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WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Unit 37/52 Aust Inf Bn Date and Time.—From 1 MAY 44 ~~to~~ To

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
SINGOR	1 MAY 44	1900	<p>The unit continued clearing and improving the camp area today, particular attention being paid to cook-house areas. In some cases drains were necessary and with the use of empty ration tins, flatiries etc were also improved.</p> <p>Baseball competitions and other forms of sports were again arranged and held during the afternoon, some troops moved out on reconnaissance of the coast reaching DAGUR village.</p> <p>A patrol moved to the Spotter Station WEST of LAMPTUB returning with the headlines of the 1230 news</p>	

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Date and Time.—From *1 May 1944* To *2 May 1944*

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
<i>SINGOR</i>	<i>1 MAY 44</i>	<i>1900</i>	<p><i>bulletin at approx 1600 hrs. The reports of the impending conference of Empire leaders are being closely followed by the troops. News of Allied operations in New Guinea is also being followed with great interest.</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Padre Bale accompanied by 2 Inf personnel also visited the spotters and spent some time at F.N.G.F.U learning much of value about the natives.</i></p>	
<i>SINGOR</i>	<i>2 MAY 44</i>	<i>1900</i>	<p><i>A syllabus of three hours training per day for all troops was commenced today. Weapon training, P.T and section work comprised the main body of the syllabus.</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Capt Baldwin (S.C Learner + Bale)</i></p>	

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Date and Time.—From 2 May 1944 To 2 May 1944

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
SINGOR	2 MAY 44	1900	<p>Today advised the C.O (Lt. Col J. S. Rowan M.C.) to have a party ready to move with the 29/46 Bn as advance guard for the Bn move to MADANG. 29/46 Bn is on 1 hour's notice to move. It is probable that the movement will be made on 3 MAY 44</p> <p>While troops of D. Coy were practising ambush exercises off the track between SINGOR and D. Coy area a PIB. Sgt asked for assistance from our troops to capture a pro-Jap native who had escaped his custody, a number of rounds were given to the N.C.O and the native was later seen further along the track.</p>	

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Date and Time.—From 2 May 44 To 3 May 44

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
SINGOR	2 May 44	1900	<p>The traitor was armed with Grenades, as other troops were in the area it was impossible to shoot and the native escaped, he was quickly pursued by the P.I.B. patrol, but no further report has been received.</p> <p>Rain again fell shortly after dark this evening, but although prolonged was not heavy enough to do any damage.</p> <p>After the cool climate of WAREO the atmosphere here seems humid and close. However there is plenty of water both for washing and drinking so that personal hygiene is no problem.</p>	
SINGOR	3 May 44	1900	<p>Three hours training was conducted for</p>	

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
SINGOR	3 May 44	1900	<p>all troops today. Weapon training, map reading, section training and patrols formed the basis of the syllabus.</p> <p>Baseball competitions were held again during the afternoon while many troops spent the afternoon at the river and on the beach.</p> <p>The difficulty of filling in the long evenings without lights has been overcome somewhat by arranging lectures debates and discussions among the troops.</p> <p>Rations for the unit are becoming light but it is expected that more rations will arrive tomorrow.</p>	

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
SINGOR	4 May 44	1900	<p>Training filled in the morning for all troops, P.T., weapon training, section training and Recce patrols formed the syllabus.</p> <p>Most of the 29/46 BN troops moved from the area today, portion of H.Q. Coy 29/46 BN only remains.</p> <p>Reports from P.N.C.F.U. stated that the Pro-Jap native was located and captured 5 miles NORTH of our posn.</p> <p>Rations received during in the unit today consisted almost entirely of U.S. operational rations, types B+C. These are to last for one day only. Heavy rain fell during the night causing some discomfort.</p>	

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Unit 37/52 Aust Inf Bn Date and Time.—From 5 May 44 To

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
SINGOR	5 May 44	1900	<p>No parades were held today. Internal economy was carried out during the morning and damage caused by last night's heavy rain was repaired.</p> <p>A conference of all officers was held at Bn. H.Q. at 1030 hrs today when administrative matters were discussed.</p> <p>A training period for N.C.O.'s was carried out from 1400 - 1530 hrs today. Voice control and hints on instructing were studied and practised.</p> <p>At 1600 hrs Capt Baldwin (Learner 4 Bde) reported to the C.O. and advised that a Recce Party of 45 Personnel from this Unit would be</p>	

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Date and Time.—From 5 May contd To 6 May

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
SINGOR	5 May 44	1900	<p>required to embark for MADANG area not before 1000 hrs 6 May 44. Maj. H. E. Wright was appointed O.C of the party. One officer from each Coy and one N.C.O from each pl. plus batmen and orderlies were detailed for this task, it is expected that the main body of troops will follow 7 May 44.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">A quiet moonlight night was enjoyed by the troops this evening, the weather was so tempting it drew the C.O, I.O and A/adjt down to the beach for a stroll.</p>	
SINGOR	6 May 44	1900	<p>Training was resumed today throughout the unit today, this consisted mainly of weapon training P.T. and section work, Baseball</p>	

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
SINGOR	6 May 44	1900	<p>and soft ball competitions were conducted in the afternoon.</p> <p>Major H. C. Wright and party left for SINGOR at 1110 hrs this morning and arrived at MADANG ANCHORAGE at 1530 hrs</p> <p>Lt. Urquhart and 12 Pl B. Coy who were relieved at LONG ISLAND by 12 Pl B. Coy 24 Bn on 1 May 44 and had arrived at MADANG at 1430 hrs after staging the interval at SAIDOR, joined the party which had re-embarked, and reported to 4 Bde H.Q. (D'LOKE IS). From this point the party with the remainder of H.Q. Coy 29/46 Bn who had also moved from SINGOR in the barge convoy, moved to NACADA plantation</p>	

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
SINGOR	6 May 44	1900	<p>where guides were waiting to lead the party to the Bn Area.</p> <p>These guides were drawn from Capt West's party (leave personnel, hospital returns etc) who had arrived at NAGADA 1 May 44. The advance party arrived at the area, which is situated on the N.E. slope of a timbered feature approx 300 yds WEST of the main ALEXISHAFEN - BOGAJIM road Ref MADANG EAST 1" 707316, at 1815 hrs.</p> <p>Since arriving in the area, Capt West and party have carried out a thorough reconnaissance of the areas lying round the present position. A standing patrol</p>	

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Unit 37/52 Aust Inf Bn Date and Time.—From 6 May Contd To 7 May 44

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
SINGOR.	6 May 44	1900	<p>(1 N.C.O and 10 O.R^s) was established at AMRON MISSION 4 MAY 44. After staging at NAGADA MISSION the party occupied the present area by 1220 hrs 6 MAY 44. Capt West reports that the area is extremely quiet and seems to have been deserted for some time.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Rain fell during the night but caused very little damage.</p>	
NAGADA.	7 May 44	1900	<p>The remainder of troops now left at SINGOR were waiting to embark when the barges arrived at 1030 hrs this morning. Seven barges formed the convoy which moved for MADANG at 1110 hrs. A smooth trip was experienced so that the party</p>	

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
NAGADA	7 May 44	1900	<p>arrived safely at MADANG ANCHORAGE at 1545 hrs</p> <p>Vehicles which had come forward from SAIDOR were here unloaded and the party re-embarked proceeding to (D'LOKES) then NORTH to FREDERICK KARL HARBOUR dis-barging at NAGADA jetty at 1715 hrs.</p> <p>Guides escorted the party to the Bu area, but as only 140 personnel had been expected whereas the remainder of the Unit (less 2 Pl B. Coy) arrived, troops who had been detailed for carrying parties had to be employed as guides. The move was completed by 1800 hrs and all troops concentrated in the Bu area.</p>	

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Date and Time.—From 7 May 44 Contd To 8 May 44

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
NAGADA	7 May 44	1900	"D" Coy whose area is AMARON MISSION staged at NAGADA JETTY and will move to their area 0800 hrs 8 MAY 44. "C" Coy also staged at NAGADA prior to taking over area from 4 Bn	
NAGADA.	8 May 44	1900	Owing to the overgrown condition of the area, much clearing was necessary before construction work was begun. Dry weather during the day considerably helped, and work proceeded quickly. A quantity of timber and corrugated iron from a Jap HQ approx 400 yds S.W of our HQ is being used pending the arrival of the Unit's stores.	

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
NAGADIA	8 May 44	1900 hrs	<p>Advice was received from 4 Bde at 1230 hrs today that this unit will supply 200 men to report to 5 DIV Reception Camp as loading party for Liberty ships arriving at MADANG. It is expected that the duration of the task will be 4-5 days. A Coy, C Coy were ordered to move to MADANG for this task and 12 Pl B Coy will be di-verted to make up the total number of men required. Capt R.W.M. Page will act as O.C party until Maj. E. C. Green arrives.</p> <p>The C.O (Lt Col Rowan MC) accompanied by Lt J. A. V. Kingman (I.O) reported to 4 Bde HQ at 0930 hrs this morning.</p>	

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Unit 37/52 Aust Inf Bn Date and Time.—From 9 May 44 To _____

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
NAGADIA.	9 May 44	1900	<p>The C.O accompanied by Capt West (Capt) and Lt. Kingman (I.O) visited Capt Palmer (O.C. "D" Coy) in his area at AMRON MISSION and discussed the fire plan and defensive layout, incl mortars & M.M.G.^s for his area, weapon pits were sited and tactical disposition made. The party returned shortly before 1500 hrs.</p> <p>Further construction work was carried out today; timber cleared and many improvements made. Once again dry weather helped the work considerably. Mail received late last night was distributed to the troops, issues of <u>CUNEIF GOLD</u></p>	

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
NAGADFA	9 May 44	1900	<p>and SIALT publications were also made</p> <p>Two members of 2 Sec F.S. Section (detached to 4 Bde from F.S. Sec 5 Aust Div) visited Maj. H. E. Wright this morning at 1130 hrs</p> <p>arrangements for the disposal of Japanese documents etc were made; few documents and no C.W. equipment has been discovered by our troops, but a check has been made to ensure the despatch of these documents, care is being taken in examining Jap dumps for Booby traps and mines which the Japs have made good use of in this area.</p>	

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Unit 37/52 Aust Inf Bn Date and Time.—From 10 May 44 To

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
NAGADIA	10 May 44	1900	<p>A patrol (I.N.C.O-6 OR³) from "D" Coy left AMRON MISSION at 0900 hrs recontacting within 1 1/4 miles of NOBONOB in the S.W and SOUTH to NAGADIA RIVER Plantation.</p> <p>Much evidence of the Japs was found including vacated defensive posns and many bivouac areas, the patrol returned at 1530 hrs.</p> <p>Further clearing and construction occupied troops today, defensive posns in "D" Coy and 12 Pl area were also dug.</p> <p>Major H. E. Wright (2/c) travelled by Courier Barge to MADANG and visited Capt Page at the 5 Div Reception Camp. Our troops there</p>	

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Date and Time.—From 10 May 44 Contact to 11 May 44

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
NAGADA	10 May 44	1900	<p>(7 Officers, 123 OR^s) are working 6 hrs per day unloading a Liberty ship, a further six hours being spent in clearing the bivouac area and constructing kitchens etc. Water presents a problem but the ration position is good.</p> <p>The C.O., Capt West, Capt Rowley spent the latter part of the afternoon fishing. All the party caught was a sharpshooter but this did not diminish their pleasure.</p>	
NAGADA	11 May 44	1900	<p>Over 200 1/25,000 series maps of MADIANG-REMPI area received from 4 Bde H.Q yesterday were distributed today. Construction and</p>	

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Unit 37/52 Aust Inf Bn Date and Time.—From 11 May 44 to 12 May.

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
NAGADA	11 May 44	1900	clearing was continued today, much remains to be done but the area generally presents a far more comfortable appearance and improvements are noticeable. Several Jap areas were burned and cleared by some of our troops causing many explosions from ammunition etc, fox-holes and defence positions were filled in, some of them were found to be set with booby traps.	
NAGADA	12 May 44	1900	construction and clearing were continued today. Defence posns for Bn. H.Q and HQ Coy were considered. Fire swathes and construction of weapon pits will be commenced	

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Date and Time.—From 12 May 44 Contd

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
NAGADA	12 May 44	1900	<p>Tomorrow. A patrol (I.N.C.O - 12 OR's) supplied by H.Q. Coy moved from Bn H.Q. at 0830 hrs to the track junction NORTH of NAGADA PTN then WEST to within 1/2 mile of NOBONOB where contact was made with 29/46 Bn personnel, the patrol then moved NORTH along the track returning to Bn H.Q. through AMRON MISSION no enemy were sighted but many vacated positions well constructed were found along the track.</p> <p>The C.O accompanied by the I.O visited Lt. Urquhart (12 Pl B. Coy) and discussed and inspected the defenses constructed there. Provision has been made for</p>	

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Date and Time.—From 12 May 44 Cont 46

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			<p>The inclusion of the remainder of B. Coy. in that area when they rejoin the unit.</p> <p>Number 5 Pl H.Q. Coy (Pioneer Pl) rejoined the Unit today from SINGOR. B. Coy are still at SINGOR concentrated in this area</p> <p>now are 21 Officers 304 O.R.'s, at MADANG 7 Officers and 120 O.R.'s. SINGOR 1 Officer 34 O.R.'s and 1 Officer 25 O.R.'s are at FINSCHHAFEN</p> <p>a. bright clear night was experienced no rain falling after 1300 hrs today.</p>	
NAGADA	13 May 44	1900	<p>Patrol activity was continued today. No 3 patrol moved from Bn. H.Q. to NOBONOB and contacted personnel from 29/46 Bn.</p>	

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Date and Time.—From 13 May 44 Conto

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
NAGADA	13 May 44	1900	<p>Patrol no 4 moved from D. Coy area (AMRON MISSION) to BIGES RIV at 685351 and proceeded WEST along the river for approx one mile. no 3 patrol encountered signs of enemy occupation but the area patrolled by no 4 Patrol was peculiarly free from any signs of the enemy.</p> <p>The C.O accompanied by Capt N.S. Rowley (Capt) and Lt. Clark (Capt) followed the route taken by no 3 patrol, but failed to contact the party. Contact was made however with 29/46 Aust Inf Bn</p> <p>Bread for the unit was procured from D.I.D NAGADA today. The night and</p>	

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			<p>and taste of the "Staff of life" was most welcome after a period of "bag biscuits"</p> <p>Dry weather considerably helped construction work in the area today</p> <p>no rain fell during the night 12/13 May 44</p>	
NAGADIA.	14 May 44	1900	<p>church parade (voluntary attendance) was conducted at 0830 hrs in Bu N.Q area by Padre Bale, personnel of "B" Troop 2/14 Fd Regt attended the service. Padre Bale then moved to 12 Ph area and conducted service and communion for those troops.</p> <p>Rest periods were ordered for all troops apart from duty personnel today</p>	

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Date and Time.—From 14 May 44 cont'd to 15 May 44

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			<p>as it was felt that the unsettled conditions the warm climate and hard work required a short spell - 1100 - 1430 hrs.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Dry weather was again experienced, no rain having fallen since 12 May.</p>	
NAGADH	15 May 44	1900	<p>Two patrols were active today, no 5 patrol combed the area between the main road at creek junction Ref 712322 striking a well worn track leading N.E. to coast at Ref 728328 where it is obvious that the enemy had established a barge head.</p> <p>The track continued NORTH along the coast across the narrow neck of the promontory</p>	

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Date and Time.—From 15 May 44 contact to

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
NAGADA	15 MAY 44	1900	<p>through the gardens and huts to coast at Ref 735345. Evidence of strong defensive positions were found but not recently occupied.</p> <p>No 6. Patrol moved from AMRON MISSION SOUTH and WEST to NOBONOB establishing contact with 29/46 Bn before returning.</p> <p>It has been decided to move "B" Coy (12 Pl) from its present location to a position at Ref 677322. This move will commence at 0800 hrs 16 May 44.</p> <p>a track was cut from 12 Pl area by I.O (Lt. J. D. V. Kingman and party) to NAGADA RIVER at 697327 which failed to link up with track as shown on the map, after continuing</p>	

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Date and Time.—From 15 May 44 cont'd to 16 May 44

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
NAGADA	15 May 44	1900	<p>through the jungle the track was finally struck at 684325</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Dry weather continues, no rain having fallen since 12 May 44.</p>	
NAGADA	16 May 44	1900	<p>Patrol 707 was active in the area track junction 712318 to DEMASA Village at 733321.</p> <p>Much evidence of the Japanese was found a well constructed wooden bridge being crossed to gain the objective of DEMASA</p> <p>Turn level terrain made easy going for the patrol.</p> <p>"B" Coy (12 PL) moved to from 700328 at 0800 hrs this morning and established at 677322 at 1430 hrs. Communication with</p>	

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			<p>Bn H.Q. was established by 1500 hrs.</p> <p>Construction and maintenance were carried out during the day.</p> <p>Dry weather continues.</p>	
NAGADA	17 May 44	1900	<p>Patrol No 8 moved from AMRON MISSION S.W. to NOBONOB and established contact with 29/46 Bn at 1200 hrs. Patrol returned without having encountered any enemy or signs of recent enemy activity.</p> <p>One week's supply of rations was carried by troops of H.Q. Coy to 12 Pl during the afternoon. A team of natives which had been expected to carry the stores was cancelled, thus make use of</p>	

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
NAGADA	17 May 44	1900	<p>our own troops necessary.</p> <p>The remainder of "B" Coy (1 Officer 35 O.R.'s) under Maj E. C. Green arrived at NAGADA JETTY at 1630 hrs today. The party will stage the night at NAGADA area and it is intended to move the troops to Ref 677322 at 0830 hrs 18 May 44.</p> <p>Strength at this area now totals 22 Officers and 334 O.R.'s</p> <p>Dry weather continues apart from a very light shower which commenced at 0030 hrs last night and finished at 0100 hrs.</p>	

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Date and Time.—From 18 May 44 To

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
NAGADIA.	18 May 44	1900	<p>Three patrols were active today, no 8 patrol left AMRON MISSION for NOBONOB passing through 12 Pl B. Coy and contacted 29/46 Bn at 1200 hrs. a nil report was submitted.</p> <p>no 9 Patrol was active combing the area in Sq 7132 (ALEXISHAFEN 1/25,000) but saw no signs of enemy movement. no 10 Patrol conducted similar operations in Sq 7232 but after thoroughly combing the area submitted a nil report.</p> <p>The remainder of B. Coy under Maj. E. C. Green were today guided to their area at Ref 677322 (ALEXISHAFEN 1/25000)</p> <p>All troops were in the area by 1500 hrs.</p>	

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
NAGADA.	18 May 44	1900	<p>An effort to procure canteen supplies from F.D.C.S MADANG was made today when a party under Lt. Withington moved by barge at 1000 hrs complete with cash and optimism. Although it is expected that a canteen will be established in MADANG area, it is not since the departure from WARID that troops have had access to canteen supplies, so that it is hoped success will attend the efforts of the party.</p> <p>The day being propitious the C.O and Capt West (A/ADJT) decided an angling expedition was necessary.</p>	

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Date and Time.—From 18 May 44 to 19 May 44

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			<p>Two disappointed fishermen returned to Bn. H.Q. at 1630 hrs.</p> <p>Dry weather continues although lightning was seen last night.</p>	
NAGADA.	19 May 44	1900	<p>Patrol activity was held up for today while weapon pits were dug and the company localities set up. The area is now reasonably cleared, but further work in clearing jungle and making fire lanes was carried out.</p> <p>Maintenance and constructional work in the area was continued.</p> <p>A further weeks supply of rations</p>	

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Unit 3752 Aust Inf Bn Date and Time.—From 19 May 44 Contd to 20 May 44

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			<p>was carried by our troops to B. Coy today.</p> <p>Dry weather continues.</p>	
NAGADA	20 May 44	1900	<p>A small patrol (one section) left AMRON MISSION to contact B. Coy and 29/46 Pm at NOBONOB. The patrol returned at 1600 hrs with nothing to report.</p> <p>Hand C. Coy under Capt Page arrived at NAGADA at 1530 hrs, the boys task at MADANG having been completed.</p> <p>A. Coy moved to the area originally occupied by 12 Pl B. Coy (700328 THEXISHAFEN 1/25000) while C. Coy moved to an area near the junction of the main road and AMRON MISSION road Ref 711331.</p>	

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Date and Time.—From 20 May 44 contd To 21 May 44

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			<p>A. Coy were established in the area by 1700 hrs, C. Coy by 1630 hrs.</p> <p>Further work constructing defence positions was necessary today. In the afternoon kit inspections were carried out, and internal economy practised.</p> <p>The dry weather shows no signs of breaking.</p>	
NAGADA	21 May 44	1900	<p>Church parades were conducted throughout the unit by Padre Bale today. The C.O and Maj H. E. Wright attended the parade held in Bn. H.Q. area at 0830 hrs.</p> <p>B. and D boys having held pay parades</p>	

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Unit 37/52 Aust Inf Bn Date and Time.—From 21 May 44 Contd To 22 May 44

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			<p>yesterday, the remainder of troops in the unit were paid today.</p> <p>canteen goods obtained in MADANG and forwarded to NAGADA yesterday were distributed to troops last night and this morning.</p> <p>Rest periods were ordered for the whole unit today. Dry weather still continues.</p>	
NAGADA	22 May 44	1900	<p>A small patrol (one section) exploited the track from AMRON MISSION to NOBONOB today but returned without anything to report</p>	

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Date and Time.—From 22 May 1900 To _____

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
NAGADA	22 May	1900	<p>Construction work and preparation of defences was continued today and further areas were cleared of timber and scrub.</p> <p>The C.O (Lt. Col. J. J. Rowan M.C) made a R.V with Maj Halsoe (B.M. & Bde) at AMRON MISSION and inspected the area and defence positions.</p> <p>clothing and equipment was today issued to C.O.M's.</p> <p>The dry weather continues the days are extremely warm but the evenings and nights are generally cold</p>	

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Unit 37/52 Aust Inf Bn Date and Time.—From 23 May 44 To 24 May 44

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
NAGADA	23 May 44	1900	<p>Further work on defence positions in all areas was carried out today. Around Bn. H.Q. area further clearing was commenced and a dam constructed at water point.</p> <p>Having discovered a small quantity of piping, members of the band constructed a small shower below the water-point for the use of the troops.</p> <p>Heavy rain fell during the night 22/23 May, a total of 115 pts being recorded.</p>	
NAGADA.	24 May 44	1900	<p>Further construction and maintenance work was carried out throughout the</p>	

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Date and Time.—From 24 May 44 to 26 May 44

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
NAGADA	24 May 44	1900	<p>unit today. Time was also spent on constructing defence positions and clearing fields of fire.</p> <p>Shortly before 1000 hrs this morning two O.R.'s of H.Q. Coy who had been collecting building material at the Jap village between Bn H.Q. and A Coy reported that they had encountered 3 unarmed Japs in a dilapidated hut. Unarmed themselves, the men chased the Japs who made off into the bush. Patrols from H.Q. Coy, A and D Coy were immediately sent out to search the area, but although the Japs footprints (one of them without boots)</p>	

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NMGADA	24 May 44	1900	<p>were picked up and followed until they disappeared, no further sign of the enemy was encountered.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">While on the way to Bui H. Q. the two men who had discovered the Japs met Padre Bale and the R.S.M and party who were on their way to B. Coy.</p> <p>While passing through the village the party saw no signs of the Japs, but noticed that the Japs had been preparing food when disturbed and had left some of their clothing behind.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Standing patrols were established by 1500 hrs at the following map references</p>	

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NAGADA	24 May 44	1900	<p>705326, 700320, 698331, 689354, 694332, 705334 and 698328 (ALEXIS HAFEN 1/25000 Series)</p> <p>These patrols will stand at their positions until 0700 hrs 25 May 44. Patrols leaving B, C, D boy and HQ boy at first light will comb the areas lying between the village and their respective boys.</p> <p>It is expected the enemy will attempt to move at night or early in the morning.</p> <p>Information from 4 Bde revealed that three unarmed Japs were challenged by a sentry of 58/59 Bn at approx 1900 hrs 23 May 44 but made off into the bush.</p>	

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Date and Time.—From 214 Bayham Contd To

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			<p>It is considered that these are the enemy encountered by our troops.</p> <p>The C.O accompanied by the I.O reported to 4 bde H.Q leaving Bn H.Q at 1630 hrs and returning shortly after 1900 hrs.</p> <p>While carrying out a reconaissance of C. Coy area during the afternoon the C.O and party (Capt W. E. Wright 2/c Capt Hammit R.M.O Lt. Kingman I.O Lt Clark R/Adj) encountered two snakes 8 to 9 feet long coiled beside a large log. At first the reptiles were thought to be the Taiwan species, but after they had been dispatched by Capt Wright and</p>	

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			<p>Lt. Kingman, they were recognised as carpet snakes. The C.O remarked that whatever they were, they were ugly enough customers to encounter.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">During the night 23/24 May 60 Pts of rain were recorded.</p>	
NAGADA	25 May 44	1900	<p>Standing patrols at all points returned by 0730 hrs with nothing to report</p> <p>The standing patrol at 705326 reported having heard suspicious noises in the vicinity of a hut 50 yds away during the night 24/25 May 44.</p> <p>a patrol from C. Coy which combed</p>	

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
NAGADA	25 May 44	1900	<p>the area from C. Coy to the Jap village at Ref 705326 reported having seen one Jap in that area at 0715 hrs who escaped although fired upon</p> <p style="text-align: center;">During the morning the area was consistently combed and at 1400 hrs Pte Morley (2 Pl HQ Coy) while investigating a Jap fox hole discovered the three fugitives one of whom made slight resistance.</p> <p>The prisoners were brought back to Bn. H.Q. under guard and arrangements made for their despatch to P.W. collecting point. The three men were in poor condition, without arms, equipment, boots</p>	

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NAGADA	25 May 44	1900	<p>on rations and were greatly pleased with the meal given them while they were waiting transport to 4 Bde</p> <p>One prisoner (Pte SHUTOSOA(?)) could speak a little English and made the statement that a fourth Jap was still in the village area.</p> <p>He was led out to the village but although he called loudly and investigated foxholes where the fourth man had been left, he was not discovered.</p> <p>Pte SHUTOSOA left a mark on several trees which he said would cause the other Jap to come in.</p>	

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
NAGADA	25 May 44	1900	<p>One of the prisoners was a N.C.O. (Pte MATIKA) The third was Pte WANDI. The capture created a great deal of excitement among the troops, particularly as these were the first P.W. to be taken by this unit and are the first to be passed through 4 Bde.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">On his return from 4 Bde HQ at 1900 hrs the C.O. informed his Staff Officers that this unit will carry out a landing on KAR KAR ISLAND (12 miles EAST of CAPE CROISILLES) approximately 10 days hence. Our task will be to destroy the Enemy RADAR on the island & exploit.</p>	

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
NAGHDA	25 May 44	1900	<p>The RADAR was reported active on 16 May 44</p> <p>It is expected that amphibious training will commence 29 May 44 when this unit will have under command 6 M Type barges. The C.O and I.O will make a reconnaissance of the island tomorrow, this information will not be promulgated to boy bonds until the result of the C.O's Recce is known. The C.O and I.O left for 4 Bde at 1700 hrs staging there the night</p> <p>B. Coy will be recalled to an area 200 yds from Bu H.Q as their present position is unsuitable in view of the</p>	

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			<p><i>forthcoming training.</i></p> <p><i>Light rain fell during the night 24/25 May recording 10 Pts</i></p>	
<i>NAGADA</i>	<i>26 May 44</i>	<i>1900</i>	<p><i>Construction and maintenance and defence works were carried out today.</i></p> <p><i>A quantity of banked goods was today procured from A.D.C.S NAGADA</i></p> <p><i>A liberal quantity and variety of goods was obtained.</i></p> <p><i>Preparations for the move of B. Coy to the new area near Bn. H.Q. was made some kitchen gear and rations being brought down today.</i></p>	

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
NAGADA	26 May 44	1900	<p>The C.O and I.O returned from 4 Bde HQ at 1630 hrs this evening having completed their reconnaissance of KAR KAR Is.</p> <p>The party aboard the M.L. was composed of the following personalities Maj Gen A.H. Ramsay O.B.E., DSO, ED (GOC 5 Div) and Aide de-camp, Col A.R. Dorkin O.B.E (ADM's 5 Div) Col Geary (US) Brigadier C.V.R. Eggar O.B.E., DSO (4 Bde) Maj Walter (B.M. 4 Bde) Lt Col J.G. Rowan M.C. and the I.O 37/52 Bn and Capt Woods (O.C. barges)</p> <p>A reconnaissance of the coast from KAUAILO on the SOUTH to BISON BAY on the WEST was made and although</p>	

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
NAGADA	26 May 44	1900	<p>The M.L. ranged between 150 yds and 300 yds from the shore no fire was encountered and no signs of enemy or any human was seen.</p> <p>Several good landing beaches were noticed, but it was decided that the beach at BISON BAY afforded the best opening for a beach-head and was agreed upon as the point at which the landing will occur. Several small damaged boats were noticed at various points along the coast, the villages looked deserted though clean and jetties were in disrepair.</p>	

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			<p style="text-align: center;">Additional information was received from 4 Bde during the day which considerably helped to build up a picture of the situation on the island.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Light rain fell during the evening and night recording 5 Pts</p>	
NARADA	27 May 44	1900	<p>B. Coy completed the move from the area Ref 677322 at 1600 hrs occupying an area at 70323</p> <p>The CO (Lt. Col. J. S. Rowan M.C) and I.O (Lt. J. A. V. Kingman) made a reconnaissance of SEK. 15 to discover a beach suitable for training. This was done rather quickly and the two Officers returned to Bn H.Q at 1200 hrs.</p>	

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Date and Time.—From 27 May 44 to 30 May 44

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
NAGADA	27 May 44	1900	<p>A conference of boy bands was held at Bu. H.Q. at 1400 hrs. The task of the unit was explained. All the available information, including known enemy movements, dispositions and troops on the island and additional information as to the natives and other population was given. One inch scale maps received from 4 Bde were available for study.</p> <p>The landing will take place in two waves, B. Coy and D. Coy will be the assault troops and will secure a beach-head approx 800' by 200'. These troops will be followed portion of Bu. H.Q.</p>	

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Date and Time.—From 27 May 44 to 28 May 44

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
NAGHDI	27 May 44	1900	<p>Sigs, one sec M.M.G and 2 Dets mortars.</p> <p>The second wave will comprise Sand C Boys and specialist troops. It is hoped that by 1600 hrs D. Day D. Day a beach-head approx 1000 yds by 400 yds will have been firmly established.</p> <p>The bay bonds conference was followed by a conference of all officers after bay bonds had informed their 2/c's and platoon Comds of the forthcoming operation. Details of the plan of embarkation were given and discussed. The training on the ground will commence tomorrow as it is</p>	

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			<p>not expected that barges will be available until 29 May 44; the locale of training will then shift to SEK. 15. It has not yet been decided what personnel gear will be carried but it is expected that equipment similar to that used at Fortification Point will be carried.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Light rain again fell during the night.</p>	
NAGARA.	28 May 44	1900	<p>After Church Parade which was conducted by Padre Bale at 0830 hrs, troops practiced embarkation on the ground in respective areas, as the barges will not be available until 29 May 44</p>	

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Date and Time.—From 28 May 44 to 30

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
NAGADA	28 May 44	1900	<p>When each member was sure of his station the troops practiced disembarkation and took up positions in front of the barges in relation to their position on the actual ground. The troops showed keenness and enthusiasm for this type of training.</p> <p>All boys were warned today that they will be on 12 hrs notice from 290630K</p> <p>3. Pl A. Coy P.I.B. arrived at NAGADA and came under bond this Unit as from 281600K</p> <p>These troops will stage at D.I.D area until embarkation for advance Base takes place.</p> <p>The role of P.I.B. in the following operations will be patrolling to the inland villages</p>	

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
NAGADA	29 May 44	1900	<p>As from today and until further notice reveille will be at 0630 hrs.</p> <p>A new phase of training was commenced today when troops comprising wave one embarked at NAGADA at 0900 hrs and travelled to SEK. IS. where an assault landing was carried out at Ref 447395 PLEXISPEN. 1/25,000.</p> <p>It is the C.O.'s intention that the landing will be accomplished in two waves - Wave one will comprise B and D. Coys, No 1 Pl N.G. Coy, 2 Dets Mortars 2 Sec M.M.G's, and bomb post, who will make the assault, followed by A and C Coys.</p>	

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
NAGADA.	29 May 44	1900	<p>half an hour later. Wave two will land approx 4 hrs later, and will comprise remaining personnel of H.Q. Coy - Bn H.Q. and attached personnel.</p> <p>Four barges will make the initial landing, followed by A.C. Coy half hour later in two barges.</p> <p>The C.O.'s intention is to make a simultaneous landing at H. hour with B. Coy on Right and D. Coy left approx 150' apart. At H+3 Barge three is to land containing 1 Pl from each of the forward boys, plus signals, supporting arms. Barge four containing bond post.</p>	

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
NAGADA	29 May 44	1900	<p>and more support troops is to land at H+6. On arrival of A & C Coy ½ hour later, they are to move through the beachhead and continue the advance. C Coy will move B through B Coy and advance SOUTH, whilst A Coy will pass through D Coy and advance NORTH.</p> <p>It is hoped by 1600 hrs D Day to have established a beachhead at least 1000 yds by 400 yards.</p> <p>The landings carried out on SEK Is. today were in complete accord with this plan, except that the assault troops were not followed by A and C Coys</p>	

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NAGADA	29 May 44	1900	<p>owing to four barges only being available</p> <p>The C.O. was completely satisfied with the landing as carried out; the troops showing keenness and the landing proceeded without a hitch. The landings were repeated again in the afternoon after the troops had returned to NAGADA for lunch, but lunches, lightly loaded packs and taken weapons (Mortars, M.M.G's) were carried.</p> <p>A warning order advising all boys to be prepared to move to forward base at SARANG (39 miles N.W. of MADANG)</p> <p>31 May 44 was issued today. D. Coy will</p>	

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			<p>stage over night 30/31 May at D.I.D area NAGADA</p> <p>All troops will concentrate at SARANG by 1 JUN 44 which will be the springboard for the assault on KAR KAR IS. Troops will not be informed of their destination until arrival at SARANG has been effected</p> <p>Light rain fell over night 28/29 May recording 2 Pts</p>	
NAGADA	30 May 44	1900	<p>A and C. Coys today rehearsed assault landings on SEK. IS. and returned to NAGADA by 1200 hrs having left at 0830 hrs</p> <p>The well trained troops gave a satisfactory performance, although the jungle in the area chosen was particularly dense</p>	

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Unit 37/52 Aust Inf Bn

Date and Time.—From 30 May 44 to 30 May 44

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
NAGADA.	30 May 44	1900	<p>While the two reserve boys were rehearsing, the unit readied itself for movement to forward Base. Personal equipment will be reduced to a minimum, tents shelter being carried by each man, these the tents have been proved very serviceable since issued to the unit at Dugan Reception Camp, and will also be used for officers.</p> <p>Haversacks packed with surplus gear will be dumped at SARANG and will follow the troops to KAR KAR 15 at a suitable time. One F.O.R., one emergency ration and two days hard ration will be carried into action.</p>	

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Date and Time.—From 30 May 44 to 1 Jun 44

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			<p>All attached troops less Det 2/15 7th Amb were concentrated in the Bn area by 1600 hrs. Public Relations representatives also arrived and were quartered at Bn H.Q.</p> <p>These troops will not leave until 1 JUN 44 when they will report to SARANG.</p> <p>It has been decided that the force which invades KAR KAR. IS. will be known as KAR FORCE. Karforce will comprise the following troops</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">37/52 Aust Inf Bn (less rear party)</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">15 7th Coy R.A.F. 1 Det</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">2/15 7th Amb 1 Det</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">5 Aust Div Salvage 1 Det</p>	

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Date and Time.—From 30 May 44 cont'd To 31 May 44

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			"L" Sec F.S. Sec	2 O.R.s
			4 Bde sig sec	1 Det.
			A.T.I.S	1 Officer
			4 Bde cipher	1 O.R.
			5 Aust Div Provost Coy.	1 Det.
			3 Pl A. Coy P.I.B.	
			ANCAFU	1 Officer 2 O.R.s (European)
			Heavy rain fell during the night	
			30/31 May 44, which is only natural when	
			this Unit moves says the troops!	
SARANG HARB.	31 May 44	1900	The movement of KARFORCE to fwd Base	
			SARANG commenced this morning at 0900 hrs	
			when advance Bn. N.Q. B. D and N.Q boys	

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Unit 37/52 Aust Inf Bn

Date and Time.—From 31 May 44 to Contd.

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			embarked at NAGADA JETTY and moved to ALEXISHAFEN NORTH where stores (3" mortars and M.M.G's from B.O.W.O. & Bole) were loaded and a party under command Lt Withington picked up, the convoy was delayed there until 1115 hrs owing to the non arrival on time of necessary rations.	
			After a smooth and uneventful trip the convoy arrived at SARANG at 1410 hrs Bn. H.Q. was established at Ref 603738 in a lullu coconut plantation somewhat overgrown. D. Coy established its H.Q.'s at Ref 601740 and B. Coy at 605738 MATUKA WEST 1" Water was available in the area	

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Unit 37/52 Aust Inf Bn Date and Time.—From 31 May 44 Contd.

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
SIRONG NARB	31 May 44	1900	<p>sufficient for all purposes.</p> <p>Shortly after the advance party had moved into the area, reconnaissance forward of the base was carried out and communications with 4 Bde were established when a recon party encountered office operated by 8 Bde personnel, approx 400 yds S.E. of Bn. HQ location.</p> <p>The Detachment 4 Bde Sig section attached to KARFORCE picked up the wireless news at 1900 hrs, which when promulgated to all troops in the area was much appreciated. It was learnt that bitter fighting was taking place</p>	

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Unit 37/52 Aust Inf Bn

Date and Time.—From 31 May 44 Contd To

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
SARANG HARB	31 May 44	1900	<p>on BIRAK IS. against strong enemy resistance news of a tank battle on the Island was also received.</p> <p>at 1800 hrs the C.O visited D. Coy and spoke to the men of the role they are to play in the forthcoming operations. The C.O was pleased with the interest shown by the troops and their knowledge of the task required of them.</p> <p>a clear moonlight night was experienced.</p>	

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37/52 AUST INF BN C O No 1

SECRET

Copy No 7...

28 MAY 44

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Ref Map: ALEXISHAFEN 1 : 25000

INFORMATION

1. Enemy have been in occupation of SEK ISLAND for some time. A RADAR STN is reported at SIBISIBI and was still active on 23/24 MAY 44. Tac R reports no observed movement on the island for this last three weeks. PT boatd on night 25/26 MAY 44 encountered inaccurate SA fire from 752390.

INTENTION

2. Recon of island on 27 MAY 44 showed no sign of movement or occupation.
(a) Tps under comd - one pl PIB, det 4 Ede Sig Sec, det 15 Fd Amb, det ANGAU, det RAE
3. 37/52 Aust Inf Bn will attack and capture SEK ISLAND, in two phases -

METHOD

4. First phase - 1st Flight - two coys
Right - B Coy
Left - D Coy
5. Objective - Secure beachhead from 745397 to 749394 - junc at 747397 - exploit to village 748398.
6. Allotment of craft - Nos 14 - 21 - 22 - 23.
See loading table app "B" and diagram 1.
7. Supporting arms - MMG - one sec to B Coy)
one sec to D Coy) report to coys
MOR - one det to B Coy) 0830 hrs NAGADA
one det to D Coy) D day
8. Reserves - No 10 PL to remain as reserve and will NOT be committed in initial stages without approval of CO.
Battle HQ move with first flight - see loading table appx "B" and intercom.
9. Second phase - 2nd Flight
Right - A Coy
Left - C Coy
10. Objective - Pass through beachhead and exploit to LAGOON 753387 and to beach front 750399.

METHOD - continued

- 11. Reserves - NO 3 Pl - Six dets in reserve
- No 4 Pl - Loading and unloading at beachhead
- No 5 Pl - Protection of BN HQ
- No 6 Pl - Establishment and maintenance of base
- Bn HQ - Remainder of personnel
- Loading table as per appx "B"
- PIB - Role; patrolling of deep patrols, contacting villages clear of coastal area, collection inf.

ADMINISTRATION

- 12. RAP - RMO and pers from RAP will move with 1st flight and est RAP on beach.
- AMN - Scale "A" on the man - reserve see appx "C"
- TOOLS - See admin instr No 1.
- SUPPLIES - See admin instr No 1.

INTERCOMMUNICATION

- 13. Bn HQ will be est at 747395.
- Line to all coys - coys of 1st flight will carry 400 yds of line - Sig O will arrange det of sigs and phone to each coy.

ACK

Signed at *Field*
N.S. Rowley Capt
 Adjt 37/52 Aust Inf Bn

Method of distribution

sig
 Time signed *281800/k.*

DISTRIBUTION

A Coy	Copy	No	1
B "	"	"	2
C "	"	"	3
D "	"	"	4
HQ "	"	"	5
C.O.	"	"	6
I.O.	"	"	7
4 Bde	"	"	8
File	"	"	9

Ref Map MADANG 1-25000
MATUKA W 1-63360



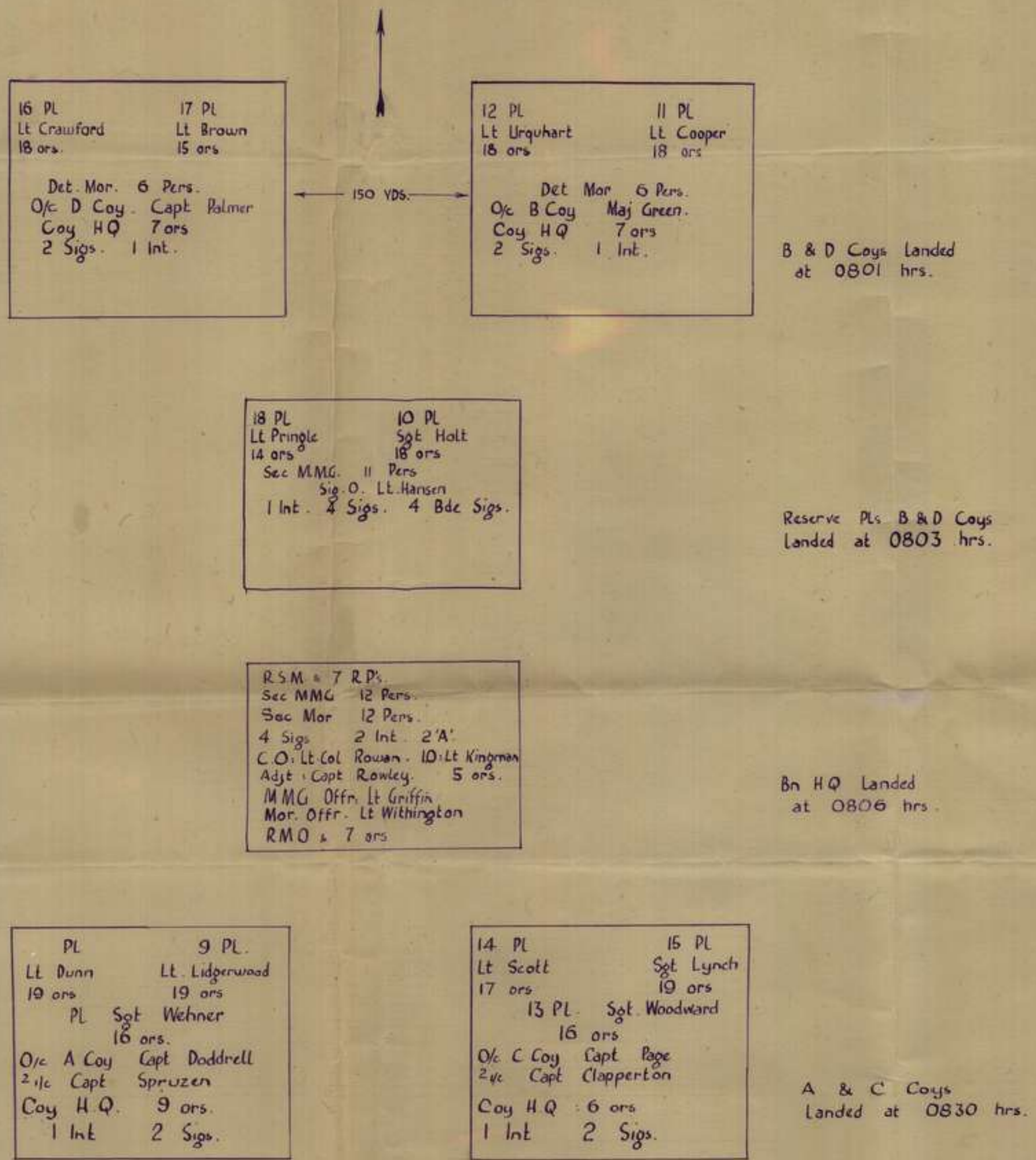
1. Warning order has been issued regarding move to fwd base.
2. CONCENTRATION OF PERSONNEL D Coy will concentrate area 714315 (MADANG SHEET) night 30/31 - to be in posn not later than 1730 hrs. All other tps remain in Boy areas.
3. TIME OF EMBARKATION 0900 hrs 31 MAY
0900 hrs 1 JUN
4. BARGES
31 MAY Availability as follows - 6 barges
(1) Tk/A Pl and Amn
(2) Pioneers 1 JUN 6 barges
(3) Supplies - Mor Pl (See App B for Day 2)
(4) DID Pers " "
5. PERSONNEL EMBARKING B Coy BnHQ 20 pers (Public Relations, War Correspondent Official Photographers)
D Coy MMG PL 4 Sigs (Bde) 109 Set
6. AMN SUPPLIES One (1) barge to MADANG plus 20 pers Tk/A pl. Collect amn, three (3) barges ALEX'N rations and DID pers (6).
7. FORWARD BASE SERANG sq 6073 (MATUKA SHEET)
8. DRESS
(a) All pers will move to fwd base in full marching order (incl haversack and spare boots). Berets will NOT be worn on forward move.
(b) Battle order will be as Op Inst No 1. Instrs will be issued verbally regarding coy dumps. These dumps will be est and completed by 1500 hrs D-1. All unnecessary gear will be placed in the haversack, which must be correctly and legibly labelled. Boots will be securely fastened to the outside of the haversack.
(c) Offrs valises. Bn HQ, A, B, HQ coys will dump Offrs valises at C.O.'s hut by 0800 hrs 31 MAY. These will be placed in hut by rear party remaining in Bn HQ lines.
9. COOKING GEAR Cooking gear on basis of 1 Dixie per Coy HQ and 1 per Pl will be carried to fwd base.
10. WATER CONTAINERS All available water containers will be carried, partly filled.
11. AMN Present available supplies will be carried on the man. Coys will ensure that their full requirements of amn, plus Coy reserve, is collected at fwd base and distributed on D-1.
12. FURTHER PERS D-2 A Coy
C Coy
Bn HQ (remainder of pers)
HQ Coy p HQrs pers
HQ Coy less MMG Pl, Mor Pl, Tk/A Pl, Pioneer Pl
B Ech
15 Fd Amb
15 Fd Coy
5 Div Provost
Salv
PIB
ANGAU
13. MOVE OF TPS FOR EMBARKATION
(a) All tps for embarkation 31 MAY will be in assembly areas at Beachhead at 0830 hrs.
(b) All tps for embarkation 1 JUN will be in emb pt at 0830 hrs.
A and C Coy will commence move NOT later than 0700 hrs.

DIAGRAM OF BEACH LANDING KARKAR IS.

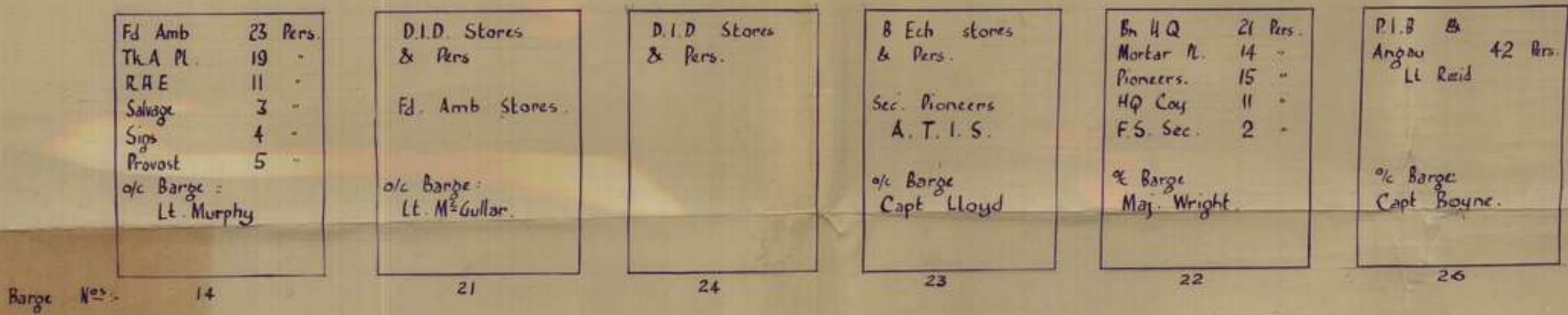
OPERATION ORDER N° 1

APPENDIX 'B'

FIRST WAVE



SECOND WAVE



TOTAL STORES & PERS ASHORE IN FIRST WAVE

BARGES 1, 2 & 3	B COY	58		BARGES 5 & 6	A COY	68
B & D Coys	D COY	64	24 HE 6 SMOKE	A & B Coys	C COY	63
	2 DET MOR	12	6000 RDS		INT	2
	1 SEC MMG	11			SIGS	4
	INT SEC	3				<u>354</u>
	SIGS	11	2 MILES 800 YDS CABLE			
		<u>159</u>	1 SWITCH 4 PHONES			
BARGE 4	RSM & R.P's	8				
Bn. H.Q.	2 DET. MOR	12	36 HE 6 SMOKE			
	1 SEC MMG	12	6000 RDS			
	SIGS	4	2 MILES CABLE 2 PHONES			
	OFFERS	5				
	O/RS	5				
	INT & 'A'	4				
	RMO & 7 O/RS	8				
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1. MEDICAL

Sec First-Aid kit to be carried.
Coy SBs will be responsible for the evacuation of casualties from Coy to RAP which is est on beachhead.
RMO and necessary pers will move with 1st flight and est RAP 100 yds clear of beach.
Supplies necessary for 5 hrs to be carried and remainder RAP stores with 2nd flight, incl stretchers amb.
A det of 15 Fd Amb will on arrival of 2nd flight est beach evac post.
Each coy will carry necessary forms for burial.

2. AMMUNITION

Scale "A" on the man.
Rifle 150
Bren 600
SMG 400
Gren 4 sec-2
Gren 7 sec-15 per coy
Gren 63 10 per coy
Mor 2" 15 per mor
Supporting arms - appx "C"
Reserves - Bn, coy, sec - appx "C"

3. TOOLS

Two shovels, one pick per sec.
All available machettes will be carried and on a scale of not less than two per sec.
Pioneers will carry three axes felling and 50 ft rope.
Each man to be in possession of strong piece of string or cord.

4. SUPPLIES

Rations on the man. Two FOR and one emergency and unconsumed portion of day's ration.
FORs will only be used on instructions from Bn HQ.
14 day's supplies will be landed on D. 1.
5 gals of anti-mocha fluid will be landed with supplies.
7 days atabrin will be carried on the man.
Each man will be in possession of water chlorination tabs - no water will be drunk without being chlorinated.
B Ech will be est at Base at
D 1 - Fwd B Ech will move to beachhead.
Rear B Ech will be responsible for clearing base and will move to beachhead not later than D. 4.

5. CONTROL AND CO-ORDINATION

Lt CLARK will be beach master at point of embarkation.
When beachhead is est and on arrival of 2nd flight Lt MURPHY will be beach master with Tk/A Pl - responsibility of clearing beach and arranging dumps.

6. GENERAL

Packs only will be carried. Light scale only incl rations, messing gear, shaving and toilet gear, canned heat, insect repellent lotion, mosquito net, half two-man tent, ground sheet.

Two water bottles may be carried and coys are advised to carry a small billy per sec. One water container per pl will be carried.

Haversacks will be neatly packed with gear not required, neatly labelled, and these will remain at base.

Boots. Spare pair of boots will be tied securely to haversack - they will NOT be put in haversack nor moved in bulk.

Dumps will be arranged on coy basis. This equipment will NOT be available to coys before D 5.

Rear B Ech will be responsible for forward move of haversacks and coy cooking gear. Coys will not leave any pers in charge of coy dumps.

Tk/A. One Tk/A rifle per coy will be forwarded on 2nd flight.

7. P.I.B.

All areas occupied by the P.I.B. will be out of bounds to all tps. There will be no fraternising or trading whatsoever between our own tps/^{and P.I.B.} and severe disciplinary action will be taken against any personnel so doing. This instruction will be strictly adhered to at all times.

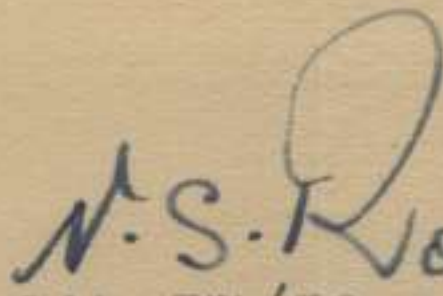
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Op Inst No 1 - continued

- 14. EMB OFFICER Lt CLARK. All coy comds on arrival at assembly area will report to Emb Offr at Pt marked CONTROL at NAGADA Jetty.
- 15. BARGE LOADING Barge parties will be arranged at NOT more than 80 pers.
- 16. STATES M/O and M/I states will be phoned or handed to the Adjt prior to M/O, Adjt D-1, to emb Offr D-2. M/I states to Adjt.
- 17. Coys will ensure that all pers are in possession of:-
 - (a) Identity Discs
 - (b) Fd Dressing
 - (c) Emergency rations
- 18. F.O.R. Owing to deterioration of number of these rations and no availability of further supplies, coys will ensure that each man is in possession of one F.O.R.
- 19. INTERCOM No sig hook up will be made at fwd base. Coys will send a runner to BN HQ which will be est at SERANG 607734 (MATUKA SHEET)
- 20. MAPS Coys will signal requirements to "I" forthwith.
- 21. REAR PARTY Rear parties as follows are being arranged.
 - B Ech 9 pers
 - B Coy 3 "
 - OC Sgt SHERMAN
 - Dist of pers
 - B Ech 4 to D Coy
 - " 5 to Bn HQ area
 - " 3 to B Ech area
 - Duties of pers - pers stationed at B Ech will be resp for B Ech and C Coy areas, pers Bn HQ area resp for Bn HQ and HQ Coy areas, pers B Coy are resp for B Coy and A Coy areas.
 - Sgt SHERMAN will be resp for discipline and rationing of all pers, maint of areas, and preventing of entry of any unauthorised pers. NOT less than 2 pers will be present in any one coy area at any time, Sgt SHERMAN will check areas bi-weekly.
- 22. NOMINAL ROLLS Note book nominal rolls will be kept by each Coy HQ. OC barge will carry note book nominal roll. Nominal rolls will balance with M/O states. Senior offr or NCO on each barge will be OC tps and will be resp for discipline of tps emb and disemb.
- 23. CLEANLINESS OF AREA
 - (a) Coys will ensure that areas are left in clean condition. Refuse, rubbish, tins, will be burned and pits sealed.
 - (b) Latrines - latrines will be burned and sealed.

Distribution

- HQ Coy
- A "
- B "
- C "
- D "
- C.O.
- I.O.
- Emb Offr
- File


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WAR DIARY - 13 ✓

INFORMATION KARKAR ISLAND

Ref Map : KARKAR Is 1"

METEORMOONSET 0329 K)
SUNRISE 0610 K) JUN 1 - 4INHABITANTS

- (a) ASIATICS 2 Chinese families (4 children) were residing at KAUAILO ref 924767.
Man and wife were in residence at KURUM Ref 824783.
(These people may be pro JAP and are required for interrogation purposes)
- (b) NATIVES : Approx 10000 have not had much contact with white men.
PARAMOUNT LULUALI - for Southern KARKAR at KAUAILO 924767 named AITUL.
PARAMOUNT LULUALI - for Northern KARKAR named SALUM at KAUL ref 948967.
In the local quarrel between the Northern and Southern tribes, AITUL is thought to be the aggressor.
The word KYAK means big white boss to the local natives.
Refer again to para 7 Adm Inst No 1 re fraternising etc.

TERRAIN

- (c) QUICKSANDS are reported approaching TAAB PTN from KAUAILO.
- (d) SNAKES - large numbers of snakes, some poisonous, exist in the forests.

DISEASES

Dysentery is prevalent, strict hygiene and water discipline is necessary.

APPENDIX "B"

EMBARKATION

1 JUN DAY 2. No of pers.

Barge	No 1	A Coy	(60)	
"	No 2	C "	(60)	
"	No 3	HQ "	- Coy Hqs 11, Bn HQ 21, Sig Pl	(54)
"	No 4	B Ech and Stores	(if any)	
"	No 5	Fd Amb - RAE - Prov - Salv	1 - 27	
"	No 6	PIB - ANGAU	2 - 46	

4 AUST INF BDE INTELLIGENCE REPORT NO 1HQ 4 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)
May 44From 0900 hrs 2 MAY 44 to 0900 hrs 5 MAY 44,
Ref maps MADANG EAST and WEST, 1-inch.1. QRM TPS

(a) Dispositions 4 Aust Inf Bde as at 020900K.

HQ 4 Aust Inf Bde 732280, Rear Bde HQ 739246

264 Aust LAD and REAR PARTY Bde HQ - FINSCHHAFEN AREA.

22 Aust Inf Bn : Adv Bn HQ 709301, Rear Bn HQ 735245

"A" Coy 735245

"B" Coy (less one pl) 735245 - One pl B Coy
709301

"C" Coy 672299

"D" Coy 738234

Rear Party - FINSCHHAFEN Area.

29/46 Aust Inf Bn : 148 all ranks incl "B" Coy complete - 739244

Remainder of Unit - SINGOR

Rear Party - FINSCHHAFEN Area

37/52 Aust Inf Bn : SINGOR

Rear Party - FINSCHHAFEN Area.

(b) Dispositions of 4 Aust Inf Bde as at 050900K.

HQ 4 Aust Inf Bde - 732280

264 Aust LAD and rear party - Unchanged.

22 Aust Inf Bn : Bn HQ and HQ Coy - 707239

"A" Coy - 717222

"B" Coy (less one pl) 735245,

One pl "B" Coy - 707239

"C" Coy - 672299

"D" Coy - 717247

29/46 Aust Inf Bn : Total strength 15 offrs and 237 ORs.

BN HQ - 706296

Remainder of pers in MADANG Area - 706296

37/52 Aust Inf Bn : Total all ranks 46 at 717306

Standing Patrol 10 ORs at 704335

2. MOVEMENTS22 Aust Inf Bn :

- 021030K - "D" Coy and BMG Pl moved to MADANG AIR STRIP
- 021400K - Recce of Area MEIRO PLN for Bn HQ area
- 021750K - 2 1/c, IO and 5 ORs of Adv Party arrive Rear Bn HQ.
- 031030K - Rear BN HQ and HQ Coy moved to 707239
- 031835K - Adv Bn HQ moved to 707239
- 4 May - NIL
- 050830K - "A" Coy moved from 735245 to 717222

29/46 Aust Inf Bn :

- 021700K - CO, Part Bn HQ and other pers (approx 100 all ranks) arrive MADANG.

INT. Rel. details to coys - (Cifany)
fwd 29/5

2. MOVEMENTS (Contd)

29/46 Aust Inf Bn (Contd)

- 031730K - 240 all ranks arrive FREDRICK KARL HARBOUR
- 041300K - 240 all ranks move to 706296
- 041300K - Recce party move to NOBONOB MISSION AREA
- 050830K - 113 all ranks move to 672299 to take over from from "C" Coy 22 Aust Inf Bn.

37/52 Aust Inf Bn

- 021730K - 3 Offrs and 43 ORs arrive NAGADA MISSION
- 3 May - NIL
- 4 May - Recce party to AMRON MISSION
Standing Patrol move to AMRON MISSION.

3. OBSERVATION POSTS

22 Aust Inf Bn established OPs at 684316 and 675294

4. PATROLS

- 2 May - 22 Aust Inf Bn patrols to HAIDUREN and KAMBA - No contact
- 3 May - 22 Aust Inf Bn patrols No 1 to MOGURUL - BELLAN
BUTEKUD - KAMBA - NOBONOB
No 2 to KAMBA - SILABOB - NOBONOB
- 4 May - Patrols return :
Reports No 1 - KAMBA is located at 634308 and a track exists from there to NOBONOB. The track from NOBONOB to BELLAN does not exist.
No 2 - NIL

5. ENEMY

No contact has been made since arrival in this area.
Camps : Suspected vacated camp site at 683312 to 695308
Equipment : No new equipment has been located.
Dumps : Main dumps in area have been taken over by salvage.

DOCUMENTS

All documents located in MADANG, SIAR, and NOBONOB area have been forwarded to Division for investigation.

John W. Logan
Maj
BN 4 Aust Inf Bde

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Delaney runs lively tests tank for all arms. O
 Eng mill and other parts all but pan are
 well made suitable for service. O
 personnel all units. O For ref m.T. sub.
 arms and some lower may indicate increase
 and lively tests nearby. O Some lively test
 find type low very safe. O Also time an
 def. issued for firing electrically. O One of
 the last had lead given to check
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Subject: 37/52. AUST INF BN - DEFENCES & WORKS PROGRAMME
AS AT 191200K



37/52 Aust Inf Bn
22 MAY 44
v. 1.

Ref Maps:- ALEXISHAFEN 1:25000
Sketch attached (- 4 inches to 1 mile)

A Coy Coy HQ at 700326 (Not occupied) Coy at MADANG
7 Pl 700326 - fire lanes cut - section posns pegged.
8 Pl 699329 - pl posns pegged.
9 Pl 699325 - pl posns pegged.
Area semi cleared.
Time required for completion - 4 days from 22 May.

B Coy Coy HQ at 677322 (occupied 18 MAY)
10 Pl 680323 - Pl posns pegged.
11 Pl 676326 - " "
12 Pl 677322 - " "
Works in progress.
Time required for completion - 7 days.

C Coy Coy HQ at 713331 (not occupied) Coy at MADANG
13 Pl 713335 Pl posns pegged.
14 Pl 711333 " "
15 Pl 708336 " "
With U/cond 2 Tk/A guns - 2 MMGs - 2 dets mortars.
No clearing or digging done.
Time required for completion - 7 days.

D Coy Coy HQ at 699338 (occupied)
16 Pl 699338 - area cleared with fields of fire.
Digging in progress.
17 Pl 699340 " " "
18 Pl 701338 " " "
With U/cond 2 MMGs - 2 dets mortars.
Time required for completion - 3 days.

HQ Coy & BnHQ at 706324
Area cleared, with fields of fire.
Section posns pegged - digging in progress.
Time required for completion - 3 days.

Note. On completion of defences in D Coy and HQ Coy areas,
personnel will be employed preparing C Coy and A Coy
areas respectively

J. Howan Lt-Col
Comd 37/52 Aust Inf Bn

H.Q. 37/52 Aust Inf Bn
11 MAY 44

PATROL REPORT NO 1

REF. MAP. MADANG EAST 1/63360

PATROL SUPPLIED BY: 16 pl D Coy DATE: 10 May 44
PATROL STRENGTH: 1 N.C.O + 6 O.R.'s PATROL COMD 6 pl Crane

TYPE OF PATROL: RECCE TIME OUT 100900K TIME IN 101600K

ROUTE OUT: From AMRON MISSION at 705335 to track
fence 705325 to 700317 to track fence 682312 EAST
to end of track at 695309 thence NE along timber
edge to 708312 to 708311

ROUTE IN: 708311 NORTH to 706317 to waterfall at 707327
thence back to AMRON MISSION.

ENEMY CONTACT: N.M.S.

SIGNS OF ENEMY: Many Jap camps, defensive positions and well-constructed
dugouts between 705325 to 682312. Possible
Jap hospital at 686316. Believed NOT occupied for
at least 6 weeks. Jap camps capable of taking
300 and 200 troops respectively at 698314 and
704314.

TOPOGRAPHICAL. TRACKS: Tracks as shown on map are reasonably
correct. Remains of Jap tracks exist in the area. From
AMRON MISSION to 700317 footpad only but well
defined. From 700317 to 682312 track 12 feet wide
and well defined but going heavy. From 682312
to 695309 this portion footpad only and difficult
to find. at 692312. From 695309 patrol followed
Jap pad to feature at 706317 but track NOT
well defined. Easily followed from 706317 to 707327

STREAMS Several fast running streams encountered

Signed E Crane Patrol Comd
11 MAY 44

PATROL REPORT NO 2

REF MAP ALEXISHAFEN 1/25,000 SERIES

PATROL SUPPLIED BY: 3 PL HQ Coy DATE: 12 MAY 44
 PATROL STRENGTH: 1 NCO, 12 O.R.S PATROL COMP: SGT A.C. LAY
 TYPE: RECCE TIME OUT: 120830K RETURN: 121530K

ROUTE OUT: From 706324 SOUTH along MADANG-BOGADTIM
 RD to 707317 to NAGADA RIVER at 697318 to track junction
 at 676319

ROUTE IN: From 676319 NORTH along track to NAGADA R
 at 696327 to AMRON MISSION thence to START POINT

ENEMY CONTACT

NMS

SIGNS OF ENEMY

Enemy camps - defensive positions - well
 constructed dug outs along track 703317
 to 683316 capable housing 1000 troops,
 HQ possibly 703317. Hospital at 694326
 Large native nest hut on SOUTH bank
 NAGADA RIVER at 696327. Believed enemy
 positions not occupied for at least 2 months

TOPOGRAPHICAL:

TRACKS: Tracks shown on map are
 reasonably correct but series of tracks
 not shown were encountered along route
 from 707317 to NAGADA RIVER (697318) foot
 path well defined but muddy. Good
 going from 676319 to AMRON MISSION.
COUNTRY: Thickly timbered making
 visibility very limited.

STREAMS: NAGADA RIVER amble deep easily
 forded at 697318 and 696327. Good water

(signed) A.C. Lay

13 May 44

PATROL REPORT No 3

14 MAY 44

REF MAP ALEXISHAFEN 1:25,000

PATROL SUPPLIED BY: HQ Coy 37/52 IN DATE: 13 MAY 44

PATROL STRENGTH: IN CO 120 RS PATROL COMD. Bpl. Arlette.

TYPE: RECCO TIME OUT: 130830K TIME IN: 131600K

ROUTE OUT: From 707323 to track junction 708320

along MADANG - ALEXISHAFEN road to 700323 thence along track to 701328, along unmarked track to village 702333, thence WEST to NAGADA RIVER 696328, to village 695326, continued on track to APPROX 670316 thence to 29/46 BNHQ, on MADANG - ALEXISHAFEN ROAD, returning to Bus Area via this route.

ENEMY CONTACT

N.M.S

SIGNS OF ENEMY

Enemy camp - Possibly enemy wireless stations at village 694329 but not used for at least 2 months.

TOPOGRAPHICAL

TRACKS - Track from 700323 - 702333 very confusing, with many tracks running off. Track from 702333 WEST to NAGADA RIVER proved very indistinguishable, but from 695325 track is well defined and easy to follow with many small tracks branching off.

COUNTRY - Thickly timbered, visibility poor.

STREAMS. NAGADA RIVER easily forded at 696327, water very good.

(Signed) J. B. Arlette Bpl.
Nº 2 Pl. HQ Coy

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PATROL REPORT No 4.

REF MAP. ALEIGHAFEN 1/25,000.

PATROL SUPPLIED BY: D COY 17th DATE 13 May 44

TYPE OF PATROL: RECCE PATROL COMMAND: Cpt Henry

PATROL STRENGTH: 1 N.C.O 3 O.R's.

TIME OUT: 13 0830 hrs TIME IN: 13 1445 hrs.

OBJECT: To collect topographical info and observe signs of enemy.

ROUTE OUT: From AMBON MISSION 700340 to 691349 to 688354
WEST
to 685355, A along river to garden at 675348.

ROUTE IN: Return same route.

ENEMY CONTACT

N.M.S.

SIGNS OF ENEMY

Enemy have occupied all huts as shown on map from 696345 to river at 685355. Two dug-outs were observed at 685355. Double Jap sig line follows track to river at 685355.

TOPOGRAPHICAL

All tracks and other detail as shown on the map are correct.

TRACKS: From 700340 to 691349 (35 mins)
fast track 2 feet wide well defined easy going
From 691349 to river at 685355
track still well defined but heavier going
Time taken 30 mins.

From 685355 to garden at 675348 patrol followed river bed. Time taken 65 mins. Going easy. At ref 673353 track observed (fast pad only) leading N.E. for

usually to huts at 685255.

STREAMS. BIGES RIVER approximately
18" deep, fast flowing, good drinking
water.

(Signed) G. R. Hensley M/pt

PATROL COMD.

14 MAY 44

16 May 44

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PATROL REPORT No 5.

REF MAP: ALEXISHAFEN 1:25,000 SERIES.

PATROL SUPPLIED BY: HQ Coy 37/52 bn DATE 15 MAY 44.

PATROL STRENGTH: 1 N.C.O 12 O.R's. PATROL COMMAND Cpl Sturkey

TYPE: RECCE TIME OUT 150830K RETURN: 151530K

ROUTE OUT: From 707323 to track junction 708320 to 711332

thence along creek to 714334 along unworked track to

728338. Patrolled from 728338 to gardens vicinity 725341

and to huts at 729345 and EAST to approx 734345.

ROUTE IN: From 734346 back along same route.

ENEMY CONTACT: N.M.S.

SIGNS OF ENEMY: Enemy constructed pens found between 714334 and 728338. No signs of recent use. Two large dugouts (unused) at 728338.

TOPOGRAPHICAL: TRACKS: Green cliffnet between 711332 and track at 714334. Footbridge across creek at 714332 and strong dug out with hut built above on NORTH bank. Some wireless equipment found. Track from 714334 to 728338 has been much used in fact but shows no signs of recent use. Track leads through light timber and kunai; has slit trenches and gun pits to depth 5 feet dug either side at intervals 150'. Through timber track is "railed" with wire and cable which come timber to end of track at 728338. A small

PATROL REPORT NO. 5 (CONT)

Tracks found here from the South, the coast is cleared and water apparently deep 20-30 yds from shore. Two well constructed covered dugouts cover the area which was apparently an enemy barge point. No signs of occupation however.

There is no tracks between 728338 and 728341 but little used tracks around coast to gardens at 725344. ANGANU representatives were met at this point. The main ANGANU Camp is situated at 728353.

Huts at 729345 show no signs of recent occupation and no clearly defined tracks in huts area or EAST to 734345.

TOPOGRAPHICAL

From 714334 to 728338 track is level and in good condition for foot traffic. Time taken from 711332 to 728338 1 1/2 hrs. COUNTRY: Timber fairly dense along creek and coast but lightly timbered elsewhere. Small clear creek at 725339.

(Signed) P. Hickey. GFC
16/1/44

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for Capt 37/52 hrs

18 May 44

PATROL REPORT No 6.

REF MAP: ALEXISHAFEN 1:25000 series

PATROL FROM: 15 pl Coy.

DATE 15 May 44

PATROL STRENGTH: 1 N CO 30 R's.

PATROL COMD Lt Col ROOKE

TIME OUT 150915K

TIME IN 151500 hrs.

TYPE RECCE:

ROUTE OUT: From AMROH MISSION

700339 to 702332 thence S.W. along track shown on map to NOBONOB MISSION.

ROUTE IN: Return same route.

ENEMY CONTACT	N.M.S.
SIGNS OF ENEMY	Approx 7 huts were located between river at 696327 and track junction 684326. Occupation however was NOT considered recent.
TOPOGRAPHICAL:	<p>TRACKS: Main track from 702333 to NOBONOB MISSION well defined, 2 ft wide and in good condition. Steep gradient from track junction at 678332 to NOBONOB MISSION.</p> <p>STREAMS: NAGADA RIVER shallow and easily fordable at ref 696327.</p>
CONTACT OWN TROOPS	<p>Patrol contacted personnel of 29 pl Coy on track approx 1 ml from NOBONOB mission.</p> <p>(Signed) Lt Col Roke 6/46 I.D. for Capt 27/52 and Capt 6/46</p>

Report on Patrol

Date: 16 May 44

Patrol: 1 officer 17048. Sgt R. F. O'Byrne.

Object: Endeavour to find the continuation of tracks at MR. 720322.

General: Left camp area 706322 at 0830 hrs, proceeded northerly direction to track junction 710323.

Proceeded along tracks in SE. direction past a Jap wireless station and huts approx 200' off main road, then onto Nagada 714317 where another Jap camp of approx 9 huts were located. The tracks then went north to 714321 and connected the main tracks. This track had a sig wire running alongside turned east to the end of the track (shown on the map). The track then continues in SE direction through native garden at 723319 and across to the coast at 729319. A wooden pier crossed to Demasa Island.

Numerous huts which had old signs of Jap occupation at 729320; the tracks went through the gardens to huts at 733320 then turned south to old hut very good Jap defensive positions at 733317

On the way back a recon was made of the area north Frederick Karl Harbour at 730311 where further Jap defensive positions were found. These positions seemed to have been vacated over a month.

L. Douglas, Lieut

Sgt R. O'Byrne.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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

44/20
.....(Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 13/5/1944 37/52 Aust. Inf. Bn (Unit)

W.E. 11/126.2 OFFRS. 32 O.R's. 759 OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 33 ATT. BY W.E.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.
NR	1	2	10	Lieut.-Colonels	A.A.M.C.	1			
	2		17	Majors					
			1	Captains					
				Lieutenants					
				Quarter-masters					
				A.A.N.S and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.					
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.					
	3	2	31			1			

	DETAIL.	"A"	A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	..	TOTAL.
Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 10 of instructions for completion of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).	A.	31	-	1								32
	E.(1)											
	E.(2)											

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

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK.

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

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

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

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO 37/52 Aust. Inf. Bn IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED. 13/5/1944.

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 3 5 /1944. (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Lt-Col	VX 157	ROWAN J.G.	J.G.	C.O.	Yes		
Major	VX 13927	WRIGHT	H.E.	2 1/c	"		
"	QX 6239	GREEN	E.G.	Coy Comd	"		
Capt	VX 108220	PAGE	R.W.M.	"	"		
"	VX 108221	WICKS	S.W.	"	No	HOME LEAVE	25-3-44
"	VX 108253	SARTORI	J.S.	"	Yes		
"	VX 108223	CLAPPERTON	G.T.	2 1/c Coy	"		
"	VX108224	DODDRELL	A.S.R.	"			
"	VX108226	ANDERSON	J.F.	Pl Comd	NO	HOME LEAVE	25-3-44
"	VX108227	SPRUZEN	A.C.	"	Yes		
"	VX108228	ROWLEY	N.S.	Adjnt	"		
"	VX 4613	PALMER	A.N.	Coy Comd	"		
"	VX 38715	WEST	G.R.S.	2 1/c Coy	YES		
"	VX108225	LLOYD	J.K.	Q.M.	YES		
Lieut	VX108229	COLE	V.T.	T.O.	"		
"	VX 45710	URQUHART	A.C.	Pl Comd	"		
"	VX 27291	GRIFFIN	L.T.	"	"		
"	VX108229	KINGMAN	J.A.V.	I.O.	"		
"	VX 50359	SCOTT	A.T.	Pl Comd	YES		
"	VX 57210	WARE	F.W.	"	NO	HOME LEAVE	25-3-44
"	VX101971	WITHINGTON	E.A.	Mortar	YES		
"	VX 88142	BROWN	D.G.	Pl Comd	"		
"	VX104387	MURPHY	R.J.R.	Tk/A	"		
"	NX 87290	PRINGLE	A.L.	Pl Comd	"		
"	VX147393	GLADSTONE	J.H.	"	"		
"	VX102553	BATTERSBY	R.H.	"	NO	Det 4 Aust Inf Bde	27-2-44
"	VX 24281	CLARK	A.C.	A/Adjnt	Yes		
"	VX102701	CRAWFORD	C	Pl Comd	"		
"	N 43787	DUNN	A.P.	"	"		
"	NX121126	HANSEN	C.H.	Sig.O	"		
"	WX 4737	COOPER	J	Pl Comd	"		
Capt	SX 19024	HAMMILL	R.D.	M.O.	Yes		

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
Chaplian	QX 48260	BALE A.A.	4 Aust	Inf Bde 10.2.44	Padre
Lieut	VX 111950	LIDGERWOOD A.J.	Gen Rfts		Awaiting Posting.

13 MAY 44

Date of Despatch.

J. Rowan
Lt-Col
Comd 37/52 Aust Inf Bn
Signature of Commander

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

44 / 20 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 13/5/1944 37/52 Aust Inf Bn (Unit)

W.E. 11/130 2 OFFRS 52 O.R's 755+ OFFRS 1 O.R's 55 ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.															
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.			Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required									
			1	W.Os. Class I.																
NR	1		5	W.Os. Class II.						1	1									
NR	1		4	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.																
				Staff Sergeants																
NR	2		20	Sergeants	1	1	2	1	2	7										
NR	1		63	Corporals	1	4	1	1	1	8	3 NR									
216	197		451	Troopers, Privates, etc.		17	1	1	1	19	3									
				Civilians counting as O.R.																
216 *	202	-	553	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.	AAFC	Postal	AAFC	AAFC	AAFC	34 *	3	4	1 *							
Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 7 of instructions for compilation of this return will complete analysis of Part B(1) and B(2).				C.M.P.		A.W.A.S.		A.A.M.W.S.		CIVIL		R.A.N		R.A.A.F		**		TOTAL		
				Detail	A	A.I.F.	Under 19 Years.	19 Years and over.												
				A	425		162												587	
				B(1)																
				B(2)																

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

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

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached
1	4 Aust Inf Bde			1	DRO		
1	5 Aust Div Amenities			13	4 Aust Inf Bde		
1	4 Aust Fd Amb			1	5 Aust Div Rec Camp		
				1	5 Aust Div		

Part D. Description of Other Ranks Whose Return To 37/52 Aust Inf Bn (Unit) is Particularly Requested. 13/5/1944

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

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 13 / 5 / 1944

Table with 15 columns: Details of Tradesmen (GROUP I, II, III), W.E., Posted Strength, Reints. Required. Rows include various trades like Ammunition Examiners, Surveyors, Operating Room Assts, G.P.O. Assistants, etc.

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

Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander

PART E Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements reported as shown in
Part A of Army Form W.3003 of 0800 Hours Saturday 1941

per final attached - ONN fo elisted

1 NO 11 Catorer (A.A.G.)
3 NO 11 Signallers.

Serial	Rank	Name	Regiment	Component	Service Number	Remarks
1	Private	John A. G. Catorer	11th Cavalry	11th Cavalry	11011	
2	Private	John A. G. Catorer	11th Cavalry	11th Cavalry	11011	
3	Private	John A. G. Catorer	11th Cavalry	11th Cavalry	11011	
4	Private	John A. G. Catorer	11th Cavalry	11th Cavalry	11011	
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49	Private	John A. G. Catorer	11th Cavalry	11th Cavalry	11011	
50	Private	John A. G. Catorer	11th Cavalry	11th Cavalry	11011	

I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct list of the personnel of the 11th Cavalry as at the date specified in the margin of this form.

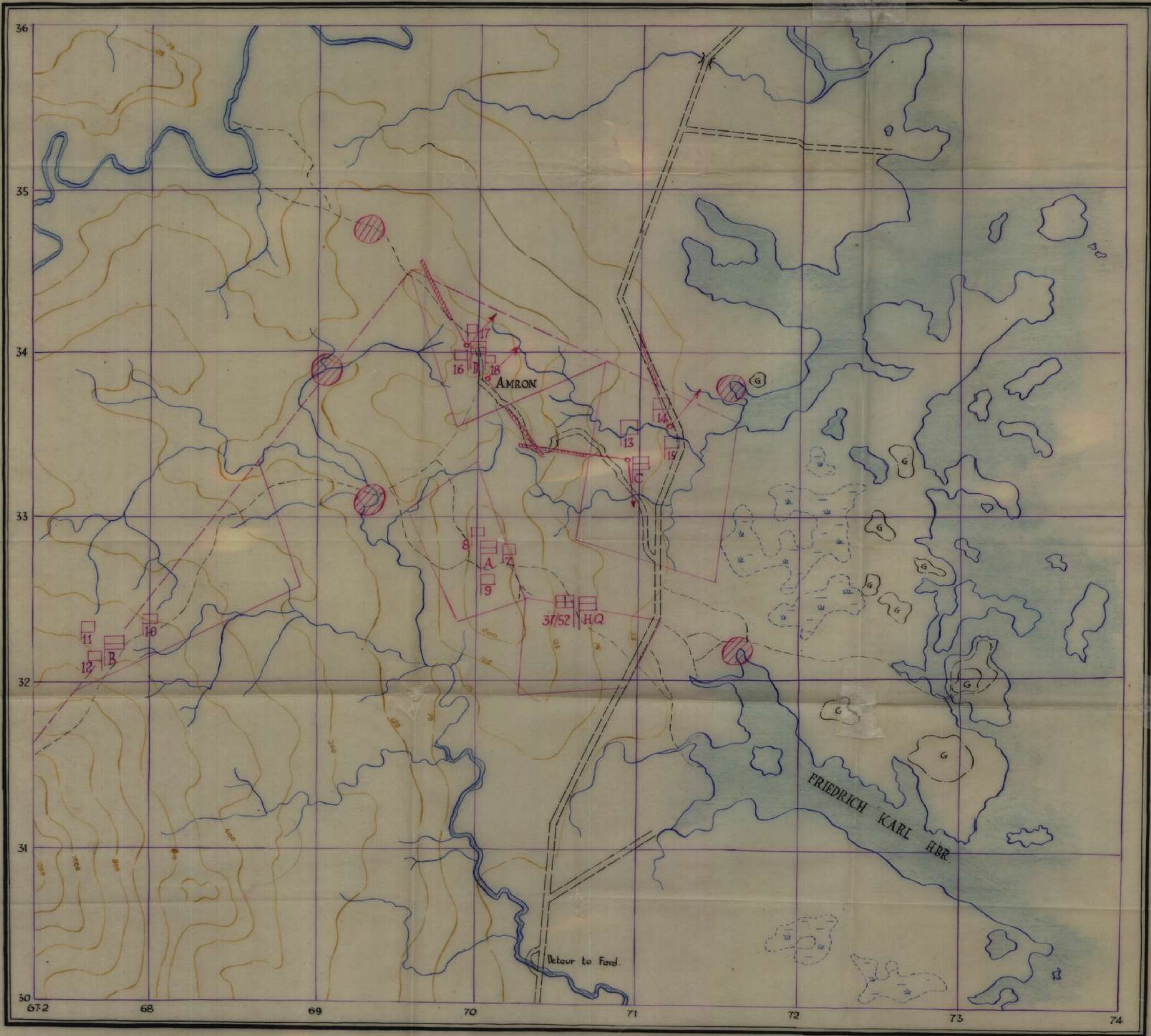
Signature of Commanding Officer

Date of Report

R.F. - 1:15840

37/52 BN AREA

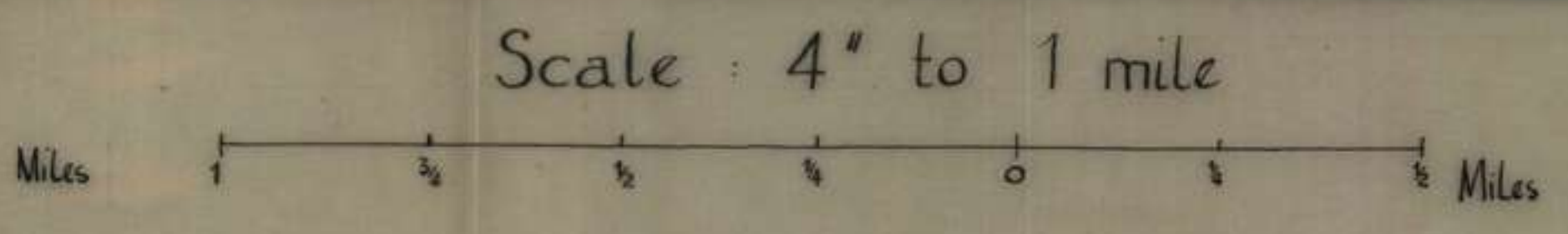
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About 5" M

LEGEND

- Boundary of Coy Area —
- Battalion Bdy. ---
- Mortar Task ●
- M.M.G. Task ↗



J.W. Briggs Pte
 Int Section
 37/52 Bn
 26 Jun. 44