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24 Infantry Battalion
January 1944, Appendices

REPORT ON ATTACK BY A COY RESULTING
IN CAPTURE OF SPENDLOVE SPUR

556699 - 24 JAN 44

Ref Map

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At 0630 hrs 24 Jan 44, the Coy moved out from Camp 3, 553689, & took up a posn vic Broken Rifle posn 555696, ready to move fwd after the arty concentration on SPENDLOVE SPUR. From 0955 to 1025 hrs, arty laid concentration on spur. Observation by fwd Sps showed that arty was falling to right of Jap posn, but were unable to get word to the arty until concentration was over.

At commencement of arty, 7 pl moved to the left flank to attack & capture the posn from a spur on the left. 8 pl was to give covering fire from the main Sk whilst 7 pl attacked. 8 pl moved up the Sk during the arty fire, but held their fire, awaiting further arty fire onto the Jap posn.

At 1110 hrs, 7 pl on the left flank reached the Jap held spur. 5 men had climbed onto the spur, when Cpl Warner saw one Jap standing on the Sk approx 10 yds fwd of him. He put a burst into this Jap & a Jap LMG & a sniper opened up on the men on the Sk. Our Bren gunner fired on the Jap LMG, which ceased firing & two Owen gunners fired on the sniper in a tree. A Jap threw a grenade

which slightly wounded two men. In all, 5 Japs were seen in the posn, none of whom were wearing eqpt.

As the Jap fire became too heavy, 7 pl was ordered to withdraw to the SOUTH from the spur. The Bren gunner covered the withdrawal of the 4 men on the spur & the pl withdrew, still under Jap LMG & rifle fire. Jap casualties - one known killed, 2 possibly killed, own - 3 slightly wounded by shrapnel.

It was found that the timber was so thick that walkie-talkies were useless, even over a distance of less than 200 yds. For this reason, no comn was available with 7 pl, so the pl returned to their start point on the main sk.

At 1115 hrs, just after the 7 pl attack, 8 pl moved into thinner timber beneath an almost perpendicular bank 50 ft below Jap held spur. 2 Brens and 2 Owens opened up on Japs drawing heavy fire, including grenades, from the Jap posn.

It was decided that further arty shelling was required to enable capture of the posn. However, as there was no comn with 7 pl, the

arty was held up. Cpl Goodwin, who said he knew where 7 pl was situated, went as a runner from comd post to contact pl. He did not contact pl and was not found until 26 Jan when it was found that he had crossed the main Jap sk & after firing one magazine of Owen from within 25 yds of the top of the post, had been killed.

As Cpl Goodwin had not returned, Sgt McLennan moved out later to contact 7 pl. He was found on 25 Jan, having also crossed the main Jap spur & had been killed whilst moving NORTH down the side of the spur.

Soon afterwards, Cpl Barney set out with battle phone & cable to contact 7 pl. However, after about 10 mins, Cpl Warner reported to the Comd post that 7 pl was back on the main sk. A runner was sent & contacted Cpl Barney as he was climbing the side of the spur.

As the whereabouts was now known of the missing pl, it was decided to withdraw & allow a further concentration of arty to be made. Cpl Barney moved fwd with a battle phone to attempt to

direct the arty onto the Jap posn. He did a very good job & although it was impossible to see the actual Jap posn whilst the arty was firing, it was accurate enough to score a number of direct hits on the posn. The arty fired from 1525 to 1600 hrs. Towards the end of the shelling, 8 pl commenced to move fwd. However, at that moment, one of the last of the arty shells fell much shorter than the rest, wounding two of our men & giving a number of men a severe shaking.

A smoke screen was then laid in front of the Jap posn by means of 2 in mortar. The screen was very good, but the wind blew it back on our own sps, holding up the advance until it cleared. 8 pl then advanced, with 9 pl as rear, in support. 8 pl again reached a posn at the edge of the thinner timber & took up posns behind a small bank. For 5 minutes, they poured heavy small arms fire from all pl weapons into the Jap posn. There was no answering fire, so one section leader, 2/Lt L Metcalf, and the pl comdr, Sgt Spendlove,

attempted to move fwd onto the spur. L/Cpl Metcalf was 5 yds from the top of the spur when he was killed by a sniper on the spur. Sgt Spendlove lost his rifle, but got back to the pl posn and reported to the Coy Comdr. He suggested that a pl be sent to the right flank to cover the right flank & rear of 8 pl.

The Coy Comdr ordered 9 pl to move up a small spur on the right flank. 8 pl gave 9 pl covering fire as they moved fwd. They advanced up a very steep grade, 4 men getting onto the main spur. The Japs opened on them from within 5 yds, with LMGs and rifles. It is thought that the Japs were using 3 LMGs at this stage. Our 4 ps replied with a Bren & two Owens, inflicting a number of casualties. The enemy fire became very strong, 3 of the 4 men on the spur were killed, the fourth being forced to go over the edge. 2 other men of the pl attempted to drag one of the dead men off the top of the spur, but, on each attempt, were fired on by LMG & were forced to withdraw. The pl then returned to the main sk.

As 8 pl received no answering fire, when covering 9 pl attack, they

again moved fwd to the main spur. This time, they gained the spur without opposition.

7 pl moved in on the left flank & also reached the main spur. They then moved EAST up the spur, through 8 pl & took up a posn 100 yds along the spur. 8 pl consolidated on the spur just above the sk junc. 9 pl moved onto the spur on the left to give left flank protection. These were the dispositions for the night 24/25 Jan.

Just before last light, 3 men from 8 pl moved fwd 10 yds past their FDLs to where the 3 men of 9 pl had been killed. Just as they reached our men, a Jap booby trap was sprung, wounding two men.

Our casualties for the day were 6 killed 7 wounded. Known enemy casualties were 7 killed.

The Sps throughout did a splendid job, extreme courage being in evidence at all times. The posn captured had extremely good natural defences. The work of the Sps was an excellent job, very well done.

"Outhred Pte, I Section
3 Feb 44

PATROLS CARRIED OUT

DURING A COY OPERATIONS 24-29 JAN 44

Ref. Map

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21 Jan 9 pl & recce group - To recce Jap posn SPENDLOVE SPUR 556699 and locate posn of Jap weapons. Pl Comdr - Sgt McLennan. Capt Kennedy with recce group moved from Camp 3 to Broken rifle posn. 2 secs moved to right flank - other section & recce group moved along tk. Fwd scout was climbing onto SPENDLOVE SPUR when Jap LMG barrel & magazine seen at 8 yds covering the tk. Withdrew to prepare plan to draw enemy fire. Enemy sniper opened fire, wounding bren gunner in right forearm. Bren gunner knocked two other men into re-entrant. Section was forced to leave bren gun with 4 mags & 2 in mortar with 6 bombs. Jap LMG opened fire & as Japs covered spur & both re-entrants from above, section forced to move down spur to cover. Several bursts of Owen were fired, the Japs replying with an LMG. The other two sections rejoined the pl lower down the mountain at Jap grave - Patrol then returned to Camp 3. Sig Line was laid to broken rifle posn.

Patrol Comd - Lieut FOX

25 Jan 9 pl patrolled from 556699 WEST down SPENDLOVE SPUR. Found deserted Jap def posns at 554699 & good OP overlooking re-entrant & spur to NORTH

Patrol Comd - Lieut Alderdice

26 Jan 7 pl & one det 4 pl str 2 offr 23 ors, during morning, patrolled EAST from 556699 to est arty OP overlooking MINDJIM RIVER. They could not find an OP, but found very strong deserted Jap def posns, sufficient for one coy, at 560699 (CAMERONS KNOLL). Moved 1000 yds further EAST to gardens, unable est OP. Saw fresh foot prints one Jap, leading WEST from vic gardens to Jap posn. NMS.

Patrol Comd - Lieut Healy

26 Jan after Coy est CAMERONS KNOLL in afternoon, 8 pl reced EAST to same gardens as 7 pl patrol. NMS.

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27 Jan 9 pl & one det 4 pl out 270955L in 271545L. Object to est arty OP overlooking MINDJIM RIVER & reach village 563701. Patrol reached 567705, where it was found that leaves had been very recently used for seats. Across re-entrant was found a place where approx 4 Japs had slept & cooked one meal. Fresh footprints of one Jap were seen leading SE along a small pad. At this stage one of 4 Japs, who were following our patrol, called out to the rear section. Our bren opened on the Japs wounding one. The Japs ran back down the spur but were not followed

in case it was a trap to lead our patrol into an ambush. As there was a strong possibility of a Jap posn on GOODWIN SPUR, the patrol moved SOUTH off the spur up which they had been travelling onto the next EAST-WEST spur. As the last sections were moving off the spur, one Jap appeared on the spur. He was fired on by an Owen gun, but escaped NORTH over the spur. Owing to the possibility of further Japs coming down on the patrol from higher up the spur, it was decided to return to CAMERONS KNOLL. Taking direction by compass, we scrub-bashed SW down a spur to MCLENNANS CK, then climbed onto the main AK at approx 564799, returning CAMERONS KNOLL at 271545L. The Japs seen appeared to be in good condition. The first four seen had one LMG + 3 rifles. The other Jap seen had a rifle. Japs were not wearing equipment.

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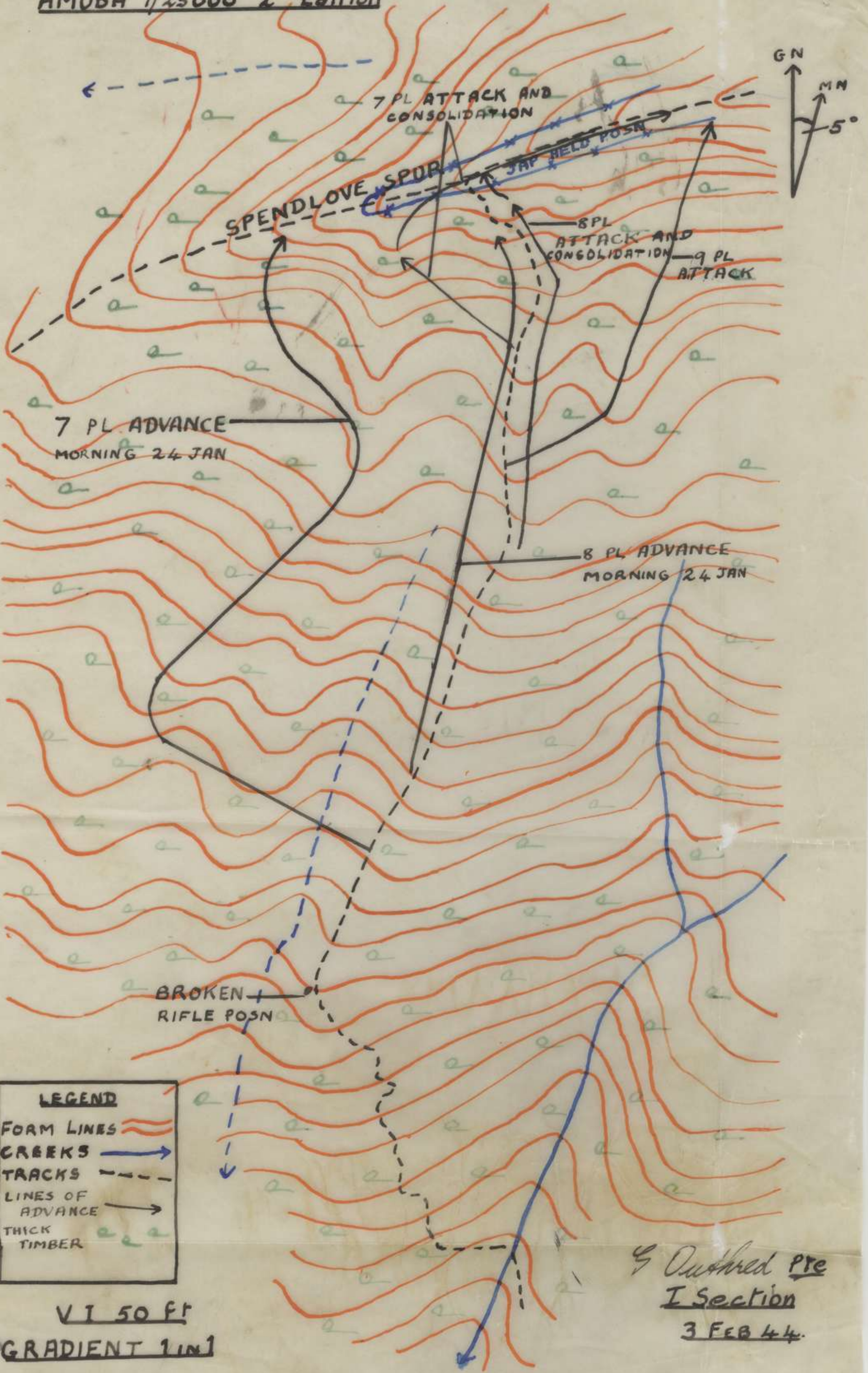
G. D. Pte, I Section, 2 Feb 44.

SKETCH SHOWING A COY ATTACK

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G Outbred Pte.

I Section.

2 Feb 44



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Type of Patrol

Ref Map. Mt Odo 1" = 1000 Recce

From Lt Warner 2nd Patrol leader Warmerita Lp

Founded by. A boy

Patrol strength - 6 men 1 Sig 1 N.C.O

Armament - 3 Owens 5 rifles 100 Rds

each over 50 Rds each Rifle

Object Patrol - To investigate Warmeriba

village and farms at night

Weather - Day one Hot day little rain
at night.

Day two Very hot no rain
at night

Day three Very hot day, heavy
rain at night

Day four - Cool morning hot
afternoon



Route out - From Map Ref 549621

down track to Evapia River

down river 30 mins then

across country to Ramu River

down River to Howo Haipa

across river west bank

down river 1300 yds to track

into Kaimereba Village

Route in - Same as route out.

Time out - 1600 hrs January 6th

Time in - 1700 hrs January 9th

Load carried - 40 lbs each man

Country very thick, tracks
just about over grown



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Report on Patrol

Day one - Left Coy 1600 hrs and made camp on Ramu river 1000 yds S.EAST of KIAPS. At 2100 hrs & 2200 hrs white flares were seen 292° from Map Ref. 510.634. Est. considerable distance of valley.

Day two - three men crossed river 1000 yds S.EAST of KIAPS then moved along River and over grown track which natives have been along within one ^{it went} weeks, to H KIAPS, small fire had been made in one hut lately, but very dirty and all tracks over grown moved down river another 1300 yds and found track running 202° from river. Natives had been on it within a few days, we went up track 600 yds to Wameriba village no natives living there village in good order



19 huts some made low on the ground with small door the same as the six hut at Thiaps other huts had floor up of ground. One hut had in it 8 boxes of 3" M Bombs 2 tin boxes of land mines & mines in each box. 3 boxes of Tomato puree and some tins of cabbage also 12 tins of Potatoes & other foods. Mines were loaded with T.N.T. One book in hut Name England their England, from Batchelors Townsville. Mosquitoes very bad on west bank of river. Troops have had one meal in Kaimarita Village food had been taken in by natives West bank of river all jungle East bank all soft cane grass & few trees in places mostly on Evapia



River. On east bank of river open
 grass country at old P. 1.13 camp.
 Found light colour Peuce boat
 still blown up been there
 some time. Boat was marked
 International Latex Top Dover
 Delaware U.S.A 19.43 no oars with
 boat it was in good order
 Boat was 200 yds up river from
 P.13 Camp. At about 2000 hrs a big
 plane like a transport came up the
 river over close to hills on West
 bank and very low it went
 behind trees and we never seen
 it again, it was so dark to
 see what kind of plane it was
 Day three - Peuce to USA Peuce boat
 when let men rest until 1400 hrs
 when 2.S.C patrol took four men



back to camp 2 men and my
self stayed until next day to
see if bears went up again but
never saw them. Night very
wet

Day four - River ~~up~~ rose 18 ins
through the night, rested until
afternoon until four men and
21.0 Petrol came four boats returned
to camp 1700 hrs January 9th
Nights one two and three got
in touch with D coy with Sig lamp
Meal operation Rations

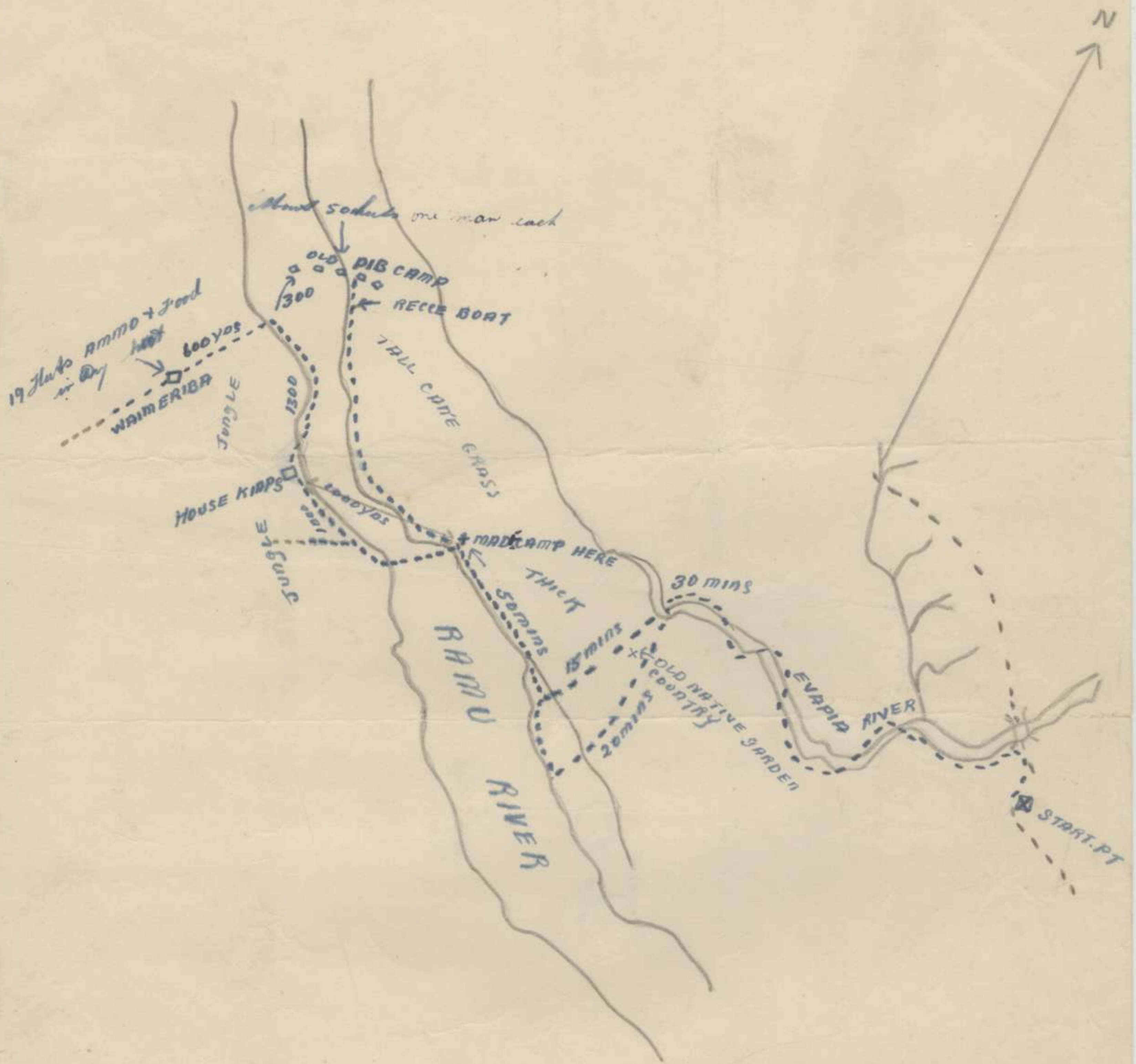
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PATROL ROUTE FROM 549621
TO HOUSE KIAPS

PATROL LEADER *Alfred Warner*



SCALE 1" = 1 MILE.

----- Dotted tracks in ink is course taken



From No

Name

Unit

Date

To 1.0
From "H" Coy.

Type of Patrol Recce

Patrol leader Sgt McHannan.

REF MAP MT OTTO. 1"

Date 2 Jan 43

Founded By 9 Pl "H" Coy

Patrol Strength 2 ORs

Armament 1 low power rifle

Object of Patrol To see if enemy had moved in country to the ~~SE~~

Weather Clear cool [North of Coy posn

Route Out 552618 to 549621 along track to 553624

Route In Reverse of Route Out

Time Out 19 20

Time In 19 40

Result Enemy had not been in area covered

Details

Country covered is flat with human tracks well defined. Had not been used for at least two days.

Deductions

365

VX15497 McHannan.
1610

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From No Name

Unit Date

REF MAP MTOTTO 1"

553624

Front section

Patrol Route

549621

A Coy 552618
Post

Rear section

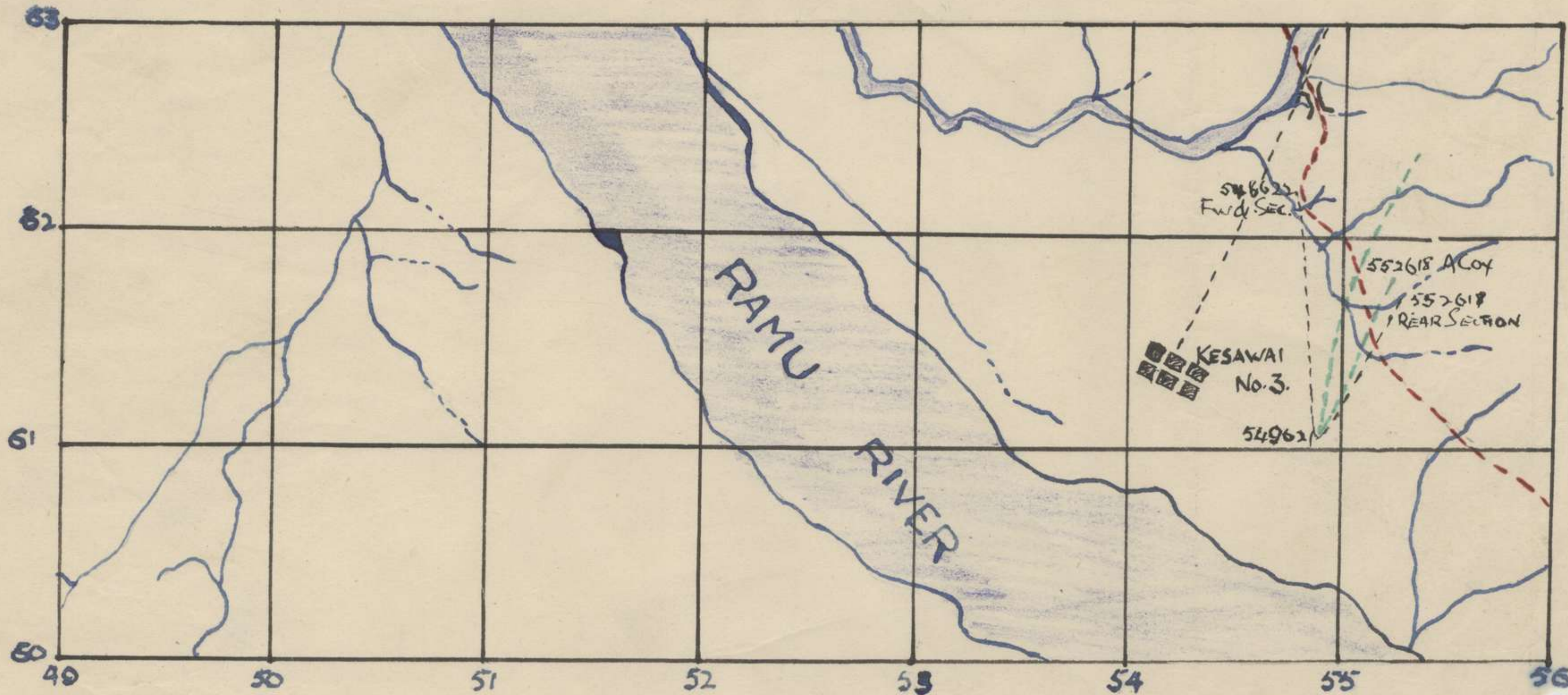
VX15497 Lt M Lunn

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MT. OTTO 1"

PATROL BY A COY.

2 JAN. 44.



LEADER VX 15497

T. McLENNAN

LEGEND.

----- PATROL ROUTE.

REF MIA P.
MIT. OPTO.
417

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Appendix K



Patrol from ^{3 sec} 502 Post 2-1-1944

Sound by 7th. A Coy. M.R. 548627
M.R. 546627

Patrol to River 300 yds from Lic Post.
Object to clear area from post to
Patrol strength 5 men. Patrol leader
Lieut. Booth

Time leaving Post 20.00 hrs

Time back to Post 20.30 hrs

Route out along track to Bwapia River

Route back along same track.

Arms 2 Owens 3 rifles 1 Grenade each
man.

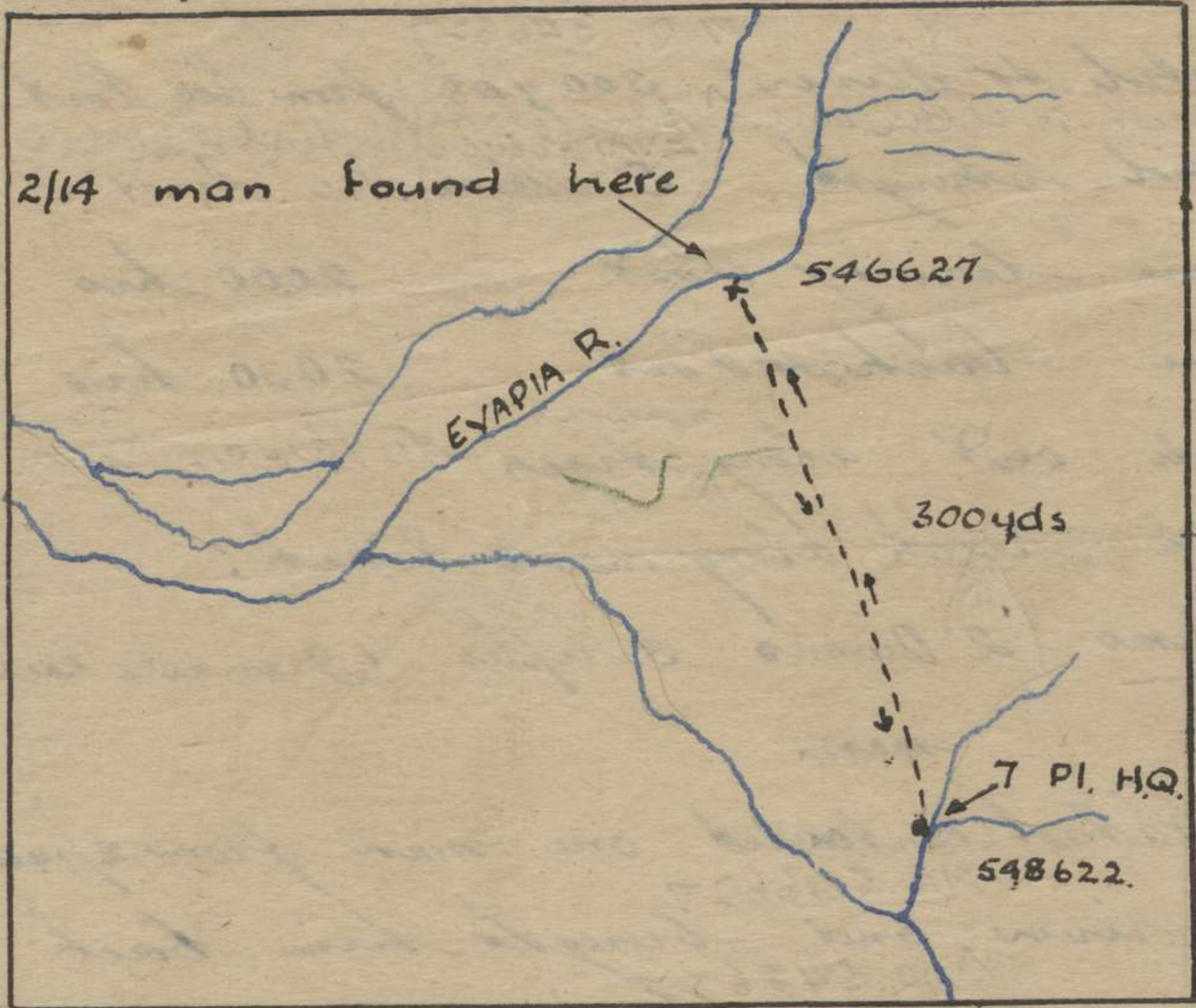
Patrol contacted one man from 2/14th
at river and brought him back
to post at 20.30 hrs. Man was
returning to his B.H.Q. from a
patrol. Nothing else to report.



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SKETCH OF PATROL No. D.

Ref Map: Mt. OTTO 1in.1mf.

R.F. 1:5400



Legend
River 
Track 

Scale:
1 in = 150 yds
(approx)

1130 hrs. 10 Jan '44.
H. P. Osmond. Pte.

Ref map: D.M.S. 1
194 DT 101

TRACK REPORT

2-1-44

DETAILS.

Leg 1. Contacted P.I.B Sgt who has just returned from patrol on S.W bank of Ramu. Reports area clear of enemy. Also reports a river crossing off P.I.B H.Q which takes 2 1/2 hrs to negotiate, and a good track to KESAWAI.

Small deserted village, 8 huts dilapidated 563600

Creek very deep mud, hard to cross

Leg 2
Between Trig pt and first main stream fresh cattle tracks were found. At least 1 cow & 1 calf in area, but were not sighted.

On opposite bank of Ramu from Joge R 3 Palaves, including 5 Marys and picaninnee observed.

Leg 3
Trig pt at junct of Joge & Ramu
Thom Trig pt to P.I.B. tk very narrow, thick Kunai.

After 1000' from S.P. tk runs out on to a wide gravel flat intersected by innumerable small streams, several of which are clear and good.

Plats are covered by sparse Kunai, no obvious tk.

Track footprints of 1 native travelling N.W were found approx 3000' from S.P., also numerous boot marks & empty Australian ration tins

Leg 4
First 1000 yds from S.P. fairly good tk through tall Kunai, close to River.

Return along the N.E from small village MR. 565600 to Rd. tk through tall Kunai all the way. One swamp 50 yds across 15 mins from village

Village to Rd 25 mins.



031015

J. E. Goodwin

Shirley
Capt

Patrol Report No. 1

Date 2/1/44

Patrol leader Cpl Goodwin

Type of Patrol Reece

Patrol strength 1 N.CO 4 ORS

" Found By 13 PL

Armament 1 OWEN. 1 BREN. 3 RIFLES

Weight Carried 5 lbs. per man

object To Recce area N.W. along N. bank of RAMU RIVER for possible enemy and inform regarding terrain

Rations 2 Days

Weather Cloudy

Route out N.W. along N. bank of RAMU RIVER to

M.R. 555603

Route in.

N.E. from small village at MR 563690 to Rd. along Rd.

Time out 021000 hrs

Time in 021630 hrs

Result.

No enemy or signs of recent enemy activities, contacted P.I.B Sgt. who informed of Recce on S. bank of river; also posn of P.I.B, discovered surveyor's pt, cattle tracks & track to rd.

021630

G. Goodwin Cpl.

Goodwin Cpl

TRACK REPORT

Ref Maps DUMPU 1"
MT OTTO 1"

2-1-44

DETAILS

- Leg 4. Contacted PIB Sgt who has just returned from patrol on SW Bank of RAMU. Reports area clear of enemy. Also reports a river crossing opp PIB HQ which takes $2\frac{1}{2}$ hrs to negotiate, and a good track to KESAWAI. Small deserted village, 8 huts dilapidated 563600. Creek very deep mud, hard to cross.
- Leg 3 Between Trig pt and first main stream fresh cattle tracks were found. At least 1 cow and 1 calf in area but were NOT sighted. On opposite bank of RAMU from IOGE River, natives, including Marys and picaninies observed.
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- Leg 1 First 1000X from SP fairly good track through tall kunai, close to river.

RETURN along the NE from small village MR265600 to Rd. Track through tall kunai all the way. One swamp 50yds across 15 mins from village. Village to Rd 25 Mins.

031015
F.E.GOODWIN Cpl

AMUBA.

PATROL CMD :SGT BRACK.

Departed from lunch area MB61674 061315L and proceeded along track, well defined but rough and muddy. Track running NW. Medium jungle on both sides. About 200 paces out a faint track runs off to the right.

At 400 paces passed an old camp. Further on the track starts to descend and we came upon one foxhole. Also boot marks (1 set) for 2 days old going NW. These continued for some time. Track continued downhill and we passed an old booby trap 1147 paces, also another wire evidently a trip wire. These wires were just off the track. At 1547 paces, we came to a small crest timbered. A faint track led off to right for about 10 yds. This point gave a view of the hill opposite. Track continued down hill for about 400 paces and then ascended and at 2337 paces I lean to in disrepair. Just after this we came to the top of the crest. This was clear and Kunai covered with 1 broken lean-to on the left side. Also picked up 4 Jap postcards. Then we came upon a sleeping position but no mat. At 2360 paces two foxholes, broken lean-to and a broken trip wire was found.

Track goes along left of Kunai patch and after climbing for approx 100 paces reached the top of the crest. The crest of the hill had strong defences along the outer edges of the spur and running for over 200 paces from the crest. There were 2 lean-to's on left side (in disrepair), also sleeping quarters on the right about 50 yds downhill. 1 PIB grave and discarded field ops lying around and in fox-holes. Reached MA 549689 at 061440L. Track runs NW from top of crest at 309 deg. Native village NE of crest at 55 deg.

Found water approx 150 yds on the right side from the crest. Coming from start point track runs down side of crest and enters timber 2288 paces. Along the track were fox-holes and at 158 paces a good O.P overlooking the AMU valley also the EVAFIA river. Up to this point the track was well defined but very muddy and rough.

070825L. Left this position along track running 309 deg. There were fox-holes on both sides of the track for 100 paces. Track enters timber and gets very muddy again. After 250 paces we came on to a Kunai spur (the old PIB camp) where there was a hut and a lean-to in bad state, also 1 grave. This was a well dug position with fox-holes around the crest of the ridge. The track descended here into more jungle and here we came upon a fresh native footprint going our way. There were also fox-holes along the track which is very steep having hand rails on the left side. We passed an old trip wire and more fox-holes with a lean-to on the left. Here we passed an old native footprint going the way we had come. Just before the track descends and enters another Kunai patch there are more fox-holes to the left and right of the track in the Kunai. At about 400 paces the track enters timber which is rough and a steep descent. Then the track runs along a creek of good drinking water for about 20 yds. Track bears away to the left of the creek and ascends track off to the left. Steep ascent to a Kunai spur with plenty of fox-holes and 3 broken down huts and lean-to's. Here a track bears right down another spur at 90 deg..

There were fox-holes and just as it starts there is a fox-hole on the left covered by a lean-to. The track here gets very muddy again and runs through timber. Passed an old booby trap with a track running off to the right leading to 2 lean-to's. Then we entered another Kunai patch with 2 huts. The track continues along the spur and branches down the side of the spur. The track going straight on stops at a native hut. It is rough going down the spur into a gully and then along the level for a while. 200 paces from the top of the crest there is water on the left about 50 yds. Here the track enters thin timber and high grass. Track is very narrow and muddy. No signs of recent marks on track.

Track descends steeply and comes out into an old native village. The huta area burnt down, the banana and young paw-paw garden overgrown. Track bears left from here down a steep slippery slope into a gully with thick timber, then a gradual rise to a Kunai spur. Track follows this spur going WEST. Continued along this spur for 1300 paces. On the left was a deep wooded gully through which a river ran. Could hear it but not see it. The grass was very thick along this spur and the track descends all the time. Continued until 071055L and had a rest at MA 532703 (approx), then started back at 071105L. Followed same track back to our starting point of the same morning, arriving there at 1355L. Had dinner and started back for Firm Base at 071516L arriving at Firm Base at 071500L.

There were no signs of recent occupation in any of the camps we passed through. The distance from MA 549689, 070825L Start Point to MA 532704 (approx) 5000 yds (approx)

K.B FALCONER. "I" See

GOING REPORT

CCO: ALONG NORTH BANK RAMU RIVER AND RETURN

TIME 1215 HRS
DATE 13 JAN '44

Oliver. Pte

REF MAPS - MT. OTTO AND DUMPU 1 INCH = 1 MILE

	SECTION	MAP	TIME & BEARINGS
<p>TRACK THROUGH KUNAI SWAMP 50' WIDE 15 MINS FROM VILLAGE</p>	3		<p>3 TRACK & ROAD JUNGLE</p>
<p>FRESH CATTLE TRACKS BETWEEN TRIG POINT AND FIRST LARGE STREAM CATTLE NOT SEEN</p> <p>NUMBER OF NATIVES INCLUDING MARYS AND PICCANINNIES OBSERVED ON OPPOSITE BANK OF RAMU R. TO LOGI R.</p> <p>8 DILAPIDATED HUTS IN SMALL DERELICTED VILLAGE AT APPROX M.R. 563600</p> <p>CONTACTED P.I.B. SGT JUST RETURNED FROM PATROL OF S.W. BANK RAMU R. REPORTS GOOD TRACK TO KESAWAI, ALSO AREA CLEAR OF ENEMY</p>	2		<p>2 45° VILLAGE</p>
<p>FIRST 1000' TRACK THROUGH KUNAI GOOD AND WELL DEFINED EASY GOING CLOSE TO RIVER.</p> <p>ON TO TRIG POINT, TRACK NOT SO WELL DEFINED. WINDS THROUGH SPARSE KUNAI 3000' FROM S.P.</p> <p>FOUND NATIVE FOOTPRINTS GOING N.W. ALSO NUMEROUS BOOT MARKS AND AUSTRALIAN RATION TINS</p> <p>SEVERAL SMALL STREAMS CROSS TRACK, GOOD CLEAR WATER</p>	1		<p>1 304° TRIG POINT</p>
			<p>308°</p>



WAR DIARY
USE MILITARY ADDRESS ONLY.

From No Name

Unit Date

Patrol Report 15 Pl 4 Jan

Type of Patrol: Recce
Object: To reconnoitre tracks leading to & from Ramu River north of C Coy area
Armament: 2 rifles, 3 Owens Grenades
Route Out: Along river for 3 hours north of C Coy area
Route In: Back to C Coy area along jeep tracks.
Time Out: 0830 Time In: 1430

Leaving area patrol proceeded S.West till striking River. It then proceeded West. The river was composed of many tributaries & numerous Islands & the patrol had to keep to the dried river bed as it was impossible to push through Kunu. After 45 minutes out came upon a big point, and small deserted hut near-by, just past big point we crossed Lioka River then contacted one Officer, two G.P.S and three natives looking for body left on river night before, as there was no evidence of any tracks through huni and ~~south~~ jungle patrol had to wade along stream in many places, also noticed native footprints on sand banks, (possibly natives bringing body night before). At 11:30 noticed a small grass hut on edge of river bank, investigating found in old section post, nearby 6 old deserted huts of native

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village, patrol then had lunch. At 1230 patrol followed a well defined track and sig. wire heading WEST, track led to D.I.D. then proceeded back along jeep track to C. boy area, arrived 1430.

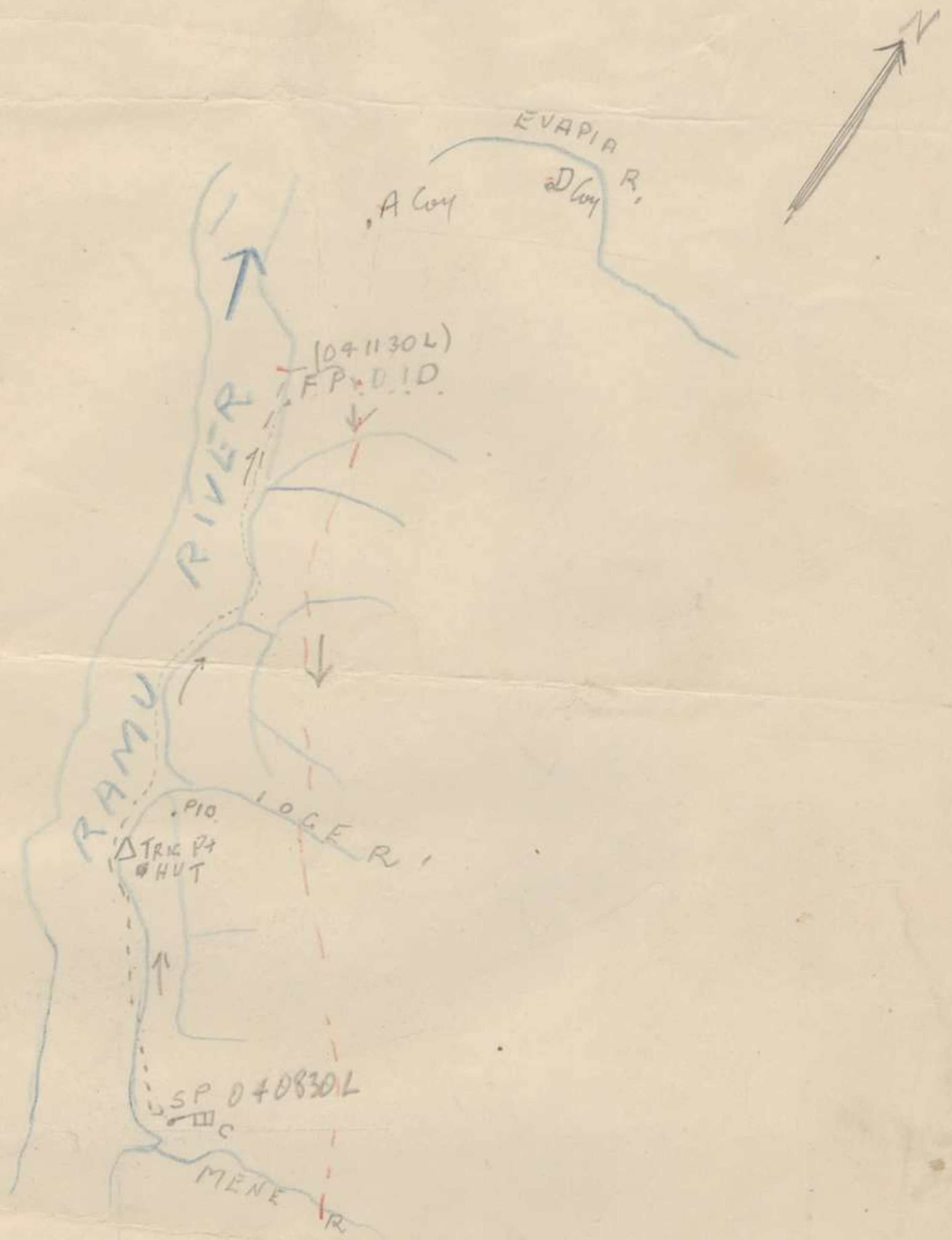
(Signed) Cpl. J. Evans

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'J. Evans', written in a cursive style.

Ref Map
DUMPU 1"
MT OTTO 1"

SKETCH SHOWING EVANS PATROL

C Coy



041900 L

Bill. J. Evans.

Receipts

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WAR DIARY
TYPE RECCE

TO: IO.

FROM: CPL. N. WARNER

DATE 4 JAN '44

REF. MAP. MTOTTO 1"

PATROL LEADER, CPL. N. WARNER

FOUNDED BY ACOY, COMPOSITE SEC.

PATROL STRENGTH 8 ORS. (PL. WELLISIMANINCE)

PATROL ARMAMENT 4 OSMGs. 4 RIFLES

OBJECT OF PATROL. To locate flares seen on nights of 2-3 JAN. 3-4 JAN and to see opposite side of RAMU for signs of enemy. Also to see track down EAST Bank of EVAPIA RIVER.

WEATHER 1st DAY. Fine and sunny till 1700. Then rain fell all night.
2nd DAY. RAIN still falling at 0800 then stopped. Sky overcast all day. Visibility only fair over long distances.

ROUTE OUT. From ACOY. M.R. 549620 along track to Xing on EVAPIA R. M.R. 545626 then along mud banks of river to M.R. 515637. Then across to RAMU to M.R. 516634. Then up RAMU to M.R. 496647. Stopped night here.

ROUTE IN. From M.R. 496647. ~~M.R. 32552~~ M.R. 522633. Then across to EVAPIA R. at M.R. 530626. Then up stream along mud banks to Xing M.R. 545626. Then along track to ACOY area at M.R. 549620.

TIME OUT. @ 0700 L. 4 JAN '43.

TIME IN. 051800 L. 5 JAN '43.

LOAD CARRIED APPROX 25 lb per man. 3 days provisions. gas can, mosquito net, ground sheet, and personal toilet gear. Amm. 4 guns 4 rifles

RESULT OF PATROL. NO flares seen on account of low country rain and low clouds which all helped to obscure view. Unable to cross RAMU RIVER because it flooded on night of 4 Jan and rose up to 18" higher. Very fast flowing and treacherous. Could not find track down EAST bank of EVAPIA because of heavy foliage. Only movement seen on opposite bank of RAMU was that of 15 natives seen at passing up stream through HOUSE KIAPS at 1430 hrs DAY 1. M.R. 500636. Returning up stream on DAY 2 light track leading from M.R. 522633 across to EVAPIA R. was found and used. This track ended at M.R. 530626 APPROX.

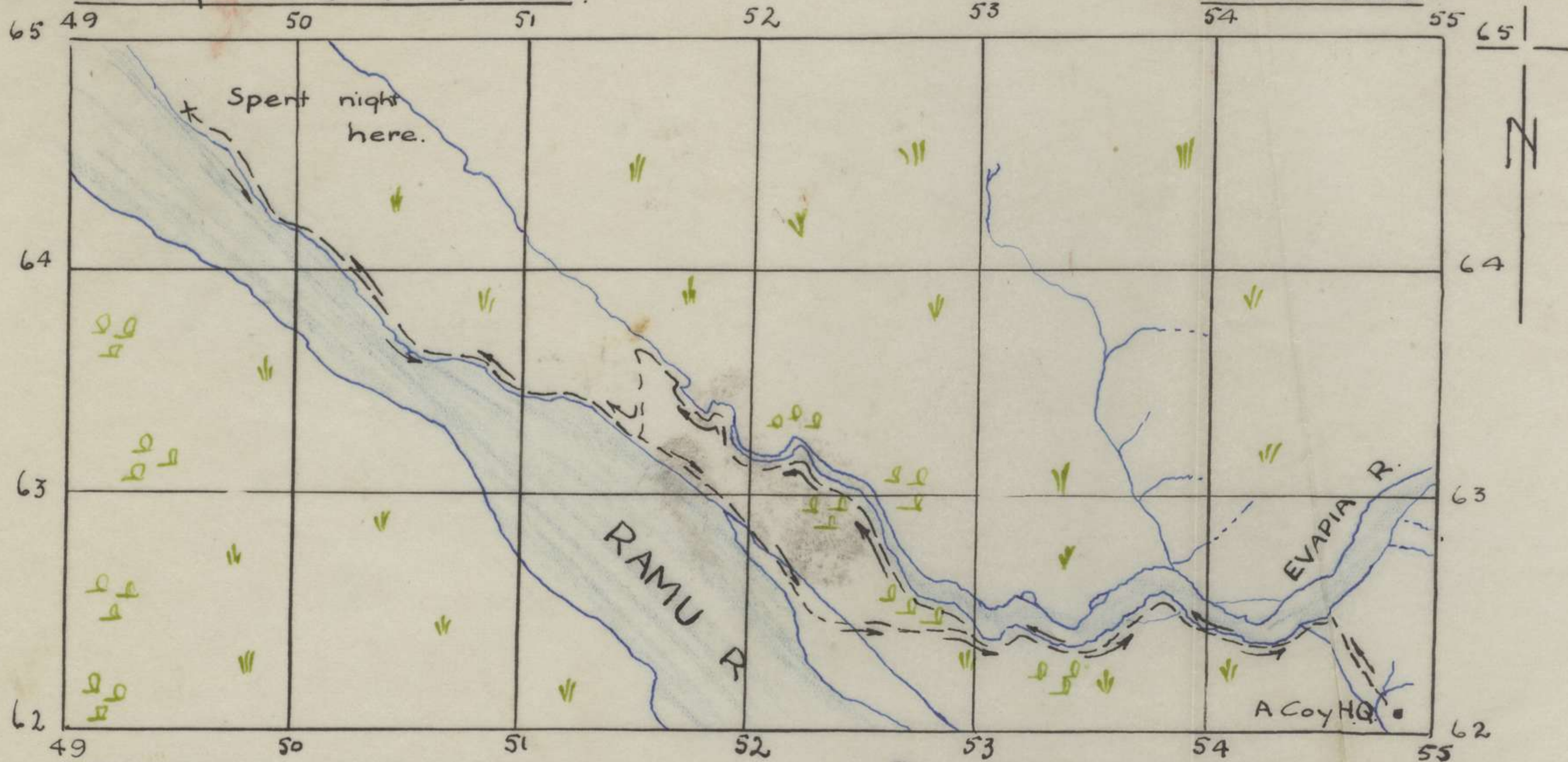
DEDUCTIONS:
NIL.

N.B. ALL M.R.S. are approx on account of clouds making hills unseen and were therefore not visible to use resection to ascertain points.

SKETCH SHOWING ROUTE of PATROL - F.

Ref Map Mt OTTO 1 in 1 ml.

R.F. 1:31680



LEGEND:-

- River
- Timber
- Grasslands
- Patrol Route

SCALE:-

1 in = 880 yds.

1520 hrs.
10 Jan. 44.

H. I. Osmond Pk.

WAR DIARY ~~of the~~ FIGHTING

TO T.O. OPPOSE - K. TYPE REECE
STANDING

FROM - A Coy H.Q. DATE 5/1/44.

PATROL LEADER } Cpl
MCCALL

REF MAP. MT. OTTO 1" ORIGINA 1"

PATROL STRENGTH:- 1 NCO 6 O.R'S 9 SUGRIF.

ARMAMENT - 3 Owen guns, 4 rifles.

OBJECTS OF PATROL:- To try and locate
flares seen previous night.

WEATHER:- cloudy, inclined to
rain all day.

ROUTE OUT:- From A. Coy H.Q. along
track shown on ref maps
crossing the Kwapia Riv at
crossing marked and continuing
up track to point where
track from Kesawai 1, crosses
main track. 509654

ROUTE IN:- Same as Route Out.

TIME OUT:- 1100 hrs

TIME IN:- 1730 hrs.

LOAD CARRIED: F.O. Rations for 1 meal and
1 tin reserved rations per
man. 2 mags per Owen gun
50 rounds per rifle.

RESULT: This was negligible
owing to very marshy
country encountered when
patrol endeavoured to
cross country from track
to Rambu Rio. Destination
was House Kiaps.

DETAILS: On orders from O.C. patrol
moved out per route as already
mentioned to try and locate
track leading from main track
to river opposite House Kiaps,
considering track from Kesawai
to continue to Rambu Rio this
was traversed until a fairly
large creek was reached patrol

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509664
ORIGINAL

508658
MT. OTTO

then proceeded to scrub back to
Parru Riv as track did not continue
on other side of creek. After
scrub bashing 300 yds, ground became
too boggy, and patrol returned
to 508658 MT OTTO 1". Patrol

then returned to main track and
proceeded in Nthly direction for
1000' when it encountered another
track leading off to the left this
was followed and ended in
a creek, ^{499666.} it was agreed that

this was a watering place for
animals although well beaten.
approx ref of this track. 500668
ORIGINA 1". Patrol returned to

main track and returned to
A Coy H.Q.S. 549621

G. Call
Cpl

REF MAPS
MT 0750 1"
ORIGINAL 1"

SKETCH OF PATROL ROUTE 2 TO INVESTIGATE FLARES VICINITY HOUSE KIAP, 500636.

SCALE
1" = 1 MILE
(approx)

DATE 5/1/44
PATROL Comd
CPL MCCOLL
9 PL A Coy.



Time 1900 hrs
Date Jan 6 '43
[Signature]

Ref Map AMUBA 1/25000. PATROL REPORT

RECCO

Supplied by C Coy HQ 13414 PLS.

LEADER Capt FRENCH

STRENGTH 2 offrs 33 ors 20 natives

ARMS 10 revs 3 mag 25 rifles words each 2 grenades per man.

OBJECT To recce track to Native village 573696 and to clear village.

Time OUT 050900L

Time IN 080815L

ROUTE OUT From C Coy area. Ref map to A Coy area

549621 (MOTTO) thence up stream KAVANA RIVER 559641 up Kuma Spur NE then N to 566661 to 562672 over FB on to 556682 then NE ~~to~~ ^{to} 560682 then E to creek 560682 followed creek down to 569697 left ch. turned N over spur crossed creek 567688 continued E to 571689 then N to NATIVE village. 573696

ROUTE IN From Native village WEST to 555699 then SSW to old jap, old PIB form. 549689 SE along range to 562672.

RESULT Found Native village 573696 ^{clear of enemy.} much evidence in area covered of jap forms & photos - old jap coats, tents, helmets. Some jap papers found and forwarded on 8 JAN to B HQ. Many tracks in all directions but only one well defined track viz - the Route IN.

N.B. ON Route OUT at FB 562672 on 6 JAN the patrol split. 10 men under Sgt BRACK formed a patrol taking 8 of the natives plus the Bow Boy which went to 549689 (old PIB form) then on to NE to 555702 then NW to Village L 551704 then W then NW down Kuma Spur to 539708. ROUTE IN = Reverse of OUT. The report of this patrol was forwarded on to B HQ on 9 JAN. approx.

DETAILS Left FB 562672 061400L. All Bqs MAGNETIC Track gradually rises N direction 1905 track to right down to dry creek. Recce patrol discon'd track petered out at creek so patrol followed well defined track on top of feature. 1950 hrs track goes down saddle & up to KUNAI patch. Broken down lead to on left of track just before N. patch. Also sig. cable drum. Side track down to valley 60°.

Left the
061550 hrs [^] Main track [^] & went spur
557682. At 559684 swung to right (SE)
to locate creek shown on map.

(From 557682 native village across valley on 40° sq.)

1605 hrs heard 1 rifle shot from NE.
This track ill defined not used recently. v. steep.
Evidently used by Japs as old coat + haversack
along track.

1625 reached creek 560683. Followed creek NE.
~~to~~ Hard going on rocky creek. Had to leave creek
as light fading (1630 hrs). Left creek 567687
climbed on to spur in NW direction & bivouac for
night at approx 565688.

7 JAN. ^{0745 hrs} Down spur E to creek 567687 ^{0800 hrs} crossed.
~~to~~ creek running downstream 135°. ^{NE} Lost track
so scrub bashed in E_{NE} direction, climbing 200ft

0845. Struck native hut deserted. 574694. Many tracks
leading from hut. Took the most well defined which
led SE. This area was thickly timbered medium
jungle spur which sloped away in SE direction.

Followed track SE till 0930 hrs. Struck Jap bivouac
site. old banana leaves in partially constructed lean to
about 50 Jap rounds and 4 grenades lying round area
also old haversack. bearing to high feature 79°
Sent recce party further down track for 10 mins. No
sign of creek or clearing so we decided to retrace
steps in hope that native village would be to
Nor NW. 0950 returned along track. Thick timber
prevented us taking bearings to decide location. We
had to proceed by compass.

071100 after receiving many side tracks finally came on
a well defined track running E-W. Took left turn
(West track) and climbed slightly for about 15 minutes
when we emerged on clearing and native village
5 minutes before reaching village struck track running
off our track at 60°. Village very clean - apparently
little used by Japs. Water 7 mins down gully.

Look several bearings

- 189° to FB. 562672
- 267° to hut on K. spur. on 5800 ^{feature} system.
- 197° to high feature between FB & hut. clearing
- 181° 30" to highest feature down valley
to RAMU RIVER.

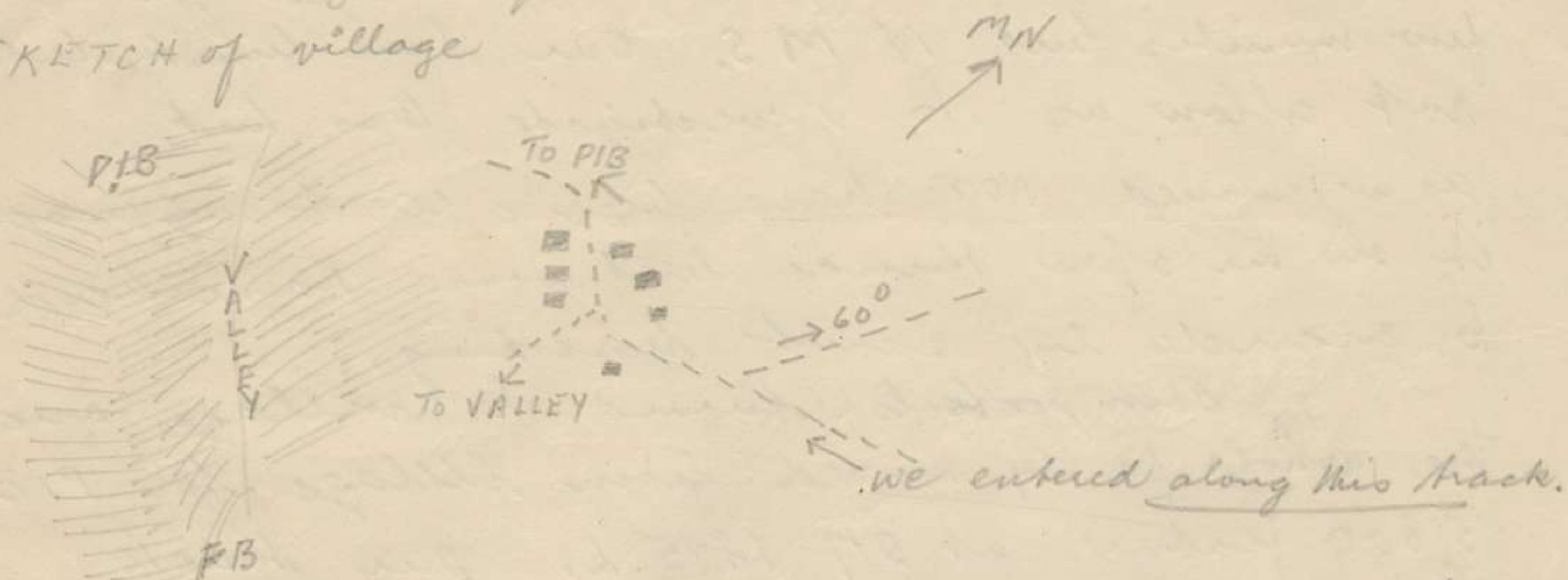
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94° 30" along track leading from village to valley & creek.

92° to 2nd highest feature.

125° to highest feature in distance.

SKETCH of village



The ridge this village is on appears to be an "ISLAND" and about 1400 ft high.

We found a Jap paper here which we forwarded to BHQ on our return.

071200 Comm was established per our R/T with BHQ

We had lunch and at 1230 hrs 2 small recon patrols left village one patrol went up track for 45 mins leading W. This track turned out to be track back to 5800 feature. Enclosed is going map of this patrol.

The 2nd patrol went 45 mins along track leading N from village. At 1230 hrs we heard 2 rifle shots coming from N direction. Along this track we found 3 old Jap coats at intervals a Jap helmet lying and noticed several old water-filled foxholes. After 45 mins through timber and medium jungle - fairly easy going - fairly level track - we came to the end of spur on to a Kumai clearing approx 573701 on which stood an old Kanaka hut. The track from there continued on N dropping sharply down the W. spur to creek. Where the track came out of timber to the clearing was a covered foxhole filled with water. At this spot we noticed a Jap

footprint and a "squat" approx a day old.

Another ill defined track led down Kunai approx E to another hut. This would be about 250yds. We observed for a few minutes but NMS. Our time limit did not allow us to investigate this hut as we would NOT have been able to approach it in the open Kunai but would have had to encircle by scrub bashing.

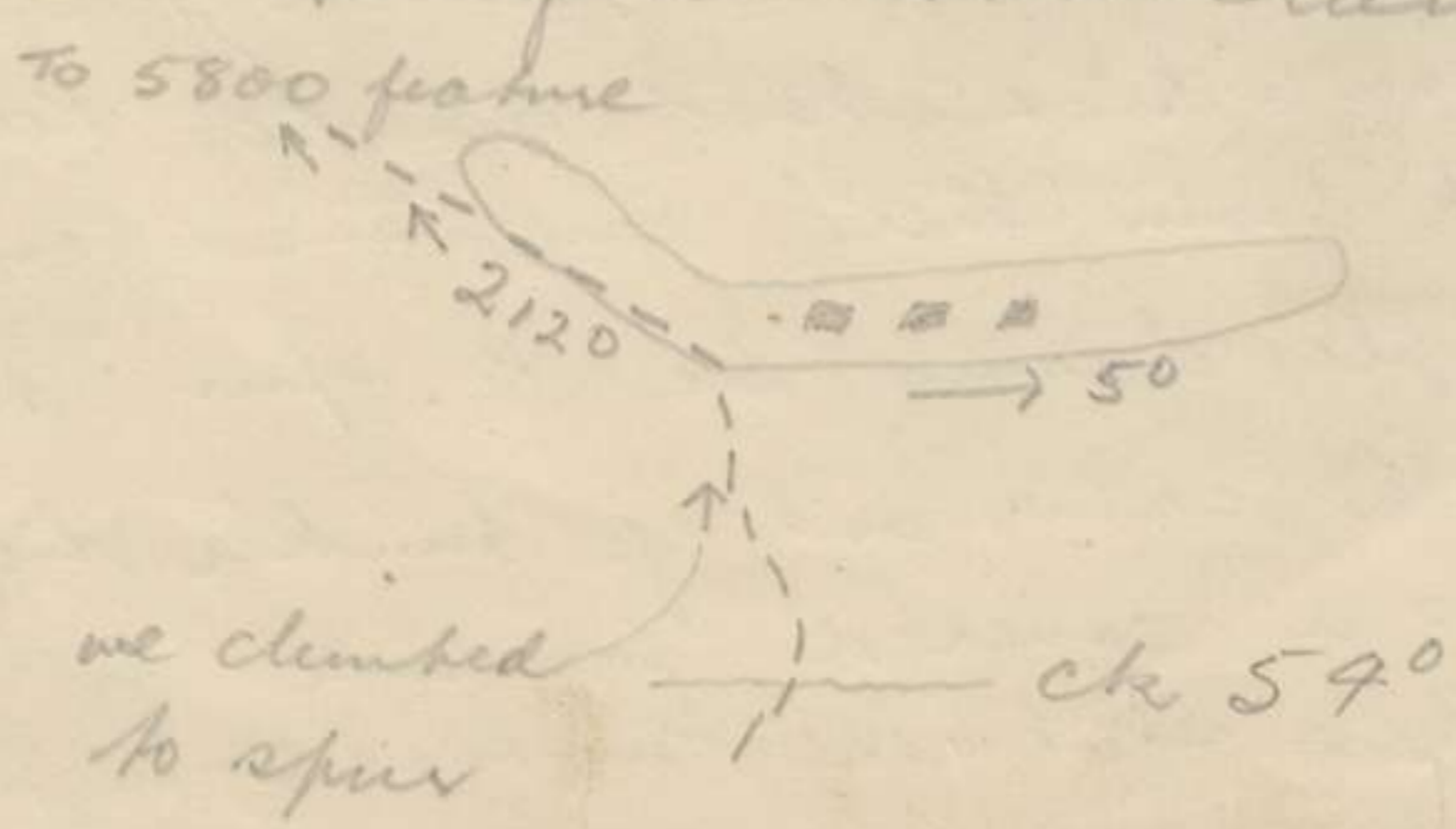
Both patrols returned to village and the whole party moved from village for P13 5800 feature at 07 1415 hrs. Our track lead in W direction from village on bearing of 152° magnetic. At 1430 hrs we noticed a track leading off to left at approx 260° mag. Very ill defined and ill used.

1435 hrs we climbed to a kunai hill which ran in general direction of 305° mag.

1445 fairly easy going through tall kunai

1450 track descends - very muddy in general direction of 283°.

1510 hrs crossed a small muddy trickle running at right angle to track in direction of 54°. After the creek the track climbed sharply grade 1 in 1. Evidence of old booby traps along track. We soon reached a kunai spur which ran in ^{one} direction at 212° mag and in another at 50. This spur was in shape of a boomerang:



TO I.O.

PATROL REPORT

WAR DIARY Ref Map DUMPV 1
DATE 5 JAN 44

From Cpl. Hallam

RECCE PATROL

PATROL FOUND BY 5 PL HQ COY

PATROL STRENGTH 3

PATROL COMD Cpl Hallam

ARMAMENT, 2 rifles with 4 mags each, 1 rifle with 50 rounds, 6 grenades.

OBJECT To find crossing over Ramu river at mouth of Mene river
and recce South bank Ramu river downstream for one day.

Route out was from H. Q. Company 597590 to mouth of Mene river
across Ramu river then N West to 546592.

Route in from 546592 across Ramu river to 548605 then along
bank S E. to mouth of Jogan river N E along river to road then

E S. East to H.Q. Coy area 597590.

TIME OUT 040830L

TIME IN 051520L

RESULT Two difficult crossings found over Ramu river at mouth
of Mene river and 548605. No sign of enemy seen. Track along
bank of river swampy and hard going. Small village of 8 huts
occupied by natives was found at 546592. Small plane wheel
was seen washed into bank of river at 577575.

DETAIL Left H.Q. Coy at 040830L moved down road to Mene river
then along West bank to mouth of river. We searched for wire
traps reported at mouth of river 1/2 mile each side of mouth but
were unable to locate it. Commenced crossing river at 598672
reaching South bank at 579573. Approx. 8 swift flowing channels
was deep were crossed. Patrol then moved N.W. along bank
finding the wheel of a plane on the bank at 577575. This was possibly
washed away when river rose 2ft. during night. At 041300L reached
square 574578 where we stopped for lunch. Attempted to move up re-entrant
square 5757 but thickness of jungle made this impossible. Moved back
to bank of river and at 041300L reached 574578 where we stopped
for lunch. Here we met two natives who offered to guide us along
native pad to their village. Moved on with natives at 041410L after
600 yds. crossed creek 2ft deep and 15ft wide with clear water. 50 yds
further on crossed another creek containing good water, 3ft deep
and 20ft wide. After 5 mins. entered jungle swamp with small stream
flowing out of it. At 041445L left jungle and reached very faint
pad which led S into the hills. Followed N.W. branch of pad through
Kumai for 15 minutes arriving 041500L at village 546592.
Examined huts in village where approx. 30 natives were living, then

moved short distance up open to South to over-look surrounding
country. Bearing to Kosawan village was 356° Mag. and to feature 5500
 50° Mag. Returned to village where natives completed construction
of new hut for our use. Natives were helpful getting wood and
water but were very short of food.

050900h left village and commenced crossing river with the
assistance of natives. River crossing took $1\frac{1}{2}$ hrs. moving down stream
approx. 1000 yds. then back up stream reaching N. bank at 548605.
Moved S.E. through kumans along banks of river to mouth of
Yogias river ~~then North~~ where there was a trig point. Bearings from
trig point 40° Mag. to feature 5500, and 188° Mag. to feature 9100.
then moved along river to main road then S.E. to H.Q. bay
arriving 051520h.

Cpl J. Hallam

5 Platoon

M/G Coy

5th Garrison Bn.

From A. Coy. HQ. Ref map MT OTTO. 1 in. URIGINA 1 inch.

Patrol strength. 1 NCO 6 OR.

Armament. 3 Owen guns. 4 rifles.

Object of patrol To try and locate flares seen previous night.

Weather. Cloudy, inclined to rain all day.

Route out. From A Coy HQ along track shown on ref maps crossing the EVAPLA River at crossing marked and continuing up track to point where track from KISAWAI 1 crossed main track. 509664.

Route in. Reverse of route out.

Time out. 1100hrs. Time in. 1730hrs.

Load carried. 1 meal F.O. ration. 1 tin reserved rations per man. 2 mags per Owen gun. 50 rounds per rifle.

Result. This was negligible owing to very marshy country encountered when patrol endeavoured to cross country from track to RAMU River. Destination was HOUSE KIAP.

Details. On orders from O.C., patrol moved out on route already mentioned to try and locate track leading from main track to river opposite HOUSE KIAPS. Considering track from KESAWAI 1 509664. URIGINA. 1 in. to continue to RAMU River this was traversed until a fairly large creek was reached. 508658 MT OTTO. Patrol then proceeded to scrub dash to RAMU River as track did not continue on other side of creek. After scrub bashing 300 yds, ground became too boggy and patrol returned to 508658 MT OTTO. Patrol then returned to main track and proceeded in NORTHERLY direction for 100 yds when it encountered another track leading off to the left. This was followed and ended in a creek 498666. It was agreed that this was a watering place for animals although well beaten. approx ref of this track 500668. URIGINA 1 inch. Patrol returned to main track and returned to A Coy. HQs 549621.

Signed G. J. COLL.
Cpl.

SKEETCH OF PATROL

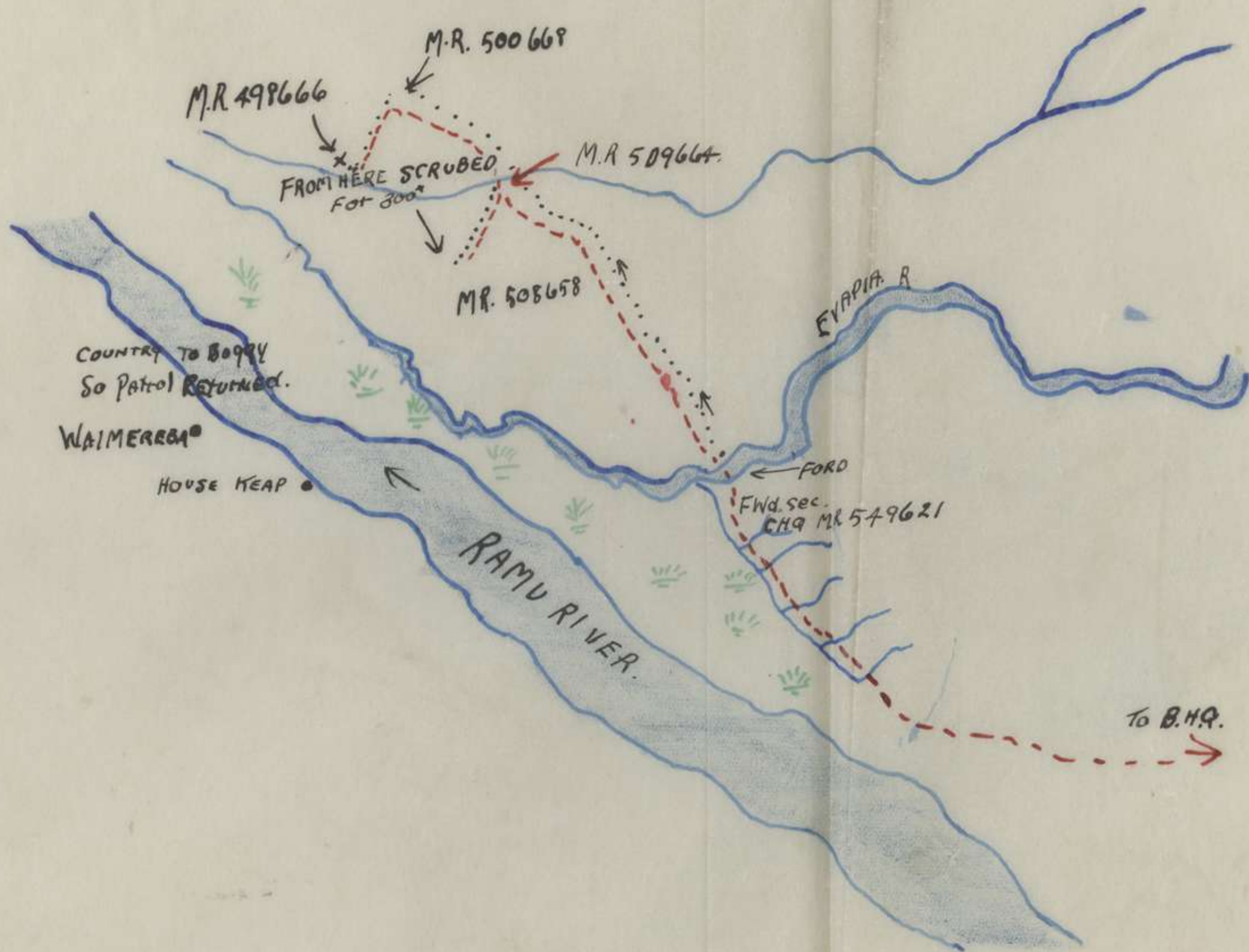
ROUTE TWO

REF. MAPS

URIGINA 1"

MT. OTTO 1"

TO INVESTIGATE FLARES IN VICINITY HOUSE KIAP M.R. 500686. 05 JAN. 1944.



Patrol Comd.
Sgt. G. G. Scott
9 P.N. A. Coy.

Route Taken

SCALE 1" = 1 mile (approx)

H. Jackson G.P.
091100LJBR. 1944.

2 sketches
Patrol file

Ref Map DUMPU 1"
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Recce Patrol

PATROL REPORT

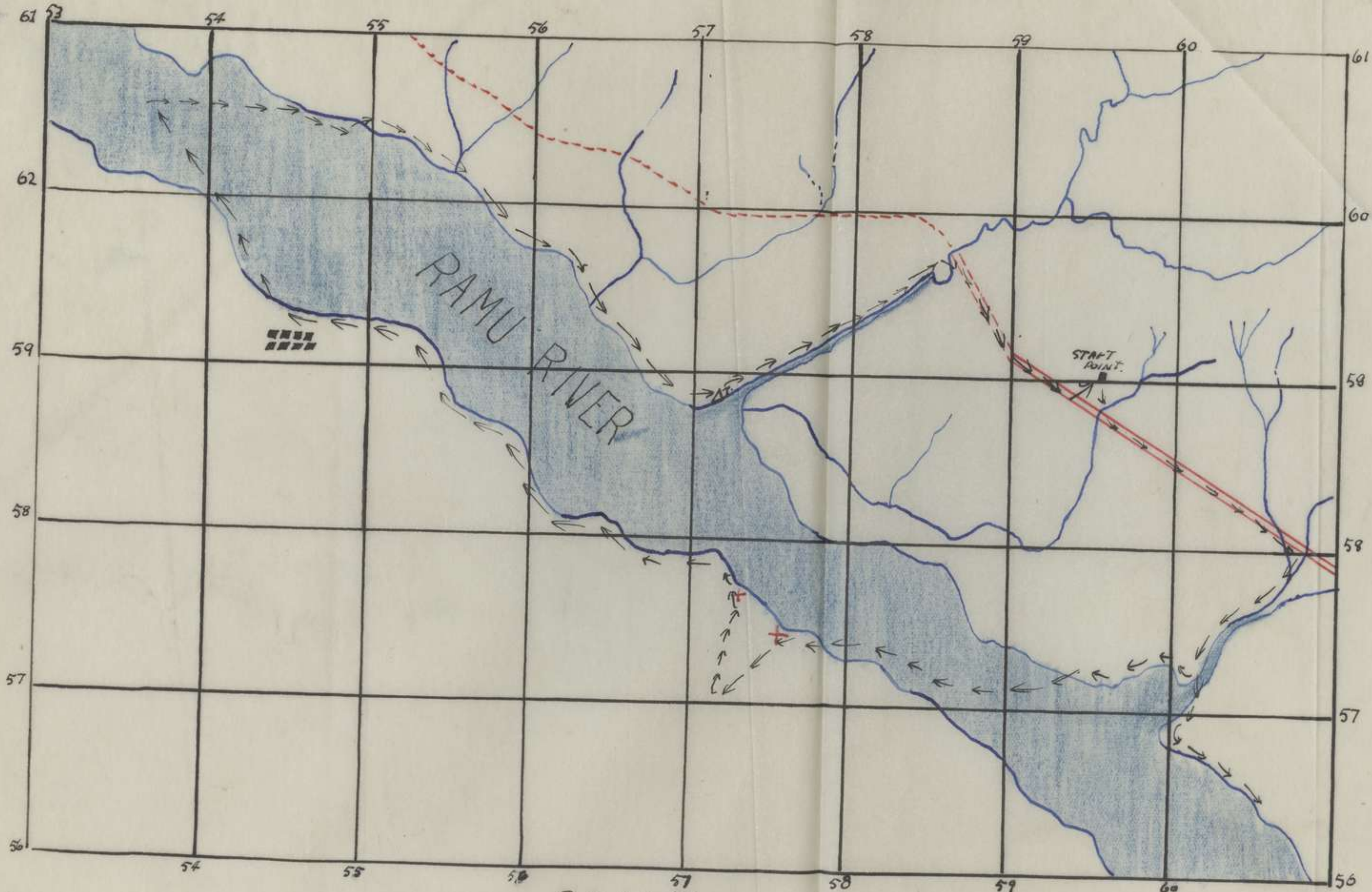
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From Cpl HALLAM

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 but were unable to locate it. Commenced crossing river at
 598572 reaching South bank at 579573 at 1200hrs. Approx
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 from trig point 40° Mag to feature 5500, and 188° Mag to
 feature 9100 then moved along river to main road then SE to
 HQ Coy arriving 051520L.

Cpl T.HALLAM
5 Platoon
HQ Coy
5 Jan 44

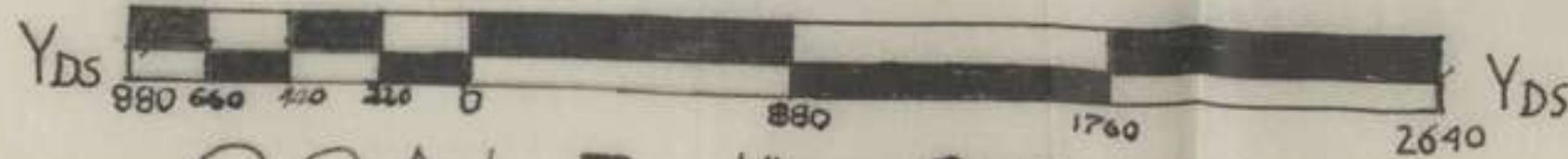
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DUMPU 1"
MT OTTO 1"
RF = 1/31680

PATROL BY CPL HALLAM



ROUTE TAKEN → →

SCALE



SCALE 1" = 880 YARDS

TIME 1915L
DATE 10 JAN '44
C.V. Briggs L/CPL
7" SEC

GOING. REPORT OF TRACK FROM ACoy MR. 549621

TO MR 496647 AND RETURN VIA 529621 TO ACoy

GENERAL REPORT: I here is no track along banks of EVAPIA RIVER ^{LEFT.}
 Most of the movement was down the EVAPIA R. in the water which
 was very hard going. We engaged in scrub bashing for about 500 ft.
 at MR 514637 and this was extremely hard taking an hour to cover the
 small stretch to the banks of the RAMU RIVER at MR 514632.
 The area is very flat and covered mostly with a high cane
 type of Kunai up to 12' high. In small patches there is dense
 jungle which is full of this cane Kunai. There no natives in the
 area traversed. Water in the EVAPIA is good. There are several
 smaller creeks between the EVAPIA and the RAMU which are
 very deep and very good drinking. The NORTH bank of the RAMU
 is covered with the cane Kunai but not so dense. The RAMU has
 at some previous date flooded for a distance of up to ~~1000~~
 2000 in land and is very strong and buoyant. wet feet.

PAPROL TRAVELLING TIME TO MR 496647

TOTAL TIME 9 hrs.

6 HRS

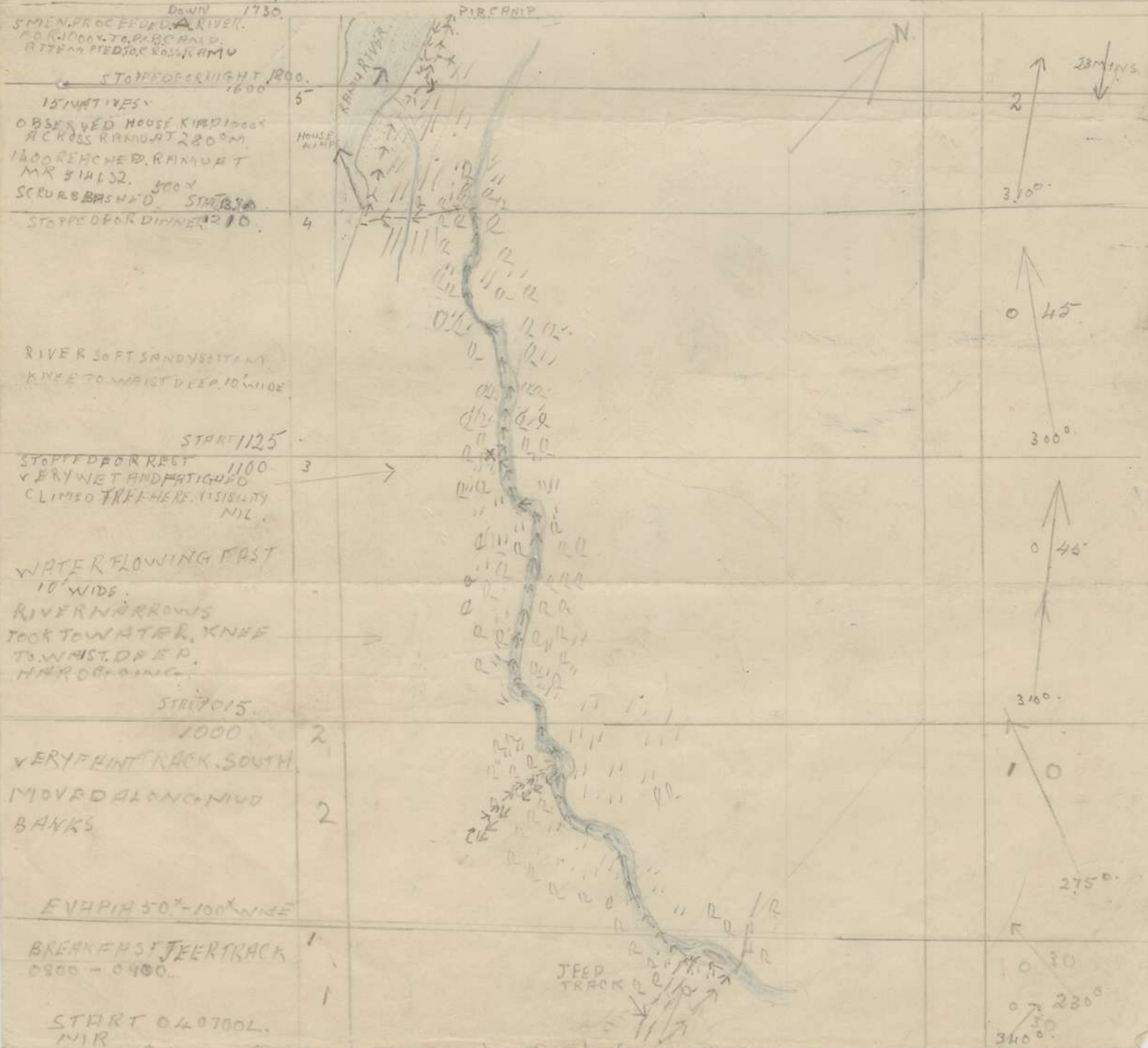
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P. J. Wallis R. L.

6 JAN '43

→ → →
 → SHOW DIRECTION
 OF MOVEMENT

MR 549621 — MR. 495646



Parts 2 & Patrol bond reports
to follow when completed

J.P.

Apr 19

DAVI.

TIMES
0-700
X
500
0 730
X
500
0 800
0 900
X
500
1000
1015
X
1040
1055
1115
1210
1330
1400
1450

Patrol left A Coy and MRS 49623 and moved on along track to EVAPIA RIVER. On the way we looked for a track off to the left of main track which is reported to lead down to RAMU. Our attempts were unsuccessful and we followed all the inlets in the high cane KONMI, which only lead to an old bivouac sight of our own troops. This grass of which more will be heard later on is like small sugar cane and grows up to 12' high and is covered with small hairs which come off easily and cause a bad itch on skin.

Arrived at EVAPIA RIVER at MRS 45626 and moved down river until a fresh track was seen leading to left. There is no track along bank of river so had to walk in water and on mud banks. The river here is between 50 and 100' wide at this point and shallow. Good water. Investigated fresh track and found it lead off in to swamp at bottom of NO 2 POST. A Coy. Fresh track on EVAPIA at MRS 45625. Stopped for breakfast in middle of fresh track. Still cane on all sides.

Moved off down EVAPIA still on mud banks and partly in river. This was not hard going as yet. There is a small amount of timber on both sides of river starting just below MRS 45625. This cane which is mentioned persists the whole way down the EVAPIA as far as we went. There was still no sign of a good track up to 0930 but at an inlet was sighted in some timber and we investigated it. It went too much to the SOUTH and appeared to fade out after a few hundred yards so we returned to EVAPIA where we had a long rest.

Continued on way and saw the footprints of four natives and one European which were about four days old. We tried unsuccessfully to find a track along bank all along this hour. The river eventually got very narrow and we had to take entirely to the water which varied between knee and waist deep. Along this stretch the banks were heavily cane and timbered by a short tree not more than 20' high. Here the bottom was sandy and very hard to walk on but easier than scrub bashing. The map as regards the EVAPIA was found to be pretty accurate. The river narrowed at about MRS 50631. Stopped for rest.

Moved off again still in river. Very hard going in water. Both banks very heavily timbered. Stopped for dinner at MRS 515637. Here we climbed a tree and the canopy appeared fairly open so we decided to scrub back across to RAMU RIVER on a N. bearing of 290°.

Moved off and started scrub bashing through cane which was extremely hard going. Crossed a small clean stream on way to RAMU which is not on map. Arrived at RAMU. We had only scrub bashed 500'-600' but it took 50 mins to cover such a short distance.

TIMES

DAY 1. CONT.

- 1430
- 1445
Rain fell
at 1750 hrs
for rest
of night
until
0800 DAY 2
- Wupa and observed HOUSEKIAPS of MR. 550.646 from cover of high grass and saw the 15 natives mentioned before moving out of the jungle up stream through the huts. There were four medium huts. The natives had black lak-laps on and appeared to be carrying small bags like their dilly bags. One native however was carrying a large white handle sling by a rope so it appeared over his shoulder. The distance across the river RAMU was about 800' - 1000' and we were not able to get the best of views of them. They disappeared into jungle in an SE direction. We then moved on ~~to~~ ^{down} the bank of the river until 1600.
- 1600 found a spot about 1000' ~~at~~ downstream from HOUSEKIAPS and prepared to camp there night.
- 1630 Observed until 1630 but saw nothing so 5 men went another 1000' downstream and came across an old camp of about 50 one man huts. Later identified as P.I.B. camp. Some 3 bits of paper were found here which do not give much info except on official envelope with the words "B" Coy visible on it. Being forwarded attempted a crossing of river at MR. 490650 in preparation for next morning. Got $\frac{3}{4}$ of way across and thought rest would be easy so returned to camp at 1800.
- 1715 Had tea and went out and sat on ~~the~~ bank of RAMU No watch for lights or flares on opposite side until 2100 but saw none.
- 1800 Posted sentries for night with instructions to watch for flares but rain and clouds hid view. Also the shell pressure were in. Had a good night's sleep despite rain. Only one or two mosquitoes struck all night.
- DAY 2.
0600. Had Revell's and breakfast between 0630 & 0730
- 0730 Moved off on torium at MR. 647498 and attempted to cross RAMU. Crossed to $\frac{3}{4}$ way but river suddenly ~~deepened~~ became deeper and was up to the arm pits and very strong. Overnight river flooded and rose 18". At this point it was about 500' - 600' wide and about waist deep over to the $\frac{3}{4}$ mark. We then attempted three more crossings between MR. 647498 and HOUSEKIAPS but all were unsuccessful.
- 1000 hrs

TIMES DAY 2 CONTINUED

1000
- 1030
1030
Distance
to PIB camp
about 2000x

Had rest.
Cpl Warner and myself went on a recon of our own
while other members watched village. We found a
track up the bank of river RAMU which we missed by
walking just a few yards to the side of it. It was only
a foot or two deep and fairly old and led up to PIB camp.
We rooked about here for a half hour and noticed
a boat enough ^{empty} to feed about 50 men for about 6
days. This area measured a perimeter of about 300x
and extended to an island on the RAMU about
100x out. There were only about 8 huts on this island.
Cpl Warner and myself returned to opposite
HOUSE KIAP. Time to PIB camp about 23 mins or 2000x.
Had dinner

1200

1300

2000x
Main line

Went off upstream along river bank and then
into river itself and investigated a number
of inlets into high cane & Kunai but all returned
to river along here at MR 5-18631. We found a place
where a body had lain. A scalp of long brown hair
was found together with about 229mm rounds a few
meters away. The area was bank and the body had been
gone some time.
Went down a deep creek and worked up it for 25 mins.
This creek was waist deep and very clean and fairly
strong. We cut a track at this point and moved
off it at 20° then finally swinging around to 70°
& 60° until we hit the EVAPIA RIVER at MR
530627, at 1500
Rested about for two hours and so had tea
proceeded back to camp and arrived at 1800 hrs.

1400

1500

1700

gbl
1/1

V 104633
B J Wallis Pte
(for Cpl Warner
a member patrol)

REF MAP
MT OTTO 11

SKETCH OF AREA RECCED BY

A COY PATROL 4-5 JAN 44.

NO
A

RECC AMP.

SCRUB
BASHED

4 attempted
X traps

SLEPT HERE

THICK
NOT
RUNNING

EVAPIA RIVER

MOUSE TRAP

RIVER FORD

A COY

KASAWA
RAMU RIVER

TRACK FROM
RAMU TO
EVAPIA

Scale 1" = 1 MILE

TIME 1700 L.

DATE 6 JAN 44

B. J. Walker
for Capt Warner
a liaison officer

(1)

WAR DIARY

20 80.

Sung Report

Date ~~5th~~

6 Jan

24th Ind Inf

C Coy patrol

Ref map AMUBA 1/25000

Patrol left A Coy at 051630L and followed up stream the EVAPIA for approx 3000 yds till we struck the first tributary coming in on left. We had ~~then~~ reached here at 1730 hrs. We followed the track EAST up a Kunai ridge with the creek on our left very stiff climb the grade of the latter part being 1 in 2 approx. (The first part of the journey being along razor back ridges till we reached the main feature and the very steep grade.)

We followed the main feature on the track which ran along the top in a West direction mostly Kunai. At about 2000 hrs the track followed a fringe of timber on our left up the feature. We passed through a short belt of timber very wet & hard going in the dark to emerge in Kunai again. This Kunai ridge was had a belt of timber in shape of horse shoe with the top or toe of shoe just short of the NA village which can easily be seen from A Coy. We camped for the night between the two arms of timber in the Kunai.

Reveille at 060500L & we moved in the dark up the spur through fairly thick timber till we came out on the cleared space containing the NA lean-tos. Map ref 566662 at approx 0700 hrs. Here the sigs tried to establish comm with A Coy & A Coy unsuccessfully per W/T and Lucas Lamp.

This village contains 2 huts a few lean toos and a few wrecks of lean toos. No attempt at defensive works. We were out of water and a NA filled found some about 7 mins down right side of ridge.

So we decided to breakfast.

060830h we set off again for village 563672. The track led along the ridge in a NW direction - very hard going through a moss forest - up and down very muddy tracks. after 850 paces from village we came on 2 great soldiers graves - double grave - on left of track. Here, track was a few yards down left from top of Kunai ridge following along the right side of thick belt of timber. A few yards along we saw another grave on left of track with just a stick in centre. No means of telling whether host of Enemy. From here to 563672 we were in gloomy moss jungle all the way - very difficult going.

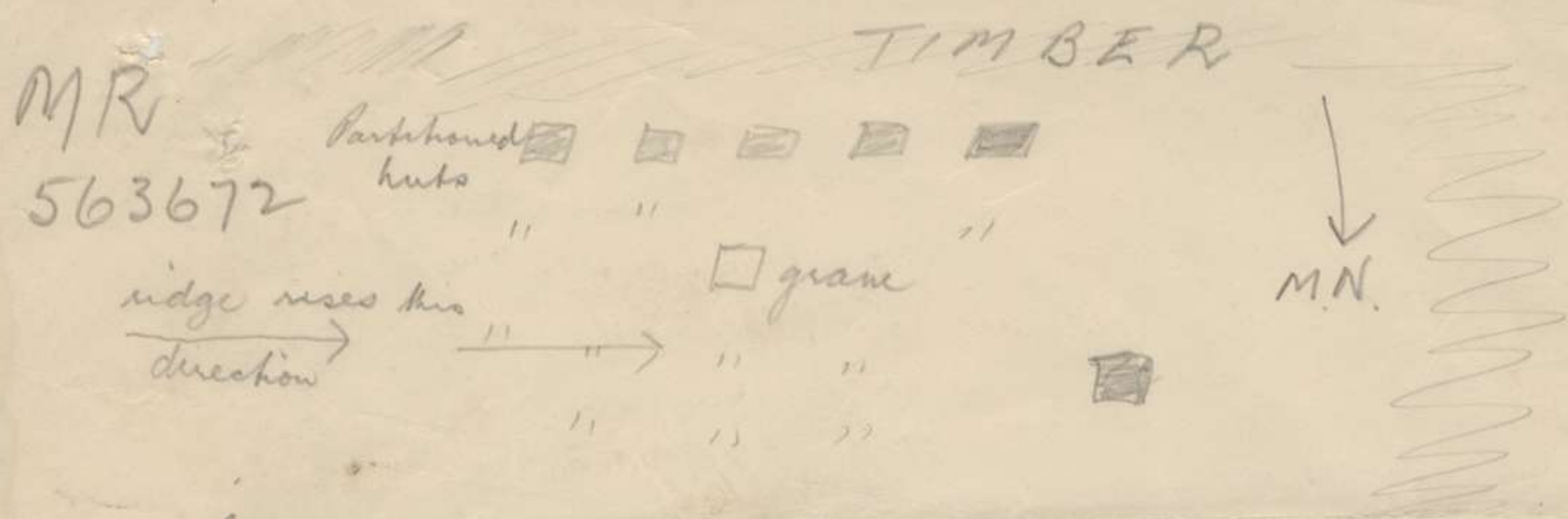
We then emerged suddenly on village 563692 in Kunai clearing.

We tried to take several legs from 1st village 566662; 189° TRVE to MT 6700 Refmap MT OTTO map ref 516 507 N.B. I'll take a few more on return trip as we were surrounded by clouds.

NO2 Village 563672 contains 6 well constructed huts partitioned. Plenty of litter lying about Jap grenades and helmets + grid sheets also a few Jap papers which I sent back with the F55 bloke. 4 of huts have covered benches inside - protection from Air Arty. Water about 7 mins away down gully on right. Accomodation for 50 men approx. 1 grave probably a "big shot" for it was planted with shrubs & well tended (approx 8-10 days old - grave)

(3)

Sketch of N°2 Village



barthworks on side of next ridge from here legs 44° m.

Sigs est. comm with D Coy at 06 1120 L. We arrived at village at 06 1030 L.

We are having dinner now 06 1200 L and I want to finish this report so the F.S.S. chap can take it back. He has promised to deliver it to J. Lament at A Coy. Hence haste & scrappy report.

N.B. We noted an AVST Sig wire running up the EVAPIA River lost it & picked it up again 1/2 hr before we reached this village. The wire runs to this village - much evidence of AVST ops in this area.

The Coy will split after dinner 1 patrol going to 549689 the other patrol to in N E direction

W

071500 L.

06 1230 L.
Blairfield
Phe.

PATROL REPORT.

Recce

2 - 7 Jan 44

To I.O.

Patrol found by 2/14 Bn. 6 ORs from 24 Bn.

Patrol Comd Capt. SCHWING. 2/14Bn

Patrol Strength One Coy. plus 6 ORs 24Bn.

Weapons carried Brens Owens rifles, 2" mortar Walkie Talkies 108 set
shovels. 4 meals carried by every man.

Duration of patrol. 6 days.

Time out. 2 Jan 44. Time in 7 Jan 44

Object To contact enemy and find out his approx strength.

Details.

Patrol left 2/14 Bn area at 0930hrs 2 Jan 44 and arrived at EVAPIA River at 1130hrs. River was crossed by wading through and patrol bivouaced on opposite side until 2000hrs then moved across kunai under cover of darkness so as to avoid enemy observation. Marched for 4 1/2 hrs and camped in jungle. Moved off again at 0700hrs 3 Jan and after 1 1/2 hrs march crossed SOLU River and camped for night seven hrs after crossing river a patrol was immediately sent out to recce EITARRIBA which was 40 min along main track. Patrol reported village clear. Sufficient rations were brought to this point for remainder of patrol by natives. Patrol moved out at 0800 hrs 4 Jan passed through EISARRIBA onto next village Time 4 hrs. Signs of enemy along track were numerous but old. After 3hrs patrol bivouaced on high feature SOUTH of BOKU River. At 0800hrs 5 Jan a recce patrol of two sections was sent forward to contact enemy, this was done at 1145hrs. Enemy situated in ORGORUNA village approx strength 30. Enemy cas as result of this action 3 killed own. 1 missing but later returned. Patrol then reported back to Coy which moved off on return journey at 0115hrs. Camped at EISARRIBA and sighted 4 enemy in vicinity of village. NO action occurred. Moved off at 0700hrs 6 Jan and returned to camp area of A Coy 24Bn where the night was spent. then to 2/14 area on 7 Jan. Condition of track for first 2 hrs good, going easy but remainder of journey track was very muddy and going very heavy. Water along route plentiful and all streams and rivers are crossable by wading. Mosquitoes very bad and every malarial precaution was taken but in spite of this patrol suffered 4 malaria cases and 2 suspected scrub typhus cases. Track lends itself to ambushes which made times slow as troops were alert at all times. Native food along track was nil and jungle along track was second ary jungle but in some places heavy undergrowth was noticable. Object of patrol was achieved in 5 days.

GENERAL

Signed. H HOLLIS Cpl.

8 Jan 44

Patrol No 15

Formed by 11 Pl. B Coy 24 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

Command Lieut KENNEDY M.B.

To KOROPA, 465732 SOLU

Strength 1 officer 16 OR's

Weapons Normal pl.

Duration 4 days

Start time 090630 L

Due to return 12 Jan.

Route - Cross Irapia R. follow track on general bearing 320 deg ^{then} ~~then~~ approx 345 deg where foothills swing north. Camp 1st night via PIB huts 502671. Move due north to SOLU R then on bearing 290 deg to KOROPA by end of 2nd day. From KOROPA general bearing 200 deg to KESAWAI then due south to KOBEN returning on general bearing 130 deg to main track for return

Object -
i. Piece of tracks to KOROPA and SOLU R. for signs of enemy activity
ii. Make going report.

Equipmt Mos. net. gas cape, U.S. gaiters, 1st aid kit, compass, protractor, sterilizing & all other tabs, lotion,

Comms W/T by 108 MK III, L/T. to be extended to KOROPA.

Rations 4 days FOR to be collected fwd DID evening 8 Jan

Method of briefing - Verbal

~~Distribution as For Summary No 1.~~

~~W. Russell Lieut~~

~~Signed at 2559 hrs~~

Lt-col
GS - N12

24 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) - PATROL BRIEF.
Patrol No 14

WAR DIARY
6 Jan 44

Formed by 13 pl. C Coy 24 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

Comd. Sgt Brack.

To. - ~~Patrol~~ reported Jap firm base area

Strength 150R⁰

Weapons. 0 SMG + rifles

Duration 3 days

Start time 0906ZOL

Due to return 11 Jan

Route. - Firm base 562674 to PIB huts to village 549689 then to No 3 village 530705, ^(1st day) then to No 2 village 535711 then ^{via} to No 1 village 550704 to PIB huts 549689 (2nd day) returning to Firm Base 3rd day.

Object. 1. Investigate tracks reported to be along Jap firm base area.
2. Blaze track
3. Make going report

Equip Mos. net, gas cape, U.S. gaiters, 1.5" aid kit, compass, protractor
sterilizing + atebrin tabs lotion

Comms. L/T to PIB huts, then runner

Rations 3 days FOR.

Method briefed - by phone

Stewart
1-0.

Old P1B camp

502671.

Track moves in
timber

{ 1/4 hr from Koropa

{ 1/2 hr from ISARIBA
dump



45

53

YANIE 2000

8 Jan 44

Patrol No 13

Sound by composite 14/15 pls C Coy 24 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

Comd Capt Cameron

To AMUBA

Strength 10 off 20 on

Weapons Normal pl.

Duration 5 days

Start time 0906 SOL - Due to return 13 Jan

Route: From base 562674 ~~to~~ ^{engagement beginning 5790} to PIB village 549689
 then ^{by easy track to} to village 574695 then ^{via} track junction 575715
 to reported Jap posn 591719. Then to Jap LOC
 at AMUBA via village 587727. Return by shortest route

- Object
- i. Fighting patrol to reach Jap LOC at AMUBA
 - ii. Ascertain Jap posns held up to that point
 - iii. Blay track.
 - iv. Make going report.

Equip: Mos. net, gas cape, v.s. gaiters, 1st aid, compass
 protractor, ~~etc~~ sterilizing valbrin tabs lotion

Comms: 4/T. to be laid to P.I.B. village 8 Jan.
 After leaving PIB village 4/T 208.
 Alternate - Runner.

Rations: 5 days F.O.R. rations per man.

Carriers: 3 for 4/T. } Total 5 natives
 2 for rations etc }
 Method briefed by phone

Brynsell Lieut

Evapia River Patrol report

WAR DIARY

TO I O.

Ref. Map & Scale: MT OTTO 1" = 1 mile

Type Piece

FROM BOVA

Patrol leader Sgt Winkle

DATE: January 8th 44

patrol found by

16 pl D Coy

Strength 8 OR's and 2 runners

Armament 1 Bren gun 4 Rifles 5 OSMG's 150 ronds for Bren
50 rounds per rifle 150 rounds per OSMG 1 Grenade per
man. from 061200L 1 rifle and 1 OSMG less.

Object. To patrol and use EVAPIA RIVER and make any
contacts.

Weather day 1 5th Jan. fine and hot. day 2

Route out 589 624 down feature to EVAPIA RIV. Fence along RIV
to head-waters.

Route in Reverse of route out, through 18 pl area 567 624

Time out 051330L

Time in 081225L

Load carried per man 3 FOR's, 1 Ground sheet, mosquito net, water bottle,
Soleil gear + missing gear, 2 stools, 2 machetes to
patrol.

Result of Patrol No contact made, no signs of habitation or tracks
waded river practically all the way.

Details

Left 18 pl area 589 624 at 051330L proceeded down steep slopes
in front of def. posn to EVAPIA RIV. Banks of riv here are very
steep and could not reach river bed. Followed river, cutting
our way through bush. passed through NA gardens approx 563 628
no tracks found, going land, steep in places reached two
fairly new huts on high ground 572 626 approx alt 051600L
from here we observed NA village of 8 huts at lg 20° mag. Made way
through bush to this village crossed small stream running
west into EVAPIA RIV. Found signs of occupation by our ffs
in village. Spent 3/4 hr looking for tracks. found no pad
almost overgrown and followed this for 1/4 hr came to
2 new shelters. Traces of our ffs in form of burnt
message form, and 3 biscuit tins. This spot would
make excellent posn for standing patrol. Also, area
near suitable for dropping ground. From here we observed
2 huts and old disused village 50' below. Scrambled
down steep slope to village. Found no signs of any
recent use. Returned to huts 572 626 and bivouaced
for night 5/6 at 051800L. Going to here extremely difficult
no tracks, Kunai 6' to 8' high. 060700L proceeded through
disused village and followed foot pad to river approx 200'
577 627. Proceeded up river, wading through water 2' to 3' deep
Banks of river very precipitous varying from 100' to 300' in
height. 060800 river turned NNE. following river discovered
footprints approx 4 days old. Aust boot design 060945, approx
1/2 hr later found bivouac site of small patrol. bully
bag tins of 2 meals for 3 or 4 men. Continued up stream
for 2 hrs to junction of several tributaries. Had lunch
here 061100L at 061200L proceeded up main stream
NNW then WNW to west for 3 hrs. Stream then turned
out into numerous small streams which form head
waters. Since leaving bivouac site 060900L no signs

of and habitation by natives or Europeans. Then returned
to junction of branch streams and est FB 061700L. From here
patrol 30R's followed Stream 1 for 3/4 hr where it petered out
patrol 30R's along stream 2 for 1/2 hr where it split into 2
creeks (b) very small trickle (a) fair sized creek. patrol 20R's
up 3 stream for 1/2 hr where it split into 2 (a) & (b) a fair
sized creek which was followed 1/2 hr N then W and petered
out (b) very small stream. Entire patrol RV'd FB where
we bivouaced for night 6/7. No traces of any moat was
observed on any of these patrols. 070700L patrol moved
up stream 2a for 3/4 hrs then up KONAI SPUR on feature
655675. From here observed our def posns. and took
bgs to 567 624 2350 mag. and to 559 624 2440 mag
This ridge would make an excellent enemy OP as our posns
and moats could be observed with naked eye, and very
easily with glasses. Then returned along same route
to FB. 071230L. Had midday meal here departed 07400L
reach old NA village 07400L had evening meal then
moved on to bivouac area of 1st night and bivouaced
for night 7/8 080900L made way through NA village
then up hill to spl area then to Coy HQ arrived
in at 081225L.

Remarks Only tracks found were NA pads around
deserted NA village fwd of Coy def posns. Practically
all moat of patrol was done through streams with
no possibility of getting up to bank owing to precipi-
tous sides of rivers.

Course of patrol throughout was fair
Health Ips suffered throughout patrol with
blisters, rashes on legs - body and tinea on feet
M.P.T. throughout. On completion of patrol men
were thoroughly exhausted.

It was found that machettes + small spades
carried were worth their weight in gold. They are
light and easy to carry.

Sgt. C. B. Dintie

TIME 081700 L

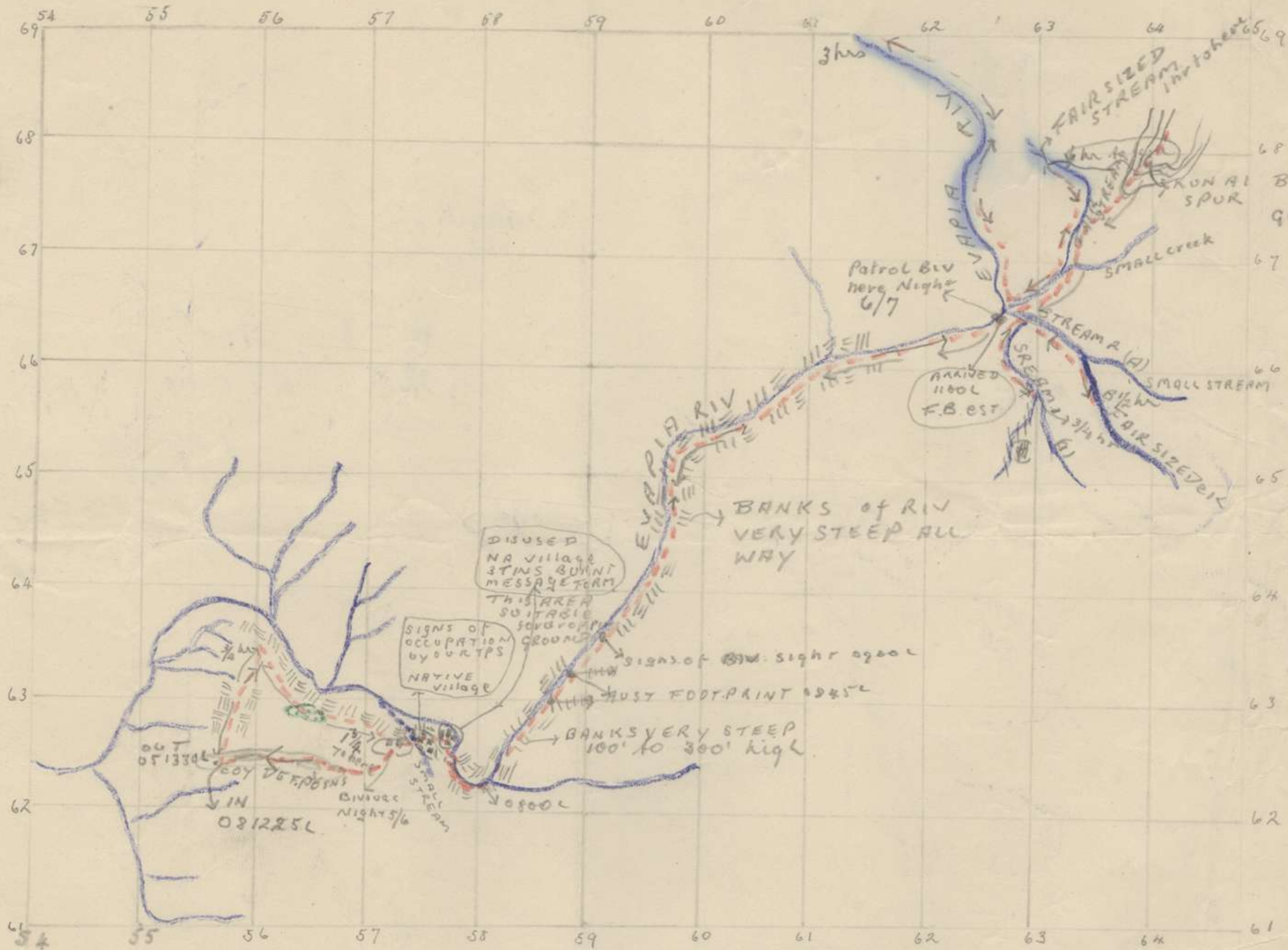
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PLACE BOVA 585624

R.F. 1:63360

REF MAPS: MT OTTO
DUMPU } 1" = 1 mile.
MTKUBARI

SKETCH MAP EVAPIA RIVER PATROL



BUS to 18 PL 235
+ 16 PL 244
GOOD OP for
ENEMY

LEGEND
 NA GARDEN 
 VILLAGE 
 ROUTE OUT 
 " IN 

SCALE 1" = 1 MILE

TIME: 090900L

DATE: 9 JAN

SKETCH BY NR. BOWER pte.
I. SEC

INFM by SGT WINTLE

Track Going Report

REF MAP AMUBR 1/25000

MR. 549889 101000L Left Casey Camp down the track going S.W. The first $\frac{1}{2}$ hour track is rather easy to follow. Then it enters a native garden where it is very hard to follow. From this garden NO 1 Village can be seen at 6° Mag. After leaving this garden track becomes overgrown with kangaroo grass and is hard to follow. ~~1100L~~ ^{1100L} but there is a track going at 1070. 1115L track branches. Left hand track peters out some followed the right hand one. This one led to the end of a thickly wooded spur and then turned sharp right till it reaches a small clear patch. Track turns NORTH and crosses two small creeks (5 min bet them). From this creek track climbs the bank N.N.E and meets a track running N.N.W turn left down spur. This led to a long spur of kangaroo grass. Track here is easy to follow. After leaving this patch of kangaroo grass track loses itself in thick scrub. From there we had to scrub bash to the junction of the two rivers MR. 525705. Very rugged country and hard going. Had lunch and then started to follow the stream running NE. to see if we could find village 3 which is about 500 yds up the stream, by the map we had. Could not find this village. Followed the stream for over half an hour climbing steeply all the way. no path to follow. Then we turned SE and after jungle bashing for 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ hrs we came out onto the kangaroo grass clearing again and followed the outward track back to Casey Camp.

Time out 101000L

reached junction 101305L

Left junction 101402L

reached Casey Camp 101715L

Could not take many bearings along this track because of dimmed vision through thick jungle.

The terrors are great for the short distance owing to the nature of the track and the rugged country. In places track was completely covered with vines and bamboo which and this made the going hard and slow; on hands and knees for about 20x

The direction taken on patrol passed through along ridge through grids 53.70. Followed around the spur and up the N side of spur to try and cut the track leading from Casep to Village 3. This track could not be found.

101100L

Pt R B Falconer

F Sect. 2nd Inf Bn

Patrol Report

Ref Map FMUBA 1/25000

From 13 Pln. C Coy

10/11/44

Type Fighting Rice

Patrol Leader Sgt Brack

Patrol Strength 1 Lg 2 cpls 8 ors

Armament 30wms 7 Rifles

Object of patrol Rice track SW of Casep Camp MR 549689 and reach village on map MR 530705

Weather Warm

Route out S.W track from Casep Camp

Time out 1000L

Route in Same track

Time in 1715L

Load Carried Rations for 1 meal per man 5 rounds each
2 Grenades each man

~~Ita~~

No village found at that point
also no track

Pt R B Falconer

GENERAL REPORT: WATER TRACK GOING IAP - MR 603572 to huts. 66621 (approx.)

Followed MENE R along track, but mostly in R. Very hard going water about 2' deep average. Climbing spur was very difficult. If track was wet would be very difficult indeed. It was a FOOT TRACK and crumbling in parts. Foot track from CK to huts was very muddy and slippery and very steep. all who were fit for drinking purposes. Huts in fairly good condition but no water available there. 20 minutes down to CK and 35 Min. up to huts again.

Up steep grade in 2 to 2 huts & 2 lean tows stopped for night. Track was muddy & slippery & no water at huts.

Enter jungle & strike CK. Fit for drinking stopped for dinner CK. W 6' D 1'

Climb steep spur 1 in 2 track is Foot Pack. Kunai grass all around & going is difficult. Track is flat fair.

Leave CK up spur in 3 which divides two CK's wooded country

Strike CK. Good D. WATER Wooded country & thick undergrowth.

3 old huts on flat ground above R. kunai grass all around.

Climb steep spur 1 in 2.

CK. W 4' D 1'

Follow track along Mene R. track is rocky; but most of the trip is done in the river. Three CK's flow into Mene and all water is good D. WATER.

CK. Good DRINKING WATER W 1' 6" D 6"

Foot Track through Kunai. Fair track.

CK. Good DRINKING WATER W. 2' D. 6"

J.T. ground swampy not able to take heavy vehicles. J.T. off to R.H.S. is same.



MR. 616621 approx HUTS

0/25 0/17
GOOD CK

2 0/5 0/55

SPUR FROM CK

0/30 0/20

OLD HUTS

0/15
LEAVE MENE R.

0/20 0/15

JUNC. MENE R. & CK.

0/25 0/25

F.T. ENTERS MENE R.

0/10 0/10

JUNC. J.T. & MENE R.

TIME TAKEN WITH PACKS 8 HOURS 10 MINUTES.

(Signed) L. MAHONEY
C COY.

TRACK GOING MAP - MR 616621 approx. MR 664630

On way up to 2/6th Cov. Se. track was very crumbling up steep Kunai spur & when entered the jungle became very sloppy & slippery & travel was slow. The 2nd 6th Area was quite the same, but on coming out of their area on to Kunai spur, Foot track was firm, but some of the trip down the very steep spur was made through short Kunai grass as foot track looked as if it had not been used for quite some time. At bottom of spur the feature fell almost perpendicular to R.H.S. and the country all around bottom was heavily timbered.

TIME TAKEN WITH HEAVY PACKS 7 HOURS 15 MINUTES.

Sta. Malony
2/2 Base
MR. 664630

Strike jungle at bottom of jungle. Kunai spur on R.H.S.

Track down very steep Kunai Spur, 2 in 3 most places, is barely discernible.

Foot track is just fair when it is discernible.

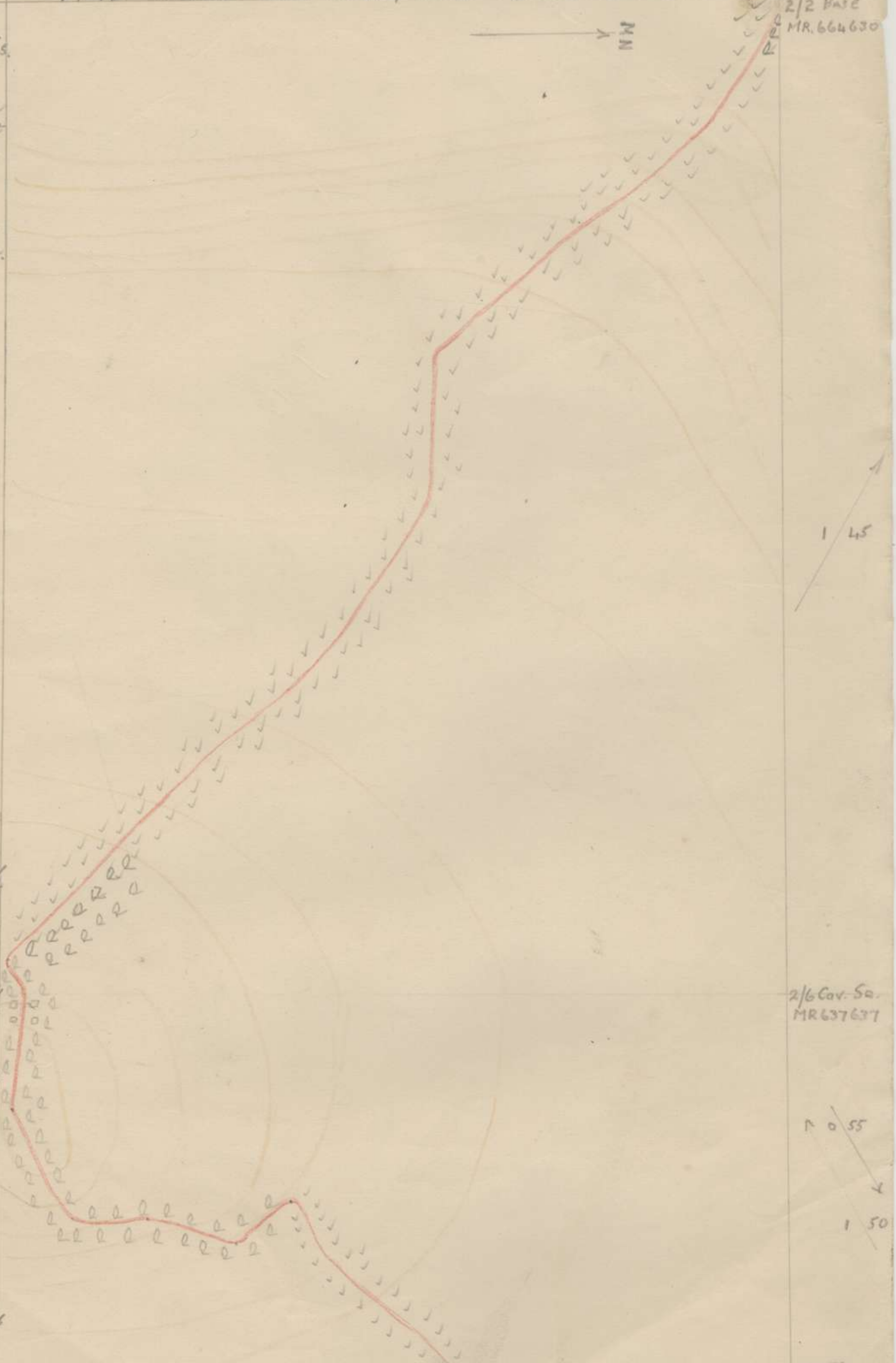
Kunai grass stretches all around.

Thick jungle on R.H.S. of track for 15 mins. going down Kunai spur.

2/6th Cov. Se. Water very scarce. Area muddy & sloppy & not healthy.

F.T. through thick jungle and thick undergrowth. Most of the trip is uphill, but last bit is down hill. Track is muddy & slippery & in poor condition.

F.T. on side of spur. Track is very crumbling & not up to much. It is very steep climb in 2



2/6 Cov. Se.
MR 637637

1/55

1/50

HUTS
616621
approx

TRACK GOING MAP - FROM MR 664630 to MR 654658

Follow up Mene R. going slow & difficult owing to D of River. In R. most of the way. Numerous streams flow into Mene R & all are excellent for drinking. When leave the River F.T. is small and difficult through thick timber, but fairly firm. Cross a sm. ck. Water good & proceed to climb 1 in 2 F.T. small, muddy, slippery through thick jungle and going is very difficult. Top of this climb is a flat surface with 5 W.P. Pits & have good Defence 3 sides but it is the lower portion of pop. person came spur & would be very vulnerable if attacked in strength. No water on Pass. To Mahony

climb 1 in 2 F.T. for
 & muddy. at top
 5 W.P. Aug. 2/2nd
 have Standing patrol
 No water from
 in at bottom of pass.
 from on same spur.
 Struck am CK
 Good Water W1'
 D3"

Leave R. & climb
 1 in 2 in thick timber
 F.T. for a in places.
 precarious. Lands
 slide just recently
 above turnoff
 from River.

Stream LHS.
 Good water
 W2' D1'

Stream LHS Good
 water W1'6" D3"

Stream RHS Good
 Water W2' D6"

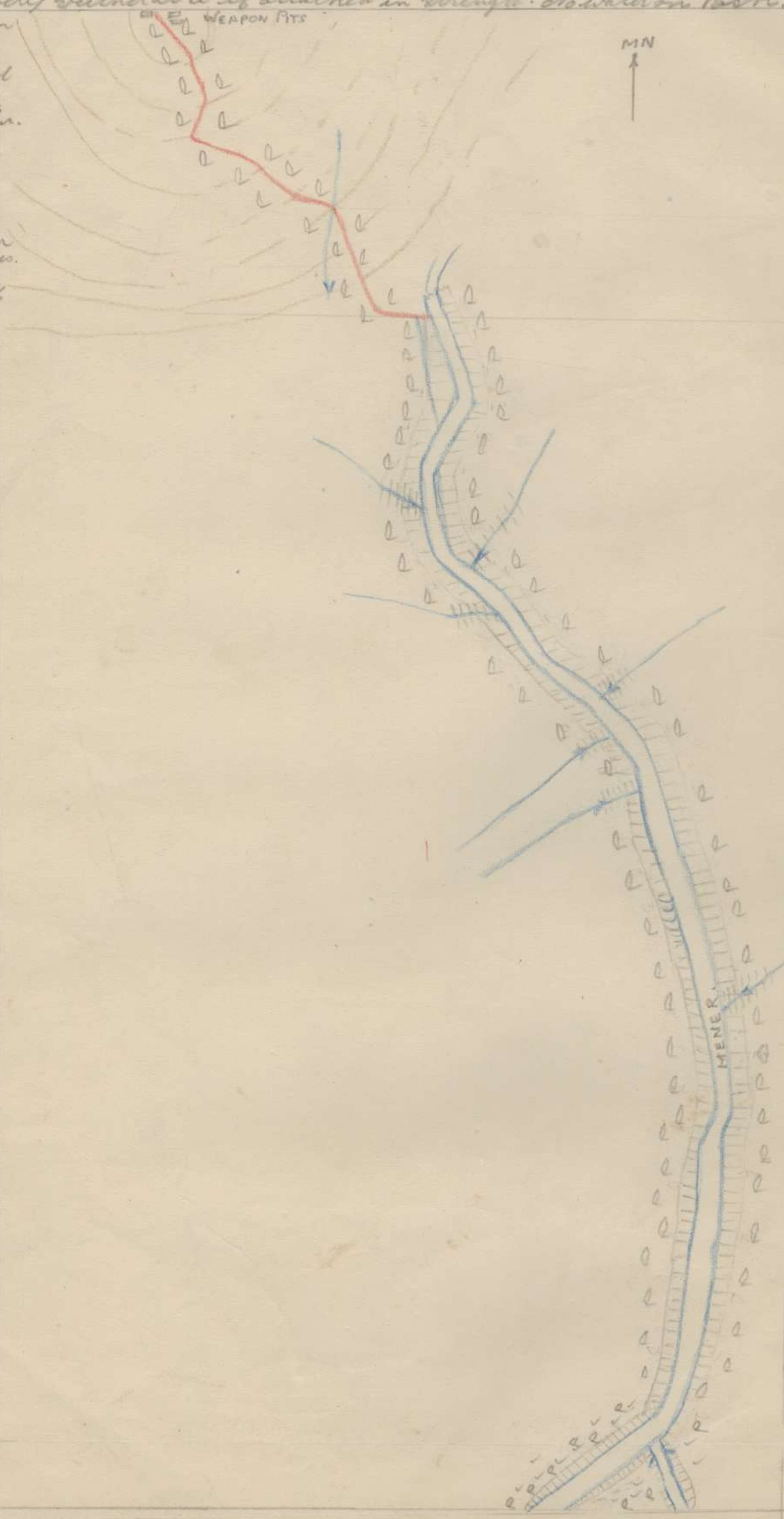
Stream LHS Good
 Water W2' D6"

Stream on RHS
 Good Water
 W2' D. 6"

2 Streams on LHS.
 both Good Water
 W3' D6"

Stream on RHS
 W3' D6" Good
 Drinking Water.
 Country heavily
 timbered on
 top of steep cliffs.

Struck Mene R.
 at bottom of Kuma
 spur. River is fast
 running. W8' D2'
 steep cliffs and
 country timbered
 on top of cliffs.
 Stream runs into
 Mene R. on R.H.S.
 W6' D1' Good
 drinking water.



2/2 STANDING
 PATROL
 MR 654 658

2/2 Patrol Base
 MR 659653

LEAVE R. UP TO
 FEATURE

2/2 Base
 MR 664630

TIME TAKEN WITH HEAVY PACKS 6 HOURS 30 MINUTES

FIGHTING PATROL REPORT.

10 Jan 44

Area 716

Ref Map. AMOBA 1 : 25000

From 13 Pl C Coy. Patrol Comd. Sgt BRACK.

Patrol strength 1 Sgt 2 Cpls 7 ORs

Armaments 3 Owens 7 rifles

Object of patrol. Recce track ^NW. of CASEYS camp 549689 and reach village on map 530705.

Weather Warm.

Route out N ^NW. track from CASEYS Camp.

Route in reverse.

Time out 1000L. Time in 1715L.

Load carried. Rations for 1 meal per man. 50 rds each. 2 grenades each man.

Result. NO village at that point also no track.

DETAILS.

101000L. Left Casey's Camp down the track going ^NS.W. The first 1/2 hr track is rather easy to follow. Then it enters a native garden where it is very hard to follow. From this garden track becomes overgrown with kangaroo grass and is hard to follow.

1100L There is a track going at 107 deg.

1115 track branches - Left hand track peters out so we followed the right hand one. This one led to the end of a thickly wooded spur and then turned sharp right till it reaches a small clear patch. Track turns NORTH and crosses two small creeks. (5 mins between them) From this creek track climbs bank NNE and meets a track running NNW. Turn left down spur. This led to a long spur of kangaroo grass. Track here is easy to follow. After leaving this patch of kangaroo grass track loses itself in thick scrub. From there we had to scrub bash to the junc of the two rivers 535705. Very rugged country and hard going. Had lunch and then started to follow the stream running N.E. to see if we could find village 2 which is about 500 yds up the stream by the map we had. Could not find this village. Followed the stream for over half an hour climbing steeply all the way. NO path to follow. Then we turned S.E and after jungle bashing for 1/2 hrs we came out onto the kangaroo grass clearing again and followed the outward track back to Caseys Camp. Time out. 1000L. reached junc. 1305

10305 Left junc 1402 hrs. reached Caseys Camp 1715hrs.

1402 Could not take many bearings along this track because of limited vision through thick jungle.

The times are great for the short distance owing to the nature of the track and the rugged country. In places track was completely covered with vines and bamboos and this made the going hard and slow, on hands and knees for about 20 yds. The direction taken on patrol passed along ridge through grids 53-70. Followed around the spur and up the NORTH side of spur to try and cut the track leading from Caseys to Village 3. This track could not be found.

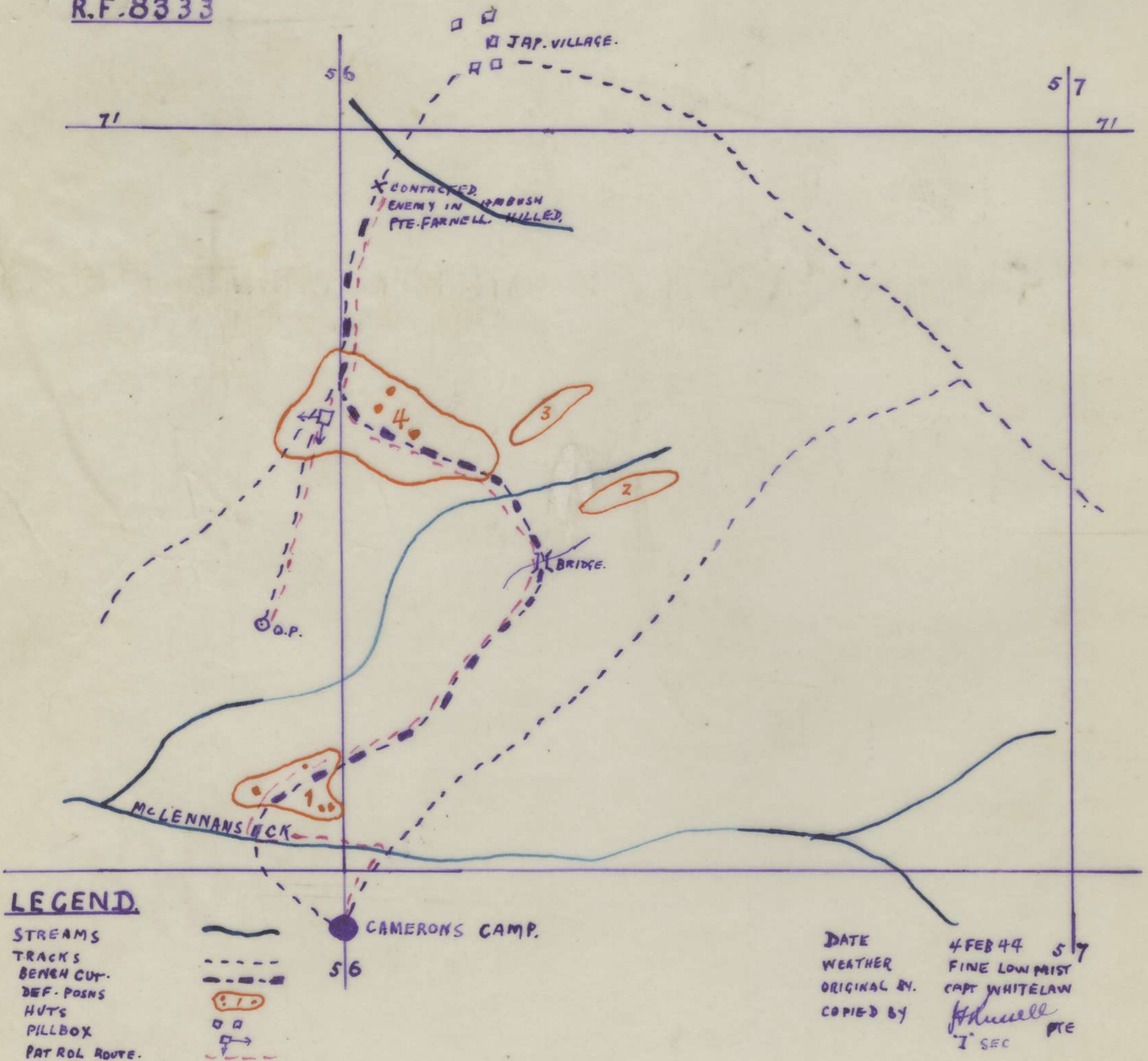
Signed. Pte K.C. FALCONER
I Sec.
10 Jan 44

SKETCH OF ROUTE TAKEN BY PATROL 10. 2 FEB 44.

REF MAP. AMUBA 1:25000

REF PT-CAMERONS 560699

R.F. 8333



War Diary

~~2000~~

Patrol Report

REF MAP 17MUB17 1/25000

To: I.O. Type: Recce.
From: 14RL "C" Coy Patrol Leader: Lt. Casey

Date: 11 Jan 44. Patrol from 14RL "C" Coy

Patrol strength: 1 Lt. 7 OR's

Armament: 5 Owens 3 Rifles

Object of Patrol: To Recce track going N. from No 1 Village to Solu River.

Weather: Wet & Cold.

Route out: Time out 111030L

Route in: Time in 121700L

Load Carried: 20lb. without Ammunition

Result of Patrol

Could not continue on track owing to short rations. Patrol going out again for 6 days over same route.

Tracking on map starts at No 1 Village. Patrol found that track started at MR. 552403 then swings up between 2 & 8 of the 2500 feature. Follows ridge for a while then swings back to track on map

Patrol went through Village I MR. 550704
and followed track going W from Village I
to MR. 545704 where they back tracked to
MR. 552703 and continued along track to SOLU
River.

No track to SOLU RIVER from No. 1
Village.

13 JUN 44

1015

Pt R B Palmer

1st Sect

1st Aust Inf Bn

3 copies - Book A boy file area file Original War Diary.

Type Recce and Standing

Patrol Leader Lieut Anderson

Date 10-13 Jan 44

Founded by 8pl

Patrol strength.

1 affr 20 ORS plus 2 sigs att

Armament

3 brems 6 owens, 12 rifs, 2 dischargers
100 SAA for rifle, 4 mags each owen, 4 mags each brems
4 grenades (4 sec) per man 12 grenades (7 sec)

Object of Patrol

(a) To determine if ORGORUNA was
unoccupied

(b) Protect LefC KOROPA To rear

Weather

Showery

Route Out

Pl route

EYAPIA along main track to SOLU
Then KOROPA

Recce Sec

Main track KOROPA + ISARIBA - KETOBA
BOKU - ORGORUNA

Route In

Same as route out

Time Out

102000/L

Time In

131530/L

Load

2 days rations, mosquito net, gnd sheet and/or gas cap
change of clothing

Result

(a) ORGORUNA No 2 was occupied by enemy

(b) LefC KOROPA To rear was protected

Details

(1) Move to KOROPA

Going fair, track much closer to high ground on EAST than indicated on map.

Stream characteristics of EVAPIA crosses track 45 mins SOUTH of SOLU. NOT clearly shown on map

Firm base established SOLU 11 0015/L Local patrols for protection immediately

Further local patrols from first light

11 1100/L ordered to move firm base to KOROPA

Firm base established KOROPA by 11 1300/L

Lieut Anderson and No 4 Sec moved fwd as recon patrol (See separate report)

No 5 sec moved 11 1500/L to find tracks

KOROPA to br 500753 but NO tracks found

No 5 sec then moved back to NORTH bank of

SOLU 11 1600/L (See separate report)

No 6 Sec remained KOROPA

Pl from B Coy relieved 8 pl less one sec

KOROPA 12 1730/L

(2) Move KOROPA to EVAPIA

Left KOROPA 13 0900/L

at SOLU and returned

13 1500/L

picked up No 5 sec

arriving

A Coy HQ

Going in

harder

than going out

General

Morale

High

Discipline

✓ Good

Material Control

Repellent lotion applied at least every 2 hrs and nets erected each night

Lieut Anderson
2 1/2 A Coy

Lieut
oc 8 pl

Strength 1 offr 5 ORs
Armament 2 owen, 4 rifs, 50 SAA per rifle, 2 mags per owen, 2 grenades per man
Object To determine if enemy occupied ORGORUNA
Weather Showery
Time Out 11 1400 / L (KAROPA)
Time In 12 1530 / L (KAROPA)
Load 1 days rations, mosquito net, gas cape
RESULT ORGORUNA No 2 occupied by enemy.
No enemy seen but patrol fired on
by what seemed rifle, 2 LMG and 1 MMG.

Detail

Left KAROPA 11 1400 / L going fwd to ISARIBA.
ISARIBA and track WEST clear
Moved through KETOBA 1730 hrs clear of enemy.
KETOBA appeared to be under observation from ORGORUNA
Reached BOKU 11 2000 / L Local patrols for protection
discovered br 453781 destroyed but wire for crossing
intact 60 yds WEST of bn site
Crossed BOKU 12 0630 / L Stream 30 yds wide, waist high
and fast (7 mph)
Continued along track going good but steep.
Track too wet for land mines.
No sign of enemy patrols along track. Several prepared
posns passed but NO sign of recent occupation
Sighted ORGORUNA No 2 0955 hrs moved fwd
1st scout sighted wire fence consisting of 3 strands
barbed wire 20 yds away. Sighted pill box and
platform and moved back to report. Just changing
scouts when rifle shot was heard closely followed by
automatic fire which seemed to consist of 2 LMG and
1 MMG. Patrol was then 40 yds from pill box

(2)

Cpl Stevens with Owen covered with drawal of patrol then
got out himself. Action lasted approx 1 minute.
4 members of patrol fired but result of our fire could NOT
be observed as NO enemy were seen.

Moved back to BOKU driving 12 1100/L. Moved back
along track contacted 3 reinforcements ^{from 8pl} and a patrol from
57/60 bn. Sent reinforcements back with report

for A Coy 24 bn. A Coy 57/60 bn and our firm base.
Reinforcements ^{with report} arrived KOROPA ~~1215~~ 121430/L.

Patrol arrived KOROPA 121530/L.

Lt Anderson attended conf A Coy 57/60 bn 1830 hrs
and passed on detailed info incl sketch of JAP
posn prepared by 2/14 bn and verified as accurately
as possible by this patrol.

John Hunt
oc 8pl

12 JAN 44

PATROL REPORT

Ref map AMUBA 1/25000

All Bgs MIA.

Found by C Coy 15 Pl.

LEADER Capt Cameron

STRENGTH 3 offrs 17 OR 5 Natives

ARMS 1 BREN 9 mags 10 OSMGs 6 mags 2 carbines 2 grenades
per man, 7 rifles 100 rds per man including 1 cup
discharger 4 snen sec, 8 b. p. grenades.

OBJECT To contact EN & reach road via AMUBA 605 734

Time OUT 090810L

TIME IN 111420L.

Route out. From FIRMBASE 563672 via 14 PL fwd def area
549689 & Native gardens & village 573696 then
NORTH along left bank stream GRID 5790 to
50th V. River then NE to 4100 ft mtn 589719

Route IN Reverse of out.

Rations 5 days F.O.R. and EMERGENCY OPS

RESULT Contacted ENEMY 101145L in def posn 589719.
Withdraw. Did NOT reach or observe road.

DETAILS

090810L left FB 562673 Heavy going muddy track
running NW to 14 PL fwd def area 549689 - one
very steep descent and ascent between these two places.091000L Reached 14 PL area. Slight short descent then
climb to Kunai Spur 552692. Track then goes down spur
running NE.

091030L heard sound of water on right.

091035L had drink at small ck running at 69° and
parallel to track. Track then climbs to K. spur
with 6 old lean-toos on K. spur running SW and NNE
in shape of boomerang, lean-toos being on NNE portion.

091050 hrs we reached here.

Track then descends till 1100 hrs and ascends
to another K spur which we reached at 091105L. 4 lean-toos
on left. Fox hole full of water in angle on track on
spur. Track slopes gently in 30° direction & then
swings to 89° to another K. spur. Sharp descent.1135/40 cross ck, muddy trickle spanned by 2 8 ft lengths
of 5 inch dia. logs. ck runs in N-S direction map ref
of bridge 560698. Steep 1 in 3 grade East till1145 hrs when track E along right side of spur fairly
level good going through 4-8 feet Kunai.1155 hrs Track continues down saddle E and up
to Native gardens & village. Fox hole 10 mins on left
of track before village which we reached at1210 hrs. Village circled to NW - NE by gardens mostly
bananas. Map ref 573696.

091220 L had lunch in village.

091240 L Comms established with BWO. by our 208W/T

We dropped ten tins of F.O.R. here.

after lunch we set out along track which ran NE from village. met branch track 5 mins out of village. branch track ran EAST. We kept to NE track. down to spur on left side of spur.

[On previous patrol to village 5-8 Jan we reced this NE track for 40 mins. This was the farthest point reached by this patrol - comd Capt FLEWELLEN.]

Track continued - gentle fall.

091500 hrs we found Jap postcards, paper & piece of broken mirror on right of track. This articles were approx dropped a week ago and I am finding them ~~by~~ separately.

091530 hrs struck branch track - one to N and one NE. We took N track.

1600 hrs detained 2 natives carrying Kai going in WEST direction. They said, in answer to our questions, "Japs over other half of range". No Japs this side.

They saw 1-2 Japs walking to range 3-4 days ago. We estimated this would be about last Friday 7 JAN. Natives difficult to question even talking through our boongs. They were taking Kai to mungs & piccannies but we persuaded them to accompany us. They dumped portion of their Kai & complied somewhat reluctantly. Place of contact 574700.

One native had white bandage over one ankle. When questioned about it he said he obtained bandage from PIB. This was in accord with his statement that his village was West of us and in PIB area. We detained natives because we wanted them to guide us to track up range to Jap posn 589719. in case we could find NO clearly defined track on N. side of SOLU river.

We continued on down hill

1630 hrs we struck and crossed small track on right. Ck ran NNW. Map ref 574708. [Track shown on AMVBA map at this spot does NOT exist]

We followed ck for approx 1/2 hr when track left ck ran NE over timbered spur. We sent a 10 min recce party ahead and, as we expected, they reported track went over spur and down to SOLU River at approx 576707

Daylight was fading so we decided to camp for night
9/10 JAN on spur 575 707. We camped on high ground
approx 200 yds away from & overlooking track on right.
Our position could NOT be seen from track while we
could observe the track.

During the night our 2 natives
we had collected en route disappeared. Our
leader Capt CAMERON was sure these natives were
NOT connected with Japs and only retained them
for purposes of showing us the track. The bivouac
area and environs was medium jungle and tall timbered
moss forest. No chance of taking bearings to any
features or positions.

DAY 2 10 JAN.

10 0800L we left bivouac area. Track ran NE up over
short spur to river. Overall width of river 40 yds,
2 ft deep, rocky bed. Sent recon party downstream
to junction 574 707 to look for track on right and
also ck shown on map as tributary running N
from river at 575 708. Recon established fact
that tributary does NOT exist as a flowing
stream. It may possibly be a dry or intermittent
watercourse. Nor did they find a track running
N from right bank of river on our side of ck-river
junction 574 707. River is very winding in this
area and it was impossible to establish an
accurate direction of flow by compass as we
were in a hurry to get to that road over the
range.

We followed the river upstream
in N direction & struck well defined but NOT
recently used track on left of river. This track
led up a steep, muddy brown-clay, dry ck-bed
grade 1 in 2 in NE direction. This water course
is possibly the intermittent stream shown on
AMVBA sheet at 578 708 & 7. Left river at

10 0830L and started to climb.

10 0930L after climbing 1 in 2 grade pulling ourselves
up by clutching roots etc we reached at 0930 hrs
a bare bare clay platform with a fairly old grave
approx 4'6" by 2 ft unbounded with clay approx 1' high
At North end of grave was smooth round post,
dressed softwood, height 4 ft viz



Dia of post 4 ins, sawn out portion. Neatly
executed as though name to be inserted.
NO name engraved and marks to be inserted.

(4)

into sawn out portrow. 4 yds to left was
lean to structure facing down hill. No roof
or sides



This mountain was series of narrow
re-entrants. The track led up the left side
of a re-entrant in general N. direction.

1030 hrs. Continued climb and at 10 10 30 L
The track crossed a strong trickle down
a rock face (vertical) to a spur on our left
and continued up in NNW direction.

1100 hrs we came upon a "squat" approx 1 week
old where a person had sat on some cut
leaves, also broken Aust rifle (.303) at this spot.

At NO stage of the climb could
I see through the timber any neighbouring
features so I could not point the form of
this part of the range. The track all the
way was blazed with very old cuts on
the trees - probably made by natives.
The track was extremely difficult to
negotiate, broken away in parts and
ranging from 1 in 1 to 1 in 2 in grade.

101140 L passed natural clearing in timber on right
of track approx 90' by 100' yds.

101145 L We looked up at an angle of 45° and saw
through the timber a clearing - the sky. We thought
we must be near the summit. The fwd scouts
had disappeared round a high overhanging
bluff which the track climbed round at
the base from where patrol HQ's was

1145 hrs Suddenly a volley of shots
rang out. We later learned this volley was
fired by our second fwd scout Pte GERRATY.
Whereupon we all went to ground. The main body
of the leading section and patrol HQ's group
behind bluff and rear section just on edge of
clearing mentioned above.

For details of contact see appended
contact report and sketch. Posn of contact
approx

101150 L leading elements of fwd section started to
move back going down re-entrant on

WEST side of track to reform at approx 400 paces down track

1205 hrs main body of patrol met on track.

We then learned that one native had dropped 1 bag containing 12 tins of F.O.R. over the side of spur.

Capt Cameron, F/O Brown and Capt Frederick moved out and about 150 paces rejoined track where Sgt JOHNSTONE and war sec had gone to ground and were holding the track. They held council of war and decided to move down to river which we reached at approx

1400 hrs to move to high ground south side of river so we could communicate with unit (BHQ) as quickly as possible.

Had a "snack" at the river and moved back along track - reverse of route out - to NATIVE village - the only open spot offering good comm and defence.

1420 On way back at approx map ref

574708 we crossed small trickle (mentioned on route out and, on a rock over which water flowed found small piece of paper [EDNY] - which is filed separately. This paper had Jap writing on back and was NOT on rock on route out. It had evidently been washed down stream in between times.

1445 We heard several bursts of arty fire

1510 We reached a Kunai spur and observed three arty smoke bombs fall on 320 bearing.

As we moved on towards the high ground 573696 the shells were falling closer to us - one landing about 150 yds in our rear.

We decided the arty were ranging on the native village.

10 1610 comms established with BHS. We received instructions to remain for night where we were 573695.

Day 3 11 11th

11 0930 L left village for F.B

11 1145 had lunch at 549689

11 1420 reached F.B 563673.

(6)

REMARKS

The track from FB 563673 to approx 573696 is marked with foxholes at intervals. Most of the high ground - clear patches - as far as 560698 has been used as def. posns. The area of old PIB HQ^s 549689 being a particularly good def. posn. well sited and dug in. The track we followed into the valley grid sq. 5770 showed no signs of being fortified - NO foxholes. The track up the mountain to the Jap posn was not foxholed.

On most of the tracks in these parts can be found at intervals Jap rubber boots, helmets, coats, ground sheets or tent sheets. We removed all markings and have packed them under separate covers.

COMMS While on high ground in clear patches w/T comms are very good but in timber or in the valleys w/T comms are impracticable.

WATER Good water available at intervals along track. On high features it is usually 10-15 minutes down hill but the natives, under escort, usually found it.

RATIONS The new F.O.R are a welcome change and much appreciated.

GENERAL We were extremely disappointed at NOT being able to see or reach the ROAD.

0820 hrs.

13 JAN 44.

[Statements of FWD Scouts attached]

LeSarfield
The.

Statement of the FILLCOCK FWD Scout.

VX 115545

I saw the gap when I got back to "Hank"
(The General)

It looked as though fire lanes were cut to
the track.

Signed _____
The FILLCOCK

DATE.

To accompany Contact Report

Statement of 2nd Ind Scout Pte GERRATY. VX135511

"The Jimi Dilcock the leading scout was seen to
seven yds in front of me, and about 20 yds from
the enemy. I saw a bush move on left
of track and then saw 1 Jap. I couldn't
say whether he was armed. Apparently
Jimi didn't see him so I called out to
Jimi who was by this time about 5 yds
from the Jap. Jimi didn't hear me
I called again & beckoned him back.
Just as Jimi got back to me they opened
up. We dived behind a bush tree
and opened up on them.

Jimi got 2 bursts in (OSMG) and I got
back 24 shots

Signed: _____
Pte. GERRATY.

DATE.

TIME OF CONTACT - 10-1145L.

MAP REF - 589719

ENEMY STRENGTH - One pl - plus attached troops (this I estimate by the firing of a heavy mmc)

POSITION - Def position, and by reports of forward scouts and observation, well dug in.

EXTENT OF FLANKS - The position is approx 200 x wide + in the form of a quarter circle. It is covering track running EAST-WEST along crest and track running NORTH-SOUTH up spur.

OWN CASUALTIES - None.

ENEMY CASUALTIES - Unknown.

REMARKS -

The scouts (2) had just turned corner of track and were approx 40x into clearing on crest - 1st scout was approx 10x in front of second scout and approx 30x from the first enemy position. Second scout saw Jap standing by a bush and called out to first scout who dived back to cover just in front of second scout - the Jap heard the scout call and dived for his LMG nest. The first scout then fired a burst of 9mm into nest and Jap gun opened on him while he was ducking back to cover behind the bluff or cutting. Where Patrol HQ and the rest of fwd section had gone to ground - the second scout then fired a burst of 9mm at LMG nest and during a slight stoppage of this gun got back to bluff with rest of fwd party - at second LMG then opened up from left or south side of track and there was intermittent rifle fire from this area also - this fire was fairly intense and in bursts with the rifle fire continuing

during the interval between bursts and was mostly going over our heads and into the reentrants behind our position.

On the second LMG opening up a heavy type of gun, very like our own M.M.C., opened from a position SOUTH of the LMG nests.

This gun opened on the track running up the spur and hit the track in rear of the fwd group (fwd sec + patrol HQ) and in front of the rear section and carriers who were approx 200x in rear of the fwd group and just coming out of the trees into the cleared portion of the track. This gun appears to have been on fixed lines across the track for a considerable time but when Sgt Forstone attempted to recover a bag containing 12 FOR. dropped by one of the carriers, this gun opened on the package causing the Sgt to pull back with nothing worse than a hand and arm splashed with mud. This section had gone to ground and fired a few bursts of 9mm and rifle shots at the general area of M.M.C.

This gun was placed in a thick clump of trees and undergrowth at top of reentrant on EAST of track, and ending in a steep rise up to the crest. The height of gun above this rear section would be approx 30ft and 300x distance at an angle of 45 degrees.

After approx 3 minutes I started to thin out the fwd section who withdrew down the reentrant on WEST side of track and reformed approx 400 paces down the track. T/O Brown, a RAAF officer and myself then withdrew along this reentrant picking up Capt Brumby, a VSA officer with the patrol and rejoined the rear section approx 200x back along track. After a general discussion at this point and from my further observations of the Jap position and area I decided to withdraw down the spur along the

track over the river at bottom of feature,
to the high ground on SOUTH side of river.

I consider this gap position well dug, well
sited & with a commanding view of both track
and surrounding area. The steep grade (approx 1 in 2)
to the position and the difficult terrain both
EAST + WEST of the track will make either
direct attack or encirclement of this position
very difficult. Several members of rear section
have stated that two distinct thumps, very
much like a grenade, appeared to come from
behind & EAST of track and suggest they
came from the M M 6 area -

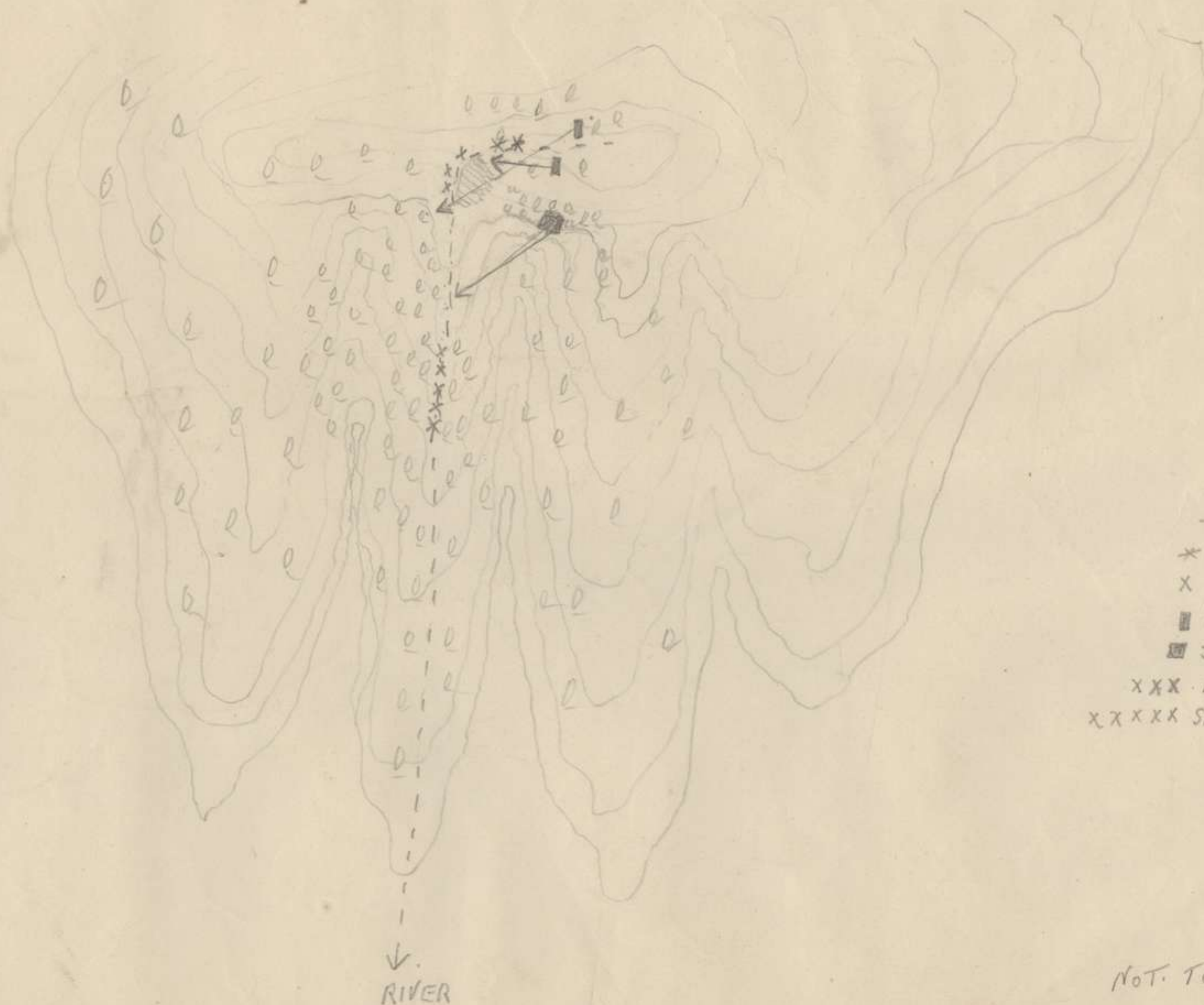
W. Cameron
Capt

130820

REFMAP AMV BN 1-25000

MAPREF 589719

SKETCH SHOWING JAP CONTACT AREA AT 1145 HRS 10 JAN -



LEGEND -

* SCOUTS

X MEN

▭ JAP LMG

■ JAP MMG

XXX FIRST SEC + PATROL HQ

XXXXX SECOND SEC + CARRIERS

NOT TO SCALE

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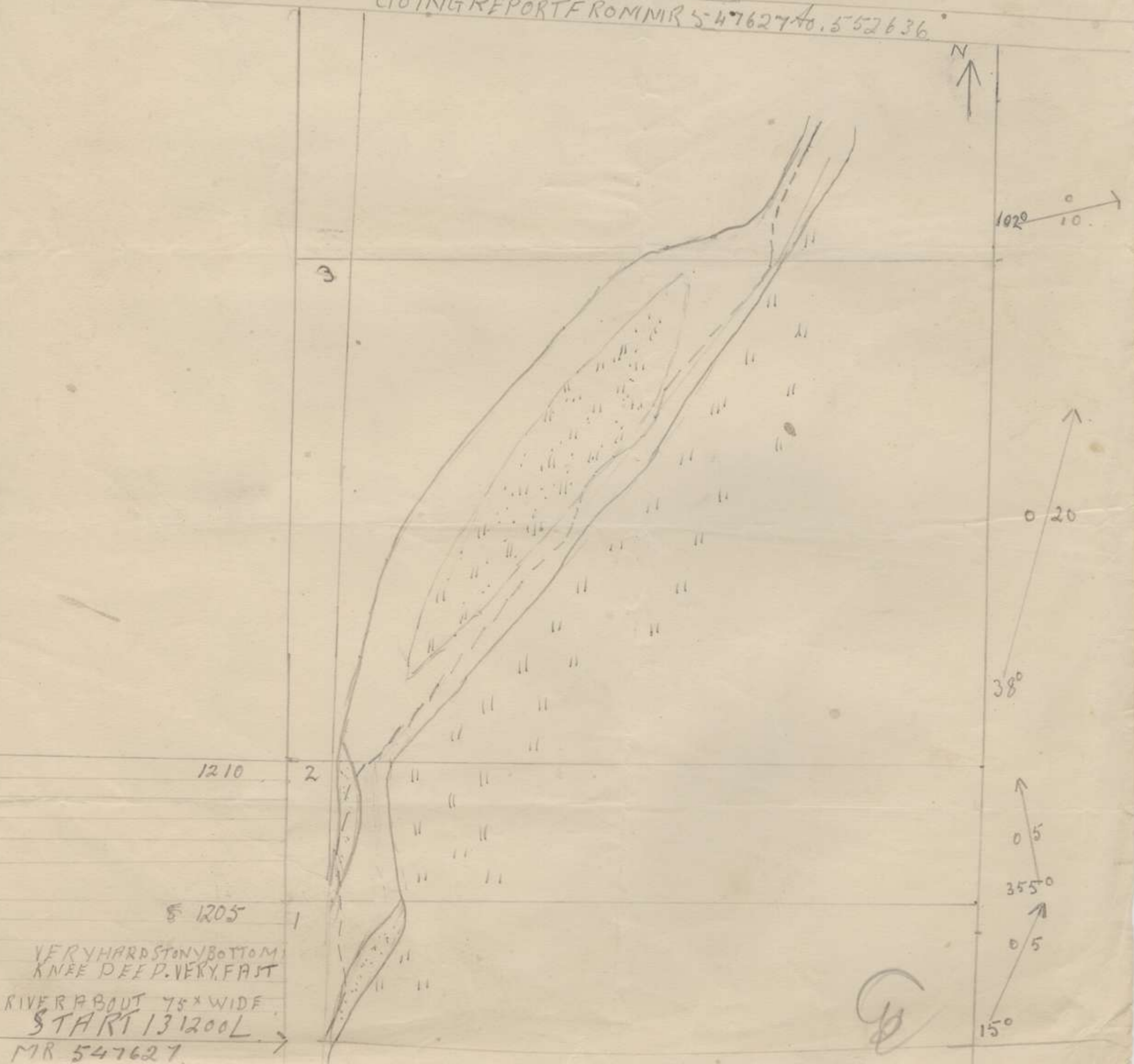
General report. This track is along the mud banks and partly on the bed of the EVAPIA RIVER. at the Xing MR 547627. The river is up to 75 yds wide and at present is very fast flowing having risen with the heavy rains of late. The NORTH Bank is mainly about 15' to 20' high for the first 30 mins about 800'. Going is very hard as the mud banks are covered in very high stones and the bed of the river is of rocks of about 1 foot diam. Both banks are covered with high Kunia and cane grass. Not impossible to scrub back though. After the first 30 min the river narrows abruptly and is only between 10' and 15' wide and is about 4' high deep and bounded by very high banks right to the water edge about 50 feet high. Up to this point the SOUTH Bank is flat but gradually rising to a high bluff. The water then becomes waist deep.

TIME TAKEN 40 mins.

DISTANCE about 1000'

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GOING REPORT FROM MR 547627 TO 552636



VERY HARD STONY BOTTOM
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 RIVER ABOUT 75' WIDE
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 MR 547627

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From No. _____ Name _____

Unit or Group _____

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Date _____

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DATE 13 JAN 1945
PATROL by 13 PL C Coy.

Personnel 1 off 6 OR's

RECC

ARMS 3 OWENS 3 maps 4 rifles 100 rds 1 discharged amp

2nd reserves see Grenades each rifle

2nd four see Grenades per man.

LEADER Lieut MR INTOSH.

RATIONS 4 day FOR + emergency.

Track

OBJECT To recon, to observe Japs E of C road

EAST of 4200 feature.

Time OUT 13 JAN 0800 hrs Time IN 15 JAN 1730 hrs

ROUTE OUT From 562 672 down Kunai ridge

to 570 671 to 578 673. Scout dashed to creek
at 580 674 SE along creek down stream to

584 679 left creek and scout dashed parallel

to creek EVAPIA River to 594 673. Followed

river to junction 598 674. We made two junction

one F.B. from which 3 reccs were made

one up creek parallel to 60 EASTING line

one up Kunai Spur to 605 677. and one

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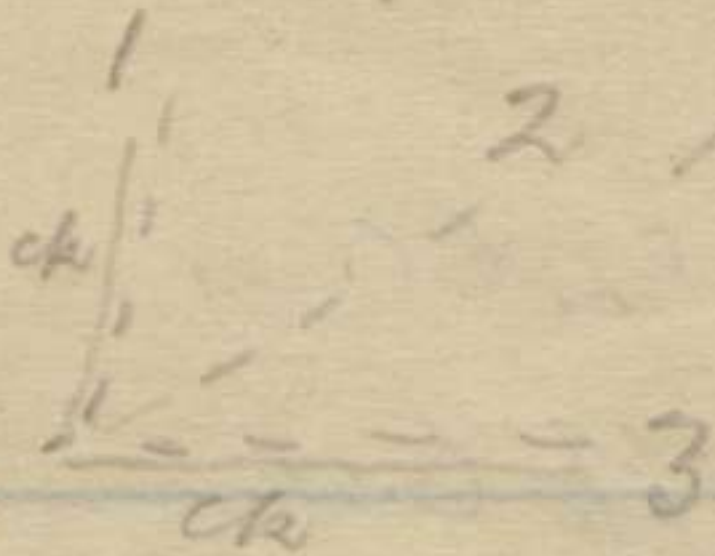
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2 miles

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along ck running EAST w. 

Route IN from patrol F.B. (river junction)

to Kunda spur 596678. Scrub bashed

to SW to creek at 580674 WSW

to 566669 and climbed to C Coy HQ's.

WEATHER Day 1 vis poor Day 2 and 3 vis good
but rain all night every night.

RESULT. Time and rations too short to reach
objective. Country very rugged. No tracks
observed by natives who raised alarm
by calling at our approach.

DETAILS 0800 hrs 13 JAN left C Coy HQ's fairly
easy going to creek 584669. Scrub
bashed all along ridge roughly
parallel and north of EVAPIA RIVER
to creek river 595673 which we reached
at 1800 hrs.

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DETAILS contd. Day 2 14 JAN. followed river
WEST to junction 598674. Here we
established a F.B. at 1100 hrs had an early
lunch and split into three recon parties.
One party went N. upstream to approx 601680
the 2nd party went bashed NE up Kunai
spur to approx 604675 and the 3rd
party followed the creek EAST upstream
to approx 603674^{ch. junction}. The further we went
along this creek river the taller the
walls and the narrower the defile.
The three parties returned to F.B. and
bivouacked for night at 1800 hrs.

On day 3 - 15 JAN we headed
NW up ridge to Kunai patch 596678
scrub bashing all the way. At this
spot we heard natives calling and
dogs barking. We suspected that they

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were warning a possible enemy OP
on a clearing at approx 592 687.

We continued WSW to 566 669 and
descended to C. Coy HQ which we
reached at approx 1730 hrs. on 15 JAN

Remarks Pretty hard going all way.
Could NOT locate any of the tracks
shown on map. The Route IN
was much easier going than Route
OUT. We were under observation
from natives.

Spersfeld
Pte. Int Sec
29 Bn.

1745 hrs 17 JAN
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To . I.O.

Patrol found by. 13 pl C Coy.
Strength. 1 Offr 6 Oks. Patrol Comd Lieut McINTOSH.
Armament. 3 Owens 3 mags 4 rifles. 10Ords .1 discharger cup.
 2 seven sec grens. 2 four sec grens per man.
Rations. 4 days F O R and one emergency.
Object. To recce track to observe Jap L of C road EAST of 4200
 feature.
Time out. 13 Jan. 0800hrs. Time in. 1730hrs 15 Jan.
Route out. From 562672 down kunai ridge to 570671 to 578673. scrub
 bashed to creek at 580 674. S.E. along creek down stream
 to 584679. left creek and scrub bashed parallel to EVAPIA R
 to 594673. Followed river to junc598674. We made this junc
 our F.B. from which 3 recces were made - one up creek par-
 allel to 60 EASTING gridline - one up kunai spur to 605677
 and one along creek running EAST.
Route in From patrol F.B. river junc to kunai spur 596678. scrub-
 bashed to SW to creek at 580674.WSW to 566669 and climbed
 to C Coy HQ.
Weather. Day 1. vis. poor. day 2 and 3 vis goodbut rain all night
 every night.
Result. Time and rations too short to reach objective. Country
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 firm base at 1100hrs had an early lunch and split into
 three recce parties. one party went NORTH upstream to
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 spur to approx 604675 and the third party followed the
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 and the narrower the defile. The three parties returned
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 all the way. At this spot we heard natives calling and
 dogs barking. We suspected that they were warning a
 possible enemy O.P. on a clearing at approx 592687.
 We continued WSW to 566669 and climbed to C Coy HQ which
 we reached at approx 1730hrs. on 15 Jan.
Remarks. Hard going all way. Could NOT locate any of the tracks
 shown on map. The route IN was much easier going than
 route OUT. We were under observation from natives.

Signed. C SANSFIELD. Pte
 "I" Sec.

17 Jan 44

PATROL AND CONTACT REPORT.

29 Jan 44

Ref Map AMUBA 1 :25000 2nd Ed.

Patrol found by. D Coy. Patrol Comd. Lieut FOX.

Patrol Strength. 3 OIRs 20 ORs incl. 1 RAP and 1 "I" man. plus arty pers
1 OIR and 4 ORs.

Time out 290845L. Time in 291600L.

Object To search area to village 563712. If contact made to establish arty O.P. and direct arty fire onto enemy posns then attack and clear area of any enemy encountered providing they were not in any great strength.

Armament. 2 Brens. 8 OSMGs 18 rifles. 1 mags per Bren. 4 per Owen. 50 ras per rifle. 2 grenades per man.

Comms. LBT to CAME ONS CAMP and R/T per 108 Mk III.

Route out. From 560699 NORTH down to creek 560701. N.E. up spur to 568707 then NNW down spur to enemy posn 566709.

Route in Reverse route out.

Details.

Patrol left Camp area 560699 NORTH to creek 560701 then NE along razorback spur to GOODWIN SPUR 568707 NNW along this spur to 566708. 291045L. Two scouts reported fire lanes cut for approx 100 yds fwd of def posns on knoll. one sec was sent to each flank to cover forward sec who went fwd to contact enemy. Enemy opened fire 1100L with OSMG LMG and rifle. Sec returned fire and Cpl Meles reports that he possibly wounded 1 enemy. Estimated strength enemy in this posn one sec. Patrol then withdrew to 566707 to enable arty to register. FOO Capt HAUGHTON directed arty on to target and several hits were recorded. Arty went out of action 1200 hrs. Patrol then attacked posn from front left and right flanks but found posn had been evacuated. Jap footprints were discovered on track leading down to village 563712. Patrol had meal on spur 566709. Japs had 3 fox holes dug on SOUTHERN slopes of knoll but had probably been surprised in the act of preparing further defences, diggings were at most one day old and 2 humpies were same age.

1330hrs. Arty reported guns ready for action.

1345 hrs patrol prepared to move down track to village when fired on by OSMG LMG rifle and mortar. patrol took up fire posns on knoll and returned fire. enemy strength estimated at more than one pl a side track. Track down to posns was razorbacked and very steep making an attempt at outflanking enemy impossible with so few men. Arty engaged Jap posns 1400 hrs. 1430 hrs patrol withdrew under cover arty fire and arrived CAMERONS CAMP 560699, 291600L.

Cas. own nil. Enemy. unknown. possibly one wounded.

OSMG shells were found in Jap posn as well as jap rifle amm.

Remarks.

Jap evidently using his old track of one small force fwd as listeners post and to lead our troops into ambush. This did not work out owing to Jap habit of not being able to hold his fire long enough. It was decided that as our force was so small it would not be safe to continue the attack. The Jap could infiltrate behind patrol once we had advanced down slope and this posn could not be taken from the river side as arty assistance could not be used without endangering own troops. Japs evidently using our OSMG captured in action against him at SPENDLOVES SPUR, also possibly 2 in mortar captured in same action.

1500 hrs.

31 Jan 44

Signed N.R.BOWER.

Pte "I" sec.

PATROL AND CONTACT REPORT.

31 Jan - 2 Feb 44

Patrol No 7.

To. I.C.

Type of patrol **FIGHTING** and **RECCE**

Ref map AMUBA 1 : 25000 2nd ed.

Found by . D Coy. 24 Aust Inf Bn .

Patrol Comd. Lieut **LOOKER**

Patrol strength. 2 Offrs. 14 ORs incl. one "I" man. one RAP. 1 Offr 5 ORs from arty.

Armament. 2 LMGs. 12 Owens. 6 rifles. 6 mags each Bren and 50 rds per rifle. 2 grenades per man.

Object To recce to Jap L of C. cut Jap L of C. To ambush and generally to have a go at any Japs seen.

Weather. Day. 1. cloudy. visibility only fair. rained during night
Day. 2. visibility good early. later cloudy. poor vis. rain at night.

Route out. Day 3. dull and cloudy.
Went along spur to 572701 then SE to 576697 then scrub bashed down very steep spur on a bearing 75 deg approx towards Jap L of C.

Route in. Returned by same route.

Time out. 310900L. Time in. 021600L.

Load carried. Gas caps or ground sheet, mosquito net 3 days FOR 1 emer ration. 2 tins canned heat.

Result of Patrol. Pat of failed to reach Jap L of C but contacted enemy posn at 583712.

Details.

Day 1. Patrol moved out at 310900L. from CAMBON KROLL along track EAST to vicinity of 572701. Then decided to go SE along track for approx 500 yds and reached approx 576697 Then we left track and moved down scrubbing down very steep spur in direction 75 deg. mag. Going very difficult and slippery owing to fairly thick undergrowth and grade being about one in two. We travelled slowly for 2 hrs when we came to a stream at 580701 which was flowing in N.E. direction. Fairly good supply of water with series of fairly steep drops causing small waterfalls. We followed course of stream for approx 600 yds. going was too solid owing to waterfalls. To avoid stream we left it at 585705 and moved N.W. to try and strike spur running N.E.. After travelling NORTH for approx 500 yds forward scout heard Jap voices, 3 ORs moved forward to investigate. 2 Japs observed at 583712 at 1730L. and quite a few large trees in vicinity of Jap posn had been felled giving the appearance of fire lanes. Terrain EAST of Jap posn was too difficult to move down to Jap L of C owing to sheer rock faces, main object to reach Jap L of C. Patrol leader gave orders to move back. The time being late we moved to high ground and made camp for night at 586706.

Day 2. Had an early breakfast and patrol scrub bashed approx N. direction for 2 hrs. Again struck sheer rock faces at 588708 making it impossible to move towards Jap L of C. Then moved S.W. to 581703 arriving 1300L. Lieut **LOOKER** and 8 Owen gunners scrub bashed in N. direction to try and get around W. of Jap posn 583712. Going was extremely difficult owing to series of razorback spurs. After going 3 hrs struck an unused native pad at 578710 running N.W. and S.W. This track was well defined but no recent use. Recce was made up and down track then moved back to 581703 arriving 1830L. Camp was made for night.

Day 3. Time being limited Lieut **LOOKER** established an ambush posn of 2 LMGs, 4 rifles at 583703 to cover withdrawal of attacking force while Lieut **LOOKER** and party of 11 moved along same route as we saw the Japs the first day to get to their posn 583712 with purpose of trying to find out what defences and what strength the Jap had and if possible inflict casualties, otherwise purpose of patrol would have been worthless. To get close enough to Jap posn attacking party was forced to move along edge of stream. At stream to safeguard withdrawal of party Capt **HAUGHTON** of Arty and 2 ORs was left to cover withdrawal. Lieut **LOOKER**, Lieut **FOX** and 7 Owen gunners moved to small ridge EAST of Jap

posn within 60 yds of small ridge where small party of japs approx 8 to 10 were observed moving around in what appeared a defensive posn. One Jap observed with rifle. After observing for 10 mins orders were given to spread out and take up fire posn at 0915. On signal all ranks opened fire at Japs, fire lasting 1 1/2 minutes. Jap cas 6 killed. probab 1. Own nil. NO answering fire was heard b attacking party but ambush party thought they heard small burst of jap LMG. Attacking party moved back to rendezvous. Capt HAUGHTON and 2 Gns on stream. Check made of attacking party and found all correct. Whole party then proceeded back up ridge to 581708 where 2 arty personnel with wireless and 2 Gns were waiting with our packs at main ambush posn. Then whole patrol hurriedly moved back to CAMMONS Knoll arriving 021600L. Patrol took with them 108 wireless set to keep in comm with Coy HQ but was unseccessful. Couldnt get in touch at any stage of patrol.

Remarks. Enemy contacted at 58:712. ref map AMUSA 1/25000 2nd Ed.

Estimated strength. 1 pl in def posn with fields of fire cut facing NORTH.

Own cas. Nil.

Enemy. 6 killed. one postable.

Jap posn appeared to be outer def for village SAIPA 2.

Signed Lieut L LOCKER.
Patrol Comd

Report by Pte L. PURVIS
"1" Sec.

3 Feb 44

Patrol Report

3637

Type of Patrol Recce.

Ref. Map. AMUBAK: 1:25000

From: ~~Captured posn. Spindlove's Spur map ref. 568699.~~

Patrol Leader. Lieut C.B. Beaudine.

Date. 26 Jan 44. Patrol of 4 Pl. and 7 Pl.

Patrol Strength 2 Ofcs. 6 NCO's 14 Ptes.

Armament 1 Bren. 14 OSMG's 7 rifles, 2 Grenades per man

Object To ascertain whether there were any Japs on tracks leading E ~~on~~ from our Camp site and obtain find an O.P. posn. on GOODWIN'S SPUR.

Weather Wet and Cloudy.

Route out. East 1000 yards.

Route in By route out.

Time out 0830 L

Time in 1300 L.

Food Carried 1 FOR. 2 Sundry. Ops.

Result of Patrol

After moving up ill-defined track for approx 400 yds., came on several old native huts which had been obviously recently vacated. 2 Booby traps found. 100 yds. further on came on prepared Coy. posn. with dug outs, series of trenches, and fox holes, which had not been used for some time although fairly recently prepared. An elaborate O.P. (Ladder type) had been erected at this posn. A guard of 3 was left at this position to cover the main patrol & occupy the posn.

Proceeding on approx. 300 yds. through fairly open timber came on a bed & lean-to, which was probably constructed the night previously. There were recent tracks (made by only 1 Jap) leading further up towards the spur, ^{and recent tracks found.} ~~Guard of 3 was left here.~~

The patrol proceeded along ~~through~~ a track through disused native gardens, through heavy undergrowth and again through disused native gardens but could not find a track past these gardens. It was thought that a right hand track leading off the main track a little forward of the posn. where the bed & lean-to were found would lead off up around the back of the spur, so the patrol returned with information of Jap. posn. In all the patrol moved approx. 1000 yds to map. ref. 568 699

Deductions It appeared that the track recce. was not the one used by the Japs in vacating Spindlove's Spur, but 1 Jap had at least used it, probably acting in the capacity of a decoy, in order to foster the belief that this was the route out for the Japs.

(Sketch overleaf.)

Patrol Report

Map Ref. AMUBA 3637 1:25000

From ~~CAMERONS CAMP~~ map ref. 560 699 Type. Recce.

Patrol leader. Lieut C.B. ~~Reece~~

Date: 27 Jan 44 Patrol formed by 4 Pl. and 9 Pl.

Patrol Strength 2 Officers 7 N.C.O.'s 14 Ptes.

Armament 1 Bren 12 BOSTINGS. 11 rifles, 2 Grenades, per man.

Object To ascertain whether any Japs in occupation on N.E. portion of Spindlow's Spur and find, if possible an ARTY C.P. overlooking MINTIM River and Jap. Road.

Route out N. ~~along~~ creek on N. Flank of Cameron's Camp and then N.E. along spur running ^{S.W.} off Main feature

Route in S.W. to native Gardens approx map ref. 568 699 then W. to Cameron's Camp.

Weather Wet and Cloudy.

Time out 0830 L Time in 1530 L.

Food Carried 1 FOR. 2 Emerg. Ops.

Resnet of Patrol + Details

After crossing creek at N. boundary of Camp, patrol moved up a spur in N.E. direction. No well-worn track was seen, but a native pad (very old) was followed through fairly open timber.

At approx. map ref. 568 705 ~~the~~ ~~track~~ several freshly made beds were observed with tracks leading down a well-defined track leading to the right down to a re-entrant on the side of the spur.

9 ~~pl.~~ pl. was placed along spur and 4 Pl. covered ~~the~~ ~~area~~ ~~investigation~~ small party, seeing track & investigating beds. At about 1145 L after 15 mins of investigation, rear man in 9 Pl. observed 4 Japs, one armed with Bren moving up track followed by patrol. He opened fire with Bren and Japs dispersed. It is thought that one was injured.

As it was apparent that the patrol was in ~~a~~ ~~gap~~ or close to a Jap position, the patrol sat & listened. About 10 minutes later a single Jap came down the spur and was fired on by a member of the patrol. He disappeared & it was not known whether he was injured or not.

It was then decided to return at approx 1200 L, as it was apparent that the patrol was close to a Jap position.

and further well up the spur with the enemy warned
would have been hazardous.

The patrol ~~had~~ moved away from the position
in a southerly direction until hitting the track receded
the day previously, then returning to camp.

(a) No of enemy contacted 5, but total enemy strength
unknown.

(b) It appears that enemy contacts were on patrol,
covering their defended area.

(c) Enemy casualties - considered one injured.

Remarks

It would appear that the best seen at
junction of track and track on spur were used
by the Jap sentries at a listening post, and the
Japs coming up the track behind the patrol had
either been out on patrol or had been at another
sentry post further W. of the track and were returning
to their main post.

Patrol Report

Ref. map. AMUBA 3437 ; 1:25000.

From ~~CROFTON'S CAMP.~~

Type. Recce.

Patrol Leader. Linn C.B. Adams

Date 29 Jan. 44 - Patrol of 4 Pl. and 16 Pl.

Patrol Strength 2 Offrs. 5 N.C.O's, 14 Pls.

Armament 1 Bren 11 OSMG's. 9 rifles 2 Grenades per man

Object To recce track running S.E. along GOODWIN'S SPUR and to contact a patrol of 18 Bae reported moving along Spur in opposite direction.

Route Out East to ^{GOODWIN'S} Spur ~~at~~ Turn-off to Arty. O.P. track junction map. ref. 572700, thence along track to map ref. 581691 approx 2300 paces.

Route In ~~As with~~ Back along route out

Weather Dull but fine

Time Out 0930 L Time in 1700 L

Food Carried 1 F.O.R. 2 Emerg. Ops.

Result of Patrol and Details

By an error of direction and orders, a track running E. from main track to Arty O.P. was taken. The track junction was approx. map. ref. 569699. This track, however, led away from the main feature and kept descending. Therefore patrol returned to track junction after having investigated other track for 30 mins. The main track to Arty O.P. was then followed and when the top of the spur was reached and ill defined track running S.E. along Spur was followed. This track had not been used recently and in places was ill-defined. It led up the spur on a distinct and sometimes exceedingly narrow razorback

At approx map ref. 574698 a spur was observed running N.E. off main feature.

After proceeding approx 2300 paces along Spur an O.P. dug in on a small razor back was discovered. This

O.P. was in the form of a trench covered over with Timber and
Commanded ^{extensive} ~~view~~ of the RAMON VALLEY and position of the
SOLIS RIVER VALLEY.

The patrol arrived at O.P. at approx. 1515 L. and
the O.P. was carefully searched for any papers or docs.
but none found.

Leading from the O.P. was a well defined track
leading down a steep slope for approx 100 yds. and
from the timber chopping was heard and later ~~heard~~ ^{Talking}.

A small party of 4 was sent down to recon and
fanned out amongst the timber. 2 Japs were observed
~~and they~~ shortly before they moved up from the bottom
of the re-entrant. ~~They were~~ when they moved up
the slope on the other side of the re-entrant, they were
lost to view.

On the ~~forward~~ slope ~~on which~~
down to the Jap position it was seen that the track
widened into a lane of fire ^{and} with fairly large trees had
been felled.

When the Japs were first observed they were working
near some felled timber.

It was not possible to observe clearly on the other
side of the re-entrant, but it appeared that there were
earthworks and timber cleared.

The inference was that the patrol Japs had a
defensive position about 175 yds. from the O.P. and
it was apparent that there had been quite a number
engaged in the work of forming the O.P. and clearing
the lanes of fire.

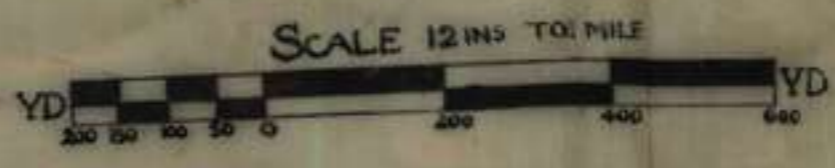
The patrol returned approx. 1700 L.

MT. OTTO 1 INCH - SKETCH OF 24BN DEFENSIVE AREA -



-LEGEND-

PL BOUNDARIES	WEAPON PITS	••
TKA GUN	LINE OF FIRE	◆
MMG	MORTAR TASKS	◆
MORTAR 2" or 3"	CLIFF FACE	■
BATEN ZONE	TIMBER	•••••
BREN POST	OP	•••••
SEC POSTS	GARDENS	•••••
TRACKS	HUTS	•••••
JEEP ROAD	WATER POINT	•••••
CREEKS	PL HQ	□
NON PERRENIAL	COY HQ	□
FORM LINES		□



METHOD USED AND FORM LINES
 BY EYE
 TIME TAKEN 18 HRS -
 Date 10/20/44
 I. SEC

Patrol Report

Ref. Map. ARUSA 3437 1:25000

Patrol leader Lieut C.B. Adams Type. Recce.

Date 1 Feb. 44 Patrol found by A.P.

Patrol Strength 1 Offr. 6 O.P.s

Armament 5 O.S.M.G.'s 2 rifles

Object To move SE along GOODWIN'S SPUR to NIGGERS KNOLL and ascertain if any Jap movt. along track and to cover patrol moving down to MINDJIM RIVER ROAD

Route Out. NE to Arty O.P. track junction thence SE along GOODWIN'S SPUR to NIGGERS KNOLL

Route in Along route out.

Weather ~~fine~~ Wet and misty

Time out 0900L Time in 1645L

Food Carried 1 FOR 2 Emerg. Ops.

Result of patrol and detail

Patrol took track as with patrol on 29 ^{Jan.} and found that all footprints had been eradicated and previous track not easy to follow.

No. Tracks or signs of enemy until ^{Jap} Arty O.P. reached. This was carefully reced. and additional work was noticed as having been done to it.

The patrol returned, withing turn off of other patrol which had followed, and reached Camp 1645L

C.B. Adams Lieut

Sketch herewith.

Patrol Report

Ref. Map. ANAKA 3437 1:25000.

Patrol Leader Lieut C.B. Aeden
Date 3 Feb. 44 Patrol of 4 Pl. and and 4 others from several Pls.

Patrol Strength: 1 Off. and 8 OR's
Armament: 6 O.S.M.G.'s. 3 rifles 2 Grenades per man.

Object: To contact 18 Sde patrol reported to be moving N.W. from NIGGERS KNOLL.

Route out N. East to GOODWIN'S SPUR to turn off to Arty CP. thence along track running S.E. along GOODWIN'S SPUR.

Route in Along route out.

Weather Fine

Time out 1145 L Time In 1930 L

Food Carried 1 FOR. 2 Emerg. Ops.

Result of Patrol and Details.

Patrol moved out along ^{same} route taken by Patrols on 29 Jan & 2 Feb. The footsteps of the four-day patrol were followed to where they turned off and at 1605 L about 50 yds further on from the turn-off, 3 Japs moving up the track were observed. They were partly screened by undergrowth. These were fired on by with O.S.M.G. and then followed by Grenades. They returned fire with several rifle shots and wounded the Tramway in the right upper arm. A crashing noise was heard as though the Japs were diving or falling off the narrow rafterback.

The patrol listened for several minutes & then quietly withdrew, arriving back at Camp at 1830 L.

The contact was made at approx. map ref. 578697

The forward Scout observed with 1 of the Japs that he had a pack on and all were armed with rifles.

- (a) No. of enemy contacted 3 but total no. unknown as ^{visibility} had ~~observation~~ on track would not permit good observation.
- (b) The enemy may have been vacating their posn. near the Jap C.P., as it would appear (one having his pack on) that they were not on patrol.
- (c) Enemy casualties unknown. Own casualties 1 wounded.

APP X

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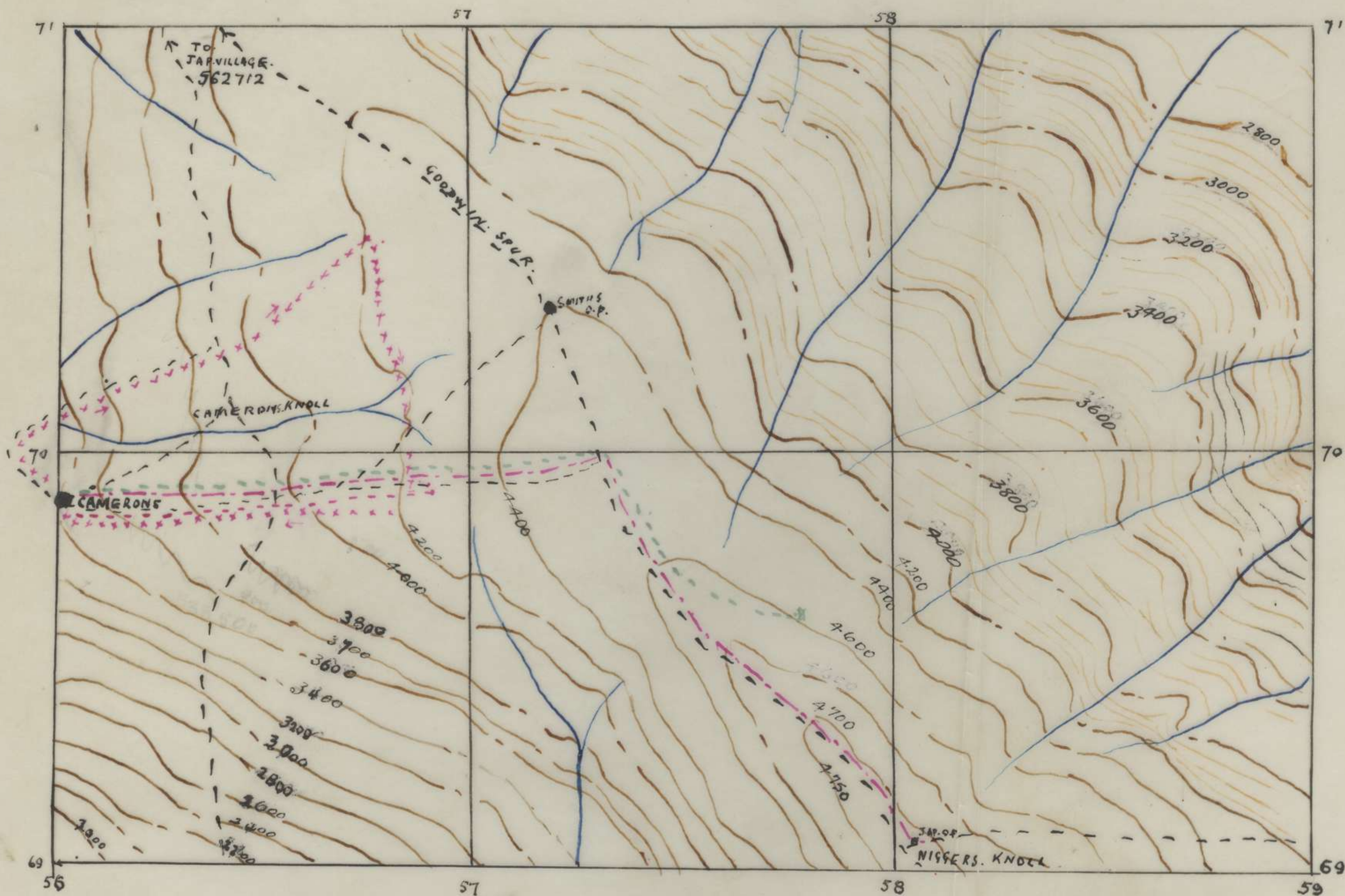
ENLARGEMENT SHOWING SKETCH OF ROUTES FOLLOWED BY PATROLS

26 JAN - 3 FEB. 44.

Comd Lieut ALDERDICE

REF MAP. AMUBA. 2ND EDITION. 1:25000.

R.F. 1:12500.



LEGEND.

TRACKS

ROUTES TAKEN.
PATROL 26 JAN.
" 27 JAN.
" 28 JAN - 1 FEB.
" 3 FEB

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V. I. - 200 FT.

DATUM. PT. CAMERONS. 560699 - 3850 FT.

DATUM. LEVEL. 200 FT.

WEATHER.	MOSTLY WET.
VISIBILITY.	POOR.
METHOD USED.	PATROL REPORTS
FORM. LINES.	FROM MAP.
TIME AND DATE	1100hrs. 10 FEB 44
DRAWN BY.	<i>John Bull</i>
	PLC
	24 AUST. INF. BN. (A.I.F.)

LIST OF PATROLS JANUARY 1944.

24 Aust Inf Bn (A IF)

Patrol No	Strength	Time out	Time in	Duration	Found by	Patrol Comd	Object	Route and destination.	Result
42	3 offrs 20 ORS	290845L	1600L		D Coy.	Lieut FOX	to clear village 563712	From 560699 down to ck 560701 NE to 567706 at down slope.	Jap posn 566708. arty reg on posn. patrol withdrew posn occupied af ter enemy withdrew. Patrol fired on on way to village. Arty scored direct hits onjaps patrol withdrew to 560699 Enemy cas. 1 probably wounded Own nil.
43	1 offr 4 ORS	291430L	301330L	2 days	D Coy		to recce village 541704	from deserted village 547678, 551692 NW along SOLU R 539699 North to village. Route in- East to 548704 S.W. to river 539698	Village deserted No movement seen NO signs recent occupation.
44		301345L	pm. 30L.		D Coy.		recce	CAMERONS -WEST down spur to 551699	Nil report.
45		301605L			D coy		"	CAMERONS -EAST to track junc 570599 North to 573703, 571704	Ambush set 570599 1 Jap 1 native footprints at 573703 571704 O.P. seen view NE to SAIPA 2 EAST along MINTJIM R. saw arty reg in village 604697.
46	1 offr 6 ORS	310800L	311600L.		D Coy.	Lieut ALDERDICE	recce Jap posn 581691.	CAMERONS to 573688 SSE to 579692 (50yds from Jap O.P. 580692)	NO contact, heard auto fire at approx 581691. Aap O.P improved but NMS
47	2 offrs 6 ORS	310850L	311515L		D Coy	Capt SKINNER	recce village 563712	CAMERONS to 568707	567706 arty sig wire cut to O.P 572703 and taken up. Jap footprints at 567767 natives heard in NORTH N.M S
48	3 offrs 2 offrs 14 ORS	310850L 310900L.	021600L		D Coy	Lieut LOOKER	recce Jap L of C contact & Ambush enemy destroy L of C	to 579697 NE to creek 580701 to 583710. to 588709 to 582703 577711 583712 (Jap posn) 570699 to CAMERONS	Japs seen on bridge 583712 attempts to get to L of C stopped at 588709 killed 6 japs at 583712

List of Patrols. 24 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

Patrol No	Strength	Time out	Time in.	Duration	Found by	Patrol Comd	object	Route and destination	Result
33		211130L			A Coy	Capt KENNEDY &	To recce posn draw fire at SPENDLOVE Spur	To SPENDLOVE Spur from river 575706 up feature.	Recce completed and patrol withdrew. Ownacas 1 wounded enemy unknown. discovered enemy fire posns
34		L 22	L 22		12 pl B Coy.	-	To clear track to br destroyed at 500753	From KAROPA base to br	Track clear
35		L 22			12pl B Coy			from KAROPA to 458721	Bridge shown on map 500753 destroyed
36		250950L	L 25		12pl B Coy		clear track	454678 to SOLU R 472735	No mvt seen but heard shots DAUMONIA
37		261000L			Tk/A pl		Fighting patrol	SPENDLOVE Spur to 85deg mag to 568708 110deg to 578692	Jap def posn and O P at 568678.
38		271207L			8 pl		Recce	CAME ONS to 565712	Contacted enemy at 565712
39		271715L			7 pl		To locate Arty O.P.		reached 572703
40		270958L			A Coy 9 pl det 4 pl.			CAMERONS to 567705 Scrubbashed by compass back to CAMERONS	Contacted 5 Japs at 567705 cas. enemy 1 wounded. own nil
41		281720			A Coy 8pl det 4 pl.		recce	EAST from CAMERONS to 567698 to 568690 to 567698 to 581670	O.P. overlooking RAMU Valley at NIGGER KNOLL Strong Jap posn 200 yds EAST.

24 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) INTELLIGENCE REPORT.

PATROLS 11-20 Jan '44.

Patrol No	Strength	Time out	Time in	Duration	Found by	Patrol Comd	Object	Route and destination.	Result.
23	1 off 8 ors	110700L	121730L	2 days	C Coy 14 Pl	Lt Casey	To recce possible approach to Sq 5971	Village 549689 to 550703 thence 549725 thence to Sq 5971	Returned owing to shortage of rations
24	-	121200L	-	-	B Coy 12 Pl	Lieut KENNEDY	1. To relieve patrol 15 pl now at KOROPA 2. To cover approaches to cover 57/60 Bn.	SAMU River track.	Arrived KOROPA 2000L maintaining base during 57/60 patrol to OGORUNA.
25	3 ors	1500L	151515L	-	A Coy 8 Pl	Lt ANDERSON	To search for track to bridge 500704	549321 across bridge found to be blown. Enemy contacted	
26	1 off 6 ors	130800L	151640L	6 days	C Coy 13 Pl	Lieut McINTOSH	Recce Sq 6078 (AMUBA 125000) to feature 4200 and observe Jap LOC AMUBA TO KANYIKORA	SQUA A patrolled bank to Br 500704 at OGORUNA 121200L East from river 552674 to EVAPIA Sq 6067 thence N to feature.	at OGORUNA 121200L at 06 June 528674 patrols from here natives warningsome of approach of patrols, possible CP
27	3 ors	141200L	-	1 day	B Coy 12 Pl	-	Recce to bridge 500753	464732 to Br 500753 and return	No mvt seen
28	4 ors	140915L	141315L	1 day	A Coy	-	Ascertain cause of fires reported vic 518009	459621 to 518009 and return	Reached 528603, contacted natives reported fires along KANAKA
29	-	116	161700L	1 day	B Coy	-	To recce N bank SAMU to locate suitable landing beach for supplier cargo	From KOROPA to SAMU	Unable to reach SAMU owing to heavy scrub bashing.
30	-	170715L	171130L	1 day	B Coy	-	To recce for landing area for barges (as in patrol 25)	Track from KOROPA to SAMU N.	Good area at 448700 suitable for landing being 1hr 45min KOROPA
31	7 ors	181015L	-	-	K Coy 14 Pl	-	To deserted village 573086 to ascertain native infm re: movement from NORTH	From native village 572689 to 573086	NMS
32	Coy	201515L	-	-	A Coy	Capt KENNEDY	To proceed to contact point 595704	From native village 573086 to contact position 595704	No further report

APPENDIX D

Patrol no	Time out	Time in	Found by	Patrol comd	Duration	Object	Route and Destination	Result
9	061515L	081625L	A Coy 8 ors	-	3 days	Search HOUSE KIAPS area for cause of flares.	558621 to RAMU RIVER across by rubber boat then to HOUSE KIAPS and return.	Found Australian capt mines and bombs vic 459639 NMS cause of flares not found.
12	090730L from Firm Base	-	B Coy	Cpl DAVIS	4 days	Escort native line to 5800 feature then patrol to 5500 feature	558624 to 5800 feature to 599588	Arrived 5800 feature leaving 0907301 for 5500 feature
10	061310L	080815L	C Coy	-	3 days	Locate Jap posns on track Firm Base 562674 to AMUBA	582674 NE	Arrived 572687 061830L stayed night 6/7 no contact made.
13	090700L	-	Composite 15 Pl C Coy	Capt CAMERON	5 days	1. Fighting patrol to reach Jap L of C. 2. Ascertain Jap posns held up to that point. 3. Blaze track 4. Make going report	562574 to PIB village 549687 to village 574695 to reported Jap posn 591719. Then to Jap L of C at AMUBA via village 587724	-
14	090700L	-	C Coy 13 Pl 1 sec	Sgt BRACK	3 day	1. Investigate tracks reported along Jap Firm Base area. 2. Blaze track 3. Make going report	562674 to PIB huts 549689 then to NO 3 village 530705 to NO I village 550704 to PIB huts 549689 to FIRM BASE.	-
15	090630L	-	B Coy 11 Pl	Lieut KENNEDY	4 days	Recc of tracks to KOROPA and SOLU R iver for sign enemy activity.	Cross EVAPIA to vic PIB huts 502671 to SOLU River to KOROPA to KESAWAI to KOBEN to start point.	-

Patrol No	Time Out	Time In	Force by	Patrol Command	Duration	Object	Route and Destination	Result
11	061300L	071650L	C Coy	-	2 days	Locate enemy positions on track from 5884 to 5888 674 to 5827-4	588 674 to 5827-4 and return	No contact made.
12	-	-	C Coy 1 Pl	-	4 days	Search native line to 58684 to 5800 feature 5810 feature then patrol to 5810 feature	58684 to 5800 feature to 5810 feature to 58688.	

PATROL NO	Time out	Time in	Found by	Patrol Comd	Duration	Object	Route and Destination.	Result
4 Jan (cont)								
4	L/4	L/5	HQ Coy 1 offr 2 ors	Lieut SMITH	2 days	Establish rope across 587590 to KESAWAI 3 RAMU R. from Vic KESAWAI 3	587590 to KESAWAI 3 and return	Crossing can be effected from 554602
5	L/4	051530L	HQ Coy 3 ors	Cpl HALLAM	2 days	Recce 1 day down stream S bank RAMU River	587590 to mouth MENE R. across RAMU then N W along bank and return	Reported village occupied by natives at 546592
5 JAN								
7	051100L	051730L	A Coy 7 ors	-	1 day	Search north bank RAMU R for cause of flares	558621 to RAMU R then N W and return	Reached 505647. Unable proceed further because of swamps.
1	L/5	L/5	A Coy	-	Last light	Clear west bank EVAPIA R.	558621 to EVAPIA R. and return	Nil report
3	051630L	-	C Coy 3 offr 50 ors	Capt FLEWELLING BN		Establish Firm Base 5800 feature for patrolling N W to Na	587580 North to 5800 feature.	061100L reached Firm Base 562674. Are remaining there.
11	050700L	051200L	D Coy 3 ors	-	1/2 day	Contact 2/14 Bn at THOMPSONS RIDGE 575627	558624 East to 575627 and return	Contacted 2/14 Bn.
8	051330L	080225L	D Coy 10 ors	Sgt WINTLE	4 days	RECCE head waters EVAPIA R.	558624 along EVAPIA R. 1 1/2 days and return	No tracks discovered. No mvt seen, river followed throughout patrol
6 JAN								
9	061555L	-	A Coy 8 ors	-	4 days	Search HOUSE KIAPS area for cause of flares	558621 to RAMU R. across by rubber boat then to HOUSE KIAPS and return.	
10	061310L	-	-	-	-	Locate Jap posns on track Firm Base 562674 to AMUBA.	562674 North East	Arrived 572687 at 061830L stayed night

APPENDIX A.

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24 AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION (A.I.F.) INTELLIGENCE REPORT.

PATROLS 2-7 JAN 44.

Patrol No	Time out.	Time in.	Found by.	Patrol comd	Duration	Object	Route and Destination.	Result.
<u>2 JAN</u> A	021000	021830	C Coy 5 ofs	Cpl Goodwin	1 day	Recce 3 1/2 hrs down stream North bank RAMU RIVER	From 587574 North West 3 1/2 hrs and return.	Contacted PIB patrol 555602
B	020930	021830	B Coy 4 ofs	Cpl MELNICK	1 day	Str 4 ofs. Recce to 2/6 Cav Sqn,	597587 N E to 2/6 Cav Sqn	Contacted 2/6 Cav Sqn. 638623
C	020800	031800	B Coy 4 ofs	2/14Bn	2 days	Recce 5800 feature	553624 N to 5800 feature return West down spur.	Fire still burning old PIB posn 549689 when patrol arrived
D	L/2	021900	A Coy 2 ofs	-	1 day	Recce to EVAPIA R. crossing	558621 to EVAPIA R. and return	Nil report.
E	L/2	021900	A Coy 2 ofs	-	1 day	Recce to 656621	558621 to 656621 and return	Nil report.
<u>3 JAN</u> I	L/3	L/3	A Coy	-	-	Last light patrol to	West bank EVAPIA RIVER.	Nil report.
<u>4 JAN</u> F	040645	051800	A Coy 8 ofs	Cpl Warner	3 days	Recce to House Kiaps and WAIMERIBA 489639 for cause of flares.	558621 to HOUSE KIAPS, and return	Unable to cross RAMU R. and no flares seen.
J	L/4	L/4	A Coy	-	-	Last light patrol to	West bank EVAPIA RIVER.	Nil report
G	040830	041430	C Coy	Cpl EVANS	1 day	Recce 3 1/2 hrs down stream North bank RAMU RIVER.	587574 N W 3 1/2 hrs and return	Nil report
2	040750	091245	B Coy 2 ofs 18 ofs	Capt BUDELL	approx 6 days	Recce to 2/6 Cav Sqn and 2/2 Pnr Bn.	597587 along MENE RIVER to 2/6 Cav Sqn then to 2/2 Pnr Bn and return	Spent night 7/8 at A Tp 2/6 Cav Sqn on return.

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187	185	FOTO	FOPO	0730	0930	<p>Litrep 35 to 150730 LO BHQ, HQ coy area 599588 @ 0725L 3 MITES strafed casualties 1K 1W.</p>
188	0A16	KUDA	FOPO	1935	-	<p>Patrol across RAMU, returned 141915L reached approx 528603 contacted native who reported fires belonged kanakas.</p>
189	0A17	KUDA	FOPO	0535		<p>Litrep 29 to 150530 LO Litnor</p>
190	0A18	KUDA	FOPO	1732		<p>Litrep 30 to 151730 LO 150900L 7 pl moved out for 5800 feature. C.O. visited area.</p>
191				1000		

- 180 038 FOPO KUDA 1515 1630 Report progress works programme 1800 daily @ RC church side DID 1130 hrs.
- 181 041 FOPO KUDA 1515 1630 VA 137571 Lie Stewart R.O application for comp leave NOT approved.
- 182 0A14 KUDA FOPO 0925 - Daily sick return.
- 183 - KUMO I O KAKOPA 1415 1715 Patrol 3 hrs to map ref urigina 500753 returned 141200 LO report no signs of enemy activity.
- 184 0A15 KUDA FOPO 1732 Sitrep 28 to 141730L @ 140915L patrol str 4 hrs out to cross RAMU ascertain cause fires reported 515609 @ 141045L one det mortars arrived 549621 @ 141115L D coy 57/60 bn arrived 547623 bivouaced for night.
- 185 183 FOPO FOPO 1900 2100 Sitrep 33 to 141900LO KUDA 09152 patrol 27 out to cross RAMU & ascertain cause fires reported 515609 @ 1115L D coy 57/60 arrived area bivouac for night @ KUMO 1208L 12 pl patrol 24 KAKOPA to br 500753 in report NMS No report patrol 23 & 26 @ BOVA sitnor
- 186 184 FOPO FOPO 0700 0900 Sitrep 24 to 150700L @ A coy @ 141915L patrol 28 str 4 hrs in @ Reached approx 528603 contacted natives who reported fire belong kanaka @ Ref sitrep 33 for patrol 27 read patrol 28 for patrol 24 read patrol 27 @ BCD coy sitnor.

172 OA KUDA FOPO 1900 Locstat as at 132400L @ Coy HQ 549621 7 pl 547623
8 pl 549621 9 pl 549622

173 I77 FOPO FOPO 1710 1830 Sitrep from coys to be rendered to 0530 and 1730
hrs daily. Special sitrep may be sent at any
time if situation warrants.

174 I79 FOPO FOPO 1900 1- Sitrep 30 to 131900L @ 131515L 8 pl patrol 15
returned 549621 KOROPA. B coy 1130L Coy HQ est
THOMPSONS RIDGE @ C coy @ 131000L 13 pl patrol str
7 to sq 6070 AMUBA 1/25000 601676 Octo to further
report @ 131100L 13 pl patrol 23 left 549689
to observe Jap L of C vic AMUBA. Line now
extended to 6 days no further report
@ D coy 0840L fire seen in timber 515609
approx.

175 I80 FOPO FOPO 2000 - Sitrep 31 to 132000L @ A coy @ 121930L patrol
str 3 KOROPA to be 500 753 report NMS.

176 I81 FOPO KUDA 2315 0730 BOVAD OP 558642 reported 131840L smoke
seen in timber 245° approx 515609 @ Routine
patrol 14 Jan to investigate if river
crossable

177 OA KUDA FOPO 0540 Sitrep 27 to 140530L @ Sitnor.

178 I82 FOPO KUDA 0700 0930 Sitrep 32 to 140700L @ Sitnor.

179 I82 FOPO KUDA 0900 0930 Locstat as at 132400L @ Bn HQ 599586 HQ coy 592584 A coy
549621 B coy 569621 @ Coy fwd HQ plus 13, 15 pls 562672
14 pl 549689 near HQ 597587.

165	I 74	FOPB	FOPB	2259	2310	<p>SITREP 28 40122230L @ ACO. @ 1820L @ planned party from OKC ORUNA contacted 5760 hrs and arrived KOROPPA on route EVAPIA R. @ BEOY @ 2000L 12 pl patrol 24 arrived KOROPPA all informed @ @</p>
166	GA 7	FONI,	KUMVIO FOPB	1735	1750	<p>Sgt Carl CHRYL YON and 2 det 316 @ PL ENGLISH 1 sec 2 pl Pte HAYES for hygiene duties leaving FONI 130900L en route KUMVIO @ rations adjusted 2 AM.</p>
167	@ 31	FOPB	KUDA	2142	2240	<p>addresses will appoint NCOs and 2 pl for equivalent for anti malaria duties. Soley @ Malaria rate rising so preventive measures must be redoubled @ Telephone names personnel appointed to 12 MIO by 1200L 25 AM</p>
168	36	FOPB	ALL CO-15	@ 900		<p>in future daily sick return will show number of new cases included under each category @ eg @ rash 8 old 2 new will be shown rash 10 new 400 2</p>
169	GA 7	KUDA	FOPB	1535		<p>131515L patrol 8 pl returned 549621 @ Report following.</p>
170	I 76	FOPB	FOPB	1200	1400	<p>Loc stat as at 132400L required to reach FOPB not later than 132000L. Include sub-units state any mts to be completed by 142400L</p>
171	PAS	KUDA	FOPB	1705		<p>Subrep 26 to 131700L @ Sitnor.</p>

156770 FOPO KUDA KO TI. 1630 1700 movement. Intell pers France © 12 JAN VX 122643 F. JACKSON
 to KUDAO 13 JAN VX 12336 S-HS. OS MOIND to KUMO. VX 106331
 OUTMREDCR. to KUDA. VX 104533 Wallis B. J. VX 70777 MAHONEY
 LE to KOTI. VX #115547 PARMCUTT, J.C. to FOPO.

157000 KUDA FOPO 1930

NIPT
 casualty list
 vaccinations.

0A98 KUDA FOPO 1735

158000 KUDA FOPO 1740

159000 FOPO KUDA 1905 2055

SITREP 27 to 15 1830 L. A Coy © Local patrol KOROPA area VMS.
 no further reports. RGORUNA area sec © 1500L phone had advanced
 300 yds. back KOROPA © 1500L 10 and 11 pl the THOMPSONS RIDGE
 approx 575 @ 20 © 1500L 12 pl through 549621 for KOROPA. no
 further reports © 1715L advanced COY HQ THOMPSONS RIDGE
 © 1715L patrol 23 m.
 © 1715L 19 M/13A 9/25-000 1500-1512 L4 flares fired BDE HQ seen
 from 634631 vis good © DCY flares NOT seen otherwise SITNOR
 © all informed

161 0A99 KUDA FOPO 1720

121715L 12 pl reported from 1/2 hour from KOROPA © believe
 KOROPA night JAN 12/13.

162 0A100 KUDA FOPO 1730

Strength state 130730L

163 0A3 KUDA FOPO 1640

SITREP 25 to 130630L © SITNOR.

164 0A2 KUDA FOPO 2110

122100L to 122105L glow from 5 flares seen on approx bearing
 12.30M, from 549621 © flares not seen there could not distinguish
 colour

147	OH 97		Continued		Patrol to be BRIDGE as yet cannot find track. Have taken up posn on track running EAST along SOLU R. Search continuing for track
148	OH 88	KUDA	FOPD	1645	Casualties: SICK
149	OH 89	KUDA	FOPD	1930	Strength state 120730.
150	OH 90	KUDA	FOPD	11433	NIPT
151	OH 92	KUDA	FOPD	0630	SIT REP 23 to 120630 L. B Anderson patrol nothing to report
152	OH 93	KUDA	FONI	0955	Please forward record of Lieut Hinlayson JA and Plt Chester GR
	OH 94	KUDA	KUMI	0950	Please forward history sheet record of Leave and Lantien credit for WO II KINGSWELL MIS.
153	-	8pl	ACoy upd FOPD	1530	Enemy occupying ORGORUNA NO 2. Our patrol contained enemy. 121010 hrs. Our fire unobserved. Enemy fire probably 1MMG 2LMG and rifles. No cas. - ANDERSON
154	-	ANDV Patrol	ACoy	1330	Three went up SOLU river contained bridge which has been blown up and old unused. No sign of foot tracks seen there. Followed a sig line up to the track probably 2/6. As the SOLU River 1308 NEW 4 1 sec on NW bank of river he has DS further up track at KOROPA Sgt SPENDLER with 1 sec sig with -DS 300 yds further NW. There is to end of line
155	169	FOPD	FOPD	1553 1605	SIT REP 26 to 121546 L. ACoy 121010 8 pl. sec. contacted enemy ORGORUNA 2, using 1MMG 2LMG, rifles. Cas enemy undamaged. All own mil. All informed

142	16h	continued			being bombed by own APC 3 red. Co 45 advised all troops keep look out from 13 JAN and report immediately any flares seen	
143	08 17	KUDA FOP	1640	1645	SITREP 22 @ 111630 L @ 111620 L 12 also advised back at 549621 @ 111628 5-760 BN Recce group passed through KUDA @ ANDERSON patrol @ NO further reports from Recce patrol @ 110930 L patrol 5 @ RS. left to recover AMERICAN recce boat from RIVER Xing 503637 @ returned with boat type PER RANGER 103	
144	08 159	FOP	158 DE RPTD 58/7 57/60 2/6000 FOP	1925	1936	SITREP 21 @ 101900 L @ ACOY SITVOR @ BCOY @ NO report patrol 12 to 5500 feature @ DCOY @ 1145 L patrol 13 contacted enemy approx strength 400 in article track 200 yds. to 57 feature 589719 AMUBA 125000 @ patrol unable to continue now 5-73695 - case enemy unknown own NIL 1700 L patrol 14 returned 649689 unable to find village 550703 @ 1730 L 2 day patrol 23 str 1 off 80 RS out to 550703 hence recce to 549725 for line 57 approach square 5971 @ 1500 L. 1st reg. registered vic 5-73695 @ DCOY no report @ all informed
145		SPEED	@ KUDA	1900		LIEUT ANDERSON found thru KAROPA at 1430 L. @ other patrol can NOT find other track to BRIDGE @ 1600 taken up when on track running EAST along SOLU RIVER @ FB in KAROPA @ Sig line extends only 500 yds NORTH of SOLU R @ distance from phone to lead to KAROPA 1/2 hr @ NO reports received from own patrol (ANDERSON) @ TAC/R did NOT drop mats. S.E. track does NOT EXIST
146	08 97	KUDA	FOP	2015		111430 L recce party Anderson patrol found thru KAROPA @ FB at KAROPA @ sig line extends only 500 yds NORTH of SOLU R @ distance from phone lead to KAROPA 1/2 hour @ NO report received from recce party since 1430 L @ TAC/R did NOT drop mats. track SE from SOLU R. Xing does NOT exist @

Sending NO	FROM	TO	TOO	TOR	Message
131	0161 KUDA	FOPD	0904	080905	SICK REPORT NIL SECRET SITREP 17 No 886630 L SITNOR
132	0162 KUDA	FOPD	0640	—	SECRET SITREP 17
133	0159 KUDA	FOPD	2110	2110	HCK
134	From HOUSE KIAPS PATROL	NOR. 7	JAN 44		reached village described but plenty of rocks and ammunition flares mine looking for flares tonight see no movement on track unable to cross river with gear but three went over with much difficulty and turned boat over two boys on EAST bank near where flares seen last night.
135	0158 KUDA	FOPD	1905	1908	MPT
136	0157 KUDA	FOPD	1630L	1631L	SECRET SITREP 16 No 071630 L SITNOR
137	0156 KUDA	FOPD	1600	1610	Strength still as at 080730L
138	0155 KUDA	FOPD	1130	1145	SICK REPORT 3 WRT. 1.
139	0154 KUDA	FOPD	0640	0643	SECRET SITREP 15 No 070630 L 062345 11 PL BCoy arrived with sig cable up No 70015-L
140	0153 KUDA	FOPD	1910/06	1915/06	MPT
141	ANDERSON PATROL	KUDA	1200L	0120	Arrived SOLU RIVER 0110145L no enemy seen FB at 50x SOUTH OF RIVER.
142	KOTI PATROL	FOPD	1100	1105	arrived 2674 1100 hrs CLEAR FB at 10x
142	164 FOPD	FOPD	1645	1710	ref 5760 patrol ORGORUNIA In event a big comm falling following flare will be fired ONE 16 have reached KISA NMS. 2 white enemy contacted 1 white 1 red. Two have reached KETOBA NMS 2 green enemy contacted 1 green 1 red THREE have reached BIRI NMS 1 white 1 green FOUR being bombed by own AC enemy contacted 2 red FOUR

Serial No	FROM	TO	TOO	TOR		
118	01782	KUDA	FOPO	2145	2146	102140 L ANDERSON patrol 400 yds WEST of JAP VILLAGE NO 2 Travelled from EVAPIA RIVER 5582.
119	0A93	KUDA	FOPO	0645	—	SITREP 21 to 110630 L NO enemy seen FB est 50 yds SOUTH of SOLU RIVER NO MR. 50 yds
120	0A81	KUDA	FOPO	0903	0905	110755Z ACoy 570 BN less rear party left MR 547623 ANDERSON patrol nothing further to report
121	0A85	KUDA	FOPO	0920	0921	110920 L 12 re left 549621 for KEMETA. 11/130 L
122	Q18	FOPO	KUDA KOTI BOVA KUMO	1515	1515	return required 091600 L NO khaki shirts trousers on issue to personnel Replacements will be made as stocks permit
122	0A76	KUDA	FOPO	091720	1721	091650 L remainder of HOUSE KIAP patrol returned from RAMUR. XING 500637 with two rubber boats.
122	0A69	KUDA	FOPO	1630 L	—	SITREP 18 to 091630 L SITNOR
124	0A68	KUDA	FOPO	0853	0855	Amun & expenditure.
125	0A67	KUDA	FOPO	0805	0805	SICK REPORT NIL
126	0A66	KUDA	FOPO	0630	0635	SECRET SITREP 17 to 090630 SITNOR
127	0A65	KUDA	FOPO	1900	1905	MPT.
128	0A64	KUDA	FOPO	1700	1705	Strength state as at 090730 L
129	0A63	KUDA	FOPO	1650	1653	SECRET SITREP 16 to 081620 L 081625 L 5 BRs incl patrol comd remained at XING 503637 to wait NA. to collect rubber boats Egpt reported found Jan 7 was AUSTO, TAC/R of a/c circled area morning Jan 7 2 white flares seen by patrol night Jan 6 in direction KORIGEI 460647
130	0A62	KUDA	FOPO	1035	1035	ACK.

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104						For Information	Following Villages nominated as suitable for air strikes and may be attacked without further reference. ORGORUNIA 142. KISA. MATALOI 1 and 2.
105	0A 20	KOXO	BITO	1900	1904		MPT
106	0A 25	KOXO	BITO	1700	1730		Strength state as at 030730L.
107	0A 26	KOXO	BITO	0900	0900		SICK REPORT PW 04
107	0A 27	KUDA	FOPD	1845	1847		Strength state as at 100730L.
108	0A 28	KUDA	FOPD	1845	1848		091815L 3 offrs 17 ORS arrived.
108	0A 29	KUDA	FOPD	1910	1911		MPT.
109	0A 30	KUDA	FOPD	091930	091931		ammun increase
110	0A 31	KUDA	FOPD	101046	101042		SICK REPORT 2 PW 2 DIARRHOEA
111	0A 32	KUDA	FOPD	1150	1600		ACK
112	0A 33	KUDA	FOPD	1645	1650		SITREP 20 to 101730L 0101540L 2 ORS left 549621 no contact 12 pl in the SOLU RIVER area 0101630L L/T comm reestablished with KOTA
113	0A 34	KUDA	FOPD	0630L			SITREP 19 to 0630L/1005 17110R
114	0A 35	KUDA	FOPD	1925	1926		Strength state as at 110730L.
115	0A 36	KUDA	FOPD	1926	1928		MPT
116	0A 37	KUDA	FOPD	2000	2010L		101825Z BCoy patrol arrived from SOLU RIVER 0101710 elements ACoy 5 1/6 BIV arrived @ remainder of boy expected to be in by 102000L @ Bwona night 10/11 found 547623. 0102000L Composite pl KUDA left for SOLU RIVER.
117	0A 38	KUDA	FOPD	2042	2045		102035- ANDERSON reported town 2362 faces part EVAPIA RIVER Xang

Band to equip 50 rds
lammert 9? 7? 8' CHQO (Aodan)
person

get off ground. 2ft above
ground

no bed after stand to

weapon

men

rents

surrounding

Patrols

Evakua

Defensive posts.

Stay coming in.

Learning Deser

M. L. G. S.

family & out (staff)

asebani parade

4 guns

ranged. F.O.D.

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97	0A 31	KOXO	BITO	0817	0822	SICK REPORT @ Diarrhoea & Dengue.
98	0A 24	KOXO	BITO	1630	1730	Amn increase
99	0A 30	KOXO	BITO	0645	0706	040645 L WARNER patrol to HOUSEKIAP and WAIMER BIT 489639 left 552618 ① duration 4 3 days
100	0A 29	KOXO	BITO	0530	0535	SECRETS ITREP 8 No 048530 L @ SITNOR
101	0A 28	KOXO	BITO	2310	2311	Projected patrol Jan 4 ① Patrol strength 8 ORSON just light duration 3 days ② Route to be taken from 552618 via track along NORTH bank of RAMU RIVER to area vic HOUSEKIAP and WAIMER BIT 489639 ③ object to search area for reported places that area.
102	0A 27	KOXO	BITO	1922	1929	Refo ASD strength state ① Area total should reach 5 off 700RS ② PL Wall TG examination
103	0A 26	KOXO				
104		Fopo	KUDA	1600		TAC R indacater @ RGORUNA has been evacuated and RDS via BIRI and KISA to MATELOI ① heavy presence on route BOG ADJIN ② Bridge over BOKWA at 452781 is visible from @ RGORUNA. Intention Patrol 8 WILL determine if @ RGORUNA unoccupied (B) patrol 2 of CKOROPA to near METHOD (A) Patrol will 8 less 1 sec will remain SOLU area locally to protect themselves and rear L of 6 and to bridge 5-00753. ③ Recce sec of patrol 8 will leave ^{with} to search @ RGORUNA return KOROPA by night 12/13 Jan '44 with all info to hand over to boy patrol from 57/60 of B arriving there. ④ Withdrawal of patrol will be ordered by FOPOMQ. Patrol 8 will contact FOPOMQ by line hourly and when convenient by W/T. Admin. Recce section to be fully equipped with patrol rations from balance of Patrol 15 who will draw from dump 45 forward of track ^{at Admin} advised by IO. A further 48 hours rations will be sent up to Patrol 15 probably 41 Jan 44 advise later.

Interbomber Patrol 15 will maintain L/T from SOLU rearwards. A 1082 set will be taken by Recce sec to @ RGORUNA
ACK

Serial No	FROM	TO	TOO	TOR.	
89	0CH4 FOPG KOTI	FOPG	0800	0901.	ACK
90	ISO 24 Bn.	158 DE. RPTD 5760 5859 all coys	0705	0730	SITREP 16 No 080100L @ A COY 071945 L V/S comm HOUSEK IAP patrol @ report 3 men crossed river time and place not stated no further reports @ B & D COY SITNOR @ COY no report received @ all informed
91	- FOPG	ALL COYS	-	-	C O wants company comm to keep a record of first light sunrise sunset and last light @ This file together with sketch map showing disposition defenses plans etc and handed over to the relieving party by coy.
92	017 FOPG	KOTI			Should see patrol IF NOT already gone @ Refer 0.14 @ you WILL contact gal with fighting patrol 1 pl leave after KAI line arrives or reach Road @ Left plan for for day job @ clear if orders NOT 0600 FOK
93	I46 FOPG	ALL COYS	1905	1920.	SITREP 15 No 071900L @ A COY @ no report patrol 9 to HOUSEK IAP @ B COY @ nothing to report @ C COY @ 061830L patrol from FBS 62674 to 573695 arr 5-72687 at night 47 mic old gap bivouac posn no further reports @ 071245 LIT A COY @ FB 1st @ D COY @ 071545 L 1642 L 55 sighted fire SOUTH RAMPU RV. square 4364968 3160 3162 approx @ no report patrol NO & EVAPIAR. @ all informed.
94	- FLEW PATROL	FOPG KUDIA	1230	1600	arrived village 1115 L clear @ going plow down @ no clear tracks @ small amount enemy left found along thrust line 556678 to 572687 @ arr 5-72687 1830 L and at night @ day 3 moved along many tracks before connection found @ found old enemy bivouac area 572687 @ patrol moved to probably 575715 day.
95	0A 77	KUDA FOPG	1645		SITREP 20 No 101730L @ 101540 L 2012 left 549621 A contact 12 pl in Solu River area. 1630 L LIT comm reestablished with KODI.
96	0A 32	KODI BITG	1300	1330	SECRET SITREP 9 No 041130L @ SITNOR. B 18

Serial No.	FROM	TO	T.O.R	T.O.R	Message
77	OCST KOTI	FOPB	0850	0855	VX109119 B. HALLIDAY JW V 40662 L/6 H. C. GRAHAM RE. evacuated 0945
78	OA12 BOVA	KUDARPTO KOTI	0950	0852	ref OD.3 registration postponed will advise when to take place
79	OC53 KOTI	FOPB	0630	0700	SITREP 100700L/10 SITNOR
80	OD3 BOVA	KOTI RPTO KUDA.	1500	1501	BOVA registering MMAG LMG MORTAR for defensive positions 0900-1200/10 Jan
81	OC54 KOTI	FOPB	0945	0950	BRACK. patrol returned to 14 pl posn 100700L reached village at 22 FOUND 2 booby traps position heavily fortified but unoccupied tracks out from village so numerous decided to recce from 14 pl area at VILLAGE 3 MR. AMUBA 551703 expected return now 120900L
82	BUILDER KUDIT	KUDA.	1325	1326	returning to KUDA. at 1400 E.T.H. 1400L/7
83	FOPB	LIEUT. CAPT. KENNEDY	1005	1006	registering complete proceed in am with track improv. OFCK
84	I53 FOPB	allcoys.	0730	0750	SITREP 18 090700L SITNOR
85	I44 FOPB	KUDA FONI KUIVO KOTI BOVA.	0740	0745	SITREP 14 070730L A COY 0700 line party to 5-80 feature a/1 5-4662, B COY SITNOR C Coy no report D COY SITNOR
86	I47 FOPB	ALLCOYS	2100	2105	7 Batter will register warty target area MENERY. DID 5-6067 (final) from road to river 080800L 080900L area to be cleared by 0745L this HQ to be advised OFCK.
87	OA 77 FOPB KUDA FOPB	FOPB	0630		SITREP 19 1000630L SITNOR
88	I57 FOPB	FOPB	1925	1925	SECRET SITREP 081900L A COY 1620L patrol 9 in found Aust eqn mines bombs village 489639 no contact made B COY 1500L patrol 12 to 5-5-80 then 5-5-00 arrived F B 5-62674 C COY 0815L patrol from F B to 5-77687 in no contact made D COY 1225.5. patrol 8 to 635668 in NIVIS all informed

Serial	orig	FROM	TO	TOO	TOR.	
68	I58	FOPO	FOPO	0705	0715	SITREP 20 No 100700L @ D Coy @ 091945 L small fire seen mudbank 554598 @ 081570 patrol investigated & otherwise SITNOR.
69	0058	KOTI	FOPO	1730	1731	SITREP unit 091800L @ 14 pl occupy defensive area at MRS-49689 at 09125L @ one Owen Gun found in area one paper with JAP marking one container with eye shields @ one shot heard in direction square 5572.
69	I57	FOPO	FOPO	2341	2350	Colour patches will NOT be worn in this area @ 17CK.
70	I55	FOPO	all coys			SITREP 19 No 091900L @ A Coy @ 081930L 10R 2/14 B. New reported killed OROGUNA area 6 Jan reported in unrounded @ B Coy @ Patrol 15 No KOROPHA moved out at 090630L @ C Coy 090912 patrol 13 No AMUB cleared village 575696 NIMS @ 090700L patrol 14 left 562674 for 530705 No further report @ 091125L 14 PL 549689 @ found 1 Owen gun 1 Jan container with eye shields, in area @ 1 shot heard approx 19/5576 No time stated 090730L patrol 12 left 562674 for 5500. feature @ D Coy @ SITNOR all in force
71	0045	KOTI	FOPO	0926	0930	V40389 Pte Schwap 17 V X 117875 Pte MOYNAMAHAN H. VX 106337 Sg POPE W. evacuated 0900
72	0046	KOTI	FOPO	1015	1018	ACK
73	0047	KOTI	FOPO	1625	1638	ammun expenditure 2" mortar ill. 3
74	0048	KOTI	FOPO	1640	1648	SITREP 13 No 081630L @ 080815 No 1 patrol reported in
75	0049	KOTI	FOPO	0630	0645	SITREP 14 No 090630L @ 082100L allied members for patrol arrived
76	KOTI 0050	FOPO KOTI	FOPO	0840	0850	CAMERONS patrol consisting of 15 pl left 0700L for Jap road duration 4/5 days BRACK patrol consisting of 1 sec 13 PL left for MRS-34712, 531704 thence 549690 and duration F.B. duration 3 days 14 pl left 0830 occupied 549690 @ line party approx 15 est line comm to 549690 C HQ and 13 PL less 1 sec at FB patrol from KUMA left at 0730 by contact 216 at Hack squadron.

Serial No.	FROM	TO	TOO	To R		
56	Q11	BTTO	ALLCOYS	2055	2200	Outward mail to be lodged QM 0900 daily
57	I18	B ITO	KOXO	2045	2057	Password from 031800 L @ Kuckel @ ACK & receipt password block when received
58	I20	24BN	ALLCOYS	0730	0745	SITREP 7 to 0740 0700 L @ FCOY 040645L 3 day patrol @ ORS out in search area square 4864 for crew crashed a/c @ lost light 4/4 WEST bank EVAPIAR NO REPORT @ all informed
59	I32	FOPO	FOPO	1530	1557	Pictures in area $\frac{3}{4}$ mile NW B41 @ "Featuring 'by favourite Blonde'"
60	I39	FOPO	FOPO	1425	1425	For info 2/14 Bn having MORTAR shoot MEMENE RIVER 060415L @
61	@ H40	KOXO	BTTO	0900		0840 Sick Report tm
62		LINE PARTY	SO	-		Line arrived FB 1245 last 1/7 @ owing to darkness could not proceed in darkness further than EVAPIA R night 4/6 @ Bivouaced 0300 4/7 left for BASE at first light track almost vertical and muddy and very hard going condition of party & exhausted.
63		CAPT CAMERON	IO	1200	1205	Patrol left FB 061310L NO reports SITNOR.
64	OC40	KOTI	FOPO RPTD IO	1533	1542	Ration strength. 071533L
65	OC39	KOTI	FOPO. 10 RPTD IO	1538	1540	31 natives left here 071515L with hats for ANGAU DID. have NOT got evening meal
66	OC41	BTI	KOTI. FWD 1545	1550		Contact KUDA re clothes and FOR left there also one case FOR left at KUMIO @ WILL be staying on here so keep touch with these things in case of move.
67	KOTI FWD OC42	FOPO IO RPTD IO KOTI FWD		0718010	071812L	NIARVO and 6 natives left here 1715 hr for DID.

SERIAL NO	ORIG NO	FROM	TO	TOO	TOR	REMARKS
36	IAH	FOPB	FLLCOY	0745	0815	SITREP 14 No 070730L @ ACOY @ 0700L line party to 5800 feature left 546621 @ BCOY @ SITNOR @ CCOY @ NO report @ DCOY @ SITNOR.
37	OA35	KOXO	BITO	1730	1749	SITREP 10 No 041730L @ SITNOR
38	OA34	KOXO	BITO	1235	1235	amm increase
39	OA36	KOXO	BITO	1810		Strength state as at 050730L
40	OA37	KOXO	BITO	1800		amm increase
41	OA38	KOXO	BITO	1900		MPT.
42	OA39	KOXO	BITO	0630		SECRETSITREP 11 No 050630L @ SITNOR.
43	OA40	KOXO	BITO	1115		051100L patrol TOR left 552618 for HOUSEK IAP 498638 to investigate flares in the area
44	OA41	KUDA	FOPB	1635		SECRET SITREP 12 No 051630L @ 051630L @ KOTI left 552618
45	OA42	KUDA	FOPB	1750		Patrol TORs out 051100L @ HOUSEK IAP 498638 returned 051740L Patrol reached 505647 unable to proceed further due to swamp Mud was up to knees and getting deeper
46	OA43	KUDA	FOPB	1851		Strength state as at 060730L
47	OA44	KUDA	FOPB	1900		MPT.
48	OA45	KUDA	FOPB	1910		amm increase
49	OA46	KUDA	FOPB	0640		SECRETSITREP 13 No 060630L @ SITNOR
50	OA47	KUDA	FOPB	1115		ammended LOC STAT @ COY HQ 546621 7PL 548623 8PL 549621 9PL 550622
51	OA48	KUDA	FOPB	1355		ACK
52	OA49	KUDA	FOPB	1309		amm increase
53	OA50	KUDA	FOPB	1625		amm return
54	OA51	KUDA	FOPB	1630		Strength state as at 070730L
55	OA52	KUDA	FOPB	1650		SECRET SITREP 14 No 061730L @ 061555L patrol 80 R incl 1 sig plus four NAs left 549621 on 4 day patrol to investigate flares reported vicinity HOUSEK IAP 500636

Norm Tanner 4-5
1st Kiak Patrol 5.
1 day patrol (Kiak) 6/9

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31	I 35	FOPO	ALL COYS	2015	2235	INT. REPORT. 4005-200 L. NORTH ORGORONA patrol made contact with ABOKU RIVER area no further info patrol now reported returning. Air ops for JAN. 18 LIBS. 14 MITCHELLS bombed MADANG & jetties destroyed fires started. 30 LIBS bombed ALEXIS HAVEN 6 LIBS bombed BOGADJIMI.
32	I 42	FOPO	FOPO	2100	2115	SECRET SITREP 40062100 L. B. ACoy 061745 L. patrol 9 520628 062040 L. 2 white flares 5 second intervals 316° across square 6947 2100 L. 1 white same area 2106 L. 1 red flare sit NOT known 2117 L. 1 white 2110 L. 2 white across 4967 C. Coy. NO further report patrol 3000 L. 1 white flare across 5666 2135 L. bright white light bearing 58° from 558624. 5500 feature 2200 L. 1 white 1 red flare across 5666 HQ Coy 2200 L. line party left 589688. No lay line 5800 feature all informed
33	I 43	FOPO	FOPO	2015	2030	SITREP 40062000 L. 5 JAN KUBA patrol contacted enemy ORGORONA 2. strength unknown casualties enemy unknown KUBA 1 killed. 18 BDE NO contact. TACRS JAN report increase activity BOGADJIMI air ops 17 LIBS successfully bombed dump OLD YOUKA 5 JAN 24 LIBS on ALEXIS HAVEN. 5th set bar and 9 BITA and MADANG. 35 BITA attacked VINCE POINT
34	I 36	FOPO	ALL COYS	0780	0757	SITREP 11 40060730 L. ACoy patrol number 1 WEST bank EVAPIA R. NIL Report DCoy SITNOR CCoy patrol sighted 052015 L. 565660 No further reports DCoy patrol no 8 bivouaced for night approx 675629 Red over white flares observed from 558654 bearing 286° M. 052035 L
35		PATROL	KOTA	1100	1200	arrived 562674 1100 hrs clear FB est 1 patrol moved 1 mile 00 hrs 40573695 2 patrol moved 1 mile 46549689 damage to 1000 ha 1/2 hour

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27	I25	BITO	KOXO	2208	2250	I REPORT X0042000L @ ORGORUNA patrol down ISARIBAH 51748 @ 5800 feature patrol found area recently vacated NMS @ two casualties from booby traps @ 6 day patrol 653658 out @ 3 day patrol to HOUSE KIAP to investigate flares out @ all informed.
28	I33	FORO	FOPD	1750	1815	SITREP 16 X0051730L @ A Coy @ 051100L patrol 7 strength 7 ORS left 552618 for HOUSE KIAP to investigate flares @ B Coy @ nothing to report @ C Coy @ no report @ CHQ now 587580 @ 051630L patrol 3 strength 3 off 69 ORS out from A Coy from 552618 for 5800 feature and beyond @ D Coy @ 051330L patrol 8 strength 12 left 559624 to patrol 1 1/2 days up EVAPIA RIVER @ HQ @ 051820L patrol 5 strength 5 ORS along SOUTH BANK RAVINE in @ Patrol to village 546592 no movement seen large a.c. field complete @ GOOD YEAR TYRES found 577575 could not be recovered.
29	I41	FOPD	FOPD	1800	1835	SITREP 12 X0061730L @ A Coy @ 061555L patrol 9 strength 8 four natives left 549621 for HOUSE KIAP area @ recommended location A Coy HQ 549621 7 PL 547623 8 PL 54961 9 PL 550622 @ B Coy @ 061030L 11 PL in from NADZAB est. 597587 @ Coy @ 061100L patrol 3 est F.B. 562674 @ 061300L patrol left for 573695 549689 NO contact @ 061300 @ D Coy @ 061330L patrol 8 at 663668 going difficult NMS @ all informed.
30	I30	FOPD	KUDO	1240	1255	Patrol number 8 strength 1 sec D Coy due out 051200L task patrol 1 1/2 days up EVAPIA RIVER. Objct map tracks @ expected to return 8 JAN
31	I28	24BN	ALL COYS	0718	0738	SITREP 9 X0050730L @ A Coy @ last patrol to EAST bank EVAPIA R. MIL REPORT @ B COYS IT NOR @ C COYS IT NOR @ D COY NO report @ all informed

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13.	CONTINUED				021100L A COY 2/14 Bn plus 6 OR D COY 24 Bn. passed through A COY 552618 on six day patrol.
14	IA 6	KOXO	BITO	0530	SECRET SITREP 5 No 030530L O SITNOR.
15	IA 7	KOXO	BITO	1130	SECRET SITREP 6 No 031130L O SITNOR.
16	IA 3	KOXO	BITO	1130	SECRET SITREP 3 No 021130L O SITNOR.
17	DA 26	KOXO	BITO	1730	SECRET SITREP 7 No 031730L O SITNOR.
18.	I 11	BITO	BITO	1600 1611	7 DIV advises NO mention to be made by troops of RAMU VALLEY in letters until official ruling received. Advise all ranks accordingly.
19	-	KOXO	BITO	1800	LOC STAT as at 1800 L O Coy HQ 552618 O 7 Pl less 1 sec 552618 O 1 sec 548622 O 8 Pl 552618 O 9 Pl less 2 secs 552618 O 2 secs 552617.
20	IA	BITO	KOXO	0630 0645	SECRET SITREP 12 No 020600L O SITNOR
21	-	BITO	KOXO	02145 1630.	LOC STAT as No 021200L. REF MAPS. DUMP, INTOTTO. 1st B HQ. 599588 O HQ COY 597590 O A COY 552618 O B COY 597587 O C COY 597574 D COY 588585
22	I 13	BITO	KOXO	1725 1740	SITREP 6 No 031700L O A COY nothing to report O B COY 030830L 12 Pl relieved D COY 588585 in defence left flank O C COY nothing to report O D COY 0313152 relieved C COY 2/14 Bn 558624 O all informed
23	I 12	BITO	BITO	1700 1740.	Password from 031800 L O figure 17.
24	I 23	BITO	BITO	1445 1600	Password 040800 L O password figure 13
25	I 22	BITO	KOXO	1430 1545	SITREPS required to reach this HQ 40700 and 1700 hrs daily
26	I 24	BITO	KOXO	1745 1800	SITREP 8 No 041730L O KOXO and DUDI no report received O line out O LAVIO 6 day patrol No 2/2nd Pioneer Bn left 597587 O 40750 L O HARA O patrol from 597574 3 1/2 hrs down stream NORTH bank RAMU O Timor 040830 L O NIL REPORT.

Serial No.	Org. No.	From	To	T.O.O	T.O.R.	Notes
1.	IA1	A Coy	24Bn	1930		SECRET SITREP 1. No 011730L @ 011645L A Coy 24Bn relieved B Coy 2/25 Bn as 552611 ref Man MITOTTO lunch
2	IA2	A Coy	24Bn	0130		SECRET SITREP 2. No 020530L @ SITNOR.
3	I5	BITO	BITO	0930	0930	in MMG 2" mortar shell 021300L by 2/6th attack sqn. @ Area sq 6662 65 67
4	I7.	B170	B170	1615.	170L	(6462 6460) Password as from 021800L @ Figure Eight.
5	I8.	BITO. ^{PH} Coys.		1900	1910.	Site to 4 to 021830L @ A Coy nothing to report @ B Coy Patrol to 2/16 Cav Sqd, returned. 021830L @ contacted 2/16 Cav Sqd 638623 @ C Coy Patrol to clear timber NORTH bank RAMU returned 021630L @ contacted PIB patrol 555602 @ D Coy nothing to report @ All informed
6	I9	BITO	BITO	2000.	2115.	Inv info @ Landing SAIDOR 50 miles EAST MIADANG successful @ CAPE LOUCESTER @ 1000 dead japs ON AIR STRIP many thousand estimated not counted
7	I10.	BITO	A1 COY.	0715	0730.	Site 1/5. No 030715L @ SITNOR.
8	O.4	BITO	A1 COY.	1015	1100.	Hygiene @. Sleeves down shirts on unless C O otherwise authorizes @ Sgt Barnes available hygiene advice @ do washing in streams except RAMU or soaks in ground especially made but KOXO make own arrangements.
9.	OP20	KOXO	BITO	1855.		Strength state as at 030730L.
10	OP21.	KOXO	BITO	1900		M.P.T
11	OP22	KOXO	BITO	030230		SICK REPORT @ NIL
IA4.		KOXO	BITO	1730.		SECRET. SITREP 4. No 021730L @ SITNOR.
			BITO	2135.		021915L. PATROL 5 ORS 7 PL No EVAPIA RIVER Xing 546627 return @ Nothing to report @ 021900L PATROL 2 ORS 9 PL No 656621 return @

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Invoice 6805/236034. 1 Canvas Mat & Spikes.

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Tom Roberts
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Transacts British and Foreign Exchange business including issue of Drafts, Letters of Credit, Travellers' Cheques, Telegraphic Transfers and Collection of Bills, etc.

Has Safe Deposit Vaults at Sydney, Adelaide, Perth and Hobart and Night Depositories at Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide, Brisbane and Perth.

Provides Safe Custody facilities for Documents, etc.

Commonwealth Government Inscribed Stock Registries are conducted at all Capital Cities and at Townsville, Rockhampton and Launceston.

SAVINGS BANK NOTICES

Deposits are received subject to the regulations framed under the Commonwealth Bank Act 1911-1932 and to the notices appearing herein. Copies of regulations respecting Commonwealth Savings Bank may be seen at any Branch or Agency of the Bank

When an account is opened at a Branch a Pass-book is issued at once.

When an account is opened at any Agency an Interim Receipt is issued at once, and Pass-book forwarded by the Branch Office to address given by Depositor.

Branches are open for Deposits and Withdrawals on—

MONDAYS to FRIDAYS, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

and

SATURDAYS, from 9.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m.

Agencies are open for Deposits and Withdrawals on—

MONDAYS to FRIDAYS, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

(Money Order Office hours), and

SATURDAYS, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

In addition to the above hours—

At certain Branches business is transacted on one night each week, according to local requirements.

Certain Agencies are open for receipt of Deposits on one night each week or such hours as may be arranged.

See also Notices on back pages.

(QUOTE BRANCH AND NO)

Commonwealth Savings Bank of Australia

MELBOURNE

No. 0 230511

MELBOURNE

In Account with

Alexander Hugh Falconer William
Everard Palmer.

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1942						
Jan 16	Seventy Pnds.	70		70	H.S.M.	MELBOURNE 25/1/42
✓ 26	Thirty Pounds	30		100	H.S.M.	MELBOURNE 25/1/42
✓ 28	Twenty one pound & 6	61	6	161	H.S.M.	MELBOURNE 25/1/42
✓ 31	Twenty seven pds. 16/8	27	16 8	188 17 2	H.S.M.	MELBOURNE 25/1/42
Feb 28	Paid		10	178 17 2	H.S.M.	MELBOURNE 25/1/42
Mar 17	Paid		160	18 17 2	H.S.M.	MELBOURNE 25/1/42
May 4	Fiftyfour 4/6	54 4 6	Chq. held.	72 1 8	H.S.M.	MELBOURNE 25/1/42
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Aug 11	<i>Paid</i>		<i>below Patches 2 10</i>	56 19 11		<i>11 AUG '42</i>
Sept 21	<i>Thirty Pounds</i>	30 .	<i>balance Profit</i>	86 19 11	<i>598</i>	
	<i>Interest for year ending 31st. May 1943 £1/10/11</i>			88 10 10	<i>PMS</i>	
June 8	<i>Interest to 31st. May 8/-</i>			88 18 10	<i>PMS</i>	
	<i>paid</i>			88 18 10		
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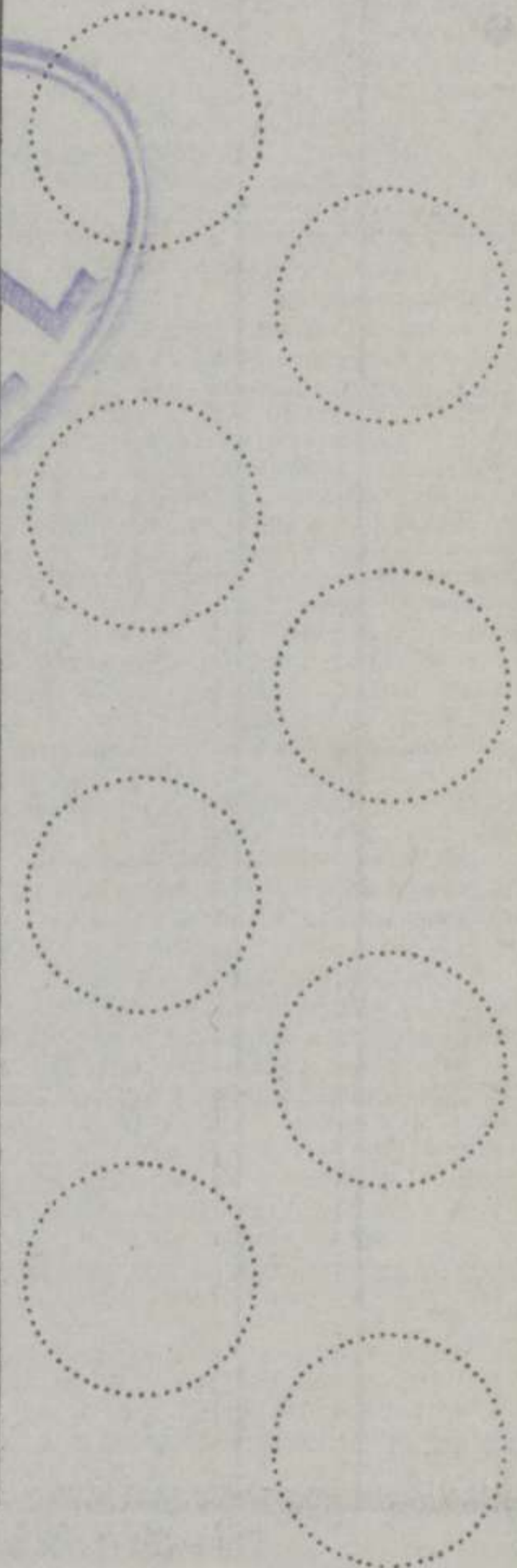
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Sums of not less than 1/- may be received on Deposit.

Remittances to the Bank may be made by Post Office Order, Draft or Cheque, EXCHANGE TO BE ADDED.

Interest is allowed on any sum not being less than £1, and not exceeding such limitations in the amount and at such rates as the Commission from time to time declares. Interest is calculated on the minimum monthly balance at credit and added to Depositor's account on 30th June, and then becomes part of the principal.

Subject to the regulations, withdrawals may be made by the depositor personally on production of the Pass-book and the necessary completed withdrawal form, or to the bearer of a completed withdrawal form, signed by the depositor and presented with the Pass-book.

Accounts may be transferred from one part of Australia to another without loss of interest.

The Pass-book must be produced whenever money is paid into or withdrawn from the Bank. Depositors may send their money by other persons.

Depositors' accounts (except the accounts of minors) which have not been operated upon or which have not had the pass-book presented for the insertion of interest for a period of SEVEN YEARS are carried to Depositor's Unclaimed Fund and cease to bear interest.

FOR AGENCY USE—This number must not be quoted on Forms

NAME OF AGENCY	Signature Number in Register
Wm J. Seymour.	917.
BRISBANE	2 JUL 1942

DEPOSITOR'S PRESENT ADDRESS

Lt./Col. V 40073 }
Lieut V 40095 }

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Seymour.

{ 457 Cambridge Rd. S. Hills.
6 Fenwick St. New G.W.

NOTICES

FOR THE INFORMATION OF DEPOSITORS WHO INTEND TRAVELLING IN AUSTRALIA.

Should you intend travelling and be likely to require money, arrange, before departure, for your Branch to forward specimens of your signature to the towns you intend visiting. THIS WILL ENABLE YOU TO WITHDRAW SUMS UP TO £10, provided sufficient time be given for a withdrawal receipt to reach your Branch before another is made.

Should you be visiting a distant place, or should you be likely to require more than £10 at any one time, arrange for an amount to be authorised to cover your likely requirements.

All Branches and Post Office Agencies will be pleased to supply you with any information required.

This Book must be forwarded to the Branch once in each year for examination and insertion of interest. Depositor's correct address should always accompany the Pass-book. Blank wrappers may be obtained at any Branch or Agency.

Immediate notice should be given to the Branch in the event of loss of Pass-book.

Accounts may be sent through the Post (penny stamp) another without loss of letter or remittance is enclosed, that wrapper be left open, and the wrapper endorsed "Bank Pass-book."

Any change of address to be notified to Branch named upon Pass-book, giving the number of the account.

All communications respecting this account to be addressed—

COMMONWEALTH SAVINGS BANK OF AUSTRALIA
(at the Branch mentioned in this Book).



Commonwealth Savings Bank of Australia

CLASSES OF ACCOUNTS THAT MAY BE OPENED.

INFANT ACCOUNTS. (If withdrawals are likely to be required before the child is 12 years, a Trust Account should be opened.)

TRUST ACCOUNTS. Any person, as Trustee for another; Executors of deceased persons, etc.

JOINT ACCOUNTS. Two or more persons jointly. Accounts may be "Both to Sign," or "Either to Sign," as arranged.

SOCIETY ACCOUNTS. Local authorities, Friendly Societies, Co-operative Societies, Hospitals, Charitable Institutions, School Committees, religious, social or political bodies, are allowed interest on the full balance at credit.

There is no charge for Exchange on Savings Bank deposits, withdrawals or transfers of accounts to any Branch or Agency throughout Australia.

NOTICE

This Book is of no value to any person but the owner; any person finding same is requested to forward it to the Branch named herein.

DEPOSITORS must not leave their Pass Books at any office of the Bank without obtaining an Official Receipt showing the balance at their credit.

Keep this Book under lock and key.

Always sign your name in the same way or payment may be refused.

Where a need arises to withdraw money away from your own Branch or Agency, arrange for Signature to be sent.

PALINGS

H.Q. 24 Aust. Inf. Bn.
21 September, 1943.

RA64/43.

District Accounts Office,
Vic. L. of C. Area.Claim - Palings Band Music £5-19-0.

1. Reference our RA34/43 of 3 Sep. 1943.
2. It is further advised that this Unit desires now to make a claim for the abovementioned amount.
3. It is learned that the Funds mentioned in our memo have become part of the Regimental Trust Funds.
4. Accordingly could this amount of £5-19-0 be credited to the Regimental Trust a/c, please. The receipt for the sum of £5-19-0 is enclosed herewith.

W. Carron
Lt. Col.
Comd. 24 Aust. Inf. Bn.

W. Carron
11/10/43

BRANCHES AT
NEWCASTLE (N.S.W.), BRISBANE
TOOWOOMBA, ROCKHAMPTON
TOWNSVILLE (QLD.)

PLEASE ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO THE COMPANY
AND NOT TO INDIVIDUALS BY NAME.

TELEGRAPHIC & CABLE ADDRESS
"PALING BRISBANE"
TELEPHONE
B2155

W.H.PALING & CO. LIMITED

86-88 QUEEN STREET
BRISBANE
AUSTRALIA

POSTAL ADDRESS
BOX 1420 T
G.P.O. BRISBANE

Piano & Organ Department

IN YOUR REPLY PLEASE
REFER TO

C.C.R.J.H.S.M.



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MACHINES

VACUUM
CLEANERS

26th June, 1943.

Capt. W.E. Paterson,
24th Aust. Inf. Btn., A.I.F.,
AUSTRALIA.

Dear Sir,

We acknowledge your letter of the 15th
Juen, enclosing a payment of £5:19:0d. and attach
hereto our official receipt.

We thank you for attending to the matter

We are, Yours faithfully,
W.H.PALING & CO. LIMITED.

Hampton
CREDIT MANAGER.

AGS

H.Q. 24th Dist Inf Bn.
3 Sept. 43.
RA34/43.

District Accounts Office,
Vic. L. of C. Area.

Claim - PALINGS Band Music £5/19/-

1. Ref. your 1/1/4253 of 16 Aug. '43.
2. It is advised that this Unit does not desire to continue the above claim as it has been found that the money was paid from funds raised by a Women's Auxiliary and the receipt given to an individual.

B. B. Bean Lt. Col.

Comd. 24th Dist Inf Bn.

B346
25/7/43
BRANCHES AT
NEWCASTLE (N.S.W.) BRISBANE
TOOWOOMBA ROCKHAMPTON
TOWNSVILLE (QLD.)

PLEASE ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO THE COMPANY
AND NOT TO INDIVIDUALS BY NAME.

TELEGRAPHIC & CABLE ADDRESS
PALING, SYDNEY
TELEPHONE
BW2251 (10 LINES)

W.H.PALING & Co. LIMITED

338 GEORGE STREET
SYDNEY
AUSTRALIA

WD.TH.

POSTAL ADDRESS
BOX 1606 B.B.
G.P.O. SYDNEY

20th July, 1943.



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The Adjutant,
24th Aust. Inft. Batt.,
AUSTRALIA.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 10th instant, (CBA.RWH.) we advise that a search of the records fail to reveal that an account has ever been opened in the name of the 24th Australian Infantry Battalion, and it would appear that any negotiations would have been transacted on a cash basis only.

In that event, no record is available concerning the source of any particular payment, and we would be unable to issue a receipt. If you can give the date the payment was tendered we could confirm if we received an amount of £5/19/- on that date.

Possibly, the goods may have been supplied to an individual and an account opened accordingly.

If you can supply any more detailed information or particulars, we will be pleased to look further into the matter for you.

Yours faithfully,

W. H. PALING & CO. LIMITED

CBA. RWH.

H.Q. 24 Aust. Inf. Bn.
10 Jul. 43.
A. 9/43.

POSTINGS. Ltd.
SYDNEY.

BAND MUSIC.

1. A claim has been made by this Unit to the proper military authorities for a refund of the amount of £5-19-0. recently paid to you in respect of Band Music purchased by this Unit.
2. As it is necessary to produce a receipt for the refund and this is not in possession of the Unit, please forward, as soon as possible, either the original or duplicate receipt for the amount paid.

C. A. [Signature]

Lieut.

A. Adj. 24 Aust. Inf. Bn.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES - NEW GUINEA FORCE

B573

JN/JW.

1/1/4253.

2030K/37. TELEPHONE

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.—VIC. L. OF C. AREA.

IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE

No.

120772

District Accounts Office,
339 Swanston Street,
MELBOURNE. C.1.

16 AUG 1943

Commanding Officer,
24 Aust Inf. Bn.,
AUSTRALIA.

CLAIM : PALINGS - BAND MUSIC, £5-19-0

With reference to this office memorandum No.93967 dated 28th June 1943 advising that before reimbursement could be made to your Regimental Funds of an amount of £5-19-0 paid to Palings Ltd of Brisbane, it would be necessary to furnish a receipt for the money paid to the suppliers, it would be appreciated if advice were furnished as to whether it is desired to continue with this claim.

JW Lunn, Capt

DISTRICT FINANCE OFFICER, VIC. L. OF C. AREA.

For Colonel,

JM/KV

TELEPHONE

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.—VIC. L. OF C. AREA.

Dist. Accts. Office,
339 Swanston Street,
MELBOURNE.

IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE
No.....

93967

28 JUN 1943

Commanding Officer,
24 Aust. Inf. Bn.,
A U S T R A L I A.

CLAIM - PALINGS - BAND MUSIC £5. 19. 0
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It is desired to acknowledge receipt of your memorandum dated 15th June, 1943 with which you forwarded a claim for £5. 19. 0 covering the cost of music purchased from Palings Ltd., during October, 1942.

Before reimbursement of this amount may be credited to your Unit's Regimental Funds Account it will be necessary for you to furnish a receipt from Palings Ltd., indicating that payment has been received and the claim is being held in abeyance until this document is received.

R. H. Adsell
for

Colonel,
DISTRICT FINANCE OFFICER, VIC. L. OF C. AREA.

B258
9/7/43

EPHONES—

RC/MB.

Australian Military Forces

Please quote this number when replying.

G/- F48/1/1694

Address

District Accounts Office,
Ann Street,
BRISBANE.

Date

11074

5 JUN 1943

MEMORANDUM:

CLAIMS:- PALINGS LTD. - BAND MUSIC - £5. 19. 0

The attached claim is returned as no authority exists in this area for payment of the account.

In an effort to finalise the matter the claim was forwarded to District Finance Officer, N.S.W. L. of C. Area who has returned it under date 25th. May, 1943, with the advice that no authority exists for payment in that District.

It would therefore appear that payment should be made from Regimental Funds, as the only existing authority for this District covers purchases by H.Q. L. of C. Bands, exclusively.

R. Chaunick
for

Colonel.
District Finance Officer.

C.O.,
24th. Aust. Infantry Bn.,
AUSTRALIA.



AUSTRALIAN COMFORTS FUND

Vx104152

Capt. W. A. Peterson
HQ 2 Aust. Div
Australia.
1 Sep 43.

The Adjutant -
HQ Aust. Inf. Bn.

I enclose herewith
Receipt from Palmyra for
£5.15.0 and cancelled
depositor's Pass Book No.
0290511.

Yesterday I remitted
£88.18.10 to you through
J. Id. Cash Office. The credit
balance will take up to one
month to reach you.

My regards to
Sincerely,
D. J. O.

W. A. Peterson

Cigs 9/9

Soap

Papers

Job

Matches

Stamp

Stamp

1/15/- { Prev. Canteen
Issued to
C^o Coy.

6/-

9/6

1/2

3/17/-

~~6/8/8~~

~~1/5/8~~
4.13.8

Iss. to Coys. → 208.0.1

Wn. off. Damaged → 1.9.3

209.9.4

Back on Hand → 4.13.8

213-3-0

Purchase
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