still went NORTH decided it connected up with bench-cut track from KARESTE and went to SUGARLOAF (.) as a patrol is already in that area decided they would find it and recce it (.) cut through onto BUANG again map ref approx 625221 and was told old FB of 10 pl was NOT far off on SOUTH side of river (.) 1100 hrs decided to return camped by native track along NORTH bank as expected came out on KARESTE bench-cut track map ref approx 575221 (.) arrived FB 1500k/27 (.) Remarks, were NO more than 2000yds off coast and there were NO signs of enemy on NORTH side of BUANG up to this poi-	I.O.	

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63.	1.0.19.	SMOKY	BITO	1700/8	1200	SECRET SITREP to 1700 K/8. owing to heavy rain BUANG RIVER swollen greatly. rashes & sores growing in number and severity. Otherwise SITNOR.	1.0. C.O.
64	1.0.21	"	BOMO	0500	1200	SECRET SITREP to 0500 K/9. SITNOR.	1.0. C.O.
65	I 1.	BITO fwd.	BITO rear.	1215	.	Forward at earliest oblique of BUANG area and one template. advise departure	Sigs.
66	ER 14	SMOKY	BITO	1700/7	1218/9	Ref map WAGO. Recce fighting patrol from FIRM BASE 543214. Patrol found by 11 pl. Patrol leader L/Cpl WALSH. Strength INCO 4 ORS. arms 1 bren 2 OSMG 2 rifles & 2 grenades per man. Object to ascertain if any enemy must beyond 586224. weather fine. Route along NORTH arm BUANG to 15 994227, crossed river and returned along SOUTH arm. Time out 0730 K/7 due to difficulty of lighting fire. Time in 1600 K/7. Food carried 2 days rations. Result of patrol. No enemy must observed and No fresh footprints seen. Details. 0730 K/7. left firm base and crossed LINIA CK and proceeded along dry creek bed and NORTH arm BUANG river. 1300 K/7 patrol crossed river at approx 594226. cut through to main track and found No fresh footprints or sign of enemy. 1345 K/7 returned along track to approx 584224 and then to Firm Base by SOUTH arm. Deductions. No recent enemy must in area.	1.0. C.O.
67	Q684	ADV BITO	KULU BOMO DUPA	1325	.	Please advise what grenade ranges have been constructed and what training has been carried out thereon.	Sigs. '93.
68	ER 15	SMOKY	BITO.	1700/8	1310	Ref map WAGO. Recce fighting patrol from firm base 543214. Patrol found by 11 Pl. Patrol leader L/Lgt Fox. Strength 2 NCOS. 10 ORS. arms 1 Bren 4 OSMGS 7 rifles and 2 grenades per man. Object to ascertain if any must along VA track. Weather heavy rain. Route from firm base 543214 across LINEA CK and along SOUTH arm of BUANG RIVER past old Jap ambush posn 552212 to approx 598223. and returned by same route. Time out 0700 K/8 late due to difficulty in lighting fire. Time in 1500 K/8. Load 2 days ration. Result of patrol. owing to torrential rain BUANG RIVER swollen greatly making it very dangerous to cross. use of boat IMPOSSIBLE. No sign of Jap activity in area. State of river rendered it unwise to proceed further. Details. 0700 K/8 followed route indicated. 0725 K/8 crossed BUANG RIVER 551212 crossing very difficult owing to flooded river. 0805 K/8 proceeded along SOUTH arm to approx 598223. 1110 K/8 returned along same route. 1335 K/8 came to BUANG RIVER 551212. Had to climb hillside and make further attempt to cross. 1345 K/8 completed crossing. 1500 K/8 arrived back at firm base. Deductions. No Jap must in area. Probably due to State of river.	C.O.

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1005	IR581	DUDI BUSA	BASA	0700	0724	SECRET SITREP 289 to 0700k/28 (.) RM NADZAB 1 inch (.) DUDI DEX 310382 (.) 1700k/27 1 det (MORTARS) arrived (.) camp 6 409510 A W W comn established with AWW BULOLO 1800k/27 (.) camp 12 429414 (.) KUNAI in vicinity of mr 434455 burnt as deception during day af 27 Aug(.) otherwise SITNOR (.) BUSA (.) No 11 set was tested on 26 Aug contact made but station unknown NO SIGNALS have been passed (.) otherwise SITNOR.	I.O.	
1006	JG591	DUDI	Adv BASA	0650	0800	Amn return.		
1007	I1501	REAR BASA	FWD BASA	0700	0800	SECRET SITREP to 0700k/28 (.) 1 NCO 6 ors leaving SUNSHINE 0800k/28 enroute PARTEP 2 3 ors leaving SUNSHINE 0800k/28 to relieve LMG team ZENAG (.) Otherwise SITNOR.	I.O.	
1008	I112	WAMPIT FORCE	NGF rptd	0807		SECRET SITREP 23 to 0800k/28 (.) 24 Bn (.) 1335k/27 5 shots heard NORTH of MARKHAM vic 306508 WAIME 1 inch (.) 1305k/27 1 shot heard same direction (.) 1800k/27 AWW station NGARANENO 409510 NADZAB 1 inch est comn with AWW BULOLO (.) All informed.	Sig.	
1009	H 36	BIKA	ADV BASA	0800	0850	Strength return.	Adjt.	
1010	I113	WAMPIT FORCE	15 Bde	0855		For MOLOMBY (.) Pte OUTHRED Int duties T.G.2 is urgently required by 24 Bn for int duties in connection with ops (.) Your signal difficult to understand as OUTHRED lent 15 Bde to assist Int Sec (.) Is he in fact performing such duties (.) Please advise earliest he can leave to rejoin his unit (.) From BUNSELL	Sig.	
1011	EL234	D coy	15 Bde	0700	0905	SECRET SITREP 140 to 0700k/28. SITNOR.	I.O.	
1012	L114	ADV BASA	REAR BASA	0911		fwd all available START LINE TAPES to DUDI (.) Advise them rptd ADV BASA number of rolls and ETA (.) Some TAPES are held by ELECTRICIAN.	Sig	1018
1013	Phone	DUDI	BASA	0920	0922	ATR FLASH u/i a/c circled NGARANENO O.P. then flew EAST out to sea.		
1014	Q782	WAMPIT FORCE	NGF	0940		Amn return.	RSM.	
1015	Phone	Staging	BASA	0845	0930	Capt CHALK departed for DEX 0845.		
1016	E378	TOJO	rptd 24 Bn	0700	1005	night of 27/28 vis nil 0625 1 barge returned harbour from E coast.	Adjt. I.O.	
1017	EL279	D Coy 24 Bn	15 Bde	0700	1005	Strength return.	Adjt.	
1018	RQ49	BASA REAR	DUDI rptd ADV BASA	1020	1035	9 startline tapes forwarded today (.) ETA DUDI k/29	Aajt	1012
1019	016	ADV BASA	SMOKY BIXA rptd REAR BASA	1322		SECRET (.) SMOKY will be increased to two pl strength with one M det under comd (.) 11 and M det dx will proceed to SMOKY forthwith (.) Capt BUNBURY will depart ADV BASA for SMOKY on 29 Aug and relieve Capt FLEWELLEN who will return to BIXA.	Sig. Sig.	1026
1020	IR582	DUDI	BASA	1300	1324	SECRET SITREP 290 to 1300k/28 (.) RM WAIME and NADZAB 1 inj (.) camp 5 307382 1230k/28 (.) 1 large fire approx MR 252563 (.) camp 7 417517 0920k number u/i a/c circled overhead and then flew out to sea (.) 0815k/28 1 small fire MR 300580 (.) 0935k/28 number u/i a/c bombed LAE MT MUNAMAN could NOT be observedfor smoke from fires all around knoll 1000k/28 LAE bombed 1 thick cloud of smoke to right of KNOLL burned for approx 1 hr (.) camp 11 397411 13 pl arrived 1100k/28 (.) otherwise SITNOR .	I.O.	
1021	QX636	NGF	WAMPIT FORCE	0700	1210	all out-standing stationary for 24 Bn landed WAU by ANSON A/C 25 Aug if NOT received signal immediately further requestions to be dropped at ZENAG (.) Your Q745 also refers.	Adjt I.O.	1022
1022	Q783	WAMPIT FORCE	NGF	1365		stationery arrived WAU and being fwdthis unit first jeep (.) much appreciated.		1021

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69	Q685	BITO adv	DUPA D Coy. rptd 15 Bde	1330	.	Following changes in allotment for duty will take place. Capt DUELL will assume comd DUPA as from 0001 K/10. Capt PECK will move forthwith to D Coy 24 Bn and relieve Capt ROBINSON as 2 i/c D. Coy. ROBINSON will NOT move until O.C. satisfied PECK in the local picture. ROBINSON will then move to DUPA as 2 i/c.	Sigs	231.
70		KET1	BITO ~~KET1~~	1420	1421	AIRFLASH 16 U/1 A/c WEST over TOKANIN	11.F.S	
71	E311	LAE O.P.	24 Bn	0715	1425	0630 one barge left LOW wharf to SO Two miles E LABU turned and went to VOCO wharf at 0658 approx eight barges in harbour.	I.O. C.O.	
72	EL557	D Coy	24 Bn	1255	1425	SECRET ⊙ SITREP 87 to 1230 K/9 ⊙ No report 8 pl otherwise SITNOR	C.O.	
73	Q686	BITO adv.	DUPA	1500	.	Understand that 1000 rounds carton packed S.A.A. on W.E. has recently been used for trg purposes. Please advise if so used.	Sigs.	
74	O.57	3 DIV adv.	24 Bn	1400	1555	SECRET SITREP 305 to 1400 K/9. 17 Bde. night 8/9 Aug our mortars fired intermittently into enemy posns MT. TAMBU area. portion D coy 2/7 staged HOUSE BANANA, remainder SKINDEWAI. RAA 3 ~~DIV~~ Bty night 8/9 Aug harassing fire continued on to targets in SALAMAUA KOMIATUM spur WEST of MT TAMBU and NORTH of GOODVIEW JUNC. all informed.	I.O.	
75		DUPA	Adv. BHQ		1655	Strength State, 1-D11. 1 envelope for MINER - By Courier. Report Bl. SMOKY to Bl. BITO. SMOKY 1 report to 7 July. A203 re CURRAN	Adjt	
76	1Q1067	adv HQ DIV. AIF.	24 Bn rptd.	1440	1700	Each 24 and 57/60 Bns will forthwith select a capable Lieut for immediate duty on H.Q 15 Aust Inf Bde as L.O. name of officer selected to be fwded direct to 15 Bde by 11 aug rptd to this H.Q. for necessary action to have appointment effected. Offr selected will move forthwith and report H.Q. 15 Bde in the field. 57/60 offr should be brought by MOTH to WAU under arrangements H.Q. 3 Aust Div ⊙ For 15 Bde only ⊙ Take necessary action to obtain L.O. from 58/59 Bn and advise name to this H.Q. appointment Lieut R.L. COULTER HQ 3 AUST DIV as I.O. 15 Bde approved subject to confirmation higher authority. advise disposal of Capt. S.R. HEDLEY.	I.O. C.O.	87. 137
77	EL559	D Coy	BITO fwd	1505	1700	JONES patrol in 1810 K/8 no enemy in MALOGAWAN but 10 Japs vic CK junc 687036. No defensive work in area 3 iron-roofed huts and fire seen in MALOLO but No mut observed.	I.O.	
78	ER16	SMOKY	BOMO	1510	1735	please fwd the following ⊙ boots 1 pr size 5/4 sweaters 1 and bootlaces.	BOMO	
79	1.293	BOMO	BITO	1800	1810	SITREP to 1800 K/9 ⊙ NO further word from SMOKY otherwise SITNOR.	C.O.	
80.	ER.17	SMOKY	BOMO	1500	1820	Description of JAP ambush furnished with sketch on way to BITO ⊙ Ambush posn approx 50 yds in depth flanked on the south by steep cliff face ⊙ 10 yds to NORTH BUANG RIVER open to fire from ambush posn ⊙ Only way to ambush posn by patrol attack as BUILDER 1 BITO stressed conservation of manpower this course was out ⊙ Definitely crossed the SOUTH bank before being ambushed by J.S. JAP killed was partly dug in the rest were extremely well camaflouged		

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994	COURIER				1920	Letter HQ 24 Bn to O.C D Coy re INFORMATION TO UNIT.	Adjt.	
995	I 110	WAMPIT FORCE	NGF rptd	2023		SECRET SITREP 22 to 2000k/27 (.) 24 BN (.) Natives report NO JAPS BWUSSI 58 597165 WAGO 1 inch in last month (.) Local natives now friendly but neutral (.) 1245k/26 13 men and 134 Ok/26 4 men unarmed wearing shirt and trousers entered MARKHAM RIVER 587433 NADZAB 1 inch and swam towards SOUTH bank (.) 1250 to 15545k/26 2 rafts carried 16 persons from 587433 to SOUTH bank 4 persons SOUTH to NORTH bank MARKHAM RIVER (.) 1530k/27 recce patrol to 562431 NADZAB 1 inch heard Jap voices in ambush posn NO observation possible (.) Track DEEP CREEK to MARKHAM POINT NOT used for approx ~~for~~ ONE month (.) 1100k/27 13 pl C Coy plus det mor arrived WAMPIT 306382 WAIME 1 inch (.) 1255k/27 portn 4 pl HQ Coy arrived WAMPIT (.) 1730k/27 det mor arrived DEX 310372 WAIME 1 inch (.) All informed	Sig.	
996	TT12	BORI	BASA	1950	2020	Ref O 6 (.) Amn return	RSM.	
997	EL786	D Coy	24Bn	1805	2130	SECRET SITREP 138 to 1800k/27 (.) MALOLO OP 1400k/27 (.) 2 small fishing craft observed WEST of MISSION POINT at 713046 (.) LOOKER LIEUT (.) 3 Japs observed crawling EAST along SOUTH side of TRACK FIRED ON by our tps (.) Cas enemy 1 killed 1 wounded Own tps NIL (.) Recce of native pad running SOUTH FROM TRACK on high feature 685023 showed NO sign of recent use	I.O.	
996[a]	015	Adv Basa	Dudi ~~Adv~~ ~~Basa~~	2140		For Builder 1 BASA 1 NCO 6 men departing SUNSHINE for DEXk/28 3 MMG personnel leaving ZENAG for DEX and 1 MMG leaving BIXA for DEX k/28 CHALK PECK BABER BEATTIE leaving PARTEP for DEX 0600k/28	Sig.	
997[b]	I111	Adv Basa	Smoky rptd	2150	Bixa	BUILDER I BASA desires recce to be made along SOUTH side BUANG to attempt track to beach(.) Patrol will be RECCE ONLY and contact will be avoided unless very favourable target presented (.) ACK	Sig.	1104
998	E377	TOJO	24Bn	1900	2205	1430 1 Liberator over LAE bombs dropped sporadic A/A vis NIL 1545 number U/I A/C patrolling(.) Received 24 gals petrol(.) Lt TUCKERMAN arrived	I.O.	
999	014	5 Div	WAMPIT FORCE	2000	2320	SECRET SITREP 8 to 2000k/27(.)15 Bde to 1400k/27(.)58/59 Bn A Coy 611981(.)B Coy carrier-line ambushed 807994 0900k/27(.)29 BDE to12000k/27(.)47Bn standing patrol est 707953(.)Fighting patrol B Coy skirmished 687968(.)D Coy less 16 Pl. 707953 17 Pl. TAMBU BAY(.)162 US Regt to 1000k/27 patrols active (.)RAA to 1200k/27 harassing fire on SCOUT RIDGE from Jap 75 MM gun at 7625973 1130k/27(.) All informed	I.O.	
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1000	S541	Wampit Force	15 Bde	1520 k/27	0430 k/28	RQMS 5 (.)Owing to loss by sickness 3 Div personnel regret unable to return Pte OUTHRED	I.O.	
1001	EL 781	~~24 Bn~~ D Coy	D Coy 24Bn	1530 ~~k/28~~	0430	REF my EL 757 25 Aug (.)Total cas. of action 25 Aug. were killed 1 wounded 2 (.) Particulars of cas (.) Killed Vx106315 Pte GIBSON L.F. (.) Wounded VX117870 Pte DUNCAN W.J. shot through jaw(.) VX115544 Pte WILLIS G.K. shot through thigh (.) Both wounded personnel progressing satisfactorily	I.O. Adjt.	902.
1002	EL 782	~~24 Bn~~ D Coy	~~D Coy 24Bn~~ 24Bn	1620 k/27	0430 K/28	VX 43140 Lieut THOMAS J.C. evacuated to MSP HOTE in-fected tinea(.) VX104401 L/Cpl BEST E. returned from MSP HOTE	Adjt.	
1003	K163	BIXA	ADV BASA	0640	0724	In reply to 0.6 Amn return.	RSM.	
1004	IR4	BIXA	ELEC-TRICIAN BASA	0730	0740	SECRET SITREP (.) to 0750k/28 (.) SITNOR.	I.O.	

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80 (cont'd)						Estimate 15 to 20 JAPS in ~~posn~~ ⊙ Contact broken because rations ~~when~~ available when left firm-base would not allow to stay for any greater period of time firmbase at 543314 reasons for no forward move of firm base sent into BUILDER 1 BITO ⊙ If you require report forwarded personnally to your self will do so if required.		
81	1.2.	24 BN	3 Div.	1832	–	SECRET SITREP 262 to 1800 K/9 ⊙ BUANG AREA ⊙ B Coy 24 BN K/7 Patrol NORTH to SOUTH bank BUANG RIVER to 594227 WAGO 1 inch found NO fresh JAP tracks ⊙ K/8 Patrol reached 598223 WAGO 1 inch but found NO fresh JAP tracks ⊙ Hy rain flooded river and crossings dangerous ⊙ Message delay caused by break down comns ⊙ K/9 NO report received MARKHAM AREA NO report received ⊙ All informed.	Sig.	
82.	E.312.	LAE. O.P.	BITO fwd	1415	1850	0725 approx 30 men moved by road from HILLSIDE area to WEBBS ⊙ 0745 to 1352 truck and car activity between terrace wharves and WEBBS moat previously reported at TOOGOODS is palm tree	I.O.	
83	E.R.562	D Coy	Adv BITO.	1735	1857	SECRET SITREP 88 to 1730 K/9 ⊙ SITNOR.	C.O.	
84	COURIER			1935		2 envelopes – MINER; 1 letter Mr BUNSELL; 1 SUMMARY 9 Aug; WAGO 1 inch Map; 1 calender; Tracing paper. drawing pins;		
85	L1380	BITO	Bito adv	1730	1935	SITREP to 1730 K/9 ⊙ SUNSHINE area ⊙ A Coy SITNOR ⊙ HQ op. 255026 BULOLO inch ⊙ 0700 K/9 ⊙ U/1 a/c HEARD in distant WEST Otherwise SITNOR.	C.O.	
86.	I.R.506	DUPA LEBI	BITO fwd.	1730	1935.	SECRET SITREP 239 to 1730 K/9 ⊙ DUPA ⊙ DEX ⊙ 1420 K/9 unknown number u/1 a/c heard flying overhead in N.W. direction ⊙ LEBI ⊙ Camp 5 1425 K/9 ⊙ 16 enemy a/c flying SOUTH Camp 15 ⊙ 0915 K/9 unknown number u/1 a/c heard flying N.W. ⊙ 1330 K/9 at approx MR. 595344 NADZAB. 10 natives were apprehended near south bank of MARKHAM. Full report following ⊙ Launch crossing ⊙ 1015 K/9 N. to S. 8 persons ⊙ 1120 K/9 S. to N. 1 person. 1245 K/9 N to S. 4 ⊙ 1400 K S. to N. 2 ⊙ 1420 K N. to S. 80 1425 K S. to N. 2	C.O.	
87.	Q689	BITO	15 A.1 Bde.	1950	–	Ref 3 Div sig. I.B 1067 ⊙ V.X. 104158 Lieut Mr F. IRVING will move to to 15 Aust Inf. Bde. forthwith as L.O.	Sig.	76
88.	1.3.	24 BN	3 Div rptd.	1950	–	SECRET SITREP 263 to 1930 K/9 ⊙ MARKHAM AREA ⊙ 24 BN ⊙ 1425 K/9 O.P. 306482 Waime 1 inch reports 16 enemy aircraft overhead flying SOUTH ⊙ P.I.B ⊙ 1330 K/9 10 natives apprehended vic. South bank MARKHAM River approx 595344 NADZAB 1 inch no further report ⊙ 20 persons N. to S. ⊙ 5 persons S. to N. bank. MARKHAM RIVER vic NEW LABO ISO SUNSHINE AREA ⊙ 0700 K/9 1 aircraft heard distant WEST.	Sig.	
89.	Q690	BITO	KIMA rptd BOMO BITO rear	2005	•	V 40585 Pte J.H. MURPHY is promoted to the rank of L/Cpl and will report forthwith to BOMO for temporary attachment.		
90	Q691	BITO	KULU DUPA	2010	•	V.X 104153 Capt. E.M. KENNEDY will report to adv BITO forthwith for instructions ⊙ He will temporily act as 2/ic DUPA.	Sig.	
91.	I.R.507	DUPA LEBI	BITO fwd	2000	2043	Further to sitrep 239 ⊙ R.M. Heaths 1 inch to 25,000 ⊙ 10 kanakas were observed fishing at M.R. approx 550442 at 1245 K/9 ⊙ at 1300 2 canoes crossed to MR. 543438 and travelled close to bank to MR. 547437 ⊙ native cpl. was observed so ordered them to come ashore ⊙ They were escorted to OOMSIS where they are to be questioned by W.O. SWANSON ANGAU ⊙ report will be fwded. as soon as SWANSON returns.	C.O.	~~99~~ 92. 135

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92.	I 4.	BITO	DUPA LEBI	2048	-	NATIVES captured MUST be held at OOMSIS until further advised ⊙ Inform W.O. SWANSON ⊙ ACK. (In answer to I.R. 507.)	Sig.	91. 112. 113.
93.						Report from No 7. Pl. P.I.B. at PESSEN to be fwded to B. Cay P.I.B. HQ's.		
94	Q692	BITO	BOMO rptd SMOKY BITO Rear	2115	-	Lieut SAUNDERS will report BOMO forthwith for att. SMOKY ⊙ Att. is for instruction only ⊙ He will NOT comd. unless so detailed by SMOKY.	Sig.	
95	I.5	Adv 24 Bn	3 Div	2055	-	Further to SITREP 263 of 1930 K/9 ⊙ Ref map. HEATHS 1 to 25000 ⊙ 1245 K/9 10 kanakas seen fishing 550442 ⊙ 1300 K/9 2 canoes crossed to 543438 and moved close to bank to 547437 where they saw P.I.B. Cpl. who then ordered them ashore and escorted them to OOMSIS ⊙ They will be questioned by W.O. SWANSON ANGAU ⊙ In meantime P.I.B instructed to hold natives pending further orders.	Sig	91.
96.	I.O.23	SMOKY	Bomo	1700	2150	SECRET SITREP 1700 K/9 ⊙ 0630 K/9 fighting patrol 2 NCO's + 9 or's left firm base MR. 543214 to ambush posn via track as close as possible to Jap posn ref 631219 WAGO expected in tomorrow evening ⊙ 1200 K/9 to 1315 K/9 continual air activity heard in direction SALAMAUA ⊙ Approx 1300 K/9 P.B. report observing bombs dropped by our a/c vicinity BUANG. R. mouth ⊙ They say 1 bomb landed in river mouth & two landed in sea ⊙ Impossible to give M.R. as we cannot observe from FIRM BASE & P.B saw bombs drop while they were at L.A. otherwise SITNOR.	C.O.	
97.	I 6.	Adv. 24 Bn	3 Div	2155	-	Report from BUANG patrol states P.B saw Allied A/c bomb mouth of BUANG ⊙ Stated 1 bomb landed in river mouth 2 in sea ⊙ Patrol of 11 left 543214 at 0630 K/9 to attempt to reach JAP ambush posn. at 631219 WAGO 1 inch or sea ⊙ NOT yet returned ⊙ Could prior advice be given of air strikes so that our tpts. can keep out of target area	Sig.	
98.	RQ5.	BITO (R)	rptd Adv. BITO	2130	2205	Ref. SITREP 263 to 1930 K/9 ⊙ Natives held OOMSIS for interrogation ⊙ W.O. SWANSON Angau reports natives appear friendly ⊙ They have knowledge of LAE. O.P. and have not revealed posn to Japs ⊙ SWANSON advises return of natives to village ⊙ ANGAU Bulolo advises SWANSON's judgment sound ⊙ Please advise action to be taken.	I.O.	
99	AQ.1075	Adv 3 Div	BITO fwd	2035	2306	As from 2359 hrs 10 Aug 3 Aust Div. pack tpt ~~com~~ came under comd 24 Aust Inf. Bn.	C.O.	
100.	O.60	3 Div	BITO fwd.	2023	2306	SECRET ⊙ SITREP 306 to 2000 K/9 ⊙ 15 Bde ⊙ 0735-0830 K/9 Jap gun ~~fired~~ from direction of SALAMAUA fired 16 shells incl 2 duds on to general line. OLD VICKERS POSN 693947 0655 K/9 one shell landed lilliap bk temporarily cutting comm from 58/59 Bn to Bde and 2/7 Bn ⊙ 17 Bde gp ⊙ Morning 9 Aug 2/5 Bn mortar fired 35 rounds into enemy posns on HODGES KNOLL 698906 and pill boxes slightly south of knoll ⊙ 0800 K/ 0900 K/9 2/7 Bn mortar ambush knoll Fired 1 round on to PRICES KNOLL ⊙ Patrol from 2/7 Bn moved & engaged enemy posns with SMG and E.Y. rifles fire ⊙ Japs replying with lt mortars ⊙ Some enemy casualties inflicted numbers NOT known ⊙ Own NIL ⊙ 0830 K/9 1. MITCHELL bombed and straffed South from ISTHMUS to mouth FRANCISCO river ⊙ 0610 K/9 our arty fired 3 rounds vicinity 695939 [all informed]		

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101	E314	LAE O.P.	24 Bn.	1930 K/9	0540 K/10	1502 hrs. one LIBERATOR dropped 4 bombs near terrace ⊙ bombs dropping ref LAE locality 531854 185910 and small fire started 4910 ⊙ AA sporadic in accurate 1850 one a/c landed LAE 1900 lights on drome	C.O	
102	O82	3 Div	24 Bn	0125	0540	Secret ⊙ Sitrep 307 to 0115 K/10 ⊙ SALAMAUA O.P. ⊙ New Jap gun posn observed at 843012 ⊙ 24 BN 08 Aug. Patrol from 11 pl. to 598223 WAGO one inch reports no fresh Jap foot prints ⊙ 1330 K/9 P.I.B. bpl apprehended 10 natives at 548438 and escorted them to OMSIS ⊙ Natives had been fishing in Markham river ⊙ 1425 K/9 ⊙ 16 enemy a/c flew SOUTH over O.P 306482 ⊙ 156 deg 9 Aug ⊙ 5 japs slightly south 7201946 engaged by L.M.G. ⊙ NO results observed Patrolling to 702946 fired on by Jap L.M.G. NO results ⊙ Our casualties 1 killed ⊙ 1550 K/9 Jap gun estimated posn 7435961 fired 25 rounds in to amb. west of Old VICKERS Posn ⊙ Night 9/10 Aug ⊙ Portion D Coy 2/7 Bn staging Observation hill ⊙ REMAINDER HOUSE BANANA ⊙ 17 Bde gp ⊙ results of 2/5 Bn patrol activity 9 Aug ⊙ enemy still in occupation 699907 and 702920 ⊙ NO movt. seen at SADDLE 698908 but sound of work in progress north and south of SADDLE ⊙ One Jap killed 698907 ⊙ Further 45 rounds harassing fire by mortar into enemy pill boxes 698908 ⊙ Wells O.P. ⊙ 1245 K/9 liberators heavily bombed KELA HILL area ⊙ 1300/1325 K/9	C.O.	
						Liberators heavily bombed area between KENNEDYS crossing and NUK NUK. Chinatown also bombed GWAIBOLON OP. 1250/1330 18 Liberators 7 Fortresses dropped bombs between airfield and FRANCISCO RIVER. Disposns 1800k/9. BHQ 42 Bn 745934. B C and C Coys less Ipl. 739925. A Coy plus ipl B Coy en route to 739925 B Coy 15 Bn less 2pls 727934. Ipl 726929. Ipl 725 925. COANE FORCE. Disposns 1800k/9. HQ 2 Bn 162 Regt 743936. Coy E 745938 Coy F 743937. Coy G 739943 Coy H dito with each Coy E F G. HQ 3 Bn 162 Regt 744933 Coy L less 2pls 730936. Ambush party 742955 Coy I less ipl plus pls Coy L 736947. Coy K plus ipl Coy I 742955. Coy M dets with each Coy I K L. RAA 3 Aust Div. During attack SALAMAUA one a/a gun opened fire ISTHMUS but was neutralised by 105 mm guns. 1500k/1639k/9 batt A 205 fld arty Bn registered targets KOMIATUM and SPUR west of MT TAMBU. RAE 3 Aust Div. 2pls i5 fld Coy staging night 9/10 Aug MANGO. Ipl 2/8 fld Coy staging SKINDY. Morning 9 Aug following left WAU BULOLO by air for Pt MORSEBY rear HQ 3 Div. 65 personel sigs 3 Div. 25 personal 1 RAE 3 Div 82 persons B Coy 7 MG Bn. All informed		
103.	I294	BOMO	BITO	0600	0605	SITREP to 0600 K/10 ⊙ SITNOR.	C.O.	
104.	IR.508	DUPA LEBI	BITO fwd.	0530	0625	SECRET ⊙ SITREP 240 to 0530 K/10 ⊙ DUPA ⊙ SITNOR ⊙ LEBI SITNOR	C.O.	
105.	I.1382	BITO (R)	BITO (F)	0535	0625	SECRET SITREP 263 to 0530 K/10 ⊙ SITNOR	C.O.	
106.	Q693	BITO	DUPA	0845	-	Return snipers rifle BOMO forthwith	Sig	
107	Q694	BITO	DUPA	0850	-	Confidential ⊙ Please forward confidential report WO II GAFF immediately	Sig	
108	I 7.	24 BN.	3 Div rptd	0616	-	SECRET ⊙ SITREP 264 to 0600 K/10 ⊙ BUANG AREA ⊙ B Coy 24 Bn ⊙ 0630 K/9 2 day patrol strength left 543214 WAGO 1 inch to to attempt contact JAP posn. 631219 ⊙ 1200 to 1315 K/9 continious air activity heard SALAMAUA direction ⊙ 1300 K/9 P.B's LEGA 521210 reported Allied a/c dropped bombs vic. BUANG MOUTH 1 landing in river mouth 2 in sea ⊙ NO report yet received from patrol ⊙ MARKHAM AREA ⊙ SITNOR. SUNSHINE SITNOR all informed	Sig.	

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109	ER 19	SMOKY	BOMO	1506 K/9	0850	Jerri Base MR 543214 WAGO is now booby trapped between Sunset and Sunrise. Troops a P.B.° have visually inspected same.	C.O	-
110	JG484	Adv Bito	DUPA	1740	0830	Reply to Q636 [Re AMN.] NO. used out of training allotment.	Sigs	-
111	ID 25	SMOKY	BOMO	0500	0850	SITREP to 0500 K/10. SITNOR.	C.O.	
112	IR 206	DUPA	BITO Fwd	0750	0840	ACK [to I3 Instn to W.O. SWANSON to hold NATIVES]	C.O.	92
113	C98	Lebi	BITO Fwd	0836	0915	ACK [to I3 " " " " "]	C.O.	92
114	I 8	24 Bn	3 DIV	0945		MY SITREP 258 to 1800 K/7 reported action at BUANG 1020-1230 K/6. Have NOT seen yet in DIV SITREP Did you receive it. Sent as follows 1020 K/6 11K patrol 1 offr 21 ORs to SAP ambush 631219 WAGO 1" fired on by rifles. Fire returned by OSMG and rifles. CAS enemy 1 killed OWN - Nil. 1230 K/6 patrol leader withdrew to FIRM BASE 545 210 as he considered ambush posn could NOT be taken without fy CAS.	Sigs	-
115	O 83	Adv 3 DIV	Bito Fwd.	0830	1035	SITREP 308 to 0800 K/10. LAE OP 1850 K/9 one A/C landed LAE 29 Bde. Bde HQ & sec 5 DIV sigs fwd post office 069 sec 5 DIV FA cash office sec 5 div pro coy 312 LAD area 841 811 r/m Baden Bay 1". 47 Bn 839804. 7 fd amb 840810.	C.O.	-
116	I 9	Fwd 24	3 DIV	1047		If possible please advise 57/60 Bn patrol times and Route from PESEN - WAIPE - NARAGOOMA and return. a copy of patrol report would be appreciated.	Sigs	-
117	E 315	LAE CP	24 Bn.	0715	1325	20219. 1 A/C took off LAE arrive 2449 hrs 2315 hrs 0250 hrs 0405 hrs lights seen vic WHARVES and VOCO 0605 hrs 4 barges left LAE harbour arrived LABU 0641	C.O.	-
118	O 89	MAJOR BAILEY 7 A.S.P.	5 AF ~~3 DIV~~ fwd 24 Bn.	1125	1335	patrols are at the mouth of the BUANG river. Please do NOT bomb and strafe BUANG RIVER mouth without reference to 3 Div. rpt. do NOT bomb and strafe unless 3 Div advised in time to withdraw patrols.	C.O.	-
119	Q 695	BITO adv.	3 DIV	1620	-	Requested that the following personnel on X LIST be returned to this unit as soon as possible, urgently required as instructors in unit training cadre. VX 104154 Lieut H.H. CASEY detained as witness C. of I. N.G.F. trg school Sgt. R.S. BARSTOW V40344 CAL. D.I. DOWNING both 1 Aust Corps Reception Camp.	Sigs	290
120	O 94	3 DIV adv.	2nd BITO RAE 3 DIV	1300	1520	several recent messages to ~~his HQ~~ have been franked with the priority most immediate. It is pointed out that the above priority is reserved for comds in chief and the PRIME MINISTER. Therefore the use of this priority by all units under comd 3 DIV will cease forthwith. ack. all informed.	C.O.	139 121
121	I 10	2nd 24 Bde	2nd 3 DIV	1550	.	In reply to O.94. ack. Please advise originators number of messages so franked sent from this unit.		120
122	EL 370	D Coy	2nd BITO	1230	1633	SECRET SITREP 90 to 1230 K/10. DAHO O.P. 0955 K/10 to 1010/10 12 LIBERATORS bombed direction SALAMAUA. Heavy explosions heard. otherwise SITNOR.		

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123	096	3 DIV	info BITO	1425	1633	SECRET. SITREP 309. to 1400K/10. LAE OP. 2030K/9 1 A/c took off from LAE airfield. 15 BDE. aftn 9 Aug 2/7 Bn established standing patrol at 704984 and 702994O 17 Bde gp. late afternoon 9 Aug increased enemy activity in ORODUBI and PRICES KNOLL. 1625 – 1810 K/9 enemy mortars fired into these areas. Patrol from B. coy 2/6 Bn were fired on by Jap mortar when at 697911. 0605K/10 WELLS OP. report cargo ship in HUON GULF on bearing 359 degrees magnetic. 29 Bde. 18 and 19 supply depots pls and B[illegible] pl 154 gun 4pt coy 844795 BADEN BAY west one inch. all informed.	C.O.	
124	Q696.	Adv BITO.	DUPA thru BOMO.	1700	–	Have you any solidified alcohol ○ If so please send all stocks BOMO.	Sig	191.
125	I.1387	BITO(R)	Adv BITO	1730	1746	SITREP to 1730 K/10 ○ SITNOR.	I.O.	
126	I.393	BOMO	BITO	1600	1832	SITREP to 1800 K/100 ○ 1 hrs 3 a/c S.W. of PARTEP. 2. M.R. 272212 Roamer 1 inch 1 mile 15000ft heading N.N.W.○ 4 a/c South of PARTEP 2 16000ft heading N.N.E. 1010 hrs○ 1715 K/10 KWATMANE patrol reports TULTUL KWASANG M.R. 368240 WAGO 1" = 1 mile, thinks P.47. came down in YAMAP dist ○ D.R. BOY is out investigating ○ ○ otherwise SITNOR	C.O.	
127	Phone	BOMO	BITO	1530	-	Capt KENNEDY arrived BOMO.	C.O.	
128	R.610	DUPA LEBI	BITO fwd	1730	1832	SECRET○ SITREP 241 to 1730 K/10 ○ DUPA○ DEX 0850 K/10 5 a/c flew overhead 15000 ft heading EAST ○ 1025 K/10 2 P.47's circled area ○ LEBI○ camp 5 0910 K/10 5 P.38's heading WEST○ 1310 K/10 10 P.38 heading N.W.○ 1400 K/10 14 P.38. circled area ○ camp 5 0400 K/10 motor launch heard on MARKHAM River at approx M.R. 547438 HEATHS 1/25000 ○ 1455 K/10 2 BOSTONS flying approx 500 ft strafed LAE and flew SOUTH○ 2 explosions heard other side of MOUTH of MARKHAM RIVER○ Launch crossing 0820 K/10 N to S 2 persons○ 0825 S to N 4○ 0830 N. to S. 20 0835 S to N 6 0840 N to S. 20 0855 S. to N 6 0900 0930 S. to N 8○ 1150 N to S 4 ○ 1155 S. to N. 20 1355 N. to S 80 1400 S. to N. 20 1415 N. to S 6○ 1420 S. to N. 20 1425 N. to S. 8 ○ 1430 S. to N. 20 1435 N. to S. 8 ○ 1440 S. to N. 20 1505 N to S. 20 1510 S. to N. 20 1615 N to S 40 1620 S. to N. 20 1625 N. to S. 30 ○ 1630 S. to N. 10 6 pl H Q's and 1 pl. now est. approx. M.R. 429414 NADZAB 1 inch ○ Natives apprehended were interrogated by W.O. SWANSON this afternoon a written report will be fwded on return to DEX	C.O.	0900 N-S-2. 0905 S-N 4. 0925 N-S 1
129	COURIER			1905		Photo Map - MOOTH BUANG and AIR PHOTO TEMPLATE; BUANG area FILE; 1. Summary 10 Aug. A. Office - 5 packages from REAR BITO – GAZETTE notices supplement 12/43. Dito Supplement 11/43. GRO 555-568; N.G.F. List No 38; N.G.F. list No 37; N.G.F. list No 36; NGF Adm Instr 114; NG Fordero 4303-011 Diff 6312-6322		
130				1905		Lt DAWSON arrived advance BITO. letter from N.G.F. Provo. Coy; 3 Div Message A 523; BN. RO's log; Report of Inquiry re Ellis F.J.)		
131	I. 11	24 BN	3 Div rptd.	1850	-	SECRET SITREP 265 to 1800 K/100 ○ B Coy 24 BN○ BUANG patrol NO report ○ Patrol to KWASANG 368140 WAGO 1 in told by TULTUL that 1 a/c came down in YEMOD district date unknown ○ KWASANG DOCTOR BOY searching ○ 0957 K/10 3 a/c N.N.W. over 27212 ROAMER 1 in. ○ 1010 K/10 4 a/c N.N.E. over same place ○ MARKHAM AREA○ C Coy 24 BN○ 0850 K/10 5 a/c EAST over 310372 WAIME 1 in ○ B Coy P.I.B. motor launch heard on MARKHAM from AP 491449 NADZAB at 0400 K/10 ○ Launch crossing sited across MARKHAM River via NEW LABU Island ○ 52 NORTH to SOUTH ○ 4 S. to N. bank ○ 6 pl H.Q's & Nucs 1 sec estab. 429414 NADZAB 1 inch ○ Time NOT stated ○ All informed.	Sig.	
132.	E10	3 Div	57/60 Bn rptd 24 Bn	1340	2000	FORWARD report on WAIME NARRAGOONA patrol to this HQ with copy CP. to 24 Bn.		
133.	EL583	D Coy	24 Bn.	1830	2000	SECRET ○ SITREP 91 to 1830 K/10 ○ SITNOR		

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134.	~~LAE O.P.~~ E. 316	~~24 Bn~~ LAE O.P.	24 Bn	1425	2050	0925 HOUSE near MOYES ref 4921 LAE local collapsed or was destroyed result bomb blast 1240 large volume smoke ref. LAE vic. 612404 visibility Nil since 1310	I.O.	
135.	I. 19	~~24 Bn~~ 3 Div	24 Bn	1121	2050	RQ.5 ⊙ Natives captured vicinity 547437 NADZAB one inch must NOT be allowed to return to village where they may come under enemy influence ⊙ Arrange with D.O. Markham for withdrawal to BULOLO Area	L.O.	91
136	I. 12	BITO fwd	DUPA LEBI WO SWANSON	2100	—	Advice from 3 Div now to hand and reads as follows ⊙ Captured natives must NOT be allowed to return to village where they may come under enemy influence ⊙ Arrange for withdrawal to BULOLO area ⊙ LEBI to ACK after receiving ACK from W.O. SWANSON ⊙ Advise also date of departure WAMPIT.	Sig.	149
137	R.Q.6	BITO	Adv. BITO	2110	2210	(In reply to A.Q. 1067) Of adv. 3 Div of 9 Aug ⊙ V.X. 104158 Lieut W.M. IRVING arrived SUNSHINE 1800K/10 ⊙ Proceeds WAU 0800K/11 for onward movt ⊙ 15 Bde as L.O.	I.O.	76.
138	—	W.O. SWANSON	ANGAU HQ BULOLO and BITO	2145	2235	Natives at OOMSIS apprehended by over zealous P.I.B. questioned ⊙ Boss boy to one of our agents named NALAN who has given much useful infm and told of enemy evacuation from village MARKHAM POINT they have seen nothing to date can be returned latest instruction to bring to BULOLO will ruin any chance of using them again ⊙ Try for alteration	I.O.	135 139
139	I. 13	Adv 24 Bn	Adv 3 Div	2305	—	Natives captured vic 547437 HEATHS 1/25000 1300K/9 questioned at OOMSIS by W.O. SWANSON who advises BOSS BOY is NALAN one of our agents ⊙ This native is reported to have given much valuable infmn including notice of JAP evacuation of MARKHAM AREA about 16 MAY ⊙ W.O. SWANSON reports they have seen nothing to date and can be returned ⊙ He has asked H.Q ANGAU at BULOLO to try for alteration of your instruction that the natives be forwarded to BULOLO.	Sig	138
138	1093	Div	24 bn	2016	0025	SECRET. SITREP 2IO to 2000k/10. 24 Bn. Late report. 1020k/9 patrol from 11pl strength 22 was fired on by party of Japs at 621219. Patrol returned fire then withdrew to 545210. Our casualties NIL. Enemy 1 killed. 15 Bde. At 0720k/10 2/7 Bn standing patrol at 702993 heard mvt. in BUIRIS CK. Later enemy observed our patrol which then withdrew and established ambush posn at 701993. Enemy party moved into ambush. 3 Japs killed. Patrol then moved south along track and observed enemy footprints pointing south at 70 4986. Disposns 1800k/10. A Coy 58/59 Bn less two pls PARERS BOWL. 7pl timbered KNOLL. B Coy less two pls 679951. Two pls 799749. 17 Bde gp. 1110K/10 Hq 2/5 Bn opened 690908. 0620K/10 2/6 Bn mmg on AMBUSH KNOLL fired on party Japs in ORODUBI. 2 killed. Patrol from B Coy reported further sounds of enemy activity PRICES KNOLL. Wells OP. 1000/1020K/10 Liberators Fortresses bombed following targets. OBEAS HOUSE. From MALOLO to CHINATOWN. KELA HILL areaflashed observed and small fire started 623003. RAA 3 Div. Night 9/10 Aug harassing fire on to targets in SALAMAUA KOMIATUM and GOODVIEW areas. All informed	C.O.	
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139	0112	Adv 3 Div	Adv 24 Bn	2115	0545	(In reply to O 94) NO specific case can be given ⊙ This message sent to all units as a reminder and was NOT directed at any one unit.	I.O.	120
140	EL519	D Coy	24 Bn	2210	0545	SECRET ⊙ 8 pl ⊙ Patrol 2 OR 2 natives captured LULAI and 2 natives in native garden approx 679038 ⊙ Infm. gained by ANGAU as follows ⊙ Jap NOT in strength in MALOLO area and also ~~As~~ located ASINI due to air strikes and bombing ⊙ Main body of troops apparently on the fore shore from BUSAMA to CHINATOWN large concentration in creek bed SOUTH DURAUP Japs sleeping in old mission cattle shed near jetty ⊙ Action to be taken re natives	I.O.	

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982	Q780	AdvBASA	DUDI	1645		For BUILDER 1 BASA Ref I 111 CHALK arrived PARTEP 1615 (.)proceeding tomorrow with Sig offr(.) PECK due in 1800(.) Will ring to-morrow		
983				1845		Capt PECK LIEUT BEATTIE one batman arrived Adv BASA		
984	Q6292	NGF	WAMPIT FORCE	1435	1855	Rations dropped ZENAG 27 AUG(.) Signal daily rations and amn stock each day without fail	Adjt 2/184	
985	K162	BIXA	BASA Adv	1830	1855	Amn Return	RSM.	
986		COURIER	1935			Tracing paper;package to RSM;Amended Ration Scale;trg syllabus HQ Coy;Int Summary;"A"Office material; visibility maps returned; Copy of a letter to D Coy; MOST SECRET Map Ref. Code No 18.	Sig.	
987	Q781	AdvBASA	AllCoys	1945		Daily strength returns to be signalled daily to REAR BASA rptd ADV BASA	I.O.	
988		GHILI	2 Aircraft Force	0920	1935	(.)SITREP 123 0800k/27.) AMAMA area (.)At 1800k/28 D Coy SITNOR(.) Rest of units SITNOR		
989	JG588	DUDI	ADV BASA	1800	1935	AMN return	RSM.	
990	I1520	REAR BASA	ADV BASA	1900	1935	SECRET SITREP to 1900k/27 (.) A Coy (.) CHQ now est MR 242005 BULOLO 1 inch (.) HQ Coy (.) 0730k/27 (.) OP 255026 reports number U/I A/C flying NORTH over OP height 10000 feet (.) ENGRS (.) Road now jeepable to 252072 BULOLO 1 inch expect to get jeeps through to MUMENG TUE 31	I.O.	
991	C 8	5 DIV	WAMPIT	0812	1935	SECRET SITREP 6 to 0800k/27 (.) 15 BDE to 2300k/26 2/7 BN A Coy 720993 within perimeter C Coy 58/59 BN (.) B Coy 718983 (.) C Coy patrol to 720010 contacted enemy (.) 15 pl 717007 (.) Fightin & patrol 714009 was ambushed lo/r killed est enemy str 712009 20 (.) CHQ temporarily at 703006 for night K26/27 (.) 1 pl D Coy are at 717998 contacted 60 Japs who dug in (.) D Coy complete located 717998 recce proceeding (.) Tk/A pl at 703004 (.) 58/59 Bn (.) BHQ 714984 (.) A Coy less 1 pl relieved ~~1 pl~~ by A Coy 47 Bn moved to CAMEL ridge feature running SW from 725995 to 718985 (.) B Coy 709997 (.) C Coy HQ adv 15 pl 717990 (.) 13 pl NOT yet arrived from BURRIS CK area (.) 24 Bn 9 pl merged with D Coy 2/7 Bn against enemy patrol 717997 (.) D Coy track discovered 900 yds WEST enemy posn 686023 runs SOUTH down spur (.) Patrol killed 8 Japs 691036 (.) 2/3 Ind Coy HQ 703970 A pl 706964 B pl 704967 C pl 704971 (.) All informed	I.O.	
992	IR 580	DUDI	BASA BUSA	1900	1955	SECRET SITREP 288 to 1900k/27 (.) RMs WAIME and NADZAB 1 inch (.) DUDI ( ) Camp 5 307482 1305k/27 1 rifle shot heard vic of approx M R 305508 (.) Camp 15 491449 (.) Comns est at 1530k/27 (.) DEEP CK patrol left 0625k/27 returned 1530k/27 2 NCOc 6 ors proceeded to DEEP CK 4 ors were left at creek as standing patrol 2 NCOs 2 ors crossed creek removed boots and moved NORTH along creek till river track reached track had NOT been used for at least 1 month climbed golden stairs 558433 to NORTH end of kunai spur 558428 (.) 2 ors were left here to watch track 2 NCOs then crawled through jungle at MR 559428 what appeared to be a track leading to Jap camp was noticed patrol moved on to approx MR 562431 and could hear Jap voices in vic of old ambush posn undergrowth too thick to observe so patrol returned otherwise SITNOR		
993	IR 3	BIXA	BASA	1930	1950	SECRET SITREP (.) to 1930k/27 (.) PARTEP staging 4 ors No. 3 sec 1400k/27 to WAMPIT from MUMENG (.) COMMAND camp 1 or 11 pl from KUPA (?) 1 sig from KUPA 1 or 11 pl from MUMENG EX ADS (.) Otherwise SITNOR	I.O.	

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164	I297	BOMO	BITO	1800	1815	SITREP to 1800 K/11. No further word from SMOKEY. Otherwise SITNOR	[illegible]	–
165	A582	3 DIV	BITO fwd.	1430	1830	MDS Bulolo will close 12 Aug 43 ⊙ All cases will be admitted to MDS WAU ⊙ A motor ambulance will be stationed as MSP Sunshine ambulance trailer at H.Q 3 Aust. Div. for evacuation of sick to WAU ⊙ All informed	Adjt.	–
166	I.R. 512	DUPA Lebi	BITO fwd.	1730	1830	SECRET SITREP 843 to 1730 K/11 ⊙ DUPA ⊙ DEX ⊙ 0925 K/11 no. u/i a/c heard flying NORTH ⊙ 1010 K/11 no u/i a/c heard flying N.E ⊙ 1020 K/11 no u/i a/c heard flying N.W ⊙ 1455 K/11 10 ZEKES heading east at 20000 ft ⊙ LEBI camp 15 0920 no. u/i a/c heard flying S.E. ⊙ NO further report received to 1730 K/11 Otherwise SITNOR	C.O.	–
167	I. 15.	24 BN.	3 Div. (rptd.)	1840	–	SECRET SITREP 267 to 1800 K/11 ⊙ BUANG AREA ⊙ [illegible] Coy 24 BN 1600 K/10 patrol which left 543214 WAGO 1 inch 0630 K/9 returned ⊙ Reached 610222 WAGO 1 inch NO sign of enemy activity ⊙ NO further report ⊙ MARKHAM AREA ⊙ C Coy 24 BN ⊙ DEX 310372 WAIME 1 inch 0925 K/11 number u/i a/c heard flying NORTH ⊙ 1010 K/11 number u/i a/c heard flying NE ⊙ 1020 K/11 number u/i a/c heard flying N.W ⊙ 1455 K/11 10 ZEKES flying EAST 20000 ft ⊙ B Coy P.N.B ⊙ 0920 K/11 u/i a/c heard S.E. over O.P. 491449 NADZAB 1 inch ⊙ NO further ~~received~~ report received ⊙ All informed	Sig.	–
168	I. 28	SMOKY	BOMO	1700	1908	SECRET SITREP to 1700 K/11 ⊙ 0635 K/11 fighting patrol 1 off 3 N.C.O. 14 ORS. left F.B. 543214 WAGO to recce COAST track ⊙ Expected in K/13 otherwise SITNOR	C.O.	–
169.	COURIER					Int Report for 9th; Int Summary 10th; Int report from DUPA, 8 Aug; Div Int Report 7th Aug; 4 envelopes for "A" Office; Map - Baden Bay;		–
170	Q698	Adv BITO	TIMNE	2100		Voting for FEDERAL elections will take place on 12 Aug. 1100 to [illegible]00 before Capt. E.M. KENNEDY ⊙ Facilities will be extended to all personnel desiring to vote to attend.	Sig.	–
171	QL99	Adv. BITO	DUPA (Wampit)	2105	–	Voting for FEDERAL elections will ~~be~~ take place on 12 Aug between 1800 to 2200 hrs before Capt. E.M. KENNEDY ⊙ Facilities ~~in this area~~ will be afforded to all personnel in the area desirous to vote to attend	Sig.	
172	Q700	Adv. BITO	LEBI	2110	–	Voting for FEDERAL elections will take place between 14 16 Aug ~~between~~ before Capt. J.A. CHALK ⊙ Instructions and ballot papers following by safe hand and will be returned to DUPA per officer on 16 Aug ⊙ Facilities will be afforded to all desiring to vote	Sig.	
173.	IR513	DUPA LEBI	BITO	1830	2045	SECRET SITREP to 1800 K/11 ⊙ LEBI ⊙ Window ⊙ 1815 K/10 Special patrol left South bank at approx 552435 NADZAB 1 inch attempted to cross to N. bank of Markham R ⊙ At far side current very turbulent also NO suitable landing place for at least 1 mile and NO suitable cover to hide canoe ⊙ Patrol returned S. bank at 1955 K/10 ⊙ Another attempt will be made to cross in vicinity BWARIP MR. 440523 NADZAB 1 to 25000 ⊙ Window ⊙ 1320 K/11 5 Japs observed crossing KUNAI SPUR 555428 NADZAB 1 inch moving in direction of JAP village 1700 K/11 3 Japs observed on W and off NEW LABU 1 S. ⊙ Owing to comms hold up report not rec'd early	C.O.	
174	EL588	D Coy	BITO fwd.	1800	2138	SECRET ⊙ SITREP 94 to 1800 K/11 ⊙ SITNOR	C.O.	

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175	I.R514	Dupa	BITO fwd rptd. B.I. Dupa	2000	2138	Sgt. Boyle and W.O. Barnett arrived MAPOS 1600 K/11 from BUWAI after finding suitable posn for NEW O.P. 5 hrs from VAGAU m.r. 535316 WAGO 1 inch view from posn 280 to 80 degrees mag bearing ⊙ Police boy from a tree rear of posn observed MOUTH of MARKHAM R. also 2 ship wrecks ~~[illegible]~~ along coast ⊙ Visibility was NOT good owing to low ceiling estimated height 15000 above VAGAU ⊙ Suitable line of comns from VAGAU COULD go through VAGAU to BUWAI then to OP posn	1.0	
176	I.R515	Dupa Lebi	BITO fwd	2005	2138	1403 K/5 patrol ⊙ Builder 1 1 or Sgt and 5 nat. ors left WINDOW ⊙ Moved along DEEP CK. track then LEDGE track ⊙ About 400 yds from VAGAU track turned left through jungle ⊙ Patrol did NOT go as far as it too dark ⊙ So camped night 400 yds from raspberry patch ⊙ 0600 K/6 patrol split into 2 parties 1 or 3 natives ors moving south BUILDER 1 party moved through bush till 1000 K/6 but did NOT seem to be getting anywhere except up and down hills and small cliffs ⊙ NO visibility so called patrol off ⊙ Arrived back at WINDOW 1530 K/6 ⊙ Weather ⊙ Rained almost whole period of patrol	1.0	
177	I.16	24 Bn	3 Div rptd.	2145	–	SECRET ⊙ SITREP 268 to 2140 K/11 ⊙ MARKHAM AREA ⊙ B Coy P.I.B 1815 K/10 Special patrol left 552435 NADZAB 1 inch to cross river ⊙ NO suitable landing place so returned SOUTH bank 1955 K/10 ⊙ O.P. 491449 reports 1320 K/11 5 JAPS seen moving EAST over KUNAI SPUR 555428 NADZAB 1 inch towards MARKHAM POINT ⊙ 1700 K/11 3 JAPS on WEST end NEW LABU ISLAND ⊙ BUANG AREA ⊙ B Coy 24 Bn ⊙ 0635 K/11 patrol strength 18 left 543214 WAGO 1 inch for coast duration 3 days	Sig.	
178	E.320	LAE O.P.	BITO fwd.	1435	2155	0915 hrs 6 Bostons and 11 LIGHTNINGS patrolled to beyond SINGUAU 0930 approx 8 barges in harbour 0950 approx 2 pls. men on TERRACE rd. moved to hillside and 0930 to 1420 truck mvt WEBBS replaced wharves	1.0	
179	Q701	24 Bn	15 Bde rptd D Coy	2140	–	Ref federal election ⊙ Please advise if D Coy 24 Bn. will be catered for by 15 Bde	Sig. 218	
180	E321	LAE O.P.	24 Bn	1900	2325	1505 to 1715 considerable truck mvt mainly between WEBBS and VACUUM buildings. 1800 3 barges from LABU to LAE 1 returning from HALFWAY to LABU	I.O.	
181	OI40	3Div	24Bn	2023	2325	Secret Sitrep 314 to 2000k/II. 15 Bde. Morning 11 Aug B Coy 2/7Bn established standing patrol at 704984 0900k/II 58/59 Bn reported 6 Japs observed ORODUBI. 17 Bde Gp. Afternoon 11 Aug mortar engaged HODGES KNOLL with harassing fire. 0930k/II smoke observed vicinity KENNEDYS crossing. COANE FORCE. Morning 11 Aug patrolling on ROOSEVELT ridge contiued. RAA 3Div. 11 fd Coy has established OP at 736947. WEELLS MP reports that harassing fire on ORODUBI ridge has cleared timber and reveals 30 pillboxes which have been vacated owing to removal of cover. All informed	C.O.	
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182		Sigs		0245	–	Line and fullaphone to BITO "out".	I.O. C.O.	
183	I.R516	Dupa	BITO	0530	0535	SECRET SITREP 245 to 0530 K/12 ⊙ Dupa ⊙ SITNOR ⊙ LEBI ⊙ SITNOR.	C.O.	
184	I298	Bomo	BITO	0600	0605	SITREP to 0600 K/12 ⊙ SITNOR.	Sig.	
185	I17	24 Bn	3 Div rptd.	0605	–	SECRET ⊙ SITREP 269 to 0600 K/12 ⊙ SITNOR ⊙ All informed	Adjt 147	
186	K143	Bomo	BITO	0640	0700	N/L Return (Ref. 0.6)		
187	Pitone	Dupa	BITO	0650	–	AIR FLASH – Camp 15 – Reports hearing of sounds of planes warming up on LAE drome between 0500 to 0600 hrs. (NOT sent – because NO comns to BITO. Batteries of No 11 set, WAMPIT, flat.)	I.O.	
189		Sigs		0715	–	~~Fu~~ Fullerphone comn. with BITO reestablished –		

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190	0141	3 DIV	24 Bn	2333/11	0846.	SECRET. SITREP 315 to 2300 K/11. 24 Bn 1455 K/11 O.P. at 210402 reports 10 ZEKES flying EAST 20000 ft 1815 K/10 patrol from B. Coy P.I.B. attempted to cross river 552435 but were unable to find suitable landing place on NORTH bank. Return to SOUTH bank at 1955 K/10. 15 BDE. 1020 K/11 2/7 Bn mortars fired 96 rounds into enemy posns S.E. of OLD VICKERS POSN. at 1030 K/11 B coy 58/59 Bn commened local attack against these posns and immediately came under fire from enemy M-M-G's and rifles. B coy were not able to make ground and after an enemy counterattack moved back to 701959 at 1530 K/11. Enemy strength estimated at 400. Our cas 2 killed 6 wounded. at 1400 K/11 2 offrs 16 ors 2/3 Ind. Coy moved to 700959. During day 45 reinforcements arrived at H.Q. 2/3 Ind. Coy. GWAIBOLON OP. 1320 K/11 dark objects believed to be launches observed at 760005. 17 BDE - aftn 11 Aug patrol to 697907 heard Jap voices. further mortars fire into enemy posns HODGES KNOLL. Dispositions 42 Bn - at 1940 K/11. B.H.Q. 724926. recce patrol reports sounds of enemy driving stakes 733921. enemy party moving WEST 718962. 29 BDE. 0940 K/11 Bde H.Q. plus recce party 42 Bn at 831834. all informed.	1.0. 1.0	
191	Q702	BITO adv.	DUPA	0905	.	Ref Q696 re solidified alcohol. Please advise immediately.	Sig	124
192	Q703	" "	DUPA	0915	.	Ref Q683 surplus stores please advise immediately.	"	58
193	Q704	" "	DUPA	0920	.	" Q684 grenade ranges. advise immediately.	"	67
194	~~E18~~ EL585	D coy	rptd 24 Bn	1600/11	0846.	VX 141610 Rte JENKEN S.A.A VX 117870 Rte DUNCAN W.J. arrived DUPA 1645 K/11 from PASA.	Adjt.	
195	EL589	"	"	1810/11	0846	ADS. established 620018		
196	EL592	"	"	0600	0846	SECRET. SITREP 95 to 0600 K/12. SITNOR.	Adjt.	
197	EL593	"	"	0600	0846	Strength state	1.0.	
198	I 1300	BITO rear	BITO adv.	0530	0846	SECRET SITREP to 0530 K/12. SITNOR.	Adjt. 1.0	
199	ID29	SMOKY	BOMO	0500	0846	" " " 0500 K/12. SITNOR.	1.0	
200	I18	BITO	LEBI ~~rptd~~ DUPA	0926	.	Priority ~~IMMEDIATE~~ IMPORTANT. Confirming telephone conversation BUILDER I BITO to BUILDER I LEBI. Patrols MUST NOT cross river WEST of 515485 NADZAB 1 INCH. If any patrols out contemplating crossing WEST of point named EVERY effort must be made to STOP them. ACK this instruction then advise as soon as patrols warned. [ACK by phone conversation - 207]	Sig	289 207
201	PHONE	KETI	BITO fwd.	1037	.	8 u/1 A/c over KETI 15000 ft flying EAST. (KETI - TOKANIN).		
202	"	DUPA	"	1043		8 ZEROS over OOMSIS. flying towards OOMSIS.	1.0	
203	"	BOMO	"	1114		u/1 A/c flying SOUTH over PARTEP Σ (unknown number).	1.0. 1.0	

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937	IR575	DUDI BASA	BASA	1900	1913	SECRET SITREP 285 to 1900k/26 (.) BUSA SITNOR (.). DUDI (.) camp 5 307482 1315K/26 one large fire approx Map ref 243595 WAIME 1 inch (.) 1435k/26 1 B17 flew towards LAE (.) comns out with camp 11 and beyond since 1530k/26 .	I.O.	939
938	I1512	REAR BASA	FWD BASA	1900	1943	SECRET SITREP to 1900k/26 (.) HQ Coy (.) relief ay ZENAG completed 1000k/26 (.) SUNSHINE - MARKHAM Rd now approx 3 miles NORTH BLAKES (.) approx MR 225065 BULOLO 1 inch.	I.O.	
939	IR576	DUDI	BASA	1930	1955	further to SITREP 285(.) 4 pl BIKA and 13 pl DUDI arrived at TIMNE 1730k/26 from PARTEP 2.		937
940	I 108	WAMPIT FORCE	NGF rptd	2025		SECRET SITREP 20 to 2000k/26 (.)24 Bn(.)B Coy 0630k/26 4 ~~day~~ day patrol str 18 left FIRM BASE 575225 WAGO 1 inch for track LAE -SALAMAUA via SUGARLOAF(.)2 day patrol str8 left FIRM BASE to locate JAP posns NORTH BUANG MOUTH(.)1330k/26 1 det 3 pl HQ Coy arrived PARTEP 2 from SUNSHINE (.)1730k/26 4 pl 1 det 3 pl HQ Coy 13 pl C Coy arrived TIMNE 279309 ROAMER 1 inch en route to WAMPIT (.)All informed	Sig.	
941	IR 1	BIKA	BASA	1930	2014	PARTEP 2 STAGING(.)20 OR's DUDI 22OR's BIKA to TIMNE (.) Other wise SITNOR		
942	C14	SMOKY ADV BASA	↔	2123		Until advised otherwise patrols will be recce only unless very favourably targets presents itself(.)willbe allowed to hit in strength when the time comes(.) possibility increasing you strength	Sig.	
943	Q777	24 Bn D Coy		2130		Confidential(.)advise when summary of evidence Lieut LOOKER will be to hand		
944	Q778	WAMPIT FORCE	3 Div rptd Rear	2145	BASA	Ref RQ 41(.)Essential for future ops ~~one~~ offr ~~&~~ OR' 24 Bn arrive SUNSHINE NOT later than 28 Aug(.)Request advice as to ~~movement~~ progress of movement	Sig Adjt.	
945	RQ47	24 Bn D Coy rptd Rear BASA		1950	2140	Please advise whether VX139860Pte JONES J.W.has rejoinedCoy from ADS MISSIM or NOT(.)If so advise date of return(.)Refour Q653 and RQ 9 of 4/12 Aug9.-Have these signals been received (.) If so why has NO reply been given	Adjt.	
946	E178	TOJO 24 Bn 27 August		1900	2304	from 1045 hrs. NIL fog nothing to report.		
947	Phone	Adv BASA. Sigs. 11 Fd.		0737	—	AIRFLASH No 1/1 a/c North over PARTEP 2, height unknown. 27 Aug	I.O. Sig.	
948	EL773	DIFA	BADA rptd BASA	1801	0747	SECRET SITREP 136 to 1800k/26 (.) 18 pl still held up and in posn at 685023 8 pl returned from carrying supplies to 18 pl and now at 672032 (.) MALOLO OP visibility Nil.	I.O.	
949	H 7	BIKA	BASA	0600	0747	IN reply to 0.6 Amn return	RSM	
950	K161	BIKA	BASA	0640	0747	In reply to 0.6 Amn return.	"	
951	IR577	DUDI BUSA	BASA	0700	0747	SECRET SITREP 286 to 0700k/27 (.) BUSA SITNOR (.) DUDI (.). AWW personnel at camp 640510 NADZAB 1 inch Comns NOT established yet (.) Comns still out with camp 11 and beyond (.) Otherwise SITNOR	I.O.	
952	JG581	DUDI	ADV BASA	0700	0747	Amn return.	RSM.	
953	I 1515	REAR BASA	ADV BASA	0700	0747	SECRET SITREP to 0700k/27 (.) SITNOR.		
954	IR2	BIKA	BASA	0730	0747	SECRET SITREP (.) to 0730k/27 SITNOR.	I.O.	
955	L10	WAMPIT FORCE	NGF rptd.	0814		SECRET SITREP 21 to 0800k/27 (.) 1330k/25 AWW personnel arrived 409510 NADZAB 1 inch (.) Comns NOT yet est (.) All informed		
956	Q779	WAMPIT FORCE	NGF	0835		Amn return.	RSM.	

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204	O.142	3 DIV adv.	rptd BITO fwd.	0827	1110	SECRET SITREP 316 to 0800K/12. 15 BDE. 11 Aug. patrol reports many fresh signs of enemy footprints along WEST branches ERSKINE CK. remnants of 15 PL 58/59 Bn merged with 13 and 14 pls. 13 pl with det. mortars MORTAR KNOLL. 14 pl with MMG NAMLING RIDGE. COANE FORCE Coy BG less one pl 889937. one pl coy G with coy F at 742938. RAA 3 DIV. 2000 K/11 enemy 85 mm gun engaged 11 Aust 3d Bty with severe C.B. fire. One gun out of action with wrecked sights. signal gear and 150 rounds amn destroyed. 11 Aug harassing fire M.T. TAMBU. by 11 3d bty which also engaged PRICES KNOLL and ORODUBI. 205 fd bn registered hangar at SALAMAUA. all informed.	1.0.	
205	JG497	DUPA	BITO adv.	1050	1155	Ref Q703 and Q683. surplus stores. NIL return. reply sent back per JG 488 on 10th	ADJT.	
206	E322	LAE OP.	BITO fwd. DUPA	0830	1155	0607 one A/c took off LAE heading WEST. 0643 to 0705 truck mvt to and from WEBBS and HILLSIDE area approx 8 barges in HBR.	1.0.	
207	C107	LEBI	BITO fwd.	1007	1155	re conversation with BUILDER I BITO K/12. special patrol has been instructed NOT to cross further WEST 515485 NADZAB 1 INCH.	1.0.	289
208	I 20	3 DIV	24 BN	0925	1155	owing to staty shortage, you have been excluded from distribution 3 DIV INT REPS.		
209	Phone	maj Cairns	BITO fwd.	1205	–	Maj. CAIRNS 2/14 3d Coy rang. He could not spare a man to go out and fix line more than 1 mile to NORTH and 2 miles SOUTH. The line is down between BLAKES & SUNSHINE and he has a man out looking for it now. He requests confm. of his proposal.		
210	–	–	–	1210	.	Comms with BITO rear now IN. by line.	ADJT.	
211	JG498	DUPA	BITO ADV.	1205	1335	No stocks solidified alcohol.		
212	EL595	D Coy	BITO fwd.	1200	1335	SECRET SITREP 96 to 1200K/12. No report 8 PL 16 PL and 18 PL SITNOR.		
213	I 19	BITO ADV.	SGT HODCROFT	1355	.	Rolling will take place ZENAG 14 AUG. Suggest you leave aftn 13. advise your movements.	Sig.	268
214	–	DUPA	BITO	–	1400	Intell. Report. 11 AUG., DUPA strength state 11 Aug; Staging Camp Wampit strength 11 Aug, Report by O.C. C Coy on ops in Markham area.		
215	–	–	–	1455	.	Line to BITO now IN.		
216	Phone	BOMO	BITO fwd.	1504	.	1 u/1 A/c 15000 ft flying SOUTH from PARTEP 2.		
217	I 9	3 DIV ADV	rptd BITO fwd.	1225/10	1505	R.Q.Q. natives captured vicinity 547437 NADZAB one inch must not be allowed to return to village where they may come under enemy influence. Arrange with D.O. Markham FOR withdrawal to BULOLO area. — SEE MESSAGE 135 of 10th - THIS IS DUPLICATION)	1.0.	
218	A1164	15 BDE	rptd BITO fwd	1130	1545	will cater for D. coy 24 Bn. (In reply to Q 701)	Adjt.	179
219	EL596	D Coy 24 Bn	rptd BITO fwd	1355	1545	MALOLO OP. 1600 K/11. 2 small rowing boats moved S.W. from MISSION PT 725047 to MOUTH ASINI CK. unable identify occupants. Sounds from engine heard direction SAMOA harbour from 1930K/11 to 2045/11 and again 0530K/12. possibly DEISEL as too loud for ordinary motor truck. No observation.	1.0.	
220	Phone	Rear BITO	Adv BITO	–	1630	Pte RUSSELL advised following 3 Div instr (see 135 & 217) W.O. SWANSON requested ANGAU to have instructions altered. ANGAU BULOLO advised him that Maj VERTIGAN at ADV. 3 DIV. W.O. SWANSON then sent a message to MAJ. VERTIGA (11 AUG) and on 12 AUG. received a reply to the effect that natives be fwded to BULOLO under escort and to be fired on if attempting escape. NONE of these messages rec'd by ADV BITO	C.O. 1.0.	

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929	continued					ROOSEVELT RIDGE (.) A coy now with D coy at 723956 (,) 1800k/25 1 Jap captured vic 722940 (.) at 1630k/25 47 Bn took over responsibility for KUNAI SPUR area 710964 from 58/59 Bn dispositions (.) BHQ AND HQ coy 709963 (.) A Coy less 2 pls 712964 (.) 2 pls 712962 (.) B coy 707966 (.) C Coy less 2 pls 711955 (.) 14 pl 712955 (.) 15 pl 708957 (.) D coy 708937 (.) 1050k/25 1 Jap killed at 709958 (.) 162 US reg (.) 0900k/25 the fighting patrol from Coy B advanced 250 yds where they were e ngaged by enemy in dug-in posns where 1 HMG (.) patrol killed 6 Japs then returned (.) 1355k/25 Jap shells landed on NORTH and SOUTH slopes of EASTERN end ROOSEVELT RIDGE (.) Several shells also landed in TAMBU BAY (.) patrol from Coy K heard chopping in saddle between known Jap posns at 738947 and 737949 (.) patrol from coy K discovered Japs MG posns at 741947 and 741952 (.) afternoon 25 Aug coys E and F plus 1 pl E coy moved fwd onto ROOSEVELT RIDGE all informed.		
930	0 2	HQ 5 Div.	WAMPIT FORCE	0830.1850		SECRET SITREP 2 to 0800k/26 (.) 15 Bde (.) 1700k/25 patrol from 14 pl 2/7 Bn 703006 to investigated broken sig line contacted enemy 400 yds from posn (.) 1 Pl C coy 58/59 Bn moved to area 720008 met party 10 to 15 Japs who broke and fled (.) fighting patrol from D coy 2/7 Bn moved SOUTH and harassed enemy engaging B coy 2/7 Bn (.) pl D coy 58/59 Bn crossed FRANCISCO river and set anbush on main SALAMAUA track (.) tk/a pl 2/7 Bn now 708970 (,) 3 organised attacks launched on enemy posn 710967 (.) A coy 2/7 Bn attacking from river to SOUTH were prevented from two mutually supporting pill-boxes surrounding with conserting fire at 709968 and 710968 (.) Japs attacked A coy from EAST but were driven off suffering 47 certain killed (.) 2/3 Ind coy and A and B coys 58/59 Bn maintained pressure from SE but could NOT gain main spur owing to well sited LMGs on subsiding spurs all informed.	C.O. C.O.	
931	Courier	NGF	WAMPIT FORCE	1900		THREE NGF SITREPS, ONE TSILI TSILI SITREP, Int Summary, report on BIKA Malarial case Pte HAGELY, confidential report ACapt DUELL.		
932	Q775	WAMPIT FORCE	NGF	1960		Inreply to Q 6248. SECRET if required droppings made WAMPIT GABENSIS supplies from SUNSHINE can just be maintained under present conditions with present number of natives (.) reserves NORTH SUNSHINE down to zero and cannot be built up (.) two European one native dropping ZENAG will give one week reserve(.) considered essential this dropping be made (.) please advise.	Sig. 925	
933	Q776	ADVI BASA	DUDI rptd Rear BASA	1960		1 det 3 pl M officer departed PARTEP for DEX 1330 hrs today (.) sig officer departing SUNSHINE tomorrow for DEX.		
934	0 3	ADV 5 DIV	WAMPIT FORCE	15051930		SECRET (.) SITREP 3 to 1400k/26 (.) 15 Bde to 1830k/25 HQ 2/7 Bn opened 709977 (.) battle HQ 2/3 Ind coy and B pl 713962 A pl 714961 C pl 712965 (.) 29 Bde to 0900k/26 C coy 47 Bn relieved 2/3 Ind Coy (.) 162 US Regt 25/26 Aug mortar fire exchanged by Coy A with Jap 3 Jap lt mortar observed to fight of coy I (.) 0645k/26 preceded by arty and mortar concentratings coys A and B attacked Jap posns at NW end ROOSEVELT RIDGE (.) RAA 3 Div to 1200k/26 Jap gun vic LOKANU fired some rounds into bay at 1100k/26 neutralized by CB fire bty (.) CB fire bty C205 Bn all informed.	C.O. 1.O. Adjt.	
935	TT 11	BORI	Adv BASA	18001930		Ref 0.6 Amn return.	RSM	
936	Phone	B 2 BIXA	BASA	1942		RMO at MOPO operated on Pte ANGER who has NOT yet regained consciousness and unlikely that he will loose his arm condition as satisfactory as possible. Lieut W.E. SMITH arrived MOPO . Lieut HAEBERLE arrived TIMNE.		

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235	IR 518	DUPA LEBI	BITO	1920	2205	Addition to SITREP 246 ⊙ LEBI ⊙ Camp 14 1030 K/12 ⊙ 5 ZEROS over OOMSIS flying SOUTH ⊙ 10 natives and escort arrived DEX 1800 K/12 from OOMSIS ⊙ DUPA ⊙ Capt KENNEDY arrived DEX 1800 K/12	1.0.	
236.	I.R. 519	DUPA LEBI	BITO fwd	2045	2205	SECRET SITREP 247 to 2030 K/12 ⊙ LEBI ⊙ WINDOW ⊙ Lookout patrol left 0500 K/12 returned 1800 K/12 ⊙ Reports NO Jap movement ⊙ On returning noticed tree at head of track MR. 556419 NADZAB 1 inch formally used by lookout patrol had large blaze ⊙ This mark was NOT made by our patrols evidently it was made by enemy to show route of our patrol ⊙ LAUNCH crossings 0650 K/12 South to North 8 persons ⊙ 0946 N. to S. 2 ⊙ 1340 K N. to S. 3 ⊙ 1450 K S to N. 2 ⊙ 1555 K N to S 2 ⊙ 1630 K N. to S. 2 ⊙ Otherwise SITNOR	1.0.	
237	E 324	LAE OP	24 Bn	1916	2228	1530 to 1800 large scale truck mvt. WEBBS VOCO wharves hillside area terrace ⊙ 1640 approx 30 men in white along MT Road towards WEBBS 1730 hrs. 1 barge from harbor arr. LABU 1815.	1.0.	
238	RQ. 10	BITO Rear.	3 Div BITO fwd	2140	2228	A 100/3 of 8 Aug. rec'd 10 Aug ⊙ Lieut WALKER proceeded OCTU Woodside 4 Aug ⊙ Lieuts. MARSH and LANE proceeding SUNSHINE forthwith for forward mvt.	Adjt.	
239.	PHONE	KETI	BITO	2240		Conversation with KETI (Dambi) message from C.O. for Q.M. to send all available stocks of mosquito cream to L.A. (Lega) urgently. Stocks be built up from A.S.C. also. Also wishes to know if Lt. Childs has been instructed to move to DAMBI immediately.		
240	Phone			2305	-	Dambi advised Lt CHILDS leaving 0800 K/13		
241	Phone			2314	-	DAMBI " that mosquito cream held by Q.M. will leave SUNSHINE K/13 E.T.A LEGA K/18 ⊙ All other cream collected will be forded via KWATOMANI - MAPOS on 16 Aug. E.T.A K/19 Aug		
242	EL603Dcoy24Bn192			0055		Evac toMSP HOTE VX 10448 Pte MURPHY I.S. Dermititiess.	Adj	
243	M296XXXXX 15Fd RMO 1930 Amb Bito 0055					Will send plaster if available. Ref quinine. Inquiring further. Is insulim and polyhaemin required urgently asNO supplies are available in WAU AREA. Your requisition due here 21 Aug.		
244	Oi66 3Div24Bn2030 0055					Secret. Sitrep318 to 2000k/12. SALAMAUA OP. 0915k/12 one enemy dive bomber flew over OP [redacted]. 24Bn. 1043k/128 Zeros passed OP491449 WAIME 1 inch flying East. 17 Bde Gp. Afternoon 12 Aug 2/6 Bn mortars continued harassing fire onto pillboxes 698907. 0644k/12 patrol from 2/6 Bn heard enemy activity Prices Knoll. 0800-1000k/12 engaged this posn with intermittent fire. 1200k/12 C Coy 2/6Bn less 1pl arrived 675906. 1110k/12 C Coy 2/7 BNarrived Wells Junc. 1200k/12 patrol from Coy I Bn i62 Regt located strong enemy patrol moving along reentrant at 632910. Party from I Bn was immediately despatched to follow up and ambush this patrol. NO results yet received. 1200k/12 40 delayed action mortar bombs fired into Jap pollboxes under construction in area 707925 to 709916. Logs and dirt thrown into air. Later a patrol fired into the same area. RAA 3 Div. 0600k/12 arty R by 4 A/C Sqn located and registered enemy gun posn 750970. 1131k/12 3Jap posns shelled TAMBU Bay area. Guns from NW direction 1 gun from NORTH direction. Shelling ceased when further Arty R A/C appeared over area. 1340k/-1250k/12. One type NORMA over WAU BULOLO height 12000ft. All informed.	I.O.	
245	I281 3Div 24Bn231			0625		N.G.FF. advise air photos indicate beach track LABU - SALAMAUA IN use again.	13 Aug I.O.	
246	11410	BITO	BITO fwd	0530	0625	- SECRET SITREP 40 0530 K/13 KULU - BITO ⊙ SITNOR	1.0.	

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917 CONTD						from ambush posn 672032 L/T laid to within 1 hour distance from 18 PL 1 OR Killed during night 25/26 AUG ⊙ Total cas enemy unknown killed 2 wounded 2		
918	E371	TOJO	3 DIV - 24 BN	1900	1205	1615 – 1650 slight truck mvt WEBBS VACUUM ECHOFFS ⊙ 1712 one barge one motor boat from HPB towards beach 1720 VIS NIL	10 ADJ	
919	EL762	DIFA	BADA rptd BASA	0600	1350	STRENGTH STATE	"A"	
920	H32	BIKA	ADV BASA	1225	1350	VX 113654 A/ST/Sgt HODCROFT [IN REPLY TO Q759]	10 ADJ	789 ×
921	RQ 44	24 BN	rptd FWD BASA	1115	1403	Ref your SITREP 129 of 23 AUG ⊙ your report 1 missing ⊙ To date No particulars of number and name have been recd ⊙ Has this man returned ⊙ If NOT state particulars	Sigs	
922	EL764	DIFA D Coy	BADA rptd BASA	1021	1403	18 PL reports enemy reinfts approx 20 arrived 1730 K/25 ⊙ 500 yds WEST of enemy posn at 685023 is a branch track running SOUTH to track NEW ASINI – BOBDUBI ⊙ LESLIE patrol in 1005 K/26 cut sig wire on track 694037 to creek 691036 wire led up open track to JAP camp approx 688037 ⊙ Patrol fired on 7 JAPS washing in creek at 691036 ⊙ Patrol returned along spur running EAST WEST on grid 04 ⊙ Cas enemy killed 8 own NIL Strength at JAP camp unknown	10 ADJ	
923	EL761	DIFA	BADA rptd BASA	0600	1403	SECRET SITREP 135 to 0600 K/26 No report to hand.	10 ADJ	
924	IW2	SMOKY	BIXA	0530	1635	SECRET SITREP to 0530 K/26 ⊙ SITNOR	10 ADJ	
925	Q 6248	NGF	WAMPIT FORCE	1630 K/25	1635	SECRET ⊙ If dropping cease ZENAG how many natives required maintain from SUNSHINE	10 ADJ	932
926	IW3	SMOKY	BIXA rptd BASA	1130	1635	SECRET SITREP to 1130 K/26 ⊙ patrol of 18 under BI left at 0630 for coast via SUGARLOAF to booby trap JAP LOC ⊙ patrol to last 4 days patrol of 8 under Sgt NORTON left at 0630 K/26 for N side BUANG to locate and engage JAP positions ⊙ patrol to last 2 days.	10 ADJ	
927	O 437	ADV 3 DIV	3 DIV DET NASSAU WAMPIT FORCE 4 A/C SQN	1430	1714	SECRET SITREP 68 to 1400 K/25 ⊙ 15 BDE ⊙ HQ Coy 58/59 BN 708964 ⊙ 17 BDE 0800 K/25 2/5 BN left KOMIATUM RIDGE en route to TAMBU BAY area ⊙ 29 BDE BHQ 42 BN now 722940 ⊙ at first light D Coy 42 BN moved fwd from 723956 but were held up by SA and MG fire	10 ADJ	26 AUG

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274	C112	LEBI	BITO	1100	1450	LOCSTAT of LEBI less 7 pl. Coy HQ DEX 329367 NADZAB 1 inch. 6 pl HQ and 1 sec camp 12 449414 NADZAB 1 inch. 1 sec DUELLS AMBUSH 446406 NADZAB 1 INCH. 1 sec WINDOW 491449 NADZAB 1 INCH. 8 pl HQ BOBS 319421 NADZAB 1 INCH. 1 sec KIRKS 329502 NADZAB 1 INCH. 1 sec NGARANENO 409510 NADZAB 1 INCH.	I.O.	-
275	EL607	D. Coy.	rptd 24 Bn.	1200	1450	SECRET SITREP 99 to 1200K/13. DASM O.P. 0825K/13 LIBERATORS and FORTRESSES over SALAMAUA for approx 1 hr. NO ~~A/C~~ A/A, heavy explosions heard but no observations.	I.O.	-
276	Q477	KIMA	BITO fwd	1330	1450	amn return.	R.S.M.	-
277		ANGAU PARTEP	ANGAU SUNSHINE	1610	1635	10 NATIVE prisoners and escort arrived here 1530 hrs ⊙ Proceeding yours tomorrow 14 inst will signal departure.	I.O. ADJT.	-
278'	0188	3Div	24Bn	1435	1725	Sitrep 321 to 1400k/13 Lae OP . 0700k/13 9 barges in harbour. 15Bde. 17Pl Dcoy 58/59B now located at Gwaibolon .29Bde. 0500k/13 47Bn less Dcoy left assau Bay en route to Tambu Bay. Crossed N. arm Bitoi at 0940k/13. 0600k/13 16 pl moved out to recce spur N. of Lake Alos. Coane Force. 12Aug enemy posns on Roosevelt Ridge engaged by mortar fire. Ref Sitrep 319 now reported that patrol occupied posn at739946 NOT 734953.Patrol str was 1X offrs and 160rs Patrol was XXXXXlater reinforced by 37 ors from Coy F. Morning 13 Aug remainder Coy F moved into area and have now consolidated.Japs occupy posn at 735954 RAA 3Div Night 12/13 Aug rarassing fire onto targets in Salamaua and Mt Tambu .All informed	I.O.	-
279	Ki45	Bomo	A.Bito	1330/1740		Amn RETurn.	R.S.M.	-
280	I302	BOMO	BITO	1800	1800	SITREP to 1800K/13. No. of U/I A/C 10000 ft approx SOUTH of PARTEP 2. ROAMER 1 in 1 ml. 272212 at 1015 hrs. No further word from SMOKY, otherwise SITNOR.	I.O.	-
281	I	BITO	BITO ADV.	1730	1800	SITREP to 1730K/13. A coy SITNOR : SUNSHINE O.P. 255026 BULOLO 1 IN. 0800-0850, 1237 hrs bombing in direction SALAMAUA. otherwise SITNOR.	I.O.	-
282	I28	3 Div	Bito fwd	2316	1825	N G F advises photos indicate beach track LABU - SALAMAUA in use again.		
283	PS183	Angau WAMPIT	DO MARKHAM Bito	1705	1825	Re apprehended native from LABU now at PART 2 . All their relations know the position of our fwd O.P. I fear that reprisals will be taken. Representatio;s made to ANGAU that they be sent back to their village. Local natives amazed at treatment for services rendered. Can still be rectified.		
284	IR521	Dupa Lebi	Bito Fwd	1730	1825	SECRET SITREP 249 to 1730k/13. DUPA DEX. 0810k/13 1 B25 flew overhead heading N.E. LEBI - 10 escorts and escort left DEX for Part 2. Camp 15 NO further report received to 1730k/13. Camps 5 & 6 NO report received to 1730k/13.		
285		BITO Rear	Bito Fwd.		1845.	Intelligence Summary. ~~xMatterxrexfailurextoxpassxairxflash~~ Aircraft reporting file. Casualty returns. File re GRUNDY. Envelope for Adjt. One bag of lemons. 1 envelope for ~~each~~ Capt SKINNER, Ditto Capt BUNBURRY.		
286	I 23	24Bn	3Div All coys	1850		Sitrep 272 to 1800k/13. Buang Area. Sitnor to 0750k/13. B coy 24Bn1015k/13 Number U/I A/C South 10000 ft over272212 Roamer 1 in .1610k/13 10 natives captured Markham River k/9 arrived ANGAU PARTEP 272212 Roamer. Markham area.Bcoy on PIB 0700k/13 Patrol of 7 natives ORs moving WEST along Markham River in 2 canoes fired from kunai covered is. in river. Both canoes lost 3 native ORs missing. Unable to ascertain posn of action but believed approx NARAKA OR area Natives advised ANGAU WAMPIT that daily Jap sentry leaves Old MUNUM 538539 Nadzab lin and moves to vic 509506 track junc where he observes all day returning Old MUNUM each evening		
287	JG506	dupa	bito	1810/1905		m.p.t.		

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888	I103	Adv BASA	BIXA	2327	NO SITREPS rec'd. from you for 25 Aug (.)SITREPS are to be lodged as at 0730 and 1930 hrs. daily (.)You are reminded that the lodgment of complete and timely SITREPS at the times laid down is the Coy Comds responsibility(.)Please furnish belated SITREPS for 25 Aug. and stated times thereafter.		Sig.	
889	I104	BASA	SMOKY	2340	Your SITREPS leave much to be desired(.)FC 16 did NOT state direction U/I A/C travelling or height (.)FC 17 did NOT state times engines heard (.)FC 18 did NOT state approx distance shot heard (.) NO description of A/C given(.)When reporting A/C state ~~xx~~ number type whether seen or heard altitude direction from point of observation direction A/C travelling and time(.) SITREPS make NO mention of worked performed by pl.~~X~~(.)Were patrols out if so give details quoting map refs and times (.) If NOT what ~~were~~ are they doing(.)What patrols are projected		Sig.	877. 878. 880.
	(In reply to FC 16-18)							
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890	EL752	D Coy 24 Bn		1801 0308	SECRET SITREP 134 to 1800k/25(.)18 pl. engaged enemy on high feature 685023 at 1100hrs and ~~x~~ again 1130 hrs(.)Enemy casualties unknown own wounded one (.)Pl. apparently held up by strong force as shots heard in that direction at 1500hrs and 1700hrs(.) Body of MATTHEWS killed in that area 19 Aug found on that track(.) Deduction replaced on track as patrol set out night 19/20Aug. search beyond posn(.)1530k/25 shots again heard direction MALAGOWAN(.)NO report on LESELIE patrol (.)MALOLO O.P. 1300k/25 two loud explosions in direction BUSAMA after one plane had flown over(.)NO observation		I.O.	904
891	K160	BIXA	Adv BASA	0640 0716	(Ref O 6)Amn Return			
892	IR573	DUDI Adv BUSA	BASA	0700 0716	SECRET SITREP 283 to 0700k/26(.)DUDI SITNOR (.)BUSA SITNOR		RSM I.O.	
893	Phone	DUDI	BASA	0740 0741	Unknown number u/i a/c EAST over DUDI. (AIR FLASH) Time:::0740			
894	I 105	WAMPIT FORCE	NGF rptd 3 Div	0810 All coys.	SECRET SITREP 19 to 0800k/26 (.) SITNOR (.) All informed.		I.O. Sig.	
895	JG574	DUDI	ADV BASA	0700 0815	amn return.		RSM	
896	I1505	REAR BASA	ADV BASA	0700 0815	SITREP to 0700k/26 (.) SITNOR.		I.O.	
897	H 6	BIKA	ADV BASA	0600 0835	ref O.6 expended nil (.) increase nil (.) decrease (.) engineers 1400 (.) grenades rifle 18 (.) troops to forward area 9mm 1600 (.) 303 731.		R.S.M.	
898	Q772	WAMPIT FORCE	N.GF	0848 –	Daily Amn return till 2359 hrs 25 AUG ⊙ Increase NIL Decrease NIL Expended NIL.		Sigs.	
899	EL748	D Coy 24	15 BDE rptd 24 Bn	~~0845~~ 1717 0840	VX 73869 PTE McGUINESS from MPS HOTE to ADS MISSIM			
900	EL756	D Coy 24 BN	15 BDE – 24 BN	1945 0910	1100 K/25 18 Pl contacted enemy on track running EAST WEST at 685023 ⊙ Enemy opened fire with 2 LMGs wounded 1 OR own Pl returned fire 1 section moved around STH flank of enemy posn and took up (opposition) a position on track WEST of enemy ⊙ 1500 K/25 own troops again opened fire and enemy replied killing 1 OR and wounding 1 OR enemy posn well dug in estimated strength 40/50 ⊙ Total cas enemy unknown ⊙ OWN killed 1 wounded 2		I.O.	

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288	E 326	LAE OP	24 Bn	1410	1905	0830 ~~#~~ to 0849 BOSTONS patrolled to N. circled SOPOI and returned S. Very little truck barges of personell out of LAE. 1340 unknown number (estimated 25) enemy A/C from N to S.	1.0.	
289	Q 711	Adv. Bito	Lebi rptd Dupa	1930	-	Ref. I. 18 and your C107 ⊙ Advise why why special patrol was NOT instructed NOT to cross further west 515485 NADZAB ⊙ Full particulars required ⊙ Ref C.113 advise details of equipment lost and where action occurred ⊙ NO further attempts to cross ⊙ Ref. telephone conversation ELECTRICIAN SWANSON re enemy sentry NOT considered advisable to molest him	Sig.	200 207 297
290	~~Adv Bito Lebi~~ Q 712	Adv Bito	Lebi	1942		Ref no. 11 set petrol on way ⊙ Advise when set operating.	Sig.	
291						Commander's report on PARTEP. 2 AREA.	Acht.	
292	ID30	Smoky	Bito rptd Bomo	17002030		SECRET SITREP to 1700k/13. Fighting patrol 1 offr and 2 Nco's and NOT 3 as previously eported and 15 Or's moved out 0645k/11 returned 1600k/13 to FB mr 543214 WAGO. Patrol and patrol contact report and sketches will be sent as soon possible. Patrol went along NORTH bank BUANG river to 618222 her first night was spent. k/12. Cut through sac sac in N.E. direction till 1100k/12 when a creek was struck. Heavy going through sac sac and jungle. 1215k/12 followed down creek in an EASTERLY direction. 1530k/12 left creek and went through scrub in an EASTERLY direction. In the sac sac posn very hard to locate. We would have turned EAST approx 625235. 1655k/12 struck old SMOKY F.B. we can find NO record of M.R. this firm base. 1705k/12 followed along NORTH track out of firm base to coast. JAP FOOTPRINTS apparently were of k/12. Picked up JAP documents may be NEWS paper or portion book. Will forward. 1740k/12 reached coast track and immediately sighted two UNARNMED JAPS 30 yards SOUTH who were killed with OSMG and rifle. We opened up with everything and the JAPS replied. We returned to F.B. and continued WEST as JAPS opened with WOODPECKER bren type M.G. AND rifles. 1840k/12 slept the night approx 2600 yards inland. We suffered NO casualties. Beach track showed much signs of use. Japs evidently have COAST watching detachments along COAST track as M.G's appeared to fire on fixed lines. 0600k/13 travelled WEST up the creek. 0900k/13 Japs opened up evidently on F.B. with M.G. fire and 24 4 inch mortar bombs. 1000k/13 struck S.W. into sacsac. 1215k/13 reached BUANG R approx 618220. Returned alomng NORTH bank BUANG R. 1600k/13 arrived F.B. 543214 WAGO.	1.0.	
293	IR522	dupa lebi	Bito fwd	19202130		Further to C113. One of missing boys arrived camp 15 1700k/13. When questioned gave very little infm apart from that one canoe found intact this side of river. Owing to dispersal of patrol further infm will be delayed.	1.0.	273
294	I24	24Bn	3 Div rptd	2145		SECRET SITREP 273 to 2100k/13. BUANG AREA. B Coy 24 Bn. 0645k/11 11 pl fighting patrol 1 offr 17 ors left 543214 WAGO 1 inch. Night 11/12 618222. 1530k/12 reached unmapped creek approx 625235 through sac sac swamp and jungle thence to old FIRM BASE approx sq 6223. Printed JAP document found on track to beack. 1740k/12 reached coast track showing much sign of constant recent movement map ref unknown. Immediately met JAP party strength	1.0	

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873	H26	BIKA	BIKA	1810	1945	Relief of No 5 det 3 Pl(.) When completed please notify BIKA(.) No 5 det will leave BIKA 1400hrs k/26 stage night MUMENG arrive BIKA 1200hrs k/27(.) ACK	Adjt.
874	I 1504	RearAdv BASA	BASA	1900	1945	SECRET SITREP to 1900k/25 HQ Coy(.) 2 dets mortars and 11 OR's 4 Pl left SUNSHINE 1345k/25 on route to TARLEP and WAMPIT (.) Staging MUMENG tonight(.) 4 OR's 4 Pl will join party at ZENAG k/19	I.O.
875	T 10	BORI	Adv BASA	1820	1945	Arm return	RSM.
876	JG 572	DUDI	Adv BASA	1810	1945	BUILDER 1 BASA arrived 1745 hrs	Adjt.
877	FC16	SMOKY	BUSA	1730	2030	SECRET SITREP to 1730k/24(.) SITNOR(.) 1230 and 1400 hrs 1 U/I A/C heard overhead (.) 1430 small number U/I A/C heard to SOUTH direction unknown	I.O. 889.
878	FC 17	"	"	0530	2030	SECRET SITREP 1817/24 an during night K/24/25 engine noise heard from short point to EAST(.) Probably barges mouth BUANG	I.O. 889
879	I 102	WAMPIT FORCE	NGF rptd	2030		SECRET SITREP 18 to 2000k/25(.) 24 Bn(.) WINDOW OP 481449 MADZAB 1 in (.) 1500k/25 launch crossed NORTH to SOUTH bank MARKHAM RIVER vic NEW LABU ISLAND 3 occupants (.) 1510k/25 3 fully clothed persons swam from NORTH bank MARKHAM 522436 towards SOUTH bank (.) 1520k/25 fully clothed persons swam from same spot towards SOUTH bank (.) NOT possible to observe landing point (.) Native report K/21 11 Japs attempted to swim MARKHAM RIVER vic WAMPIT RIVER C.F NOT successful (.) BUANG AREA (.) Night 24/25 probable barges heard vic mouth BUANG RIVER (.) B COY PIB 1100k/25 6 Pl less 1 Sec arrived DEX 309271 PAIME 1 inch (.) All informed	Sig.
880	FC18	SMOKY	BASA	1130	2040	SECRET SITREP (.) 0745 hrs single shot followed by slow burst of 5 rds heard NE direction from (.) Probably 5 on coast 1050 small number of planes heading SOUTH (.) 1125 number of planes heard to SOUTH (Direction unknow) overhead	1.0 889.
881	FC19	"	"	1300	2040	Ref I 99(.) Mvt had to be made by map and compass (.) Through apparent inaccuracy of map and of judgement fighting base established too far from beach(.) Also speeding mvt impossible because men nervous and scared stiff	1.0. 802
882	P056	Bl.1 Miner Basa	Basa Adv	2110	2140	Stir up FINLAYSON to expedite movement of our personnel to WAU (.) ACK	Adjt,
883	Q769	WAMPIT FORCE	NGF	2150	-	Ref Q768(.) Droppings ZENAG now imperative otherwise seriously jeopardised(.) Necessary release natives MUMENG area for carrying further NORTH(.) Please advise urgently	Sig 854
884	Q770	WAMPIT FORCE	NGF	2155		MOST SECRET (.) Ref O 10(.) Request date dropping WAMPIT GARENSIS be made 28 Aug NOT 30 Aug	Sig 1064 839.
885	Q771	"	"	NGF rptd	2210 Basa Rear	SECRET(.) Request following be released for SPECIAL BUANG PATROL (.) 50 number 6 dets 100 ft orange fuze 800 ft cortex 50 Murray switches 50 A P switches	Sig
886	-	Builder 1 at DUDI	Elec BASA	1000	1930	Builder 1 BASA phoned and advised that natives had told W.O. SWANSON of ANGAU that on 24 Aug VI Japs led by a Major had attempted to swim the MARKHAM vic mouth of WAMPIT but were NOT successful.	
887	-	Overseer	Elec BASA		0015	Sig Off advised that because of atmospheric conditions most of the days traffic to NGF had NOT been cleared. He will advise soon on morning k/26.	25 AUG

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NOT stated who fired .55 M.G. bren type L.M.G and rifles. Known enemy cas 2 killed wounded unknown own NIL. 1840k/12 patrol withdrew 2500 yards inland for night 12/13. 0900k/13 Japs engaged our old FIRM BASE with MMG fire and 24 FOUR inch MORTAR bombs NO cas. Patrol returned through swamp to 618220 and returned WEST along NORTH bank BUANG. NO enemy seen on k/13. Patrol comd states JAPS MMG 's apparently fired on fixed lines on beach suggesting COAST watching detachments. MARKHAM AREA. 1700k/13 ref SITREP 272. One PIB native reported missing arrived O.P. 491449 states one canoe intact SOUTH bank MARKHAM. Map refs unknown. PARTEP 2. LABU natives captured MARKHAM k/9 state 40 JAPS MARKHAM POINT number BUANG MOUTH area unknown. Cas caused by our mortar fire 27 29 JUL NOT known. State JAPS fire on LABU natives who attempt approach NEW LABU ISLAND. Report 10 JAP barges sunk at ISLAND by allied a/c. Date NOT known. all informed.

295 JG498 Dupa Bito fwd 1800 2359. AMN. Return

297 C115LEBI BITO2245 2354 fwd (Ref Q711) 0600k/12canoes were sent up rived under coved of mist in charge of 1 native corporal and 6 nat ve On's.He was instructed by officer in charge of patrol to select a suitable place for concealment of canoes.Immed. following conversation with Builder 1 Bito offr in charge of patrol was NOT to cross river further west of 515485 NADZAB 1 inch.He was unable to contact the party in order to stop them proceeding past 515485 NADZAB 1 inch.The cause party proceeded to vic 464521 NADZAB 1/25000and camped until hrs of morning on SOUTH bank of river.In an excess of zeal this party crossed to N bank 464529 NADZAB 1/25000.Further details will be forwarded on receipt of report.

RSM. 1.O. 289 Adjt 312

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298 EL613 DCoyBito 18350400Ref my EL522 of Aug 6.Cpl WALSH& Pte REBBECH returned DIFA 1800k/4 Pte Brown to X-list W3006 21 July 43 Adjt.

299 EL327LAE.OPBito.i9i5 0408 To 1517 vis NIL fog. House destroyed near MAYIN during raid 9 Aug. has been re-built.From 1540 vis. NIL. A 1.O.

300 0198 3Div 24Bn 2040 0400 SECRET.SITREP to 2000k/13.LAE O.P. 1340k/13estimated that 50 Jap A/C flew South from LAE.15 Bde. 1000k/12.A Coy 2/7 BN relieved B Coy 2/7 Bn.BCoy concentrating 696975. 1050-1105k/13 C Coy 58/59 Bn mortar engaged ORODUBI with harassing fire.17 Bde Gp.Morning 13 Aug patrol from 2/5 Bn killed 1 Jap at 703911.0630k/13 one sec from 2/6 Bn moved fwd. from SUGARCANE RIDGE and engaged enemy on PRICES KNOLL.with LMG and EY rifle fire.1000k/13 mortar engaged enemy mvt. in ORODUBI. Snipers engaged mvt. PRICES KNOLL. ef Sitrep 318 patrol from Coy B 1 Bn 162 U.S. Regt. which went in search of enemy patrol reported at 732910 followed line of cr. South through 731899 to top of ridge 723895 where track forks.Track down BUICU MBOI unused but S.E. al ong spur showed signs of mvt.Patrol continuing S.E. Apatrol to709915 killed 1 Jap.0613k/13 C Coy 42 BN reports smoke observed in garden area 707924.WELLS O.P.0830k/13 17 Liberators and 7 Fortresses bokbed KELA PT. ISTHMUS ODEAS House and SALAMAUA Airfield.BLack smoke was observed from the ISTHMUS and hanger onairfield.29 BDE.1500k/13 B e H.Q. 734918. Recce party 57 Bn736917.162 U.S. Regt.The title COANE force will NOT now be used.Infuture this fo ce will be referred to as 162 U.S.Regt.During night 12/13 Aug enemy attacked our posns at 739946 from the West supported by mortar and MG fire. Our tps returned fire with mortars,MG'S and rifles and the Japs were driven off.Our cas 3 K 6 W. Japs 4 Wounded. On morning 13 Aug preceeded by Arty fire coy E moved fwd from their posn to ththe top of the ridge at 740955. coy G also advanced and reached posn approx 744944. NO report has yet been recd. from coy E who were moving to the same posn. Patrol from coy F moving East along ridge to est. contact wiht coys E and G enemy opposition encountered to date consists of bunkers and well dug in isolated posn1100--1123k/13 one twin engined Jap A/C over 218 fd Bn gun posns.Tamby Bay.RAA3Div.1155k/13Jap gunfired 8 shells 11Bty gun posns.NO damage.A 11 Inf

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857	H 24	BIKA	BASA rptd BIKA	1200	1355	16 ors 4 pl will arrive staging camp PARTEP 2 1200 hrs K/26 (.) 4 prs 3 pl will arrive BIKA 1200 hrs K/26 to relieve No 5 detachment (.) 4 ors 3 pl will arrive DUDI 1200 hrs k/27 to relieve No 4 detachment (.) weapons ETA BIKA k/27 DUDI k/28 (.) relief ZENAG will be completed 0900 hrs k/26 (.) ACK.	Adjt.	861 857
858	OS 25	9 Pl A coy	24 Bn	0635	1405	V3006 C 1 and 16 G 3 hospital.	Adjt.	
859	Phone	DUDI	BASA		1316	8 enemy planes flying NORTH EAST over KINKs OP 20000 ft.	I.O.	
860	~~Phone~~	DUDI	BASA		1405	Int report 24 Aug.	I.O.	
861	O 12	ADV BASA	BIKA	1430		In reply to H 24 - ACK.	SIGS	856
862	EL742	D Coy 24 Bn	24 Bn	0600	1458	SECRET SITREP 1330 to 0600 K/25 18 PL under comd LT LOOKER moved out 0115 K/25 to contact pt at 705005 © 18 PL and 16 PL SITNOR	IO ADJ	
863	EL745	~~D Coy 24 BN~~ DIFA	BASA rptd BASA	1330	1458	18 PL contacted strong force one high feature 685023 2 sections firing one section moving around on right flank © Casualties enemy unknown own wounded 1	IO ADJ	904
864	PHONE	DEX	BASA		1502	6 JAP plane flying towards DEX from NGARAWENO OP 20,000 ft. [AIRFLASH]	IO	
865	EL743	DIFA	BASA RPTD BASA	0600	1507	STRENGTH STATE	"A" OFFICE	
866	AM 43	30RI	ADV BASA RPTD BIKA	1100	1545	The following personnel departed for BIKA 0830 hrs VX 104535 Sgt WARNER © Pte V265293 THOMSON L W © VX 137831 SCOULLER W © V265384 MUNCASTER W © VX 104510 PTE SHORT A reported to rear BASA	IO ADJ	
867	PHONE	TIMNE	ADV BASA		1520	BUILDER 1 BASA arrived TIMNE 1515	IO ADJ	
868	E 370	TOJO	24 BN	1400	1610	0750 to 1035 truck act WEBBS VACUUM ECHOFFS 1155 A/C over LAE A/A heard V/S NIL 1204 barges in CHAPMANS DT camouflaged with foliage	IO	
869	PHONE	WAMPIT	BASA		1750	BUILDER 1 arrived DUDI at 1745		
870		BASA rear	BASA	-	1745	Per Courier Int Summary P1B ops messages from BASA rear. 3 Letters for Miner.		
871	COURIER				1850	For ELECTRICIAN: REPORTS AND SKETCHES FROM ELECTRICIAN SMOKY	IO	
872	IR572	DUDI BUSA	BASA	1900	1945	SECRET SITREP 282 to 1900k/25(.) Ref MADZAB 1 in DUDI (.) DEX 810 872 (.) 1510 9 P 47 passed overhead heading SOUTH(.) 1700 2 P38 passed overhead heading WEST (.) Camp 7 417517 1520k/25 11 U/I A/C heading SOUTH at 1300 ft(.) 1430k/25 1 large fire at appr MR 39600(.) WINDOW 491449(.) 1500k/25 launch crossed from NORTH to SOUTH 3 persons(.) 1510k/25 3 U/I persons fully clothed swam from NORTH bank approx MR 582436 towards SOUTH bank and were lost to view (.) 1520k/25 9 men fully clothed swam from NORTH bank		

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301	MG1624	Bn3Div rptd		2240	0400	VX 136140 Pte LAMDEN A. of this unit has been advised by telegram that father dangerously ill and requests to see him. Could circs be ascertained from Vic L of C please with view compassionate leave. Home address 2 Rigby Ave., CARNEGIE.	Adjt
302	IR523	DUPA LEBI	BITO	0530	0545	SECRET SITREP 250 to 0530k/14. DUPA Sitnor. LEBI camp 15 Launch crossings. 1120k/13 S to N 5. 1220 N to S 7. 1220 S to N 2. 1310 N to S 4. 1315 S to N 1. 1520 N to S 6. 1525 S to N 2. 1530 N to S 8. 1535 S to N 2. 1645 S to N 10. 1650 N to S 1. 2 Japs observed NORTH bank MARKHAM river M.R. 582435 NADZAB 1 inch. Otherwise SITNOR.	I.O
303	I25	24 Bn	3 Div rptd	0610		SECRET SITREP 274 to 0600k/14. MARKHAM AREA. C Coy 24 Bn. SITNOR. B Coy PIB. Further to sitrep 272. 0600k/12 now established native patrol under cover of fog concealed canoes and stopped night 12/13 at 464521 NADZAB 1:25000. Early k/13 ujnder cover of fog crossed towards NORTH bank approx 464529. NO further details available. 1120k - 1650k/13 26 persons NORTH to SOUTH 22 persons SOUTH to NORTH bank of MARKHAM vic NEW LABU IS. 2 Japs observed NORTH bank MARKHAM river M.R. 582435 NADZAB 1 inch. All informed.	K.K SIG
304	I303	Boroo	Bito	0600	0605	SITREP to 0600k/14. NO further word from SMOKY other wise SITNOR.	I.O
305	L1421	Bitp Rear	Bito Fwd.	0530	0616	SECRET SITREP to 530K/14. SITNOR.	
306	0209	3 Div	24Bn.	0310	0905	SECRET SITREP to 0245K/14 SALAMAUA O.P. ref. Sitrep 322 The jetty reported destroyed was the Burns Philip Wharf. 24 Bn. 0800K/13 patrol of 8 natives soldiers from B Coy PIB moving West along MARKHAM River in two canoes fired on from Kunai covered island believed in vic. NARAKAPOR. 1 canoe lost 2 men missing. 0645K/11 fighting patrol from 11 Pl. left LEGA and by 1740K/12 had reached the coast. Immediately met Jap party who opened fire with MMG LMG and rifles. Our patrol returned fire then withdrew 25000 yds. from the coast. Patrol returned to LEGA on the 13 Aug. Cas. enemy 2 known killed own nil. 1530-1540K/13 Jap mountain gun fired 16 shells onto old Vickers position. 1545K/13 KELA gun fired 3 rds. same area. TSMG amn dump hit. no cas. Dispositions 1600K/13 HQ D Coy 58/59 to 1954 16 Pl. 701953 17 Pl. 700952 18 Pl. 702955. 11 Pl. B Coy 701951. enemy in posn. 702954. 5 weapon pits were visible. 1715K/13 harassing Mortar fire into ERIKINE ck area. 17 Bde. Changes in disposal. 2/6 Bn. 4 Pl. 698918. 11 Pl. WELLS JUNC. 1750 to 1720 mortars and MMG on ambush Knoll engaged enemy movement in ORODUBI. 1500 to 1537 K/13 1 Bn. 162 Reg. Mortars engaged enemy posn. 707915 to 709916 with 18 bombs. patrol from B Coy 42 Bn. contacted enemyat723920. Jap batieved killed. Ccoy 15 Bn now 715930. 162US regt. Ref Sitrep 322. Coy F posn now reported a at739946 NOT 740955. Disposns to 1830k/13 coy F occupying force on crest of Roosevelt Ridge at 739941. coy E plus 1 pl cannon arty on crest of ridge at 744944. coy G 741939 to 747938 Bn HQ and HQ coy 744935 Japs still in posns of N.W. portion of ridge from coy F to 738949 Also occuping pill boxes along crest of ridge bet. coys E and F. However these coyd are on high knoll which commands these posns. Enemey posns are in deep dugouts and strong pill boxes. Combat engrns demolished 7 of these pillboxes. Enemy cas 38 k. NOT incl. occupants of pillboxes oXXXXXOwn 5k.20 w.. 1900-1915k/13 estimated 6 Jap bombers dropped bombs 3000 yds S.W. of Bty B 2o5 fd arty gun posns and 1000yds Wesr of same posns. RAA 3DIV. 13 AUG 11 Aust fd coy less two pls arrived Nassau Bay. All Informed 14. Aug 43	I.O

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850	continued					heavy fire from all enemy posns on KUNALS spur 720965 (.) posns of LMGs appear to have been altered (.) at first light 24 Aug two JAP patrols totalling approx 30 met fire from C pl 2/3 Ind Coy posns at 714968 (.) C pl engaged JAPS killing 6 (.) remainder disappeared into bush and commenced encircling mvt which cut L of C to C pl (.) A pl moved fwd and drove enemy back from posns overlooking C pl and re-established comns (.) direction of enemy withdrawl is NOT known (.) 6 JAPS were killed by various patrols during day (.) 29 Bde (.) form lines of DAVIDSON RIDGE as shown on 1/25000 map are NOT accurate (.) amended locations 48 Bn after careful check are as follows (.) BHQ 721931 (.) A coy less 2 pls 720926 (.) 7 pl 721931 (.) 9 pl 719936 (.) B coy 719937 (.) C coy 719942 (.) D coy 723956 (.) dispositions 47 Bn adv CHQ and B coy 708952 (.) C coy 708937 (.) D coy 707926 (.) HQ coy 707918 (.) 162 Regt (.) Coy F now at 745937 (.) during day coy I killed 7 JAPS by sniper fire 1236k/24 our mortars silenced JAP MG which fired for 1 minute to coy I posns (.) 1300k/24 JAP LT mrtar also silenced 1230k/24 Coy L JAP gun firing from 750967 (.) 1715k/24 12 shells landed into water off TAMBU BEACH (.) all informed
851	IP57	EIXA	ADV BASA	1200	1203	In reply to Q759. ACK (.) Capt GRAHAM and Cpl ROBERTS L
852	Q767	WAMPIT Force	NGF	1310		In reply to Q6219. message NOT understood as received (.) please clarify
853	0431	3 Div.	24 Bn	0850	1320	SECRET (.) SITREP 368 to 0800k/25 nothing further to report
854	Q768	WAMPIT	NGF	1325		SECRET (.) owing to future ops necessary two native two european be dropped ZEPAG earliest possible otherwise ops will be hampered (.) Only just possible to maintain supplies to present tps by boyline and HT from SUNSHINE (.) please advise (.) appreciate dropping of stationery also
855	0 11	WAMPIT FORCE	NGF rptd 3 Div.	1325		MOST SECRET (.) own and PIB recce find only used routes enemy reinfts MARKHAM PT are launch canoe NORTH bank to NEW LABU ISLAND thence to SOUTH bank and track MARKHAM RIVER mouth WEST along SOUTH bank to MARKHAM PT (.) one coy can contain enemy this area (.) beach track SALAMAUA-LABU No 1 sq 6537 NADZAB 1 in at present guarded vic BUANG RIVER mouth 6421 WAGO 1 in by at least one coy enemy supported by 3 in mortars HMGs (.) during patrol clash 11 Aug some MMGs fired directly out to sea and on fixed lines along beach suggestion sited against landings (.) a further recce proceeding to discover extent defensive area (.) country most difficult manouvre (.) to effectively close this route would require one coy instead of one pl used at present BUANG AREA (.) this would leave weak force of one pl and Adv BHQ PARTEP 2 area HQ coy strength 100 SUNSHINE (.) two pls could effectively close beach route from Sep 4 to Sep 6 and intermitently from then on (.) request limitations one pl BUANG area be lifted for op and permission granted to use two pls from Sep 4
856	IR571	DUDI	BASA BUSA	1300	1334	SECRET (xx) SITREP 281 to 1300k/25 (.) Ms NADZAB WAIME 1 inch DUDI (.). 2 ors 15 pl relieved 1 or 14 pl camp 7 417517 (.) 1700k/24 (.) DEX 310372 (.) 1120 1 u/i a/c heard flying SOUTH (.) Camp 5 307482 1155k/25 number u/i a/c heard flying SOUTH (.) 1000k/25 small fires 285616 285596 (.) camp 7 417 517 (.) 1130k/25 one fire at 320590 (.) otherwise SITNOR (.) BUSA (.) 6 pl less 1 sec arruved DEX 309371 at 1100k/25 from camps 12 and 15 (.) otherwise SITNOR

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307	L284	Bomo	Bito	0645	0905	Strength Return		
308	ID 31	Smoky	Bito Fwd	0500	0905	Sitrep to 0500k/14. Sitnor	1.0	
309	K146	Bomo	Bito	Adv0640	0905	Amn Return	RSM	
310	KG5o7	Dupa	Bito	A 0700/o9o5		Amn Rteurn	..	
311	Q276	Kima	Bito	Adv0825/0905		Amn Return	..	
312	Q713	AdvBito	Lebi rptd Dupa	0905		In reply to C115 .I18 directed that Bito was to be advised when patrol repeat patrol had been ordered NOT to proceed WEST of 515485. Your C107 gave this advice which was apparently NOT correct . Explanation required.	Sig.	297 312
313	Q714	24Bn	3Div	0950		In reply to Q392 Amn Return.	~~RSM~~ Sig.	
314	SL14	ANGAV SUNSHINE	ANGAV PARTEP	0935	1003	Expedite W.O. BARNETTS Kit bag	Adjt.	
315	DHV314	ANGAV HQ BULOLO	ANGAV MOPO	0905	1003	CASH forwarded 12 AVG. SIGNAL safe arrival.	Adjt.	
316	E328	LAE OP	3 DIV rptd 24	0725	1003	VIS. NIL. 1540 K/13 – 0550 K/14 Approx 10 BARGES.	1.0.	
317	0211	3 DIV	24 BN	0805	1003	SITREP 334 to 0800 K/14. 162 U.S. Regt 11 AVG Patrol Coy L saw log emplacements 734948.	10 Adj	
318	IR 524	DUPA	BITO Fwd. rptd BITO Regr.	0840	1040	Locstat. DEX 310372 WAIME 1 in. Coy HQ 1 det Mortars 1 Sec MMG 6 sigs. 2 B.H.Q 2 S.B. 2 15 Fd. Amb 3 14 Pl, 2 13 Pl, 2 15 PL. WAMPIT 306382 WAIME 1 in. 14 Pl HQ 3 Secs less 6 1 S.B. 1 15 Pl. ⊙ BOBS 322438 NADZAB 1 in 1 Fd. Amb ⊙ KIRKS O.P. 306482 WAIME 1 in 1 14 Pl ⊙ NARANENO OP 417517 NADZAB 1 in 1 14 Pl 1 S.B. ⊙ WINDOW 491449 NADZAB 1 in 1 14 Pl, 1 15 Fd. Amb. ⊙ CAMP 12 429414 NADZAB 1 in 1 S.B. ⊙ PARTEP II 265215 ROAMEP 1 in 13 Pl H.Q. 3 Secs less 2, 15 Pl HQ 3 Secs less 3 2 Sec ⊙	1.0.	
319		CAPT PECK.	BITO Fwd.		1030	LEBI REPORT Returned.	1.0.	
320		DUPA			1050	1 Envelope for Adj.		
321	DHV314	ANGAV BULOLO	ANGAV MAPOS				1.0.	
321		BOMO	BITO Fwd		1050	Report on PARTEP 2 AREA.		
322	Phone	O.C. LEBI	BITO FWD.		1115	CHALK rang. He definitely advised the pl comdr who definitely advised the natives NOT to proceed across ~~NORTH~~ WEST of 515485. The natives who were bringing canoes up river were NOT patrol but just finding safe hiding place for canoes on SOUTH bank. Disregarding instns a native corporal, with excess zeal, did in fact cross with party to NORTH bank. CHALK is puzzled by the spate of messages back and forth as he has supplied all infn available. He thinks that native cpl when questioned may be able to supply some valuable infn. The native party was NOT fired on from a Kunai island as previously stated, but from NORTH bank. The 2 native OR's are still missing. His message C 107 was correct.	1.0. Adjt.	

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839 CONTD	010				
840	I 101	WAMPIT	NGF1035		IN REPLY TO O 8489 : dropping grounds WAMPIT and GABENSIS ELGs will be marke d with GD FORCE rptd DUDI BIKA SIGNAL CODE No 3 with the bar running EAST and WEST (.) smoke fires will be lit at each PAINTER corner of dropping space as indicators (.) map ref for fires WAMPIT 305378 306377 307384 308383 WAIME 1 inch for GABENSIS 405403 405405 409403 409405 NADZAB 1 inch (.) ref points for indication from air WAMPIT SUSPENSION BRIDGE 303379 WAIME 1 inch GABENSIS is WEST of native village 5 miles SOUTH LAKE WANUM.
841	JG565	DUDI	ADV BASA 0700	1118	Amn return.
842	JG569	DUDI	ADV BASA 0710	1118	Capt E M KENNEDY and L/Cpl F O'BRIEN
843	B32	BUSA	BASA 0815	1118	Amn return
844	B34	BUSA	BASA 0820	1118	Strength return as at 25 Aug
845	IR569	DUDI	BASA FWD 1015	1118	patrol of 1 NCO 8 ors left camp 15 at 0630k/25 for approx MR 545439 NADZAB 1 inch
846	IR570	DUDI	BASA FWD 1100	1118	comns established at MR 526438 NADZAB 1 inch 1030k/25.
847	765	WAMPIT	NGF FORCE 1140		Amn return to 2359 hrs 24 Aug 43
848	E468	TOJO	rptd 24 Bn 07151150		0610 one barge drawn up on CHAPMANS Pt ref LAE vic 644379 - 7 barges harbour.
849	Phone	DUDI	BASA	1200	u/i a/c flying SOUTH over WAMPIT NOT seen (AIR FLASH) Time ; 1200
850	0426	Adv 3 Div	WAMPIT FORCE 0035	1200	SECRET(.) SITREP 366 to 2400k/24 (.) 15 Bde (.) at 1300k/24 D Coy 2/7 Bn were at 717000 moving EAST towards SWANS O.P. a JAP sig wire was discovered running in same direction but NO contact was made (.) During D Coy's mvt B coy engaged enemy posns to the NORTH with harassing mortar fire(.) ref SITREP 362 enemy who were digging around one pl C coy 2/7 Bn at 707007 were forced to withdraw (.) 14 pl moved to 706007 and C coy of the 2/7 Bn less 2 pls are at track 717007 (.) NO contact with enemy (.) a patrol discovered deserted huts capable of holding 70 men at approx 714008 and a further 20 huts same only partially constructed at 717007 (.) During morning 24 Aug 1 pl D coy 58/59 Bn moved along track to 728988 where they observed 13 JAPS shelling but saw NO mvt (.) further party crossed river at 728978 but were unable to locate main SALAMAUA track (.) a patrol to 729990 then NORTH for 2000 yds were NOT able to locate the quarry (.) during the day patrols from A Coy 2/7 Bn drew

C.O. and batman left Adv HQ for TIMNE & WAMPIT E.T.A 1500 K/25

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Serial No.	Orig. No.	From	T.O.	TDO	TOR	INFM.	14AUG Action	Serial Cross Ref.
323	Q 714	BITO ADV	ALL Coys	1150		~~Reporting air flashes. Coys will ensure that intell and sig personnel of coys, OPs~~ etc are furnished with air flash message forms as amended by this H.Q. All flashes will be reported from one to nine as per form. Vital that this instn be adhered to rigorously otherwise loss of life of air personnel occurs and opportunities to engage enemy are lost.	Sigs	
324	I26	Adv.Bito/B 1 Smoky		1145		Ref Election voting. Suggest photos be taken for record of personnel actually voting Suggest booth be garnished with local colour for interesting photos.	Sigs	
325	A1185	15Bde	rptd Bito fd	0841	1340	Please advise route followed present progress and ETA this HQ of Lieut IRVING	IO ADJ	332
326	EL620	D Coy	24 Bn.	1200	1450	SECRET SITREP 102 to 1200/14 SITNOR.	IO.	
327	L285	BOMO	AdvBITO	1420	1450	R.O. 93/43 Paras(a) and(b) complied with.	Adj	
328	--	DUPA	ReaBITO	1530	1532	AIRFLASH.1 single engined enemy A/c 25000 ft. over NGARANENO O.P.417517 NADZAB 1 in. N.W)	11	
329	--	"	" "	1551	1553	" " " "// " " 15000 Ft. " KIRK'S O.P. 306482 WAIME 1in. S.E.)	FS	
330	Phone	ReaBITO	AdvBITO	1500	1530	10 natives under escort arrived SUNSHINE.	IO	
331	EL617	D Coy	AdvBito	1124	1547	Patrol No 3. Out 0600/15 in 1800/17. Route from O.P. 672023 EAST along NORTH bank ASINI CREEK to MALAGAGOWAN 695037 returning WEST along SOUTH bank ASINI CREEK. Object recce MALAGOWAN AREA of enemy posn.	IO	
332	RQ19	24 Bn	rptBITO adv	1450	1547	Lieut IRVING left for SUMMIT from WAU reception 11AUG. by jeep and NO further infm his mvt received. E.T.A. 16 AUG.	Adj	325
333	EL618	D Coy	"	1200	1600	LOCSTAT. Received also at BITO Rear.	IO	
334	COURIER			1755		Package for Bl.1 Bito from Lt SMITH. Letter for MINER from Dupa, Dupa Int Summary 13 Aug. Letter from LEBI with Jap ~~xxxxx~~ articles ~~xxxxxxxx~~ ta-ken from natives captured on 9 Aug		
335	Phone	MUMENG			1800	Builder 1 Bito arrived at Mumeng and is NOT to be disturbed.		
336				1800		XX 1815 Mr. LANE arrived at Bito Adv		
/337		COURIER			1810	I Summary 14Aug, Kima report on Malaria cases, Weekly trg report No1 sec No 2 pl., Adm circular No 2 ref Hygiene, Weekly Report A coy to 14 Aug.,	IO Adg RSM	
338	I305	BOMO	BITO	1800	1823	SITREP to 1800k/14. 0630k/14 Cpl DAVIS and two ors left DAMBI WAGO 1 in. 358183 to recce for supposed track from BUWAI WAGO 1 1nch 486291 to SUGARLOAF 612258. Arrived MAPOS 412197 1300k/14. Will pick up P.B. guide and two native carriers, there and move on 0630k/15. NO ~~forward~~ further word from SMOKY. Otherwise SITNOR.	IO	
339	IR525	DUPA LEBI	BITO	1730	1823	SITREP 251 to 1730k/14. DUPA SITNOR. LEBI camp 5 1510 to 1520k/14 one twin engined Jap a/c circled and then flew SE at 25000 feet. Camp 7 1300k/14 9 Japs observed at m.r. 440549 NADZAB 1 inch heading direction GABMATSUM MISSION. Infm delayed through checking of m.r. NO report received to 1730k/14	IO	
340	I27	24 Bn	3 Div all coys	1845		SECRET SITREP 275 to 1800k/14. BUANG AREA. 0630k/14 patrol three left DAMBI 358183 WAGO 1 inch to recce track BUWAI 486291 to SUGARLOAF 612258 1300k/14 arrived MAPOS 412197. MARKHAM AREA. B COY PIB 1300k/14 O.P.	Sig.	

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822	Q762	WAMPITNGF FORCE		2330	Request ops and Q LO visit WAMPIT FORCE in near future (.) Consider this would assist future ops	Sig.
823	Q763	ADV ANGAU BASA	MOPO	2330	SECRET (.) Please advise immediately absolute maximum number natives you could muster for weekly carry BUANG	"
824	EL737	D Coy 24 BN		1800 2330	SECRET SITREP 132 to 1800k/24 (.) MALOLO OP (.) 1430k/24 (.) 21 shots heard vic MALOGAWAN. Visibility NIL (.) Otherwise SITNOR	C.O.
825	Q764	ADV BASA	BIKA DUDI rptd BIKA REAR BASA	2345	Following persons will return to coys from staging camps MUMENG PARTEP TIMNE respectively Pte A.A.GORDON Pte CARKER Sgt PETERS	Sig.
826	EL739	D Coy 24Bn		1930 0010	VX106824 Pte KELLY B.L. returned frm DET 15 Bde.	Adjt.
827	EL740	D Coy 24 Bn		1940 0010	Pte MATTHEWS L. missing believed killed 19 Aug was man mentioned missing in MY sitrep(.)Pte EDGAR remained to cover MATTHEWS and returned with fighting patrol sent to look for MATTHEWS	I.O.
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828	Q849	NGF WAMPIT FORCE		1100 0400 k/24 k/25	REF. Q3571	Adjt.
829	M416	Adv 3 Div	WAMPIT FORCE	2030 0400 k/24 k/25	SECRET SITREP 365 to 2000k/24 (.) 15 Bde (.) Morning 24 Aug. 2/6 Bn less A Coy TAMBU BAY left. NASSAU BAY (.) 29 Bde 1530k/24 29 taken over comd. of 17 Bde operations area (.) 162 US Regt. 1720k/24 2 type 97 D/B's dropped bombs at 945938 (.) NO damage NO cas. A/A hit one A/C in engine and tail A/C flew off losing height (.) RAA 3 Div (.) Afternoon 24 Aug. registered 1,000 rds. into enemy posns. (.) NWL ROOSEVELT RIDGE (.) All informed	C.O.
830	I.R568	Dudi Basa	BASA	0700 0741	Secret SITREP 180 to 0700k/25 DUDI SITNOR BUSA SITNOR	C.O.
831	1149	Rear Basa	BASA	0700 0741	SECRET SITREP to 0700k/25 1 U/I a/c flying NORTH over O.P. at 0550k/25 Otherwise SITNOR	C.O.
832	1.100	WAMPIT FORCE	NGF rptd.	0800 -	SECRET (.) SITREP 17 to 0800k/25 SITNOR All informed	C.O. sig.
833	K159	BIKA	BASA Adv	0640 0815	(Ref O.6) Amn Return	R.S.M.
834	H.4.	BIKA	BASA Adv.	0600 0815	(Ref. O.6.) Amn. Returns.	R.S.M.
835	Q6219	NGF	WAMPIT FORCE	2339 24th 0835	For passing urgently smith 2/4 B.C. post will be collected tomorrow to you stop get it back	
836	JF175	BI BIXA	Adv BASA	1830 0930	Arrived LA 1700/24 will arrive MOPO approx 1800k/25 [Reply to Q 761]	10 Adj
837	JF176	B2 BIXA	B2 BIXA	1830 0930	Send Pte Angel's haversack to MOPO Its in the store	10 Adj
838	Q766	WAMPIT FORCE	NGF	0950	NO sig Q 3571 held (.) should this refer Q757	Sig.
839	O10	WAMPIT FORCE	NGF			

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340		continued				417517 saw 9 Japs 440547 NADZAB 1 lnch heading direction GABMATSUM 415545. 1530k/14 one single engine Jap a/c NW over O.P. 25000 ft. 1510 to 1520k/14 one twin engined Jap a/c circled O.P. 306482 WAIME 1 inch then flew SE 25000 ft. SUNSHINE AREA. 1500k/14 10 LABU natives captured MARKHAM k/9 arrived SUNSHINE all informed.	
341	I1426	BITO	BITO adv	1730	1858	SITREP to 1730k/14. 10 MARKHAM natives arrived SUNSHINE 1500k/14. Left for BULOLO AT ~~LOOSK~~ 1545k/14. A Coy. 1600k/14 11 men returned from work on SUNSHINE - MUMENG road. Otherwise SITNOR.	I.O.
342	QX2913	3 Div adv	24 Bn	1100	1858	SECRET. for AQ. arrived NASSAU BAY 13/14 AUG. 15 BDE plus 6. 24 Inf Bn 2 offrs 1 AUST MTN BTY 17 BDE SIGS 2 58/59 BN 1 2/5 INF BN 2 plus 1 2/7 BN 43 2/6 BN 3 g 11 FD COY 17 3 DIV SIGS 6 plus 44 29 BDE 2 plus 3	Adjt.
343	3 Div adv 0220	24 Bn		1430	1820	SECRET SITREP 32 to 1400k/14. LAE O.P. 0725k/14 approx 10 barges in harbour. 15 BDE 13 AUG 2/3 Ind Coy listening post on KOMIATUM track reports 60 Japs moving SOUTH along track 40 NORTH. 1808k/13 C Coy 58/59 BN mortars fired on 2 Japs in ORODUBI 1 killed 1 wounded. 17 BDE GP. Ref SITREP 323. C Coy 15 BN should read 733918 NOT 715930. Night 13/14 one BN 162 REGT mortars engaged MT TAMBU with harassing fire. 29 BN. 1100k/14 disposns H.Q. 47 BN 736927. A Coy 730916 B Coy 737918 C Coy 736918 H.Q Coy 737918. RAA 3 DIV night 13/14 harassing fire onto targets in BALIMAU MT TAMBU and GOODVIEW JUNC. Throughout night 13 Aug Japs arty intermittently shelled sup dumps and gun posns in TAMBU BAY. NO damage. 1000 hrsk/14 light Jap shelling TAMBU beach area. No damage...1000k/14 hvy concentration by own guns onto ROOSEVELT RIDGE. 1200k/14 Japs shelled 11 bty posns. 1 gun damaged. NO cas. all informed.	I.O.
344	E329	LAE O.P.	24 Bn	1910	1940	0735 to 1415 large amount truck movt WEBBS VACUUM BLDGS TERRACE large fires rear EVANS RIDGE ref LAE VICINITY 686425 to 685439 SINGAUA PLANTATION.	I.O.
345	EL 622	D Coy	24Bn	1801	2020	SECRET SITREP 103 to 1800k/14. SITNOR	I.O.
346.	Phone	Bito fwd	Bito Rear	2105		AIR FLASH - 3 u/i a/c heard flying over head medium height heading N.E.	S/S
347	"	"	"	2130		" " 1 u/i a/c " " " " very high " South from N.	
248	ID32	Smoky	Bito	1005	2218	Captured documents left k/14. WARNING. This paper used by unknown enemy after defication. MR. remains to be filled in. Will endeavour to complete sketches and Intrep today.	I.O.
249	ID33	Smoky	Bito rptd Bomo	1000	2218	Received the following. CAmera air photos and template and further supply of paper. Thanks. Photo NOT as good as I hoped. Have ~~xxxx~~ they any between BUANG nouth and SUGARLOAF. Have not as yet located JAR main camp.	I.O. 304.
250	ID34	Smoky	Bito rptd Bomo	1700	2218	SECRET SITREP to 1700k/14 Sketch for patrol K/11 to K/13 inclusive completed and should leave k/15. Recce fighting patrol from FB 543214 WAGO left 0630k/14.	

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811	O.6.	Wampit Force	N.G.F.	2140	-	MOST SECRETO Advice urgently requested as to whether 8 pl 24 Aug. 13 Coy P.I.B. is to be relieved by 24 Bn and whether remaining under comd 24 Bn or reverting to comd. 7. Div.	Sig.	
812	0422	Adv3Div	WAMPIT FORCE	1430	2128	SECRET SITREP 360 to 1400k/24(.)0600k/24 rear HQ 3 Aust Div closed BULOLO and re-opened NASSAU BAY same time 826817 (.)15 Bde(.)58/59 Bn now complete at 708964(.)1730K/23 patrol from 1 pl A Coy 58/59 Bn at 708952 killed 1 offr 3 Japs moving SOUTH along BUIKAL CK (.) Other 2 diappeared into bush (.) A Coy 2/7 plus A Coy 58/58 Bn less 1 pl and B Coy 58/59 Bn engaged Jap posn at 710965 with harassing fire throughout night 23/24 Aug (.) 29 Bde 2345k/23 1 Jap killed in vic BDE HQ (.) Morning 24 Aug A Coy 47 Bn 707937 (.) B Coy 708952 (.) C and D Coys bivouac area 707919 (.) 162 U.S. Regt (.) At 1900k/23 and 0800k/24 a party of Japs str NOT known supported by mortars grenade and rifle fire attacked Coy I and Coy K posns on NW end of ROOSEVELT RIDGE (.) Both attacks were repulsed (.) Our cas 1 wounded enemy NOT known (.) 1850k/23 Jap gun vic 752968 fired 3 rounds into Coy F area 745943 0610k/24 further 12 rounds into same area 1125k/24 11 rounds same area (.) RAA 3 Div (.) Night 23/24 Aug harassing fire into SALAMAUA (.) All informed	C.O.	
813	PO 55	DUDI	BASA ADV	2125	2214	Patrol leaving WINDOW 0600k/25 for OLD VILLAGE approx 545439 NADZAB 1 inch (.) Hope to get JAP in range (.) Will take phone to SLUGGISH CK for quicker report	C.O.	
814	AN 41	BORI	"	2050	2213	Marched in from POWER HOUSE 6 o/rs 1430 (.) Marched in from MDS WAU Sgt WARNER 1200 (.) Marched in from BIXA 7 o/rs 1730 hrs	Adjt.	
815	E 366	TOJO	24 Bn	1900	2243	1535 to 1640 truck activity WEBBS VACUUM ECHOFFS (.) 1815 1 VAL took off from drome 1805 barge activity in harbour	I.O.	
816	AM 42	BORI	BASA ADV	2050	2243	Amn return		
817	C 12	SMOKY	BIXA rptd MOPO BASA ADV	1445	2243	At approx 1335k/24 Pte MITCHELL J.C. went to clean his rifle and accidentally shot Pte ANGER in right upper arm (.) Bad wound (.) RAP dressed and put in splints (.) Will start to move him back this afternoon M.O. advised attention needed urgently (.) Send natives back with stretcher to meet him and Pte RUSSELL	C.O.	
818	O 7	Adv BASA	BIKA rptd REAR BASA	2245		MOST SECRET (.)+Pl will be organised as complete inf pl and will report STAGING camp PARTEP 29 AUG (.) Persons will be withdrawn ZENAG 2 remain school (.) One man remain guard stores (.) HQ Coy will relieve 4 PL persons ZENAG (.) Remaining A Coy persons incl acting RSM Pand O Cpl will assist (.)	Sig.	
819	O 8	ADV BASA	REAR BASA rptd BORI	2250		CAPT PECK will report ADV BASA 27 Aug (.)	Sig	
820	0761	ADV BASA	SMOKY rptd REAR BASA	2305		Advise dates ANGER will arrive LA MOPO	Sig	
821	09	ADV BASA	BUSA	2315		Advise if No. 11 set in operation	Sig.	
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250 (cont'd.)						Strenght 1 NCO 5 OR's.Proceed along north bank BUANG R. to approx 614223 following native pad. 0945 crossed to south side struck main VA track and proceeded EAST for approx 1 hour.1100 found obstruction across track at approx 621218.From observation the track WEST of the obstruction held NO JAP footprints but construction man made as undergrowth was torn away.IT is very suspiciously placed in order to force any patrol round the posn.1145 returned WEST along main BUANG track. Crossed SOUTH trib. and continued on track through island.1520 at 552212 at place where track comes out onto BUANG R. patrol found one JAP puttee.HAS been there for some time.Will fwd k/15. 1615 patrol returned to FB.Otherwise SITNOR.
251	ID35	Smoky Bito rptd Bomo	16 00	2218		Jap puttee ahs owner's name sewn on it.Two characters are centre and river which is equivalent to MIDSTREAM.ON strap end there is some obliterated lettering.
252	ER24	Smoky Bomo	1600	2218		Patrol left FB 543214 to ambush track EAST of FB k/14.
253	ER25	Smoky Bomo	1705	2218		Force of 15 under Sgt. FOX including Lt.SAUNDERS and mainly 10 pl personnel moved along north arm BUANG to booby trap ambush and harrass as close as possible enemy at BUANG MOUTH This will allow new men to see tracks in area.I am laid up with tiea and ring worm
254	I 28	24 Bn 3 Div	2235			Have you on hand air photos BUANG and area beach BUANG MOUTH-SUGARLOAF.If NOT will demand for AIR PHOTO be fullfilled in reasonable ~~xx~~ time.
255	I 29	Smoky Bito rptd Bomo	2340			What time patrol strenghth 15 leave FIRM BASE on k/14.What was nature of track obstruction 621218 how was it and apparent age.What time is patrol strength 15 expected to return.NO other BUANG photos here have asked DIV for them.Patrol strength 3 leaves MAPOS k/15 to recce supposed track BUWAI-SUGARLOAF.
256	0229	15 Aug 43 3Div	24 Bn	2115	0600	SECRET SITREP 2326 to 2030k/14. 15 BDE . Ref SITREP 325. 2/3 Ind Coy listening post is at 707957. 0930 to 1000k/14 7 Fortresses 22 Liberators carried out very successful air attack on COCOANUTS. Instantaneous and delayed action bombs used. Bombs fell along roidge and to the EAST of ridge along enemy L of C. At 1010k/14 our tps commenced to move fwd supported by heavy arty and mortar concentrations and MMg fire. Arty fired 100 rounds per gun and mortars 600 rounds. By 1445k/14 B Coy had occupied NORTH COCOANUTS after clearing several enemy pockets. At 1450k/14 two pls were consolidating while one pl moved to CENTRE COCOANUTS. Japs are NOT now occupying ~~these posns~~ this posn but ground is overlooking Japs in SOUTH COCOANUTS. One pl attacking SOUTH COCOANUTS ~~mtn bty~~ met by MG fire from pillboxes and were unable to advance. Finally returning to OLD VICKERS POSN. 9Pl A Coy were also held up by pillboxes in SOUTH COCOANUTS and could NOT encircle Jap posns owing to narrowness of ridge. Our cas to date 4 killed 12 wounded. NO estimate enemy cas. At 1135k/14 a pl 2/3 Ind Coy established an ambush posn astride the SALAMAUA BOBDUBI track at 704970 and during the day ambushed three separate parties of Japs totalling 17. 5 Japs were killed several wounded. 1010 to 1015k/14 6 Liberators bombed areas ODEAS house and

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797 Continued. 1730k/24 4 u/i persons observed towing a small raft with u/i cargo on board from NEW LABU IS. to NORTH bank MR 585433 (.) 1635k/24 2 u/i persons in small native canoe moved to mud bank approx 585431 and returned towards SOUTH bank and were lost to view.

798 Q760 Adv SMOKY 2055 LIEUT CHILDS will report ADV BASA immediately (.) CAPT FLEWELLEN will take over command SMOKY. Sig
BASA rptd BIXA

799 O 5 ADV BIKA 2100 two dets 3 pl complete with weapons will relieve 1 at BIXA and 1 at DUDI(.) Movement to take Sig
BASA place 26 Aug.

800 O 4 Adv BIXA 2030 sec BORI recently relieved SMOKY will remain TOKANIN area. Sig
BASA rptd BORI, REAR BASA

801 JF170 Blder1 Adv1645 2025 Ack Q753k/22 and I 97/24 (.) these were delivered to me at 1400k/24 and 1500k/24 respectively. Co 698 778
BIXA BASA

802 I 99 ADV SMOKY 2035 NO reason yet given why beach NOT reached K/19 (.) Advise urgently (.) imperative patrol reachs Sig 881
BASA rptd BIXA beach from SUGARLOAF area as soon as possible.

803 I 98 WAMPIT NGF 2030 SECRET SITREP 16 to 2000k/24 (.) 24 Bn (.) C Coy 1630k/24 to 1650k/24 8 launch crossings N to S Sig
FORCE rptd 6 S to N bank MARKHAM River vic NEW LABU ISLAND(.) 1620k/24 3 Japs moved up river in canoe to NORTH bank approx 540445 NADZAB 1 inch unloaded u/i object like large boomarang and carried into bush (.) NO further details available (.) BUANG AREA(.) B Coy 1800k/23 FIRM BASE est 595225 WAGO 1 inch by special BUANG patrol all informed. between 7 and 8 ft long. appeared to be heavy. Could not distinguish I.O.

804 I1497 REAR ADV 1900 2052 SECRET SITREP to 1900k/24 (.) SITNOR.
BASA BASA

805 EL365 TOJO 24 Bn 1450 2052 to 1445 vis NIL received 8 galls petrol 2 galls oil I.O.

806 EL279 D Coy 24 Bn 1515 2052 patrol Cpl LESLIE command out 0800k/24 in 1800k/25 route from O.P. EAST along spur NORTH of I.O.
ASINI Ck (.) recce MALAGOWAN and MALOLO.

807 D Coy 24 Bn 1600 2052 Ref your RA20/43 of 15 Aug. transfer Pts HAGELY to HQ Coy approved. Adjt.

808 O 5 ADV BIXA rptd 2120 Ref our O 4 24 understood sec arrived BORI 2 days complete rest then return TOKANIN. Sig. 800
BASA REAR BASA

809 JF171 B.1.ADV 1900 2115 In reply to Q753 you have misinterpreted my JF155 as a moan I wanted to convey to you the type Co 689.
BIXA BASA of country the pl is working over also any difficulties and complaints we hope to overcome so that adv BASA can be in the picture and help us overcome any of these things(.) My estimate of enemy strength was gained from personnel who contacted the enemy (.) if I do NOT get some estimate we will be in the dark as to there strength (.) this was passed on to you as infm only(.) I am waiting for the next kai line before I send the next SUGARLOSF patrol out for six days (.) another patrol will be moving along the NORTH bank to a posn opposite the AMBUSH posn and try and do them over with rifle grenades (.) until this kai arrives k/25 these patrols cannot move (.) all the patrols and the times they are away is governed by the amount of kai at FB (.) the FB can and will be shifted further still (.) your SOUTH bank suggestion will be acted upon after the present organised patrol. 522

810 08489 NGF WAMPIT FORCE 2155 K/23 1835 K/24 MOST SECRET Orig held by MINER NEW

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256	continued.					hangar. Smoke observed at 747016 and fires started at 739950. 17BDE GP ref SITREP 322. Patrol of 1 pl coy B 161 Regt pursuing Jap party bivouaced night 13/14 Aug M.R. 740887 and moved off at first light. Japs last reported 770895 at 1120k/14. Morning 14AUG another patrol engaged enemy in area 709916. 4 Japs known killed estimated 8 more. Own cas NIL . After patrol had returned 74 rounds mortar fire and 18 delayed action bombs were fired into same area. Estimated enemy cas 10. Patrol from 2/6 Bn exchanged shots with 12 Japs at 707910. 0900k/14 MITCHELLS attacked western side of NUKNUK Ridge. all informed.	1.0 -
257	306	Bomo	Bito	0600	0605	SITREP to 0600k/15. NO further word from SMOKY . Otherwise Sitnor.	1.0 -
258	I 30	24 Bn	3Div rptd	0615		SECRET SITREP 276 to 0600k/15. BUANG AREA. B Coy 24 Bn. 1100k/14 patrol strength 6 found man made obstruction across track at 621218 WAGO one inch. Did NOT proceed forward EAST. 1520k/14 one JAP puttee found 552212. NO JAP movt seen. 1700k/14 patrol strength 15 left 543214 for BUANG MOUTH area. SUNSHINE AREA. 1545k/14 10 LABU natives under escort left SINSHINE for BULOLO. PARTEP AREA. 2115k/14 3 u/i a/c overhead flying NE from SW . 2130k/14 one u/i a/c flew overhead from NORHT to SOUTH.	Sig -
259	I1428	BITO rear	BITO fwd	0530	0630	SECRET SITREP to 0530k/15. 2048k/14 airraid on BULOLO reported. Explosions heard BULOLO. 2053k/14 u/i a/c flying NORTH over SUNSHINE. 2125k/14 u/i a/c flying SOUTH over SUNSHINE. 2148k/14 u/i a/c in distant SE. 2151k/14 heavy explosions heard direction BULORO. 2154k/14 3 heavy explosions direction POWERHOUSE. 0419k/15 u/i a/i flying NORTH to SE returned heading NORTH otherwise SITNOR.	1.0 -
260	IR256	DUPA LEBI	BITO	0530	0630	SECRET SITREP 252 to 0530k/15. DUPA 1800k/14 1 u/ia/c heard flying NORTH. LEBI. Camp 15 launch crossings. 0920k/14 NORTH TO SOUTH 2 persons. 0925k/14 S to N 8 persons. 1003k N to S 5. 1035k S to N 4. 1105k N to S 8. 1305k S to N 3. 1310k N to S 8. 1315k S to n 2. 1230k N to S 8. 1235k S to N 2. 1330k N to S 6. 1335k S to N 2. 1340k N to S 8. 1345k S to N 2. 1615k N to S 5. 1620k S to N 3. 1645k N to S number unobserved, poor vis. 1650k S to N 2. All persons crossing launh from 1315k to 1650k were dressed in white. DEEP CREEK patrol left WINDOW 0730k/14 returned 1730k/14 report 1000k/14 kanaka in canoe moved to mouth of DEEP CK and then returned upstream. DEX 2029k/14 1 U/I A/C flying E CAMP 11 2030k/14 3 U/I A/C seen flying SE more A/C following . Camp 14 2032k/14 1 U/I A/C heard flying SE . Camp 4 1 U/I A/C circling over camp 3-4-5-6 at 2125k/14. DEX 0445k/15 1 U/I A/C heard flying NE.	1.0 -
261	0231	3Div	24Bn	0119	0743	SITREP 327 to 0100k/15 . 24Bn 1300k/14 PIB OP at 417517 reported 9 Japs observed at 440547 NADZAB 1 in . 1530 k/14 1 single engined A/C NW over OP at 25000ft . 1510-1520 k/14 1 twin engined A/C circled OP 306482 WAIME 1 in . 15Bde 1140 -1230k/14 2/3 Ind Coy posns at 699961 and 700959 engaged enemy posns 702961 701964 & 707967 with hy MMG 2in and 3in mortar.fire . At 1240 k/14 1 Jap MMG and 2 LMGs engaged our posns at 700963 . TK/A pl 58/59 Bn now at 700959 . AT 1645 k/14 4 Pl fired on 4 Japs. 1 wounded. Ref Sitrep 326 9 pl 2/7 Bn were held up by Jap pillboxes	1.0 -

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786 comtd						has yet been made pressure on their remaining posns is being maintained locations of remaining coys B coy 2/7bn 717984 C coy 2/7 Bn 7o6968 standing patrol 16 men 710997 C coy 58/59 Bn moved to 704982(.) Arty reg feature 724994 1700k/21 All informed		
787	C402	3Div	WAMPIT FORCE	2110	1337	SECRET SITREP 358 to 2000k/22(.) 0700k/22 " 2/3 Ind coy moving NE from their posns SE of KUNAI SPUR 710964 found that scrub was too thick for whole Pl to advance and half Pl pushed fwd lightly equip remainder returned to C pl at 1130k/22 One Jap offrwas killed on LoC to C pl (.) B coy 58/59 are still heavily engaged on KUNAI SPUR 71o964(.) 3 men reported missing in SITREP 355 have since returned).) Firmbases have been est by D coy 58/59BN at 718986 at C coy 2/7 Bn 7o8994 and outposts are occupied at 729990 and 7o5000'(.) 162 Regt ~~KN~~ 1 Bn is now located as follows BHQ 728939 Coy A 732947 Coy B 73o95o Coy C less two Pls 731943(.) 1 Pl 728 937 1 Pl 729939 Coy D 728939 All informed		
788	I332	BIXA	BASA	1330	1345	DITREP to 1330k/24 1054 hrs number U/I A/C NW over PARTEP 2 ROAMER 1 inch 272212 8000ft(.) NO further word from SMOKY Otherwise SITNOR		
789	Q759	AdvBASA	ALL Coys	1425		Adresses will advise names of auditors of Coy Regt funds(.) Accounts will be audited monthly and amts distributed to individuals together with balance will be promulgated to all personnel	Sigs	851 920
790	EL524	D Coy	24 BN	0930	1115/6 AUG	In reply to I 1334 Your I 1252 of 30 JUL NO reports received at this H.Q. from pl comdr of any person performing any action worthy of mention	10 CO ADJ	
791	RQ40	24 Bn	rptd Adv. BASA	1410	1600	ref strength shown as 1 and 15 ⊙ Our records shown 1 and 30 ⊙ Please check and advise forthwith names date of evacuation & nature of personnel in hospital	A-Office	778
792	PHONE	ADV BASA Sigs	ADV BASA		1600	Pte ANGER SMOKY FORCE GSW in upper arm accidental SIW. MO notified will be up there tomorrow (LEGA?)	ADJ	
793.	Q2058	3 DIV	rptd WAMPIT FORCE	1520	1900	Personnel of 17 Bde at present engaged pack transport duties under comd 24 Bn will be relieved by 1 offr 14 ors of 1 Aust Pack Tpt Coy ⊙ Detachment 1 Aust Pack Tpt Coy will move via BULLDOG - WAU Rd. on completion L. of 6. ⊙ Date of mvt will be advised.	Adjt.	
794	JG564	DUDI	BASA	1800	1900	MPT	Adjt	
795	JF 168	Bldr 1 Adv BIXA	BASA rptd BIXA	1630	2025	SECRET(.) move commenced 0600k/23 and was completed 1800k/23(.) M R already been given in reply to I 93.	C.O.	749
796	I333	BIXA	BASA	1930	1931	SITREP to 1930k/24 (.) NO further word from SMOKY otherwise SITNOR.	C.O.	
797	IR567	DUDI BUSA	BASA	1900	1955	SECRET SITREP 289 to 1900k/24 ref map NADZAB WAIME 1 inch (.) BUSA SITNOR (.) DUDI (.) 2 ors 15 pl relieved 1 ~~d~~r 14 pl at Camp 8 (.) 307482 1830k 1 large fire vic sq 1460 (.) WINDOW 419449 (.) Launch crossings N to S 8 1630k/24 (.) 1650k/24 S to N 6 (.) 1630k/24 3 JAPS in native canoe observed at MR 585432 moving up stream in canoe was an object like a large boomarang at 1700 canoe pulled into NORTH bank of river approx 540445 and the object in canoe was carried by the 3 Japs into bush (.) They were NOT observed again.	C.O.	24 AUG

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SOUTH COCONUTS pl withdrew to enable these pillboxes to be engaged by captured Jap mtn gun and mortar fire . Total 2/7 Bn cas 14 AUG 7 killed 17 wounded . 1324k/14 C coy 58/59 Bn MMG engaged Japs digging in ORODUBI . Change in disposns 58/59 Bn .7pl 698945 8 pl TIMBERED WELL 11 pl 761950 . HQ D coy 701954 16 pl 702954 17pl 698952 18 pl 701954 . 17 Bde gp 1345 k/14 B coy 2/6 Bn arrived at 697916 . 2/6 Bn patrol to within 20 yds of KOMIATUM Ck at ~~XXX~~ 707926 reports MULE track showed little signs of use . 1705--1730 k/14 Jap gun fired 33 rds into AMBUSH KNOLL Our cas 1 wounded . 1240- 1800 k/14 1 Bn 162 regt mortars fired 50 rds onto Mt Tambu . 1pl A coy 42 Bn moved to KNOLL 720948 C coy moved 718929 . 15 pl plus 1 sec 13 pl 15 Bn reoccupied posns at track junc 727936 . At 1025 k/14 2 Japs approaching our standing patrol at 722921 were fired on . Japs withdrew . 29 Bde disposns 1900 k/14 HQ 47 Bn 736919 A coy 734917. B Coy 735917 C Coy less 15 pl 736918 15 pl defence party posn. C Coy 15 Bn less 15 pl and one sec 13 pl 733916. 2330k/14 one pl D Coy 47 Bn arrived 798887. NO report yet received 16 pl patrolling ridge NORTH of LAKE SALUS. RAA 3 Div 1700k/14 205 Fd arty bn engaged Japs mtn gun NORTH of KOMIATUM which had been firing on our tps in the NAMLING ridge area. One shell landed 50 yds from Jap gun. Gun was then moved over EAST crest of ridge. 162 U.S. Regt 14 Aug attack on ROOSEVELT commenced. Our tps now occupy from 738946 to the coast. NO details of action yet to hand. All informed. 1.0

262 I31 24Bn ~~0750~~ 0750 3 Div rptd

SITREP 277 to 0700k/15. MARKHAM AREA. Launch crossings MARKHAM vic NEW LABU ISLAND. 0920 to 1310k/14 23 persons NORTH to SOUTH 15 SOUTH to NORTH. 1315 to 1650k/14 27 N to S 13 S to N All persons crossing river after 1315k/14 were dressed in white. 1000k/14 patrol to DEEP CREEK 548436 observed kanaka in canoe move to mouth of DEEP CREEK then return upstream. 1800k/14 310372 WAIME one inch reports one u/i a/c flying NORTH 2029k/14 one u/i a/a flying EAST. 0445k/15 one u/i a/c flying NE. 2030k/14 unknown number u/i a/c seen flying SE from 391411. 2125k/14 4 u/i a/c circled over BOBS 319421 KIRKS 329502 KIRKS O.P. 306 482 NGARANENO 409510 SUNSHINE AREA. 2048k/14 air raid on BULOLO reported. Explosions heard direction BULOLO. 2053k/14 u/i a/c flying NORTH over SUNSHINE. 2125k/14 u/i a/c flying SOUTH over SUNSHINE. 2148k/14 u/i a/c in SE . 2151k/14 hy explosions direction BULOLO. 2154k/14 3 hy explosions direction POWER HOUSE. 0419k/15 u/i a/c flying NORTH to SE returned heading NORTH. all informed. Sigs

263 D Coy EL267 D Coy 24 Bn 0600 0910 SITREP 209 to 0600k/15. SITNOR. 1.0

264 K147 BOMO BITO adv 0640 0815 In reply to 0 6. NIL return R.S.M.

265 Phone MUMENG 0830 0845 BUILDER 1 BITO to move to BITO REAR; also CAPT BUNBURY to move to PARTEP stopping at ZENAG for dinner: should arrive PARTEP about 1630 today. AOTT 1.0.

266 QZ66 KIMA BITO 0755 0950 AMN return. R.S.M.

267 I 32 24 Bn 3 Div 0923 Ref your SITREP 326 to 2030k/14. Is 9 pl A Coy mentioned as held up SOUTH COCOANUTS area from this unit. If so are any details of cas available please. Sigs 256 293.

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778	0519	58/59 Bn	24 Bn	0855	1140	9 pl A Coy attached 58/59 Bn strength 1 in 15 (.) 3 hospital
779	0404	Adv 3 Div	WAMPIT FORCE	0900	1140	SECRET (.) SITREP 359 to 0800k/23 (.) 15 Bde (.) disposition 1900k/22 (.) C Coy 2/5Bn less 2 pls 698938 1 pl 696943 1 pl 697947 (.) A Coy 2/5 Bn 707927 (.) C Coy 42 Bn in posn at 720940 were attacked from the E by a party of Japs (.) Attack was repulsed enemy cas 3 killed own 3 killed 3 wounded (.) when A Coy 42 Bn moved NORTH along DAVIDSON ridge a small enemy party occupied A Coy posn (.) Japs were immediately driven out 2 being killed (.) Our cas 3 killed 1 missing all informed
780	Phone	Near BASA	Adv BASA	1325		1310 : One LIBERATOR 13000ft, losing ht , one engine smoking, flying SOUTH on a bearing 185 degrees from SUNSHINE OP . From 3--9 parachutes(.)LIBERATOR came from NORTH (reported)
781	Phone	"	"	1345		LIBERATOR crashed-landed on BULOLO strip (LIB. shot-up over WEWAK)
782	JG562	DUDI	AdvBASA	1200/1222		Mr TUCKERMAN arrived 1145hrs
783		COURIER		1337		DUDI INTREP 23 AUG, For MINER:Med.Evac Sheets,Sanitary Hygiene Book
784	IR566	DUDI BUSA	BASA	1300	1337	SECRET SITREP 272 to 1300k/24(.) DUDI DEX 310372 NADZAB 1 inch number U/I A/C heard flying SOUTH 1110k/24(.) 4 P47 flew overhead heading WEST(.) 1130K/24 YOUNG and party of ATS arrived WAMPIT 307381 NADZAB 1 inch(.) Otherwise SITNOR(.)BUSA SITNOR
785	0894	3Div	WAMPIT Force	0020	1345	SECRET SITREP 355 to 2245k/21 17 Bde(.) Afternoon 21 AUG (.) Patrol from C coy2/5 Bn moving NORTH along parallel to and EAST of KOMIATUM ridge killed 1 Jap but saw NO other signs of enemy(.) HQ coy 2/5 Bn now at 704915 2/6 Bn Disposns at 1800k/21 BHQ691909 A coy 690908 B coy 691904 C coy 691907 D coy 693909 Hq coy 690903(.) C coy 42 B'n less 1 Pl moved to 724961(.) One pl remaining at 723957(.)Patrol from 42 Bn encountered a Jap party at 711953 killing two(.) 162 US regt(.) Coy K 3 Bn now 739944(.) RAA 3Div(.) 1500k/21 WELLS OP report 7 parties of Japs seen moving NORTH from river crossing 741988(.) This area was intermittently shelled by our Arty(.) All informed
786	0595	Adv 3 Div	WAMPIT Force	0748	1427	SECRET SITREP to 0800k/22 (.) 15 Bde(.) At first C coy 58/59 Bn moved NORTH clearing to KOMIATUM track to 708965(.) A coy 58/59 Bn are now consolidating in ERSKINE area while D coy is dug in astride track at approx 707960(.) A pl 2/3 Ind coy is also astride track at 707964(.) At first light 58/59 (B coy) moved to KUNAI spur 710964 where they arrived at 1000k/21(.) 0700k/21 B and C pls 2/3 Ind coy moved to the same spur but continued through to high gd to SE(.) Recce from B coy 58/59 Bn located well dug in posns on ridge 30 yds wide 300yds NORTH of KUNAI SPUR(.) A coy 2/7 Bn moved through D coy 2/7 Bn crossed the BUIRALI ck and continued along SALAMAUA track (.) Leading pl of A coy contacted strongly held ambush posn at 709968 further attempted to by-pass ambush posn around SOUTH flank but met strong opposition just fwd of KUNAI SPUR (.) Fighting continued throughout the dat(.) 1500k/ 21 B c oy 58/59Bn supported by C pl 2/3 Ind coy attacked the enemy posn NORTH of KUNAI SPUR leading pl was halted by fire from 6 LMGs several of our tps were wounded and while these were evacuated the Japs attacked strongly hy fighting is continuing(.) B coy cas 2 Killed 6 Wounded 6 missing(.) Japs have been dr drawn out of large numbers of weapon pits 708968 and 709964 during the last few days but they all grimly contesting every inch of gd Jap cas have been hy but NO count

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268	I33	Adv Dupa Bito Lebi			0935	Serious delay in passing infm . Reports on WINDOW observations unnecessarily delayed and you should take necessary action to ensure that such delays do NOT occur in future . Advise why AIRFLASH phoned 1550 k/14 NOT incl in SITREPS .	(sigs)	
269	Q716	Adv Bito	3 Div Electrician		0953	Amn Return	IO RSM	
270	IR527	Lebi Dupa	BITO fwd		0910/0950	WINDOW reports that at 0400 k/15 3 A/C landed on MALAHANG A/ field . A/C dropped flares and used landing lights.	IO Adj	271
271	I 34	Adv Bito	3 Div		0953/	OP 491449 reports 0400 k/15 3 A/C landed MALAHANG A/ field . A/C dropped flares and used landing lights . INFM NOT received this HQ till 0950 .	Sigs	
272	I 35	BITO Adv	Dupa Lebi		0954	Explaim urgently why this infm NOT AIRFLASHED . Advise name of person responsible	Sigs	270) 288.
273	Phone	MOPO			1005	U/I air activity heard direction BUANG MOUTH.	(to 11F/S) IO, Adj	
274	Phone	BOMO			0915	AIRFLASH Number of U/I A/C flying NW over PARTEP 2	(to 11F/S) "	
275	Phone	DUPA			0944	AIRFLASH KIRKS OP one ZERO circled round flew NORTH ht. 10000 ft	"	
276	Phone	DUPA			0945	AIRFLASH one U/I A/C WEST of DEX flying NW	(to 11F/S) "	
277	JG511	DUPA	BITO	0700	1010	Amn Return	IO, RSM	
278	Phone	BOMO			1012	AIRFLASH number of U/I A/C NW of PARTEP 2 ht 15000 ft	(to 11 F/S) IO	
279	C119	LEBI	BITO fwd	0900	1150	Lieut STUC arrived Camp 4 0730 hrsk/15 from WATUT area with party of natives. Another party following him from NGF. Fri k/13 he observed vicinity WATUT mouth M.R. square 1748 WAIME one inch several natives burning off grass on island in MARKHAM opposite WATUT mouth. Looks like clearing fields of view or fire. Two canoes in midstream. In future could advice be given when patrol s are expected in this area.	Adj	
280	C120	LEBI	BITO fwd	0905	1150	Report reference crossing of MARKHAM by natives personnel forwarded by courier today k/15		
281	I 36	BITO fwd	LEBI DUPA		1153	First we have heard of STUC. Lucky he was NOT shot. Am advising Div re fires		
282	I 37	24 Bn	3 Div		1157	0730k/15 Lieut STUC arrived KIRKS 329502 WAIME 1 inch from WATUT. Reports another party following. NO knowledge of mvts this H.Q. STUC reports k/13 several natives burning kunai on island opposite WATUT mouth sq 1748 WAIME . 2 canoes in midstream at time. He suggests natives clearing fields of view or of fire. Can advice be given of these patrols.		359
283	E 331	TOTO	3 DIV rptd 24 BN	0735	1240	2015 to 2212 hrs enemy A/c active from N to S 0541 hrs Send drome floodlight for taking off approx 10 barges harbour	I.O.	
284	IR528	DUPA	BITO fwd.	1200	1240	On making enquiries find that NO AIRFLASH was sent from this H.Q's at time stated. all air flashes sent yesterday covered in SITREP.	I.O.	277

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285	0232	3 DN ADV	24 BN	0855	1240	SECRET SITREP 328 AO 0800K/15. 162 Regt. on mng 14 AUG attack on ROOSEVELT RIDGE continued. By 0830K/14 contact had been established between coys E and F. Coy F then commenced to move N.W. along RIDGE and coy E preceded by supporting fire from 3.7 m.m. TK/A LMG'S mortars and BOFOR guns moved EAST and cleared out small pockets of enemy resistance. Coy G also moved fwd onto the RIDGE. Later in mng Coy I moved through Coy F to continue attack on N.W. end of ridge. Coy I gained some gd but were pinned down by M.G. At 1730K/14 Coy I dug in for night - disposns at this stage were as follows: Coy I at 738947. Coy F from 740945 to 743943. Coy E from 743943 to 747943. Coy G less 1 pl 747943 to 749943. Known Jap cas. exceeds 200 and count is still being continued. Night 14/15 was reported to be quiet. WAU-BULOLO area. 2057K/14 3 U/I A/C dropped 8 bombs EAST of WAU strip. No damage reported. 2200K/14 bombs fell N.E BULOLO. 2205 and 2213 K/14 bombs fell to N.E and S.E. of WAU. 0413 to 0425K/15 one U/I A/C over area. all informed.		1.0
286	EL360	Dcoy	24 Bn	1200	1340	Sitrep 105 to 1200/K/15. Sitnor	IO Adj	
287	E330	TOJO	rptd 24 Bn	0015	1340	Here check and repeat message DIVOT groups 52 1415 to 1600 hrs further truck mvt WEBBS terrace hil side BURNS PHILLIPS. 1530 hrs numbers white clad figures carring 3 large yellow objects from ALLENS rear machine shop ref LAE locality 5506.. Unable estimate Vis NIL from 1745 hrs	IO Adj	
287	Phone	BITO rear	BITO Adv			1200 BUILDER 1 BITO ✓, Lt LANE Cpl McCLEAN arrived BITO rear		
288	I55	LEBI DUPA	BITO	1205	1418	Owing to poor phone communications it is impossible for WINDOW to ring switch. Only time WINDOW can communicate this HQ is when he happens to catch switch on the line. WINDOW can only ~~XXXXX~~ contact Camp 12 who also cannot raise switch. Can NOT operate that area in darkness.	IO Adj	272.
289	Phone		Electrician Adv BITO		1415	MajorTOMKINS DAAG 3 Aust Div rang from BULOLO in connection with A/C activity night k/14 From infm obtained it appears that the A/C left LAE at approx 2015 and flew towards WAU. Bombs were dropped somewhere near the BALLAMS Rd in the vic NEW GUINEA timber mills outside WAU near MDS WAU along rd WAU- BULOLO and A/C then flew over BULOLO towards SUNSHINE DROPPED SOME BOMBS VIC BRANCH Ck then flew SOUTH over PARTEP SOUTH along the WAMPIT valley circled BOBS KIRKS NARANENO then returned SOUTH to PARTEP area and apparently landed at LAE 2212. The other a A/C reported from SUNSHINE 0419 K/15 was NOT reported else where but LAE drome was floodlit until 0541. No damage or cas has been reported and NO trace of bombs has been found		

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290	Q717	Adv BITO	3Div	1430		Ref Q 695 please advise when return of instrns to unit can be expected	Sigs	454 119
291	L44	3Div	24Bn	1015	1440	NO photos held . Demands have been in for over 2 months. (in reply to I 28)	IO Adj	254
292					1450	COURIER ANGAU Weekly Labour Reports (Timne and Wampit) Most Secret Confidental report on river crossing by PIB on 13 AUG(from OC PIB)		299
293	0325	Adv 3Div	24Bn	1130	1450	9 Pl was from A coy 2/7 Bn . 9 Pl A coy 24 Bn is at 697938	IO Adj	267
294	I47	3Div	24Bn	1130	1450	State reasons for believing MALAHANG and NOT LAE airfield	Io	372 295
295	I38	BITO Adv	Lebi Dupa	1505		3Div request you state reasons for believing MALAHANG and NOT LAE airfield used . Was landing ground positively identified as MALAHANG . State methods of identification .	Adj	294 328
296	I39	Adv Bito	LEBI	1535		For BUILDER 1 . Your report recd 1450k/15 . Infm most acceptable and vital . Am informing Div Immed claiming cas enemy 2 Japs 1 armed native killed OWN tps 2 PIB natives killed.	Sigs	
297	Q718	Bito adv	BOMO	1655		BOMO will ensure that a runner is available to sigoffice at all times	Sigs	
299	I 40	24 Bn adv	3 Div adv	1655		SECRET SITREP 278 to 1600k/15 . B COY PIB . Further to SITREP 274 ref crossing of MARKHAM . Complete report as follows . 0600k/12 2 canoes taken from 10 LABU natives captd k/9 sent from 552435 NADZAB 1 inch under PIB cpl 6 PIB ors to find suitable hiding place on SOUTH bank vic BWARIP . 1700k/12 acting against instrns and on own initiative party landed 464529 NADZAB 1/25000 found some CHIVISING natives in village 471536 and caught 3 .. NO infm of JAPS obtained from natives . Recce made of track to MARKHAM VALLEY ROAD then to 450546 NO mvt seen . Main road gravelled with grass centre little sign of use . Patrol returned to kunai island 457524 for night 12/13 . Sunrise k/13 one cpl 4 PIB ors in one canoe move towards NORTH bank. In midstream party saw JAPS and armed NEW GUINEA natives on island 460526 . Both parties opened fire cas ENEMY 2 Jap 1 armed native killed OWN TPS 2 PIB killed . Remainder abandoned canoe and swam to SOUTH bank under fire . Enemy strength unknown but all natives armed with JAPS rifles. One JAP offr seen. Infm gained by patrol and from captured LABU natives as follows - Small clearings made at intervals along NORTH bank . Both JAPS ans signed contract natives observe from NORTH bank NARAKAPOR 508512 to MARKHAM mouth . Jap patrol strength 40 moves daily along river track from 597448 HEATHS 1/25000 to vic NARAKAPOR checking number of natives in each village .. Jap camps 584435 597448 HEATHS 1/25000 . 40/50 Japs MARKHAM POINT . NONE NEW LABU ISLAND . Halfcaste controls native labor for Japs.	Sigs	291
300	Courier				1745	Int Report DUPA 14 Aug; Dupa strength state 14 Aug; Dupa request for Allotment forms and green envelopes.		1.0 ADJT

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301	JG514	DUPA	BITO ADV	1620	1745	BUIDER I DUPA was advised and said he was attending to the matter (ref Q715)	Adjt
302	I307	BOMO	BITO	1800	1800	SITREP to 1800k/15. 0920 hrs number u/i a/c NW over PARTEP 2 ROAMER 1 inch to 1 mile 272212 at approx 20000 ft. 1020 hrs number u/i a/c NW over PARTEP 2 15000 ft approx . NO further word from SMOKY . Otherwisw Sitnor.	
303	I 41	3Div Adv	24 BN		1845	SECRET SITREP 279 to 1800k/15. 1005k/15 a/c activity BUANG mouth heard from MAPOS QL[illegible]& 412197 WAGO one inch . B Coy 24 Bn. 0925k/15 number u/i a/c NW over 272212 ROAMER 1 inch 20,000 ft.1012k/15 number u/i a/c NW over 272212 15,000 ft.C Coy 24 Bn .One u/i a/c WEST of 310372 WAIME one inch. flying NW.B Coy PIB.O.P.491449 NADZAB 1 inch.0400k/15 2 3 a/c landed MALAHANG.A/c dropped flares and used landing lights 0944k/15 one ZEKE circled O.P. 306482 WAIME 1 inch then flew NORTH 10,000ft.0730k/15 Recce party from WATUT arrived 329502 NADZAB 1 inch report k/13 kanakas burning kunai on island opposite WATUT MOUTH square 1748 WAIME 1 inch .2 canoes in midstream at same time.All informed.	Sig.
304	I42	Bito Adv	Bl. 1 Smoky		1900	3 DIV advise NO photos held . Demands have been in for 2 x over 2 months .	Sig.249
305	Phone	Bomo	Bito		1715	Reported 4 men missing believed killed 1 wounded on BUANG MOUTH patrol	
306	COURIER				1925	C Coy trg. syllabus ;Int Summary 15 Aug.	
307	ER26	Smoky	Bomo		1915 1950	Urgent patrol left FB 543214 at 0605k/15 .Jap ambush 614218 at 1545k/15.RESULT.3 Japs killed .Own cas.4 missing believed killed 1 wounded .The following are missing LIEUT SAUNDERS L/SGT FOX L/CPL PAXINO PTE HOURIGAN wounded Pte McKENZIE. Further reports to hand .Verbal message also rec'd .Sgt NORTON and 6 ors left 1730 to search for missing.	I.O.
308	IR529	DUPA LEBI Fwd.	BITO		1730. 1950.	SECRET SITREP. 253 to 1730k/15. DUPA 0940k/15 1 u/i a/c heard W of DEX flying NW. ✓ LEBI. Camp 5 0920k/15 12 P38s heading EAST. ✓0940k/15 1 ZEKE circled overhead then flew NORTH at 1000 ft. ✓ Camp 15 launch crossing. 1510k/15 S to N 3 persons. ✓ 1615 N to S 4 persons. 1620 S to N 2. ✓ DEEP SK patrol not yet returned. Visibility poor. Otherwise SITNOR.	
309	I43	Adv. 3 Div 24 Bn.rptd.			2007	SECRET SITREP 280 to 1945k/15. BUANG AREA. B Coy 24 Bn 1545k/15 patrol strength 15 ambushed 614218 WAGO 1 in. Cas ENEMY 3 killed OWN tps 1 Offr. 3 ors missing believed killed 1 wounded. 1730k/15 patrol strength 7 left 543214 to search for missing men. B Coy PIB O P 491449. 1510/1520k/15 4 persons NORTH to SOUTH 5 persons SOUTH to NORTH bank MARKHAM RIVER. All informed.	310
310	I44	BITO Adv.	All coys.		2009	Ref. SITREP 280. Cas missing believed killed LT. SAUNDERS L/ SGT. FOX L/CPL PAXINO PTE HOURIGAN. Wounded PTE. McKENZIE J S	309

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311	ID37	Smoky	Bomo	1700	2150	SECRET Sitrep to 1700k/15 .1 u/i a/c possibly Hostile recce a/c ovexr area at 0400 I.O. k/15 and 0600k/15.Patrol 1 offr 3 Ncos 12 ors left FB 543214 at 0650k/15 to booby trap main track to coast as near as possible to Jap ambush pos n 631219.Expected in evening k/16.Otherwise SITNOR.
312	I1426	Bito Rear	Bito	1730	2150	SITREP to 1730 hrs . A Coy SITNOR.SUNSHINE area .BITO B 1. arrived 1145k/15.Other-wise SITNOR. I.O.
313	JG515	Dupa	Bito	1810	1945	MPT. Adjt.
314	I 1427	Bito rear	Bito Adv.	2004	2141	For ELECTRICIAN. Ref O.P. visibility maps. Zones of vis to be shown as follows (1) 1 zones individ mvt by dotted line (2) limit of zone by mvt of formed bodies by dashed line (3) limit of smoke or fires by continuous red line (4) heavy timber by green convent sign (5) dead groung cross hatchied
315	I 142724	Bn	3 Div rptd Bito adv LEBI	2010	2141	Further our I 26 of Aug 15 . Ref WATUT patrol under Lieut STUC. Last line of message should read thus. In future could advice be given when patrols are expected in this area. 359
316	E 332	TOJO	bito	1400	2141	0810 to 0914 trucjk movement WEBBS VACUUM B.P's 0940 hrs allied A/c patrolling. 3 heavy A/A guns opened up LAE locality 8010 7914 7612. Approx 0930 to 1400 hrs vis NIL. 0940 A/c heard LAE bombs dropped
317	I 44	BITO	ELECT DUPA	2145		Ref visibility charts returned to you for completion. Zone as follows. Zone of individual mvt to be shown by dotted line. limit of zone of mvt by formed bodies by dashed line. Limit of smoke or fires by continuous red line. Hy timber by green convem signs. Dead ground to be X hatched. Advise date of completion
318	ER 28	SMOKY	BOMO	1745	2320	Ref map WAGO . Recce fighting patrol from F.B. 543214. Patrol found by 11 Pl. Patrol leader L/Cpl PAXINO. Str 1 NCO 5 Ors. Arms 2 OSMG's 4 rifles and 2 grens per man. Object to proceed as far as possible along VA track . Weather fair. Route out - NORTH bank and tribs BUANG R to approx 614223 then SOUTH to VA track and EAST to approx 621218. Route in - WEST along main LA track to F.B. Time out.- 0630k/14. Time in - 1615k/14. Load carried - 2 days rations. Result of patrol - Found only one obstruction across main VA track at approx 621212 but NO footprints WEST of this posn. Found one Jap putteeeat 552212. Details - 0630k/14 left F.B. and proceeded along NORTH bank to approx 614223. 0945k/ crossed to SOUTH bank struck main VA track and proceeded EAST till 1100 hrs. 1100 found obstruction of logs timber and vines drawn across track. Look recently done and manmade track WEST of this posn showed NO Jap footprints. Obstruction appeared to be definitely placed in order to force any patrol around this posn. 1145 returned WEST along LA track crossed SOUTH trib then went along main track through area to 552212 which is old JAP AMBUSH posn. 1520 at this point patrol found Jap puttee which had been there for some time. This will be

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767	I 95	WAMPIT FORCE	NGFCE rptd3 Div D Coy Rear BASA BIKA BORI BIXA DUDI BUSA	0815		SECRET SITREP 15 to 0800k/24(.) 24 Bn(.) BUANG AREA(.). 1730k/22Patrol strength 9 returned FIRM BASE from ambush at 587221 WAGO 1 inch NO enemy seen(.) 0900k/23 portion 4 sec 14 pl C Coy arrived DUELLS AMBUSH 446406 NADZAB 1 inch(.) 0930k/23 5 sec 14 pl arrived BAGENSIS 426412(.) 1530k/23 remainder 4 sec 14 pl arrived DEEP CREEK 541436(,) 0001k/24 14 pl C Coy relieved 6 pl PIB of cord. of OOMSIS area(.) B Coy PIB (.) 0740-1815k/23 Motor launch made 28 crossings carrying 105 persons NORTH to SOUTH 26 crossings carrying 156 persons SOUTH to NORTH bank MARKHAM river vic NEW LABU ISLAND(.) All informed	10 CO	
768	JG559	DUDI	Adv BASA	0700	0850	Amn return	10 Maj RSM	
769	B 28	BUSA	BASA	0805	0850	Amn return.	CO RSM	
770	Q758	WAMPIT FORCE	NGF	0840		Amn return		
771	I96	Adv 24 Bn	D Coy 24 Bn	0840		NO reply to my I80 of 20 Aug(.) Repeat message(.) Your SITREP 199 mentions missing man(.) Is this VX104474 Pte MATHEWS L (.) If so where is man left to cover him(.) If NOT state name of missing man(.)	Sigs	587 927 SITREP 562
772	C 10	SMOKY	ADV BASA	0530	1000	SECRET SITREP to 0530k/24 (.) SITNOR.		
773	I97	Bldr 1 BASA	Bldr 1 BIXA	1005.		Your tactics continue to alarm (.) When your recce patrol k/22 returned to OLD FIRMBASE did it leave any portion behind to hold gd thus gained(.) Why was NOT whole force moved fwd on k/22 with recce patrol in front guarding its move(.) Your repeated up down track without leaving standing patrol guarding gd won KX will result in you getting shot to hell when Japs begin play real soldiers (.) Why must whole force spend whole day getting in posn (.) Small patrol must go fwd even if only to recce new route along steep SOUTH bank (.) You have sat on your backsides since last contact with enemy k/15 with but one patrol attempting to do anything (.) Will shake yourself up and get busy with your role of harassing enemy(.) Q753 NOT yet ACKed (.) ACK both		801. 698
774	E264	TOJO	3Div rptd 24	0700	1040	NO activity observed night 23/24 from 0400 hy rain and fog Vis NIL		
775	Phone	BIXA	BASA		1055	Number U/I A/C NORTHWEST over PARTEP 11 approx 8000ft Time:1054 (AIRFLASH)		
776	"	DEX	BASA		1108	Number of U/I A/C heard but NOT seen flying SOUTH over DEX TIME :1102		
777	0419	3 Div	WAMPIT FORCE	0820	1124	SECRET (.) Sitrep 373 to 0800k/24 15 Bde (.) Bde HQ now located 699372 all inform...d		

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318	continued					fwded. 1615 returned to F.B. Deductions - Obstruction appeared to have been placed there in area in vic possible booby trap to hinder any of our attempts to reach coast. Jap puttee may have been discarded hurriedly on Jul 30 after encounter with 7 Japs 1 of whom may have been wounded in foot or leg.	
319	ER 27	SMOKY BOMO		1420	2320	Patrol left 0645k/15 and is NOT expected back until tomorrow. Track obstruction consists of log and wood drawn across track and would be less than 1 week old as far as can be judged.	
320	0241	3 Div adv	24 Bn	1435	2320	SITREP 329 to 1400k/15. LAE OP. 0541k/15 SOUTH end LAE airfield floodlit for A/c taking off. 0735K/15 approx 10 barges in hbr. 24 BN 1100k/14 Obstruction found placed across track at 621218 WAGO 1 inch. 0400k/15 O.P. at 491449 NADZAB 1 inch reports 3 A/c landed MALAHANG airfield. A/c dropped flares and used landing lights. 15 BDE. Night 14/15 Aug A COY 58/59 BN mortar engaged GRAVEYARD and ERSKINE CK area with harassing fire. During night B COY 2/7 BN listening post heard digging in SOUTH COCOANUTS . Patrols reported enemy still in posn SOUTH COCOANUTS. 0500k/15 2 Japs approached A pl 2/3 IND COY ambush posn both killed. 0600k/15 a force of approx 30 Japs with 2 LMG lightly equipped and well de ployed attacked a pl from direction of Staging Camp 707967. Attack repulsed with sp of 2/7 BN mortar and MMG sighted to fire on fixed lines down track. 4 Japs killed 2 LMG's captd. Listening post KOMIAT UM track reports 2010k/14 to 0230k/15 43 Jap NORTH along track 41 SOUTH. During night booby traps around our mortar at 699966 exploded. Our tps threw grenades into the area. Amended map ref GWAIBALON 697953 and PARERS BOWL 698947. Refs based on these posns will be used in future. New map refs of disposns affected follow. HG 58/59 BN 698952. HG A COY 697946. 7 PL 698945. 8PL 699947. 9PL 699947. B COY less 11 and 12 Pls 699949. 11 PL 701950. 12 PL 700948. 17 BDE GP. 42 BN 1810k/14 Jap mortar seen firing to SOUTH at 7 08937. A COY 721942. B COY 924924. 18 PL D COY 721927. 29 BDE. Fighting patrol 16 pl 47 BN surprised by Jap patrol est str 30 NW end (LAKE SALUS). 19 ors returned, to 798887. 1 PL PIB patrolling NORTH and WEST LAKE SALUS. 162 REGT. Aftn 14 Aug HQ 3 BN plus HQ COY moved to 739939. 1700k/14 scattered rifle fire heard in general area 780897. RAA 3 DIV. Night 15 Aug harassing fire onto SALAMAUA MT TAMBU GOODVIEW JUNC area. WELLS O.P. 0800 to 100k/15 allied a/c attacked KOMIATUM RIDGE and SALAMAUA. 3 LIBERATORS dropped 16 bombs in target area SOUTH end KOMIATUM RIDGE. All informed.	

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321	Phone	Bito	HFS.	0053		AIR-FLASH - Heard in distant N. height unknown u/i a/c flying S., turned flew off East.	Sig 16 Aug.
322	"	"	"	0116		AIR FLASH - 1 u/i a/c heard in distant WEST heading S.W, height unknown Sig.	
323	"	"	"	0245	-	" " 1 " " " 15000' overhead medium height fly N.W from S.	
324	"	"	"	0250	→	" " 1 " " " heard in N.W. flying N.E.	
325	"	"	"	0315	-	" " 1 u/i a/c - north of Partap flying from WEST to EAST. about 15000ft.	16 Aug

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753	continued					1055 S to N 8(.) 1105 N to S 11(.) 1110 S to N 8(.) 1120 N to S 5(.) 1130 S to N 6(.) 1135 N to S 6(.) 1145 S to N 3(.) 1155 N to S 8(.) 1200 S to N 4(.) 1230 N to S 2(.) 1245 S to N 8(.) 1305 N to S 5(.) 1315 S to N 8(.) 1350 N to S 4(.) 1355 S to N 8(.) 1400 N to S 2(.) 1410 S to N 8(.) 1415 N to S 2(.) 1420 S to N 8(.) 1430 N to S 6(.) 1440 S to N 3(.) 1800 N to S 12(.) 1805 S to N 4(.) 1810 N to S 1(.) 1815 S to N 2(.) otherwise SITNOR TOTAL 28 crossings N to S 105 persons. 26 crossings S to N 156 persons.	
754	0284	B Div	WAMPIT FORCE	1355	2338	SECRET SITREP353 to 1400k/21 (.) 15 Bde(.)During night 20/21 C Coy 58/59 Bntwice attacked enemy posn at junc KOMIATUM and ORODUBI track(.)The first attack drew fire but the second did NOT our troops bypassed the posn and area now moving NORTH along the KOMIATUM track(.)During night D Coy 2/7 Bncontinaed harassing fire into enemy posn at 704978(.)At 0830k/21 fighting patrol to this area wsa fired on(.)But a further fighting patrol occupied the posn at (.)RAMA(.)At Night 20/21 105 fd Arty Btn and 11 Fd Bty fired 900 rounds harassing fire into SALAMAUA	C.O.
755	M397	3 Div	WAMPIT FORCE	1420	2338	SECRET SITREP 357 to 1400k/22(.)17 Bde(.)Patrol from 42 Bn encountered LMG fire at 729862(.)1730k/21 party of Japs attacked patrol from 2/6 Bnat 717938(.)Our cas one killed(.) A single Jap killed at 113952(.) 29 Bn at 0700k/21 HQ 29 Bn closed at 634918 now en route to GOOD VIEW JUNC area(.)0800k/22 49Bn moved off en route to MT TAMBU(.) Night 21/22 Aug B Coy 15 Bn arrived at TAMBU BAY now at 735918(.)D Coy and HQ Coy less Tk/A pl arrived NASSAU BAY (.)1030k/22 Adv BHQ 15 Bde 707019(.)RAA 3 Div 0700k/22 HQ RAA 3 Div closed 698908 reopened same time 744938(.)RAE 3 Div HQ RAE 3 Div now at 735918	C.O.
755A	F JR165	BUILDER 2 I BIXA	Bldr 2 BIXA RPTD BASA	1600	2145		
756	E373	TOJO	24 Bn	1900	2338	RE enquiry DAVIS patrol ⊙ I contacted him at MAPOS & he said he had been recalled as natives did NOT want tracks opened ⊙ He is with you now & can supply you with 1400 to 1713 truck mvt WEBBS VACUUM ECHOFFS(.)3 guns flashed ref photo map LAE 143112 45 degrees deriction (Ref 0.6) AMN. Return. [any further information ⊙ I am in the dark as I was out in the bush at the time of change of plan]	10 60 Adj
757	TT9	BORI	AdvBasa	2000	2338		
758	0396	Adv3Div	WampitLo30 Force		2347	9 pl 24 Bn will remain attached 58/59 Bn until further notice (In reply to Q737 24 AUGUST 43	Adjt 595
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759	EL725	D Coy	24 Bn	1715 k/23	0240 K/24	Sick xxxxxx return.	Adjt.
760	EL726	D Coy	24 Bn	1750 K/23	0240 K/24	VX 104401 L/Cpl BEST VX 73869 Pte McGUINNESSA.W. admitted M.S.P. HOTE(.)Most have skin infection.	Adjt.
761	EL727	D Coy	24 Bn	1801 K/23	0240 K/24	SECRET SITREP 129 to 1800k/23(.)MALOLO O.P. 1430k/23 to 1530k/23(.)Arty scored 25 hits on ISTHMUS at approx 748017(.)1130k/23patrol on NEW BOLOLO track contacted enemy xxxxxxxxxxx ambush posn 680038 (.) Enemy OPEN with 2 LMG's(.)Fire returned by patrol which moved back and is est'd. at677037 (.)Cas enemy unknown (.)Own 1 missing	C.O. I.O.
762	AQ1183	Adv 3 Div	WAMPIT FORCE	2220 K/23	0240 K/24	For MAJOR TONKEN 3 AUST Div (.) 1 sect 24 Bn is to return to WAMPTT FORCE (.)Send all possibles pers. of 2/3 Ind Coy at powerhouse fwd to their units(.)Leave small party there to care for stores etc.	C.O.
763	EL728	D Coy	24 Bn	1835 k/23	0712 k/24	VX 135585 Pte NOTT A.S. leaving HOTE area 24 Aug for return BASA via NUNN'S POST	Adjt.
764	H 3	Adv BIKA	Adv BASA	0600	0712	(Ref 0 6) AMN. Return.	RSM.
765	K158	BIXA	Adv BASA	0640	0712	(Ref 0 .)AMN. Return.	R.M.
766	IR565	DUDI BUSA	Adv Basa	0700	0712	SECRET SITREP 277 to 0700k/24 (.)DUDI 0001k/24 14 pl. relieved 6 pl. BUSA of comd. of OOMSIS area(.)Otherwise SITNOR (.) BUSA SITNOR	I.O.

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326	EL635	D Coy	24Bn	1800	2320	SECRET.SITREP 106 tok/15.Patrol No2 returned 1500k/15.WOMASU NOT reached.Patrol seen by pro-Jap natives vic 695036 who made off in ~~xxxxxxxx~~ direction of BUKAUP.NO enemy observed during patrol.	I.O.	
327	E 333	TOJO	24Bn	1900	2320	NO visibility to 1730 hrs .1812 one fighter landed. 1815 barges active in harbour.One barge left LAE arrived LABU 1840.Bright moonlight.	I.O.	
328	C 126	Lebi Dupa	Bito Adv	1710	0415	(Ref I 38)A/C did NOT land WEST of mouth ofLUNAMAN MR 695395 LAE 1/25,000 but NE of MT. LUNAMAN . On consulting map LAE LAE 1/25,000 indicated MALAHANG airfield.	I.O.	295
329	IR530	Dupa Lebi	Bito Adv.	1810	0415	Further to SITREP 253 . Launch crossed NORTH to SOUTH 6 persons 1705k/15.1730k/15 small fire observed NORTH bank of MARKHAM R. MR 582435 NADZAB 1 inch.	I.O.	
330	C128	Lebi	Bito Adv.	1935	0415	Could THREE LSMG'sbe supplied as soon as possible to replace those lost in action K/13. Complete list of losses will be forwarded as soon as possible.	Adjt.	
331	C130	Lebi	Bito Dupa	2100	0415	Furxthe r imfn diseloses PTE HOERE 597 was killed k/13 and NOT repeat NOT 612 HAU . Please adjust in report submitted k/15.	I.O. Adjt.	
332	PT 1	KULU	Bito Adv.	2100	2320	AMN. Return.	RSM.	
333	0253	3Div	24Bn rptd.	2210	0245	SECRET. Following tps are placed under comd. C.O. 24 Aust Inf Bn and in future will be known as WAMPIT FORCE .24 Aust Inf Bn less D Coy 5 pln 14 Fld Coy.3 Aus t Div Pack Tpt Coy.15 Fld Amb.B Coy PIB less 1 pl.Role.Prevent penetration WAU BULOLO VALLEY by routes leading there tox from between incl BUANG R. and incl WAMPIT R.By offensive patrolling and without prejudice to secure observation post 5 on the right bank MARKHAM R.between MARKHAM PT. and WAMPIT R.Continue construction of road to MARKHAM R.WAMPIT FORCE COMES under comd. NGF as from 0900hrs 17 Aug.Adm instn separately.B Coy PIB less 1 pl will later pass to comd of another formation but will operate under WAMPIT FORCE pending further orders.Inter-comn between WAMPIT FORCE and NGF will be through 18 L of C Sigs. ACK.	I.O. Adjt.	356 Acked by 341
334	ER30	Smoky	Bomo	2255	0140	URGENT. V20647 Cpl. PAXINO V 320190 Pte HOURIGAN reported into Firm Base 2250k/15 both unwounded . Lieut SAUNDERS definitely killed . L/Cpl PAXINO brought LIEUT SAUNDERS pay--book and identity discs back to camp.Pte RUSSELL T.C. Pte MANING who are bringing in Pte McKENZIE wounded have NOT yet reported in.The 3 are reported to have at least 10 minutes start on rest of patrol.Patrol from Firm Base failed to locate these 3 in the dark.Trying again first light. NO further news of L/Sgt FOX . P.S. Cpl LANGFORD brought this report in about 0045k/16.		
335	MK34	MOPO	BOMO	2315	2359	Pte JACKA who brought the message from FIRM BASE to LA is with Pte CRAVEN tonight a nd will again leave for XX FB at first light with 8 native carriers who are at present at LA. these carriers will be used for the purpose of evacuating PteMcKENZIE.PteMcKENZIEWAS hit by a burst of fire high up in thighs.Pte MANNING& Pte RUSSELLT?C. remained with him to		16 Aug

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749 continued — HQ when any moves take place(.) Advise urgently whether move did IN FACT take place stating times of commencement and finishing also map ref of NEW posn.

750 I 94 WAMPIT NGF 2005 FORCE rptd — SECRET(.) SITREP 14 to 2000 hrs k/23 24 Bn (.) BUANG area(.) VAGAU TUL-TUL reports 200 Japs LABU No 3 634346 WAGO 1 inch(.) NO date stated(.) 1030k/23 7 and 8 secs 15 pl C Coy arrived BOBS 322428 WAIME 1 inch (.) 1430k/23 7 sec 15 pl C Coy arrived KIRKS 329502 NADZAB 1 inch (.) B Coy PIB(.) 1600k/23 ONE sec 6 pl arrived DEX 309371 WAIME 1 inch from GABENSIS area (.) All informed. — Sig.

751 JF162 BUILDER B.217452130 1 BIXA BIXA — Secret(.) WAGO recce patrol new FB(.) BUILDER 1 BIXA BUILDER 1 SMOKY 1 NCO and 9 o/rs left FB 0600k/22 returned 1620k/22(.) Route out 543214 to 582225(.) Route in reverse(.) Arms 1 bren 3 Owens 5 rifles(.) Rations(.) Details (.) recce patrol under BUILDER 1 BIXA left FB 0630k/22 to make recce of new FB posn vic 586225 (.) On route out it was decided to keep to high ground and work around the side of the features so as to check on water courses and reliability of maps(.) Water course find 557220 is approx 1000 yds further EAST(.) ck 568220 is also a 1000 yds further EAST (.) it actually runs from 575228 to 577224 to 583224(.) bench cut trach from KARESTE faids out at approx 575225 (.) At this point the entrance cannot possibly be seen from BUANG (.) This bench cut track does NOT run in direct line as shown on map but curves around the head of the numerous creeks(.) Trach well defined towards KARESTE and wide enough for 3 ton truck(.) New FB is situated at 575225 NOT as previously stated 579215(.) Area is well covered from air and ground only track in is along NORTH bank(.) Movement to FB is along ck previously mentioned to 583224(.) This is an excellent posn for ambush of the BUANG(.) NO notice can be taken of the island on the map as the river is riddled with islands (.) A new track has been cut from 575225 and it keeps to flat ground on NORTH bank of BUANG(.) this flat ground varies from 2 ft to 300 but track huggs the ridge of where high ground starts all the way to new FB (.) move will start 0700k/23 and personnel will be occupied all day and setting up the new area carrying stores. — C.O.

752 C 9 B. 1 BIXA 18002130 SMOKY rptd BASA — Secret(.) ambush report(.) ref map WAGO 1 inch(.) Patrol leader Sgt NORTON(.) patrol strength 1 Sgt 8 o/rs(.) Arms 1 bren 2 Owens 6 rifles 2 grens per man(.) Object to ambush enemy patrols, weather overcast with heavy rain in the morning(.) Route out(.) through jungle NORTH side BUANG R(.) Route in (.) dry ck bed NORTH of BUANG R(.) Time out 0600 time in 1730 result of patrol(.) Nil(.) Details(.) patrol left SMOKY FB 0600k/22(.) patrol crossed LINIA ck and jungle bashed along NORTH bank BUANG(.) At 0710 struck native pad running parallel with river (.) 0830 struct BUANG approx 587221 where ambush was taken up(.) At 1350 1 u/i a/c heard coming from NORTH heading SOUTH(.) patrol returned FB 1730 by dry ck bed on NORTH side BUANG R.

753 IR564 DUDI BUSA 2030 2145 — SECRET SITREP 276 to 2030k/23(.) DUDI 1915k/23 comms with camp 11 and beyond established(.) 0900k/23 3 of 4 sec 14 pl arrived camp 13 446406(.) 1530k 4 sec 14 pl arrived camp 15 541436(.) 0930k 5 sec 14 pl arrived camp 12 426412 NADZAB 1 inch(.) BUSA(.) WINDOW 491449(.). Launch crossings 0740 N to S 2(.) 0743 S to N 10(.) 0755 N to S 2(.) 0800 S to N 8 (.) 0805 N to S 2 (.) 0810 S to N 6(.) 0820 N to S 2(.) 0825 S to N 6(.) 0840 N to S 4(.) 0850 S to N 6(.) 0855 N to S 2(.) 0900 S to N 6(.) 0905 N to S 2(.) 0910 S to N 10(.) 0920 N to S 3(.) 0925 S to N 8(.) 0930 N to S 2 (.) 0940 S to N 6(.) 0945 N to S 2(.) 0950 S to N 8(.) 0955 N to S 2(.) 1000 S to N 6(.) 1010 N to S 2(.) 1015 S to N 6(.) 1020 N to S 2(.) 1030 S to N 4 (.) 1035 N to S 2(.) 1040 S to N 6(.) 1045 N to S 2 (.) — cl

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335	(continued)					to await arrival of Sgt NORTON'S patrol.JACKA is is confident that McKENZIE will be safely at Firm Base by now .Ref other4cas.Lieut SAUNDERS & Pte HOURIGAN were definitely seen hit L/GT FOX and L/Cpl PAXINO were NOT seen hit but JACKA ststes that hope for them is very remote.This infm was supplied by Pte JACKA as there are NO other troops back at LA.Pte Adjt. JACKA was NOT on patrol.Wil you advise instruction of M.O. re. evacuation.	I.O.	
336	I.45 BITO Adv. LEBI rptd	DUPA		0003		For RMO.Wounded man patrol BUANG MOUTH Pte McKENZIE J.S. GSW both thighs. 8 natives leaving LEGA morning k/16 to collect McKENZIE and will return via MAPOS andDAMBIxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx which they should reach k/17.Advise your movements.NOfurther word of missing men but stated TWO were seen hit.Other two NOT seen hit but still missing.	Sig.	
337	I1429	Bito rear	Bito Adv	0530	0556	SECRET SITREP to 0530k/16.0117k/16 U/I A/C flying SOUTH over SUNSHINE 0130k/16 U/I A/C x in WEST flying SOUTH.	I.O.	
338'	IR53	DUPA LEBI	BITO fwd	0530	0600	SECRET SITREP 254 to 0530k/16. DUPA . SITNOR. LEBI. SITNOR.	I.O.	
339	I308	BOMO	BITO	0600	0605	SITREP to 0600k/16.. NO further word from SMOKY .Otherwise SITNOR.	I.O.	
/340	I 46	24Bn Adv	3 Div rptd	0645	-	SECRET SITREP 281 to 0600k/16.BUANG AREA.B Coy 24Bn .0400 and 0600k/15 u/i a/c over LEGA 521210 WAGO 1 inch.REF SITREP 280.2250k/15 2 ORs previously reported missing reported back to FIRM BASE 543214 WAGO 1 inch.OWN cas. now 1 offr known killed 1 OR missing believed killed 1 OR wounded. Two volunteers stayed with man to bring him back to FIRM BASE.NO report of wounded man or volunteers yet.MARKHAM AREA. Launch crossings 6 persons NORTH to SOUTH bank MARKHAMvic NEWLABU IS. PARTEP AREA .0053k/16 1U/I A/C NORTH of PARTEP 2 272212 ROAMER 1 inch.0116k/16 1 U/I A/C WEST of PARTEP flying S W.0245k/16 1 U/I A/C over PARTEP 2 15oooft flying N W from SOUTH circled in N W to fly N EV.0315k/16 1 U/I A/C north of PARTEP 2 flying WEST. SUNSHINE AREA. 0117k/16 U/I A/C flying SOUTH over SUNSHINE .0130k/16 U/I A/C in WEST flying SOUTH.All informed.	Sig.	
340	K148	BOMO	A.Bito	0640	0800	NIL RETURN.		
341	I.47	24 bn	3Div	0740	-	(Ref O 253 -WAMPIT FORCE) ACK.	Sig	.333
342	ID38	Smoky	Bomo	2035k/16 0535		0800 SECRET SITREP to 0500k/16 fuller details of action at 614218W 1 in . Further infm collected and this at earliest.	IO Adj	
343	I48	Adv BITO	All Coys	0840		Latest available infm of BUANG RIVER action k/15 , Killed Lieut SAUNDERS Missing believed killed L/ Sgt FOX . Wounded NOT brought in to FIRMBASE by 0140 k/16 Pte McKENZIE J. S.	Sigs	
344	JG516	DUPA	Adv Bito	0700	0850	Amn Return	IO.RSM	
345	Q719	24Bn	3Div	0852		Amn Rteurn	IO.RSM	
346		KATU	Adv3Div rptd 17 Bde, 24Bn	0845	0938	Secret for aQ. Leaving enroute for NAPIER at 0800 hrs to return AV. 2/7 Bn 4 plus 15Bde 36 2/6 Bn 39 2/5 Bn 2 pl 1 mtn bty 58/59 Bn 1 15 Bde HQ 3 22 Bn 2 Offrs.	10. Adj	

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734	IR561	DUDI	BASA	1140	1317	Please advise if SAFE HAND message arrived 0000	ADJT	740
735	IR562	DUDI BUSA	BASA	1300	1317	SECRET SITREP 274 to 1300 K/23 ⊙ R.M(VA D2AB) 1 IN ⊙ DUDI ⊙ 1030 K/23 7 and 8 sec 15 Pl arrived BOBS 322428 ⊙ ~~sec 15 Pl arrived~~ BUSA owing to comms difficultys NO Report received from CAMPS 12 and 15 ⊙ otherwise SITNOR	ADJ	-
736	OS629	3 DIV	NGF WAMPIT FORCE	1045	1325	For DDOS ⊙ ref our 08613 WAMPIT FORCE Q732 AVG 19 begins ⊙ ref two-toed boots ⊙ Two-toed JAP boots preferable to patrol boots ⊙ If former NOT available request latter as follows 3 10/5 3 9/5 6 8/5 2 7/5 2 6/5 1 5/5 ⊙ end ⊙ As force NO longer under comd this formation assume you will take necessary action	ADJ	521
737	I329	BIXA	BASA	1330	1347	SITREP to 1330 K/23 SITNOR.	ADJT	-
738	O 1	ADV BASA	DUDI BUSA	1340		Ref Q746 NGF now advise that 8 Pl Bloy PIB will NOT be relieved and will remain present location ⊙ 6 Pl as already advised	Sigs	651
739	COURIER				1345	DUPA INTREP 22 AVG WEEKLY AIR Support WEATHER REPORT. A office : One application for Exemption 2 Summary of evidence RETURN.	I.O. ADJT	-
740	O 2	ADV BASA	DUDI		1400	Reply to IR561 ⊙ Which SAFE HAND message ⊙ ASK BUSA.	SIGS	748 734
741	PHONE	BIXA	BASA	1453	-	AIRFLASH. No u/i A/C NORTH of PARTEP 2, heading N.W. height 15000'.	H.E.S.	-
742	E361	TOJO	24 Bn	1400	1520	0835 to 1350 large amt truck mvt WEBB VACUUM ECHOFFS ⊙ slight bp mvt along MARKHAM VALLEY RD - towards WEBBS.	I.O.	
743	COURIER			1815	-	Packages for R.S.I.O.; Capt BUNBURRY (Detonators); Lt Bunsell; I.O. Adv Basa; Adv. BASA; Routine Orders; Works progress Report; letter for MINER; GUINEA Gold; Panorama from NGARANENO.		
744	P055	DUDI	Adv BASA	1815	1929	Please advise role 15 pl.	C.O.	
745	I330	BIXA	BASA	1930	1929	SITREP to 1930k/23(.) number u/i a/c NORTH of PARTEP 2 ROAMER 1 inch 272212 flying NORTH WEST 15000 ft approx 1456 hrs(.) No further word from SMOKY otherwise SITNOR(.)	C.O.	
746	C 8	SMOKY	BIXA	1735	1929	SECRET SITREP to 1730k/23 (.) 1230k/23 to 1245k/23 u/i a/c heard three times but NOT seen otherwise SITNOR(.)	C.O.	
747	IR563	DUDI BUSA	BASA	1900	1929	SECRET SITREP 275 to 1900k/23 DUDI(.) 1430k/23 7 sec 15 pl arrived KIRKS 329502 NADZAB 1 inch(.) BUSA (.) 1600k/23 3 sec 6 pl arrived DEX 309371 WAIME 1 inch(.) Pte TIMOIU wounded k/21 arrived DEX 1400k/23 (.) Comms still out with camps 11, 12 and 15(.)	C.O.	
748	P056	DUDI	Adv BASA	1818	1941	Ref O2. Safe hand message for 0000 left here k/21(.) can you advise if this arrived.	Adjt	740.
749	I 93	ADV	SMOKY	1945		Your JF 161 said that move to new FIRM BASE WOULD commence 0600k/23(.) your SITREP to 1730k/23 makes NO mention of any move having taken place(.) adv MUST be forwarded these	Sig.	795 23 AUG

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347	0370	Adv HQ3Div	rptd 24	2025/1024	SITREP 30 to 2000k/15 . 15 Aust Inf Bde . Morning 15 Aug pattol from pl 2/7 Bn contacted a pl 2/3 Ind coy without observing any Jap mvt . 0630k/15 COCONUTS shelled . Our cas 2 wounded . 0900k/15 D coy 58/59 Bn report one Jap wounddd at 073954 . 17 Bde gp morning 15 Aug following 2/6 bn tps were in the COCONUTS at 698918 . Base protection party consisted of 4 pls less 1 det 3 pl and sec 2 pl . LAVER FORCE consisting of A and B coys plus 1 det 3pl . L of C force consisting of C coy less 1 pl . Carrying force consisting of B coy plus 13 pl C coy LAVER FORCE moved fwd and by 1444k/15 had reached 702926 . Recce party then moved fwd to pl 724924 . During attack 0900- 1600k/15 bombs were a dropped at approx 707924 .and 707927 all these bombs were dropped on KELA bombs also burst along foreshore fron Mc DONALDS JUNC - KELA and on airfield . 29 Bn . PIB reports Jap party estimated 100 stationary 774895 Further party of unknown strength at 785876 . Pl comd 16 pl . 47 Bn now returned to D coy posn 799887 wounded. 6 ors still missing. 162 US Regt, morning 15 Aug patrol from coy B moved down N slopes of ROOSEVELT and along ridge to the eastern end also recced BUTAMTSUN. All appears to be deserted. Coy I advanced NW along ridge and encountered strong enemy resistance from KNOLL vic 737949. our Mortars engaged this posn and fighting is still continuing. all informed.	To Adj	
348	Q298	KIMA.	Adv.0800 BITO.	1045	Amn. Return.		
349	E334	TOJO	24 Bn0725	1045	from 1130 to 0700 VIS nil fogs. 0053 approx 8 u/i a/c from WEST to NORTH. 0110 returned heard travelling.	To Adj	
350	S05	Sig. Offr.	24 Bn1020	1045	HABERLE and myself arrived NAIPER evening 15. staying night 16/17 MANGO.	To Adj	
351	JG519	DUPA.	Adv. 0830 BITO.	1030	RMO and batman left 0830.	To CO Adj	
352	c132	LEBI	BITO.0835	1100	Strength Return.		
353	RQ20	24 Bn	3 Div1019 rptd NGL of C Records Fwd.	1112	Battle cas on 15 Aug. VX104168 Lieut. A.P. SAUNDERS killed in action VX104437 L/Sgt. FOX W H missing VX77024 Pte. McKENZIE wounded in action.	To CO Adj	421
354	I49	Adv. Bito	BOMO 1115 rptd MOPO SMOKY		RMO and batman left DUPA 0830k/16.	Sigs	
355	Q720	Adv. Bito.	BOMO 1110 rptd Rear Bito.		As from 1200k/16 BOMO sig center will come under comd ADV. BITO. BOMO will continue to ration and quarter personnel.	Sigs	
356	0264	Adv. 3 Div.	24 Bn 1025	1210	Further to our 0252. Your patrol and other harrassing activities in BUANG area WILL continue as at present unless NGF order otherwise. It may be necessary for you to move an additional pl to WAMPIT to be ready to replace PIB if and when they are removed from your command this will be at your discretion. Rpt your SITREPs and INTREPS hereafter 0900k/17	To Adj	333
357	I50	Adv24	Adv3Div	1330	Please advise time SITREPS to NGF as from k/17 . To whom should INTREPS be submitted at NGF and for what period . At present SITREPS submitted 3Div as at 0600 and 1800 hrs daily INTREPS daily up to 2359 each day		
358	DUPA	COURIER		1340	Cas Return, INTREP 15 Aug. W.AIR Support W report.2reports (coy comd weekly, River Crsng)		16 AUG
359	—	Staging Adv Bito		1345	RMO arrived PARTEP 2. Leaving for DAMBI	FROM OC PIB	

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723	continued					Pte SPENCER Cook Ptes KENNA POWKSLAND SCOTT rfemen to report to TOKANIN (.) 8 men Ptes BARRENGER SCOTT rfemen, EDDY HURLE KNIGHTS MAXWELL WHITE Pte JEFFS cook Pte SELLICK SB(.) Cpl STANCLIFFE O/C gp until reaching MENGGA then resume cooking duties (.) leave SUNSHINE 0815k/23 leave MUMENG k/24 (.) under comd BOMO as from 0700k/24 (.) armaments 2 Owens per sec remainder rifles all carry 1 grenade	ADJT	-
724	Q755	WAMPIT FORCE	NGF	0840		Daily amn return to 2359 22 Increase NIL decrease NIL expended NIL Amend't to wekly return 21 bandolier charger should read 18180 instead of 1810	SIGS ~~R.S.M.~~	-
725	EL717	D Coy	24 Bn	0600	0853	SECRET SITREP 127 to 0600k/23 (.) SITNOR	1.0	-
726	EL715	D Coy	24 Bn	1800	0853	SECRET SITREP 126 to 1800k/22 (.) SITNOR	1.0	-
727	Q756	Adv BASA	SMOKY rptd BIXA	1000		Statement that natives will NOT carry past LINIA CK balls ⊙ JUDD states to his knowledge natives never been asked NOR have refused ⊙ They will carry almost anywhere provided sufficient escort provided	Sigs	709
728	B34	BUSA	BASA	0900	1025	AMN RETURN	R.S.M.	-
729	B25	BUSA	BASA	0825	1025	STRENGTH RETURN	ADJT	-
730	Q389	Adv. 3 DIV	WAMPIT FORCE	2035	1025	SECRET ⊙ SITREP 254 to 2000 K/21 ⊙ SITREP No 351 was NOT USED ⊙ 17 BDE ⊙ at 1035 K/21 2/5 BN took over KOMIATUM RIDGE area RELIEVED 2/6 BN ⊙ 2/6 BN are moving S from this area ⊙ B Coy 2/6 BN now at 691904 ⊙ A Coy 2/5 BN less 1 Pl are at LAVERS HILL 7079270 1 pl track Junc 707946 ⊙ C Coy 2/5 BN moving N mopping up the EASTERN slope of KOMIATUM RIDGE killed 2 JAPS ⊙ 3 Japs also killed by 2/6 BN before their relief ⊙ Disposns 42 BN morning 21 AUG. BHQ 723924 A Coy 721942 B Coy 713951 C Coy 724957 D Coy less 1 pl 721947 1 pl 721951 ⊙ 4 pl 42 BN ⊙ One sec 721947 one sec 724957 ⊙ 4 pl 2/5 BN 719934 ⊙ 162 US Regt. listening post 735954 heard chopping and talking to the S and SE of their posn during the night 20/21 AUG ⊙ at 0200 K/21 talking heard to the E of this posn ⊙ A demolition squad from 2 BN destroyed small Jap amn Dump 747949 all Informed	ADJ	-
731	Q757	OWAMPIT FORCE	N.G.F	1030		6 pl B Coy P/B being relieved GABENSIS WINDOW DUELLS AMBUSH area concentrating WAMPIT reverting comd 7 DIV ⊙ 8 PL B Coy P/B remaining present location BOBS KIRKS NGARANENO after relief ⊙ Does 8 PL revert comd 7 DIV in accordance with NGF 08407.	SIGS	
732	JG556	DUDI	BASA FND	0702	1120	AMN RETURN.	RSM ADJ	-
733	E360	TOJO	DUDI BASA Fnd	0700	1145	0613 hrs smoke and slight activity at TOOGOODS 8 barges in harbour ⊙ further patch land cultivated	23 AU	

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359	I58	3Div	24Bn	1120	1340	(In reply to I37 and I1427 re Lt STUC mvt in Watut-Kirks area) and I1427. Contact 57/60 direct in this matter	IO 282 Adj 315 363
360	EL637	Dcoy	24Bn	0600/1340		SITREP 107 to 0600k/16 SITNOR	IOAdj
361	EL639	Dcoy	24Bn	1201	1340	SITREP XX 108 to 1200k/16 . 8 Pl NO report 16 Pl and 18 Pl SITNOR	IOAdj
362	C133	Lebi	AdvBito	1300/1350		Lieut SNOOKS N.G.F. left DEX 1300k/16. He intends arriving PARTEP this evening moving after dark . Please advise piquets and patrols	IO ADJ
363	I51	24Bn	57/60 rptd 3Div Lebi	1415		0730k/15 Lieut STUC arrived KIRKS 329502 from WATUT area . NO prev infm recd of his expected arrival . You are warned that PIB patrols are active in the area WEST to NEW NARAGOOMA and you are requested to give prior advice of projected moves in to the area . Lieut STUC reported k/13 natives seen burning off kunai on island in MARKHAM opposite WATUT mouth vic sq 1748 WAIME 1 in . 2 canoes in midstream at same time	y 359
363	C260	Adv. 24 Bn 3 Div		0850	1440	SECRET. SITREP 332 to 0800k/16. 15 Bde. C pl 2/3 ind coy reports weapons pits 702961 and 2 heavy mortars 701964. further patrols established following JAP posns 703954 706967 to 708968. listening post 40 yds SOUTH of last posn estimate at least 40 japs. 17 Bde. patrol from 42 Bn report sound of JAPS approx 725940 all informed.	I.O.
364	A221	24 Bn	15 Bde Bn D coy	1315/1440		VX104470 Lieut. L.R. MARSH VX23594 Lieut G.R LANE arrived WAU 1200k/16 for onward mvt rptd 3 Div 58/59 to 58/59 Bn. ETA 21 Aug. NX109126 Pte JONES E.R. arrived SAME time for onward mvt to 24 Bn D coy 24 Bn. ETA 22 Aug.	Sig
365		BOMO	Adv. Bito.	1525		AIR FLASH. Number u/i a/c SSW of PARTEP II heading SE 15000ft.	I.O.
366		DUPA	Adv. Bito.	1530	1533	AIR FLASH. 20 plane in Dogfight 20000 ft W of KIRKS OP. 1 ZERO 15000 ft flying EAST over DEX.	I.O.
367					1640	8 THUNDERBOLTS PASSED OVER Adv BITO flying SW at approx 15000 ft	
368					1650	2 " " " " " " "	
369		WAMPIT			1700	1625 U/I A/C over LAE very little A/A	I.O
371		WAMPIT			1723	5 ZEROS circling DUELLS AMBUSH 8000ft T.H.I. 1710	"
370		WAMPIT			1700	4 ZEROS heading NNE 15000ft over WAMPIT	"
372	I52	Adv24	Adv3Div		1712	(In reply to I47) OP reports A/c did NOT land WEST of Mt LUNAMAN 695395 LAE 1/250000 A/C landed NE of the Mt and after consulting map ref observers decided A/C landed MALAHANG	294
373		Courier			1715	Int Summ 16 Aug; File of SMOKY messages; Patrol Report 57/60 Bn MARALINAN - NARAGOOMA; Patrol Report Sgt BOYLE re new LAE O.P;24 BN LOCSTAT at 1800k/15;Report from KULU re rifles; Routine Orders 189 - 196; Lieut BABER Trg Answers. Envelope for ADJT.	
374	E335	TOJO	24 BN	1410	1750	0815 to 1315 truck mvt WEBBS VACUUM B.P's TERRACE tpts. 0922 2 canoes from LABU to CHAPMANS POINT 9 men carried load from timber to canoes. 1015 disappeared to SOUTH along coast. Hut at ref PHOTOMAP 0304 LAE 136119 has been demolished.	
375	Q18473	DivNGF adv	24 Bn	1130	1750	24 Bn advise stationary position acute. Weekly reqs are submitted but only one delivery has been made over last 2 months. Request include in early landings A/c BULOLO of stationery for these items.	
376	CA384	TRA CENT	24 Bn	1330	1750	VX 104526 Sgt THOMPSON B.C. att HQ Aust Trg Centre T.W. 7th DEC 43 now available for posting 24 Bn advise posn urgently	16. Aug. '43

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707	continued				while special patrol was moving vic m/r 553442 NADZAB 1 inch EUROPEAN NCO slipped discharging his OWEN gun wounding 1 native o/r (.) Owing to secrecy of patrol being last patrol was lost wounded native at camp
708	WAMPIT FORCE	NGF RPTD	2006		SECRET (.) SITREP 12 to 2000k/22 (.) 24 BN (.) ~~14-P~~1600k/22 14 Pl C Coy arrived BENS 397411 NADZAB (.) Otherwise SITNO (.) All informed.
709	JF161 Buidl BOMO	1B 2 BOMO	16302250		SECRET WAGO map very much out give NO indication of country whatsoever (.) NEW FB sited at approx 579216 also sited ambush posn 585225 (.) Move commences 0600k/23 (.) Recce report following (.) With the occupation of the NEW FB the L of C is now very long (.) Recommend another pl in LA or LINIA CK area (.) Natives will NOT carry KAI past LINIA CK (.) This will mean pl will have to devote to the carrying of food and stores ambushing and patrolling9- Am unable to cope with ALL these things
710	Q754 BASA ADV	SMOKY RPTD BOMO	2057		In reply to JF 161. Cannot permit another pl forward at LA (.) Efforts being made to get natives to carry further forward (.) Until this arranged you will have to supply from within your own resources (.) Advise re progress DAVIS patrol
711	E 359 TOJO	24 BN	19002121	1600	fog cleared (.) 1605 to 1830 7 barges active LAE harbour
712	I1482	WAMPIT FORCE rptd Adv. BASA	2033	2215	For Capt HARVIE (.) Ref our memo of 20 Jul fwd apool film could prints of exposure 14 to 24 taken NGA ANENO be fwded urgently (.) required for operations reasons

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713	EL710	DIFA BASA	BADA	14250745	BHQ est at 672032 (.) 18 pl. on [redacted] MALOLO TRACK 674032
714	SMOKY C 7	BIXA BASA		0530 0745	SECRET SITREP to 0530k/23 SITNOR
715	H 2	BIXA	BASA ADV	0600 0745	In reply to Q 6. Expended NIL increase NIL decrease 420 9mm transferred to BORI
716	BIXA K157	BIXA	" "	0640 0745	" " " " NIL return
717	I1484	BASA REAR	BASA FWD	0700 0745	SECRET (.) SITREP to 0700k/23 (.) SITNOR
718	DUDI BUSA(IR560)	BASA		0700 0745	SECRET SITREP 273 to 0700k/23 (.) DUDI SITNOR (.) BUSA SITNOR
719	I328	BIXA	BASA	0730 0745	SITREP to 0730k/23 SITNOR
720	I 92	WAMPIT FORCE	NGF rptd	0800	SECRET (.) SITREP 13 to 0800k/23 (.) SITNOR (.) All informed
721	TT8	A Coy	BHQ	2215 0809	In reply to Q 6 (.) NIL return
722	AM39	BORI	BASA ADV BIXA	2300 0809	The following personnel will leave for BIXA 23 Aug (.) V42568 Cpl STANCLIFFE A.W. VX109150 Cpl WISE T.C. Ptes V255832 EDDY N.G. V280628 HURLE W.J. VX 137539 JEFFS A.J. VX109128 KENNA L.J. V285291 KNIGHTS R.W. VX104485 MAXWELL R.W. V260458 POWLSLAND. VX104507 SCOTT R.J. VX142080 SPENCER N. VX70639 WHITE D.G. VX104450 SOCKEN I. VX104499 POLKINGHORNE H.W. V260548 SELLICK A.W. VX132614 BARRINGER G.R.
723	AM 40	BORI	BIXA	2305 0809	In reply to Q 742 (.) 1 NCO Cpl WISE 6 men PTES SOCKEN and POLKINGHORNE SB or riflemen,

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377	IR532	DUPA LEBI	BITO FWD	1730	1810	SECRET SITREP 255 to 1730k/16. DUPA. DEX 1525k/16 1 ZEKE past overhead 15000 feet heading EAST 1705k/16 4 ZEKES past overhead flying NE. LEBI. Camp 5 1415k/16 3 P38s flying EAST 1515k/16 approx 20 A/C engaged in dogfight WEST of OP visible only with glasses. Camp 15 launch crossing 0825k/16 NORTH to SOUTH 2; 0830 S to N 6; 0940 S to N 2; 1530 N to S 2; 1535 S to N 2; 1625 U/I A/C over LAE very little A/A. BWARIP and DEEP CREEK patrol NOT yet returned. DEX 4 ZEKES flying NE 15000 ft 1705k/16. Camp 12 1720k/16 4 ZEKES circled and flew SW.	1.0	
378	I 309	BOMO	BITO	1800	1810	SITREP to 1800k/16. number U/I A/C SSW of PARTEP 2 ROAMER one inch 272212 15000 ft approx at 1515 hrs. NO further word from SMOKY otherwise SITNOR.	1.0	
379	EL 42	D Coy	rptd 24 BN	1800	1832	SECRET SITREP 109 to 1800k/16. SITNOR.	1.0	
380	I 53	24 Bn	3 Div rptd	1840		SECRET SITREP 282 to 1800k/16. BUANG AREA. B COY 24 BN mng k/16 wounded man arrived 543214 WAGO one inch NO further report . 1515k/16 number U/I A/C SSW of PARTEP 2 272212 ROAMER one inch 15000 ft. MARKHAM AREA. C COY 24 BN 1525k/16 1 ZEKE EAST over DEX 310372 WAIME 1 inch 15000 ft 1705 4 ZEKES NE over DEX . B. COY PIB. OP 306482 WAIME 1 inch 1515k/16 20 A/C in dogfi ght distant WEST of OP. OP 491449 NADZAB 1 inch 0825/ 1535k/16 4 persons NORTH to SOUTH 10 persons S to N bank MARKHAM RIVER vic NEW LABU IS. 1625k/16 U/I A/C over LAE vey little A/A. OP 444445 . 1720k/16 4 ZEKES circled OP then flew SW . All informed.	Sig.	
3 81	MK34	MOPO	BOMO	1645	1940	Herewith report recd from Cpl DAVIS patrol 1530k/16(.) Have found track 5 mins short of BUWAI (.) the TUL TUL's of WAGO and BUWAI say this track was omnly used as a hunting pad about four to five years ago and has NOT been used since(.) I have recced this track half hour out of BUWAI and it comes out into bush where there is NO track at all(.) At one time this track came out onto the beach but was then closed and the track to KALETTETA(KARESTE) aws used as a hunting trading track to the beach(?) The track VA KALETTETA is now the only known track to the beach(.) If I am still to move down the old hunting track from BUWAI TO beach it will mean junglr bashing and re-opening this track(.) The natives at WAGO and BUWAI do NOT want this to happen and have been promise by ANGAU the track will NOT be opened SGT JUDD can give infm on that(.) I am now at BUWAI village if I am to proceed to KARESTE will you tell SMOKY FORCE (.) The track is on the WAGO 1 inch it comes out at the BUANG MOUTH	1.0	
~~382xx0291xAdvx3x~~								
382	0291	Adv3DivAdv24Bn		1723	1940	NGF require SITREPS as at 0800 1400 and 2000 hrs daily to be lodged in your Sig office Not later than 0830 1430 2030(.) Your INTREPS can be closed whenever convenient to you to catch DRLS	1.0	384
383	I1445	REAR BITO	BITO	1730	1940	SITREP to 1730/k/16 (.) A COY SITNOR(.) HQ COY(.) 1240k/16 D and E pl moved to ref posns vic OP for 3 days (.) Arrived OP 1345 hrs(.) OP 255026(.) 0630k 0820k 1123k 1310k 1410k shelling in direction SALAMAUA.	1.0	
384	I 55	AdvBito	All Coys	2013		Commencing 17 Aug this unith together with other units as stated come under direct comd NGF and will be known as WAMPIT FORCE(.) SITREPS will accordingly be lodged as follows (.) BITO REAR and KULU alsoDUPA and LEBI to 0700 1300 1900 hrs daily(.) BOMO to0730 1330 1930 hrs daily(.) SMOKY to 0530 1130 1730 hrs daily(.) SITREP MUST leave	Sig. 5	382

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698	Continued					Too much haste and desire get it over quickly and back firm base(.) You immediately broke contact now have NO tps watching them and for all you know next time you move towards him you may get done over again(.) When next contact gained keep it leave snipers on doorstep waiting for kill(.) If NOT desirous of carrying out GOC plan return forthwith to be relieved of command(.) ack	-	-
699	Q753	BASA FWD	BORI D Coy 24 info BASA REAR IS AUST I.B.	1610		Following personnel required urgently to replace Intel pers who will instruct in unit Intel school VX135885 Pte NOTT A.H. VX104510 Pte SHORT A.G. O Replacement will be made to D Coy within 2 weeks O Request NOTT move immediately.	SIGS	
700	S102	OVERSEER	MINER	1545	1610	Ref signallers O The following troops have had initial trg amounting to approx 1 month O are not now operating as sigs but as riflemen O BIXA advise CRAVEN T, WISEMAN H. DUDI Rankin, Christensen, SULLIVAN O It is advisable that these men commence with the boys until such time as the new trainees arrive.	ADJT	-
700		BUSA	BASA	1500		BUILDER 2 BUSA by phone to BUILDER 1 BASA(.) Night attack by PIB patrol on Jap ambush 565427 NADZAB 1/25000 near LOOKOUT NOT successful(.) NCO in charge fell over a cliff accidently discharged his OSMG and shot 1 Native o/r in the leg(.) NOT seriously wounded being evacuated(.) Patrol did NOT proceed after accident but returned to DEEP CREEK Camp.	I.O. C.O.	-
701	E358	TOJO	24 Bn	1400	1640	vis nil 0825 1 u/i a/c patrolling.	I.O.	-
702	Courier				1815	Int Summary, NGF re Sit. reports, File re Pte. HAGELY injury, Charge sheet and evidence re Pte. McCARTHY, W3008 & 9. Letter CAPT RAWLINGS re pack.	I.O. ADJT	-
703	I90	BASA	N.G.F.	1905	-	Concerned over security projected ops this area O Details complaint from O.C. B. Coy PIB on arrival MORESBY (No duplicate this message)	SIGS	-
704	JF160	SMOKY	Adv BITO	1735	1913	SECRET SITREP to 1730k/22 (.) 0600k/22 patrol BUILDER 1 BOMO BUILDER 1 SMOKY 1 NCO 9 o/rs left FIRM BASE to recce NEW FIRM BASE area (.) Otherwise SITNOR	I.O.	-
705	DG558	DUDI	BASA	1808	1913	MPT	I.O.	-
706	1327	BIXA	BASA	1930	2001	SITREP to 1930k/22 (.) SITNOR		
707	IR559	DUDI BUSA	BASA	1705	2000	SECRET SITREP 273 to 1900k/22 (.) DUDI 1600k/22 (.) 14 PL arrived at BENS 397411 NADZAB 1 inch (.) Launch crossings 1350k/22 NORTH to SOUTH 2 (.) 1355k SOUTH to NORTH 4 (.) 1410k NORTH to SOUTH 2 (.) 1415k SOUTH to NORTH 8 (.) 1420 NORTH to SOUTH 2 (.) 1425k SOUTH to NORTH 8 (.) 1435k NORTH to SOUTH 2 (.) 1440k SOUTH to NORTH 6 (.) 1445k NORTH to SOUTH 2 (.) 1450k SOUTH to NORTH 6 (.) 1455k NORTH to SOUTH 2 (.) 15 05k SOUTH to NORTH 8 (.) 1510k NORTH to SOUTH 2 (.) 1515k SOUTH to NORTH 8 (.) 1520k NORTH to SOUTH 2 (.) 1525k SOUTH to NORTH 6 (.) 1655k NORTH to SOUTH 6 (.) 1700k SOUTH to NORTH 2 (.) 1705k NORTH to SOUTH 8 (.) 1710k SOUTH to NORTH (.) 1725k NORTH to SOUTH 6 (.) 1730k SOUTH to NORTH 2 (.) 1735k NORTH to SOUTH 6 (.) 1740k SOUTH to NORTH 2 (.) 1745k NORTH to SOUTH 6 (.) 1750k SOUTH to NORTH 2 (.) 1755k NORTH to SOUTH 5 (.) 1800k SOUTH to NORTH 2 (.) At 1852k/21	I.O.	-

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384		continued				these HQ by 0800 1400 and 2000 hrs daily therefore all coys will assist by ensuring that SITREPS are lodged strictly on time(.) First SITREP on amended timetable will commence morning 17 Aug(.) ACK		KARA BOMO DUPA NVLU MA
385	ER30	Smoky	Bomo	0945	2115	Definitely established that VX 104437 L/SGT FOX was killed in engaged 1545k/15 at M/R 629218 WAGO 1 inch by machine gun ~~fixm~~ bullet in the chest.VX77924 Pte McKENZIE has one bullet wound in right thigh.Is NOT seriously wounded. He and Pte RUSSELL and PteMANNING RETURNED 0830k/16	ADJT	I.O.
386	ID40	Smoky	Bomo	1700	2115	SECRET SITREP to 1700k/16(.)SITNCR(		I.O.
387	JG520	Dupa	AdvBITO	1805	2210	MPT.		Adjt.
388	E 337	TOJO	24 Bn	1900	2210	1330 1804truck mvt. WEBB'S VACUUM HILLSIDE area.1620 1 A/C bombed CHINATOWN.Large column black smoke lasting half an hour. Sparodic pom-pom A/A only.Damage NOT visible. 1715 1822 barges active in harbour.		I.O.
389	TT 2	KULU	AdvBITO	2007	2210	(Ref C.6) AMN Return		RSM.
390	ID39	SMOKY	BOMO	1100	2210	SECRET SITREP to 1000k/16. Ref fighting patrol k/15).) Ref map WAGO(.) Patrol left FB 543214 at 0650k/15 under L/SGT FOX with LIEUT SAUNDERS for experience(.) Moved along NORTH bank to approx 611224 then crossed to SOUTH bank struck main track to COAST and proceeded EAST(.) Patrol had to bypass 4 manmade barricades across track cosisting of logs and vines dragged down(.) The first one struck was at 621218(.) After passing the fourth of these at 629218 at 1545k/15 L/SGT FOX gave warning and fired on a machine gunner in front of him(.) Thereupon the enemy opened fire with LMGs and automatics of which they appeared to possess NOT a few and rifles and at least one .5 MG(.) L/SGT FOX and LIEUT SAUNDERS were hit the former evidently being killed instantly and the latter died approx 1815(.) The remainder of the patrol scattered and a small force under CPL DYBING covered the withdrawal under fire. CPL D YBING showed himself as a very capable and cool being the last under the enemy's fire(.) In the meantime reply with his OSMG(.) This ambush posn is approx 150 yards in depth and was in a L type shape with the base of the L to the EAST(.) On the SOUTH is a steep hillside and to the NORTH a thin strip of kunai and then the BUANG river(,) the enemy estimated strength at least 30 to 40 men and appeared to have a few posn dug in(.) 1720k/15 CPL DYBING with 8 ors returned to FB 543214(.) A patrol under SGT NORTON with LIEUT CHILDS left immediately to try and locate PTE McKENZIE who was wounded and 2 men who were helping him , approx 2100k/15 they returned NOT having sighted them(.) 2250k/15 CPL PAXINO and PTE HOURIGAN returned and confirmed death of LIEUT SAUNDERS (.) 0645k/16 2 patrols left FB one going NORTH side of river and one on SOUTH side to locate PTE MCKENZIE PTE RUSSELL AND PTE MANNING(.) 0710k/16 struck them at 552212 and returned with them at 0830k/16(.) Cas OWN 2 killed 1 wounded NOT seriously as notified(.) ENEMY 3 killed maybe 4(.) Lost in action 1 OSMG 2 rifles patrol strength was 1 offr 3NCOs 12ors.		I.O.
391	ID41	SMOKY	BOMO	1030	2210	On close investigation JAP ambush posn at MR approx 629210 just past NGVR huts and		I.O.

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692	EL1109	D Coy 24 Bn	3 Div 24 Bn	0701	1220	coy HQ and 18 pl closing down HOTE area and reopened ambush posn 662032(.) 16 pl remaining present posn at CISSEMBOB 613013	I.O.	-
693	IR557	DUDI	BASA	1200	1220	BUILDER I BUDI arrived DEX 1125k/22	I.O ADJT	-
694	QX351	KATU	24 Bn	1035	1248	Ref your Q 250 all 24 Bn personnel departed NASSAU 0930 hrs 21 Aug for NAPIER en route to unit	ADJT	
695	IR558	DUDI BUSA	BASA	1300	1315	SECRET SITREP 272 to 1300k/22(.) DUDI SITNOR(.) BUSA SITNOR.	I.O.	-
696	I326	BOMO	BITO	1330	1410	SITREP to 1330k/22(.) 0848 hrs no. u/i a/c heard EAST of PARTEP 2 ROAMER 1" 272212 flying SOUTH 15000 ft approx otherwise SITNOR.	I.O.	-
697	Courier				1410	DUPA int report 21 Aug 43, ANGAU weekly report, A200 R.WILSON		
698	Q753	BUILDER 1. ~~BOMO~~ BITO	BULIDER 1 ~~BITO~~ BOMO	1435		DAWSON BARTLEY advise that area 586224 ans EAST thereof affords ample scope for firm base with a permanent ambush position fwd of it for protection(.) Both consider that coast can be reached both NORTH and SOUTH of 586224(.) SOUTH route would involve climbing scrub bashing for first effort(.) To save fatigue smaller patrols can be sent(.) Use several on one day different routes(.) C Coy have had base for months within 1600 yds enemy using one third your strength(.) Their firm base of four men has beaten off enemy attack in country where he can easily encircle mile either side(.) Seven their men beat off attack by forty(.) Your complaints will NOT hold water(.) DAWSON reports drop to water SOUTH bank sheer only in places with plenty parts climbable if desire there(.) Once you get forward necessity comb ceases(.) BARTLEY states WAGO LEGA easiest route(.) Will adopt(.) You state JAP ambush contains one pl(.) On what basis from ops your coy do you maintain they have large force(.) You have NOT yet found out where their forces are apart two ambush pos(.) You do NOT know they far exceed your force men firepower(.) Troops who ambushed ROBINSON old firm base may have moved river mouth(.) As they do NOT want engage you sooner you make them come out their holes towards you the better(.) Try get small force along steep SOUTH hills side to top cliffs above ambush pos(.) Do them over rifle gren(.) Low morale demands strong leadership(.) get out with them to show them how(.) When several pilots killed mob go up all more to steady nerves(.) If you start moaning with them they will get nowhere and bloody lot will get shits and throats cut(.) Agree that track MAPOS LEGA difficult but you only go down it and have fortnights easier going(.) Will NOT believe that four men out ten are bed ridden and cannot maintain ambush or give one fortnights concentrated effort when turn to patrol comes(.) Other units MUBO MISSIM have been contact enemy since JAN with NO relief or little(.) Some have been scrapping since MAY with fifty times your cas and NO four weeks in six out(.) Whole basis your present condition is your failure to carry out original orders to get closer enemy(.) JUDD reports that 99% bps returning MAPOS arrive without signs exhaution eat like horses and that we have NEVER yet seen tired men compared to FRANCE(.) Men I saw MAPOS who had just arrived from LEGA were comparatively in the pink(.) You will quickly bugger up your men if you sit on your bundoons feeling sorry for yourself (.) Your only cas to date came from sheer stupidity by walking through enemy ambushes with large numbers instead of encircling such pos with careful stalking and recce first(.)	SIGS	- 801. 809. 773

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391		contiued				those who were on patrol k/16 say this ambush posn was about 200 yards WEST of that MR 631219(.) Herewith closest estimate on ASR PHOTOGRAPH if photograph were clearer calculations would be easier Ref photo BUANG RIVER MOUTH Photorun obliterated but number looks like 103G and is titled PARTEP looking EAST(.) Ref of Jap ambush posn k/6 Aug is F7T96(.) Ref of JAP ambush posn k/15 is H2T4(.) Wish I had a clearer or better photo to give more assistance	
392	I 56	24 Bn adv	3 Div adv rptd	2300		SECRET SITREP 283 to 2230k/16(.) BUANG AREA(.) B COY 24 BN(.) Further to SITREPS 280/281(Patrol moved EAST along SOUTH bank BUANG from 611224 WAGO 1 inch passing 4 manmade obstructions across track from 621218 to 629218(.) 1545k/15 After passing last barricade Jap L shaped ambush depth approx 150 yards estimated strength 40 encountered (.) Japs fired one point 5 MMG LMGs automatic weapons and rifles(.) LIEUT SAUNDERS and SGT FOX after shooting 1 machine gunner were killed by automatic fire(.) CPL DYBING engaged enemy to allow remainder of patrol to withdraw and evacuate wounded(.) Cas ENEMY 3 killed probably 4 total cas OWN TPS 1 offr 1 or killed 1 wounded(.) 0830k/16 wounded man arrived 543214(.) PHOTO TEMPLATE ref ambush posn F7T6 oblique 87 BUANG RIVER(.) 1530k/16 patrol to recce track BUWAI- SUGARLOAF found natives unwilling to open track which is purposely overgrown 30 minutes EAST of BUWAI and did NOT proceed(.) All informed	Sig.
393	Phone			2200		Phone conversation with BUILDER 1 BITO. Patrol NOT to open BUWAI - SUGARLOAF track but to get SGT JUDD to bargain with natives that we would NOT open this track if they would show us a track from FIRM BASE to SUGARLOAF. (Sig CRAWFORD at MOPO was advised and he was to pass this infm on to SGT JUDD tonight - a confirming message would be sent)	
394				2255		AIRFLASH number U/I A/C flying SE over WAMPIT	I.O.
395	Sig 552	Sigs 3 Div	BITO fwd	2000	2320	Map ref code compromised(.) Adopt forthwith M.R. code attached sigs 3 Aust Div Code Instrns No. 5 all informed	I.O.
396	RQ22	24 BN	3 Div rptd Bito fwd	2215	2320	Ref MTN feature square 4732 to square 4933 WAGO 1 inch spot height 10000feet bgcced by our patrol(.) Request permission to name feature MOUNT STANLEY SAVIGE or MOUNT SAVIGE at G.O.C's pleasure(.) Pref distinctive first.	I.O. Adjt 444
397	I 58	BITO	BOMO rptd MOPO	2340		Ref BUWAI - SUGARLOAF patrol (.) BUILDER 1 BITO instructs that closed track to SUGARLOAF is NOT to be opened(.) He further instructs that SGT JUDD be requested to lee- make every effort to locate MAJ DUCHATELS guides(.) Bargain with NATIVES to the effect that track from BUWAI will NOT be opened by us if NATIVES will guide a patrol from FIRM BASE 543214 to SUGARLOAF(.) This may mean jungle bashing(.) advise progress	I.O.
398	I 58	24 Bn	3 Div rptd	0620	-	SECRET SITREP 284 to 0600k/17. MARKHAM AREA .Number U/I A/C flying S.E. over WAMPIT 306382 WAIME 1 inch . Otherwise SITNOR	Sig.
400	PhOne	DU PA		0748		AIRFLASH 8 U/I A/C reported from Camp 12 flying NORTH	
401	"	DUPA		0754		" 8 OSCARS over DEX fling SOUTH 15000'	
402	"	BOMO		0755		" 16 U/I A/C over PARTEP 2 flying SE	
403	Dupa IR533	Dupa Lebi	Bito	0700	0715	SECRET SITREP 256 to o700k/17.DUPA .2250k/16 number U/I A/C flying S E over WAMPIT. LEBI . SITNOR .	I.O.

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668	EL699	D Coy	24Bn	1730	0215	VX 106307 Sgt. BURTON admitted MSP HOME(.)Tinea		Adjt.
669	0507	58/59	rptd 24BnA	1450	0215	died of wounds 21 AUG.(.)VX 135810 Pte McFARLANE		"
670	EL701	D Coy	24Bn	1801	0215	~~XXXXXX~~ SECRET (.)SITREP 124 to 1800k/21(.)Patrol No 4 in 1000k/21(.)Observed from 690044 18 Japs carrying picks and Alsation dogs in groups moving EAST along creek toBUSALA NEW WAMASU unoccupied but shows signs of recent use(.)Patrol No 6 arrived Bde HQ 1400k/21 NO enemy observed en route		I.O.
671	EL702	D Coy	24 Bn	2150	0215	Under Bde Instr patrol Cpl LECKIE (.)Patrol commenced left NUNN'S post 1630k/21 returning 1800k/23 recce feature 687000(.)Patrol Pte CARLISLE patrol commenced out 0600k/22 in 1800k/22 to recce area NORTH of BURRIS CK. ref 662997		I.O.
672	EL703	D Coy	24 Bn	2151	0215	Form W.3006 signalled daily at 0600 hrs rptd 24 Bn		Adjt.
673	EL704	D Coy	24 Bn	2153	0215	Message log retained this HQ can prove all matters of operational importance have been reported 24 Bn(.)Reports have been submitted regularly by the INT personnel(.)Impossible to comply with fwding patrol reports asNO paper on hand		I.O.
674	PT7	KULU	AdvBito	2359	0215	(REF O. 6) AMN. Return		RSM.
675	H i	Kima	Adv Bito	0600	0655	(Ref O.6) AMN. Return		"
676	K156	Bomo	AdvBito	0640	0655	(Ref O.6) AMN. Return.		"
677	C 5	Smoky	AdvBito	0530	0708	SECRET SITREP to 0530k/22(.) SITNOR		I.O.
678	I1556	Dupa Lebi ea	Bito Fwd	0700	0708	SECRET SITREP 271 to 0700k/22 (.)DUPA SITNOR (.) LABI SITNOR -		I.O.
679	I1481	~~Xxxx~~ Bito	Bito Adv	0700	0801	SECRET (.)SITREP to 0700k/22(.) SITNOR		I.O.
680	I325	Bomo	Bito	0730	0801	SITREP to 0730k/22(.) SITNOR		I.O.
681	I 89	WAMPIT FORCE	N G F	0800		SECRET (.) SITREP 11 to 0800k/22(.) SITNOR		I.O.
682	PHONE	BOMO	BITO FWD	0909		AIRFLASH. No 1/1 A/C EAST of PARTEP 2. 15000' flying EAST.		H.FS.
683	JG549	DUPA	AdvBito	0715	0900	Strength return WAMPIT & TIMNE		
684	JG547	DUPA	AdvBito	0708	0900	(Ref O.6) AMN return.		
685	Q751	WAMPIT FORCE	NGF	0850		AMN return		
686	B20	LEBI	BITO	0835	0934	Strength Return		
687	Q752	Wampit Force	3Div	0910		Ref one sec A coy 24BN left at POWERHOUSE to maintain staging facilities(?) In addition to 2 Sigs 1 AASC there are nine 2/3 Indep Coy personnel who could maintain facilities(.) Requested that sec A coy return 24Bn		
688	E251	TOJO	3Div rptd24Bn	0805	0958	From 2000 Vis NIL rain and Fog NOTHING to report		
689	EL706	DIFA	BASA	0600	0601	SECRET(.) SITREP 125 to 0600k/22(.) SITNOR		
690	S101	OVERSEER	Fwd BITO,DUPA,BOMO,LEBI	1000	1105	SECRET(.) Code names come into operation as from receipt of this signal(.) All WAMPIT FORCE BASA, HQ Coy BIKA, A Coy BORI, B Coy BIXA, TOKANIN FILI, MUNNGA LIBA, C Coy DUDI, PIB BUSA, D Coy DIFA, DAMBI KUPO		
691	B 21	LEBI	WAMPIT FORCE	1015	1105	Daily amn return		

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404	JG521	Dupa	Bito Fwd	0700	0715	AMN. Return.	RSM.	
405	I1447	Bito Rear	Bito Fwd	0700	0717	SITREP to 0700k/17. SITNOR.	I.O.	
406	ID 31	Smoky	Bomo	0530	0720	SECRET SITREP to 0530k/17 . SITNOR.	I.O.	
407	I 59	BITO Adv	BITO rear rptd	0845	BOMO	SGT JUDD advises one P.B guide now at LEGA AND SECOND P.B on kai line due at MAPOS 1200 hrs today Both available for patrol FIRM BASE-SUGARLOAF but one P.B has bad leg and may NOT be able to go all the way(.) Patrol will have to jungle bash part of the way(.) JUDD has sent runners to BUWAI to recall CPL DAVIS and party(.) Will advise details of patrol when arrangements completed	Sigs	
407	EL646D	COY 24 BN		0600	0920	SECRET SITREP 110 to 0600k/16(.) SITNOR	I.O.	
408	EL647	D COY 24 BN		0600	0920	Strength state	Adjt. R.SM	
409	B 1	KIMA	BITO fwd	0805	0920	Amn return	I.O.	
410	C 137	LEBI	BITO	0836	0920	In reply to I 55 ACK (Re change to WAMPIT FORCE . Also SITREP TIMES] ✓	Sigs	384
411	S 94	OVER SEER	BITO FWD	0800	0920	Map ref code leaving by courier 17 enclosed in package to MINER(.) Div advised that their SITREPS will in future arrive at this H.Q by D.R.	I.O.	
412	I 310	BOMO	BITO	0700	~~0701~~ 0920	SITREP to 07 00k/17 NO further word from SMOKY otherwise SITNOR	I.O.	
413	K149	BOMO	Bito	0640	0920	Ref 06. NIL return	RSM	
414	EL649	Dcoy 24Bn		1110	1205	Patrol No 4 . Out 0600k/16 IN 1800k/16 ROUTE :6360 NE along dry creek then along unnamed area NEW WAMASA and BUSAMA. In SE to OLD WAMASINI thence SW to MALOLO track. OBJECT: Maintain control native pad from 636031 to NEW WAMASA . Thence recce from for enemy and mvt . Suggest un-named creek sq6704 and 6804 be called BELL Ck.	I.O. Adj	
415	Q722	WAMPIT FORCE	N.G.F.	1050		Amn Return	RSM.	
416	E338	TOJO	24 Bn	0715	1015	2258 one U/I A/C from NORTH patrolling . 2306 returned NORTH(.) NO activity observed night(.) 0640 7barges harbour	I.O.	
417		3DIV BULOLO	24Bn	1100	1300	BULOLO Sig office closes present location at 2359hrs 17AUG(.) Lof C takes over comns at same time of WAU) -BULOLO valley	IO Adj	
418	IR536	Dupa Lebi	Bito	1300	1310	SITREP 257 to 1300k/17(.) Dupa Sitnor(.) LEBI Camp12 8 U/I A/C flying NORTH at 0747k/17(.) DEX 0755 10 OSCARS flying at 15000 ft in STHLY direction(.) WINDOW Launch crossing(.) 0845k/17 N to S(.) 0750 S to N(.) 0800 N to S(.) 0850 S to N(.) 0910 N to S(.) 0915 S to N (.) Number unobserved owing poor vis(.) Otherwise Sitnor	C.O.	
419					1325	16 THUNDERBOLTS from SE to NW ht15000ft over Adv BITO		
420	EL650	Dcoy	24Bn	1155	1325	SITREP 111 to 1130k/17 (.) SITNOR	I.O.	
421	RQ24	"24BN	A3Div rptd NGF LofC Records Adv Bito	1215	1325	Ref our RQ 20 of K/16(.) VX 104437 L/Sgt FOX W P previously reported missing k/15 now reported killed k/15	Sig	353

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654	I.P.47	BOMO	BITO ADV	1910	1925	advise time and date that staging Camp PARTEP 2. comes under our comd.	AO.T	
655	Q 749	Adv Bito	Smoky rptd Bomo	1950	.	Ref Q 741 delete FURTHER ⊙ as previously instructed base will be moved forward	SIGS.	622
656		RUNNER		1948	—	INTREP from Cpl. Langford	I.O.	
657	C 3	SMOKY	BOMO rptd BITO	1730	1948	SECRET SITREP to 1730k/21 (.) SITNOR	I.O.	
658	JF158	BOMO 1	BOMO 2	1600	1948	All 11 pl are out of this area and are now back at section posts (.) KULU personnel arrived MOPO k/21 and moved back via MUMENG (.) How many of 12 pl are available to take over sec posts and were are 1 NCO and 13 Ors coming from to go with SMITH (.) Give me the total strength of 12 pl and if these 1 NCO and 13 Ors are part of 12 pl (.) Will advise you on receipt where to send them (.) (In reply to IP 46) I am itchy	I.O.	
659	IR554	DUPA LEBI	BITO	1910	1948	SECRET SITREP 270 to 1900k/21 (.) DUPA SITNOR (.) LEBI (.) Camp 7 417517 NADZAB 1 inch 1350k/21 7 U/I A/C flying EAST 12 - 1500 feet 1410k/21 7 P39s flying SE (.) Camp 4 (.) 329502 NADZAB 1 inch 1345k 8 U/I A/C flying at 12000 ft in direction LAE (.) Camp 12 426412 NADZAB 1 inch 1320k 6 U/I A/C flying SE at 16000 ft (.) 1425 4 U/I A/C circled camp (.) WINDOW 419448 (.) 1550k 1 barge observed proceeding from M.R. 580436 NADZAB down MARKHAM RIVER with 5 passengers (.) 2 persons got off barge onto mudbank at approx 583431 NADZAB 1 inch (.) Barge proceeded down stream until it disappeared at approx 584431 NADZAB (.) 1615k 2 persons on mudbank 583431 started a fire (.) still burning at 1755k	C.O.	
660	I 324	BOMO	BITO	1930	1948	SITREP to 1930k/21 (.) SITNOR		
661	Q750	BITO fwd	KATU	2040		Ref Q748 Please forward all 24 BN personnel to unit as urgently required [See 600]	I.O. Sig.	653
662	ID52	Elect SMOKY(OLD)	Bomo rptd Bito	1925	2014	Arrived MOPO 1615 K/21	I.O.	
663	I 88	WAMPIT FORCE	N G F	2010		SECRET SOTREP 10 to 2000k/21 (.) 24 BN (.) 1900k/20 ambush party at 570218 WAGO 1 inch returned FIRM BASE (.) NO enemy sighted (.) B COY PIB (.) 1550k/21 barge left 580436 NADZAB 1 inch moved down stream towards MARKHAM mouth (.) All informed	Sig.	
664	I1479	REAR BITO	BITO FWD	2010	2041	SECRET (.) SITREP to 1900k/21 SITNOR	C.O.	
665	B 18	LEBI	WAMPIT FORCE	2015	2041	Ref Q 746 ACK		
666	1.555	Dupa	Fwd. BITO	2050	2200	Ref Q 746 ACK.	Adjt	651.
667	E456	TOJO	24Bn	1915	2245	1542 to 18 09 hrs increase truck mvt WEBBS VACUUM ECHOFFS(.) 1600 hrs 1 A/C dropped 6 bombs ref map 1304 LAE 164114 damage NOT visible(.)Sparodic A/A approx 2o,000 ft Hy type A/A observed photo map 0304 LAE 148114 and 142116 and 140116 and149116 and135119 and 137110(.) 1811 hrs 1 barge left LAE for SOUTH	Adjt	651.

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422		SMOKY	BOMO		1205	Patroland contact report. (1) Ref map WAGO 1 inch. (2) 15 Aug 43 patrol found by 11 and 12 pls BOMO . Patrol comd L/SGT FOX (4) Patrol strength 1 offr 3 NCO's 12 Ors fighting patrol (5) Time out 0650k/15 Time in 1730k/15 (6) Object of patrol - harass enemy and booby trap track as close as possible to Jap ambush posn 631219 (7) Route out - NORTH bank BUANG river to 611224 then along SOUTH bank (8) Routhe in - same as out (9) Narrative - patrol left FB 543214 at 0645 hrs under L/SGT FOX 1 offr 2 Other NCO's and 12 Ors (.) The patrol moved along NORTH bank BUANG river to approx 611224 then crossed river to SOUTH bank and struck main VA track (.) At approx 620218 struck manmade barricade reported patrol k/12 (.) This was of fallen trees and vines about 1 week old or less(.) After passing 2 more of these barricades at approx half hour inwards behind each barricade there were NO signs of tracks on approaching the fourth of these this obstruction was slightly L shaped across the track (.) warning was given by L/SGT FOX who commenced firing his OSMG (.)(B) contacted enemy at M.R. 614218 at 1545k/15(C)enemy strength estimated 30/40 men (D)enemy was in ambush posn (E) the patrol was advancing EAST along track when they struck ambush (F) Enemy were supported by at least ONE .5 MG 2 bren type LMGs and several SMGs (G) depth of ambush was 150 yards approx (H) Own cas killed 2 wounded 1 (I) enemy cas 3 killed wounded unknown (10) REMARKS - the first burst of ambush fire caught L/SGT FOX in the chest and wounded PTE MCKENZIE in the leg(.) LIEUT SAUNDERS was shot in upper thighs and stomach L/CPL PAXINO and PTE HOURIGAN moved into the scrub and took cover(.) L/CPL PAXINO showed great presence of mind ; he moved back and helped LIEUT SAUNDERS to cover and bandaged his wounds He and PTE HOURIGAN who found them in the bush stayed with LIEUT SAUNDERS until 1800 hrs when he died(.) The two then remained until 1900 hrs and moved out to return to camp(.) During the time they were in front of the ambush at 614218 at NO time was there any apparent mvt from the Japs(.) Enemy fired continuously for 15 minutes then spasmodically for another 10 - 15 minutes(.) CPL DYBING who was in centre of pa trol showed coolness and proved himself a fine leader ; he assumed command of the patrol and personally cobered the track firing with his OSMG to allow the men to fall back and reform(.) He then put up covering fire which enabled several members to cross the river and escape(.) This action is one of merit(.) PTE MCKENZIE REPORTED THAT ON HIS WAY BACK HE AND 2 men helping him out went bush and came across several tracks that the Japs used whilst making the barricade(.) Also a hut full of dry wood DEDUCTIONS - Tt is impossible with force available SMOKY for forde to hit coast by VA track(.) Enemy is content to sit and wait for our patrols(.) Special lesson learnt by series of barricades.		
423	I 311	BOMO	bito	1330	1350	SITREP to 1330k/17 PARTEP 2 ROAMER 1 inch 272212 0755 hrs 16 U/I single engine A/C 12000ft SSE overhead(.) Otherwise SITNOR	10 Adj	
424	RQ 23	BITO	DUPA	1220	1350	Confidential for CAPT DUELL(.) Ref applic reduction C.S.M NO recommendation will be considered unless infm requested by memo reduction NCO's on active service of 21 Jun is furnished	10 Adj	
425	I 60	WAMPIT	NGF FORCE rptd		1405	SECRET(.) ~~SECRE~~-SITREP 1 to 1400k/17(.) 24 BN SITNOR (.) B COY PIB(.) MARKHAM AREA(.) OP 491449 NADZAB 1 inch reports launch crossings vi NEW LABU ISLAND from 0745k/17 to 0915k/17 3 NORTH to SOUTH bank MARKHAM RIVER 2 SOUTH to NORTH(.) Number of passengers NOT observed	Sigs	

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634						0805K/21 N to S(.) 1810k/ S to N (.) 0945K N to S 0950k S toN(.) Owing to poor vis number of occupants could NOT be observed	I.O.	–
635	I323	BOMO	BITO	1330	.345	SITREP to 1330k/21 No. u/i a/c single engine NW over PARTEP 2 ROAMER 1 inch 272212 1254 hrs otherwise SITNOR	C.O.	–
636	Phone	DEX	BITO	1353		7 u/i a/c flying EAST 1200 - 1500 ft over NGARENENO O.P. (AIR FLASH)	F.S.	–
637	Phone	DEX	BITO	1420		4 u/i a/c circling over Camp 12 (LEBI pl HQ height unknown) (AIR FLASH)	F.S.	–
638	Courier	DUPA	BITO	1440		DUPA Intelligence report 20 Aug; 57/60 patrol report returned by Capt. CHALK; letter for RMO; ANGAU weekly report.		–
639	Q744	BITO ADV	BOMO DUPA rptd BITO REAR, STAGING CAMPS MUMENG PARTEP, TIMNE.	1450	.	Staging camps MUMENG PARTEP are under comd BOMO, TIMNE under comd DUPA both for adm Coys will ensure all necessary instructions are relayed.	Sigs	–
640	Q745	WAMPIT FORCE	N.G.F.	1505	.	No stationery received for two months ⊙ Only two days supply left ⊙ all scrap paper used ⊙ Request requisition be completed.	SIGS	–
641	–	BOMO	BITO FWD	–	1615	Report on PARTEP 2 area 16-22 AUG 43.	I.O.	–
642	–	TIMNE	FWD, BITO		1640	Capt Duell & batman also Lieut Stefani & Sgt Madden U.S. Army arrived TIMNE 1635K/21	C.O	–
643	08461	NGF	WAMPIT FORCE	0027	1835	B. Coy HQ and 6 pl will concentrate at WAMPIT ref map WAIME 1 inch 305377 ⊙ 9 pl will remain in present location NORTH of WAMPIT	C.O.	.
644	I86	BITO	All Coys	1815		V.X. 135810 Pte McFARLANE wounded ORODUBI 19 AUG now reported died of wounds 21 AUG	Sigs	–
645	Courier			1820	.	(a) Adm Instn No. 4., (b) AIR COASTWATCHING & WARNING system, (c) Intell. Summary. (a)&(b) (c)	ADJT I.O.	
646	E354	TOJO	3 DIV rptd 24 Bn	1500	1832	0825 track movt WEBBS VACUUM ECHOFFS transport ⊙ 1321 to 1402 enemy A/c patrolling ⊙ 1419 number U/I heavy A/c from EAST to WEST ⊙ 1440 one liberator over LAE intensive high hy A/A approx 120000 ft ⊙ uncertain if bombs dropped vis obscured.	I.O.	–
647	08455	N.G.F.	WAMPIT FORCE	1920/20	1832	O.C. B. Coy P.I.B. to report this HQ. at earliest ⊙ advise ETA BULOLO.	C.O.	652
648	I87	BITO	LEBI	1840		O.C. LEBI to report ADV BITO 22 AUG ⊙ IMPORTANT.	Sigs ADJT	–
649	–	BOMO	BITO ADV	.	1905	Ration List. 21/8/43.	ADJT	–
650	JG545	DUPA	BITO Fwd	1815	1905	MPT.		
651	Q746	WAMPIT FORCE	LEBI rptd BITO	1900	.	SECRET ⊙ OC B Coy P.I.B will report BULOLO 1500 hrs 23 AUG for movement NGF.	Sigs	665 666
652	Q747	"	NGF. rptd REAR	1908		O.C. B. Coy P.I.B. will report BULOLO 1500 hrs 23 AUG		647
653	Q748	24 Bn	BITO KATU rptd BITO rear, B Coy	1915	-	Please cancel Q739.	Sigs	600

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425		continued				owing poor visibility(.) 0747k/17 8 U/I A/C flying NORTH over 429414NADZAB(.) 0755k/17 10 OSCARS flying SOUTH over DEX 310372 WAIME 1 inch(.) All informed
426		DUPA	BITO		1420	Unknown number of A/C flying SE over WAMPIT 1400 hrs at 20000feet
427		BOMO	BITO		1420	6 U/I A/C 12000feet flying NORTH over PARTEP 2 at 1400 hrs
428	0279	3 Div ADV	24 BN 16th	1500	1210	SECRET(.) SITREP 333 to 1400k/16(.) 57/60 BN(.) 0915k/15 9 enemy medium bombers escorted by ZEKES attacked TSILI TSILI (.) Preliminary reports of A/C shot down(.) Enemy 5 medium bombers certain 3 NOT certain(.) 3 P38s certain(.) 2 pilots safe(.) 57/60 BN cas 1 killed 2 wounded . 24 BN ref SITREP 331 (.) 2215k/15 2 men previously reported missing believed killed returned to 11 PL(.) Our cas now reported L known killed 1 missing believed killed 1 wounded(.) 15 BDE(.) Night 15/16AUG harassing fire by 2/7 BN into enemy posns on SOUTH COCOANUTS(.) Japs returned fire (.) 17 BDE(.) At 0630k/16 LAVER FORCE pushed forward supported by fire from bty C 2i8 Fd Arty Bn and 1 Aust Mtn Bty on a prearranged plan(.) Our tps surprised 1 enemy pl who fled leaving 1 dead and 1 LMG (.) By 0725k/16 LAVER FORCE had reached their objective and were digging in - D Coy on LAVERS KNOLL 707927 with 1 pl 200 yards SOUTH and a coy to the NORTH of LAVERS KNOLL(.) LAVER FORCE is thus astride the main track on the EAST of KOMIATUM RIDGE (.) Recce patrols are now searching for further tracks and arty and mortars are registering likely enemy targets(.) The Japs sig line on KOMIATUM TRACK was cut (.) C Coy less 1 pl is also in posn on the MULE track (.) RAA 3 DIV(.) 1400k/16 Jap party estimated at over 30 surrounded and attacked 11 bty rear gun posns at 768900(.) Japs approached from the WEST(.) Japs were carrying explosives and were armed with AMERICAN rifles(.) Demolition charges were placed under the guns but our tps drove the enemy back before they could be exploded(.) Guns undamaged(.) Wireless set and other comd post eqpt was damaged(.) Map Ref Code and copy of amn state captured(.) Our cas 3 killed 7 wounded(.) 2 Jap offrs killed on gun sights and indications of other Jap cas as a number of rifles covered with blood were left when Japs retreated(.) Comns with the bty were temporarily disrupted but NOT been reestablished(.) 1000k/16 a Jap patrol attacked bty A and B 218 Fd Arty Bn posns at 795895 NO details yet to hand(.) 1045k/16 Jap gun believed hy gun on SALAMAUA peninsular fired 3 rounds into bty C 205 Fd Arty Bn posn(.) 1045k/16 Jap gun fired on to KOMIATUM RIDGE(.) Arty Regt called for and A/C over target at 1100k/16(.) At 1127k/16 LOWE OP located gun at 733955 and engaged it with bty C Fd Arty Bn205(.) WAU BULOLO AREA(.) 0135 to 0152k/16 3 U/I A/C over WAU BULOLO area(.) TOPOGRAPHICAL(.) Feature from 720935 to 720947 will be known as DAVIDSONS RIDGE(.) Ridge running from MT TAMBU to SCOUT HILL will be known as SCOUT RIDGE (.) allinformed
429	0 300	3 Div	24 BN	0810	1325	SECRET SITREP 356 to 0800k/17(.) Nothing further to report(.) all informed
430	I1449	BITO	BITO ADV		1300	1325 SECRET SITREP to 1300k/17 SITNOR
431	0292	Adv 3DIV	24 BN	2035/16		1730SECRET(.) SITREP 334 to 2000k/16(.) 15 BDE(.) 1100k/16 party from D Coy 58/59 BN occupied posn approx 702 952 without opposition(.) 1139k/16 C Coy MMG engaged party of Japs moving vic 710934 result NOT observed(.) 17 BDE(.) Disposns 2/6 BN as at 1200k/16 - A Coy less 1 sec 7 pl and D Coy less 17 Pl LAVERS KNOLL 707926(.) 17 PL plus 1 sec 7 pl 707924(.) C COY HQ 704927(.) 14 PL 707925 15 PL CAMERONS COPSE 706926, 13 PL 698918(.) Defensive digging proceeding satisfactory(.) Small outpost of Japs 30 yards SOUTH of 707924 were engaged by S.A. and E.Y rifle fire(.) SOUTH and SE perimeter of LAVERS KNOLL still under fire from Jap snipers(.) At 1400k/16 B Coy left 698918 en route to LAVERS KNOLL (.) During

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618 I 83 WAMPIT NGF 0804 SECRET SITREP 9 to 0800k/21. 24 Bn. 0155k/21 1 u/i a/c flying NORTH over 255026 BULOLO 1".
FORCE RPTD 0205k/21 1 u/i a/c SOUTH of 272212 ROAMER 1". BUANG area. NO report received. other areas
SITNOR. All informed.

619 EL690 D Coy 0600 0855 SECRET. SITREP122 to 0600k/21 SITNOR.
24 Bn

620 K155BOMO BITO 0920 0925 Amn return

621 RQ35 WAMPIT 15 0910 0958 could VX106631 Pte OUTHRED G.R. be returned to 24 Bn please(.) I personnel of this unit
FORCE Bde depleted owing cas through sickness.

622 Q741 ADV SMOKY1020 exhaution of troops largely due to fact that firm base too far back(.) as previously instructed 655
BITO rptd BOMO you will move forthwith base to at least 586224 and report when move completed(.) Advise
obstacles preventing patrol from moving SUGARLOAF to coast and whether rubber boats would assist(.)
NO further disobedience of orders will be tolerated(.) Advise re DAVIS patrol.

623 Q742 ADV KULU 1025 KULU will move one NCO six men TOKANIN seven men MUNGA to arrive 24 Aug for SMOKY(.) LIEUT SIGS 723
BITO BOMO, DUPA SMITH will move from present area for SMOKY on 25 Aug.
rptd Rear BITO SMOKY 775 Lt. STEPHANI and SGT MADDEN (U.S. army) arrived

624 I84 24 Bn D coy1130 NO patrol and contact reports have been received from you since Lieut LOCKERS report in MAY. Sig
24 Bn PATROL REPORTS MUST be completed by ALL patrol leaders and CONTACT reports MUST be forwarded
whenever action joined(.) OWN and ENEMY cas to be stated also(.) State why reports NOT
previously forwarded and advise earliest date they can leave you(.) Pro formas have been
fwded to you and you are requested to show some consideration and co-operation with your HQs

625 I85 BITO KULU 1140 now advised following wounded in action ORODUBI 19 Aug(.) VX130811 Pte DELANEY(.) wounded
KIMA, BOMO, D Coy 24 Bn. in action same area 20 Aug VX 13751 Pte STEWART R(.) All informed

626 050558/59 24 Bn0930 1155 Wounded in action 19 Aug VX135810 pte MCFARLANE TR VX130811 pte DELANEY MW(.) wounded in
Bn rptd 3 DIV NGF action 20 Aug VX13751 pte STEWART R.

627 Q743 Adv KIMA 1213 In future coy weekly report will show sniper rifles as a separate weapon and also show Sig
BITO KULU where situated
DUPA

628 E353 TOJO 24Bn0715/1220 Vis NIL from 1435hrs(.) 0620 1 A/C from NORTH patrolling(.) 0625 went SE 1.O.

629 JF157X B1 BITO 0900 1311 Fighting patrol WAGO 1 inch(.) Sgt NORTON and 9 ORs FB K/20 (.) Arms 1 Bren 2 OSMG 7 rifles
BOMO Grenades and rations(.) OBJECT(.) To ambush S track 570210 and cover the return of SUGARLOAF
patrol(.) Weather Fine(.) Time OUT 0600k/20 Time IN 1900k/20 Patrol under Sgt NORTON and
9ORs left FB 0600k/20 moved to junc KARESTE-LEGA(.) Crossed dry creek bed to 570218 and
took up ambush posn until 1600k/20(.) NO Japs seen(.)

630 M336 15Aust NG 1115/1311 N351810 Pte McFARLANE DR 24AIB sw both legs right hand arm amputated died0530hrs 21AUG Adj F.
FdAmb records office (.) N O K NOT notified
Adms3Div24Bn

631 PhoneBOMO BITO 1254/1315 Number of U/I A/C single engine NW over PARTEP 2 1.O.

632 M337 15Fd Adv 1130/1325 In reply to Q736 Amn Return ~~Sig~~ R.S.M.
Amb Bito

633 DEX A Bito 1326/1330 AIRFLASH U/I A/C 16000ft flying SE from NGARANENO OP 1.O.

634 IR553DUPA Bito 1300/1325 SECRET SITREP 269 to 1300k/21(.)DUPA SITNOR(.) LEBI(.) Camp 7 417517 NADZAB 1Inch 1000k/21 21AUG
LEBI Fwd 1 large fire 410621(.)1130 1small fire 423558(.)WINDOW499449 Launch crossing(.)0805k/2.

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431	continued				afternoon enemy twice counterattacked A and D Coys posns once from the NORTH and once from the SOUTH(.) Both of the attacks were repulsed(.) Enemy attempted to advance through areas selected for our arty and MMG defensive fire(.) NO further details yet received(.) At first light 2 of the secs of the 2/5 BN raided pillboxes in the area 698907 inflicting 18 known cas(.) Own cas 1 wounded(.) A further party to the same posn killed 1 Jap and wounded 2(.) At 0930k/16 patrol from 42 BN clashed with party of Japs at 722922(.) Own cas 2 killed 1 missing(.) 9 Japs were seen to fall(.) 1000k/16 42 BN MGs fired on Japs hauling an MG along track at 708934(.) 1320k/16 Jap ~~movement-gu~~ mtn gun observed firing from posn approx 711919(.) 29 BN(.) Ref SITREP 333(.) The attack on arty posns at 1000k/16 was repulsed; our cas NIL (.) Jap NOT known(.) 13 PL C COY 42 BN is establishing a firm base at 755916 and patrolling SOUTH to high ground and WEST to lagoon(.) One of our ambush parties contacted a party of Japs at 773896 killing 3 Japs and 1 native guide with them(.) 162 U.S. REGT(.) 1105k/16 Jap gun fired 28 rounds into BOISI destroying 1 tractor and 1 quartet ton truck(.) 3 patrols from 2 BN moved out to the NORTH and WEST of DOT INLET(.) NO report yet received(.) COY I moved forward 100 yards on the NORTH-WEST end of ROOSEVELT RIDGE where 1 pl dug in remainder continued fwd mvt(.) all informed		
432	0299	3 DIV	24 BN	01201900	SECRET SITREP 335 to C045k/17(.) 24 BN(.) 1515k/16 patrol 306402 WAIME 1 inch reported 20 A/C engaged in dogfight in distant WEST(.)1525k/16 1 ZEKE flew EAST of DEX at 15,000 ft. 1725k/16 4 ZEKES N.E. over O.P. 15 Bd (.)Total killed cas inflicted by 2/7 BN and A PL 2/3 Ind Coy in COCOANUT RIDGE area 14/15 Aug 19 killed 1 wounded (.) Believed much higher (.) D COY 2/7 Bn 696969(.) Standing patrol established 704987(.) Jap snipers from SOUTH COCOANUTS continued to engage our posns in NORTH COCOANUTS(.) Patrol from B Pl 2/3 Ind Coy moving NORTH from TRACK JUNC 704958 overran enemy listening post killing 5 Japs(.) Advanced further but came under enemy fire from at least 2 LMGs and a number of rifles from posns 706967(.) Patrol returned to track junc(.) Aftn 16 Aug patrol from 7 Pl A Coy 58/59 Bn to GRAVEYARD was fired on by LMGs.) Our cas 1 missing (.) 1715k/16 Mortars registered Jap posn at 703954 (.) 17 BDE patrol unable to locate track shown on map running EAST from 708932 (.) 1645k/16 mortars engaged 20 Japs moving NE along KUNAI SPUR approx 705933 (.) MULE TRACK booby trapped NORTH and SOUTH of C Coy 2/7 Bn posns(.) P.M.2/5 Bn patrols to 6989~~0~~7 reported chopping EAST oxf track(.)Our mortars engaged pill-boxes this area during P.M.Standing patrol 1 squad Coy B 162 Regt established at 722895(.) Patrol from Coy A found Jap out post~~x~~ 712916(.)NO Jap seen but area had been with booby traps(.)29 Bn 1900k/16disposition of force protecting arty posns(.)HQ C Coy 47 Bn 763921(.) 13 pl 757915(.)14 pl less 2 secs and 15 pl less 1 sec 778907(.)1 sec 15 pl 739927(.)HQ D Coy 18 pl 14 ors 16 pl and 1 sec PIB 796893(.)17 pl 784905(.)2 secs 14 pl and 44 PIB in ambush posn 733898(.)Patrols during PM made NO further contact with enemy(.)163 US Regt(.) Patrol movedNORTH up coast from BUIAMBUN(.)NO mvt seen in re-entrant 749954 and 754958(.) DesertedJap O.P.found 762962 with sig line running NORTH(.)One Jap dug out in saddle 799962 was shot .)1700k/16 Coy I repulsed attack by bayonet(.)21 enemykilled 1 own tps wounded (.) Enemy tree snipers active against C oy I(.)1800k/16 enemy fld gun fired several rds into		

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607 (cont'd).					following day light showers otherwise good(.)Route Out (.)Along NORTH bank BUANG to approx 598230 and N E to approx 603245 from there NORTH to approx 605260from there N E to approx 620263 Route In (.)620263 to 605260 SOUTH to 605255 then SOUTH to BUANG and then to F.B.(.)Time Out 0700k/17 (.)Time In1200k/20(.)4 days emergency rations(.)Result (.)Unable to reach coast owing to condition of man(.) Details(.)Left F B 0700k/17and proceeded along NORTH bank BUANG to 598230 and then proceeded in a NE direction and crossed bench cut track at approx 578230(.) This track runs in a E W direction(.)On interrobation of PB BARRAWINI this track runs to old NGVR hut mentioned in previous SUGARLOAF patrol of Pte SYKES and JACKA track was wide and stony but has NOT been used for a long time(.)The going very hard(.)At 1110k/17 a light footprint going in a 130 degrees unable to distinguish whether native footprint or shoe(.)Very indistinct (.)Moved NE to 605260(.)Made first fighting base at this point(.)Night k/17/18 was spent at this base(.)k/18 I NCO and 4 OR's had return to F B owing to colds and exhausted nervous condition (.)Remainder 1 offr and 8 OR's moved along NORTH side SUGARLOAF towards coast(.) 1000k/18 discovered large felled tree very cut(.)1125 from approx 614262 trees were heard being felled in direction 256 degrees and further trees were felled EST of the point(.)A shout preceded the falling of 1 tree(.)It was thought that the felling was taking place in vicinity of creek shown on WAGO 1 inch(.)I offr 3 or's of patrol then pushed on towards coast but only reached MR 620263(.)This portion of patrol stopped out night k/18/19(.)Other members reutrned to fighting base(.)0600k/19 4 members returned to fighting base (.)0730 it was then decided patrol return FB.(.)1345k/18 heavy A/A in derection 51 degrees(.)One U/I A/C passed overhead (.)Return journey via SOUTH to 605255 SW to 598245 and South to BUANG and WEST to FB(.)Deduction(.) Enemy may be fortifying a posn along the creek NORTH of SUGARLOAF (.)Interrogation of PB BARRAWINI states that he thinks that LABU natives are cutting timber to build houses	
608 S010	Overseer Electrician		2020k/20 2255k/20	Ref B.W. 2 (.)NGARANENO	I.O. 569
609 Z81	Kima	Adv Bito	06000655	(Ref O 6.) AMN. Return.	RSM.
610 B 13	LEBI	HQ WAMPIT FORCE	0630 0655	Daily Amn return	RSM.
611 K154	Bomo	Adv Bito	06400655	(Ref O 6) AMN. Return	RSM.
612 Q740	WAMPIT FORCE	NGF	0825	Amn return up till 2359 20 Aug. Amn increase 60 ft Fuz inst 160 ft amn expendedin action 9mm OSMG 232 ·303 bdr & charger 103 36 Gren hand 9.	
613 I1476	REAR BITO	FWD BITO	0700 0740	SECRET SITREP to 0700k/21. 0155k/21 1 u/i a/c flying NORTH over SUNSHINE otherwise SITNOR.	
614 I322	BOMO	BITO	0730 0740	SITREP to 0730k/21 no further word from SMOKY otherwise SITNOR.	
615 IR582	DUPA LEBI	ADV BITO	0700 0806	SECRET SITREP 268 to 0700k/21. DUPA SITNOR. LEBI SITNOR.	
616 JG539	DUPA	ADV BITO	0700 0806	Amn return.	
617 JG542	DUPA	Adv BITO	0708 0806	Strengbh dtate at staging camp	

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432	(cont'd)				BOISI	area wounding 5 own tps(.)NASSAU defs(.)Patrols 3 Japs observed 18 00 and 1830k/16 on SOUTH bank BOITI xixxx SOUTH at 812827 and 816826(.)Japs were fired on and disappeared intobush(.)RAA(.)1830k/16 Bty C 217 fd arty BN engaged Jap posns on NORTH end KOMIATUM RIDGE(.)WELLS OP(.)During afternoon arty registered staging area 700 yds WEST of KOMIATUM area(.)All informed	I.OK	
433	E 339	TOJO	24 Bn	1430	1900	0915 hrs gun flashed at WARNER PT. ref PHOTO map 0304 LAE 134179 similar flash seen VOCO POINT (.)0740-1400 truck mvt WEBBS VACUUM HILLSIDE area.	I.O.	
434	O 300	Adv Div	24 Bn	0810	19 00	SECRET SITREP 356 to 0800k/17(.)Nothing further to report All informed	I.O.	
435	A1235	15Bde	24 Bn	1319	1900	VX 104158 Lt IRVING W.M. arrived this H.Q. AM 17 Aug 43	Adjt.	
436	I 64	3 Div	24 Bn	1326	1900	MT. SAVIGE approved.	I.O.	
437	EL655	D Coy	24 BN	1820	1955	SECRET SITREP 112 to 1800k/17(.)Patrol No 3 in 1500k/17(.)Found JAP sig lines across MALOLO track 691038 NO enemy observed	I.O.	
438	JG524	Dupa	Bito fwd	1830	2035	MPT.	Adjt	I.O.
439	TT 3	KULU	Bito Adv	1855	1930	AMN Return		RSM.
440	I 1457	BitoBito	Adv	1900	1930	SITREPto 1900k/17(.)A Coy(.)SITNOR(.)SUNSHINE O.P. 1315k/1430k/ bombing direction SALAMAUA	I.O.	
441	IR37	Dupa Lebi	BITO	1900	2012	SECRET SITREP 258 to 1900k/17(.)DUPA DEX 310372 WAIME(.)1725k/17 1 U/I A/C heard SOUTH of camp heading S.W. LEBI camp 5 307482WAIME 1400k/17 number of U/I A/C circled and flew S E.WINDOW 491499 NADZAB 1 inch(.)Launch crossings 1410k/17N toS 2(.)1415k/17 S toN 7. 1420K/17 N to S 2 (.)1425k/17 S toN 7 . 1430k/17 N to S 2(.)1435k/17 S to N 8(.) 1530k/17 N to S 5(.) 1530k/17 S to N 3. 1600k/17 S to N 4 (.)1645k/17N to S 2(.) 1650k/17 S to N 5(.)1815k/17 S to N (.)1825k/17 S to N 1830 N to S 1835 S to N 1846 S to N (.)Visibility poor number of persons from 1810 NOT observed(.)DEEP CREEK patrol report at 1100k/17 3 natives observed on NORTH bank opposite mouth SLUGGISH CREEK MR 538449 NADZAB (.) Otherwise SITNOR.	I.O.	
442	I 61	Bito Adv	Smoky	1905		BUILDER I BITO directs that the following infm be submitted to him through BOMO(.) Ref patrol 15 Aug led by L/Sgt FOX(.)xx 1.Patrol orders .2.Details of route ordered. 3.Object of patrol.4.Spot where patrol was told to sleep night 15/16 AUG.5.How were they to harass enemy special orders or instruction to be quoted.6.How many men of patrol of 14 AUG which found barricade were in FOX patrol and were they used as guides .7.Was patrol leader experienced	Sig.	516
443	I 312	Bomo	Bito	1930	1955	SITREP to 1930k/17(.)6 single engined U/I A/C NORTH over PARTEP 2 ROAMER 1 inch272212 at 1402 hrs(.) Other wise SITNOR .	I.OX	
444	RQ 26	Bito	Adv Bito rptd Bomo Dupa Lebi	1930	2035	Ref mtn. feature square 4732 to square 4933 WAGO 1 inch spot height is 10,000ft(.) Approval given for this feature be named MT. SAVIGE (.)Please amend all maps accordingly	I.O.	396
445	RQ 27	BitoRear Bomo Dupa rptd Bito fwd		1940	2035	Re KIMA personnel(.)Please submit nominal roll and present location of personnel att. to Coy(.)Any mvt or evacuation owing sickness will notified to KIMA immediately and destination stated.	Adjt.	
446	RQ 28	24 Bn	Bito rptd fwd	1950	2035	For S.D.attention Capt. CLARKE(.)Ref SD 3664(.)Tng. publication NOT to hand(.)M.F.O. knows nothing (.)Can you help your end.	Adjt.	

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604	0363	3Div	24Bn	2030	2228	SECRET SITREP 349 to 2000k/20(.)15 Bde(.)1100k/19 areas 701964 703961 occupied (.)B pl 2/3 Ind Coy moved EAST from 700959 to a posn on BENCH CUT TRACK(.)B Coy 2/7 Bn at 704958(.)D Coy 58/59 Bn along line of BENCH CUT TRACK from ERSKINE CK to 704958(.)Enemy located at junc ORODUBI and KOMIATUM track 706947(.)162 US Regt comd post now 744938(.)0930k/20 Coy I advanced but MG fire from 737948 and returned (.)1100k/20 patrol from Coy L also unable to advance against same posn(.) NO cas(.)All informed	C.O.	
605	JF155	Bl.1 Bomo	Bl.11 Bito rptd Bl.2 Bomo	1330	2228	The map and aerial photo give a very poor expression of what the country is really like(.) On the SOUTH bank the feature runs from the coast WEST to approx 900 ft and has sheer drop to the river(.)The NORTH bank has a 1 in 4 slope(.)This offers us the only side to manouvre from (.)All tracks cut on NORTH side cross ridge after and the climb from the river to SUGARLOAF is 400 ft(.)Any movement along NORTH bank at river level means hacking through sac-sac layer cum hither vine and tangled roots(.)The swamp fans out into a large delta covered with the above mentioned foliage (.)The river follows a very erratic course and is riddled with dry water coures which make the combing of the area very difficult (.)The river is very treacherous and speed is 10 to12 knots other parts are much faster(.)Old tracks from LINEA CREEK to coast crosses river 13 times(.)New track along NORTH bank crosses twice (.)TRack from LINEA CREEK to MAPOS is one most strenous and exhausting that troops are covering (.)Climb from MAPOS to 8,000 ft and drops 5,000 ft to LEGA and furhter 3,000 ft to LINEA (.)It follows one continuous ridge allthe way (.)Only two positions give good observation(.)LINEA and LITTLE LEGA(.)Camp site is well chosen at junction of LINEA CREEK and BUANG River(.)TRoops are sleeping in American tents and humpys up off the ground(.)This still does NOT prevent them from suffering from itch(.)Hygiene and sanitation in the area is good (.)From contact with enmey it has been estimated that JAP ambush 630219 contains at least one pl(.)Armaments 1 .55MG 3 Bren type and other automaticweapons (.)The task appears to be to hold off any attempt to cut through the LAE - SALAMAUA supply line and they have placed a large force in these posns to hold it open at all costs (.)They do NOT appear towant to engage us if they can satisfactorily full fill their role even though they are far in excess to our men and fire power (.) Owing to the health of our troops it has always been difficult to muster more than 40 per cent of the force and of that 40 per cent of them are suffering from some type ailment(.) After a large patrol the troops available drop to 30 per cent(.)THE spirit of these tps is willing but the human body cannot stand up to the job that is being imposedupon them(.)All our movements are across country and tracks have to be hewn out of the jungle(.)The strain imposedon the tpswith this type of work is having its effect(.)Cuts fester quickly and itch ringworm tinea and colds are prevalent(.)90 per cent of troops in this area have worked here before and the complaint that was contracted on their visit are occurring(.)It takes considerable time for these troops to properly regain their health(.)With 11 pl just relieved I have combed out my company for the fittest men nad they are here at present (.)I therefore find that the next relief must come from some other source than BOMO 21 AUGUST	C.O.	
606	Phone Bito 11FS 0205 - 21AUGUST 43.					AIR FLASH - 1 c/l a/c in SOUTH flying WEST		S19
607	JF156	Bomo	Bito	1630 k/20	2305 k/20	SECRET (.)SUGARLOAF patrol WAGC 1 inch (.)Fighting patrol from LINEA CREEK patrol leader Lieut CHILDS 1 NCO 12 OR'S left F B k/17(.) Armaments 1 bren 5 OSMG's 2 snipers rifles 6 rifles 1 2 gren. per man booby trap material and cup discharger(.)Object(.)Object to proceed via NORTH side SUGARLOAF and harass enemy L of C (.)WEather first night and afternoon 21 AUG. 43.	C.O.	

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447	08380	NGF rptd	3 Div WAMPIT FORCE	1230	2120	Fwd Sitreps direct to H.Q. N.G.F. as at 0800K and 2000k each day(.)First Sitrep as at 2000k/17.	I.O.
448	I 62	WAMPIT FORCE	NGF rptd	2022		SECRET(.)SITREP 2 to 2000k/17(.)24 Bn(.)1402k/17 6 U/I A/C NORTH 12,000 ft over PARTEP 2 272212 ROAMER 1 inch(.)1725k/17 1 U/I A/C heard SOUTH of 310372 WAIME 1 inch(:)B Coy PIB (.)1400k/17 unknown number U/I A/C circled then flew S E over WAMPIT 307482 WAIME 1inch 20,000ft(.) O.P.491449 NADZAB 1 inch 1410k/17 launches made 10 crossings SOUTH to NORTH 6 XXXXX crossings NORTH to SOUTH bank MARKHAM RIVER vic NEW LABU ISLAND(.)Sq 5443 NADZAB 1 inch saw 3 natives NORTH bank MARKHAM RIVER approx 538449(.)All informed	Sig.
449	E340	TOJO	24 Bn	1900	2233	1445 to 1718 truck mvt WEBB'S ,ECKOFFS ,VACUUM(.)1500 6 sailboats from vic MT MARKHAM towards NEW LABU(.)1730 barges active harbour(.)1745 2 barges from LAE arrived LABU 1811	I.O.
450	I 63	24 Bn	3 Div	2230	-	B Coy P.I.B. have requested JAP two toed boots for use by their EUROPEAN personnel when moving in enemy occupied territory because of distictive track made by AUST pattern boots(.)Can you assist please.	Sig.
451	ID 43	Smoky	Bomo rptd BitoAdv	1730	2233	SECRET SITREP to 1730k/17(.)0700k/17 fighting patrol of 1 offr 1 NCO 12 Ors left FIRM BASE 543214 WAGO to reach SUGARLOAF and coast via LABU pad ref sketch sent and NORTH BUANG River(.)Then N.E. through scrub to SUGARLOAF after reaching approx 580224(.)NOT expected back till evening k/20(.) Otherwise SITNOR?	I.O.
452	IP42	Smoky	Bomo rptd BitoAdv	1900k/16 2233k/17		Patrol from FIRM BASE 543214 WAGO will leave 0645k/17 for SUGARLOAF and are expected back evening k/20(.)Object to reach coast via SUGARLOAF(.)Strength 1 Offr 1 Nco 12Ors Estimated route(.)Along bank NORTH Bank of BUANG River to approx 580224 and thence through bush in N.E. direction to SUGARLOAF and coast.	I.O.
453	JH/51	3Div	24Bn	2010	0045	For BUNSELL(.)Please forward photographs voting direct to COL FENTON public relations N.G.F. Sendings four films interum supply Writing few days.	I.O.
454	Q1888	3 Div	24Bn	1530	0245	(Ref Q717/15) Your Q695 cannot be traced this H.Q's.(.)Please repeat 18 AUGUST 43	Adjt 290
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455	K150	Bomo	BitoAdv	0640	0714	(Ref 0.6) ANM Return.	R S M
456	I1459	Bito Rear	Bito Adv	0700	0714	SECRET SITREP to 0700k/18(.) SITNOR.	LIL
457	IR538	Dupa Lebi	Adv Bito	0700	0714	SCERET SITREP 259 to 0700k/18 (.) DUPA SITNOR (.) LEBI SITNOR.	I.O.
458	Q6013	N.G.F.	rptd WAMPIT FORCE	1315/172107/17		SECRET (.)Ref MY memo 6(0)988 ref air warnings and coast watching system(.)28 natives carriers required will be provided by 3 DIV on first priority. ANGAU issued necessary details.	Adjt
459	ID44	SMOKY	BOMO	0530	0800	SECRET SITREP to 0530k/18. SITNOR.	I.O.
460	I313	BOMO	BITO	0730	0800	SITREP to 0730k/18. SITNOR.	I.O.
461	I65	WAMPIT FORCE	NGF rptd.	0800		SECRET SITREP 3 to 0800k/18. 24 Bn. 0700k/17 patrol strength 14 left 543214 WAGO 1 in for coast track LAE-SALAMAUA via SUGARLOAF. B Coy. PIB. SITNOR. All informed.	Sig.
462	Q723	WAMPIT FORCE.	N.G.F.	0830		Amn. return up till 2359 hrs. 17 Aug 43. Amn increase NIL. Amn expended. Murray Switches 6 Cortex 30 ft FID 80 ft ammunition expended in action.	Sigs 530

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588		(contd)				Camp 7 ,417518 NADZAB 1 inch(.)1530k/20 1 small fire 411620 NADZAB 1 inch 1550 1 small fire 421552 NADZAB (.) Otherwise SITNOR		—
589	I1476	Bito rear Fwd	Bito	1900	1918	SECRET SITREP to 1900k/20(.)SITNOR	I.O.	-
590	EL687	D Coy 24Bn		1755	1918	SECRET SITREP 121 to 1700k/20(?)SITNOR	I.O.	-
591	PP 6	KULU Adv	Bito	1843	1918	AMN Return	RSM.	-
592	I 322	Bomo	Bito	1930	1932	SITREP to 1930k/20(.) SITNOR	I.O.	-
593	Q736	WAMPIT FORCE ENGRS 15 Fd Amb	2/14 Fd Coy		1938	Ref our Memo Amn Returns 17 Aug 43 (.)Please advise immediately	Sig	-
594	Q736	24Bn rptd rear Bito	D Coy	1955		VX70717 L/Cpl FEATHERBY L.C. will be att. B Coy. now	Sig	-
595	Q737	WAMPIT FORCE	3 Div	2125		SECRET(.)0253 states 24 Bn less D Coy under comd. WAMPIT FORCE (.)Please advise if 9 pl. 24 Bn att 58/59 Bn reverts to comd 24 Bn		758.
596	Q738	WAMPIT FORCE	3 Div	2200		Ref A108/43 of 31 JUL N C O vacancies N G F school commencing 22 Aug(.)Owing sickness transfers none now accepted	Sig.	
597	E352	TOJO	24 Bn	1900	2022	1405 - 1900 heavy mist and rain nothing to report	I.O.	
598	1 81	WAMPIT FORCE	NGF	2014		SECRET SITREP 8 to 2000k/20(.) 24 Bn(.) BUANG AREA(.)Patrol 17 - 20 Aug towards coast via SUGARLOAF sq 6125 WAGO 1 inch could NOT proceed further EAST than 620263(.)Heard trees bein g felled vic CREEK sq 6126 but NO enemy contacted(.)1128k/20 unknown number U/I A/C NW 10,000 ft over 272212 ROAMER 1 inch(.)B Coy PIB (.)0845 - 1640k/20 motor launch made 9 trips from NORTH to SOUTH bank MARKHAM RIVER vic NEW LABU ISLAND and return(.)1125k/20 7 ZEKES WEST over DEX & 309371 NADZAB 1 inch(xx) 20,000 ft(.)1130k/20 2 small fires seen 275515 and 258529 WAGO 1 inch 1530k/20 small fire 411520 NADZAB 1 inch(.)1550k/20 fire seen 421552 NADZAB 1 inch(.) All informed	Sig;	
599	I82	Bito	All Coys	2245		Unit casualties (.)VX 104474 Pte MATHEWS W.L. wounded at 682023 SALAMAUA I/25,000 1310k/19(.) V 351810 Pte McFARLANE D.R. wounded ORODUBI 1400k/19(.)On D/I list k/20(.) All informed	Sig.	
600	Q739	24Bn rptd Bito rear D Coy	KATU	2250		Please move X-list personnel to D Coy 24 Bn (.) Cpl PESTELL Ptes AHEARN BOYCE BURNS JB CHILTON HARLING HASLEM HODGETTS HIRST McGREGOR PYGALL WHITE AGW IRVING CM BANKS LF DALTAN HAYWARD PLUMRIDGE BARR CF QUIRK STOWE SAKER	Sig 683	
601	EL689	D Coy 24Bn		1930	2228	Amend cas return(.) VX 104474 Pte MATHEWS L. reported missing 19 Aug now missing believed killed	Adjt.	
602	EL686	D Coy 24Bn		1752	2228	VX 104482 Pte MURPHY has returned this HQ from MSP HOTE	Adjt.	
603	EL688	D Coy 24 Bn		1900	2228	MALOLO(.) 1848k/20 10 shots and grenade heard NE from OP direction NEW WAMASU (.)Deduction patrol No 5 contacted enemy.	I.O.	

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463	Q724	BITO ADV	DUPA	0950	.	Ref Q 684 Q 704 Q 715 grenade trg advise forthwith.	Sigs
464	Q725	"	BOMO DUPA	0955	.	Ref Q611 reading of RO⁶ advise immediately	Sigs
465	Q726	24 Bn	N.G.F. rptd 3 Div	1000		Request that following personnel on X list be returned to this unit as soon as possible. Urgently required as instructors in unit trg cadre. VX 104154 Lieut. H.H. CASEY detained as witness C of I N.G.F. Trg School. Sgt R.S. BARSTOWE V40344 Cpl D.I. DOWNING both 1 Aust Corps Recreation Camp. Q 695 addsd 3 Div refers.	
466	JG625	DUPA	BITO fwd.	0825	0927	Lieut SMITH left this mng for TIMNE.	1.0 ADJT
467	JG525	DUPA	BITO fwd.	0700	0927	Amn return	R.S.M.
468	PHONE			0955	.	AIRFLASH. 8 ZEROS flying towards LAE, 10,000' over KIRKS OP	11 FS
469	"			1000		AIRFLASH number U/I A/C heading SW. approx 15000' from BENS OP and WINDOW.	11 FS
470	"			1038		AIRFLASH " " " flying WEST over PARTEP 2 heading SOUTH approx 12000'.	11 FS
471	"	BOMO	BITO fwd.	1050	—	3 ord. arrived KETI safely.	1.0. ADJT
472	I65	BITO ADV	DUPA rptd SMOKY, BOMO.	1055	.	Rte WHEAT to relieve CPL. LANGFORD at SMOKY FORCE ⊙ Will leave DUPA this aftn.	SIGS
473	E341	TOJO	24 BN	0715	1100	2200 to 0635 vis NIL. 0650 3 barges to MALAHANG CK. returned. 1 barge moving between CHAPMANS PT. and LABU.	1.0.
474	E342	TOJO	24 BN	1000	1145	Re QX 252 2 galls oil per mth reqd provided 4 galls kerosene received ⊙ Present stock of petrol and oil will just last 2 mths from AUG 24	10 Adj
475	Phone				1245	BUILDER 1 BOMO arrived MOPO.	10 Adj
476	I314	BOMO	BITO	1330	1345	SITREP to 1330 K/18 No. U/I A/C WEST of PARTEP 2 flying SOUTH 12 000 ft approx at 1038 hrs ⊙ NO further word from SMOKY Otherwise SITNOR.	10 Adj
477	IR540	DUPA LEBI	BITO FWD	1300	1345	SECRET SITREP 260 to 1300 K/18 ⊙ DUPA SITNOR ⊙ LEBI Camp 5 304482 WAIME 1 inch. Camp 12 429414 NADZAB 1 inch 0945 K/18 number U/I A/C flying N.W. at 15 000 ft. WINDOW 492449 NADZAB 1 inch ⊙ 1130 K/18 one P38 flew direction LAE circled NEW LABU ISLAND and then flew WEST launch crossing 0800 K/18 N to S 2 ⊙ 0905 K/18 S to N 4 0915 K/18 N to S 2 ⊙ 0935 K/18 S to N 7 ⊙ Visibility very poor Otherwise SITNOR	10 Adj
478	COURIER	from DUPA			1345	INT REPORT for 17 AUG. 2 NADZAB PROV MAPS 2 WAIME PROV MAPS.	
479	0311	Adv 3 Div	24 Bn	1430	1457	SITREP 337 to 1400 K/17 ⊙ At 0900 K/17 24 Bn and 57/60 Bn were removed from Comd 3 Div and placed under comd N.G.F and 5 AF respectively ⊙ 57/60 Bn ⊙ 1505 to 1520 K/16 unknown Number enemy A/C attacked TSILI TSILI All A/C intercepted ⊙ Preliminary report A/C shot down 3 ZEKES certain ⊙ one THUNDERBOLT certain ⊙ U/I A/C one certain 2 probables ⊙	18 AUG

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584	continued					contact missing men from D Coy 2/7 BN pl and 2/3 Ind Coy failed (.) A patrol from C pl 2/3 Ind Coy moving to contact B pl struck a Jap LMG on spur between their posns(.) Our cas 1 wounded(.) Patrol to the WEST flank D Coy also struck Japs on morning 18 Aug party from D Coy 58/59 Bn moved fwd to establish ambushnposn on KOMIATUM track at 706957 (.) A party from A Coy also moved out to establish an ambush at 701941(.) At 1145k/19 preceded by 30 min mortar and MMG fire C Coy attacked ORODUBI and by 1430k/19 had captured the posn (.) At 1310k/19 a patrol 24 BN contacted an ambush at 682033 (.) Our cas 1 wounded (.) 17 BDE (.) B Coy 2/5 BN now dug in at track junc 707919 (.) A Coy passing through B Coy to contact LAVERS FORCE (.) 2 HMGs and 1 MTN gun both with amn were daptured (.) A Coy 2/6 BN moved NORTH along KOMIATUM SPUR without encountering opposition (.) Disposns as follows - A Coy less 9 pl 708937 9 pl 707929 and patrolling fwd to 706946(.) A patrol from LAVERS KNOLL down EASTERN slopes of ridge and discoverd a track about 6 feet wide which appears to have been used considerably during night 18/19 Aug (.) Approx 5 0 Japs were observed and engaged some cas were inflicted by the patrol (.) Area later engaged by 42 BN MMG and Mortars (.) Coy C 162 U.S. Regt occupying MT TAMBU report a few stragglers in the area (.) 0625 to 0635k/19 42 BN posn shelled(.) Our cas 3 killed 6 wounded (.) All informed.		
585	C359	3 DIV	24 BN	1430	1720	SECRET SITREP 348 to 1400k/20 (.) 15 BDE (.) First light 20 Aug B Coy 2/7 BN relieved A Pl 2/3 Ind Coy (.) Tk/A pl relieved B pl (.) 17 BDE (.) HQ 2/5 BN now 705915 (.) 0930k/20 15 Pl 2/5 BN occupied enemy posns 707944 (.) Jap mtn gun reported in pieces scattered along KOMIATU track (.) A and B Coyy 2/5 BN patrolling EAST and NORTH along WARFES CK (.) 29 BN (.) 13 PL C Coy 42 BN rejoined COY HQ(.) RAA (.) 2 Jap guns damaged (.) A/A guns SALAMAUA neutralised during air attack AM 20 Aug (.) All informed.	C.O.	
586	ID49	SMOKY BOM		1730	1954 rptd BITO	SECRET SITREP to 1730k/20 (.) Fighting patrol from FIRM BASE 543214 WAGO 1 inch left 0700k/17 returned 1200k/20 (.) Route follows (.) NORTH bank of BUANG to approx 598230 and NE to approx 603245 from there NORTH to approx 605260 from there NE to 620263 (.) unable to reach coast owing to condition of men (.) Morning k/17 a bench cut track running EAST to WEST approx M.R. 578230 encountered (.) PB said track runs to NGVR hut mentioned in previous SUGSRLOSF patrol of PTE SYKES AND JACKA (.) Disused but wide and stony (.) 0900k/18 fighting base made 605260 (.) 1 NCO 4 Ors returned to FIRM BASE because of illhealth (.) 1 offr 8 ors moved along NORTH side of SUGARLOAF towards coast (.) 1000 hrs large fellen tree encountered(.) 1125 from appr 614262 tree heard being felled in direction 356 degrees magnetic and EAST of that direction(. A shout preceded felling of 1 tree felling probably taking place along creek shown on WAGO sheet(.) 1 offr 3 ors endeavoured to push to coast but only reached approx 620263 and spent the night k/18/19 there (.) 0800k/19 patrol left fighting base and returned to firm base LINIA CK (.) Route (.) SOUTH to 605255 SW to 598245 SOUTH to BUANG thence WEST to FIRM BASE (Enemy may he fortified posn NORTH of SUGARLOAF (.) PB thinks LABU natives may be felling timbers to build houses (.) Patrol strength was 1 off 1 NCO and 12 Ors (.) Otherwise SITNOR.	C.O.	
587	I 80	24 BN	D Coy	1845		Your SITREP 199 mentions missing man (.)Is this VX104474 Pte MATHEWS L.(.)If so where is man left to cover him(.)If NOTstate name ofmissing man	Sig.	562
588	I 551	Dupa	Bito	1900	1918	SECRET SITREP 267 to 1900k/20(.) DUPA SITNOR (.)LEBI WINDOW 491449 NADZAB 1 inch launch cross-ings 1245k/20 S to N 2 (.)1255k N to S 8(.) 1305k S to N 2(.)1400k N to S 2 (.) 1425k S to N 3(.)1435k N to S 6(.)1440k S to N 2 (.) 1600K N to S 2(.) 1640K S to N 3(.)	20 AUG	
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479 contd						(INFM 15 Bde © 2/3 Ind Coy listening post KM140VM track reports 1240 to 1550 K/16. 61 JAPS NORTH fully equipped © 8 SOUTH carrying packs © night 16/17 AUG harassing fire onto South Coconuts and Erskine Ck area © 17 Bde © during night 16/17 Aug Japs pied intermittently into OUR posns 707924 © at 0400 K/17 considerable MG fire heard to SOUTH and WEST of our posns © 6 all for def. fire was answered by arty and MMGs which broke up attack © Japs reached a point approx 50 yds SOUTH of 707924 before returning © estimated Japs had one Lt. mortar one MMG and 2 LMGs © At first light a number of enemy dead and some equipment was observed in front of our posns © OUR cas one wounded © 29 Bde © night 16/17 AUG patrol from 18 pl 47 Bn 696893 heard mvt and engaged area with grenades © Investigation revealed signs where wounds had been dressed © 162 VS Right 2230 K/16 coy in outpost on NW end Roosevelt Ridge was attacked by small party Japs attack repulsed © Several other small attacks were made but all were driven off with grenades and MG fire(.) RAA / DIV(.)2330k/16 4 shells fell in ~~XXX~~ 205 Fd Arty Bn gun posn (.) NO damage(.) NO cas(.) 0700k/17 2 Jap naval guns engaged our posns vic LAVERS KNOLL from KELA HILL (.) Bty C 205 Fd Arty BN engaged these guns (.) 1033k/17 ty A Fd Arty Bn lightly shelled NO damage(.) RAE 3 Div (.) 1200k/16 HQ 11Fd Coy opened 745934 All informed		1.0 -
480	L661	25BN (Dcoy)	15Bde rptd 24Bn	1200/	1415	SITREP 114 to 1200k/18 SITNOR	1.0 -
481	I66	24Bn Adv	3Div Adv	1456		Ref 3 Div SITREPS (.) AS this unit has 1 coy and 1 Pl still comitted in your area can your Sitrepa to this unit continue	Sigs 538
482	IR541	Dupa	Bito Fwd	1445/	1523	Pte WHEAT left DEX 1330k/18 for TIMNE	
483	Courier			1755		Bar Returns, C.S.O's, F.S.P.C's, Proforma Patrol Contact Report, Int. Summary to 0800k/18. 3 Mago maps.	1.0 - ADJT 1.0 -
484	C142	LEBI	BITO ADV	1551	1755	2 Rifle Covering Contractor Stores were lost in action K/13 © 2 OSMG's 2 rifles © could be given Samoa replaced as soon as possible © Replacement of rifles NOT necessary.	ADJT -
485	Q728	WAU/AT FORCE	N.G.	1905		Please advise when arrival of reinforcement officers TOMKINSON, BLETCHLEY, EDWARDS, RAMEY, STEINHEVER can be expected © officers from Lae acute.	
486	IR542	Dupa. Lebi	Bito Fwd	1900	1950	SECRET © SITREP 261 to 1900K/18 © DUPA © SITNOR © LEBI © window 492446 © NADZAB 1 inch © 1315K/18 Allied a/c over LAE dropped bombs 2 columns of smoke rising NTH of LAE tree 694393 LAE 1 inch © DEEP CREEK patrols reports 1100K/18 2 kanakas on NTH bank of river NR 550442 NADZAB 1 inch © Camp 12 429441 NADZAB 1 inch ©	CO 18AUGL'

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576	IR550DUPA LEBI	ADV BITO		1300	1330	SECRET SITREP 266 to 1300k/20. DUPA DEX 310372 NADZAB 1100k/20 to 1145k/20 16 P47 circling around area. LEBI DEX 309371 NADZAB 1135k/20 7 Zekes passed overhead heading WEST 20000 ft. Camp 5 307482 WAIME 2 small fires 275515 258529 WAIME at 1130K320. WINDOW 491449 NADZAB 2 inch. launch crossing 0845k/20 NORTH to SOUTH 0850k/20 SOUTH to NORTH numbers NOT observed. 0855k/20 NORTH to SOUTH 2 0900k/20 SOUTH to NORTH 6. 1005k/20 NORTH to SOUTH 5. 1010k/20 SOUTH to NORTH 2. 1105k/20 NORTH to SOUTH 2. 1110k/20 SOUTH to NORTH 4. 1235k/20 NORTH to SOUTH 10. 1205k/20 8 Japs swimming near NORTH bank river M.R. 582435
577	QZ81	KIMA	ADV BITO	1315	1346	Amn return.
578	I320	BOMO	BITO	1330	1346	SITREP to 1330k/20 1128 hrs number u/i a/c WEST over PARTEP II ROAMER 1 inch 272212. NO further word from SMOKY otherwise SITNOR.
579	0345	3 DIV	24 Bn	0832	1530	SECRET. SITREP 247 to 0800k/20. 15 Bde. 1550k/19 C coy 2/7 Bn came under comnd 15 Bde and were placed under comnd 58/59 Bn. enemy ambush posn pin pointed between 6 pl 2/3 indep coy and D coy 2/7 Bn. Ref SITREP 244 all members isolated. party now accounted for except 3 ors still missing harrassing fire onto enemy posn 701964 and 702961 brought answering fire from MMG and 2 LMG. 1600k/19 C coy 2/7 Bn occupied knoll 693937 without opposition. 1730k/19 recce patrol A Coy 58/59 Bn reported 697942 clear of enemy. 1400k/19 B Coy 58/59 Bn occupied 702946 with fighting patrol 13 pl and 9 pl 24 Bn occupied ORODUBI without opposition 3 wounded by booby traps. 17 Bde 1400k/19 A Coy 2/5 Bn having moved through B Coy at junction KOMIATUM mt TAMBU track contacted D Coy 2/7 Bn at 707927. C Coy 2/7 Bn was held up by enemy at 706947. Arty fire brought down on this posn. C coy could make NO headway and dug in at 706843. 14 Japs killed in mopping up operations which are still proceeding on EAST side of KOMIATUM. Highest point Mt TAMBU 716917 occupied by 2 pl Coy A 16 n 162 regt. Only few stragglers encountered. Estimated 250 bodies found buried in trenches as result of arty and mortar fire 1230k/19 contact made with 1 Bn. Ambush posn 718927 encountered 12 Japs killing all. D Coy 42 Bn less 1 pl 280947. 1 pl 723952. 162 Regt demolition patrol blew up large amn dump on LOKAMU pen. 1 Jap cemetry found at BULAMRUM contained at least 100 graves. Standing patrol at 748957. 19 Aug Coy I killed 14 Japs by sniper fire. Patrol from I and R pl located enemy posn unknown strength 725955. RAA 3 Bty 205 Bn engaged Jap parties crossing FRANCISCO mouth and 738988. All informed.
	RQ31 (See previous page)					
580	B10	LEBI	WAMPIT FORCE	1440	1450	Amn return.
581	E350					
581	E 350	TOJO	24 Bn	1430	1610	0910 to 1425 hrs truck movement WEBB's VACUUM ECHOFFS large fires seen SENGAUR plantation.
582	ID48	SMOKY	BITO	1130	1620	SECRET SITREP to 1130k/20(.) SITNOR.
583	RQ34	Rear BITO	Adv BITO	1450	1645	Dental clinic WAU advises NO dental treatment available for personnel this area for approx fortnight (.) Appointments must be now made(.) Please furnish names personnel awaiting treatment showing treatment required (.) Extractions fillings dentures upper and lower partial or full sets and whether remodel or repair(.) On names being submitted this HQ will arrange appointments and call personnel forward as appointments are made(.) no further personnel for dental treatment are to be sent down till advice redd from HQ.
584	0 3483	DIV	24BN	2050 19th	1610	SECRET SITREP 684 348 to 2000k/19 (.) 15 BDE (.) During morning 19 Aug further patrol to

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486.	(cont'd)					BWARIP patrol report ⊙ 1200 K/18 2 kanakas NTH bank river MR 429542 NADZAB 1 inch ⊙ Otherwise SITNOR		
487.	I1465	Bito Rear	Bito Fwd.	1900	1950	SECRET SITREP to 1930 K/18 ⊙ 0820 K/18 1 u/1 a/c in SOUTH ⊙ OTHERWISE SITNOR	I.O.	
488.	I315	Bomo	BITO	1930	2013	SITREP to 1930 K/18 NO further word from SMOKY otherwise SITNOR	I.O.	
489.	ID45	Smoky	BITO	1730	2013	SECRET SITREP to 1730 K/18 ⊙ NO news of SUGARLOAF patrol K/18 10 pl with 7 attach KULU now compose SMOKY force Otherwise SITNOR	Co.	
490	EL665	D Coy	24 Bn	1801	2013	SECRET SITREP 115 to 1800 K/18 ⊙ 1753 K/18 3 u/1 persons observed swimming N.W MISSION Pto Otherwise SITNOR	Co.	
491	~~15 Bde~~ A.1249	~~24 Bn~~ 15 3de	24 Bn	1030	2013	For ADMS ⊙ received in with Lt. IRVING from 24 Bn 503/1	Adjt.	
492	OS613	KATU	N.G.F. rptd 24 Bn	1025	2013	For DDOS from CARSON ⊙ B. Coy P.I.B request supply two toed ~~patern~~ boots similar to Jap pattern for use by EUROPEAN personnel operating in enemy occupied territory because of distinctive track made by Aust pattern by such article supplied ⊙ for 24 Bn ⊙ Advise DDLS rptd WEATHER Boots like patrol if acceptable in lieu if two toed type NOT available ⊙ Also Quantity and size required ⊙ Your T63 refers	Adjt.	494 521
493	I67	WAMPIT FORCE	N.G.F. rptd.	2020	–	SECRET ⊙ SITREP 4 to 2000 K/18 ⊙ 24 Bn ⊙ 0828 K/18 u/1 a/c SOUTH of OP 255026 BULOLO 1 inch ⊙ 1038 K/18 number u/1 a/c WEST of 272212 ROAMER 1 inch flying SOUTH 12,000 ft ⊙ B. Coy P.I.B ⊙ 0940 K/18 8 ZEKES 10000 ft over OP 304482 WAIME 1 inch flying EAST towards LAE ⊙ 1000 K/18 number u/1 a/c SW over OP 491449 NADZAB 1 inch ⊙ 0800 – 0935 K/18 motor launch made 2 trips each way across MARKHAM RIVER vic NEW LABU ISLAND ⊙ 1100 K/18 2 kanakas seen NORTH bank MARKHAM 550442 NADZAB 1 in ⊙ 1200 K/18 2 kanakas NORTH bank MARKHAM 429542 ⊙ 1315 K/18 allied a/c bombed LAE ⊙ 2 columns smoke seen 694393 LAE 1/25000 ⊙ All informed	Sig.	
494	I68	Bito Adv	Lebi	2120	–	Ref TWO-TOED JAP boots ⊙ DIV has asked whether PATROL BOOTS would be acceptable in lieu of JAP if two toed type NOT available ⊙ Consider possibility of cutting PATROL BOOTS to give two toed imprint ⊙ DIV request advice of quantity of sizes required	Sig.	521
495	I69.	Adv BITO	ZENAG Defence All Coys	2130	–	NEWS report JAP PARATROOPS attacked by our A/C WEWAK early 17 AUG ⊙ Estimated JAP cas. 1500 ⊙ Ensure that all men sleep with equipment arms and ammunition close at hand and that sentries are posted so as to give STAND TO warning if A/C heard ⊙ ACK	Sig.	496 497 498 500 501
495	E345	TOJO	24Bn	1932	2235	1500 to 1745 hrs slight truck mvt WEBBS VACUUM (.) 1750 hrs barges active in harbour (.) 1805 hrs 1 barge to LABU arrived 1823 hrs	I.O.	
496	I1466	Bito rear	Bito Adv	2215	2235	(I69 paratroops) ACK.	I.O.	495
497	ZENAG	force	Bito Fwd	2210	2235	(I 69 paratroops) ACK.	I.O.	495
498	D130	DUPA	BITO	2205	2235	(I 69 paratroops) ACK.	I.O.	495

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560	I78	WAMPIT FORCE	NGF rptd	0804		SECRET. SITREP 7 to 0800k/20. all areas. SITNOR	C.O.	
561	Q733	WAMPIT FORCE	NGF	0845		Amn return.		
562	EL179	Dcoy	24Bn	0700	0900	SECRET SITREP 199 to 0700 K/20 Fighting patrol to ambush posn reachdd destination 1000k/19 searched vic at approx 600 yds along track heading from high feature687024 in Easterly direction(.) Unable to locate missing man NO enemy observed patrol returned OP 0500k/20	R.S.M. C.O.	587
563	I1472	Rear BITO	Fwd BITO	0700	0800	SECRET STREP to 0700k/20 SITNOR		
564	I319	BOMO	BITO	0730	0800	SITREP to 0730 K/20 NO further word from SMOKY Otherwise SITNOR	C.O.	
565	JG535	DUPA	ADV BITO	0705	0900	Amn Return	C.O.	
566	E249	TOJO	24BN	0920	0945 2145 to 2300	hrs lights vic wharves approx 9 barges in harbour.	R.S.M.	
567		BOMO	BITO Fwd		1128	1128 unknown number u/i a/c flying NORTH WEST 10000 ft over PARTEP II (AIR FLASH) (BITO FWD saw at least 4 of these planes, they appeared to be fighters)	I.O.	
568		DEX	Bito Fwd		1138	8 enemy a/c 20000ft flying WEST over DEX 1135k/20 (AIR FLASH)	I.O.	
569	BW2	D.C. MARKHAM	rptd 24 Bn	0905	1148	SECRET. instructions for installations AWW wireless station MURH - MENO received by 3 Aust Div to me for action. mvt of personnel and eqpt is to be given priority and providing necessary guides to sites. ACK	Adj CO	604 571
570		Cpl NEWING	Adv Bito		1155	MOST SECRET. Signal diagram 24 Bn. area.		
571	I79	24 Bn	DO MARKHAM	1215		In reply to BW2 ⊙ ACK [Re AWW WIRELESS STATION]	Sigs	569
572	RQ30	BITO	Adv BITO rptd KULU	1130	1250	15 2Id. amt report V351810 Pte McFARLANE D.R. of 9 pl KIMA GSW both legs right hand right arm D/I list a m 20 ⊙ NO particulars of this casualty received from 58/59 Bn.	Adjt.	
573	Q338	KATU	24 Bn	0845	1250	SECRET for HQ ⊙ Arrived NASSAU BAY night 19/20 AUG ⊙ 24 Bn 1 plus 46 15 Bde HQ 10 PIB 13 15 Bn 2 47 Bn 5 3 Div 2 3 Div recpt 5 15 Amb 1 16 SUPPLY DEPOT 1 DOC 1 Capt STURRUCK and Cpl PURVES of 3 Div ⊙ Advise immediately fwd mvt of the first 2 details	Adjt.	
574	Q734	24 Bn	15 Bde BITO rptd	1408		Requested that 58/59 Bn advise this unit particulars of any casualties which occur to personnel of this unit.	Sig.	
575	Q735	24 Bn	3 Aust Div.	1435		Adm instn not yet received ⊙ Please advise when receipt can be expected	Sig.	
575a.	RQ31	WAMPIT FORCE	NGF rptd ADV BITO	0825	1415	In reply to 08407 ⊙ of 18 Aug ⊙ please repeat place of concentration of B Coy P.I.B. Coo 1 pl. ⊙ Message as received not clear		

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499	TT4	Kulu	Bito Adv	2215	2320	Ref O 6 AMN. Return.	RSM.	
500	IP43	Bomo	Bito	" 2310	2315	(Ref I 69 PARATROOPS) ACK.	I.O.	495
501	A 1	Dupa	Bito	" 2259	2320	(" I 69 ") ACK.	I.O.	495
502	EL668	D Coy 24 Bn		1950	2340	Patrol No 5(.)Out 0600k/19 in 1800k/21 route from O.P.692032 to high feature 688064 returning same route(.)Recce and observation only myt EAST and S E of feature	I.O.	
503	08407	NGF WAMPIT FORCE		18502340		MOST SECRET (.)Ref NGF operational instruction 89(.)B Coy PIB less one pl will be relieved of present task and concentrated as shown 26 AUG(.)C HQ and 1 pl WAMPIT(.)1 pl NORTH of PORT MORSEBY remain present area on relief(.)Command B Coy PIB less 1 pl under comd 7 Aust Div at 0900 26 AUG.	C.O.	524
504	O 330	3 Div 24Bn		1450	0026	SECRET SITREP 341 to 1400k/18 . Ref Sitrep 341 . NO contact has been made with 1 pl D Coy 2/7 Bn since they attacked enemy posn at 1730k/17 . The attack on A pl 2/3 Indep Coy at 1830k/17 was repulsed . The remainder of the night 17/18 Aug. quite until first light when the Jap unsucessfully attacked both A pl and D pl posn . 1 sec tank attack TK/A pl 2/7 Bn commenced to move fwd to a posn between D and A pl . 17 Bde . From 1900 to2015k/17 the Jap heavily attacked our posn on the KOMIATUM from S and W supported by by fire from ridge running N from MT TAMBU . Defensive fire from our arty and 2/2 Bn MMG together with fire from our posnbroke up four separate attacks to reach our posn on JOHNSONS KNOLL 707924 during the attack a Jap gun observed at 738012 firing onto unknown target . At 2045k/17 a further enemy attack was broken up by defensive front . During the night harssing fire was carried out by our mortarsand MMG's but there was NO further Jap activity our cas 1 killed Jap NOT known but considered heavy . ON morning 18 Aug comd post 2/5 Bn moved NORTH up KOMIATUM track to HODGES KNOLL . At 0730k/18 B Coy 2/5 Bn moved NORTH up KOMIATUM track . 11 pl made contact with Jap at 701911 . 12 pl then endeavoured to move round the WEST flank but were prevented by a steep re-entrant . A Coy less 8 pl are in posn on HODGES KNOLL . 4 and 8 pls at juncs STEPHENS and MULE track . RAA 3 Div . 1930k/17 Jap gun observed firing from vicinity at DONALDS junc. was neutralised by B bty C205 field arty Bn . All informed	C.O.	

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505	K151	Bomo Fwd	Bito	0640	0727	(Ref. 0.6) Amn. Return	R.S.M.	
506	J6530	Dupa Adv.	Bito	0655	0727	(Ref 0.6) Amn Return.	R.S.M.	
507	I.R543	Dupa Lebi	Bito Adv.	0700	0727	SECRET O SITREP 262 to 0700 K/19 O DUPA O SITNOR O LEBI O SITNOR	I.O.	
508	I.468	Bito Rear	Bito Fwd.	0700	0727	SECRET O SITREP to 0700 K/19 SITNOR. flying WEST	I.O.	
509	Phone	Bito Adv	11 F.S.	0810		AIR FLASH - No. 4/1 a/c North of PARTEP 2 O.P. Height unknown above clouds.	Sig.	
510	Q279	KIMA	Bito Adv.	0730	0808	Amn return	R.S.M.	
511	EL668	D Coy	Bito Fwd	0600	0808	SECRET SITREP 116 to 0600 K/19 SITNOR.	I.O.	
512	I 316	BOMO	BITO	0730	0808	SITREP to 0730 K/19 SITNOR.	I.O.	
513	I 470	WAMPIT Force	N.G.F. Signals	0800		SECRET SITREP No 5 to 0800 K/19	I.O.	
513A	Q729	WAMPIT Force	N.G.F.	0830		Amn Return	Sigs	

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~~551~~ 551	TT550	Kulu	AdvBde	to K/19 1145	K/20 0100	AMN. Return RSM
552	E348	TOJO	24Bn	1900 K/19	0100 K/20	1400 to 1640 hrs visibilty NIL(.)1630 to 1710 hrs slight truck mvt. WEBB'S ECHOFF'S and I.O. VACUUM (.)1708 hrs 1 barge LAE to LABU arrived 1730.
553	EI678	D Coy	24 Bn	2030 K/19	0100 K/20	Patrol No 6(.) Out 1700k/19 in 1700k/20(.)Route from BASO OP 610005 S E to Junction W.O.I.O. and BURRIS RIVER 624993 EAST to high feature 663993(.)Route in S.E. to creek Junction 6699984 then to Bde HQ' object recce from high feature 6699
554	O 334	Adv3 Div 24Bn		2025 k/19	0100 k/20	SITREP 342 to 2000k/18 (.)15 Bde (.)0730k/18 patrol from 2/3 Indep Coy observed 2 Japs on the Jap L of C at 701964(.)On morning 17 Aug Fighting patrol from A Coy 58K59 Bn moved out from TIMBERED KNOLL and after proceeding 650 yds discovered ths Jap L of C to ORODUBI 1600k/17 our patrol fired on party of 10 Japs killing 4 our casualties 2 wounded(.) Ref Sitrep 340 3 men from D Coy previously missing returned wounded(.)Total casualties inflicted by 58/59 Bn on 17 Aug was 23 (.)17 Bde (.)Patrol from 2/5 Bnheard sound of chopping at 703914 (.)8 pl attacked enemy posn on ~~position~~ back approx 701914and a further posn slightly EAST of the MULE track(.)They encountered heavy fire including 2 MMG and were unable to advance(.)Further attacks on enemy posns at 701911were unsucessful (.)But another attack ~~is~~ on the EASTERN flank is in progress(.)At 1000k/18 patrol from 2/6 Bn discovered a party of Japs with a log in posn at 707920(.) One 2/6 Bn MMG is now in posn on LAVERS KNOLL(.)29 Bde (.)Morning 18 Aug patrol from 47 Bn contacted ~~party~~ party of 21 Japs at 777895(.)Engagement proceeding (.)HQ now moving to 797890(.)Disposn C Coy 14 Bn at 1630k/18(.)Coy HQ plus 2 sec 14 pl 732915(.) 15 pl plus 1sec 14 pl track junc728938(.) 14 pl less 2 secs 728909(.) 162 US Regt (.)Outpost was established at 752956(.)Morning 18 Aug Coy Iproceeded by fire from MG's and mortarsattempted to advance against enemy posns on NW end of ROOSEVELT RIDGE but were immediately pinned down by MG fire(.) Coy Lfrom their posn on SCOUT TRACK then engaged enemy with mortar fire and under cover of this fire plus arty concentration two squads of Coy K moved forward when the arty and mortar fire lifted our troops closed in but were driven out by heavy fire from light mortars,grenades and MG's(.)Our casualties 2 killed 6 wounded(.) Enemy casualties NOT known but believed to be heavy(.)~~Our~~ RAA 3 Div(.)1100k/18 Kela gun fired 10 shells on toOLD VICKERS POSN(.)1220k /18 our arty shelled the ISTHMUS(.)1835k/18 mountain BTY fired on enemy activity on the KOMIATUM RIDGE NORTH of our posn(.)1225k/18 714987 was engaged(.)During Jap mvt in ORODUBI was also engaged(.)All informed
555	O 349	/div	WAMPIT FORCE "L"	2120 K/19	0100 K/20	Re all Sitreps are repeated to you and have been cleared to you from our sig office I.O. suggest you check sigs your end.
556	Q780	KIMA	BITO	0600	0726	Amn return
557	ID47	SMOKY	BITO rptd BOMO	0530	0726	SECRET SITREP to 0530k/20 SITNOR.
558	KI53	BOMO	BITO	0640	0726	NIL return amn.
559	IR549	DUPA LEBI	BITO Fwd	0700	0726	SECRET SITREP 265 to 0700k/20. DUPA SITNOR. LEBI SITNOR.

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549	(continued)					men were contacted and brought back to D Coy lines (.) At 1145k/18 Jap unsuccessfully attacked both A Pl 2/3 Ind Coy and D Coy posns(.) At 1630k/18 further patrols from 2/3 Ind Coy and D Coy moved out to contact isolated Pl but did not succeed but 1 patrol contacted Jap ambush of 8 men killing 4(.) Small parties of isolatefd Pl returned during day but 17 are still missing (.) This posn at 1800k/18 A PL 704968(.) B Pl 903568(.) D Coy 703965 to 702966(.) At 1645k/18 party of 12 Japs moving towards our standing patrol 704958 were engaged 3 being killed (.) 1450k/18 C Coy 58/59 Bn MG engaged 2 Japs in GRODUBI(.) Both killed (.) 17 Bde(.) Ref SITREP 342 the attack by B Coy 2/5 Bn on Jap posn at 701911 during afternoon 18 Aug was NOT successful (.) The enemy defence is 200 yds in depth and contains 6 MG's (?) B Coy is now dug in astride the main KOMIATUM track at 701910 and in close ~~with the Japs~~ contact with the Japs(.) 8 Pl is dug in astride STEPHENS TRACK covering the junc of STEPHENS and MULE TRACK and is in contact with the enemy occupying the series of defences on the high ground EAST of the MULE TRACK (.) Afternoon 18 Aug a patrol from 42 Bn arrived at LAVER FORCE posn without having contacted the enemy(.) 3 tracks were crossed by patrol 2 being disused the other slightly used(.) At 1630k/18 patrol from 2/6Bn moved to within 50 yds of the enemy posn at 707937 and observed 2 Japs moving into freshly dug weapon pits(.) At 1630k/18 1 dead and 2 woundedJaps were surprised in a dugout 2 the 2 wounded Japs were taken prisoner and are being evacuated(.) Patrols from C Coy 1 Bn 162 Regt towards 714914 found 4 empty pillboxes apparently evacuated approx 1 week ago(.) On movement of MG forward to 714914 a deserted OP was discovered(.) 29 Bde (.) Patrol from 46 Bn to west of LAGOON found fresh Jap footprints in deserted village 755915(.) Present dispositions D Coy 47 Bn (.) Coy HQ 798888(.) 17 Pl 797889(.) 18Pl 774776(.) NO report yet received on engagement with Jap at772895(.) During morn 18 Aug PIB patrol to investigate sq 7789 report Jap occupying area 779895 (.) 162 US REGT (.) 18 Aug a demolition moved out and blew up a dump containing rounds of JAP amn at 748755(.) 1530k/18 Jap gun fired Coy L area(.) 2 wounded (.) During day composite of HQ Coy personnel relieved Coy G now at 745935(.) RAA(.) 1120k/18 rear gun posn at 788900 shelled by Jap 75 millimetre gun 2 guns temporarily out of action(.) HQ NASSAU BAY defences now established at 833798(.) BADEN BAY 1 in(.) All informed.			
55	0343	Adv 3 Div	24 Bn	1500		2240 SECRET SITREP 345 to 1400k/19(.) 15 Bde ( ) 1830k/19 enemy fired 20 mortar bombs into A Pl 2/3 Ind Coy posns(.) NO cas (.) C Pl now 698968 to 700963(.) 0900k/19 D Coy 2/7 Bn report NO contact (.) Night 18/19 Aug all Coys 58/59Bn harassed known enemy posns (.) 17 Bde recce patrol 42 Bn report No enemy in Sqs 7193 7194(.) Jap posns 717920 NOT occupied and fire into posn 722922 drew NO reply (.) fire exchanged at 727940(.) AM 19 Aug B Coy 2/7 Bn found enemy posns 701911 unoccupied and moved to track junc 707919 where much equipment was found (.) Contact made with A Coy at 702914 (.) 29 Bde (.) PIB force 773898 report well used junc track to beach running NORTH of FEATURE 1500(.) 0915k/19 11 Japs tried to cut track and carry a line escort escort parties (.) Japs in poor condition (.) Carried food but plenty amn(.) RAA(.) 1025k/19 FOO with 47 Bn reports our troops in strength moving NORTH 706946(.) Jap gun at 741011 engaged by Batty C 205 Fd Arty Bn(.)Later reports(.)Enemy resistance MT TAMBU and GOODVIEW JUNC ceased(.) Mopping up in progress(.) ORODUBI also occupied(.) All informed. 19. Aug 43.	C.O.	

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5/4	Q726	BITO fwd.	all corps (less D)	0900		ref wearing of bayonets on all patrols.	SIGS —
5/5	Q727	WAMPIT FORCE	N.G.F.	0930		advice received that 35 X list personnel of 24 Bn are at 1 Aust Corps Reception Camp. Include some N.C.O's urgently required as instructors. Advice requested as to when return of X list personnel can be expected. Request return also all personnel 24 Bn rear details except following VX 140362 SGT HOEY F.F., V290485 Pte STONE H., V281269 Pte BOYD. W.H. medical class B.	SIGS
5/6	ER 31	OLD SMOKY	BOMO rptd. BITO.	0930	1045	In reply to I 61. (1) patrol orders to L/SGT FOX K/15 ⊙ The enemy have been located at 631219 and at OLD SMOKY F.B. He is in considerable strength ⊙ your patrol of 1 offr 3 NCOS and 12 ORS will move out and harass any enemy found forward of 631219 WAGO, also booby-trap the track WEST of the M.R. (2) Route ordered - The patrol will move along the NORTH bank BUANG RIVER to M.R. 611224 where 2 huts in good condition were to be inspected in view of sleeping night K/15/16 ⊙ Then they would cross to S^n bank and inspect barricade found by patrol K/14 if considered safe to proceed EAST ⊙ Route in - along SOUTH side BUANG river to F.B 543214 ⊙ (3) Object of patrol - to harass enemy and booby trap track as close as possible to Jap ambush 631219 ⊙ (4) Spot where patrol was to sleep night was huts at M.R. 611224 if considered satisfactory, if NOT at patrol leader's discretion ⊙ (5) How were they to harass enemy - 2 snipers were incl in patrol and if opportunity arose they were to be left and used in that capacity ⊙ The patrol leader was instructed to familiarise new members of SMOKY force with track and huts located N bank BUANG RIVER also to be very wary of barricades reported K/14 and NOT to proceed if he considered it a trap concerning general situation in that area ⊙ (6) How many men patrol K/14 incl patrol K/15 - 4 men. L/CPL PAXINO, PTE McKENZIE, PTE OLD, PTE FOGARTY also were included 2 men of patrol K/16 also the remainder of ORS in patrol had used VA track previously and were familiar with area ⊙ According to reports L/SGT FOX had used these men as guides and frequently asked advice of them ⊙ (7) L/SGT FOX was an excellent soldier and had led several patrols prior to moving to BUANG area ⊙ while attached to SMOKY FORCE he led 2 other fighting patrols but had never before been in contact with enemy.	442 1.O. C.O. 442
5/7	K152	BOMO	BITO ADV	1100	1120	Amn return.	R.S.M. —
5/8	PHONE	DUPA	BITO	.	1147	One U/1 A/C flying N.W. over WAMPIT ⊙ Height unknown.	11.F.S. —
5/9	E346	TOJO	24 BN.	0715	1147	No action observed during night ⊙ 0600 9 barges in harbour.	1.O.
5/10 5/20	~~SIG 12~~ SIG 12	SIGS 3 DIV	24 BN	1925/18	1205	my 1943/495/A1 of 1 aug is cancelled ⊙ 6430 K/S and 6 wk 8. repeat 6430 K/S and 6 wk 8 will be used for remainder of aug. ⊙ ack.	1.O. Acked 9 OST. by 528

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521	B6	LEBI	Adv BITO	1025	1205	Two-toed Jap boots preferable ⊙ If NOT available any boot to leave enemy boot imprint and lessen noise would be acceptable ⊙ Quantity reqd 15 ⊙ Sizes one only 10/5 ⊙ 3 only 9/5 ⊙ 6 only 8/5 ⊙ 2 only 7/5 ⊙ 2 only 6/5 ⊙ 1 only 5/5	10 CO Adj	537
522	EL670	D Coy	15 Bde rptd 24 Bn	1200	1330	SECRET ⊙ SITREP 117 to 1200 K/19 SITNOR.		494
523	IR544	DUPA LEBI	BITO	1300	1330	SECRET ⊙ SITREP 263 to 1300 K/19 ⊙ DUPA DEX 310372 NADZAB 1 inch ⊙ 1145 K/19 U/I A/C heard flying overhead in NW direction ⊙ LEBI VIS poor.	10 Adj CO	
524	08401	NGF	Adv 3 Div rptd WAMPIT FORCE TSILI TSILI	0940	1330	Amend NGF operation instruction No 89 by adding detached 15 Aust Field Coy to troop under Coord 57/60 Bn. All informed ACK.	10 Adj CO	503 Acked by 527
525		DUPA COURIER		1330		INT REPORT		
526	I317	BOMO	BITO	1330	1345	SITREP to 1330K/19 1144 hrs No U/I A/C NE of PARTEP 2 heading NW(.) NO further word from SMOKY Otherwise SITNOR	10 Adj CO	—
527	I71	WAMPIT Force	NGF	1400		In reply to 08401 ACK	10 Adj CO	
528	I72	24Bn Sigs	3Div	1400		In reply to SIG 12 ACK	Sigs	524
529	S08	Sig Offr	24Bn	1815	1410	HABERLIE and myself arrived McDUFFS 18 AUG anticipate staging WAU 19 AUG	Sigs	520
530	IR545	Dupa Lebi	BITO	1345	1410	CAMP 7 417518 NADZAB 1 inch reports 1315hrs 5 kanakas observed on vic WEST of GABMATSUNG mission to approx mr 410544 NABZAB where they stopped and are still there sitting under a tree(.) 4 carring rifles and1what appeared to be ~~APAARA~~ a spear	10 Adj CO	—
531	I73	Adv BITO	dupa Lebi	1418		(In reply to IR 545) Continue to observe and report	10 Adj CO	—
532	Q731	Wampit Force	NGF	1535		Owing to an incorrect Amn Return to these HQ AMN RETURN Q723 18AUG 43 is ammended as follows(.) Amn Increase Switches MURRAY 6 Cortex 30 ft FID 80 ft	SIGS	530
534	IR546	Dupa Bito Fwd		1515	1533	Further to IR545 2 Kanakas carrying rifles left party and moved to river bank at approx 1446 k/19 and then returned 10 mins later to posn at MR 410544 NADZAB (.) Still under observation	SIGS.	462
535	RQ30	WampitNGF Force rptd Bito Fwd		1525/1610		3 ORs of detatchment AWW coy NG LofC sigs with signal gear arrived SUNSHINE for ONWARD mvt(.) Coul d infm be given please as to role	10 Adj CO	—
536	I74	Adv. LEBI BITO		1614		It is now learnt that MAJ DUCHATEL, MAJ KIDD and TWO LIEUTS arrived KIRKS approx 1030k/15, following LIEUT SNOOKS arrival at 0730k/15. Please confirm also state where from and where to date of arrival and departure also route taken. State why this IMPORTANT infm NOT passed to these HQ.	Sigs	530 Acked by
537	Q732	WAMPIT FORCE	DDOS rptd WEATHER KATU	1645		Ref two toed boots. Two toed Jap boots preferable to patrol boot. If former NOT available request latter as follows 3 10/5 3 9/5 6 8/5 2 7/5 2 6/5 1 5/5. KATU 056/3 refers.	10 Adj CO	492 494 521
538	I75	ADV 24Bn WAMPIT FORCE	ADV 3Div	1635		Further to my I66 of 18 Aug. ONE SITREP only received from you since 1400 K/17. Can you advise please if SITREPS are being forwarded this unit.	Sigs	481

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539	I76	WAMPIT Force	NGF	638		To date NO SITREPS from you received these H.Q. Can you advise if they will be sent.
540	Phone CHALK	Capt	Elec-trician		1835	In reply to I74 Maj DUCHAREL and party arrived and left after Lieut STUC (.) Destination unknown (.) Where they came from is also unknown
541	I318	Bomo	BITO	1730	1830	SITREP to 1830 NC further word from SMOKY Otherwise SITNOR
542	E347	TOJO	24 Bn	1410	1830	0755 hrs 10 men close formation from ECHOFFS to rear drome HQ (.) 1117 to 1152 hrs truck mvt WEBBS ECHOFFS VACUUM 1115hrs 6 fires between TARE and ref LAE 585425
543	EL671	Dcoy	24 Bn	1445	1830	Patrol no 4 1310K/19 contacted enemy ambush from approx 682023(.) Shots exchanged both sides(.) Leading man VX104473 Pte MATHEWS W L shot in head 1 man covering wounded man(.) 1 man returned to OP(.) Fighting patrol sent fwd endeavoured locate MATHEWS
544	ID46	SMOKY	BOMO	1700	2012	SECRET SITREP to 1700k/19. 0945k/19 1 NCO & 4 ors returned from SUGARLOAF COAST patrol. sick and say remainder should reach coast evening k/18. 0900k/18 BASE established posn approx 1 mile EAST NORTH EAST SUGARLOAF. NO map ref sent back OTHERWISE SITNOR
545	IR548	DUPA LEBI	BITO FWD	1900	1955	SECRET SITREP 264 to 1900k/19 DUPA DEX 310372 NADZAB 1" 1330k/19 8 P47s passed overhead heading NW. LEBI camp 7 417517 NADZAB 1". 1430k/19 5 kanakas moved into bush at M R 410545 and were NOT observed again. WINDOW 492 449 NADZAB 1245k/19 launch crossings N to S. 1250k/19 N to Mud bank near NEW LABU ISLAND 10 persons 8 alighting on mud bank launch returned to N bank with 2 persons. 1300k/19 NORTH to NEW LABU ISLAND 4 persons walked around for 5 minutes launch returned to NORTH bank with same 4 persons 1350k/19 N to S 2. 1400k/19 S to N 4 1410k/19 N to S 2 1430k/19 S to N 4. 1640k/19 N to S. 1645k/19 S to N numbers NOT observed. DEEP CREEK patrol report 1000k/19 1 kanaka on NORTH bank at approx square 5444 NADZAB 1" same time and direction a burst of MMG fire was heard. otherwise SITNOR
546	EL676	D Coy 24 Bn	24 Bn	1801	2012	SECRET SITREP 118 k/19 fighting patrol left DAHO OP 1700k/19 to recce possibility enemy movement 660990. 8 pl. NO report from fighting patrol to enemy posn 683023.
547	L1469	Rear BITO	Adv. BITO	1905	2012	SECRET SITREP to 1900k/19. 0830k/19 10 NCOs 13 ors KIMA and 1 NCO and 13 ors left SUNSHINE for 3 days work on SUNSHINE-MARKHAM road. 1130k/19 OP 255026 reported 1 u/i a/c heading SOUTH over SUNSHINE 20000 ft.
548	I77	WAMPIT FORCE	NGF rptd	2024		SECRET SITREP 6 to 2000k/19. 24 Bn. 0810k/19 number u/i a/c heard WEST over 272212 ROAMER 1". special patrol to beach track LAE-SALAMAUA established base vic square 6226 WAGO 1" at 0900k/18 NO further report. 1130k/19 1 u/i a/c SOUTH over 255026 BULOLO 1". B coy PIB. 1000k/19 1 kanaka seen NORTH bank MARKHAM RIVER square 5444 NADZAB 1". Burst of MMG fire heard same time. 1145k/19 1 u/i a/c NORTH WEST over 306382 WAIME 1". 1315-1445k/19 4 kanakas with rifles 1 with spear 410544 NADZAB 1" WEST GABMATSUNG MISSION. 2 kanakas moved to river bank then all moved into bush. 1245-1645k/19 motor launches made 6 trips NORTH-SOUTH 4 trips SOUTH-NORTH bank MARKHAM RIVER vic NEW LABU ISLAND. All informed
549	A337	3 Div	24 Bn	02102230		SECRET SITREP 343 to 0130k/19 . 15 Bde . Morning 18 Aug. patrol from 2/3 Indep Coy moved NORTH along bench cut trac k to frank ground vicinity junc with SALAMAUA - BOBDUBI track Jap closed in on patrol 40 from SOUTH 20 from WEST sharp engagement followed our patrol broke bush 704958(.) At 0930k/18 patrol from 1 Pl D Coy 2/7 bn moved out to endeavour to contact D Coy Pl and Engrs from 2/3 Ind Coy which had been isolated since their attack of 1700k/17(.) 17 men

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901	Q 774	24 BN	D Coy 24 BN	0915		for WHITELAW from SKINNER Concern felt lack of infm given in reports of action © when cas occur particulars must be given © returns concerning cas unsatisfactory	SIGS	
902	EL 757	D Coy 24 BN	15 BDE rptd 24 BN	1950	0930	VX 106375 PTE GIBSON LF killed in action 25 AUG VX 117870 PTE DUNCAN WT wounded in action shot through jaw		1001
903	O/8517	NGF	ADV 3 DIV w WAMPIT FORCE	2025 K/35	0930	ALL SITREPS forwarded to NGF to be repeated to I AUST CORPS.	10	
904	EL 752 2	D Coy 24 BN	15 BDE rptd 24	1805	0940	REF MY EL 745 and EL 752 VX 115544 PTE WILLIS GK wounded in action in left thigh © Body of VX 104474 PTE MATHEWS NL reported missing believed killed on 19 AUG 43 found in track ref MAP SALAMAUA 1/25,000 685 023	20	863 890
905	EL 747	D Coy 24 BN	15 BDE rptd 24 BN	1715	0940	VX 109126 PTE JONES DRM arrived from HOTE area 1515 K/25		
906	O/7516	NGF	WAMPIT FORCE	2120 K/25	1000	MOST SECRET © 7 PL B Coy will be relieved by 24 BN troop by 26 AUG © PLS will remain present location on relieving and await orders from 7 AUST DIV.	30 ADJ	
907	PHONE	MOPO	BASA		1020	1019 4 ZEKES flying WEST 10,000 FT FROM MOPO [AIRFLASH]	10	
908	I 106	BASA ADV	DVOI rptd BUSA BASA REAR	1020		MOST SECRET © NGF now advise that 7 PL will be relieved by our tps by 26 AUG © PLS will remain present location on relieving and await orders from other DIV © NOTE 7 PL is probably corruption and refers to 18 PL © message probably answers to our query 26 of K/24.	SIG	
909	E 372	TOJO	3 DIV rptd 24	0740	1030	2345 to 0035 lights on terrace wharf area © from 0300 V15 N1L FOG	L.O.	
911	RQ 42	24 BN	NA LOC numbo NGF	0955	1155	VX 104474 MATTHEWS NL reported wounded 19 AUG subsequently reported killed on same day date © Unable report earlier as death of soldier NOT confirmed this HQ until 26 AUG	Adjt	
912	0441	ADV 3 DIV	WAMPIT FORCE	2100	1205	SECRET SITREP 268 to 2000 K/25 © 15 BDE © 13 PL 2/7 BN are NOW at 706006 14 PL 703006 © afternoon 24 AUG patrol from 58/59 BN contacted a JAP ambush approx 704004 © Further patrol on 25 AUG forced enemy to withdraw © 0930 K/25 B Coy 2/7 BN attacked enemy in pozn at 724994 and are maintaining contact our cas 1 killed © 1035 K/25 1 PL C Coy 58/59 BN moved through D Coy 2/7 BN to a pozn at 720008 © 1 PL moved to area approx 717997 © recce patrol towards JAP staging camp 718008 contact JAP ambush pozn which was later cleared by a further patrol © 3 JAPS killed and 1 wounded on morning 25 AUG our tps commenced	1.O. Adjt	26 AUG

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262	WF1	Smoky	Bito	0750/1125		Sitrep to 0750k/13. Sitnor. Six men left LAk/13 for MOPO. Camera and compass arrived safely.	1.0	
263	RQ11	Bito	Bomo wd B	1o35/1125		VX123361 Pte Hillbrick reqd to report TOJO on 18 Aug. Please prepare him for mvt. BOMO ACK.	Adjt	
264		BOMO f	Bito	1125		BOMO returned two sketches showing patrol to Buang R. (Lieut. Robinson) and jap ambush posn.		
265		Pte SYKES		1125		Report on new track from Partep 11 to Partep 1.		
266	E325	Lae OP 24Bn		0830/1000		NIL to report during night 9 barges in harbour. Lt. Smith left 0700		
267	D100	Dupa	Bito	1055/1150		Ref Grenade trg. Training ranges at Wampit Timne Partep. 15Pl carried out practice Timne about 10J Partep. 31Jul. 13 pl Partep 31 Jul 14 P, during Jun at Wampit each man has thrown at least one		
268	BITO ADV I22	SGT HODCROFT		1315		Ref my I 19 of 12 AUG. awaiting advice of your movements.		213
269	Q709	BITO ADV	DUPA rptd. Bomo LEBI BITO R.	1340		Ref Q707. Cancel all after SMOKY. Lieut SMITH departed 0000 0700 K/13. He will accompany one LEBI patrol to DEEP CK area as previously instructed and then report ADV. BITO for mvt to SMOKY. Batman waiting PARTEP 2.	Sig.	234
270	Q710	BITO ADV	BOMO rptd BITO rear.	1350		SECRET. BOMO will send patrol INCO 2 ptes to BUWAI. Object, to recce track BUWAI SUGARLOAF as possible supply route SMOKY. arrange P.B. guide. Date departure K14. 8 days rations to be carried. Advise SMOKY.	Sig.	
271	M320	3DIV	BITO fwd	1100	1400	for R.M.O. ref blankets. only can suggest hanging over line and beating and possibly arranging hot air disinfectant as per F.S.P.B.	Adjt.	
272	Phone	LEBI	BITO	1445		~~OLD MUNUM - Permanent daily patrol - upriming, back at night~~ O.C. LEBI. reported that whilst moving canoes WEST along MARKHAM. R., the P.I.B. patrol was fired on from a Kunai covered island in the MARKHAM - time approx 0700K/13. Both canoes lost, also quantity of arms & eqpt, 3 P.I.B. natives missing. W.O. Swanson (ANGAU) advises that he has received native infm that a permanent Jap sentry moves from OLD MUNUM 538539 down to the river bank at 509506 daily and returns each night. O.C. LEBI advises that instns NOT to cross river WEST of 515485 were passed to the pl comd K/12, but by the time the pl comd reached the river the canoes had moved off upstream. They were apparently caught in a fog which lifted about 0700 and they were fired on shortly afterwards. No infm is yet available of approx map ref of canoes. or of KUNAI IS. at time of contact, but Lieuder I LEBI believes the point to be S.E. of 515485. message following	1.0	
273	C113	LEBI	BITO fwd.	1415	1450	0700 hrs 7 natives ORS from special patrol were fired upon from a Kunai island in midstream while moving canoes up river. 3 natives OKS missing and both canoes sunk. Posn of action NOT clear as full details NOT yet to hand.	1.0	293

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912 CONTD						attack on JAP posns area 710964 ⊙ Between 0800 and 0820 the enemy were engaged by MG fire at 0900 a composite force attacked SOUTH from area 712966 ⊙ While a party from B coy 58/59 a division at close quarters 708965 ⊙ The attacking in force met 2 parties of JAPS strength approx 50 in each party 1 moved SOUTH to NORTH and one NORTH our tps engaged JAPS and inflicted heavy cas at the same time another party of our tps attacked EAST from the vicinity 709965 ⊙ A coy 58/59 K/25 18 PL D coy 24 BN left ambush area 672032 en route to contact PL C coy 2/7 BN at 705005 between 1100 and 1130/25 Several bursts of LMG fire heard in area 685023 ⊙ 17 BDE C coy 2/5 BN remained on KOMIATUM E Ridge temporarily under comd 47 BN ⊙ 2/5 BN less C coy arrived TAMBU BAY ⊙ 29 BDE REF SITREP 369 during afternoon 25 AUG patrol from 15 BN searched ground vicinity A troop 11 bty gun posn and disconered track running over crest of hill to SOUTH of gun posn ⊙ 1 JAP killed but NO other mvt seen RAA ⊙ BTY A 205 fld bty BN laid smoke over ridge NORTH of LOKANU while BOFORS guns were moved into a posn on ROOSEVELT RIDGE ⊙ During afternoon 25 AUG harassing fire on to SALAMAVA ⊙ and enemy posns NW end ROOSEVELT ridge ⊙ ALL informed		
913	IR 574	DUDI BUSA	BASA	1300	1315	SECRET SITREP 284 to 1330 K/26 RM WAIME and NADZAB 1 INCH ⊙ 0001 DEX 310372 0740 K/26 number of U/1 A/C heard flying EAST ⊙ Camp 5 307482 1040 1B17 and 8 P39 flying at a very low altitude flew towards LAE ⊙ 1215 4 P40 flew overhead heading N W ⊙ otherwise SITNOR ⊙ BUSA SITNOR	10 ADS	
914	IW1	SMOKY	ADV BASA	1730	1325	SECRET SITREP to 1730 K/25 ⊙ 1230 K/25 unknown number U/1 A/C passed overhead flying EAST ⊙ otherwise SITNOR	10 ADS	
915	013	ADV BASA	DUDI nptd REAR BASA	1330		4 PL and 13 PL departing PARTEP this afternoon for WAMPIT	Sigs	
916	I 107	NGF	WAMPIT FORCE	1335		For GSO INT ⊙ Stores posn serious ⊙ Now out of stationery, message forms mapping materials ⊙ approx FOUR days supply tracing paper and inks left ⊙ Requisitions lodged weekly from 20 JUN unfilled. This force is maintaining FOUR int offices and reports sketches etc can NOT be completed under present circumstances ⊙ Can stores be dropped please	Sigs	
917	EL 763	DIFA	BADA nptd BASA	0800	1350	18 PL still held up on high feature 685023 ⊙ attacked enemy posn 5 times without success enemy well dug in and concealed on razor back spur running EAST WEST round NORTH and SOUTH of spur steep and open country with little concealment ⊙ Amn rations and water being carried to 18 PL	10 ADS	26 AUG

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47	Sig			0600		Phone and line to Dupa "out"-	I.O.	
48	I301	Bomo	Bito	0600	0605	SITREP to 0600k/13 SITNOR.	I.O.	
24 9	I21	24Bn	3Div rptd	0620		SECRET.SITREP 271 to 0600k/13.BUANG AREA.NOfurther word received.MARKHAM AREA.C Coy 24Bn.SITNOR. B Coy P.I.B. Ref SITREP 270.A/C observation over 459441 NADZAB 1 inch SHOULD READ.1070k/12 5 ZEKES SOUTH of 459441.0500k/12 Patrol to LOOKOUT 560420 found tree at 556419 NADZAB blazed apparently by Japs.NOenemy mvt. seen.0650-1650k/12 9 persons NORTH to SOUTH 10 persons SOUTH to NORTH bank of MARKHAM River vic NEW LABU ISLAND.Apparently 3 launches used,All informed.	I.O.	
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242	K144	Bito	Adv Bomo	0640	0700	(Ref 06) AMN Expenditure.	RSM.	
251	0178	3Div	24Bn	0145	0730	SECRET SITREP 319 to 0015k/13.57/60Natives report that 1 member ONGA watching post killed by Japs.Betrayed by natives at Aluna.15Bde.12 Aug patrol from 2/7 Bn north along BUIRIS discovered fresh Jap footprints estimated 12 men moving west at 687000.Party from 2/3 Ind Coy reports voices and chopping heard BOBDUBI track vic 707967.17 Bde gp.Changes in disposns 2/5 BN. A Coy less 2 pls 696903.1 pl 697903.1 pl 699904.4 pl 700905.Result 2/5 Bn patrols.Enemy still in OKKAPAION to 699906 and 698907.Chages in disposns 2/6 Bn.B Coy less 2 pls WEELS JUNC .1 pl 690929 1 pl less 1 sec 899278.1 sec 690925.14 pl C Coy 697916.Patrol reports mvt heard KOMIATUM track 707920.i540k/12 MMG at ambush knollengaged Orodubi and at 1730k/12 mortars engaged 1 Jap moving in the area. Disposns Ccoy 2/7bn.Coy HQ WELLS Jumc .1pl 692932. 1pl Ambush Knoll 1pl less 2 secs 686927.1sec688927.1sec689929 CoyA 162 Regt now715915.Ambush party from coy B contacted 8 Japs at727912.Enemy 2 killed own 1 wounded. COANE FORCE. Patrol from 1R pl 215 fd arty bn moved to intercept enemy patrol moving SE at 732910 ref our sitrep 318. Patrol from 2 bn 162 regt occupied posns 734953 RAE 3 DIV. 11 Aug two pls 11 fd coy arrived TAMBU BAY. all informed.	1.0 -	
252	Lr520	Dupa Lebi	Bito fwd	0530	0824	SECRET SITREP 248 to 0530/13. DUPA Sitnor. LEBI Sitnor.	1.0 -	
253	EL605D	Coy	rptd 24 Bn	0600	0827	SECRET. SITREP 98 to 0600k/13 SITNOR.	1.0. -	
254	-	-	-	0915	.	DUPA comms "IN" again.	1.0.	
255	C111	LEBI	BITO fwd rptd 3DIV	0835	0920	Strength returns	R.S.M.	
256	0181	3DIV ADV	24BN	0800	0920	SECRET SITREP 320 to 0800k/13. Nothing further to report. all informed.	1.0.	
257	C.S.16	ANGAU WAMPIT	ANGAU HQ BULOLO	0701.	0920	WAMPIT. 10 LABU natives left here 0700 hrs for PARTEP.	1.0.	
258	Q708	24BN	3 DIV	0930	.	In reply to Q392. amn expended.	Sigs	
259	-	-	-	0940	.	Lieut CHILDS reported to adv. BITO.	ADJT.	
260	AIRFLASH.			1035		No. of U/1 A/c SOUTH of PARTEP 2.		
261	ASC 3DIV ST993	CASC MANGO	rptd 24Bn	1000	1125	Track tpt report oat shortage. minimum 7 bags weekly required. could this be carried forward please, either dropped or landed.	ADJT.	
261A						0950 Sgt Boyle and L/cpl FEATHERBY arrived Adv. BITO.	13 D...	

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927 CONTD						after advancing 100 yds ⊙ patrol to the flanks contacted Japs and at 1100 K/25 was continuing supported by arty and MG fire ⊙ Our cas to date 1 killed 1 wounded ⊙ A Coy are at present moving NORTH along DAVIDSONS RIDGE 162 US REGT at morning 25 AUG a fighting patrol from Coy B moved and are in contact with the enemy ⊙ No details yet received ⊙ 0850 K/25 Coy L engaged posns on NW end of ROOSEVELT RIDGE ⊙ JAPS replied to our LMGs and intense inaccurate rifle fire ⊙ RAA 3 DIV DIV posn at 0600 K/25 HQ 205 FD ARTY BN 763922 ⊙ BTY A 767915 ⊙ 739926 ⊙ HQ 218 FD BTY 746936 ⊙ BTY A 746936 BTY B 743934 ⊙ BTY C 742932 ⊙ HQ 11 BTY 745976 ⊙ A tp 735928 BTY P just at present in action ⊙ 2130 K/24 approx 220 shells landed in water off TAMBU BAY 2200 K/24 1 barge landing at Coy A 205 FD ARTY BN posn 1 engaged from MG from VIC 779906 0900 K/25 WELLS OP report 3 vessels apparently unloading drums SALAMAUA HARBOUR at 1040 K/25 patrol from 11 BTY killed 1 JAP on well worn track 400 yds EAST of A tp gun posn ⊙ JAP sig wire was found running along this track ⊙ all informed.		
928	E373	TOJO	24 BN	1430	1714	0810 approx ten barges LAE harbour ⊙ from 1000 VIS NIL		1.0.
929	01	HQ 5 DIV	rptd 3 DIV WAMPIT FORCE WAV	0040	1811	SECRET SITREP 1 to 0815 K/26 ⊙ 2400 K/25 HQ 5 AUST DIV opened at 734918 and took over operations comd of all tps from HQ 3 A. DIV ⊙ 15 BDE ⊙ 18 PL 24 BN contacted enemy believed to be in strength at 685023 ⊙ PL endeavouring to find enemy flanks ⊙ 29 BDE ⊙ B Coy 42 BN were able to make further progress during 25 AUG ⊙ Patrols continue to probe enemy posns our cas during patrolling 3 wounded ⊙ Patrol to EAST flank feature 724956 found very steep but possible approach to top of feature ⊙ Also observed MMGs sighted to fire towards		C.O. 1.0.

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12 AUG 43. S.11 Gds Ref

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221	EL594	D Coy	BITO for ex	1045	1730	Patrol NR 2 out 0600 K/13 in 1800 K/15. Route from O.P. NORTH to ASINI CK. thence EAST along CK to thence N.E to OLD WOMASU Route N = N.W to river suggested name STEVENS CK, S.W to NEW WOMASU thence direct to O.P. object - strength of Japs at new track LAE - SALAMAUA.	
222	O.157	3 DIV	24 BN	1420	1730	SECRET SITREP 317 to 1400 K/12. LAE O.P. - 0608 K/11 1 AK took off from LAE airfield headed WEST. 0720 K/11 approx 8 barges in harbour. 15 BDE affn 11 Aug - patrol from B coy 58/59 BN moved to 710951. observed pdrs loading approx 20 Japs at 702950 and further posns 702952. 2020 K/11 chopping in ORODUBI mortars engaged ORODUBI with harassing fire throughout night 11/12 Aug. H.Q C Coy 58/59 Bn plus 9 pl 24 Bn now located at 692918. During the last 10 days over 200 natives old men women and children have passed through our lines from the SALAMAUA area. RAA. Night 11/12 Aug harassing fire on targets in SALAMAUA KOMIATUM GOODVIEW JUNC area. all informed	
223	E223	LAE O.P.	24 BN	1425	1800	0750 to 1111 truck mot WEBBS Mpt VACUUM BLDGS TERRACE. Visibility nil from 1150.	
224	COURIER			1857	-	Packages for A.R.SM. MINER; Int Summary; BUANG river files; Contact Tales - C and B. Coys B Coy bomd Weekly Report, Coy bomd Weekly reports; Dupa 1 report 9 Aug; 1 report Bomo to 1630 12 Aug personal letters for ELECTRICIAN and MINER; envelope of typing paper for for. I office.	
225	1.1407	BITO	Adv Bito	1730	1800	SITREP to 1730 hrs. SITNOR.	I.O.
226	S.O.4	11 Div	24 Bde	1030	1815	HABERLE and myself held up 11 Div Recpt. anticipate move morning 12 via NASSAU	Adjt.
227	Phone	DEX.	BITO	1815	-	BEATTIE Capt. E.M. Kennedy arrived	I.O.
228	I.R.517	Dupa Lebi	Bomo	1730	1830	SECRET. SITREP 246 to 1730 K/12 ⊙ DUPA. DEK ⊙ 0800 K/12 1 B25. flew overhead heading SOUTH. ⊙ 1100 K/12 4 P38's passed overhead heading SE. OLE BI ⊙ camp 15. 0600 K/12 to 0600 K/12 a/c engines heard warming up direction LAE drome ⊙ NO further report received to 1730 K/12	C.O.
229	1300	Bomo	Bito	1800	1825	SITREP to 1800 K/12 ⊙ 8 o/l a/c 15000 ft. approx EAST over DAMBI at 1037 ⊙ No o/l a/c 12000 ft. approx SOUTH over PARTEP. 2. 1114 hrs ⊙ 8 o/l a/c 10000 ft approx SOUTH over Partep 2. at 1501 hrs ⊙ NO further word from SMOKY other wise SITNOR.	C.O
230	1.20	24 Bde	3 Div rptd	1845	-	SECRET SITREP 270. to 1800 K/12 ⊙ BUANG AREA NO report ⊙ B Coy 24 Bn ⊙ 1037 K/12 8 o/l a/c EAST 15000 ft over 356 184 WAGO 1 inch ⊙ 1111 K/12 o/l a/c SOUTH 12000 ft over 272 212 ROAMER 1 inch ⊙ MARKHAM AREA ⊙ C Coy 24 BN SITNOR ⊙ B Coy P.I.B. - 0500 - 0600 K/12 aircraft engines warming up on LAE drome heard from O.P. 491 449 NADZAB 1 inch ⊙ 1043 K/12 8 ZEKES over 459 441 flying EAST ⊙ All other areas SITNOR ⊙ All informed.	Sig.
231	Q705	24 Bn	D Coy 24 Bn rptd 15 Bde Rear Bito	1905	-	Ref Q685. Changes in allotments for duty ⊙ Capt PECK will NOT report D. Coy. until further advice. Capt Robinson will remain.	Sig 69.
232	EL599	D. Coy	24 BN	1800	2010	SECRET ⊙ SITREP 97 to 1800 K/12 0 1400 11/12 patrol no 1. returned ⊙ NO enemy observed en route ⊙ DAHO O.P. 1 Liberator vicinity of SALAMAUA ⊙ Explosions heard but NO observation	I.O.
233	Q706	BITO	LAE O.P.	2053	-	Lieut W.E SMITH will report BITO forthwith	Sig
234	Q709	Adv. Bito	Bomo Dupa rptd Bito (rear) LEBI	2100	-	Lieuts LANE and MARSH will report adv. BITO forthwith for posting to 58/59 Bn Lieut CHILDS will report Adv. BITO for movement to SMOKY Lieut SMITH will NOT now be at LEBI for tour of duty.	269 12 AUG 43.

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957	EL769	Dcoy 24Bn	BASA rptd 24BN	1600	0850	VX 117870 Pte DUNCAN W J VX 115544 Pte WILLIS GR evacuated to MSP HOTE 26AUG	Adjt.	
958	EL766	Dcoy	24Bn	1345	0850	Ref my BL763(.) VX 139857 Pte GIBSON JD killed in action 26AUG 43	Adjt	
959	Phone	DEX	BASA		0930	Number u/i a/c circled round KIRKs now heading LAE vis nil 0845.		
960	Phone		ZENAG		0955	4 dr droppings ZENAG First two planes 0855-0905 second two planes 0910-0920	I.O. Adjt.	965
961	B50	TJIAJ via NGF	WAMPIT FORCE	0027	1020	pls arrange for horse to be at BLAKES by) hrs k/27 important that reach DEX k emplacement 27th		
962	0 7	ADV 3 DIV	rptd WAMPIT FORCE	0300	1020	SECRET (.) SITREP 5 to 2345k/26 (.) 29 Bde 1900k/26 42 Bn B coy patrol to NW NO mvt seen C coy vic 727955(.) D coy 720956 BHQ 720943 (.) Jap posns in feature 724957 well covered by arty fire during day (.) 47 Bn A coy in perimeter 712964 B coy 708967 10 pl 708968 11 pl 709966 12 pl 709975 C coy less on pl 714968 one pl 715962 (.) fighting patrol from A coy cleared out pill-box at 710964 1230k/26 and were fired on by LMG from same area (.) 5 pl 47 Bn at present working EAST an new L of C sits 711955 selected for ads 162 Regt to 1820k/26 coy A patrol reports 1530k/26 Japs digging in at 732952 (.) coy K patrol returned 1700k/26 reported 2 Japs killed and pill-boxes located near NORTH of ridge coys K and F now dug approx 740950 this crest is just short of scout track (.) coy I reported snipers fire exchanged all afternoon RAA 3 Div to 1800k/26 300 rds 105 mm d/tasks registered vic two Bn force on track at 441958 all informed.	I.O.	
963	E373	TOJO	3 Div rptd BASA DUPA	0715	1035	0620 1 barge from along EAST coast to ref LAE provence 842429 0635 0653 2 u/i a/c over LAE sporatic ack ack heard vis nil.	I.O.	
964	JG585	DUDI	Sgt CHAMBERS rptd BASA	1020	1136	re Pte TIBBALLS fine (.) pay bk No 275346 pay line 47.	Adjt.	
965	B 50	TJIAJ viaNGF	WAMPIT FORCE	--	0947	Please arrange for horse to be at BLAKES by ... ... hrs k/27 (This message is a corruption and refers also to No 961 above. Check is being made by Sigs.)	Ad	961
966	Q6223	NGF	WAMPIT FORCE	1655 k/24	1205	For JOHNSON AUST RED CROSS representative your area from TAYLOR U.S. RED CROSS (.) Have returned sub-base D please expedite shipment of baggage(.)WAMPIT FORCE please pass.	Adj	1038
967					1440	1 Liberator heigth 25000 ft flying SE.		
968	IR578	DUDI	DASA FWD	1100	1408	R M NADZAB 1 inch(.) comns established with camp 11 and beyond at 0935k/27 (.) WINDOW 491449 reports (.) 1245k/26 13 men clothed in shirts and long trousers swam from NORTH bank MR 587433 towards SOUTH bank lost to view approx MR587428 (.) 1250k/26 2 rafts 4 persons on each crossed from N to S(.) 1255k/26 raft 2 persons S to N (.) 1300k/26 raft N to S 8 persons(.) 1540k/26 4 persons swam from N to S (.) 1545k/26 1 raft S to N 2 persons (.) 4 crossings in vic MR 587433 to 587428 .	I.O.	
969	IR579	DUDI	BASA BUSA	1300	1425	SECRET SITREP 287 to 1300k/27 (.) RMs WAIME NADZAB 1 inch (.) DUDI (.) DEX 310372 0735k/27 number of u/i a/c heard flying in a NORTH WEST direction (.) 13 pl and det of 3 pl arrived WAMPIT 1100k/27 (.) camp 5 307482 0840k/27 Number u/i a/c heard overhead circled and flew towards LAE (.) 1235k 5 shots heard vic approx M R 305508 (.) 1240k 7 P38s flying SE (.) comns out with camp 15 since 1230k/27 (.) 4 pl arrived WAMPIT 1255k/27 comns with BASA out since 1150k/27.	I.O.	

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5 1161	E318	LAE OP.	BITO fwd. DUPA	1900/10	1110/11	From 1340 to 0800 visibility nil. 1528 U/I A/C raided LAE. Intermittent A/A from 1700 visibility poor, No damage observed. 1757 four barges from LABU to N, ~~1000~~ two beached CHAPMANS PT ref LAE vic 644379. 1756 hrs one barge one motor boat from harbour to INLET ref LAE vicinity 658~~4~~392. 1814 barge and boat to meet two barges off CHAPMANS PT, all to LAE. 1826 one barge from LOW WHARF beached ref LAE vicinity 696389.	1.0.	–
152	–	Sigs		1110	–	Line and fullerphone to BITO out.	1.0.	–
153	–	Sigs		1150	–	Line re-established to BITO	1.0.	–
154	E319	LAE OP.	BITO fwd. DUPA	0810	1205	2020 hrs to 2140 hrs single lights seen high wharf. No further mvt seen.	1.0	–
155	0118	3DIV adv	BITO fwd.	0835	1205	SECRET SITREP 312 to 0800K/11. 15 BDE. 10 Aug patrol established that there are Japs posns at 702968 and 703964 natives state Jap has evacuated ASINI owing to bombing, and NOT in strength in MALOLO, camped along foreshore BUSAMA - CHINATOWN ⊙ 17BDE ⊙ 24 portable hospital now at 717907. Coy C 162 regt established standing patrol 719908. all informed.	C.O.	–
156	12583	D.Coy	rptd 24Bn	1150	1400	SITREP 93 to 1130K/11. SITNOR.	C.O.	–
157	E318	LAE OP	24Bn	1905/10	1400/11	Message forms plain writing paper reqd. Ink, notebooks for log diaries, pencils.	QM.	–
158	1D26	SMOKY	BOMO	0500 1900	1400	SITREP to 1600K/10. Fighting patrols out 0630K/9 ambushed track 604224 WAGO. Returned 1600K/10. NO enemy sited ⊙ otherwise SITNOR.	C.O.	–
159	1D27	SMOKY	BOMO	0500	1400	SITREP to 0500K/11. SITNOR.	C.O.	–
160	JF151	"	"	1615/10	1400	Ref map WAGO. Fighting patrol from F.B 543214. Patrol leader CPL LING. Patrol from 5 sec 11 pl. Str. 2 NCO's 9 ORS. Arms 1 Bren 4 OSMG's 6 rifles, 2 grens per man. Object - to ambush route of Jap patrol. Weather fine. Route. SOUTH trib to BUANG R. to 610222 and returned same route. Time out - 0630K/9. Time in - 1000K/10. Load carried 2 days rations and mosquito nets. Result of patrol - No enemy were sighted and No signs of enemy mvt. Details - 0630K/9 patrol left F.B, moved along SOUTH trib of BUANG R. at 1100 hrs arrived at approx 610222. It was decided to move to more favorable ambush posn at 604224. This ambush was manned until 1415/10 without seeing any trace or sign of enemy. Patrol then returned to F.B, arriving 1600K/10.	C.O.	–
161	–	DUPA	BITO	–	1611	DUPA daily strength state. List of DUPA D/Cpls. DUPA Int Report 10 Aug. By Courier.	A.1.0.	–
162	126	3Div/24Bn		1425/1632		SITREP313 to 1400k/11 17Bde. Ref Sitrep307 Dcoy 15BN should read C coy 15B". Bocoy15B are at Nassau Bay night 10/11 .2/5 Bn patrol moved close to Jap pillboxes - 698907 heard Jap sentrys when returning were fired on by rifle. Morning 11Aug patrol from 2/5Bn surprised Japs on Hodges Knoll 698906 5 Japs known cas. Coane Force. 1800k/10 Cannon coy and service coy 162 regt located at 745931 collecting section coy A 116 Medium Bn ~~XXXXX~~ and det.coy 532 Engrs also 755931 RAA 3Div Afternoon 10aug AR ty engaged pillboxes N.end of South Coconuts scoring 13 hits . Night 10/11 harassing fire on to Salamaua+ Mt Tambu Goodview Junc areas. RAE 3Aust Div night 9/10 one pl 2/8 fd Coy staged House BANANA 2 pl 15 Id Coy at 694880 All informed.	C.O.	–
163	1398	BITO	BITO Adv.	1730	1815	SITREP to 1730K/11 ⊙ SITNOR	11 AUG 43. 1.0.	–

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970	07531	NGF	WAMPIT FORCE	0100	1425	MOST SECRET (.) Capt CHALK PIB returns WAU 27 Aug with instns for action to be taken by you at MARKHAM PT (.) NO objection to increase your force BUANG area but increase must NOT prejudice MARKHAM action or increase air droppings(.) ACK.	10 ADJ	971
971	I 110	WAMPIT FORCE	NGF	1430		In reply to 07531 ACK.	SIGS	970
972	I 111	ADV BASA	DUDI	1432		MOST SECRET (.) for BUILDER 1 BASA NGF advise CHALK returning with your instns for the POINT (.) NO objection to force increase in SMITH area but must NOT prejudice other action or increase air droppings (.) NGF message has been ACKED from here.	SIGS	
973	Q779	ADV BASA	B 1 BASA at DUDI rptd B 2 BUSA	1430		BUILDER 1 BUSA dep BLAKES 1330k/27 by horse (.) carrier has been arranged for at PARTEP.		
974	EL780	DIFA	BADA rptd 24 Bn	1200	1445	SECRET (.) SITREP 138 to 1200k/27 SITNOR.	10	
975	RQ48	24 Bn	Records NGF L of C area rptd NGF ADV BASA D Coy 24 Bn	1120	1445	VX139857 Pte GIBSON J.D. killed in action k/26.	10 A	
976	H 8	BIKA	ADV BASA	1200	1500	Amn return.	RSM	
977		ANGAU Sgt JUDD 24 Bn	I.O.	24/8	1535	Letter re natives and track.	10	
978	JG587	DUDI	Adv BASA	1113	1425	Lieut HABERLY and mortar detachment arrived 1110hrs	10 ADJ	
979	E376	TOJO	3DIV rptd	1425	1610	0800 to 1220 slight track activity WEBBS ECHOFFS VACUUM 1250 hrs to 1325 approx 40 u/1 A/C patrolling in area vis nil		
980	-	-	-	1620		Capt CHALK arrived PARTEP.		
977		Sgt JUDD			1535	Two natives despatched to BWUSSI returned with the following infm ;- NO Japs have visited BWUSSI during the last month, prior to that parties of from 5 to 10 visited there weekly to shoot pigs which were quartered and taken to SALAMAUA. The BWUSSI natives have built a new village on the mountain side overlooking the old site. Food is now plentiful and health is good. They are friendly towards us but desire to remain strictly neutral . Although warned by the Japs to hold themselves in readiness for labour calls, NO demands have been made of their manpower.	I.O. Adjt	
						(e) DEUCHATELS TRACK: Guides who accompanied MAJOR DEUCHATEL state;- The track leading off the VAGAU -BUGAIO road and running east towards the beach was an old hunting pad.DUCHATEL and party proceeded down it and slept night in bush, DUCHATEL insisted that track lead to beach however next morning he realised that track peteered out in bush and returned to VAGAU. Apparently he marked his map showing a tentative road to beach were none exists. Bgd S. JUDD Sgt Copy to D.O. WAU.		
981	010	Adv 5Div	WAMPIT FORCE	1430	1632	SECRET SITREP 7 to 1400k/27(.) 15 Bde(.) to 0700k/27(.) 58/59Bn A coy 718983(.) 2/7Bn L/T to C coy cut 1930k/26(.) 29 Bde(.) 29Bn to0700k/27(.) mortars harassed enemy posns711967 night 26/27AUG(.) Patrols active(.) RAA 3 Div mortars to 0700 k/27(.) night26/27 AUG harassing fire KELA HILL All informed	I.O.	

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0117 3Div24Bn0015 0621 SE CRET SITREP 2300k/10. Ref SALAMAUA OP. Ref SITREP 310 during air attack 1000 to 1036k/10 ODEAS house COMPLETELY destroyed. Fire 723003 still burning at 1200k/10. 15 AUST INF BDE. 1230-1240k/10 7Jap shells landed in A Coy 2/7 area. During afternoon Jap LMG also fired into this area. NO cas. Patrol from 2/3 Ind Coy observed 10 Japs and weapon pits half hour along track from 70196I. Also heard voices and chopping further north. 17 Bde Gp. Changed in disposns. 2/6 Bn. 5pl 690908. [redacted], HQ C Coy 687907. 7pl 685910. 8pl 688908. 9pl 686909. HQ C Coy pl. 1 sec 14pl WELLS junc. 13 pl ambush KNOLL. 14 plless 2 secs 686936. 1sec DIERKS OP. 15pl less 1 sec 689930. 1sec 680939. Results of 2/6 Bn patrols 10 Aug. 1 patrol followed on from vic. NAMLING Ridge. Later reached 693937 where Jap were heard and angaged results NOT known Following shelling patrol to PRICES KNOLL heard digging and chopping. 17 Japs also heard 699910 our mortar engaged there posn. Result of patrol 2/5 Bn. Enemy still in occupation pill-boxes 698906. Considerable act south slopes of spur 70191I. 2/5 Bn mortars fired 26 rounds into enemy posn 698967. Patrol from 1 BN 162 Regt to 71691 8 fired on by Japs patrol returned fire. 1 Jap believed killed. Ref SITREP 309. Both had vis but did NOT report SHIP. Now believed to have been MALAHANG wreck. RAA 3 Div. 10 Aug, 1 MTN Bty reg'd targets MOUNT TAMBU and KOMIATUM. Bty C 218 fld Arty Bn. reg'd targets track junc 707920. Arty OP 697982 reports Jap 75mm low trajectory at 72596I. 1730k/9 Arty OP 736947 reports Jap MG at 72094I. COANE Force. HQ COANE Force now 738925. Lack of infm from COANE area over past 30 hrs. due to closing down HQ's during move All informed

I42 IR5IIDupa 0530 Lebi Bito 0545 Secret SITREP 242 to 0530k/II. DUPA. SITNOR. LEBI. SITNOR. Camp 15 lauch crossing 1645k/10 N to S two pers. S to N 1650k/10. 4. 1700k/10 1 u/i person dressed in white standing on bank at spot where launch leaves north bank MARKHAM approx 582435. NADZAB 1 inch. WO SWANSON Angau reported natives to be friendly. 3 of the most intelligent were interrogated one of these three was known to SWANSON. This native previously given infm of great value considering enemy movement MARKHAM PT. He also states that they were on a fishing trip which he thinks is quite reasonable; SITNOR

582435

I43 Phone Bito II FS 0725 AIR FLASH. 1u/i a/c above clouds heading SW. Sig —

I44 II390BitoBito0530 SECRET SITREP 0530k/II. SITNOR. I.O. —
rear fwd 0621

I45 I268BOMOBITO0600 0601 SITREP TO 0600k/ii. SITNOR. I.O. —

I46 II4 24Bn/3Div 0616 SITREP 266 to 0600k/11 Markham Area. Launch crossings N to S 2 persons. S to N bank of Markham R vic. New Labu IS. 4 persons. Spot where launch leaves N. bank Markham approx 582435 Nadzab 1 IN At 1700k/10 1 U/I person dressed in white was observed standing. Otherwise Sitnor. All informed. C.O. —

147 Q697 Adv All 0920 Bito Coys All messages in reply to 06 are to be fwded to Adv Bito as from the 12 Aug 43 this date inclusive Sig 186.

148 GL580Dcoy 24 0600/0925 Sitrep 82 to 0600k/11. SITNOR. I.O. —

149 C102 Lebi Fwd 0830/1011 Bito ACK (to I12 re.cap.natives) Date of departure Wampit will be advised later. I.O. 136

150 PhoneLEBI BITO 1100/ Builder 1 LEBI advised that P.I.B. patrol strength 6 attempted to cross the MARKHAM R. evening K/10 They managed to get across but could find no suitable landing ground and were swept back to the South side. They will attempt another crossing during the evening K/11. BUILDER 1 LEBI was advised by BUILDER 1 BITO that the natives held at COMSIS MUST BE HELD there pending advice from 3Div. and reply to W.O. SWANSON'S appeal to H.Q. ANGAU at BULOLO that they be released. I.O. C.O. —

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TO BOMO DUPA rptd BITO REAR. LEBI

FROM	Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
ADV BITO	Q 707	12	

Lieut	LANE	and	MARSH	will	report
ADV	BITO	forthwith	for	meeting	to
58/59	Bn.	⊙	Lieut	CHILDS	will
report	ADV	BITO	for	movement	to
SMOKY	⊙	Lieut	SMITH	will	not
non-	be	att	LEBI	for	tower
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TO KUBI

FROM FILI	Originator's Number Q 350	Date 14	In Reply to Number –

No 19	air Jun.	drops	for	week	ending

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Z O.P. 29 6609

Bomo-W-Bito

smoky — ID28 — 11 — —

SECRET SITREP As 1700K/11 ⊙ 0635K/11

fighting patrol 1 off 7 NCO'S 14 ors

left FB 543214 wago ~~#~~ expected

in K/13 ⊙ otherwise SITNOR.

1840

immediate 1850

2034

2010

Ben

Ben

292 (contd)

SOUTH who were killed with OSMG and rifle ⊙ we opened up with everything and the JAPS replied ⊙ we retuned to F.B. ~~tng~~ and continued WEST as JAPS opened up with WOODPECKER bren type mg. AND riffes ⊙ 1840K/12 slept thenight approx 2500 yds inland ⊙ we suffered NO casualties ⊙ beach track showed much signs of use ⊙ japs evidently have COAST ratching detachments along COAST track as MGS appeared to fire on fixed lines ⊙ 0600K/13 travelled WEST up the ck ⊙ 0900K/13 japs opened up evidently on F.B. with MG. fire and 24.4 inch mortar bombs ⊙ 1000K/13 struck S.W. into sac sac ⊙ 1215K/13 reached buang r. approx 618220 ⊙ returned along NORTH BANK buang r. ⊙ 1600K/13 arrived F.B. 543204 WAGO

2030. 1700 - 1900

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199.

Domo

Smithy ID 29 12

SECRET SITREP to 0500 K/12

SITNOR

05-00

in 0410 0410

AA

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TO DUPA rptd Bomo LEBI REAR BITO

FROM	Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
ADV BITO	Q709	13	

Ref	Q707	⊙	Cancel	all	after
SMOKY	⊙	Lieut	SMITH	departed	0000
0700	K13	⊙	He	will	accompany
one	LEBI	patrol	to	DEEP	CREEK
area	as	previously	instructed	and	then
report	ADV	BITO	for	movement	to
SMOKY	⊙	Batman	waiting	PARTEP II	

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BOMO rfld REAR BITO

ADV BITO Q 710 13

Secret ⊙
BOMO will send patrol one NCO
two ftes to BUWAI ⊙ Object
to recce track BUWAI SUGARLOAF as
possible supply route SMOKY ⊙ Arrange
PB guide ⊙ Date departure K 14
⊙ Eight days rations to be
carried ⊙ advise SMOKY

1350

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TO Bomo rpt B to

FROM SMOKY

Originator's Number WF 1

Date 13

In Reply to Number

Secret Setup to 0750 K/13 ⊙ SITNOR ⊙
Six men left LA K/13 for mopo ⊙
Camera and compass arrived
safely

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T.H.I. 0910

T.O.R. 1125

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GR327

bito rptd Bomo

Smoky ID30 13 —

SECRET sitrep to 1700K/13 ⊙ fighting patrol
10offr 2nco's and NOT 3as previously reported
and 15ors moved out 0645K/11 returned 1600K/13
to FB MR 543214 WAGO ⊙ patrol and patrol ~~leds~~ complete
report and sketches will be send as soon as possible
⊙ patrol went along NORTH BANK buang river to
618222 here first night was spent ⊙ K/12 ⊙ cut
through sac ~~sac~~ in NE direction hill 1100K/12
when acreekwas struck ⊙ heavy going through
sac sac and jungle ⊙ 1215K/12 followed down
ck in an EASTERLY direction ⊙ 1530 K/12 left
ck and went through scrub in an EASTERLY
direction ⊙ in the sac sac posn very hard to
locate ⊙ we would have turned EAST approx
625235 ⊙ 1655K/12 struck old SMOKEY fb. wecan
find no record of MR this firmbase ⊙ 1705K/12
followed along north track out of firmbase
to coast ⊙ fair FOOTPRINTS ~~assorted~~ apparently
~~done~~ were of K/12 ⊙ packed up JAP documents
may be NEWS paper or portion of book ⊙ mill
fwd ⊙ 1740 K/12 reached COAST track and
immediately sited 2 UNARMED JAPS 30yds

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BITO

BUILDER / SMORY 1032 14

captured documents left R/14 ⊙

WARNING ⊙ this paper used by unknown enemy after defication ⊙ MR remains to be filled in ⊙ will endeavour to complete sketches and intrep today

L/T ~~0920~~ 2120 [illegible] 1005

2218 2030

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Bito rptd Bomo
Smoky 1D33 — 14 —
received the following ⊙ camera air photos
and template and further supply of paper ⊙
thanks ⊙ photo NOT as good as I hoped ⊙ Have
they any between BUANG mouth and
SUGARLOAF ⊙ have not as yet located
SAP main camp

1000
2000

4/T [illegible] ~~0915~~ 2115

2218

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TO BITO fwd

5000

FROM	Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
adv 3 Aust Div	0118	11	

SECRET O SITREP 312 to 0800 14/11 ⊙ 15 Bn ⊙ 10 aug patrol established that there are jap posns at 702968 and 703964 natives state jap has vacated ISINI owing to bombing and not in strength in MALOLO camped along foreshore USAMA chinatown ⊙ 17 Bde GP ⊙ 24 portable hospital pres at 718907 ⊙ coy C 1 Bn regt established standing patrol 719908 all informed

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Bde rptd Bomo

Smoky

1D. 24 . 14. _____

Secret Sitrep to 1700K/14 O sketch for patrol K/11 to K/13 inclusive completed and should leave K/15 O recce fighting patrol from FB 543214 WAGO left 0630 K/14 O Strength 1 NCO 5 ors O proceeded along north bank BUANG R. to approx 614223 following native pad O 0945 crossed to SOUTH side struck main VA track and proceeded EAST for approx 1 hour O 1100 found obstruction across track at approx 621218 O from observation the track WEST of this obstruction held NO JAP footprints but construction man made as undergrowth was torn away O JAP is very suspiciously placed in order to force any patrol round the pos'n O 1145 returned WEST along main BUANG track O crossed SOUTH trib. and continued on track through island O 1520 at 552212 at place where track comes out on to BUANG R patrol found one JAP (over)

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1	ID16	1930	4				L																
2	ID17	1930	4				L																
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8	1021	1145	4		L			0		0													
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10	1023	1145	4		L			0		0													
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2	ER17	1605	4		L			0															
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4	ID24	2035	4		L																		
5	1023	2045	4		L																		
6	ER14	2000	4		L																		
7	ER20	2001	4		L																		
8	ER01	2010	4		L																		
9	JAG19	2036	4		L																		
10	JAG20	2041	4		L																		

W. & Co.— A507

REMARKS

Office Opens 1600 Mess Mate Signs Book
O Date first K/15 O 1605 Procedure Commenced
F.B. Operations SYNOP
1900
2061
1945

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BITO. rpt Bomo
SMOKY 1D35 - 14
Jap Butter has owner name
sewn on it ⊙ two characters
are centre and river which
is equivalent to MIDSTREAM ⊙
on strap ~~end~~ end there is some
obliterated lettering

1600
2070
2218

L/T 0935 RG

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B/ Bomo
B/ Smoky

252.

ER 24 14

patrol left FB 543214 to ambush track EAST of FB K/14

1600
2031
2218

L/T 0900 [illegible]

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B/ Bomo
B/ Smoky ER 25 14 JF 153

force of 15 under Sgt Fox and including LT. SAUNDERS and mainly 10 pl personnel moved out along north arm BUANG to booby trap ambush and harrass as close as possible enemy at BUANG MOUTH this will allow new men to see tracks in area ⊙ I am laid up with tinea and ringworm

L/T 0930 [illegible]

1705
2015
2218

AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL RCDIG1022487

3 DIV
24 in.

I

6275

I 28 14.

Have you on hand all photos BUANG and area beach BUANG-MOUTH—SUGAR LOAF ⊙ BUANG patrol require them if held if NOT held will DEMAND for AIR-PHOTOS be fulfilled in reasonable time.

2235.
2240.
2255

in L.
2255

RED SHIELD WAR

ANY REFERENCE TO SHIPPING OR TROOP MOVEMENTS WILL RESULT IN THE DELAY OR MUTILATION OF THIS LETTER

AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL RCDIG1022487

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Phoned to Segs 2244K/14

3 DIV
24 B

I 28 - 14

Have you on hand airphotos BUANG and area beach BUANG MOUTH — SUGARLOAF ⊙ ~~If A~~ BUANG patrol require them if held ⊙ If NOT held will DEMAND for AIR PHOTO be fulfilled in reasonable time

2235

Bansell
Lieut

P 2244 K/14

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Phoned to Sigs

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SMOKY rptd BOMO

3 BITO

E29 - 14 - ER25

what time did patrol strength 15 leave FIRM BASE on K/14 ⊙ what time did patrol strength 15 leave FIRM BASE on K/14 ⊙ what was nature of track obstruction 621218 how high was it and apparent age ⊙ what time is patrol strength 15 expected to return ⊙ NO other BUANG photos here have asked DIV for them ⊙ Patrol Strenght 3 leaves MAPOS K/15 to recce suffosed track BUWAI – SUGARLOAF

2340

2350

P. 2355 DJS.

BITO fwd
SMOKY ID31 + 14 508
SECRET - SITREP to 0600 k/m ⊙
SITNOR

0500
0640

0905

L/T 0840 9/16

1 Sect

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Bomo
SMo

ER28 — 14 318

ref map WAGO ⊙ recce fighting patrol from FB 543214 ⊙ patrol found by 11 pl ⊙ patrol leader 2/cpl PAXINO ⊙ Str INCO 5 ORs ⊙ Arms 2 OSMGS 4 rifles and 2 grens per man ⊙ object to proceed as far as possible along VA track ⊙ weather fair ⊙ route over north bank and tribs Buang R to approx 614223 then south to VA track and EAST to approx 621218 ⊙ route in west along main LA track to FB ⊙ timber cut ⊙ 0630 K/14 ⊙ time in 1615 K/14 ⊙ load carried 3 days rations ⊙ results of patrol ⊙ found only one obstructions across main VA track at approx 621212 but no foot prints west of this posn ⊙ found one jap puttee at 552212 ⊙ details ⊙ 0630 K/14 left FB and proceeded along north bank to approx 614223 ⊙ 0945 K/ crossed to south bank struck main VA track and proceeded east till 1100 ⊙ 1100 found obstruction of logs timber and vines drawn across track ⊙ look recently done and man made track west of this posn showed no jap footprints ⊙ obstructions appeared to be defficately placed in order to force any patrol around this posn ⊙ 1145 returned west along ~~track~~ LA track crossed south trib then went along main track through area to 552212 which is old JAP ambush posn ⊙ 1520 at this point patrol found jap puttee which had been there for some time ⊙ this will be fwd ⊙ 1615 returned to FB ⊙ deduction ⊙ obstructions appeared to have been placed there in area in vicinity possible booby trap to hinder any of our attempts to reach coast ⊙ jap puttee my have been discarded hurriedly on July 30 after encounter with 7 japs one of whom my have been wounded in foot or leg

1745/14.
2000

2320 K/15

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BUILDER I SMOKY

BITO ADV I 42 15 1D 33

3 DIV advise No photos held @ Demands have been in for over 2 months

1900

A Westbook
Sgt

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334.

BOMO

Smoky

15

ER30

URGENT V20647 Cpl Pascina V320190 Pte Hourihan reported in to firm base 2250K/15 both unwounded. Lieut saunders definitely killed. L/Cpl Pascino brought Lieut Saunders pay book and idenity dics back to camp ⊙ Pte Russell T.C. Pte Maning who are bringing in Pte McKenzie wounded have not yet reported in ⊙ the 3 are reported to have at least 10 minutes start on rest of patrol ⊙ patrol from firmbase failed to locate these 3 in the dark ⊙ trying again first light ⊙ No further news of L/sgt fose.

2255
0125

PS Cpl Langford brought this report in about 0045

0140

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Bomo
MOPO

MK34 - 15 JF 155

pte Jacka who brought the message from firm base to LA is with pte Craven ~~brought~~ tonight & will will leave again for FB at first light with 8 natives carriers who are at present at LAO These carriers will be used for purpose of evacuating pte McKenzie ⊙ pte McKenzie was hit by a burst of fire high up in both thighs ⊙ pte Manning & Russell P.C remained with him to await arrival of Sgt Norton patrol ⊙ Jacka is confident that McKenzie will be safely at firm Base by now ⊙ Ref other 4 cas ⊙ Lt Saunders & pte Hourigain were defenately seen hit ⊙ L/Sgt Fox & L/cpl Paxino were NOT seen hit but Jacka states that hope for them is very remote ⊙ this information was supplied by pte Jacka as there are no other troops back at L.A.O pte Jacka was not on patrol ⊙ Will You advise instruction of M.O re evacuation

2315

2359 AB

LK GR60 311

125

Como

Smoky ID37 15 —

SECRET retrap to 1700K/15 ⊙ 1 u/1 a/c possibly
Hostile recce a/c over area at 0400K/15 and
0600K/15 ⊙ patrol 1 offr 3 neo's 12 ors left
FB 543214 at 0650K/15 to booby trap main
track to coast as near as possible to
take tabbalk poor 631219 ⊙ expected in
evening K/16 ⊙ Otherwise retrap

4/T 2075 R

1700
2000

GR 311

2150

All
Retrap to get to
the IO

Bomo

Smoky

ER 27 [illegible] 15

patrol left 0645/15 and is NOT expected back until tomorrow ⊙ track obstruction consists of log and wood drawn across track and would be less than 1 week old as far as can be judged

2000

1420
1900
2320

T.H.L.

T.O.R.

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Zone B1
Smoky

307

ER26 15

Night patrol left F.B. 543214 at 0605 K/15 ⊙
Zap ambush 614213 at 1545 K/15 ⊙ result 03 Zaps
killed 0 own cas 4 missing believed killed 1
wounded the following are missing believed killed
LIEUT SAUNDERS L/Sgt FOX Pte Hourigan L/Cpl
PAXINO wounded Pte McKENZIE ⊙ further report
to hand 16 10/5 4/11/1915 R. (OVER)

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Verbal message also recd O Lyt NORTON
and 6 ORs left 1730 hrs reach for missing

1935--
1950

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Adv 2Div D Coy 24 Bn Near Bito Kima Kulu Bomo Dupa Lebi
Adv 24 Bn I 43 15
SECRET SITREP 280 to 1945k/15 ⊙ BUANG AREA ⊙ B COY 24 BN 1545k/15
patrol strength 15 ambushed 614218 WAGO one inch ⊙ Cas ENEMY 3
killed OWN TPS 1 offr 3 ors missing believed killed 1 wounded ⊙
1730k/15 Patrol strength 7 left 543214 to search for missing
men ⊙ B COY PIB ⊙ O.P. 491449 ⊙ 1510/1520k/15 4 persons NORTH
to SOUTH 5 persons SOUTH to NORTH bank MARKHAM RIVER ⊙ All informed

IMMEDIATE 2007

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OP

342

Bomb

Smoky ED38 16

SECRET. SITREP No 0500 K/15

further details of action
at GIH 218 nrgo will further
sitrep when info
collected and this
will Earlier

2075 0535

0945

0800

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Adv Div rptd NGF Lofc
records adv BITO 421
24 Aust Inf Bn RQ24 17-
reference out RQ20 of
K/16 ⊙ vx 104437 L/sgt
FOX W.P. previously reported
missing K/15 now reported
killed K/15 1215
in 1309 1220
1325
21

305

Rkore

BOMO advises:-

Reported 4 men missing believed killed, 1 wounded on BUANG RIVER patrol

1715/15.

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included patrol K/150 L/cpl PAXINO
Pte McPenyre Pte old Pte Fogarty also were in-
cluded 2 men of patrol K/16 also the remainder
of ors in patrol had used VA track previous
& were familiar with area 6 according to
reports L/sgt FOX to used these men as guides
& frequently asked advise of them.
7 L/sgt FOX was an excellent soldier & had
led several patrols prior to moving to
BUANG area 6 while attached to SMOKY FORCE
he led two other fighting patrols but
had never before been in contact with
enemy 6

0930

1032 [illegible]

1045

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all warships are harassing operations and bombing railway marshalling yards to prevent the evacuation of troops getting to NTH ITALY. On Saturday British Lancasters 1000 tons of bombs on MILAN and a vast part of the globe is practically obliterated Peace demonstrations are continuing in MILAN and also in ROME In MILAN factory workers left jobs to join demonstrating mobs

OVER FRANCE Flying Fortresses raided airfields and railway centres and enemy installations and strategic points the Forteresses shot down 11 NAZI fighters without

354

BOMO rptd MOPO SMOKY
BITO ADV.
I49 -16-
RMO and batman left DUPA 0830 K/16
A Bunsell Lieut
1115

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Bomo 386

Smoky ID 40 16

Secret Sitrep to 1700 K/16 ⊙ SITNOR

1700

5 K

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Lt Saunders - lived for 2¼ hrs after incident died 1800hrs
Pays stopped with him 9/Cpl Pascino in 2250 K/15
Lt Sibing covered withdrawal of party [illegible]
[illegible] capable & cool - last out - he replying to their fire [illegible]
[illegible] trace of Jose - who stopped M.G. burst in [illegible]
[illegible] Pascino & Hourigan stopped with Lt Saunders until he d[illegible]

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Domo
Smoky

ER 30 — 16 —

385

Definitely established that VX. 104437
L/Sgt FOX was killed in engagement
1545 K/15 at MR 629218 WAGOI in by machine gun
bullet in the chest ⊙ VX 77924 Pte MC KENZIE
has one bullet wound in right thigh ⊙
Is not seriously wounded ⊙ He
and Pte RUSSELL and PTE MANNING
returned 0830 K/16

16/8

0945

in. 2025

2115 WB

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390

LIC OP CR 4021

BOMO

SMOKY 10 39 16

SECRET SITREP to 1000 K/16 ⊙ re/ fighting patrol
K/15 ⊙ re/ map WAGO ⊙ patrol left FB 543214
at 0650 K/15 under L/SGT FOX with lieut SAUNDERS
for experience moved along NORTH BANK to
approx 611224 then crossed to SOUTH BANK
struck main track to COAST and proceed
EAST ⊙ patrol had to by pass 4 man made
barracades across track consisting of logs
and vines dragged down ⊙ the first one
struck was at 622218 ⊙ after passing the
fourth of these at 629218 at 545 K/16
L/sgt FOX gave warning and fired on
a machine gunner in front of him ⊙
there upon the enemy opened fire with
LMGs and automatics by which they appeared
to possess not a
at least one .5 mg ⊙ L/sgt FOX and lieut
Saunders were hit the former evidently
being killed instantly and the latter died
apprx 1800 K/15 ⊙ the remainder of the patrol
scattered and a small force under cpl ~~DYBING~~
DYBING covered the withdrawal under fire
cpl DYBING showed himself as a very
capable and cool being the last under
the enemies fire in the meantime

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reply with his OSMG ⊙ this ambush point
is approx 150yds in depth and was
in an L type shape with the base of the
L to the east ⊙ on the south is a steep
hillside and to the north an thin strip
of Runai and then the Duang river ⊙ the
enemy estimated strength at least 30 to 40
men and appeared to have a few posts
dug in 1720 K/15 Cpl BYBING with 8 ors
returned to FB 5432 K/4 ⊙ a patrol under
Sgt NORTON with Lt Childs left immediately
to try and locate Pte McKenzie who was
wounded and two men who were helping
him approx 2100 K/15 they returned NOT
having sighted them ⊙ 2250 K/15 Cpl BOXING
and Pte HOURIGAN returned and confirmed
death of Lt Saunders ⊙ 0645 K/16 2 patrols
left FB one going north side of river and
other south side to locate Pte McKenzie
Pte Russell and Pte MANNING ⊙ 0710 K/16
struck them at 552212 and returned with
them at 0830 K/16 ⊙ Cas own 2 killed 1 wounds
NOT seriously as reported ⊙ Enemy 3 killed
maybe 4 lost in action 10 SMG 2 rifles 1100 2210
Patrol strength was 1 off 3 NCOs 12 ORs

Sig Msg

Domo
Smoky

ID 41 16 391

on close investigation JAP ambush posn at MR approx 629210 just past NGVR hut and those who were on patrol K/16 say this ambush posn was about 200 yds NEST of that MR 631219 ⊙ Herewith closest estimate on ASR photograph if photograph were clearer calculations would be easier ⊙ Ref photo BUANG RIVER mouth ⊙ photo run obliterated but Number looks like 103 G and is titled Partep looking EAST ⊙ ref of JAP ambush posn K/6 Aug is F7 T6 ⊙ Ref of JAP ambush posn K/15 is H2 T4 ⊙ wish I had a clearer or better photo to give more asistance 1030

IN. 2055 2210.

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ZL 6r 39

BITO rpar rptd KIMA KULU

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ADV BITO I48 16

Latest available infm of BUANG RIV action K/16 0 killed lieut SANDERS 0 missing believed killed L/Sgt FOX 0 wounded NOT brought into FIRM BASE by 0140 K/16 PTE MCKENZIE JS

0840

L/T L Brown

0908

0913

Operators

0850

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16 AUG

found natives unwilling to open track which is purposely over grown 30 minutes east off of Buwai and did NOT proceed O all informed

G [signature] L Trouble
H 2345

2300
2315

6879

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T Lic op GR 237 6879

adv 3 DIV rptd Dcoy 24 Bn rear BITO KIMA KULU BOMO DUP LEBI

adv 24 Bn I 56 -

SECRET SITREP 283 to 2230 k/16 ⊙ BUANG area ⊙ Bcoy 24 Bn ⊙ further to SITREPS 280/281 ⊙ patrol moved EAST along south bank Buang from 611224 WAGO 1 inch passing 4 man made obstructions across track from 621218 to 629218 ⊙ 1545 k/15 after passing last barricade jap L shaped ambush depts approx 150 yards estimated strength 40 encountered ⊙ japs fired ONE point 5 MMG LMGs automatic weapons and rifles OLIEUT SAUNDERS and SGT FOX after shooting 1 machinegunner were killed by automatic fire ⊙ Cpl DYBING engaged enemy to allow remainder of patrol to withdraw and evacuate wounded ⊙ Cas ENEMY 3 killed probably 4 total cas OWN TDs 1 offr 1 or killed 1 wounded ⊙ 0830 k/16 wounded man arrived 543214 ⊙ PHOTO template ref ambush posn F 7 T 6 oblique 87 BUANG river ⊙ 1530 k/16 patrol to recce track BUWAI - SUGAR LOAF

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TO ADV 3 DIV rpta NG Log C RECORDS ADV BITO

FROM 2/4 AUST INF BN	Originator's Number RQ 20	Date 16	In Reply to Number

Battle Casualties		on	15th	Aug	O
VX104168	LIEUT	A P	SAUNDERS	Killed	in
action	VX104437	L/Sgt	FOX	W.P.	Missing
VX77924	PTE	MACKENZIE	J.S.	Wounded	in
action					

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O"P GR 195 6833

ADV 3 DIV DCOY 24 Bn REAR BITO KIMA KULU
adv 24 Bn I46 16

SECRET SITREP 281 to 0600 k/16 ⊙ BuANG area
⊙ B coy 24 Bn ⊙ 0400 and 0600 k/15 u/1 a/c
over LEGA 521210 WAGO 1 inch ⊙ ref. SITREP
280 ⊙ 2250 k/15 2 offs previously reported
misings believed killed reported back to
FIRM BASE ~~for~~ 543214 WAGO 1 inch ⊙ OWN
cas now 1 offr known killed 1 or missing believed
killed 1 or wounded ⊙ two volunteer stayed
with man to bring him back to FIRM BASE ⊙ NO
report of wounded man and volunteer yet ⊙
MARKHAM area ⊙ launch crossings 6 persons
NORTH to SOUTH bank markham river vic new
LABU island ⊙ partep area ⊙ 0053 k/16 1 u/1 a/c
NORTH of PARTEP 272212 ROAMER 1 inch

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TO 155 Bde 17 Bde 24 Bn reptd 5 8/5 9 Bn

FROM 3 Aust Div

Originator's Number T470

Date 19

In Reply to Number

MOST SECRETO ref 3 Aust Div Op order
No 1 para 12 reptd 12 O Dept D day
30 sept 30 june O all informed
O ACK

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T.H.I. 1035

T.O.R.

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16 AUG

⊙ 0116 k/16 1 u/1 a/c WEST of partep 2 flying SW ⊙ 0245 k/16 1 u/1 a/c over PARTEP 2 1500 off flying NW from SOUTH circled in NW to fly NE ⊙ 0315 k/16 1 u/1 a/c NORTH ~~0315 k/16 1 u/1 a/c NORTH~~ of PARTEP 2 flying WEST ⊙ Sunshine area ⊙ 0117 k/16 u/1 a/c flying SOUTH over SUNSHINE ⊙ 0130 k/16 u/1 a/c in WEST flying SOUTH ⊙ all informed

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Frankl
0745

0645
0655

0830

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11 Fighter Sector

24 Aust Inf Bn I 566 20

Sunshine at 1730 hrs. A scattered 5000 9

B Overcast 8000 12 C scattered 10000 7

J Wheat
PTE

METEOR 1730

IMMEDIATE

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17 Aug.

2200.

Phone conversation with BUILDER I BITO. Patrol NOT to open BUWAI-
SUGARLOAF track but to get SGT JUDD to bargain with natives that we
would NOT open this track if they would show us a track
from FIRM BASE to SUGARLOAF. (SIG CRAWFORD at MOPO was advised
and he was to pass this infor- on to SGT JUDD tonight - a Confirming
mation message would be sent).

Confirming message
I 58 to Bomo repeat MOPO
2350/17.

DUPA LEBI r/fm TIMNE BITO rear MOPO SMOKY

ADV BITO

I 45 - 5/16

336

FOR RMO ⊙ Wounded man patrol BUANG RIVER Pte McKENZIE JS ⊙ GSW both thighs ⊙ 8 natives leaving LEGA morning K/16 for to collect McKENZIE and will return via MAPOS and DAMBI ⊙ which they should reach K/17 ⊙ Advise your movements ⊙ NO further word of missing men but stated TWO were seen hit ⊙ Other TWO NOT seen hit but still missing

Burnett
Lieut

IMPORTANT 0003

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406

Bomo
Smoky

ID 31 17

SECRET SITREP

lo 05300 K/17

SITNOR

Smoky

0530
0720
0720

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Adv Bito
to Tinne

Q698

11

Voting for FEDERAL ELECTIONS on 12 Aug 11.00 to 14
before Capt E. M. Kennedy ⊙ Facilities will be extended to all
personnel desiring to vote to attend.

21.00
2130

[illegible]

442

S'MSKY sptd BOMO
Adv BITO

I 61 - 17 - -

BUILDER & BITO directs that the following infra be submitted to him through BOMO ⊙ Ref patrol 15 AUG led by 4/Sgt FOX ⊙ 1 Patrol orders ⊙ 2 Details of route ordered ⊙ 3 Object of patrol ⊙ 4 Spot where patrol was told to sleep night 15/16 AUG ⊙ 5 How were they to harass enemy special orders or instructions to be quoted ⊙ 6 How many men of patrol of 14 AUG which found barricade were in FOX patrol and were they used as guides and to give advice ⊙ 7 Was patrol leader experienced

1905

W Bunsell
Kent

17/8

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451.

DOMO Rptd ADVBITO
SMOKY ID43 - 17

SECRET SITREP to 1730 K/17 O
0700 K/17 fighting patrol of 1 off INCO
12ORS left Firm Base 543214 WAGO
to reach Sugar Loaf and coast
via LABV pad ref. // ~~sketch~~ sketch
send and NORTH Buang R. O
Then N.E through scrub to
Sugarloaf after reaching
approx 880224 O 701 expected
back till evening K/20 Otherwise
SITNOR.

0730
2015

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BOMD and ADV BITS

SMOKY

1.P.42

4524

Patrol from Junction 583214
WAGO will leave 0645 K/17
for SUGARLOAF and are
expected back evening K/200
Object to reach coast via
Sugar Loaf O Strength 10 ff.
1 N.C.O 12 obs 1 sdn added route
O Along NTH Bank of Buang
River to approx 580224
thence through bush in
NE. direction to Sugarloaf
and coast

1900 K/17
2000

2223

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Bomo

Smoky 1044 18 459

Secret sitrep to 0530 K/18 SITNOR

L/T [illegible] 0730

0530

0730 0800

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489

R 9/10 Romo

Smoky 1045 18.

secret telegr to 1730 K18 —

No news of sugar loaf patrol K/18

10 pl with 7 attch KUL-U now compose

smoky force otherwise Seteor

1730

2013 1930

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TO KIMA KULU BOMO DUPA.

FROM	Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
ADV BITO	0730	19	

understood	that	bayonets	not	carried	on
all	patrols	o	This	shows	lack
of	offensive	spirit	and	ability	to
inflict	casualties	on	the	enemy	o
Personnel	will	carry	bayonets	as	part
of	normal	equipment	and	will	use
same	when	opportunities	occur		

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Bomo reptd Bito
Smoky (old)

ER31 19 I61

I patrol orders to L/sgt FOX K/15 O the enemy have been located at 631219 and at old smoky F.B. he is in considerable strength O your patrol of 1 off 3 NCOS & 12 ors will move out & harass ANY enemy found fwd of 631219 WAGO also Booby trap the track W of the MR.

2 Route ordered the patrol will move along N bank BUANG R to MR 611224 where two huts in good condition were to be inspected in view of sleeping night K/15-16 O then they would cross to S bank & inspect barricade found by patrol K/14 if considered safe to proceed east O route in O along S side Buang. R.

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TO KIMA KULU BONO TOUPA (LFB) Apld REAR BITE

FROM	Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
ADV B 150	9714	14	

Reporting	air	flashes	O	Corps	will
ensure	that	Intell	and	Liq	personnel
of	corps	OPs	etc	are	furnished
with	airflash	message	forms	as	amended
by	this	HQ	O	All	flashes
will	be	reported	from	one	to
nine	as	per	form	O	Vital

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to F.B. 543214 ⊙

3/ object of patrol ⊙ to harass enemy & booby trap track as close as possible to to JAP ambush 631219 ⊙

4/ spot where patrol was to sleep night was huts at MR 611224 if considered satisfactory if not at patrol leaders discretion

5/ How were they to harass enemy ⊙ two snipers were included in patrol & if opportunity arose they were to be left & used in that capacity ⊙ The patrol leader was instructed to familiarize new members of SMOKY FORCE with track & huts located N bank Buong R. also to be very weary of barricade reported K/14 & not to proceed if he considered it a trap concerning general situation in that area ⊙ 6/ How many men patrol K/14

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TO

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that this instruction be adhered to rigorously otherwise loss of life of dies personnel occurs and opportunities engage enemy are lost

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BOMO	Mild Bito			582 Sr 14
SMOKY		I.D. 48	20	
SECRET SITREP		to 1130 K/20 ⊙ SITNOR		
Popped BITO Phoebe			1130 1515	1620

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BOMO rptd BITO
SMOKY 1D46 19

544

SECRET SITREP to 1700 K/19 ⊙ 0945 K/19 1 NCO
and 40 ORS returned from SUGAR LOAF COAST
patrol ⊙ Tick and say remainder should
reach coast evening K/18 ⊙ 0900 K/18 BASE
established posn approx 1 mile EAST NORTH EAST
SUGAR LOAF ⊙ NO map ref sent back ⊙
OTHERWISE SITNOR

1730
1950

Ag 6226

19/8

2012.

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557

Bito Rept Bomo

Smoky I D47 20

SECRET SITREP A0 0530K/20

SITNOR 0530

0725

in 0725 [illegible]

0726.

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MESSAGE FORM

Ditto Apex Boulder 2 BOMO

Boulder 1 BOMO JF155 20

GR. IN

The map and aerial photo give a very poor

CALL-AND INSTRUC-TIONS

OUT

impression of what the country is really like.

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TO

On the S bank the feature runs from the coast

FROM

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NW to approx 900 ft and has steep drops to the

river ⊙ The N bank has a 1 in 4 slope ⊙ (Write horizontally)

This affects also the only road to manoeuvre

from ⊙ all tracks cut on N side passage

either ridge and the climb from the river

to SUGARLOAF is 400 ft ⊙ Any movement along

N bank at river level means lacking thru

jac-vine "layer cum lotter vine and tangled

roots. The swamp land out into a large delta

covered with the above mentioned foliage the

river follows a very erratic course and is

studded with dry water courses which make the

crossing of the area very difficult The river

is very treacherous and speed is 10 to 12 knots

other parts are much harder old track from

LIVER CREEK to coast crosses river 13 times

⊙ New track along N bank crosses twice

track from MAROS to LIVER CREEK is one of

the most strenuous and exhausting that troops

are covering climb from MAROS to 5000 ft

and then drops 5000 ft to LEGS and further

3000 ft to LIVER ⊙ It follows one continuous

ridge all the way ⊙ Only two locations

give good observation ⊙ LIVER and LITTLE

LEGS ⊙ Camp area is well clear at

junction of LIVER CREEK and BUSHY river

⊙ Troops are sleeping in American tents

and Ponchos with the head ⊙ This will

also not prevent them entering from rear

⊙ Hygiene and [illegible] the area

is good ⊙ From Combat work

T.O.R.

we have taken at present that Jap ambush

630219 contains at least 1 pl ⊙ armed with

1 · 55 MG 3 Bren type and other automatic

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(*Write horizontally*)

found ⊙ on the ⊙ very end of
moved NE to 603450 ⊙ no Nis ⊙ Hus
to 60360 ⊙ made fighting Base at Hus
found ⊙ one KI 118 two spent to
Base ⊙ KI 118 1 NCO 4 ors to find
to FB evening to return
reserve ended in 6 remainder 1
moved along N side sugar left to
wards coast ⊙ 1000 KI 18 dugout ⊙ each lane
followed tree very dug out ⊙ 1125 from
to the 611767 shots were hand shaking
found in direction 356⊙ & run the
three were pulled E of the found ⊙
a hut succeeded the falling of 1
tree ⊙ it was to the 75
fell ⊙ was taking WHGO the place in Number
of track shown on then touched ⊙ 1 off
3 ors of patrol reached MR 620263 ⊙ forward
coast to early stopped car ⊙ sugar
from from patrol men ⊙ 0800 KI 19 4 members
KI 18/19 other to FB 0430 A
fighting base ⊙ decided Australs return F.13
⊙ 1345 KI 18 heavy AA in direction 51° ⊙
one C/I A/C roared over head ⊙ return

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B/40

MESSAGE FORM

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Boulder 1 Bcoys JF156 20 IN | GALL AND INSTRUC-TIONS

SECRET O SUGARLOAF Control WITCO OUT

O Acting Lieut Control LINEM CK. Patrol

Lieut CHILDS 1 NCO 12 ors left F.B.

K/17 O Armaments 1 Bren 5 OSMC's 2 Snipers

also 6 rifles 4 auto 2 Owen Gun mags

Dodging Coast material and cuts discharges

O object O to proceed to creek Via

N side ridge 1 chains Emergency Camp

weather first night 1 afternoon following

day. Left 2 hours after Dark O

route out O along N bank BUANG to

approx 598230 1 NE to approx 603245

from where N to approx 605260 from

where NE to 620263 O route via O 620

263 to 605260 S to 605255 Then

S.W. to approx 598245 1 to 9 to Bunny

Barong 1 Then to F.B. time out 2400

K/17 O time in 1200/20 O 4 days

Emergency rations O ammo O suitable

for beach coast Owing to condition

of open O Details O left F.B. 0700 K/17

proceeded along N bank of BUANG

to 598230 1 Then proceeded in a

NE direction 1 crossed at bench out

track at approx 575230 O Then track

runs in E.W. direction O no interruption

to PB BARRAWINI Bus track runs to

CAPE NGVR first main tracks encountered

on Coast just South of Boat Harbour

Sacka track runs

Then inland

to the R.G.T. Road O

K/14 a light Godetsend of Aug in a 130°

able to distinguish weather material

weapons ⊙ The
to date through
lower echelons
is often at all
engage as if
role even
men and fire
our ops it has
more than 40%
HQ ops most of
some type of ailment ⊙ after a large
patrol ops ops available drop to 300
⊙ The spirit of these ops is willing but
the human body cannot stand up to
the job that is being imposed upon
them all our movements are across
country and tracks have to be shun
out of the jungle ⊙ The strain im-
posed on the ops with this type of
work is having its effect ⊙ cases
quickly and itch ringworm fungi and
colds are prevalent ⊙ 90 p/c of troops
in this area have worked here before
and the comment that was contracted
on their last visit are recovering ⊙
It takes considerable time for these
troops to properly recuperate their health
with it I just relieved I have combed
out my company for the fittest men
and they are here at present ⊙ I there
fore feel that the next relief must
come from some of the soldiers from BURMA

1330

~~2205~~

2228

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MESSAGE FORM

Bomo rptd Rto

Smoky 1D49 20

SECRET SITREP Rto 1730K/20 ⓒ fighting patrol from
FRM BASE 543214 HAGO 1" A/F 0700K/17 returned 1200K/20 ⓒ
Route follows ⓒ NORTH BANK of BUSHG to approx
598230 and NE to approx 603245 from there
N to approx 605260 from there NE to 620263 ⓒ
Unable to reach coast owing to condition of men ⓒ
Morning K/17 a bench cut track running E to W
approx MR 578230 encountered ⓒ PB said track
runs to NGVR but mentioned in previous
SUGAR LOAF patrol of Ptes SYKES and JACKS ⓒ
Crossed but undecided ⓒ 0900K/18 fighting
Base made 605260 ⓒ 1 NCO 4 ORs returned
FRM BASE because of ill health ⓒ 1 off 8 ORs
moved along N side of SUGARLOAF towards
coast ⓒ 1000 large fallen tree encountered
ⓒ 1125 from approx 614262 tree heard
being felled in direction 356° magnetic
and E of this direction ⓒ A short proceeded
felling of tree ⓒ felling probably taking
place along creek shown on HAGO chart ⓒ
1 off 3 ORs endeavoured to track to coast
but only reached approx 620263 and spend
the night K/18-19 Here ⓒ 0500K/19 patrol
left fighting base and returned to FRM BASE
LINES CREEK ⓒ Route ⓒ 5 to 605255 5 N
to 598245 5 to BUSHG and thence N to
FRM BASE ⓒ Enemy may be forkfed town N
of SUGARLOAF ⓒ PB thinks ~~that~~ this
natives may be felling timber to build town
ⓒ Patrol strength was 1 off & 1 NCO and
12 ORs ⓒ Acknowledge SITREP.

1730
1745
1954

T.H.I.

T.O.R.

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Brto

B1 Bome — JF 157 — 21

fighting patrol WAGO Vinch ⊙ Sgt Norton and 9 ors FB K/20 ⊙ arms 1 bren 20SMG 7 rifles grenades and rations ⊙ object ⊙ to ambush S track 570218 and cover the return of sugarloaf patrol ⊙ weather fire ⊙ Time out 0600 K/20 Time in 1900 K/20 patrol under Sgt Norton and 9 ors left FB 0600 K/20 moved to June KARESTE-LEGA ⊙ crossed dry creek Sed to 570218 and took up ambush posn until 1600 K/20 ⊙ no Japs seen

#218

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Transport Force O-D. 167 C.R. I 7205

NGF 08489 23.

Mopsecat ⊙ latest information states that approx 15 enemy Malakan ports and or island immediately eastward ⊙ Malakan ports crossings may be used by enemy moving north from Salamaua ⊙ Essential for success of future plans that enemy Malakan Ports Area be contained therefore any TPT withdrawing from Salamaua be prevented from joining this force ⊙ No offensive action to be taken by you in accordance this role prior Sep 4 ⊙ If at that time desirable your presence or strength be concealed from enemy unless withdrawal from Salamaua present obvious target for attack ⊙ At least one box to be moved general area Malakan Point early as possible ⊙ AIR FORCE proposes installing RADAR station area Malakan Point prior SEP. 4 ⊙ Your duties will include its local protection ⊙ Units 2 I.P covering MARKHAM River area to be maintained ⊙ Force will be maintained by dropping WAMPIT or GABENSIS ⊙ indicate dates you require supplies etc dropped these places

QM.

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2153/K/23

2345

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ankers	water	boiled	O	Small	Steam
floors	into	SNAKE	at	BLAKES	O
possibly	subject	to	any	periods	O
suggest	water	be	drawn	upstream	from
crossing	on	this	steam	if	at
present	flowing				

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SMOKY rptd Bomo

ADV BITO Q749 21

Ref Q741 delete FURTHER ⊙ to
previously instructed base will be moved
forward

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to 17 Aust Inf Bde	rpta	Wamp & Force	CASC	DAAS
3 Aust Div		⊙ 2058	24	—
Personnel of 17 Bde at present engaged pack tpt				
duties under comd 24 Jn will be relieved by				
1 offr 14 ord of 1 Aust Pack tpt coy ⊙ Detachment				
1 Aust Pack tpt coy will move via BULLDOG-WAU				
rd on completion L of C ⊙ Date of movement				
will be advised				
24 1806		[signature]	1805	1520
				1532

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GR101

NGF ~~rptd~~ DUDI
WAMPIT FORCE I124 29

MOST SECRET O request air strike 0745 hrs 2 day new labu island SQ 5842 HEATHS 1/25000 particularly NEW LABU 1 and NEW LABU 2 O also NORTH bank MARKHAM river from 590431 WEST SQ 5604 39 O also suspected jap POSN's 582435 and NE along track from 583433 to and incl heaths 597448 O suspected JAP 75 mm SQ 5843 O RPA STEEP WOODED spur from HERTZOGS to MARKHAM point 1000 yds WEST of ISLAND O RPB timbered island SQ 6042.150 0 yds EAST of NEW LABU ISLAND O BOMBLINE O NOT SOUTH of MARKHAM river

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2100
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TO BOMO DUPA

FROM	Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
BITO	Q587	25	

VX104532	Lieut	WALKER	HJC	V40186	Sgt
ROBERTSON	FW	selected	OCTU	WOODSIDE	Course
5	⊙	to	concentrate	reception	Camp
BULOLO	on	4	Aug	⊙	please
arrange	that	both	are	at	SUNSHINE
by	morning	of	2	Aug	~~[illegible]~~ ⊙
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SIGNED [illegible] Lieut

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SMOKY rftd BONO

ADV B ITO Q 741 21 JF 156

Exhaustion of troops largely due to
fact that firm base too far
back ⊙ As previously instructed you
will move forthwith base to at
least 586224 and report when more
completed ⊙ Advise obstacles preventing patrol
from moving SUGARLEAF to coast and

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TO 3 AUST DIV

FROM	Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
24 AUST INF BN	Q589	25	Q1492

ref	3	Aust	Div	Adm	[illegible]
56	of	~~[illegible]~~ 18	Jul	0	ACK

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KULU BOMO DUPA nfld REARBITO SMOKY

ADV BITO Q742 21

KULU	will	move	one	NCO	sick
men	TOKANIN	screen	men	MUNGA	to
arrive	24	Aug	for	SMOKY	⊙
Lieut	SMITH	will	move	from	present
area	for	SMOKY	on	25	aug

[signature]

1025

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ARMY FORM C2128. (Pads of 100).

MESSAGE FORM

Serial No.

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TO Bomo

FROM DUPA

Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
Q588	25	

Please	supply	record	leave	due	to
V330283	Pte	DWYER	T L	⊙	ref
your	L258	of	25	Jul.	⊙
Q534	refers	to	certificate	to	be
rendered	by	Coy	Comd	in	respect
of	Cameras	according	to	BRO	149
of	7	Jul			

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SIGNED C. R. Alderson Lieut

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(2)

whether rubber boats would assist ⊙
No further disobedience of orders ~~[illegible]~~
the tolerated ⊙ Advise re
patrol

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7260
47

" 2 " 1/ BR 207

NEW GUINEA 2 Aust Div

Coast Force O 11 25 08489

MOST SECRET O Own and PIB recce
find coy used routes enemy reinfs
MARKHAM R at launch canoe NORTH bank
to NEW LHBU ISLAND thence to SOUTH bank
track MARKHAM RIVER thence west along
SOUTH bank to MARKHAM PT O One coy
can contain enemy this area O Beach track
SAKARAUA - LABU no 1 AQ 6537 NADZAB
track at present guarded via BUANG RIVER
mouth eq 6421 wago track by at least
one coy enemy supported by 3 in mortars
HMGs O Defing patrol each 11 Aug some
by MMGs fired directly out to sea and
on road exits along beach suggesting aided
against landings O Further recce proceed
-ing to discover extent defensive area O
Country most difficult manoeuvre O
To effectively close this route would
require one coy instead of one pl used
at present BUANG AREA O This would
leave weak force of one pl and coy BHO
Nadzab 2 area HQ coy strength 100

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SUNSHINE ⊙ Two pls could effectively close beach route from SEPT 4 to SEPT 6 and intermittently from then on ⊙ Request limitations one pl Bulang and be kept for off and permission granted use two pls from SEP 5th

1245.
1385

1510

8/10 - 40/8

BASA DUDI k/27

MOST SECRET (.)Warning order(.)C Coy will begin offensive action against enemy at MARKHAM POINT at first light on Z day with object of (a) DEstroying enemy on SOUTH bank of MARKHAM RIVER (b) Denying enemy from SALAMAUA access to river crossing at MARKHAM POINT (c) Protecting 5 A F RADAR installations (.)Z day will be notified later(.)Code name of operation MARK (.)

O 8531 NGF WAMPIT K/27
FORCE

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(In reply to O/1) MOST SECRET (.)Capt CHALK PIB returns WAU 27 Aug with instructions for action to be taken by you at MARKHAM POINT (.)NO objection to increase your forces BUANG area but increase must NOT prejudiced MARKHAM action or increase air dropping (.) ACK

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0001 30/8 7187 7

" 2/8 2262 5

" 1/9 2321

FROM AIR MINISTRY LONDON

TO AIR OFFICER COMMANDING RAF MIDDLE EAST CAIRO

SECRET

(.) REFERENCE YOUR (.) 0001 (.) 30TH AUGUST (.) AND
PREVIOUS (.) REGRET (.) DELAY (.) IN (.) REPLY (.) DUE
TO (.) DIFFICULTY (.) IN (.) OBTAINING (.) ACCURATE
INFORMATION (.) AS (.) TO (.) ACTUAL (.) STRENGTH (.)
OF (.) AIRCRAFT (.) AT (.) PRESENT (.) IN (.) MIDDLE
EAST (.) AND (.) ALSO (.) AS (.) TO (.) EXACT (.)
NUMBER (.) OF (.) AIRCRAFT (.) WHICH (.) WILL (.)
BE (.) REQUIRED (.) TO (.) MAKE (.) UP (.) THE (.)
ESTABLISHMENTS (.) AUTHORISED (.) FOR (.) THE (.)
VARIOUS (.) UNITS (.) IN (.) THE (.) MIDDLE (.)
EAST (.) AS (.) THE (.) ESTABLISHMENTS (.) HAVE (.)
NOT (.) BEEN (.) FINALLY (.) SETTLED (.) AS (.) YET (.)
(.) HOWEVER (.) AS (.) A (.) RESULT (.) OF (.)
RECENT (.) DISCUSSIONS (.) WITH (.) THE (.) CHIEF
OF (.) THE (.) AIR (.) STAFF (.) I (.) HOPE (.) TO
BE (.) ABLE (.) TO (.) SEND (.) YOU (.) A (.)
TELEGRAM (.) WITHIN (.) THE (.) NEXT (.) FEW (.)
DAYS (.) WHICH (.) WILL (.) GIVE (.) YOU (.) THE
INFORMATION (.) YOU (.) REQUIRE (.) (.) ACK

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journey Ovin S to 605255 S.W. to 598245 &
S to Buang & then W. to F.B. ⊙ deduction
⊙ enemy may be fortifying a pass along
the creek N. of sugar loaf ⊙ interrogation
of P.B. BARRAWINI states that he thinks
that LABU natives are cutting timber to
build houses

1630

in 2300

2305

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6022

Issuing or Receiving Officer

Bitter u. Romer

Demanding Officer

Date

Issued

Amotty

Total

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0500

0615

0630.

0630

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	2 OP	78	OFFICE DATE STAMP 5946
	OUT		

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TO Builder 1 Bito

FROM Builder 1 Bomo | Originator's Number JF137 | Date 31 | In Reply to Number —

(Write horizontally)

SECRET fighting patrol will move 5
at 0600 4/4. and occupy JUNC 10
track KARESTE NA 560222 / patrol 15
leader Cpl and 4 ors 20
2 vickers mg 3 rifles 2 gren per 25
man. @ 2 days emergency and 2 field 30
ops rations per man 35

1100
1300

THE SALVATION ARMY

ACF AUSTRALIAN COMFORTS FUND

YMCA

Bombed Baty

Bombed Bombay K7

Lt Dr Anderson left a Shrapnel Gun

very distinctive Scars Anderson Capt

Formerly 5th Bde.

H Arrangt L H Troops 31 relieved

L Dawson Arrt Checked over all

precautions and arms

K/8

Instructed Methodisms at L/C

went over entire situation with

L Dawson & Sgt Longford. Lee

K/8

Personally Met Rear Fighting Patrol

to Search for new location for

F.R.S. situated 600 Yards Easterly

South 543214 Wage Road

K3 Moved F.B. to 543214 [illegible]

K4 Despatched Cpl. Mawby with Patrol [illegible] base approx position [illegible] Cpl. Mawby reported by message signs of recent Jap activity

593226

K5 Left Base with patrol and [illegible] Cpl. Mawby's patrol making total strength of Patrol [illegible] 180R covered all ground fwd to 617225 by 1800 hrs K5.

K6 Moved into Swamp country [illegible] as going although not impossible but extremely hard moved out to Buang River at 623221

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water courses & dry creek beds these would leave any FB forward of Lynnia creek open to encirclement and enable the ENEMY to cut L of C and operate on LA. MAPOS track. This course is one which must be denied to him. At Lynnia creek the position is such that LA. MAPOS track is secure main Ruang Karete track 275214 (Red overlay) is also secured as a base it is as convenient for patrols as anything further fwd as more men can be spared for active patrolling. Karete track 560221 is secured by fact of patrols being fwd of this area at all times.

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Since the accident we have had the
R Bros Relief Tobe Motwis well
and every thing in fair
word from story of F.B. Limmer
Corp very distressful and Sad
as members of this Platoon has been
in the valley before as Confirmation
as further news re the country
Should shortly need a Quick
for Sugar Loaf Pakuri as are the
natives are Hannaby Soldiers have
low to order come this difficulty
at present.
The canadians here are Coal
the Mines Closing and 80% of the Men
and Engineers Suffering the Cold a little
Blankets Through this 90% of
the men have colds and the majority
Coughing sore throats

2 O.P. 46

Bito

Romo — JF138 - 1 — — 5951

SECRET SITREP to 0600 K/1 ⊙ comm and o patrol. K/31 reached a point 552214 WAGO at approx 0850 to 0900 and observed JAP ambush posn. 552212. to 1450 K/31 ⊙ NO mvt ⊙ luang river uncrossable ⊙ heavy rain all day K/31 other SITNOR

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MESSAGE FORM

1855

LIC O-P

Rido Mobile Bomo

6003

Smoky 7

ER 4 1 OUT

INSTRUCTIONS.

re my WA900 recce fighting patrol from FIRM BASE ⊙ patrol led by CPL MALBY consisting of INF 10 and 4 ors left FIRM BASE 0630 1/1 to endeavour to find old KARESTE track on NORTH bank river approx 5-60221 as in I 1262 returned 15-45 having found NO trace at all of this track ⊙ details ⊙ 0800 crossed LIVIACK CK approx 5-46213 and proceeded ~~AS~~ EAST along well defined KANAKA track from 5-47213 till approx 08 45- at mr approx 5-49212 where ill defined track led off in NORTH EAST direction ⊙ following this for 150 yds track petered out in jungle ⊙ cut through jungle to approx 5-61218 and came out on dry creek bed ⊙ 1130 approx followed down dry creek bed to approx 5-65-219 but found NO tracks ⊙ 1215 approx ~~followed down dry creek bed~~ returned along dry creek bed and dry water course on NORTH side of river to 5-49212 ⊙ 1315 approx returned along main track to ⊙ FIRM BASE ⊙ deductions ⊙ thorough examination revealing NO sign of track jane and JAPS would therefore be very unlikely to find same

T-1850 Hood

1630

1744

1856 ⊙

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2 O.P. 42 6006

Rito | W. Bomo

SMOKY — ER5 — 1 — —

intention k/20 fighting patrol to move NORTH bank BUANG River object TO CONTACT and locate enemy if possible ⊙ AMBUSH to be set on NORTH bank of BUANO covering approaches to old AMBUSH posn

1910
1935

F[illegible]
2010

2015

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	OUT VEZ DWC		

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TO FOMILITARY, BRISBANE

FROM	Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
Pay Sgt, 24 Aust Inf Bn	Pay 30	30-7-43	

Please	cancel	allotment	Q 144707	CRAIG	R.T
three	shillings	sixpence	and	advise	date
cancellation					

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2 22

5960.

Bito
Smoky 1D3 1
for ELECTRICIAN ⊙ sitrep
WILL BE SENT DAILY at 0600 ⊙
sketch and report leave
here k/2 0800

F1017 HOOD 0940

1022
21

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TO A D COY 24 BN KIMA BOMO DUPA

FROM	Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
BITO 24 Bn	Q602	28	

Percentage					
X AIF	enlistments	by	Coys	O	A
75	D	75	KIMA	73	BOMO
69	DUPA	72	BITO	90	O
Bn	percentage	Today	74 1/2	of	posted
strength	66	WE			

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5982

Bito 2 16

Mopo

MK 22 1

BUILDER 1 BOMO left MOPO

0845-K/10 will arrive MUMENG

tonight

F 1020 HooD.

0945

0946

1042

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	OUT	GR. 24	19

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TO A+D COY 24 ~~[illegible]~~ BN KIMA BOMO DUPA

FROM	Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
BITO. 24 Bn	9601	28	

VX 85256	Capt	F L	SKINNER	is	acting
as	Adj.	as	from	28	Jne
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T.H.I. 1050

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T.O.R. [illegible]

Pads. 7/40. B. & S. Ltd. 51-7280.

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2. O. I. 160. 4
6080

3TO 4WN BOMA

SMOKY

1 ER 8 2.

Reports NVA60 ⊙ Recce fighting patrol from fmn
base ⊙ found ABANDON BUILDER of Smoky ⊙
Patrol from 11 fld ⊙ Strength of 3 NCOs 4 ord.
2 Radio ⊙ 3 coms 4 rifles ⊙ Object of fmn
Overwatch encmy ⊙ Report Line ⊙ ROUTE
Ex Fire Base ⊙ Time out 0635 ⊙
Fri Business Hour ⊙ Patrol carried 2 days int
Area in 1645 K/2 ⊙ Patrol carried 2 days int
result of patrol ⊙ Area TAP location ⊙ Visited
at 580119 ⊙ AMBUSH Set Down ⊙ Track on
NIC ⊙ Details ⊙ 0625 patrol Left firm base
arrived LINEA CK 0810 ⊙ proceeded across
SUANG RIVER through old TAP ambush point
552112 then along tributary of SUANG RIVER
Examined & found tracks ⊙ Found more
recorded along tributary and confirmed
sighted fresh Jap footprints dating and estimated
580119 ⊙ Also area had closely scrutinized
did one ambush had fired at 1025 contact
track 1230 ambush, was withdrawn and
patrol returned to firm base ⊙ Deduction ⊙
Japs evidently have standing patrol to
protect track ⊙ Mobile patrol
smaller fighting patrols are sent OUT

1730
1915

Sig 20/8 Sgt

6073

trebu
edtn

2. LIC OP GR 60.

BITO "W" Bomo SMOKY ID 6 . 2

SECRET SITREP. to 1700 K/2 ⊙ 1300 K/2 observed from LA 1 w/ vessel evidendly barge sunk by allied a/c se from SUGARLOAF approx 1 mile out to sea ⊙ Relief of 12 pl completed 0950 K/2 in recce fighting patrol along S tributary BUANG RIVER fresh JAP foot prints observed approx 580219 ⊙ Otherwise SITNOR

Bomo Immed

1700
1755
1835

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2. O: P GR 68

BUILDER 1 BOMO "at BITO.—
SMOKY ER 9 2.

5 6081

Ref JF 139 ⊙ new firm base sighted vic mp 545210
Haiga moved to this posn will be completed by
ALL PERSONNEL by 1400K/13 ⊙ This will secure track
to KARESTE and LA and give greater scope for
LARGER and more efficient belligerent part rolling ⊙
Builder 2 Bito informed of this position verbally
K/2 he considered this posn to be satisfactory
for firm base

1800
1949
2050

B 2032

6086

ELECTRICIAN SMOKY
ELECTRICIAN - BITO

I 1300 - 2 - ID6

Your SITREP NOT SATISFACTORY ⊙ State why bearing NOT quoted on sunken barge or approx map ref stated ⊙ How far did patrol go today did they move further EAST than 580219 ⊙ Does the time 0950 K/2 quoted refer to time Jap tracks seen or the time 11 Pl completed handover ⊙ You must ensure that infmn is complete and accurate ⊙ Ensure that patrol reports are furnished by each patrol keep patrol map up to date ensure that booby trap plans are kept up to date and when contact made a PATROL and CONTACT report is completed and forwarded with sketch

2242

Burrell
Lieut

BITO ELECTRI SMOKY 6039

Permission not quoted on I D 9. -3- I 1300 -
with electrician who was out on patrol at the time
(Bearing Not quoted on U/I Special because compass with Electrician
who was out on patrol at the time.
MR not given because we only keep a small portion
of trap ⊙ Patrol K/2 went only to VICKERS 580219 and
reported in patrol report ⊙ A stop should have
been inserted between word COMPLETE and 0950K/2
⊙ Patrol map completed but no further waterproof
wallet available ⊙ Booby trap plan being
kept up to date.

1130
1735
1818

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BITO repta BOMO
v.
SMOKY

6 40

ID 10 3

SECRET SITREP 1700 K/3 Temporary Base occupied 1500 K/3 ⊙ K/4 intend large patrol to clear all country between 045212 and 586224 WAGO and hold that ground in readiness to establish FB. vicinity of 586224 K/5 ⊙

Otherwise SITNOR.

1700
1800
1818

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6Ø4)

SMOKY
BITO 1 1310 3
Ref 1D10. Where is your
TIRNIBASE - Map Ref required
immediately⊙ Reply IMMEDIATE.

Desmond
DH.

IMMEDIATE T.O.O. 1824

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6854

SMOKY ELECTRICIAN

BITO

Waterproof wallet leaving by COURIER 4 AUG ⊙ Advise if Builder I SMOKY has an oil compass and if NOT why ⊙ What maps have you ⊙ Am sending you another WAGO for cutting up ⊙ What is meaning of VICKERS 580219 ⊙ What is map ref of temporary FIRMBASE

#1313 -3- ID 9

2208

Bennett
Genl

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BITO ELEXTRICAN! Ref (6154 I 1313) (6141 I 1310) 6295 I 1313 I 1310

Smoky. ID12 - 4 -

Builder 1 smoky has no oil compass & he thought (old smoky) would have had one & he would have taken over that one MAP I am in possession of cut up WAGO as advised ID9 & now en-largement which also use as patrol map.

Thanks for sending wallet. O re meaning ~~old~~ of VICKERS ⊙ in text MR. given as figures 580219 ⊙ Sigs. take it for VICKERS in mistake temporary firm base no vic I 432214. P.B. winner used as comm between field firm base & LA

1720 1300
1652
1,1

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BULDERI BITO [illegible] 6291

ER.8. 4. JF142

Bomo.

CPL. Mowby and 10 men patrol is out NOT expected to return until 1700/5 [illegible] 586225 NOT received before this owing to small force & difficulties in opers and this country patrol K/3 was protected only

1800

1720 1700/5

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BUILDER I BOMO rptd ELECTRICIAN BITO 6256

MOPO MK 26 5

Lost comm with LA by phone was at 18 5/4 00

Tried to raise them incessantly up to midnight

K/4-5 but were unable to do so ⊙ Have ~~tried~~ been

again trying since 0530 K/~~4~~5 but still no

answer ⊙ Party of 4 under Sgt FOX left MOPO

0700 K/5 They will inspect line en route

to LA ⊙ Will advise immediately comm

is regained 0830 0923

0900

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6313

Electrician SMOKY rptd BOMO

BITO

I 1341 -5 -

Your report and sketch received today ⊙ Both excellent and praised by BUILDER 1 BITO ⊙ Copy of sketch sent 3 Div ⊙ Your SITREPS still need much improvement dates and times MOST important ⊙ Make messages understandable by reporting FACTS in logical and chronological order ⊙ Am forwarding further film for BABY BROWNIE be careful you have sufficient light for your subjects ⊙ DO NOT waste film this is all I have of this type ⊙ Ref MAPS ⊙ Ensure that ALL maps in area are cut up and not taken together into enemy occupied territory ⊙ Advise SMOKY that BUILDER 1 BITO reminds him of Bn motto 1

HOLD FAST

~~F 1815 [illegible]~~

2155

[illegible] Russell
Lieut

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6274

Builder I BOMO rptd Electrician BITO

Comms est. with LA 1243 hrs 0 Delay Caused by break

in line 1330 1331 1340

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BITO rptd BOMO 6281

SMOKY ER 9 5

Cpl MAWBYS patrol reached approx VAGO 610227 no enemy were seen but several day old tracks were noticed at MR 594225

Patrol has not yet reported in INTENTION K/5 patrol under BI SMOKY to contact CPL MAWBY and push fwd as far as possible strength of this patrol 1 off 3 NCO's 16 ors duration 2 days report from this patrol and CPL MAWBYS will be fwded night K/6 0800 1435 1510

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DITO Rptd ~~[illegible]~~ Bomo
from SMOTY 6094
ID 7-3

SECRET SITREP 0500

K/3 ⊙ SITNOR

0500
0715
0820
Inf 0730 71.

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6368

Builder 1 KULU at BITO
TOPO

MK 20 6

Seven KULU personnel arrived
LA 1630 K16

1944

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TO — Bomo

FROM	Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
Smoky	ID17	7	—

SECRET SITREP to 1700 R/7 O SITNOR 1700-1730
To Electrician BITO
From Electrician Smoky ID16-7 — —
Sketchand report marked urgent completed
today including sketch for patrol report &
sketch of Japanese bush posn 631219 WAGO
Sketches etc leavingh A earliest opportunity

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595r

Bilo
Bomo — JF139 — 1 — Q627
ack

0650
0400
0735

Ent 0930

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BITO
SMOKY

I.D. 15

7

SECRET SITREP. to 0300 K/7 RM. WAGO 1" ref fight patrol K/5 + K/6
report following also sketch 0800 K/5 B1 Smoky 3 NCO's + 8 OR's left
LINEA CK. 543214 object to contact enemy and see if beach accessible to BUANG R.
Arms 2 Brens 4 OSMG's 16 rifles 2 grens per man ⊙ 0945 K/5 contacted + absorbed
Cpl MAWBY's patrol at 569218 ⊙ 1230 K/5 lunch at 592227. 1300 K/5 followed
NORTH arm of RIV. 1345 K/5 went into jungle on N. bank following native pad which
led off at 86° MAG. until 1745 K/5 where the night was spent at approx 617225 ⊙
0630 K/6 moved EAST through swamp + Kunai 0910 K/6 emerged on BUANG. R. at approx
624221 and continued EAST along R ⊙ 1010 K/6 B1 Smoky moved patrol on to main
track at 630219 track showed signs of recent and constant use by enemy ⊙
1020 K/6 Cpl MAWBY + B1 entered JAP ambush 631219 and were fired on by rifles
Mawby gave burst of O.S.M.G. + B1 a rifle shot into one JAP at point blank range
patrol moved up and fired on area enabling these two to get clear on investigation
B1 decided Ambush posn. could NOT be cleared without hy casualties and thus
area was held until 1230 K/6 when patrol was withdrawn ⊙ JAP ambush posn has
cliff on SOUTH side + river 10 yds away on NORTH ⊙ JAPS. wore light green uniforms +
helmet steel American style patrol arrived firm base 1615 K/6 ⊙ men in
high spirits but tired + worn wet clothes and NO sleep ⊙ Casualties enemy
1 killed own NIL

1516
1700

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BITO
SMOKY JA 148

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Patrol report ⊙ RM WAGO 1" ⊙ Fighting patrol ⊙ Patrol leader B1 Smoky from LINEA CK. 543214 patrol from 11 pl BOMO ⊙ Strength 1 Offr 3 NCO's 18 O/R's arms 2 Brens 4 Owens 16 rifles 2 grens per man ⊙ Object to contact enemy also see if beach accessible from BUANG R. ⊙ weather hy rain whole time ⊙ Route out N. arm BUAN R. route in S arm of BUANG R. Time out 0800 K/5 Time in 1650 K/6 ⊙ food carried packs 2 days fd. ops. rat. 2 emerg. rat. ground sheet gas cape ⊙ result of patrol ⊙ Enemy contacted 1020 K/6 M/R 631219 Beach could be gained by keeping to N bank scrub bashing the last 2000 YDS ⊙ Cas. enemy 1 killed. own NIL ⊙ Details ⊙ patrol left F.B. 543214 0800 K/5 late start owing to food NOT in and NO rations available till boy line arrived ⊙ moved along N bank of BUANG contacted and absorbed Cpl Mawbey's patrol at 592227 lunched at 1200 K/5 patrol then left the river for bush moved along native track general bearing 86° MAG this track is ill defined + is only hunting pad to approx. 617225 where patrol spent the night ⊙ 0630 K/6 we moved EAST into swamp + kunai this was extremely hard to negotiate + at 0910 K/6 B1 Smoky moved patrol out to a track M/R 630219 this track showed singns of recent + constant use by enemy ⊙ At 1020 K/6 Cpl Mawby + B1 entered Ambush M/R 631219 and were fired on by rifles Cpl Mawby gave burst of O.S.M.G. + B1 one round from rifle into JAP 2½ Yds away, the patrol moved in + fired into general area enabling the two to get clear ⊙ On investigation B1 decided that Ambush could NOT be cleared without hy cas. the posn. being too well sited ⊙ The area was held until 1230 K/6 and the patrol was withdrawn to F.B. ⊙ The men were in high spirits after the action but tired + worn out after 48 hrs in wet clothes and no sleep ⊙ deductions ⊙ Japs have large standing patrol base in gen area 633217 ⊙ They are NOT exceedingly active at patrolling but content to wait at coast line to stop any fwd movement by this force

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BOMBVISMOKY

ER9

Boat arrived firm base k/5 suggest sugar-
boat PATROL be posponed ① reason being ①
(1) p.b.s wont work forward of LEGA since
accident (2) boat is useless in the swamp in
this area when SAKSAK would NOT allow it
to negotiate the mud and slush (3) I consider
coast can be reached down NORTH bank
of BUANG and thus ascertain the use of COAST
L.of C.

F1552

RAA AW-BITO

1505/7
1510/7
1600

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(66)

Batn rpl Borno
Smoky ER 14 7

Ref map WAGOO Recce fighting patrol from FIRM
BASE 543214 ⊙ Patrol found by 11 Pl ⊙
Patrol leader L/Cpl Walsh strength 1 NCO 4 ors.
arms 1 bren 2 SMG 2 rifles & two gren
per man ⊙ Object to ascertain if any enemy
movement beyond 586224 ⊙ weather fine ⊙
Route ⊙ along North arm BUANG to 994227 & cross
river and returned along SOUTH arm ⊙ Time out
0730 K/7 due to difficulty of fighting fire ⊙ Time
pm 1600 K/7 ⊙ Load carried 2 days ration ⊙
Result of patrol ⊙ No enemy movement
observed and no fresh footprints seen ⊙
Details ⊙ 0730 K/7 left Firm Base and
crossed LINEA Creek and proceeded along
dry creek bed and NORTH arm BUANG river ⊙
1300 K/7 patrol crossed river at approx 594226
cut through to main track and found no
fresh footprints or sign of enemy ⊙ 1345 K/7
returned along track to approx 584224 and
then to Firm Base by SOUTH arm ⊙
Deductions ⊙ No recent enemy movements
in area 1700 K/7

In HL 1215

12/5/9

1445

1530

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with result all patrols going out have to drink unsterilized water ⊙ Sterilizing tablets are at present at KETI and are being issued ⊙ Water bottles for carrying of boiled water are also in process of being issued ⊙ Water course traced and found to no village at its source ⊙ The trouble has to an extent been caused by the change of food ⊙ Platoon Cdrs assured me that precautions had been carried out when I enquired about the first cases and warned him of its seriousness ⊙ Fruit and vegetables were issued from MOTO to help the mens' diet ⊙ Ref other complaints ⊙ Main item is sores and festers caused by insects which natives call NUK NUK ⊙ I consulted TANGAU representative who states sores are the same as native KUS KUS ⊙ Treatment is NAB serum administered by a doctor and will dry sores in 2 days

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Beko.

Bisnaky. — JA 1148 - 7 — — —

patrol, regd to ref map WACO. 1 mich fighting patrol
patrol leader Builder. 1 SMOKY from Lmca grid 5443214
patrol from 11pl BOMO patrol strength 1 off 3 nco's
18 ors arms 2 brens 4 owens 16 rifles 2 grens per man
object to contact enemy also ace beach as-sessible
from buang river weather heavy rain the whole
time route ofet north arm buang river route in
south arm BUANG RIVER. time out 0800 hrs/5 time in
to emergency rations ground sheet gas capes Result
of patrol Enemy contacted 1020 hrs MR 631219 Beach
COULD Began be gained by keeping To NORTH bank
SCRUB bashing the last 2000 yds cas enemy 1 killed
own nil DETAILS DETAILS patrol left FBK
543214 0800 hrs/5 the late start owing to fact food
was NOT in and NO RATIONS available
until 1000 hrs line arrived moved along NORTH bank
of BUANG contacted and absorbed Pl MAW BY
patrol at 569218 at 0945 hrs/5 proceeded along river
592227 lunched at 1200 hrs/5 gap fret they left
the river for the bush moved along NATIVE track.
moved bearing on Sheet heard to the
track is ill defined and ONLY hacking used to approx
617226 when the patrol spent the night 0630 hrs/6
we moved EAST and came into SWAMP and humai
this was extremely hard to negotiated and at 0910 hrs/6
emmerged from the buang river at approx
624229 we moved east along river and at 1010 hrs/6
Bisnaky moved the patrol out to a track in
630219 this track showed signs of recent and
constant use by the enemy at 1020 hrs/6 cpl MAW BY
and B.I. smoky entered gap ambush in 631219
they were fired on by rifles cpl MAW BY giving chase at
of OSMC and BI and rounded by rifle fire into JAP
approx 2½ yds away the patrol moved in and
fired on general area endeavouring to get
clear on investigation it was decided by Bisnaky that the
cleared without heavy cas the pos being too well
ambush could not be
sited the area was held until 1230 hrs/6 and the
patrol was withdrawn to firm base the men
were in high spirits after the action but tired
and worn out after 48 hrs in wet clothes and no
sleep decided reasons JAPS have large standing patrol
base in general area 638217 they are not expecting
by active at patrolling but contend to wait at
coastline to stop and find move of this force to

Pl Hqtr 1830

1400
1635.

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TO 24 Aust Inf Bde
3 Aust Div
C PIB Less

FROM		Originator's Number.	Date.	In Reply to Number.
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(Write horizontally)

B Coy PIB less 7 pl will move
from PRESENT locations at WAU and
bulolo to Lae/Nadzab commencing
27 June and will come under
comd 24 Bde on arrival O Detailed
instns for all moves will be issued
by Q ⊙ This coy will be employed
for patrolling and recce obs in
the MARKHAM area 1st Parachute
role (2) Elmar being carried out by
6 Coy 24 Bde ⊙ This confirms verbal
instns by GI to CO 24 Bde and
OC B Coy (PIB) acdn. acdn informed
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Rito W Bomo

Smoky. — ID15 — 7 —

SECRET SITREP to 0300K/7 ref map WAGO ⊙ ref fighting patrol K/5 and K/6 ⊙ report following also sketch ⊙ 0800K/5 patrol of builder 1 SMOKY 3 men 18 ors left LINEA ck. 5H321H with oby to contact enemy and see if track accessible from BUANG RIVER ⊙ armed 2 brens 4 sten 9 mg 16 rifles 2 grens per man. ⊙ 0945K/5 contacted and absorbed cpl MAWBY patrol at 569218 ⊙ 1230K/5 lunch at 592227 ⊙ 1300K/5 followed on NORTH arm of river ⊙ 1345K/5 went into jungle on NORTH bank following NATIVE hunting trail which led off at 86 deg magnetic untill 1745K/5 where the night was spent at approx 617225 ⊙ 0630K/6 moved EAST through swamp and Rivia ⊙ 0910K/6 emerged on BUANG RIVER at approx 624221 and continued EAST along river ⊙ 1010K/6 builder 1 SMOKY moved patrol onto main track at 630219 ⊙ track showed signs of recent and consistant use by ENEMY ⊙ 1020K/6 cpl MAWBY and builder 1 smoky entered JAP AMBUSH 631219 and were fired on by rifles cpl MAWBY gave burst of STEN and builder 1 smoky a rifle shot into one JAP at point blank range ⊙ patrol moved up and fired on area enabling these two to get clear ⊙ on investigation builder 1 decided AMBUSH area COULD not BE CLEARED without heavy casualties and thus area was left until 1230K/6 when patrol was withdrawn ⊙ JAP ambush was on cliff on SOUTH side and river 10 yds away on NORTH side ⊙ JAP wore light green uniforms and helmets steel AMERICAN style ⊙ patrol arrived firmbase 1615K/6 men in high spirits but tired and worn ⊙ wet clothes and NO sleep ⊙ casualties ⊙ enemy 1 Killed own NIL ⊙ 1830K/6 one section reinforcements from KILLU reported in at firmbase ⊙ no PB's will STOP forward of FA causing delays in messages ⊙ heavy rain during last few days ⊙ 2200K/6 severe earth tremor felt ⊙ OTHERWISE SITNOR

1516
1518

1705

1700

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(63)

Bito Rpt Bomo Sn

Smoky 10 19 8

SECRET SITREP to 1700 K 8 O owing to heavy rain BUANG River swollen greatly rashes & sores growing in number and severity otherwise ~~and~~ SITNOR

Immed 1700

✓ 11 45

fb 1145/9

(64)

Bomo

Smoky 10 21 9

SECRET SITREP to 0500 K/9 O SITNOR O

Immed 0500

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TO MINER MOBO

FROM	Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
BUILDER I BOMO	JF140	1	—

MUST send more of Rations to FH for Patrol work arrange with Angau to get 12 bag loads from BAMBIO if nec track down by bag load for monkey O

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Bilo Rpt Romeo
Smoky ER 15 8

Ref Map Wago ⊙ Recce fighting patrol from
Form Base 543214 ⊙ Patrol found by
11 Pl Patrol leader 2/Sgt Poz ⊙ Strength
2 NCO 10 ORS ⊙ Arms 1 Bren 11 0 SMG
7 rifles and 2 Sten per man ⊙ Object
to ascertain if any movement along VA track
⊙ Weather Heavy rain ⊙ Route ⊙ from
Form Base 543214 across LINEA ck
and along SW arm of BUANG River past
old Jap Ambush position 552212 to
approx 578223 and returned by same
route ⊙ Time out 0700 K/8 late due
to difficulty in lighting fire Time in
1500 K/8 ⊙ Load 2 days ration ⊙ Result
of patrol ⊙ Owing to torrential rain
BUANG river swollen greatly making it
very dangerous to cross ⊙ Use of boat
~~Proved~~ IMPOSSIBLE ⊙ No sign of Jap
activity in area ⊙ State of river rendered
it unwise to proceed further ⊙ Details ⊙
0700 K/8 followed route indicated ⊙ 0725 K/8
crossed BUANG river 551212 crossing very
difficult owing to flooded river ⊙ 0805 K/8
Proceeded along SOUTH bank to approx 578223 ⊙
1110 K/8 returned along same route ⊙ 1335 K/8
Came to BUANG river 551212 ⊙ Had to
climb hillside and make further attempt
to cross 1345 K/8 began to cross river appox
550212 ⊙ 1446 K/8 completed crossing
1500 K/8 arrived back at form Base ⊙
Deduction ⊙ Nil Jap movement seen ⊙
Probably due to state of river

T.H.H.
W
T.O.R.

1700
1245 K/9
1310 K/9

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Bito reptd Bomo
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ID17 8 -

SECRET SITREP to 0500 K/8 ⊙ SITNOR

0500
0630
0725

L/T Franklin
0640

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X02 — GK59.

15 Bde ofld 24 Bn.

D Coy 24 Bn EL482 — 2

1250k/2 3 Liberators flying NW from SALAMAUA dropped approx. 12 bombs. NE of LAGADU at 619023 ⊙ 1 bomb fell 150 yds NORTH of Med post under construction at 620018 ⊙ plane then turned and flew SOUTH ⊙ Coy own ~~two~~ ops nil natives 1 slightly wounded

1450 — 1454

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TO BOMO

FROM	Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
ADV BITO	~~Q 673~~ Q 682	9	

Please	submit	full	report	on	SMOKY
operations	⊙	plus	advise	what	equipment
has	been	lost	by	SMOKY	if
steps	have	been	taken	to	replace
it	and	with	what	results	if
the	losses	have	been	reported	if
NOT	why	NOT			

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BOMO
SMOSY

I.D. 23 9 96.

SECRET SITREP 1700 K/9 ⊙ 0630 K/9 fighting patrol 2 NCO's & 9 O'R's left firm base MR 543214 to ambush psn via track as close as possible to gap posn ref 631219 WAGO expected in tomorrow evening ⊙ 1200 K/9 to 1315 K/9 continual air activity heard in direction SALAMAUA Q approx 1300 K/9 PB report observing bombs dropped by our a/c vicinity BUANG R mouth ⊙ They say 1 bomb landed in river mouth & 2 landed in sea ⊙ Impossible to give MR as we cannot observe from FIRM BASE & P.B saw bombs drop while they were at LA otherwise SITNOR

1700.

2150 WB

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Bomo
Smoky

ER16 — 9

please fwd the following 6 boots 1 pair size 5/4
sweaters 1 and bootlaces

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1600
1735

L/T 1700
Jdb

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TO BOMO DUPA LEBI

FROM	Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
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SECRET STREP 257 to 1800 K/6 ⊙ sunshine area OR 255026 SULOZO 1 inch ⊙ 0730 K/6 u/l a/c heard flying SW to SE ⊙ 0900 K/6 u/l a/c heard circling South ⊙ 0950 K/6 u/l a/c heard circling WEST ⊙ BUANG area no report ⊙ all other areas SITNOR ⊙ all informed

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Bilo
Smoky 1D 22 9

Request you forward air photograph of BUANG River Mouth to enable us to pin point Yap base in area if our recce can locate same am asking Bomo to forward template

4110 [illegible]

0710
1015
1150 (62)

Bomo
Smoky 1D 23 9

Please forward to us AIR PHOTOGRAPH template at present in office 0 need this to give reference ~~of~~ on air photograph of area

0710
1015
1152 1200 [illegible]

1152 [illegible]

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MESSAGE FORM

GR154

Zomo
Smoky

ER17 9 JA1417

description of JAP ambush furnished with sketch on way to BITO ambush posn approx 50 yds in depth flanked on the south by steep cliff face o 10 yds to the north BUANG RIVER open to fire from ambush posn O only way to ambush posn by patrol attack as BUILDER 1 BITO stressed conservation of manpower this course was out O definitely crossed the SOUTH bank before being ambushed by JAPS O JAP killed was partly dug in the rest was extremely well camouflaged O estimate 15 to 20 JAPS in posn O contact broken because rations available when left farmbase would not allow to stay for any greater period of time O farmbase at 543214 reasons for noforward move b/farmbase advised to BUILDER 1 BITO O if you require report forwarded personally to yourself will do so O if required

1500
1600
1806
1820

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3 Aust 3 - TIC GR 77 6519
DIV. 183
24 Bn Adv I 6 - 9 177

Report from BUANG patrol states
PB saw allied a/c bomb mouth
of BUANG. Stated 1 bomb landed
in river mouth 2 in sea patrol
of 11 left 543214 at 0630 k/g
to attempt to reach JAP
ambush posn at 631219 WAGO
1 in ch or sea. NOT yet ret-
urned. Could prior advice be
given of air strikes so that
our T/s can keep out of target
area

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TO KUBI, LAPO

FROM FKI	Originator's Number 9367	Date 17	In Reply to Number

If	is	essential	that	all	casualties
evacuated	are	accompanied	by	their personal	gear
⊙	when	casualties	⊙	stretcher	⊙ cases
The	gear	will	be	carried	by
the	stretcher	party.	⊙	This	is
MOST	IMPORTANT				

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T.H.I. 0915

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Bomo				109
SMOKY	ER 19 -	- 9		
FIRM BASE	MR. 543214 WAGO is now booby trapped			
between Sunset and Sunrise @ Troops & PBs have				
visually inspected same			1506	
			2000 0850 7/10	

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Bomo
Smoky

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Secret sitrep to 0500 K/10

SITNOR

0500
0655
0850 K/10

m 0655

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BOMO
SMOKEY

1026 10

SECRET SITREP fo 1600 K/10 ⊙ Lighting patrols out
0630 K/9 ambushed track 604224 WAGOO ⊙ Returned
1600 K/10 ⊙ No enemy sited ⊙ Otherwise SITNOR
1900
1140 K/11
1400

159

BOMO
SMOKEY

1027 11

SECRET SITREP fo 0500 K/11 ⊙
SITNOR

0500
1115
1400-

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2 LIC ⊙ CR 158 160

BOMO
SMOKEY ER 22 10

Ref app WAGO ⊙ fighting patrol from FB
543214 ⊙ patrol leader cpl LENG ⊙ patrol
from 5 lic 11 pl ⊙ strength 2 nco's 9 ors ⊙
arms 1 bren 4 os mgs 6 rifles 2 grens per
man ⊙ object to ambush route of jap patrol ⊙
weather fine ⊙ route ⊙ SOUTH Ave b BUANG R
to 610222 and returned same route ⊙ time
out 0630 K/9 ⊙ time in 1600 K/10 ⊙ load carried
2 days rations and mosquito nets ⊙ result of
patrol ⊙ NO enemy were seted and NO signs of
enemy mot ⊙ details ⊙ 0630 K/9 patrol left
FB moved along south trib of BUANG R at 1100
hrs arrived at approx 610222 ⊙ It was decided
to move to more favourable ambush poin at
604224 ⊙ this ambush was manned untill
1415 K/10 with out seeing any trace of sign
of enemy ⊙ patrol then returned to firm Base
arriving 1600 K/10

1615 K/10
1930 K/11

1230
FP

1400

W. & Co. — A507

REMARKS

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Adv 24 Bn Rear
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Documents captured OLD VICKERS POSN reveal that Ord Inf Bde at BURNS RIVER have succeeded in bringing down force of about one Bn to cover flank attack from west along BURNS valley Attention is to be kept as large as possible an enemy force occupied in the area & you will be employ WARFES Bde is to harass the enemy wherever he can be found in the Burns valley and river mouth & other enemy posn a firm base small fighting patrols should be sent to find the enemy but these hard and fast rules not to strike again elsewhere & the enemy is there and must be kept there & you cannot be allotted for this job a force larger than that already allotted for the area

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