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WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Unit 37/52 Aust. Inf Bn Date and Time.—From 1 Dec 43 To

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
SONG RIVER.	1 Dec.	0645	<p>a warning order was received to be prepared to move to a concentration area S.W. of BONGA. On relief by 2/17 Bn tomorrow, we will revert to cond 4 bde. This order confirmed verbal orders received by the CO. at 9 Aust Div H.Q. on 30 Nov.</p>	
		0900	<p>The CO. accompanied by I.O. and A.B.C. Coy comds left to recon new area, BONGA, returning at 1355 hrs. During the absence of the CO. troops prepared for the move. Personnel of the 2/17 Bn arrived in present area and talked with our troops regarding experiences gained in battle against the Japs; a great deal of first hand and valuable info. thus being passed to our personnel.</p>	
		1200	<p>As from 1200 hrs today the 2nd edition of SATELBERG</p>	

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			and FORTIFICATION POINT maps came into use, being for more accurate and showing more detail. all 1 st edition maps were destroyed by 1215 hrs	
			Sgt Robert and Sec patrol from D Coy moved out and recovered the body of Cpl. Horton, — our first battle casualty — who had been stripped of his boots, paybook and personal effects by the enemy	
			Padre Fabian officiated at the burial	
		1310	21c. 2/17 Bn arrived to discuss relief of this Bn with Major Wright 21c. 24 Bde advise that it is unnecessary to maintain STINKER patrol as 20 Bde troops are clearing the area. The patrol was duly withdrawn.	
		1355	C.O. and L.O. left for 4 Bde to obtain the latest infm. and returned with a most interesting item — ie. 28	

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			<p>personnel are to go on leave tomorrow; these troops to be at 9 Div Reception Camp by 0900 hrs 2 Dec.</p> <p>although all personnel selected had not been home for well over 12 months, they all expressed a strong desire to forgo their leave for the present and be in the show with their mates. Lt Col Rowan mc pointed out that the British Army sends men on leave from the front line itself as a normal routine.</p> <p>The men finally gave in and went about their packing, realising they would not be able to discuss the "de" over the bar counter, but would have a few beers and drink the health of their mates.</p> <p>Capt. Spry (SigO) was the only officer selected, which left Sgt. Ryan in charge of No. 1 Pl.</p>	

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
		1630	B Coy returned from the daily roving patrol and reported in at 1630 hrs N.M.S. Maj. McFarlane is warned as OC advance party, with 1 offr and 1 NCO pr fl. to move at 0800 hrs tomorrow for new area and lay out Coy positions and provide guides.	
		1800	CO talked to Coy 2/c's on administrative matters during operations and discussed problems which might arise. Some rain fell during the night. D	
SONG RIVER.	2 Dec.	0730.	24 Bde notified us of 2/17 Bn arriving today to relieve this Bn. There was general activity throughout the camp area, cleaning areas, checking stores, handing over patrols and preparation to move. All haversacks containing surplus gear were placed in pl. dumps, it having been decided to carry packs.	

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
		0830 hrs.	<p>Advance party under Maj. McFarlane left for new area. L.O.B.'s were nominated and ordered to move to SCARLETT BEACH. Capt Page being O.C. party.</p> <p>By 1030 hrs the Bn was relieved by 27th Bn and moved out by coys, well dispersed. The tracks, although newly cut, were in bad condition for marching owing to recent rains, jeeps carrying supplies forward and sending back casualties, did not tend to improve the track. However a general air of "bigger things to come" spurred the troops on. Despite the muddy tracks and the load troops were carrying - 2 days F.O.R.'s, 1 emergency ration plus scale A ammunition and personnel effects and ground skids, mosquito nets etc -</p>	APPENDIX 2.

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			<p>all coys reported in their positions by 1700 hrs.</p> <p>The CO. & 20. left for 4 Bde at 1715 hrs, returning half an hour later with the inf. that this Bn will act as Bde Reserve, but will supply one coy as flank protection for forward elements.</p> <p>B. coy was selected as coy to act as flank protection and at 1800 hrs the CO. & 20. and O.C. B Coy (Troj. McFarlane) left for 4 Bde for further instructions, and returned at 1900 hrs with the information that B Coy will come under command of 4 Bde and will be known as</p> <p>MACFORCE attached to MACFORCE will be I.C. P.I.B. under Lt Col Rice, F.O.O. Lt Col Bryant, and Beaver party from 4th. Amb. No move before 0800 hrs 3 Dec.</p>	
BONGA AREA.	1915		The CO. held a conference and passed on the latest.	

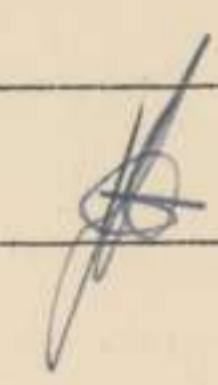
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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			<p>information to Coy comds. Local routine patrols had been carried out to ensure area was clear of enemy — all patrols reported N.M.S.</p> <p>a more definite purpose seems to be behind every move, and the men realize that, at last, they are to take an active part, instead of just being occupational and road-making troops.</p> <p>Dispositions for night were A Coy 629721, B Coy 629723, C Coy 628722, D Coy 629720. ut map Fortification Point.</p>	
BONCA AREA.	3 Dec.	0700.	<p>During the night a grenade type booby trap was strung in A Coy's area, causing that Coy to stand to — investigation proved that a wild pig was the cause.</p>	

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			<p>CO. called a coy. comds. conference at 0745 hrs and passed on further information obtained from 4 Bde during the night after the conference the CO, together with the CO's of 22 and 29/46 Bns left to recon the Bde forward areas and returned at 1000 hrs.</p> <p>Meanwhile the Bn was engaged in making a final check of all arms and amm under the supervision of coy C.S.M's. Under direction of the "I" section all colour patches were removed, letters and documents destroyed and rings with the unit colour patch, which troops had made from "Genuine Zero's Surabium" were disposed of.</p>	
		1150	<p>One of our sister Bns had meanwhile entered the fray and had contacted a strong force of enemy</p>	

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			at 1150 hrs 22 Bn sent a runner requesting the loan of 20 3 in mortar bombs — these were immediately sent forward. Later a Bde Amn Pt. was established at 632719.	
		1300	CO. accompanied by Maj. MacFarlane left for H. Bde to receive final instructions re the role of MAE FORCE, who are to be ready to move on 1/2 hrs notice. On return from Bde CO. issued instructions that 7 Coy move to Bde as protection, the 22 Bn having moved forward and by 1900 hrs 7 Coy were in position. A Coy comd. conference was called at which the CO. passed on the latest "dope" regarding MAE FORCE and their move to assembly area at 619723, with 1 st objective 609745 and 2 nd objective	

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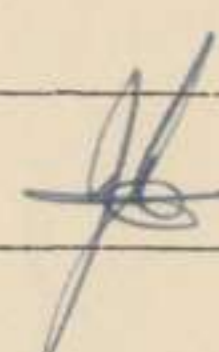
Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			595757 Situation of Bde forward troops was made known. Bde issued an appointments code and bn and key code names. The CO laid emphasis on the necessity for the strictest security on all telephone conversations.	APPENDIX 3 and 4
		1510	MACFORCE, carrying 2 days rations plus FOR's and emergency rations, and laying a line direct from Bde round to assembly area. Bde later advised that plan for MACFORCE had been changed, owing to a Coy of 22 Bn moving wide of their objective and thereby leaving a big gap in the left flank. MACFORCE were ordered to move forward to 017730, which positions they occupied by last light without opposition.	

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
		1800	CO went to Hq to get "up to the minute" info & on his return to Hq later he put all well in the picture.	
BONGA AREA.	4 Dec.	0825	<p>advice was received from Hq that Day would not be before 5 Dec. CO took all coy comd's fwd to arty of. to view the country over which the bn will move and to observe arty shelling of fwd areas. A routine patrol from C coy found a Jap dump near their area and obtained many items of interest to I, including some worked maps. all articles were immediately sent to Hq.</p> <p>an air of expectancy was noticeable throughout the unit and the CO had many informal talks</p>	

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			with the troops.	
			An officer (Lt. Rule) and 6 personnel arrived from 3/28 Bn and were detailed to coys. These personnel have all seen action against the Japs and were sent to advise our troops on various methods of defence and the tactics used by the Japs.	
			These troops will move with our coys when the action commences.	
		1600	Lt. Warrant took the Pioneer Pl. as carrying party of rations for MAFORCE and returned at last light, reporting the country was difficult.	
			Throughout the day the CO paid several visits to Bde and at 1700 hrs at coy comds conference the CO gave a resume of the days happenings and the	

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			<p>Latest information available. Later, at 1900 having again visited Bde the CO issued orders that this unit is on $\frac{1}{2}$ hrs notice to move as from 0730 hrs 5 Dec.</p>	
		1930.	<p>Major Thwaites and others of 2/6 Fd. Regt. arrived to control arty fire as the CO may require.</p>	
		2000	<p>Information received that 29/46 Bn took over role of forward Bn from 22 Bn.</p>	
BONGA.	5 Dec.	0700.	<p>a message was received from Bde confirming verbal orders re D. Day — today.</p> <p>as 29/46 Bn are pushing up the coast it appears likely that this unit may have as role the defence of BUSIKA beachhead. Coy comds were warned by 2/6 to anticipate such a move and be prepared for it.</p>	

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
		1300	The latest information was given to Coy comds by the CO at a conference. D Coy supplied a protection party for the ration train to MACFORCE and left at 1415 hrs. MACFORCE later advised the safe arrival of the train and as the protection party would be unable to return before dark, they would stay overnight with MACFORCE and return first light next morning.	
		1500	Bde ordered this Bn to supply a standing patrol of 1 pl strength, at 617729 as MACFORCE had advanced in line with Bde forward troops, thus leaving a gap on the left flank. This pl. was provided by C. Coy, under Lieut Morgan, and the patrol was to be known as MORGAN FORCE. Communications were	

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			direct to Bde, using the line laid by MACFORCE	
			the patrol left at 1550 hrs and reported in form at 1830.	
		1730.	After holding a brief conference at 1730 hrs the CO. & 20.	
			left for Bde to obtain latest news of the situation,	
			returning with the information that the 29/46 Bn	
			were doing well in their drive along the coast.	
			This news was made known to all ranks who	
			expressed the desire to "be in it" also.	
			Large concentrations of artillery were going over head	
			day and night — this was the first time our	
			troops had been under such fire in earnest.	
BONGA AREA.	6 Dec.	0700.	during most of the morning the CO. & 20	
			were at Bde acquainting themselves with the situation,	
			and at 1055 hrs the CO. phoned instructions that A Coy	

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			will be on 5 minutes notice to move to 623740	
			and take up a perimeter defence.	
		1220	word was received from Bde that MAFORCE had drawn blood; a party of Gaps were sighted, by P.I.B. scouts, advancing along a spur; not knowing the strength of the party a quick ambush was set up and 8 gaps killed, including 2 officers. It was later revealed that this was only the forward elements of a larger force, who withdrew and detoured avoiding further ambush. However it had the effect of putting everyone in a victorious frame and however all envied the "ambushers". From documents captured it was learned ^{later} that the party of Gaps were from 20 Engineer Regiment.	

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
		1245	<p>a coy comds. conference was called at which the CO issued instructions to A coy to move at 1315 hrs and take up perimeter at 623740, but not to patrol as previously notified. The remainder of the Bn were ordered to be prepared to move to vicinity 622724. The Bn will move in the following—</p> <p>A as advance coy, D, Bn HQ, C (less Morgan), Hq Coy CO. and 30. left to vice the area and the Bn moved off at 1430 hrs and were in new position by 1615 hrs.</p>	
		1615	<p>It appeared, at this time, that this unit would be used as flank protection to Ade advance, and as the left flank is very hilly it was considered impossible to carry all support weapons.</p>	

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Unit 3752 Aust Inf Bn Date and Time.—From 6 Dec 43. To 7 Dec 43.

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			In view of this fact CO ordered 6 3" mortars and 2 MMG's to be returned to B. echelon and held as replacements.	
		2000	Bde advised that MORGAN would be withdrawn and would return to this HQ. 7 Dec.	
			D Coy are ordered to be ready to move at first light in the morning, plus 1 sec. M.M.G. to vicinity 606749. C. Coy were to take up positions vacated by D Coy on moving.	
			Disposition for night 6/7 Dec. were in HQ and D Coy 622742, C Coy less 1 Pl. 622738, A Coy 619745.	
LAGOON AREA.	7 Dec.	0645	D. Coy moved off for new position and C. Coy occupy this position.	1
		0750	a message arrived from G. O. C. 2 Aust Corps and.	APPENDIX 12.

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			<p>9 Aust Sec congratulating 4 Bde on commencement of Bde operations. Bde band paid a visit to the C.O. and discussed the Bn role — to establish a general line between MACFORCE at 601744 NORTH EAST to 613748.</p> <p>D Coy who were laying a line from this HQ reported in periodically, stating that the going was very bad but were meeting no opposition. By 1605 hrs D Coy had reached 606748. a patrol was immediately sent out NORTH to garden area at 606753 no enemy sighted but patrol reported that going was very difficult and visibility was limited.</p> <p>1015 A Coy sent a pl. patrol to head of creek at 613745 and returned at 1230 hrs reporting N.M.S.</p>	

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			CO. 22 Bn (Lt. Col. O'Connor) and I.O. arrived at this HQ. to discuss the general situation and role of our sister Bn, 29/46 at 1130 hrs the Bde Comd called again and joined in the discussion.	
		1245	Advice was received from Bde that this Bn would move forward to vicinity 618748 (west of LAPOON). The CO. 920, with protective party, left to recon the new area. Just prior to the Bn moving news was received from the 29/46 Bn that the enemy had counter-attacked and 29/46 Bn required more 3" mortar ammunition and this Bn immediately sent 30 rounds.	
		1415	The Bn moved to new area - order of march C, Bn HQ, HQ Coy, Light Sec Aub, P Coy and by 1525 hrs the move was completed.	

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			<p>It was noticeable all along the track that the arty had done their work well - broken trees and limbs being scattered in all directions. Tanks working with the forward troops had dealt severely with Gop, Pill Boxes and the lower parts of trees bore the scars left by automatic and small arms fire.</p>	
		1845	<p>H. A. B. M. advised that the Bde would continue its advance on 8 Dec with 2 Bns forward. The bde objective to be general line from track junction 610792 west along track to 599761. Inter-bn boundary to be river at 603764 (incl to right flank 29/46 Bn to 610756). This Bn, on left flank, to secure high ground from 599761 to 603763 - MAFORCE were ordered to move to track junction 599761 on 8 Dec. MAFORCE to revert</p>	

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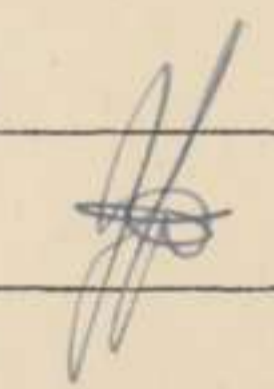
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			to comd Bn as soon as communications could be established. Assembly area for this Bn to be 605749.	
		1915	C.O. called coy comds conference and gave the operation order for the next days move, coy comds to make sure that every man have a good meal before leaving at 0730 hrs. Coy ordered to send a patrol forward of this area at first light and to return by 1130 hrs 8 Dec.	
		2130	Side advised that this Bn would have under comd 1 Pl. from 2/2 M.C. Bn — under Lieut Bennett.	
LAGOON AREA	8 Dec 43.	0630	Coy reported that some enemy shells fell in the coy area during the night, there were no casualties. By 0735 the Bn, after partaking of a good meal, were on the move in the following order A Coy, C Coy, Bn Hq.	

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			<p>HQ Coy, A Coy and light section <i>td. amb.</i> This was the first sample of hilly country the main body had experienced, and with packs up and the heavier weapons—mortars etc.—which proved a handicap, and quick movement was retarded. However the CO. was eager to push on and though weighted down like everyone else he seemed to be overburdened with energy and kept the column on the move.</p>	
		1315	<p>But HQ was established at 607748, A Coy at 606749, C. Coy 604747 whilst D Coy were then ordered to move on to 602755, spending the night at 599751.</p> <p>A Coy sent 1 pl patrol to garden area 606753 and on to 607754 to locate a possible crossing of the</p>	

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			TUNOM River Patrol reported back last night	
			N.M.S and that the banks of the TUNOM were steep and slippery and rose to a height of 200 ft, a crossing could however be effected at 609754.	
		1545	Bde advised that owing to change in plan this unit would not have 1 pl from 2/240 Bn in support.	
			D Coy who were on the move reported that their forward elements had contacted 3 gaps at 603750, two of which were killed and the third withdrew.	
			D Coy were warned that the track shown on the map between 580723 to 599751 was probably an enemy line of withdrawal from WAREO (this was later proved correct). D Coy then pushed on towards 599751.	
		1610.	C.O. and Major Shwartzis 2/6 arty were reviewing the	

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			<p>the country our further advance would be over when 6 enemy mortar bombs landed within a few feet of the O.P. The CO. returned in great spirits and retorted to the L.O. "Kingman I've beaten you again." The CO. after expressing his liking for plenty of noise and plenty of lead flying (from this end) insists that it is necessary in this type of country.</p> <p>The F.O.O. with D Coy - Louis Lord reported that he has located the source of the firing - which D Coy had struck - and dealt with it by arty fire.</p> <p>D Coy reported that the going was most difficult and necessitated moving on hands and knees. Coy had met slight opposition en route and killed</p>	
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			<p>2 more enemy near the river. The whole Coy had crossed the river by 1730 hrs and were confronted by a single razor-back spur over which lay the only route forward, as it was only possible to move on a 1 pl. front. 16 pl under Ltut Innes were given the lead. By 1830 after scrambling up the steep slope of the spur the leading pl. reached a false crest — beyond which was a slight depression and from which the enemy opened fire. The fact of being on a narrow spur, with an almost sheer drop on either side made encirclement very difficult. However Ltut Innes and 1 sec. attempted an encircling movement on the left flank — this was unsuccessful. Ltut Innes</p>	

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			and 2 OR's being killed	
			The enemy immediately counter-attacked but this was beaten off by the courageous action of Cpl Drew, who while firing his brew gun from the	APPENDIX 9
			Cpl stood his ground and invited the "Little yellow B—5" to come and get it. Whilst Cpl Drew and his section held off the enemy, Capt Clafferton was able to bring the remainder of D Coy into a small perimeter just below the false crest, which was actually dead ground.	
			Cpl Drew's section having beaten off the attack withdrew to the coy perimeter. Cpl Drew has been commended for his gallantry.	
			The coy now were within 30 yds of the enemy and	

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			<p>under could move backwards or forward without coming under the other's fire</p> <p>Spasmodic firing was exchanged between both forces and during one exchange Plt Bennett, (D Coy R.A.P.) went out under fire and brought back 2 wounded men. The Coy were within grenade range of the enemy throughout the night and had several small skirmishes. Movement was heard during the night and the clanging of weapons led D Coy to believe the enemy fire power was being increased.</p> <p>a section from C. Coy assisted in bringing back the wounded men from D Coy. Lieut Lord 2/6 arty acting as F.O.O. D Coy did a remarkable job in trying</p>	<p>APPENDIX</p>

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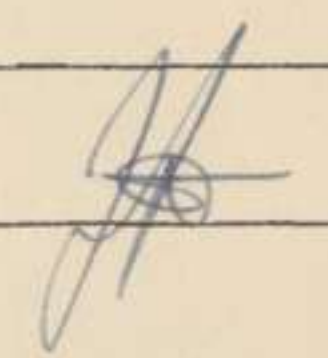
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			<p>to bring fire to bear on the enemy position at risk to himself he brought the shelling down to within 150 yds of D Coy's position. The Coy could not withdraw to allow the shelling to be brought down on the enemy, as it would mean the loss of vital ground.</p> <p>During the day other Coys were actively engaged in patrolling and all patrols reported N.M.S.</p> <p>Dispositions for the night were — Bn HQ 607748 A Coy 606749, C Coy 604749, D Coy 601749.</p>	
607748	9 Dec 43	0630	<p>First light found D Coy still holding their small perimeter and at daybreak the enemy opened fire with H.M.G.'s (which had been brought up during the night) L.M.G.'s and rifles. The H.M.G.'s were found</p>	

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			<p>to be on both sides of the spur firing on fixed lines to prevent encirclement. Capt Clapperton still very cool and confident realized his only plan was to send a force back down the spur to the TUNOM RIVER, along the river and up another spur well to the left and so attempt to get behind the gap posn.</p> <p>Lieut Wethington's pl. was selected for the task and immediately set out.</p> <p>The CO. made an appreciation of D Coy's position and discussed it with the B.M. over the phone. B.M. advised that MACFORCE be sent to 603944 to assist. as the Bn had no direct communication with MACFORCE at that time, the CO. ordered C. Coy to move to garden area at 601945 and assist D Coy from the left flank.</p>	

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			<p>C. Coy moved off at 0745 hrs and by 0835 hrs had reached 603746 where they contacted 8 Japs — 2 of whom were killed and others wounded, the remaining Japs withdrawing towards the garden. Later the garden was shelled by arty and mortars.</p> <p>Meanwhile at Bn HQ Capt Downing (RMO) was tending sick parade whilst the Lt. Section Fd. Amb. dealt with casualties when 2 enemy mortar bombs landed in the R. A.P. area, wounding 12 men — one of whom later died.</p> <p>Arty was busy on several targets all the morning and expended over 400 rounds. Bde advised that when contact is made with MACFORCE they will revert to comd of Bn — this was done through C. Coy at 0930 hrs.</p>	

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			<p>C.O. ordered B Coy to patrol on the left flank of C Coy.</p> <p>The D Coy pl. under Lieut Wittington moved down the spur and on reaching the river observed a party of 46 Japs moving N.E. along the south bank towards the left to D Coy. Having only 1 pl. (slightly depleted) and a task to do Lieut Wittington by-passed this enemy party and moved on to the west. By the use of roots and vines the pl. wound their way up the river and finally got into a position, over the enemy position at 601749. The pl. opened fire on the position only to find they were outflanked on the left by a further enemy force. Spt. Smith did gallant work during this skirmish. Lieut Wittington was forced to withdraw and return to his Coy, expecting</p>	

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			<p>to meet the enemy force he had previously seen this enemy force was not seen or heard of again and Lieut Withington got back to his coy to find they were still still in contact and could do nothing to get forward.</p> <p>C.O. advised Capt. Blufferton to hang on as C. Coy were coming to his assistance on the left flank. D Coy were employed in sniping and counter sniping until news was received that C. Coy had met strong opposition in garden at 601745 and were held up in precipitous country. Capt. Blufferton was then advised by C.O. to try to withdraw. Capt. Blufferton sent 1 pl. under Lieut Withington to the river to cover the withdrawal 1 pl. of A Coy had been ordered to assist D Coy.</p>	

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			<p><i>Cpl. Dean and his section volunteered to hold the position whilst the remainder of the coy moved back to the river. The section were given all the ammunition the coy could afford. Every man in the section realized their task and their small chance of getting out, but none complained.</i></p> <p><i>The section opened fire on the enemy with all their weapons and gave the withdrawal party 20 minutes start. The enemy soon realized what was happening and attacked the covering section. Cpl Dean and his section fought a stubborn rearguard action and eventually beat the enemy to the river by a matter of minutes. The covering pl. then withdrew and the coy moved back to their</i></p>	

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			<p>old position at 604749. The enemy followed up and were able to get 2 H.M.C.'s in position and sighted them on to a patch of Kunai through which D Coy would have to move. However Capt Clapperton skillfully moved his troops to the danger area and got 2 pl. and Coy Hq. through before the enemy opened fire, 2 of the last pl were killed and 2 wounded. A Coy pl. which assisted with the withdrawal got back without accident.</p> <p>D Coy finally got back to a perimeter defence at 604749. Total casualties for the action 10 pl. 9 OR's killed and 10 wounded.</p> <p>Capt. Clapperton was highly commended for the skillful way in which he got his Coy out of what</p>	

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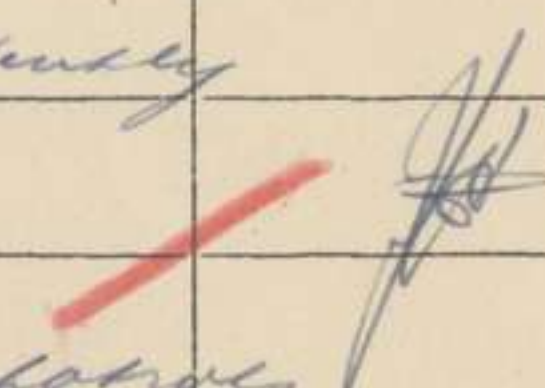
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			<p>appeared an impossible position, and for the coolness and calculation shown by him throughout the action.</p> <p>meanwhile C. Coy with the assistance of B. Coy patrols on the left flank were endeavouring to "out do" the opposition, but owing to the impossible nature of the country C. Coy were forced to withdraw and formed a perimeter at 603943, having suffered some casualties.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Dispositions for night 9/10</p> <p>see wire Am HQ. 607748, A Coy. 606749, B Coy 603945, C Coy 603943, D Coy 604949</p> <p>during the night firing broke out from the direction of garden area 601945, which caused the unit to "stand to". This was later proved to be the enemy</p>	

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			covering their own withdrawal from the garden area.	
			No reason could be afforded for their withdrawal	
			as they held the vital ground; it was evidently	
			part of a larger withdrawal.	
607748.	10 Dec 43	0915.	C. Coy were ordered to send out 2 patrols	
			TO WEST and SOUTH WEST at 596744 and 597734	
			respectively. Both patrols reported back by 1200	
			and reported NMS. also at 0915 a pl patrol from	
			A Coy left to contact a Coy of 22 Bn who were assisting	
			in the foothills at 605758. This patrol made	
			contact and returned to Coy area by last light.	
		0830.	The pioneer pl, under Lt Col Argue went forward	
			to try and draw fire from enemy positions near	
			Kunai patch at 603750. This enemy pocket had	

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			caused D Coy some trouble the previous day.	
			The pioneer pl. returned at 1100 reporting that digging and talking could be heard from the timber on the west side of the Kumai patch. Artillery and mortars shelled this area to good effect whilst the mortars paid attention to targets at 601946 and 604752.	
		1125	The remaining two pls. of A Coy were ordered to move to 605750 and to contact their other pl. already out in that direction. A Coy reported the track to be very difficult and steep, Lunom River could be crossed at 606754. At 609758 A Coy found a gap track running down a creek to Lunom River, along which a gap sig wire had been laid — our sigs tapped the line and found	

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			it to be dead. The coy then took up a perimeter astride the track.	
605749		1600	Owing to the possibility of enemy shelling butts. made a short move to 605749. Ration difficulties were overcome by the use of native carrying parties—supplied by ANGAN— who brought ample supplies and ammunition each day. Our rear B Echelon supplied guides and protection parties for the natives. The ration trains arrived regularly each day between 1000 and 1200 hrs.	
		2000	Advice was received that 2 coys 2/17 Bn. would relieve our B and D coys on 11 Dec. The C.O. ordered coy to be prepared to move at first light on 11 Dec. to 604956. Dispositions for night 10/11 Dec. were butts. 605749	

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			A Coy 607758 (less 1 pl. which returned for supplies and rejoined coy at first light 11 Dec 606749) B Coy 603745 C Coy 603743, D Coy 604749	§
605749	11 Dec 43	0700.	C Coy moved out and were joined by HQ pl. who were to move with C Coy as far as A Coy where they would remain. Because of heavy going C Coy did not reach their position 604756 until 1445 hrs.	
		0715	A Coy who reported having spent an uneventful night, saw 6 Japs moving down the track towards their position. An ambush was set and 3 Japs killed and 1 wounded.	
606758		0915	HQ closed down and moved to 606758 and were in position by 1435 hrs. A Coy were acting as protection and were at 606759. On their relief, the C.O. ordered B & D Coy.	

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			<i>to move to 606758 and 608757 respectively.</i>	
		<i>1440.</i>	<i>As the Bde line was out at this time it was necessary to send a line party to the main coastal road near the PLANTATION area and established communications with Bde. Shortly after the line party with a section of pioneers as protection, had left shots were heard and it was reported one gap had been shot at 609760 and others had got away. A search party was organized from Pioneer pl. and the area was combed, but no sign of the enemy could be found.</i>	
		<i>1500.</i>	<i>B & D Coys reported their reliefs were completed and both coys were moving to new areas. Good time was made by both coys and they reported in position by 1830 hrs.</i>	

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			<p><i>During the afternoon patrols were sent out to 605760 and 606754 both patrols reported N.M.S. a patrol from C. Coy were fired on by 2 MG's at 602755. Our patrol killed one Jap and withdrew to Coy perimeter.</i></p>	
		<i>1830.</i>	<p><i>The CO, by phone, outlined his plans for the next days operations. to Bill. He indicated that A & B Coys would cut the track at 604764, hold and patrol to the SOWI River. other Coys would remain in positions as at last night 11 Dec. Dispositions night 11/12 Dec. were Am No. 607758 A Coy 607757, B Coy 607761, C Coy 604756 and D Coy 605760.</i></p>	<i>[Signature]</i>

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
607758	12 Dec 43	0815	<p>a quiet night was reported by all coys. Putting into operation his plans, which had been submitted to, and approved by Bde the previous night, the CO. ordered A+B coys to advance and cut the track at 604764. at 0935 A-coy reported being fired on from 603760 with rifle fire and replied with L.M.G. fire with unobserved results and continued their advance. The remainder of the Bn were put on $\frac{1}{2}$ hrs notice to move — the move not to commence before 1100 hrs. A+B coys reported in new areas by 1415 hrs. A-coy patrolled along the track North of SOWI. P. — which was reported easily fordable and also a patrol was sent East to contact a coy of 29/46 Bn.</p>	

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			at 609767. Contact was made and the patrol returned at 1730 hrs. A coy patrol NORTH of SOWI River reported N.M.S. B coy sent a patrol to Huto area at 599766, reporting in at 1800 hrs. with the information that talking or noise was heard, also that the Huto area could not be shelled by arty owing to the nature of the country. On receipt of this information the CO. ordered B coy to send a patrol to the same area at first light on 13 Dec.	
		1400	C. Coy were ordered to move 1 pl. to 609757 while the remaining 2 pls were to move to and act as protection for BWHQ. C Coy were also warned to be ready to move by 0900 hrs 13 Dec. to 600773.	

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			Throughout the day C & D coys carried out routine patrols all of which reported NMS	
			Dispositions for night 12/13 Dec were Bn HQ. 607758	
			D Coy 603765, B Coy 607763, C Coy 607757 and D Coy 605760.	
607758	13 Dec.	0730	C. Coy commenced move to the area vicinity 600773. The P.O. left at 0800 hrs to recon and lay out new site for Bn HQ. and at 0830 Bn HQ. began move to new site which was occupied by 0945 hrs	
603763.			C. Coy reported in hourly by Lt/T stating that their progress was slow owing to the difficult going. However by 1500 C Coy had reached their objective without opposition	
		1030	A message was received from Bde advising that	

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			<p><i>By 24 Dec. 20 Bde would take over the responsibility for the defence of the area south of the SOWI River.</i></p> <p><i>Owing to this latest development the CO's plans were changed somewhat and he immediately ordered H Coy to be ready to move at short notice across the SOWI RIVER to occupy high ground 598773, which is just NORTH of C. Coy's present position.</i></p> <p><i>H Coy was also warned to be prepared to patrol to the west flank on occupation of new position, but this was later found to be impossible owing to the difficult terrain.</i></p> <p><i>At this stage the C.O. communicated the B.M. and suggested that 3 Coy may be necessary for the task on Scarfell feature in sq. 5977.</i></p>	

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			as a result of this conversation the M.C. Pl was ordered to move independently via the sightline to C. Coy position and remain there.	
		1400	at 1400 hrs the C.O. issued instructions for D, B, and Bn HQ. to be ready to move over the SOWI River and also for A Coy to move immediately to join C. Coy. The CO then left with the IO and protection party for Bde HQ, following creek east to coast.	
			after receiving instructions from the Bde. Comd. the C.O. rang the unit and ordered Bn HQ, D & B Coys to commence move down to coastal area at 604784. In the meantime the C.O. & IO received Coy posns and at 1730 hrs the move was completed.	

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		1730.	<p>owing to move of Bn H.Q. down to coast, A & C Coys were out of direct contact with Bn during the evening but contact was maintained through Lt Bde.</p> <p>Advice was received through these channels that C. Coy had contacted and shot 1 Jap at 598771 otherwise N.M.S. Information was also received that A Coy's patrol west along the Sora River had fired on one Jap at 605760 with unobserved results and had observed two Jap dumps containing old gas equipment, documents, rifles and steel helmets.</p> <p>a patrol from B Coy to huts at 599767 during the day had disclosed that these huts had not been occupied recently — except by natives who it is believed were responsible for the talking and noise</p>	

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			<p>heard by B Coy the previous night. C. Coy also reported at this stage that the M.G. Pl. had arrived in their area and were now in position. B, D, and B/MQ. personnel appreciated the opportunity to get on to the coast and be on flat ground for a change. Troops remarked on the ease of movement on the downhill trail to the coast, and it was evident that the strenuous hill climbing in the last week had stood them in good stead.</p> <p>At 1818 hrs A. Coy report that they have struck opposition of 1 pl. strength with 2 MG's at 599973 and have inflicted some casualties without loss to themselves. A. Coy went into a fight</p>	

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		<i>2215</i>	<p><i>position at 598972 and all was quiet until 2215 hrs when approx one pl. enemy made a determined attack on our positions with grenades, mortars, LMGs and rifle fire. However A Coy repulsed the attack and inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy. A Coy suffered 7 casualties, including 1 killed. These casualties were all caused by enemy grenades, except Sgt. K. Hurson who lost his life when hit by a ricochete bullet. Small skirmishes continued and Coy remained in contact throughout the night. Bn dispositions for night 13/14 Dec were as follows:</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>604784 A Coy 598972, B Coy 603783, C Coy 599972, D Coy 605783</i></p>	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
604784	14 Dec		all coys sent out small patrols after stand down to search areas for snipers or stragglers but all reported N.M.S.	
		0830	with 7 & 8 coys in close proximity to the enemy, the CO. was anxious to move the HQ. to a position nearer these coys, where better control could be exercised. as a result the I.O. accompanied by a small protection party left to reach a suitable position. First reports from 7 Coy state they are still in contact with the enemy and are unable to encircle around the left flank owing to precipitous terrain. However patrols were out on the right flank attempting to find enemy dispositions and strength on this flank.	

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			<p>Patrols reported on return that approx. 1 platoon enemy with two LMG's were in position at 598773 approx 40 yds from A. Coy area. This position was engaged with 2" mortar fire, with unobserved results. C.O. then orders the mortar platoon to move to C. Coy area and engage enemy position from there. C. Coy were also ordered to assist A Coy wherever possible.</p> <p>Bde O.O. No. 7 was received at 0835 hrs and disclosed the fact that the 20 Bde are now responsible for the area KILIGIA beach. also that 22 bn will become forward bn. and secure bridgehead over SANGA. River; 29/46 bn. to Bde reserve and secure whilst 27/52 Bn will continue on the left flank</p>	

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			protecting the 22 Bn L. of C. (see appx)	
		0930.	By 0930 hrs A Coy had made several platoon advances against stiff opposition and succeeded in pushing back enemy a short distance. However the enemy were still resisting stubbornly and were difficult to dislodge from their well prepared positions. As a result the C.O. ordered A Coy to move troops back to C Coy and found enemy posns with safety then move one platoon forward to patrol along leads of creek along 60 grid-line and re-occupy previous position. The M.C. platoon was ordered to move to ref 599774 to support A Coy and engage enemy from right flank. This was done and with excellent results.	

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			<p>at this stage B Coy were also ordered to move up spur to SCARFACE feature via 602982 to area 593777, as a patrol had previously patrolled this area as far WEST as the 60 grid line and had reported this area clear of enemy. D Coy were warned to be ready to move via this same route to position 599778 and Bn Hd. to move on completion of recon to area near A+C Coy.</p>	
		1030.	<p>The I.O. and party during the recon contacted A+C Coy at approx 1030 hrs and returned to Bn Hd. at 1830 hrs, informing the CO that whilst at A Coy their positions had been fired on by 2 LMG's from 598773 and that our troops were fighting gamely over difficult country with</p>	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			<p>heavy timber on the left flank. The I.O. also stated that C. Coy could assist by operating from the right flank in spite of the fact that C. Coy declared it was impossible.</p> <p>The I.O. selected a new site for Bn H.Q. at 599773, and it was stated that although the selected spot was somewhat isolated it was an excellent defensive position and could be protected with available troops from H.Q. Coy.</p> <p>The C.O. decided on this position and at 1440 hrs Bn H.Q. and H.Q. Coy personnel were sending their way up steep spurs, finally arriving in the new area at 1735 hrs.</p> <p>During the afternoon A Coy had attacked the</p>	

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			<p>position on a small front — which was all the feature would permit. The attack was successful A Coy having pushed the enemy back some distance and inflicting many casualties. With much forcing C Coy managed to carry out a patrol on the left flank of A Coy, but could not prove around sufficiently far enough to support A Coy in their attack. On the completion of the attack A Coy pl. withdrew to the coy area as it was decided that the ground gained could best be covered by fire from the original posn. Bde ordered today that all enemy dead were to be buried at first opportunity. The enemy had left several dead after the attack by A Coy and</p>	

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			<p><i>these are to be buried by C. Coy 15 Dec.</i></p> <p><i>Whilst the C.O. was submitting his plans to Bde he remarked "how I fight the war here" the C.O. pointed out that the maps did not give a true picture of the ground at all, and it was most difficult to try and appreciate the ground from the maps available.</i></p> <p><i>The B.M. agreed and the C.O. was given "a free leg" to go ahead, providing his plans agreed with the commanders intention.</i></p> <p><i>Water was a problem in this area, the nearest supply available being some 800 yds down to the SOWI River. It was necessary for the water to be carried up by the native train with the</i></p>	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			<p>following day rations, so consequently strict water discipline had to be exercised.</p> <p>at approx 2315 hrs there was a flare up of activity when Bn HQ area came under S. P. fire and grenades — fired from discharges — from an enemy position at 598773. The M. M. G. platoon which was still covering the right flank opened up and silenced this enemy position. No casualties were suffered by our troops in this sharp engagement.</p> <p>Bn dispositions for the night were Bn HQ 599773 A Coy 598772 B. Coy 593777 C. Coy 599772 D. Coy 599778.</p> <p>The native train did an excellent job today because, after their arrival with rations and</p>	

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			water, they then set about assisting in the evacuation of A Coy wounded, who had already been moved back from the danger area to C. Coy position	4
599773	15 Dec 43	0545	Boys sent the normal patrols out during the stand to period and A Coy reported their patrol had killed two Japs at 595774. The patrol moved through the enemy position at 598773 without opposition but counted 10 enemy dead the result of the previous day's fighting. It was apparent that the enemy had withdrawn from this position during the night.	
		0730	The C.O. issued his orders and D Coy were ordered to move to the top of SCARFACE feature at 592778	

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			<p><i>just N.W. of B. Coy position, whilst B Coy were to remain in present position and continued to send patrols to 595774 and huts area at 583773. C Coy were also ordered to make a further attempt at patrolling to 595772</i></p>	
		<i>1000</i>	<p><i>arty and mortars were used at this stage and after pounding the enemy position at 595774, A Coy with M.M.G. support moved into the attack and cleared enemy from this position, whilst one platoon B Coy covered their right flank. A Coy pushed on without further opposition and by 1700 hrs had occupied high feature 500 at 589771</i></p>	
			<p><i>In the meantime C. Coy had sent one platoon</i></p>	

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Unit 3752 Aust. Inf. Bn.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			to occupy 598772, which A Coy had evacuated, and their patrol which moved around on the left flank had reached 594773, locating a recently vacated gap position at 596771, where two enemy dead were counted. This patrol returned to coy area at 1430 hrs.	
			B Coy were patrolling along the head of creek in area square 5877 and reported that enemy of unknown strength had been encountered at 588774 and that our patrol had inflicted some casualties, whilst our losses were 3 killed and 2 wounded. a further patrol from B Coy to 587784 reported that enemy movement had been observed at 584784	

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			<p>D Coy also patrolled along tracks to LAKONA and reported on return that track was clear of enemy.</p>	
		1730.	<p>at 1730 hrs enemy shell fire was falling in B & D Coys areas on SCARFACE. The fire was ineffective and no casualties were suffered.</p> <p>Troops were delighted when a heavy downpour of rain fell in the early afternoon thus allowing them to replenish their sadly depleted water supply. To some was lost in making use of gas-capes, ground sheets and steel helmets to catch the rain and although everyone was drenched they all agreed it was worth it.</p> <p>unfortunately a water party had just returned from the SOWI River with water and were</p>	

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			<p>left A Coy area to investigate this position and garden at 584769. Patrol returned at 1300 hrs reported NMS, but stated there was evidence that the enemy had occupied the Luso area in the last 24 hours.</p> <p>a platoon patrol from C Coy whilst combing the timber to the WEST of 598773 killed one goat at 597774 and returned at 1250 hrs without seeing further movement.</p> <p>D Coy were also patrolling to 594784 and investigated the track and creeks en route. The patrol returned at 1200 hrs and reported N.M.S</p>	
		0925	<p>Bn H.Q. closes down at 597773 and commences move to new area 593780, reopening at 1200 hrs.</p>	

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			naturally exhausted after their steep climb.	
			Some "bright lad" suggested they should go back to the SOWS River and tip the water in as sufficient water had been obtained from the rain!	
			positions for the night were BWHQ. 599773.	
			A Coy 589771, B Coy 593777, C Coy less 1 Pl. 599772 1 Pl. 598772 and D Coy 592778.	5
599773.	16 Dec 43	0545	The usual routine patrols left at first light to comb the surrounding area. all patrols reported N.M.S. on return to Coy areas	
		0800	at 0800 hrs one detachment of mortars left to join A Coy at 589771. after the arty had shelled the huto area at 583773 a platoon patrol	

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<i>593780</i>		<i>0925</i>	<p><i>Bn HQ, closes down at 599773 and commences move to new area 593780, returning at 1200 hrs.</i></p> <p><i>One platoon B Coy was sent to patrol the timber and creek area west of their position prior to coy moving through that area to cut track at 584777. On their return the patrol reported four unoccupied positions of opposite platoon had been found at 589777. It is thought that this was part of the enemy force B Coy struck yesterday. The patrol also found at this area several documents and papers, among which were papers belonging to Lieutenant R. Lunnis, who was killed at the Tinom River area on 8 Dec during the attack by D Coy.</i></p>	

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			<p><i>This proved that this same unit of enemy (later identified as 20 Div Engineers) have been withdrawing from us continually since first contacted on the TUNOM River.</i></p> <p><i>From enemy documents and papers already found gives some indication of the locality with which the enemy treat their documents.</i></p>	
		<i>1500</i>	<p><i>A Coy directed mortar fire on to possible enemy camp along gap h of C. at 578774 with unobserved results. B Coy were on the move at this stage and reported that one gap was killed at 584778. Coy finally made perimeter at 589777</i></p>	
		<i>1600</i>	<p><i>Meanwhile C. Coy had moved to B Coy position on SCARFACE at 593777 whilst D Coy pushed on</i></p>	

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			and cut track lower down at 588784.	
			On arrival in new area at 1600 hrs D Coy immedi-	
			ately sent patrol down to SANGA River to	
			find a possible river crossing	
			at 1630 hrs D Coy reported that the island area	
			on the SANGA River at 581784 appears to be a	
			Jap Aid Post as movement of stretcher bearers	
			has been observed from Coy position. In view	
			of this the arty did not shell the area. The	
			position was later proved to be an enemy A.P.S.	
			positions for night were BWHQ. 593780, P. Coy 589771	
			B Coy 587777, C Coy 593777, D Coy 588784.	
			Our troops had learned by this time that high	
			ground was actual and were loathe to move	

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			<i>into any low country if at all avoidable, particularly low creek beds etc, which troops looked upon as death traps.</i>	
<i>593780</i>	<i>17 Dec.</i>	<i>0700</i>	<p><i>Advice was received from 4 Bde that a large concentration of arty of approx 2000 rounds would be put down this morning on the COCONUTS area at LAKONA to support an attack by 29/46 Bn on our right flank. all coys were advised and many troops were able to witness the shelling from their positions.</i></p> <p><i>Information was also received from Bde stating that two coys from the 2/17 Bn would relieve our C & B coys today.</i></p> <p><i>A coy commenced move to new position astride</i></p>	<i>[Handwritten mark]</i>

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			<p>track at 585780, whilst C. Coy were instructed to send one platoon to D Coy area at 588784 and the remainder of the Coy to join this platoon on relief by 2/17 Bn.</p> <p>D Coy were ordered to move across the STANBAY River as soon as their patrols locate a crossing. B Coy was also patrolling to river in an attempt to find a crossing, and patrol reported on return that garden at 581799 was clear of enemy. The patrols from D Coy had returned at this stage and stated that the country down to the river was very steep and under observation from the North — the only way to cross the river being at the mouth.</p>	

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			The M.G. platoon was ordered to move to D Coy where they could operate from the high ground there, if required, and the 2/2 M.G. platoon who are under comd. were ordered to remain in D Coy area and under comd. of D Coy.	
		1250	D Coy plus our pl. M.G. were ordered to move across river at mouth and secure high ground at 588792, whilst 2/2 M.G. remained in present position to cover the advance. Mortars were also ordered to assist and engage possible enemy positions in timber and creek area.	
			at 1230 hrs B Coy had established a standing patrol of one platoon at 581778, overlooking	

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			<p>the garden area and SANGA River. This patrol later reported movement of 6 Japs moving south at 579780 and also two moving north. Our platoon engaged this position with 2" mortar fire but results were unobserved. An attempt was also made to engage the target with M36 grenades fired from the discharge cup, but this was unsuccessful as grenades were bursting well before reaching the bottom of the gorge, where Japs were observed. B. Coy were also patrolling west along the bank south bank of the river in an endeavour to find a crossing, but stated on their return that it was not available.</p>	

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			<p>to attempt a crossing, as the precipitous banks on either side of the river presented too great a risk of ambush.</p> <p>The Coy were still on the move and although the going was hard, they were making good progress, having reached 589780. The Coy reported that one of their patrols had discovered a gap L of C. at 579770, which appeared to lead down to the Sanga River.</p>	
		1510.	<p>When advice was received from 4 Bde that troops of 29/46 Bn had succeeded in crossing the SANGA River, the C.O. who has been keen on keeping up with the coastal advance and even trying to forge ahead in spite of</p>	

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			of the hills, remarked "what a b— they've beaten us again!"	
			By 1500 hrs C. Coy who had now been relieved by a Coy of 2/17 Bn. had completed their move and occupied position 588784, whilst D Coy had move from this position and were pushing down towards the coast on their way to their objective at 588792. Word was received from Bde that the relief for B Coy was on the way, but it would not be effected today as was anticipated.	
		1825	D Coy had now completed their move across the SANGA River and reached 583793 where they contacted A Coy 22 Bn.	

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			<p>Capt. Clapperton informed the C.O. that they had located an enemy position at 580992 and had decided to go into perimeter with A Coy 22 Bn for the night, and plan a joint attack on the enemy position at first light in the morning, as both coys were depleted in numbers. as a result the C.O. arranged with Major Thwaites to put down an arty barrage on enemy position, at first light prior to the attack by the two coys, which would also be supported by 2/2 M.C. Platoon.</p> <p>By now our Rd objective was well in view, with FORTIFICATION HILL looming up ahead but still defying us as to what extent the</p>	

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			<p>The enemy had prepared defenses, if any. The troops one thought was "how long before we take it". However it was at least in sight and the troops reflected full confidence in their ability to do the job.</p> <p>positions for the night were A.M.F. 593780 A coy 587780 B coy 585778 C. coy 588784 D coy 583793.</p>	
593780	18 Dec.	0645.	<p>D coy reported all quiet during the night and coy together with A coy 22 Am were now moving into position for attack on gap pocket. Early patrols by other coys all reported N.M.S.</p> <p>C.O. now issues orders for C. coy to be ready</p>	

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			<p>to move to 579795; A Coy to move by 0700 hrs and occupy D Coy's present position at 583793, whilst B Coy are to move, on relief by 2/17 Bn, to area vacated by C. Coy at 587784.</p> <p>D Coy and the Coy 22 Bn. were standing by at this stage while an arty concentration was put down on the enemy position. The barrage lifted at 0945 hrs when both coys went into the attack with D Coy on the left. However, the enemy had withdrawn from the position during the night and our troops pushed through without opposition and occupied the enemy position. Patrols were sent out immediately to 582784 the North</p>	

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			And west, but did not see any signs of the retreating enemy.	
		0930.	In the meantime the C.O. had ordered B Coy not to wait for relief, but to move immediately to 587784 and at 0930 hrs Coy reported position had been occupied.	
			C. Coy were well on the way now, and were crossing the SANGA River by 0830 hrs.	
			D Coy had run out of signal wire on occupation of gap position and were out of touch with Bn H.Q. for 2 hours; although information was passed through the 22 Bn to H.Q.	
			A Coy 22 Bn obliged by making one mile of cable available for our use and communications.	

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			<i>were restored direct to Bn HQ.</i>	
		<i>1015.</i>	<i>at 1015 hrs Bn HQ. closed down at 593780,</i>	
			<i>moved forward to new position 585794 arriving</i>	
			<i>at 1330 hrs.</i>	
			<i>although still on the move Pz C. Coy. maintained</i>	
			<i>contact with Bn HQ. by being in on their line</i>	
			<i>every hour and at 1400 hrs word was received from</i>	
			<i>C. Coy stating they had reached 581797, whilst A Coy</i>	
			<i>were following close behind. Progress of these</i>	
			<i>coys was of necessity slow, owing to heavy going,</i>	
			<i>and halts which had to be called while recess</i>	
			<i>were done before crossing the numerous open</i>	
			<i>Kunai patches. From their positions at 581797</i>	
			<i>E. Coy were confronted with a huge gorge which</i>	

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			<p><i>which was impossible to cross at this point, thus necessitating a further recd.</i></p> <p><i>The C.O. advised Capt. Hedney (O.C. Coy) to push on as far as possible and endeavour to reach Huts area at 571803 by nightfall, whilst A. Coy were ordered to take up a position in rear of C. Coy.</i></p> <p><i>B. Coy had meanwhile been ordered to move across river to 585795 and this move was completed by 1800 hrs, with the result that the whole Bn. was now occupying positions N of the Sanga River</i></p> <p><i>at 1530 hrs Bde. advised that a gap exists in the left flank of the 29/46 Bn on our right and ordered a Coy to position 579806. D. Coy were</i></p>	

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			<p>selected for the task and ordered to move immediately, leaving their attached troops M.M.G.'s and mortars at Bn H.Q. area en route to new position. D Coy commenced move from 587794 at 1600 hrs and approaching point at 583800 report there is a precipitous gorge ahead and have contacted a coy of 22 Bn, who stated it takes 2 hours to cross. D Coy were therefore instructed to take up a perimeter here and remain the night. However our troops subsequently crossed the gorge in half an hour next day, indicating that the experience gained to date had proved useful.</p> <p>at last light C and A coys had reached 575799</p>	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			<p>and 573999 respectively without opposition dispositions for night were Bn HQ. 585794, A 573799, B 585795, C 575799 and D Coy 583800</p> <p>During the night enemy aircraft were active over the area, flying at low level, and at 0345 hrs an enemy float plane flew low over Bn HQ & B Coy's positions, dropping one bomb in B Coy area. The bomb, which was H.E. and incendiary, fell only four feet from a trench in which the Blume was sheltering. The bomb made a crater of 10 feet deep by 8 ft wide and completely lifted the Blume and all his gear into the air, depositing him some 40 ft away. although suffering</p>	

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			<p>swirly from shock, he had a remarkable escape and is now looked upon "as the lucky man" of this unit. A Bren gun which was also near the trench, received a direct hit and was not sighted again. The only other casualty — <u>Lieut J. Powney</u> — was not so fortunate as he had several ribs broken when a large piece of coral shrapnel hit him in the back. The plane made several runs during the raid and bombs were heard to fall near the Pde area, towards the coast.</p>	
585794 19 Dec 43.	19 Dec.	0630.	<p>active patrolling was carried out by all coys at first light and all patrols reported no m s on their return.</p>	
		0800	<p>D Coy were off to an early start, on the way to their</p>	

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			<p>objective at 573809, and by 0830 hrs the whole coy has negotiated the precipitous gorge, and continued to push on until they had reached their new position at 573809 without opposition.</p> <p>The CO. ordered C. coy to push on, and if possible, cross the Trasaweng River and get into a position on the North bank, whilst A coy were to move towards the river and protect the left flank as Bn H.Q. and B coy were going to push forward to the Hut area. All these moves took place during the morning and by 1430 hrs Bn H.Q. had re-opened at 571802, just north of A coy's position, whilst B coy occupied high ground at 571804. C. Coy were still on the move and had succeeded in crossing the river, at which</p>	

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			<p>point they fired on two gaps, one of whom was killed.</p> <p>No further contact was made and Coy reached 563809. D Coy were also in position at 573807, with one pl. at 573809</p> <p>Between 1600 & 1630 hrs both D Coy and Bn HQ's positions were under heavy enemy mortar fire from the N.E., but no casualties were suffered.</p> <p>We now had our goal in sight and awaited word from Bde for our role, which disclosed that the 37/52 Bn. would exploit to 800 feature on FORTIFICATION POINT after a concentration of arty had been put down at 566817, 569819 and 568822. Bde advised the attack would not be before 0930 hrs 20 Dec.</p> <p>On receipt of this information, the CO. immediately</p>	

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			put coy comds in the picture, and later issued orders for the final attack on 20 Dec. (see appx)	
			Dispositions for the night were Bn Hq. 571802	
			A Coy 571801, B Coy 571804, C Coy 563809, D Coy ass	
			1 Pl. 573807 with 1 pl at 572809	
571802	20 Dec 43	0630	all coys. reported a quiet night	
			The C.O. plans plans to attack with 2 coys forward and selected A & B Coys for the task. B Coy on right flank with objective at 583823 and A Coy on	
			with objective on right edge of timber at 571822,	
			whilst C Coy, supported by M.M.G's, were ordered	
			to cover their advance from the feature on the	
			left, and also send a platoon patrol up to	
			left edge of timber on Hill 800, remaining there	

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			until relieved.	
			word was received that the ration train had left the unit's rations at the Trasaweng River, with the result, that the final attack was delayed while the Pioneer Platoon, under Lieutenant Weyburn, went to collect the rations.	
			In the meantime the Army were registering on selected targets.	
			at 0928 hrs a routine patrol from C. Coy reported that numerous gaps had been seen crossing the Trasaweng River at a point west of the 56 grid line, and it was proved later that a well used L.C. crossed at this point.	
			By 1045 hrs rations had all been issued and the	

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			<p>final stage of our advance was under way, with arty accurately shelling all target areas.</p> <p>B. coy were ordered to move via 577807 and then follow 200 contour to objective.</p> <p>From the vantage point taken up by the CO, the progress of the forward coys could be followed throughout. the advance and no opposition was encountered by either coy, in spite of all the reports that the enemy would make a stand.</p> <p>It was quite obvious, now, that the enemy disliked fighting in open country, but nevertheless our troops did not take any chances and adopted open formations during the attack.</p> <p>By 1440 hrs A. coy had reached 572824, whilst at</p>	

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			1600 hrs B Coy were in position at 584822.	
			The platoon patrol from C. Coy was making good progress on the left flank and by 1330 hrs had entered the timber on FORTIFICATION HILL. Although out of communication their movements could be observed from the observation post at Bn. Hq.	
			In the meantime a close watch was kept on the movement of enemy up the river, and whenever a target appeared it was engaged by arty, M. M. G., and mortar fire.	
			D Coy were withdrawn from their position, and became Bn Reserve taking up a perimeter around Bn. Hq. at 571802.	
			As all enemy movement up the river had ceased	

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			<p>at this time, it was considered they were probably awaiting darkness before attempting to proceed further. The CO. therefore gave orders for the m.m.c.'s to place their guns on fixed lines, and with arty direct harassing fire on the target at irregular intervals during the night. Four bursts, each of $\frac{1}{2}$ belt per gun, were fired during the night at 2145, 0013, 0335, and 0421 hrs and although results were unknown, it is believed that the fire was effective.</p> <p>Shortly before last light B coy area was subjected to enemy ^{shell} mortar fire, which appeared to be coming from the hills area 569847. A coy, who were told to try and locate where the fire was</p>	

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			<p>coming from, also reported the same position, (this was later confirmed correct by 20 Bde) and arty then registered on the huts area.</p> <p>Advice has just been received from Bde that 4 Bde will protect 2 of C 20 Bde, who will pass through 4 Bde not before 0600 hrs 21 Dec.</p> <p>Dispositions for night—Bn HQ + D Coy 571802 B Coy 584820 C Coy less 1 pl. 563809, 1 pl at 568822 A. Coy 572823 (less 1 pl at 569823.)</p>	
571802	21 Dec 43	0630.	<p>boys sent out the usual routine patrols at first light this morning and all reported N.M.S on their return.</p>	4
		0800	<p>at 0800 hrs a platoon patrol left from C. Coy and moved out WEST along the trawling ditch to</p>	

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			<p>investigate the area engaged by the m.m.b.'s during the night and yesterday afternoon. This patrol was followed by the I.O. and small protection party which left shortly afterwards.</p> <p>Both patrols returned at 1500 hrs, and C. Coy reported patrol had shot one gap at 547807. Several hurriedly buried dumps, containing over 30 rifles, 256 amm, respirators, engineer stores and tools including explosives, numerous steel helmets and personal gear were discovered at 543810. It was evident that the gaps had been using this L. of C. satw. well, as tracks showed recent signs of heavy use. These tracks were railed off by low gear vine, which indicates the enemy were using them at</p>	

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			at night, and all appeared to go NORTH and N.W.	
			indicating the routes taken by the retreating enemy.	
		1100	at 1100 hrs the C.O. and Capt. Clafferton moved to 29/46 An area, where all Ade and An. comds met General Sir. Thomas Blaney.	
			Due to the shortage of water on FORTIFICATION HILL it was necessary to include water on the ration tins, and exposure in the open Kunai grass made conditions most unpleasant.	
			However troops, now well experienced in the art of building humpies, soon built stone walls, shelters from the Kunai grass, and these provided some shade.	

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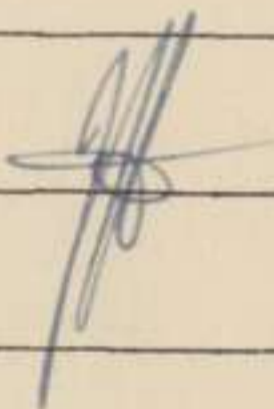
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			although all personnel were weary, there was an atmosphere of cheerfulness and each man felt that something had been achieved.	
		1900	There were no changes in dispositions during the day.	
Masaweng River	22 Dec 43	0630.	all patrols reported N.M.S. on return from early morning patrols	
		0830	The IO and small protection party left at this time to make a further recon near the jeep dumps and L of C which were investigated yesterday	
			word was received from Bde that a message from the C in C - Gen Sir Thomas Blamey requests that all troops be informed of his appreciation of the work of the Bde Group in successfully	

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			<p>completing another phase of the present campaign</p> <p>Later Bde advised that the 20 Bde have taken over our role as leading elements for further advance along the coast, and the role of 4 Bde now, is to protect 20 Bde L of C from the west as well as ^{from} the sea and to prevent enemy infiltration (see appx.)</p> <p>It was also advised that, return springs from Jap LMG's are interchangeable with the BESA M.G. and units are requested to forward the return springs of any captured L.M.G.'s to the nearest A.D.O.S.</p> <p>Today the M.G. platoon established an O.P. near their guns to watch for further movement of</p>	

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			<p>the river to the west. A close watch was kept throughout the day, but no movement was seen. Lieut Green and his platoon from A Coy P.I.B. moved to a position near Bn HQ and were instructed to send a patrol west to PIMOLAO. This patrol left at 0850 hrs and returned at 1400 hrs reporting N.M.S., but found several documents along the route and also a japs telephone at 536807. It was also reported that the enemy had used tracks approx two to three days ago.</p>	
		1540	<p>C.O. instructs A Coy to leave 1 platoon as standing patrol in present position and move remainder of the Coy to 565820; whilst Bn HQ are to move across river to 590807. These moves were completed</p>	

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			by 1700 hrs. other coys were also advised to anticipate slight moves on 23 Dec.	
		18000	Rde was informed that there was nothing to report during the day.	⊕
Inasaweng River	23 Dec 43.	0700	changes in coy dispositions commenced this morning at 0700 hrs and C. coy relieved A coy on FORTIFICATION HILL.	
			a platoon patrol from D Coy moved out along the south bank of river to 540809 and returned on the NORTH bank, reporting N.M.S on their return.	
			The P.I.B. platoon were also on the job again today and moved out through AIMOLPO village and investigated tracks further west. no enemy movement was observed and the patrol returned at 1430 hrs.	

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			<p>Those troops who were fortunate enough to be close to the MASHKENG River took full advantage of it to wash their clothes and bodies — the first real wash for nearly three weeks — and although tired everyone took a pride in making themselves as clean as possible.</p> <p>A victorious spirit was noticeable throughout the unit, and this together with the fact that word has arrived that A.C.F. Hampers and parcels are on the way, plus a rumour we are to have turkey and ham for Xmas, has helped to make troops bright and cheerful.</p> <p>Indirect word is heard of patrols being sent out to the west but we hope it will not</p>	

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			<p>be until after Xmas dinner!</p> <p>all coys which moved today were well established in their new positions by midday and dispositions for the night were—Bn HQ 570807</p> <p>A Coy 563809, B Coy 573807, C Coy less 1 pl. 565820</p> <p>1 pl at 568823 and D Coy 569804.</p>	
Trasaweng River	24 Dec 43		<p>at 0815 hrs a platoon patrol left D Coy and moved WEST along the Trasaweng River to 553818. Patrol returned along the same route and reported N.M.S, arriving back at 1500 hrs.</p> <p>The patrol however stated they had seen gap positions at 555810. The C.O., IO, and Maj. Green leave for Bde at 0730 hrs to receive instructions re the forthcoming patrols and whilst there the C.O.</p>	

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			ordered A Coy to be ready to move, and also the P.I.B. Platoon, at present under command.	
			Orders were received from Bde at 1100 hrs that the enemy were in occupation of WANDOKAI and IAGAHENI and 4 Bde will control the northern and western approaches to the Bde area. The 37 Bn to send a standing patrol of one Coy of one Coy strength to feature at ring contours 524 840 ref map MASAWENG PROV 1". Whilst the P.I.B. platoon will attack 1 section to 22 Bn and two sections with 29/46 Bn patrols.	
			at 1400 hrs A Coy set out on their new task and although disappointed at having to leave before Xmas day, the troops realized they had	

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			a job to do.	
			B Coy had moved to area 563809 — vacated by A Coy — and reported coy in position at 1430 hrs.	
			A Coy maintained contact by seeing in hourly, and at 1610 hrs the coy had crossed the MASARENO R. at 557809 and were still pushing on. The crossing was made difficult by the swift current, as well as a depth of 3 ft. water at crossing point. The patrol reached 544815 at last light, and reported they were staying night there.	
			Remainder of coys spent a quiet day and troops were permitted to rest where possible.	
			Padre Fabian conducted a voluntary church	

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			Service in the afternoon.	
			Dispositions for the night were: A Coy HQ. 540807	
			A Coy on move 544815, B Coy 563809, C Coy less	
			1 pl. 565820, 1 pl at 568823 and D Coy 569804.	
Trasawang River	25 Dec.	0930.	A Coy reported a quiet night spent and one platoon was already pushing forward and the remainder of Coy leaving at 0800 hrs. By 0930 hrs the Coy had reached 543822, where two dead Japs and one Owen Gun were found. Our patrol maintained contact at intervals throughout the morning and at 1445 hrs reported they had reached 539831 without opposition but were unable to contact 22 & 29/4 Bn patrols by light. The patrol stated the going was	4

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			<p><i>hard since leaving the river but a good track existed from 549809 to 539831. By 1645 hrs patrol reached 534838 and will remain there the night, and reported a fox dump at 534838 is being investigated, whilst a patrol has been sent to 540840</i></p>	
			<p><i>Messages of Xmas and New Year Greetings from our sister Bns—29/46 & 22 Bns were received during the day. at 1600 hrs the Bde L.C., Lt Col Speer arrived with instructions that this unit and 22 Bn will send a platoon patrol to HIMOKHO on alternate days and set up ambushes on tracks west of HIMOKHO.</i></p>	
			<p><i>with the arrival of turkeys and hams this</i></p>	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			<p>morning troops were treated to an excellent Xmas dinner, and all expressed their appreciation of the efforts made to make their Xmas an enjoyable one. The cooking staff were kept busy preparing the Xmas feast, and were congratulated on the task done.</p> <p>Whilst transporting the turkeys by jeep to our area, one turkey on loan to D Coy, tried to turn into a duck when crossing the river, but the D Coy representative — stout fellow — was soon out of the jeep and chasing one only turkey down the river. The turkey was finally retrieved and met the same fate as others — Xmas dinner.</p>	

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			<p><i>Padre Fabian conducted voluntary church services in the morning and afternoon and these were well attended.</i></p> <p><i>There was little activity in the unit being Xmas day, and troops spent their leisure hours resting, and taking the opportunity to write a letter or two in comfort.</i></p> <p><i>at 1720 hrs D & C. Coy's were warned that they were to relieve each other in present positions commencing 0930 hrs 27 Dec.</i></p> <p><i>Dispositions were unchanged except for A Coy which was staying night at 534838.</i></p>	
<i>Prosaung River:</i>	<i>26 Dec.</i>	<i>0930.</i>	<p><i>On first contact with our A Coy patrol at 534838 this morning, it was reported</i></p>	

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			<p><i>that a platoon patrol had left for 523839 and the remainder of coy were remaining in present position, whilst parker went to collect rations which had been dumped in error by ration train at 542824.</i></p> <p><i>In the meantime the patrol returned at 1100 hrs reporting NMS, and stated the track continued from present position and follows crest of spur to 523839</i></p> <p><i>B coy platoon patrol to AIMOLAO set out at 0730hrs following track along south bank of river to AIMOLAO village and from there moved to 548786 where ambush was set for 4 1/2 hrs.</i></p> <p><i>no enemy movement was observed and patrol</i></p>	

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			returned over same route to coy area, arriving 1840 hrs. The patrol stated a gap biv area had existed at 562788, whilst gap defensive positions were seen astride track at 588758 and also 12 rounds 70 m.m. Ammunition was found at this point. Two graves were also located at 558787 and 553786.	
		1130	at this time the C.O. received a visit from Lt-Col Baldwin M.C., C.O. 14/52 Bn., and Major Spates C.II 11 Aust Div.	
		1420	A coy reported rations have now arrived and coy is about to push on to 524840. Later coy reported having reached 528840 without opposition, but found one dead fox.	

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			<p>at 531839. Coy moving into perimeter for night.</p> <p>a Divisional instruction received today emphasized the necessity for protection of HQ's by own personnel against possible enemy raiding parties.</p> <p>Troops in the coy. today were engaged on cleaning up areas and make amend.</p> <p>Dispositions for night A Coy 528840, remainder unchanged.</p>	
Prosawing River	27 Dec.	0700	<p>Bde were advised nothing to report during the night.</p> <p>at 0715 hrs D Coy commenced relief of C Coy from their position and at 1145 hrs the change over was completed with D Coy, Ass 1 Pl, at 565820, on plot 568823,</p>	

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A.O.T. A.H.T.			<p>and C. Coy occupying new position at 569804.</p> <p>Word was received from A. Coy at 0930 hrs that a patrol has left for 519840, and other protective patrols are patrolling north towards garden and creek.</p> <p>This patrol to 519840 returned to Coy bivouac area at 1130 hrs and reported N.M.S. Track is well defined and recently used by natives travelling east. Patrol also stated that track junction 519839 has been good bivouac site and is an excellent ambush position.</p> <p>at 1215 hrs A. Coy advised that the Coy were commencing march to 522840 and would not be in contact until 1800 hrs as sig line had been exhausted. Coy was advised that 1 mile sig wire was on the ration train.</p>	
		1330	<p>Col ordered, this morning, that this unit would supply one platoon to establish a forward ration base for 22 Bn and 29/46 Bn Coy patrols. One platoon B Coy left on this task at 1330 hrs with instructions to stage night at 559807 and move at first light in morning, when native train arrives, and establish base at 534807.</p>	
		1645	<p>A. Coy had reached 519838 by this time and stated ration train had not yet arrived, but patrol left at 1640 hrs to contact train. A standing patrol has also been established on track junction 519839, whilst patrols along tracks leading</p>	

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Inasaweng River	28 Dec	0715	WEST and SOUTH had returned and reported N.M.S. Line communication was maintained to 523840, where line ended, and coy was remaining night in present position. An air-raid warning was given at 2140 hrs and although no planes were heard, they were over FINSCHAVEN at 2030 hrs. Positions tonight were A Coy 570807, B Coy 517838, C Coy 563809, D Coy less 1 pl 565820, with 1 pl. at 568823. C. Coy patrol leaves for HIMOLAO to set ambush west of village. Patrol moved S.W. along track through HIMOLAO to 548786, where platoon set ambush for 4 hrs. No sign of enemy movement seen during the day, and patrol returned via track EAST through 575786 to coast and returned via track EAST through 575786 to coast and returned to coy area 1930 hrs. Patrol found 20 to 25 Jap rifles and numerous steel helmets strwn along track between 560787 and 575786.	
		0845	Word was received from A-coy that base was being established at 517838, whilst two patrols had left at 0800 hrs, to patrol WEST to 504836, and along track leading SOUTH, respectively. Patrols were also being sent to establish contact with 20 Bde, whilst one section moved back to ration dump to obtain sig wire and to continue line to present position.	
		1040	Brig. G.V. Edgar D.S.O. and Major Walsby M.C. from 4 Bde visit	

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To - 29 Dec 43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events	Remarks
Masoning River		1430.	<p>Lt. Col. J.G. Rowan M.C.</p> <p>All patrols sent out from A Coy this morning had returned by this time, and although no enemy movement was seen by patrols, valuable topographical information regarding tracks traversed was obtained.</p> <p>The patrol south to 524817 reported that a small village had been located at 524817, whilst the patrol WEST to the Coy's intended base at 504836, reported that this position was unsuitable for patrol base as feature at 506834 was the lowest of three features in the area and no suitable O.P's existed at this point. As a result the Coy were ordered to remain in present position - 517838 and patrol from this base.</p>	
Masoning River	29 Dec.	0845	<p>Troops spent a quiet day in the Bn area today and Bde were advised there was nothing to report during the day.</p> <p>A Coy reports a quiet night and advises local patrolling to take place from Coy base at 517838 and patrol to objective in sq. 5083, whilst a standing patrol is being established at track junction 519839.</p>	
			<p>at 0930 hrs Bde advise that B Coy 22 Bn and D Coy 29/46 Bn patrols will come under command of Bde at 1800 hrs 29 Dec.</p>	
		1020	<p>Lieut Whalen, the Bde Education offr. arrived, and brought news sheets and official news of the reported U.S. landing at CAPE GLOUCESTER.</p>	

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UNIT - 37/52 Aust. Inf. Bn.

WAR. DIARY.

Time & Date.

From - 29 Dec 43.

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Date Time

Summary of

Remarks

Mwasaweng River

30 Dec 43. 0730.

Recess for suitable sites for rifle ranges were made during the day in preparation for range practices, commencing 30 Dec. a suitable area for range was located at 574 807

0800 One platoon c. coy leaves on patrol for HIMOKIHO village and moved WEST via track, shown on map, through village to 551786 where ambush was set for 2 1/2 hrs. Patrol returned via same route, arriving back 1910 hrs and report no enemy movement seen during patrol.
0900 H.C. coy personnel commence range practice with all automatic weapons on range at 574 807.
0900 a small recon patrol of two men leaves to contact our platoon at forward ration base, but returned at 1415 hrs without locating platoon, and stated they contacted the Red Ration Train, who advised ration base was now established further up river at 497 813.

1630. H coy report that patrol which left at 0800 hrs had patrolled WEST to 487 838 and returned at 1630 hrs without seeing any signs of enemy. Patrol stated that track followed, was well defined and continued west past 487 838. an unmistakable natural pad was also observed running south from 496 838.

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UNIT: 37/52 Aust. Inf Bn

WAR. DIARY

Date & Time

From: 30 Dec 43

To: 31 Dec 43

Place Date Time

Summary of Events

Remarks

A Coy was ordered this afternoon to send one platoon to ZAGAHEMI village on three day patrol, commencing 0800 hrs tomorrow.

1720. Warning order is received from 4 Bde stating that this Bde will move to WALINGAI area, commencing 31 Dec. 37/52 Bn will remain in present locality to defend Trassang R - Fortification Hill sector (see appx).

a new issue of 1/25000 map series of KALASA HARBOUR and SIALUM was received this afternoon together with 1/63360

series of KALASA.

Trassang R. 31 Dec. 0800.

A Coy advise one platoon patrol leaves on three day patrol to locate and recce ZAGAHEMI village.

Local patrolling from firm base at 517838 was also carried out during the day and all reported N.M.S.

As C. Coy had to supply working parties to unload barges on Trassang beach, the Coy was unable to carry out intended range practice today. The C.O. and I.C. were at 4 Bde between 0800 and 1100 hrs this morning.

A decided earth tremor occurred at 0915 hrs and created quite a discussion amongst troops for the remainder of the morning. Capt Soddrell was withdrawn from the A Coy patrol this afternoon to attend a D.C.M.

Dispositions were unchanged with B Coy at 507807, A Coy 517838, B Coy less 1 pl 563809, 1 pl at 497813, C Coy 569804 and D Coy less 1 pl. 565820 with 1 pl. at 568823.

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Copy No. 0/3/43

37/52 Aust Inf Bn

OPERATION INSTRUCTION No. 1

HQ 37/52 Aust Inf Bn
19 DEC 43

Ref Map: FORTIFICATION POINT
3667 1:25000

INFORMATION

1. Enemy. As per SITREPS.
2. Own Tps. 29/46 Aust Inf Bn has reached general line GARDEN 577812 - HUTS 580816 - TRACK and CREEK junc 584816 and is continuing the adv on 20 DEC 43 with tk sp to grid 82 northing. 22 Aust Inf Bde is Bde Res.

INTENTION

3. 37/52 Aust Inf Bn will capture FORTIFICATION HILL feature 800 569823 - TERRACES 583823.

METHOD

4. Right. B Coy - Objective TERRACES 583823. Left. A Coy - Objective WOODED AREA 571822.
5. Flank Gd. One pl C Coy will provide left flank protection during the adv and will exploit to WOODED AREA 567822.
6. Action. On reaching objective. Consolidate and prepare to continue the adv. B Coy to patrol west and A Coy north and west.
7. 11 Bty 2/6 Aust Fd Regt will be prepared to fire concentrations as necessary in sp of the adv.
8. MG Pl will be in posn C Coy present area by zero minus 30 mins. Tasks - Left flank protection and targets of opportunity in sp of the adv.
9. Mortar Pl will be at call and in posn to engage targets in sp of the advance.
10. SL re-entrant 563809 - GARDEN 875809.
11. Start time 0930 hrs.
12. Res D and C Coys less one pl will remain present posn.

ADMINISTRATION

13. Rations. DPs for rations will be notified separately.
14. Water. Seven two gallon water containers to be carried by A and B Coys and two by the flank gd pl of C Coy.
15. Amn. Scale "A" to be carried on the man. RSM will arrange for replenishment on capture of objective.
16. Medical. RAP will be est at 571807. Lt Sec 4 Aust Fd Amb will be est at 572807. Line of evacuation - MASAWENG RIVER - coastal track.

INTERCOMN

17. Bn HQ will remain present posn.
18. Line to be laid as Coys adv. B Coy to carry 2 miles and A Coy 1 2/3 miles of sig cable.
19. Two "walkie-talkie" sets to move with each of fwd coys. Wireless silence until Zero, thence no restrictions.

A.S. Rowley Capt
Adj. 37/52 Aust Inf Bn

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HQ 37/52 Aust Inf Bn
19 DEC 43

Ref Map: PORTHARBOUR POINT
3807 1:25000

METHOD OF ISSUE By Runner

TIME OF SIGNATURE hrs

DISTRIBUTION Copy No

- A Coy 1
- B " 2
- C " 3
- D " 4
- HQ " 5
- 11 Aust Fd Bty 6
- Lt Sec 4 Aust Fd Amb 7
- CO 8
- RMO 9
- QM 10
- IO 11
- War Diary 12 & 13
- File 14

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37/52. Aust Inf Bn
Operation Order No. 7

INF (a) As given verbally to Coy Comds.
(b) 37/52. Bn will be relieved by 2/17 Bn

INTENTION

37/52 Bn will move to concentration area
to be notified

<u>Method</u> -	<u>Reliefs</u>	C. Coy 2/17 Bn will relieve A Coy 37/52 Bn
		B " " " " B " " " "
		A " " " " C " " " "
		D " " " " D " " " "

Remaining Sub units by opposite numbers

STANDING PATROLS -

- STINKER.
- PONG
- SMELL
- WHIFF
- HIGH

will be relieved by 2/17 Bn at time to be notified.

GUIDES Coys will provide adequate guides for 2/17 Bn

COY. ASS AREAS - boys will assemble in present areas

ORDER MARCH . D - A - Bn HQ - HQ Coy . C - B - BECH

ROUTE. Routes and start times notified later.

Fd. WORKS)
MAPS. } as paras 7 and 8 2/28 OP Order No. 4.

ADM

SUPS. 3 days. Fd ration 1 day Emergency
and unexpired portion days ration will be carried
on.

AMM - 150 . rds rifle
400 " 9. MM per SMG
500 " per Bren
GRENADES - 2 per man
MOR. MMB. Scale to be notified

WEAPONS INF. LATER.

PERSONAL REQUIREMENTS

The following to be carried by the man
in PACK.

Felt Hat -
Spare Trousers and Shirt. (Optional)
1/2 Blanket. (Optional)
GOS Cape or Groundsheet.
Mos Net.
1/2 Mess Tin. Baking implements
Fd Dressing
Stebine
Mos repellent.
2 pps Soap.
2 Banks (opt)
Foot powder, toilet Gear 1/2 towel - Steel helmets

Return of Stores

Surplus individual clothing & gear will be packed in H Sacks, clearly labelled and dumped in Coy Areas.

Hygiene

Sub Unit Comds will ensure that all areas are handed over with all refuse burnt and/or buried, and living quarters left in thoroughly clean condition.

SECURITY

All personal papers will be burnt prior to leaving area.

MEDICAL.

RAP will move with Bn HQ and one sec
4 Fd Amb will move with 37/52 Bn

INTERCOM

- Bn HQ as in order of march

CODE words for relief

A Coy	ALE
B "	BOLS
C "	BIN
D "	WINE
HQ	ARAK.

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TO 22. 29/46 37/52 Bns.

FROM 4. Bde.

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Ref.	FORTIFICATION POINT	1/25000	new	5
series	confirming verbal	orders	⊙	10
Bn	⊙	bn.	1. Dec	15
will	move	in	div	20
to	assembly posn.	s.w of	BONGA.	25
to	be	in	by	30
1800 hrs	⊙	Two.	⊙	35
confirmation	remainder Brigade	will	assemble	40
same	area	as	follows.	45
Bn	2. Dec.	29/46 Bn	which	50
reverts	command	4. Bde.	⊙	55
2. Dec	37/52 Bn	under	command	60
order	relief	by	2/17 Bn	65
Three	⊙	All	moves	70
be	concealed	from	enemy observation	75
⊙	In	assembly	posn.	80
will	be	sited	tactically	85
defence	⊙	four	⊙	90
will	advise	times	of	95
headquarters and		reopening	at	100
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TO 22 29/46 37/52 bus A coy of MG bn 264 LAD 20 bde 4039 divce

FROM 4 bde

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4	cust	inf	bde	will	10
relieve	24	cust	inf	bde	15
in	present	dispositions	⊙	bn	20
rece	parties	to	move	050800L	25
⊙	22	bn	to	relieve	30
2/28	bn	at	WAREO	⊙	35
29/46	bn	to	relieve	2/32	40
bn	on	GUSIKA	- WAREO	ack	45
⊙	37/52	bn	to	relieve	50
2/43	bn	at	SCARLET	BEACH	55
⊙	20	bde	LOB	and	60
9	sw	can	coy	remain	65
under	comd	in	present	forms	70
⊙	NO	move	main	body	75
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<i>SECRET</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>00 No 5</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>INFM</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>20</i>	<i>Aust</i>	<i>int</i>	<i>bde</i>	<i>northern</i>	<i>line</i>
<i>responsibility</i>	<i>both</i>	<i>incl</i>	<i>620750</i>	<i>to</i>	<i>send</i>
<i>005753</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>INTENTION</i>	<i>pho</i>	<i>change</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>METHOD</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>29/46</i>	<i>bn</i>	<i>with</i>	<i>in</i>
<i>1/2p</i>	<i>Two</i>	<i>pls</i>	<i>A Coy</i>	<i>2/2</i>	<i>MG</i>
<i>bn</i>	<i>TK/A</i>	<i>pl</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>bn</i>	<i>will</i>

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be	Responsible	for	def	of	beachhead
and	patrol	to	lines	of	advance
by	37/52	by	on	relief	by
by	20	bde	and	with	in
sp	one	pl	A Coy	2/2	MG
on	will	occupy	ground	on	general
line	603753	to	607757	and	patrol

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work	and	NW	for	Suitabl.	Crossings
over	SOWI	R	⊙	22	on
remains	in	Bde	res'	and	responsible
for	area	from	line	excl	620750
to	excl	garden	605753	work	to
TUNONG	R	⊙	9 PI	PIB	will
patrol	Tracks	area	588747	and	report

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<i>Enemy movements</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>all</i>	<i>informed</i>

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TO *37/52 Bn*

FROM *4 Aust Inf BDE* Originator's Number *0.142* Date *11* In Reply to Number

<i>SECRET</i>	<i>Confirmation of verbal orders</i>	<i>0.0.6</i>	<i>INFM</i>
<i>20 Aust Inf Bde are responsible for area north to</i>	<i>TUNOM RIVER</i>	<i>no change</i>	<i>1 Troop C</i>
<i>INTENTION</i>	<i>METHOD</i>	<i>22 Bn with in support</i>	<i>12 Dec along</i>
<i>Squadron tanks</i>	<i>2 platoons</i>	<i>H Coy MAGS</i>	<i>will adv</i>
<i>coast</i>	<i>to incl LAKONA</i>	<i>37/52 Bn</i>	<i>will retain control</i>
<i>tracks</i>	<i>approve</i>	<i>and</i>	<i>603763</i>
<i>for</i>	<i>crossing over</i>	<i>same</i>	<i>5041</i>

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and	keep	2 Coys	at 30 mins notice	29/46 Bin
with	in support	the attack	platoon	will defend
beachhead	from	610777	to excluding TUNOM	RIVER on
relief	by 20 Bde	0	P.13	to tracks
area	588747	and	report	movements
0	All	Inf		

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Secret O D.O.7 O INFM O On 14 Dec 20 Aust Inf
Bde is taking over responsibility for defence of
KILIGIA BEACH O INT No change O METHOD O 22 Bn
with in support tanks and two plus 2/2nd MGS will secure
Bridghead over RIVER SANGA O 29/46 Bn on relief by 20 Aust Inf Bde
will become Bde reserve and relieve 37/52 Bn less two
coys of task of protecting 22nd Bn R of C O

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37/52 Bn on relief	and with in support	1st A Coy
2/2 nd MG ^s will secure track	at approx 593776	retain
control of 400 contour	600772 and	patrol
all intervening ground	© 22 Bn	remains
in position	Kiligila beach	at 30 mins notice
move ©	all Inf	

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TO 222937/3ms Rept 9 DIV 20 Bde

FROM 4 Bde	Originator's Number 0.150	Date 14	In Reply to Number
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SECRET	00. NO 8. INFM	20 Bde	is assuming responsibility
on 15 Dec for	areas FA FT of	605 easting grid	
INT @	to change @	METHOD @ 22 Bn	with in support
1 PP troops tanks		and 2 plns A coy 2/2 MG Bn	
will capture LAKONIA area		and establish bridgehead	
over SANGA RIVER @		37/52 Bn	with in support
1 Pl 2/2 A coy 2/2 MG'S		will	first clear enemy from

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area	approx	594773	second	retain	control of
high ground at present			held	and exploit	westward
to cut	track	approx	584778	and	patrol
for	crossing	place	over	574777	RIVER @
24/46 Bn	remain	as Bde	reserve	and	will
protect	22 Bn	LoC @	On	capture	LAK @ 117
breach	22 Bn	AK attack	pl will	rejoin	Bn

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for coast defence @ Track at approx 567767 565773 and report all Inf	3 Pl A Coy P113 and enemy		will patrol SANGAT RIVER at approx movement @

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TO: 4 BDE

FROM: 0510

In Reply to Number	Date	Originator's Number	FROM
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Ref	my	009	0	Inter	BDE
boundaries		from	18 DEC	incl	20 BDE
SANCA	ROUER	0	at	informed	
					0900
					0915

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27 km
4 Bde

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SECRET. 0010 O Intention O no change O METHOD O
 22 km with 1st Sp. 1 Pl. 17 Coy 2/2 M6 km will secure
 LAKONA beach head from incl SANCA R. to
 Incl OK line from 586804 to 578795 O
 29/46 km with 1st Sp. 1 Pl. 17 Coy 2/2 M6's will secure MASAWENA beach head &
 clear coastal strip to 825 Northing grid O
 37 km will secure area betw 571804 high
 ground 565807 & explore North to 800 component
 569823 O all informed.

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TO *37/52*

FROM <i>4 Bde</i>	Originator's Number	Date <i>21</i>	In Reply to Number
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SECRET @ O.O. 11 @ INF M @ 20 Ausd Bde has taken over role as Div leading elements @ 20 Bde LCB group 9 Div carrier coy. and det ESB come under command from 0600 21 Dec @ INT @ 4 Bde will protect coastal strip from incl Coconut beach to coast at 587830 to prevent enemy infiltration from either flank @ METHOD @ LOC @ IT @ The area will be divided into 3 sectors A sector @ Vicinity KILGIA and that area bounded by TUNOM RIVER to South @ West 599 grid

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B Sector ① 22 Bn with U/cmd 1 pl A coy 2/2 MG Bn ① Bde brach defence platoon remains U/cmd 22 Bn ① 22 Bn will place 1 coy astride track in vicinity 588785 for left flank protection. C sector ① 29 & 37 Bn remain in present positions for right & left flank protection rest resp ① 1 pl A coy P/B come U/cmd 37 Bn 1200 2/dec for patrolling to SW & W ① 1 pl A coy 2/2 MG^S to each 29 & 37 Bn ① 1 det 2/3 AK att reg in SP 29/46 Bn ① Also in SP 4 Bde 1 Bty 2/6

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<p><i>fld regt. and 2/7th fld coy @ Malasia @ Maximum precautions will be enforced @ Early and continued treatment on enemy staging area will be carried out @ Local units responsible immediately burial enemy dead @ ADM no change @ all inf</i></p>			

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North to 78 grid OB sector @ Vicinity LAKONA bounded south by grid 78 and line of creek from 586804 to 577798 and to 570798 C sector @ Vicinity MASAWENG RIV from creek B sector Nth boundary thence incl track to AINOLAO @ Northern boundary present FDL 29/46 + 37/52 Bn @ Disposition @ A sector @ 20 Bde L03 group 9 div carrier coy commands Maj Southern with U/Command detachments ESB at coconuts and 7 KILIGIA and in FP det 2/3 th attack bn @

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TO 22, 29/46, 37/52 Aust Inf Bns rptd 24 Aust Inf Bde
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FROM 4 aust inf bde
Originator's Number Date In Reply to Number

<i>(Write horizontally)</i> SECRET (.)		00 No 13 (.) ref map MASAWENG RIVER 3636 (amended) (.) INFM	5
enemy hold WONDCKAI and ZAGANEMI (.) INTENTION		4 aust inf bde will control	10
northern and western approaches to bde area (.) METHOD		one coy 22 aust inf	15
bn with under comd one sec PIB based at NOMPUA 488825 (.) one		coy 29/46 bn	20
with under comd one pl PIB less one sec based at ZAGANEMI 471866 (.) one			25
coy 37/52 bn based at RING CONTOUR 524840 (.) MALARIA all precautions			30
enforced seven days atebrin on the man (.)		ADM	35
will attach one M.O. to Coy from 22 Bn.(.)		Ann Scale "A" on the	40
rat (.)		3 days F.O.R. one emergency ration to be carried(.)	45
One F.o.r.		to be consumed on D.1 thereafter normal resupply	50
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TO *22 37/52 29/46 Bu*

FROM *4 Bde*

Originator's Number

0168

Date

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In Reply to Number

<i>SECRET</i>	<i>0 Ref 00 13</i>	<i>0 Intention 0 C/W change</i>
<i>0 Method B by 22 Bu</i>	<i>0 by 29/46 comes under</i>	
<i>Command 4 Bde HQ at 1800 hrs</i>	<i>28 Dec</i>	<i>ADM continues</i>
<i>at present 0 Intercomm no change</i>		

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TO 22 29/46 37/52 Aust Inf Bns

FROM 4 Aust Inf Bde

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MOST SECRET
 ref maps 1/25000 second edition
 moving to BONGA-WAREO track reached 573696 without fighting enemy
 patrol from food coys 2/15 bn vicinity NONCORA located enemy on ridge east of village
 one coy attacked with arty MMG + mortar it drove enemy off ridge
 contact made further north

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dispositions ① A coy 585702 C Coy 586701 ① bn HQ moved
to 602687 ① 24 bde ① B coy 1/43 bn continued adv with
the 1p to 599714 ① enemy fire from 599717 and 605714
encountered but patrols mopped up area during afternoon
inflicting casualties on enemy ① 30 enemy seen moving
north at 610744 smoke at 618749 ① enemy fired 28 shells
area 608715 ① shelling erratic ① patrol 1/32 bn found

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numerous unoccupied enemy positions along former L of C
622681 to 616697 @ patrol 2/28 bn to recon enemy posn
623739 not yet returned @ other patrols 2/28 and 37/5
less NMS @ 26 bde @ 2/23 bn continued adv against
opposition and occupied KUAN KO 011255L @ three attempts
during afternoon to dislodge enemy north of village
unsuccessful @ in contact at last light @ dispositions

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In HQ B and D coys KUANKO area C coy 250 yds north
of A coy 400 yds south of village @ patrols 1/4 car 1/4
and 1/4 car throughout area NMS @ 1/4 car disposition
In HQ 545684 A coy 555697 B coy 544687 pls 543693
547692 C coy 555695 D coy 531682 @ 1/4 car @ 22 In
less A coy moved to assembly area vicinity BONGAO
In HQ 632725 @ adv pde HQ act 633722 @ PIB patrol

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located unoccupied enemy on p.w.m 6126840 No
enemy air activity during last 24 hrs

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22 Bn 29/46 Bn 37/52 Bn

4 Austl. Inf Bn

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On arrival at HQ 37/52 Bn B Coy 22 Bn
D Coy 29 Bn will be instructed return to
respective Bn who will allot tasks in accordance
with present role. P Coy 37 Bn will continue
to maintain fuel base and patrol with the
view to linking with 2/4 Cav Squadron
patrol working NORTH from HOMPUN. ack

Must be notified
Acked 1237

LB

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011015L
011135

PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

To 22 bn 29/46 bn 37/52 bn
FROM 4 bde I 343 3

MOST SECRET © 9 Aust div sitrep to 022000L © ref
 maps 1/25000 series © 20 bde © patrol 2/13 bn
 encountered enemy dug in at 570 715 © patrol withdrew
 to village WILDE 570 712 and enemy engaged by arty
 A Coy 2/15 bn forced enemy from ridge east of NONGARA
 to posn 553706 abandoning some eqpt and rifles ©
 disposn A Coy 554705 C Coy 555704 © 2/17 bn relieved
 37/52 bn © disposn 2/17 bn HQ 617676 A Coy 612677
 B Coy 611675 C Coy 616681 D Coy 615679 © other
 patrols in bde area NMS © 24 bde © patrol 2/18 bn
 to GUSIKA 635734 unable to climb north bank R.
 KALVENC, owing to flood and steep banks © patrol
 fully exposed themselves on south bank to draw fire
 without result © C Coy 2/43 bn resumed adv with dark
 © opposition to 593717 © in contact with enemy 100
 yds NW © 1 HK bogged and one damaged by enemy
 arty fire © 26 bde © C Coy 2/24 bn moved to 545684
 © A Coy 2/45 bn relieved 2/4 cav sqn at MARARVO © 2/4
 cav sqn moved to 531652 © 2/23 bn © C Coy moved
 fwd but progress blocked by MG fire from strong
 enemy posn © enemy apparently reinforced night 1/20
 attempts to outflank enemy posn by patrols all
 unsuccessful owing to terrain © enemy harassed
 during afternoon by arty mortars and MMG ©
 enemy moved fwd but light engaged by arty ©
 remained in close contact © 4 bde © 29/46 bn
 moved to 633721 © A Coy 22 bn rejoined bn 632726
 © 37/52 bn moved to area 629721 © A Coy 2/2 MG bn
 to 632723

If liable etc

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KAKW.../...

040920L

To Advance. 9 Div 22nd, 29/46,
4 Bde

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SITREP to 030930L @ 22 Bn @

Bull HQ 626733 A Coy less 1 pl ashide river
624734 1 pl 622732 @ B Coy 614732 @
C Coy 609739 @ D Coy ashide track 622740
to coast at 624740 @ Enemy Pen 623739

Successfully attacked approx 50 enemy
withdrew 2 dead counted @ Enemy
estimated strength 2 pls in pen 619737

031915L 75 mm shelled A Coy and
CIVFIKA area firing 25/30 rounds
from approx 615744 @ 22 casualties 2 killed
8 wounded. B Coy 37/5 Pen moving to
617729 and at 619724 at 031902L

B Coy in pen 632725

Immediate

TOO 032000L
THI 032030L
TOR 032135L

KIWIS WITH THE EIGHTH ARMY, CRUSADERS MAKE A TWOPRONGED DRIVE--ALL OUT
AIR OFFENSIVE--RUSSIAN PROGRESS-- BREMEN BOMBED TWICE IN FOUR DAYS

PACIFIC WAR: Amboina Medium units bombed the area and wharfs. NEW BRITAIN Night recon bombed shipping North of RABAU. WEWAK: 90 tons on dispersal area and supply dump--No JAP interception for it would appear that the enemy has lost so many planes that it is more profitable to leave them widely dispersed on the ground. SIO: Bombed and strafed enemy installation along the coast while heavy bombers attacked the SIO Mission.

SOUTH BOUGAINVILLE: Bombed and strafed. BUKA: 24 tons of HE. EMPRESS AUG BAY 100 bombers and fighters, including divebombers and torpedo bombers, attacked enemy dumps and barges.

Only a few enemy stragglers remain on the GILBERTS.

ADMIRAL KINCAID who has a new appointment to the US South Pacific Navy is a strong supporter of the battleship as a means of defeating JAPAN. As we get nearer to JAPAN the full defensive and offensive power of the battleship will be used.

ITALY:--A MONTGOMERY DRIVE: After an overwhelming barrage and with the sky alive with aircraft BRITISH NEW ZEALAND and INDIAN troops have made two offensive drives across the SANGRO and to the north. In the first offensive from the SANGRO bridgehead the 8 Army has gained its initial objective, a hill north of the SANGRO. This hill changed hands several times in the struggle. Prisoners were captured. Although the prisoners showed evidence of demoralisation from bombing and shelling the enemy is fighting every inch of the way. The odds are on our side. The second offensive is 14 mile inland from the ADRIATIC. Following the capture of a hill north of the SANGRO bridgehead the attack is spreading along the whole ^{front}. Stubborn and bitter resistance is being offered, the enemy is throwing in tanks, flame throwers and aircraft in counter after counter.

ALLIED AIR WAR: Attacks made on bridges in the ITALIAN ALPS, ports in YUGO SLAVIA and airfields near ROME. British warships have shelled each of the Italian coasts. Enemy positions have been blasted for the last few nights.

US HEAVY BOMBERS: made daylight attacks on North West GERMANY.

Marauders and Spitfires bombed and strafed airfields in BELGIUM. 4 enemy planes have been shot down during the day. GERMAN radio again off the air last night

TURKISH EARTHQUAKE: Location: 120--150 miles NE ANKARA. One town was laid waste and a quarter of another. Death toll is now 2719 while 1035 have been seriously injured. This is the fourth earthquake in two years.

RUSSIAN FRONT: The Soviet Forces are pushing steadily ahead. The southern bastion of the GERMAN defence line in WHITE RUSSIA, ZHOBLIN is threatened by an outflanking force 20 miles south of BOBRUISK. Many villages between the Dneiper and the SOZH have been recaptured. In the KIEV bulge the GERMANS are still attempting to counter. It is the RUSSIANS who are now moving forwards in the drives south of KREMENCHUG. SERTORIUS the GERMAN commentator gives a bit more news before the news. He says that under nonstop massed attack the GERMANS are being forced to withdraw South of KREMENCHUG at CHERKASSY and SE of KIEV.

Several more GERMAN strongholds have been captured within the DNEIPER BEND.

In his speech to GERMAN cadets 10 hours ago HITLER made the usual lies and denunciations of CHURCHILL, STALIN and the JEWS. "If GERMANY loses the war" he said "She will cease to exist" He made it clear also that a GERMAN victory would result in the same fate for enemies.

CORDELL HULL warns of false peacefeelers put out by the NAZI with the purpose of creating a false sense of security.

MITCHELL Medium Bombers are carrying a 75mm cannon in the south PACIFIC. A single shell has entirely destroyed a bomber on the ground and has set a ship afire

LATER: BREMEN was the city attacked in daylight by the US heavy bombers. This is the second time in four days. 13 heavy bombers were lost. On the days operations 45 enemy craft were brought down. Location of the heavies' raid not yet given.

BBC has replied to GERMAN accusations of war against women and children by listing NAZI atrocities against women and children and the list was most impressive.

CHUNGKING reports that the CHINESE are pursuing the enemy in the ICHANG area. There is still bitter fighting in the CHANGTSH area. 12 bombers came over and 4 were shot down.

To 22 bn 29/46 bn 37/52 bn

FRST 4 bde

I 347

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MOST SECRET © 9 auct div sitrep 87 to 032000L © ref maps 1/5000 © 4 bde © 22 bn © D coy moved north along coastal track and attacked enemy estimated 50 strongly dug in at 623 737 © attack with arty & mortar sp successful D coy adv to 623 740 still in contact last light © B coy moved NW from GUSIKA and encountered enemy estimated 2 pls at 619 737 © posn heavily shelled and coy moved SW to 614 732 © C Coy moved along north bank R. KALUENGI north to 609 737 © slight opposition encountered from small enemy parties mopped up © A coy in posn mouth R KALUENGI © Bn HQ GUSIKA 626 733 © 37/52 © B coy moved to 619 727 and D Coy to 632 725 © 20 bde © patrols 2/13 bn found evidence of accurate shelling on enemy posn north of WILDE 570 712 © 2/15 bn © patrol moved east of enemy posn north of NONGORA along track to approx 587 708 NMS © track appeared to end at this point © fighting patrol moved to west of enemy posn to approx 582 707 where enemy fire encountered © second patrol moved to same area © enemy posn heavily shelled and patrols returned to NONGORA © enemy posn engaged by arty © 24 bde © C Coy 2/43 bn successfully attacked enemy 591 716 from south forcing withdrawal © attempts to move further west prevented by enemy fire from west and north © patrols to area 599 719 and 599 720 NMS © 2/32 bn less two coys moved fwd in sp © bde HQ est at 623 696 © one pl A Coy moved to PABU 610 718 © 2/32 bn HQ 597 715 A Coy 601 716 B Coy 600 715 C Coy 624 712 D Coy 619 682 © 2/43 bn HQ 596 714 A Coy 602 717 B Coy 593 717 C Coy 591 716 D Coy 592 716 © 26 bde © 2/23 bn © patrol returned first light having found possible route to cut main track at approx 549 713 © fwd coys withdrew slightly night 2/3 dec to posn at southern edge KUANKO village 556 710 © enemy attempted to outflank posn to east repulsed © 031300L enemy attacked with arty MG, sp repulsed © repeated attempts by enemy to approach posn repulsed © further enemy attack 032030L broken up by arty and mortar fire © entire 2/24 bn engaged in carrying sup and amm to 2/23 bn © C Coy moved to 554 705 © 3 day patrol 2/4 cav sqn to KULUNG, TUFU

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reached 475718 ref. MASAWENC, R 4/63360 ⊙ PW captured at
56711 ⊙ further patrol fired ^{en} ^{from} direction ULV0513704
ref 1/25000 ⊙ 2/48 by protective patrols NMS ⊙ RAA ⊙
extensive neutralizing fire during day on enemy
forces ⊙ 2 enemy barges moved south to vicinity
GUSIKA 1745 hrs then turned and returned north ⊙
PT boats night 2/3 dec no sightings ⊙ no enemy
air activity last 24 hrs

If liable etc.

Robert [unclear]

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TOO 041315L

T.O.R. 041350^L

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To 22/46 29/46 37/52 46 MAC FORCE
FROM 4 bde I 351 5.

MOST SECRET ^{from} 9 Aust div sitrep 88 to 042000L
 ref map 1/25000 series 20 bde 2/15 46 041445L
 B Coy moved north to cut NW track behind enemy
 posts at 582716 deep ravine to west based adv
 to track 0 Coy perimeter at cablhead 582712
 Bn HQ and D Coy 586701 24 bde 2/15 46 patrols
 NMS B and D Coy 2/43 46 040800L moved SW to
 encircle enemy post at 589717 reached track 585716
 041330L 041545L enemy party approached from
 west 2 JAPS killed 041500L A Coy 2/32 46 moved
 west through C Coy 2/43 46 to close contact with enemy
 area 589717 040030L enemy gun fired 48 shells into
 general area 625714 no damage or cas disperses
 2/32 46 B Coy 594716 2/43 46 HQ 597717 B Coy 587717
 D Coy 586717 otherwise no change 26 bde 2/23 46
 JAPS cut track 557710 new track cut from
 KUNAKO to 557708 new L of C to 2/23 46 3 attacks
 on 2/23 46 beaten off during day 2/24 46
 C Coy moved to close contact with enemy at 557710
 2/44 46 patrols NMS C Sqd Td 46 041500L HQ
 moved to 623724 our arty fired more than
 4000 rds in close sp and counter by tanks and
 against WAREO, LAGOON and KILIGIA OWN AIR OPS
 4 Dec 3 Aquas LIBERATORS bombed CAPE GLOUCESTER
 and REIN BAY 19 MITCHELLS bombed SIO 11
 BOSTONS bombed and strafed coastal track BLUCHER
 PT to WANDOKAI and dump area mouth river SANGIA

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Too 051600L

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TO *37/52*

FROM *4*

Originator's Number *349*

Date *4*

In Reply to Number

Refer to 041900Z map BONGA photo map 02 Br 0 D Coy 040900L
reported enemy pl strength decrease 186161 0 041230L following
arty concentration D Coy unsuccessfully attacked enemy positions
186161 and 186163 0 041630L completed encirclement drew
heavy fire 0 Now in perimeter 187158 0 D Coy moved to high
ground 182159 at 041430L without opposition 0 1 pl unsuccessfully
attempted to contact D Coy counteracting position 182158

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later heavy LMG and mortar fire on B bay
from 182161 C + A Coys No change @ MAC FORCE @ 041245 L
patrol to 173160 NMS @ 041810 L patrol to garden 17010
NMS enemy estimated at least 1 bay including full-
hold line 187160 to 182161 also from 182158 @ Enemy anti-
tank mines 4 rows unknown width layed 186161 @
No estimate enemy casualties 29/46 + 37/52 NO CHANGED

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FROM

Hf Bde

Originator's Number

I 345

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Inter	to	0700L @ 22B	@ NO	REPORTS
B.F.C	copy	otherwise	SITNOR @ B	37/52B
approx	617730 @ 9 PM	PIB	622724 @	29/46B
37/52B	SITNOR @	All	informed	

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TO *22 bn 29/46 bn 37/52 bn*

FROM *4 bde*

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MOST SECRET from 9 div steps 89 to 05 2000L *of 125000*
20 bde of 15 bn patrol from *NONGORA* to 582699 *have 577704*
and return NMSO tracks have not been recently used B Coy
now 5867910 no other change 24 bde of 38 bn patrol
by 6272 NMSO of 32 bn enemy pass across track by 5571
now completely cleared one *jap* killed *5867170* B Coy of 43 bn
captured wounded jap sgt at 582716 051000L *contact*

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made between A coy 2/32 bn and B Coy 2/43 bn
patrolled westward to evacuated enemy mortar position
582716 NMS O A and B coy 2/32 bn moved to 583718 @ patrol
located enemy 582717 @ in sharp dash to Japs killed 1
coy 1 killed 4 wounded @ coy withdrew @ disposition 2/32
bn HQ 597716 A coy 583718 B Coy 584718 C Coy 593716 D Coy
603716 @ 2/43 bn HQ 624682 A Coy 624708 B Coy 597715

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6 Coy 618684 D Coy 515716 O own airops 5 dec @ 6
 BOSTONS successfully bombed occupied areas
 north KAMLAIDU POINT

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618742 @ present posn 619742 @ C coy pl patrol along ck to
622745 NMS @ 29/46 bn HQ C Coy and Hqs in perimeter 622738
@ B Coy 37/52 and one pl PIB known as MAFORCE in posn
606739 patrol to garden 608740 NMS @ 22 bn no further
contact @ 3 additional dead counted @ D Coy in posn 624738 @
one pl A Coy in posn 650731 @ 37/52 bn one pl C Coy standing
patrol at 617729 NMS @ enemy minefield located north

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TO *22 bn 29/46 bn 37/52 bn CTK sqn A coy 1/2 MG bn 2/6 Fd Reg*

FROM *4 bde*

Originator's Number *I352* Date *5* In Reply to Number

Sitrep to 051900L @ 29/46 bn @ 050730L D coy with TK sp successfully attacked gap posn 623738 and adv without opposition to present posn astride track to LAGOON at 619744 @ reports enemy posn 618745 with LMG @ B coy unsuccessfully attacked enemy posn 619738 @ this posn previously reported captured 618736 @ Coy new in perimeter 621738 @ A coy no contact @ reports strong unoccupied posn estimated one coy area

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TO *22 29/46 37/52 LMG, C Sqn Tm A Coy 2 MG to 2/6 Jt Regt*

FROM *4 bae*

Originator's Number *L 355* Date *6* In Reply to Number

<i>SITREP</i>	<i>to</i>	<i>061900L</i>	<i>held</i>	<i>29/46</i>	<i>by</i>
<i>D</i>	<i>coy</i>	<i>advance</i>	<i>with</i>	<i>up</i>	<i>4 LMG</i>
<i>strong</i>	<i>enemy</i>	<i>from</i>	<i>coy</i>	<i>moved</i>	<i>to</i>
<i>617747</i>	<i>and</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>party</i>	<i>up</i>	<i>both</i>
<i>616747</i>	<i>successfully</i>	<i>attacked</i>	<i>enemy</i>	<i>who</i>	<i>with them</i>
<i>coys</i>	<i>D</i>	<i>D</i>	<i>coy</i>	<i>moved</i>	<i>to</i>

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*bank ck 620743 @ No enemy dead located by 29/46
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present	from	621752	without	further	opposition
⊙	70 mm	gun	packed	located	619749
NO	ammun	found	⊙	B	coy
now	617746	⊙	C	coy	encountered
enemy	MMG	from	616747	enemy	with dead
coy	now	at	614746	⊙	A
wd	moved	to	617754	⊙	E

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HQ	moved	to	618 745	⊙	MAG FORCE
⊙	appro	061100h	party	20	enemy
ambushed	600742	6	killed	on	with
used	kick	running	with	and	generally
SW	along	your	to	feature	1800
24	5842	⊙	enemy	most	reported
in	area	later	⊙	our	Channel

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NIL	present	from	600742
22	bn B	Coy	patrol reported
enemy	from	619738	clear one
enemy	dead	found	061300
patrol	contacted	MAC FORCE	out
061730L	NMS	0	A
pc	624734	one	pc
			620731

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37/52	bu	moved	fw	to	present
619744	⊙	bu	H.R.	621740	A copy
619744	D. Co	less	pe	621741	one
pe	615741	⊙	e	copy	less
pe	622739	one	pe	619729	3
the	out	618745	⊙	all	enforced

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TO **22 bn 29/46 bn 37/52 bn**

FROM **4 bde**

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MOST SECRET (C) from 9 and div setup 90 to 062000L (C)
 of 1/25000 (C) 24 bde (C) 2/32 bn (C) B coy followed by
 A coy commenced westerly adv encountered by enemy fire
 from 581718 (C) attempt to envelop rear unsuccessful
 owing to terrain (C) patrol located enemy at 583717 (C)
 coys formed perimeter from 583718 with C coy (C) D coy
 less 2 pls moved fwd to 593717 (C) B coy 2/43 less

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one pl moved back to 602716 and one pl fwd 593717
 602716 patrol of 3 pl found enemy had withdrawn
 from pass south of KUANKO during night 5/6 Dec
 Recon of 4 pl continued northward and cut
 KUANKO - KWATINGKO track at 570713 10 japs of
 which 2 only armed all carrying packs observed
 moving eastward towards KUANKO C and D coys

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moved up to same area @ 061700 L A coy attacked
east to PEAK HILL and down track towards KUANKO
D coy following to PEAK HILL and C coy moving to
549713 @ attack apparently complete surprise to
enemy and cas inflicted @ 062000 party so Japs
withdrawing from KUANKO presented A coy and
suffered cas @ Bu HQ moved during day to 555708 @

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patrol 2/48 hr 2/4 car sqn NMS ① over air ops ①
 one sqn BOSTONS 2 sqns MITCHELLS bombed dump
 areas KILICIA 6177 and LARONA 5978 and bir
 areas R SANGAT valley caused large explosion and
 column of black smoke at KILIGIA ① 4 F's strafed fuel
 dumps LARONA fires started track reports track activity
 LAKE area and track WARFO-KILICIA shows recent use

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TO *22 bn 29/06 bn 37/52 bn*

FROM *4 bde*

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MOST SECRET from *9 dwn sitop 9/1 to 072000L* ref *1/25000* *20 bde* *2/13 bn* moved *GUSIKA* area disperses for night *bnHQ 630733 A Coy 628724 B Coy 624736 C Coy 625734 D Coy 623728* *24 bde* *2/32 bn* *patrols found enemy still in posn 580719 but NOT at 582717* *A and B coys moved westward and contacted enemy 581718* *C Coy moved along track to 580717 from which pt patrol*

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*moved fwd to vicinity 578717 where fired on @ further
patrol contacted enemy posn track @ 579716 inflicting
cas@ could hear fire on 2/15 bn patrol to south but contact
NOT made @ by arty and mortar fire brought down on posn @
final dispositions A coy 580718 B coy 581719 C coy 580717
with enemy on western slope 1800 feature @ D coy 2/43 bn
joined B coy at 602716 @ 26 bde @ 2/23 bn @ A and D*

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coys moved fwd through enemy posns NW of KUANKO
 vacated night 6/7 dec to 549714 O patrol moved north
 to 549716 but strong enemy posn prevented further progress
 O patrol inflicting by cas on enemy parties
 KWATINGKO - PEAR HILL area incl several parties retreating in
 disorder towards WAREO Tap posns cover all back approaches to WAREO
 O Coy 552713 C Coy 548715 D Coy less pl 549715 pl 548713

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22 29/46 37/5 ✓ in A Coy 2/1 MG Tank Sq 2/6 7th Regt

FROM

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I 363

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In Reply to Number

Inter	to	081900 ✓	⊙	29/46	in
⊙	D	Coy	⊙	during	afternoon
following	in	the	on	enemy	front
645 759	enemy	withdrew	with	by	casualties abandoning
one	1 MG	⊙	reported	60	enemy
withdrew	with	from	positions	6176	considered
casualties	implicated	by	artillery	fire	patrol

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located	abandoned	HQ	at	615 759	found
5	new	graves	3	Artillery	considered
many	more	dead	in	area	also
found	spiked	75 mm	gun	and	large
weapons	set	destroyed	10	D	copy
now	at	616 759	0	C	copy
patrols	along	CPs	608 752	to	612 7578

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610752	to	613757	and	611752	to
613757	surprised	large	body	enemy	area
613758	considered	25	puller	⊙	✓
copy	now	at	609751	⊙	1
copy	now	at 616758	⊙	B	616759 ⊙
37/52	low	⊙	In	HQ	607748
D	copy	601751	A	copy	606749

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C Coy	605 749	0	MACFORCE	0	081645
reported	enemy	digging	in	at	601748
fire	drawn	from	599747	0	present
from	603 745	0	disposition	A	Coy
2/2	MG	to	0	one	see
615 755	one	re	617 754	one	pl
615 753	one	fe	621 752	2x	to

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0	bn	HQ	619749	e	copy
617754	A	copy	613752	D	copy
617749	B	copy	613752	618745	HQ
copy X 0	622740	X 0	bn	HQ	619748
	all	informed			

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unknown	0	2/17 bn	no	change	0
24 hae	0	2/28 bn	B coy	602 716	C Coy
592717	D coy	623723	otherwise	NO	change
0	2/32 bn	occupied	1800	ring	without
580718	without	operation	0	patrol	to
591721	NMS	0	to	disposition	HA
597716	A coy	579718	B coy	579717	C coy

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disposition BHR

631733

A coy

623738

B coy

625735

with

pl

618734

C coy

613731

with

pl

609734

D coy

625734

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578715	D Coy	579716	O	2/43	by B Coy
627725	D Coy	630729	Mawm	no	change
O	26 hdd O		2/4 crew	sgm	found
VLUD	unoccupied area		by	duty	concentration
O	ref	MASA WENGA	TR	orde	in ch O
patrol	but	enemy	patrol	508738	enemy
believed	digging	in	O	ref	photom

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0	080915L	D	and	A	Coys
2/23	attacked	and	entered	WAREO	0
2/24	two D coy	moving	west	to	BAZULVO
had	leading	the	ambushed at		537 719
0	B coy	2/23	two	encircled	and
with	draw	A coy	and	C coy	less
one	pl	left	at	KWATUNGKO	moved

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NE	from	WAREO	alone	BONGA	track
0	strong	brandy	with	encountered	567728
0	copy	in	close	contact	lost
night	0	Bn HQ	584 713	0	2/48 to
NTR	0	air	8000	10	MARAUDERS
bomb	WANDOKAI	dump	area	11	MITCHELLS
bomb	div	and	dump	area	KALAMIA

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<i>SECRET</i>	<i>O</i>	<i>sitrep</i>	<i>to</i>	<i>091900Z</i>	<i>O</i>
<i>29/46</i>	<i>lin</i>	<i>O</i>	<i>D</i>	<i>and</i>	<i>A</i>
<i>corp</i>	<i>adv</i>	<i>to</i>	<i>613763</i>	<i>organised</i>	<i>slight</i>
<i>opposite</i>	<i>and</i>	<i>named</i>	<i>beach</i>	<i>head</i>	<i>land</i>
<i>Tonkin</i>	<i>River</i>	<i>mouth</i>	<i>at</i>	<i>616763</i>	<i>O</i>
<i>9</i>	<i>JAPS</i>	<i>killed</i>	<i>O</i>	<i>B</i>	<i>lay</i>
<i>D</i>	<i>encountered</i>	<i>enemy</i>	<i>613758</i>	<i>killed</i>	<i>5</i>

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probably 7	mail	⊙	relieved	by
B of coy	rr	br	and	moved
to 615759	⊙	c	coy	relieved
by A	coy	rr	br	and
impud to	616759	⊙	br	HQ
⊙	2 br	⊙	A coy	coy
HQ	611751	⊙	pl	standing patrol

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<i>at</i>	<i>610756</i>	<i>612755</i>	<i>614755</i>	<i>⊙</i>	<i>B</i>
<i>coy</i>	<i>613758</i>	<i>⊙</i>	<i>enemy</i>	<i>packet</i>	<i>in</i>
<i>of</i>	<i>bed</i>	<i>613757</i>	<i>harassed</i>	<i>by</i>	<i>mortars</i>
<i>and</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>fire</i>	<i>⊙</i>	<i>HR</i>	<i>coy</i>
<i>621751</i>	<i>⊙</i>	<i>37/52</i>	<i>bu</i>	<i>⊙</i>	<i>B</i>
<i>coy</i>	<i>recruited</i>	<i>cond</i>	<i>⊙</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>coy</i>
<i>crossed</i>	<i>river</i>	<i>at</i>	<i>602751</i>	<i>but</i>	<i>remain</i>

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and	strong	enemy	opposition prevented further	
most	of	of	JAPS killed	⊙
enemy	estimated	two	pls	with HQ 19
of	LMG's	⊙	D	coy withdrawn
to	boy 749	and	enemy engaged	with
arty	fire	⊙	C	coy moved
to	boy 746	suspected enemy		killed ⊙

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<i>Remain precipitous</i>	<i>over</i>	<i>crossing</i>	<i>impracticable</i>	<i>at</i>	<i>603744</i>
<i>A</i>	<i>coy</i>	<i>patrolled</i>	<i>to</i>	<i>606754</i>	<i>newt</i>
<i>seen</i>	<i>605755</i>	<i>at</i>	<i>coy</i>	<i>at</i>	<i>603744</i>
<i>at</i>	<i>all</i>	<i>informed</i>			

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22 29 37/52 bus

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*MOST SECRET. (C) from 9 div siting 93 to 092006 (C) 20 bde
(C) 2/13 bus NTR (C) 2/15 bus (C) patrol contacted 2/32 bus 577716
(C) numerous abandoned enemy positions incl fl gun sites
on track north from NON GORRA (C) bus now code R 5015
area 624684 (C) 2/17 bus moved north of 40514A (C) dispositions
NR & C Coy 617744 R Coy 614743 B Coy 613743 D Coy 619742 (C)
24 bde (C) 2/28 and 2/43 bus NTR (C) 2/32 bus patrol to contact*

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problem fixed on at 566727. Enemy strength believed small. Only visual contact with force from last light. HQ near 578719. To take D after perimeter by B Coy 2/23 and D Coy 2/24. Enemy withdrew from high ground east of BAZUNVO. Enemy took up strong position 578716 which was captured just before last light by a pl of 2/4 car sqn fol 519713.

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D Coy 4th Bn now at BAZELWOOD Road Covert 2/4
but in close contact with enemy all day vicinity
track from 505 7280 pl prof moved south and
east to contact of 32 Bn patrol but had not
done so by last light 0 of 3 Bn concentrate
WARRD area of 24 HQ KWATING KOO side HQ F10R

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601746	600745	mortared	during	day 0	A Coy
606758	0 C Coy	patrol	south to	600738	thence
to	597745	land	return	N.M.S	0
D Coy	less	platoon	605748	1 platoon	605747
Bn HQ	607747	0 22 Bn	0 Position	estimated	Coy
614754	to	613757	now	clear	enemy
7 enemy	dead	1 HMG	found	0 A Coy	now

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FROM

4 Bde

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<i>SECRET</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>Sitrep</i>	<i>to</i>	<i>101900L</i>	<i>0 29/46 B</i>
<i>advance</i>	<i>continued</i>	<i>with</i>	<i>ranked</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>to</i>
<i>opposition</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>Patrol</i>	<i>reports</i>	<i>KILIGIA</i>	<i>village</i>
<i>INMIS</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>Unoccupied</i>	<i>pl.</i>	<i>positions</i>	<i>610771</i>
<i>0</i>	<i>5 enemy</i>	<i>stragglers</i>	<i>killed</i>	<i>0 A Coy</i>	<i>now</i>
<i>610771</i>	<i>B Coy</i>	<i>608768</i>	<i>D Coy</i>	<i>613767</i>	<i>Bn HQ and</i>
<i>C Coy</i>	<i>615764</i>	<i>0 37/52</i>	<i>Bn 0</i>	<i>Enemy posn</i>	<i>604750</i>

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616760	0 Other says	unchanged	0 All Inf

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TO *29/46 37/5 y. bus*

FROM *4 bde*

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Date *11*

In Reply to Number

MOST SECRET from 9 div sitap 94 to 102000 L 20 bde
 2/13 bn NTR 2/15 bn concentrated in sq 627 20 2/17
 bn A coy 609740 B coy 612743 20 bde HQ 651740 24 bde
 101015L contact made between patrols 2/3 and 2/24 bus 568728
 20 enemy still in posn 565728 20 abandoned fd gun
 posn found 589712 and evidence of our very accurate
 CB fire 2/29 bn HQ 598716 A coy 618718 B coy 596717 20

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2/32 bu HQ 575718 A coy 580719 B coy 582719 D coy 579718
 © 2/43 bu A coy 624711 B coy 617721 D coy 6257210 26 bde ©
 patrol north from WAREO saw one TAP 5487310 ~~off~~
~~message~~ 0 bde HQ PEAK HILL © 2/23 bu
 less D coy WAREO © D coy BAZULUOO 2/24 bu HQ and D coy
 KWATINGKO A coy less one pl and C coy 563727 one pl
 A coy 567727 B coy FIOR

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MOST SECRET from 9 div sit up 95 to 112000
20 bde 2/13 bn and 2/15 bn NTR 2/17 bn A and B coys
relieved B and D coys 37/52 bde disappears A coy 606749
B coy 604745 D coy 612742 O.B. coy 1/2 MA bn 623723
patrol reports north bank R
KHAUENG, from 610731 to 601728 1/32 bn coy
new 582724 patrol found many vacated diggings

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5847270 B Coy 493 bn moved to 6177210 lbde 2/23
 540733 killed 2 japs wounded 1 of
 party estimated 20 own cas. NIL patrol saw
 movement 536724 2/24 bn McCoy penetrated enemy
 position 565728 inflicting caso McCoy has one pl with
 one pl Coy 565728 McCoy has one pl + D Coy 563728
 jap party moving down track SW wiped out

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TO *22, 24/36, 37/52, C Coy Tanks*

FROM *4 bde* Originator's Number *E 387* Date *13* In Reply to Number

<i>(Write horizontally)</i> MOST	SECRET	⊙	<i>extract</i>	<i>from</i>	5
<i>9</i>	<i>amt</i>	<i>div</i>	<i>subject</i>	<i>no 96</i>	10
⊙	<i>20</i>	<i>bde</i>	⊙	<i>2/15 bn</i>	15
<i>moved</i>	<i>into</i>	<i>area</i>	<i>vacated</i>	<i>by</i>	20
<i>22</i>	<i>bn</i>	⊙	<i>dispositions</i>	<i>B HQ</i>	25
<i>623752</i>	<i>A Coy</i>	<i>614753</i>	<i>B Coy</i>	<i>621761</i>	30
<i>C Coy</i>	<i>618752</i>	<i>with</i>	<i>pl</i>	<i>617756</i>	35
<i>D Coy</i>	<i>610752</i>	<i>th a pl</i>	<i>615762</i>	⊙	40
<i>2/17 bn</i>	⊙	<i>patrol</i>	<i>found</i>	<i>river</i>	45
<i>impossible</i>	<i>at</i>	<i>605753</i>	<i>and</i>	<i>604752</i>	50
<i>owing</i>	<i>to</i>	<i>100 ft</i>	<i>Cliff</i>	⊙	55
<i>patrol</i>	<i>to</i>	<i>garden</i>	<i>601745</i>	<i>found</i>	60
<i>black</i>	<i>explosive</i>	<i>6x4 ins</i>	<i>with</i>	<i>2</i>	65
<i>detonator</i>	<i>probably</i>	<i>for</i>	<i>use</i>	<i>against</i>	70
<i>sinks</i>	⊙	<i>24 bde</i>	⊙	<i>2/32 bn</i>	75
⊙	<i>patrol</i>	<i>to</i>	<i>581720</i>	<i>found</i>	80
<i>much</i>	<i>enemy</i>	<i>amm</i>	<i>and</i>	<i>left</i>	85
⊙	<i>C Coy</i>	<i>returned</i>	<i>to</i>	<i>577718</i>	90
⊙	<i>pl</i>	<i>at</i>	<i>567727</i>	<i>returned</i>	95
<i>to</i>	<i>D Coy</i>	⊙	<i>26 bde</i>	⊙	100
<i>2/4 Cav sqn inland patrol</i>	⊙	<i>patrol</i>	⊙	<i>natives report</i>	105
<i>Japs arrived MASA for daro</i>	⊙	<i>patrol returned via</i>			110
<i>TULU report JAP used track SWALANCIH-ZAGAHEMI</i>					115
<i>510-ZAGAHEMI for sup</i>	⊙	<i>2/23 bn</i>	⊙	<i>patrol</i>	120
<i>from B Coy found Jap from</i>		<i>545732</i>	<i>killed 1</i>		125
<i>wounded 1 Jap returned fire with</i>			<i>at</i>		130

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L MG

B patrol attempted outflanking

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move but approach impossible. B patrol from D

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killed one Jap 537723 killed one wounded 2 at

15

541731. B 2/24 br. A Coy attacked SW towards enemy

20

pos near track junction after 6 hrs fighting pos

25

captured and contact made with C Coy at 1540 hrs

30

BONGA - WAREO track now open.

35

Estimated 25 enemy killed. A Coy

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now garrisoned at 564727. C Coy moved

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north along track across razor back at

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565732 where further Jap pos

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contacted. D Coy now at 563727.

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MOST SECRET. ○ Extract from 9 and 10th Div Act of 8 to 142000 L ○ 5
 20 bde ○ 2/13 bn took over responsibility def KIKIGIA beach 10
 and KIKIGIA areas ○ Dispersed bn HQ. 612 770 Aug 60 776 15
 B Coy 605 764 pl 595 760 C Coy 608 773 pl 605 776 608 776 20
 D Coy 603 760 ○ 2/15 bn unloading duties COCONUT BEACH 25
 ○ 2/17 bn patrol to 587 747 reached 595 750 NMS ○ 30
 24 bde patrol NMS but abandoned enemy gun 35
 posns discovered 577 718 and 580 719 ○ C Coy 40
 2/28 bn moved to 617 721 ○ Bana D Coys 2/43 bn 45
 moved to SCARLET BEACH area B Coy 614 669 D Coy 50
 619 676 par pl 624 683 ○ 26 bde ○ 2/24 bn ○ 55
 after two further unsuccessful attempts to 60
 outflank enemy posn at 657 733 followed by 65
 by mortar concentration two pls C Coy drove 70
 enemy posn posn after four hrs fierce fighting 75
 ○ C Coy adv to 567 734 ○ B Coy moved from 80
 FIOR to 563 727 and D Coy to 565 732 ○ patrol 85
 in sq 5772 and 5773 found unoccupied 90
 enemy posns ○ enemy heard at 574 733 95
 ○ 2/4 Cav Sqn ○ patrol to MALOLO NMS ○ 100
 patrol to village 418 793 found evidence of 105
 recent used track and village as base for 110
 forage parties ○ 2 day patrol to MAREKO 115
 reached 573 714 1500 L ○ 2/13 bn patrol encountered 120
 in pos 541 733 ○ further two day patrol moving to 549 738 125
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MOST SECRET @ 20 bde @ 2/13 bn patrols to 595765 and 596753 NMS @ unoccupied jap Coy from at 598753 @ 2/12 bn less B Coy moved to area vacated by 29/16 bn @ dispositions 607777 A Coy 606782 C Coy 605778 D Coy 603780 @ B Coy prevented by clouds must from crossing R TUNGM still at COCONUT BEACH @ 2/17 bn bn @ patrol to 587747 NMS @ C Coy moved to 615752 and D Coy to 610755 @ 24 bde @ patrols all NMS @ A Coy 2/32 bn moved to patrol base at 578725 @ 26 bde @ patrols 2/14 Cav bn to MEREKEO found unoccupied camp #90733 @ signs of recent Jap occupation in village #77730 @ base of inland patrol moved to 418793 @ patrol 2/23 bn to 50WIR 556738 NMS @ 2/24 bn @ D Coy contacted enemy at 571736 article track on narrow saddle @ patrol attempted unsuccessfully to bypass from to owing to precipitous country @ D Coy moved from 569735 @ patrol in 4/5674 found possible route bypassing enemy from to SE @ local patrol 2/28 bn NMS @ only found 550 rds on enemy from 2/24 bn area and vicinity MASEWENG R @ 1745L 20 Japs moving south engaged at 585822 and 585819 and 10 Japs moving north shortly afterwards engaged 585822 @ rds observed to fall among enemy @ hostile 75mm gun north of MASEWENG R shelled area 599785 during evening @ engaged by our arty and silence

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TO 22 bn 29/46 bn 37/52 bn # 1st Sq

FROM 4 bde
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MOST SECRET O from 9 div sitrep 100 to 16000 L O 5
ref 1/25000 O 20 bde O D coy 2/13 bn relieved Coy 10
37/52 bn at 600771 O B coy 2/15 bn moved from 15
COCONUT BEACH to 608777 O patrols from 2/13 bn 20
found US 20 mm AA gun buried at 605758 O 25
standing patrol 2/7 bn 587747 O 24 bde O 30
patrol activity only NMS O 26 bde O patrol 35
2/4 car sq reports from observation ZAGNHEMI 40
occupied by enemy O 2 day patrol MEREKED staging 45
night at WAREO O 2/4 bn O enemy withdrew 50
night 15/16 Dec from fwd posns and B and D 55
coys adv to village 575740 without opposition O 60
patrols to lake 568740 and gardens 570740 NMS O 65
patrol 2/48 bn to MORENG found signs that 70
natives had returned but natives kept out of 75
sight O fac R reports by recent meet along 80
coastal track between LAKONA and HUBIKTA O 85
no signs of prepared def posns south of FORTIFICATION 90
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Remains same playing night at ULUO small house party
NW from MEREKED rd party 7/8 JAB foraging in
Garden # 77739 Dmlana parker established CP on ridge
1500 yds south of ZAGAREMI @ MT scupper formed by
Lumber clearing each evening for last 3 days @ parker
2/27th parker to contact Lumber put located medium
post found 5307E and photographed by parker

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SECRET O extract from Gdw sidup 101 @ 20 hde @ 2/17 bn
has standing patrol at 587747 moved from to new area
vicinity **NAKONA** @ bn HQ and D Coy 599787C Coy 59277F
@ A Coy bronaced for night 607776 and B Coy at 610772
@ B Coy 2/18 bn moved from to 599787 @ 24 hde @
patrol 2/32 bn found evidence of large HQ at 570728
@ 26 hde @ 2/4 Csq Sqr @ Adv party now at 475730 with

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at 548 729 O unoccupied shelters and evidence
of recent work on track 548 736 to 547 728 Def 24
Gen O B Co advanced without contact to 578 H 4
where abtn named HQ found 2-day patrol
moving NE from this feature

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TO rptd 22 br 29/46 br 37/52 br

FROM 4.6.46 Originator's Number 1410 Date 18 In Reply to Number

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SECRET @ 29/46 to 181900L @ 29/46 br @ following activity
concentration on enemy position along rd at approx 585803 Band
D Coy attacked at 180900L @ main jap resistance was disorganized
except at 586801 where approx 40 enemy resisted stubbornly until
B Coy closed with bayonet and drove enemy from position jap
fled in disorder northwards followed by B and C Coy @ D Coy
remained in position at rd junction 585801 to protect flank @ by
181330L C Coy had captured south bank MASHWENG river at
mouth and B Coy travelling over rough country cut track at
580806 then moved to position on river at approx 580806 preliminary
of enemy equipment captured to 181330L @ three 75mm guns one 37mm
gun 2 ft mortar one 81mm mortar 1 HMG 1 portable mortar
2 small mortars and also dumps details of locations later @
the river crossing river at 181500L and by 181630L C Coy
crossed river ashore track 584810 @ B Coy also crossed unopposed
to objective HOTS 575810 @ by 181900L br was disposed for
def beach area @ C Coy 584810 B Coy 575810 br HQ 583807 D Coy
584810 A Coy 575806 @ NO estimate enemy cas yet available
22 br @ at 180900L A Coy with D Coy 37/52 br occupied enemy position
vacated overnight at 580730L position estimated held by 40 enemy @
one fresh grave found @ 180945L B Coy patrolled south bank
river to 581754 thence along north bank to 586789 @ NMS
but found abandoned bivouac area at 583785 to 586788 @ one
L MG and small mortar found at 585786 @ river fordible
at 586788 @ 181500L br moved to protect 29/46 br L of C and
at 181900L dispositions were C Coy with 8 AKs 585803 D Coy 585800

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B Coy 589796 bu HQ 588792 A Coy 580792 @ 37/52 bu @ 180730
 bu commenced move over extremely difficult country to take
 up position on left flank @ 181530 after grueling march
 Coy were in following positions A Coy 580796 B Coy 589793 C Coy
 581797 D Coy were still with A Coy & bu @ positions at
 181900 L @ D Coy 583800 C 579797 A 57796 B 583797
 bu HQ 585794. @ all informed

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TO **22 29/46 37/51 Bns A Sqn Tanks**

FROM **H HQ**

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SECRET O extract from g owo likeh no 10-0 20 hae 0 2/17 hae
 completed move to KAKONA area dispositions in HQ 592786
 A Coy 593783 B Coy 592786 C Coy 592776 D Coy 587783 O
 hae HQ moved to 613768 O PIB patrol to 585755 found
 quantity 75m in snow and 3 dead Japs O 24 hae O NTR O
 26 hae O HQ 2/43 hae move to 477730 O local patrol
 NMS O inland patrol reports small enemy party

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in from on track north of ZACAHEMI 2 Japs seen in valley 0 patrol to HOM PUA 445782 discovered track believed to lead to ABC 0 2/23 by patrol from BA 24240 to gardens 542734 0 patrol B Coy 2/24 by contactor PIB 1st company patrol 589758 remaining here overnight 0 Coy moved back to 566727 0 Only find 1240 this m

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FROM *4 Bde*

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MOST SECRET extract from g division 103 20 bde 5
 2/13 and 2/15 bn moved to new areas south of the MASA WENGR 10
 R O last night disposition 2/13 bn HQ 588799 A Coy 15
 587798 B Coy 593790 C Coy 588798 D Coy 588798 20
 2/15 bn HQ 588797 A Coy 587798 B Coy 593790 C Coy 25
 588798 D Coy 588795 2/17 bn NO change 2/12 B Coy 30
 MGA bn 2 and 3 pls with C Coy 2/13 bn otherwise unchanged 35
 gdn Camerby moved to 600772 20 bde L O B 40
 2/15 bn L O B 606760 2/15 bn L O B 599760 2/17 bn 45
 L O B 604763 24 bde patrol to 592730 to 599737 50
 to 594734 NMS disposition 24 bde 582718 2/15 55
 bn B Coy 609717 2/13 bn B Coy 617677 otherwise 60
 NO change 26 bde patrol inland patrol to 65
 ZAGAHEMI returned report three enemy posts 70
 SW and ratering in garden 1000' south of village 75
 4 day patrol left for MASA WENGR to contact 80
 local natives and check on tracks 2/13 bn 85
 B Coy left BAZULVO to follow NE track to 553744 90
 thence toward LAKONA to contact one 4/13 bn 95
 2/13 bn patrol band at 571756 reported no tracks 100
 along SONI R tracks 3 to 4 feet wide running 105
 East West cross creek at 576759 Nasign recent 110
 use patrol from LAKE 24 5674 to 569750 to 569754 115
 much used track located 569753 Nms 140 120
 along Magnetic followed to 568783 where 125
 supervised ladder led down to SOWIR 20 130

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sign present near 0 2/48 in NTR 0 at by pier 1104 m
in sp 4 vae 0 PT boats 0 night 18/19 0 REISS PT
0 destroyed 2 special large MTC 100 ft long and
sunk 6 Type B bays destroyed 1 on beach 0
WALANGAI 0 damaged 5/8 Type A and B
bays loaded also beached south

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TO 29/46 37/52 122 Bns

FROM 4 bns

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SECRET

20 1600 L	Setup	To	201900 L	0	5
29/46 Bns	Bns	captured	FORTIFICATION	HILL	10
patrolled	0	D Coy	at	586822	15
Swamp	marsh	during	day	to	20
B Coy	at	586830	NMS	0	25
to	at	582820	combated	simon	30
A Coy	east	and	south	NMS	35
0	moved	to	posn	584816	40
fire	C Coy	forced	by	runai	45
0	to	move	to	583809	50
gaps	Reported	5	additional	dean	55
0	counted	found	0	37/52 bns	60
left	1 pl	C Coy	moved	round	65
0	flank	to	simon	569821	70
A Coy	to	posn	201400 L	NMS	75
through	moved	marsh	from	571804	80
flatland	very	difficult	arrived	to	85
posn	800	and	reported	and	90
B Coy	572824	at	201600 L	0	95
high	moved	through	simon	to	100
no	ground	at	583824	0	105
day	Opposition	encountered	0	During	110
reported	considerable	enemy	mov't	northward	115
heavily	at	544810	0	enemy	120
cases	laden	↓	carrying	sketch	125
	0	Parties	believed	successfully	130

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engaged	by	Arty	mosses	and	5
MMMG's	0	22 Bn	⊙	Local	10
protective	patrols	NMS	⊙	all	15
reformed					20
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*MOST SECRET @ from 9 div litup 104 to 202000 @ 20 bde @
B coy 42 MG bn new area 583803 @ sick TNP straggler
captured by patrol div can coy at 597768 @ 5 pl P/B at
594747 killed 1 TNP @ pl new 613766 @ otherwise NO change
@ 24 bde @ 2/28 bn moved to WAREO area @ Accy 2/32 bn
new 597716 @ 26 bde @ 4 cov sqn patrols NMS @ 2/3 bn
@ B coy contacted patrol 2/24 bn 577758 201300t patrols NMS*

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*Replied patrol to KALIGIA contacted 2/17/43 at 6047640
all ~~the~~ patrol, NMS 0 2/17/43 came under command of
in WARRO area disperses HQ and B Coys 551718 Coy 555720
D Coy 5457170 a/cops 20 Dec 0 2009 15L 2 Agns med B's
accurately bombed HUBIKA WANDOKAI WALINGAI causing
large fire and explosion WALINGAI area.*

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FROM *4 Bde*

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Date *21*

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SECRET @ Sitrep to 211900L @ 29/46 Bn @ NTR to 211500L @ No communication since 37/52 @ C Coy Patrol out 210730L in 211400L to 543810 out along south bank river in along north bank @ 1 Jap killed 547807 @ Small dumps sig equipment 5 fresh graves 547810 @ Dump hurriedly buried SAH 30 rifles and personal equip also 4 fresh graves 543810 @ From this point heavily used tracks NW and W with vine handrails @ 22 Bn @ Local protective patrols N175 @ all inf.

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TO: 22, 29/46, 37/52 to A Coy 2/2 MG Bn.

FROM: 4 hde

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Moord West O extract from 9 Aust div return 105 to
 212000L O 20 hde O adv commenced north 2/13 to
 leading with the two coy along coast two coy along
 high ground on left flank with 2/13 to following
 2/13 reached HUBIKA by 1640 hrs O A Coy 2/13 to
 entered village with opposition except for few
 snipers O captured wounded JAP of 2 Coy 79 reg
 stated enemy with drawn WANDOKAI O 40/50 dead
 JAPS found creek bed west HUBIKA probably killed
 by arty fire O disposn last light O 2/13 to HQ
 563843 A Coy 562843 B Coy 560849 C Coy 563842 D Coy
 566841 O 2/13 to O Bn HQ 576844 A Coy 573843
 B Coy 579838 C Coy 575846 D Coy 574845 O 2/17 to HQ
 585804 A Coy 586802 B Coy 584805 C Coy 588897
 D Coy 583805 O B Coy 2/2 MG Bn O 1/2 with coastal coln
 2/13 to two pls with 2/13 to O 24 hde O 2/32 to O
 A Coy moved to SATELBERG area B Coy less one pl
 616721 O 2/2 hde O D Coy 2/2 to
 moved BANJULUO O 2/23 to O man halt B Coy still
 LAKE area 5575 where it joined TAKONA track
 O 2/48 to NTR O 2/4 can sign O river patrol to
 531734 along track to 527752 to 527765 then to
 529776 to approx 543781 collected 200 natives from
 Coy 5278 O native report JAPS left SAKKA B area
 19 Dec O arty shelled suspected enemy from
 beach 569847 HUBIKA BEACH 566848 L of L 544810
 track 553824 east HUBIKA 563848 O track
 WANDOKAI appears heavily defended enemy have
 prepared hasty defences on west bank of all
 creeks crossing coastal track between
 HUBIKA and WANDOKAI O much track
 activity some defensive posts on main
 beach.

If have etc
M. Herbert

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TO 22 29/46 37/52 bn. A Coy 2/2 Bn

FROM 4 bn

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Date 22

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Secret @ site to 221900L @ 29/46 bn @ local protective patrols
 NMS @ 37/52 bn @ patrols @ Hwy NW to 565832 thence south to
 along cr to 561820 thence NE to Coy from @ found well
 used track along cr NMS out 220815L - in 221500L @
 C Coy out 220830L in 221500L west to 544810 examined
 tracks in area NMS in HR 571807 @ PIB out 220815L
 in 221400L 572804 553786 551782 537787 541793

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534807	523813	546807	541793	AIMOLAO
572804	NMS	⊙ 22	bn ⊙	house patrol
NMS ⊙	one	pe D Coy	582804 ⊙	all
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TO *22 Bn 29/46 Bn 37/52 Bn Heavy 2/2 MG 20 Bde KOB*

FROM <i>4 Bde</i>	Originator's Number <i>L431</i>	Date <i>23</i>	In Reply to Number
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secret () 20 bde strip to 221900L () observers of air strike on suspected enemy positions between HUBIKA and WANDOKAI report area thoroughly bombed and strafed () some enemy a/c fire seen probably 20 mm () 221000L 2/13 continued adv () inland coln still moving over extremely difficult country but NMIS () wastal coln reports going fair but numerous gorges make route impassable for jeep and trucks

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○ one jap killed on track otherwise NM's ○ beach at 557855
suitable for landing craft but hinterland impassable
to veh ○ japs head still HURBIKA Eugres state major task
to extend ○ water plentiful in area reached today ○
last lt disposition ○ bn HQ 550865 A Coy 551862 B 549866
with pls at 548868 and 546866 C and D area from 543850
to ~~549854~~ 546856 ○ 2/15 bn ○ bn HQ 557854 A Coy 556857

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Extract from 9 Div Sitrep 106 to 222000Z 0 Most secret
26 Bde begin move to coastal area 0 Bde H 0 2/23 Bn
less B Coy 2/24 Bn less A & B Coys GUSIKA area 0 2/48 Bn
South KATIKI 0 B Coy 2/23 still WAIREO area 0 A & B Coys
2/24 Bn 564727 0 4 Day patrol B Coy 2/23 returned
to WAIREO 0 Report 1 Jap killed 0 7 inst Aust 4k Bn 17sq
10 tanks HUBIKI area Unhale cross creek 561848 0

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B 555851	C 563844	D 557860	0 2/17 km No change
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estimated some days engineer work negd @ AIR strike
 at 220930L on enemy pens East WANDOKAI very successful
 some AAA fire believed 20mm observed @ Kunai fire started
 TAK/R reports no further developments WANDOKAI pens @
 PT boats night 21/22 see sighted 3 laden barges moving
 south of WAKIAGAI @ sank 2 drove 1 damaged on beach @
 Off NEW BRITIAN coast met two 100ft armed craft

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armed with 37mm guns 2 PT boats damaged and some casualties suffered

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*no results observed @ Pls late afternoon purchased to
accounts square 587 NMS @ Subsequently ground in
vicinity occupied by our troops who found 94 Japs
81 MM mortar bombs + evidence of pl pm @ 1 dead
Jap found though killed in an strike 22 Dec @
considered 8 men seen earlier in afternoon had withdrawn
from this pm @ 1800 hrs eight seven MM mortar bombs fell*

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FROM <i>4 Bde</i>	Originator's Number <i>1438</i>	Date <i>24</i>	In Reply to Number
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Secret, 20 Bde since 231900 hrs @ Patrols 2/13 during morning to CK 540876 @ No signs of enemy defence posts in area @ During afternoon inland column moved to coast area 1 Coy pushed fwd to area 541874 @ Coastal column moved SW along spur to vicinity 535862 @ At 1500 hrs 8 gaps with MMG or mortar observed moving at 525879 @ Engaged with arty + MMG

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*in accounts area square 5387 enemy mortar fire
not pinpointed but in vicinity WANDOG 10 No damage
or casualties no evening shelling during day
going good over ground covered PIB flt left in
morning on 2 day patrol to recon country deep
on left flank & track leading from WANDOG from
South East light dispositions 2 PIB No 550865 A+B coys*

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535861	C 549866 with pls 548868 + 546866		D Coy
541874	with pls 530874 534877 + 538875		T/A pl + see MG
537872 @	2/15 + 2/17 Bus no change		

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SECRET O exhaust from g air ship 107 to 232000h O 5
 24 hae O New patrol 2/28 to 555-730NMS O 2/4 cav 10
 sqn O ref map MASAWENGI R 1 unit O inland patrol 15
 Cav party ambushed on 24 4732 O 1 missing 20
 wounded strength enemy party unknown O 26 hae O 25
 hae moved into an reserve MASAWENGI area O despatch O 30
 2/22 to less B Coy 598788 O B Coy moving NAREO to GUSIKA O 35
 2/24 to HQ C and D coys 581808 A and B coys GUSIKA area O 40
 2/48 to TAKONA area O Bala HA 578813 O PT boats night 45
 22/23 dec engaged three barges moving south off HARDENBERG 50
 PT O believed damaged O by shore fire prevented further 55
 observation O Rank 2 80-100 ft craft and 2 type B 60
 barges and damaged 2 type A barges all going north empty 65
 off REISS PT O damaged 3 type A barges south bound and 70
 laden off SCHARN HORST PT then by shore fire 75
 shot two 3 inch guns encountered O air 23 dec 80
 O 24 BOSTONS bombed and scaped barge hideouts 85
 NAMBARIWA 3 barges destroyed & damaged O 12 MARHELLS 90
 9 MARAUDERS bombed disposal areas dumps at 95
 ALEXIS HAFEN few started and grounded up 100
 destroyed O 61 LIBERATORS bombed CAPE GROCOSTER 105
 results unobserved O 6 LIGHTNING on 110
 coastal barge sweep to DRADWE destroyed two 115
 type A barges 120
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SECRET 20 Bde s. rep 224 to 241900L @ Ref Photo maps and 1/25000
 @ After patrolling to village D Coy 2/Bde occupied WAN'DOKAI 241100L
 without opposition @ Coy moved through village and occupied
 dominating high ground in sq 5087 @ 15 Japs dead found in
 one group apparently killed in MG shoot reported s. rep 23 Dec
 @ Dead found in numbers not yet checked @ Large dump amm
 and explosives in area @ Weapons captured 1 spiked 75mm

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gun 1. 81mm mortar @ 2. 20mm guns @ 4 new unused engines
 also found @ 2/13 B. flanking column moved to spur 52986
 disposition 2/13 BHA 520880 ~~520880~~ A Coy 524863 B. 520869
 C 502884 with platoon 498882 D Coy 508878 with pl
 514879 and 513880 the attack pl 514882 1 pl B Coy
 MG defense WANDAKAI beach @ 2/15 BHA 146146 A 144150
 B. 143143 C moved to 137157 with plms 136154 and 133158

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Dcoy 147152 @ 2/17 Bw moved to HUBIKA area disposition
BHQ 152140 Acoy 151138 B 149137 with pl 151131
C 157133 with pl 159134 and 160136 Dcoy 150141 MG pl
156134 @ P/B 2 day patrol killed Jap at 58835 and found
fresh footprints 20 Japs who had moved with along track
to WANDOKAI from 1520842 @ no contact made, 1st landed
on WANDOKAI beach @ unconfirmed report enemy mortar fire

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on WANDERER area late P.M. but no hostile shelling

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FROM 4 bde. Originator's Number I 445 Date In Reply to Number

(Write horizontally)
SECRET 5
 extract from 9 dw. when 108 to 242000 10
 24 bde 2/4 can sign 4 day patrol from MEREKIO
 northern side of island
 vicinity 489875 NMS 0 track west from 487784 and
 to ZA FILIO 0 ref 1 maps 0 patrol moved TAFILIO 25
 to establish base and secure area village 45780 30
 patrol base TIKU 4282 taken up ambush from 35
 1/2 hr west ONDEAU 4483 report NMS 0 same patrol 40
 reports enemy patrolling track from ZAGAREMI 45
 4786 and 1000 yds. SW 0 otherwise NO change 50
 26 bde 0 bde now complete MASHANA - LAKONA area 0 disposition 55
 0 bde HA 578813 0 2/23 bn less B Coy 598788 B Coy 599786 60
 2/24 bn less B Coy report 551808 - B Coy 578808 0 2/24 65
 bn LAKONA area otherwise no change 0 PT boats 0 night 70
 23/24 PT boats destroyed between GNEISENAU and SCHARNHORST 75
 PTS one type A barge one assault type packet boat and 80
 damaged large pile stores on beach 0 one submarine 85
 over 100 ft long in same area engaged by 37 mm 90
 holes and left stranded on beach 0 ops night 95
 24/25 0 2 boats patrolling from DREGER HARBOR 100
 to REISS PT 0 air 0 THEIR reports indicate wheel 105
 tracks on beach north ALD 0 by sign movements 110
 on island track WANDOKAI - ZAGAREMI - WAWINGAI 115
 sightings 0 230846L B is returning from mission 120
 sighted 23 barge moving north about 3 miles north 125
 VINKE PT NOT observed whether laden or not 0 130

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1 sqd THUNDER BOLTS took off to attack target ① 5
 one submarine sighted moving seaward 10
 between SCHARNHORST and GNEISENAU PTS ② 15
 20 BDE SITREP to 250700 L ① between 20
 241945 L and 242030 L 83 shells fell 25
 round WANDOKAI area and among few 30
 exp 2/130 ① 2-75mm guns appeared 35
 to be firing from WAKINGAI area ① 40
 No damage or casualties. 45

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FROM H Bae

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I 451

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SECRET. Extract from 9 dec report 109 to 252000L
24 dec patrol NTR following report from 2/4 dec sign
sent praying and recruiting 10 dec captured by about 100 JAPS
at ONDEO all Japs were moving between 2 AGAHEMI and
NAREO but returned 2 AGAHEMI on learning that our troops were
in area between 17 and 20 dec two gps reinforcements strength
40 and 55 reached 2 AGAHEMI force day in 2 AGAHEMI
Native escaped 20 dec enemy line of retreat from NAREO
stated to be 2 AGAHEMI KANDOMI near by sea to 510
report considered reliable by ANGHU 26 dec NTR
air ops 25 dec CAPE GLOUCESTER targets from SAG
SAG to BORCEN BAY bombed and strafed by 61 B24s
72 B25s 8 B26s 39 A20s bombing accurate 275
tons bombs dropped many fires started
ARAWA 19 A20s bombed and strafed mouth
PULIER R O RABAU 9 Beaufort bombers
ships LAKUNAI 8 tons dropped fires seen
O PT boats night 24/25 Dec NE sightings

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261815L

37/52 Bn

4 Bde

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869 59

March 20 Bde litrep to 2519004
2/13 Bn no general advance today although
some forward elements pushed west to
higher ground A and B coy repositioned
to better protect beach heads. Patrols
moved forward along coastal track to
519905 and reported that preparable to that
point. At 517904 1400 seen from our
foll. Other troops engaged in unloading
barges during morning. 2/13 Bn dispositions
BHQ 537898 A coy 539896 with pls 531496, 529898
B coy 547897, pls 547896, and 548897, C coy 529899
with pls 525900 and 526902, D coy 537896

with plts 536898 and 532892, TK pl- 530899
MG plt 1 section 543892 1 sect- 540898
2/15 Bn ① Crashed yap stratosphere plane
with 3 Bladed propeller, found at 545567
① No change in disposition ① 2/17 Bn no
change ① 6 tanks now landed WANDOKAI
disposed in timber near beachhead during day
and moved to hold downed positions on eastern and
western ends of beach, at last light ① Numerous
tank mines found in shallow water along beach
but no damage sustained ① Bery 2/2 MG 547898
1 plt 530899 and 1 plt with C Coy 2/17 Bn ①
All informed

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TO 37/52

10604p. 1232.

FROM 4 Bde

Originator's Number
1454

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Secret @ 20 Bde 1st Bn 102619001 Ref 1/25000 @ 7/13. Patrol 10520904
fired on by 2 LMG from 519904 who shelled area and
subsequently 2 Japs observed moving towards AGO on track
517906 @ Patrol moved on to 512909 track feasible to that pt
no further movt seen @ Enemy equip found buried in gdn
549893 4 flame throwers 3 small mortars and some logs
stores @ Physical check revealed 30 enemy dead or freshly

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buried in WANDOKAI area @ Today village area cleaned up and huts burned to ground B Coy 713 moved to 530899 715 & 714 no change two 3 gun sps arty now in action WANDOKAI also 11 tanks in area @ PIB 2 day patrol along ZAGAHEMI track no report yet @ All inf

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TO

22 bn 29/46 bn 37/52 bn Acay 2/2 M9 bn

FROM

4 bde

Originator's Number

I 462

Date

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In Reply to Number

MOST SECRET @ from 9 div Sitrep to 26000 L @ 24
bde @ 2/4 cav sqn @ patrols along HOMPUA - ONDEO track
to approx 480821 and east to where MASAWENG R
crosses track report NMS @ TIRO based patrols reach
to ONDEO report NMS but police boys with patrols report
10 enemy moved north @ NO contact made with 4 bde
patrols @ otherwise NTRD @ 6 bde @ NO change

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interfered with proposed patrol ON DEAV 27 Dec otherwise NTR		HOMPHUA all	To
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TO *Rpta 37/52 Bn*

FROM *4 Bde*

Originator's Number *1457*

Date *27*

In Reply to Number

<i>2/4 Cav</i>	<i>Patrols</i>	<i>to 261900L</i>	<i>from HOMPVA</i>	<i>along</i>
<i>ONDEAV</i>	<i>track</i>	<i>to approximately</i>	<i>intersection</i>	<i>48</i>
<i>lastings</i>	<i>grid</i>	<i>and</i>	<i>river</i>	<i>NMS</i>
<i>ications</i>	<i>established</i>	<i>to</i>	<i>Patrol</i>	<i>base at HOMPVA</i>
<i>at</i>	<i>NO contact</i>	<i>4 Bde Patrols</i>	<i>TIKV</i>	<i>based</i>
<i>Patrols</i>	<i>rece</i>	<i>to ONDEAV</i>	<i>NMS</i>	<i>but</i>
<i>tracks of</i>	<i>10 enemy</i>	<i>moving</i>	<i>north</i>	<i>and Aust graves</i>

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TO *Baldwin James Green Lt Col 22 29/46 37/52*

FROM *4 Bde* Originator's Number *I 469* Date *28* In Reply to Number

*To 27900 ft @ 3/4 low Patrol from HOMPHUA contacted
TIKV Patrol at OMDEAV track clear NMS @ Patrol
from HOMPHUA along direct ZAGHEMI track to
hut 485846 NMS @ track leaves HOMPHUA in direction
of PONDOKOE 498830 then NW along ridge to
huts 485846 thence appears to go north to
ZAGHEMI @ ref 1 inch.*

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SECRET @ SITREP 271900L @ 29/46 Bn @ B & C boys inter
changed positions. B Coy. 583809. C Coy. 582820 @ NO
report D Coy moving west along MASAWENG. R. @ 37/52 Bn @
A Coy reports track junction at 519839 @ Tracks North
and South patrolled 500 yds NMS. @ Track West patrolled to
511837 NMS. @ Coy at 517838 at 271730L @ 1 ptn B Coy.
at jeep lead 559807 moving further west to establish fuel
ration dump @ C & D Coys interchanged positions C Coy
569803 D Coy. less ptn 565820 @ One ptn 568823 @ 22 Bn @
NO report B Coy moving west along MASAWENG. R. otherwise
N.T.R. @ All informed

271920L

IMMEDIATE

280715L

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4 Bde

I 464

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Logged 45
902

Secret © Copy 20 Bde Intrep to 271900L ©
 To the accomplishment of the apparently successful air
 strike on WALINGAI area the ~~20~~ Bde advance commenced
 270900L advance guard 2/13 Bn main body 2/15 Bn
 and 2/17 Bn in Bde reserve © No opposition met during
 day all objectives taken by 271600L © Enemy dead
 and abandoned equipment found at numerous places
 along route suggest hurried retreat © Neither AGO
 nor WALINGAI villages recently occupied © At 302923
 gun emplacement ~~completely~~ found which 75 MM
 and fired on WANDOKAI indication that gun and troops
 had been evacuated by barge © At 493939 137MM gun
 with ammunition dumped in sea 4 wrecked barges
 on beach at 493939 and 8 more on next beach at 491846
 © No hostile mortar or shelling during day © At 271730L
 our troops tanks passing on towards WALINGAI ©
 8 tanks still in WANDOKAI area © Dispositions ©
 2/13 Bn HQ 493939, A Coy 494935, B Coy 489938
 C Coy 493942, D Coy 489941, ~~the~~ ~~troops~~
~~49494~~ 494936 plus section Bn MG, 2/15 Bn HQ
 502922, A Coy 502924, B Coy 501918, C Coy 505921
 D Coy 500922 © 2/14 Bn HQ 527903, A Coy 523899, B Coy
 526898, with plts 525896, C Coy 530898, D Coy 523903
 © B Coy 2/2 MG Bn 2 plts 489942, one and three plts
 in WANDOKAI area © All informed 280700L
 280740L

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TO: 22, 29/46, 37/52 Aust Inf Bns

FROM: 4 Aust Inf Bde

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9 Aust Div

MOST SECRET (.) sitrep 83 to 292000L (.) ref maps 1/25000 series (.) 29 bde (.) 2/15 bn relieved by 29/46 bn 291600L (.) B and C coys moved to 627699 from which patrol went forward to recon JAP posn 627703 and route to it (.) A Coy moved to 641773 (.) bn HQ and D coy unchanged (.) other patrols throughout area NMS (.) 24 bde (.) 2/28 bn less A coy resumed adv up coastal track without opposition reached BUNGA 290925L and continued west to 650754 standing patrol established 649759 (.) one wounded PW captured later died (.) patrol from A coy 645756 moved through GUNIRA to river 651745 NMS (.) 2/43 bn (.) patrol from 636730 to 634728 saw enemy fd gun (.) 634727 strong patrol encountered enemy well dug in at 633731 killed 37 (.) extensive patrols to NE east and SE PINDO HILL NMS (.) 37/52 bn (.) protective patrol for engra fired on by enemy estimated 30/40 at 627703 (.) 2/43 bn less D coy moved to PADU 637730 2/32 bn less B coy area NORTH HILL to R SONG (.) D coy 2/43 bn 647694 B coy 2/32 bn 649722 (.) 26 bde (.) bde HQ moved to 554678 (.) B coy 2/23 bn established bridgehead over R SONG 150 yards downstream from suspension br 562711 (.) crossing effected unobserved (.) D coy in covering posn 200 yds downstream (.) C coy unsuccessfully attempted crossing at br (.) prevented by hg LMG and rifle fire from JAP posn on north bank estimated at more than one pl (.) PW captured vicinity br (.) extensive patrols 2/4 cav sqn area MARARUO NMS (.) 4 bde (.) 29/46 bn passed under operational comd 29 bde (.) C coy 22 bn moved to rejoin bn at 628642 (.) PIB (.) patrol contacted enemy still in posn 63708 (.) disposns 9 pl with 2/43 bn 10 pl with 2/23 bn 11 pl with 2/15 bn (.) arty fire on enemy posns WARHO NONGARA areas and to north NE and east (.) no enemy air activity over last 24 hrs.

If liable etc

DRLS

TOC 301200L

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TO 22, 29/46, 37/52 Aust Inf Bns

FROM 4 Aust Inf Bde

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MOST SECRET (.) 9 Aust Div sitrep 84 to 302000L(.) ref maps 1/25000 series first edition (.) 29 bde (.) 2/13 bn (.) patrol GARABO to 1800 feature 5870 NMS (.) patrol from 615684 along high ground to 613703 and return NMS (.) 9 coy moved to jeephead 628699 (.) 2/15 Bn (.) A and C coys adv towards NON-GARA at last light were close to village believed to be NONGARA but darkness and mist prevented exact orientation (.) enemy scouts contacted this area (.) disposns HQ 527699 B coy 625701 D coy 625700 with one pl 627703 in posn found vacated by JAPS (.) 2/17 bn NTR (.) 24 bde (.) 2/28 bn (.) patrol B coy along coastal track to 649750 fired on from 649751 (.) patrol returned to coy perimeter 647744 (.) 37/52 bn (.) standing patrol 624700 fired on 2 JAPS 625705 results unobserved (.) patrol from 638596 to sq 6370 to 628706 and return NMS (.) 2/43 bn (.) patrol round southern half of sq 6373 NMS but many dead (.) A and B coys sp by tks 301600L adv from PABU 637730 westward brushing aside opposition at 632728 (.) our casualties one killed 3 wounded (.) perimeter formed for night 628731 (.) D coy moved to PABU (.) 26 bde (.) 2/4 coy sqn found 70mm gun abandoned and made US by JAPS at 538674 (.) ref MASAWINEP R one inch (.) patrol could NOT find village 515705 (.) village 475718 unoccupied (.) 2/23 bn (.) ref BONGA photo map (.) br head 113117 captured and secured by C and D coys (.) enemy force estimated more than 50 encountered by A and B coys in succession and was wiped out (.) In perimeter for night 6 115123 in close contact (.) A coy 2/24 bn moved to FICR (.) 2/48 bn NTR (.) 4 bde (.) A coy 22 bn relieved one coy 29/46 bn (.) D coy 22 bn moved from KIDAM to 628644 (.) bn HQ 2/2 NO bn moved to 586662 (.) own airops 29 Nov (.) 49 tons bombs dropped on JAPS OLOUGESTER.

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Unit: *946*
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Secret @ SITREP 311900L @ Ref B Coy

22 Bn & D Coy 29/46 Bn patrols arrived

HOMPURONE 492824, 3 Dec NO contact

with 2/4 Cav. squad. patrol @ A Coy

37/52 Bn @ 3 day patrol from WANDOKIA-

ZAG-AHEMI departed 517838 ref 1/25000

310800L NO further reports @ 22 Bn

patrol to AIMALAO Out 310800L, in

311730L killed 1 Jap SW AIMALAO

otherwise NTR @ All informed

311925L

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GREETINGS
CHRISTMAS — 1943



Co 37/52 bn

Kindly thoughts and good
wishes to you, your officers &
men

Stan Savage

J. S. McClelland Pty. Ltd.,

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TO *22. Bn 29/46 bn, 37/35/401 C sqn 7th A Coy 2/2 MCB 47 Fa Amb 9pl P.1B*

FROM *4. Bde*

Originator's Number *I 337*

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TO 22 bn 29/46 bn 37/52 bn C Tk Sqm A Coy 2/7 Fd Coy MG bn 9 div 26 Fd Regt

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MOST	SECRET	○	following	code	names
will	be	used	on	commencement	move
4	dec. ○	29/46	bn	to	be
known	as	SEAFORCE	○	first	objective
feature	613752	as	FLAT TOP	second	objective
feature	600772	as	SCAR FACE	○	B
way	37/52	bn	to	be	known

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TO *22 29/46 37/52 2/6 71d reg 2/7 71d coy A Coy 2/2 MG's. A Coy PIB DETASC DETS2ESB*

FROM *4 Bde*

Originator's Number *0161* Date *21* In Reply to Number

The C in C requests that all ranks be informed of his appreciation of the work of the Bde group in successfully completing another phase of the present campaign

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TO *1 bdl*

FROM *9 div*

Originator's Number

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Date

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ref msg 07490 pfs for consideration and application when necessary during adv month by 4 or 5 bds follow 0 inf patrols of less than a pl strength will rarely be warranted 0 if a pl is likely to have to act temporarily defensively the remainder of the cog will be placed where it can quickly reinforce the pl 0 if counter attack in strength is likely to be met cog should operate in pairs rather than singly 0 cutting of the ship route by 0 can best be avoided by having 0 stationed to some degree 0 when the coastal strip is narrow no 0 to the right may be necessary but it will usually be advisable for the centre line of the formation to be placed some distance west of the coastal track 0 such arrangements will permit the formation to obtain a safe degree of concentration 0 additional depth to the west can be obtained by placing out pl standing patrols on important features and where they can be quickly reinforced.

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4 Bde

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Secret - 20 Bde SITREP to 311900L
 Advance continued 310900L with 2/15 Bn
 advance guard 2/17 Bn main body passing
 through 2/13 Bn which remained KATNON
 area in Bde reserve. Going along coast
 good for infantry but tanks reticulated
 by deep creek. Returning afternoon. Flanking
 Coy found going hard and slow consistent jap
 movement observed late afternoon. 311600L
 1.5 japs moving NORTH 424051. 311730L 41 moving
 SOUTH 423071. 311745L 6 moving SOUTH. Results
 point all enemy movement engaged by Artillery results
 unobserved. Forward elements approaching
 NANDA came under SA fire from village.
 Our troops on high ground observed approx 40 japs
 that area engaged by Artillery and mortars.
 Abandoned 75MM gun, with spare parts and 2
 dial sights found. CK 443027 3 dead japs

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found and 16 now captured same area
Count-gaps dead KANOMI area 15 no check yet
RVA area
Dispositions Bde HQ 468003, 2/15 Bn
HQ and B Coy 440026, A 436026, C 438030, D with
Bn MG PLET 443027
2/17 Bn HQ 452017, A Coy
447017 B 454013 C 447014 D 449022
4 Hoop tanks approx 453017
B Coy MG Bn
1 Plet 452018 2 Plet with 2/13 Bn 3 Plet 438030
All informed

010730Z
010800Z
010915Z

LIST OF OFFICERS AT COMMENCEMENT OF ACTION

LIGENCE
ARMY NO

Lt-Col J.G. ROWAN
Major H.E. WRIGHT
Capt. N.S. ROWLEY
Lieut. J.A.V. KINGMAN

HQ Coy

Major E.G. GREEN O.C.
Capt. J.A. ANDERSON M.M.G
Lieut. F.W. WARE Mortar
" A.C. URQUHART Pioneers
" R.J. MURPHY Tk/A
" V.T. COLE Q.M.

A Coy

Capt. S.W. WICKS O.C.
" A.S.R. DODDRELL 2 1/c
Lieut. L.T. GRIFFIN Pl. Comd.

B Coy

Major C.W. MACFARLANE O.C.
Capt. J.S. SARTORI 2 1/c
Lieut. T.S. POWNEY Pl. Comd.
Byrne

C Coy

Capt. M.W.W. KITNEY O.C.
Lieut. A.T. SCOTT Pl. Comd.
" R.E. MORGAN Pl. Comd.

D Coy

Capt. G.T. CLAPPERTON O.C.
Lieut. A.E. WITHINGTON Pl. Comd
" R.W. INNES Pl. Comd

R.M.O.
Padre

Capt. J.M. DOWNING
R.T. FABIAN

Lieut. J.O. SPICER Det 4 Aust Inf Bde as L.O.

Lieut. D.G. BROWN Det 4 Aust Inf Bde .O.C. Bde D & E Platoon.

L.O.B.

Capt. R.W.M. PAGE
" A.N. PALMER
Lieut. A.C. CLARK
" R.R.C. EASDOWN
" A.L. PRINGIE

38 O/R's

Sick Evacuated during DECEMBER

<u>OFF.</u>	<u>O/R's</u>
1	206

Battle Casualty List

	<u>Killed</u>	<u>Missing</u>	<u>Wounded</u>	<u>Detail see reverse</u>
	Off <u>O/R's</u>		Off <u>O/R's</u>	
	1 x 15		2 x 33	
<u>Strength O/R's commencement of Action.</u>				
Posted Strength :	654			
L.O.B.	38			
Detached Personnel & Hosp	75			
	<u>113</u>		<u>Effective Strength</u>	341

WOUNDED

KILLED

<u>ARMY NO</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>ARMY NO</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>
V421324	Pte	FRISWELL A.G.	WX 3694	Lieut.	R.W.INNES
VX144994	"	HILL R	VX 111936	Pte	ANDERSON N.M.
VX142083	"	BOWLER A.	V 240541	"	BELL J
V128055	"	ROYAL L.M.	VX 111939	A/Cpl	BOUCHER E.C.S.
VX144829	A/Cpl	MARONEY L.E.	VX 144828	Pte	BOURNE D.G.
V315509	Pte	GARTH R	QX 56752	L/Cpl	CAHILL R.J.
VX69158	"	MILLER R.L.	V 246335	Pte	JONES G.E.
VX109275	"	PHILLIPS N.H.	VX 142125	"	KERR G.R.
VX 71672	"	BARTLETT A.E.	VX 131783	A/Sgt	KINSON K
VX118714	A/Cpl	BRAUER W.C.	VX 143775	Pte	MILLS R.R.
VX122013	Pte	O'CONNOR K	VX 122030	"	MITCHELL M.R.
VX131778	A/Cpl	BATES E.R.	VX 109251	A/Cpl	McDONALD K.A.
VX71078	Pte	McLURE E.K.	VX 120261	A/Cpl	NORTON J.L.
VX77575	"	RUDOLPH D.N.	VX 105891	Pte	RENDELL J.E.
VX138364	"	O'CONNOR T.J.	VX 140408	"	STEER C
V128235	"	MEATON W.J.	VX 136333	"	SQUIRES E.S.
Q114477	"	HORGAN H.T.			
VX29992		XXXXXXXXXX			
VX122025	A/Cpl	CRANE E.C.			
V321366	Pte	SCHMACK F.J.			
V129034	"	WHITEHEAD R.E.			
VX109214	"	HUNT E.W.			
VX142086	"	HAYSE G.L.			
V125263	"	FERRARI F.H.			
VX78055	"	ZEIGLER G.A.			
V41281	"	HIGGINS G.W.			
VX131848	A/Cpl	LUCAS K.O.			
VX131781	A/Cpl	FLEMING J.R.			
V128309	Pte	BREN H			
V41700	Sgt	EVEREST N.W.	A.A. Catering Corps		
VX132491	Pte	PRESTON A.E.	"	"	"
V129092	"	HEILY G	"	"	" (Died of wounds)
VX74833	"	SHEMBERG H			" (Died of wounds)
V246317	"	BLUME E.M.			
<u>OFFICERS</u>					
VX28505	Lieut.	POWNEY T.S.			
VX27291	"	GRIFFIN L.T.			

Killed 177
 Wounded 177
 Missing 177
 Total 531

During the action of the 37/52 Bn in December the system adopted for a supply of rations,ammunition,stores etc.proved quite satisfactory,though a times unavoidable difficulties arose.

B.Echelon rear consisted of QM,5 Coy CQMS,Transport Sgt,3Drivers,1 Clerk from BnHQ and 7 attached personnel.

B Echelon forward consisted of RQMS, Caterer, Butcher, and 2 Storeman. Coy ration strengths were received daily by the clerk and handed individually to the CQ's and collectively to the QM. Rations were then drawn in bulk from the DID by the QM and broken into Coy lots with the assistance of the CQ's. CQ's would pack their Coy rations into native "boy packs" and advise the QM of the number of natives required , who in turn made the necessary arrangements with ANGAU through Bde.

This work had to be completed each evening so as to prevent any delay when the natives arrived at 0830 in the morning. Ammunition and all other stores were handled in much the same way. On the arrival of the natives in the morning each CQ was allotted his required number plus a protective party from the remainder of B Echelon. The train then formed up and moved up to the Bn under the control of the Transport Sgt,who would be clearly informed of the route and the meeting point.

Forward B Echelon operated as follows.

The RQMS would arrange the meeting place for the ration train,where, in addition to himself,he would have his staff. It was essential to have the RQ at this point, not only to check on guides etc. but to make any last adjustments to Coy rations, which was invariably necessary due to the tactical situation demanding a section of MMG,Mortars, Pioneers, Arty FOO's,etc to move from one Coy to another. This change may not take place until after the ration train leaves B Echelon Rear. The RQ being in close contact with BnHQ would be informed of the change and so supervise the redistribution at the meeting point. Should the track to any coy be dangerous to the natives a larger escort would be provided by the Bn,or,if the situation was very acute the rations would be left by the natives at the meeting point and taken by white carriers to the coy. After delivery , natives in their coy groups would return to ANGAU independantly.

Difficulties encountered had to be remedied according to their nature and none were sufficiently consistent to warrant enumeration or lay down a set drill for rectification.

The foregoing system was adopted after the first few days of trial and error, and on the whole worked very satisfactorily.

The DID's and Ordnance representative were extremely co-operative right through, and regardless of the hour of the day , provided 100% service.

.....*Victor Cole*.....*Leact.*.....QM.

37/52 Aust. Inf. Bn.

The greater part of the month was spent in action in mountainous country, and movement called for a considerable expenditure of energy quite apart from engagement of the enemy.

The organisation of the medical side of the unit consisted of a stretcher squad and a Dresser with each rifle coy, and the Regt. stretchers bearers on call as required, moving with the RAP at BnHQ. There were never more than a dozen Regt bearers, making it impossible to have a squad with each coy, and owing to the nature of the ground it was quite impracticable to transfer squads from rear to forward coys. Fortunately most of the evacuations were walking cases, for stretcher cases produced problems of transport and time.

Battle casualties were 16 KIA, 1 DOW, 34 WIA. 200!

Evacuations due to illness were much higher for the month, totalling about 100. This was due to the arduous nature of the work and the fact that men who were off colour had little if any time to rest properly. Several cases of diarrhoea were held at, and moved with, the RAP until they recovered.

One case, only, of NYD(N) occurred and was evacuated two days before completion of the unit's time in action. Two cases of scrub-typhus were notified.

At the start, B coy was detached from the unit, and a squad of Regt. bearers and a medical orderly moved with it. Similarly at the end, A coy was sent on a patrol with a similar medical team.

Moving with the unit, and attached to it, was a section of the 4 Field AMB, which took and evacuated casualties and sick.

The rations during the action were mainly tinned beef and M&V and biscuits but fresh rolls, margarine, jam, tinned vegetables and fruit were available at times, and the fortified chocolate ration was issued. The new Field Operational rations were found to be appetising and filling and were very popular.

With the exception of A coy, the unit had been relieved by Xmas day and the mental stagnation suffered by most members of the unit was to a large extent relieved by the arrival of the ACF hampers and other Xmas rations.

During the last week of the month, despite less active conditions the sick rate continued to be high and, in my opinion, practically everyone was devoid of any surplus mental energy.

.....*J. D. ...*.....RMO.

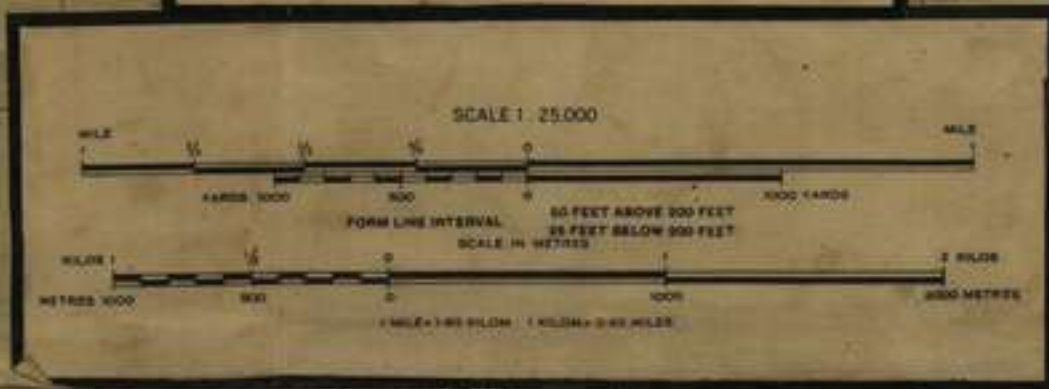
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SOUTHERN NEW GUINEA ZONE

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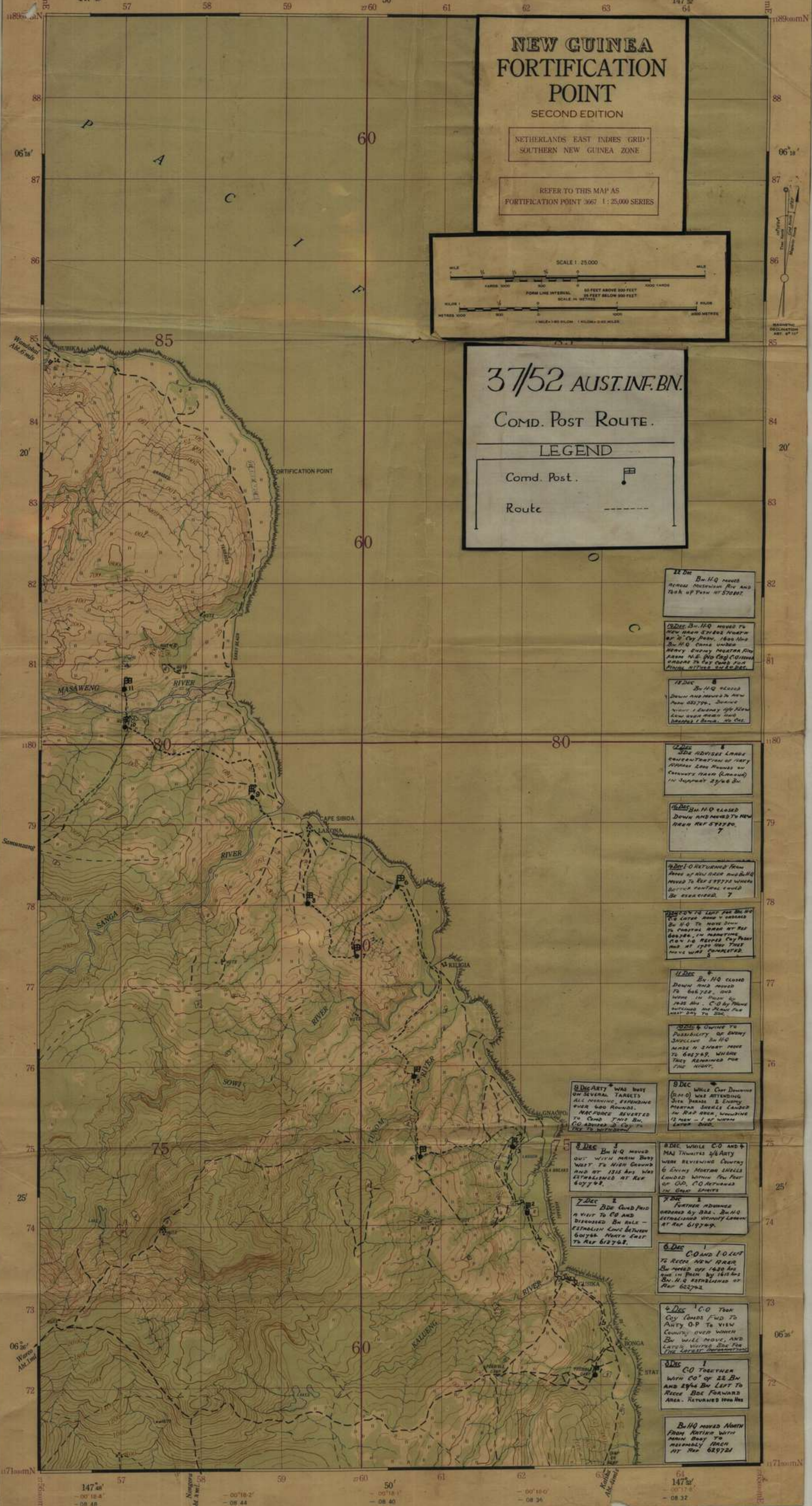


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COMD. POST ROUTE.

LEGEND

- Comd. Post.
- Route



22 Dec
Bn HQ moved
across MUSAWEA RIV AND
TOOK UP PATH AT 570887.

19 Dec Bn HQ moved to
NEW BRN SIBIDA NORTH
OF 'C' CO PATH, 1600 Hrs
Bn HQ came under
HEAVY ENEMY MORTAR AND
GREN. FIRE. COY COG (COMM)
WENT TO 'C' COY CAMP FOR
MUN. SUPPLY ON 20 DEC.

18 Dec
Bn HQ closed
DOWN AND MOVED TO NEW
BRN 53779. DUNGS
WENT TO ENEMY HQ NEW
BRN WERE HEARD AND
DROPPED 1 BOMB. 20 Dec

16 Dec
2ND ADVISER LARGE
CONCENTRATION OF ENEMY
FORWARD LOCATIONS ON
CAMPUS AREA (LAWNS)
IN SUPPORT 29/68 BN

15 Dec Bn HQ closed
DOWN AND MOVED TO NEW
BRN REF 53780.
7

14 Dec HQ RETURNED FROM
AREA OF NEW BRN AND Bn HQ
MOVED TO REF 53778 WHERE
BETTER CONTROL COULD
BE EXERCISED. 7

13 Dec HQ TO LEFT FOR Bn HQ
TO LATER AND HQ MOVED
TO HQ TO MOVE DOWN
TO PORTAL AREA AT REF
60728. IN MORNING
COY 10 RECEIVED COY
AND AT 1200 HRS THAT
MOVE WAS COMPLETED.

11 Dec
Bn HQ closed
DOWN AND MOVED
TO 60728. 2ND
WENT IN DOWN BY
1000 HRS. 'C' COY WERE
OUTSIDE AND PLANT FOR
MAY 200 TO 200.

10 Dec & OUNING TO
POSSIBILITY OF ENEMY
SHELLING Bn HQ
MADE A SHORT MOVE
TO 60728, WHERE
THEY REMAINED FOR
THE NIGHT.

9 Dec WHILE COY DOWNING
(1000) WAS ATTENDING
SUN PARADE & ENEMY
MORTAR SHELLS LANDED
IN REF AREA, WOUNDING
12 MEN - 1 OF WHOM
LATER DIED.

8 Dec ARTY WAS busy
ON SEVERAL TARGETS
ALL MORNING, SPENDING
OVER 400 ROUNDS.
MACFARLANE REVERTED
TO COMD THIS BN,
CO ADVISER 'C' COY TO
THE 'C' BATTALION.

8 Dec Bn HQ moved
OUT WITH MAIN BODY
WEST TO HIGH GROUNDS
AND AT 1315 HRS WAS
ESTABLISHED AT REF
60774.

7 Dec BDE COMD MADE
A VISIT TO 'C' COY AND
DISCUSSED BN RULES -
ESTABLISH LINE BETWEEN
60728 NORTH EAST
TO REF 61274.

7 Dec FURTHER ADVISER
ORDERED BY BDE. Bn HQ
ESTABLISHED VERY CLOSE
AT REF 61274.

6 Dec 'C' COY AND 'D' COY
TO RECON NEW BRN
Bn MOVED OFF 1600 HRS
AND IN PATH BY 1615 HRS
Bn HQ ESTABLISHED AT
REF 62274.

4 Dec 'C' COY TOOK
COY (ANDS FWD TO
ANY 'C' TO VIEW
COUNTRY OVER WHICH
Bn WILL MOVE. FOR
LATER MOVING Bn
THE LATEST INFORMATION.

3 Dec 'C' COY TOGETHER
WITH 'D' COY OF 22 BN
AND 29th BN LEFT TO
RECON BDE FORWARD
AREA. RETURNED 1000 HRS

Bn HQ MOVED NORTH
FROM KATINA WITH
MAIN BODY TO
ASSEMBLY AREA
AT REF 62921



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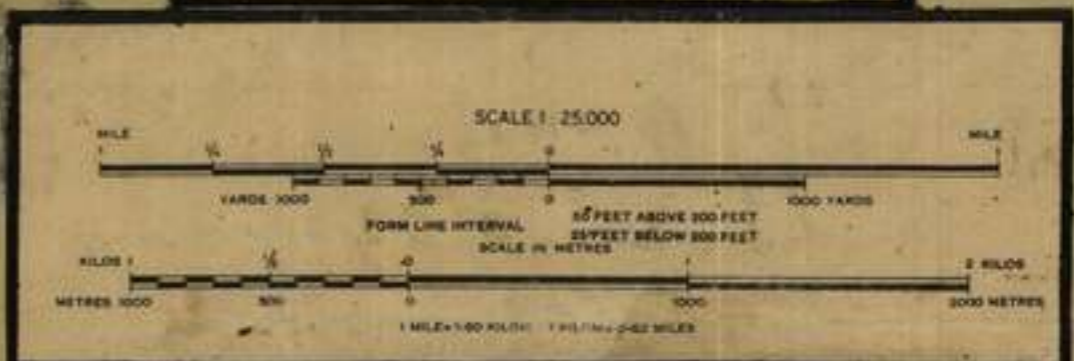
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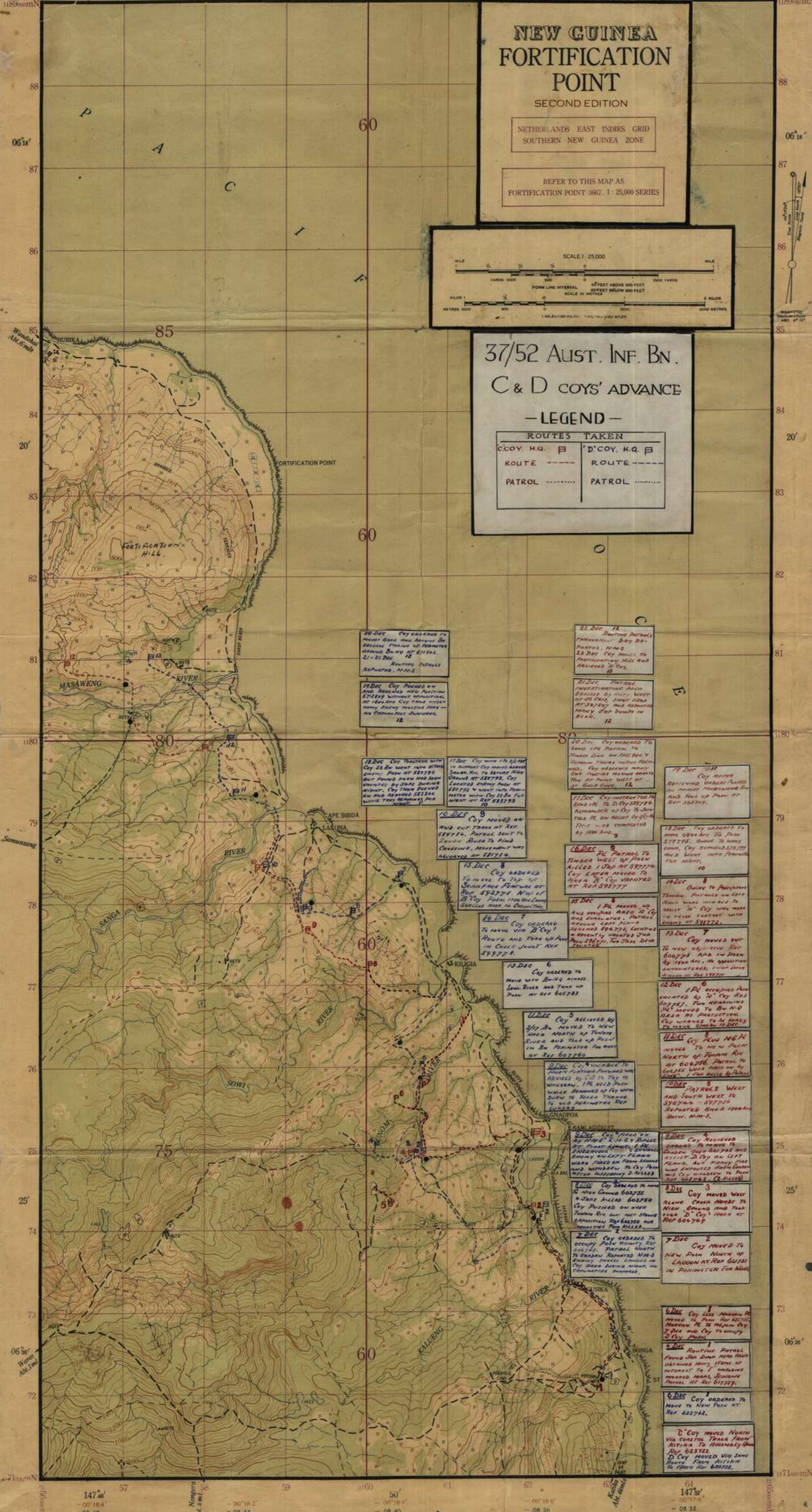
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— LEGEND —

ROUTES TAKEN	
C COY. H.Q.	D COY. H.Q.
ROUTE	ROUTE
PATROL	PATROL



20 Dec Coy ordered to
move back and report to
HQ. Finding up position
around 5000 ft at 0710Z.
21-22 Dec 13
Routes taken
reported, N-4-3

19 Dec Coy pushed on
and reached new position
5200 ft without opposition.
At 1600Z Coy came under
heavy enemy machine fire
and returned to previous
position.

22 Dec 12
Routes taken
reported, N-4-3

23 Dec Coy moved to
position on hill and
received 5000 ft
at 1200Z.

21 Dec Patrol
investigated area
around 5000 ft. West
of 5000 ft. Coy found
5000 ft. and reported
enemy positions in
area.

18 Dec Coy together with
Coy 22 Bn went into
position at 0710Z.
But found area had been
occupied by Japs during
night. Coy then pushed
on and reached 5210Z
where they remained.

17 Dec Coy with 1st platoon
in support of 2nd platoon
moved on to secure new
ground at 0710Z. Coy
located enemy position
at 5270Z. Coy then
moved on to 5270Z
with Coy 22 Bn. Coy
went on to 5270Z
at 0710Z.

20 Dec Coy ordered to
move to 5270Z. Coy
went on to 5270Z
at 0710Z. Coy
went on to 5270Z
at 0710Z.

19 Dec 12
Coy moved
to new position at
0710Z. Coy went
on to 5270Z at
0710Z.

16 Dec Coy ordered
to move to 5270Z.
Coy went on to 5270Z
at 0710Z. Coy
went on to 5270Z
at 0710Z.

15 Dec Coy ordered
to move to 5270Z.
Coy went on to 5270Z
at 0710Z. Coy
went on to 5270Z
at 0710Z.

16 Dec 12
Patrol to
investigate area
around 5000 ft. Coy
found 5000 ft. and
reported enemy
positions in area.

15 Dec 12
Coy moved on
to 5270Z. Coy
went on to 5270Z
at 0710Z. Coy
went on to 5270Z
at 0710Z.

14 Dec Coy ordered
to move to 5270Z.
Coy went on to 5270Z
at 0710Z. Coy
went on to 5270Z
at 0710Z.

13 Dec Coy ordered
to move to 5270Z.
Coy went on to 5270Z
at 0710Z. Coy
went on to 5270Z
at 0710Z.

13 Dec 12
Coy moved on
to 5270Z. Coy
went on to 5270Z
at 0710Z. Coy
went on to 5270Z
at 0710Z.

12 Dec 12
Coy moved on
to 5270Z. Coy
went on to 5270Z
at 0710Z. Coy
went on to 5270Z
at 0710Z.

12 Dec Coy ordered
to move to 5270Z.
Coy went on to 5270Z
at 0710Z. Coy
went on to 5270Z
at 0710Z.

11 Dec Coy ordered
to move to 5270Z.
Coy went on to 5270Z
at 0710Z. Coy
went on to 5270Z
at 0710Z.

12 Dec 12
Coy moved on
to 5270Z. Coy
went on to 5270Z
at 0710Z. Coy
went on to 5270Z
at 0710Z.

11 Dec 12
Coy moved on
to 5270Z. Coy
went on to 5270Z
at 0710Z. Coy
went on to 5270Z
at 0710Z.

10 Dec Coy ordered
to move to 5270Z.
Coy went on to 5270Z
at 0710Z. Coy
went on to 5270Z
at 0710Z.

9 Dec Coy ordered
to move to 5270Z.
Coy went on to 5270Z
at 0710Z. Coy
went on to 5270Z
at 0710Z.

10 Dec 12
Coy moved on
to 5270Z. Coy
went on to 5270Z
at 0710Z. Coy
went on to 5270Z
at 0710Z.

9 Dec 12
Coy moved on
to 5270Z. Coy
went on to 5270Z
at 0710Z. Coy
went on to 5270Z
at 0710Z.

8 Dec Coy ordered
to move to 5270Z.
Coy went on to 5270Z
at 0710Z. Coy
went on to 5270Z
at 0710Z.

7 Dec Coy ordered
to move to 5270Z.
Coy went on to 5270Z
at 0710Z. Coy
went on to 5270Z
at 0710Z.

8 Dec 12
Coy moved on
to 5270Z. Coy
went on to 5270Z
at 0710Z. Coy
went on to 5270Z
at 0710Z.

7 Dec 12
Coy moved on
to 5270Z. Coy
went on to 5270Z
at 0710Z. Coy
went on to 5270Z
at 0710Z.

7 Dec Coy ordered
to move to 5270Z.
Coy went on to 5270Z
at 0710Z. Coy
went on to 5270Z
at 0710Z.

6 Dec Coy ordered
to move to 5270Z.
Coy went on to 5270Z
at 0710Z. Coy
went on to 5270Z
at 0710Z.

7 Dec 12
Coy moved on
to 5270Z. Coy
went on to 5270Z
at 0710Z. Coy
went on to 5270Z
at 0710Z.

6 Dec 12
Coy moved on
to 5270Z. Coy
went on to 5270Z
at 0710Z. Coy
went on to 5270Z
at 0710Z.

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Routine orders part II.

H. Col. J. G. Rowan Command ^{37/52} Quart Coy Bn

Formation: 9th Quart Coy
Nos: - Special
26 DEC, +3.

1. Appointment of R.S.M.

Vt 86099 WO II DRING, L.R. (A.I.C.) has been appointed R.S.M. of this unit - as from 16 DEC.

2. Dress.

American Gaiters will NOT be cut down for standard size.

The wearing of platted head-bands as a head-band, will be discontinued forthwith.

A. V. S.
Adjutant. ^{37/52}