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SICKNESS.

The resistance of the Bn slowly decreased during the month of November and 169 patients were treated in the first week. This increased to 316 by the end of the month. These figures are the weekly figures and shows how the men succumbed to infection after months of hard work. The area in which the Bn is situated does not help to improve matters.

The great trouble during this month was that of rashes, especially heat and sweat rash, which were extremely irritable.

The increase in the last week of November was due to nearly half a century of diarrhoea cases sustained after eating one batch of fresh meat. This was quickly cleaned up.

INSTRUCTION. Stretcher bearers were given lectures in first aid and general medical diseases. They were also instructed in T.O.E.Ts by the Company Officers to whom they are attached. Medical orderlies were also instructed in medical matters.

TRANSFERS

Cpl R. GREGORY was transferred from Cpl Stretcher bearers to A/Sgt Medical Orderly A.A.M.C. and Pte DONOGHUE was transferred from A.A.M.C. to stretcher bearer squad. Application has been made for transfer of Pte PEASE to A.A.M.C. where he originally belonged.

REMEDIAL ACTION FOR SICKNESS.

Application of Insect repellent on trousers etc at the evening Mosquito lotion parade was instituted.

Usual care of patients by stretcher bearers carried out.

TAB TAT INJECTIONS.

These were completed for 1943.

Signed. L. SENDER Capt.
R.M.O.

INTRODUCTION.

After returning from the MUBO trail, where I received about a month's experience, in June, I was sent to relieve Capt RAWLINGS at DEX and took over the medical duties for the MARKHAM L of C. The 24 Aust Inf Bn later to whom I became attached, was taking care of this area and we remained there until the end of Sept patrolling, having sporadic forays against the Japs and culminating in the attack on MARKHAM PT preceding the direct attack on LAE by one day. I was responsible for the health of the troops along this L of C and also along the BUANG L of C, also guarded by a Company of the 24 Aust Inf BN.

OBJECT OF REPORT.

Object of report is to show 1. How medical attention had to be adapted by R.M.Os in NEW GUINEA in contradistinction to Text book rules.
2. The effects of lang patrolling, on troops in jungle.

NORMAL DUTIES OF R.M.O.

These usually are to guard a Bn's health mainly by protecting them from the vicissitudes of camp life viz - Personal and Camp hygiene, Sanitation, sick parades, water supply etc, Advice to the C.O. on medical matters etc. Mostly all these duties had to be carried out by stretcher bearers and medical orderlies at the various posts.

MEDICAL ATTENTION.

24 Aust Inf Bn H.Qs for most of the time, was situated at SUNSHINE and C Coy was made responsible for the MARKHAM River area and later B Coy took over the BUANG L of C. Mostly I will deal with C Coy who had much longer and what proved the more important role.

The reasons for factors which allowed the M.O. to practice his art, was the extreme distance between posts, time factor and apparently lack of medical Officers. The distance between SUNSHINE and MARKHAM Pt was in the vicinity of not more, than 70 miles. On the BUANG route medical posts were formed, each being staffed by a stretcher bearer or by medical Orderly.

STRETCHER BEARERS.

S.Bs in NEW GUINEA no longer acted as S.Bs but were instructed in medical orderly work and acted as medical orderlies. Without this arrangement, the medical problem would have been acute.

MEDICAL POSTS

These were established at MUMENG, PARTEP 2 (Later taken over by 15 Aust Fd Amb) TIMNI, DEX, WAMPIT, BENS, OMSIS, DEEP CREEK area (on patrols) BOBS, KIRKLANDS NGARANENO. DEX was the main forward centre and the Coy H.Qs. An operating theatre Hospital of 16 beds capable of being expanded to 32, was built. At BOBS and BENS emergency operating theatres were built and each had an hospital capable of holding a dozen patients if found necessary. Much fuller particulars re S.Bs and posts can be seen at a glance from the accompanying map.

Each patrol which moved forward in the vicinity of Japs was accompanied by a S.B. On the BUANG L of C one S.B. was at each of the following sites, PARTEP 2, DAMBI, MAPOS, LEGA. Later three more were sent to LEGA, one remaining at FIRM BASE, and the remainder, each accompanying a forward patrol in turn. The S.B. at DAMBI was responsible for TOKANIN and MANGGA. An operating theatre was built at LEGA Firm base, also a staging post half way down the SNAKE River, between MAPOS and MUMENG.

DUTIES OF THE RMO

Over this extensive area, each post was visited by the R.M.O. at various times to check on the hygiene and health of troops. Distances for one man was immense and owing to the volatile nature of things at each tip of the L of Cs these tracks had to be tramped to get to the injured soldier. On special patrols, I accompanied the men, but most of the time was spent in a central spot e.g. DEX as this was the joining of the tracks in the MARKHAM area. Later it was decided I would stay at PARTEP 2 but had to go between DEX and MAPOS continuously over a small period and then moved down to MARKHAM River with C Coy. At this stage, both Coys C and B were to go into action

at different sectors and the Bn arranged for another M.O. from 15 Aust Fd Amb to go with B Coy.

Over a period of months the men were being cared for by S.Bs who did a remarkably good job.

While I was on one L of C My Hygiene S/Sgt - S/Sgt BARNES was on the other L of C and I was thus able to keep a check of the hygiene arrangements of the Bn.

PERSONNEL.

Most of the men performing the work were Bn Stretcher bearers and a few attached A.A.M.C. orderlies. S.Bs were Sgt SCOTT, Cpl GREGORY, L/Cpl MATTERS, Ptes HEAVY, HARKNESS, DONOGHUE, HALDANE, HEWITT, BARKER, SHORE on the MARKHAM run and Cpl RU SSELL Ptes COOK, TAYLOR, BENSON on BUANG River. Attached from 15 Aust Fd Amb were Cpl BROWN and Pte WATSON for experience. At one period a course of instruction was held at DEX, new men appointed and after gaining practical experience at DEX were sent to attend the various posts. All the S.Bs proved themselves and rarely was there a cause of complaint. Most wished to treat the sick until better and were very interested in the medical side and quite enthusiastic.

SUPPLIES.

Supplies were indented from 15 Aust Fd Amb SUNSHINE and considering the type and amount of sickness which occurred the supplies of certain commodities received were ridiculous, often a few ounces of ointment would be sent where a few pounds would hardly suffice. I believe the trouble was due to inability on their part to obtain supplies from base. However towards the end of our stay on the southern side of the MARKHAM River, supplies received arrived were quite adequate.

METHOD OF RECEIVING SUPPLIES.

Supplies were received and indented for fortnightly and delivered to us on the Kai line by natives ~~and~~. This took 4 days to come from SUNSHINE to DEX.

PREVALENT DISEASES AND ILLNESS.

(A) The MARKHAM Valley was infested with mosquitoes especially KIRKS area, where the mess hut was enclosed by wire meshing. Crocodiles made up the third party. At DEPP CREEK, in the rainy season, the mosquitoes were just as thick. Most of the posts were free of mosquitoes owing to the clearing of the surrounding areas and taking full malaria precautions. Owing to the kunai flats it was inevitable not to get some mosquitoes.

On the BUANG L of C mosquitoes were scarce except down at LEGA and BUANG R. The most consistent type present was the Culicine, with scattered pockets of Anophelene. There were numerous cases of dengue type fever and very few succumbed to the malaria parasite.

The figures for malaria of the Bn were extremely low and compared more than favourably with those of other Bns. Credit must be given to the Officers of the Bn carrying out the C.Os orders of malarial precaution.

(B) DIARRHOEA. was almost negligible and only marred by six cases which occurred in one week while a platoon was in contact with the enemy. This was quickly remedied. On the BUANG, sporadic cases occurred due no doubt to poor hygiene but this cleared quickly also.

(c) RASHES. While C Coy were in the MARKHAM Valley men were attacked by the Epidermophyton, causing a dreadful type of ringworm type of rash appearing in small clusters or in large 6 inch rings to a type which spread from the waist to the toes. This type attacked the men usually while in the DEEP CK area. Injections of N A B by I-V I cleared the rash within a week. Previous to hitting upon this cure, the rash seemed to thrive on the ointments. A treatise of the rash was forwarded to ADMS 3 Aust Div.

In BUANG area type of rash appeared mostly on the feet and forearms similar to sandfly bite, these invariably became infected and itched dreadfully. Disappeared when the men evacuated the area.

(d) Other diseases.

Very few extraneous diseases occurred. No dysentery, a few mild cases of U.R.T.I. mild Tinea, one case of mumps, a few casualties from patrol clashes. On patrol in the MARKHAM area one man was killed, two wounded in addition to P.I.B. casualties, while on BUANG River two were killed and two seriously wounded. Luck, poor ammunition and bad shooting of the yellow enemy helped in the low average of casualties.

HYGIENE.

(A) Water hygiene was carefully carried out and all was either boiled or sterilised. Proved to be worth the trouble as no case of illness due to water occurred.

(b) SANITATION.

At each post deep closed latrines were constructed and only at one place was this order disobeyed but was soon corrected. The BUANG River L of C's hygiene was only fair to begin with but an intensive drive corrected faults and there was no more trouble.

The hygiene on both L of Cs became a credit and was due to constant reminders to Companies by their O.Cs ~~and to correct supervision by the orderlies at each post.~~ and to correct supervision by the orderlies at each post.

(c) Messing gear.

All messing gear was washed in boiling water before meals, tables were washed and all kitchenware boiled constantly. This probably accounted for the low diarrhoea figure.

(d) Personal Hygiene.

There was abundant water everywhere and men were able to keep clean. The C.O was extremely strict on hygiene and malarial precautions. Atebrin and lotion parades were held each evening by an Officer.

EVACUATION OF SICK AND WOUNDED.

After DEX, the next Medical Officer was at SUNSHINE and as it took 4 days to travel, patients were treated at DEX.

Malarial patients were treated immediately on diagnosis from symptoms.

In the interim a blood slide was taken, stained by Fields A and B and sent to WAU for microscopic examination. If positive full malarial course was given and patients convalesced at TIMNI where at most times there was plenty of fruit and vegetables. On one and only occasion, a water melon was even produced.

Battle CASUALTIES. From patrols were carried to DEX and operated upon.

Also operations were done at MAPOS and then casualties were evacuated to SUNSHINE then WAU. All evacuations from BOBS L of C was by native carriers from NEW MARI villages and from the COMSIS L of C by GABENSIS natives.

The BUANG L of C used natives from the MAPOS area.

Times of carriage was exceedingly important and the prognosis of patients often depended on these natives. A S.B. always accompanied the native stretcher party. A relat of S.Bs was used and was easily arranged by having two or more depending on the necessity, at the forward posn. This allowed one S.B. to remain at the post until the other stretcher bearer returned to his original post.

Times of carriage allotment of S Bs and routes can all be seen on the map so I won't repeat same here.

The type of terrain differed on the two L of Cs. The MARKHAM L of C was fairly easy going but the distances covered were extremely long the heaviest patches being from DEEP Ck to COMSIS and From TIMNI to PARTEP-2 whereas the carriage from BUANG River to MUMENG was one of the most difficult in the LAE -SALAMAUA area. From BUANG River, the carriage was up to 7000ft over a dreadful track, footholds often being roots of trees only and then track descended to 3000ft to the SNAKE River. From the SNAKE River to MUMENG took one party 13 hours. a halfway hut was then built for future cases.

Towards the end of August, a jeep rd was built across the ZENAG drome and this helped considerably as the native carriage except for part between ZENAG and MUMENG was cut out.

To appreciate the difficulty, one has to travel the country. Consensus of opinion says the BUANG River L of C was worse than the PILIMUNG tracks.

PILIMUNG is the nly track I haven't been on in the SALAMAUA) LAE area and I doubt if it could be worse.

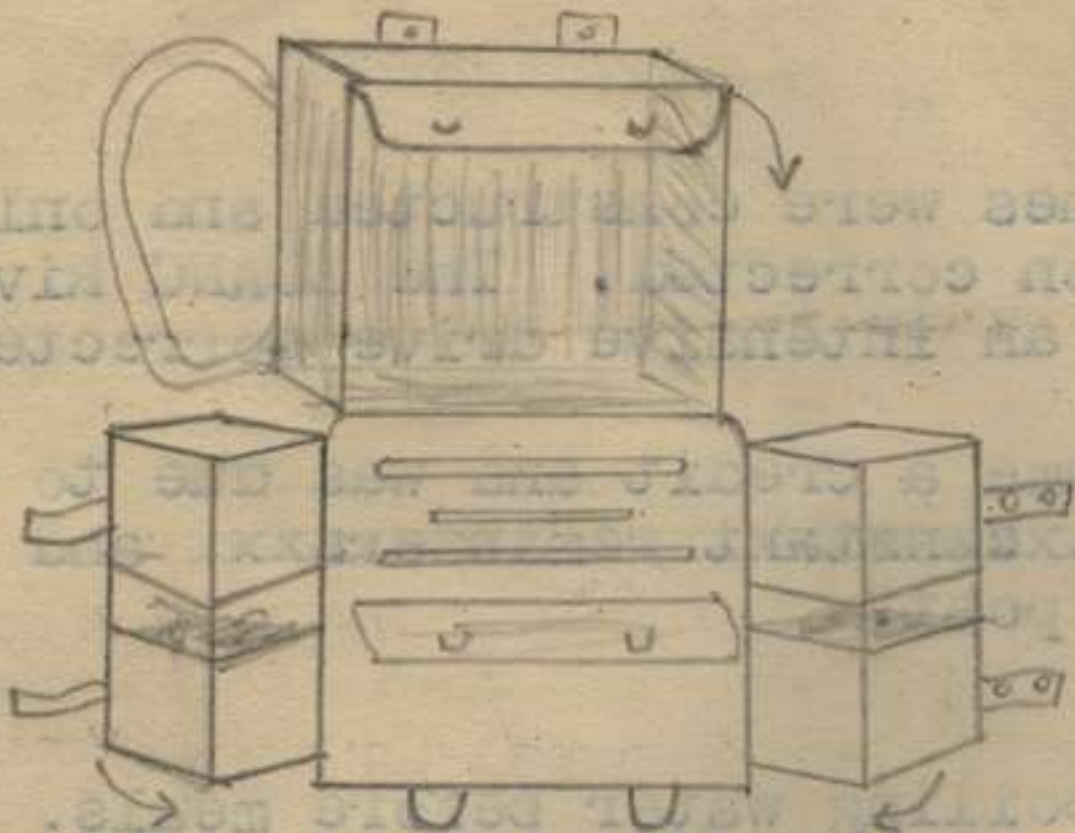
Methods of Attending patients.

The only method in the area was by foot, and my batman, native Doctor boy and self travelled considerable distances. The area included BEEP CK to BUANG R and unfortunately there was no short cuts. To get to MAPOS one had to get to MARTEP 2 and go across the SNAKE River. The accompanying map will show the tracks so wont dwell on this.

My Batman proved invaluable, as he always accompanied me and gave I V I anaesthetics of Sodium Pentothal or Chloroform. He proved most versatile.

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The native medical boy, WETA also was a great help and carried the Medical and Surgical haversack. This was a pack in which compartments had been sewn, and which opened outwards viz -



This held all surgical, anaesthetic, blood transfusion gear, medical gear found necessary.

WETA accompanied me on all but one trip owing to sickness. He helped considerably at the Mortar shoot on the Jap village at MARKHAM PT and was extremely calm under the return of shells from the Japs. Unlike most natives he did not panic.

The other great friend on these marches was "MAPOS" a beautiful black horse. This horse was placed at the disposal of the M.Os in the MARKHAM area because of the distances to be covered, but unfortunately the country did not allow riding to a great extent, the only suitable place being DEX to KIRKS. I found it was much quicker to go per goot. I used him on one occasion between PARTEP and TIMNI. He also proved to be an expert at crossing creeks and small ~~xxxxxxx~~ bridges, and proved a great friend one night when we had to make a forced trip. There were many small incidents which could be noted but aren't essential to the report. These excessive miles were covered in fast times always but eventually we found it did not pay in the long run but could be done if necessary. We went from DEX to MAPOS twice in one week and thrice in 2 1/2 weeks in order to attend to Battle casualties. On one occasion we just arrived at DEX, finished one operation and had to go back to MAPOS. Most ANGAU personnel were obliging and their help was inestimable, especially Sgt N JUDD of MAPOS.

OPERATIONS and Operating theatre.

Operations were carried out at DEX and MAPOS mainly on battle casualties from patrols. The wounded men were brought into DEX or MAPOS as I was often too far away to go to other posts. I used to arrive at these posts before they were brought in and was ready usually before they arrived. All were attended at the place of injury by the S.B. who accompanied the patrol. Sulphonilimide was administered immediately by him and the wound cleaned and dusted with sulphonilimide powder. Patients were tolerably comfortable on arrival even though some wounds were bad types of injuries. The distance did not aid in comfort or carriage. Some medical people further back did not seem to realise the difficulty of the country over which the patient had to be carried.

EQUIPMENT.

At my main base at DEX. the eqpt consisted of a few instruments necessary for the work, Blood transfusion apparatus, plaster, blood serum, I.V.I anaesthetics and the usual expendable supplies viz vasaline Sulphonilamide, Pulo necessary for advanced operations. They proved sufficient. For operations performed at other places, I had a pack into which I could take almost the complete necessary eqpt. I have described this elsewhere in these notes. The pack plus contents weighed in the vicinity of 30-40 lbs and was thus one boy load. The contents would have provided enough anaesthetic to do up to 18 to 24 casualties and enough Citrate to do 6-8 transfusions. When I found that patrols were running into trouble I had some medical supplies sent to MAPOS and this relieved the weight of the haversack.

OPERATING THEATRES.

At DEX it was a kunai thatched hut with a tarpaulin lining inside the roof. Op theatre at MAPOS was the same except for the tarpaulin and in common with that of DEX had a limb on Op table with adjustable arm rest for I.V.I anaesthetics. A long shelf along one side of theatre to put all necessary operating eqpt viz operating gowns, gloves dishes with antiseptic for gut tubes, scissors etc basins for washing hands with mercury Dot Iodide solution.

By placing the head of the patient at either end of the operating table, one ~~well~~ was found to be sufficient. A small table for the instruments was the only other furniture of the theatre. Everything was wet sterilised by boiling.

Although the structure was crude the patients seemed to suffer in no way and all temperatures began to drop or had dropped before leaving the post. The care in sterilisation of both instruments and patient's wound contributed to this. Two patients arrived at WAU fairly tired and this was due to inability of old plaster left at DEX to set, and a wire splint having to be used and the other was due to rough carriage over rough country.

EFFECT OF JUNGLE LIFE ON TROOPS. The Troops were called upon to do long and arduous patrols and was more severe in the MARKHAM than along the BUANG.

The time spent in this swampy mosquito infested area was about 6 months and towards the middle of August the strain was ~~ex~~ apparent. The men did not to any great extent succumb to malaria but did catch a dreadful kind of rash, which put them out of action for weeks at a time. The mental strain was high and the morale low. However the troops were withdrawn to PARTEP and WAMPIT and the men picked up in no time. Climate at PARTEP was cool and morale rose as the temperature dropped. Within a week physical well being was visible and rest acted as ~~immense tonic~~ a tonic.

Food situation was fairly good at times, but often could not have been worse. The Q.M. supplied what he had, but apparently higher formations could not supply same. At one stage when good food was necessary, bully beef and biscuits three times a day did not help the patrols and constant trekking over the tracks and proper nourishment certainly was not given.

Every week during August something was missing from the ration scale and full S.W.P. Scale was seldom reached.

Whoever was responsible at base did not seem to realise that the food was necessary. Morale of the troops was adversely affected.

ACTION.

INTRODUCTION.

The main action concerned C Coy and attached troops and consisted of eliminating Japs from the Jap village and SOUTH bank of the MARKHAM River. Owing to the fact that orders were given to commence the action a day earlier our troops had to carry loads of ammunition down to the start point and were very fatigued from the outset. It affected two Platoons only.

SUPPLY. All supplies of food and medical gear had to be carried from SUNSHINE and later from BENS where planes dropped same.

BATTLE CASUALTIES.

The Jap position was a veritable bastion, situated in, on and behind a ridge, with the MARKHAM River on one end and a swamp on the other. The ridge rose steeply and had barricades and many booby traps along the cleared fire lanes. This meant that the Japs had clear vision of the advancing troops up the slopes. Quite a few casualties were caused by the booby traps.

TRANSPORT.

All medical gear had originally been carried from SUNSHINE. Owing to having a theatre at DEX and foreseeing events, I had enough supplies at DEX except for dressings. All was shifted to DEEP CREEK in time for the action. Not only did I have to function as an R.A.P. but also as an ADS. This I think was unprecedented up to date and is not usually practised. Supplies for small hospital as well as medical and surgical was brought forward by native carriers and included -

- A. Blankets.
- B. Bags for stretchers.
- C. Mosquito nets. Groundsheets.
- D. Light for operation, a HANDIMAN
- E. Shell dressing and one "operating drum of dressings"

MEDICAL SUPPLIES TO TROOPS.

Before setting out troops were given salt tablets, six sulphonilamide tablets each, bottle of mosquito lotion, first aid dressing checked.

PERSONNEL.

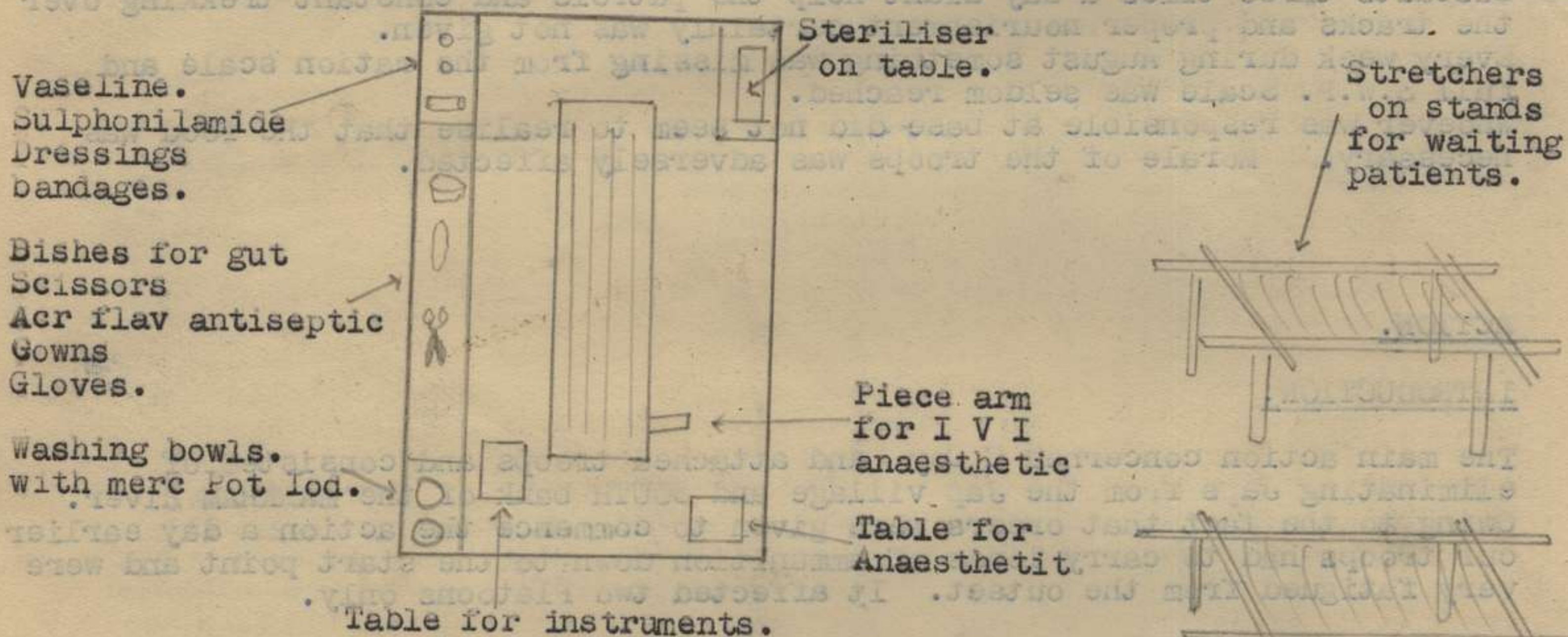
All operations were carried out with the help of my batman, Pte PEASE, who gave all the anaesthetics and he did an excellent job. Epl GREGORY was my assistant and was most thorough. Pte SHORE acted as orderly who prepared all instruments and gear for the operation. Sgt SCOTT supervised the admission and evacuation of patients and their care in the hospital. Gave morphia when necessary and the sulphonilamide treatment. Each Platoon had a stretcher bearer with it and after first day, stretchers having been prepared, were taken and left in a convenient spot nearer the action. All stretcher bearers did an excellent bit of work and were always on hand and responded magnificently to the task.

SITE of THEATRE.

In collaboration with O.C. Company, I chose a site WEST side of DEEP CREEK, within 20 minutes to half an hour of place where contact was made. It was favourable in that plenty of water was at hand, and was just off a track and was protected a little by some huge trees. Being close to the troops one could often go and meet them half way or thereabouts.

STRUCTURE OF THEATRE AND SURROUNDINGS.

Theatre consisted of Operation table etc as shown



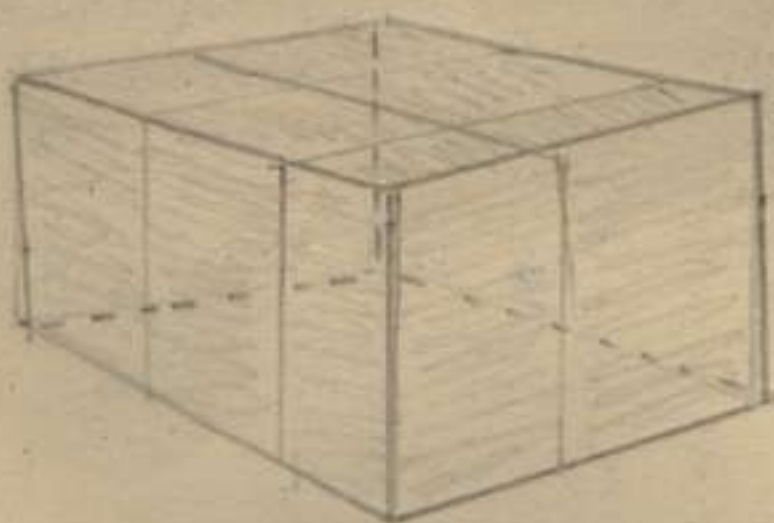
The table was covered with a blanket and on this was placed a groundsheet and on top of this an ordinary sheet. The patient was lifted from the stretcher onto same. After operation sheet and groundsheet were removed and patient plus blanket was lifted onto stretcher and all taken to the hospital. The stretcher constituted his bed while awaiting evacuation. The theatre and wards were built by my orderlies with the great ehlp of WETA who was invaluable. To avoid insects, leaves etc falling into the theatre it was encased completely by mosquito netting.

THE HOSPITAL.

Consisted of two rows of stretchers made from bags and constructed by WETA the native boy. Covering was first of leaves, this did not prove very satisfactory and later ground sheets and small U.S. tents were placed to line the inside of the roof. As soon as a patient was evacuated, WETA had another stretcher to take its place. The Hospital was sited as follows

Blackout at night was achieved by building a framework over which blankets were pinned together. This was better than the tarpaulin which I had as it ~~did~~ allowed light through.

WETA, the Native boy proved invaluable and all structures were made on the spot from the local timber.



Framework for blankets

ADMISSION AFTER CASUALTY.

S.Bs went forward with each Platoon, another S.B. had a collecting post. Then the wounded were brought down the GOLDENSTAIRS to DEEP CREEK. NO natives acted as carriers up to this stage and the carriage was done by S.Bs and troops. To cross the creek S.Bs or carriers had to strip off and holding the patient shoulder high would thus get him across the stream. On arrival at Theatre all particulars were taken. W 3118 filled in Morphine given if necessary, sulphonilamide tabs ATS given if none already given. Blood transfusion given if found necessary, then operation performed.

OPERATION.

Commenced as soon as anaesthetist Pte PEASE gave the word to start. Great care was taken in asepsis sulphonilamide powder and vaseline applied. Shell dressings were admirable for wound covering.

EVACUATION.

1. By native carrier to WINDOW - OOMSIS-BENS → WAMPIT- TIMNI-PARTEP 2- SUNSHINE- WAU - MORESBY.
 2. Later when contact was made with the 7 Division across the MARKHAM River at NADZAB, arrangements were made to evacuate patients by air from NADZAB. Route was then DEEP CREEK - OOMSIS- BWARIP- River to NADZAB - plane DOBADURA - MORESBY.
- After taking MARKHAM PT patients were going to be evacuated across the river to HEATHS then along LAE Road to NADZAB. No further casualties demanded this.

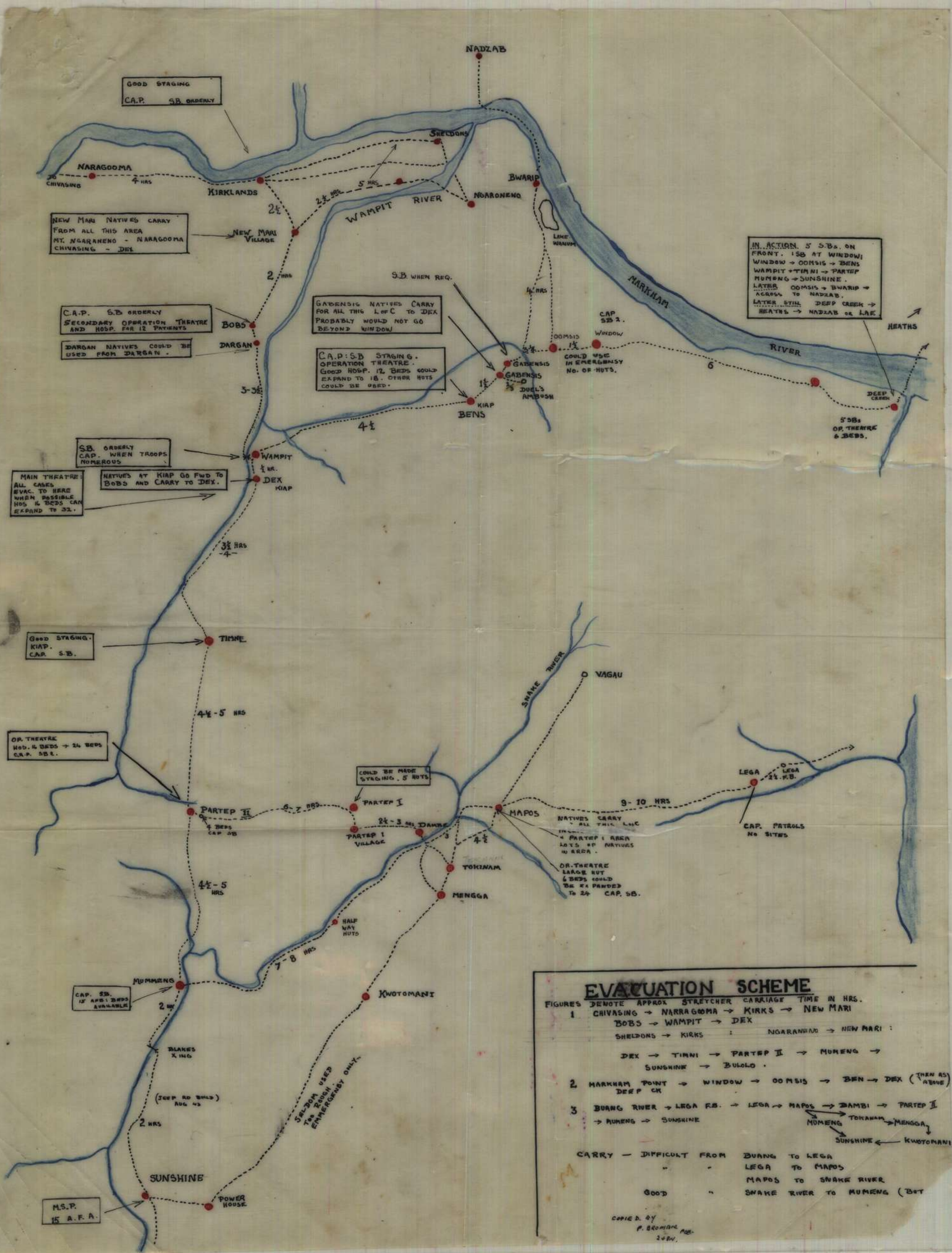
ADVANCE TO COAST.

As Platoons moved down the track to the coast an operating theatre, exact replica of DEEP CREEK was built in one half hour. NO use was made of it. A site was selected at TARI about 3 hours behind the most forward of our troops and for extreme emergency I still carried my surgical pack in the stores ready for use.

CONCLUSION.

1. I found that Medical orderlies and stretcher bearers responded excellently all along the long L of C and there was no hitch at any stage. All orders were given over the phone and treatment en route was written on paper so as to avoid any mistake. This was in addition to W. 3118.
2. I learned a lot in the making of theatres and especially the manner to achieve a blackout for the theatre.
3. I received all supplies asked for and received immediate attention and co-operation from all officers in the Hygiene and Malarial precautions. This was borne out by the result of only two sick men during the complete time we were down in this area.
4. I found that the striving for as complete asepsis as possible and the rapid administration of sulphonilamide paid good dividends.

Signed. L. SENDER Capt.



GOOD STAGING
C.A.P. S.B. GADENSIS

NEW MARI NATIVES CARRY FROM ALL THIS AREA
MT. NGARANENO - NARAGOOMA
CHIVASING - DEL

C.A.P. S.B. ORDERLY
SECONDARY OPERATION THEATRE
AND HOSP. FOR 12 PATIENTS
DARGAN NATIVES COULD BE
USED FROM DARGAN.

GADENSIS NATIVES CARRY FOR ALL THE L of C TO DEX
PROBABLY WOULD NOT GO
BEYOND WINDOW

C.A.P. S.B. STAGING.
OPERATION THEATRE.
GOOD HOSP. 12 BEDS COULD
EXPAND TO 18. OTHER HUTS
COULD BE USED.

IN ACTION 5 S.B. ON
FRONT. 1SB AT WINDOW
WINDOW → OOMSI → BENS
WAMPIT → TIAMI → PARTEP
MUMENG → SUNSHINE.
LATER OOMSI → BWARIP →
ACCESS TO NADZAB.
LATER STILL DEEP CREEK →
HEATHS → NADZAB OR LAE

S.B. ORDERLY
C.A.P. WHEN TROOPS
NUMEROUS

MAIN THEATRE:
ALL CASES
EVAC. TO HERE
WHEN POSSIBLE
HOS & BEDS CAN
EXPAND TO 33.

NATIVES AT KIAP GO FWD TO
BOBBS AND CARRY TO DEX.

GOOD STAGING.
KIAP.
C.A.P. S.B.

OP. THEATRE
HOS. & BEDS → 24 BEDS
C.A.P. S.B.

COULD BE MADE
STAGING. 5 HUTS

NATIVES CARRY ALL THIS L of C
PARTEP I AREA
LOTS OF NATIVES IN AREA.
DR. THEATRE
LARGE HUT
& BEDS COULD
BE EXPANDED
TO 24 C.A.P. S.B.

EVALUATION SCHEME

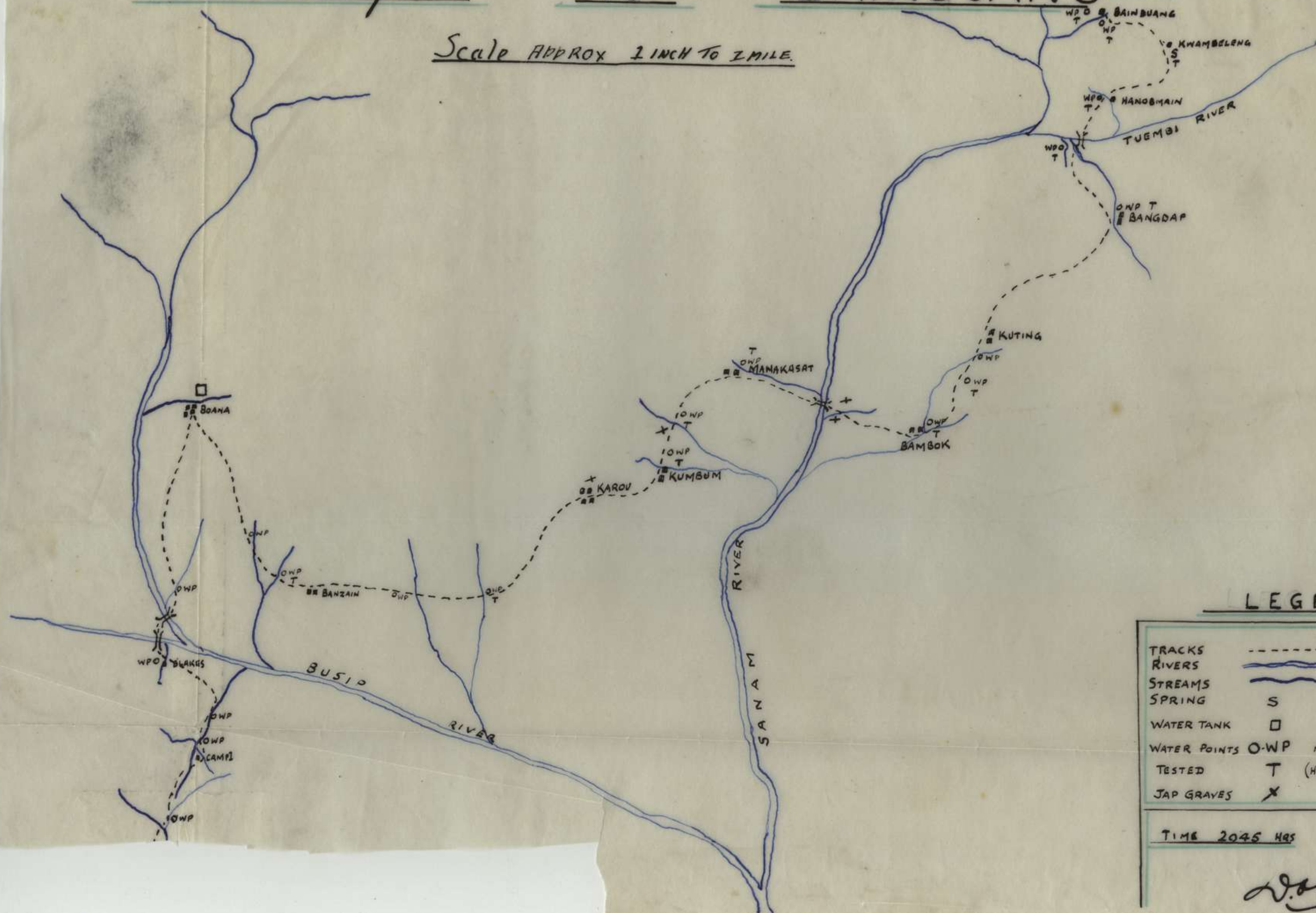
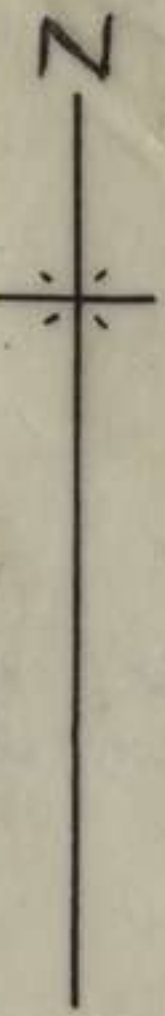
- FIGURES DENOTE APPROX STRETCHER CARRIAGE TIME IN HRS.
- CHIVASING → NARAGOOMA → KIRKS → NEW MARI
BOBBS → WAMPIT → DEX
SHELDONS → KIRKS : NGARANENO → NEW MARI :
DEX → TIAMI → PARTEP II → MUMENG →
SUNSHINE → BULOLO.
 - MARKHAM POINT → WINDOW → OOMSI → BEN → DEX (THEN AS ABOVE)
DEEP CK
 - BUANG RIVER → LEGA FB. → LEGA → MAPOS → BAMBANG → PARTEP II
→ MUMENG → SUNSHINE
MUMENG → TOKANAM → MENGA
SUNSHINE ← KWOTOMANI
- CARRY - DIFFICULT FROM BUANG TO LEGA
" " LEGA TO MAPOS
" " MAPOS TO SNAKE RIVER
GOOD " SNAKE RIVER TO MUMENG (BOT

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WATER POINTS

DIDDY TO BAINDUANG

Scale APPROX 1 INCH TO 1 MILE.



LEGEND

TRACKS	-----
RIVERS	
STREAMS	
SPRING	S
WATER TANK	□
WATER POINTS	O-WP
TESTED	T (HORROCKS) (1)
JAP GRAVES	X

TIME 2045 HRS

DATE 9 DEC '43

W. Oliver
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RECCÉ &
PATROL REPORTS.

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From No. Name

Unit Date

Patrol Report.

Type of Patrol recd.
Patrol found by 11 fl.

From Borneo
Date 25 Oct 48
Patrol strength 3000

Armament 20 weapons 2 maps per gun
1 Rifle 50 rounds

Object To recon area b. Shering village to find post track and
mark clearly on map.

Patrols formed 7 units per man.

Weather Very clear and very hot.

Route Out From 05:30 to 06:00 Capt. [unclear] 05:30-05:45 continued along
path [unclear] to [unclear] then by post track to Shering Pa
Loran village.

Route In Return from out. Loran out 09:30 to 25th Loran in 11:00 27th Oct.

Result Found track alright, [unclear] in places but [unclear] to follow?

Details With a hill [unclear] and three small bushes a post
could be taken within 500 yds of Shering. Then an [unclear] [unclear]
at both Loran and Shering, they were friendly and gave us fruit.
At Shering I found a fuel tank of [unclear] plane, if brought

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Name

From No.

Date

Unit



Bob
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out for examination I would be a sea by land. While along which is
very good and plentiful. From Bone to Darwin is a
land & sea work.

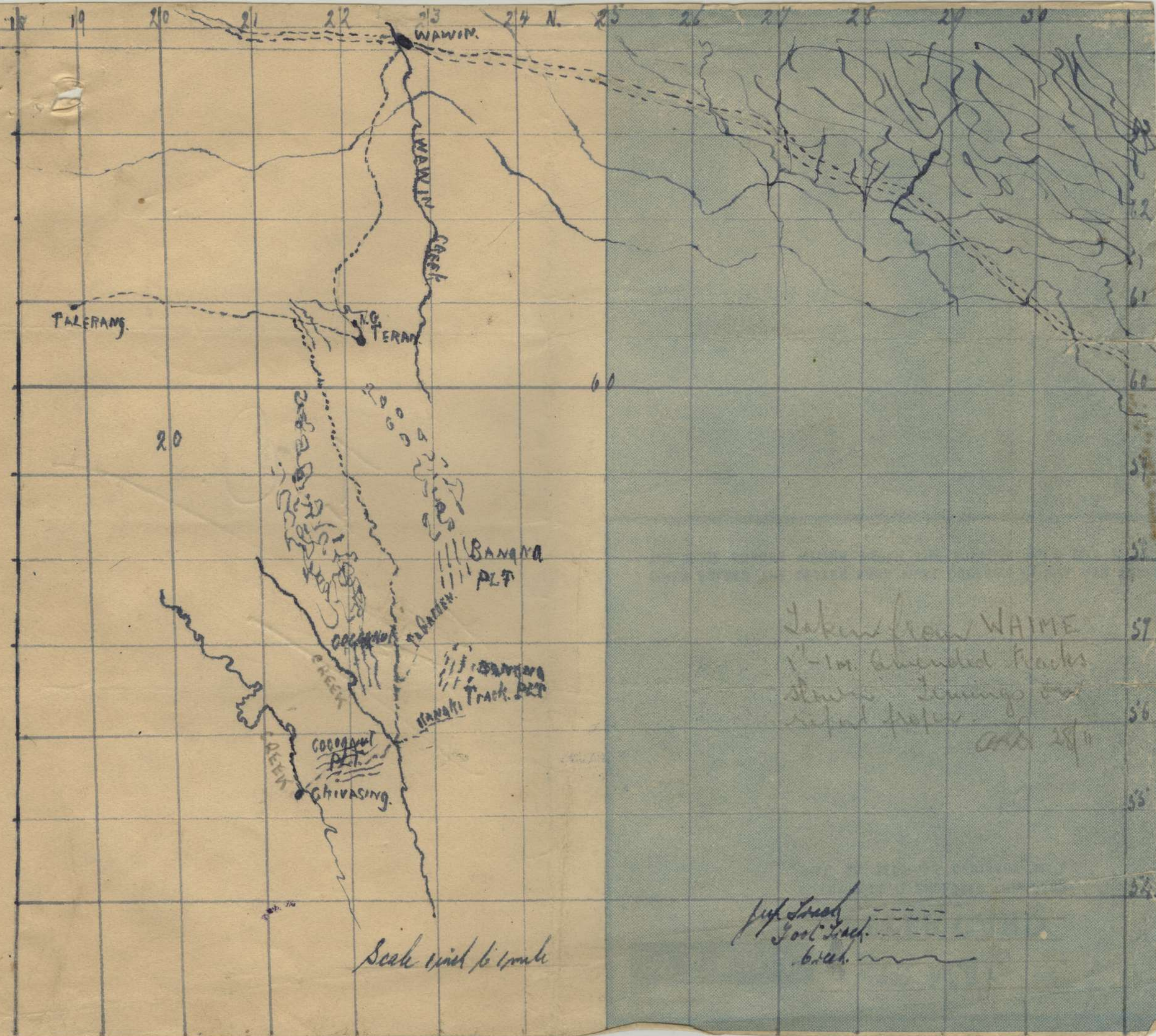
C. J. Cotton R. L. H. L.
" B.

Appendix (a) Details of times.

Bone to Darwin 4.5 hrs.

Darwin to Tetan 1 hr.

Tetan to Darwin 2 hrs.



Pl report.

Appendix K

~~Coy Platoon~~
WAR DIARY

3 Dec 15 Pl moved out

4 Dec 14 Pl moved to BAMBOK 0800 hrs

Pl. H.Q. plus 6 sec. took over from 15th
at BRIDGE.

There are two sentry posts at bridge
which are manned during the hours
of light.

Sent 5 troops as burial party to
bury two Japs which 15 Pl had not
completed. No papers found on bodies.

Remainder cleaned up camp area
dug latrine, made washing pt
with two showers also water pt.

16th Dec ^{+ party} Gaff moved through area
on recce.

16th Dec Mr Gaff and party returned
through area from recce and
reported that 6 sec. had killed
two Japs. Wanting on report.

4 Native mortar in construction
huts. 4 mi D Coy personnel remaining here tonight.

19th Natives start on huts.

0945 hrs. Native reported Jap on RTH
bank of river cooking hi. Sent a
patrol out. Only one Jap now
deceased. Buried. ~~Pl~~ packed of location
also buried body.

Pl. A Coy P.I.B. in ~~area~~ into area
looking for NO. 1 MASTER. Sent them
fwd. to fwd. BASA.

1300 2 man patrol fwd to BAMBOK
taking two Bren mags filled for 6 sec.
also to patrol area BRIDGE, BAMBOK.

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

3 troops to heavy body. On returning
they reported finding another body which is
~~indicated~~ indicated on sketch.

Platoon Patrol reported back and
had accounted for another Jap.
Report attached.

RATIONS.

Fair enough to last till
midday tomorrow.

If you could get us down some
paw paw they would be very acceptable.
Would you please enquire into
the boat situation. I gave S/Sgt
Gibson the sizes required also
list of P.C. requirements.

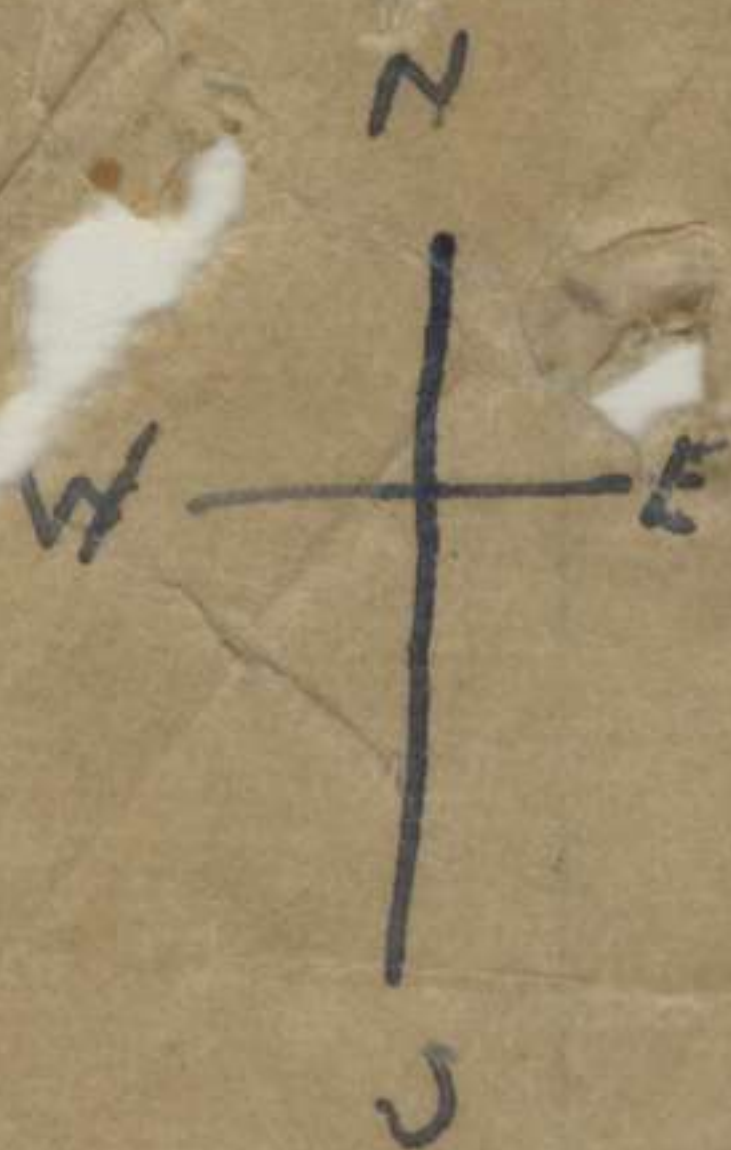
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Lieut.

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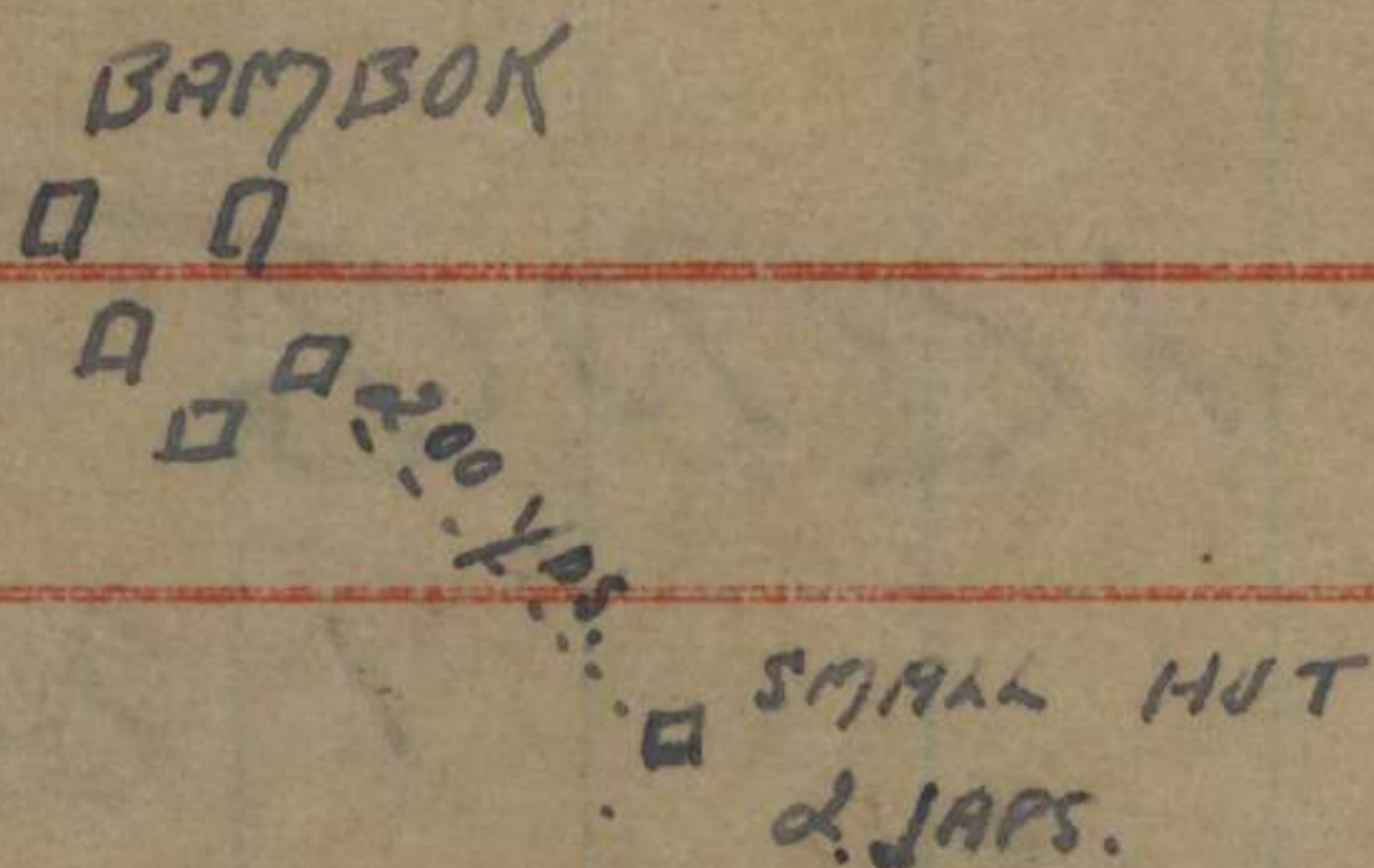
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Position of two Japs buried
at BAMBOK by 6 sec.



Alphany
O.C.
14 Pl.

BUILDER 1

DUDI.





BRIDGE
SHANEM RIVER

125°
140 YDS

240° 75 YDS

JAP

JAP

SMALL CREEK

200° 285 YDS

INILLED 191043
JAP

Buried 191043

oc. H. H. Casey Lieut
14 Pl.

REF. NADZAB 1"

1. 2 Copies K/20. WAR DIARY

PATROL REPORT.

LIEUT. SMITH. W.E. 5. PL.

OBJECTS OF PATROL:-

- I. To locate & inspect crashed ZERO in MARKHAM R. for possible salvage.
- II. To locate launches on MARKHAM R.
- III. To search for the body of PTE ARNOLD killed in action in BUANG R. area.

STRENGTH OF PATROL:-

1. Off. 1 OR. 2 natives.

ARMS CARRIED

1. pistols 38 & 14 mds.

2. grenades HE. 36.

1. O.S.M.G. & 5 full mags.

RATIONS:-

For 2 men for 5 days (base for)

" " " " " " (natives)

D.I. departed CAMP DIDDY approx 1100 K/15
Arrived ANEAU NADZAB 1145 hrs. 2 natives
and light canoe supplied by ANEAU. Native
rations supplied by ANEAU.

11.

Instructed by ANBAU to change canoe
enroute as one supplied was too light &
had no sail for return journey.

~~Proceeded~~ Departed NAOZAB 1320.

met canoe with sail at MR. 464525 &
changed over.

While changing canoes a transport
plane dived at the party & broke 4'
off the mast of the canoe. In so doing
it damaged its port wing on the
leading edge near the tip. No injury
to personnel of patrol or other natives.
Impossible to get the number of the
plane but the time was 1435 K/15.

Arrived at MR. 542439 at 1743.

Native guides informed that this spot was
where engine of ZERO crashed. No part
of the plane was visible.

a native on the banks was
questioned & he confirmed the spot. He,
along with his family lived at MARAMUKUM

MR. 540438. This village was located by two families of natives who were hiding from Japs. One family has now left. The remaining one is of father, mother & 10 offspring. There are 10 huts. Garden of PAW PAW. COW COW & BANANAS.

The complete tail assembly of the plane was located at MR. 538439. a monkey being the guide to the spot.

Complete description of tail assembly is as follows:-

Not a new plane as there were patches & dents on leading edges as from gravel etc on take offs & landings. Numerous scratches underneath tail planes from flying gravel stones etc.

The tail assembly had been cut off by the burst of cannon fire as the edges of aluminium were all ragged & starboard side pushed in & port side pushed out. There were approx 200

IV.

small shrapnel holes in the fuselage aluminium covering. All guy wires & Radio antenna were completely cut off at the apparent point of burst.

Only 2 ft of fuselage remained.

The markings on the tail were as on sketch attached.

The paint was of light green with dark camouflage blotches apparently sprayed on. All underneath was plain aluminium.

All assembly numbers were 5821.

Tail wheel fixed & of solid rubber. Large coiled spring 2" diameter 1'3" long inside fuselage. This to take tail wheel shocks. The rubber was well worn flat, cracked & broken & split & only 1" thickness remaining. Number on wheel was 1878.

V.

Rudder & Mustangs were fabric covered. Initial paint was aluminium & later painted green (cano).

Detached part of aluminium fabric, & antenna as samples. Antenna with 2 insulators was fixed to tip of tail.

Bivvied overnight at MARKHAM MUKUM. Lived & probed with stick for remainder of plane for 2 1/2 hrs without success.

Natives state that rivet had risen 6'. Estimated current at 5-6 knots. Diving operations were considered too dangerous & thus discontinued.

Natives consider plane washed away.

Departed this site at 0940 ~~10~~ K/16.

Passed MARKHAM. PT. 1105 hrs.

Continued to MR. 599424. Tid up

VII.

canoe & proceeded on foot to MR. 606421.
to trace of boats of any kind. Returned
to canoe & searched river back from
MR. 599425 to WATERS CRK MOUTH at
MR. 612424. No trace of boats of any
description found.

Proceeded to TARI by MRS. 612423,
612421, 606420 then to TARI at MR. 606416.
Questioned natives who stated that
AMERICANS had taken a PINNACE
from this area to MAM BEACH.

Departed TARI 1435 hrs continued on
to MARKHAM R. MOUTH at MR. 652383 arriving
1420 hrs.

Experienced difficulty in venturing
sea as breeze was backing up
MARKHAM water. Disembarked from
canoe & towed canoe around point
by rope & zigzag.

Proceeded to LABU 2. arriving at
1640 hrs.

VII.

ANGAU representative was away on patrol.

Bad weather night at KABU. 2.

0700 hrs K/17 sea proved too rough for journey by canoe to BUANG area so proceeded on foot.

Arrived JAP defensive position 1105 hrs.

REF WAGO 1" PROVISIONAL 632243.

Self Pte Scott & 2 natives completely searched Japanese position area without success.

Located exact spot where Pte Arnold was killed. The log on which he was when shot was found ~~with~~ clipped & holed by impact of bullets.

With the exception of Operational ration tins & an empty milk tin there was no trace of Auct equipment in the area.

10 shots were fired into the creek below the log in order

VIII

to search any crocodiles & then
LT Smith swam across to spot sunset
lag & tried to possibly locate
remains. No results.

searched immediate area &
found that JAPS had built raft
in creek & cut a track at the
point where SMITH FORCE patrol
made contact.

This track was followed
for 5 miles where it ended
at no particular objective. It
appeared as if it had been
started and not continued.

The hats lost by our party on the
original patrol were not found.

Pigs in large numbers had
been in the vicinity as all the
ground had been dug & rooted
up.

Completed search of this area

and swam across creek to JAP Posn.

Made sketch as attached of JAP defensive posn, ~~as attached.~~

Inspected JAP DEFENSIVE POSN 1430 his route for LABU 2.

AT REF WAGO 1" ^(PROV) ₆₃₇₂₄₅ in ROBINSONS CREEK found JAP mountain gun with 4 hoses each with 2 shells complete with fuses. The gun appeared to be complete. It is in 5 ft of water & could easily be salvaged.

Then also another pair of wheels in deeper water. This may be a dual purpose A.T. - A.A. gun as ammⁿ for same was found at the same spot.

There is also a quantity of 256 ammⁿ.

During the journey back to LABU 2. 3 JAP belly tanks ~~was~~ + 2 U.S. belly tanks were found.

~~IX~~ X

Arrived at LABU 2. at 1909 hrs.

Bussant night at LABU 2.

0800 hrs K/18 departed LABU 2 on foot for LABU 1. Instructed natives to return to ANGAU. NADZAB.

1000 hrs caught large at LABU 1 for LAE.

1435 hrs departed LAE by plane for NADZAB.

Reported to LT. WHITTAKER on loss of MARAMUKUM, absence of pinnaces & loss of plane etc.

Reported to Lt Col Barringer on loss & condition & circumstances - us of plane. Tendred salvaged samples.

Made search of NO 1 strip & part NO 2 strip for plane which dived at canoe while in MARKHAM. R.

Unable to locate damaged plane on either strip.

Did not visit 2 other trap squadrons. Awaiting further instructions on this matter from C.O. 24. BN.

Stayed night with WO. MACKAY of ANGAN.

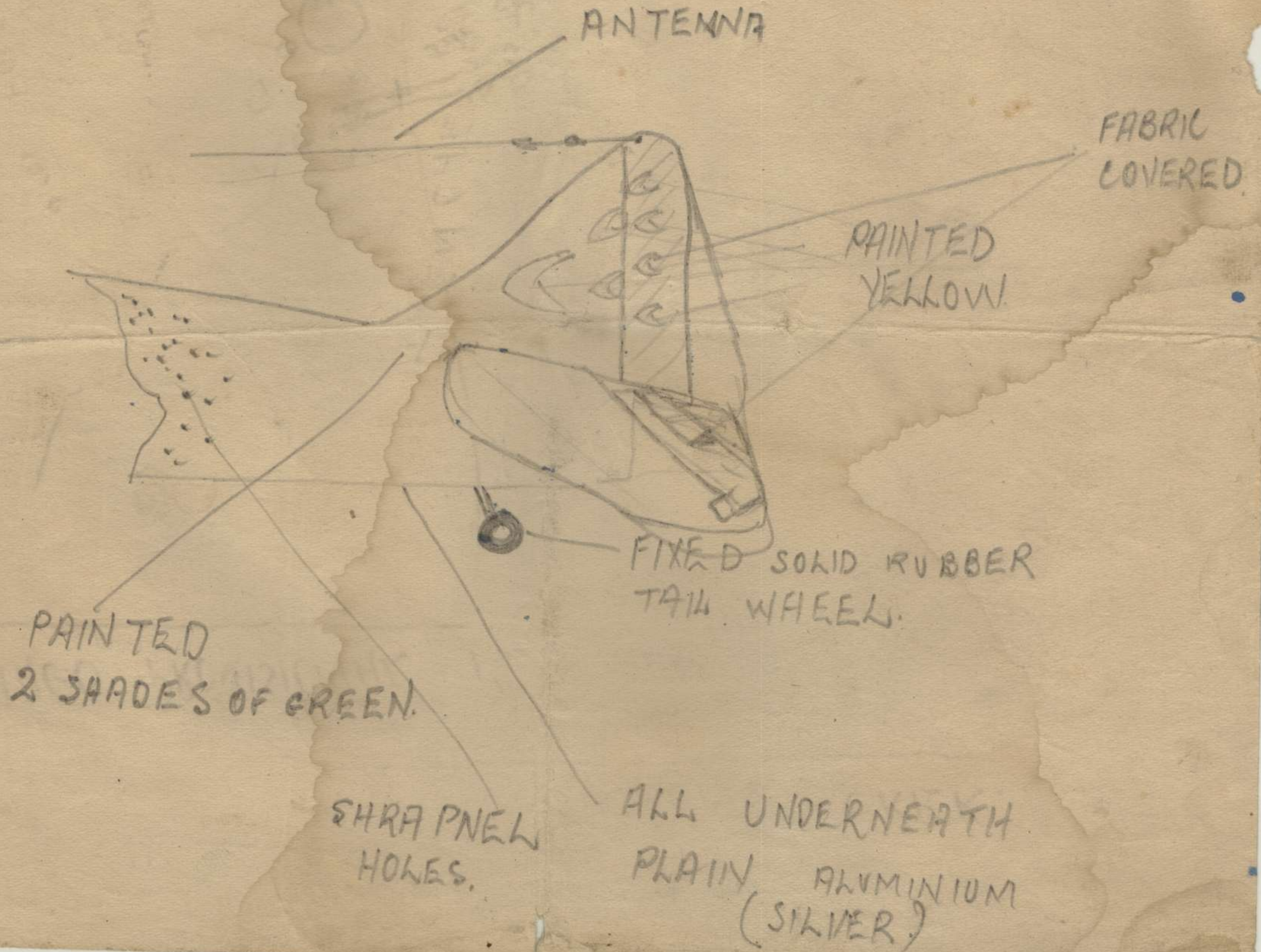
Arrived back to unit 1120 hrs
12/19.

RESULT OF PATROL:-

- I. Located site of ZERO crash. Salvage impossible except by water.
- II. Boats or pinnaces already taken by Americans.
- III. Did not locate body or grave of PTE ARNOLD.

[Signature]

SKETCH OF TAIL ASSEMBLY OF JAP PLANE



Track map showing route of 9th Sordwins
batt for mission plane.

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Copied By.

G. HORMAN.
B.H.Q.
Pte. 24 BN.

DATE. SAT. 24TH OCT. 43
Time. 1130 Hours

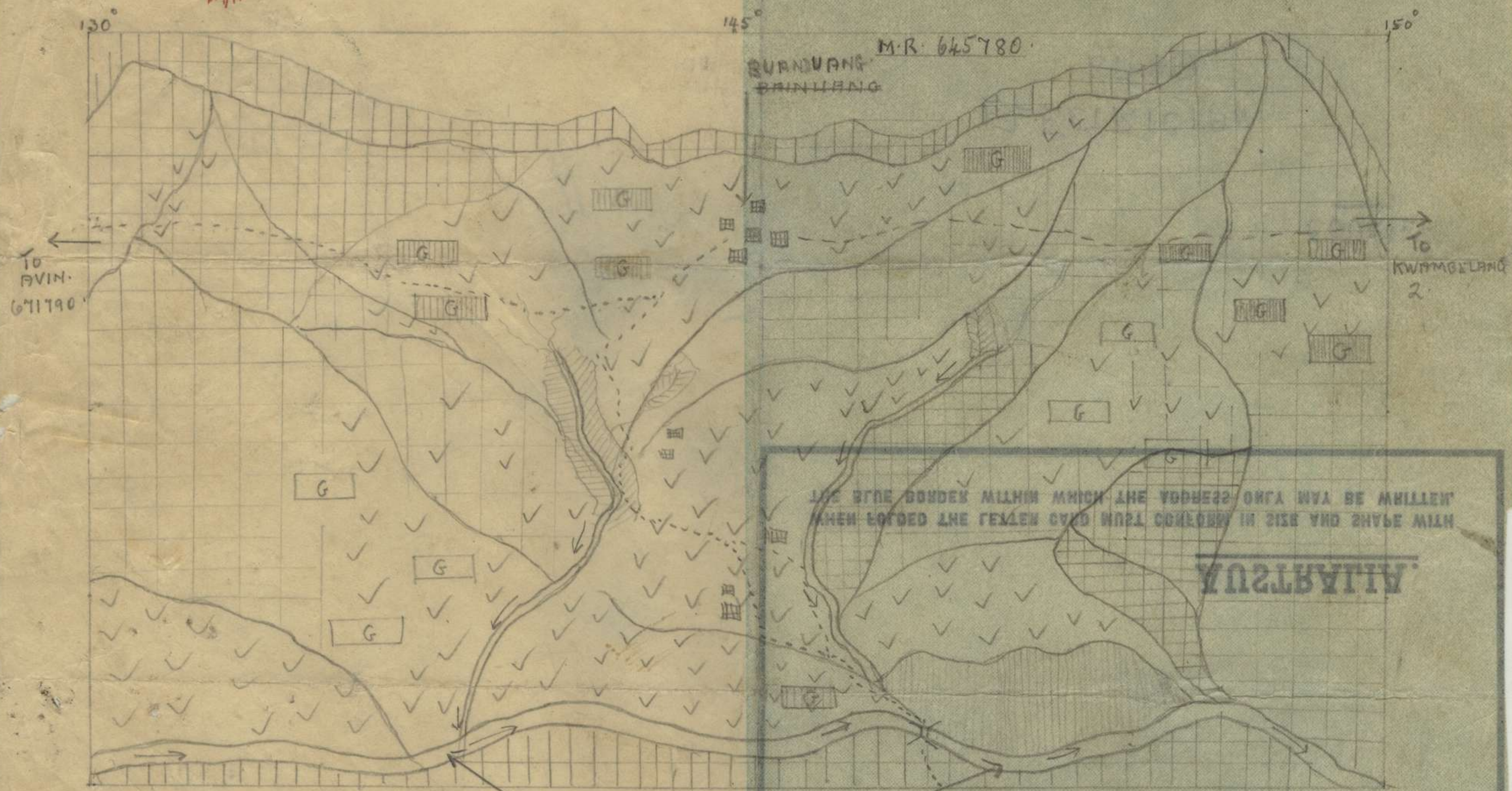
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ELEKTRISCH

PANORAMA LOOKING SOUTH EAST FROM SEKULUM TO BAINDUANG

• REF MAP BORNEO 1" MAP REF 637844



M.R. 645780

BURNBUANG
BAINLIANG

TO RVIN.
6711790

TO KWAMBE LANG
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THE BLUE BORDER WITHIN WHICH THE ADDRESS ONLY MAY BE WRITTEN
WHEN FOLDED THE LETTER CARD MUST CONFORM IN SIZE AND SHAPE WITH

AUSTRALIA

G = GARDEN

SANAM RIVER

DATE 21 OCT

TIME 1230 hrs

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LETTER CARD

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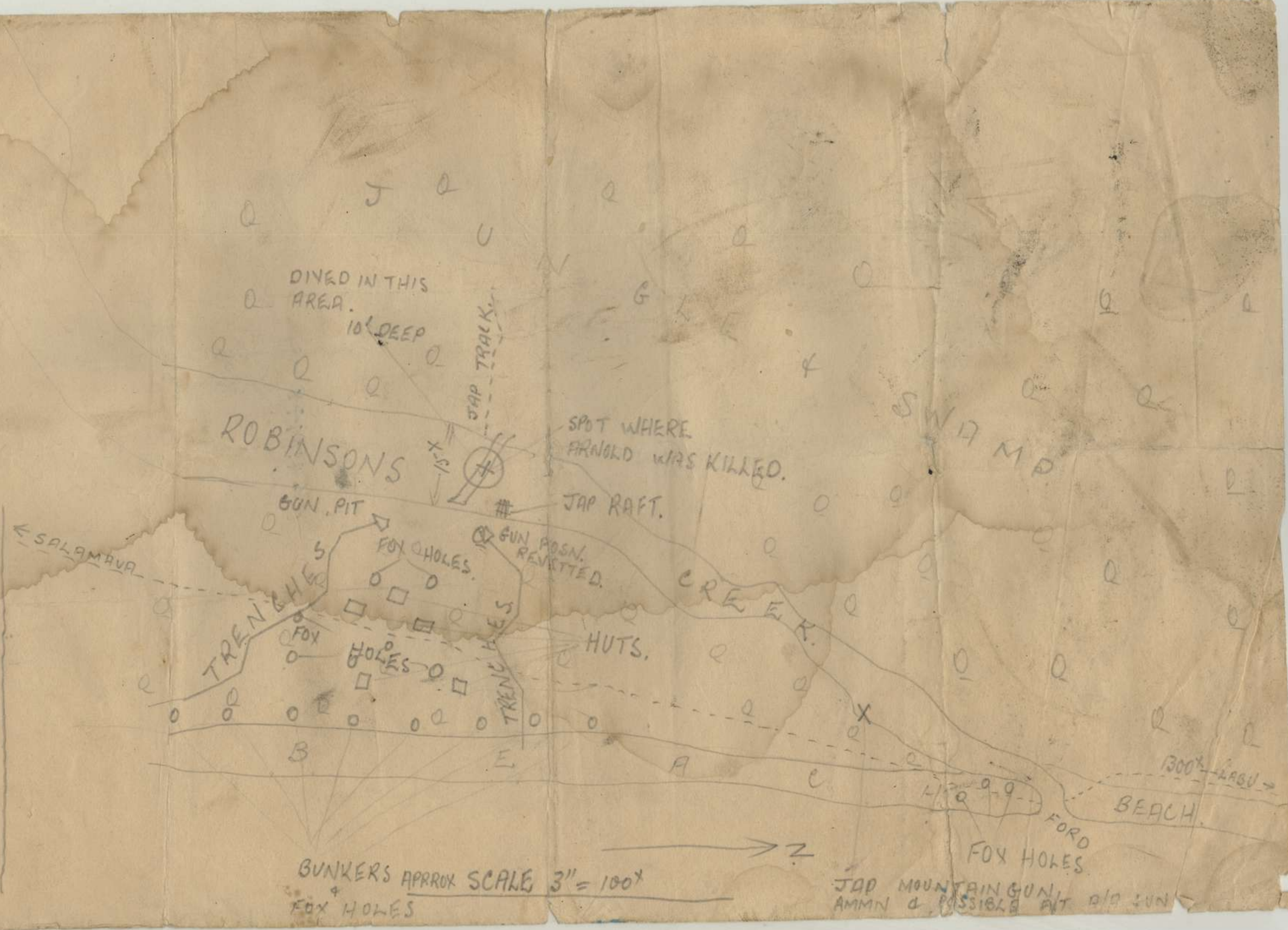
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21000
15 CENTS
1917

DEFENSIVE POSN
AT ROBINSONS CREEK.

REF WAGO PROVISIONAL 1"

JAP



BUNKERS APPROX SCALE 3" = 100'
FOX HOLES

JAP MOUNTAIN GUN
AMMN & POSSIBLE PIT 1/2 JUN

0 - 413448

PATROL

REPORT

Leaves
WAR DIARY

STANDING
RECCE
FIGHTING

To I.O. 24 AUST INF BN

TYPE OF PATROL

From Bomo

DATE November 5th 1943

Patrol Leader

Pte Wilson D
Pte PEGG replaced pte Wilson

PATROL STRENGTH 4 OR'S

ARMAMENT 105mg 2 mags 3 rifles 50 rnds per man
Patrol found by 11 p.m.
Weight Carried 8 lbs

OBJECT To River Area to OLD MUNKIP 368 669

WEATHER Fine 2/4 + 4/5 No Rain
Rations 4 meals per man

ROUTE OUT NORTH from CAMP AREA 351568 along ERAP RIV EAST BANK to ford river
368 650 then along WEST BANK to OLD MUNKIP

ROUTE IN Reverse route out

TIME OUT 1300 2/4

TIME IN 1445 4/5

Result. River un-crossable owing to recent Rain

DETAILS :-

Patrol left CAMP AREA 351568 at 1300 2/4 proceeded along EAST bank of ERAP RIV. Track very indistinct and in places is washed away. Reached old BIVOUAC SITE 368 656 1645 4/4 and made camp for the night. Morning 4/5 attempted to cross river at several points but owing to swiftness of current + depth of water found this impossible. Returned to camp arriving there at 1445 4/5

PATROL LEADER'S COMMENT.

The river at this point appears to be crossable only at very low water, and rises very swiftly.

U. Pegg...Signature.
Pte...Rank.
5th Nov...Date.
BOMO...Place.

Wilson D
Pte Pegg

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To
Col. CRABBE

Comd ~~2~~ SATF.

0-413488.

Report on ~~finding~~ ^{104.} Recovery Body of Lieutenant
HARRY H. DUNHAM. - U.S. PILOT - BOANA AREA.

1. ~~name~~ ^{Personnel} ~~copy of~~
Herewith is a report from N.C.O. in
charge of party of personnel from
this unit assigned task set out above.

2. The report is rendered in full and
as written, as I think it conveys
a truer picture of the patrol than if
couched in official language.

3. ~~Apologies are tendered I would like~~
~~to point out that~~ I may be stated that
this is the first patrol ~~under~~ report
undertaken by ~~the~~ Cpl Knigh who is
a pioneer corporal and NOT an
infantry man. ~~The party consisted~~
~~of a carpenter, a medic to make the casket~~
~~for the body, a mechanic to save instruments~~
~~from the plane and an engineer~~
~~for protection~~

PROBANT - Any reference to shipping or troop movements will result in the loss of information to your command.



4. This unit would like to pay a tribute to the American pilots who have risked life and limb in flying ~~carrying~~ out our wounded in this most dangerous flying country.

Also to the "Biscuit Bombers" who have kept us supplied with food and ammunition under most difficult conditions and have so made possible the successful extermination of our common enemy.

We feel that patrols such as the frequency are the ~~only~~ only practical way of showing our appreciation

assuring you

REPORT ON PATROL - BOANA AREA - Lt Col O. W. ...
TO RECOVER BODY OF O.S. PILOT

Report of Trip to Crash Plane

- Party: 1. C. Knight. Pte. Lee. Pte. Broadhead. Pte. Milner.
2. Police Boy. 1. Boss. Boy. 12. C.M.S. Boys.



1ST DAY. 13. 11. 43.

We left Boana at 8-15 our Boongs being fully loaded, we went down hill for the first hour when we crossed the Bunbock river over a bridge which was built the day before, then we crossed the Basip River to a place called Blakes Camp. The Boongs had a little trouble crossing the bridge as it was very narrow, with the crates but they got across quite alright, so we pushed on from Blakes at 0930 after we had gone about 600 yds we came across a land slide which we could not pass so we cut.

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a track through the scrub. PTE Milner being
in front. on way through he killed a Duck & added
but after a while we came on to the
track again so off we went heading West.
Well the track was in good order from
here so we made fair time seeing the loads.
The Boongs were carrying. Then we came across
a place called Pupae which is close
to the Busip river. We left there at 1100 hrs.
and on once again we arrived at a
small stream at 1145 hrs. so I decided to
have dinner, giving the Boongs 1 tin of
Buty Beef each. They went and got us
fruit etc. so we had a good meal. at
1300 hrs. we packed our cargo loaded the
Boongs and got away. From here we
started a climb which never seemed to
stop. I was in front at the time but
had to stop a lot as the natives
who were carrying the castles were going
rather slow but doing a great job.
Then all of a sudden I saw thru
the scrub going through the scrub as fast as
they could go. all I could see was.

bare behinds. They must have thought we
 were Japs. The Boony tried to call them
 but with-out result. The police boy
 said he would be set for the night
 which called a laugh from all. Well on
 we went still climbing until we at last
 met a ~~hance~~ ridge which was the top.
 from there we could see our destination
 which gave us the extra kick on at last.
 we reached a place called Goin which is
 2,900 ft. the time being 1630. There I met the
 Tul Tul of Village who wears two red bands
 around his Cap. which is given to him by
 the Government. He is second main man in
 the Village, here we made camp for the
 night giving the Boony 1 lb 1/2 of rice each for
 tea. Before we knew where we were a
 Monty who is a young boy about 5 yrs had
 a fire going for us. He was stay by the Tul Tul
 so we had tea & tried to make the cargo
 a little lighter for the next day then off
 to bed. Just as I was going to sleep I heard
 rats around the goat. So PTE Gee plus myself
 got up and spent time chasing rats out.

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July 2.

Then the morning came. The first thing I saw was a fire already going which was lit by this same monkey. So we had breakfast. Packed our cargo, then when we lined the Boongos up to move, I found I had four Boongos more, also the Tul Tul of the village. He said he was going to help us, which made things much easier, here I gave him some tobacco which he thought was great. Well we got under way, still going west the track being good also rather flat. also the same being 0820 after the first hour we passed a village by the name of Two of a long. ⁰⁹³⁰ There was a person there also. It was rather small. From here we had a good view of Wadyab, reading on. Wadyab being 220°. From here on the track was up hill and down with quite a few land slides also trees across the track which made things hard. but the Boongos doing a great job plus the Tul Tul cut. Then way through scrub. Now they carried the baskets in some parts is hard to believe, but these boys never give in.

so on we went we came to a rise
 where we could see a village I asked
 the Tulu the name of the place which
 he said was Tuga, so on we went until
 we came to the base of a mountain
 where Tuga is at the very top, the time
 being 12⁰⁰ hrs. Here we had a rest, the
 day being very hot, also the Boony looking
 rather tired. Each Boony was carrying between
 40-50 lbs of cargo. also the Boony on the
 castles were getting very sore shoulder's. They
 carry the castles for about 1/2 of an hour
 then changed over. They carried the castles
 by putting a pole on the top of the
 castles with 3 to 4 feet over hanging each
 end, then making it secure with vines
 which has the same effect as rope.
 Well after we had our rest we decided
 to tackle this mountain. It was very
 steep all the way. Well after we had gone
 about 1/2 an hour we had to stop, the
 Boony being all in. We told them we
 would only go to the top then spend
 the rest of the day there, so on.

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once again then at last we reached the top the time being 1330; Laga is a very large village but once again there was no body there; Angau had taken all the natives. Well we had dinner also I paid the Tut Tut plus his four boys with tobacco also a little rice, to get water from here we had to go about a mile to get it, the Boongs although sick out went and got water for us in long pieces of bamboo which kept it very cool also clean. Well seeing the next village was so far away, we stayed at Laga for the rest of the day. The Boongs getting a well earned rest. We slept in a hut which is always in each village for any white people coming through. They are always clean even though no body may have been there for months. During the night our Boongs found a drum and had a real good sing song, as this village I decided to cut the Boongs down in their food as we were getting short of things for trading which we knew we must have.

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seeing that we would need a lot of help before.
The trip was over, we also cut our selves
down in food to help things along.

Day 3. At 0600 hrs we were out of bed. had
breakfast then got ready to move, there
we struck a little trouble. The Tut Tut.
plus his four Boys were going to leave us
and go back to their village. We still
had a large cargo and things didn't
look so good. Then after a lot of
talk with the Tut Tut. he said he would
go on for a while hoping that he would
come across some Kanakas. so take
it over. so we set sail once again
all the way the Tut Tut. was calling out.
a cross hills. I asked what he was doing
I was told he was calling for some Kanakas.
so come and help. Well sure enough.
after we had been on the track for
1 hour we came across 8 Kanakas plus
a Tut Tut. who shook hands with all of
us. I asked him where he came from.
he said from a place called Balawany.

To the Tul Tul plus his four boys who had been of great help to us from day before left us. I thanked them very much gave them tobacco. We shook hands with the Tul Tul and away he went back to his Village (Boin).
 Then with the Tul Tul from Balaway plus his 8 boys who took over the caches from the Boongs I had, we set sail, the track being good, up hill and down. These boys from Balaway were making great pace on the caches and it took us all our time to keep up with them. It was new to them and they seemed to be as happy as a baby with a new toy. Well here we came across Balaway. It is away from the main track but it is a very small village so we did stop. This was ^{the} place I was told to go. So from there I would get a guide from that village who would take us to the plane. But I found out from the Tul Tul of Balaway that the plane was a long way from there. It was.

1000^{ts} when we passed Balaway, our
 destination for dinner being a village
 by the name of Casane, well from
 Balaway. we went down for $\frac{1}{2}$ an hour.
 then a decens climb up. which took 1 hour.
 the track still being good. Once we
 got on top of this climb we could
 see Casane a very big village. The natives
 called out to the village and the
 place was full of natives so down
 we went and within $\frac{1}{2}$ hour we
 were in the village. The Sub. Sub. of
 the village plus the Doctor Boy who
 wears a red cross on a cap were there
 to meet us with all the village
 behind them. The Doctor Boy plus Sub. Sub.
~~through~~ us a salute. They sent boys
 to get us fruit, water & light a fire
 for us. They could do enough for us.
 He still had a little tobacco so we
 paid them as best we could. The
 time being 1200^{ts}. So we had dinner
 then after a talk to the Doctor Boy
 he told us. He had been to the

plane crash. also that he would come
 along with us. Well after dinner my
 Boss Boy. told me that four of his
 boys were sick. so we had a look
 at them. and decided to leave them
 there with food. I found out that I
 could reach the plane by the next
 day. so we only took enough boys
 that we thought we would need for
 the job which was 12. plus enough
 food for two days leaving the rest at
 Casane. in charge of the Tut Tut, where
 we would get it on the way back.
 The Tut Tut also said he would look
 after our four sick boys. Well when
 we got ready to move after dinner we
 found out that the men of Village wanted
 to go. so we let them come, the
 boys ^{from} Balaway. staying at Casane. I paid
 them for their work in the morning
 thanked the Tut Tut and away they went
 back so there ^{Village} quite happy, so that was
 fixed up. away we went with my own
 12 boys plus about 50 boys from Casane.

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who took charge of the Coaches. plus a
little Cargo. Myself plus P¹^E Milner.
also Doctor. Boy went along in front well
ahead of the rest. We had to climb out
of the Village. Half way up the hill
we met another Tul Tul a rather
young chap who speaks well. He said he
came from the Village of Touse also that
he knew we were coming. How he found
out I don't know. Then I saw him
wearing a new knife + scabbard. I had
a look at it, there on the scabbard
were these words (Presented to the
Tul Tul of Touse for saving the life
of. Cap. V. D. Peck. A.I.F.) He said
it was given to him at Adzab.
He thought it was great. and was
very pleased with himself, so on
I went up to the top of this
Mountain, our position being North from
Casane. From here we could see the
place where we were going to make camp
for the night a long way off. The boys
from Casane. who were carrying the

caskets were up with us now going like
 the wind so on we pushed the track.
 just being fair, plenty of mud about.
 but rather flat. Then we came across
 a place by the name of Tinamung. Here
 we also got some willing workers.
 From Tinamung we could see the Crap
 River down below about 3,000 ft. The
 track down was very bad also rough. So
 we were going down the tail of a house
 joined to a bridge which he had
 built in the morning so our feet would
 not get wet. Well when we arrived at the
 bridge we saw where a first class job
 had been ~~done~~ done. Land rail and all.
 Then we looked up at this sheer face of
 rock. There wasn't a track, it was about
 14 feet high. The natives had built ladders
 and placed them against the rock.
 A great job had been done, so up we
 went. How they got the caskets up
 is beyond us. They had big pieces of vine
 which they took out in front with a
 about size boys on it pulling all the way.

with six or seven boys behind pushing. It was
 marvellous; by self plus the others never
 thought such a thing was possible. I
 paid special tribute to the natives
 here; a wonderful job; Well, over that
 we came to a track straight up. Some
 parts you could ^{walk} some parts on hands and
 knees and also more ladders against
 rock. At last we reached the top.
 All the way up the natives had
 this job, the same as when we started
 at the bottom I cannot say enough
 about the marvellous job they did up
 that razor back. Mountain, which at
 last was 8,000 feet. At the top
 perched on a little piece of ground was
 the Village of Charwal. The Fullul of house
 as far as we could find out runs this
 Village also. He had a new hut built
 for us with beds which was a very fine
 gesture. Well we were all very tired, natives
 also. We paid the natives with our own
 razor blades, tobacco which by this ^{time} is getting
 short, my own razor also, but we made them

happy which was the main thing. At this
 Village we met a Boon whose name
 is Tartan who worked at War before
 the war. Here we got a lot of information
 from him. He said that he saw the plane flying
 low up the Erup river leading north and heard it crash.
 He told us that Capt. Peck had been washed 500 yds down
 stream and gas caught on a rock and stayed there,
 also that he buried the pilot who he said
 didn't have a weapon with him also that he
 threw his shirt away because it was covered in blood.
 Also that the plane wasn't burnt. Well we
 slept there that night. ^{4TH DAY.} Then in the morning we were set
 to go so the plane 2 1/2 hours away from Narwal. Well
 the Boons I had, wouldn't go. They said the track
 was too dangerous and it was a track for Ranches.
 Well that made things hard so I went to Carlan
 who said he would help. and with the aid
 of the police boy we got enough to go. Taking
 a light meal with us. Well for the first half
 hour the track was fair but then we struck a
~~flat~~ patch of rock running around the side of a
 Mountain. with-out a track or is. The Jal Jal was
 very worried we would slip, if you did there was 300 to 400 ft.

drop. We were all frightened to go but then we saw
 May's in the front busting stone away. so that we
 wouldn't slip so we went ^{on} the Tal Tul showing us
 where to put our feet. Well we all got over that
 safely. The track then was fair, parts of it having
 this same sheer face of rock. Well after we had
 been gone about an hour we passed Jouse. and met some
 more workers from a place called Pharmingung.
 Here we met Gordan's Father. Gordan told us
 he got so the plane first and came back for help.
 Also he got Cap Peck out of the river so he really
 saved his life. Well on we went. Gordan's Father in
 front shouting and dancing which seemed to help the
 boys along. Well we reached a real razor back.
 This time straight down to the Graft. The track was
 only a foot wide in parts. with a sheer drop of 300 ft.
 Once again we had to go down ladders. If you made
 one slip it was the last one you would make.
 Now these boys got down with the Caskets is beyond.
 all of us Gordan ^{was} running things, doing a great job
 all the way. I really can't explain the way they got
 the caskets down. I can't find high enough praise
 for Gordan plus his boys. Well we reached the
 river. It took us $\frac{3}{4}$ of an hour so come down this

razor back. Then we had to cut our way through scrub,
 climb over land slides, wade waist deep in water where we
 came across a hut. with all things from the plane.
 They had built this hut to keep things dry. Then we
 went on and came across the grave of the pilot close
 to the river. They had planted flowers around
 the grave which was very decent of them. Well we
 went on so the plane reaching at 1100^{hrs}. Here
 the plane was facing north. As it was only resting
 on a rock. The natives had to put logs out
 so the cockpit so get the pilot (a separate report
 on position of plane plus damage). The Boony
 did^{n't} like us getting in to the plane as they thought
 it may fall down to the river. Well I left P^{TE}:
 To get as many parts as we could carry
 off the plane, while P^{TE} Broadbent P^{TE} Milner plus
 my self went and got the body. He was only
 2 feet under the ground. His skull was smashed,
 his left arm broken 2 legs broken but all
 his flesh was still on him. The natives had
 put leaves on him so keep the dirt away.
 They think of the least little thing. Well we put
 the body in the casket, put the lid on
 gave it a coat of oil so that part of the job

was done then the Tul Tul came to me and said it was going rain and we had better get away before it started as we would get caught by land slides so I sent word to P^{TE} Gee to return to us. He did a great job in a short time getting as much of the plane as he could which was 3 bags full.

P^{TE} Broadbent made a wonderful job of the Cashes. which I forgot to mention before, just as we were leaving P^{TE} Melner slipped but lucky for him he only got slight scratches. well we started back for camp at 1300^{hrs} up this same hill or razor back well it took us three hours to get up to the top only taken $\frac{3}{4}$ to come down is of course the Cashes being much heavier with the body. once again enough praise cannot be given to the natives, we wore on our hands & knees all the way. so how they got up with a Cashes I don't know.

Gordon still being the main person. well we arrived at camp at 1730^{hrs}. lined the natives up paid them with our own tobacco; from us we also gave them first aid treatments for cuts etc.

Turn to back of page one.

In the morning we set out for Ladang.
 The boys who had gone to the plane the
 day before carrying Caskets still; our own
 Boongs carrying the plane parts. Just before
 we left we presented Garton with a talk
 of the pilot and inscribed on it "for great
 Service". He was very pleased. I only wish I
 could have given him something better.
 So we got away going down this way back.
 So the bridge over the Erap, the Boongs still
 doing a great job going down ladder with
 a casket. You could believe it unless
 you really saw it. I could fill pages
 of praise for the Boongs. Well we passed
 through Tinamung, from there back to
 Casen where we had dinner 1200. Here
 I went and saw the four sick boys I had
 left behind 2 of them were fit the other two
 not well enough to travel so I left
 them there. They will return to Boana as
 soon as they are fit. We picked up our
 rations we had left there and by the
 time I got the loads of cargo out plus
 plane parts I had 12 loads which were all

the boys I had of my own, and Gasan said
 his boys were finished. My lad also
 carried Capt Peck down just a week or
 so before so they have had a hard
 time and I couldn't get any boys to
 help. We had 12 of our own but we
 also had 12 loads of cargo also the cargo
 well things looked black for us. Then
 the Doctor Boy came up and said
 his baby was sick. A maguisar had
 got him so p^{te} Lee said he would go
 and see what he could do, so he took
 some Atabin with him but when he
 saw the baby was only a month or so old
 he knew it couldn't take an Atabin. The
 Doctor boy seemed so thin he could,
 but they tried by different ways but all
 failed so p^{te} Lee hit on a great idea.
 He told the Doctor Boy to tell his wife
 to take it, then the baby would get
 the effect of it. Well he had to show
 the Doctor Boy what he means, so he got
 the baby put it on the breast of his
 Mother and then the Doctor boy woke up.
 (and) the baby ^{got better} recovered during the night.

The doctor boy

He was very pleased and gave us some boys
 for our trip after dinner. Then Garsan
 said he would go with four of his boys
 so we were set starts as PTEs
 We passed Balawang where more natives
 joined in so we pushed on to Tuga.
 We got there at 1700 hrs. There I paid
 Garsan again with rice which I had
 saved by cutting our natives down. I
 also gave him a piece of paper so if
 he ever gets near again they may be
 able to pay him and his boys for the
 great work they did.

Day 6

Well we started off from Tuga, the
 boys from Balawang still with us. Garsan's
 boys had gone back. Well we came back
 as far as Goin turned off and came
 to Badibo, then on to Munkip, where
 we spent the night. The track was good
 all the way. I paid the Balawang Boys
 with a little rice, but not enough
 but I couldn't spare any more so I
 gave them a piece of Paper the same as

I gave Gordon hoping Morgan will oblige.
After we went to bed. A good night's sleep

7 day

Well once again on the trail
down the Erap river to Kadjab. The
track was just like Bourke Street
after the trails we had been on.
We arrived at Kadjab at 1330 where
we called in an American Camp who
phoned Command who came and got
the body plus plane parts. The
American's gave us dinner and treated
us like Kings. They arranged transport
for us back to B.H. 9. where we
got out at 1630. The natives thought
riding in a truck was the proper way.

So travel in trucks

J.P. King

I wish to state that with-
out the help of natives from village
to village the job could not
have been done. I only hope they
will get credit from the correct
quarter. Most of all Barton.

platform under plane to
secure it to cliff. Plenty
of native labor would be
obtainable to carry parts out.
The job would have its
difficulties owing to very
rough country, dangerous
trails subject to landslides.
Did not consider lowering
of plane as it is directly over
fast running river, and no
river bank to work on.

Doc Keith Lee

VH0761.

Position of Plane— Trap River runs very fast between two cliffs about 300 ft ^{high}. Plane is hanging by tip of left wing and one wheel to side of cliff 25 to 30 ft directly over river.

Condition:— Plane is not burnt at any part.

All fabric torn and some inside fittings badly knocked about.

Due to dangerous position was impossible to inspect engine, but from appearance of plane would possibly be O.K.

Re. Salvage:— Would be necessary for a party of engineers to go out and build a

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BRAP RIVER

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TO PADZAB

TO PADZAB

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TO MALANANG

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IMPORTANT - Any reference to shipping or movement will result in the posting of your letter.

To I.O. 24th Aust Y Co. Patrol Report Reece
From Bone Bone. Patrol found by 10th Platoon 10 C.O.
25/11/43.

Patrol strength 4 ORs + 4 ^{water} _{cameras} Patrol leader Cpl Downing, S.
Arms carried. 2 Guns 600rd, 2 Rifles 100rd each 2 Grenades
Object To Reece area, Kwambelang, Kwalan, Bunderang, Sokam. Dzenyan for any recent signs of enemy occupation
Rations 4 Days per team. 4 Days water rations per man
Weather 4/23. Morning fine, clear later low clouds, rain
Rained night of 4/23-24. ☉ 4/24 Fine + clear. ☉
4/25 Duce & misty.

Route out MR Bone Bone 499713. Wampagnum. Kwambadie,
Kwambelang, Sansayang, Kwalan.

Route In. Kwalan, Bunderang, Secoran, Sokam,
Kwaiwera, Dzenyan, Bone Bone.

Time Out 230800L Time In 251600L

Result No recent signs of Jap occupation. Water questions
throughout patrol no information gained concerning
Details: Left camp area MR Bone Bone 499713. 230800L
passed through Wampagnum Kwambadie arrived
Kwambelang 231200L for lunch. Left 1330 hrs arrived
Sansayang 1600 hrs stayed night 23/24.
Left 240830L arrived Bridge MR 526767 at 0915 hrs
Bridge washed away water rebuilt, proceeded at 1045 hrs
to Kwalan arrived Bridge MR 517766 ^{1200 hrs} Bridge washed
away water rebuilt while patrol lunched. Left at 1330 hrs
passed through Bunderang, Secoran arrived Sokam
1700 hrs stayed night. Left 250830L passed through
Kwaiwera, Dzenyan arrived Bridge MR 485706 1030 hrs
Bridge washed. Water could not repair, proceeded of stream

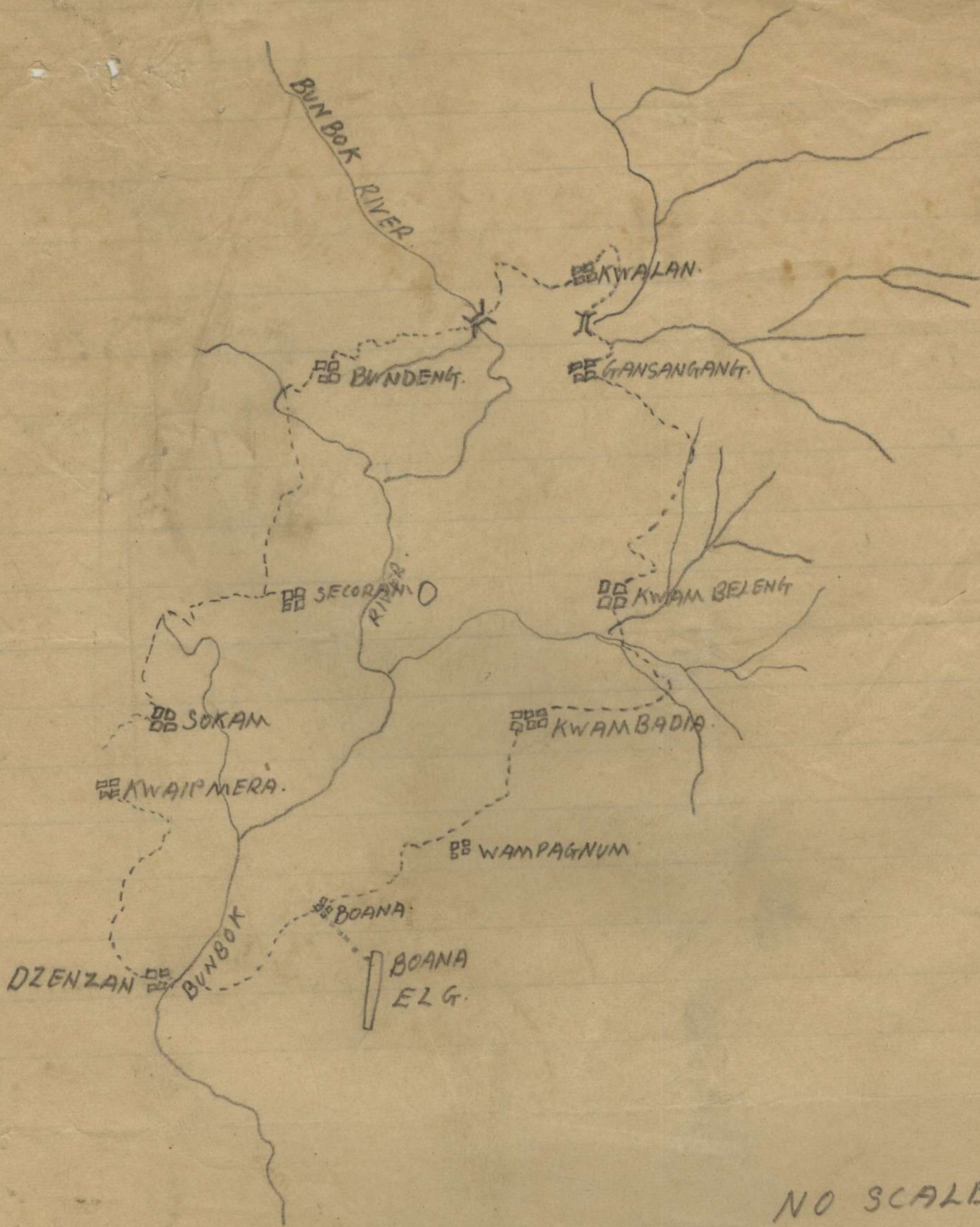
to MR 495723 to natural Bridge formed by landslide.
arrived Poona 1600 hrs.

All villages were searched and water questions
no signs of any enemy in these areas. The villages
are not yet occupied by the water. Track rough
going and very muddy. Bridges in this area are
being swept away daily and held up fatal at
places mentioned.

There is nothing further to report.

DS Downing Cpl

BOANA.



NO SCALE.

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Patrol Reports of WAR DIARY

To I.C. 24 Aust Inf Bn.

Type of Patrol Recce

From

DATE 19/10/43 Patrol Leader Cpl Goodwin

Patrol Strength 3 men 2 natives

Patrol found by 13 Pl

Armament 1 Owen 2 rifles

Weight carried 15 lbs per man natives 25 lbs (incl their own kai)

Object:- To ascertain (1) if any gaps in area (2) presence & behaviour of natives, (3) amount of kai in native gardens. (4) To check accuracy of map.

Rations Barred 5 days

Weather Fine & clear generally during morning and early afternoon, but turning misty and rainy from mid afternoon on.

Route Out via Kwambadia, Kwambeleng Gungung to Kawalan.

Route In via Bindong, Likoran Lokum Kwabmoonan

Time out 0940 15/10/43 Time in 1410 19/10/43

Result (1) No sign of any gaps. (2) Natives:- Only Luluwy and Tool-tool in each village, except lower part of Kawalan, where there are one or two stags and monkeys, who went bush when we appeared. (3) Kai very scarce, and gardens neglected at all villages ^{except} Lokum. Lokum has good garden of taro Kowkew paw paw banana pumpkin, at Kwabmoonan supply fair. ^{of fowls.} pigs at Gungung Kawalan Likoran, Lokum, & Kwabmoonan. (4) Map was found to be accurate as to main features and Rivers but most unreliable otherwise.

Detail. At no place along route was there any evidence that Japs had been in vicinity except at Gungung, where we were informed that Japs had taken Kai Kai along to Lae. — Gardens much more fertile & food more plentiful between Lokum & Beana, than anywhere else along route. The only natives, apart from Luluwy and Tool-tool, were several monkeys and stags at Kawalan who went bush very rapidly as we approached.

The track is mainly inclined to be open, giving plenty of opportunities for observing opposite side of valley, but observation over any distance is usually

possible only by climbing to some prominent feature.

The map (Boana 1" to mile) is most inaccurate, and the patrol was led astray from the outset by the fact that when the guide was asked to lead to Kawalan via Lokulen, he set off towards Locaren which is to the E of Kwambeleng. Lokulen, we discovered later, doesn't exist. The village shown on map as Kwambeleng is in fact Kwambadia, apparently only used by nomadic natives. Kwambeleng is further to the N.N.E. - Kawalan was wrongly marked 542799 the correct form is 525773. There is no village where Lokulen is shown on map, but Bundong is approx. 400 yds N.W. of that form. Between Lokulen & Kwambadoran the map fails to show contour lines of deep valley running to the N.W.

The bridge at Dzansan has been washed away, but there is another one 10 mins up stream.

19/10/43

Cpl Goodwin H.C.

1308

Goodwin

Track Report

Remarks: See Patrol report.

Track time
 Travelling time 4 days

Remarks:

Ref chap BOANA. 1" to mile

BEARING

Times

Report of the up Valley N of Boana to Kawalan via Kwambeleng

Kwambeleng
 (Magnetic)
 N.

Kawalan almost deserted. few natives went back when we approached. Kai not very plentiful, one or two pigs.
 Track very steep 1 in 2
 Main stream 20ft wide very fast, good water
 Log bridge across river just below punt. (old)
 Small stream 1ft very fast.
 Track to R. guide says "long walk"
 Track down almost sheer cliff approx 30ft.
 Grade approx 1 in 2.
 Gunung Deserted but for food stuff. - few pigs, fowls, otherwise Kai scarce.
 Land slide on mountain side 30ft.

Small creek flowing W. 2ft wide fast
 good water.

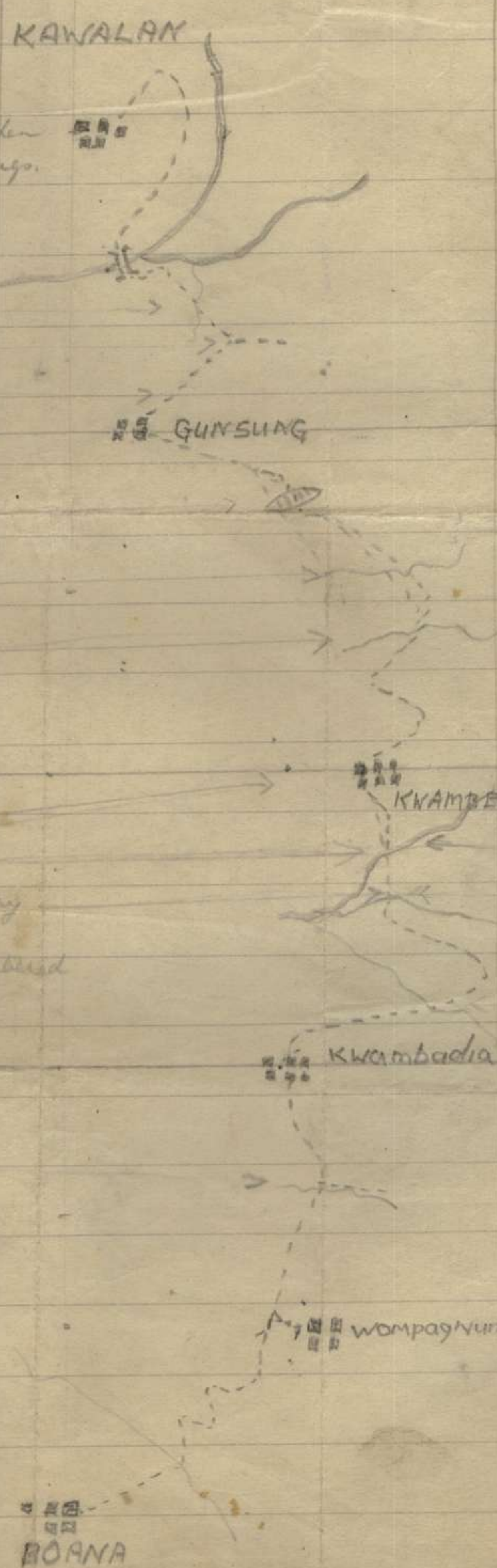
Track heavily timbered mainly, steep climb

Kwambeleng deserted, but in good repair, but garden neglected Kai scarce.
 Main stream fast, 10ft wide shallow good water flowing W
 Smaller stream flowing W 2ft wide, deep, very fast good water.
 Track good grade, well defined lightly timbered
 Small creek 2ft wide fairly fast good water

Kwambadia. Deserted & dilapidated very little Kai
 Turnoff to Bawan
 Small trickle of water, bin, clear.

Steep zig zag climb to Wompagnum
 timbered both sides.
 Stream only trickle.

TRACK down to small stream flowing N open Kunai.



TK time 35 min

TK time 5 min

TK time 5 min

TK time 10 min

TK time 40 min

TK time 20 min

TK time 20 min

TK time 35 min

TK time 20 min

TK time 5 min

TK time 15 min

TK time 20 min

Track time

35 min

Track time

35 min

BOANA

Map bearings



Kwambelong to Kwambodia	218°
" to Likoran	261°
Gunsung to Kawalan	10°
Gunsung to Bundong	25°
" Bukit P. Juncel	275°
" edge Mt 6500	20°
" Mt Kawalan	329°
" Mt 6000	71°
Kawalan to Bridge	283°
" Cascade mountainside 300 ft	272°
" Bundong (approx)	246°
" Boana (approx)	192°
" Mt Kawalan	323°
" Lower Kawalan	272°
" peak	120°
Bridge to Gunsung	96°
" to Kunai Spur	194°
Bundong to Boana Spur	164°
" to Boana (approx)	176°
" to Kwambodia	144°
" to Wompagnum	159°
" Kawalan	60°
Pimple to Kwambelong	124°
" Mt Kawalan	35°
" to Bridge	45°

Pimple to River Junet.	66°
" " Bungok R. Junet.	175°
" " Sunnung	75°
" " Ship	167°
" " Wompagnum	127°
" " Likoran (approx)	184°
" " Creek	253°
Likoran	
Ship O.P. " Boana	157°
" " Ship	142°
" " Lokum	215°
" " Kwabmoora	186°
" " Wompagnum	133°
" " Kawalan	33°
" " Kwambeling	77°
Likoran to lake	79°
Lokum to Boana	137°
Kwabmoora to Boana	117°
Dzenzan to Kwambeling	47°
Boana Shore to Dzenzan	253°

TRACK REPORT

REMARKS - See Pakol Report.

TRACK TIME

TRAVELLING TIME 4 days

REMARKS

REF MAP BOANA

River to BOANA 50 mi
BRIDGE 10 min up stream
DZENZAN 1/2 time 15 min

the time 5 min
TIMES

~~River at Dzenzan 25 ft deep~~

Kai at Dzenzan plentiful.

River at Dzenzan 25 ft wide very fast & too deep to wade
bridge gone, no crossing. Water slightly dirty.

Stream at 5 min fast clear good 3 ft
" at 10 min " " " 2 ft

Track good, slightly overgrown, but easily seen to Dzenzan

Kwabmoonan, deserted. 1 church huts good repair

Steep climb to Kwabmoonan good supply Kai, pigs

The steep grade 1 in 3 down to 4 ft stream good water

SEKUM deserted, huts in good repair, good garden

stream 1 ft wide S.E. through village

Almost sheer drop 600 ft. to N.E. of the.

Potato garden, abundance of Laro Kow Kow, paw
-paw, banana.

Strong fast stream, slightly muddy 8 ft wide.
log crossing.

Sicorani only inhabitants. doctor bay, hot tool,
2 Kanakas. Kai scarce, several
good fowls. some paw paw, banana.

Small turtle bar wide good water.

flowing 9

Th over ridge overgrown but easily discernible

400 ft gorge 300 yds upstream from crossing
Stream 3 ft wide very fast. It runs up stream few
yds, then up left. Climb to ridge 1 in 2
Last 50 yds it runs down 10 ft gorge.

Th down to Ok good well defined grade 1 in 2

BUNDONG only inhabited by Luluwuy & hot tool
Kai not plentiful.

Track climbs steeply grade approx 1 in 3 close to small
1 ft creek which enters Bunsok from W at bridge.

Small 1 ft stream drops in 200 ft cascade to N of bridge.

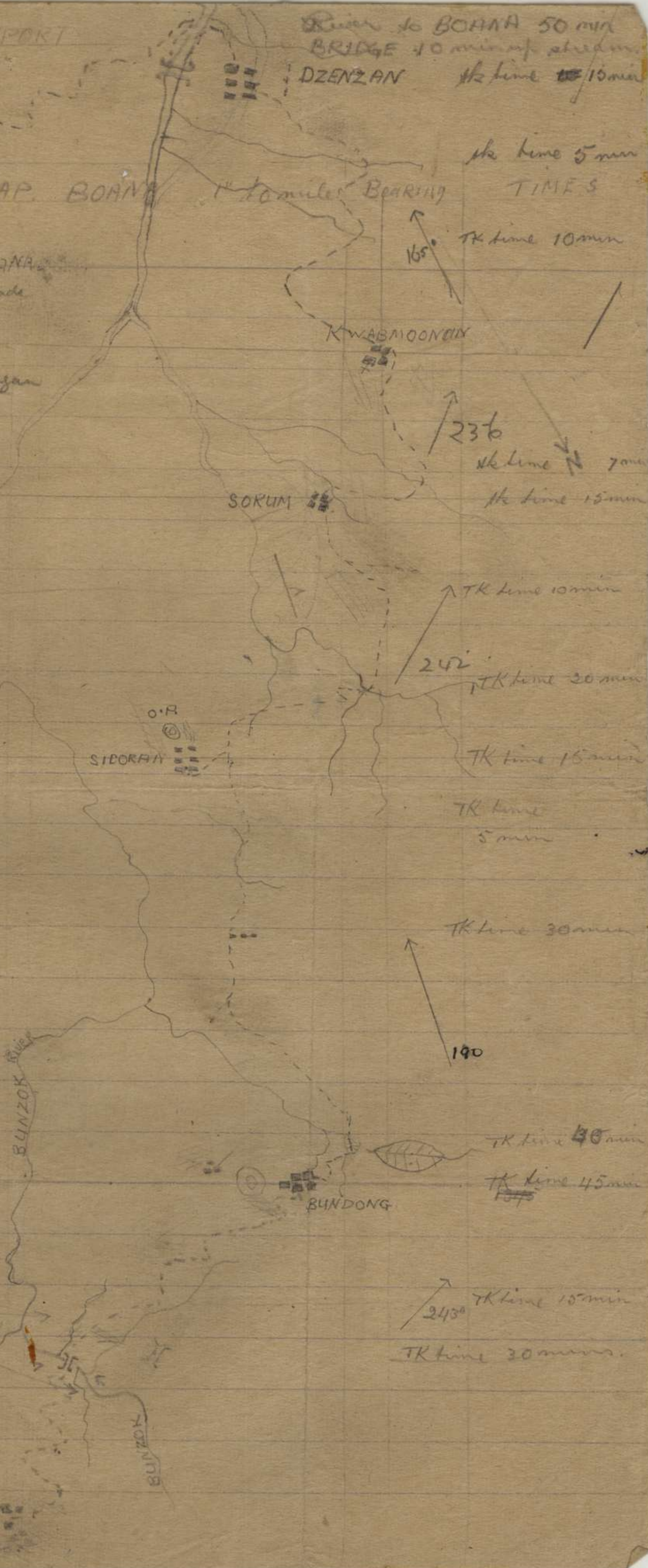
Bridge (sapling) over Bunsok quite substantial

Bunsok very fast approx 15 m P.H. 20 ft wide.

Garden on Ok just above bridge plenty of Laro
and Kow Kow.

Track down to Bunsok down almost sheer cliff
approx 700 ft high

KAWALAN



Patrol Report.

C. O. Wargany
Reced.

To 1.2., 24th Aust. Inf. Bn.

From Bomo, Boana

Patrol found by 10 pl.

Date 21

Patrol Strength 4 O.R.^s Patrol Leader Cpl. J.C. Wise.
4 native carriers.

Armament 2 O.S.M.G.^s 200 rounds per gun.
2 rifles 100 " " rifle.

Object. To recce. area to Baiduang and clear any enemy encountered
to check cleanliness of camps en route and take four specified photographs.
To contact W/O Bird, of ANGAU, re burial of gaps at Kanangembang.

Rations Carried - 16 meals per man. 6 days native rations for 4 carriers.

Weather. 4/16 Fine and clear. 4/17, 18 Morning fine, clear. Later clouds, rain. Hot night. 4/19. Morning cloudy, rain. Later fine, good vis. 4/20, 21 Fine, clear.

Route Out Boana 499713. Kumbum 577695 Bamboh 599708 Hanabain 626741
Baiduang 645780.

Route In Reverse route out.

Time out 16 08.00 L. Time In 21 11.30 L.

Result No trace of enemy.
All camps found clean and in good order.
Photographs taken.
Contacted W/O Bird 4/18 Hanabain 626741.

Details. Left map ref 499713, 4/16 at 0800 hrs. Arrived 577695 at 1200 hrs, ^{contacted W/O Newman.}
Left 1330 hrs arrived 599708 at 1730 hrs. Reced. village, contacted Lulusi.
Nil report. Stayed night 4/16, 17. Further recce of village morning of 4/17.
Left 1000 hrs arrived 626741 at 1400 hrs. Reced area, stayed night 4/17, 18.
No natives contacted. Left 0730 hrs. Contacted W/O Bird in Hanabain village.
Arrived 645780 at 1230 hrs. Reced area, contacted stray natives, questioned
them. Nil report. Left 1400 hrs. Arrived 626741 at 1700 hrs. Reced area, nil
report. Stayed night 4/18, 19. Left 1030 hrs. arrived 599708 at 1330 hrs. Further
reced area, nil report. Stayed night 4/19, 20. Left 0800 hrs. arrived 577695
at 1200 hrs. Patrol led by Lieut. Dawson arrived ~~at~~ 13.45 hrs. Contacted
W/O Bird and Newman again. Stayed night 4/20, 21. Left 0800 hrs arrived
499713 at 1130 hrs.

Patrol Report
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Patrol Report.

Continuing Details.

Observations made. Track generally muddy. Landslide took away part of track at 579699. Further slides likely. Found all camps clean and no stores of any kind left behind. Natives have not yet ~~reoccupied~~ villages. No traces of any enemy movement found and natives could give no information.

Natives encountered friendly and talked freely.

W/O Bird stated that he had told natives that the army had finished operations in this area, and on this assumption natives are returning to their villages. He stated that it is imperative that they return to their villages, as a great many are falling sick from exposure in the bush. Further, the presence of our troops in the area leads natives to believe gaps may still be in the vicinity, and makes them reluctant to return.

ANGAU are endeavouring to get natives back on a peace time organisation.

There is nothing further to report.

Tom C. Mire, Cpl.

21st Nov, 1943.

SKETCH of Route Taken by Patrol
of L/16 - L/21.

NOT to Scale.



WAR DIARY

App. K



19 10 43

Report on Recce patrol to BAMBOEK

Patrol Leader Cpl Murray

Strength 1400 10R

Arm 2 Rifles

Time out 1300hrs Time in 1600hrs

Route out ~~Over~~ river crossing
and along main track to BAMBOEK
Route etc Reverse

Report

Moving along track at a good
pace and soon arrived at

4 Sec Camp approx 3 min from
Village. time (1330hrs) we then

recce the area and found
nothing of importance to report

so then returned to 4 Sec area.
time (1430hrs)

While talking to 4 Sec 1 native
came up and reported that
a fellow boy was bringing

One Jap towards BANBOCK North from river, and that
he had come ahead to warn us, we then
acted quickly and moved over creek into Village
where we ambushed and killed the Jap time (1500hrs)
at approx centre of Village, after a good look
around area for more, we found none so
returned to camp arriving at (1600hrs)

Natives reported that they were patrolling Vx138489.
the area, and would report any baray
news of any Japs to us.



PATROL AND CONTACT REPORT.

APPX "K"

- 1. REF MAP NADZAB 1" to 1 Mile SCALE 63360
- 2 DATE 13 Nov 43
- 3. PATROL FOUND BY 8 Pl A Coy. Patrol Comd. *Cpl AR Macfarlane*
- 4. PATROL STRENGTH. 1 MCO 3 OR (TOTAL 4) NATURE OF PATROLS. (fighting, standing, recce etc) RECCE
- 5. TIME OUT 1600 hrs. (11 Nov) TIME IN. 1000 hrs. 13/Nov 43

6. OBJECT OF PATROL To locate and bring in for interrogation, Jap pilot seen to bale out of plane on 9 Nov 43

7. ROUTE OUT YAKU to HEATHS (Map ref. 598448) SW along track to map ref 584435 then WEST along track following MARKHAM RIVER

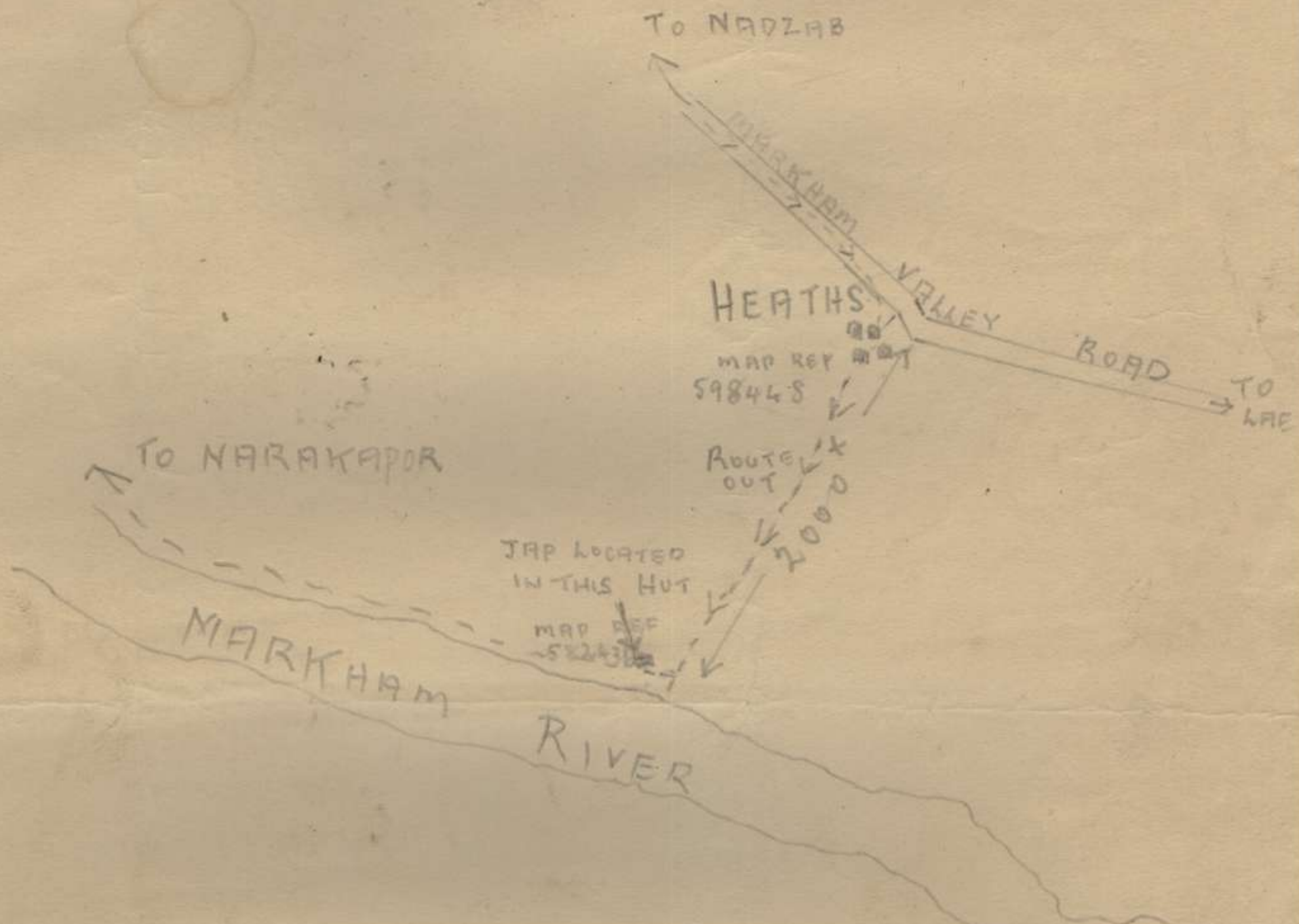
8. ROUTE IN 6. Opposite to route out

9. NARRATIVE. Camped at HEATHS on night 11/12 Nov. Set out on (a) track towards MARKHAM RIVER at 0745 hrs on 12 Nov. To track junction. Moved right along MARKHAM RIVER track about 150' to Map Ref. 582436 where we located Jap pilot lying in hut on right on track. He deployed, and 2 men advanced on the Jap while the remainder kept him covered. He sat up but was quickly overpowered and searched. We then returned with him to HEATHS camp. As the prisoner was wounded on the right shoulder I shot him to the RIF from where he was taken to LME HOSPITAL for treatment
(The following to be used if contact is made with the enemy)

- (b) Enemy contacted at map ref 528436 (Also indicate by sketch on reverse side of this report.)
- (c) Enemy strength ~~est to be~~ /
- (d) Enemy was in defensive posn ✓ Patrolling —
- (e) Advancing — (Give direction of advance)...
- (f) Enemy was supported by mortars — MGs ✓
Arty — AFV ✓
- (g) Estimated extent of enemy flanks —
- (h) Own casualties suffered - killed — Wounded. —
- (i) Enemy " — " " — " " —
- (j) Prisoners taken. 1. Sgt. Pilot wounded right chest

10. REMARKS. The prisoner offered no resistance on capture & was unarmed. He had been eating some Jap rations which had apparently been left in the hut and appeared to be in good condition apart from his wound. He seemed pleased to be captured. He appeared quite intelligent and could speak a few words of English. He could read English falsely. On being taken to LME HOSPITAL he was handed over to INTELLIGENCE and interrogated.

RECCÉ SKETCH by Cpl A.R. Macfarlane



Route out and work in - same track.

PATROL REPORT. WAR DIARY

Ref Maps. LIFE MARKHAM STRATS.

RECCE PATROL.

From Lieut BARLING. Patrol Leader. Lieut BARLING.

Date: 4 Nov. 43. Patrol From: 13 Pl C Coy. and 2 specialist NCO's.

Patrol Str: 16 off 3 NCO's. and 208 set. (Lieut BARLING, Sgt. COWAN (Sig), Sgt BRACK (13 Pl), Cpl WANGFORD ("I" Sec.)

Armament: 1 OSMG. 200 rds. 3 rifles 50rd sea-

Objects: (1) To recce AVIN. - S10 rd and ascertain how far it is possible to proceed along it.

(2) To report on the track and the country.

(3) To report on the necessity or otherwise of a larger patrol to follow up, and also the best str. for that patrol.

(4) To mop up any Jap stragglers en route, and obtain any identifications.

Weather: L/1, - Fine till 1700 L/1. L/2, - Fine till 1900 L/1. L/3, - Rain from 1335 L/2.

Route out: AVIN. M.R. L/R 669841 to NAMBANGA. L/R. 6886,

Route to: Thence NAMBANGA & across the S10 M.R. to TOOCOOMWAH (L/R 661861) along the NORTH bank to M.R. (L/R 704900 where track impassable.

Route in: Through TOOCOOMWAH, across the S10

(2)

R. to the SOUTH side of River and thence to RVN.

Time Out: 0800 2/11 NOV. (RVN) Time In: 1645 2/13 NOV. (RVN)
1100 4/4 NOV. (BUANDUANG)

Load carried: Rifle and amm.

Results of Patrol: ref. "OBJECTS:"

(1) Track only negotiable to M.R. 704900 approx where there exists a sheer ~~drop~~ on one side of an unnamed river at this point, due to wet weather and the by wear caused by the fops passing over it, causing landslides. On the opposite side of the river there is also a sheer rock face of ^{about three} hundred feet. Before the head of the YANAM (S^ANAM) River is reached the track is broken in two places, - by native report.

(2) See going maps and sketches. Track very difficult to negotiate and non-existent in places - grades in places, 1-1.
country precipitous and rugged.

(3) Fighting Patrol NOT necessary. Ideal str of any Patrol in this country traversed, - 6 or 7 men - NO packs to be carried.

(4) 5 fops killed by Patrol and 52 found dead. Small number of documents etc. sent back.

(3)

DETAILS:

1 NOV. 0800 L/I. left PVE (PVIN) travelled in general direction NE up the SANAM R. valley

0920 L/I. arrived at br. M.R. (L)R 665865 approx and followed up a very steep Kanaka track on the SOUTH side of the river to NAMBANGA M.R.

(L)R 6886 which was reached at 1010 L/I.

alternative. The natives led the patrol over an indescribable track to a place (gardens) called TOOTOH M.R.

^ (L)R 6987

1220 L/I. One fop in hut killed.

1230 L. A second fop killed. fops armed with rifle and a small amt of amm. These were destroyed.

1240 L. Followed down a precipitous track to a bk thence SW. to NAMBANGA, reaching there at 1510 L.

Camped night in vic NAMBANGA.

2 NOV. 0800 L. left NAMBANGA, followed down Kanaka track to br., crossed river.

0920 L. passed through TOOCOOMWATH M.R.

(L)R 661861 approx. Village stinks with dead fops in area.

Track from here on, is very rough.

1045 L. 2 fops killed in gardens. ref (L)R

665875 approx. - were armed with gens.

1300 L. left gardens. Followed track down to large bk. after Xing bk. Track broken due to landslides + extremely difficult to negotiate. It

climbed very steeply up ⁽⁴⁾ rocks and loose earth, then through gardens and ~~the~~ jungle.

1500L reached Jap camp site M.R. ^{sq.} (L)R 7089 approx. camp here and on Kinai spur 300 yds to the NE. capable of holding approx 1000 men. Many Japs dead in area appeared to have died from either cold or starvation, or both. Weapons found stripped of their wood evidently in an endeavour to make fires. NO food in this area or beyond.

1530L - after climbing up a hill, grade of 1 in 1, ^(called "PIK PIK") reached grassy spur, ref. (L)R 705895 approx. where W/T was est with BUANDUANG. at 1610L camped for night on hillside ref (L)R 701895 approx. - Height of camp, approx 6000 to 6500 ft.

3 NOV. 0830L Lieut BARLING left with LUWU of AVE and proceeded along S10 rd.

0845L Track found impassable beyond pt. approx (L)R 704900. due to sheer drops. Track followed in a NORTHERLY direction up the YANAM R. valley to the headwaters, & thence over the rd. to S. AMBANGA, but natives affirm track broken in two further places before head of valley is reached (see panorama)

0910L left camp site on return journey.
0930L Killed 1 Jap at Jap camp site.

1320L passed through TOOCOOMWAH.
1330L crossed river.
1645L reported in at AVE M.R. (L)R 669841.

(5)

DEDUCTIONS: Track very difficult and impassable, both to enemy and ourselves.

NO need for fighting Patrols.

As Japs killed were generally in very weak condition with little or no kai, ~~or~~ clothes or boots, it is considered very unlikely that there remain any fit Japs (if any) SOUTH of Patrols' limits, especially as Patrol covered the area well.

Sketch and panoramas herewith. Going along to follow.

Donald A. Langford
Capt.

William J. Hoff
C. COY COMD.

Pauling, Lieut.
PATROL LEADER.
1600 hrs.
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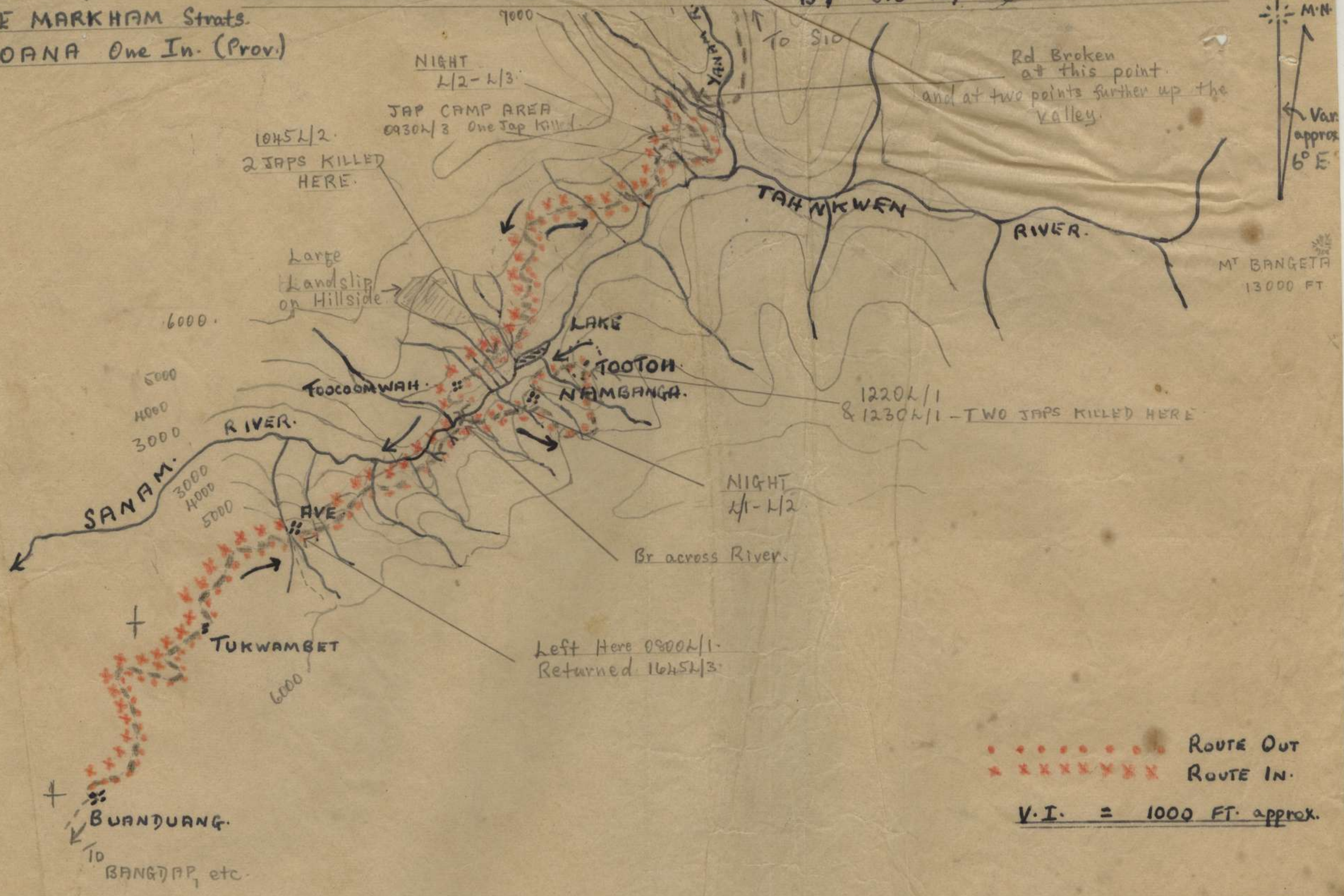
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BARLING PATROL.

Ref Maps:
 LAE MARKHAM Strats.
 BOANA One In. (Prov.)

SKETCH SHOWING ROUTE TRAVEL BY SIO "RD" PATROL. 1-4 NOV. T.N.



o o o o o o o o ROUTE OUT
 x x x x x x x x ROUTE IN.
 V.I. = 1000 FT. approx.

SCALE : 1 in = 1 mile approx.
 MLS. 1 1/2 0 1 2 3 MLS.

TIME : 1745 hrs.
 DATE : 4 NOV 43

Donald A. Langford
 Sgt.
 "I" Sec.



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Patrol report

Strength 1 NCO. 3 ORS. Ten carriers

Arms 2 awens 2 rifles

Type of pat. Fighting & recce.

Object. To reach Samanzing via
Dimini & Bulalumbun.

Time out L-5 Time in L-9

Starting place. Banduang

Detailed report -

Banduang to Casanobi Time 3½ hrs
Track fair. Two minor landslides.

Picked up guide (Toot Toot) at Casanobi
Casanobi - Dimini. Time 3½ hrs

Track good bench cut. Decent to
Dimini steep.

Dimini - Bulalumbun. Time 3 hrs
Track bench cut to junction. After
that its only a native track.

Top of feature very muddy, & every
thing over grown with moss. Very cold,
& plenty of leaches



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Bulalumbum is a 30 hut village with Tool Tool & Sulawi.

The 42nd Bn have a platoon stationed at Bulalumbum. Their objective is Mt Salawaket To Sio. They had trouble to get 10 carriers & they wouldn't go without European clothing because of cold. Natives said that no one has been over track for 20 years. Only 2 lots of japs have ever been through village. The first came from Samanging 1 officer & 5 others. They had no carriers & demanded food they to the track to Sio. The second (25) came from sea via Gowan. They had about 30 carriers (Madang boys) they also left for Sio. Natives say they will all die, because the Madang boys don't savvy the country. No japs or carriers have returned.



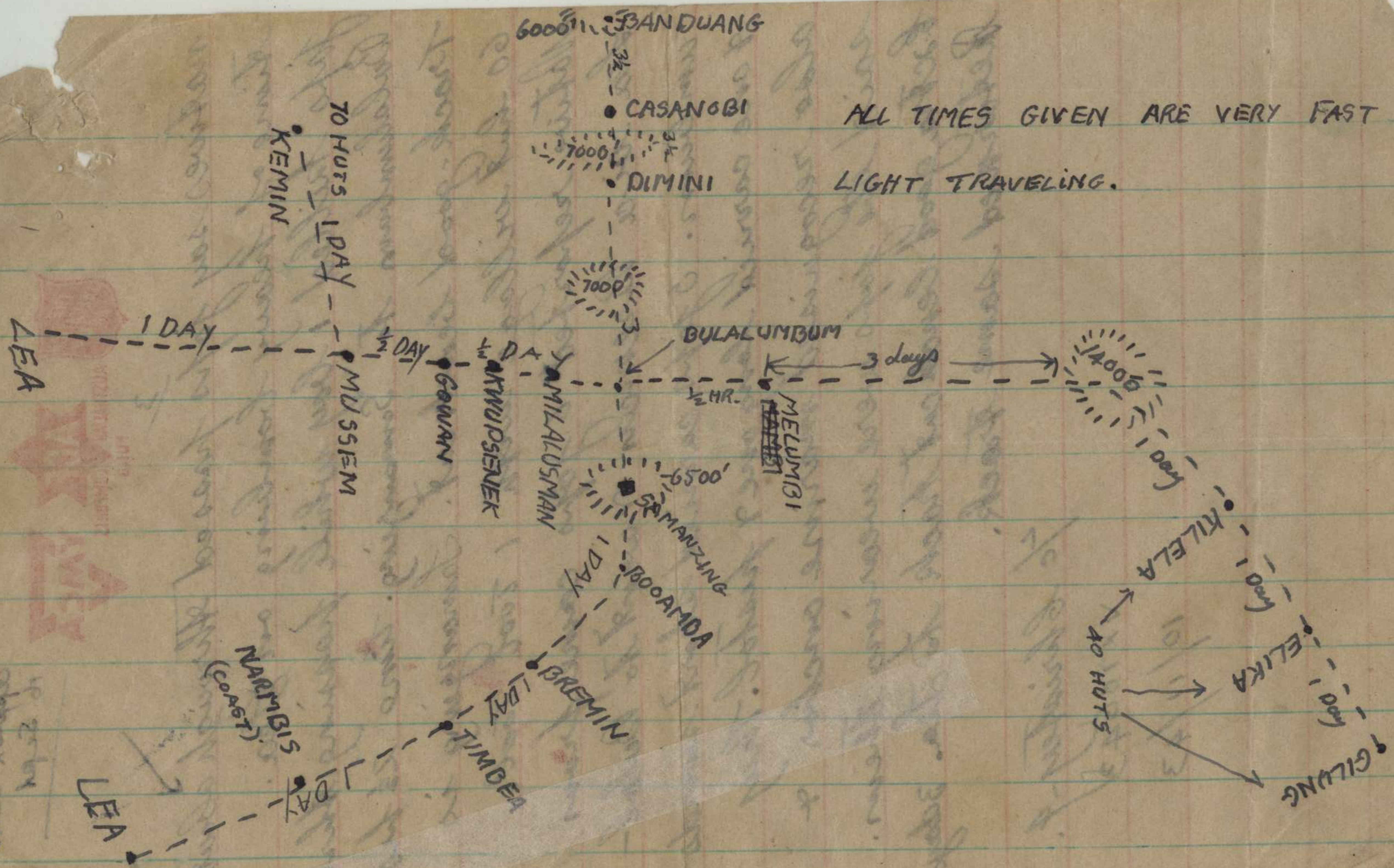
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 natives say japs passed through about
 time of heavy bombing on Lea.
 japs killed 1 boy while passing thru
 Bulalumburn to Samaring. time 2 1/2 hrs
 track - good bench cut. Samaring is
 60 hut village with 1 tool tool.
 Native reported 6 japs came from
 Lea via Bremen & went to Bulal-
 umburn. 5 japs carried short swords
 & one carried long one & pistol. They
 also recognised marine anchor &
 said the japs were wearing them.
 b.xtra good bench cut track to Lea. 3 days
 Returned same track.

4/c Christey - 9.

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 other copy.

Enclosed is Christie's patrol
report.

Small portion of map with
Japanese characters was
picked up on track between
BAMBOA & BANGDAP on 7. ~~Oct~~ 43?

Plumley

Dr Russell
Bromo

of

BAMBOO & BANANAS
packed upon track
Japanese characteristics
Bromo notes of map with
is a little notes

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PATROL REPORT

TO LD. 24th AUST. INF. BN TYPE OF PATROL RECCE

FROM NADZAB. BORNA. 63360

DATE 12/11/43 PATROL LEADER PTE. GILLIES. D.C

PATROL STRENGTH THREE. O.R

PATROL FOUND BY NO. 5. SECTION. 14. PLATOON "C" COMPANY

ARMAMENT ONE. OWEN. TWO. RIFLES

WEIGHT CARRIED 40. LBS

OBJECT RECCE. FOR SIGNS. OF ENEMY AND ENEMY
OCCUPATION. OF OLD. MUNKIP

RATIONS THREE. MEALS

WEATHER FINE

ROUTE OUT ALONG. EAST. BANK. OF. FERAP RIVER

ROUTE IN RETURNED ROUTE ^{REVERSE OF} ROUTE OUT

TIME OUT 0800. L. 11 TIME IN 1020. L. 12

RESULT FOUND NO SIGN OF ENEMY

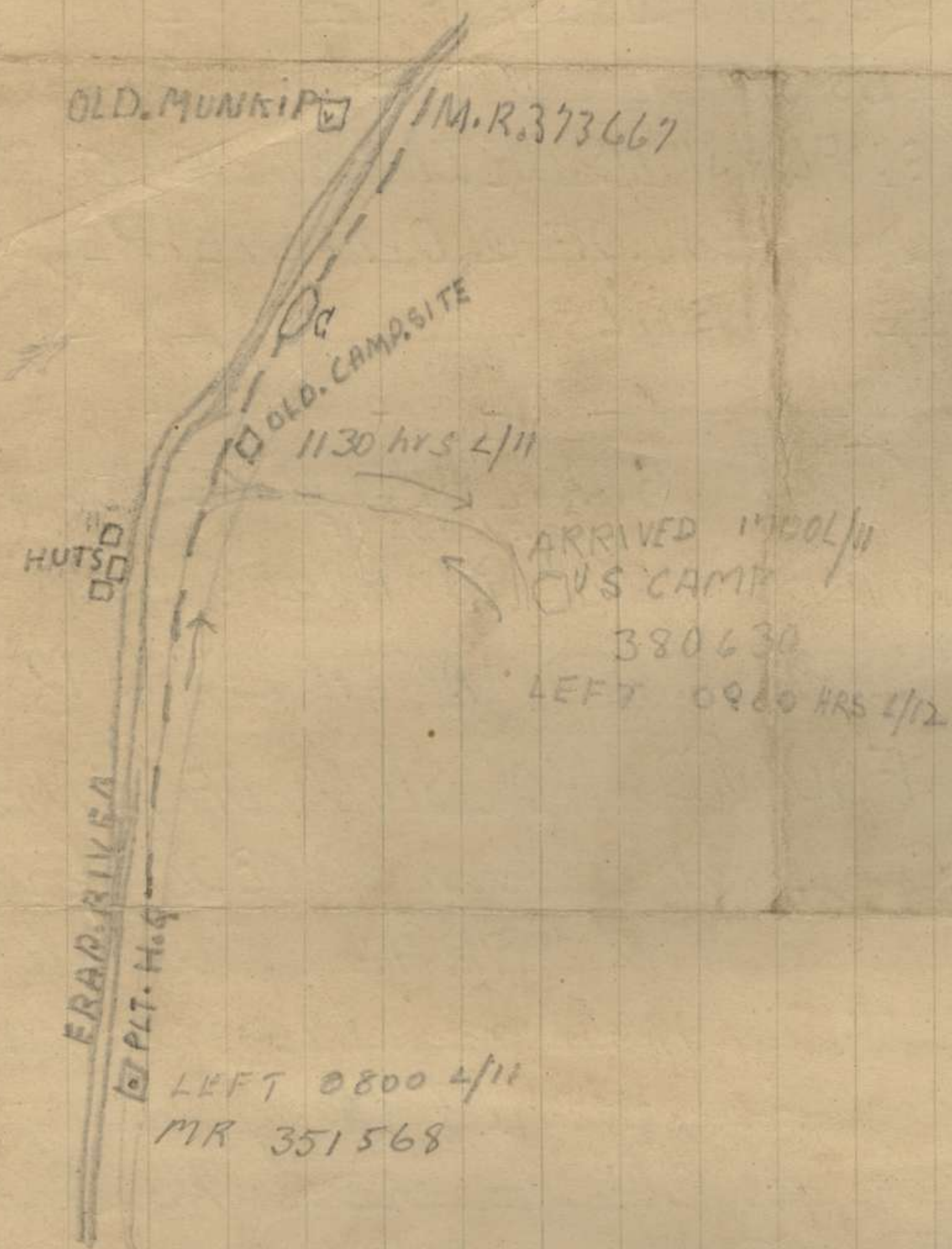
DETAILS Moved out from Platoon at 0800hrs and moved along the east bank of the FERAP river till we came to an old camp site at 1130hrs where we had dinner. Left there at 1230hrs to continue Patrol along to opposite OLD. MUNKIP. We were unable to cross the river owing to the swiftness of the water. On our way back from OLD MUNKIP we contacted two Lulawias who informed us that the area was free of enemy. Then we returned to a nearby American camp at 1700hrs where we stayed the night. Started at 0800hrs

next morning for our return by reverse route arriving
back at camp at 10 20 hrs L 12

SIGNATURE. D.L. Gillies

RANK Pte

DATE 12/11/43



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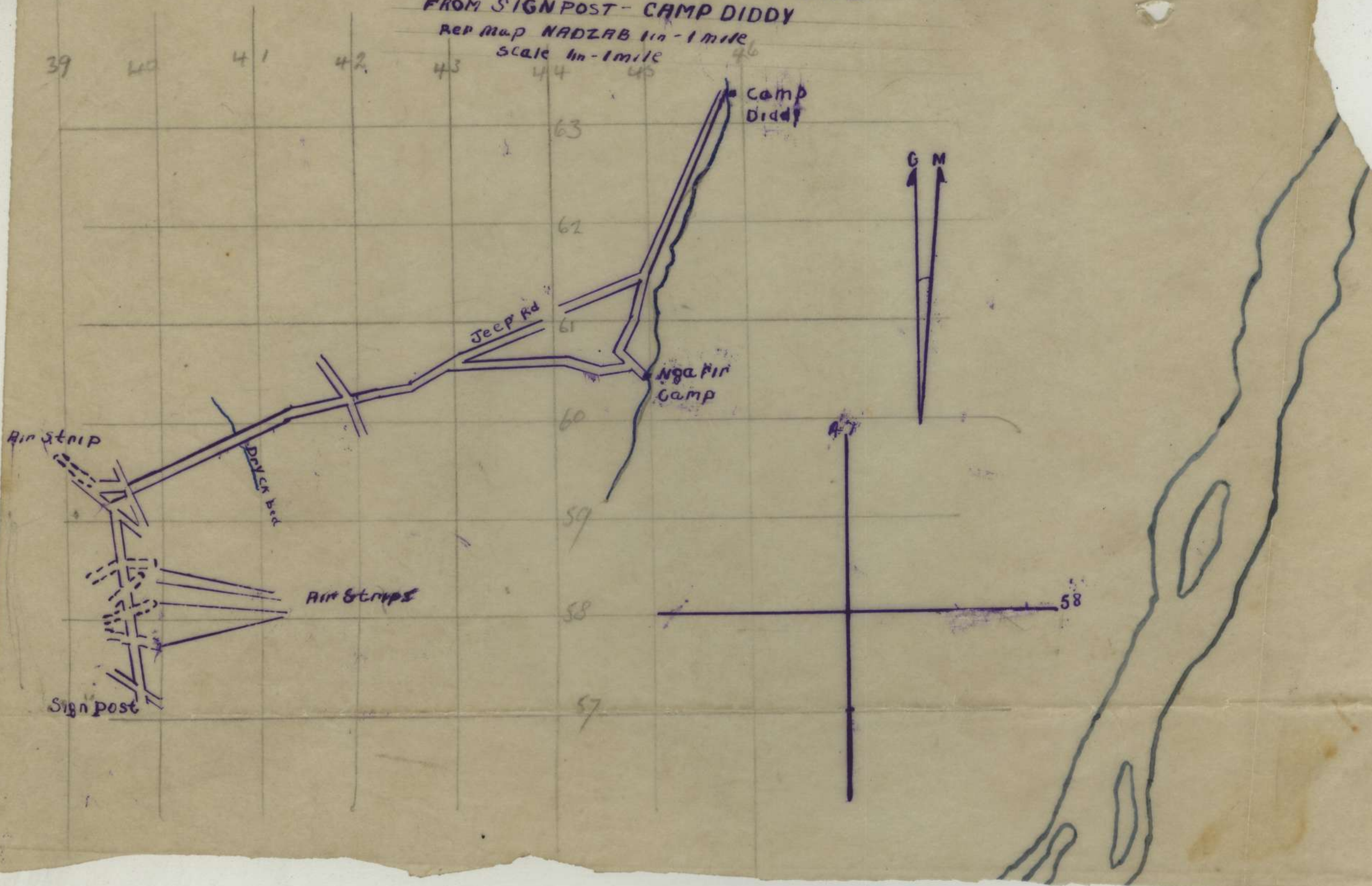
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SKETCH OF JEEP ROAD

FROM SIGN POST - CAMP DIDDY

REF MAP NADZAB 1 in - 1 mile

Scale 1 in - 1 mile





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1st Platoon Report.

No 4 Section.

18-10-43 1500 hrs.

Native reported 1 Jap in hut approx 200 yds S.E. of Bamboo. Patrol consisting of 1 MP & 5 O.R.'s was led by native to the hut. As the hut was completely closed in we could not see anything but could hear someone either singing or talking. Lining the section on one side of hut I gave the order to open fire & riddled it. He then closed in & discovered 2 Japs, one killed instantly the other we had to finish off.

Both were of very small build & in poor condition, one had been wounded in head previously. They had 1 meal of rice & a pack of freshly dug "au cau".

S/MAJOR Giff took in Log Book & Note Book.
By Adlington 18/10/43

VX. 123367



These Japs were weaponless except
for 1 bayonet.

18-10-43 1300 hrs

[Faint, mostly illegible handwritten text, likely bleed-through from the reverse side of the page.]



Ref. Map. Nadzab. 1"-1ml.

Date: Nov. 11th '43.

Patrol found by: 11 Pl. "B" Coy.

L/cpl. C. B. Walsh. Patrol Comd.

Patrol strength: 1 N.C.O., 2 O.R.'S.

Nature of Patrol: Recce.

Time out: 0815L, 11

Time In: 14.30L, 11

Object of patrol: To ascertain if any enemy mvt or occupation in

Pyramid Hill area.

Route Out: Via EAST bank of ERAP RIVER.

Route In: Same as out. Result: Unable to cross Erap Rv.

Details: 0815 Patrol left area and followed the east bank of the Erap River to the Markham River. After the recent rains the Erap River has overflowed its banks in quite a number of places. Where this has occurred the bank has broken away and washed away the track which follows the edge of the river most of the way. Where this has occurred it was necessary to make detours through thick bush to pick up the track again. The river crossing M. R. 342532 was reached at 1055 hrs. Here the river was running too high & fast to cross so the patrol could not reach its objective. The patrol then returned to B Coy area via the same route.

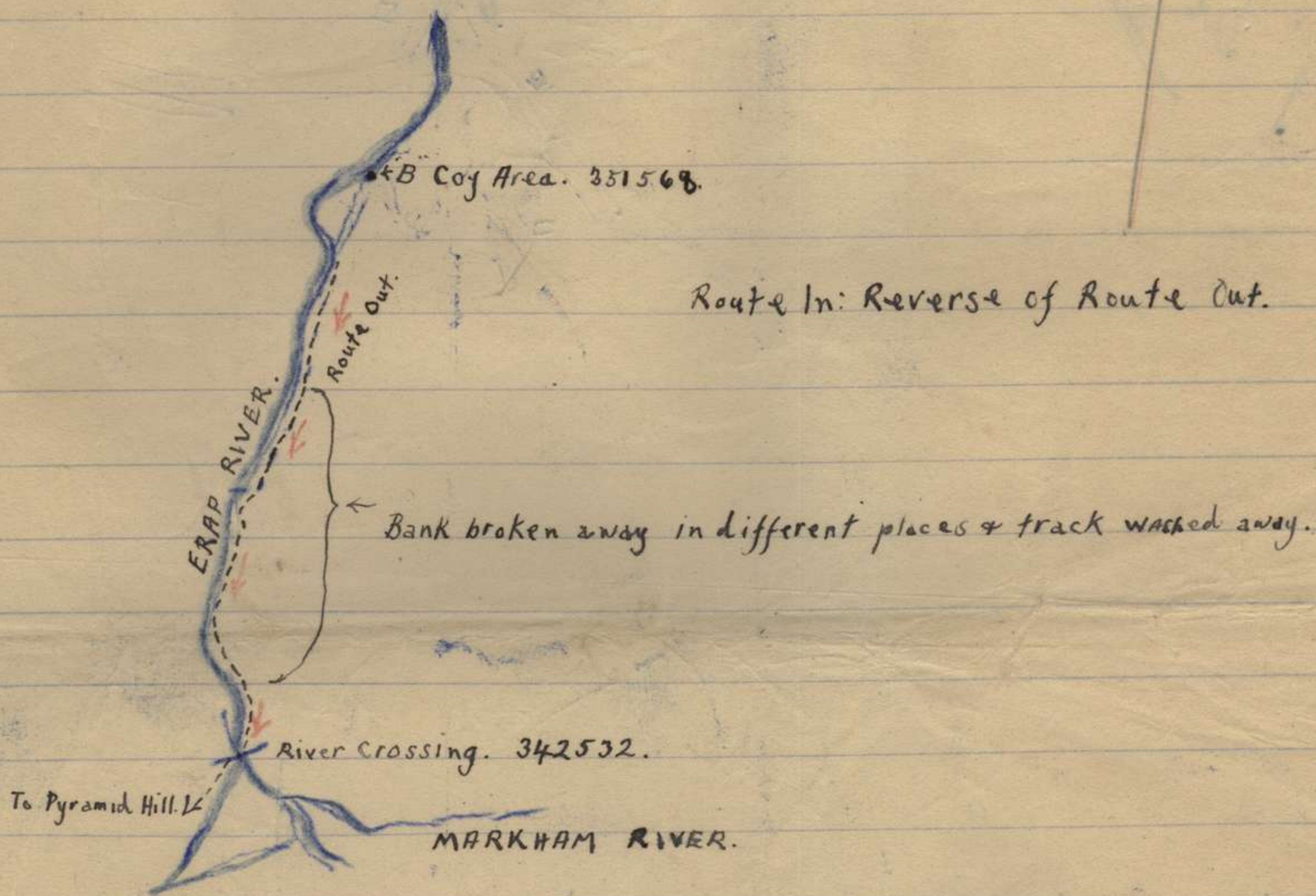
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L/cpl. C. B. Walsh.

IMPORTANT.—Any reference to shipping or troop movements will result in the delay or mutilation of your letters.

SKETCH MAP: B Coy Area — Pyramid Hill.

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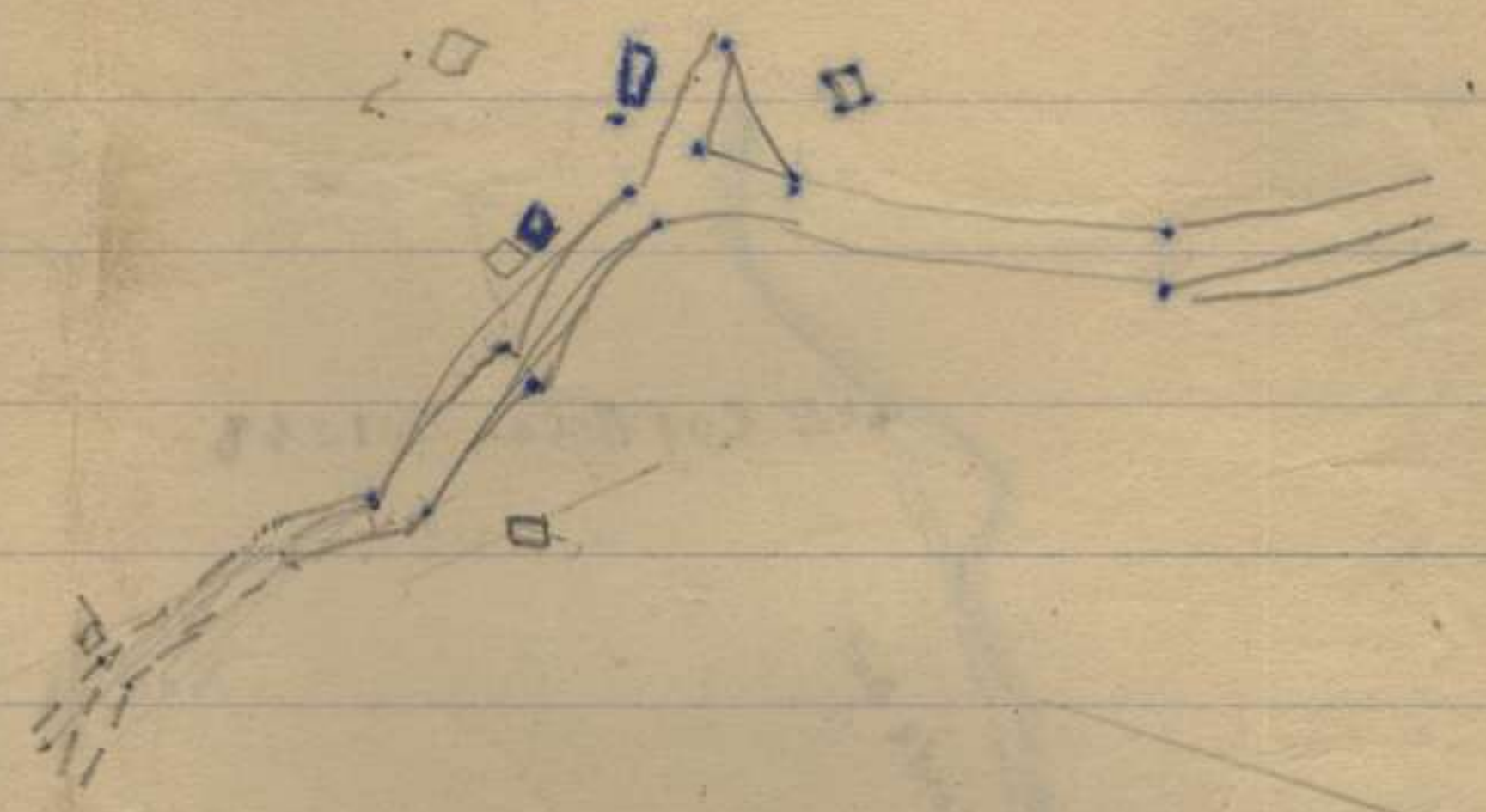


b. B. Walsh. (2/cpl.)

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REPORT OF 14 PLAT PATROL

RECCO PATROL

No. 4. SECTION

13 - 11 - 43

MAP REF. NADZAB - BORNA 1"

PATROL COMD. G. ADLINGTON 4 CPL.

PATROL STRENGTH 1 NCO. & 2 OR'S

WEATHER. FINE EARLY. RAIN IN AFTERNOON
& NIGT.

TASK OF PATROL To find a river crossing & reach OLD MUNKIP.

TIME OUT. 0800 hrs L. 13.

TIME IN 1100 hrs L. 14.

ROUTE OUT. Along ERAP RIVER to OLD MUNKIP.

ROUTE IN. Reverse of route out.

RESULT OF PATROL. Nil.

DETAILS:- Followed river parallel to river to a deserted section past at base of foothills, continued along the river coming to precipitous hills rising straight up from the river. Landslides had taken away track & we were unsuccessful in attempting to get over the mountains. We observed OLD MUNKIP village but could see no signs of occupation. Returned through native gardens & examined approach to native huts. Gardens in good order pawpaws & bananas plentiful. River was very swift & wide impossible to make any crossing it rose considerably after heavy rain in the evening.

G. Adlington Lt Col.



OLD DEER
MUNKIA

LANDSLIDE

ERAP RIVER

HUT

NATIVE

LOTS & GARDENS

* OLD SEC POST

AMERICAN
SEARCHLIGHT
BATTERY

JEEP TRACK

TRACK

NOT TO SCALE

NOTE. VERY SPARSE

TIMBER AROUND

NATIVE GARDENS

LITTLE TIMBER
ELSEWHERE

X ERAP CAMP

S. Cadlington Sp. M.

14-11-43

10 Nov 43

PATROL REPORT.

REF. MAP. NADZAB, BOANAI. 1-MILE TYPE OF PATROL (RECCA)

PATROL STRENGTH. 3 O.R. PATROL LEADER PTE. SHERWILL. W.

PATROL SUPPLIED. 6 SECTION 14 PLN.

ARMAMENT 3 RIFLES 3 GRENADES

WEIGHT CARRIED. 40 LBS.

OBJECT TO RECCA AREA. OLD MUNKIP VILLAGE.

RATIONS CARRIED. 4 MEALS

WEATHER VERY HOT. BUT CLOUDY AT TIMES.

ROUTE OUT. VIA ERAP RIVER ALONG EAST BANK.

ROUTE IN REVERSE TO ROUTE OUT

TIME OUT 0800 HRS. L/9 TIME IN 1100 HRS L/10

RESULTS ~~FOUND AREA CLEAR~~ UNABLE TO CROSS RIVER. CONTACTED LULUAI WHO REPORTED OLD MUNKIP CLEAR OF ENEMY

DETAILS:-

Left PLN. HQ. 0800 HRS moved out and followed EAST bank of ERAP RIVER. and ^{REACHED} contacted Village, ^{Sq 3766} on bank of river. TIME 1200 HRS. Stayed for lunch moved again 1300 HRS to opposite OLD MUNKIP VILLAGE. 1400 HRS unable to cross so moved back to Village ^(previously) where we had lunch contacted ^{OF OLD MUNKIP} LULUAI, and when questioned he informed us, AREA was ~~clear~~ clear. Moved back along route out until we struck jeep track then ^S then turned up jeep track and following it for half hour intending to camp in some jungle, when we came ^{at 1730 hrs} upon U.S.F. SEARCH LIGHT BATTERY where we camped the night ^{STRENGTH} approximate of troops 100.

Spent off for camp 0830 HRS 2/10 by reverse route
arrived at camp 1100 HRS.

SIGNATURE W. Sherwill.

RANK Pfc

DATE 10/11/1943

W. Measup
Lieut

O.C. 14 Pl
1110 HRS.

OLD MUNKIP.....

LULUAI crossed to mid stream island and reported OLD MUNKIP clear of enemy.

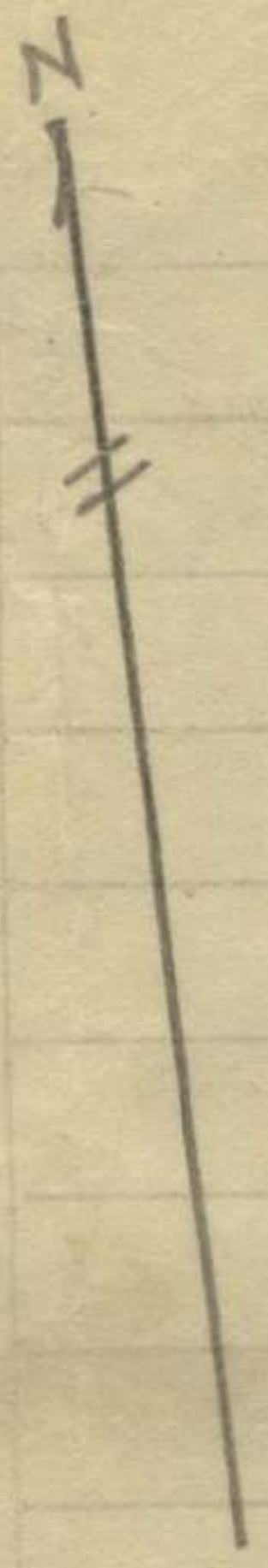
Native Huts
1200 HRS 9 Nov

Native Gardens eq 3766

Grossing

57.60
Camp Area

1700 4/9
U.S.A. Search Light Batt. MR 388630. (approx)
LEFT 0830 4/10



ERAP. RIVER.

Track Taken By Patrol

NO BRIDGE
Grossing

OUT ↑
IN ↓

Jeep Track

Sketch to accompany SHERWILL Patrol report.

66 Camp Area
35/5 48

Pte W. Sherwill
11/11/43

KEDU

FIXATION BAINZAIN - KOROW

C.O.

Ref BABA 1 172 of 30 Nov.

As suggested attempts were made to fix the posns of BAINZAIN and KOROW using fires and flares.

BOANA - nil observation - hill in way

River junction - nil observation - hill in way

KUNAI spur - fires and one flare from BAINZAIN, five from KOROW observed, bqs taken

Results - NIL

2. Required - two known posns from which to observe suggested method - Assuming BOANA mission accurately known take range and bq to south end BOANA strip, and OP on KUNAI spur. At BAINZAIN and KOROW burn large smoky fires and fire signal 2" flares red or green at 5 min interval for 30 mins. Read bqs to both places from BOANA strip and KUNAI SPUR. Set up large timber tripod at KUNAI SPUR OP. Plot bqs and distances on BOANA sheet

13 and

Mumby Capt

C.O.

It would appear that signal flares with bearings taken simultaneously from at least 2 "fixed" posns, is necessary. The main difficulty with the BOANA sheet is obtaining an accurate fixation even the river being subject to doubt e.g. the BUSU runs off the BOANA sheet on sq 5864 but enters on the NADZAB sheet (the most accurate to date) on sq 5864. Therefore it would appear that a true or artificial fixation line is necessary from which a framework can be built using compass, plane table, rangefinder, barometer, and angle of sight inst. This is a survey job.

14/11 W. Burnett Lieut

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Loc of BANZAIN 4

KIAROU be pin pointed by means of 2 in
 mor flares. sig pistol flares or smoke
 fires from the pts named 4 bearings to be
 taken simultaneously from junc BUSIAP
 BUMBUK Rivers & BOANA. Thinar hill SOUTH
 of GUMBUK is also to be pin pointed for use as
 re-sec post point.

In/50 hrs
 AB

9/11 Rang METER and actual
 base to send up Range
 finder and range taker.

TOD 1055
 1056



Brown Mt Hood 5 223

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Oversee.

Am departing Bairdman 4/31 @
you 5 B 157 @ Do you require more
signs of all mole signs required by
anyone @ Have only skeleton staff
along whole LFB but can get
through @ Hope 504 troubles
have cleared

~~Lead~~
8915
8916

Report of Readings taken 8-11-43

Object: - To check on Survey Map with the aid of compass Readings from known positions with the aid of fires
Weather conditions fine with slight wind drift from east along valley (Bussell) preventing smoke from "Pillaring".
Observations

From Bainyane: - Only one fire observed, on Kunai Spur, reading 203° .

From River junction: - No fires observed

From Kunai Spur: - Fire and signals observed from Bainyane, reading 24° .

Fire observed from Koro, reading 29° .

No observation of Boana from Spur.

Bearing from Spur to position of plane crash 354° .

Remarks: - Insufficient material on spur to erect large fire. One out of six signal flares ignited properly.
Sgt. Bailey
Capt. Bandy.

LA TOL REPORT.

TYPE OF PATROL. ROUTINE

W. I. O. 24th JUST INF Bn.
 Ref MAP Boarna!
 13. Platoon "C" Coy Patrol Leader. Cpl. Staley, R.W.
 DATE 26/10/43 to 28/10/43
 PATROL STRENGTH 1 N.C.O., 2 O.R.'s, 2 NATIVE GUIDES
 ARMAMENT. 2 DSMG; 1 RIFLE
 OBJECT Raiding Recce
 WEATHER Clear most of time; Heavy Rain late afternoon
 ROUTE OUT VIA. DZENZAN, SOKUM, KAWALAN.
 ROUTE IN VIA. KWAMBELENG, ~~WAMIPAGNUM~~ BOARNA.
 TIME OUT 0730 hrs. 26/10/43 TIME IN 1435 hrs 28/10/43.
 LOAD (MTRD). 3 day rations per man, approx 20^{lb} EACH.

~~XXXXXXXX~~ **RESULT OF PATROL.** NIL Report regard Japs in the area. Few contacts made with Natives during Patrol.

DETAILS.
 26/10/43 Moved out from BOARNA at 0730 hrs. to DZENZAN 484709 then on to SOKUM 486732. Stopped for dinner. Continued patrol through SICORAN 497714 to BUNDONG 500764 where we slept the night.
 During this day no contact was made with any natives.
 27/10/43 0800 hrs contd patrol to KAWALAN 525774 then on to GUNSUNG 524763 where we slept the night. Heavy rain early in afternoon made going extremely hard along watercourses. During this day contact was made with the Tul-Tul of BUNDONG & KAWALAN, also Lu-Lui & Boan Boy of GUNSUNG. Report that no Japs have been in that area at all.
 28/10/43 0800 hrs contd patrol to KWAMBELENG 528743 then on to BOARNA 499715 arriving 1435 hrs. During this day contact was made with the Tul-Tul of WAMIPAGNUM sp. 516718 along the track. Report that no Japs have been in that area.

General. Track fairly good, some parts landsides have broken track away. As times gradient very steep over rough track. Track could be lost at times as it goes along creeks where no footmarks or signs show.
 Signature
 28/10/43
 Boarna, Lae

Note: sketch map to be drawn on basis of sketch.

This report to be submitted in all future Boarna Reports.



Pillages & River of course correct posn
 East & North lines incorrect.
 Map references as per corrections
 made to map by Cpl Goodwin

Legend

- VILLAGES ::
- RIVER ~~~~~
- TRACK - - - - -

Revised epe
 28/10/43

Patrol Report

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To find & salvage any articles important to Intelligence & record identification of Jap plane which crashed at 1100 hrs on the 6th Nov - on a bearing of .003 degrees from BOANA MISSION.

PATROL

Patrol consisted of 1 officer & 2 ORs & native guide & set out at 0630 to 2nd Nov returning 1330 to 4th Nov.

ROUTE

Route out was through KWAMBETANG - CANZENGAN approx square 5074 ZAMING 4974 - BOANA PROV - return same route -

DETAILS

Jap plane was found on side of steep razor back ridge due WEST of ZAMING 4974. + 1 1/2 kms distance - & was located at 1430 on the 8th

The plane was a tangled mass of metal & very little of interest could be obtained except a log or code book - several rounds & a plate with a diagram showing, I think, a wireless circuit. The plane had burnt for several hours & all the metal parts were welded together in one solid mass except about 2/3rd of the starboard wing which had fallen off & was lying against a tree close to the wreckage. We worked the body of the Jap, I think one of the gunners as his body had to be removed out of a circular affair very much like the frame of a gun turret. The body had no identification marks on it whatever & was buried close to the plane. There were no numbers, names or such on any part of the machine, except the above mentioned plate, that could be salvaged for identification purposes. This plane I think was a bomber both on account of size & presence of gun turret.

Barnon Capt
- 24th Inst Coy / Bn

24 BN
28 OCT 43

WITH TRACKS

Ref Map BORNA One In. BAMBOK-BANGDAP GOING MAP

BANGDAP. approx. 15 huts
Good Biv Site. Banana Plantation
near village. Water handy.

Creek

Track Junc - Track Left, goes
to HANDBMAIN and BUANDUANG

Garden area

Track Falls easily - 1-6

Track Dangerous Here.
Country Timbered

Track continues to Rise, 1-6
then steeply, 1-4, to Summit Track

Track Passes through
Gardens.

Track Rises, 1-4, Zig-Zags

Cks cross Track

KUTING. Village Scattered.

Many Gardens in area.
Area used as Dropping Gd, Oct 43.

KUTING PLATEAU

Gardens en route

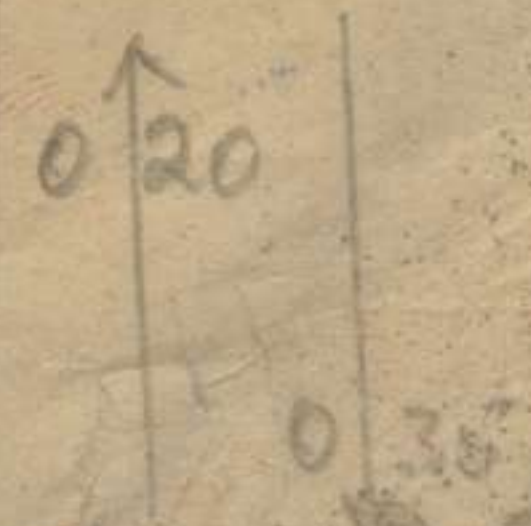
Track Rises, 1-6

Cross 2 Cks.
BAMBOK. Large Village.

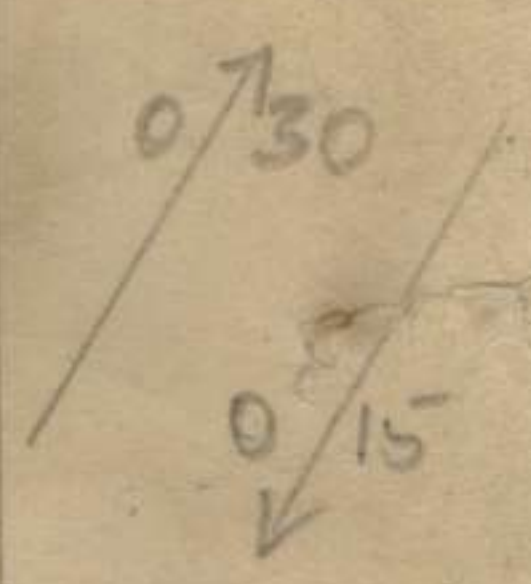


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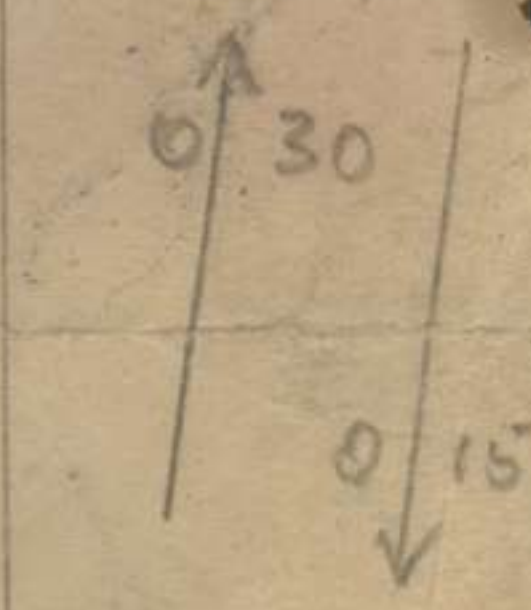
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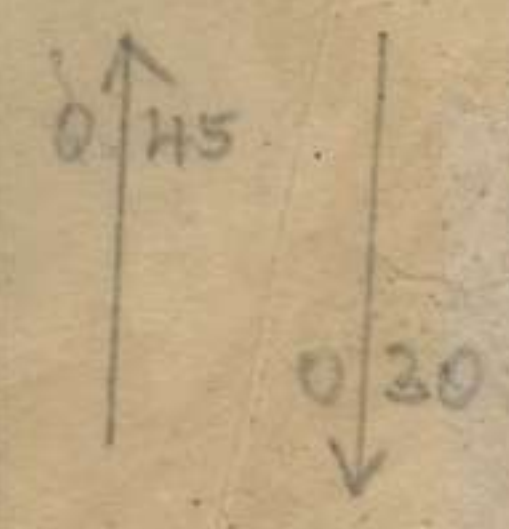
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Change Direction



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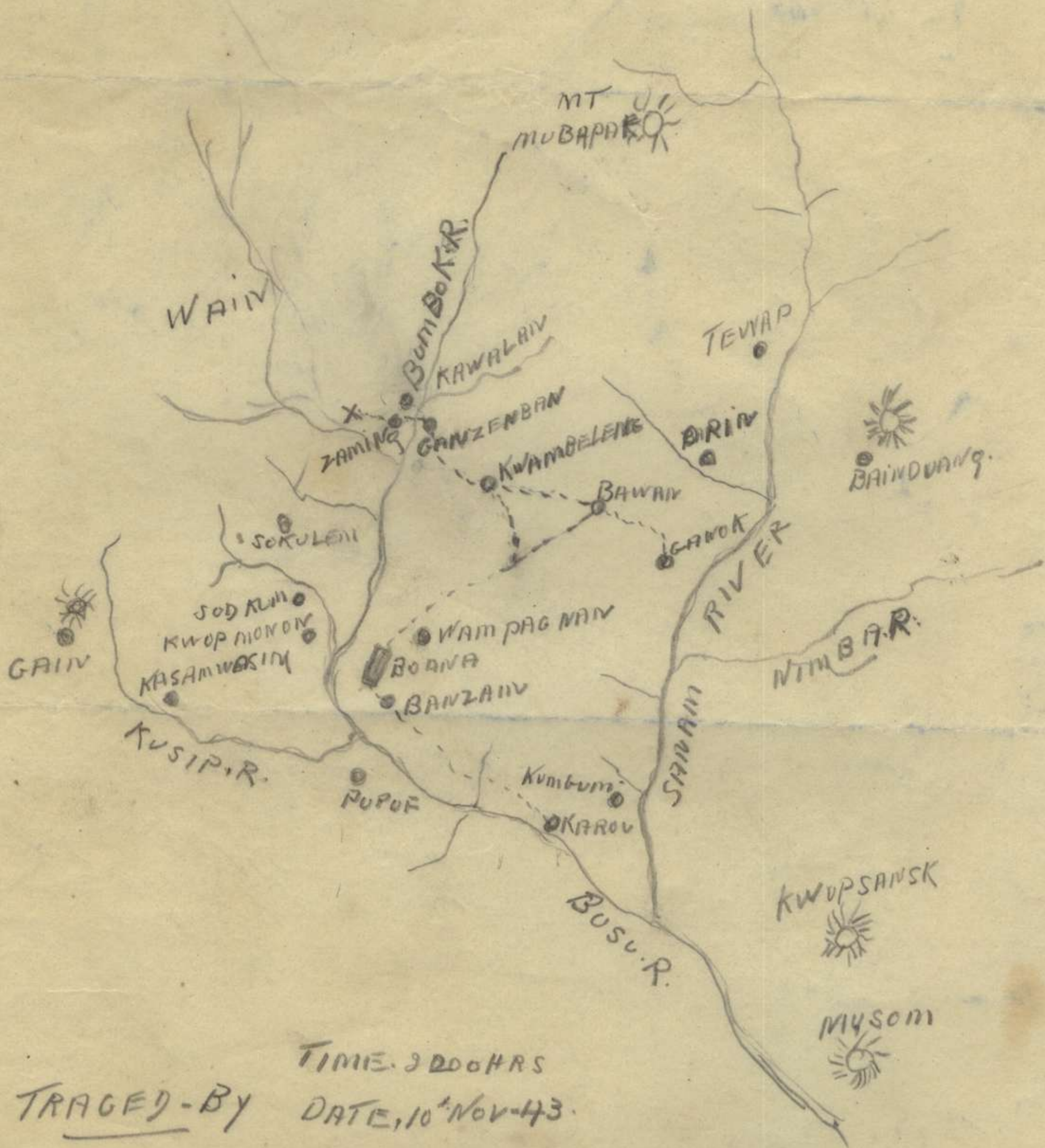


Track Junc
0 05 0 05
BAMBOK

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SARAWAGGED. RANGE.



TIME 3 200 HRS

TRACED - BY DATE, 10th NOV-43.

* Map ref is RA-CAMIEROV. CAPT.
 approx 520772 24th DIV.

X JAP PLANE.
 ZAMING 504743
 PLANE 498743.
 R/M BOANA. PROV-1-1.

Bastard
D. 201

REPORT OF PATROL.

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RECC. OF SANIUM RIVER (W. SIDE.)

DATE. 20.10.43.

PATROL COMM. G. MURRAY W.M.

STRENGTH. 3 ORS

ARMS 2 OWENS 1 RIFLE 6 GRENADES

TIME OUT 1330 hrs. TIME IN. 1545 hrs.

ROUTE OUT. N.W. along right bank of river.

" IN Reverse to route out

OBJECT To search area for possible tracks and for any Jap activity.

REMARKS.

Moving out from camp H.G. in (N.W.) direction we proceeded through dense scrub for 500m searching for any tracks or footmarks, but found nothing, moving on again we came to a plantation (TIME 1430 hrs) and after good search of area decided to return to camp arriving at 1545 hrs.

(Note)

Owing to Builder 14 taking only map in area with him on patrol, cannot give MR.

also owing to the density of bush, which made us travel in one direction for only a few yards, it is impossible to trace

General direction was (N.W.)

1104/12



VERY STEEP + ROCKY.

SANUM. RIVER

VERY ROCKY. STEEP. DROP.

SMALL CARRDEN.

SMALL CREEK

APPOX. 1 MILE. HEAVILY TIMBERED. NO TRACK.

BAM ROCKY

RIVER. PROSING

TO TRACK

CAMP. PL. NO.

6

BAMBOK - BINGDIAP

WAR DIARY

GENERAL REPORT: Track well-defined; rises 1-6 to the KUTING Plateau; then climbs up steeply (1-4), through gardens, then through jungle. At the summit of the climb, going is dangerous, as track is dangerous, passing over rock surface. From there down to BINGDIAP, going easy. Water along the track. NA food obtainable in limited quantity. NAs very helpful.

TIME OF TRAVEL FROM ONE SEC

2 hrs. 45 mins

TRACK TIMES:

2 1/10 1/40

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GENERAL REPORT: Track descends steeply down a short spur, from AVE, to a
 ca, where it then levels off a little, finally descending to a strong br across
 the SANAM R. Two tracks go on from this point, one being only (!!) a
 Kanaka track, at a bearing of 80° mag very steep, and leading to NAMBANGA;
 the other, on the NORTH bank, rising to TOOCOOWAH and thence to SIO. (See (11))

To reach NAMBANGA, one pulls oneself up the side of the hill by means of
 roots or footholds on rocks or similar difficult places. Grade is 1-3, often
 being 1-1. Track very difficult. NAMBANGA, a small village of about 6 to 8
 huts, now almost burnt down, - is on a slightly sloping, small plateau.
 The tracks from here to TOOTDH are well-nigh indescribable, in places
 there being only a "way" across which one is assisted by the natives. TOOTDH is
 only the name of the garden area on this spur, and is NO village.
 Water plentiful en route. No native food till gardens are again got under
 cultivation. Except for the natives, the traversing of these tracks would be
 a tremendous task.
 Times - all without packs.

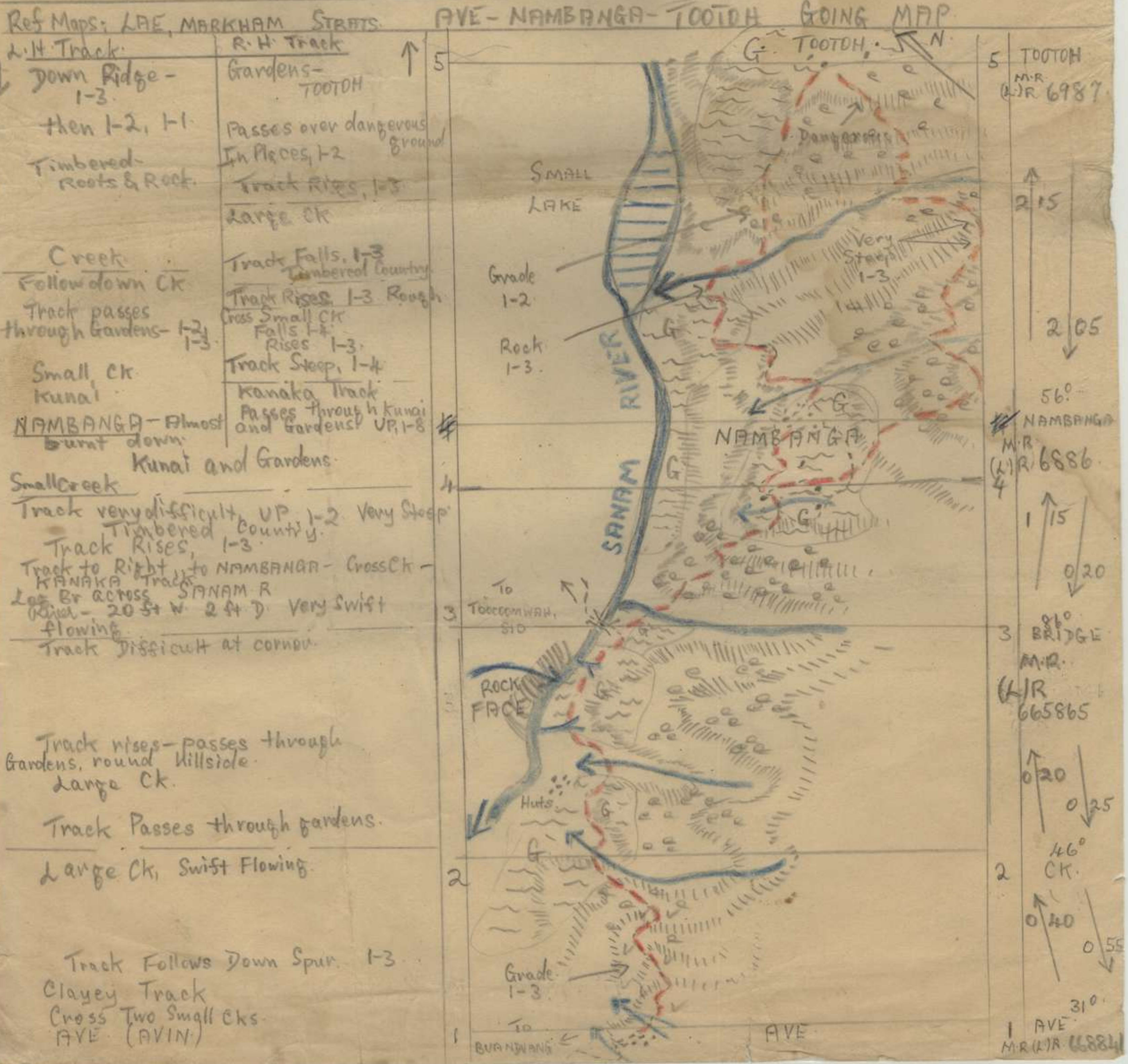
TIMES OF TRAVEL FOR ONE SEC.

AVE - NAMBANGA	2-30
NAMBANGA - AVE	2-10
NAMBANGA - TOOTDH	2-30
TOOTDH - NAMBANGA	2-15

TRACK TIMES:

AVE - NAMBANGA	2-15
NAMBANGA - AVE	1-40
NAMBANGA - TOOTDH	2-15
TOOTDH - NAMBANGA	2-05

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 "I" Sec
 24 BN
 5 NOV. 43.



Ref Maps: LAE, MARKHAM STRATS

L.H. Track
 ↓ Down Ridge - 1-3
 then 1-2, 1-1
 Timbered - Roots & Rock.
 Creek
 Follow down CK
 Track passes through Gardens - 1-2, 1-3
 Small CK
 Kunai
 NAMBANGA - Almost burnt down
 Kunai and Gardens.
 Small Creek
 Track very difficult, UP 1-2 Very Steep
 Timbered Country.
 Track Rises, 1-3
 Track to Right, to NAMBANGA - Cross CK -
 KANAKA Track
 Leg Br across SANAM R
 River - 20 ft W 2 ft D Very Swift
 flowing
 Track difficult at corner.
 Track rises - passes through
 Gardens, round hillside
 Large CK.
 Track Passes through gardens.
 Large CK, Swift Flowing.
 Track Follows Down Spur. 1-3
 Clayey Track
 Cross Two Small Cks
 AVE (AVIN)

R.H. Track
 ↑ Gardens - TOOTDH
 Passes over dangerous ground
 In Places, 1-2
 Track Rises, 1-3
 Large CK
 Track Falls, 1-3
 Timbered Country
 Track Rises, 1-3 Rough
 Cross Small CK
 Falls 1-4
 Rises 1-3
 Track Steep, 1-4
 Kanaka Track
 Passes through Kunai
 and Gardens UP 1-8

PATROL REPORT

To I.O. 24 AUST INF BN

TYPE OF PATROL

~~SEARCHING~~
RECCE
FIGHTING

From BLXP

DATE 29 October 43 Patrol leader Plt Challman

PATROL STRENGTH 7 OR'S

ARRIVALMENT Patrol found by 10 p.m.
205 mg's 2 full mags each 5 rifles 25 mds per man
No night barbed wire per man

OBJECT Search area to CHIVASING VILLAGE for listening plane & any
Rations 2 days per man.

WEATHER overcast day 4/28 heavy rain night 28/29 fine 4/29

ROUTE OUT from camp 351568 to ford Erap Riv 355579 NW along
jap track

ROUTE IN Reverse Route out

TIME OUT 0230 4/28 TIME IN 1545 4/29

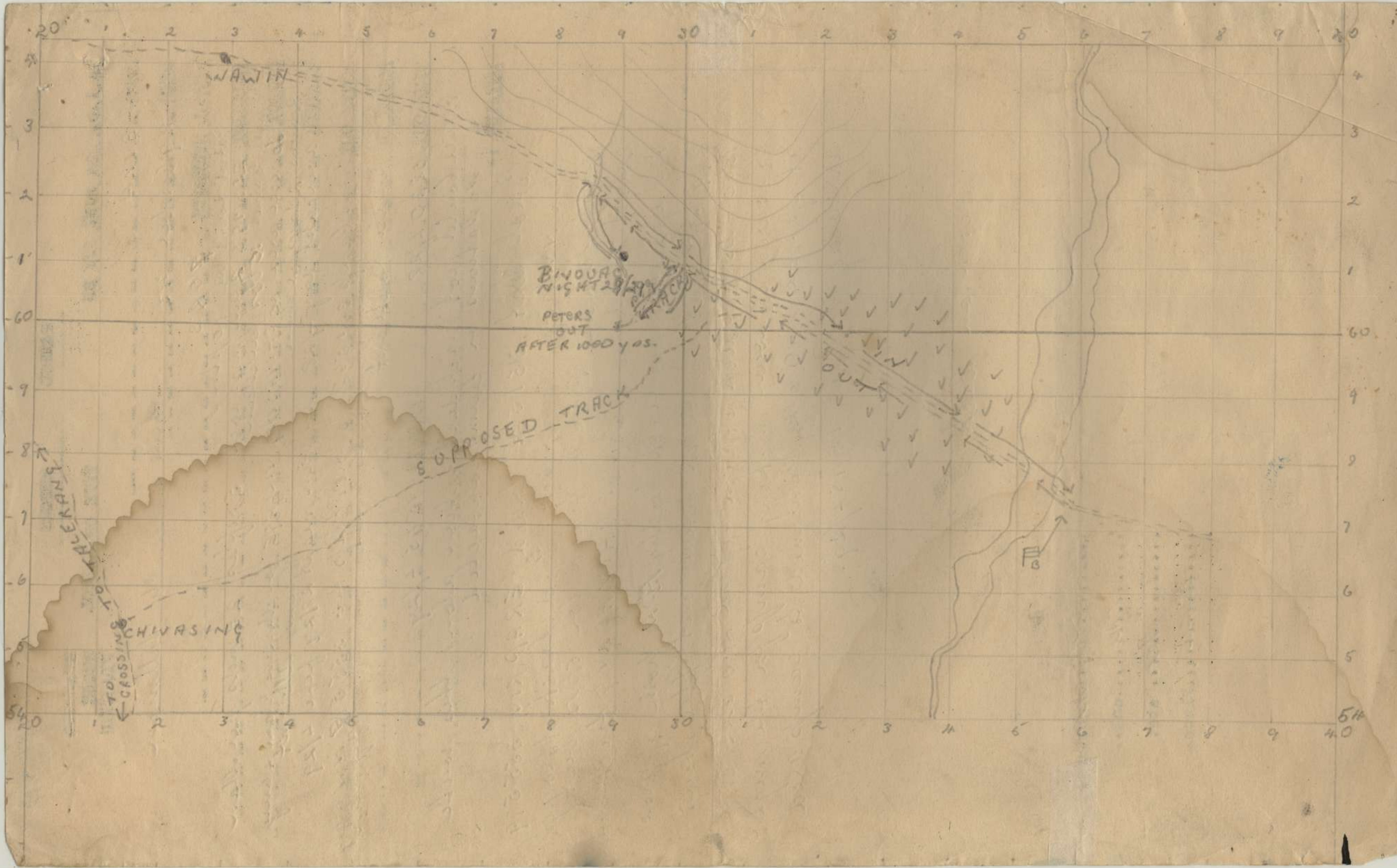
Result could not reach destination along this route
no natives or enemy contacted

DETAILS :-
Patrol left 351568 forded ERAP RIV 355579
then NW along jap track. Good track through
high kunai. Reced track for 5 hrs but
could find no trace of CHIVASING track found
one apparent pig track heading S.W. from approx
299 610 but this track petered out after about
1000 yds. A track stream approx 285 622 and
followed it down making camp for the night
at approx 290 612. Returned to camp area
arriving there at 1545 4/29.

Sketch on Back

..... Challman Signature.
..... Plt Rank.
..... 3rd Nov Date.
..... Biscu Place.

Handwritten initials in blue ink.



WAWIN

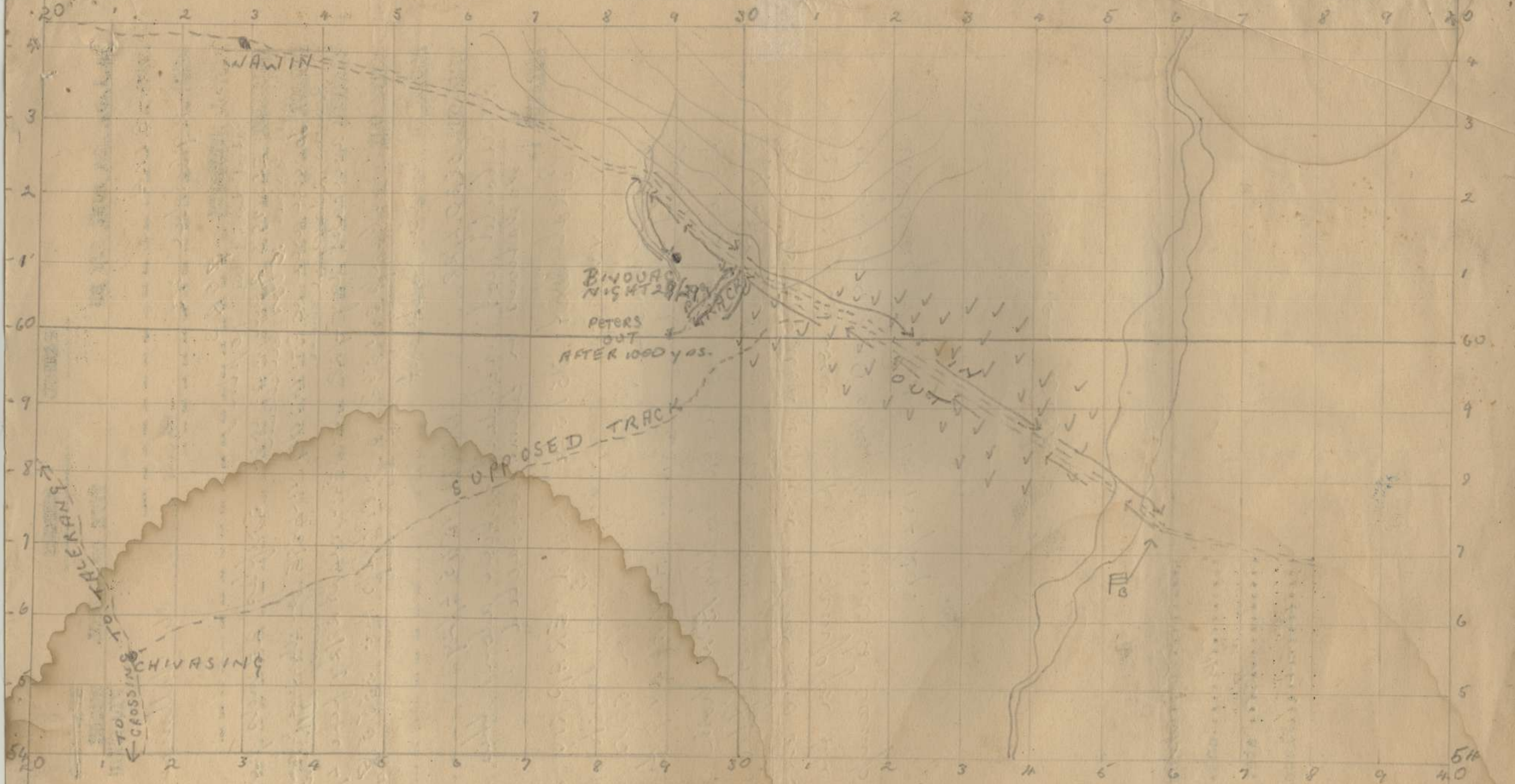
BINOUC
NIGHT 28/39
PETERS
OUT
AFTER 1000 YDS.

SUPPOSED TRACK

OUT

CHIVASING

TO CROSSING



PATROL

REPORT

25/11/43 BIXA WAR DIARY

To I.O. 24 AUST INF BN

TYPE OF PATROL

SEARCHING
RECCE
FIGHTING

From BOMO

DATE 2 November 43 Patrol leader Pte Milne R.A.

PATROL STRENGTH 50 R's

ARRIVALMENT Patrol found by 11 p.m. 1057 9460 Rnds 9mm 4 Rifles 200 Rnds 303

OBJECT To clear area to CHIVASING 21355 3 of any enemy
Rations 4 meals per man

WEATHER fine day 4/1 No rain Night 4/1 4/2 fine hot day 4/2

ROUTE OUT 351568 ford Riv 355578 NW along jeep track

ROUTE IN Reverse route out

TIME OUT 1000 4/1

TIME IN 1530 4/2

Result. Could find no tracks leading to CHIVASING
No contact made with natives or enemy.

DETAILS :- Left camp area 351568 at 1000 4/1. Forded
Crap River 355578. River 2' 6" deep and swiftly
flowing but forded without difficulty. Continued
along jeep track in NW direction to approx
261362. Could find no trace of any tracks
leading SW towards CHIVASING. Signs of recent
flooding was observed along route and may possibly
have washed track away. Camped over night 4/1 4/2
on stream approx 263630. Returned to camp area
arriving there 1530 4/2

AB 4/11

R. Milne...Signature.
Pte...Rank.
2/11/43...Date.
BOMO...Place.

Mai FLEARY 3 men
0400-0500

0450 5050

0930 off NARA

SEE MIMED flare
NOT SEEN GREEN flare
plane will be over NEW LABU by
0938

PATROL

REPORT

2 copies
WAR DIARY

To I.O. 24 AUST INF BN

TYPE OF PATROL

STANDING
RECCE
FIGHTING

From Bomo

DATE 5 November '43 Patrol leader Pte Andrews E.B.

PATROL STRENGTH 5 OR's

ARMAMENT *Patrol found by 10 pfm*
5 rifles 50 rounds 303 amm per man

OBJECT *Weight carried 5 lbs*
to recce area to & around PYRAMID HILL 306525 AND mop up any stray enemy.
Rations 1 meat per man

WEATHER Fine & clear

ROUTE OUT 351568 SOUTH along ERAP RIV FORDE at 340530 SW along MARRAM RIV to 320512 then NW to PYRAMID HILL

ROUTE IN Reverse Route Out

TIME OUT 0830 L/5

TIME IN 1130 L/5

Result River uncrossable could not gain objective.

DETAILS :- Patrol left CAMP AREA 351568 ~~receded back~~ proceeded SOUTH along ERAP RIV TRACK very indistinct and in many places has fallen away, owing to recent flooding. Attempted to cross river at several points SOUTH of 338550 but ~~of~~ river was 4'6" deep near bank and flowing very swiftly after reaching JUNCTION 341528 decided that river was too dangerous to cross. Returned to camp arriving there at 1130 L/5

E.B. Andrews Signature.

Pte Rank.

5 Nov Date.

Bomo Place.

William G. B. Bony.

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Report on 3" Mortar, Marshall Pt. operation.

D-2 Arriving at Dup Ch. with Capt. Mullis's recon group, we settled in West of Dup Ch.

D-1 I made recon of mortar positions on Kunai Spur accompanied by a guide from 14 Pl. and a cadman. Selected mortar pos. on N.W. side of Spur approx 200 yds apart, South bearings on respective targets, River, Ambush, Camp Track Ambush, and Village.

Returning to Dup Ch. I worked out from the map predicted shoots from both mortar positions for the respective targets.

At 1130 hrs. No 1 Det arrived under Sgt. Christensen and Cpl. Darnett. at Dup Ch. I passed on all information gained up to that stage on the map, to them.

at 1400 hrs. I took Sgt. Christensen forward to indicate selected mortar positions, the O.P. and lines of approach.

Returning to Dup Ch. I found that No 2 Det under Sgt. Boyle and Cpl. Thothkwaiki had arrived carrying their stores. They were immediately given all available information and put in the picture.

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The Ammo supply was unsatisfactory, as at this stage (1500 hrs) no ammo (3" how) had arrived in the area. In view of our concern over the Ammo. supply it was decided to send forward both detachments under Sgt. Christensen to guide them to their positions where they commenced to dig in. Sgt. Christensen organised and directed the sig in establishing comm between the mortar positions and O.P. also O.P. to Command Post.

I retained Sgt. Boyle at Dup Ch to assist in checking of fuses and preparing bombs. At 1600 hrs 25 rds of H.E. had arrived on the boy line, we were informed that a further supply was on its way. Immediately on checking these rds were sent forward. Sgt. Boyle and I remained at Dup Ch overnight hoping that more Ammo would arrive.

D.1. Before first light as no further Ammo had arrived Sgt. Boyle and I went forward with the C.O. taking fuses with us and leaving instructions that Ammo on arrival at Dup Ch would be immediately carried forward to the mortar positions on the Spur. My orders from Capt. Pull were to open fire.

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with available ammo. N°1 Det on the River Ambush, N°2 Det on the Camp Track Amb. The signal for opening fire was either by flare or sounds of rifle fire. As the attack was to have started at first light and as no shots were heard until approx 0650 hrs and up until this time no flare had been observed from the O.P. supporting fire from the mortars not having been called for was not given.

The attack was unsuccessful and both detachments stood by awaiting a possible C.D.F.

At 1315 hrs. a message was received from Command calling for 20 rds H.E. on both Ambush positions forthwith, this signal was originated at 1040 hrs, this fire was supplied within 3 mins of receipt of signal.

From observation by forward sections both mortars were on their respective targets.

Ammo started arriving on the spur at approx 0800 hrs.

I received orders that both mortars would fire 15 rds at 0605 hrs D.2 10 rds at 0705 hrs, 10 rds

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at 0905 hrs. each mortar doing an area shoot
N°1 Det. on River Track Ambush N°2 Det Camp
Track Ambush

D-2 The above orders were carried out.

D. 3. At 1700hrs Capt. Quill called for a registration
on the Camp Track Ambush. This registration
was carried out to Capt. Quill's satisfaction

D-4. Both Dets stood by waiting a call for C. D. F.

D. 5. I went forward with Capt. Quill to C. D. F. fire
registration on Camp Track Ambush with close
observation. At 1700 hrs. information supplied by
Lieut Childs who had spent several days in
the village was to the effect that the
enemy moved between 1630-1700 hrs at the
western end of the village. 5 rds were
fired on this target.

An alternative position was needed earlier
in the day by Sgt's Boyle and Christensen for
one mortar, near the junc. of Deep Creek and
Martham River. This position was prepared &
Sgt. Christensen ran out battle wire for
communications. Cpt. Thistlethwaite reported to
Sgt. Christensen with his Det and mortar to
stand by for registration on Camp Track
Ambush. The registration was carried out at
1705 hrs. This I directed with close observation
and both mortars were brought onto the
target. I received orders from Capt. Quill for harassing fire
as a diversion along the River Track 1 rd every 5 mins.



D. 5. (Contd) in 25 yd lifts for 30 mins to allow a patrol to investigate Camp Track Ambush area.

D. 6. Both Dets stood to awaiting orders.

D. 7. Sgt Boyle went forward with Lt Col Baker and 4 men to register with close observation on the River Track Ambush. When almost at destination Lt Col Baker exploded a mine and was killed. Sgt Boyle assisted in carrying Lt Col Baker back to the top of the Golden Hairs. He reported to me on the Human Spur and then returned to the River Ambush with 2 men for protection to continue with the registration.

Due to the nature of the terrain, which was thickly bushland observation was extremely difficult. After 4 HE and three smoke had been fired the fall of the last 2 rds was observed to be on the target.

At 1630 hrs an attack was made on River Track Ambush Pos. to be followed by an attack on Camp Track Ambush.

My orders from Capt. Dull were to supply fire on River Track Ambush pending the attack starting 100 yds west of registered Ambush pos. Both mortars to fire at point targets 5 rds per mortar at 50 yd lifts with 10 rds per mortar on Ambush Pos.



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both mortars traversing to the right 5 switches of 2° in 2nd group. after lifting the fire a further 50yds both mortars traversed to the left in 5 switches of 2° firing 1st group. another lift of 50yds and repeated the traverse to the right. The object being to supply close covering fire for the sps moving forward to attack. This apparently was not done as the sps did not move forward until the shoot was completed. Capt Duell allowed us 5 min for this shoot.

Sgt. Christensen had gone forward at approx 1430 hrs to give close support to 13 Pl. who were to put in an attack on the Camp Track Ambush. Capt Duell's orders were that no mortar support was to be given until called for by Lt. Richards through Sgt. Christensen.

Sgt. Christensen arrived at 13 Pl area at approx 1600 hrs and reported to Lt. Richards. At approx 1700 hrs he directed a further registration of both mortars on the Camp Track Ambush. This was completed by 1705 hrs both sets stood by ready for the attack to go in. Owing to a



D7. Could. miscommunication between Lt. Richards and the machine gun. As the attack was delayed and finally abandoned due to the failing light. The pt withdrew to the higher ground and dug in for the night. Sgt. Christensen remained with the pt. overnight. At 1830 hrs No. 1 Det fired 4 rds harassing fire on River Track Ambush.

D8. Fire requested for 13Pt. attack was to be fired in 3rd grp. at 2° intervals ahead of the pts. as they moved in to attack. Sgt. Christensen was not asked for supporting fire, the attack failed. Sgt. Christensen was instructed at 1600 hrs to return to the Hunai Gun.

D9 Both det's stood by awaiting orders.

D10 " " " " " " " " " " " "

D11. In the afternoon I received orders from Capt. Hambury now commanding C. Coy. to fire 15 rds H.E. in 3rd group at hourly intervals from 2300hrs till 0300 hrs. Switching from the Camp Track Ambush to River Ambush thence to a pt. 1/2 way between these targets and then to the vicinity of the village for a harassing effect. These orders were carried out.

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D.12. Cpt Thistlethwaite with N°2 Det and mortar moved to Deep Est Marshham River June position where he stood by awaiting orders to fire.

D.12. Received orders to fire 10 rds at half hourly intervals from 2400 hrs to 0200 hrs in 2 rd groups on the same targets ~~as~~ as previous night in a different sequence.

D.13. Received orders for further night harassing fire 12 rds H.E. in 2 rd grs at half hourly intervals from 0200 hrs to 0430 hrs at same targets again in different sequence.

Observations and Reports on Accuracy of Mortar shooting during operations in Marshham W area

- 1 From reports given us by members of the leading sections during the attacks the mortar fire was accurate and on the required targets.
- 2 Information from Lt Col Childs and Pte Walker who had spent several days in the Ambush areas was to the effect that even if camouflage had not been produced (which point we have no way of proving) a definite harassing effect had been achieved.
- 3 From personal observation after the occupation of the village we found.
 - (a) River Ambush indications of large nos of rounds falling over the above target area some direct hits on branches and communication benches some bursts up to



within 2 ft. of dumbered machine gun
post's.

Close by the point of impact of one
mortar bomb we found the blood-
stained remains of a flap shirt.
This may possibly have been the
result of burst of this bomb.

(b) Camp Track Ambush. Lieut. Robinson
reported direct hits on benches and
fox holes this was verified by myself
in a later inspection and a large
no of bursts had occurred in this
area.

(c) Village target: at no time was fire
on the village proper specifically
requested. During the night harassing
fire, the fire called for was in the
vicinity of and beyond the village

(d) Messing area as indicated by Lieut.
Childs this was difficult to pin
point on the actual ground but in
an area in between the two ambush
targets and to the rear of a line
joining these targets we found evidence
of mortar bomb bursts.

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Report on Experimental Shoot conducted at Huaihai, China

9 Smoke and 3 H.E. were fired on the River Track Ambush.

First 2 rds of smoke were fired for a plus and a minus to bracket the target. Both rds pillared strongly and were clearly observed from the forward slope of the Hunai Spur.

Sgt Boyle ~~Christman~~ and myself then moved forward for close observation of the following rds. which were fired at 2 min intervals at the intermediate range of 475 yds this being the range used for the River Ambush during the attack. The smoke produced caused an excellent screen which persisted for some five mins and drifted in a ~~at~~ screen for a length of approx 40 yds where it appeared to lift and pillar about the tops of the trees. A very gentle breeze was blowing at the time. Last rd burst on the ground and each behaved similarly with smoke production it drifted before pillaring.

The 3 H.E. of a recent batch ^(burst) & 60 yds off our op. and although we were in a fox hole the effect of the concussion was marked ~~shots~~ were seen from trees. One tree burst occurred.

IMPORTANT: An instance of slipping or top movement will result in a letter being sent to you.



Pow's noticed during exercise and experiments
shoot.

1. Care in selection of base plate positions
 - (a) It was found that the use of sandbags considerably reduced the sinking in of the baseplate, but after firing rapid for any length of time the baseplate still had to be dug out of the ground.
 - (b) Preparation of a sunken base for the base plate covered with timber and reinforced with rocks the base plate mounted on a sandbag on this base proved quite satisfactory and did not sink in.

2. Observation of burst.

- (a) Close observation is extremely difficult due to the lack of visibility through the scrub which on occasions necessitates the O.P. being within 30-40 yds of the pt of impact. This is most unsafe as due to the heat zone of the mortar no one can ~~guarantee~~ guarantee accuracy to within anything like 30-40 yds. The heat zone of a 3" mortar is an charge one 100 x 28 yds and an charge 2 or 160 x 72 yds.



- (b) Ranging by use of sound, is not reliable as at times due to the nature of the country re-entrants etc. it is impossible to be sure of even the direction of the rd.
- (c) Smoke providing a point above the level of the timber on the target area can be obtained, and providing that the location of the target can be established from this O.P. good observation of ranging can be achieved with smoke.

3. Fuzes. 152 Fuzes are strongly recommended for use in timbered country. ~~as definitely proved~~

4. Predicted Shooting.

Shooting in this recent operation has definitely proved that predicted shooting from an accurate map will give excellent results providing care is exercised in the calculations.

5. Ammunition.

It was found that considerable time and care had to be spent on maintenance of ammo as during the heat of the day the bombs became considerably with



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detrimental effect on the augmenting
charges.

Heavy rains made the water proofing
of the ammo dumps extremely
difficult. with the lack of materials
available these difficulties however
were overcome by constant checking
and examination of all ammo.
The later batches of ammo are infinitely
superior to the earlier (1939) batches
particularly smoke.

Sgt J. J. [unclear]
[unclear]

O.P. 3 P.M.

1 Oct 1943.

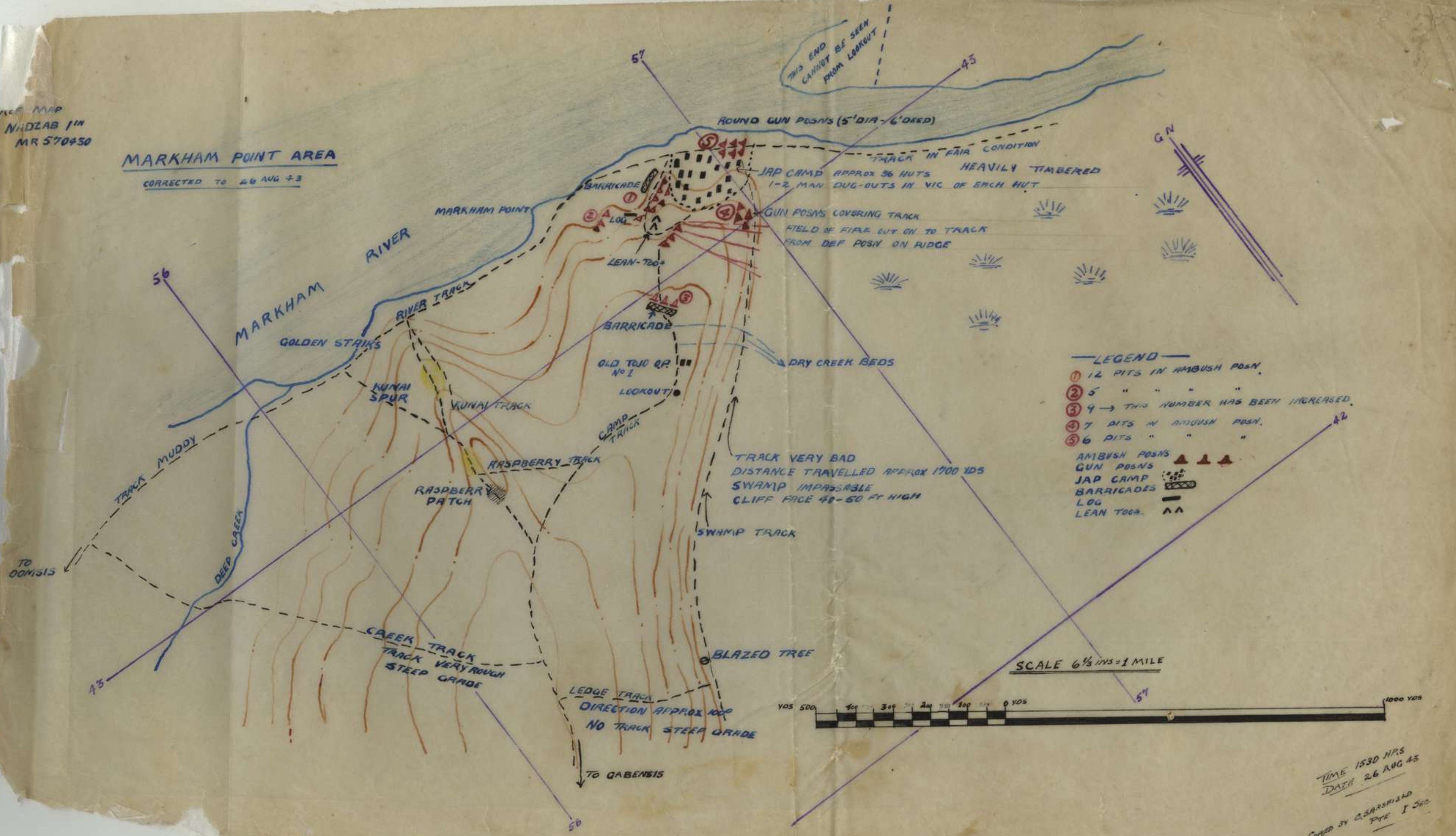
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IMPORTANT.—Any reference to shipping or troop movements will result in the delay or mutilation of your letters.

REF MAP
 NADZAB 1" M
 MR 570430

MARKHAM POINT AREA

CORRECTED TO 26 AUG 43



- LEGEND**
- ① 12 PITS IN AMBUSH POSN.
 - ② 5 " " " "
 - ③ 9 → THIS NUMBER HAS BEEN INCREASED.
 - ④ 7 PITS IN AMBUSH POSN.
 - ⑤ 6 PITS " " "
- AMBUSH POSNS ▲▲▲
 GUN POSNS ●●●●●
 JAP CAMP ■■■■■
 BARRICADES [cross-hatched box]
 LOG ———
 LEAN TOOS. ▲▲



TIME 1530 HRS
 DATE 26 AUG 43
 COMED BY G. BARRISAD
 PFC I 560

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BANGDAP - KWAMBELANG 2

WAR DIARY

GENERAL REPORT: An easy track runs from BANGDAP down to the TUEMBI R. After crossing the river by a log br, track rises fairly steeply to HANOBMAIN. Between HANOBMAIN and KWAMBELANG 2 track going is hard, as track follows up a spur. NO water on track after HANOBMAIN till KWAMBELANG 2 is reached.

TIME OF TRAVEL FOR ONE SEC
5 hrs. 15 mins.

TRACK TIME:
4 ↑ 30

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"I" Sec.
24 BNI
27 OCT 43.

Ref Map BOAN Line To BANGDAP - KWAMBELANG 2 GOING MAP

Tracks to AKANDANG, ref. 629771 and BURNDUANG

KWAMBELANG 2. Water nearby. Not too healthy.
NA GARDENS.

A Long, hard, climb
Track follows up spur. 1-4 in parts.

Track rises fairly steeply. Grade. 1-5

HANOBMAIN. approx 15 huts. Water handy.
Small ck
Track rises. 1-5, 1-6

TUEMBI RIVER. Very Swift Flowing. approx 15 ft. W. 4-ft. D. Strong Log Br across River
Fairly Large Ck. Track To Left. Track Steep near Ck.

Track follows down spur. Grade. 1-6

At track junc. follow down right hand track.
BANGDAP



EACH FORM LINE APPROX 500 FT.

KWAMBELANG 2
M.R. 636763

1 ↑ 50

Spur:
1 ↑ 00

HANOBMAIN
M.R. 625742
0 ↑ 40

Br. Xing TUEMBI
0 ↑ 05
CK.
0 ↑ 40

Track Junc
← 05
BANGDAP
M.R. 625

BUAN DUANG - AVE. (AVIN) WAR DIARY

GENERAL REPORT: Track mainly bench-cut. Is easy going for most part. Ample water on the track. NAs very helpful and N19 food available in limited quantity. AVE (or AVIN) in filthy condition in healthy after occupation by Japs. - is a Sec Post

TIME OF TRAVEL FOR ONE SEC:

2 hrs. 15 mins

TRACK TIMES:

↑ 45

↓ 45

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"I" Sec.
24 BN
29 OCT 43

Ref Map BORNIA One In

AVE (AVIN) Large Village approx 30-40 huts. Owing to the presence of many Japs there, place is in an indescribably filthy condition. Water at ck.

Track To KISITUWEN goes to Top Mt. at Ck Junc. Track Xed and goes up hillside

Large Ck and Gorge Tracks, Left.

2 CKS.

Track Rises 1-6, 1-4

Track Falls 1-6, 1-4

Track Rises 1-8

Small Ck TUKWAMSET Small Village approx 8-10 huts. Water handy. NAs friendly & helpful. Gardens nearby

Track crosses 3 CKS.

Track Rises 1-6

Small CREEK

Track Falls 1-8

Bg down Spur 317°

Track Rises 1-6

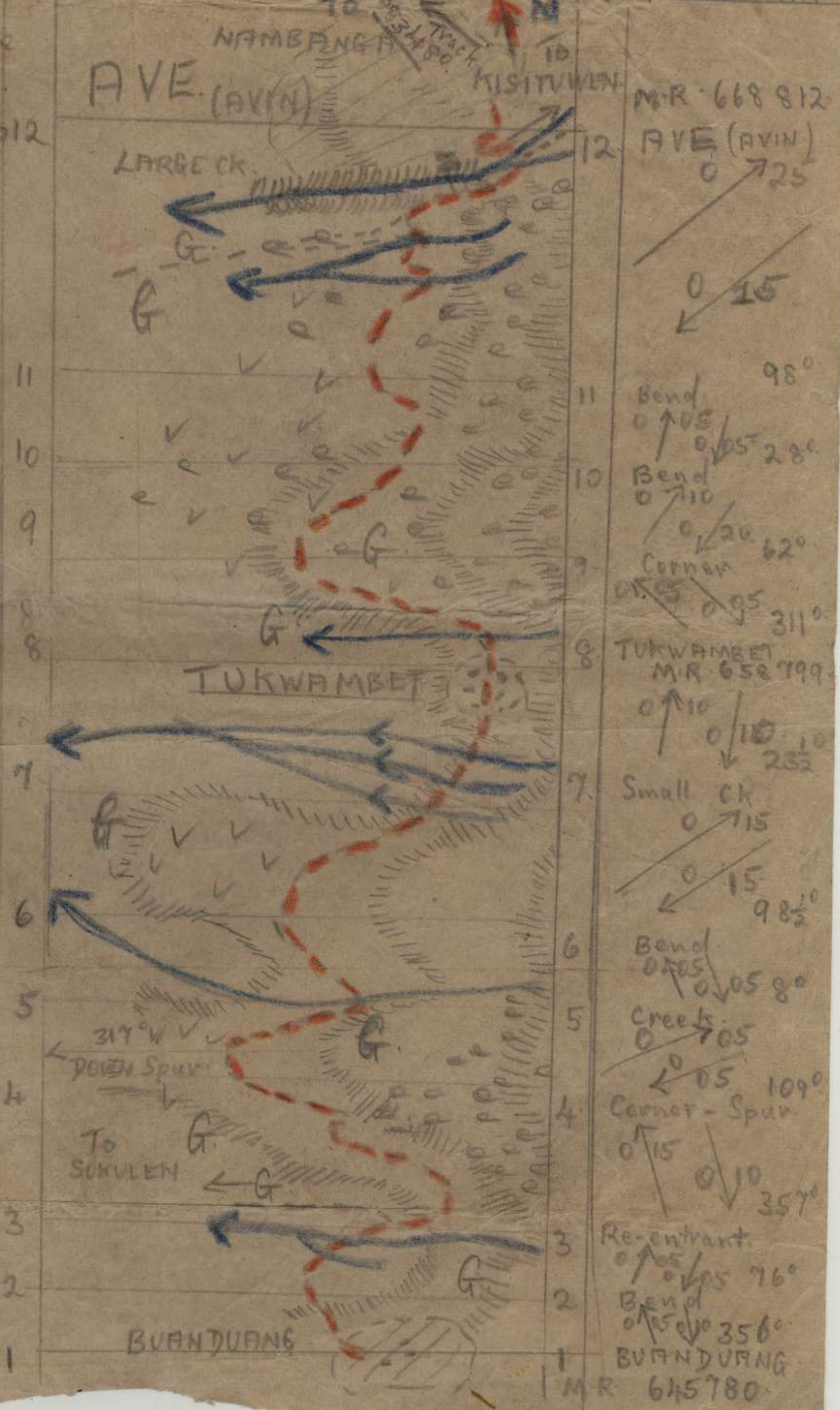
Track Left To SOKULEN

2 CKS

Track Falls

BUAN DUANG

BUAN DUANG - AVE. AVE - BUAN DUANG GOING MAP



To Place of first break at M.R. (L) R. 704900 approx.

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GENERAL REPORT : After 20 mins climbing, TOOCOOWAH is reached, a village housing a few dead Japs who pollute the place. Track rises and falls easily to a garden, and creek. After this, the track becomes dangerous and very difficult, rising 1-3, 1-2, then 1-1; Sometimes the track consists of toe-holds only and in places going is extremely dangerous. Track is well-worn in certain places, due to the passage of Japs over it; and in other places, it is over-worn, and consequently partially broken.

At THE break, the passage of the Japs on either side of the river at this point, has resulted in the earth & rocks simply sliding away. The track is also broken in two places further up the YANAM valley, before the headwaters are reached; the use of this by the Japs is extremely unlikely, as to use this way of approach they would need to build a new rd to this point.

Dead Japs are lying on the track & by it - in rough humpies, and have died either of starvation &/or exhaustion and the cold. By the conditions of AVE and the Jap camp site mentioned, it would appear that these two places were stages on the journey to S10.

TIMES OF TRAVEL FOR ONE SEC:

5 hrs 35 mins

RETURN 3 hrs

TRACK TIMES:

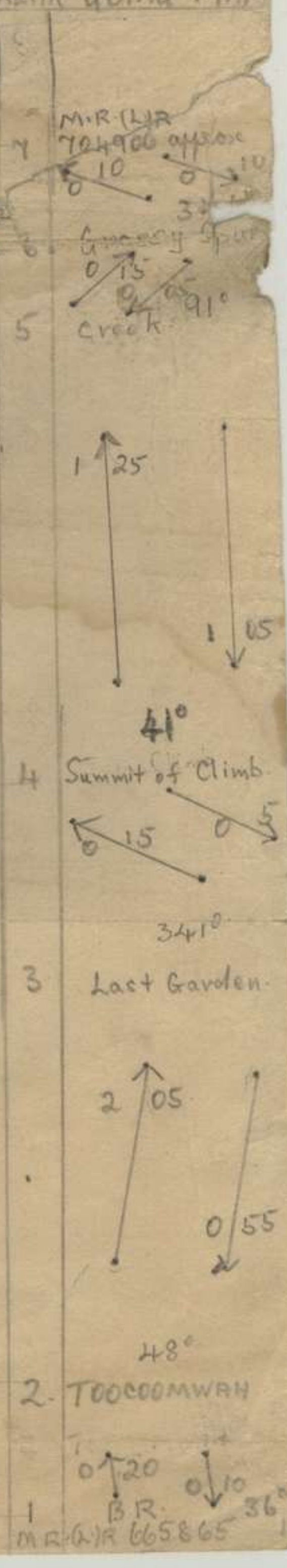
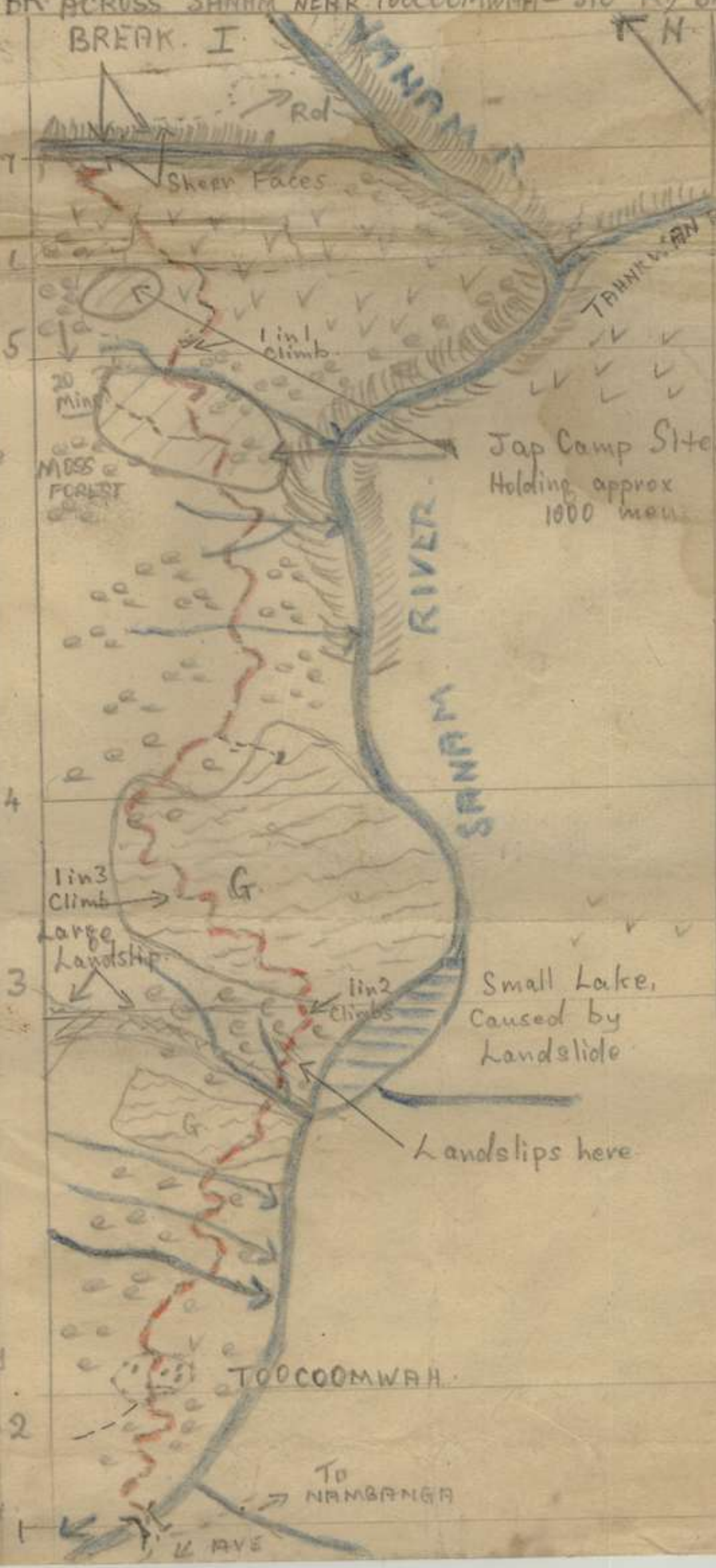
4 ↑ 10
2 ↓ 30

- WITHOUT PACKS (UNWISE TO CARRY PACKS)

Donald A Longford
I Sec
24 BIV
6 NOV 43

Ref Maps MARKHAM LAE STRATS. BR. ACROSS SANAM NEAR TOOCOOWAH - S10 RD BREAK GOING MAP

First Break in Rd.
Height of this Grass Spur approx 6000-6500 ft
1st climb to Grass Spur A.S.L.
Small Ck "CAMP STINK"
JAP CAMP SITE - In terrace-form. Small Shelters were here, cut in terrace form into hillside. Many dead in area. The whole place stinks with them. Would hold approx 1000 men.
Timbered Country.
Difficult and Dangerous Climbing, 1-2, 1-3, 1-1.
Climb of 1-3 up Last gardens. Japs used this as a camping site.
Dangerous climbing From Ck to Gardens. Fall to Large Ck
Gardens
3 Cks are crossed.
Easy Climb, till gardens are reached.
TOOCOOWAH Small Village. Partially burnt down
Track Rises, 1-3, 1-2
SANAM RIVER. 20 ft W. 25 ft. Very Swift. Bridge across River - Strong, Rk BR



F.

T.

Bg.

Rem.

1000

1100
1113

1400



From No.

Name

Unit

Ref Map: NADZAB 1 inch

DATE: 10 Nov. 43

PATROL REPORT.

PATROL Found by: 8 Pl "A" Coy.

PATROL CMDR: CPL LESLIE

STRENGTH: 6 ORS

WEATHER: FINE with 1 heavy shower

ARMAMENT: 2 owens 4 rifles.

FROM: 2nd Aust Corp camp. TO: NARAKAPOR DROME.

TIME OUT: 05.00 L/10 TIME IN: 18.10. L/10

OBJECT: To cooperate with a/c in search for JAP pilot who landed in NARAKAPOR area L/9.

RESULT: ~~obs~~ Observed fresh tracks of 1 man and 1 native on banks of MARKHAM R. proceeding in direction of LAE. Man using left foot only and apparently helped along by native. Man wearing pointed rubber boot.

DETAILS. Patrol moved out at 05.00, by jeep, along the MARKHAM VALLEY RD to 486.553 and turned S.E. down track to NARAKAPOR DROME. At 09.30, as instructed, we lit fire at 510.504 and B25 a/c circled area. at 09.45 a/c dropped red flares in area 235°M from our posn.

We proceeded along creek towards MARKHAM Rand at 512.490 we found fresh footprints of 1 man and 1 native proceeding from river in a WESTERLY direction. The man wore a rubber pointed boot and was using LEFT leg only. While half patrol followed the tracks from the creek

PATROL REPORT (Continued)

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From No.

Name

Unit

Date

remainder crossed NORTH arm of river in an effort to follow tracks back to parachute. Followed tracks across large island to SOUTH arm of river. Here tracks came from water again and it was impossible to follow without a boat. The current is particularly strong here and as injured man had stepped from water with foot on it is assumed that he crossed by boat. No trace was seen of any boat.

The party which followed prints followed them through bush towards LAE track. At this point heavy rain fell and all tracks became unreadable. However one party proceeded S.E. down track on NORTH bank of MARKHAM R. and the other went N.W. No sign was seen of man and native but the track back to NARAKAPOK was clear and the party which proceeded ~~on~~ 1 hr S.E. down the LAE track reported some signs of recent use. At 501505 two unexploded AMERICAN parachute bombs were seen hanging in a tree. Posn off track and in fairly heavy timber.

Tracks became invisible after rain at 516:496.

TIME: 19:00

DATE: 10 NOV. 43.

SIGNED: J.B. Leslie
Cpl.

J.B. (3/11)

REF MAPS:

PANORAMA LOOKING NORTH UP YANAM R. VALLEY

LAE MARKHAM STRAITS

FROM POINT ON SID ROAD M.R. approx (L)R 701895

350°

MOSS-COVERED - MT WESTBROOK

140°

8°

Tree

MOSS

6°

Headwaters OF YANAM RIVER

4°

2°

YANAM RIVER VALLEY

0°

Landslide

-2°

-4°

Spur Opposite

Indicates Moss-Covered

Indicates Moss-Covered

SID "ROAD" follows up this Valley to the headwaters, thence over the ra at 12-13000 ft to SAMBANGA and SID. At present broken in three places.

TIME: 0730 hrs
DATE: 3 NOV.
VISIBILITY: EXCELLENT
Gonzalez

REF MAPS

PANORAMA FROM POINT ON SID ROAD

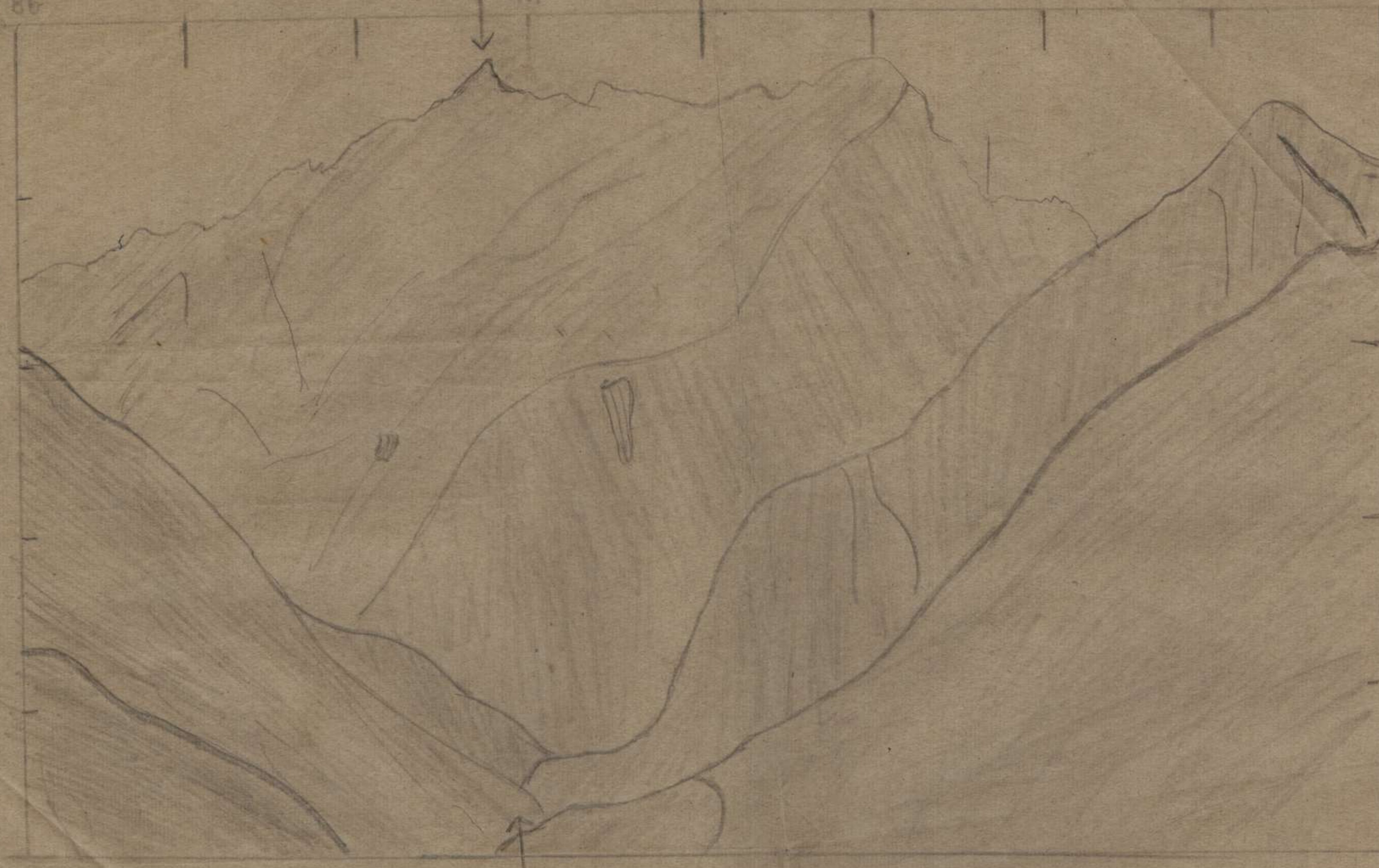
M.R. approx (L)R. 901895

LIVE MARKHAM STRATS

PEAK
MT BANGETA 13000 FT. 98°

86°

110°



TANKAN RIVER VALLEY

Country Timbered Throughout
NO Tracks

TIME : 0900 hrs
 DATE : 3 NOV 41
 VISIBILITY : EXCELLENT

Donald A. Langford
 by
 "I" Sec



SECRET.

N

24 AUST INF BN (AIF). LOCATION STATEMENT No 7.

As at 301800L.

Map Legend.

BOANA 1 inch.
NADZAB 1 inch.

Key
B.
N

Coy.

Location.

Map ref

Hqs. 24 Aust Inf Bn (AIF).

CAMP DIDDY

N 456628

H.Q. Coy.

Coy Hqs ~~2888~~

plus 1 Pl less 2 det.
2 Pl less 1 sec
3 Pl less 2 det.
4 Pl less 1 sec
5 Pl
6 Pl

"
"
"
"

N 459632

1 sec No 4 Pl.

NADZAB

N 405547

A Coy.

Coy Hqs. plus 7, 8, and 9 Pls.

NGAFIR CREEK

N 451615

B Coy.

Coy Hqs plus 11 Pl and 12 Pl
10 Pl.
plus 1 det No 3 Pl and No 1 Pl
H.Q. Coy.

ERAP RIVER
ERAP RIVER
BOANA

N 349567

B 497714

C Coy.

Coy Hqs plus 13 and 15 Pls
14 Pl
plus 1 sec No 2 Pl & 1 det No 3 Pl
H.Q. Coy.

ERAP RIVER

N 351568

N 350568

D Coy.

Coy Hqs plus 16, 17 and 18 Pls

NGAFIR CREEK

N 448603

A. A. ...
Lieut.
For I.O. 24 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

SECRET

24 AUST INF BN (A.I.F.). LOCATION STATEMENT No 6.

As at 151800L.

MAP LEGEND BOANA 1 inch-1 mile B
NADZAB " " N

Coy	Location	Map Ref
<u>H.Q.'s 24 AUST INF BN (A.I.F.)</u>	CAMP DIDDY	N 456628
<u>HQ Coy</u>		
Coy HQ plus 1 Pl less 1 det	CAMP DIDDY	N 459632
2 Pl	" "	
1 det 3 Pl	" "	
4 Pl less 1 sec	" "	
5 Pl less 1 sec	" "	
6 Pl	" "	
3 Pl less 1 det	BOANA	B 499714
plus 1 det No 1 Pl "		
plus 1 sec No 5 Pl "		
1 sec 4 Pl	NADZAB	N 405547
<u>A Coy</u>		
Coy HQ plus 7,8, and 9 Pls	NGAFIR CREEK	N 451615
<u>B Coy</u>		
Coy HQ plus 11 Pl	ERAP RIVER	N 349567
10 Pl	BOANA	B 499714
12 Pl (moving	CAMP DIDDY	N 459632
ERAP RIVER 16 Nov)		
<u>C Coy</u>		
Coy HQ plus 13 Pl and 15 Pl	ERAP RIVER	N 351568
14 Pl	" "	N 350568
<u>D Coy</u>		
Coy HQ plus 16,17, and 18 Pls	NGAFIR CREEK	N 448608

..... *W. S. Russell* Lieut.
 I.O. 24 AUST INF BN (A.I.F.).

To: I.O: Intell report to 1800 L/1. from DUDI ^{C.O.}

OPS.

Sic patrol leader Lient Darling left
0700 L/1 ^{BANDUANG} Sgts Brack Sgt Cawan, Cpl
Langford

KASANOBE Patrol, leader Cpl. CHRISTY and
2 Ptes left BANDUANG 0700 L/1

Kai line escorts supplied by 14 & 15 Cos.
To 1800 hrs no comm had been received
from KASANOBE patrol.

GENERAL

BUILDER 2 BASA moved out for BOANA at
1150 hrs.

BUILDER 2 DUDI, RMO and OVERSEER arrived
KUMBUM during afternoon. Staging
the night and moving BOANA

L/2

Omitted to mention in earlier report
that WO. BIRD Angau returned this
area AM. 4/31.

Lient THOMAS still confined to bed.

COMMS have been much better during
last 2 days, though still far
from best

HEALTH

Good ✓

MORALE

Good ✓

SANITATION & HYGIENE

Good. ✓

MESSING & RATIONALS

Meals are excellent. rations good.
We are kept reasonably well supplied
with native fruits & vegetables.

6/11

W

6/11

D. Oliver. A.C.
1. Nov. 43

GENERAL COMPREHENSIVE REPORT
 (WITH SPECIAL REF TO INTELL WORK).
 OF BOANA - SANAM R. CAMPAIGN.

2 copies
 1 Int. Log
 1 Own ops

Ref Maps: OCT - 6 NOV 43.

BOANA One In., MARKHAM, LAE Strats., Going Maps, corrected Map.

GENERAL TAC SIT. after two recon patrols to

BOANA, ref. 417113 the Bn was ordered to clear the area to the NORTH and NE of BOANA of any gaps remaining, after a large number of the enemy had gone through to SIO from LAE.

Doug Boy was chosen to inaugurate the campaign, and eventually finished it, except for a few minor wrecks remaining this side of SIO.

From BOANA, 16 Pl. pushed NE, through BAWAN, ref. 562744 to MANAKASAT, linking up there, with 17 and 18 Pls and D Boy H.Q. who went per BANZAIN, KAROU, and KUMBUM.

A Bde of order directed that one Pl was to clear the Western side of the SANAM R., and the remaining two Pls of a Coy to deal with the Eastern side. Boy H.Q. went along the Eastern side. ref 620822

MOGOM, the objective, (ultimately) of 18 Pl was announced clear on 15 Oct., and FIVE, ref. 668812 on 18 Oct. by 12 Pl.

Very little resistance, and the fact that the Abatives were of profound assistance, enabled the area

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to be cleared quickly.

After 17 Pl had cleared the TUENBI valley, the boys rested and were prepared, when ordered, to send a large, 8 to 10 Day Patrol to the first of the SIO villages.

C boy relieved D boy, and on 31 Oct, the large SIO Patrol was cancelled and 2 smaller recon patrols went out instead, drawn mainly from C boy.

The Barling Patrol found the SIO rd past FIVE broken at ref. (L/R 704 900^{on 3 Nov}), and NAFs affirmed it broken in two other places further NORTH.

Another small Patrol left BUANDUANG, ref. 645780, on 5 Nov, to recon the KASANOBE-SAMANZING-SIO track. Natives say the SAMANZING-SIO rd is a better one.

342 of the enemy (at least) failed to reach SIO, and, by NA reports, many more also could not make the distance.

Adv B H 2 followed closely behind D boy till the 19th Oct at BUANDUANG.

OPS: 7

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6 OCT. Recce Patrol, including "I" man, Pte. OSMOND, from C boy, returned to DIDY from BOANA.

7, 8, 9 OCT. D boy left NGAFIR for BOANA. C boy (2 Pts.) acted as carriers till Natives were available. Pte. J. PARNEUTT was att to D boy as "I" man.

9 OCT D boy est near junc BUSIP and BUNBOK rivers, with one Pl. food, at BOANA.

11 OCT D boy HQ. est BOANA.

11 OCT Adv B HQ. est BOANA. First droppings made at BOANA were a good success. 16 Pl. est near BAWAN, ref 562149 and 18 Pl. in vic KAROU, ref 564687 17 Pl. at BANZAIN, ref. 521689

12 OCT. 16 Pl. attacked BAWAN, killing 16, taking one prisoner, and finding 6 Dead.

17 Pl. moved through 18 Pl, clearing KUMBUM and MANAKASAT, 577695 (and reaching the SANAM R. Xing, ref) 15 Pl. C boy, reached KUMBUM.

D boy H.Q. reached KUMBUM, ref. 577695

13 OCT. 17 Pl. reached SANAM R. Xing Ref. 598713. 16 Pl met up with D boy H.Q., after passing through MANAKASAT.

D boy H.Q. reached ~~to~~ MANAKASAT and est. their H.Q. near MANAKASAT and to the SOUTH, on a large bk.

18004/13 Adv B HQ. est at KUMBUM.

(14)

14 OCT: 17 Pl attached and cleared BAMBOK. M.R. 605712
and moved to Shuting. M.R. 605718

18 Pl. moved through MANAKASAT, for
GAWOK, with their ultimate objective, MOGOM,
M.R. 620822, with the clearing of the western
side of the SANAM as the object.

16 Pl and 1 boy H.Q. moved together,
reaching BAMBOK.

Adv BHQ. were established 10 mins past
MANAKASAT.

15 OCT: 17 Pl moved through BANGDAP. M.R.
625730 and reached HANOBMAIN, ref. 625742.

18 Pl. reached ORIN. M.R. 610743 approx.

16 Pl, 1 boy H.Q., and Adv BHL reached
BANGDAP.

16 OCT: Held up because of rations, etc., not
arriving.

18 Pl. reached TEWEP. M.R. 611789, killing
30 in all, in the area.

17 Pl. killed 10 Japs in a hut near
HANOBMAIN.

17 OCT: 17 Pl. moved to KWAMBELANG. 2. ref.
635768, reporting it clear.

(5)

OPS: cont. -

17 OCT: D. boy H.Q. and 16 Pl reached

KWAMBEANG. 2.

Adv B.H.Q. est at HANDBMAIN.

18 Pl. reached SOKULEN, ref. 623810.

18 OCT. 17 Pl ~~passed~~^{reached} through BUANDUANG, (leaving mopping up in that area to 16 Pl), and

~~TUKWAMBET ref. 658799, reaching AVE, ref.~~

~~668812.~~

Adv B.H.Q., D boy HQ and 16 Pl reached BUANDUANG, ref. 645780.

18 Pl. reported MOGOM., ref. 620822, clear.

19 OCT: 16 Pl mopped up in BUANDUANG area.

18 Pl. cleared area between SOKULEN and BUANDUANG., of gaps - reported in at BUANDUANG

17 Pl. reached and cleared TUKWAMBET ref 658799, and AVE, 668812.

20 OCT:

Sec posts at SOKULEN, TEWEP and ORIN manned by 18 Pl, and AVE by 16 Pl.

17 Pl moved on and cleared NEW and OLD KESITUWEN., on NORTH side SIDE TUEMBI R. and KASANOBE, on the SOUTH side.

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21 OCT. 17 Pl. passed through DOKALONG

22 OCT. 17 Pl. reached BANGDAP.

25/26 OCT. 16 Pl. patrol along the S10 track.
reported it impassable not far from TOOCOOMWAH.

ref. (L)R. 660871. They also visited

NAMBANGA. (W)R. 6886.

27-29 OCT. C boy. moved up to relieve
D boy. Preparations made for mt of large
S10 Patrol.

1 NOV. Small recce Patrol left AVE to ascertain
how far S10 track is negotiable.

Large S10 Patrol cancelled and personnel
recalled to DIDDY.

3 NOV. S10 rd ^{found} broken at (L)R. 704900.

5 NOV. Small recce Patrol left BUANJUANG to
recce KASHANOBE - SAMANZING - S10 track.

ENEMY (a.) EQPT. For the most part, those encountered were possessed of little in the way of arms and amm. Some had .303 type standard gas rifles and a little amm. One notable exception was at BAWAN, where a large amount of amm was captured. Care was taken to destroy enemy arms & amm, includinggrens.

Practically without exception, the enemy were armed with grens.

Their boots soon became U.S., as evidence the many soles along the tracks.

A few possessed packs or haversacks, filled with kau-kau.

(b.) CONDITION: On the whole, very poor, as a result of no other rations but native foods they could obtain from the gardens. Some were only mere skin and bones.

(c.) GENERAL: The stronger of the enemy, (from native infn) managed to cross the rd to S10, but the remnants either were too weak and could not follow far, or found the rd broken and returned along the SANAM R. valley. He was thoroughly demoralized and put up little resistance.

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TOPOGRAPHY: Very rugged and mountainous country, with ridges &/or ras of between 6000-7500^{ft.} between River Valleys, increasing in height further NORTH, culminating in the 11,000 ft SARAWAGGET'S and peaks of approx 13000 ft, as M^T- BANGETA.

The Rivers are very swift flowing, fairly deep, and very dangerous.

Native gardens &/or humai occupy the hillsides to a height of about 5500-6000 ft - above that, is jungle, or moss forest.

Tracks, therefore, follow the course of rising up to 3500 ft above a river bed, falling 1500-2000 ft into a bk bed, and rising a similar distance, falling to a river, and rising again to 3500 ft above it - ad nauseam!

NATIVES: - Very helpful everywhere, leading Patrols in to ^{the best} position of attack, thus saving casualties on our side, and willing to supply voluntarily, native foods. Several have been recommended for awards.

(9)

HEALTH OF TPS:

The nature of ops. placed a great strain on all ranks, and they stood up remarkably well to it, especially as higher formations were pushing for speed, failing, or unwilling to see, that a man can ~~at~~ only stand so much in this country.

At the conclusion of 17 Pl's. actions, a few men were so bad, that they were unable to walk a short way for meals.

The cold climate ^{br}brought out Malaria in many D boy personnel; although few were serious cases. Diarrhoea was perhaps the most common complaint.

MORALE: "D" boy & "C" boy, Excellent.
~~"B" boy, Low.~~

SUPPLIES, etc. The long L of C made the supply pose a problem, more so as Native Labour was at no time in abundance. Rations for the large SIO Patrol were ^{considerably} delayed for this reason.

clothing & eqpt. soon wore away or

(10)
deteriorated. Boots lasted no time - Stops are essential.

Lack of rifle oil caused a 14 Pl Bn to
siege and is making care of weapons exceedingly
difficult.

The issue of new clothing was much needed
& appreciated.

Plane Droppings were of great value.

COMMS: 42 mls of sig cable were laid by the
Bn sigs who did an excellent job in laying the
line. American battle cable was found the best
cable and the Fullerphone as the best means
of comm.

On the 510 rd patrol of 1-3 Nov, great
satisfaction was obtained with the 208 set, despite
Static being bad and rain making things hard.
This will have been dealt with more fully by
the Sig. reports.

INTELL: Personnel engaged in ops were,-
Pte. J. PARNCUTT, att. to D boy.
Cpl. D.A. LANGFORD, att to 2nd B Pl, then to D boy, for mapping purposes, then to C boy at PATROL H.Q.,

BVANDUANG.

Pte. D.S. OLIVER, att to C boy.
later, Pte. J. RUSSELL, att to B boy.

(a) NATURE OF WORK:

With the never-ceasing mortar fire, the "I" man was so hard put to it to deal with messages, and SITREPS being got away as close to time as was possible, that very little time was left for other types of work. As sigs were not always at hand, it was necessary to do a sig's work on occasions. To sum up, the nature of work was - the maintaining of infm while continually on the move.

This brings us to point,

(b) DIFFICULTIES:

- (i) The maintenance of a Log Diary.
- (ii) Carrying an "I" office, with all messages, etc, on one's back.
- (iii) The sending back of enemy documents & eqpt. while moving.

(12.)

(iv.) (9) The supplying of M.R.s. (The BOANA sheet had so little on it, & that was down so inaccurately, that a M.R. from the $\frac{1}{4}$ in STRAT series would have been better. Unless an accurate check be made of posns, M.R.s will be unavoidably inaccurate. To begin with, M.R.s were given as, "approx," and they were very approx. Time is needed to obtain accuracy, and as was seen, probably the M.R. of a place was given differently several times, till the correct one was obtained.)

(B) and mapping. (Time is needed for this, also.)

(v.) bombs.

~~(vi.) giving.~~

SOLUTIONS :

(c) ~~the solving~~ THE ~~(SOLUTIONS)~~

(ii) Instead of Message Forms, use an Exercise Book. It may be the best thing to do this and cut out the Log Diary, for one never catches up with the messages - hasn't a chance. That is, of course, unless a fairly well est boy office be set up.

(ii) The other box is the best bet, i.e. provided that a carrier is obtainable. A full boy "I" office can be carried this way, but if this is unnecessary, the carrying of the "I" gear in a waterproof (gas cape) wallet should suffice. This alternative precludes the carrying of inks and spare maps & such like.

(iii) If string be carried in a handy posn. (e.g. a basic pouch,) and some scrap paper, the bundles of enemy documents & eqpt. can be ~~built~~ ^{made} up quickly and sent back. A few envelopes carried, come in very handy. They ~~to~~ ^{can} be almost considered a necessity if maps & reports are to get back to BHQ in good order.

(iv.) Two men, - one a ^(or NCO) bpl or well experienced "I" man, necessary with the fwd coy. Each can then deal with specific tasks, and if one "I" man is needed on a Patrol, the other can manage at boy H.Q.

One man can do the draughting and mapping. The arrangement, with one "I" man at Adv BHQ

and one at the Fwd boy H.Q. was unsatisfactory. Another man was needed somewhere. The rangefinder with the rangefinder to assist the "I" man is a good idea in this "mapped inaccurately" country.

(v.) These could hardly be remedied. After the usual evening rains, L/T was practically hopeless, until the sun had warmed & dried somewhat, about 0700L-0730L.

When Fullerphone comm was well est. messages were passed with less trouble.

Between ~~the~~ various posts, P V. comm leaves much to be desired. Conversations often have to be relayed.

(b) OTHER POINTS and ~~to~~ SUMMING UP:

As mentioned previously, an "I" man may be required to do part of a Sig's job.

A boy or Adv B H.Q. man has two points of view -

- (i) How to best assist his boy bond; and
- (ii) How to best assist those further back.

This work is thus twofold.

He will be likely to have occasion to use his Inf knowledge. Knowledge of the handling of weapons other than the rifle is necessary.

1 ctn OSMG is required in an "I" Sec, for use with the fwd boy. (ctn "I" man goes on Recce patrols.)

(~~ctn "I"~~) He must be physically fit: NCOs should ^{recuperate} ensure that sufficient rest is given a man, so he can

The campaign was not 100% successful as far as our department goes, and though that state of efficiency cannot be reached, we can learn from it and further improve.

TIME:

1500 hrs.

DATE:

9 NOV 43.

Donald J. Langford.
Cpl.

"I" Sec.

WAR DIARY
DEDUCTIONS

SER. NO	DATE	TIME	BEARING	APP. DIST	ACTION TAKEN	EVENTS	DEDUCTIONS
13	9/11/43	10.00			REPORTED	EXPLOSIONS LAE AREA	EXPLOSIVE OR AA FIRE
14	"	11.00	178°	4 MILES	"	SMOKE OBSERVED.	PROBABLY CROSS FIRE
15	"	11.10			"	UNIDENTIFIED PLANES SEEN APPROACHING FROM BOANA. VISIBILITY BAD.	BELEIVED TO BE ENEMY PLANES.
16	"	11.30	110°	3 MILES	"	SMOKE OBSERVED.	CROSS FIRES
17	"	11.40	145°	5 "	"	PARACHUTE SEEN LANDING NEAR MARKHAM POINT.	
18	"	18.30		4 "	"	GUNFIRE NEAR NADZAB	BELEIVED TO BE PRACTICE SHOOT.
19	10/11/43	0945	152°		"	B.25 OBSERVED. FLARE DROPPED	LOOKING FOR JAP. PILOT
20	10/11/43	16.30	150°		"	SMOKE FIRE OBSERVED.	PROBABLY CROSS FIRE
21	10/11/43	1945		CAMP DITTY		VERY LIGHTS SEEN	PRACTICE

Air Raid

*seen.
Air Raid and parachutist
reported to 5 Aust Plw*

JH 11/11

11 NOV 1943

WAR DIARY

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From No Name

Unit Date

ITEM	DATE	TIME	Bearing	APPROX DIST	ACTION TAKEN	DEDUCTIONS
1	5/11/43	1800	30°	1/2 mile	Reported	Fire - Native air raid. Bombs dropped on fighter ship. Fires started
2	6/20/43	0855	239°	4 mile	Reported	" " " "
3	7/11/45	0915	"	"	"	" " " "

JAB 7/11

9 NOV 1945

Seen

1140 4/9 145° 1 parachute
 SOUTH side of M between NG
 & M.P. Obs A/c 5 fighters
 circling over at the time
 No A/c seen to crash.

Serial No	DATE	TIME	BEARING	APPRX DIST	ACTION TAKEN	DEDUCTIONS	EVENT
4	7.11.43	1035			Air raid on LAE.	12 Explosions Lae vicinity sound like bombs.	Explosions
5	"	1047			Bombs dropped out to sea	6 Explosions Lae vicinity	"
6		1050				4 Explosions Lae vicinity	"
7		1056	225°	4 MLE	7 NADZAB	Small smoke, believed to be plane destroyed or crashed	"
8		1445	118°	3 MLE		Blue smoke probably grass fire, no movement observed	"
9	8.11.43	1150	178°	4 MLE		Grass fire, no movement observed, probably lit by rocket	Grass fire
10	"	1410	188°	3 MLE		Blue smoke, probably grass fire, no movement	"
11		1520					
11		1600	248°	6 MLE		Smoke & flames, probably grass fire, no movement	"

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Time	Date	Bearing	Approximate	Action Taken	Observation
1130	21-11-43	180°	2 miles	Reported	Ref. fire in Dan Coy area
1330	21-11-43	244°	6 miles	"	Probably Grass line
1750	21-11-43	190°	4 miles	"	Machine Gun fire probably reported
1535	21-11-43	180°	2 miles	"	Worship
1035	22-11-42	140°	20 miles	"	Worship Sailing toward Lae.

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Date	Time	Bearing	App. Distance	Action Taken	Observation
29/11/43.	1530 HRS	210°	15 miles	-	From this
" "	1620 "	249°	25 "	-	Large fire
" "	1900.	-	-	Report submitted	Set Normal.
30/11/43.	0700.	-	-	" " " "	" "
" " "	1135	123°	7 miles	-	Small fire
" "	1140	-	NADZAB AREA	-	Several fires
" "	1200.	141°	40 miles	-	Large fire breaking in direction of Palaman.
" " "	1810		40 miles	-	Explosions heard in direction S.W. of NADZAB
1/12/43.	0700.	-		Report submitted	Set Normal.
8/16/44				VX 104537 Pt. Wang. N.	
				VX 104537 Pt. Wang. N.	VX 70478 Pt. Lashmore. N.

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Date	Time	Bearing	Station	Approx. Dist.	Observations
27-11	1127	180°	reported	3 miles	large fire in Pagfa Bay area.
	1230	240°	"	10 miles	two large grass fires
	1515	210	"	6 miles	large fire in direction of Madyal lastly still late afternoon
28-11	1930	135°	"	30 miles	4 ships seen in the Houn Gulf going to wards Sol.
	1945	135°	"		
	1945	135°	"	30 miles	signal lights seen on ships in the Houn Gulf
29-11	1100	135°	"	30 miles	1 ship in Houn Gulf going towards ^{Solenman} (destroyer)
	1145	135°	"	30 miles	another ship seen in Houn Gulf going SS W (destroyer)
	1345	215°	"	4 miles	large grass fire

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Date	Time	Bearing	Approx Dis	Action Taken	Deduction
23/11/43	0935 h		20 mls	Reported	2 heavy explosions Lac area sound like heavy gunfire.
23/11/43	1400 hrs	208°	8 mls.	—	Grass fires.
" " "	1830	—	5 "	—	Practice A/A. Rad. drone
24/11/43	0930		14 "	—	Frequent blasting along Lac Rd.
	1100			—	
24/11/43	1500	240°	10 "	—	Grass fire
" " "	1515	208°	8 "	—	" "
" " "	1600	—	14 "	—	Blasting along Lac Rd
" " "	1815	140°	?	—	Ship moving S.E. out of Huni Bay
" " "	1820	—	5	—	Practice A/A Rad. drone

JAB 25/11

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R. R. Patrick Jr.
24th A.I. POW Compound.

Now please record & pass on to next boy.

Mark date of receipt

H.Q.

W.D. Home 2/8/11 7/11

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Mulhean Capt 12/11

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Arant. Capt 9/11/13

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APPOINTMENTS, PROMOTIONS and CONFIRMATION OF RANK.						
VX115547	Pte	PARNCUTT J.C.	B.H.Q.	To acting T.G. II (Intell)	30 Oct 43	
Q144897	"	HOCKADAY H.E.G.	"	" " " " Duties	30 Oct 43	
VX103995	L/Sgt	BARS TOW R.M.	HQ Coy	To acting Sgt	1 Nov 43	
VX106314	A/Cpl	ENGLISH C.W.	" "	To Cpl	1 Nov 43	
VX120994	A/Cpl	CARNEY J.P.	" "	To Cpl	1 Nov 43	
V127023	Pte	NORMAN H.H.	" "	To paid L/Cpl	1 Nov 43	
VX136496	"	HALLAM T.G.L.	" "	To paid L/Cpl	1 Nov 43	
VX109125	A/Sgt	JACKSON A.F.	D "	To Sgt	31 Oct 43	
REVERSION						
VX70227	A/Cpl	BIESSE L.C.	B Coy	Reverted to Pte.	31 Oct 43	By direction of C.O.
SICK						
VX104522	Pte	STIMSON A.G.	B.H.Q.	Evac to Ill C.C.S.	30 Oct 43	
V127152	"	WOODWARD W.R.	HQ Coy	" " " "	30 Oct 43	
VX109126	"	JONES E.E.M.	B.H.Q.	" " " "	30 Oct 43	
NX71776	Lt	ALBERDICE	B.H.Q.	" " " "	31 Oct 43	" " " "
NX143920	Pte	GRADY J.H.	HQ Coy	" " " "	31 Oct 43	
VX141604	"	DWYER A.B.	" "	" " " "	31 Oct 43	
VX104454	L/Sgt	HOWARTH R.L.	" "	" " " "	1 Nov 43	
TAKEN ON STRENGTH						
VX140002	Pte	FALCONER K.C.	D Coy	from X list	30 Oct 43	ex 2/11 AGE via 1 Aust Corps
VX141610	"	JENKINS A.A.	" "	" " " "	30 Oct 43	" " " " Recd Camp DOBADURA
V265248	"	SMITH F.N.	B "	" " " "	30 Oct 43	" " " " " "

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<u>Transfers Out</u>						
V306920	Pte	WATSON L.W.H.	C Coy	to HQ 3 Aust Div (AIF)	27 Oct 43	ex detachment
VX104478	"	MILLS S.J.	B.H.Q.	" " " " " "	13 SEP 43	" "
VX143970	"	PRICE J.L.	C Coy	" " " " " "	13 SEP 43	" "
<u>ATTACHED PERSONNEL - allowed on W.E. - taken on strength.</u>						
VX104413	Pte	BUSH D.J.	A.A.C.C.	From X List	30 Oct 43	ex 2/11 AGH via 1 Aust Corps Recep Camp DOBADURA.
<u>CORR IGENDUM</u>						
<u>Ref cas return Serial B31/35/43 of 14 June 43 - Relinquishment of appointment.</u>						
V42932	Pte	JONES J.T.	C Coy	Relinquishes appointment T.G.III. Driver M.T.	12 Jun 43	Reverts to Field Duties. <i>16</i>
<u>Delete all reference</u>						
<u>PROMOTIONS</u>						
VX109185	A/Sgt	JACKSON A.F.	D Coy	To Sgt	31 Oct 43	

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ABSENCE WITHOUT LEAVE						
VX104467	Pte	MAINS	W.D. X A Coy	from 2200 hrs	30/10/43	
VX143542	"	JOHNSON	D.C. X A Coy	" " "	30/10/43	
AMENDMENT TO PERSONAL PARTICULARS - INCREASE IN FAMILY						
VX70717	L/Cpl	FEATHERBY	L.C. D Coy	Birth of son-Bruce Leslie-19 Sep 43		
VX78952	Cpl	KELLY	W.W. " "	" " " Warwick Hardeliff-11 Sep 43		
APPOINTMENTS, PROMOTIONS AND CONFIRMATION OF RANK						
VX70647	A/Cpl	R ^{ET} SSD	G.C. X A Coy	To Cpl	1 Nov 43	
VX143969	L/Cpl	PAXINO	H.J. B Coy	To Acting Cpl	1 Nov 43	
INJURY						
NX154881	Pte	FORD	E.J. X A Coy	Accidentally injured	30 Oct 43	(Cut & compound fracture left little finger left hand)
ISSUED WITH A.F.W.3050B. UNDER GENEVA CONVENTION						
40115	Pte	SHORE	E.J. B.H.Q.	Issued with APW3050B Serial No AM12066B	26 Oct 43	(Regimental Stretcher Bearer)
REJOINED UNIT						
V290865	Pte	SMITH	W.S. B Coy	from 111 CCS	31 Oct 43	
VX104467	"	MAINS	W.D. X A Coy	" AWL 1000 hrs	31 Oct 43	
VX143542	"	JOHNSTON	D.C. X A "	" " " "	31 Oct 43	
V321406	"	JACKA	H.J. X BHQ	" 111 CCS	1 Nov 43	P.U.O.

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REJOINED UNIT (Contd)						
VX104417	S/Sgt	CHALMERS	F.W. HQ Coy	From 3 Aust Air Maint- Finance Coy	1 Nov 43	
VX135510	Cpl	ABBOT	" "	" " " "	" "	
VX136020	Cpl	BRICE	J.H. " "	" " " "	" "	
VX143966	Pte	BENNETT	A.J. " "	" " " "	" "	
V35504	L/Cpl	JONES	T.R. " "	" " " "	" "	
VX111994	Pte	BOULTON	W.V.H. " "	" " " "	" "	
V40792	"	BOND	F.G. " "	" " " "	" "	
VX103988	"	ANSWERTH	K. X " "	" " " "	" "	
VX104424	"	CRICHTON	V.E. X D " "	" " " "	" "	
VX105850	"	HAGREY	W.S. HQ " "	" " " "	" "	
VX106355	"	MCLEOD	T.K. " "	" " " "	" "	
VX143679	"	JORDAN	H.G. " "	" " " "	" "	
V40288	"	TELFER	W.D. " "	" " " "	" "	
VX106320	"	HUTCHINSON	J.A. " "	" " " "	" "	
M165666	"	COOK	C.L. X " "	" " " "	" "	
VX136402	"	NEWTON	V.S. " "	" " " "	" "	
VX139864	"	WOODS	L.R. " "	" " " "	" "	
VX105845	"	GARRETT	W.J. " "	" " " "	" "	
V320346	"	HISKINS	R.J. " "	" " " "	" "	
V45813	"	TOUGH	G.E.J. " "	" " " "	" "	
NX153667	"	PEGG	W.P. BHQ	" " " "	" "	
VX104436	L/Cpl	FINDLAY	C.A. HQ Coy	" " " "	" "	
VX70478	Pte	CASHMORE	N.W. " "	" " " "	" "	
VX137561	"	DAIR	P.K. " "	" " " "	" "	

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REJOINED UNIT (Contd)						
VX104537	Pte	WAUGH H.T.	HQ Coy	From 3 Aust Air Mainten-	1 Nov 43	
V321339	"	WOOD J.D.	" "	" " and Coy " "	" "	
RELINQUISHMENT OF APPOINTMENT						
VX104509	Pte	SHORES B.E.	X HQ Coy	Relinquishes appt TG III (Rangetaker)	3 Nov 43	Reason:- Conviction of an offence vide B2069 Serial No B31/25/43
VX143969	L/Cpl	PAXINO H.J.	B Coy	Relinquishes appt of pdl L/Cpl on being promoted A/Cpl	Nov 43	
V129009	L/Cpl	CHIVERS F.D.	" "	Relinquishes appt of pd L/Cpl	6 Nov 43	Reverts to Pte at own request.
SICK						
V270026	Pte	LLOYD N.D.	B Coy	Evac to 111 CCS	1 Nov 43	Haemorrhoids.
VX144676	L/Cpl	SYKES A.E.	" "	" " " "	1 Nov 43	P.U.O.
NX153977	Pte	GIPFORD A.A.B.	D Coy	" " " "	2 Nov 43	? Malaria
VX140825	"	BELL T.J.	X A Coy	" " " "	1 Nov 43	P.U.O.
VX142111	"	JAMES R.A.	X " "	" " " "	3 Nov 43	Infection R leg.
NX154881	"	FORD E.J.	X " "	" " " "	30 Oct 43	Cut & compound fracture little finger left hand Accidental
VX104438	A/Sgt	GAFF W.	B.H.Q.	" " " "	3 Nov 43	
VX104404	L/Cpl	BOSWELL J.W.H.	D Coy	" " " "	3 Nov 43	
V129147	Pte	SHARMAN J.T.	D Coy	" " " "	3 Nov 43	
V255446	"	BOULTON R.W.	B Coy	" " " "	3 Nov 43	P.U.O.
V280669	"	PYGALL F.W.	D Coy	" " " "	5 Nov 43	

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SICK (Contd)						
V40612 VX123596	Pte	BUCKLEY A.P.B.	B Coy	Evac to 111 CCS	5 Nov 43	P.U.O.
VX113898 468	"	WHITE L.G.	D Coy	" " " "	6 Nov 43	Acne
VX143608	"	O'KEEFE J.B.	HQ Coy	" " " "	6 Nov 43	Acne
TAKEN ON STRENGTH						
V40926	Pte	CREIGHTON H.R.G.	B Coy	From X List	3 Nov 43	ex 2/11 AGH via 1 Aust Corps Reception Camp
TRANSFER IN						
Q132440	Pte	PEASE J.C.	B.H.Q.	From 15 Aust Pd Amb	31 Oct 43	Previously attached NOT on WE
ATTACHED PERSONNEL ALLOWED ON W.E.						
APPOINTMENTS, PROMOTIONS AND CONFIRMATION OF RANK						
VX103344	Cpl	THOMAS W.A.	A.A.C.C.	To acting Sgt	1 Nov 43	
VX137887	"	STANCLIFFE A.J.	A.A.C.C.	" " "	3 Nov 43	
		MAUD R.S.	A.A.C.C.	" " "	2 Nov 43	

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The undermentioned personnel having volunteered for service in the AIF being medically fit Class I and having duly completed AAF DI and AAF A200 are transferred to the AIF						
V322119	Pte	DALTON	D.P.	D Coy	4 Nov 43	
V290265	Pte	SMITH	W.S.	B Coy	5 Nov 43	
V270388	PTE	DAKIN	F.K.	HQ Coy	7 Nov 43	
The will of <u>the</u> undermentioned soldier is enclosed herewith.						
VX135511	Pte	GERAGHTY	H.	C Coy	31 Oct 43	

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McDonough 1/89 13/11

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Murkew Cape 16/11.

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St Roberts 19/11

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St. Y. Cape

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Shant. Cape

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AF W3050B WITHDRAWN ON CEASING TO OCCUPY A PROTECTED APPOINTMENT.						
V321406	Pte	JACKA H.J.	A Coy	AF W3050B serial No 12012B withdrawn	10 Nov 43	
APPOINTMENTS, PROMOTIONS AND CONFIRMATION OF RANK						
VX137782	Pte	TYLER M.G.	C Coy	Appointed Paid L/Cpl	9 Nov 43	
REJOINED UNIT						
V320415	Pte	PELLY J.	B Coy	from 111 CCS	6 Nov 43	via 7 Div Reception Camp
VX141604	"	DWYER A.B.	HQ "	" " "	6 Nov 43	
VX104454	L/Sgt	HOWARTH R.L.	HQ "	" " "	6 Nov 43	
VX122396	Pte	BUCKLEY A.P.	B "	" " "	6 Nov 43	
VX143608	"	O'KEEFE J.B.	HQ "	" " "	8 Nov 43	
VX113468	"	WHITE L.G.	D "	" " "	10 Nov 43	
VX142111	"	JAMES R.A.	X A "	" " "	10 Nov 43	
SICK						
V127104	Pte	STOWE L.F.	D Coy	Evac to 111 CCS	6 Nov 43	Dysentery
V255728	"	BOWER E.C.	B "	" " " " "	6 Nov 43	Ingrowing toenails
VX143553	"	PREEN A.J.	D Coy	" " " " "	8 Nov 43	P.U.O.
V320415	"	PELLY J.	B "	" " " " "	9 Nov 43	
V321463	"	CONNOR A.G.	C "	" " 10 Fd Amb NADZAB	10 Nov 43	
VX113002	"	RANKINS R.	HQ "	" " 111 CCS	10 Nov 43	Eye trouble
TRANSFER OUT						
V265193	Pte	BOWIE A.G.	HQ Coy	to 9 Aust Workshop & Park Coy RAE(AIF)	11 Nov 43	via 7 Aust Div Recy Camp

Date 12 November 19 43

(G.F. SMITH) Lt-Col
 (Signature of Commander) Comd

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VX104415	Sgtv	GAFFIN	HQ Coy	To acting WO II	1 Nov 43	
VX137782	L/Cpl	TYLER	C Coy	To acting Cpl	15 Nov 43	
<u>DETACHED</u>						
VX143678	Cpl	JONES	A Coy	To NG Details Depot	14 Nov 43	for on mvt to Mainland for leave - 7 days Compassionate and 17 days recreational 43 Auth 5 Aust Div. A1485 of 11/11/
<u>REJOINED UNIT</u>						
V127104	Pte	STONE	D Coy	From Ill CCS	15 Nov 43	
VX143920	Pte	SHAW	HQ "	" " "	15 Nov 43	M T Malaria
VX104522	"	STINSON	BHQ	" " "	16 Nov 43	M T Malaria
V127152	"	WOODWARD	HQ Coy	" " "	16 Nov 43	M T Malaria
V40633	"	COOHLAN	B Coy	" " "	16 Nov 43	
VX144676	L/Cpl	SYKES	B "	" " "	18 Nov 43	via 7 Aust Div Recep Camp
VX104438	Sgt	GAVF	B HQ	" " "	18 Nov 43	" " " " " " (M T) (Astoria)
<u>RELINQUISHMENT OF APPOINTMENT</u>						
VX137782	L/Cpl	TYLER	C Coy	Relinquishes appt of paid L/Cpl on being promoted to A/Cpl	15 Nov 43	
V40945	Cpl	JAGO	B Coy	reverts to Pte (at own request)	12 Nov 43.	
<u>REVERSION</u>						
V40945	Pte	JAGO	B Coy	evac to ADS 10 Pd Amb	12 Nov 43	
VX104454	L/Sgt	HOWARTH	HQ Coy	" " Ill CCS	14 Nov 43	
VX104453	Cpl	HOOD	HQ "	" " ADS 10 Pd Amb	15 Nov 43	
V127121	Pte	TIBBALLS	C "	" " " " " "	15 Nov 43	
VX104496	"	PATON	HQ "	" " Ill CCS	16 Nov 43	
VX143623	"	FERR	A "	" " " "	16 Nov 43	(Tonsillitis)

Date 18 November, 1943

J. J. Shivers
 Lt Col
 Comd (Signature of Commander) (AIF)

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		SICK (contd)				
VX104451	WG II	HODSON	F.H. A Coy	Evac to 111 CCS	16 Nov 43	P U O
VX109129	Pte	LAUNDER	W. B Coy	" " " "	18 Nov 43	Tropical Ulcer.
		ATTACHED PERSONNEL				
		SICK				
VX104479	Pte	MITCHELL	H. A.A.C.C.	Evac to 111 CCS	13 Nov 43	Sores

Date 10 November 19 43

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Rank	Personal Number	Name and Initials	Corps	Nature and date of casualty		Remarks. (In the case of casualties from wounds or disease, any available information for communication to relatives should be stated)
					Date	
		<u>Amendment to Personal Particulars - Increase in Family</u>				
Capt	VX104144	WHITELAW S.H.	D Coy	Birth of Daughter - Elizabeth Anne	- 30 Oct 43.	
Lieut	NY71776	ALDENICE C.B.	B H Q	from 111 CCS	13 Nov 43	
T/Capt	VX104150	ROBINSON D.C.	C Coy	SICK EVAC. to ADS 10 Fd Amb	18 Nov 43	
T/Capt	MX160345	BUNBURY C.R.	C Coy	Seconded to Adv LHQ	15 Nov 43	as GSO 111(L) (Ops) via N G Details Depot. Auth N G Force A M S 7452 of 4 Nov 43.

*History sheet
B.H.Q.
A.S.V.*

338 lines
Signature of Commanding Officer
Col 24 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
Date 18 November, 1943.

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WEEK ENDING 27

C.O.
APPXN

OPERATIONS.

DATE.	PATROL	
21	BAINDUANG	INCO 4 ORS RETURNED TO CAMP NIL REPORT.
21	WAWIN.	TOFF 2 ORS RETURNED. ONLY GOT TO KUMBUM AS WERE ADVISED BY ANGAU NOT TO PATROL TO VILLAGE AS THIS WOULD DISCOURAGE NATIVES FROM RETURNING TO VILLAGE.
24	KWALANG	INCO 3 ORS LEFT CAMP
26	KWALANG.	RETURNED TO CAMP NIL REPORT.
27	BAINH	
27	BAINDUANG.	4 ORS & 4 CARRIERS LEFT FOR BAINDUANG DUE BACK. DEC 1.

TRAINING.

10 P^{LT} MEN PRACTISED IN T.O.B.T'S WHICH COMMENCE IN THE COMING WEEK.

MORTARS:- 1 ROUND HE FIRED TO TEST CARTRIDGES. REPORT SUBMITTED.

DET. PRACTISED IN T.O.B.T'S. TO BE CARRIED ^{OUT} THIS WEEK.

(OVER)

MORALE :- GOOD: AMENITIES ~~FROM~~ FROM Y.M.C.A. WELL RECEIVED
CARD TOURNAMENTS WITH PRIZES RUN AT NIGHT.

HEALTH: GOOD:- MINOR SKIN COMPLAINTS ONLY. ALSO MINOR TINEA.
NO DIARRHEA CONTRACTED IN AREA.

HYGIENE & SANITATION:- NEW LATRINE DUG ALSO SLUDGE PIT.
FLIES PREVALENT BUT BEING KEPT DOWN.
MANY RATS ARE IN THE AREA BUT WE ARE
GETTING RID OF THEM.

MESSING & RATIONS:- RATIONS ARE SUPPLEMENTED BY NATIVE FOOD.
NO COMPLAINTS WHAT SO EVER.

GENERAL

SOME MEN HAVE BOOTS IN BAD CONDITION AND
CANNOT BE USED ON PATROLS.

FOOD DROPPING 27TH :- RECOVERY 90%.

A NATIVE DIED HERE APPARENTLY OF HEART SEIZURE
ON 24TH AND BURIED.

R. H. H. H. H. H.
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391815L

Blairfield G.O.

Intelligence report from BOANA to Wauk ending Nov 21st

6 ps + 1 ng


Patrols out to BAINDUANG 6 days, HOR'S 16 Nov - 21st Nov, Nil Report. BAWAN 2 days 1 offer 2 OR'S 2 days out 20 Nov in 21st Nil report. Detailed reports following. No 3 ptw held practice slots 15th 16th 17th

General. Supplies dropped by plane 18th Nov 90% recovery. Very heavy rain Nghts 19-20th 20th 21st. Log bidge at BLAKES washed away 20-21st Natives sent out to replace it 21 0830 L.

Morale ~~is~~ ^{Good} Mail received regularly through wauk also parcels on 20th There has been no issue of razor blades for 2 weeks.

Health Fair

Messing + Rations Good. Supplemented by Native Rai.


Hanson Lieut.
O.C. repl.
2/11

MR Bower pte.
21 1630 L
B. COY.

To: 20.

Ko IV Intelligence Report to 2359h 9 Nov.

B Coy file

Bom 0
10 NOV 43



op

1400/9 10 Pl. arrived BAN DUANG. and secs will take over sec posts at SOKULEM and

1730/9 11 Pl and Coy H.Q.s arrived KUMBUM.

11 Pl H.Q.s 2 secs moved out for DAM ROK and HANORAN
at 0800 hrs. 10^{Nov.} Oct

General

Missing and Rations:

Good

Health:

Fair. most tps are showing signs of fatigue after their walk from ERAP RIVER and over the mountains. However several days in their respective areas should soon set them up again.

Morale:

Just fair. Should soon go up when their walk ends.

KEPO H.Q.s will be moving back 4/11 and Pte OLIVER will move with them. Cpl LANGFORD will stay until otherwise ordered.

Cpl JAGO was evacuated by stretcher to BOANA afternoon 1/9 and if it has been for the fact of a boy line returning

to BOAHNA, sufficient boys would not have been available
for the job. There seems to be a boy shortage in this
particular area at present, which may be caused
by the extra rations being carried for extra tps in area
during the change over.

W
13/11

J Russell
Pt
1000hrs - 10 NOV 43.

B Coy fell

Latell Report from 'BORNO' to week ending Nov 6th 43

Rif Map NADZAB Hⁿ 351568

Ops + Ing = Patrols to OLD MUNK IP Nov 1-2nd, 4th-5th,
CHIVASING 213 553 Nov 1st-2nd, WAWIN 228 641 Nov
1st-2nd, PYRAMID HILL 306 525 Nov 1st, 5th N.C.O.
school under Sgt Martin, C.O.D. under C.S.M., T.O.E.T.
on Bren gun 42 passes NIL FAILS.

General = Capt Robinson took over command BORNO 1000
L/3. Capt Fowellyn left for KEPO 1015 L/3. Line
Comm out from 1735 L/3. Only Comm is per courier.
Lt Col Smith on tour of inspection arrived BORNO
1600 L/5 left 1630 L/5. 0845 L/6 surprise air attack.
bombs landed, vic No. 3 (Fighter) ship, no damage
or cas. to BORNO stores or personnel. All clear 0915 hrs
2nd alert at 1000 hrs all clear 1040 hrs 3rd alert 1450 hrs
all clear 1530 hrs. Cpts Mawby + McRay left for
KUMBURN 1300 L/6 per M/T.

Health = Fair

Morale = Fair, irregular mail deliveries disconcert
ing. Bom. comforts issue very acceptable.

Rumours = Rumours re Home Leave plentiful source

General talk amongst men

mess ing + Rations Fair. Cooks doing a good job
with available rations.

N.R. Bower 1700 hrs
p/s B. Coy 4/6

~~Latell~~

1630/7



I.

B. Coy file
Use Military Address Only

BIXA
10 Oct 43

- Report on BIXA week ending 10th Oct 43
- 1 Command: Camp Diddy and Log C between Diddy and Camp 1.
 - 2 Camps & manning personnel (as attached sheet)
 - 3 Duties at Station: 30 attached BIXA personnel have established a camp 1/2 hrs past Diddy and are occupied on track improvement.
1 See BIXA move 2/11 to man No 1 Camp as KIA guard & meet Staging camp.
Remainder BIXA on track improvement between Diddy & Camp 1.
 - 4 Arms & Amm: (as attached sheet)
 - 5 Op & Patrol: Before BIXA moved to Diddy a patrol was sent out to establish whether track could be made from BASA to the Diddy NGA SAWAMPIN track, also to establish track to B Coy def posn.
Op's at Diddy are manned by 14/16 personnel
 - 6 Training: Whet hubs are being sent. NCO's have been receiving a limited amount of instruction. 2 hours each morning up until time of move. Lectures have been carried out at night under B' BIXA.

IMPORTANT.—Any reference to shipping or troop movements will result in the delay or mutilation of your letters.



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 Health Hygiene Sanitation Area at camp Diddy very
 bad. All possible time is spent in cleaning
 this area. Previous personnel occupying
 area left latrines open & unclean
 consequently they are very bad. These
 latrines etc have been full now & every
 effort is being made to clean up.
 This is a priority task as the health
 of the troops would be soon effected
 4 members of BIXA were left at BASA
 under care of RAP man They were
 suffering from PVO relapse

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 Fletcher Cap
 of BIXA

BIXA
10 OCT 43

CAMPS + MANNING

CAMPS	MAP REF	COY	MMGS	MOR	S/BS	I	HYG	ATTACHED	PIONEERS	TOTAL
COMD	458632	2-41	12	4	2	1	1	3 AACC, 1 HQ COY 1 ACCY 1 R/P	6	2-67
15 BDE	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10
1AUST CORPS	-	39	-	-	1	-	-	2 AACC 1 'A' COY	-	43
NADZAB	409444	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
NGAFIR	448602	5	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	6
RD. IMP. CAMP	-	-	11	18	-	-	-	1 AACC	-	30

ARMS

CAMPS	RIFLES	OWENS	BREN	STEN	2" MOR	3" MOR	MMG	PISTOLS
COMD	53	14	2	3	1	2	2	9
15 BDE	7	2	1	-	-	-	-	-
1AUST C	28	6	6	-	1	-	-	-
NGAFIR	4	2	-	-	1	-	-	-
NADZAB	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
RD. IMP CAMP	19	5	3	-	-	-	-	3
TOTALS	113	30	12	3	3	2	2	12

Machine
figures include 2 OWENS (Improved)

AMM.

CAMPS	303 BDR CHARGER	9MM SMG	36 BREN AMM	2" MOR HE	.38 REV	303 BELT
COMD	2592	770	12	-	108	13500
15 BDE	400	100	-	-	-	-
1AUST CORPS	1700	300	-	-	-	-
NGAFIR	200	100	-	-	-	-
NADZAB	100	50	-	18	-	-
RD. I. CAMP	1100	250	-	-	36	-
TOTALS	6292	1480	12	18	144	13500

B Coy file

9 Oct. '43

To 10.

Intell report from BIXA for 24 hrs ending 1600L/9

GENERAL

2 apps 48 hrs. B. Coy arrived CAMP DIDDY - at 1515 hrs yesterday - C Coy cooks turned on a cup of tea - and the - got to work settling in and bedding down for the night.

hrs. left at 0800 hrs. carrying stores to BOANA, - and those remaining in the camp were engaged - cleaning up the area, building latrine, cook house - and other duties. Cleaning up was a job on its own. Empty tins & other rubbish was strewn all over the place, a latrine close by was foul.

Health - Good Morale - Good Sanitation & Hygiene -
Latrines not yet completed. Dies very bad. Messing -
Considering the difficulties; Very good.

[Signature]
BIXA

Deliver etc
9 Oct. '43

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Coy COMDRS REPORT WEEK ENDING -
3 Oct '43

I B Coy full

ASSOCIATION CHRISTIAN YOUNG

In Association with The Royal Australian Air Force

NADZAB 1" DEF AREA responsibility of B Coy

1 COMMAND

BOUNDED BY { NADZAB 453620 EAST TO 470620
450600 " " 475600 }

Track & creek exclusive to B Coy
Coy situated approx 453600.

2 MANNING PERSONNEL

COY AREA	2 OFFRS	26 %/N	ATTACHED -	S/S 3
NADZAB	-	7	AACC	2
1ST AUST CORPS	-	39	I	1
		1 S/S	HYG	1
		2 AACC		
15 AUST INF BDE	-	10 %/N		

ALLOTMENT OF ATTACHED PERSONNEL laid down by C.O but not with Coy
1 SEC MMGS 1 DETCH MORTARS

3 DUTIES AT STATION - Preparation of Camp Area

ARMS & AMMUNITION

Weaponry Short

	SN RIFLE	RIFLES	OWENS	BRENS	2" MOR.	TK/A	PISTOLS	AMM	OSB	2" MORHE
2 Sniper Rifle	NGA FIR	22	9	2			3	203	9MM	
	NADZAB	6	1		1	1	1	1200	450	30
2-2" mor	1 AUST CORPS	31	5	6				300	50	12
	15 AUST BDE	6	2	1				1850	250	18
2 TK/A	SHELDONS	2						400	100	
	WAMPIT	1						100		
	PATROL	11	3					50		
		79	20	9	1	1	4	550	150	
								4400	1000	42

5 PATROLS & O.P.S. Patrol consisting 1 NCO, 9 %/N & 6 runners
(Patrol Comdr 4/CPA PAXINO) left Camp area 1500 K/1. Object - see if
any signs of small jap parties & also Recce & going reports
of area. Route of Patrol as follows -
453600 through D Coy area to 450607 then SE to 462588;
thence to NGASAWAPUM. From there to NARAKAPOR & on to
MARKHAM RIVER. Area around NARAKAPOR drome to be
examined for signs of enemy. Return via NARAKAPOR
to OLD MUNUM thence MUNUM 514569 to 498575 to 487579 to
approx 470608 where D Coy were to cut a track from
their area. Thorough examination of all plantations
for signs of jap stragglers.

7 HEALTH OF TROOPS

Three troops had re-occurrence of PVO -
3 members of 12 PL had slight attack of diarrhoea which
were treated. Otherwise good.

8. MEDICAL

The plan of one S.B. per Pl operating
change of Sick parade to 0630 hrs most satisfactory.

9. GENERAL

- (a) Canteen comforts were most acceptable.
- (b) Some enthusiasm had been aroused by the prospect of a definite policy even though the predominant thought of leave had been knocked on the head. With the change in plan the feeling of uncertainty has sapped the desire for hut construction.
- (c) Camp site generally satisfactory & some 2/3 progress has been made, but little hope is held for the completion of the task by Tuesday night with the troops available.
- (d) It is felt that better organisation of stores mt from NADZAB would have speeded up the building plan - by the timely arrival of axes etc. 2/3

Admission cap
OK

To I.O.

C. Coy file

Intell report from KEPO to 1800L/11

Ops.

15 Pl is still in posn. with sec's at
KUMBUM & HANOBAIN.

13 Pl. moved out from BANDUANG 0745L/10
straggled only track, some remained
BAMBOK others including Lt. BARLING
pushed on to KUMBUM

GENERAL

1610L/11 Capt Swellen arrived KUMBUM, staging
night. 1400L/11 Lt. BARLING

moved out enroute.

0950L/11 BOMO pers moved out enroute
BOANA & BLAKES.

Very heavy rain throughout the night
Comms out until 1150 hrs L/11. Bridge
over creek between KUMBUM and MANAKASAT
approx MR. 580698 washed away and line
broken. another break between KUMBUM.
BOANA.

3 ANGAU pers now in area W.O. THRESHER.

arrived L/10. W.O. NEUMANN still at KUMBUM.

W.O. BIRD at present on recruiting expedition
in HANOBMAIN area.

MORALE

HIGH.

HEALTH

Very good. The TIBBALLS, at present with 15 PL H.Q., running a high temperature is to be evacuated BOANA 4/12. Unable to secure M.O's. advise on evac. out to come break-down.

SANITATION & HYGIENE

Still untidy around kitchen & sleeping quarters. New sludge pit in operation.

MESSING

Good.

GENERAL

P.B. sent out to question native re crashed a/c in MUSIM area, not yet returned.

D. D. Line, etc.
11 Nov. '43

To I.O.

Intell. report from KEPO to 1800L/90 Cloyfile

OPS

10 PL BOMO after staging night 8/9/08. moved on to BANDUANG and by 1000L/10 had estab. H.Q. there with 1 sec, other sec moved to SEKULEN & AVIN.

13 PL. left BANDUANG 0900 to 0930L/10 enroute ERAR. ~~They~~ They will stage tonight at BAMBOK & KUMBUM. 11 PL BOMO less 1 sec moved out 0800hrs PL H.Q. and 1 sec estab BAMBOK, 1 sec HANEBAIN! 1 sec KUMBUM.

GENERAL

Pte Russell arrived Kumbum L/9 Cpl Langford L/10.

0930L/10 P.B. dispatched MUSIM locality to question natives in surrounding hamlets regarding crashed aircraft.

New Angan up arrived KUMBUM 1520L/10 (W.O.)

MORALE

HIGH

HEALTH

GOOD

HYGIENE & SANITATION

Fair - Latrine in good condition. New sludge pit being dug, but ground about pl. but a cook house untidy.

MESSING & RATIONS

GOOD though troops passing through are straining our rations.

15/11

To 10. Intell report from KEPO to 1800 L/8. c Coy file

OPS. BUILDER 1 KEPO at HANOBAIN. 12 Pz BCoy
arrived HANOBAIN 1700 hrs L/8 after staying night
of L/7-L/8 at KUMBUM. 1645 L/8 6 pers BOMO arrived
KUMBUM. will move out for HANOBAIN tomorrow AM.

GENERAL

CP LANGFORD arrived this area 1230 L/8.
Sensors are not better. Most difficult to
raise switch. From here to BAMBOK and BOANA,
strength is RS, to HANOBAIN about R2 and
BANDANG RO. Last night, when I first heard
the enemy a/c coming in from the NORTH, I
bugged on the phone for at least 4 mins.
without result, gave up then as a/c could
have been over NADZAB, bombed hell out of it,
and off home again. Havint lost sight of
the fact that, by the time a flash was relayed down
the line it would have been too late.

Sgt Barnes arrived KUMBUM 1230 L/8 moving
BOANA L/9.

HEALTH Very good

MORALE Good

SANITATION & HYGIENE Good

MESSING & RATIONS Excellent.

13/4

Delivered etc
2110 hrs 8 Nov. 43

BASA CO

REPORT DUDI WEEKS ENDING 17 and 24 Oct 43

copy file 24 Oct 43

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1. No report was submitted for week ending 17 Oct 43

2. MOVES EFFECTED since 10 Oct 43

- (a) DUDI HQ opened at BOANA closed DIDDY, opened KUMBUM 18 Oct 43 closed BOANA same time
- (b) 13 PI retained at BOANA role protect BUNBOK valley
- (c) 14 PI sent from camp 1 to MONAKASAT area and now responsible BAWAN - MONAKASAT crossing - KUMBUM with role protection L of C KUMBUM to BAMBOK
- (d) 15 PI tasks were ORIN - HANOBAIN - BANGDAP - KAMING but these taken over by 17 PI 24 Oct 43 so permitting 15 PI concentrate KUMBUM for further task
- (e) All personnel are in coy area SANAM R. to BUNBOK valley incl except sick at DIDDY and MDS

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PATROLS

- (a) Patrols were completed by 13 PI each 4 days up each side BUNBOK and to KWAMBELANG twice each 4 days and a special patrol to BOIN. Reports have been submitted
- (b) 14 PI special patrol to contact 42 Aust Inf Bn at MUSIM - report submitted. Patrol up SANAM.
- (c) 15 PI - patrols via BANGDAP - HANOBAIN - ORIN - report initial patrol only submitted
- (d) On ^{routine} patrol, or as a result of native infm, 14 PI killed 5 JAPS, MONAKASAT - BAMBOK area, 15 PI one ^{wounded} at BAMBOK and three killed. Two pers of 15PI were wounded lightly in the legs and evacuated. Two JAPS were killed in vicinity coy HQ

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HEALTH

- (a) Two pers wounded at BAMBOK 16 Oct 43
- (b) Details submitted sicknesses in daily sick reports and report by medical orderly made to RMO
- (c) Tps even though on good diet exhibit fatigue after what normally is regarded as heavy exertion.
- (d) Continual wearing old clothes appeared responsible

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for an outbreak of skin complaints

5. MORALE

FSS pers have been asked to report their impressions. My opinion is that the men are NOT in attacking mood but would be sound enough in def. Easy killing such as the SANAM valley mopping up would appeal, but I do NOT think the tps would attack a strongly held posn vigorously.

6. TRAINING

Tied up with morale. Rest exercise, practice in skill-at-arms, study of experience and application of lessons learned should be undertaken.

Troop discussions and coaching in instructional method for NCOs and lectures for all will be undertaken forthwith with the pl near coy HQ.

7. INTERCOMM

LT between 12 PI and coy HQ. Runner to 15 PI. When telephone set available connection will be made to pl at MAMUKASAT Xing. No sigs with coy & ARMS and AMN but NET at present required.

Returns have been submitted separately.

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To 10.

Intell report from KEPO to 18004/6

C.O.

OPS.

0800 hrs 14 Al. left BLAKES enroute
DIOOY.

0900 hrs Capt FLEWELLEN - moved out enroute
BANDUANG - arrived HANOBAIN - approx 1430 hrs.

1020 hrs Capt BUNBURY - moved out enroute
BOANA.

GENERAL

- allied a/c scouting over area and to
the south during morning
Explosions heard - approx 1000 hrs.
direction uncertain.

2 Jap rifles and 1 2" mortar (?) being
returned DIOOY 4/7 or 4/8.

Droppings at Boana strip today. result
approx 85% recovery.

Health

very good

Morale

Good

SANITATION & HYGIENE

Good

MESSING & RATIONS.

Good

Delivered. ~~OK~~.
6 Nov. '43

To 1.0. Intell report from KEPO to 1800L/5

OPS.

0800L/5 Patrol strength 5 left BANDUANG
to new track to SAMANZING.
14 Pl. moved from BOANA to Blakes.

GENERAL.

1230L/5 Capt FLEWELLEN and 2 GRS
arrived KUMBUM
1720L/5 Capt BUNBURY returned KUMBUM
from BANDUANG.
all remaining overnight.

HEALTH

Very good

MORALE

Good. all happy over canteen
issue of yesterday.

SANITATION & HYGIENE.

Good

MESSING & RATIONS

Rations are up to date, but our
tea supply ran out two days ago.
ration has not been wasted. Poor
quality tea is partly to blame. Next
issue is not due until 4/10.
otherwise very good.

part 5 I

Howie
Oke 5 Nov. '73.

TO: I.D.
 GENERAL INTELL REPORT.

Adv. B.H.Q. D Coy Jell. C.
 BUSU-R. area 17d/1
 ops.

Ref. Adv.
 BOANA One In.

To 1000L/13 OCT. 43.

OPS: The general picture about the 10th, was that it was known that fops were in the general area to the N and NE of BOANA ref 497713 approx.

In order to clear the area, D Coy were brought fwd, to GUMBUK area and BOANA. 18 Pl. then went fwd along the KUMBUM track, to the EAST, while 16 Pl. went to KWAMBELANG ref 498746 approx. en route BAWAN.

On the evening of the 10th, 17 Pl. moved fwd to BONZAIN, about one hr. along the KUMBUM trail.

On the evening of the 11th, 16 Pl. were 2 hrs from BAWAN. 18 Pl. at KAROW, approx M.R. 567691, a short distance from KUMBUM; 17 Pl. at BONZAIN; D Coy H.Q. at BOANA MISSION.

At 1730L/11 Adv B.H.Q. was established at BOANA MISSION. In the first light on the 12th, a patrol 1 + 14 led by Lieut THOMAS attacked the village of BAWAN, which was fop occupied, killing in all, 15, and taking one prisoner, to the loss of none of our own ops. The fops had made the village to stink. The Pl. pushed fwd on the tracks beyond BAWAN, and to MANAKASAT. 18 Pl. reported KUMBUM clear.

0845 L/12. D Coy HQ moved to KUMBUM.

1540 approx. " " est. at " "

1400 L/12. 15 Pl. arrived BOANA STRIP.

approx 0800 L/13. D Coy HQ moved to MANAKASAT. 13 Pl. are on drome const. and def.

GENERAL: Droppings were made on the Drome on the 11th. Recovery good (approx 80%). On the morning of 13th, drome considered capable of taking a small plane.

The tracks in most cases are bench-cut, but with steep gradients and often slippery &/or muddy. They are particularly difficult even at this stage, where we have not yet had to fight in the region of 8-10000 ft.

MORALE: Good.

HEALTH: Many men have been unable to stand up to the difficult country. Diarrhoea is common and rather severe. Rashers are not yet in very much evidence. Many complaints, as malaria are being brought out.

CLOTHES: Needed very badly. Clothing on issue has been in use for so long that these conditions quite easily complete the process of rotting. Boots do not last long at all. Socks are needed very badly. Some have only one or 2 pr.

INTELL WORK: In this show, it has been found well-nigh impossible to supply infm other than SITREPS and messages, as the "I" man is required to assist the boy bond. between mts. The continual movements preclude much "I" gear being taken. The only solution to the posn ^{is} ~~is~~ other cases, with the "I" gear inside. Otherwise all that the "I" man can do is to furnish an occasional sketch (done hurriedly) in addition to the routine work of SITREPS, Patrol Reports, etc.

16/10
 [Signature]

TIME: 1120 hrs
DATE: 13 Oct 43

Donald et Longford

26/27 Oct 43

125	QX505	BASA	adv BASA rpta all logs	1805 1018	Returns required by 29 Oct number of personnel A with Ident. Discs (B) without discs identify type stainless steel (A) terminal roll required showing particulars for stamping of necessary new discs.
126	QX507	BASA	"	1000 1019	Return required immediately of number of personnel with (A) no blankets (B) one blanket (C) more than one blanket.
127	DF 180	DIFA	BASA	1450 1455 (A) 95 (B) 5 (C) NIK (C)	Attached loops included.
128	SS 3	MINER	DIFA rpta all logs	1055 1058	Advise particulars loyal service medal for natives.
129	SS 4	"	"	1105 1106	Ref 577 advise clothing requirements.
130	SS 5	"	DIFA	1125 1126	Ref 578 advise number natives employed as casual labour.
131	DF 95	DIFA	MINER	1200 1205	Natives employed casual labour 30.
132	DF 101	DIFA	MINER	1303 1305	for building 1 & 2 you approve of transfer of VX123265 file. Command to Dist Sect 2/43
133	DF 98	DIFA	MINER	1400 1405	Run 6 up to 1200 4/26 (C) NIK.
134	DF 96	DIFA	MINER	1310 1315	Ref 583 Particulars already sent.
135	DF 97	"	MINER	1311 1315	Ref 583 Particulars already sent.
136	DF 22	BASA	DIFA	1305 1320	Res release 2.0.10.11.12.13.14.15.16.
137	DF 99	"	DIFA	1410 1412	Re 16 ill at ORINO will advise 27 Oct.
138	R 10	DIFA	MINER	1435 1440	Clothing required: trousers 20, shirts 20, socks 50, boots 48, 1/85 2/95 9/7 2/7.4 1/7.6 3/05 2/6.8 1/10.5 1/5.5 1/5.4 (C) Jewels 53, pens 10, rubbers Rifle kit & 2 blankets urgently reqd. can you let me have photo copy of W.E. reports for copy + 'A' scale Avoro (C) want that to check up on a few things here.
139	R 11	CAMERON	MINER	1453 1455	to check up on a few things here.
140	CRBS	DUDI	MINER	1830 1845	Requeting 13 PL (C) Hansain Buanduang 9 Bin 30 (C) Paulum 3 (C) Avoro (C) Kating 30 (C) Bombok Mangakasa 130 (C) Kumbumb 6 (C) 14 PL (C) Kana (C) (C) Cameron, Karam Buanduang supervisor/leading patrol Bumbung at Kumbum until change over completed. Change not complete completed before 1200 hrs 29/10 and blankets, rations carriers assembled with patrol at Buanduang (C) last light 29/10. However due to disappointing type slowness itacon blanket if both adequate rations in area.
141	DF 101	DIFA	Ad: Kana rpta BASA	1735 1750	Secret file up to 1730 4/26 16 PL (C) 1430 4/26. Deatherby patrol killed 4 (C) NAM CANGA (C) No enemy encountered or found dead NORTH of NAM CANGA (C) 16 PL (C) HQ and 1 sec moved to Buanduang (C) sections at Bangdap and Cambok moving to HANSA BAINO 18 PL concentrating at SOUTH HM in anticipation were to Buanduang 27 Oct (C) Correction to SIT R/P 24000. NAM CANGA should read 100 cam 11/10 Nov Sgt Boyle (C) retain Sgt Lapse pending DIFA arriving Boana.
142	DF 103	DIFA	BOANA.	1015 1020	Nov Sgt Boyle (C) retain Sgt Lapse pending DIFA arriving Boana.
143	DF 102	DIFA	Ad: Kana rpta BASA	0535 0540	Secret file up to 0530 4/27 (C) 1800 4/27. Repl arrived Buanduang 0800 4/27 2.0.11.12.13.14.15.16 Hansain (C) 18 PL less 1 sec to Kulum (C) remaining see broadcast night 26/10/43 at Jewep.

FORM 100 (1943)

LOGS MATIUCO

By: B...
By: C...

DRAGON...
B...

83	558	MINER	DUDI DIFA REAR BASA	13331410	By 11 get 1	BASA requires all captured weapons to be returned to unit
84	559	MINER	DIFA MIA DUDI	14291430	Builder 2	Basa assets that robust clothing be given PW
85	561	MINER	DIFA DUDI MIA BASA	14311445		Storage of containers such as bags drums etc please back load same.
86	557	MINER	DIFA DUDI MIA ADV BASA REAR BASA	14511450		Please advise further immediately requirements boots socks shirts trousers etc of issue shirts trousers two per man advise requirements etc to clothing to be discarded unless verified U.S. by responsible person.
87	559	MINOR	"	1580 1519		Ref retrieved parachute stated to be U.S. and given to natives for Kap Kaps etc build 1. Basa DIRECTS that trousers and parachute material if possible be returned rear BASA immediately.
88	560	MINER	"	1508 1510		Daily Amm expenditure returns NOT being submitted etc please ensure regular submission.
89	DF76	DIFA	BASA Rear	1525 1530		Amn Cap to 1200 423 etc NIL.
90	I 148	REAR BASA	DUDI DIFA ADV BASA	1920 1930		Bde advise plane type D 49 similar but high wing flew over NAD ZAB area 1130 423 etc Now over area etc Inform as to direction and time of flight requested from any personnel who saw this 19/00 all informed.
91	I 135	42 BN.	24 BN Rear BASA DUDI DIFA	2010 2015		BHQ 674865 A Coy has one pl M 450m approx 66762E 7PL NAD ZAB etc Coy and way to KENEN approx 719701 ref map BOANA. KENEN to be used as patrol base etc 24 BN to be contacted SAMBOK next 3 days. believe 29 BN to contact 15 BN in next 3 days to clarify patrol areas in SANAM R.
92	DF77	DIFA	ADV Rear BASA	1700 1735		0830 423 5 PW left BUANDUANG for BOANA under armed escort etc 1 TAP rifle found AVIN area forwarded with escort.
93	DF78	DIFA	"	1730 1735		Secret sleep to 1730 423 1000 423 1 TAP PW 1100 423 1 coolie PWO both captured on track 500 yds Nth of BUANDUANG etc 16 PL 1200 423. patrol to KISI TOWN built 4 TAPS captured 2 coolies etc 17 PL supports as follow. PL HQ has 2 Pcs. HANO BAIN are sec BANGDAP one pl SANIBOK etc 18 PL. STOR.
94	DF79	DIFA	"	0530 0540		Secret sleep to 0530 424 etc nothing further to report.
95	563	MINER	DIFA DUDI ADV BASA	0902 0904		advise number aarp rations held at 2359 424 etc must be accurate etc No NOT include Coy line from BOANA on 1/4 etc
96	562	"	"	0900 0901		Blakes camp closing down etc Personnel manning same will move to BOANA.
97	DF80	DIFA	REAR BASA	0545 0900		Plane not seen nor heard in area from Avin to SAMBOK.

2/32 OK

73. A175 BOSA DUDI 2100 2107 Please submit return by 0800/42 of nos of personnel who have been 12 months service in NC without leave and personnel who have had 12 months service without leave.
74. I136 Rean Basa DIFA 2014 2015 Good work of POW volunteers to give inform all to the good. You have done right thing. Desirable that PW be not examined by anyone other than who are specially chosen Inspectors.
75. A176 Rean BOSA DUDI 2110 2125 Why conduct that handed to DUDI by 31 RA on transfer of the ground.
76. DF73* DIFA BOSA 0600 0605 Secret setup to 0130 422. Nothing further to report.
77. DF73* DIFA BOSA 0900 0905 Following personnel have had 12 months service without leave: N145854 Pte Eyerst J. N152511 Pte Gilbert R.J. N153977 Pte Gifford A.A.R. N135297 Pte Keastler J.P. N153220 Pte Nelson H.J. X1106321 Pte Irvine H.W. (Det B140) N211240 Pte Neesenholder J.A. (X Det) Pte Longworth E (X Det) No member of this Coy has had 12 months service in NC without leave.
78. DF74 DIFA BOSA 1735 1750 Secret setup to 1730 422. 16 pl investigation of native reports of Japs in locality. Investigation of native reports failed to reveal traces of enemy. OP estd on high ground overlooking track leading SE to TUENBI VALLEY. 17 pl resting at BANGDAP. 18 pl reports patrols found. NO trace of enemy. 17 pl armed BANGDAP 1745 42 reports the following villages clear: NEW KISITUWEN, KISITUWEN, KASANOBE, DAKALONG also all villages unamed on track AVIN - BANGDAP. Details found one dead north of NEW KISITUWEN. 1800 420 cleared NEW KISITUWEN killed 5. 1900 420 cleared KISITUWEN killed 7 escaped including 2 wounded. Apparently were warned by sounds of preceding action. Cleared KASANOBE 1750 420 NO TAPS in village. 3 graves KISITUWEN. 2 KASANOBE 1 DAKALONG 3 on track between DAKALONG and BANGDAP. Village of MINABE does NOT exist. Secret Setup to 0530 423. 16 pl report 2 more TAP graves found in the AVIN area. 17 & 18 pl nothing further to report.
79. DF75x DIFA BOSA 0620 0700 Ann report to 1700 422. NIL.
80. DF75* DIFA BOSA 1745 1750 Ann report to 1700 422. NIL.
81. I140 Rean Basa Basa 2311 2312 Samples of following weapons and equipment urgently required for experimental purposes: 7.7 mm Rifle an AMN. 200 m dual purpose AA/TRK gun. TAP respirator. Address to address Basa 1800 423 if any above weapons or equip seen present area. 7.7 m rifle in equiv 303.
82. I143 BOSA RPTO DIFA 1105 1110 Documents captured BANROK area with serial number on name tag probably 51 DIV

63 556 A Basu R. Basu 1870 1900 Amm return DIFA as follows: Cln 2000 Bar 600 9mm 7670 9mm hd 60 9mm rifle 22 2 v MOK
HE 24 Smoke 6 Pistol 38 30 @ do NOT consider this accurate & have ordered full check
@ 555 plus.

64 1866 DIFA R Basu 0930 2000 Secret Sitrep to 0530 4/20 16pt in from AVIN area @ 18pt in from SOKULUM area
No further enemy sighted @ 17pt W/T NOT yet 1000

65 558 15 A/B 0710 0715 Request consideration be given releasing medical POW captured 4/2 BAWAN with view to
induce remaining enemy to surrender. suggested method mapping up party take him
to surrounded village and send him in under cover our weapons.

66 1896 DIFA BASA 0725 800 0725 1/20 BUILDER 1 Miner & balmer reported out on route Bangdap.

67 0867 DIFA BASA 1750 1815 SECRET SITREP to 1730 4/20 16PL BRIAN area reported clear @ 3 Japs in hut near SANAM R. NW
from BUANDUANG killed @ Refused to surrender @ were armed with grenades @ forwarding documents
found @ 1 Japs reported in hut E of BUANDUANG @ Patrol found signs of recent habitation
but search of area was unsuccessful @ Captured sword and destroyed 3 grenades NO
documents found @ 17PL NO report W/T NOT est. owing to adverse weather conditions
18PL in form at SOKULUM TANGKORING 4/21 to SOKULUM est @ NO further trace
of enemy @ unable to experiment with vt owing to mist and rain @ 16 & 18PL engaged
in marking Jap graves and preparing sketches.

18 0868 DIFA BASA 0530 0540 Secret sitrep to 0530 4/21 Nothing further to report.

69 0869 DIFA BASA 1730 1731 The following PW's have been taken in BUANDUANG area @ 0800 4/21 Sgt 2nd class SHOGO MASA YAMA
followed JAP sig wire laid between BUANDUANG and SANAM R. @ thought lead to JAP
camp @ 0800 NO 3 Coy 57 Regt @ 1000 4/21 2nd class MASUOKO BORI NO 12 Coy 37 Regt
caught 30 yds NW BUANDUANG @ 115 4/21 3rd class MASHIO ZENICHI NO 12 Coy 37 Regt @
Juller details following @ remaining in compound as expect more today 1100 4/21 native took
patrol to another Jap hut was already wounded & had died by the time they arrived.

70 0870 DIFA BASA 1740 1800 Secret sitrep to 1730 4/21 @ further to 0809 4/21 2 more prisoners taken 1400 4/21 2nd class Seiji
TADASHI MAMEDA 2 Coy 66 Regt @ 1st class Seiji HIDEO GOTO 2 Coy 66 Regt @ total prisoners
taken 5 @ 1 killed WEST of BUANDUANG at approx 1300 16PL killed 2 JAPS who refused
to surrender at approx 640 790 NO other JAPS reported in area @ 17th morning @ 0800
625 730 NO report @ 18th no more enemy contacted.

71 0871 DIFA BASA 1742 1745 Amm rep to 1700 4/21 @ 303-40 9mm 35.

72 0872 DIFA R Basu 1840 1900 One PIN speaks relatively good English @ Was questioned and name number RANK
& volunteered other info @ Detailed examination NOT carried out @ and to tell
prisoners they are not to talk.

17/21 OK

Squad Officer

Group Officer to
COMBAT

CARRIED FORWARD

No. C 3357

No. C 3358

POLICE

17/18 04

INFORMATION.

Serial NO	ORIGS NO	FROM	TO	TOO	TOR.
49	I 122	24Bn	DIFA	1525	1730.
50	I 87	RBASA	DIFA	1720	1850 ¹⁴
51	QX 28	Painan I Adv Basa		1630	1740
52	553	Adv Basa	Dudi	1740	1840
53	551	ABASA	DIFA	1740	1840
54	552	ABASA	DIFA	1743	1840
55	557	ABASA	Painan	1927	2100
56	550	ABASA	DIFA	1738	1830
57	-	ABASA	DUDI	-	-
58	-	ABASA	DUDI	-	-
59	ID 94	ABASA	RBASA	1740	1840
60	I 21	RBASA	ABASA	1840	1850
61	555	Adv B. R Basa		1800	1850
62	554	Adv	DIFA	1753	1900

P.O.W. captured BAWAN 4/12 was Superior Pte OKADA 11 Coy 3 Bn 238 Regt 41 Div @ He stayed all Salamaua & had trip approx 6000 left LAE 14 Sept. for SIO by native track with little food. His duty was collecting stragglers, mending sick & giving dying men greens. P.O.W. had fought at SALAMAUA @ His boy being only one from his regt. @ The 41 Div comd is at NEWAK.

Captured enemy documents etc @ formation concerned that enemy dead are not being searched & documents etc collected for examination @ All articles recovered to be returned @ Then clothes etc bears name tag signal immediately Roman figures appearing at bottom R. hand square of tag

Builder 1 advises that Bde HQ will make arrangements for air recce by MORA of new dropping grounds if you can give the MRS of likely areas.

No strips received from DUDI.

RMO will be prepared to move to BANGDAP.

following will report for duty to DIFA at 0700 4/20 @ Cpl LANGFORD Ins. Sec. He sudden 3pl

No suitable dropping grounds SAVANI River valley @ future dropping will have to be made at BOKAIA @ Do not let holdings get too low

Capt Cameron with phone will move to BAINDUANG when dropping ground KUTING cleared as 2/12 DIFA.

Patrol of 3 men to BAWAN found only two broken rifles after diligent search of BAWAN and surrounding village

CO. of 42 Bn. posing as KIEP took native labour from KEMEN yesterday @ He has no comms as all with KIEP at KUMBUM. a LULWAI came into KUMBUM today & reported matter to KIEP

Secret strip to go 1700 4/19 @ following are enemy cas not previously reported @ 39 Jap graves & dead found by 18pl in ORIN SEKULUM - TEWAP area @ 1300 4/19 16pl report 3 JAPS killed in gardens BUANDUANG @ 0730 4/19 18pl killed 3 near SEKULUM ref approx 624812 @ 1130 4/19 killed 1 near Buanduang @ 17pl found 2 dead Japs in ORIN area @ 1100 4/19 Jap killed by 16pl on track between Buanduang & KUKWAMBET ref approx 653790 @ 1110 4/19 Difa HQ killed 1 same area 18pl passed four new Jap graves between SEKULUM and BUANDUANG @ 1500 4/19 approx 1 killed Kwambelay & area @ 1230 4/19 18pl arrived BAINDUANG @ 1500 4/19 disc captured BUANDUANG area has number 2802 on it also 20 and 109 @ a second disc has INFANTRY 238 in one coln. number 3 in centre coln and 29 in the left coln. @ A third disc in colns from right to left the info @ 1 is 238 Inf. 2 is figure 3 @ 3 is 37 These belong also to the 238 Regt @ All figures are in Japanese @ These discs are scarce.

HALT is TOMARE @ cease fire in AHISHA WO YAME @ Quick march is HAYA ASHI @ remainder is KOSAN or KOEV KU. @ Do take prisoners HOKYO NI SURU @ Put down your arms @ BUKI WO SUTETE @ Cannot find any Jap words for HANDS UP.

amm holdings Adv Basa @ Adv 149 @ PM 23 photo 39 25 gren hd 1 @ Biker adv. passed 38 18. gren hand 1 @ DUDI DIFA will reply dycrpted adv. @ Painan Cameron advise hear rptd ADV amm holdings on top of L of C as at 1700 4/19

No payments in kind will be made to natives for work done. Instead pass to KIEP will be given names of duration of work no boys employed & whether work was satisfactory

42 DF59 Wheeler Camera 1540
 43 DF60 DIFA BASA 1445
 43 DF61 DIFA BASA 1730
 44 DF62 DIFA BASA 0530
 45 - 17PI DIFA 1008
 46 - BASA DIFA 1302 1400
 47 DF32 DIFA BASA 1330
 48 DF54 DIFA BASA 1900

18PI strength 22 rationed for three days am holding 1700 ~~303~~ 9mm 4900
 grenades 4 sec 2602 1700 HE 9-0 16PI cap 20 1200 415 303 590 9mm 320
 grenades 4 sec 19 0 cap 40 1200 418 303 ctw 75 303 bdr 30 9mm 500 0 17PI
 303 ctw 450 0 303 bdr 150 0 9mm 500
 16PI reports area vic Buanduang 645780 clear 0 2 JAPS killed & one
 found dead approx 1 week very decomposed 0 documents here with
 1305418 17PI 0 by firing of our traps heard vic AVIN 671790 0 No reports yet
 so hand 1315418 18PI reports TEWEP SEKULUM and MOCOM clear 0 Total
 enemy cas 30 killed & prisoners (am awaiting details of individual
 actions 0 Coy HQ & 16PI moving to AVIN 1500 418
 Secret Siteh to 1730 418 0 16PI 9 Coy HQ at Buanduang 0 escort on Kia
 line fired on & apparently wounded 1 JAP who escaped 0 escort
 unable to leave by line to search for body in any great distance
 Section sent on sounds of firing failed to find located 0 17PI progressing
 night 4/18/19 at TUQUAMBOK 0 total enemy cas TUQUAMBOK area 6 killed
 16PI 0 18PI progressing night 4/18/19 SOKUM unable proceed further till
 morning 19 OCT. due lack of native labor 0 Insurrection so proceed to AVIN
 & block enemy retreats from that area.
 Secret Siteh to 0530 419 0 1930 418 18PI report another Jap killed
 in the SEKULUM area
 Talked to Tut Tut BAUNDUANG village now reoccupied but some
 Japs reported in gardens below village. He does not know how many
 but the coons are making a further recce
 Income am cap return submitted daily
 17PI killed 5 JAPS approx 1030 415 on track 500 yds NTH of KUTING 0 PI then
 proceeded NTH and occupied BANGDAP - 1230 415 0 No enemy in village
 but recent signs of occupation 0 Straggler seen moving in direction
 of ARANDANG Coy HQ & 16PI followed 17PI into Bangdap 1310 415 Track on
 KUTING good & level then rise to Bangdap 0 letters & badge found
 Coy HQ & photos found on JAPS near KUTING - No indentification clear
 clear 0 Coy HQ 164 17PI progressing night 17/18 Oct. at KWAMBELANG 0 village all
 clear 0 Coy HQ 164 17PI progressing night 17/18 Oct. at KWAMBELANG 0 track good
 all way very steep in places 0 one dead JAP on track about 2/3 of
 way Numerous old fires along track Tut Tut has sent 2 main
 report on JAPS at BUANDUANG 0 Tut Tut also reports JACKSON
 at TEWEP moving to SEKULUM tomorrow JACKSON can be fed from
 rouse (Please advise re Campbell Foreman cables so get WPI with
 Jackson on apparently first a/cron buyer 5/18/19 at Kwambelang
 should be able to see 1st a/cron buyer 5/18/19 at Kwambelang
 dead one with

30 DF49 D Coy PIB 0830
 31 DF50 DIFA BASA 1100
 32 DF51 DIFA BASA 1600
 33 DF53 DIFA BASA 0600
 34 ID53 BASA DIFA 1220
 35 A169 BASA BASA 1220 1300
 36
 37 DF55 DIFA BASA 0530
 38 DF56 DIFA BASA 1220
 39 DF57 DIFA BASA 1230
 40 DF58 DIFA BASA 1545

BAMBOK 598692 and KATING clear @ ADV NTH on EAST side of SANAM river @ Ato B40
 at MANAKASAT
 0630 416 17pl attacked JAPS in huts 400 x upstream from HANOBMAIN approx 627742 Cas enemy
 10 killed own mil @ 1000 416 17pl moved to ORIN approx 610743 @ 1730 415 18pl killed one
 JAP along track via ORIN.
 16pl left BANGDAP 1300 416 @ Coy HQ left BANGDAP 1400 416 & arrived HANOBMAIN 1530 416 track
 excellent good grade whole way using very zig zag to HANOBMAIN from CK
 17pl amm exp AD 1290 416 @ 303 bdr 100 303 can 150 9mm 2000 grenades 4 sec 4 2" MOR 4 HE 4
 Ann exp 16pl AD 1200 416 NIL @ Amm Holdings 17pl rifleman 30 rds each Bren 100 per gun
 OSMG 25 per gun Grenades 4 sec 1 each man 2" Mortar HE NIL 16pl each rifleman 100
 fuses 2" MOR. HE 2 Smoke 6. @ 17pl sighted just past HANOBMAIN - so recalled
 to adjust amm between pls. @ all booty at HANOBMAIN & moving fwd to
 BUANDUANG moving 17 Oct.
 SECRET SITREP to 0530 417 @ NO W/T comms with 18pl. due to very bad static since 1600 416
 pl then proceeding to TEWEP.
 1200 418 advise received that 18pl killed 27 Japs at TEWEP not 7 as previously
 @ 2 prisoners @ this was in action of 417 @ line comms to Kwambelang &
 Rde Requie personell evacuated to hospital to carry blankets & mosquito net
 until further notice
 Secret Sitrep to 0530 418 @ NO contact with enemy @ W/T comms 18pl not yet
 estd. @ Coy HQ 164 17pl - moving Buandurang moving 18 Oct.
 1125 418 Coy HQ left KWAMBELANG 642790 arrived BUANDUANG 1215 418 @ 0930 418
 17pl left Kwambelang arrived Buandurang 1015 418 @ 1000 418 16pl left Kwambelang
 arrived Buandurang 1045 418 @ track bench was good gradient @
 Buandurang not occupied by Japs who lived in garden @ 4 dead
 buried by natives approx 1 week ago @ 1030 418 17pl moved through BERSO
 DUANG 645780 Nth along track in pursuit of 10 Japs who were fired on
 by 164 17pl. @ 16pl haul out three patrols to clear gardens in
 the BUANDUANG.
 The following are all MR worked out by DIFA BUANDUANG 645780
 Bangdap 625730 Kwambelang 2 642790 HANOBMAIN 625702 AVIN 671790
 KUTING 605718 BAMBOK 599708 MANAKASAT 590718 ORIN 610743 Bawan 562742
 Kumpum 577695 TEWAP 614785
 18pl location of cas. CAWOK 15 Oct & killed ORIN 15/16 Oct & killed @ TEWEP
 16 Oct 27 killed @ TEWEP 17 Oct. 3 killed @ Sekuhem 18 Oct. 1 Rifle @ Moeem 18
 Oct NIL @ enemy had plenty of grenades @ only one rifle found. @ all
 captured documents returned by runner

15/17 Oct

15	DF35	DIFA	BASA	0530
16	DF36	DIFA	BASA	1530
17	I80	BASA	DIFA	0610
18	DF37	DIFA	BASA	1730
19	DF38	DIFA	BASA	1730
20	DF39	DIFA	BASA	0530
21	I78	BASA	DIFA	1915
22	DF41	DIFA	BASA	0530
23	DF42	DIFA	BASA	1900
24	DF43	DIFA	BASA	1500
25	DF44	DIFA 1	DIFA 2	1530
26	DF45	DIFA	BASA	1545
27	DF46	DIFA	BASA	1700
28	DF47	DIFA	BASA	1645
29	DF48	DIFA	BASA	0530

Secret Sitrep 40 0530 412 @ 1930 412 17pl less 2 sides left Number 90
 proceed as far as possible before last light destination 413 MANAKASAT
 Boulder I am MANAKASAT 1150 413 @ Received area for HQ @ Coy HQ used at track
 & ck ring 578697 @ 16pl arrived MANAKASAT 1430 413 @ Moving to BAMBOK 1630 413
 17pl arrived MANAKASAT 0930 413 @ 2 JAPs wandering in area killed @
 shot heard from patrol EAST of bridge 574 695 @ No 59495 @ No reports to hand @ 18pl
 arrived Coy HQ 01400 413 @ Patrolling to nearby village Ration not yet arrived

Secret Sitrep 41 0600 413 @ NGAFIR ck camp 0355-0357 413 by explosion heard
 direction LAE other areas SITNOK @ all informed

LOCSTAT up 40 1800 413 @ Coy HQ 597697 16pl MANAKASAT 17pl moving to BAMBOK
 18pl 597697

Secret Sitrep 40 1730 413 SITNOK

Secret Sitrep 40 0530 414 @ 17pl patrol to EAST side of river approx contacted
 enemy Cas enemy 1 killed 3 jumped in river presumed drowned
 LOCSTATS dispans as at 1800 413 down to see required to reach this HQ before
 2359 413 anticipated movements up to 415 to be stated

SECRET SITREP 40 0530 414 @ Coy HQ arrived BAMBOK 1715 413 16pl cleared village of
 BAMBOK 1715 413 Cas enemy one killed @ 16pl also killed one JAP at off on
 Down cas all of 413 NIL

Coy HQ closing at BAMBOK and moving with 16pl to BANGDAP via KATING

Documents found on dead JAPS vic KATING (approx 1/2 mi NTH of main track
 midway between track & SANAM River

Ration situation - Coy HQ rationed to breakfast 16 Oct. due to increase
 in strength & feeding stay personnel @ 16pl 17pl rationed to evening meal
 16 Oct. but very light

17pl moving at 1600 415 to clear HANOBMAIN approx sq 6379 and bronze in
 area night 15/16 Oct. @ Coy HQ & 16pl remaining BANGDAP approx 645780 @ No
 contact 17pl by W/T @ possible dropping ground at KATING approx sq 6171
 area approx 400 yds by 400 yds. mainly KUNAI approach by NTH or STH. along
 EAST side of SANAM river @ fire seen at MISOK 1530 415

1615 415 18pl at ORIN approx 627809 Total enemy cas 5 killed & wounded own Nil
 patrol sent to MISOK @ captured documents being fwded by runner (presum
 MANAKASAT 582698 @ W/T told strength R5

LOCSTAT 1800 415 Coy HQ and 16pl BANGDAP 645780 17pl HANOBMAIN sq 6379 18pl
 ORIN 627809

Secret Sitrep 40 0530 416 @ 1700 415 17pl killed 2 Japs 100 yds. EAST of SANAM River
 vic HANOBMAIN sq 6379 @ 1800 415 17pl cleared HANOBMAIN @ No signs of recent
 occupation by enemy

12/15 26

11/12 Oct

INFORMATION.

		BASA	1731	
7.	DF30	DIFA	BASA	1731
8.	AJ.2.	18pl	BASA	1650
9.	DF29.	DIFA	BASA	1730
10.	DF31	BASA	1730	1730
11.	DF28	DIFA	BASA	1630
12.	I76	BASA	DIFA	1740
13.	DF33	DIFA	BASA	1830
14.	DF34	DIFA	BASA	1730

JOV ELECTRICIAN. @ 18pl. HAVE cleared village of KOROW. approx 563690. @ NO sign of JAPS.
 @ Track from BANZAIN. approx 515685 good. @ Stiff climbing @ moving on to KUMBUM.
 approx 577695 first light @ 1750 4/11 13pl DUDI arrived BOANA. approx 497713 @ 2 sets Mantas
 staging night at 492688.

1710 4/11 BUIBBER I BASA and Batman arrived BOANA Mission ref 497713 @ 1710 4/11 cpl
 LANGFORD arrived BOANA Mission

HAVE cleared village of KOROW. @ NO sign of JAPS. @ Track from BANZAIN. good.
 Stiff climbing @ Moving on to KUMBUM. at first light.

SECRET SITREP 1. @ 1730 4/8 @ Coy HQ est. BOANA Mission approx. 497713 at 1200 4/10 @
 16pl arrived WAMPAGNAN. approx. 510720. 1830 4/10 17 pl arrived BANZAIN approx. 515685
 1330 4/10 @ 18pl arrived BANZAIN. 1130 4/11 @ moved to KUMBUM. approx 577695 approx
 time 3 1/4 hrs @ Comms. est with REAR BASA 1400 4/11 @ Comms not yet est with
 @ 17pl patrol to KUMBUM. moved along track for two hours to 567691. @
 recently used by JAPS. however. no enemy sighted @ old JAP ambush
 found via 567691 NOT occupied for some time. @ ADV. BASA. est BOANA 1730

SECRET SITREP 2. @ 0530 4/12 @ SITNOV.

MINER and Batman arrived DIFA 1625 4/11

1900 Password from 1700 4/12 WILLIE

17pl patrol on track bearing 135° returned 1815 4/12 reports village
 half hour away called KUMBUM I approx 582688 clear @ proceeded
 on track to SANAM River 591699 and found bridge severed
 @ River at this point strongly flowing & approx 50 yds wide
 @ TUL TUL contacted in nearby gardens advise JAPS in area
 approx 1 mth ago crossed WEST across bridge from Kumbum
 and severed bridge six feet from WEST bank @ JAPS consumed
 natural stock & moved NTH. @ They were unarmed & in poor
 condition without rations @ TUL TUL will have bridge repaired
 within three or four days @ 1900 4/12 patrol to BAMBOK reports
 3 enemy contacted armed only with grenades. 400 yds east
 of MANAKASAT killed two one escaped our cas mil @ bivouac
 in area

17pl patrol to MANAKASAT reports village deserted @ 5 dead JAPS
 found unable to ascertain cause of death @ 1 dead Japs
 track coming back from MANAKASAT bullet wounds in body
 1500 4/12 patrol proceeding to BAMBOK @ 1730 4/12 to 1700 4/12 consumed
 shooting rifle grenade and OSMG @ bearing from Kumbum 81 @ 1500
 distance approx. apparently from EAST side of SANAM

Serial No. Orig. No. FROM TO. TO. TOR.

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19/11 06 Oct 10.

1 DF25 DIFA BASA 1500.

Adv. Coy HQ est at BOANA 495714 @ 17 PL. moved to BANZAIN. 508688 (back time approx 1 hr @ patrol sent EAST. along track to main village. (NOT marked) back time 15 mins @ NO enemy sighted @ 16 pl moving to KWAMBELENG 518732 to est defensive for pl. and base for patrols EAST. @ 18 pl and rear Coy HQ. at RIVER JUNE 493688. @ moving to BOANA first light 11 OCT. W/T, NOT working @ Battery out of order @ Rantus held as from 1800 4/10 @ Coy. HQ's 4 18 pl 1 day @ 16 pl. 2 days. 17 pl 3 days. @ Fires set on DROME in anticipation of dropping.

2 - TOMMO WHITEY 1830 1915

16 pl reached WAMPAGNAN. 1830 hrs could you arrange for a native to join us tomorrow to guide us to BAWAN tracks running off everywhere may hold us up. **NOTE** (Native guide to be sent to lead patrol to BAWAN)

~~3 DF26 DIFA BASA 0900~~

~~DIFA and 18 pl est. 495714 16 pl. 514724. 17 pl. 508688. Patrols EAST to BAWAN and KUMBUM.~~

3 DF26 DIFA BASA 1250

Have just returned from BANZAIN @ 17 PL received pl afternoon 10 Oct. reported NO enemy seen @ fighting patrol sent to KUMBUM @ intention was to dispose 17 pl at Kumbum. When cleared & patrol from that area. 16 pl patrolling to BAWAN object same as 17 pl. 4T to BOANA expected approx 1400 4/11.

4 H18 BIKA DIFA 0840 1600

Ref weapon held by BIKA personnel please submit this HQ list of required numbers of 3" mortar MG rifles, pistols, compasses, binoculars, protractors, washes held by BIKA personnel immediately.

5 014 BASA DIFA 1430 1600

Confirming phone conversation 1415 4/11 with BUILDER 1 DIFA bde BOANA STRIP cleared for landing with upmiss expedition @ suggest that 1 pl status advice to be forwarded immediately strip cleared.

6 DF27 DIFA BASA 1425

Plane 236 dropping BOANA. Started drop 1355 4/11 finished dropping 1430 4/11 @ 7 runs approx recovery 90% @ then made 8TH to NTH.