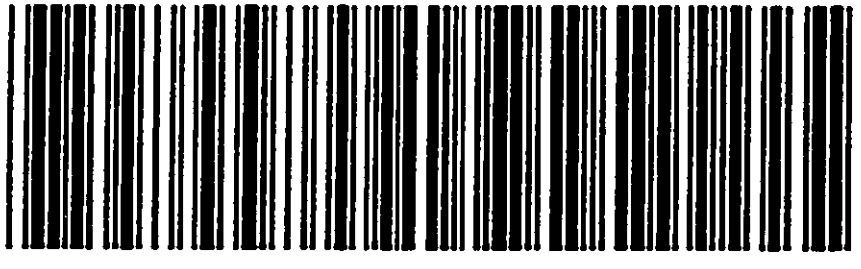
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TOROKINA	3 Jun 45		4 Aust Base Sub Area Weekly Intelligence Summary No 20 issued	Copy att as Appx A
	6 Jun 45		Instructions issued for Veh Maint School to commence 10 Jun until 26 Jun under control of LHQ Mob School Of Mech. Object - To Train MT drivers in requirements & methods of Basic Maintenance and to train OCs & COs in veh Maint and inspection	
	8 Jun 45		4 Aust Base Sub Area Weekly Intelligence Summary No 21 issued	" " " B
	9 Jun 45		First Aust Army advise adoption of "UNCLASSIFIED" in relation to signals - units notified.	" " " C
	10 Jun 45		4 Aust Base Sub Area Weekly Intelligence Summary No 22 issued	" " " D
	15 Jun 45		Amendment No 1 to 4 Aust Base Sub Area Location Statement No 12 issued.	" " " E
	16 Jun 45		Arrangements made for temporary attachment of personnel of 554 Aust LAA Bty to Fd Arty units for training and operational experience	
	17 Jun 45		4 Aust Base Sub Area Weekly Intelligence Summary No 22 issued	" " " F
	20 Jun 45		Instructions issued for withdrawal of Owen Sub Machine Guns from all permanent base units and replacement with Austen Guns	
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	1 - 30 Jun 45		Daily Minutes of Staff and Services Conferences held at HQ 4 Aust Base Sub Area are attached as Appendix "O"	

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PART I

OPERATIONS

LAND - OWN AND ENEMY

NORTHERN SECTOR

Barge and small craft sightings have been made in the BUKA PASSAGE area. Small parties of Japs continue to engage our forces, but our troops continue to improve their positions and inflict substantial casualties on the enemy.

Enemy parties have been observed and engaged along the whole of our line running across the base of BONIS PENINSULA. Generally these parties have been small but there is evidence that 20 Japs staged at a point 1000 yds SW of SIAR during night 28/29 May and, on 1 Jun, a party of 20 Japs was engaged 700 yds further SW.

In the vicinity of SIAR only minor engagements have occurred but our 3 inch mortars have strongly engaged known enemy positions in the area.

Most of the enemy sightings were made in the area approximately 2500 yds west and SW of SIAR; some of the Japs killed in this area were no military insignia. Our forces in this area were regrouped on 1 Jun and now occupy positions midway between the RATSUA - HURI BAY and PORTON - CHINDAWAN Roads.

The enemy has been most active east and north of BUOI PLTN. On 27 May the enemy attacked in this area using smoke, but was driven off, and when our troops moved forward on 31 May an enemy position capable of holding 15 was found vacated. Our troops now occupy positions 500 yds NE and 1000 yds east of the plantation.

On 2 Jun native scouts peported that no Jap troops remain between SIAR and TINPUTS PLTN.

Our OPs have sighted barges and small craft operating between MADEHAS and SOHANA ISLAND, and in the western end of BUKA PASSAGE. Explosions have been observed in the vicinity of CHINATOWN.

Native scouts returned from BUKA, report naval troops blasting into the cliffs at HAHEILA on the east coast and another party to the north at HANGAN.

CENTRAL SECTOR

PEARL RIDGE

Our patrols have again been active in this sector and two successful offensive actions were fought in the BASE POINT 3 area SE of WEARNES HILL. A wide area extending from BURITSIOTORARA to the NUMA NUMA Trail has been well covered. Our artillery has shelled enemy positions throughout the week and BASE POINT 3 has again been the principal target.

A patrol returning from BURITSIOTORARA on 28 May reported that 40 to 50 Japs occupied the track junction east of the village; the village itself is a food area only. The track junction was well guarded and sentries with LMGs were posted on all approaches. The track leading north to PIPIAIA from this point was well used by traffic moving in both directions; the track leading SW to IBU also shows evidence of constant use.

Following an air strike on 30 May, a patrol moved in to attack 25 enemy entrenched in the area 1200 yds SE of WEARNES HILL. A fierce action was fought, resulting in 10 enemy killed and an unknown number wounded.

The next day, another patrol moved to within 25 yds of a Japanese position at SISIVIE. No contact was made, but the enemy made several attempts to draw our fire.

On 1 Jun a patrol contacted 30 well armed enemy accompanied by native carriers moving along the NUMA NUMA Trail towards NUMA NUMA. The enemy party was engaged and after losing seven killed withdrew to prepared positions alongside the trail.

The same day our force on BERRYS HILL engaged with LMGs an unknown number of enemy located to the NE.

On 3 Jun following a heavy artillery and morter concentration strong fighting patrols closed on a Jap position 1000 yds SE of WEARNES HILL. After a heavy exchange of fire our patrols, followed by a company, moved in and occupied the position, which consisted of eight bunkers and was held by 15 to 20 enemy. A subsequent enemy counter-attack was repulsed.

A native scout returning from NUMA NUMA reported that HQ NUMA NUMA Sector was located at RESIOPAIA (at approximately 766293). The HQ was reported to have been recently constructed. This report is as yet unconfirmed, and there are indications that this is a subordinate HQ only, possibly of an MP of Kempei Unit.

A native reported that positions in the IBU area occupied by the enemy some weeks ago, were vacated when he recced them on 21/22 May. These included a mountain gun site from which the gun had been removed. However, the enemy still occupied the top of the main feature.

KIETA

Natives continuing their savage attacks on the Japanese have taken heavy toll of the enemy during the week. Sixty Japs were killed at KAREKILA, in the BOVO RIVER area and after a fierce three day battle at BONAMUNG (2½ miles SE of RANKAMA POINT) in which natives used knives, axes and arrows as well as grenades and rifles, 68 Japanese dead were counted.

In the coastal area the natives appear to be concentrating on grenades with excellent results. At IWI PLTN, four huts occupied by 43 Japanese were grenaded, and on 23 May grenades were thrown into three Jap occupied huts at TARATAVA. A further nine enemy were killed by grenades at TOIMONAPU and seven were shot dead.

SOUTHERN SECTOR

RUNAI

Excellent progress has been made by our forces in their south-eastern drive towards the HARI RIVER, and by 3 Jun our forward company had pushed forward to a point 1200 yds from the PEPERU RIVER (the western arm of the HARI RIVER).

The enemy, while withdrawing, challenged our advance strongly, continually harassing our troops with savage hit and run attacks and artillery fire. Numerous recently evacuated strong positions were found along the axis of our advance and many tank obstacles and booby traps were encountered.

On 27 May 20 enemy attacked our forward company positions 1000 yds NW of RUNAI. The attack was repulsed with an unknown number of casualties inflicted on the enemy. The same day, line communications of another company were cut and signal wires were removed.

Patrols operating wide of the road made several contacts on 29 May. Two patrols came under fire near RUNAI and another, moving along the AITARA Track to the west, was also fired on. A fourth patrol was twice attacked by an unknown number of enemy 2000 yds east of TOHU.

On 31 May two companies moved wide of the BUIN Road to outflank a previously located strong position slightly SE of RUNAI and advanced 1500 yds towards MAMAGOTA road junction. No opposition was met, but an extensive position, which was thoroughly booby trapped, was found abandoned.

Next day, however, one of the companies was attacked by the enemy in unknown strength strength; but after five minutes sharp fighting, the enemy broke contact and withdrew. The same day a platoon pushing along the road forward of the company position to a point immediately west of RUNAI came under heavy rifle and MG fire. The platoon dug in and was later joined by one troop of tanks, which destroyed several booby traps en route.

Patrols probing forward to the garden area south of RUNAI reported enemy positions south and SE of the gardens and considerable activity was heard further to the SE.

Following on an air strike and heavy artillery and mortar concentrations on 2 Jun our force began a general advance towards the HARI RIVER. One company supported by one troop of tanks and flame throwers, although obstructed by tank obstacles, bomb craters and felled trees, pressed steadily forward. The enemy strong position immediately west of RUNAI was found vacated and gave evidence of the accuracy of our preliminary bombing and shelling. Continuing SE, our force was engaged by enemy located on the north side of the road and was subjected to intermittent rifle fire from small harrassing parties on both flanks. Further tank obstacles were encountered, but the advance continued to a point 1000 yds SE of RUNAI, where the company dug in. One 75 mm gun was captured.

Meanwhile, another company moving wide on the north flank repulsed continued harrassing attacks and reached a point on the east bank of the TOMOI RIVER 500 yds north of the road. At this point a third company, executing a similar move, was attacked by about 20 enemy with rifles and grenades. The attack was repulsed and, completing the outflanking move, our force reached a point on the road midway between RUNAI and the MAMAGOTA Road junction.

On 3 Jun another company, with strong air support, moved, through the forward company and leading elements immediately came under heavy LMG and rifle fire. Our tanks engaged and the enemy increasing his resistance, opened fire with a 20 mm Tk A gun. The attacks was pressed vigorously and the enemy withdrew to a hutted area 200 yds north of the road. This area was cleared by the infantry and a JUKI, a Tk A gun and a large quantity of ammunition were captured. The advance continued against intense MG and rifle fire and continuous shelling; and the company with tank support attacked and captured an enemy position 1000 yds NW of the MAMAGOTA road junction. At this point our force dug in under harrassing rifle fire.

Meanwhile, one platoon from a company on the bank of the TOMOI RIVER advancing SE sighted 40 enemy with rifles and LMGs, who withdrew under fire from our artillery. The company then advanced to a point 600 yds north of the BUIN Road immediately north of the forward company. Throughout this move the company was attacked with JUKIS, LMGs and mortars. All attacks were repulsed with enemy losses.

OSO

Having secured the OSO road junction on 27 May, our forces proceeded to exploit the area to the SE, and our forward company has now reached AMIO, 2 miles SSE of the road junction with patrols operating well forward.

Following a heavy mortar concentration on 28 May, a platoon moved forward to attack a strong position 300 yds SE of the road junction. The enemy fought back strongly, but finally withdrew and our force occupied the position and consolidated. Later the platoon contacted another enemy force in the same area and fire was exchanged.

Another force after repulsing an attack by 10 enemy, who crossed the UNURUR RIVER, advanced with accurate mortar support to attack a strong position occupied by 40 enemy slightly to the south. After four hours heavy fighting the position was cleared and our troops, bypassing several enemy pockets, advanced 300 yds.

Intense patrolling continued SE, south and SW of the road junction and several clashes occurred. Twenty enemy were observed digging in 1000 yds to the south and several other parties were located in defensive positions astride the road to the SE.

On 31 May our forward company completing a flanking move gained the road and established a position 300 yds ENE of the river crossing at TONNU. Next day, enemy were seen nearby, and later a grenade and mortar bombs exploded in the company area. An enemy party of unknown strength then attacked with LMGs and rifles. The enemy was finally dispersed by mortar fire.

On 3 Jun, the company continued to advance and established a position astride the road 500 yds SE of TONNU, where they came under heavy fire throughout the afternoon.

Another company located to the west of the road, in the meantime, advanced over difficult terrain to AMIO.

Our positions in this sector have been consistently harrassed by enemy artillery throughout the week and some damage has been caused. On 28 May the OSO road junction was shelled continually for three hours.

HARI - KIVO

Three highly successful actions were fought in this area on 3 Jun. The first took place when an Australian party of eight ambushed a large enemy force moving east along the BUIN Road at a point 1000 yds SE of the MORIAI RIVER ford. Nineteen enemy, including two officers, were killed as a result and many others wounded. The remaining enemy were immediately reinforced by at least 90 troops, who, attacking with mortars and automatic weapons, attempted to outflank our ambush position. Our troops, however, broke contact and returned to base. The enemy, who were described as big, well disciplined troops, wore naval insignia. The second action occurred about 2½ miles to the north in the fork of the MORIAI RIVER. A patrol operating in the garden area at that point attacked 18 Japanese killing 16. These troops, too, were in good physical condition, and were well equipped. Among the items captured was one flag bearing an anchor insignia.

Another patrol operating in the area 3000 yds to the west, ambushed an enemy party, killing nine.

Considerable enemy activity was reported in this area throughout the week. A camp area under construction was observed 1800 yds SE of UNANAI on 27 May and activity was reported to the west. An enemy concentration was reported in the general area immediately south of the BUIN road, between the OGORATA and MOBIAI RIVERS; and to the north, in the KAPARA area, an undetermined number of enemy was also reported to be concentrated.

A further concentration was reported astride the BUIN road immediately west of the MIVO RIVER. In this area on 1 Jun our patrol ambushed an enemy truck, killing seven Japanese and wounding three.

ENEMY CASUALTIES ON BOUGAINVILLE

	To 4 Jun	22 Nov - 4 Jun
Killed	14,630	4740
PW	191	90
Wounded	(x)	333
Unconfirmed Killed	(x)	1257

(x) No figures available before 22 Nov. 60% of native killings reported to date are converted from "Unconfirmed" to "Confirmed" category.

AIR

BOUGAINVILLE

GENERAL

An increase of 88 in the number of strike sorties flown was recorded by comparison with the previous week, the total being 668.

On 26 May Corsair aircraft created a record for the area by completing 124 sorties.

NORTH

Areas of enemy activity on BONIS PENINSULA were attacked on seven occasions by a total of 132 aircraft. Targets included huts, dumps, bivouac areas and a gun posn.

Information so far indicates the certain destruction of 20 huts, the firing of a dump and probable destruction of a field gun.

Forward troops called for support on one occasion, the strike taking place on 29 May.

CENTRAL

To assist the extension of patrol activity by our troops 11 Corsairs bombed BASE POINT 3 on the NUMA NUMA Trail on 30 May.

EAST COAST

With the gradual withdrawal of enemy troops from the east coast, targets suitable for air attack have become more difficult to locate and only two strikes were recorded during the week. NUMA NUMA bivouac sites were attacked on 28 May by 24 Corsairs and a coast gun and camp at ROROVANA (150990) on 29 May by 11 Corsairs. Results were unobserved.

SOUTH

In Southern BOUGAINVILLE beyond the Air Force Bombline on the MIVO RIVER, as far east as KAHILI nine separate targets were struck including five by GREEN ISLAND based Mitchells which have since ceased to operate in this area.

Of the remaining four strikes the most successful from the point of view of visual observation was that made on 1 Jun at MUGUAI against personnel and dump areas when 15 huts were destroyed, two loaded trucks strafed and much debris thrown into the air by bomb blast.

In addition to these attacks patrols destroyed two barges at ARIGUA, strafed and damaged two barges at the mouth of the MAILAL RIVER and sank a flat bottomed boat in MOISURU BAY.

Hut concentrations on FAURO ISLAND were bombed by eight Corsairs on 1 Jun.

CLOSE SUPPORT

Approx 35% of all air effort during the period was employed in direct support of our operations in South BOUGAINVILLE. This involved 16 missions totalling 234 sorties.

Attacks were primarily directed against defensive positions and these mostly astride the BUIN Road. Ground reports indicate a high degree of accuracy and effectiveness.

Other targets were gun positions and a HQ area all of which were bombed with unobserved results.

PART II

ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

NORTH BOUGAINVILLE

ARMY WITHDRAWAL TO NUMA NUMA

The evacuation of the army remnants of the TARLENA Garrison Unit estimated 450 is believed to have begun at the end of Apr after a staff conference at SIAR on 28 Apr and the major movement of Army troops towards NUMA NUMA took place during the first week of May.

Simultaneously 1 Bn 81 Inf Regt, approximately 200 strong, until then disposed from TINPUTS to TIARAKA, appears to have joined in the general withdrawal to NUMA NUMA.

During May, the enemy lost almost 250 men on the NE coast and it is doubtful whether of the estimated 660 Army personnel in NORTH BOUGAINVILLE, more than 400 will have reached NUMA NUMA.

NAVAL FORCES BONIS PENINSULA

The defence of the BONIS PENINSULA devolved upon the Navy, and it is believed that Army units stationed on the Peninsula were withdrawn. Recent PW and captured documents have established the existence of four naval battalions. A PW stated that at the end of Apr civilians of 32 and 211 Pioneer Units, having received an average of 20 days infantry training since Jan 45, were drafted to these battalions. Each battalion appears to be approximately 200/250 strong, and consists of three possibly four, companies averaging a strength of 60 men. Comapnies are organised into two platoons.

Throughout the companies and platoons, there is a small stiffening of Navy regulars.

The strengths and dispositions of these battalions, as far as can be gleaned from PW statements and documents are:-

1 Bn	250	BONIS - SORUM - TARUT ?
2 Bn	250	BONIS - SORUM
3 Bn	200	CHINDAWON - RUKI BAY
4 Bn	200	Comdr MIYACHIKA TAREENA - PORTON - BUOI - MANOB

PART III

ENEMY INFORMATION

CHANGE OF HEART

An interesting reaction of a Jap PW captured on COMMANDO ROAD was encountered by FS personnel in the latter part of May.. Immediately after capture, the PW was given medical attention and food. Later, when being escorted back to Bde HQ the FS NCO accompanying him stopped frequently so that the PW's feet, which were in very poor condition, could be rested and gave him cigarettes and chewing gum.

Shortly after they had resumed walking after one halt, the PW stopped suddenly and snatched off his cap. He looked at it contemptuously for a moment and then grinned at the JS NCO and threw the cap to the ground, shouting "ME AUSTRALIA" as he did so.

It was an entirely spontaneous gesture, and was apparently meant to show his contempt of Japanese propaganda regarding the Australian treatment of PW.

He is now a "happy Jap" in a prison cage.

THE VALUE OF A CONTINUED FLOW OF CAPTURED DOCUMENTS AND PW

It is now almost universal practice among Japanese units on BOUGAINVILLE to refer to a unit from division down to section in official operation orders and records by the unit commander's name, or more often an abbreviated form of it.

Admittedly this is not a new practice, but it is believed the extent of its use in BOUGAINVILLE indicates a full realisation by the enemy of the use made by us of captured documents.

Captured orders dated May 45 reveal that the enemy front line units in SOUTH BOUGAINVILLE have been disposing of their old unit records by despatch to the rear or burial some time before withdrawal from a position.

Fortunately, the increased number of PW and documents captured have enabled us to keep track of unit movements and changes of command. On 25 May, with the exception of one Japanese battalion, all main enemy units between the HONGORAI and HARI RIVERS in SOUTH BOUGAINVILLE has been identified and located at some time during the preceding week.

The recent reorganisations and frequent changes of unit commanders make a continual flow of enemy documents and PW all the more necessary.

PART IV

TOPOGRAPHICAL

Attached as Appendix "A" to this Summary are additions and amendments to topographical information BOUGAINVILLE ISLAND.

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TOPOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS TO PLACE NAMES.

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TRACK INFORMATION

Refmaps SOUTH BOUGAINVILLE 1:25000 Series

TIGER Road, from the HONGORAI River to the POROREI River, could be made jeepable with a little work by bulldozers.

The OSO-USO road is reported to be tankable throughout, and the stretch from 974429 to 980435 is jeepable.

A good track 2 feet wide runs east-west from 951428.

Further track information is shown on attached maps as follows:-

Maps 1, 2 - General Track Information
Maps 3a, 3b, 3c - Information gained by patrols in the TAITAI - HARI - SISIKATEKORI area.
Map 4 - Compass Traverse TIGER Road Area
Map 5 - Theodolite Traverse COMMANDO Road Area

RIVERS AND RIVER CROSSINGS

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The SUMIN River at 963423 is 15 yards wide and 8 inches deep, and is tankable. At 958423 it is 20 feet wide and 18 inches deep.

At 980426 the SUMIN River is 12 feet wide and 12 inches deep. The west bank is 40 feet high and the east bank 20 feet.

There is a good log crossing at 960440.

The log crossing at 959433 consists of one tree 15 inches in diameter from bank to bank across 25 feet of water. The water is 2 feet deep.

The creek at 967406 is 6 feet wide, 6 inches deep, with a good sandy bottom. The banks are 6 feet high and steep.

TERRAIN

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The undergrowth in the area 983444 is very thick and visibility is limited to approximately 10 yards.

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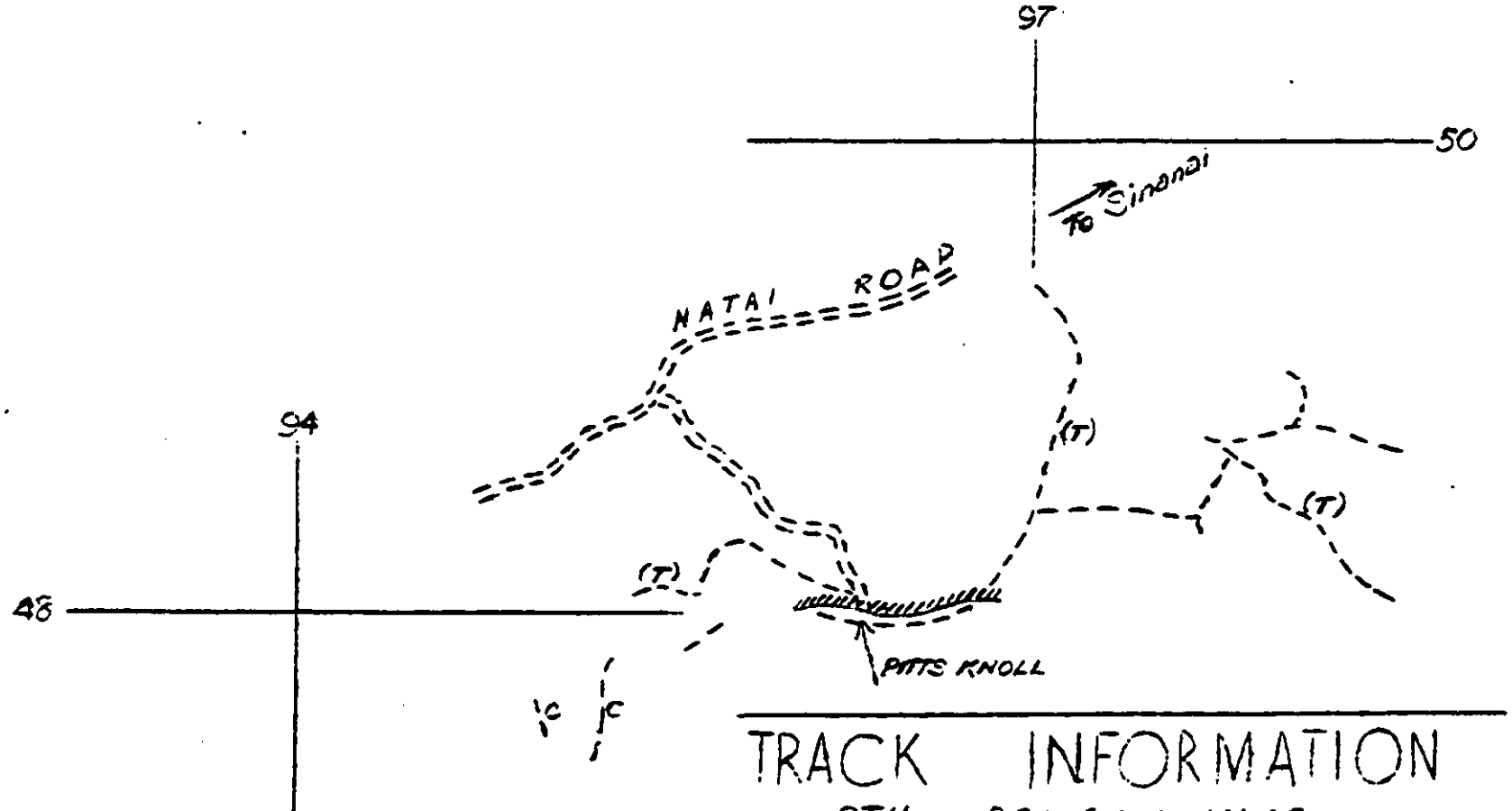
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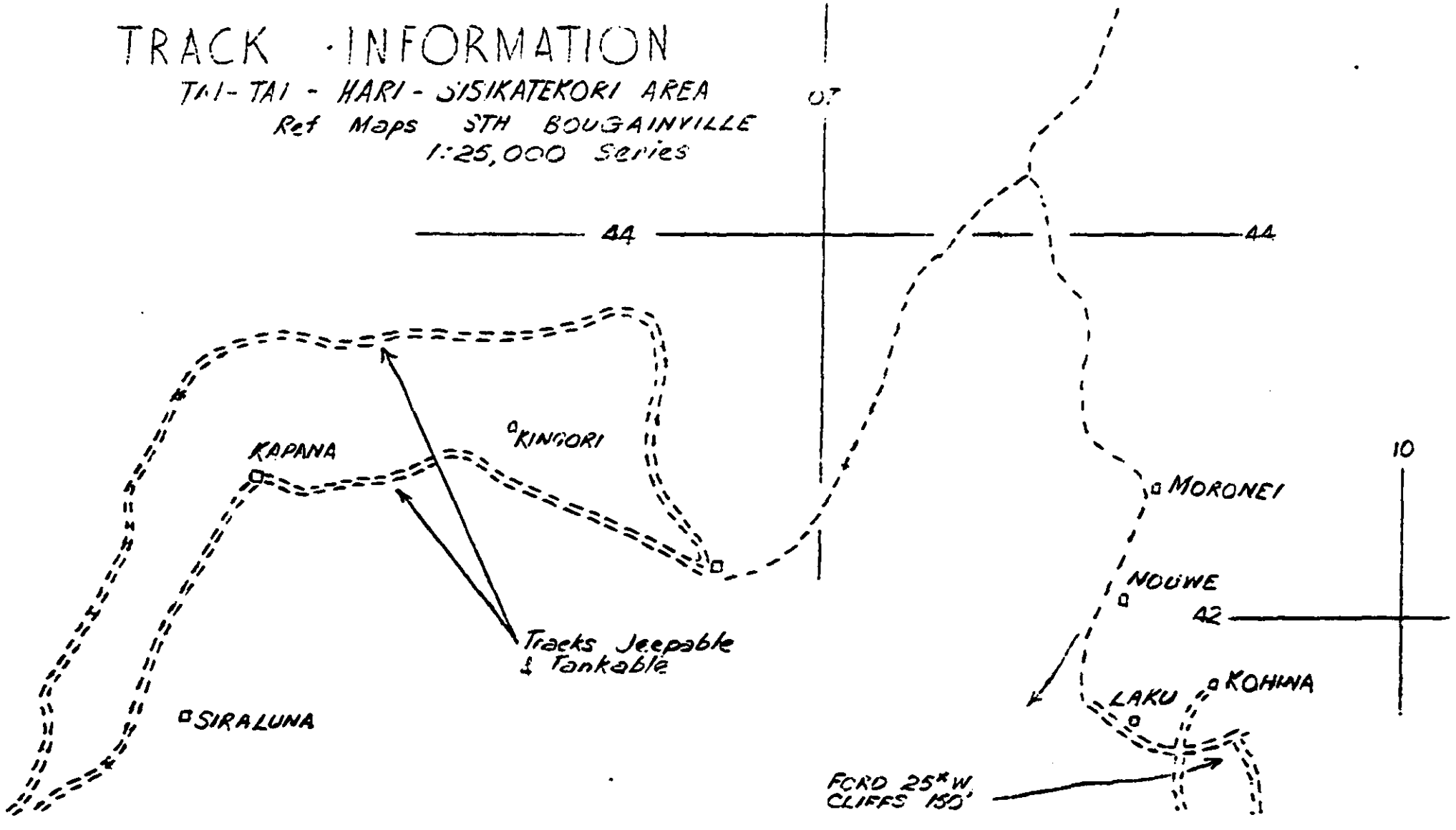
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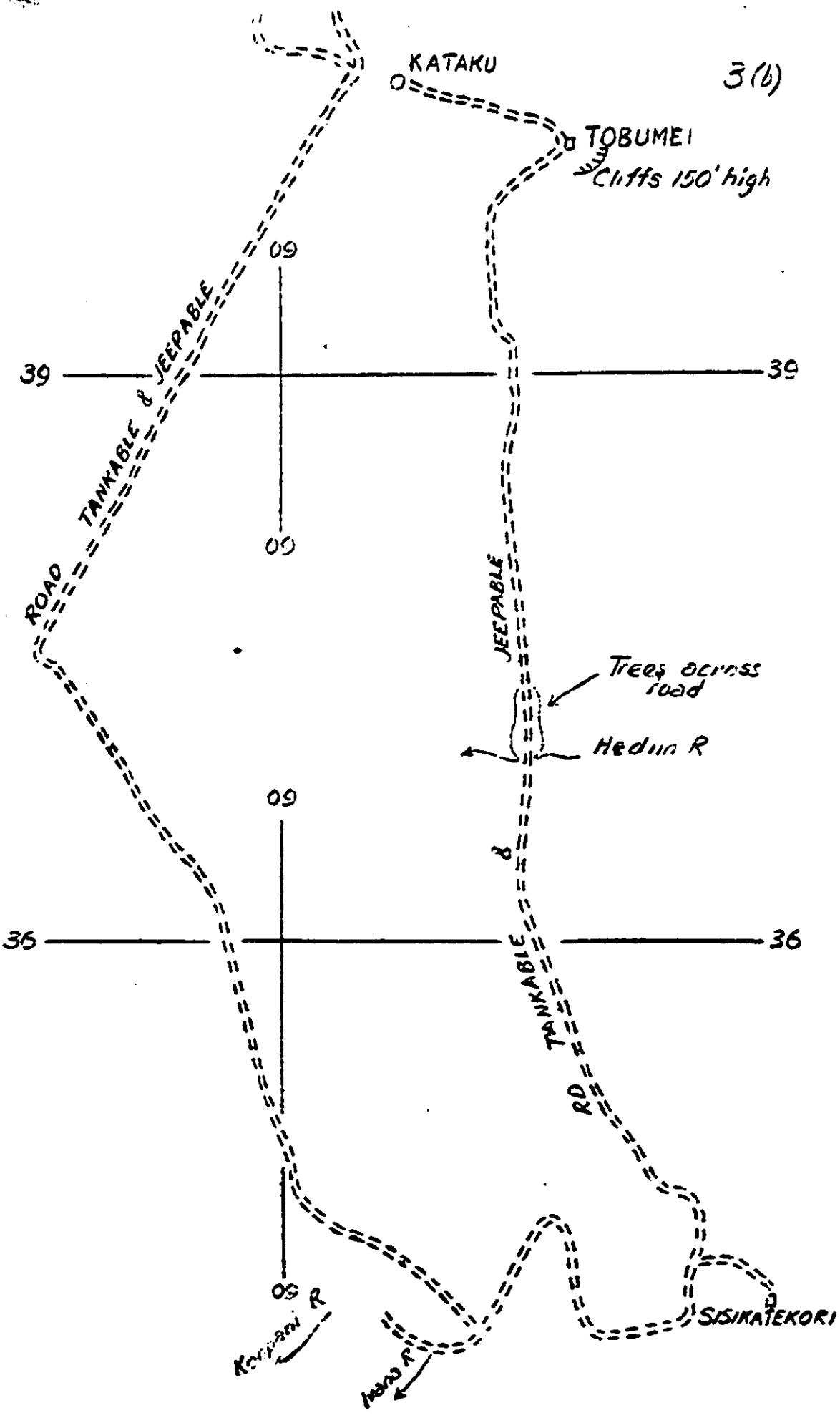
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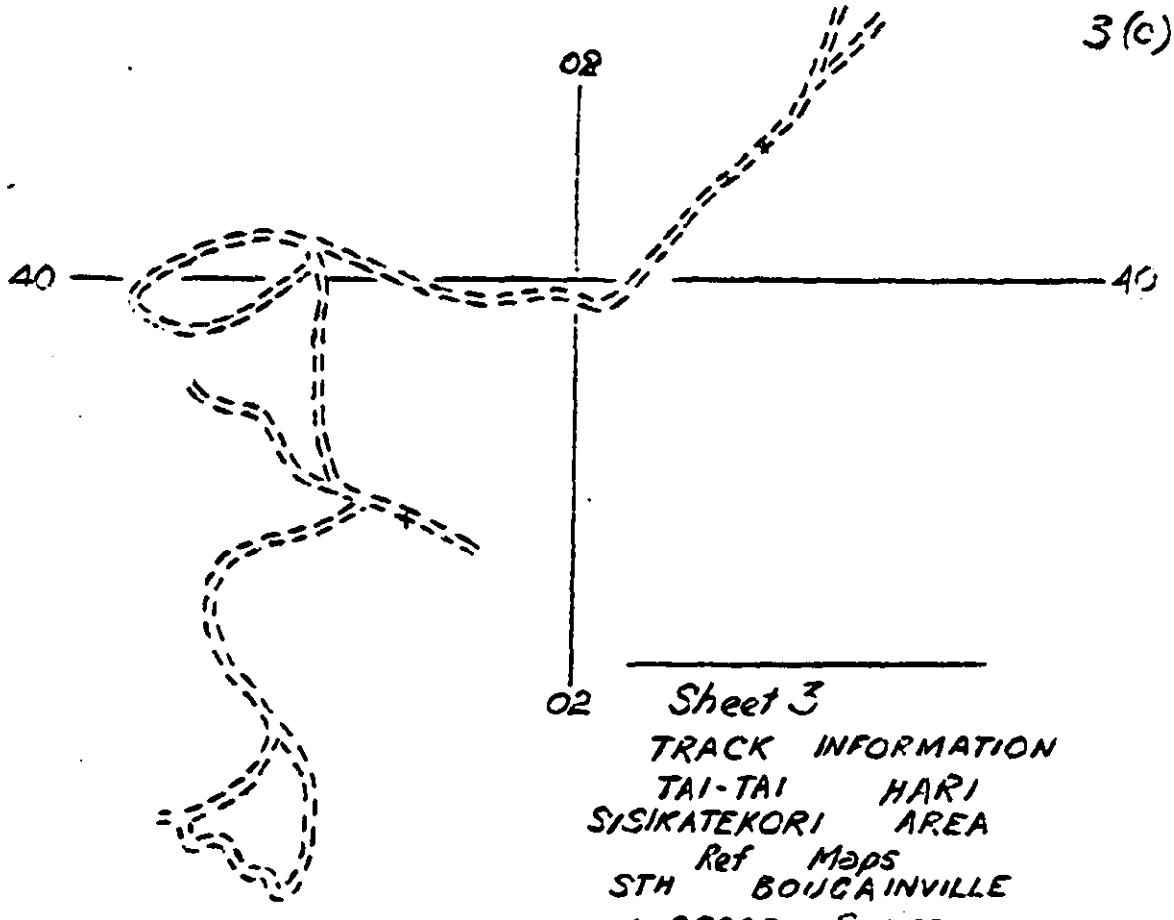
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Sheet (b) TAI TAI – HARI – SISIKATEKORI AREA

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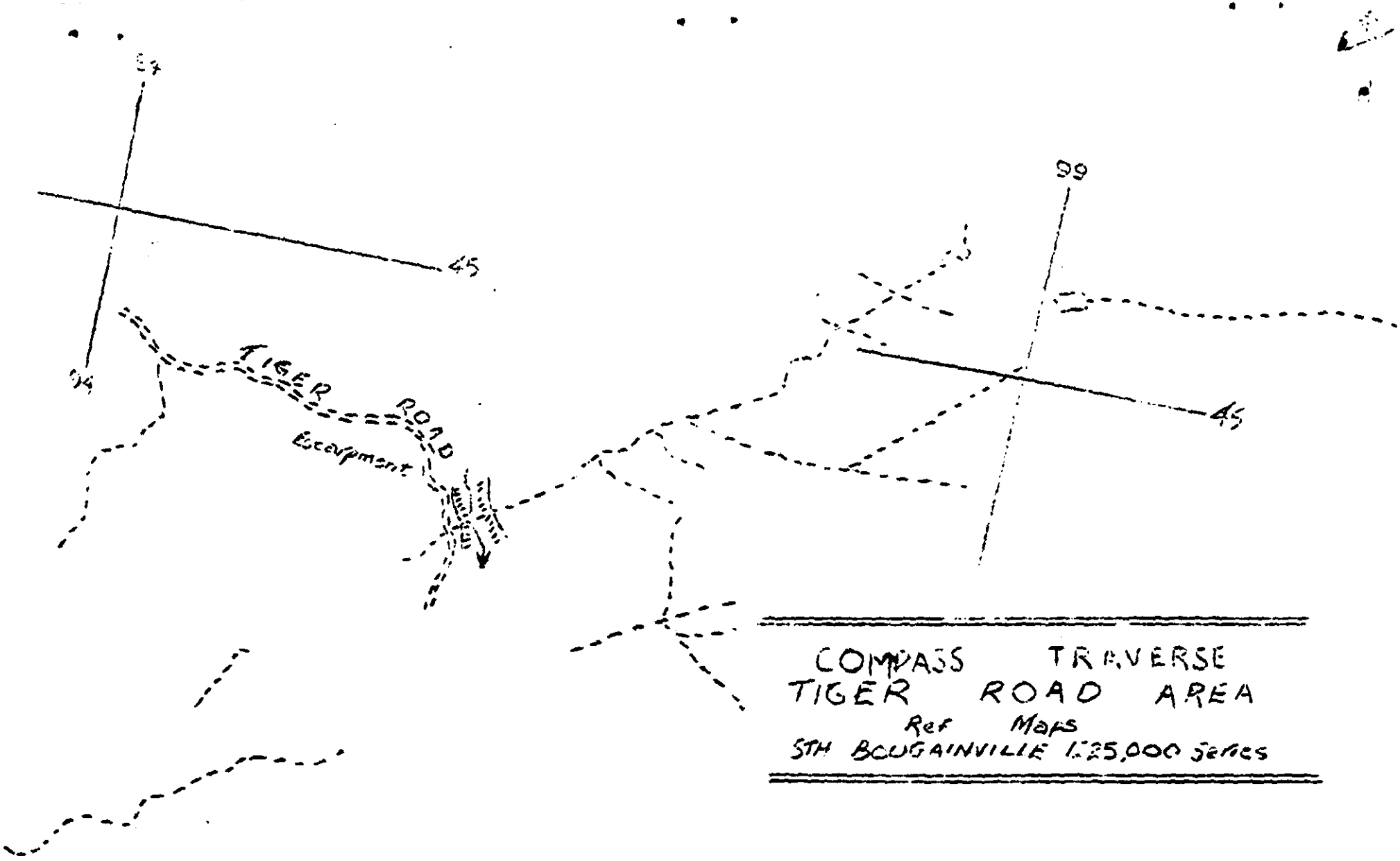
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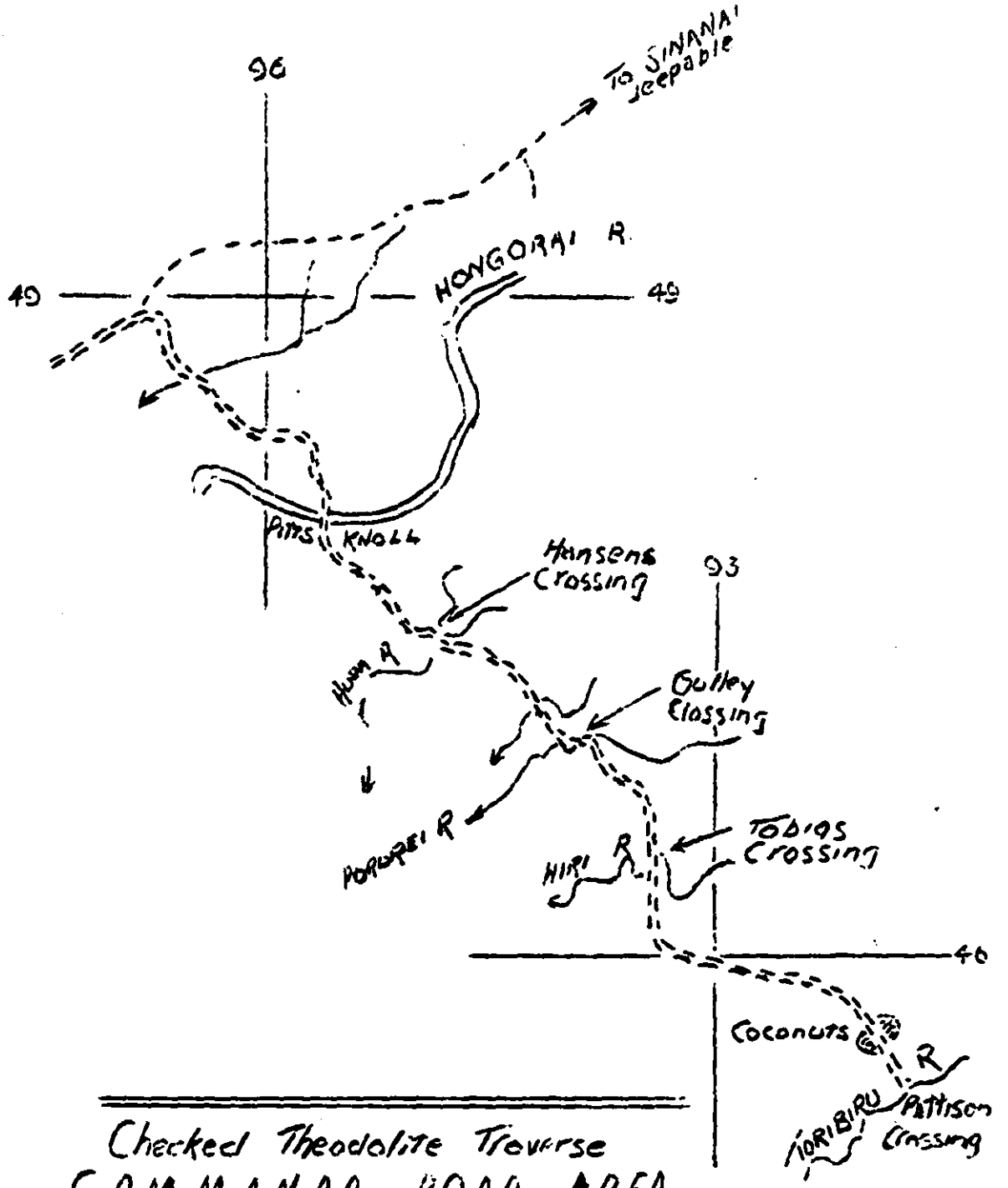
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SURVEY OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

In Southern BOUGAINVILLE it appears that the Sixth Division, having failed to hold the previous river lines , will now make a determined effort to defend the HARI. Extensive defences in depth have been reported along the BUIN Road east from HARI Ford and particular attention has been paid to defence against our tanks.

Similar preparations were of course made to defend the HONGORAI , but the human material in the defences failed to stand up to our air and artillery attacks. This time the defence has been entrusted to 23 Inf Regt which has been resting and reorganizing since the attack on SLATERS KNOLL.

Nevertheless there are already signs of waning "spiritual power". Three members of this unit who gave themselves up after a party of 19 had been dispersed by our artillery fire claim that the whole party was on its way to make a mass surrender. It is possible that as our attack develops , this Regiment in turn may show a disinclination to defend its positions to the death.

PART I

OPERATIONS

LAND - OWN AND ENEMY

NORTHERN SECTOR

A reconnaissance in force has been carried out in the PORTON area. Throughout the area BUOI PLTN - SIAR , where our troops have been reinforced , the enemy is in considerable strength and aggressive. Barge movement continues in the BUKA PASSAGE.

On 8 Jun a strong reconnaissance force went ashore at PORTON PLTN. Strong enemy positions were encountered , and as offshore conditions made supply difficult , our force withdrew during 9/10 Jun , after killing at least 50 enemy. The Jap forces in the area, estimated at 100 before our landing , were quickly reinforced by a further 200 well equipped and well trained troops , and maintained constant pressure during our withdrawal.

In the SIAR area , despite an air strike and constant pressure the enemy has maintained his positions , and continues to engage our troops. Further west , enemy parties have been very active contesting the movement of our troops and operating against our L of C.

In the area north and north east of BUOI PLTN extensive enemy positions have been found. The area is reported to be a maze of tracks , and the enemy has strongly resisted our attempts to patrol the area and push forward our positions. Small parties of naval reinforcements have been observed moving down into this area from the north.

Barge traffic between BONIS PENINSULA and CHINATOWN (BUKA ISLAND) , has been reported throughout the week. Most of this traffic consisted of troops and stores moving to BUKA , but on at least two occasions a barge load of troops moved back to BONIS.

CAPE NEHUS

On 5 Jun natives attacked KEVISIA (3000 yds west of INUS) wiping out the entire Japanese garrison of 57. Later , under cover of mortar fire , Japanese naval troops moved forward from a camp 100 yds east of KEVISIA to occupy the village. This is the first report of naval personnel in this area , but small naval parties were previously reported as attached to the Army Garrison Force in the BANIU - TEOP area , and it is probable that these have now moved south.

CENTRAL SECTOR

PEARL RIDGE

A forward company position has been established at a point 1000 yds north east of BERRYS HILL. On night 3/4 Jun the enemy made unsuccessful attempts to infiltrate the position and intermittent enemy MG fire continued throughout the night. Early next morning our artillery retaliated. Later the company ,having consolidated,engaged an enemy group forward of the perimeter.

A patrol contact was made in this area on 5 Jun, and another 3 days later ,when a patrol engaged an enemy position astride the track. Later our artillery engaged the position , scoring a direct hit on a bunker. Artillery continued to lay down harassing fire throughout the afternoon. On 9 Jun a platoon moved to a point 1500 yds north of the company position , where our troops repulsed an enemy attack. A patrol base was established slightly south of CHAMBERS HILL on 9 Jun.

A long range patrol to the WAKUNAI RIVER on 6 Jun reported enemy activity in the area. On 7 Jun another patrol , following an artillery concentration , went forward to recce an enemy position between BERRYS and WEARNES HILLS. The enemy , however , had vacated the position, abandoning documents and equipment.

A battalion relief was effected in this area during the week.

SOUTHERN SECTOR

HARI RIVER

Further gains have been made by our forces advancing to the HARI RIVER, and a company position has been established on the BUIN Road within 100 yds of the HARI RIVER Ford. Patrols have crossed the river at several points.

On 4 Jun our force continuing to advance along the BUIN Road covered the remainning 1000 yds to the MAMAGOTA Road junction gainst fierce opposition. After an enemy dawn attack on our forward company position had been repulsed , a platoon on 4 Jun advanced to secure the north bank of the BOROGA RIVER. One company then moved to within 500 yds of the road junction. Patrols made three attempts to push forward of the company position but they were pinned down by intense enemy fire. Later the company was attacked by a strong enemy force and further harassing attacks were made by small enemy parties throughout the afternoon.

Patrols continued their attempts to reach MONOITU MISSION and the PEPERU RIVER , but were constantly driven back by heavy fire. Another company then advanced with tank support and after a brief engagement secured the MAMAGOTA Road junction without further opposition.

The same day , another company advancing north of the road towards the PEPERU RIVER established a position on the high ground covering the KOROPO Ford 800 yds north of the MAMAGOTA Road junction

On 5 Jun a patrol moving to the ford encountered rifle fire from a strong enemy party on the opposite bank. A platoon with tank support moved forward to engage but the enemy had withdrawn. Patrols crossing the PEPERU RIVER reported numerous strong enemy positions north and south of the road in the fork of the PEPERU - HARI RIVERS. considerable activity was observed , particularly to the south. A patrol attempting to cross the river in this area was driven back by intense fire.

On 6 Jun following an air strike , elements of our forces crossed the KOROPO Ford without opposition,but resistance was encountered by a patrol 400 yds to the north east.

Later a platoon attempting to cross the ford was forced back by heavy JUKI and LMG fire. Our tanks engaged and a company forced a crossing and advanced north east along the road against strong opposition from a series of pill boxes and fox holes. The same day the KOROPO road junction was secured.

Meanwhile to the south , another company advancing east from the MAMAGOTA Road junction crossed the PEPERU RIVER at the BUIN Road ford, and supported by tanks continued east for 200 yds , where strong opposition was encountered from 60 to 70 enemy. Our artillery engaged and the enemy withdrew.

On 7 Jun the enemy launched an attack on the company position from the south. The attack was repulsed and our force advanced to a point 300 yds from the HARI RIVER ford.

The same day our force at the KOROPO Road junction ,with air support,advanced south east to within 100 yds of the HARI RIVER ford. Some opposition was encountered but this was effectively dealt with by our artillery and tanks. Our troops are now faced by a large enemy force which , despite heavy artillery concentrations and air attacks still remains firmly entrenched in a commanding position dominating the HARI RIVER ford.

Further north a third company advanced against slight opposition east from UNANAI to reach a point 600 yds from HARI RIVER on 8 Jun. The same day six enemy attacks at the perimeter were repulsed, The company is now confronted by a strong enemy force, entrenched immediately forward.

On 8 Jun , a party of 19 enemy approached our position in the UNANAI area. Three surrendered ; the remainder were dispersed by artillery fire.

MAMAGOTA

On 7 Jun an armoured patrol penetrated south to MAMAGOTA without making contact. The area was again covered on 9 Jun and , of 15 Japanese contacted on the MAMAGOTA Road 12)) yds south of the HARI RIVER fork , two were killed.

A considerable quantity of equipment and clothing , including blankets with naval insignia , were found in abandonded huts along the road.

On 10 Jun an unknown number of enemy attacked a patrol on the MAMAGITA Road south west of the river fork. The patrol killed three enemy before breaking contact.

TAI TAI

Further ground has been gained and consolidated in this sector and our forces now control the entire TAI TAI - KOROPO Road, with patrols thrusting deep to the east.

On 4 Jun our company at TONNU , after beating off a fierce enemy attack,advanced south east along the track with tank support and , on crossing the PEPERU RIVER , reached a point 1000 yds west of TAI TAI. The same day a patrol operating south of this point engaged 40 enemy, another company moved to a point astride the track 700 yds south of AMIO.

Patrolling continued east of TAI TAI and several clashes occurred on 8 Jun. One patrol contacted 10 enemy 1500 yds east of TAI TAI, killing one and wounding three. The same patrol killed another two in ambush,and,later contacting another six in the same area,killed one. On 10 Jun a patrol was attacked by an unknown number of enemy on the track 1500 yds east of KIPARA. Later our artillery engaged the enemy.

Signs of a recent hurried enemy withdrawal were found in the area, including a workshop with some equipment. A vacated gun position was also found.

KINGORI

Enemy activity in this sector has been reported throughout the week. On 5 Jun natives reported 80 enemy moving east along the KAPARA - KINGORI Road. Another enemy party was reported 700 yds north of KAPARA and a further 20 were observed to the south east. PANAKAI (2000 yds north east of KAPARA) was reported occupied on 6 Jun.

A patrol to the MUSARAKA area on 9 Jun reported that KAPANA was unoccupied and that all buildings in the area had been demolished. A small enemy party was seen 1000 yds to the south east.

OGORATA - MIVO RIVERS

Furtehr reports of latge enemy concentrations throughout this area have been received during the week. On 8 Jun tracks were observed indicating movement south towards RUSEI on 4 Jun. A further 60 enemy were reported to have moved recently from KINGORAI to RUSEI.

Considerable enemy movement along the BUIN Road was also reported. On 6 Jun many well equipped enemy were seen moving west along the road from a point 1200 yds east of RUSEI. The enemy was extremely vigilant at all points and several attempts by our patrols to cross the road in the RUSEI area were prevented by enemy fire.

Other concentrations were observed to the east. Large numbers occupied the high ground overlooking the MOBIAI RIVER ford; the areas 50 yds north and south of the road were cleared and positions were prepared. Another concentration was reported astride the track 500 yds west of the MIVO. The area was cleared and thoroughly booby trapped and sentries were alert at all approaches.

On 10 Jun considerable foot traffic was reported moving east and west along the road. A patrol ambushed a party of 16 enemy north of the road , killing 11.

Enemy casualties on BOUGAINVILLE

	to 11 Jun	22 Nov - 11 Jun
Killed	14969	5019
PW	193	92
Wounded	(x)	359
Unconfirmed killed	(x)	1302

(x) No figures available before 22 Nov.
60 per cent of native killings reported to date are converted from "Unconfirmed" to "Confirmed" category.

AIR

OWN

GENERAL

Air activity during the week was on a slightly reduced scale by comparison of sorties. This however was due primarily to the grounding of all aircraft on 4 Jun and the fact that GREEN ISLAND Mitchells have ceased to operate in the area. In all 588 strike sorties were recorded during the week, 110 of these being on 10 Jun.

Of 27 missions 17 were in direct support of ground troops.

By far the heaviest weight of attack was in south BOUGAINVILLE where 458 sorties were flown. Remaining targets were on the BONIS PENINSULA.

NORTH BOUGAINVILLE

A defensive position and an enemy concentration in the RURI BAY area were attacked on successive days at the request of ground troops.

On 9 and 10 Jun Corsairs were used extensively to cover troops landed at PORTON PLTN. Tac R aircraft assisted by maintaining almost continuous air watch and planes of the local Air Supply Unit dropped urgently required stores and equipment. The withdrawal was similarly covered.

SOUTH BOUGAINVILLE

In the southern area outside the Air Force Bombline seven targets were attacked. These were located by ground patrols or assessed from native information.

Enemy camps were bombed in the following areas:-
MIVO FORD (115340) , OAMAI River (153333) , SILIBAI River (234418) SW TOBAGO (316410) , NE TOBAGO (331424) and LAGUAI (252292). Several huts were destroyed but for the most part results were unobserved due to heavy foliage.

Possibly the most worthy target attacked in this area during the week was the reported HQ of Rear Admiral SAMESHIMA and the surrounding Naval Camp area (320432 to 333340). This was attacked on two successive days. Three huts were destroyed and the area well covered. A 1700 lb bomb was dropped in this attack but failed to explode.

ENEMY

Natives have reported that two float planes arrived at KAHILI during May. It was also stated that an aircraft arrived regularly every month during the full moon with medical supplies from RABAUL.

PART II

ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

MOVEMENT FROM SHORTLANDS TO BUIN

There are further indications of troop movements from the SHORTLANDS to BUIN. TAKEDA , who was in mid - 1944 a Rear-Admiral commanding 1 Base Force then headquartered at POPORANG ISLAND , has been reported by natives as second in command naval troops SOUTH BOUGAINVILLE , and stationed in the large navy billeting area north of PATUPATUAI MISSION.

Known movement from the SHORTLANDS and adjacent islands to BUIN has been regular since Nov 44. The bulk of 1 Bn 4 Med Arty Regt , elements of 45 Fd AA Bn and 2 Bn 6 Fd Arty Regt , navy troops from CHOISEUL and SHORTLANDS have made the journey up to May 45. According to a PW the movement is to continue , involving 1 Bn 4 South Sea Grn Unit and the remainder of 6 Fd Arty Regt which are due , he stated , in BUIN area during Jun.

To date known movement from the islands has been of combat units and combat replacements; this may eventually extend to the draining of personnel from AA and Coast Defence Units.

The roles of the units in the SHORTLANDS and adjacent islands were the defence against allied movement from the south and Central SOLOMONS and flank protection to the BUIN coast. He will probably maintain naval troops to man the AA and Coast Defence guns , although one PW of 23 Inf Regt has stated that the islands are to be evacuated.

It is possible that Lt Gen KANDA now considers that in view of the development of our attack in SOUTH BOUGAINVILLE the garrisons here can be substantially reduced.

INTENTIONS

One PW from HQ 23 Inf Regt states that the main battle in SOUTH BOUGAINVILLE will be fought at the MIVO RIVER and that Army and Navy troops from BUIN , SHORTLANDS and KIETA are to be assembled there for that purpose , while the force at HARI and RUSEI is to stem our advance till the MIVO line is established.

The reliability of this report is as yet unassessed.

PART IV

Attached as Appendix "A" are additions and amendments to topographical information BOUGAINVILLE ISLAND.

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TOPOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

PLACE NAMES

Name	Sheet		Mapref
SINARI	KIETA	1:63,360	175880
LERVAREKA	"	"	197898
TAKOR	"	"	208908
ATOWARA RIVER	INUS	"	617203
TEOMBAI	TEOP	"	631505
BOGISAGO	TOIMONAPU	"	405510
MORULA	MUSURAKA	1 : 25,000	176416
KAKAURA	KAHILI DROME	"	320700
TURAI	"	"	312308
MAMAMARINO	KARA DROME	"	300339
KUGIOGU	"	"	299333
TIERNAN's SPUR	KOWARO	"	692160 - 693164
CAL's REST	"	"	691355
EDWARD's KNOLL	"	"	691154
GILL's HILL	"	"	613159
RUSH's KNOLL	"	"	685157 - 688154
KUNITOU	MONOITU	"	028396

TRACK INFORMATION

Refmaps SOUTH BOUGAINVILLE 1: 25000 Series

Road KAPARA - KINGORI - This section is 15 feet wide, well drained bordered by close jungle. The surface is firm, though there are some muddy, low lying patches.

KINGORI to MATALASI - The road is 5 feet wide with grassy sides 2 feet high and passes through average rain forest, with medium undergrowth.

MATALASI to KATSUWA Mission - The road varies from 4 to 10 feet in width and is overgrown with grass, with a footpad down the centre. The road passes through average rain forest, with medium undergrowth.

Road KATUKA Mission - TOBUMEI 104403 - SHISHIGATERO 114341 - An excellent well drained road, 10 feet in width with a firm hard surface grassy sides and a pad down the centre. Apart from six culverts needed where drains cross the road, little work is required.

ROAD KINGORI - RUSEI - Runs along the East bank of the MORI River, and there are no crossings. Only clearing is necessary to make this a good road.

(All roads mentioned are tankable.)

At 960432 a track crosses the POROREI River via natural stepping stones and continues in an easterly direction.

The beach track from the HONGORAI River to MAMAGOTA is not suitable for use by MT.

A well worn track at 963402, running toward the BUIN Road, is approximately one foot wide.

The track from 974429 to 980426 is 3 feet wide , with thick secondary growth on either side. This track could be made tankable and jeepable with engineer assistance, but would require corduroy f from the SUNIN River junction West for 200 yds.

At 989377 , the MAMAGOTA Road is 6 feet wode , with a well worn 3 feet wide pad in the centre. The track would need widening before it could be used by tanks or jeeps.

The track west from 316701 is now jeepable. The road inland to 109280 is not jeepable.

Refmaps CHABAI & BUKA DROME 1:25000

At 273698 a cleared , well worn track approximately 8 feet in width with a 3 feet wide footpad down the centre runs east from the Jetty for 400 yds into thick undergrowth.

GENERAL

Refmaps SOUTH BOUGAINVILLE 1:25000 Series

A sandbar at the mouth of the MIVO River would prevent the passage of barges at low tide,when the depth of the water at the mouth is only 2 feet. Natives report that the river is navigable to light boats to the BUIN Road.

The Beaches east and west of the MIVO River mouth are suit able for barge landings. No offshore obstacles were observed. The beach at TOKUAKA is also suitable for barge landings,th ugh the sand is soft and would not support vehicles.

A dropping Zone is easily obtainable at KATSUWA.

Refmap TOIMONAPU 1 : 63,360

River shown on map from 498645 to 460612 does not exist. The tributary of the TAURAUA River which runs south from 489666 to 492654 continues on to 489643. It then conforms to river as shown on map from 489643 to 476643 between river and creek.

PW INFORMATION

The following has been confirmed by numerous PW.

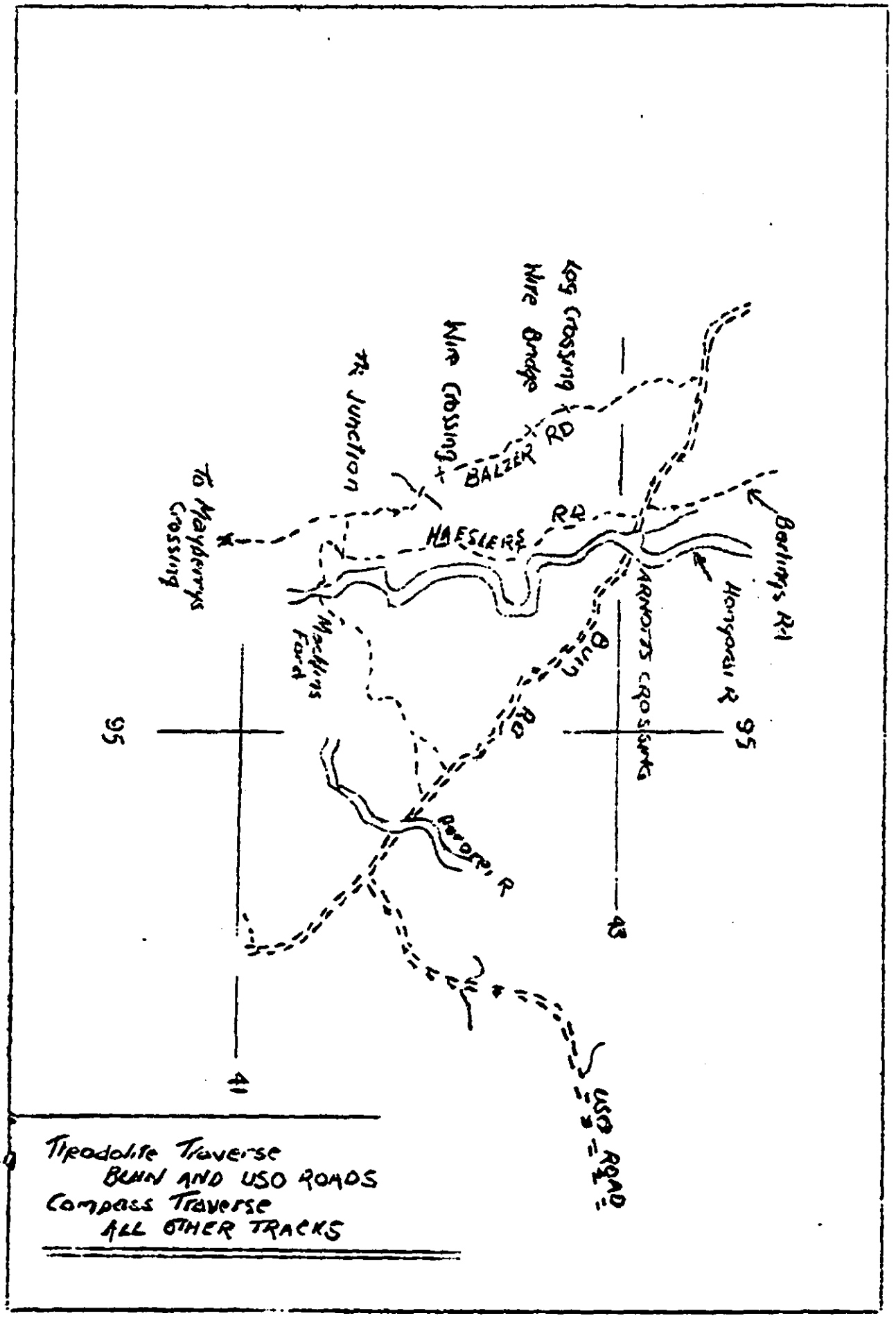
West of MAIKA , the roads to TAI TAI and the HARI River could be traversed by trucks and tanks. Bridges are mostly 3 years old and rotted. Trucks could negotiate them slowly.

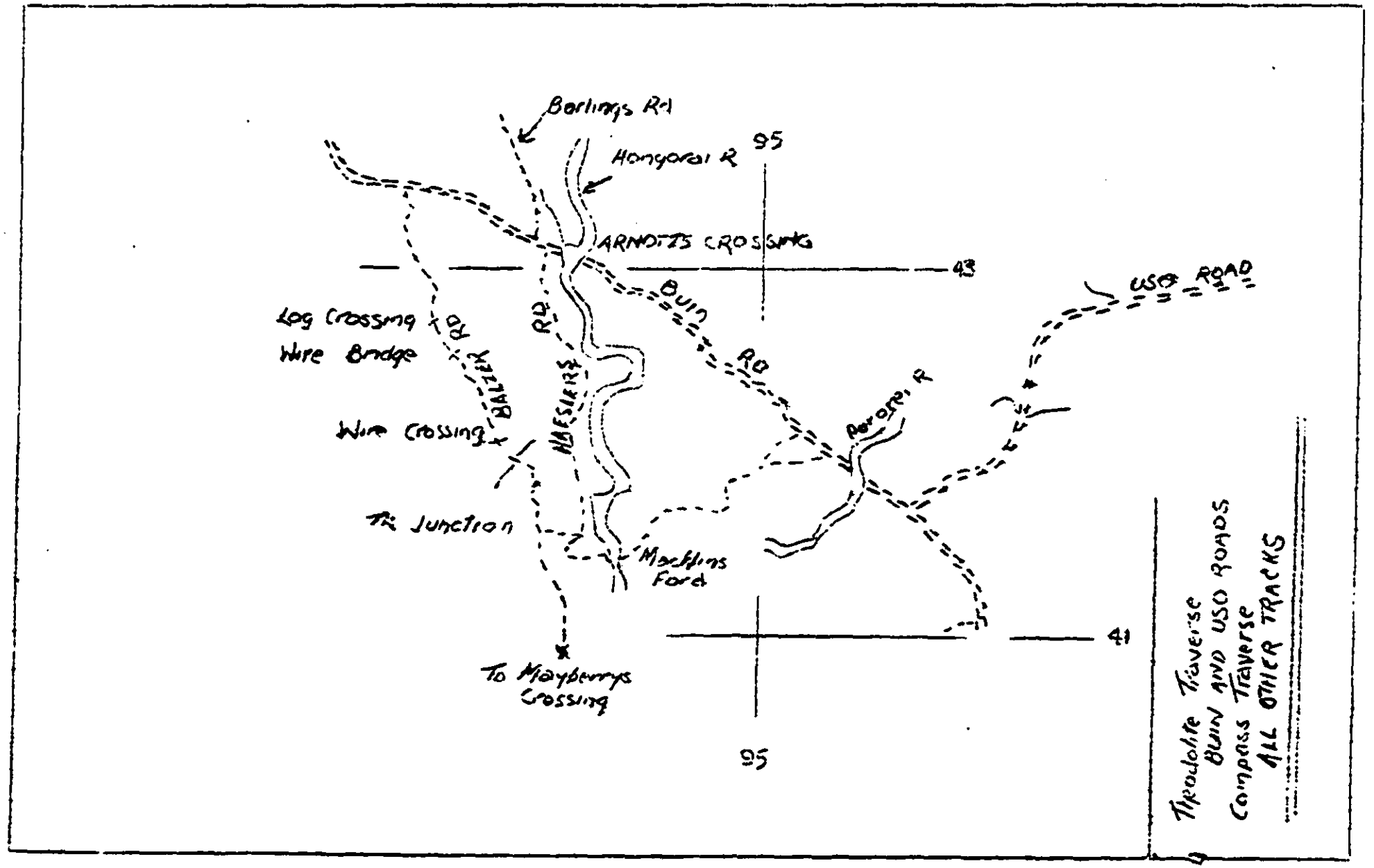
All rivers are subject to flooding after heavy rains. MIVO River is the only river that cannot be crossed during flood.

The following river crossings are along the BUIN Road.

RIVER	Depth	Width	Bottom	Remarks
MULIKO R	2' 6"	22 yds	Pebbles & sand	Banks gradual, tanks can cross and manoeuvre this area.
SILIBAI R	3'	44 yds	Sand	Banks gradual, tanks can manoeuvre this area.
BORPOR R	3'	33 yds	Sand & Pebbles	Banks sloping, tall grass on river banks.

River	Depth	Width	Bottom	Remarks
MIYATA R	3'	16⅔ yds	Sand	Banks steep, would be tank obstacle. Bridge necessary for MT.
MIVO R	3' 7"	55 yds	Sand & Pebbles	Banks gradual at crossing and down stream. Largest river between MAIKA and TAI TAI. Swift flowing, cannot be waded during continuous rain.
MOBIAI R	3'	27 yds	Sand	Tank obstacle. Tall trees prevent deviation from road.
HARI R	2'	22 yds	Pebbles	Banks: NORTH - 40° slope. SOUTH - 20° " Tanks can only cross at ford.


Log crossing
Wire Bridge
Wire Crossing
R Junction
To Meyerrons Crossing
BALZER RD
HAESLER RD
Barlings Rd
Honeydew R
ARNOTTS CROSSING
Macklins Ford
Quin Rd
Beaver R
95
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43
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Compass Traverse
ALL OTHER TRACKS


Berlings Rd
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12	Legal Officer		1	1	1
13	Education Officer		1	1	1
14	Supervisor of Army Catering		1	1	1
15	Camp		1	1	1
16	War Diary	2	2	2	2
17	ANGAU			1	4
18	2/1 Aust Mov & Tn Sp			1	4
19	Det 1 Aust Fd Censorship Coy			1	1
20	141 Aust HAA Bty			1	5
21	554 Aust LAA Bty			1	1
22	5 Aust CRE (Wks)			1	9
23	HQ 1 Aust Water Tpt Gp			1	2
24	1 Aust Water Tpt Gp Sig Sec			-	1
25	1 Aust Pigeon Sec (Type B)			-	1
26	13 Aust Small Ships Coy			-	3
27	42 Aust Landing Craft Coy			-	3
28	4 Aust Welding Pl			-	1
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30	Det 1 Aust Water Amb Convoy			-	1
31	6 Aust Docks Op Coy			1	1
32	3 Pl 1 Aust Port Maint Coy			1	1
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34	133 Aust G T Coy			1	6
35	5 Aust MAC Pl			1	1
36	53 Aust BIPOD Pl			1	1
37	54 Aust BIPOD Pl			1	1
38	HQ 2 Aust BSD			1	1
39	HQ 80 Aust Sup Dep Coy			1	7
40	Det 12 Aust Air Maint Pl			1	1
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43	HQ 13 Aust Fd Baking Coy			1	4
44	1 Aust Marine Food Sup Pl			1	1
45	2/1 Aust Gen Hosp			1	1
46	2/1 Aust Base Dep Med Stores			1	1
47	A Coy 8 Aust Fd Amb			1	1
48	2/3 Aust Con Depot			1	1
	Forward	11	17	42	92

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52	Det NG Sub Dep LHQ Dental Stores			1	1
53	82 Aust Dental Unit			1	1
54	16 Aust AOD			1	4
55	3 Aust R S D			1	1
56	8 Aust Ord Veh Pk			1	1
57	Det 4 Aust Ord Port Det			1	1
58	4 Sec Aust Offrs Shop			1	1
59	2/6 Aust Mob Laundry & Fwd Decn Unit			1	1
60	30 Aust Light Laundry			1	1
61	13 Aust AAD			1	1
62	1 Aust Mob Amn Repair Shop			1	1
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SURVEY OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

The most significant event of the week has been the speed of our advance to the defences of the MOBIAI RIVER Southern BOUGAINVILLE. The enemy expected to hold the line of the HONGORAI RIVER for at least a month, and in that time to prepare his defences on successive rivers to the east. The month is not yet up and the programme seems to have been badly disrupted.

It is the common belief of Japanese troops that a decisive stand will be made on the MIVO RIVER, the best natural obstacle in this area. However there has been no sign yet of any large concentrations or defences in this vicinity. Moreover there is no evidence of any fresh units, except an estimated 200 naval troops, having moved up to assist the repeatedly defeated units now on the MOBIAI. Whatever may have been the original plan it is now probable that only delaying actions will be met forward of the SILIBAI RIVER where it has been reported for some months that the Japanese are preparing the West Wall of Fortress BUIN.

Recently captured documents show that the evacuation of the estimated 1000 Army troops on the SHORTLAND ISLANDS were well advanced by the beginning of April and the plan to be completed by the end of June. The future of these units, 1 Bn 4 Med Arty Regt and the bulk of 4 South Seas Garrison Unit, is possibly indicated by the fact that on arrival they were to come under command of the BUIN Area Garrison Unit.

PART I

OPERATIONS

LAND - OWN AND ENEMY

NORTHERN SECTOR

Enemy activity throughout the week has been on a reduced scale, Casualties inflicted on the enemy in the recent PORTON action are known to have been considerable.

On 14 Jun a medium tank (probably a type 94) was found dug in 2500 yds south west of RURI; the tank was in good condition though partially dismantled.(Note;- The discovery of this tank probably accounts for all the medium tanks of 81 Meduim Tank Coy estimated to be in the area. It is remotely possible that one of two light tanks remain in the Northern sector).

In the area north of HUOI PLTN patrols were active throughout the week , but only occasional light contacts were made. However , small active parties were encountered in the coastal area and a large pocket noth east of the plantation still remains. All tracks showed signs of recent use and extensive vacated positions were found throughout the area.

Further interrogation and checking of casualties inflicted during the PORTON Operation 8/10 Jun reveals that our troops killed 147 Japanese and probably 50 others.

CAPE NEHUS

Reports indicate a large scale northward movement to KEVISIA. Scouts estimate that at least 100 Japanese are now concentrated in the area.

CENTRAL SECTOR

PEARL RIDGE

Action in this sector during the week has been centred mainly in the area between TIERNANS SPUR and WEARNES HILL. On 11 Jun our platoon slightly east of the spur was attacked by an unknown number of enemy. The attack was repulsed and the platoon pushed forward to a point 600 yds south east of WEARNES HILL. The same day another platoon covered by artillery , mortar and MG fire successfully engaged the enemy held feature 300 yds north of TIERNANS SPUR. 9 enemy were killed in this operation.

On 13 Jun another platoon after overcoming some stiff opposition established a position midway between TIERNANS SPUR and WEARNES HILL. Next day patrols pushing forward of our forward company position at TIERNANS SPUR located an extensive enemy position 500 yds to the north east. Artillery and morters later attacked thepos ition with accurate fire.

Following an air strike at enemy positions on WEARNES HILL on 16 Jun , a fighting patrol with artillery and mortar support engaged two enemy positions east of the hill forcing a withdrawal. The patrol made a further advance ; thenwas held up by LMG and rifle fire. The patrol withdrew to enable our artillery to engage.

On 17 Jun a fighting patrol , with artillery and mortar support , advancing along the track north of TIERNANS SPUR , encountered heavy LMG and rifle fire. The patrol damaged one LMG and killed 4 enemy.

On 15 Jun one company established a firm base on the WAKUNAI RIVER at 697245.

KIETA

Natives moving in on 15 Jun to attack the enemy at KOVIDAU found the village abandoned. The natives , having destroyed all huts and fox holes , followed the enemy along the KOVIDAU - KIETA Road, killing 9 with grenades.

SOUTHERN SECTOR

Spectacular advances have been made in this sector during the week and by 17 Jun our forces had secured the BUIN Road to a point 1500 yds beyond the OGORATA RIVER and were advancing on the MOBIAI. The general pattern of our advance was a series of outflanking moves on the BUIN Road , within the framework of a wide pincer movement by two battalions , one driving east along the BUIN Road ; the other moving in a wide arc from the KAPARA area. The two forces effected a junction on the BUIN Road north of HUSEI on 16 Jun .

On 11 Jun one company continuing to exploit the ground north of the HARI RIVER ford took up a position on the west bank of the river 2500 yds north east of the ford , while another company crossed the river without opposition to secure the opposite bank.

A third company having crossed the river to the south advanced south along the east bank towards HARI 2. The enemy attacked 500 yds south east of the HARI 3 crossing , but was quickly dispersed. A further attack was also beaten off and the advance continued against relatively light opposition , with patrols engaging in sharp clashes well forward. On 15 Jun the advance continued against stiffening resistance to the BUIN Road where the force swung west towards a company still held up at the HARI RIVER ford.

On night 14/15 Jun the enemy was again hammered by our mortars and next morning the company , supported by tanks and flame throwers advanced on the enemys position. Intense fire was encountered , but our tanks , attacking strongly ,forced the enemy to withdraw. The company then crossed the ford and on 15 Jun joined the force advancing west along the BUIN Road.

In the meantime the two companies astride the river north east of the HARI River ford moved south on 13 Jun as a combined force and , pushing forward against slight opposition to the BUIN Road , established a position 2500 yds south east of the ford. Later this force came under heavy fire from the south east , but our tanks retaliated and the enemy was dispers..

On 14 Jun one company with one troop of tanks continued east along the road. Some opposition and booby traps were encountered and one tank was engaged at point blank range by a concealed 150 mm gun. The tank, although disabled, attacked and knocked out the gun.

Forward elements with tanks and flame throwers pushed on and after a sharp engagement reached the west bank of the OGORATA RIVER on 15 Jun.

In the rear, our other force, having crossed the HARI RIVER ford, continued east along the BUIN Road on 15 Jun, meeting a strong enemy force 3000 yds from the ford. Heavy fighting resulted in the enemy's withdrawal and the advance continued.

On 16 Jun further progress was made. The east bank of the OGORATA was secured and a platoon supported by one troop of tanks continued east dispersing an enemy ambush party on route. Numerous mines and booby traps were encountered and our leading tank was totally disabled by an exploding mine.

One company continued to advance and linked with the other force which, having completed the wide enveloping move from the KAPARA area, was now established on the BUIN Road 1000 yds east of the OGORATA River.

MUSAKAKA

Co ordinated with the eastern drive along the BUIN Road, the force concentrated on the AMIO -KAPARA track began a wide outflanking move on the 8 Jun. Driving south east across country, the force crossed the MORI RIVER at a point about 3000 yds south of KINGORI and then swung south along the KINGORI - MUSEI track.

Our main force continued south, advancing to a point about 3 miles south of KINGORI on night 12/13 Jun. No opposition was encountered but in the garden area approximately 4000 yds to the north, a patrol came under heavy LMG and mortar fire from an enemy party in a dug in position. Later, tanks dispersed the enemy and the position was occupied by our troops.

By 16 Jun our forces after negotiating very difficult terrain had completed the move and were firmly established astride the BUIN Road 1000 yds east of the OGORATA RIVER, where they were joined by the other force advancing along the BUIN Road.

A patrol contacted an enemy party south of the road in this area killing six and wounding two.

Following the linking of our forces, one company, with tank support, pushed east along the road, after advancing 500 yds, the leading tank received a direct hit from a 150mm gun. Patrols located the gun, which was engaged by artillery. Later the gun was engaged by our tanks.

Meanwhile the company was held up by other strong positions astride the road, and another company moving to outflank the enemy from the north encountered an enemy position north of the road. Our troops outflanked the position, which was later found vacated. The company, continuing to advance, then came under heavy fire from further enemy.

A third company operating south of the road after beating off continuous enemy attacks pushed east to within 1000 yds of the MOBIAI RIVER ford, where, on 17 Jun, a strong enemy force was engaged.

MAMAGOTA

Operating south of the BUIN Road in support of the general advance , our forces staged several diversionary actions in the area immediately south of the HARI River fork. Thirty enemy were dispersed in one of these actions at the base of the river fork, at which point a crossing was made. East of the river a series of extensive vacated positions was found.

An armoured patrol operating east of the river south of the HARI River fork on 14 Jun sent out a recce patrol which, having engaged in a minor clash , captured one Japanese. Next day another patrol ambushed an enemy party estimated at 100, south of the BUIN road approximately 1500 yds west of the OGORATA. The patrol killed 12 enemy before returning to base.

KINGORI

Further contacts have been reported in this sector. A patrol moving east towards KINGORI on 13 Jun came under heavy LMG and rifle fire 1500 yds from the village. Tanks dispersed the enemy and the patrol occupied the position. Following several other contacts in the same area , an armoured patrol secured the KINGORI track junction without further opposition.

Other patrols made several contacts on 15 Jun. Onepatrol engaged an enemy party of about thirty , who were dug in 1000 yds south east of KINGORI; in this clash 15 enemy were killed and many wounded. Another patrol engaged 60 enemy in the same area , but , threatened by an outflanking move, was forced to break contact. Scouts reported an estimated 70 Japanese moving north east from KINGORI.

To the south on 15 Jun, an armoured patrol moving south along the KINGORI - RUSEI rack was engaged by one 75mm gun. Tanks moved in forcing the enemy to abandon thegun.

MIVO RIVER

On 18 Jun a force moved east along the road to the MIVO River to the road bend north west of MUSARAKA and south for 1500 yds without making contact. The same day a base was established east of the river 1500 yds north east of MUSARAKA.

A carrier line from this point established contact with our force at MUSAKAKA on the KINGORI - RUSEI track on 15 Jun, after twice being forced by the enemy to return to base.

A patrol operating to the south on 16 Jun reported considerable enemy activity in the MOBIAI RIVER ford area; but no defence positions were seen in the vicinity of the MIVO ford.

ENEMY CASUALTIES ON BOUGAINVILLE

	To 18 Jun	22 Nov - 18 Jun
Killed	15209	5319
PW	198	97
Wounded (x)	(x)	381
Unconfirmed killed	(x)	1405

(x) No figures before 22 Nov. 50% of native killings reported to date are converted from "Unconfirmed" to "Confirmed" category.

AIR

OWN

Due primarily to bad weather conditions on two consecutive days, the number of sorties completed by strike aircraft was considerably less than normal for the period of review. This reduction was also due partly to the changeover of two NZ squadrons during which availability was reduced to three squadrons. The total of sorties was 407 including patrols (41) and the number of targets attacked was 22. Of these 17 were in direct support of ground troops.

NORTH BOUGAINVILLE

Following withdrawal of Australian troops from PORTON PLTN, air operations in the Northern Sector returned to routine and 4 missions were flown in direct support. These were directed against pill boxes and bivouac areas located by ground patrols and Tac R aircraft. In one attack on a bivouac area a tank was exposed and destoyed.

CENTRAL BOUGAINVILLE

There were three attacks during the week in the central area - two in support of ground troops and one against a large camp and coast gun near TOBEREI.

The third mission was undertaken at the urgent request of long range patrols being harassed by a large body of Japs in the KEVISIA area. Seven huts were destoyed and debris scattered after the attack indicated extensive damage.

SOUTH BOUGAINVILLE

Attacks in the Southern area beyond the air force bomb line numbered 4 only - considerably less than the previous period. This was due partly to the increased call for direct support and partly to the contraction of the area as a result of our own advance. Targets attacked were a troop area at TOBAGO, troop concentrations at KANAURA and BARILO and a suspected ammunition ammunition dump, all these due to heavy foliage, were recorded as "Unobserved".

CLOSE SUPPORT - SOUTHERN SECTOR

Troops in the southern sector received 224 of the 356 target sorties.

With one exception all of the attacks within the bombline were directed against defensive areas astride the BUIN Road between the HARI and MIVO Rivers. Although unspectacular targets as far as observed results are concerned the effectiveness is reflected to a large extent by the progress during the week on this front.

The one strike not on the BUIN Road was made on 16 Jun in support of forward scouts being attacked by a party of approx 100 Japanese near the GURU RIVER. The effect of this attack has not yet been reported.

PART IV

TOPOGRAPHICAL

Attached as Appx "A" to this Summary are additions and amendments to Topographical Information BOUGAINVILLE ISLAND and Topographical Information BRUNEI BAY and LABUAN as Appx "B".

PART V

OTHER FRONTS

(Attached as Appx "B" is a Map of BORNEO)

BORNEO - TARAKAN ISLAND

Considerable progress has been made in the destruction of the remaining enemy positions in the Central Hills.

Enemy casualties to 152400I: Killed , 1013 ; Probably killed , 193 ; PWs75.

BRUNEI BAY

At 100915I after effective naval and air bombardment ; Australian troops made unopposed landings on LABUAN ISLAND, MAURA ISLAND and BRUNEI PENINSULA.

No opposition was encountered at MAURA and the island was quickly occupied. On LABUAN rapid progress was made , and by 140600I , practically the whole island was in our hands, including TIMBALAI and the LABUAN Strip.

On the mainland the whole of the Peninsula has been occupied as far west as , and including , the town of BRUNEI. Enemy casualties to 142400I ; Killed , 200 ; PW 3.

[signature] Capt
for Maj.,
GS 4 Aust Base Sub Area

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APPX "A" to HQ 4 Aust Base Sub Area Weekly Intelligence Summary No 22

TOPOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

PLACE NAMES

Name	Sheet	Maprof
ULA	PIARINO 1:25 000	271389
MOISURU Point	KAHILI Drome 1:25 000	405288
PAKORAE	KARA Drome 1:25000	215318
KAUKAUAI	KAUKAUAI 1: 25 000	225211
LUMERO	MUSURAKA 1:25000	172416
KUTURVA	SILIBAI R 1:25000	215469
DOWA DOWA	CHABAI 1:25000	308671(approx)
MOGORI	TOIMONAPU 1:63360	378468 (PW)
ASTILL's Crossing	MUSURAKA 1:25000	106402
CLIFTON's Crossing	MONOITU 1:25000	055426
BROWN's Crossing	" "	999433
SWARBRICK Crossing	" "	003423
WILKIE's Crossing	" "	003418
FOX Crossing	" "	013420
WOOLBANK Junction	" "	006414
THORPE Junction	" "	017432
SHADBOLT Dropping Zone	" "	003412
SUHINI River	" "	Crosses Rd at 014153
KETT River	" "	Crosses rd at 004426
MULIWASSA River	" "	Crosses rd at 018441

KATSUWA is known to the natives as KATAKU Mission

TRACK INFORMATION

Refmaps SOUTH BOUGAINVILLE 1:25000 series

The road KINGORI - RUSE will be known as BARRETT's Road. The track from TOBOMET 104403 to SISIKATAKORI 114339 has been named KILLEN's track.

There is a good track from KAUKAUAI 225211 to LAGUAI 247286 except for the first 100 yds , which is swampy. Approximate course of track is KAUKAUAI to 223234 , thence to LAGUAI.

The road from MAMAGOTA Junction to MAMAGOTA is jeepable to 966323. In the vicinity of MAMAGOTA the road is in good condition with a firm surface,and is suitable for jeeps and tanks.

A track 2 feet wide runs on a bearing of 125 degrees from 982354.

The track SOUTH from KATSUWA 095406 to the BUIN Road at 098337 shows a native pad 2 ft wide and has a spongy surface. It is crossed by several small streams,and would not be jeepable without much clearing and corduroy.

The road from 013421 to 016432 is 12 ft wide and affords easy movement.

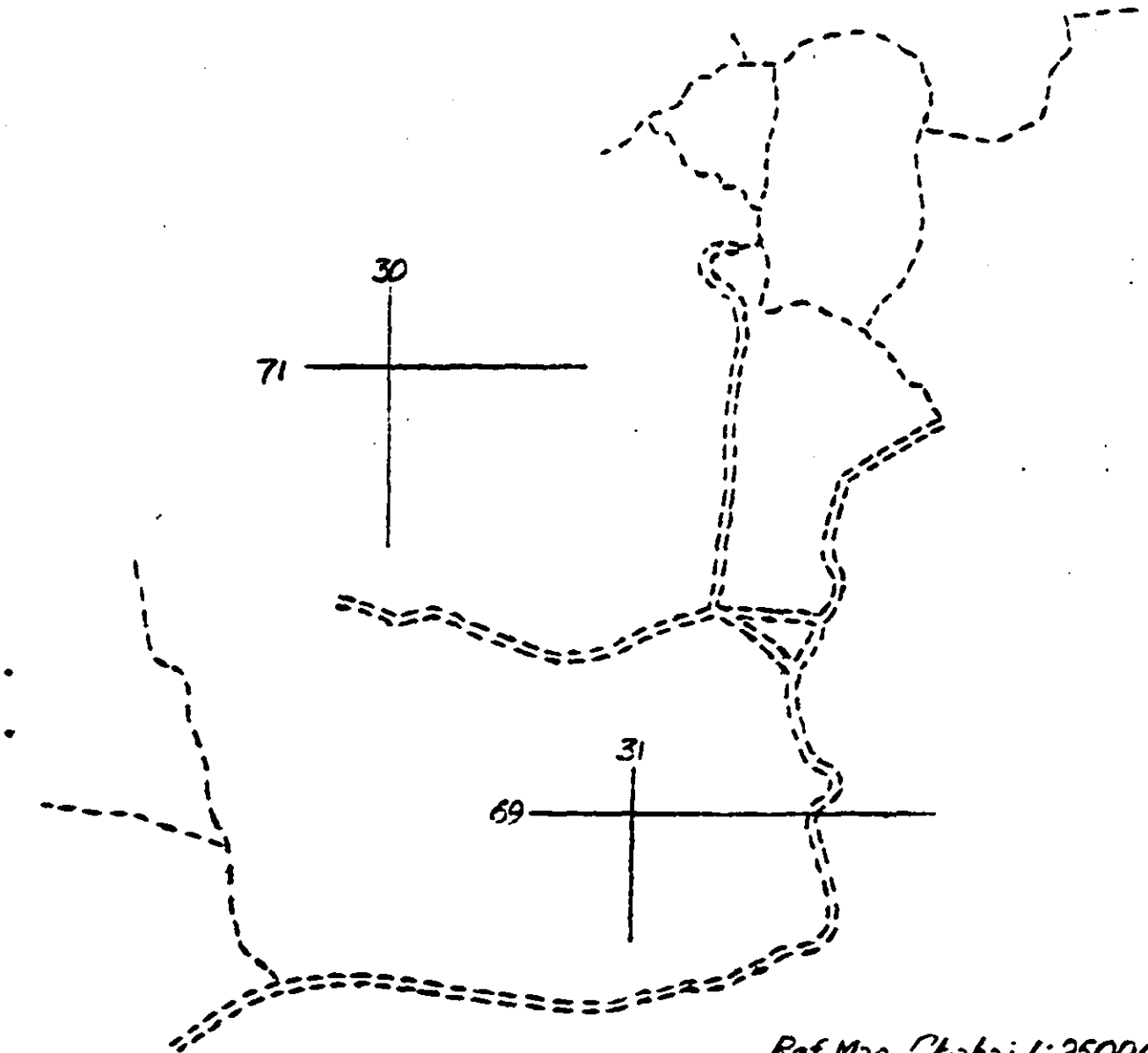
At HARI No 2 the track is 10 ft wide with an 18 inch footpad along the centre. The surface is good.

From 979319 to 996340 the track runs through knee deep swamp.

A well worn track 5 ft wide runs EAST at 989371.

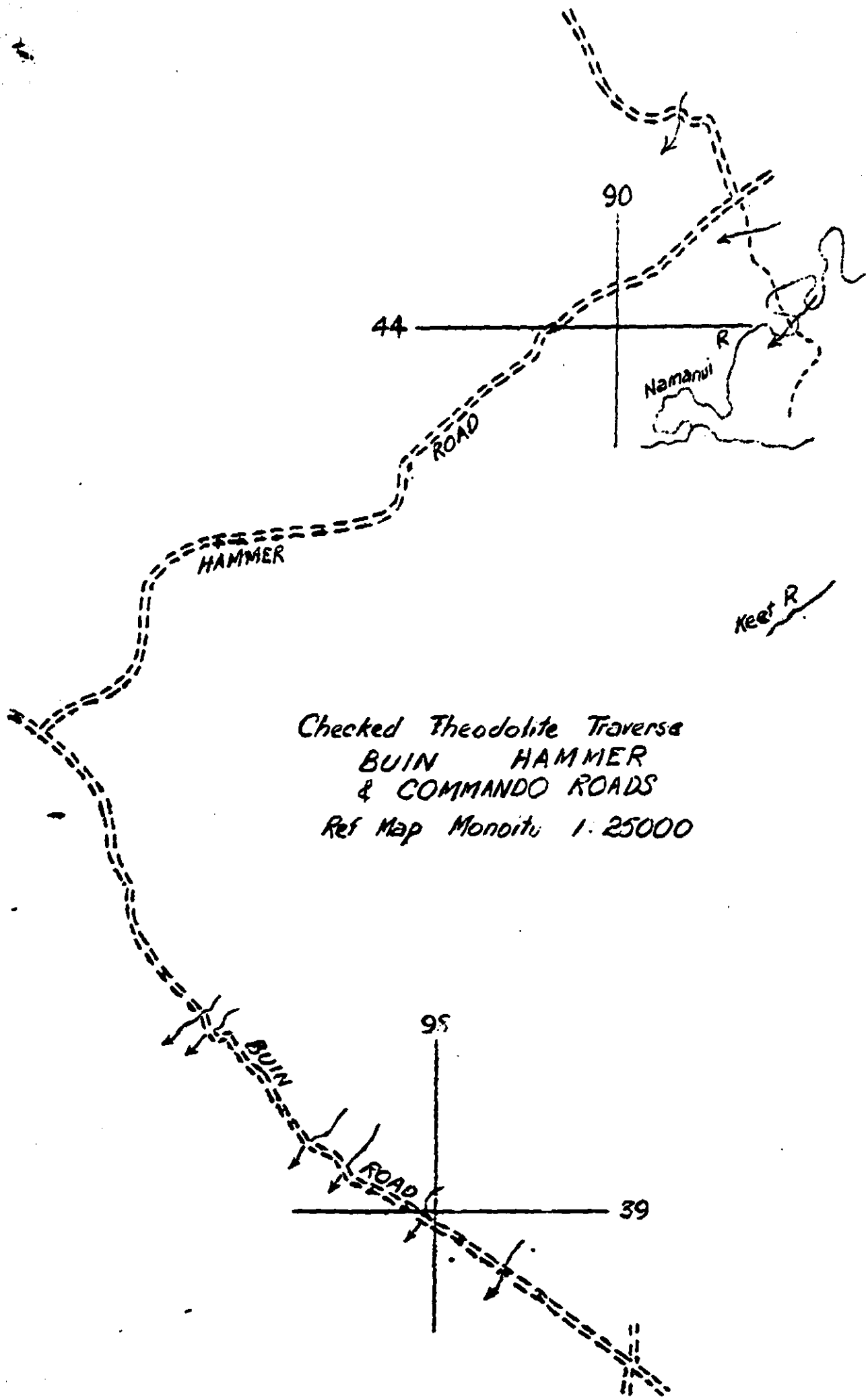
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The track from 319707 to 275729 will be known as MIDDLE TRACK.

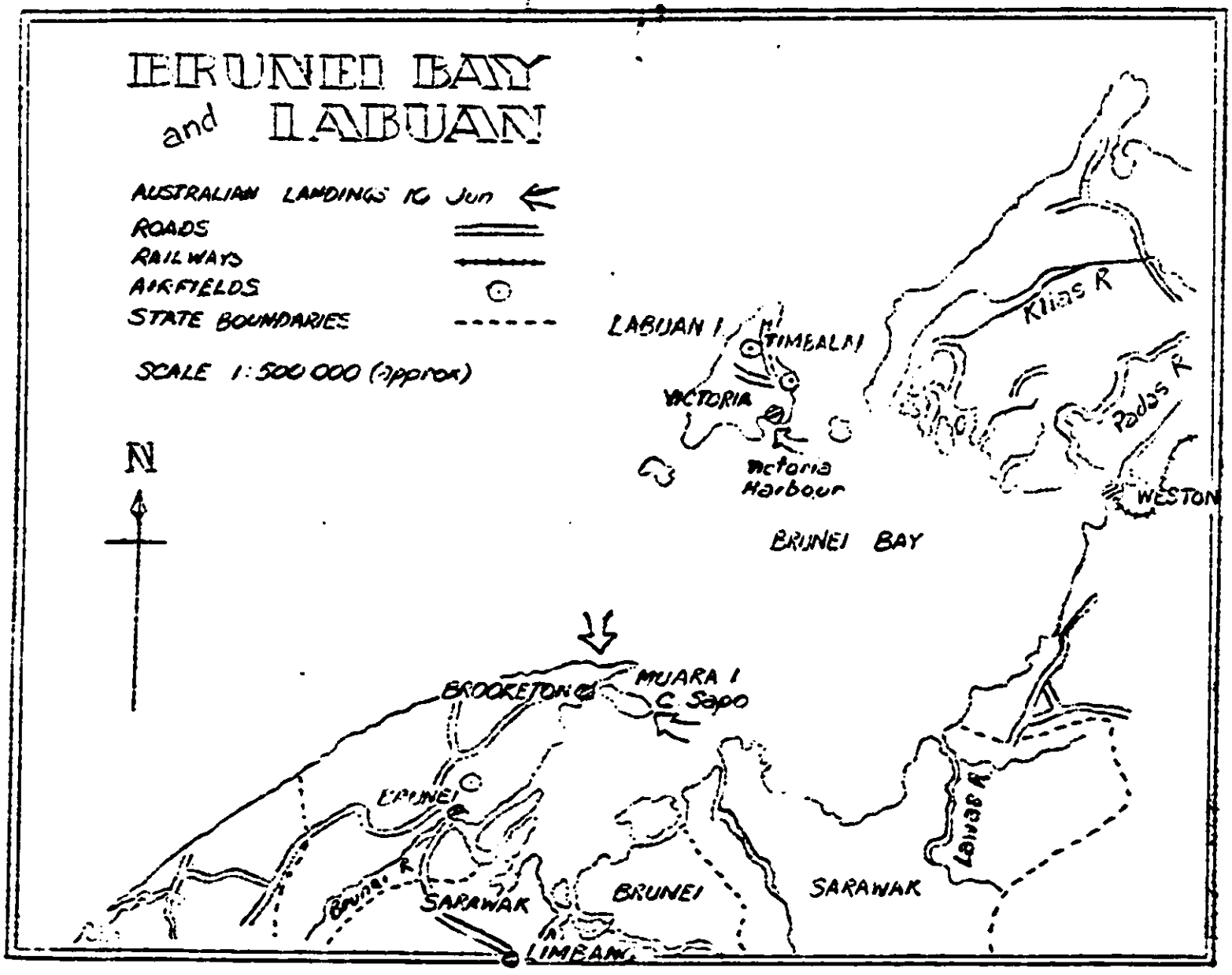


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SARAWAK
LIMBANG R
BRUNEI
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4 AUST BASE SUB AREA ORDER OF BATTLE AND LOCATION STATEMENT AMENDMENT NO 1, AS AT 2400 hrs 14 JUN 45

1. Appended is amendment No 1 to 4 Aust Base Sub Area Order of Battle and Location Statement No 12.

for Maj
GS 4 Aust Base Sub Area

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Serial 8 Amend to read:
"7 Aust Fd Coy (AIF)(less Det) 571932 Rear Party AUST"

Serial 14 Amend detail by deleting "(less Det)"

Serial 18 Amend by adding to remarks "Rear Party AUST"

Serial 48 Amend to read:
"16 Aust Fd Baking Pl (Less Dets) 565945 Dets GREEN, EMIRAU and TREASURY ISLANDS"

Serial 49 Amend to read:
"11 Aust Fd Baking Pl (less Dets) 565945 Dets PUTO, GREEN, EMIRAU and TREASURY ISLANDS"

Serial 52 Amend Remarks by deleting "One Sec only u/c. Other two secs moving from AUST" and inserting "Det AUST"

Serial 54 Amend Mapref to read"616951"

Serial 55 Amend Mapref to read "567936"

Serial 57 Amend by inserting Mapref "593903" and deleting remarks "NOT yet u/c from L&E"

Serial 58 Amend by adding remarks "Being reorganised to Type B"

Serial 59 Amend by adding to detail "TS" and to Remarks "Being reorganised to Type A"

Serial 60b Amend Mapref to read "585935", delete remarks "att 129 Aust GT Coy" and insert remarks "att NGDD"

Serial 71 Amend by adding to remarks "2 Aust Mob Tyre Repair Sec moving ex AUST to be absorbed on arrival"

Serial 72 Delete

Serial 88 Amend remarks to read "To be relieved by 5 Aust Wks Coy"

Serial 89 Amend to read:
"5 Aust Wks Coy NOT yet u/c ex AUST. To relieve 38 Aust Wks Coy"

Insert New Serials:

"95a No 10 Det Aust Entertainment Unit LHQ Tps. NOT yet under comd from AUST"

"95b No 20 Det Aust Entertainment Unit LHQ Tps. NOT yet under comd from AUST"

Serial Amend by adding to detail"(less Det)" and to remarks "Det 5 Base Sub Area"

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GS INSTRUCTION - DANGEROUS AREAS

1. Attached is sketch map showing the approximate locations of minefields on the Perimeter and within the TOROKINA area.

2. All personnel will be acquainted with the Danger Areas which are now placed out of bounds to all troops.

3. The exact location of the mines is NOT definite and any approach to the approximate area is very dangerous.

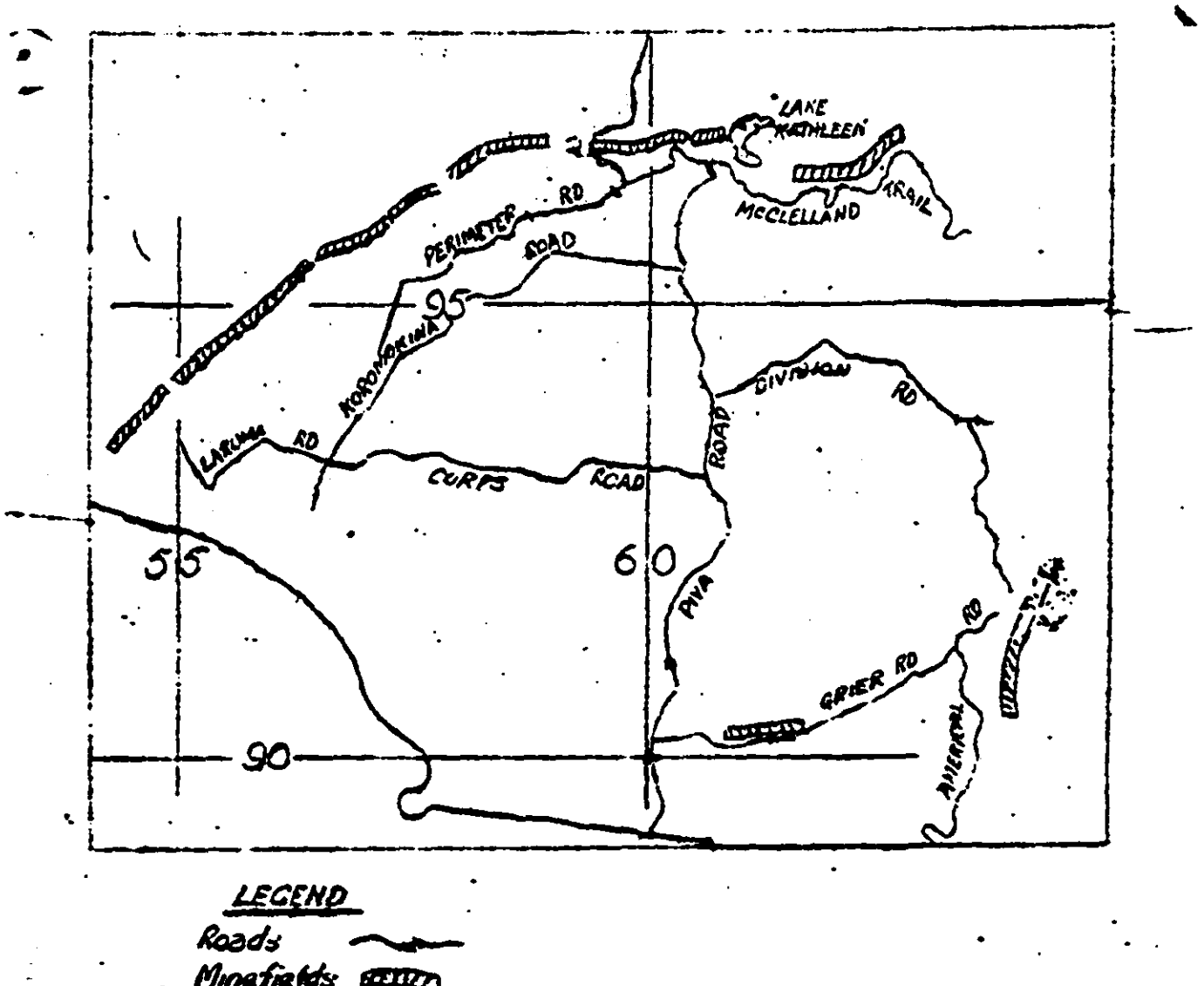
4. Necessary action is being taken to have the areas fenced off, and danger signs erected at suitable intervals. Personnel will be instructed NOT to pass fence when it has been erected.

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for Maj.,
GS 4 Aust Base Sub Area

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4 AUST BASE SUB AREA OPERATION INSTRUCTION NO 4

AMENDMENT No 1

1. The following amendments to the above order are advised:-

(a) Para 6 C: Insert 7 Aust Fd Coy for 10 Aust Fd Coy, and A Coy 8 Aust Fd Amb for 8 Aust Fd Amb.

(b) Para 6 d: Insert 7 Aust Army Troops Coy for 5 Aust Army Troops Coy and 7 Aust Fd Coy for 10 Aust Fd Coy.

(c) Para 7 (f): Amend as for para 1 (a) above.

(d) Appx A - Unit Comd Gps

Gp (a): Delete 75,78,84,86 Aust Mob Cinemas
Tasforce Concert Party
Insert 4 Aust Base Sub Area det LHQ Pool Aust Army Amenities Service
4 Aust Base Sub Area det LHQ Pool Aust Army Amenities Service Cinema Unit

Gp (b): Delete 2/1 Aust Rly Constr Coy
1 Aust Mech Eqpt Wksp
341 Aust LAD
Insert One Mech Eqpt Pl and One Sec Tipping Truck Pl , 6 Amst Mech Eqpt Coy

Amend note to read: Gp will also defend 106 Aust CCS and Hosp Laundry Increment to 2/1 Aust Gen Hosp

Gp (c): Delete present Group and insert:
Comd Senior Combatant Offr of Gp
2/1 Aust Malaria Control Unit
19 Aust Malaria Control Unit

Gp (e): Delete 2 Aust Mob Tyre Repair Sec (on arrival)

Gp (f): Delete 2/48 Aust LAD
Insert 13 Aust Veh Pk Wksp

Gp (l): amend to read as follows:-

Comd CRE 1 Aust Water Tpt Gp
HQ 1 Aust Water Tpt Gp
1 Aust Water Tpt Gp Sig Sec
1 Aust Pigeon Sec
13 Aust Small Ships Coy
42 Aust Landing Craft Coy
Det 1 Aust Water Amb Convoy
4 Aust Welding Pl
2 Aust Landing Craft Wksp

This Group will also include any sub units which may be attached to any of the units comprising the Group from time to time.

Gp (q): Delete all reference.

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PART I

OPERATIONS

MAP - OWN AND ENEMY

NORTHERN SECTOR

Though enemy activity has been on a reduced scale this week several attempts were made to employ improvised explosive devices against our troops and equipment. A unit relief has been partially effected.

Minor clashes have occurred around practically all company positions, but the enemy has usually been content to remain on the defensive. However during the night 20/21 Jun movement was heard in the vicinity of our positions on the MIDDLE TRACK, booby traps were sprung and fire exchanged. Next morning an improvised mine (75 mm shell-type) was found near the perimeter. On two other occasions the enemy used similar improvised mines.

East of the MIDDLE TRACK a unit relief is at present taking place and native scouts have begun to operate on the eastern flank.

West of the MIDDLE TRACK and north of BUOI PLTN our patrols have been able to operate more freely and extensive enemy positions have been found abandoned. Our troops have taken up several new positions and improved their defences.

CENTRE - EAST COAST

Since 15 Jun , when 500 Japanese were reported to have moved north to HEVISIA , several enemy parties up to 100 strong, including many wounded in an air strike on 19 Jun , have been seen north from HEVISIA. Native scouts moving in pursuit reported the enemy at TSOPASINO , but tracks leading north showed signs of considerable movement. Latest reports now indicate that enemy is concentrated between TSOPASINO and the TRUNG RIVER. No Japanese has crossed the TRUNG RIVER, but on 23 Jun a native scout who clashed with the enemy in that area stated that the enemy was still advancing.

Enemy movement north to HEVISIA continues and bridging is being constructed in the area.

CENTRAL SECTOR

PEARL RIDGE

Activity continues in the WEARNES HILL area and further advances have been made by our troops. On 18 Jun patrols operating forward of our company positions at TIERNANS SPUR made one contact and located a suitable approach to WEARNES HILL from the west. Artillery harassed the enemy on this feature throughout the afternoon and night.

On 18 Jun a company moved forward and established a position 500 yds north east of TIERNANS SPUR. Two days later, following an artillery and mortar concentration, a platoon advanced against strong enemy resistance to occupy a position slightly north of the company locality. Another platoon then moved north through the former platoon position for about 200 yds, where strong enemy positions were located. Our troops withdrew slightly to more favourable ground and our artillery engaged the enemy positions.

On 23 Jun a patrol moved to WEARNES HILL without sighting the enemy. Aggressive patrolling continued on 24 Jun and as a result, two enemy positions in the WEARNES HILL area were occupied by our troops.

Other patrols have been active throughout the sector. On 18 Jun one patrol penetrated to the CHAMBERS KNOLL area and, engaging 10 enemy, killed three. Another patrol in the TOKUA area on 19 Jun ambushed and killed four of an enemy party approaching TOKUA from IBU. Other patrols operating from our fire base in the WARUNAI RIVER area reported enemy movement along the south bank north east from the river fork.

SOUTHERN SECTOR

MOBIAI RIVER

Following the junction of our two battalions on the BUIN Road north of BUSEI on 16 Jun, the forces paused to re-group, while advance elements probed north and south of the road and east to the MOBIAI RIVER. On 23 Jun one battalion began the final drive to the MOBIAI and by 24 Jun a forward company had established a position on the west bank of the river.

Patrols to the MOBIAI RIVER ford early in the week made several contacts and reported numerous enemy moving west in the vicinity of the ford. Other patrols on 19 Jun occupied an enemy 150 mm gun position and located enemy-occupied pill-boxes and other recently dug positions. Much activity was heard south of the road.

The same day one company, making a wide outflanking move, approached the BUIN road from the south and immediately came under heavy fire. The company attacked, forcing the enemy to withdraw and established a position astride the road 2000 yds west of the MOBIAI ford.

Later the enemy again engaged from a nearby position which was heavily engaged by our artillery. Next day the company advanced a further 350 yds. No opposition was met, but numerous mines and booby traps were encountered.

Vigorous patrolling continued on 20 Jun and several sharp clashes occurred near our positions. One patrol moving east of a company position located south of the road contacted a strong enemy party which fled after losing one killed. Later the company position was twice attacked , but each time the enemy was repulsed and finally withdrew.

Another comapny position on the BUNN road was also attacked on 20 Jun ; this , too , was repulsed without casualties to our troops.

Heavy enemy shelling was put down on our positions along the road throughout the week , but only minor damage was caused.

One 22 Jun one platoon pushed east , reaching a point within 800 yds of the MOBIAI RIVER without opposition. At this point , however , an enemy party approached , but was quickly dispersed.

Active patrolling continued throughout the day and several enemy positions were located north and south of the road. Enemy activity continued near the MOBIAI ford and large parties were observed moving north from the road. Further enemy movement towards the MOBIAI from the east was reported.

On 23 Jun one battalion , following an air strike and a heavy artillery preparation , began a general advance on the MOBIAI. One company operating south of the road , pushed east across country and without opposition established a position on the road 150 yds north of the MOBIAI ford. Next day the company advanced to establish a position on the west bank of the MOBIAI. No opposition was met during the advance but at the river the company locality came under enemy artillery fire. Later the same day the enemy threw in two attacks , both of which were repulsed. Another company with tank support driving along the road encountered an enemy position 1200 yds from the MOBIAI. Our tanks engaged dispersing the enemy , and the company resumed its advance, passing numerous abandonded enemy positions , which had been completely demolished by our bombing attacks. On 24 Jun the company advanced to a point on the road 800 yds north west of the MOBIAI Ford , at which point our troops covered by tank fire attacked two enemy positions. The enemy fought back strongly, resisting all attempts to dislodge them.

Meanwhile, a patrol with tank support moving south of the road contacted enemy who , returning our tank fire , scored four direct hits with a 37 mm gun on one tank without causing damage.

One platoon from a third company on 23 Jun made contact with an extensive enemy position north of the road. The platoon attacked , killing four and wounding two, and then , outflanking the enemy , moved north east towards the MOBIAI.

Meanwhile , another force in the MOBIAI -TOHODO RIVER fork area was operating vigorously. One patrol on 21 Jun contacted an enemy party on the west bank of the MOBIAI immediately south of the fork and exchanged fire. The enemy was immediately joined by an additional 25 troops , armed with JUNIS and LMGs. Having killed six enemy , the patrol broke contact and continued north along the river bank. Another patrol dispersed an enemy party on the east bank of the TOHODO and located numerous other enemy in the same area.

On 22 Jun a large number of enemy was reported digging in west of the MOBIAI , 3000 yds south of the MOBIAI - MOROKO fork; two other defensive positions were located in the same area. Movement was reported on the KATSUWA track on the opposite side of the river.

On 23 Jun a general advance began , one company moving forward to establish a position on the west bank of the MOBIAI 800 yds north west of the MOBIAI-TOHODO junction;another consolidating 2500 yds to the south.

KATSUWA

Satisfactory progress has been made by our forces pushing east from KINGORI towards KATSUWA. The enemy,however,is increasing his resistance and numerous strong pockets still remain. The enemy is very active and considerable movement has been reported,particularly in the triangle bounded by the COMMANDO Road and the MOBIAI and TOHODO Rivers. There are indications,too,of enemy movement west from KATSUWA and naval troops have been identified.

On 18 Jun patrols contacted several enemy positions at MURAKA and enaged in sharp clashes. Numerous vacated positions were also found;these gave ample proof of the accuracy of our artillery fire and there was every indication of hasty evacuation by the enemy.

A patrol on 20 Jun contacted enemy with JUKIS,LMGs and mortars on the road 800 yds south east of MURAKA. After a sharp engagement the enemy withdrew to another position,which our artillery engaged. Later a platoon moved in to attack and after a heavy fire fight withdrew to enable artillery to re-engage. Subsequent investigation revealed that the position ,which was extensive ,was still occupied.

Further east a patrol moving to KATSUWA observed 60 enemy naval personnel. These were last seen on the COMMANDO Road moving west. Much activity of well armed enemy has been reported in this area and the COMMANDO Road shows signs of considerable movement westward.

On 22 Jun a company,which had moved forward to a point 700 yds west of KATSUWA,was attacked by 80 to 100 enemy. The attack was pressed in waves and continued for two hours. Each attack was repulsed and finally the enemy withdrew after losing 18 killed.

A platoon from this company operating some 5000 yds to the north was ambushed by 20/30 enemy on 23 Jun. The platoon outflanked the enemy and rejoined the company.

On 24 Jun a patrol engaged a strong position manned by 30/40 enemy on the road mid way between MURAKA and HATAHASI. The patrol withdrew and artillery engaged the position.

MEVO RIVER

Reports of continued enemy activity have been received from this sector. On 21 Jun a patrol reported enemy movement on the west bank of the WAPIAI RIVER about 2 miles north east of the MEVO RIVER fork. Another patrol probing forward from the MOBIAI RIVER reported considerable activity on the west bank of the MEVO RIVER 3000 yds north of the ford. Other patrols operating east of the MEVO were unable to cross the road owing to the vigilance of sentries who were posted on the road at irregular intervals. A great deal of activity was heard throughout the area and a large concentration was located 2500 yds east of the ford.

OAMAI RIVER

Further enemy movement to the west is reported in the upper OAMAI sector, indicating a possible attempt to reinforce the MUSURAKA area via the COMMANDO Road. On 20 Jun the movement of an enemy party was traced from MAKORAI, through TUGIOGU, north to TOAGULAI, thence west along the COMMANDO Road.

ENEMY CASUALTIES ON BOUGAINVILLE

	to 25 Jun	22 Nov - 25 Jun
Killed	15533	5643
PW	211	110
Wounded	(x)	403
Unconfirmed killed	(x)	1488

(x) No figures available before 22 Nov.
60% of native killings reported to date are converted from "Unconfirmed" to "Confirmed" category.

AIR

OWN - BOUGAINVILLE

GENERAL

In spite of reduced availability on five days of the week due to squadron change over, 379 sorties were flown against 27 seperate targets. Of this total, patrol sorties were 71 and eight were flown as a target identification exercise with ground troops.

Again the full weight of close support effort in the south was brought to bear along the BUIN Road axis.

NORTH BOUGAINVILLE

Four targets on the BONIS PENINSULA received treatment at the request of ground troops - a group of huts, two defensive positions and a tank.

Of these the most successful from the point of view of observed results were attacks on 19 and 23 Jun against hutted areas. In the first case in the vicinity of the MULIKO RIVER, west of MAIKA, a truck and six huts were destroyed and a number of Jabs strafed. On 23 Jun near MAIKA 14 huts were destroyed and a fire started.

South of the KARA airstrip a concentration of naval troops from SHORTLAND was struck twice by 33 aircraft.

Other tagets were routine and unobserved.

CLOSE SUPPORT

No spectacular results were achieved by attacks in close support during the week.

As during the previous period all attention was directed to defensive positions astride the BUIN Road.

A total of 267 sorties were flown in this role representing slightly more than 50% of all strike sorties.

NAVAM CO-OP

Five Arty R sorties in co-operation with a small naval group were flown and successful shoots were conducted on BUKA and East Coast targets.

PART III

ENEMY INFORMATION

EQUIPMENT

IMPROVISED CHARGES

At 180400L Jun , a Lakatoi containing four personnel attempted to destroy one of our watercraft at SAPOSA ISLAND. It was not determined whether the party was Japanese or native but an examination of the damaged vessel and improvised charges found on SEVAN ISLAND has provided the following details of the charge.

It was found that 75 mm AA or 150mm howitzer cartridge cases had been filled with 6 lbs of picric acid , provided with a wooden plug, 16 ft of safety fuse (33 sec per ft),a primer , and a detonator similar to Aust No 6 Type. The whole charge had then been sewn in one thickness of blanket,apparently to prevent noise when placed in a rolling vessel; six inches of taped fuse projected.

The explosion was characterised by a narrow lateral zone of shrapnel burst ,some local cutting,and tremendous blast effect which lifted and buckled the ½ inch MS deckhouse and wrenched or tore steel fitments such as winches near the seat of the explosion.

IMPROVISED LAND MINES

On 18 Jun two of our jeeps were damaged by improvised mines in the HATSUA area.

Examination of the area has revealed the following details.

The mine consisted of a 74mm HE shell with nose cap removed. Two electric detonators (possible fulminate and platinum wire type) were wedged in and sealed with putty; each shell had its own leads with detonators wired in series, the cable used being light rubber covered assault telephone cable both red and black. The mine could be fired by exploder or battery and had a great shrapnel as well as blast effect.

Five mines were used in the area , spaced irregularly and either thrust horizontally base first under the corduroy or placed horizontally under the riband.

Sketches of the improvised charges and the laying of the land mines are attached as Appendix "A".

PART IV

TOPOGRAPHICAL

Attached as Appendix "B" to this Summary are additions and amendments to Topographical information BOUGAINVILLE ISLAND.

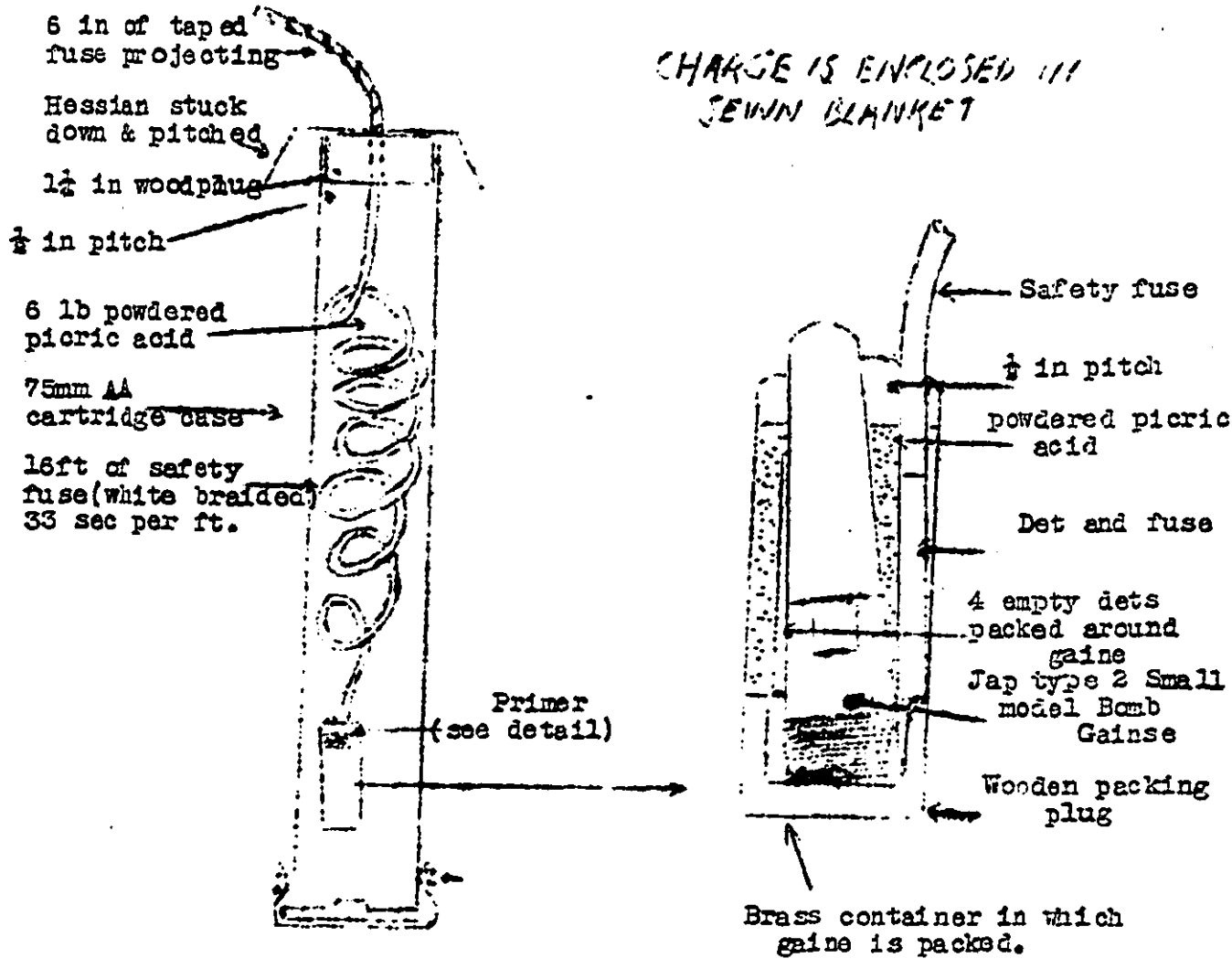
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for Maj.,
GS 4 Aust Base Sub Area

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS SUMMARY WAS EXTRACTED FROM 2 AUST CORPS WEEKLY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 31.

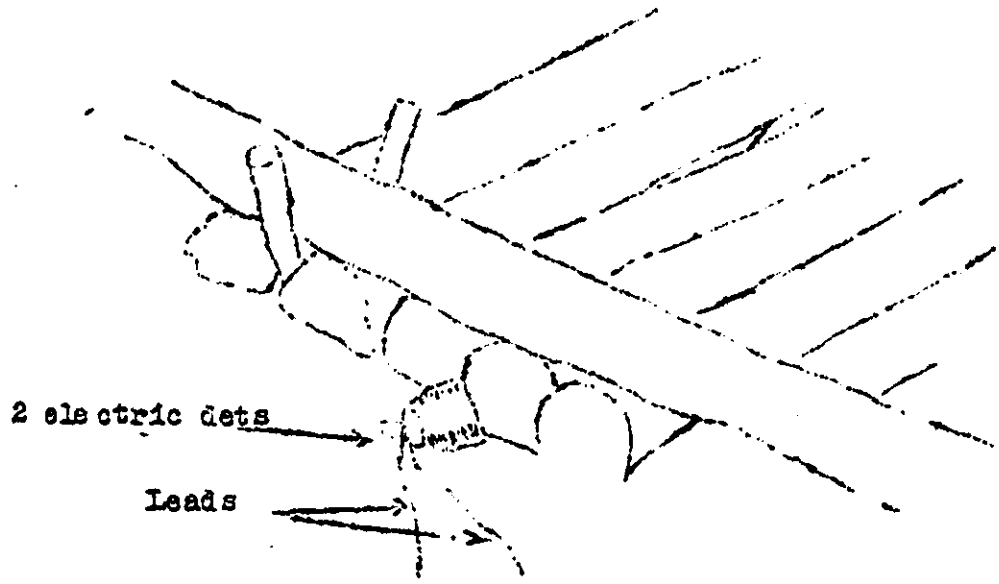
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Summary No 23

Improvised DEMOLITION CHARGE IN 75mm OR 150 mm SHELL CASES

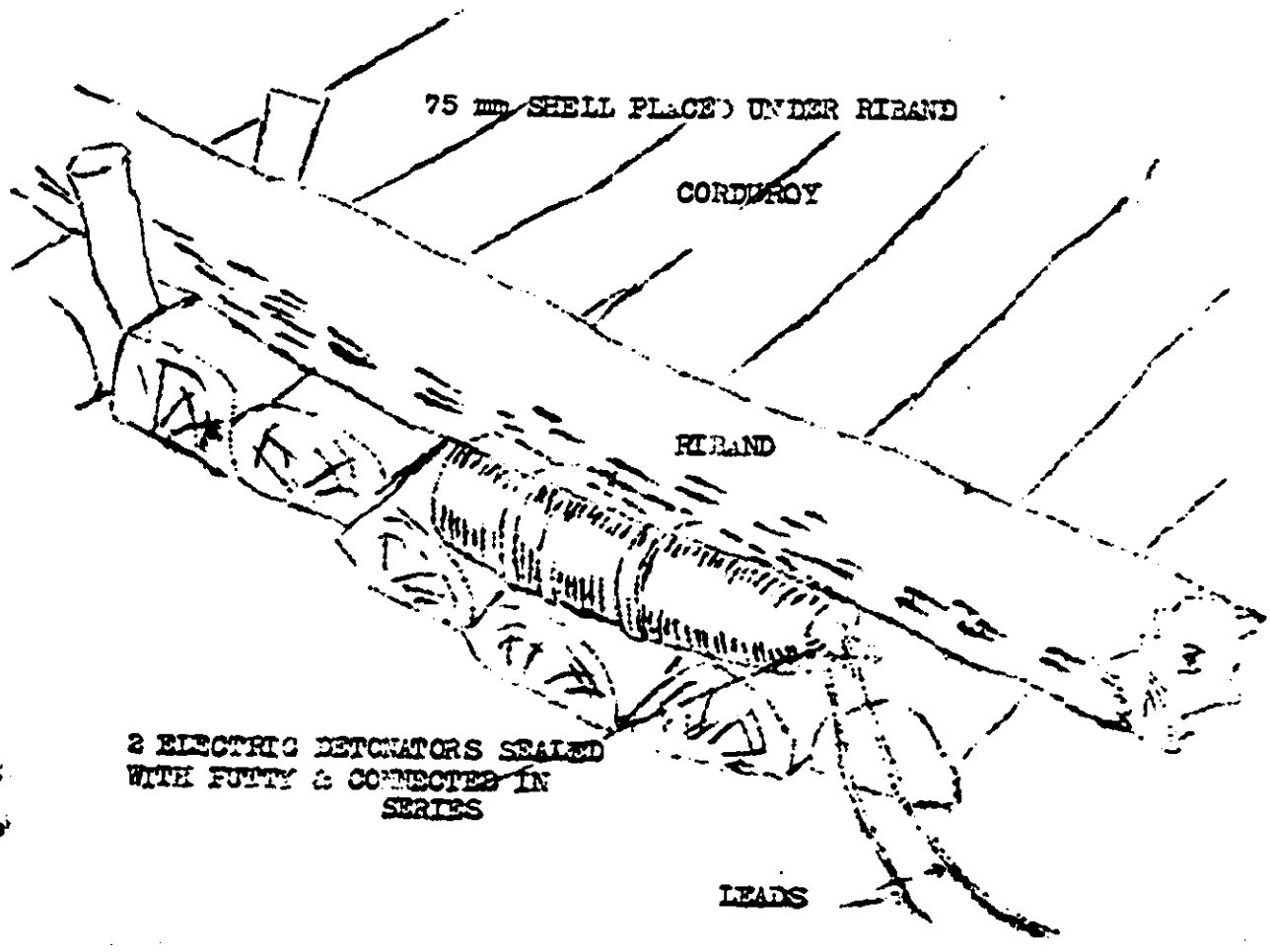
CHARGE IS ENCLOSED IN SEWN BLANKET



IMPROVISED LAND MINES



75 mm SHELL PLACED UNDER CORDUROY



Appendix "B" to HQ 4 Aust Base
Sub Area Weekly Intelligence
Summary No 26.

TOPOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Place Names	Sheet	Mapref
SPENCER's RIDGE	GHABAI 1:25000	295702
KAUMAUAI	MT TAROKA 1:63360	235231
IKIRO	PIARINO 1:25000	209308
BARILO	" "	259435

TRACK INFORMATION

Refmaps SOUTH BOUGAINVILLE 1:25000 Series

The track at approximately 015375 is 12 to 14 feet wide, with a well worn footpad along the centre and drained on one side only. The track shows signs of recent use.

At 024404 the track is 6 feet wide and has not been recently used.

BARRETs Road from KINGORI Junction SOUTH is approximately 12 feet wide and overgrown, but is reported to be jeepable.

The track from 016433 to 034428 varies in width from 6 to 12 feet, with drains on either side. At 029428 the track is 6 feet wide and there are no drains forward of 031425.

Track at 042400 is 6 feet wide and well defined.

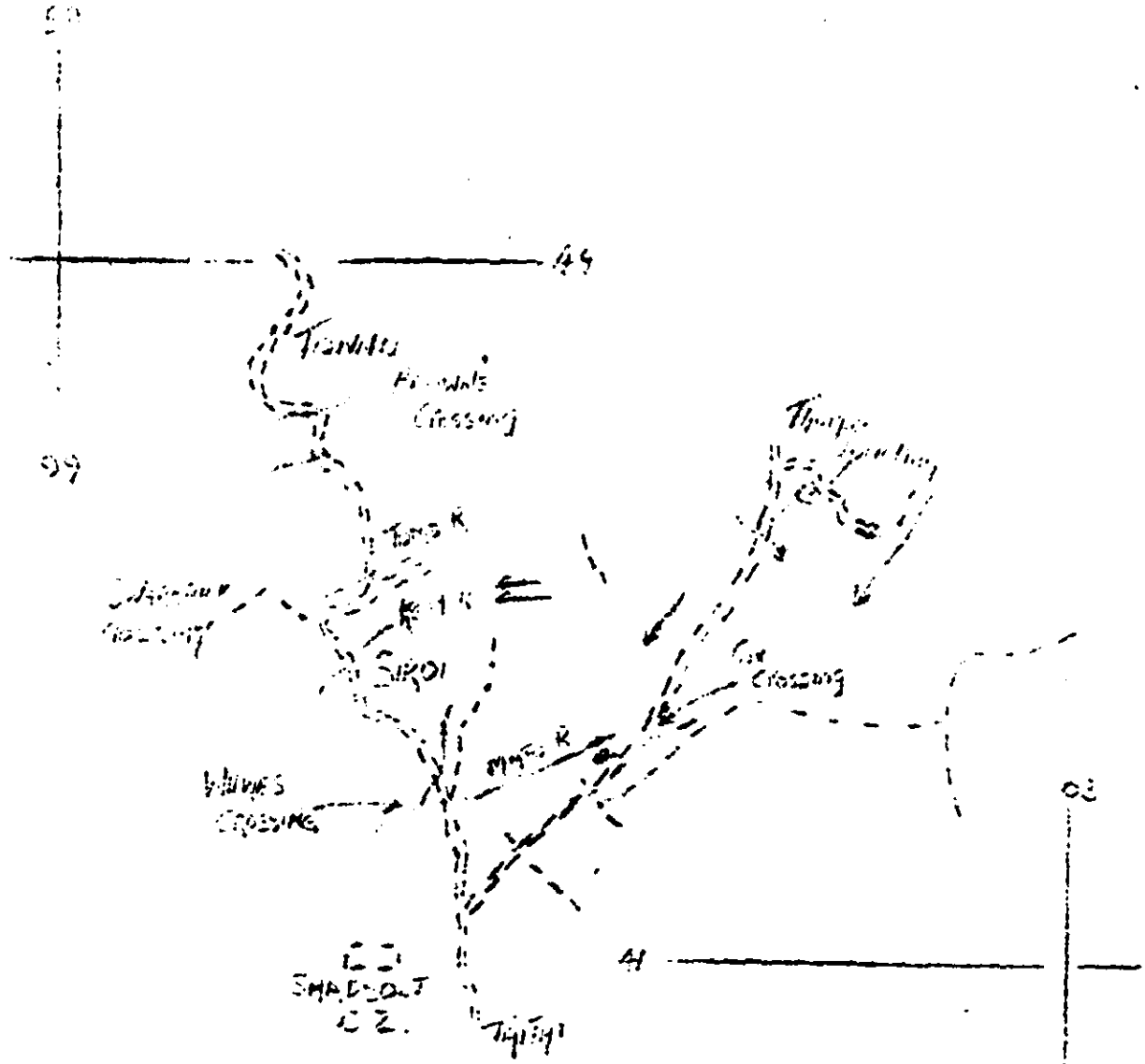
Track from 015365 to 019363 is 3 feet wide and has been extensively used.

From 01503905 a well worn footpad approximately 2 feet wide, circles south east to 01603865, then better defined to 03053835, this track does not a pear on the map.

A PW reports a track along the FGORATA River, from BUIN Road to the coast. The track, which is 3 feet wide, leaves BUIN Road at approximately 047360 and runs parallel to the OGORATA and MOBIAI Rivers to a point about half a mile from the mouth of the MOBIAI River.

Refmaps TEOP, INUS 1:63360

The coastal track from TEOPASINO to ALOTAVI PT is reported to be jeepable all the way and all rivers except the AITA east crossed, except after heavy rains.



Footpaths & Placing
TRAVERSE
KILDARE MONOTYPE ISLAND

Army Form C2136 (Small)
(Paper of 100) (Adapted Sept. 1943)

MESSAGE FORM

Register No.

Call	Ser. No.	Priority	Transmission Instructions
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ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

FROM	Originator	Date—Time of Origin	Office Date Stamp
(A)	4 base sub area	261230L	

For Action

TO 141 HAA bty

(a) For Information (INFO.)

2 corps 23 inf bde movements TOROKINA

Message Instructions GR

ORIGINATOR'S No.

GO 225 . SECRET . as requested by 2 corps 141 HAA bty will move two 3 pt 7 guns plus crews maint personnel 600 rd amn to SORAKEN NOT before 30 jun . under comd 23 inf bde for ops and local adm on arrival. role anti barge tasks. GHQ SIS details to 4 base sub area 2 corps movements TOROKINA immediately

This message may be sent AS WRITTEN by any means { except / Wireless }	If liable to be intercepted or fall into enemy hands, this message must be sent IN CIPHER	Originator's Instructions Degree of Priority	Time	System	Op
Signed	Signed FARRINGTON Capt		THX or TOR		
			Time Cleared		

W/Diary

ABT/RJP

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SECRET

4 AUST BASE SUB AREA OPERATION INSTRUCTION NO 8
A A DEFENCES OF TOROKINA AREA - AMENDMENT NUMBER. 1.

1. Para 2 of the above order is amended to read as follows:-

2. Own Troops. The following units are under comd 4 Aust Base Sub Area for AA Defence of TOROKINA area:-

111 Aust HAA Bty (Mob) less A troop and det B Troop consisting of 2 x 3.7 in guns.

554 Aust LAA Bty (Static) less one sec.

[signature]
Lt-Col.,
GS 4 Aust Base Sub Area

Distribution.
As for Operation Instruction No 8.

CONFIDENTIAL

HQ 4 Aust Base Sub Area
G3190/28
29 Jun 45

4 AUST BASE SUB AREA VEH MAINT STATION

Ref 4 Aust Base Sub Area G3043/28 of 6 Jun 45

1. A permanent Veh Maint Station is being established on the lines of the school recently conducted at HALSEY FIELD, and will commence operating on 2 Jul 45.

LOCATION

2. Location of the Station will be map TOROKINA 1 inch series ref 582926 (opposite HQ 4 Aust Base Sub Area)

OBJECT

3. Object is to assist the smaller units in their basic routine maint of vehs.

4. This will be attained by having unit MT drivers and unit personnel employed as part time MT drivers, maintain their own vehs at the station under expert supervisors who will check faults and ensure that personnel are carrying out complete basic maintenance.

5. It is emphasised however that this station does NOT relieve OsC units concerned of responsibilities for MT laid down by GRO 339/43.

REPORTING

6. Attached as Appendix "A" hereto is chart showing days on which unit drivers and vehs are required to report at the station during the period 2 Jul to 29 Jul 45. Units will follow this chart as far as practicable as it is desired that each driver and veh attend on the same day at fortnightly intervals. Where the day laid down is not convenient to units, OCs will contact OC Maint Station direct and arrange for day to be changed.

7. A new chart will be issued every month.

8. Drivers will report at station by 0815 hrs on days allotted.

MESS.

9. Drivers will carry one cut lunch to the station.

EQUIPMENT etc

10. Each driver will carry G 1098 and will bring the following withwthe veh.

(a) One Maint Kit which will include:-

Screwdrivers	Pliers
Set of Spanners	Crescent Spanner (4)
Tyre Pump	Oil Can
Grease Gun	Hammer

(b) Veh Log book.

GENERAL

11. Should Os C units desire to send additional personnel to the station for trg , or to attach them to the station for several days to gain experience in supervision of MT maint , necessary arrangements may be made with GS 4 Aust Base Sub Area.

W Farrington Capt
for Maj.,
GS 4 Aust Base Sub Area

Distribution.

Units as per Appx "A" hereto.
OC 4 Aust Base Sub Area Veh Maint Station
Copies for infm to: 2 Aust Corps (2)
350,295,317 Aust LAD's
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Appendix "A" to HQ 4 Aust Base Sub
Area G 3190/28 of 29 Jun 45

4 AUST BASE SUB AREA VEH MAINT STATION

DAYS ALLOTTED FOR ATTENDANCE OF DRIVERS AND VEHS

Serial No	Number of Vehicles	UNIT	JULY 2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
1	88	HQ 4 Aust Base Sub Area	P	P	P	P	P			P	P	P	P	P			P	P	P	P	P			P	P	P	P	P		
2	5	2/1 Aust Mov & Tn Gp		P		P	P				P			P				P		P	P				P			P		
3	4	ANGAU	P		P					P			P				P		P					P		P				
4	6	554 Aust LAA Bty	P	P		P					P		P	P			P	P		P					P	P	P	P		
5	6	5 Aust CRE (Wks)		P	P		P			P	P		P					P	P		P			P	P		P			
6	2	6 Aust Mech Eqpt Spare Parts Sec				P						P								P						P				
7	5	3 Pl 2/1 Aust Forestry Coy	P			P				P			P	P			P			P				P			P	P		
8	8	6 Aust Docks Op Coy	P	P	P		P			P		P	P	P			P	P	P		P			P			P	P		
9	2	3 Pl 1 Aust Port Maint Coy		P							P							P								P				
10	3	53 Aust HIPOD Pl				P	P							P						P	P							P		
11	2	54 Aust HIPOD Pl	P									P					P													
12	4	HQ 2 Aust BSD		P			P				P		P					P			P					P				
13	5	HQ 30 Aust Sup Dep Coy	P		P					P		P		P			P		P					P		P		P		
14	1	45 Aust Sup Dep Pl									P														P					
15	1	226 Aust Sup Dep Pl				P														P										
16	2	237 Aust Sup Dep Pl				P								P						P								P		
17	2	6 Aust Indep Farm Pl	P								P						P								P					
18	2	7 Aust Indep Farm Pl					P						P								P						P			
19	1	HQ 13 Aust Fd Bakery Coy											P														P			
20	1	Det 1 Aust Fd Censorship Coy			P														P											
21	3	2/1 Aust Base Dep Med Stores			P						P		P						P						P	P				
22	7	2/3 Aust Con Depot	P	P	P	P				P		P		P			P	P	P	P				P		P		P		
23	4	19 Aust Malaria Con Unit	P		P		P			P							P		P		P			P						

Serial No	No of Vehs	UNIT	JULY 2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
24	5	2/1 Aust Malaria Cont Unit		P					P			P	P	P				P						P		P	P	P		
25	1	H2 82 Aust Dental Unit			P														P											
26	4	8 Aust RSD				P	P			P	P		P							P	P				P		P			
27	6	8 Aust Ord Veh Pk		P		P	P			P	P		P					P		P	P			P	P		P			
28	8	2/6 Aust Mob Laundry & Fwd Decn Unit	P	P	P		P			P		P	P	P			P	P	P		P			P		P				
29	5	13 Aust AAD	P		P	P						P		P			P		P	P				P	P		P	P		
30	2	1 Aust Mob Ammn Repair Shop		P						P								P						P						
31	1	Det 7 Aust Base Postal Unit					P														P									
32	1	1 Aust Mob Printing Unit					P																							
33	2	10 Aust L of C Stationery Depot		P										P				P												
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35	3	16 Aust Wks Coy								P		P		P											P			P		
36	4	38 Aust Wks Coy	P		P	P						P					P		P	P				P		P		P		
37	2	28 Aust L of C Sal Sec		P									P					P								P				
38	1	Det 15 Sec Aust Kit Store								P																	P			
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16 Diary

Appx A

SECRET

HQ 4 Aust Base Sub Area
G 3189/10/3
29 Jun 45

Subject:- 4 AUST BASE SUB AREA ORDER OF BATTLE AND LOCATION STATEMENT NO 13 AS AT 2400 hrs 28 JUN 45

Copy No 38.....

1. Attached as Appx "A" is 4 Aust Base Sub Area Order of Battle and Location Statement Number 13.

[signature]
for Maj
GS 4 Aust Base Sub Area

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Det 1 Aust Fd Censorship Coy	14	A	30
HQ 129 Aust GT Coy	15	Q	31
HQ 133 Aust GT Coy	16	Med	32
HQ 2 Aust BSD	17	Dental	33
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HQ 4 Aust Base Sub Area

1. Receipt is acknowledged of 4 Aust Base Sub Area Order of Battle and Location Statement Number 13, copy number 38.....

2. 4 Aust Base Sub Area Location Statement Number 12 has been destroyed.

..... Signature

..... Unit

..... Date

SECRET

Appendix "A" to 4 Aust Base Sub
Area (AIF) C .../10/3 of 28 Jun 45.

4 AUST BASE SUB AREA ORDER OF BATTLE AND LOCATION STATEMENT NO 13 AS AT 2400 HRS 28 JUN 45.

RefMaps: NO 4895 TOROKINA 1 inch series, No 4894 PURIATA RIVER 1 inch series

NOTE: Symbol "x" wherever appearing denotes unit under command HQ 4 Aust Base Sub Area (AIF) for local adm

Serial No (a)		Arm or Service (b)	Unit (c)	Location (d)	Remarks (e)
1		HQ UNITS	HQ 4 Aust Base Sub Area (AIF)(Type C)	581927	
2			% 2/1 Aust Mov & Tn Gp (Less Dets)	582928	x Army Tps. Dets TREASURY, GREEN, EMIRAU IS and MUNDA under 23 Bde for local adm. Mov Liaison Staffs at MOTUPENA POINT and SORAKEN
2a			MCO	575895	
2b			ATO	603943	
2c			MFO	579897	
3			ANGAU	574933	
4		ARTY	554 Aust LAA Bty (Static)(AIF)(Less one Sec) BHQ	606950	Sec under comd 5 Aust Div
5			141 Aust HAA Bty (Mob) BHQ	579920	
5a			141 Aust HAA Bty (Mob) GOR (less Det)	591929	Det 5 Base Sub Area.
5b			4 Tp 141 Aust HAA Bty (Mob)(Rear Party only)	579920	4 Tp, Det Sig & Wksp Secs at 5 Base Sub Area Rear party yet to move.
5c			B Tp 141 Aust HAA Bty (Mob)	579920	Det moving under comd 23 Inf Bde for ops and (local adm only
5d			141 Aust HAA Bty (Mob)Sig Sec(less det)	579920	
5e			141 Aust HAA Bty (Mob)Wksp Sec(less det)	579920	
6	RE	ENGRS	8 Aust CRE (Wks) (AIF)		NOT yet u/c from AUST. To relieve 5 CRE (Wks)
7	RE		5 Aust CRE (Wks) (AIF)	581931	To move AUST on relief by 8 Aust CRE (Wks)
8			7 Aust Fd Coy (AIF) (less det)	571932	Rear party AUST.
9			7 Aust Army Tps Coy	571932	
10	RE		58 Aust Corps Fd Pk Coy(AIF)(less Fd Stores Pl	568937	
11	RE		58 Aust Corps Fd Pk Coy(AIF) Fd Stores Pl	5[illegible]219	
12			6 Aust Mech Eqpt Spare Parts Sec (AIF)	568939	
13			One Mech Eqpt Pl and One Sec Tipping Truck Pl 6 Aust Mech Eqpt Coy (AIF)	567936	6 Mech Eqpt Coy under comd 2 Aust Corps. One Mech Eqpt Pl and One Sec Tipping Truck Pl under comd 4 Base Sub Area for Op control and local adm

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14	ENGRS	4 Aust Welding Pl	563900	
15	(Contd)	3 PL 2/2 Aust Forestry [illegible]	589958	
16		Det 24 Aust Mech Eqpt Pk Coy		NOT yet under comd
17 TS		HQ 1 Aust Water Tpt Gp (AIF)	562902 x	Army Tps
18		HQ 42 Aust Landing Craft Coy	565898 x	Army Tps. Dets PURIATA RIVER & SAPOSA IS. Rear Party AUST.
19		Det 41 Aust Landing Craft Coy	565898 x	Army Tps. Att 42 Aust Landing Craft Coy pending arrival 54 Aust Port Craft Coy
20		13 Aust Small Ships Coy(AIF)(Less Dets &[illegible]	562896 x	Army Tps. Dets moving ex AUST in own craft
20a		One Pl 13 Aust Small Ships Coy (AIF)	579896	
21		Det 1 Aust Water Amb Convoy (AIF)(less Det)	563896 x	Army Tps. Det AUST
22		6 Aust Docks Op Coy(Type C)(AIF)(Less Det)	576903 x	Army Tps.
22a		Det 6 Aust Docks Op Coy (AIF)	743579 x	Army Tps
23		Det 7 Aust Docks Op Coy		Moving ex 3 BSA for att to 6 Docks Op Coy
24		3 Pl 1 Aust Port Maint Coy (AIF)	578903 x	Army Tps
25		54 Aust Port Craft Coy	x	Army Tps. Consisting of HQ, Two Port LC Pls equipped with ALC40. NOT yet under comd from AUST
26		3 Aust Refrig Lighter Sec	562896 x	Army Tps. Att 13 Aust Small Ships Coy
27 TS	SIGS	1 Aust Pigeon Sec (Type B)	560900 x	Army Tps. Dets GAZELLE HBR & SAPOSA IS
28		1 Aust Water Tpt Gp Sig Sec (AIF)	562902 x	Army Tps. Allotted B Aust Corps Sigs
29		AOD Sub Sec 3 Aust Sig Eqpt Sec	5[illegible]912	Att 16 Aust AOD
30		RSD Sub Sec 3 Aust Sig Eqpt Sec	599940	Att 3 Aust RSD.
31	INT	Det 1 Aust Fd Censorship Coy (AIF)	582931 x	LHQ Tps
32		Det FSLO	578910 x	GHQ Tps
33 TS	AASC	Hq 129 Aust [illegible] Coy (AIF)	604920	To move AUST on relief by 2/109 Aust GT Coy
33a TS		59 Aust Tpt Pl (AIF)	564926	
33b TS		60 Aust Tpt Pl (AIF)	604920	
33c TS		61 Aust Tpt Pl (AIF)	603919	
33d TS		62 Aust Tpt Pl (AIF)	603917	
33e TS		63 Aust Tpt Pl (AIF)	603917	
33f TS		129 Aust Wksp Pl (AIF)	603918	
34 TS		2/109 Aust GT Coy		To move ex AUST and relieve 129 Aust GT Coy. Consists of HQ, three tpt pls, wksp pl and also 2/26 and 2/87 Aust Tpt Pls under comd

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35	TS	AASC	HQ 133 Aust GT Coy (AIF)	566942	
35a	TS	(Contd)	68 Aust Tpt Pl (AIF)	565916	
35b	TS		69 Aust Tpt Pl (AIF)	565921	To move AUST on relief by 146 Aust GT Coy
35c	TS		70 Aust Tpt Pl (AIF)	566942	
35d	TS		71 Aust Tpt Pl (AIF)	592902	
35e	TS		133 Aust Wksp Pl (AIF)	566942	
36	TS		146 Aust GT Coy		To move ex AUST and relieve 133 Aust GT Coy
37	TS		5 Aust MAC Pl(AIF)(less det and three secs)	561924	Det to move under comd from LAE BSA. Two Secs under comd 2 Aust Corps. One Sec under comd 5 Base Sub Area
38			53 Aust BIPOD Pl (AIF)	588901	
39			54 Aust BIPOD Pl (AIF)	588901	
40			HQ 2 Aust BSD (AIF)	595934	
41			HQ 30 Aust Sup Dep Coy (AIF)	594935	
42	TS		45 Aust Sup Dep Pl (AIF)	594935	To move AUST on relief by 214 Aust Sup Dep Pl
43			214 Aust Sup Dep Pl		To move ex AUST to relieve 45 Aust Sup Dep Pl
44	TS		136 Aust Sup Dep Pl (AIF)	594935	To move AUST on relief by 48 Aust Sup Dep Pl
45			48 Aust Sup Dep Pl		To move ex AUST to relieve 136 Aust Sup Dep Pl
46	TS		146 Aust Sup Dep Pl (AIF)	594935	To move AUST on relief by 236 Aust Sup Dep Pl
47			236 Aust Sup Dep Pl		To move ex AUST to relieve 146 Aust Sup Dep Pl
48	TS		226 Aust Sup Dep Pl (AIF)	594935	
49	TS		237 Aust Sup Dep Pl (AIF)	606919	
50	TS		121 Aust Sup Dep Pl (AIF)	584947	
51			6 Aust Indep Farm Pl	577931	
52			7 Aust Indep Farm Pl	552932	
53			HQ 13 Aust Fd Baking Coy (AIF)	565945	
54			16 Aust Fd Baking Pl (less dets)	565945	Dets GREEN, ELIRAU and TREASURY IS
55			11 Aust Fd Baking Pl (less dets)	565945	Dets PUTO, GREEN, ELIRAU and TREASURY IS
56			12 Aust Fd Baking Pl (AIF) (Less det)	565945	Det TOKO Att 3 Aust Div
57			1 Aust Marine Food Sup Pl (AIF)	739581	
58	TS		Three Secs 12 Aust Air Maint Pl	584947	Det AUST
59	TS	MED	2/1 Aust Gen Hosp (M) (1200 Beds)	677946	Hosp Laundry Increment(Type A)(two shifts) is att and located at 566939
60			2/3 Aust Con Depot (500 men)	616951	
61			2/1 Aust Base Dep Med Stores	567936	
62	TS		A Coy 8 Aust Fd Amb (AIF)	573942	Air Evac Post 605939. 8 Aust Fd Amb (less Coy) under comd 2 Aust Corps

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63		MED	1 Aust Mob Entomological Sec	593903	
64	TS	(Contd)	19 Aust Malaria Control Unit(AIF) (Type B)	593904	
65	TS		2/1 Aust Malaria Control Unit(Type A)	593904	
66	TS	DENTAL	HQ 82 Aust Dental Unit(AIF) (less dets)	600933	A,B,C Secs at GREEN, EMIRAU, TREASURY IS under comd 23 Bde
66a	TS		Det 82 Aust Dental Unit (AIF)	[illegible]	att 12 Aust Adv Wksp
66b	TS		D Sec 82 Aust Dental Unit (AIF)	585935	att NG Details Depot
66c	TS		E Sec 82 Aust Dental Unit(AIF)	571932	att 7 Aust Army Tps Coy
66d	TS		F Sec 82 Aust Dental Unit (AIF)	602908	att 16 Aust AOD
67			Det NG Sub Dep LHQ Dental Stores	581928	x LHQ Tps
68		ORD	16 Aust AOD (AIF) (less dets)	602908	x Army Tps. Consists of HQ, 3 MT Spare Parts Secs, 3 Gen Stores & Clothing Secs, 2 Tech Stores, One Provision Sec (Type B). Dets att 4 Aust AOD and 19 Aust AOD.
69			3 Aust RSD (AIF)	604934	X Army Tps. Consists of a HQ, 1 Returned Stores Sec (TypeA)
70			% 8 Aust Ord Veh Pk (LE)(AIF)(HQ and One Coy less two Secs)	595937	x Army Tps
71			Det 4 Aust Ord Port Det(AIF)(Type B)	[illegible]	
72	TS		% 4 Sec Aust Offrs Shop (Type B)	603906	
73			2/6 Aust Mob Laundry & Fwd Decn Unit (less Det)	565944	Det TOKO Att 3 Aust Div
74			30 Aust Lt Laundry (AIF)	598936	
75			13 Aust AAD(Type A)(AIF) (less det)	582902	x Army Tps. Det No 3 Sub Dep TOKO att 3 Aust Div
76			1 Aust Mob Arm Repair Shop (AIF)	582902	
77		AEME	12 Aust Adv Wksp (AIF)	602912	Consists of HQ, Adv Wksp (HE), One machine wksp Sec, One Armament Wksp Sec(TypeA), One Armoury Wksp Sec(Type C), One Wireless Sig Eqpt Wksp Sec(TypeB), One Instrument Wksp Sec(TypeB), One Veh Wksp Sec(TypeB), One Engine Reconditioning Sec, One Veh Rec Sec, One Foundry Wksp Sec, One Radar Wksp Sec, One W'craft Wksp Sec(TypeA), One Mob Gas Gen Sec, One Area Wksp Sec(TypeA) being raised AUST for 12 Adv Wksp 2 Mob Tyre Repair Sec moving ex AUST to be absorbed on arrival.
78			2 Aust Landing Craft Wksp	562902	x Army Tps
79			1 Aust Floating Dock (100 tons)(AIF)		NOT yet in area. Consists of One Floating Dock Sec, One Wksp Craft Op Sec (Type A)

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80		AEWE (Contd)	1 Aust Floating Watercraft Wksp(AIF)	567903		Consists of HQ, One Floating W'craft Wksp Sec, One Wksp Craft Op Sec(TypeB).
81			212 Aust LAD			NOT yet under comd from AUST.To relieve 295 LAD
82	TS		295 Aust LAD (Type A) (AIF)	57[illegible]		Att HQ 4 Aust Base Sub Area. To move AUST on relief by 212 Aust LAD
83	TS		317 Aust LAD (Type A) (AIF)	568937		Att 58 Aust Corps Fd Pk Coy
84	T		2/13 Aust Veh Pk Wksp	596936		
85	TS		250 Aust LAD (Type A) (AIF)	604934		Att 3 Aust RSD
86		POSTAL	A Det 7 Aust Base Postal Unit (AIF)	582931		
87		PAY	83 Aust Dep Cash Office (Type C)	577946		Att 2/1 Aust Gen Hosp
88		PROVOST	2 Aust Corps Pro Coy (AIF)	601931		
		PRINTING & STATIONERY				
89			1 Aust Mob Printing Unit (AIF)	581928		
90			10 Aust L of C Stationery Dep(Type C)(AIF)	581928		
91	TS	GRAVES	19 Aust War Graves Unit (AIF)	540930		
92			16 Aust War Graves Unit			Moving ex AUST. NOT yet under comd
93		LABOUR	16 Aust Wks Coy	607932		
94			38 Aust Wks Coy	609922		To be relieved by 5 Aust Wks Coy
95			5 Aust Wks Coy			NOT yet under comd ex AUST. To relieve 38 Wks Coy
96		CANTEENS	Det NG Sec AA Canteen Service	605935	x	LHQ Tps
97			29 AACS Officers Club (Type F)			Being raised in area
98			31 AACS OR Club (Type L)			Being raised in area
99		AMENITIES	Det LHQ Pool Aust Army Amenities Service	581927		First Aust Army Det att 4 BSA
100			Det LHQ Pool Aust Army Amenities Service Cinema Unit	582927		First Aust Army Det att 4 BSA
101			No 16 Det Aust Entertainment Unit	609922	x	LHQ Tps
102			No 10 Det Aust Entertainment Unit		x	LHQ Tps. NOT yet under comd from AUST
103			No 20 Det Aust Entertainment Unit		x	LHQ Tps. NOT yet under comd from AUST
104			1 & 2 Secs 9 Det Aust Entertainment Unit		x	LHQ Tps. NOT yet under comd from AUST
105			9 AC Det AA Amenities Broadcasting Sec	580931		
106		MISC	28 Aust L of C Sal Sec (AIF)	575916		
107			Det % 15 Sec Aust Kit Store	601934		
108			Det NG Details Dep	585935	x	Army Tps

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REPORTS:

G STAFF — GSOIII reported Capt Harrison LHQ Mech School in area to discuss schools. Corps and Div have approved move 141 Hy Bty to fwd area for training with Fd Regts. Det 20 Aust Entertainment Unit ex LAE due during June. 27 Wks Coy deleted from mvt priority. 5 Wks Coy substituted. Relieves 38 Wks Coy entirely during June.

A BCH — NIL to report.

MED — NIL to report.

DENT/L — NIL to report.

Q BCH — DAQMG reported discharging into AMD 500 rds ammunition today for Navy. Native ration question mvt to TUGU now arranged by barge.

S & T — A/DADST reported PCL stocks EMIRAU very low. When SS "William Henry" discharged will be able to make substantial shipment. After discussion decided send vessel OL 11 there after partial discharge and reloading with some distillate. Ice cream factory out of production due to necessity engine change Wednesday to today. ACF motor installed.

ORD — NIL to report.

EME — NIL to report.

ENGRS — NIL to report.

MVT & TN GP — Lt Col McPhee reported 119 tons loaded 281 tons Aust cargo and 270 tons American discharged. Army has asked if 10 Fd Coy can be moved by "Ormiston" on return trip. CRE reports impracticable due necessity 10 Coy hand over of equipment to 7 Fd Coy. "William Henry" berthed last night and troops disembarked early hours this morning. Cargo commenced come off 0600. Fresh vegetables at midday. Lt Col Hooker on Courier. Col.Ferrar CI NG School of Sigs coming on visit next week. Question checkers discussed yesterday fixed up with Docks Coy.

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2 Jun 45.

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REPORTS:

G STAFF — Nil to report

A BRANCH. — DAAG reported normal air evacuations to mainland will recommence immediately. Changes in posting : Capt BLACKBURN, 55 LA Bty, to 2/1 AGH; Capt DAVIS, 10 Base Wksp to 2/1 AGH; Lt GRAVES, 10 Fd Coy, to 5 Fd Coy; Capt WILSON SO Labour 5 Aust Base Sub Area transferred to Aust Army Labour Services and posted 16 Works Coy. Army advise additional reinforcements placed on draft for 2/1 AGH. Due tps for First Army area now moving direct from BRISBANE. First Army LO at 13 Pers Staging camp withdrawn. Chaplain GOLDMAN (Hebrew) visiting area 3-17 June. Lt-Col HEARNE visits TOROKINA 3 June. Capt BEATTIE reposted 2/1 AGH to 115 AGH. Capt LUMM 115 AGH to 2/1 AGH. Due arr. vessels Provost situation acute. Have instructed withdrawal Rd patrols, point duty, ANZAC Beach & BOSLEY and Malarial patrols. Negotiating 2 Corps to arrange they take over Gd duties POW cage, and CCS. Attended Confce Corps yesterday on Broadcasting Stn functioning. Commences functioning Monday as TOROKINA Bdcasting Stn.

MED — Nil to report.

DENTAL — Nil to report.

Q BRANCH — DAQMG reported discussing question KVA set for Bdcasting yesterday with Capt DENMAN. He suggested 1 Phase job. Discussed yesterday with Maj WILDER position of minefields. He has all necessary maps to hand over.

S & T — A/DADST rep. complaint yesterday by CHOD that serious delays being experienced when SS "KILING" being refuelled. Q to investigate. Capt SALTER, Mots Gp discussed with me last night question CL34 which has similar loading. CL11 proposed to be sent to DARWIN. Lt-Col McPhee says any proposal send CL34 same job impossible as it has broken certain gear & must return direct LAE. If CL11 does NOT arrive today will arrange SS EDNA to do job to DARWIN.

ORD — Nil to report.

EME — D/DME made comment on KILLING refuelling posn that trouble appeared to be that matter handled by no less than 6 different authorities. Reported on trouble in watering KILLING.

ENGRS — Nil to report.

MOV & TN CP — Lt-Col McPHEE reported 61 tons loaded, 432 tons discharged. Bulk Small Craft got off SS "WILLIAM A. HENRY". 5 and 2 holds being worked to effect trim of vessel and will start on No 1 hold for POL today. Advice received SS CHARON left BRISBANE 30 May 45. Brig SHEEHAN & Lt-Col DOUGLAS, Capts TUNDERLY & CAVE on Courier today. Maj-General LAIDLAW and Brig DUNCAN War Office, visiting area 6-13 June. 2 Corps have agreed proposal flying boat put in at MOTUPENA. Will approach Army thereon. SS ORMISTON due today.

AA & CMG — Lt-Col Walker reported Sqn L LAWRENCE retd from Australia & within 10-14 days will be able render us Engr assistance on Rd Maint. CRE to contact him. Movt Det 2/6 Mob Laundry to 3 Div Area to be effected on 15 Jun. Officer in charge to recce immediately. To report ADOS 3 Div. 141 Hvy AA Bty proofed mountings yesterday.

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4 Jun 45.

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	MOV & TN CP	LT-COL	D.R. McPHEE.

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REPORTS :

G STAFF — Nil to report.

A BRANCH — DAAG reported First Aust Army desired in the interests of surgical efficiency in forward areas that Consultant Surgeon visit such areas. Request that OC Surgical 2/1 Aust Gen Hosp, Lt-Col ORME SMITH be made available to visit forward areas 2 Corps. First Army direct that as 6 Docks very heavily engaged at present an increment of 30 by 2 Corps and 20 by Base be provided for period of 12 weeks. LHQ have authorised the disbandment of 2 Mob Tyre Rep Wksp Sec coming here, on arrival and attachment of personnel to 12 Adv Wksp as Mob Tyre Repair Wksp Sec.

MED — DADMS reported serious delay unloading SS "STRATHBROKE" on Saturday of urgent cases. Over 2 hours delay. General discussion ensued and difficulty in moving vessels from pontoon definite cause. Provision of cat-walk will overcome. Lt-Col DOUGLAS and Capts WUNDERLY & CAVE arrived yesterday.

DENTAL — Nil to report.

Q BRANCH — DAQMG reported Lt-Col FARLEY & Maj TAYLOR arrived yesterday to inspect Labour units & investigate employment labour in area.

S & T. — Nil to report.

ORD. — Nil to report.

EME. — DADME reported receipt of memo through service channels that all Watercraft spares held by 1 Aust Floating Watercraft Wksp be transferred to 9rd cell on FURULTA Is. Had proposed putting auxiliary power in SS GUNDEAR but Lt-Col CHESTERMAN NOT in favour. Prefers tow vessel by tug. Awaiting Army direction on matter.

ENGRS. — CRE reported 7 Fd Coy disembarked Saturday. Understand 100 personnel of 10 Fd Coy required embark on SS CHARON.

MOV & TN GP. Lt-Col McPHEE reported 1421 tons loaded, 1921 discharged, over week end. During night serious hold up occurred in BIRUD & receipt of POL ...particularly due necessity for sorting from vehicles ...DADST explained part of difficulty that Dockers loaded drums with markings downwards. Both Lt-Col and he to endeavour to clear up. On counter Lt Col STUBB, S Div Sigs & Lt-Col WILSON LHQ.

AA & QMG Lt-Col WALKER reported having inspected water and oil installations at port and very pleased with them. Mistake has occurred in relation to site for aerated water factory and on inspection found American Navy occupying and working on it. Have selected new site behind old sawmill site, vicinity of Road into Fd Punishment Centre. LHQ advise SS "MICHAEL MORAN" on berth 4 June, loading SYDNEY & TOWNSVILLE for here. Gave details of loading of it and also SS "ALAGNA" on berth 30 May with small loading for here.

Conference closed 040615L.

(C.J.SPRING) Maj.,

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5 Jun 45.

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REPORTS

G STAFF — Nil to report.

A BRANCH — Nil to report.

MED — DADMS gave weekly medical summary. Infectious disease incidence :

Malaria	1	case of which in	Base units	0
Dysentry	2	"	"	1
Hookworm	6	"	"	0
Pneumonia	3	"	"	1
Scrub Typhus	3	"	"	0
VD	1	"	"	0

New skin cases admitted hospital 57. Comparative malarial incidence per 1000 pers week ending 11 May : AITAPE area 18.4; LADANG 1.3 ; LAE 1.08 ; NEW BRITAIN .21 ; SOLOMONS .17.
Major SHEA, Anaesthetist, 2/1 AGH, visiting 109 CCS instructional purposes 1 week. Maj SIMMONDS 1 Aust Entomological Unit moved yeaterday 3 Div area on Survey.

DENTAL — Nil to report.

Q BRANCH — DAQMG reported Sig Exch prefer 1 Phase 25 KVA to joining up on main with 114 KVA area station. Checked BSD lighting last night a nd will check again tonight. RSD has own plant. DADOS will investigate posn Ord Veh Pk. By [illegible] arrangement yesterday between DDST Corps & Col Major, 19 Tarps were transferred to 3 Div.

S & T — Nil to report.

ORD — Nil to report.

EME — Nil to report.

ENGRS — CRE reported in checking on gantry to be erected PURUATA. interested parties there say 30 ton work within capacity of existing facilities and they would prefer 60 ton gantr. or slipway. DADME doubted 30 ton work within capacity of present resources. AQ directed DADME to look into matter further and report to him. Floating pontoon for pile driver now available and will proceed with cat-walk Thursday or Friday. Involves a week's work. On timber posn, have target figure of 100,000 feet this week. Large American order will be finished in about ten days and thereafter will have all timber needed, available as required.

AA & QMG — Lt-Col WALKER mentioned that Camp Comd had approached him yesterday on question of office staffs being released at 1600 hours instead of 1630 for freer participation in combined sports. His efforts in that direction obtaining excellent results and heads of services to advise tomorrow whether this extension is possible. On visit Col FARLEY, Director of Labour, indicated visit most helpful. Col FARLEY had requested that in use of Works Coys, where ever possible, they be engaged on ta sk work rather than by allottment as mere man-power under control of installations or units to whom allotted. This would enable them to be under direct control of own offrs and NCOs. Desire that this request be effectuated.

Conference closed 050817L.

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6 Jun 45.

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REPORTS:

G STAFF — Nil to report.

A BRANCH — DAAG reported Maj LOWRY, NZ Army, called yesterday in connection with NZ bodies brought from NEW GEORGIA and interred here. Plan to concentrate all NZ bodies at New Caledonia. He will give report to us thereon and it will be necessary to submit proposal through Army.

MED — Nil to report.

DENTAL — Nil to report.

Q BRANCH — DAQMG reported Hospital Laundry to close from Monday next for repairs. Switching work to 2/6 Mob Laundry for about 4 days necessary 12000 pieces per day. Lt-Col FARLEY & Maj TAYLOR departed this morning early. Went further into minefield question yesterday with Maj WALKER. Big problem as large portion of perimeter mined and now overgrown. AQ considered fencing, notice boards and placing areas out of bounds will suffice as NOT proposed to lift mines. Col COURT rang re drains at Sig School. Had rung Engrs some days ago but nothing done yet.

S & T — Nil to report.

ORD — DADOS reported being arranged that RSD draw power from BSD for daylight hours and at night operate from own plant. Doubt if own power plant adequate for daylight hours. Will try to arrange for Veh Pk similarly.

EME — DADME reported inspecting GEO PEATE yesterday as NOT completed as promised. Much extra work necessary disclosed as job proceeded. Particularly on circulating system and outlet pipes which diver inspection disclosed were full of weed. Craft generally in bad shape except main engines. Will be ready today.

MCV & TN GP. Lt-Col McPHEE reported 1720 tons discharged yesterday. Courier due, also special plane. Plane load of meat for EMIRAU got away this morning. Bags had been promised to enable plane to be kept clean but were NOT supplied. With regard to availability of barges, 4 which went to RUSSELLS for repair now returned, making 13 in going order. SS RIVER GLENELG berthed last night.

AA & QMG Lt-Col WALKER enquired re FS 353. Advised that order for attachment 30 men to Docks Coy as directed by Army, now issued. Period attachment 12 weeks. If renewed, men to be changed. Corps services had interfered yesterday in MAG POL question. New operational plot envisages use of 1000 parachutes a week for short period which appears quite within our capacity. Gave short outline of the plan of operations proposed.

Conference closed 060313L

(G.F.SPRING) Maj.,
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HQ 4 Aust Base Sub Area (AIF),
7 Jun 45.

MINUTES OF STAFF & SERVICES CONFERENCE

LT-COL H. WALKER, AA & Q.G PRESIDING

PRESENT :	GSO (III)	CAPT	A.B. FARRINGTON
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	5 AUST CRE (WORKS)	LT-COL	H.J. MURN
	MOV & TN GP	LT-COL	D.R. McPHEE

Distribution to include : DAPM, War Diary (2).

REPORTS:

G BRANCH — GSO (III) rep. receipt S/Duties Sig First Army adv. reorganisation 2/1 AMCU from Type B to Type A a nd 19 AMCU from Type C to Type B. Advice received also of cutting down of garrisons on MUNDA, GREEN and TREASURY.

A BRANCH — DAAG rep. receipt Admin Instr. re 19 AMCU and also re 54 Port Craft Coy reorganisations.

MED. — Nil to rep.

DENTAL — Nil to rep.

Q BRANCH — DAQMG asked whose was responsibility for wiring of Corps reception Camp. After general discussion Q to ask Corps to effect as electricians very short.

S & T — A/DADST rep. RNZAF plane dep. yesterday with fresh food for ELIRAU.

ORD — DADOS rep. having arranged yesterday for Ord Veh Pk to provide own night lighting power. Saw Lt MERRITT on his return from recce 3 Div area. He had seen ADOS and DA & QMG and had allotted him very good area. Div road TORO to HOKGORAI NOT yet complete, will NOT require him for two to three weeks.

ENG — Nil to report.

WORKS — CRE reported sightseers prevalent on East-West Trail. Road in no condition yet to stand this, and would like road SOUTH of TOROKINA Crossing placed out of bounds. A advised Provost post established this morning for this purpose. Discussed question cholera injection 7 Fd Coy and arranged 1600 hours today to avoid loss of time incidental to morning and midday injections.

MOV & TN GP — Lt-Col McPHEE reported 1729 tons Aust cargo & 374 tons American cargo discharged yesterda y. 214 tons loaded coastwise. Yeast on SS CHARON NOT yet located. A/DADST

agreed to post man to identify & Col McF.TE agreed to give greatest expedition in getting into Reefers. After freezer cargo discharged SHARON will shut down. Then take vegetables off SS River Glenelg. Some trouble in that regard as overstowed with AT. Nothing on courier. Army have replied my signal re Port Craft Coy. First Pl ETD 4 July. Tug with 300 ton lighter in tow and loaded with 100 ton lighter ETD LAE, 18 July.

AA & QMG — Lt-Col WALKER referred to necessity for relief Sgt MEAGHER at ANZAC Beach as unit moving out. A advised replacement available, Det 15 Kit Stores. Enquired re completion POW comp. at Hospital. CRE says ready receive 16 Jun. Asked about plan for Amenities Stores Bosley Field. CRE advised held by 10 Fd Coy. AQ had advised Corps would NOT build special building in Corps area. Corps had suggested their Pioneers could be made available to assist [illegible] building. Suggest they be sought to assist Engrs on Bosley Fd building. No WE received yet for O/R's Club. A to write Army urging expedite. Pastry Cook on loan from Fd Bakery overworked. Cakes and pastry to be cut out one day each week and he to have the whole day off. Question of his transfer, Bakery will NOT consent to transfer unless promotion involved. If able to be effected on that basis want him transferred strength Officers' Club pending issue WE O/R's Club.

Conference closed 070813L.

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MINUTE SECRETARY.

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HQ 4 Aust Base Sub Area (AIF),
8 Jun 45.

MINUTES OF STAFF & SERVICES CONFERENCE

LT-COL H. WALKER, AA & QMG PRESIDING

PRESENT :	GSO (III)	CAPT	A.S. FARRINGTON
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	DADOS	MAJ	C.W. FORTUNE
	5 AUST CRE (MCALS)	LT-COL	H.B. BURN
	LOV & TN GP	LT-COL	D.R. McPHEE

Distribution to include : DAPM, War Diary (2). ✓

REPORTS:

G STAFF — Nil to report.

A BRANCH — DAAG reported receipt advice Brig BURNS RTD MELBOURNE 15 June. First Army to arrange accomodation & onward move. Advice also received of difficulty in raising 4 Aust Ord Small Craft Pk due personnel. 16 AAOD to provide total 7 incl. one Sgt. Gave following changes of posting : Maj N.F.C. KING, DADOS Base to OO 3 Aust AOD replacing Maj OGLE who is appointed DADOS 4 Base. Maj Child app. DAAG 4 Base vice Maj PERRY to DAAG 2 Aust Army. Chaplain BRILL from RSL Med to 102 AGH. Lt WYDROW, Reg Duties NT L of C Pro Coy to 2 Aust Corps Pro Coy vice Lt YEN to NT L of C Pro Coy. Capt BARNELL to Pl Offr HQ Pl 42 Aust Landing Craft Coy. Various internal repostings 42 Aust Landing Craft Coy.

MED — Nil to report.

DENTAL — Nil to report.

Q BRANCH — DAQMG reported dunnage on SS "William Henry" does NOT belong to us but to ship. 58000 ft of Aust hardwood comprised therein now on beach. Like to take over. AQ approves. DAQMG to approach American authorities.

ORD — Nil to report.

AMM — Nil to report.

ENGRS — Nil to report.

LOV & TN GP — Lt-Col McPHEE rep. 1073 tons discharged, 346 tons loaded. Will complete discharge cooler cargo ex SS CARON about midday today. Proceed then with vegetables on SS RIVER CLYDE, Nothing on Courier. SS EDNA got into area of Ary shoot yesterday. Would like early advice by G of future shoots. G has in hand with Corps. SS 353 dep. yesterday with POL for MILO.

MOV & IN GP (contd)

LHQ Instr introduces new form AA67 for intra-thea tre consignment note. Suggest much better for our use here than present form in use. A. & Q.M.G approved.

A. & Q.M.G

Lt-Col WALKER reported now definite 6 Aust Mech Eqpt Wksp will proceed to TOKIO. Corps is supporting our request for return to area of Mech Eqpt Sec of 12 Aust Adv Wksp. Owing to heavy shipping work at present on Docks and Port, Corps is agreeable to make certain barges available to assist work shipping. Would like Lvts to tie up. Inspected 16 MOD installations thoroughly yesterday, and allowing for assumption of [illegible] likely change in status of Base after ensuing 6 or 7 weeks operations and with current building programme in view, want Engrs to construct 7 more sheds as final building opns in MOD. Would like CRE to consider possibility of added road maintenance responsibility. Appears Base will be asked to assume responsibility for Numa Numa Trail. CRE states within capabilities. Enquired position supplies Arc Mesh. CRE says satisfactory. Quantity required in MOD for motor tyre storage.

Conference closed 080815L.

(G.F.SPRING) Maj,
MINUTE SECRETARY

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SECRET

HQ 4 Aust Base Sub Area (AIF),
9 Jun 45.

MINUTES OF STAFF & SERVICES CONFERENCE

LT-COL H. MILLER, AA & QMG PRESIDING

PRESENT:	GSO (III)	CAPT	A.B. FARRINGTON
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	DAQMG	MAJ	F.A. GODING
	DADMS	MAJ	S.A. BONNATTE
	DADDS	MAJ	A.G. ROWELL
	A/DADST	CAPT	B.J. McNEVIN
	DADOS	MAJ	N.F.C. MING
	DADME	MAJ	C.W. FORTUNE
	5 AUST CRE (MORRIS)	LT-COL	H.B. MURN
	MOV & TN GP	LT-COL	D.R. McPHEE

Distribution to include : DAPM, War Diary (2).

REPORTS:

G STAFF — Nil to report.

A BRANCH — DAAG reported changes in posting Capt LEGGO, 113 AGH to 2/1 AGH. Amendment in WE this HQ by addition of Assistant Inspector of Rubber, a WO.

MED — Nil to report.

DENTAL — Nil to report.

Q BRANCH — DAQMG rep. having discussed take over of dunnage from Americans & they agreeable on exchange basis. We have 8000 ft in Engr Dump & 1700 ft in Salvage towards amount required. Sorting proceeding on beach & hope to obtain 50000 ft hardwood. Will be issued on S18s.

S & T — Nil to report.

ORD — Nil to report.

AEC — Nil to report.

ENGRS — Nil to report.

MOV & TN GP — Lt-Col McPHEE reported 1100 tons dis charged yesterday & 200 tons loaded. On Courier is Maj ANDERSEN & on flying boat ex Moresby is Maj SILLAR. SS NIMA loading for MILNE BAY, LAE & TOROKINA. Hope to get Col MORRIS army on today's Courier.

AA & QMG — Lt-Col MILLER enquired position re SS GORDIAN. DADME advised had had no reply to signal on proposed installation of Gray engine. Further examination both cylinder heads reveals one may be all right & may also be able to repair the other. Lt-Col McPHEE reported his DADME had advised vessel would probably pull in half if used in toto as suggested. Had received word from Corps of proposed maintenance plot MUBA-BUNA Trail.

Conference closed 0900BSL.

(G.F. SPRING) MINUTE SECRETARY Maj.

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HQ 4 Aust Base Sub Area (AIF),
11 Jun 45.

MINUTES OF STAFF & SERVICES CONFERENCE

LT-COL H. WALKER, AA & QMG PRESIDING

PRESENT :

GSO (III)	CAPT	A.B. FARRINGTON
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5 AUST CRE (WORKS)	LT-COL	H.B. MURN
MOV & TN GP	LT-COL	D.R. McPHEE

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REPORTS :

G STAFF GSO (III) rep. amendment OOB First Aust Army by attachment 1 Aust Holding & Tn Unit - ETA 1 July.

A BRANCH DAAG reported receipt 2 Corps Itinerary for Gov Gen New Zealand. Visits AGH on 13 Jun and War Cemetry 14 Jun. Rep visits of APM Army & ADA Edn First Army ETA 12 Jun ETD 17 Jun and ETD 18 Jun respectively.

MED Matron Hurley promoted rank Temp Lt-Col at 1 Jun.

DENTAL Nil to report.

Q BRANCH DAQMG rep. Corps had enquired as to availability of materials for latrines and showers in Corps reception Camp. They will supply labour for erection. After discussion with Q and Engineers, AQ directed programme is as at present laid down but will review at end of 14 days & work on materials proceed after work on GDD.

S & T Nil to report.

ORD Nil to report.

EME Nil to report.

ENGRS CRE gave short general report on works. Referred to arrangements for assistance on maintenance Chop Chop Trail.

MOV & TN GP Lt-Col McPHEE reported 782 tons loaded over week end. 1680 tons discharged. SS W. Henry completed unloading. Now working SSs Charron, River Glenelg, & Charmian. SS Alagna dep Brisbane 9 Jun. Advice recd SS J.J.O'Brien on berth Sydney 10 Jun. SS Duntroon completes embarkation this morning and sails about 12 today. Anticipate be able move POL for Green Island 13 Jun for delivery 14 Jun. Courier has Senior Chaplain Goldman.

AA & QMG Lt-Col WALKER enquired re position Ice Cream mix for Hospital plant still being supplied by ACF. Also enquired if any justification in request for removal of 100 ft reefer from 133 AGT Coy HQ to Fd Bakery. A/DADST reported yes for reduction of water temperature for dough making and to help keep wet yeast. After general discussion AA & QMG directed Engrs remove as early as possible.

Conference closed 110813L

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HQ 4 Aust Base Sub Area (AIF),
12 Jun 45.

MINUTES OF STAFF & SERVICES CONFERENCE

LT-COL H. WALKER, AA & QMG PRESIDING

PRESENT :	GSO (III)	CAPT	A.B. FARRINGTON
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	MOV & TN GP	LT-COL	D.R. McPHEE

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REPORTS:

G STAFF — Nil to report.

A BRANCH — Nil to report.

MED — DADMS gave weekly medical summary. Incidence of infectious diseases past week :

Malaria	5	cases of which	NIL	in Base Units.
Dysentry	5	" "	1	"
Scabies	1	" "	0	"
Pneumonia	2	" "	2	"
Dengue	1	" "	0	"
Hookworm	8	" "	0	"

New skin cases admitted to hospital - 70. Comparative malaria figures for week ending 18 May per 1000 tps: AITAPE-19.4; LAE 2.31; SOLOMONS .56; NEW BRITAIN .4; MADANG .35.

DENTAL — Nil to report.

Q BRANCH — DAQMG rep. due to misunderstanding by Americans we only took over 10000 ft of hardwood instead of 50000. Balance was retd from beach to ship. Have issued instructions that all timber ex River Glenelg will be Anstn. Discussed Ice Cream mix for Hosp with Capt GAME, ACF Rep. He is providing supply to Red Cross from his resources. Arrangements proceeding.

S & T — A/DADST ref to matter of native labour for farms. At present have only 25 per day. Arrival of SS Alagna with 19000 ft reefer cargo may cause storage difficulties, but if SS RANAR is sent to Islands with cargo this difficulty can be overcome. Enquired if can regard Jun 15 as ETA SS Alagna. LT-Col McPHEE says Yes.

ORD — Nil to report.

EME — DADME rep, SS Kalang advises SS Geo Peate finished yesterday afternoon. Mov report loaded & sailed this morning 0650 Hrs.

ENGRS — CRE rep. 10 Fd Coy embarked yesterday for mainland.

MOV & TN GP — Lt-Col McPHEE rep. 508 tons loaded & 2652 tons disch. yesterday. On Courier is Col MORAN.

AA & QMG — Lt-Col WALKER ref to confce immediately following this in connection relief 8 Bn. This throws on Base add. responsibility for supply of service tps, & labour formerly grned by Bn.

Conference closed 120810L.

(G.F.SPRING) Maj.,
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HQ 4 Aust Base Sub Area (AIF),
13 Jun 45.

MINUTES OF STAFF & SERVICE CONFERENCE

LT-COL H. WALKER, AA & QMG PRESIDING

PRESENT:	GSO (III)	CAPT	A.H. FARRINGTON
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	DAQMG	MAJ	F.A. GODING
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	NOV & TN GP	LT-COL	D.R. McPHEE

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REPORTS:

G STAFF — Nil to report.

A BRANCH — DAAG rep. Maj HILL, OC 13 AAD, apptd Instr AAOC School. Moves forthwith. 2 Corps concur Lt-Col Orme SMITH going on Surgical Inspection previously referred to. Gave details changes postings 13 Aust Small Ship Coy.

LED — DADMS rep. receipt Sig advising arrival Sec Offr NEWMAN RAAF, Nutrition Team. Accn 2/1 AGH.

DENTAL — DADDS rep. arrival yesterday 42 cases dental stores good order & condition. Doctor WARNER, Scientific Inv Bch LHQ arriving to inspect condition Dental Stores in relation to tropical conditions. Arriving today to be accom. by us. Enquired posn Dental Post 12 Adv Wksp.

Q BRANCH — DAQMG reported having arranged with Corps to take over 2 X 25 KVA sets. 295 LAD will assume maint responsibility. Sets will remain on Corps charge.

S & T — A/DADST rep. receipt sig advising wet yeast consigned TREASURY had gone bad and had arranged to replace with Dribalm. Enquiring into cause. GREEN Is in urgent need of yeast. Have made appln for air space to forward supply. Discussed with Capt GAME insulated containers and question of which unit they be on charge to. Suggested Corps they be taken on charge by fd units, 20 by 3 Div. & 10 each by 11 & 7 Bdes. AA & QMG approved.

CRD — Nil to report.

ELE — DADLE rep. arrival Maj COLLEY CO SS Kalang. Maj COLLEY stated NOT likely to receive Floating dock for 3-4 weeks as decided to slip tender vessel. Referred to appln for repairs to gen sets mentioned by Maj GODING & his recent refusal to undertake. In view now our responsibility as stated by him can undertake. Suggest 114 KVA installation be maintained by 12 Adv Wksp Diesel personnel.

ENGRS — CRE reported Jaba Rd Det from 7 Fd Coy went down yesterday. NUMA Det goes tomorrow. Referred to short supply native labour, & cut in allotment Forestry Coy DAQMG explained due no replacements available, units must carry own sickness rate. CRE indicated would like Forestry maintained at expense other Engr allotments.

MOV & TN GP — Lt-Col McPHEE reported 847 tons discharged and 297 tons loaded yesterday. Experienced shortage LCTs, being at one stage down to 6. DAQMG explained likely to occur for next couple of months due to programme of major repair being undertaken by LST Coy. SS Ranar ETD northern trip today. Reported SS E.J. O'Brien cancelled as regards TOROKINA. Some indication being replaced but not definite. On Courier, LT-Col FERRAR, Det 41 Ldg Craft Coy ex LAE due 14 Jun. Col LARKINS due 14th or 15th. Supply penicillin on today's plane.

AA & QMG — Lt-Col WALKER reported Gov. Gen. NZ visits hospital 1515 today. Gp-Capt ROBERTS rang re his visit to Cemetry and would like representation by this HQ. Want as many heads of Services as possible. May be a little late as endeavouring to fit in visit to ANGAU. Will lay wreath at Cemetry. Enquired re shipments to EMIRAU and GREEN Islands.

Conference closed 1530 hrs.

(G.F.SPRING)
MINUTE SECRETARY.

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HQ 4 Aust Base Sub Area (AIF),
15 Jun 45.

MINUTES OF STAFF & SERVICES CONFERENCE.

LT-COL H. WALKER, AA & QMG PRESIDING

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REPORTS:

G STAFF — GSO (III) reported receipt SD Sig from First Army advising re-organisation 13 Aust Small Ship Coy authorised. No details. SD Corps rang yesterday advising they are issuing passes for East-West trail & sending us 6 permanent passes for inspection personnel.

A BRANCH. — DAAG reported LHQ advises system relief for personnel with 18 months or more tropical/overseas service. Units concerned incl 554 LAA Bty, RAE, AASC units under Corps or Bases, Med Units and Provost units. Proposed visit APM, Army, to area deferred. 2/1 AGH given authority Dec last to carry Asst Pathologist. Now withdrawn subject to such representations as may be made. LHQ advise first appt to Comm. Rank in RAE Water Tpt units extended to age limits of 40 years. Pers qualified various schools may be put up for commissions forthwith. Present system relief AEME units NOT working out due inability provide replacing personnel. No promises of relief to be given personnel when moving on leave.

MED — DADMS reported Penicillin stocks improved but still short. Am sending Sig for more. Hygiene Sec have asked for 3 ton truck with pump and tank for removal of water from sullage pits in area. Question raised some time ago. Engrs advise pneumatic pump would be necessary, & NOT available. Matter to be investigated by Q.

DENTAL — DADDS reported Dr. WARNER, Scientific Liaison, arrived yesterday & appears likely his visit will be worthwhile from Dental stores and eqpt point of view.

Q BRANCH — Nil to report.

S & T — A/DADST reported Port LCO & members of his Staff are contacting BSD direct on delays in tpt. Would like all such matters passed through Beach Tpt Offr who can then exercise his proper function. Would like vehicles carrying fresh supplies to be routed by one definite route from barge to BSD. After general discussion AA & QMG thought

S & T — enforcing orders as to responsibility of checkers & drivers would rectify matter and save difficulty in providing Provost control of route. Directed accordingly. Reported shortage of flour until arrival of Thomas Corby. DADST to consider figures and discuss with him today.

EME — DADME reported having called on new DDME 2 Corps and discussed activities of Base units with him. He would like to visit installations.

ORD — Nil to report.

ENGRS — CRE reported erection of sign corner Americal & Div Rds re diversion of traffic. Road will be out until at least Sunday. Coast Rd quite capable of taking all traffic at present.

MOV & TN CP — Lt-Col McPHEE reported 720 tons discharged & 349 tons loaded. Col LARKINS on Courier today. Received word little time ago that RAAF Officer expected to recce MOTUPENA, flying boat Base Area.

AA & QMG — Lt-Col WALKER reported Americans vacating TREASURY, probably by end of July, and are surveying Pontoon Dock & will likely decide NOT worth shifting in which event would hand to us. Like survey made by Engrs as to condition & possibility of towing here by own facilities. Referred to Floating Pile Driver. Also to spare filtration plant on PURUATA which requires some repair, and want DADME to inspect & report. Mov of 8 Bn from Islands becoming more urgent & want Services to be ready immediately to take over installations & services hitherto operated by Bn. Anticipate no medical difficulties. Want Q to send S/Capt to inspect 6 Aust Mech Eqpt Coy Camp this a.m. and report on buildings in area.

Conference closed 150836L.

(G.F.SPRING) Maj.,
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HQ 4 Aust Base Sub Area (AIF),
16 Jun 45.

MINUTES OF STAFF & SERVICES CONFERENCE

LT-COL H. WALKER, AA & QMG PRESIDING

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REPORTS:

G BRANCH — GSO (III) reported receipt SD Sig addsd Corps, Infm Base, advising Brig VEALE, I Army, arriving on visit. Water Tpt Gp rang yesterday re reefer lighter which arrived. Stated had been claimed by Docks Op Coy although shown on OOB as part WE 13 Aust Small Ship Coy. AQ directed correctly belongs to latter.

A BRANCH — DAAG reported receipt advice Lt-Comd PHELAN RAN has assumed duty as NOIC TOROKINA. Changes in posting: Capt BLACKWELL from att First Army to S/L A 4 Base vice Lt ROFFEY to LO (A & Q). Maj GEHAN, AMAS, visiting area, ETD LAE 18 Jun for preliminary arrangements est AMAS Camp. Lt JENKINS release to War Correspondent to be effected forthwith.

MED — DADMS reported Penicillin posn relieved by arrival yesterday 1000 ampules. Expect 1000-1500 in further week.

DENTAL — Nil to report.

Q BRANCH — DAQMG reported site for aerated water factory decided on yesterday. EAST end PIVA No 2 Strip. Corps rang yesterday re NORTH WEST crane for repair. After general discussion AA & QMG directed they be advised we cannot undertake due to own heavy committments. Corps also indicated prepared to hand over to Base, Bay City crane. AQ directed this to go into Docks area.

S & T — Nil to report

ORD — Nil to report.

ELE — DADME reported that due to installation of extra plant in 12 Aust Adv Wksp power output being tested to maximum. Arc down 3 x 25 KVAs on MAT. AQ says nothing available but 2 x 100 KVAs coming forward. Wants Ord to investigate what provision action taken re 25 KVAs & advise. Engine gas gen plant needs replacement. Understand one available from Matilda

EME — tk destroyed. Highest priority job.

ENGRS — CRE enquired posn re TD 14 Tractor in Docks area on Corps pool charge. Now out of order but Docks prepared to put in order if spares available & security of tenure ensured. AQ directed go ahead. Enquired re chassis frames for road drags. NOT able to get from Ord Veh Pk. DADME stated Jeeps only stripped and available.

MOV & TN GP — Lt-Col McPHEE reported 837 tons discharged, 186 tons loaded. Using LST to MOTUPENA, departing 1000 today. Todays Courier - Lt-Cols JABARA & SALBY. Tug ELYSIA arrived yesterday. 75 ft steel vessel.

AA & QMG — Lt-Col WALKER reported Base assumed responsibility NUMA NUMA Trail 160600 from No 1 Crossing to LAURIE. No chance of recovery of any buildings in 6 Aust Mech Rept Coy area so have authorised provision of following materials for Corps Reception Camp. End first week from date, 1 X 50 X 18 building; second week, 1 X 50 X 18 building; third week, 1 X 50 X 18 building; fourth week, 1 X 100 X 18 building; fifth week, 30 X 50 X 18 buildings; 6th week, 2 X 100 X 18 buildings.

Conference closed 160823L

(G.F.SPRING) Maj,
MINUTE SECRETARY.

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HQ 4 Aust Base Sub Area (AIF),
18 Jun 45.

MINUTES OF STAFF & SERVICES CONFERENCE

LT-COL H. WALKER, AA & QMG PRESIDING

PRESENT:			
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	DAAG	MAJ	E.W.O. PERRY
	DAQMG	MAJ	F.A. GODING
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REPORTS:

G STAFF — Nil to report.

A BRANCH — DAAG reported Army advise Col HAYDEN, Consulting Physician visits area arriving today. To be accomodated at 2/1 AGH. Visit of Maj GEHAN ANAS postponed until 20th inst.

MED — Nil to report.

DENTAL — Nil to report.

Q BRANCH — DAQMG reported that with regard to quantity of mech eqpt lying in Engr dump, Corps want Engrs to go through & indicate their requirements. CRE stated had done this and detailed items required. AA & QMG directed question of disposal of balance be gone into. Col COURT has asked if we arrange to meet Maj GEHAN. Also asked that road through NG Sig School Area be graded. CRE stated road needed reforming and certain culverts replacing and unless it was really required, work NOT warranted. Would investigate and if necessary would be able to do in about one week.

S & T — A/DADST reported due to SS ALAGNA NOT arriving until 21 Jun, fresh meat issues will NOT be made until end of week. Had received word that eqpt for Marine Food Sup Pl on SS WILLIAM HENRY NOT yet released by Ord and that Ord say cannot advise if actually held. AA & QMG directed DADOS to investigate, as Army had already bee advised of receipt of eqpt and mistake seemed apparent.

ORD — Nil to report.

EME. — Nil to report.

ENGRS — CRE reported 91000 ft of timber cut last week.

LOV & TI GP — LT-Col McPHEE reported 3133 tons discharged & 799 tons loaded over week-end. Sqn-Leader WHITE has arrived from MORESBY to recce MOTUPENA flying boat base. Am sending him down by launch this a.m. On return will bring him

MOV & TN GP — to interview AA & QMG. On today's Courier is Col PAGET, British Army, and Commissioner BREGAN. Anticipate Brig LOVITT arrives Friday. With regard to question of necessity for Med Certificates for passengers on ATC planes ex FINSCHHAFEN, recently reported, have received Sig from Army indicating bulk of traffic is now by ATC and it appears we must conform to direction. SS THOS COOLLEY departed SYDNEY 16 Jun. Gave short details loading. Took Col LARKINS yesterday on inspection to MOTUPENA and visit to 3 Div.

AA & QMG — Lt-Col WALKER reported RNZAF plane arranged for Wed 27 to carry fruit, vegetables and eggs to outer islands. Thereafter weekly will carry all types perishable cargo. Corps indicated yesterday that six LCMs will probably be available to us hereafter and will confirm today.

Conference closed 180815L

(G.F.SPRING) Maj.,
MINUTE SECRETARY.

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HQ 4 Aust Base Sub Area (AIF),
19 Jun 45.

MINUTES OF STAFF & SERVICES CONFERENCE

LT-COL H. WALKER, AA & QMG PRESIDING

PRESENT:	GSO (III)	CAPT	A.B. FARRINGTON
	DAAG	MAJ	E.W.O. PERRY
	DAQMG	MAJ	F.A. GODING
	DADMS	MAJ	D.B. SILLAR
	DADDS	MAJ	A.G. ROWELL
	A/DADST	CAPT	B.J. McNEVIN
	DADOS	MAJ	N.F.C. KING
	DADME	MAJ	C.W. FORTUNE
	5 AUST CRE (WORKS)	LT-COL	H.B. MURN
	MOV & TN GP	LT-COL	D.R. McPHEE

Distribution to include : DAPM, War Diary (2).

REPORTS:

G STAFF — Nil to report.

A BRANCH — DAAG reported First Army have approved move of one offr First Engr 13 Small Ship Coy and crew of one 300 ton vessel. less first engr to FREMANTLE. Chap-Gen RILEY, C of E, visits First Army comds for 3 weeks. Posting Capt LARKINS to 6 Emp Coy now cancelled and fresh posting OC 39 Works Coy made. Various postings in 16 Works Coy made.

MED — DADMS reported Col HAYDEN did NOT arrive as anticipated. Hyg Offr reports No 1 Rubbish Dump breeding mosquitoes. Recommends closing. Q to investigate.

DENTAL — DADDS reported Dr. WARNER departed this morning.

Q BRANCH — DAQMG reported arrangements have been completed for procurement tank engine for Oxygen plant. All natives are withdrawn from night work for period of two weeks due incidence of severe colds, & pneumonia. Capt LEE, ANGAU, inspects site 3 Beach for native camp for Club labour.

S & T — A/DADST reported eqpt for Marine Food Supply Pl received ex Ordnance on Friday last.

ORD — Nil to report.

EME — DADME reported visit to 12 Adv Wksp to inspect truck rebuilding Ops. Explained that due to severe rusting of steel bodies complete repairs NOT being effected as would involve too much labour. Job being done estimated to last out present campaign. Q indicated supply of hardwood for bodybuilding now satisfactory.

ENGRS — Nil to report;

MOV & TN GP — Lt-Col McPHEE reported 1315 tons discharged and 434 tons loaded over 24 hrs past. Sig received advising increment for Docks Coy sailed 17 Jun from 3 Base. 110 lbs penicillin on Courier. Sqn-Leader WHITE returned from MOTUPENA & today is flying over area. Seems very satisfied. Will bring him to see AA & QMG this afternoon. Enquired what would be done with reefer cargo ex SS ALAGNA. AA & QMG advised going into BSD reefers.

AA & QMG — Lt-Col WALKER reported Brig BIRRS arrived yesterday, & assumed comd Base at 1200 hours. USAFHOPSOLS have received definite order to evacuate area & appears to be effected 3-4 weeks. Want their area retained for AMAS Barracks. Referred to eqpt incl 2 Auto patrols, & Bulldozer, TT7 Tractor Sawmill & 2 bulldozers at Forestry unit which we will

AA & QMG — probably need to take over. Want engr survey made of these items. We may anticipate taking over road work within 2-3 weeks. Enquired re posn road EAST-WEST Trail, CRE reported available use Thursday. Referred to Red Cross Building Bosley Fd area now complete. Also enquired posn re transfer of buildings from 6 Mech Eqpt Wksp area to 12 Adv Wksp area. Inspected Tpt Service Station 2 Corps Trg Centre yesterday. and most highly gratified with show. Enquired posn re constr of Gantry CRE reported under control.

Conference closed 190820L

(G.F.SPRING) Maj.,
MINUTE SECRETARY.

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HQ 4 Aust Base Sub Area (AIF),
20 Jun 45.

MINUTES OF STAFF & SERVICES CONFERENCE

LT-COL H. WALKER, AA & QMG PRESIDING

PRESENT :	GSO (III)	CAPT	A.B. FARRINGTON
	DAAG	MAJ	E.W.O. PERRY
	DAQMG	MAJ	F.A. GODING
	DADMS	MAJ	D.B. SILLAR
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	5 AUST CRE (WORKS)	LT-COL	H.B. MURN
	MOV & TN GP	LT-COL	D.R. McPHEE

Distribution to include : DAPM, War Diary (2).

REPORTS:

G STAFF Nil to report.

A BRANCH Nil to report.

MED DADMS gave medical summary for week. No malaria cases in Base Units. Malaria comparative figures for week ended 26 May :- AITAPE area - 23.5; SOLOMONS - .8, per 1000 tps.

DENTAL Nil to report.

Q BRANCH DAQMG reported 70 Tpt Pl wanted Forestry Coy advice on disposal of dangerous tree in area.

S & T A/DADST reported due to shortage of flour had reduced bread content from 100% to 70% and added 30% wheatmeal. There is also a shortage of tea and have increased issue of coffee to replace to 3 days per week instead of one.

ORD Nil to report.

EME Nil to report.

ENGRS CRE reported having arranged with Maj WALLER yesterday for a number of 3-ton truck chassis for road drags. Referred to pontoon for oil-wharf which is NOT sufficiently stable. Another had been promised by Navy people and taking up this morning with Lt HERLOCKER.

MOV & TN GP Lt-Col McPHEE reported 2229 tons discharged and 150 tons loaded over 24 hours. On yesterdays Courier, due today, are Brig VEALE and Commissioner BREGAN. Brig DUNCAN, British Army, departs TOWNSVILLE today for TOROKINA. Lt-Col CRISP, accompanied by Maj DUNCAN, arriving also. Bringing from EMIRAU during week ensuing one North-West crane and accessories.

AA & QMG Lt-Col WALKER referred to Comds itinerary for base inspection. Will be followed by unit parades commencing beginning July. This morning inspects AAD and AOD.

Conference closed 2008IOL.

(G.F.SPRING) Maj.,
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HQ 4 Aust Base Sub Area (AIF),
21 Jun 45.

MINUTES OF STAFF & SERVICES CONFERENCE

LT-COL H. WALKER, AA & QMG PRESIDING

PRESENT :

GSO (III)	CAPT	A.B. FARRINGTON
DAAG	MAJ	E.W.O. PERRY
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REPORTS:

G STAFF — GSO (III) reported First Army advise dates commencement Grade I & II Staff Schools to enable units to anticipate application. USAF NOR SOLS advise all telephone services to their units except own HQ & Naval discontinued yesterday. Capt HARRIS, School of Mech, expects to continue service station for further fortnight.

A BRANCH — DAAG advises Lt TOMKIN approved for appointment A/Camp Comd.

MED — DADMS advised 3 new cases malaria in Base units;, one each at 6 Docks, Port Maint Det, 2/1 AGH.

DENTAL — Nil to report.

Q BRANCH — DAQMG reported 12 natives reported to Hosp today for work on Sac Sac roofing of extensions. Red Cross moves today into Bosley Fd area. Arc Mesh to go into Canteen's custody for safe keeping for cordial factory. Reefer in 11 Bde area broken down again. Bde has requested attention.

S & T — Nil to report.

ORD — DADOS reported Lt JENKINS left on Courier yesterday.

EME — DADME reported 12 Adv Wksp report they consider they can repair engines of Gundiar. AQ approves proposed attempt.

ENGRS — Nil to report.

MOV & TN GP — Lt-Col McPHEE reported 930 tons discharged, 1516 tons loaded yesterday. Nothing on Courier today. Ex TOWNSVILLE by plane is consigned 1600 lbs waterproofing material. First Army advises amendment of WET Port Craft Coy, provides for 5 ALCs, additional to existing 15 per pl. 20 for 54 Coy available immediately.

AA & QMG — Lt-Col WALKER reported consequent on early close-down of USAF NOR SOLS, about 100 vehicles are to be made available by them to us as unrestricted gift, incl about 50 GMC vehicles. Want DADME to arrange for Capt TRESTRAIL to interview Col VILLENEUVE today to inspect those we can take over immediately. Comd inspected AAD & AOD yesterday & expressed himself as entirely satisfied with both Depots. Comd will be moving into office in main HQ building now occupied by Maj PERRY. Want Engrs & G to make all necessary arrangements. Maj PERRY to move into Legal Clerks Office.

Conference closed 210817L

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HQ 4 Aust Base Sub Area (AIF),
22 Jun 45.

MINUTES OF STAFF & SERVICES CONFERENCE

LT-COL H. WALKER, AA & QMG PRESIDING

PRESENT:

GSO (III)	CAPT	A.B. FARRINGTON
DAAG	MAJ	E.W.O. PERRY
DA QMG	MAJ	F.A. GODING
DADMS	MAJ	D.B. SILLAR
DADDS	MAJ	A.G. ROWELL
A/DADST	CAPT	B.J. McNEVIN
DADOS	MAJ	N.F.C. KING
DADME	MAJ	C.W. FORTUNE
5 AUST CRE (WORKS)	CAPT	SERPELL
MOV & TN GP	LT-COL	D.R. McPHEE

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REPORTS:

G STAFF — GSO (III) reported Corps have issued instr for mov of Det Mob Laundry for 25 Jun. Trailers will move by barge and vehicles by road.

A BRANCH — DAAG reported reposting Lt CURRIE, 2/1 Mov & Tn Gp.

MED — DADMS reported marked increase in mosquitoes. Check last night indicated all anophelene. Malaria Control people taking all possible steps. AA & QMG directed A to get out immediate instr to all units directing close enforcement of Malaria control instructions due to noticeable increase in mosquitoes.

DENTAL — Nil to report.

Q BRANCH — Nil to report.

S & T — A/DADST reported that if SS ALAGNA discharged today he would be able to make fresh meat issue tomorrow.

ORD — DADOS reppрted Capt MERRITT states everything in control for mov of det referred to by GSO (III). Programme of work for balance of unit remaining this area now needs revision and will go into details with him today.

EME — Nil to report.

ENGRS — Capt SERPELL reported EAST-WEST trail open as from 212359L. Corps notified.

MOV & TN GP — Lt-Col McPHEE reported 892 tons discharged, 1340 tons loaded. Still operating SS River Glenelg. SS Duntroon sailed 20 Jun ex BRISBANE. No word Brig LOUTIT and party. Col WARNER from NG Mov Gp will visit area at week-end for few days.

AA & QMG — Lt-Col WALKER reported Comd had visited BSD, Air Maint Pl and 13 Fd Bakery yesterday and was most highly gratified with what he saw. On question of organised sport raised recently, from 25 Jun incl work on HQ will cease at 1600 hrs when possible and organised sport will be supervised by Camp Comd. Vessel leaving tomorrow for MILNE BAY to carry AASC relief. Relief f.. personnel on GREEN to be effected by air. DADST to make necessary arrangements. Corps have been acquainted with details for relief of 8 Bn and are very satisfied. Complete agreement reached on transfer and change over of vehicles As Wireless Task Sec at LUNDA moving out at same time as Americans, S&T supplies there can be moved out immediately, if not already done so. Similar supplies at TREASURY can remain as 33 cwn tps & RNZAF still remaining. Regard to 180C ft reefer at GREEN & 2100 ft reefer at TREASURY, can be brought out immediately. 1800 to be installed at BSD, 2100 at DID.

Conference closed 220813L.

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HQ 4 Aust Base Sub Area (AIF)
23 Jun 45

MINUTES OF STAFF AND SERVICES CONFERENCE

LT COL H WALKER AA & QMG PRESIDING

PRESENT:	GSO III	CAPT	A B FARRINGTON
	DAAG	MAJ	E W O PERRY
	DAQMG	MAJ	F A GODING
	DADMS	MAJ	D B SILLAR
	DADDS	MAJ	A G ROWELL
	A/DADST	CAPT	B J McNEVIN
	DADOS	MAJ	N F C KING
	DADME	MAJ	C W FORTUNE
	5 AUST CRE (WKS)	LT COL	H B MURN
	MOV & TN GP	LT COL	D R McPHEE

Distribution to include: DAPM, WAR DIARY (2)

REPORTS

G STAFF — NIL to report

A BRANCH — DAAG reported posting Col MAJOR to ADST LANDOPS and movement forthwith. GOS 2 Corps has instructed that Capt PATERSON assume comd 42 Landing Craft Coy forthwith. Capt BENNISON reposted 14 AOD to 13 AOD. System of relief for 1 Fd Censorship Coy in this area has been approved.

MED — DADMS reported mosquito pest under close investigation. Malaria control people say they are breeding in area behind HQ. Planes for spraying are being used in fwd areas, and in NEW BRITAIN but if other measures NOT successful recourse to planes for this area will be made.

DENTAL — NIL to report

Q BRANCH — DAQMG reported Col COURT rang this morning to thank us for efforts in moving materials for Gov-General's cottage up NORTH. Bulldozing of area at Beach for native compound satisfactory. Completes today.

S & T — A/DADST reported EMIRAU relief dot did NOT get away today. Capt of ship under orders NOT to transport troops.

ORD — DADOS reported Col PLANK did NOT arrive yesterday as expected. Discussed laundry operations yesterday with Lt WHERRITT and agreed propose for fortnight to maintain normal full output and reconsider posn then.

EME — NIL to report

ENGRS — CRE reported CE has completed his inspection of Base area and now in 3 Div area. Very satisfied. General discussion of question of additional water carts for roads. Should be no difficulty whatever. Have been advised that 2 Corps Reception Camp now NOT being proceeded with. Reported arrival of 2 AEME Armco huts. After general discussion Maj FORTUNE to discuss with Col BRADLEY whether required to be erected immediately. Will take 5 weeks to put up. Could erect similar coverage tropical type in 2 - 3 weeks. With other American eqpt being surveyed are 2 x 75 KVA sets. Would be very satisfactory installed in BSD, Canteens, Cordial Factory area. AA&QMG agreed.

MOV & TN — Lt Col McPHEE reported 928 tons discharged 1039 tons loaded yesterday. On courier are Lt Cols BRADLEY, PLANK and WARNER and Capt TONKIN. No word Brig LOUTIT and party.

AA & QMG — Lt Col WALKER enquired posn re proposed installation of punkas in parachute drying shed. After general discussion agreed that they be tried.

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HQ 4 AUST BASE SUB AREA (AIF),
25 Jun 45.

MINUTES OF STAFF & SERVICES CONFERENCE

LT-COL H. WALKER, AA & QMG PRESIDING

PRESENT	GSO (III)	CAPT	A.B. FARRINGTON
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	DAQMG	MAJ	F.A. GODING
	DADMS	MAJ	D.B. SILLAR
	DADDS	MAJ	A.G. ROWELL
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	DADOS	MAJ	N.F.C. KING
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	5 AUST CRE (WORKS)	LT-COL	H.B. BURN
	MOV & TN GP	LT-COL	D.R. McPHEE

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REPORTS:

G STAFF — Nil to report.

A BRANCH — DAAG reported posting Capt THELANDER from 6 Army Tps Coy to Stores Offr 6 Aust Army Tps Coy. Approval for classification of 3 RSD as AIF unit. Lt KING-JONES posted from reinforcements to 12 Aust Adv Wksp. Approval given for raising OR Club with 23 OR to be provided from Canteen personnel locally. First Army direct attention to unauthorised practice of Canteen personnel exchanging damaged Canteen goods with natives for fresh vegetables etc., and practice of rewarding members with free beer for Sunday work.

MED — DADMS reported swampy area vicinity port will be sprayed by plane today and area behind Base HQ tomorrow.

DENTAL — Nil to report.

Q BRANCH — DAQMG reported visit from OC War Graves unit yesterday. Require use of bulldozer to clear further area. Also referred to provision of mess building which has been approved for considerable period. AA & QMG directed Q Branch representative to visit and go into both matters and report. With regard garbage dump, No 1 dump in good order except for some bulldozer work on closer end; 15 Bde Dump on American Rd near Division Rd has had foodstuffs exposed by pigs rooting. Engrs to inspect both and take necessary action. Maj REED, Labour Gp Representative, marched in last night. Referred to hardwood dunnage, THOS COOLEY, which is presumably on same basis as that on WILLIAM HENRY. Have made arrangements with Americans that it go into our Salvage and be replaced by Engr resources. Referred to vehicle release by Corps to Base. AA & QMG directed he would go into allotments.

S & T — A/DADST reported until flour discharged from THOS COOLEY have only three days supply. Consignment dry yeast listed as 23000 lbs appears now to be only 2500 lbs. Holdings are 2 days at Bakery. 10 in stock and 8 on THOS COOLEY and poss again acute. Will check THOS COOLEY consignment

S & T — and take action necessary.

ORD — DADOS reported Det Mob Laundry moved yesterday to HONGORAI River. OC, LT WHERRITT will set up and get going and then hand over to subordinate.

ENGRS — CRE reported proposed installation punkas in parachute drying shed NOT practicable. Suggested either hot water pipes or hot air flues. After general discussion AA & QMG directed to remain in abeyance for day or two. Had ascertained that 38 Works Coy had 2 signwriters and 1 plumber and possibly other tradesmen who were NOT trade-grouped, and would like them, if possible, transferred to 7 Fd Coy. AA & QMG directed A to investigate and take necessary action. With regard to ice-cream and ice making plant proposed being taken over from Americans, would like authority to install in Cordial Factory area. AA & QMG approved. Referred to question of eqpt for Women's Rest House which will be completed end this week. DADOS intimated can easily be arranged through Hosp.

MOV & TN CP — Lt-Col McPHEE reported 1168 tons discharged, 2004 tons loaded over week-end. Have commenced discharge SS THOS COOLEY. Vegetables, Ord Stores and Motor Vehicles coming off. Brig BARKER, BRA, on Courier today. Brig LOUTIT at FINSCHHAFEN Saturday.

AA & QMG — Lt-Col WALKER reported Comd had inspected 2/1 AGH, Con Depot and Med Stores and was extremely satisfied. Reminded heads of Services and Staff that approach to Engr units was through CRE who is in command all such units. Referred to tobacco issue by AASC to all isolated tps. Full issue to be maintained.

Conference closed 250825L

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MINUTE SECRETARY.

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HQ 4 Aust Base Sub Area (AIF),
26 Jun 45.

MINUTES OF STAFF & SERVICES CONFERENCE

LT-COL H. WALKER, AA & QMG PRESIDING

PRESENT:			
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	DAQMG	MAJ	F.A. GODING
	DADMS	MAJ	D.B. SILLAR
	DADDS	MAJ	A.G. ROWELL
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	5 AUST CRE (WORKS)	LT-COL	H.B. MURN
	MOV & TN GP	LT-COL	D.R. McPHEE

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REPORTS:

G STAFF — GSO (III) reported Corps have signalled 23 Inf Bde advising making 2 x 3.7 AA guns available for anti-barge operations. First Army has advised proposed relief 129 AGT Coy by 2/109 AGT Coy. 133 AGT Coy by 141 AGT Coy. 146 Sup Dep Pl by 236 Sup Dep Pl and 45 Sup Dep Pl by 214 Sup Dep Pl. No dates specified.

A BRANCH — DAAG reported 4 Sec Offrs Shop reorganised to provide WE of Capt and 16 OR. Gave following changes in postings : Lt PRICE AAMS, from 102 AGH to 2/1 AGH; Lt MARLHAM from 2/1 AGH to 103 AGH. Mov Lt MARLHAM as early as practicable. Lt YOUNG, Inspector Supplies, to 4 Base. Capt DUFFY, 6 Aust Fd Coy, to 6 Aust Mech Eqpt Coy. Lt HENRY, 6 Aust Mech Eqpt Coy, to 25 Aust Mech Eqpt Fk Coy on arrival latter 4 Base Sub Area.

MED — DADMS reported mosquito air spray completed this morning. Inspected Offrs Club area yesterday. Case of meningitis had occurred amongst natives last week and this was a potential source of serious danger as no advice was given us. Appears that natives being supplied direct from ANGAU compound to area and no action being taken to preclude introduction of possible dysentry or other infectious disease carrier. Suggest allottment of natives be by permanent detail and they be medically examined. Hygiene at Club big job and too big for one man allotted. Suggest he be given 2-3 permanent natives to be accomodated apart from others in new compound. AA & QMG approved proposed action and directed necessary steps be taken.

DENTAL — Nil to report.

Q BRANCH — DAQMG reported had had request from OIC Drivers & Maint School that in view of impending arrival Mob School, 6 Tank Shelters ex AOD be allotted. Would take down and erect themselves. DADOS stated availability depended on fulfillment committment to AITAPE area. AQ directed necessary action if this complete. Also sought new site Bosley Fd but suggested old Bakery area opposite this HQ and am arranging with Americans for present structures to remain.

S & T — Nil to report.

ORD Nil to report.

ENGR DADLE reported that DAAG had advised him of probable arrival today in area of Lt-Col IRVINE, relief for Col BRADLEY. AA & QMG directed Col BRADLEY can then go on leave.

ENGRS Nil to report.

MOV & TN CP Lt-Col McPHEE reported 506 tons discharged, 923 tons loaded yesterday. Lt-Col IRVINE on Courier also Lt-Col ALTON, War Office. Had had discussion yesterday with Maj GODING on cargo reconciliation on discharge and have arranged with him that we hold comparison of Docks discharge notes with Waggon Loading Slips and installation receipts. Appears no great reliance can be placed on ship's papers. Early indication regard SS RIVER GLENELG appears reconciliation will show large discrepancies. Referred to mov of 11 Inf Bde personnel on SS DEBORAH. Officers' accomodation had been left in filthy condition with vomit and urine and other filth. Had advised 2 Corps with copies of report and understand Corps taking action. Repitition would probably result in Water Tpt Cp withdrawing ship from service.

AA & QMG Lt-Col WALKER asked posn re bomb tender hitherto used for servicing flying boat at TREASURY. Lt-Col McPHEE reported as from 2 Jul Americans indicate despite his representations boat may be taken away. Q to take up with Comd KINCAID. Comd had inspected Docks area, PURUATA Island installations, SS KALANG and reefer barges and was very satisfied. 40 X 18 store will be erected for Ord Cell on PURUATA. Enquired of CRE latest situation of Pontoon Pile driver. CRE reported Americans had promised to remove engine and gear. AA & QMG asked that matter be persued. Women's Rest area at Con Depot opens officially on 4 Jul. Require A to provide cook and cook's off-sider. To be staffed temporarily by AALNS from 2/1 AGH until staff can arrive from LAE. A to signal Capt CAVE for necessary AALNS from pool. Enquired if any reply from Army re Pacific Island Regt. A to signal Army thereon. Referred to memo from USAF NOR SOLS indicating that pursuant discussion with offrs of Base HQ, Road maint and Fire Protection by American Force would cease today - 26 Jun. Knew nothing of any such arrangement and Q to get in touch with Maj WALKER indicating that we cannot assume until arrangements complete for us to take over necessary equipment.

Conference closed 260632L.

(G.F.SPRING) Maj.,
MINUTE SECRETARY.

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HQ 4 Aust Base Sub Area (AIF),
27 Jun 45.

MINUTES OF STAFF & SERVICES CONFERENCE

LT-COL H. WALKER, AA & QMG PRESIDING

PRESENT:	GSO (III)	CAPT	A B FARRINGTON
	DAAG	MAJ	E W O PERRY
	DAQMG	MAJ	F A GODING
	DADLS	MAJ	D B SILLAR
	DADDS	MAJ	A G ROWELL
	A/DADST	CAPT	J J McNEVIN
	DADOS	MAJ	N F C KING
	DADME	MAJ	C W FORTUNE
	5 AUST CRE (LOWKS)	CAPT	C W B VAUGHAN
	LOV & TN GP	LT-COL	D R McPHEE

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REPORTS:

G STAFF — GSO (III) reported HQ 23 Bde have assumed responsibility for NORTHERN sector of operations.

A BRANCH — DAAG reported reposting Lt SEARY, S MAC Pl, to 2/3 AGT Coy approval given for classification HQ 129 AGT Coy and Pls as AIF.

MED — Nil to report.
DENTAL — Nil to report.

Q BRANCH — DAQMG reported Water Tpt Gp enquired yesterday about availability of Bulldozer to recover old American dump on PURUATA. Suggested Docks Coy Bulldozer be sent. Q to arrange. Regard to bomb tender at TOMBSURY, Capt SERPELL signalled to inspect. American Army agreeable to hand over subject our inspection and if Capt SERPELL has left area another offr will be sent.

S & T — A/DADST reported American QM has a surplus of ration commodities of which supplying inventory this area. If anything suitable for us to take over, First Army approval can then be had. AA & QMG indicated we would have nothing to do with broken supplies.

ORD — DADOS reported 8 Veh Pk has 6 tk shelters which can be handed over to MT School. Will require new tarpaulins. DAQMG mentioned Q Pk has quantity of canvas and tentage over. Salvage looking over.

EME — Nil to report.
ENGRS — Nil to report.

LOV & TN GP — Lt-Col McPHEE reported 871 tons discharged. 1307 loaded. Nobody of importance on Courier. Brig McDONALD, CE 2 Corps, due leave MORESBY by flying boat to TOMBSURY today. SS MARELLA coming on berth SYDNEY, 7 Jul, for TOROKINA. Gave details loading anticipated. Enquired whether we would be responsible for discharge shipping of AV Gas & Bombs for RNZAF in outer islands in view of our not being otherwise responsible. Corps had agreed to 4 OR, S Sn, being retained until replaced by Lov & Tn Gp. AA & QMG said would probably devolve on us, and winchmen would be supplied and flown in as required from time to time. Referred to shortage in Canteens of washing soap.

AA & QMG — Lt-Col WALKER referred to present shortage of 25 pr amn. Army cannot supply within target date. Enquired posn re collection from JACQUINOT & LAE. Lt-Col McPHEE said steel ship already despatched to

AA & Q.G (contd) JACQUINOT and SS NIMA available to pick up at LAE. Arranged with Corps for them to take over from 141 Hy Bty 2 x 3.7 AA guns and all amn in area less 1016 rounds on Bty sites. DADOS advised he had approved 600 rds yesterday to go with guns. Comd had inspected Mob Laundry, Veh Pk and RSD yesterday and was still very pleased. Enquired posn relief by AASC personnel of S Bn personnel in MILNAU and GREEN. S & T reported had applied for air mov and Q stated to move by 28 Jun. Directed A should prepare memo to ACF complimenting on standard of ACF midyear Hamper. Enquired what had eventuated re SS RAHAR roofor cargo. S & T stated 30 days cargo placed in each place. Also enquired re RNZAF plane with perishables to go today. S & T stated all in order.

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(J.F.SPRING) Maj.,
MINUTE SECRETARY.

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HQ 4 Aust Base Sub Area (AIF),
28 Jun 45.

MINUTES OF STAFF & SERVICES CONFERENCE

LT-COL H. WALKER, AA & QMG PRESIDING

PRESENT:	GSO (III)	CAPT	A B FARRINGTON
	DAAG	LAJ	A S CHILD
	DaQMG	LAJ	F A GODING
	DADOS	LAJ	D B SILLAR
	DADDS	LAJ	A G ROWELL
	DADST	LAJ	C J COLLEN
	DADOS	LAJ	N F C KING
	DADAE	LAJ	C W FORTUNE
	5 AUST CME (..OMS)	LT-COL	H D MURR
	LOV & TN CP	LT-COL	D R McPHEE

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REPORTS:

G STAFF — Nil to report.

A BRANCH — DAAG reported various postings. Capt McSHINNEY, 2/1 AGH to H of O. Capt SLADDEN, 2/1 AGH, to "Z" Special Unit. Lt SMALL, 24 Mech Eqpt Pk Coy, to 3 Aust Mech Eqpt Spare Parts Sec. Lt [illegible] from latter unit replacing and to be promoted Capt. Lt [illegible], 4 Aust Base Sub Area, to AAOC Trg Centre. Lt [illegible] to replace. Promotions as follows to rank of Capt : Lt PE[illegible], 13 AOD; Lt [illegible], Mob Laundry; Lt J[illegible], Ord Service; Lt A[illegible], 10 AOD; Lt [illegible], 13 AAAD; Lt [illegible], Later Tpt Gp. Reported visit Lt-Col [illegible], AD Edn, cancelled. Edn Conference yesterday with DAD Edn, Corps, decided on provision 3 Edn centres in area. One this HQ area, one 7 Army Tps area and one 129 ACT area.

MED — DADMS absent on duty.

DENTAL — Nil to report.

Q BRANCH — DaQMG reported that on question of soap raised yesterday, he had conferred with DADST and arranged S & T Supply quantity common washing soap to Canteens for resale. Capt [illegible] had advised him yesterday of arrangements to use the 100 ton Philippine lighter for cat walk construction at port.

S & T — DADST reported First Army advise loading available [illegible] for SS [illegible]. Capt [illegible], ..OS, had telephoned about soap supplies and was conferring with MED about sizes.

ORD — DADOS reported Lt [illegible] arrived yesterday from [illegible], appointed 13 AOD and Army concurred in his attachment this HQ as OO temporarily pending appointment of OO.

[illegible] — Nil to report.

[illegible] — CME reported our own operators will take over working of American 2½ grades tomorrow 29 Jun. Water tanks for installation on trucks still not available.

LOV & TN CP — Lt-Col McPHEE reported 1130 tons discharged yesterday. SS [illegible] loading ex SYDNEY balance 5 Bks Coy, and also vehicles to capacity of 3 Mech Eqpt Disp Sec and 61 Port Craft Coy. Beaufort Courier between [illegible] discontinued yesterday. Sig received [illegible] that physical check of personnel travelling by air is being made to reveal those NCT bearing identity discs.

[illegible] Lt-Col [illegible] reported Cond had inspected Engr Dump yesterday. At 0900 Saturday inspects [illegible] followed by Native Labour Compound and Refugee Compound. Appears that about 500 vehicles will be received shortly into Ord Veh Pk. Conference was held yesterday afternoon with all interested parties attending on question of improving check on discharge of cargo ex vessels, on to beachhead and into installations. Appeared that existing instructions adequate and nothing new came out of conference. Instructions are to be more stringently enforced and necessary disciplinary action taken.

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(J.F.[illegible]) Maj.,
[illegible] SECRETARY.

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HQ 4 Aust Base Sub Area (AIF),
29 Jun 45.

MINUTES OF STAFF & SERVICES CONFERENCE

LT-COL H. WALKER, AA & Q.G PRESIDING.

PRESENT	GSO (III)	CAPT	A S HARRINGTON
	DAAG	MAJ	A S CHILD
	DAQMG	MAJ	F A GODDING
	DADMS	MAJ	D B SILLAR
	DADDS	MAJ	A C ROWELL
	DADST	MAJ	G J GULLEN
	DADOS	MAJ	N F C KING
	DADME	MAJ	J W FORTUNE
	5 AUST CRE (LONES)	LT-COL	H B MUNN
	MOV & TN GP	LT-COL	D R McPHEE

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REPORTS:

G STAFF — Nil to report.

A BRANCH — DAAG reported approval given by First Army that move of Maj KING be deferred until arrival Maj OGLE. Miss Gracie FIELDS will commence tour this area - 18 Aug.

MED — Nil to report.
DENTAL — Nil to report.

Q BRANCH — DAQMG reported OC Sig School rang yesterday on question vehicular traffic to water point in School area being distraction to students at school. Q to go into and endeavour arrange remedy.
S & T — Nil to report.
ORD — Nil to report.
ME — DADME reported First Army advises Lt R.H. FUMMER relieves Lt FLETCHER at 12 Adv Wksp. Launch for LOTUPEMA flying boat base will NOT be ready until 9 Jul. AQ enquired posn re boat at TREASURY and whether the new base at LOTUPEMA had been approved. Lt-Col McPHEE stated approved by 40 Sqn but no further advice to date. Believed would be approved.
ENGRS — CRE reported return Capt SERPELL from Inspection. Had inspected boat at TREASURY. Can easily be moved. Suggested conference this a.m. on matter generally. AQ approved.
MOV & TN GP — Lt-Col McPHEE reported 624 tons discharged, 222 loaded. No advice yet of today's Courier list. AQ enquired posn regard to ASC reliefs for GREEN & MAIRAU. Lt-Col McPHEE stated portion had been sent.
AA & QMG — Lt-Col WALKER reported Comd had yesterday inspected Farm Pls; War Cemetry; BIPOD and DID. Referred to considerable disregard in dress regulations in area, particularly those travelling in vehicles. Action will be taken to tighten up and DAPM will take disciplinary action against offenders.

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(G F SPRING) Maj.,
JUNIOR SECRETARY.

War Diary.

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30 Jun 45.

MINUTES OF STAFF & SERVICES CONFERENCE

LT-COL H. WALKER, AA & QMG PRESIDING

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	MOV & TN CP	LT-COL	D R McPHEE

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REPORTS:

G STAFF — Nil to report.

A BRANCH — DAAG reported arrangements made for 12 WOOs, now being carried surplus to establishment in various units, to move to DDP as officers and be quartered there as from tomorrow.

A & D — DADMS reported increase in Malaria incidence in week ending 23 Jun; 1.84 per 1000; whole area - 1.17 per 1000. Usual season increase mosquitoes noted. Propose to spray local area each three weeks. Increase also noted skin case admissions same period 11 Base and 91 balance of island. Capt LLOYD conducting special investigation skin conditions at present.

DENTAL — Nil to report.

Q BRANCH — DAQMG reported in connection with identity discs, HQDD advise big numbers of personnel passing through without same. If marking pencil can be made available by Disp, HQDD can do job. DADAE says letter stamps available and better. AA & QMG directed this be done.

S & T — Nil to report.

ORD — DADOS reported Maj GRIMM and Lt HUDSON had interviewed Col MARR yesterday on AMAS question. Seeing him again on Tuesday to make final arrangements.

AMS — Nil to report.

ENGRS — Nil to report.

MOV & TN CP — Lt-Col McPHEE reported 339 tons discharged, 1500 tons loaded. SS EDNA departed JACKSONVILLE 20 Jun with rum for Corps, 100 tons. DADOS stated AHD would like whole consignment direct to TCHO. Col McPHEE said waiting on direction by Corps thereon. Stated Port working seriously affected by unavailability of landing craft. Condition will worsen due to American move now impending, particularly American Navy move. Appears our ships SS MICHAEL LOCKE and SS CLAN CAMPBELL likely to suffer serious hold-ups. Conferring this a.m. Comd MHQAID and Col DIXON on question priorities and if unable arrange satisfactory increase obtaining GHQ direction.

A & QMG — Lt-Col WALKER enquired posn re reliefs for MILIRAU and GHEAU. S & T stated NOT yet complete. Balance 7 personnel still to move. Indicated he would like Capt McNEVIN to make early visit to areas to check up generally on operations. Enquired posn re personnel for FPC. DAAG advised completed. Indicated he had set aside MACHIN Islands for Women's Services picnic and recreation area. Engrs to provide latrines, water catchment and dressing sheds. Would involve later provision of barge. Comd had inspected Canteen and OR Club yesterday. Very satisfied with installations. Engrs have had Dock at TREASURY inspected and no are NOT now interested in moving it here. Reported on 7 Pontoon barges and crash boat there, and these will be subject to negotiations by Q with American authorities. 2100 ft reefer ex TREASURY to go into DID. 1800 ft reefer into LSD. QMG to arrange mov. Also to arrange salvage of water point gear at TREASURY. We have acquired Diesel 110 Gen Plant and to be installed Water Craft Wasp for auxiliary power. Have details of A.A.S Offrs itinerary. DAAG to conduct tomorrow.

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(C F SPRING) Maj.,
ACTG SECRETARY.