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9272 (contd)							<p>front 2030 hrs @ 0720 L/9 B. Coy observed party 150 Japs moving up Wandumi track @ 1800 L/8 @ enemy casualties estimated @ 2/7 BN @ 1800 L/8 @ enemy casualties killed 8 Feb 80 HQ Coy patrol report at 390693 A BN sign constructed of army biscuits with an arrow pointing to our MDS @ This sign was the same conventional sign as we use @ 1 boy patrol killed 2 Japs at 394697 and 8 Jap graves seen @ A. Coy patrolled gully to 396694 killed 2 Japs @ crossed well defined track running SW and NE @ proceeded North side re-entrant to 394695 track branches to D. Coy @ 50 yds west found unoccupied Jap camp @ proceeded to 392690 and returned @ B. Coy patrol route thro' jungle to 417693 to Maguire to 420690 found track leading in NW direction @ track led to 413697 @ saw no enemy in whole of mt @ 0745 L/9 D. Coy observed 75-100 Japs close to WANDUMI on track @ 2/3 IND Coy nothing to report @ BLACKCAT @ 2/6 BN nothing to report @ BUIBAINING @ Nothing to report @ Benai Force @ Nothing to report @ LAE. OP @ one recd plane over lae @ No action @ All informed.</p>	

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1 Pl H & Coy Lt Roberts

Relieved Coy 1000 hrs

1 Coy To H & Coy 1 Coy H & Coy to draw to BHE

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623	B. Ech		1430				5-9 Kemp. arriving.	
624	KANGA	1130	1655			10031	Password WAV Down 9/10 Feb 0 Telved 0 All informed	
625				all boys MDS	1700	204	" " " " (cipher)	
626	C. Coy		1740				Fighting Patrol 15 Pl. out 0830 in 1630 @ Recce Big Wau river @ house - Bay HQ No MDS No 383693 No 365665 back No 371677 up back No 369679 No 383693 and back @ 1 large 3 small huts @ at 383693 evidence approx 20 fires & huts had SA, Bren, & TSMG holes Phro' them 0 did NOT encounter any signs of enemy @ at 381692 several old tracks No EAST.	
627				all boys 2/7 INDCoy. 1830			All Proofs must be warned of party of 2/6 BN incldg Off. Cond 0 who are returning WAV. Tonight from BLACK CAT - JAP. TRACK area	
628				HOPO	1805	205	Subref as at 1800 4/9 @ Submar 0 Patrol reports @ C. Coy 15 Pl fighting patrol out 0830 in 1630 @ Bay HQ No MDS No 383693 No 365665 back No 371677 up back No 369679 No 383693 and back @ One large 3 small huts at 383693 evidence approx twenty fires and huts had rifle, Bren TSMG holes Phro' them 0 did not encounter any signs of enemy @ 381692 several old tracks No east.	

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629	all camp 2/20/45						Acked 627	
628	Coy		1815				14 PL Patrol proceeded to grassy knoll thro HQ Coy. Disputed shelter area but no bodies of JAPS. All tracks lead EAS. returned via gully on SOUTH then WEST & North to HQ Coy. 0900 hrs to 1605 hrs	
631	Coy		1855				Reports 8 JAPS, on WANDUMI track, arty shelled. Only 1 man observed. 1000 hrs shelled arty approach to register right in target.	
632	KANGA	1510	1920			0824	Secret. Enemy main force appears to have withdrawn from Crystal bk area towards Wandumi. Following action will be taken. 9 Feb. 2/5 BN will clear area up to incl Karsentk then base one bay. Karsentk one bay Crystal bk two bays Wan. 2/3 IND. Coy has dispatched one pl up re-entrant 42574-44470 to Point 1000 yds West of Wandumi and remains this location 9/10 Feb. 10 Feb. 2/3 IND Coy will dispatch one pl with pl with carrier line through to summit camp. Pl to base itself on summit and patrol all pts between Crystal bk - summit track and new Jap track. Carrier line goes on to 2/7 IND. Coy SKINDI WAI No 1. Pl 2/3 IND Coy at Point 1000 West Wandumi to advance	

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							thru' Wandurmi thence along New Japs Bracks to vicinity house copper @ 2/3 IND. Coy less two pls will move Black bat then one pl will patrol along main track to join up with IND. Coy pl at House copper @ 11 Feb @ 2/3 IND Coy less one pl to Base itself at Blackhead with one pl patrolling fwd from house copper to effect contact with det 2/7 IND Coy Walpali @ 2/6 BN less Gulleb's bay to return Nau as soon as 2/3 IND. Coy established Black bat @ Gulleb's bay to come under Comd 2/3 IND. Coy and to return Nau as soon as 2/3 IND. Coy knows ground @ Retk @ All informed.	
633	KANGA	1615	1920			0823	Subj 323 to 1400 L/90 Nau area @ 2/5 BN @ Main enemy body crystal bk appears to have withdrawn AM 9 Feb thru' Wandurmi and is attempting move along New Japs Bracks towards house copper. @ Withdrawal harassed by PBY and track crystal bk Wandurmi and Wandurmi village	

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							heavily engaged during morning @ Wandunni village now on fire @ Fire/arty directed by arty/R plane @ many casualties inflicted on enemy @ 2/6 BN now mopping up brig/bat bk area and moving to Karsinik @ 2/6 BN @ 2 boys PM 9 Feb attempted stop Japs withdrawal from Posn south of Junc Wandunni - Black cat track and new Jap track but were forced back & by-passed by enemy @ No further details @ 2/7 BN @ Patrol activity only @ 2/3 IND Coy @ one pl moving up re-entrant 425711 - 444706 to form 21000' west of Wandunni and clearing area to what point @ Substations 10 Feb as in MY 08240 All informed	
634	2/7 A/c						Reported lights flickering in vicinity 2/6 B.H.O.	
635				HOPO	20 30	206	Patrol report @ D Coy out 0900 hours 1800 hrs @ moved to Grassy Slope 391685 @ W @ Leds to 500411 @ West @ found 12 JAP graves 393695 @ provided track 90° to 398688 @ found communal grave	

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							<p>estimated 6 Bodies @ approx 7 Coolies boards @ 4 loaded with mixture of our gear - clothing etc @ 2 tins containing 7 ENEMY mortar bombs approx 3" @ many indications of heavy shelling in area @ main track leads to EAST @ Took smaller track 399690 @ evidence of occupation @ weapon pits etc @ Paper returned @ C Coy ^{14th} Patrolled to 391685 from H.Q. Coy area @ No tracks to SOUTH or WEST @ Worked way thro' virgin country SOUTH then WEST then NORTH to H.A. Coy @ Very heavy going @ No tracks.</p>	
636.	11 Coy.		2359				Sibnov	

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637	All boys		0700				Sensor throughout night	
638	HQ Coy		0730				2 small local patrols - Sensor	
639				HQ Coy	0745	201	Whip @ Sensor @ Patrol report @ Local patrols of bay areas @ at dusk 9 Feb @ Sensor @ first light 10 Feb @ Sensor @ B bay will patrol up KUALI. 6th @ out 0900 hrs @ No seek out small gaps force heard 9 Feb.	
640	Ranga	1710	0815.			0826	Maj. Dunkley is appointed Comd New Def @ Following units will come directly under Comd New Defs as from 1200 hrs 9 Feb @ 16 21/25 carrier boys @ B Coy 7 MG Bn @ Rear Echelons and detts all units stationed New Area @ 4 AC Sqn Bty 2/1 Jtd Regt. Bty 156 LP AF Regt come under comd New Defs in emergency involving direct attacks @ Comd New Defs will be responsible New drome from direct attacks and will allot operational roles to all units moving into New area @ Comd New Def will also be responsible for allotting billeting area for all units New area @ Rets @ All informed.	

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641	KANGA	2030	0815			0827	<p>Subref 324 @ 1800 4/9 @ Wau Prae @ 2/5 BN @ 1305 @ 1310 hrs</p> <p>Distant firing heard from direction between Wandumi and Wandumi Bng found @ Mopping up operations Crystal bk area continue @ 1554 hrs D. boy found pocket. Japs killed 25-30 without loss to themselves @ D boy located enemy occupied area June Creek and Bulolo approx 2-300 yds North of Pracks Crystal bk - Wandumi Mortar fire directed on area @ 1610 hrs large explosion Wandumi village thought Jap ammo dump hit by arty fire @ 4 PL 2/5 BN moving Karsink expected arrive night 9/10 Feb @ Arty carried out neutralizing fire Wandumi village area during afternoon 9 Feb @ Six huts destroyed also effective arty fire on the Crystal bk, Wandumi @ Enemy casualties estimated 50 @ 2/7 BN patrol activity only @ 2/6 BN @ Ref Subref 321 @ boy 2/6 BN attacked enemy camp approx 650 yds South June Blackbk Wandumi and new Jap Pracks at first light 9 Feb @ Attack unsuccessful our Mps apparently withdrew to Prack June and were later counter attacked by strong Jap force and were unable prevent enemy rebreaking along new Jap Pracks from Crystal bk - Wandumi area - no further</p>	

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6111							<p>details available @ Warfali area @ 1700 L/7 our fwd O.P. reports 90 enemy with full packs arrived burning from direction MUBO @ This is first large enemy move this area since 1030 L/3 @ Mubo area @ 8 Feb are allied A/C bombed and strafed Mubo no further details @ Lac OP @ More activity observed on drone repair work in progress @ 1220 hrs large fires area Malahang plantation thought clearing bush @ 1400 hrs allied raid by fighters and other A/C low level attacks North end Malahang plantation @ Fires started area Kumbumun village also in bush occupied end Malahang plantation @ thought more fires this area @ Approx six large fires started @ Also both sides bush R. strafed @ Salamaua OP @ 0800 L/9 bright orange light observed for two mins vicinity of bus 200x further out from buoy observed 600x North burning point @ 1600 hrs nothing to report @ all informed</p>	

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643							Black Cat Wandumi and new japs tracks AM 9 Feb and made way overland to Wau @ Col Wood wounded in head but believed not seriously @ 2/7 BN patrols searched area between Big Wau and Little Wau bks up to depth of approx 3 miles south of Wau @ No traces of enemy occupation discovered @ area approx 393685-398688 patrolled @ Graves and signs enemy occupation seen but no enemy discovered @ 2/3 IND Coy @ 2/3 IND Coy less 2 Pts moved AM 10 Feb to Black Cat @ Jac R 0800 L/10 identified own Pts Wandumi. Village believed Pt 2/3 IND Coy who moved up re-embark 425711 - 444706 as reported SITREP 323 @ 2/7 IND Coy @ No report @ other areas @ no report @ Believed enemy Wau area has now been defeated and remnants now attempting to escape towards Mubo @ All informed	

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6142	HQ Coy		1130				Lieut Robertson reports relief of 18 Pl completed.	
6143	KANGA	1030	1140			0.829	<p>Subj 325 No. 0800 4/10 @ Wau area @ 2/5 BN @ During afternoon 9 Feb mapping up continued Crystal bk area @ Pl conservative estimate 290 enemy killed Crystal bk area and tracks Crystal bk Wandurmi by 2/5 BN and arty fire between 7-9 Feb incl 150 killed yesterday @ D Coy P.M. 9 Feb overrun probable Jap HQ locality in area June Crystal bk - Bulalo R @ 6 Japs standing in this area were blown up from within as our Pls approached @ 20-30 Japs killed this locality @ B Coy with carrier Pl moved towards Karsenik P.M. 9 Feb @ B Coy now out of comm. owing breakdown of line but anticipate have reached objective as no sounds of firing heard @ carrier line with escort Pl 2/3 MD. Coy waiting west Crystal bk until Rd to Karsenik, declared clear @ 2/6 BN @ No further details operations Wandurmi area 9 Feb but believe our Pls now at Black bar with ambush on New Jap tracks @ Col Wood and small party 2/6 BN cut off during attack on Jap camp 650⁺ south June (over)</p>	

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644				Plk Coy	1455	202	Present roles 2/7 for completion/defensive forms @ when required works parties 2/8 3d Coy escorts for carrying parties Kauri @ Patrolling @ conference AsC boys plus HQ @ 900 hrs 11 Feb Points for discussion @ General re-org and admin @ Decorations @ Trg @ boy bonds to be prepared to discuss @ one @ what have we learnt @ how @ how can we improve @ three @ what do we carry into battle @ war diary info @ five @ air raids	
645	B. Coy		1430				Patrol report from B. Coy. (see aereal 646)	
646				HOPO (Pl Coy)	1543	203	Change in pl. locations @ 16 pl 390701. 18 pl 389697 @ HQ bay less Lt. Robertsons pl 388709. @ Lt Robertsons pl 394697 @ patrol report @ B. Coy patrol out @ 900 in 1315 strength 11 men @ front 12 pl area Ro 402687 Ro 400683 Ro 402682 @ where observed Jap sentry in Kwali creek re-entrant murmur of voices in timber @ unable locate form or strength believed same party as 9 Feb @ returned west Kwali re-entrant to Pl area.	

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647			1530				Ref signal No 645 @ C.O. instructed O.C. B. Bay to clear Knati ravine of enemy @ on 11 Feb @ will be granted extra pl re assist.	
648	KANGA	1030	1655			10032	Password Naw Rawn 10/11 Feb - Lavender	
649				All boys	1655	204	" " " " cipher	
650				HOPO		205	SITREP @ SITNOR.	
651			1800				Two Gaves (TAPs) 391686	
652	2/5 Bn		2115				A party of 10 TAPs moving south from 431686 H = 1 m. 2000 hrs.	
653	MAKA	1940	2345				Between 50/100 unidentified @ some carrying specks moved toward Crystal Cr., column spread between dugout & spur below Maudumi	
654	HBCDHA No 2		0600				loops contacted throughout night. Signal	
655	Bay		0135				Will clear Enemy pocket from KUALI CK	
656				HOPO ALL COYS	0745	201	as at 0745 4/11 @ B. Bay will clear enemy pocket from Knati creek @ All normal dusk patrols return @ all normal dawn patrols return	

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657				B Coy		0840	Ref 653 - Informal.	
658	B Coy		0917				Ref 647 - No 811 Pl movement 0915 hrs.	
659	KANGA	1850 4/10	0900			0826	Subrep 327 No 1800 4/10 @ Wau area @ 2/5 Bn @ at 1419 4/10a party of 4 men from B. Coy returning from KAISENIK observed party of 20 Japs digging in at 403686 @ Barr. Pl. plus one Sec 2/3 IND. Coy attacked this posn @ Results not yet No hand @ barrier line still at Crystal bk @ 2/7 Bn @ Bhang in Pl locations 16 Pl 390701. 18 Pl 389697 HQ Coy less one Pl 388709 one Lt HQ Coy 394697 @ Patrol from B. Coy No. 402687 No 400683 No 402682 returned by re-entrant west of Kuala bk reports observed Jap sentry at 402682 in Kuala bk re-entrant and voices in bunker @ unable locate posn or strength @ believed to be same party as reported. 9 Feb @ Bhang patrols moving fwd to destroy this force @ Blackbeard area @ 2/6 Bn @ force patrols reports on Jap track sounds of cutting greatly diminished @ party of 6 Japs with rifles and fixed bayonets and wearing our steel helmets moved up Jap track towards house latter scouring bush in both sides of track followed by main body @ (over)	

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659 (Contd)							Estimated no unknown @ Bulbarrung area @ McLaren and party with 2 days rations left Ballums 1500 4/9 to occupy ambush post between Wandume Crystal Lk and to ambush any further parties moving up that area This party will return to Ballums by 1800L/11 @ Recc patrol returned from Crystal Lk reports main track clear from Karsenik to suspension br. Telephone line in fact a house used by enemy Wandume strikes main track at suspension br crosses br leads up the slope on the left bank @ Recc patrol penetrated along left bank to within 50' of Crystal Lk where they encountered shell fire and enemy strength unknown in 4y scrub at 1730L/18 a few bursts were exchanged @ Our sniper party active this morning from 0830 - 1200 4/9 again at 1630 hrs shots heard above Wandume @ enemy previously reported moved in several large ghs fairly concentrated in single fire number of stretchers were carried and also what appeared to be boxes of stores or weapons @ It appears that eqpt personal weapons were being carried @	

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659							Observation at 1620H/9 of Wandumie indicates that enemy have fired village probably using oil. Re assess destruction force moving into Rumburabue Wandumie. Main hub in village apparently amn. Saw ablage terrific number explosions from this hub. Enemy goes to ground when planes leave drone. Nothing to report 1500 H/9 from Banana Guadagal OP or Bumburung. Dispositions unchanged. Other areas. No change. Lae O.P. Reports 0730 hrs Allied planes randed Lae AA. 0730 hrs unidentified planes patrolling Lae. Thought to be Japs, no visibility. On approach Allied planes Japs planes left drone. Salamana OP. Heard bombing direction of Lae 1010 hrs approx. Observed 3 HV bombers returning over Salamana 1015 hrs light AA observed from Salamana. All informed.	
660				all boys + B.N.G.	0945	202	Boys will render by 1130 hrs no of weapons held. This to include pistols and rifles. Registered nos of automatic weapons to be given.	

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661				4070 A.I. Coy 42 PL	1000	203	Location state as at 0930 hrs @ B. Echelon 383717 @ B HQ 387710 @ A. Coy @ 7 PL 397695 8 PL 398694 9 PL 396698 @ B. Coy @ 10 PL 402691 11 PL 403693 12 PL 403690 @ C. Coy @ 13 PL 397705 14 PL 401709 15 PL 401707 @ D. Coy @ 16 PL 390701 18 PL 389697 @ HQ. Coy @ 2 PL 394697 4 PL 387709 6 PL 387710 @ 2/7 A.I.C. 386711.	
662	KANGA	1435/10	1105			0832	Subs 326 Re 1000 4/10 @ Waw area @ 2/5 BN @ Three patrols left A. Coy area Re comb by patrol the area @ Patrol sent Re June Wandume Bracks Buloto R killed 12 japs in half starved condition @ Patrol along Kuati the no thrs at by patrol the no report @ Patrol direct to by patrol the down to Buloto R June @ No report @ At 1050/10 H firing was heard coming from Wandume area @ No further reports Re hand @ D Coy returned Re Waw drome area at 1000 hrs @ 4 Chinese cookies captured by 2/5 BN in area probable japs HQ as reported at June by patrol the Buloto R area @ B Coy arrived Kaurinik 2015 4/9 @ 2/7 BN @ Nothing Re report @ 2/3 IND. Coy @ no report @ TAC/R reports	

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662 (Consol)							1200 hrs 60 of our troops seen moving thro' Wandume and along tracks towards Ing point @ Believed platoon 2/3 IND Coy @ Black Cat area @ 2/6 BN @ Unknown number of Japs seen cutting cane and jungle over large area near Jap tracks Wandume tracks junction. @ Area extends from Jap tracks to just north of track junction @ Enemy sentry seen wearing one of our steel helmets @ Our rice patrol watching and enemy movements @ Bombing area @ 2/7 IND Coy have recalled ambush parties to Ballams from Wandume area @ Lat OP reports unknown number of enemy planes and Lat drome 1155 L/10 @ All informed	
663	B Coy		1205				JAP officer ^{very ill} captured , repaired captured	
664				KANGA	1205		Ref 663	
665	KANGA	0940	1200			0847	Whip 228 No 0800 L/11 @ Wau area @ 2/5 BN @ B. Coy have reached Kasimik and consolidated night 9/10 Feb. Pl patrol from A. Coy moved along Kasimik tracks from Crystal bk area @ Patrol made contact with party enemy 7M 10 Feb	

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668 (contd)							at approx 428695. one Pl plus one Sec 2/3 IND Coy attacked pushing party back to 429691 where contact with the enemy was lost at dusk. Own casualties 1 killed 4 wounded. Enemy 9 killed 4 probably @ barrier line unable proceed. No Ballams returned. Now night 10 Feb attempt to go thro' 11 Feb @ 2/7 BN @ Nothing to report @ Two Secs 2/8 7th Coy moved to Crystal bk to commence work on BR crossing Crystal bk @ Black bar area @ 2/6 BN @ Recce patrols now report no prepared def forms observed along Jap tracks @ 2/3 IND Coy less 1 Pl arrived Black bar 1730 L/10 and established HQ at the Gap and came under command 2/6 BN @ Surrounding area @ 2/7 IND Coy reported late PM 10 Feb between 50/100 unidentified Japs moving from direction Inq Point towards Crystal bk some were carrying stretchers @ No further report @ Jap OP @ Allied planes raided Jap 1035 hrs @ AA very HV @ loud explosions heard few minutes after raid @ either delayed action bombs or AMN dumps exploding @ Visibility nil @ 1155 L/10 heard planes land Laedrome @ Thought to be Japs @ other areas nothing to report.	

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666	Defence Force		1200				HQ WAPU. Defence Force Order No. 1. Ref Maps WAPU. 1" No 100 yds	
667	B Coy		1303				Captured officers in 663 - only captured private	
668				HOPs			" " " "	
669				HOPs	1403	204	"B" Coy patrol report on KWAN CK @ Killed 1 JAP one already dead @ Captured JAP sick @ Signs of small party leaving 10 Set towards MPONETIC CK @ out 0915 hrs to 1315 hrs Ref 669.	
670	B Coy		1350					
671	KANGA	1030	1530			0034	Password Naw Town. 11/12 Feb @ Villiam @ All informed	
672				MDS	1535	205	" " " " @ (Copher)	
673	GI		1530				2 Parties of JAPS observed LANDON area - West all over 60.	
674				Coy	1540		C Coy to send patrol to area 423391. remain all night	
675	2PC		1535				Patrols 396695 thence No 395690 and returned observed signs of old Jap encampments. Ref	
676							1 Diary taken from Jap show at MDS by Copher favor of Capt Ross	
677	Kanga		1635				Capt Ross reported one pl 2/3 INDCoy was patrolling in area N of Bulolo and would contact standing patrol from 6 bay for comm.	

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678	Clay		1730				Patrol left for 423711 area	
679	Kanga	1625	1730			0851	<p>Whip 329 No 1400 4/11 @ Wau Area @ 2/5 BN @ Ref 327 and 328/</p> <p>whip's detailed engagement recently suspension Br</p> <p>432686 as follows: acting on a report that a small party of</p> <p>Japs had been observed digging at approx 430686 one pl A Coy</p> <p>plus one sec IND Coy were sent out PM 10 Feb from Crystal bk</p> <p>area No clear this form. @ Whilst advancing from Crystal</p> <p>bk area PM 10 Feb contact was made with the enemy</p> <p>at approx 428695 @ The enemy was pushed back to 429691</p> <p>where contact was lost at dusk. enemy lost 9 killed</p> <p>with 4 probables @ At first light 11 Feb one pl A Coy</p> <p>continued advance from previous night form and</p> <p>made contact with 10 Japs at 430688 @ 6 Japs killed</p> <p>and remainder dispersed @ Pl then moved along</p> <p>track No 447673 contacted patrol B Coy and then returned</p> <p>Crystal bk @ Track Crystal bk Kaseuki now open and</p> <p>barrier line for Skundwai No 1 moving on first</p> <p>stage of Trip @ Will stage night 11/12 at Kaseuki @</p> <p>another patrol from A Coy left track at 415697 then No</p>	

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679 (contd)							411694 and along the back to bay lines rifles @ No sign enemy but fresh tracks seen One Japs prisoner taken Crystal bk area AM 11 Feb @ 6. Bay moved from Wandume area to Rdv HQ 2/5 BN 0705 L/11 @ 2/7 BN @ No report on attack Jap party located Kuala bk re-entrant as reported subref 327 @ one prisoner captured @ Black bar area @ 2/6 BN Re remain Black bar area until posn changes rece patrols now working along Jap track NE and south of track junction @ fuel rece patrol sighted 4 Japs mainly Jap Wandumi tracks moving towards House Copper @ rece patrol watching further north @ 2/3 IND Coy @ Ref subref 328 @ should read 2/3 IND bay less 2 pls arrived Black bar 1730 L/10 @ Disposition as follows @ bay HQ less 2 pls based Black bar area with one Sect moving as rece patrol to House Copper area and two sub secs carrying out Recce of Jap tracks Wandumi track area @ one pl escorting barrier line to summit camp @	

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679 (contd)							One pl just arrived Waw from Wandumi. This pl contacted Jap force just north Wandumi 1730 L/10 and attempted ambush them. Japs reported in strength with MMG, and 3" mortar and were moving from direction Jap rd gun towards Wandumi. Pl broke contact 1930 L/10 as amm expended and returned Waw. Killed 23 Japs during 10 Feb. @ Bombing area @ 2/7 IND Coy reports at least 100 unidentified Jps moving across Bng point 11/02/43 in direction Wandumi. These Jps ran for cover on appearance of Allied P/C. All informed.	
680				HOPO	1812	206	Subj @ Subor @ Patrol reports 11 Feb @ 2 pl patrolled Re 396695 thence Re 395692 and returned nothing Re report. Local patrols from A.C.D. Coy return @ 6 bay sending patrol of two pls @ pls each of two sections strength under comd of Capt Kingle with F.O.C. attached. Patrol left bay area for 423711 at 1730 hrs one pl remain there as patrol HQ other pl proceed Re 425709 both posts will be held as standing patrols @ listening posts in re-entrances above 425712 and 428708 respectively. Sects with patrol	

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680 (contd)							Re these points from pl 49 with first light @ Incom by telephone from 423711 to B HQ @ Lahots have been warned of 2/3 A.I.C patrol due in area before dusk	
681	A Coy		1840				Reports 2 wounded JAP prisoners captured in vicinity NW of the 7 PL.	
682				HoPo	1930 207		7 PL A Coy reported movement 399 193 @ an investigation 2 wounded JAPS collected @ now at M.D.S. (Ref 681)	
683				HoPo	2010 208		Capt PRINCLES patrol at 423711 area @ in pos at 2010 hrs Two lights 110° M. " " 100°	
684	A Coy							
685	B HQ							
686	KANGA		2130				Request for 3 guards to stand guard over JAP prisoners at M.D.S. H.Q. Coy instructed to send necessary detail. Ref 686 ^{Ref 686}	
687				HQ Coy	2130		3 men left for duty. Ref: 686 & 687. (M.D.S. informed.)	
688	HQ		2130					
689	KANGA		2200				(Ref: 674 - 683) also to patrol NORTH along BUZULO - WEST bank - (at night) @ look for fresh tracks across river.	

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690	MJS		2240				Ref 688 - Quadrupled arrival @ S.T.N or	
691				Clay	2240		Informed of details Ref: 689	
692			2300				Subnor with exception A+B did not answer.	
693	All boys		2359				Subnor.	
694	Lt Lov		0420				Lighted vehicle from 2/5 will be passing	
			0430				thru' our area at 0530 going fwd.	
695	ALL COYS		0430				Subnor.	
696				HOPO (ALL COYS)	0745	201	Subnor as at 0745 L/12 @ supplied at 2200 hrs. Three men to M.D.S. for guarding prisoners @ patrol report @ Bay despatching Rece patrol @ to follow track to 400678 cross KOALI ck @ then follow track to train where it comes out @ Capt Pringles patrol at BULOLO River nothing to report @ H.S. Coy @ on patrol to 394718 at first light @ Second patrol to 396716 and contact patrol from "C" Coy at first light.	
697			0815.				Special Warning: - General Sir Ivor Mackay will be visiting the Unit today	
698				All boys BHQ.	0850	202	G.O.C. NGF. expected to visit this area today @ boys will make intensive effort to clean area @ check will be made to see those personnel are in possession of identity discs field dressings and handbooks.	

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699			0830				piece from 387709 to 6 bay - Fuller's House & back	
700	KANGA	1955L/N	0915			0855	<p>Subj 320 1800 L/11 New area @ 2/5 BN @ present disposition @</p> <p>Rdr HQ plus 2 pls NB bay at 426696 A bay 416694 B bay at Karsenik 456666 C bay at 430686 @ patrols from A+B bay report no contact with enemy @ our casualties during action at 430686 11 Feb one wounded @ one sec B bay 7 MG BN left New drone area and moved fwd 2/5 BN for action def crystal bk @ 2/7 BN @ BM 11 Feb 6 bay sent out two pls to be established vicinity Bulolo R & the gun as 423711 @ one pl to be a standing patrol in this area and one pl to be responsible for patrolling N along the N bank of Bulolo R @ Rky FOO will accompany @ B bay report on Knali bk action two Japs killed one captured in sick state @ signs of small party of enemy having left 10 Feb towards Magnetic bk @ barrier line escorted by one pl 2/3 1ND bay left 426698 at 1300 L/10 and will stage night 10/11 Feb at Ballams NOT Karsenik as reported subj 3290 2/8 3rd bay have commenced rd const crystal bk Karsenik track @ Black bar @ 2/6 BN @ Nothing to report</p>	

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700 (contd)							location of food @ two men receive patrol food of Jap camp area 465706 @ listening post at same Jap + Gulle Pt track at same Jap + Gulle Pt track at 473728 @ standing patrol at same of Gulle Pt Wandurmi track at 466729 @ 2/3 INDCoy @ ref which 329 ft which reported Nov afternoon 11 Feb moved ^{PM} 11 Feb no patrol near re-entrant 425711 @ 444706 @ gain contact with enemy Wandurmi area @ Bubaering area @ 2/7 INDCoy @ ref which 329 unidentified Japs moving across Trig Point in direction of Wandurmi went into timber just north of Wandurmi where engaged by Japs harassing fire. with no report @ loss in battle @ one pair Binoculars signed for by Pte Hamelson @ one army watchman signed for by Sgt James @ one compass signed for by Pte Jonsdale @ Pte. (setea)	
701				RQM SABA	0930	203	2/5 Coy 2/5 Bn moving up KOBIAK ch from 435688 to 460200. "C" Coy informed 702.	
702	Bmil		0945					
703				C Coy	1000			
704	RQM	1010	1015			1201	Act No M/S 203. Ref Serial No. 701.	
705	Hacoy		1020				Both patrols returned & reported SITREP	

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706	C Coy		1039				Head Coy reports 0-20 movement from Standing Patrols & Patrol to NORTH on west side of Bulolo River killed one JAP @ No fresh tracks crossing river @ on all patrols from this area NO fresh enemy activity observed.	
707				HOPO (ALL Coys)	1052	204	Patrols @ HQ Coy two patrols reported back 0845 hrs. Nothing No report @ 6 Coy fwd at Bulolo R. Reports at 1030 hrs @ patrols of re-entrants 425712 and 425708 nothing No report @ Patrol up west side Bulolo R killed stray Japs and report 20 fresh JAP tracks on river @ All these C Coy patrols report No sign of fresh enemy movements @ all local patrols SITNOK.	
708				b. Coy (fwd)	1105		Standing patrol. fwd b. Coy given orders to withdraw, less small Standing Patrol, back to Coy areas.	
709				C Coy			Report at 1125 hrs a wounded A.I.C. man @ MDS account.	
710	2 Pl.		1130				Two patrols (local) SITNOK.	
711	Kangal	1210					Received Password WAV. Town @ Revolver @ All informed	
712				All boys MDS	1215	205	" " " 12/13 Feb @ ✓ @	
713	Kangal	0930	1210			0859	Siref's 331 @ 0800 L/12 @ Wawa area @ 2/5 BN @ Nothing No report @ 2/7 BN @ Ref our Siref 330 @ Two pls of b. Coy now established at 423711 and 425709 with patrol HQ at 423711 @ Listening posts have been	

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713 (contd)							<p>established at approx 425712 and 428708 @ Sects will patrol between these four points @ At first light a patrol will move North along West bank of Bulolo R. Re established whether any fresh tracks have been made or any enemy in vicinity @ A. Coy reported mortar at 399693 on investigation found two wounded Japs who are now in MDS @ Party carried out harassing fire night 11/12 Feb on indicated Jap bivouac areas @ Black bar area @ 2/16 BN @ Recce Patrol South of June Japs Wandumi tracks reported Mts and voices in Japs camp 650 yds from June at 1530 L/10 @ estimated number 15-20 Japs @ further recce moved approx 1 1/2 miles NE along Japs track. NO mts seen @ Intention 12 Feb to establish strong ambush on June Japs Gullett track also further patrolling @ 2/3 IND Coy @ Patrol 2/3 IND Coy moving to House Laffer had nothing to report 1510 L/11 @ Bombing area @ 2/7 IND Coy @ Bombing OP re-established overlooking Black bar track 10 Feb @ Guadagal OP report 4 Japs passed thro' Walpali towards Mubo @ First Japs using the other three carrying packs, all appeared totally worn out @ At 1400-1500 L/11</p>	

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							GAUDAGASAL O.P reported further 28 Japs seen moving from BUIBAINING to WAIPALI apparently staying the night at WAIPALI @ 8 of these without packs or rifles, further 3 walking wounded also observed @ Ambush party strength 15 from 2/6 Bn leaving SKINDEWAI 0900 L/12 to cover Jt leading to WANDUMI and summit off SKINDEWAI - BUIBAINING @ This party to remain until recalled @ Position unchanged @ ENEMY observed from GAUDAGASAL OP all appeared to be total wrecks @ LAE O.P. Nothing to report @ Must obscured most of Day FEB 11 @ SALAMBA OP @ No Report @ All informed.	
714	"C Coy"		1410				1400 hrs 1st Lt 7 Coy reported back as captured. No Report.	
715	HQ Coy						Peace patrol. Distance 1 1/2 miles. Next chapter of Jelling of Japs	
716	KANGA	1430	1745			12	Subref 3326 No 1400 L/12 @ New area @ 2/5 Bn @ one Jap killed by B. Coy Kasein's area AM 12 Feb @ B. Coy moved out 1040 L/12. Re move along route Koban Bks re clear enemy seen withdrawing No Shar area @ Coy will move along re-entrant from approx 431688 and clear the junc area 4670 and return @ a by concentrations put down at 450706 and 454718 for approx 45 mins whilst B Coy adv along re-entrant @ No report yet No	

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716 (contd)							<p>hand @ A Coy patrol moved to contact sec B Coy at 404689 then back along high ground immediately West of Crystal tk @ another A Coy patrol left 1300 L/12 moving along route high ground between Crystal tk and Quambu tk returning same way @ No reports re hand @ 2/7 BN @ disposition NO change @ B Coy patrol moved along track from 400678 across Kuala across Kuala tk to discover where track leads @ NO report @ ref subp 330 C Coy patrol moved up west side of Bulolo R killed one stray Jap NO fresh Jap tracks on river @ all C Coy patrols report NO sign of fresh enemy movt @ otherwise nothing No report @ Black bar area @ 2/6 BN @ listening post at June Jap and Gullest tracks @ nothing No report @ recce patrol of 3 men sent to investigate suspected new Jap track approx 2 mls NE of June Jap & Gullest tracks @ 2/1 IND Coy @ A Pl 2/3 IND Coy made contact by W/T with Coy HQ @ A Pl now moving up 425711 Re 444706 to gain contact with enemy Wandumi area @ Salamana O.P. @ light observed moving from Ithmus to Kelaf from 2200 hrs to 2300 hrs @ other areas nothing No report @ all informed</p>	

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717				HOPO	1545	206	Sitnor @ Sitnor @ Patrols @ Local Patrols sitnor @ b bay patrol returned bay area by 1600 hrs less one Sec @ Sec left standing patrol area 1600 hrs	
718	B.H.Q.						Party observed digging in SOUTH INLAND OMI.	
719	B' Coy		1845				Truck back to KOPKI ch crossing & travelled approx 200 EAST to MAGNETIC CK. & down to Rd. @ found 3 JAPS & ammo scattered.	Station 4068
720				HOPO	1905	207	B. Coy patrol @ approx 15 hrs @ in 1710 hrs @ followed tracks to approx 400677 crossed Kuala th @ tracks ran to Magnetic th approx 415655 then EAST towards Crystal th. patrolled down Magnetic th to road and returned @ 3 dead Japs @ approx 3000 yds scattered along tracks sq 4068 @ one Jap had committed suicide by shooting himself with rifle @ all Japs obviously at a savanna pt.	
721			2115				What appeared to be RED VERY light bearing 65°	
722				KANGA	2115			Direction 413724
723	Light	2308					Truck will be going forward from Rep Light to Fuel Light and Patrol	
724	AL Coy	2400					SITNORA	
725	AL Coy	0900					SITNORA	

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776	KANGA	2100	2248			9109	Native labor allotment 13 Z. @ 2/5 BN 18 mldg sec carrying native rations Re BALLAMS @ transport Re provide two jeeps and trailers Re collect 18 boys and rations at Compound at 0700 hrs and move Re by rail the loading over most of the boys Re Lt Paul Wells @ 12 boys allotted Re 2/5 BN Re carry from Karienuk Re Ballams and whole line Re return Naw same day @ transport Re back load Pl 2/5 BN from Crystal bk Re Naw @ 2/6 Bn 2/5 Re black cat and return @ 2/7 BN 15 @ Naw fixed defence 15 @ 2/8 3rd Coy 700 These units Re collect boys from compound at 0700 hrs @ Singau Re move 100 boys Re drone @ 80 Re unload planes 20 Re unload ammt at A.P. and hygiene Sqs Re collect two from drone.	
776				KANGA	0745	201	Subj as at 0745 4/12. Minor @ local patrols minor -	
777	KANGA	1835 4/12	0900	"		0868	Subj 333 Re 1800 4/12 @ Naw area @ 2/5 BN @ ref subj 333 @ 6 Coy reported Kobiaki the re-entrant clear of enemy 1515 4/12 @ NO. signs of occupation seen @ Coy proceeded Re 455695 where they had observation for 2000 yds along the bk @ then moved NORTH from 455695 and reached within	

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777 (contd)							<p>500^x Wandume village @ No mt seen @ 2/7 BN @ nothing to report @</p> <p>Blackbarrack @ some enemy documents were picked up June Jap Wandume</p> <p>Tracks 11 Feb @ ref subref 331 @ 2/3 IND Coy established ambush party of</p> <p>one sec June JAP-GULLETT Tracks @ no further report from patrol Re House</p> <p>COPPER @ patrol 100 yds SOUTH of JAP. WANDUMI Tracks returned @ nothing to</p> <p>report @ sec C. Pl will leave June JAP-GULLETT Tracks approx 1730 4/12 follow</p> <p>JAP tracks to June with Tracks House COPPER @ C Pl less 2 Secs will move</p> <p>along JAP tracks AM 13 Feb Re found other two sec @ intention 13 Feb @</p> <p>C. Pl 2/3 IND Coy will clear area HOUSE COPPER then send fighting patrol Re</p> <p>WAIPALI @ ref subref 332 @ A Pl reported to be approx one mile north of 2/3 IND</p> <p>WANDUMI. 1600 4/12 and is moving north to attempt contact party 2/3 IND Coy at</p> <p>June JAP-GULLETT Tracks @ BUIBAINING AREA @ BUIBAINING-WAIPALI recc</p> <p>patrol reports enemy still occupy camp vicinity creek believed JAKON CK on</p> <p>west of BUIBAINING village @ BUIBAINING. O.P. no mt seen @ BENA FORCE @</p> <p>nothing to report @ KAINANTU @ form unchanged @ no further JAP mts in</p> <p>this area since earlier reports @ earlier patrol from KAIPIT believed</p> <p>to be approx 100 JAPS @ SALAMAUA. O.P. reports heavy gun fire heard</p> <p>direction MUBO throughout night 11/12 Feb @ believed to be our gun fire in WAU area</p> <p>@ ARE. O.P. reports one unidentified plane over at 1420 4/12 otherwise nothing to</p> <p>report @ all informed.</p>	

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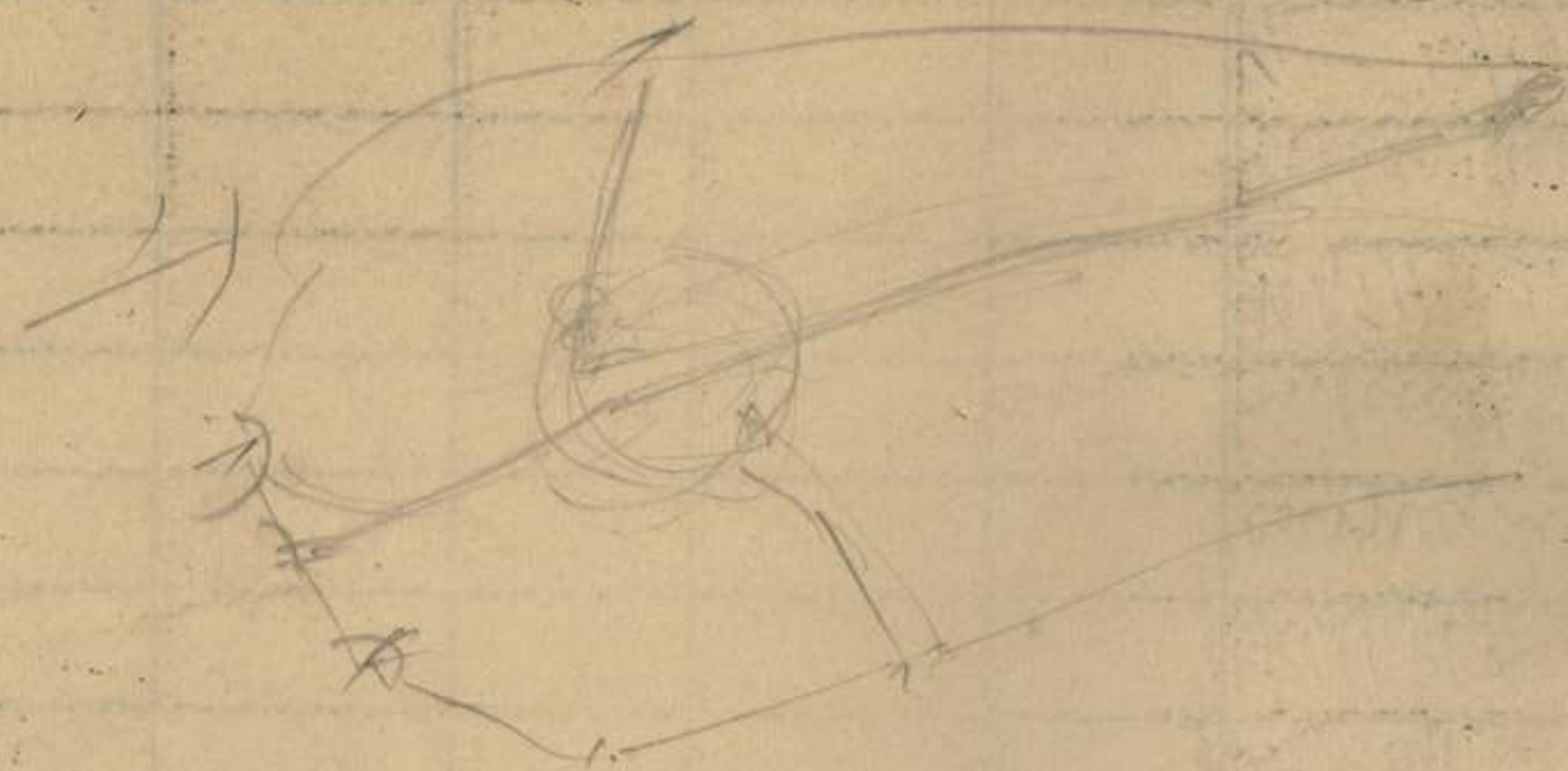
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778	KANGA	0925	1227			0042	Password for Wau Row night 13/14 Feb @ Waverly @ All informed	
779				all Coy MBS SPL	1235	2021	" " " " " " @ bipher.	
780	KANGA	0915	1227			0874	Subj 334 Re 0800 L/13 @ 2/5 BN @ Nothing to report @ Intention 13 Feb @ B boy now at Kaseimki moving to Ballums leaving barr pl at Kaseimki @ other boys patrolling own areas and road work @ 2/7 BN @ ref sub 332 @ B. boy patrol followed track from 400 678 crossed KUALI bk @ MAGNETIC bk approx 4156 55 then east towards Crystal bk @ MAGNETIC. CR was patrolled to tracks where 3 dead Japs were seen @ JAPS appeared to be at Narration Pt @ Black bar area @ 2/6 BN @ Ambush horn now ready at Junc JAP GULLETT track @ No more seen on Jap tracks throughout day 12 Feb @ 2/3 IND. Coy ref sub 333 @ APL 2/3. IND Coy will attack JAP camp from light 13 Feb @ at 1930 L/12 cooking fires were visible in JAP camp from BATHAMS @ Army immediately put down concentrations @ F.O.O with 2/6 BN reports that after the shelling of JAP camp, a great much screaming was heard @ LAE @ P @ further unidentified flames over LAE 1620 L/12 @ other areas nothing to report @ All informed.	
781				Hope all Coy	1745	203	SITREP as at 1745 4/13 SITNOR @ local patrol reports SITNOR	

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782	KANGA	1515	1830			0874	<p>Subref. 335 No 1400 L/13 @ Wawarea @ 2/5 BN @ nothing No report @ 2/7 BN @ nothing No report @ BLACKCAT area @ 2/6 BN @ a fighting patrol of 2 Officers 40 ORs with an FOO moved at 0830 L/13. No any and contact A PL 2/3 IND Coy and clear Jap tracks SOUTH to WANDUMI long @ from heard this direction 1200 L/13 NO details @ 4 Japs observed moving SOUTH from Junc Jap WANDUMI tracks also voices heard @ 1140 L/13 50/60 Japs ambushed JAPS ambushed at Junc JAP and GULLETT tracks @ 25 Japs killed remainder scattered @ our casualties 2 ORs wounded 3 ORs missing @ enemy thought to be marines @ patrol ashore Jap WANDUMI track Junc killed 7 Japs during morning @ 2/3 IND Coy @ BPL which escorted carrier line is now reported to be in the SUMMIT area 5271 and ordered to patrol this area with one sec & HQ @ one sec to push NORTH up tracks thro' WANDUMI to Jap camp @ remaining sec to follow same route @ BUIBAINING area @ Guadagalal O.P. reports 1415 L/12 14 Japs moved from BUIBAINING to WAIPALI and probably to MUBO @ all visited came Japs above WAIPALI @ 10 carried HV packs no arms visible @ LAE @ P @ NIL visibility @ Salamawa OP @ line of lights observed on water approx 500' off LOSOI coast line @ 0500 L/13 @ flashes of at least size by land guns in area between Mac Donalds Junc and along beach for 200' towards LOSOI @ apparently firing towards KOMIATUM probably ranging @ other areas nothing No report @ all informed.</p>	



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783			P.M.				Reinforcements arrived strength 10 Officers 132 OR ^s and 9 X ^l ist	
784	"A Coy"		2008				Report light ^{behind} BALLAM'S area 95° Mag.	
785	All Corp	-	-				Situation (naval) throughout the night	
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786				HOPO	0745	201	Subref subno @ local patrols subno	
787	KANGA	1930	1104			0878	Subref No 1800 L/13 @ Nawarea @ 2/5 BN @ B Coy arrived BALLAMS 1500 L/13 @ intention fwd HQ plus A/A Pl No move to BALLAMS and B. Coy to proceed to SKINDEWAI 14 Feb @ 2/7 BN @ nothing to report @ Black Cat area @ 2/3 IND. Coy @ a fighting patrol in the June JAP-WANDUMI tracks area killed or further 12 JAPS P.M. 13 Feb @ patrol now bivouaced in a perimeter def vicinity June JAP-WANDUMI tracks area with listening post on the JAP tracks @ No further reports @ ref Subref 335 @ No reports yet no word of fighting patrol 2 Offs 40 ORs moving down WANDUMI tracks to Ryand contact A. Pl 2/3 IND. Coy @ LAPE O.P. @ 0900 L/13. One allied recce plane over LAPE @ no action @ 0945 L/13. 5 med bombers landed LAPE bombs dropped MT. LUNAMON area @ No action apparent @ very big A/A Bom Bom and multiple Bom Boms heard @ one multiple Bom Bom appeared to be based on LABU @ no visibility @ 1000 L/13 more barges than usual noticed at anchorage @	

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787 (contd)							1030 L/13 one Allied recon plane appeared over LAEO no action @ 1120 L/13 buildings near GBD store noticed being dismantled @ 1105 L/13 planes apparently JAPS controlling LAPE left heading east approx 1120 L/13 @ thought store transport planes landed @ no visibility @ all informed	
788	KANGA		1104			0881	Wharf 337 Re 0800 L/14 @ WRAU area @ 2/5 BN @ one JAP surrendered to adv. HQ. PM. 13 Feb @ local patrols report one JAP killed in poor condition @ considerable quantity of enemy gear, 12 dead JAPS and many graves found between 1135704 and 1150707 @ 2/7 BN @ nothing to report @ BLACKCAT area @ ref subs 335 and 336 fuller details of action now to hand @ 50/60 JAPS ambushed by patrol from 2/6 BN at June JAP GULLETT tracks @ after killing 25 Japs our patrol withdrew to June GULLETT-WANDUMI tracks @ a fighting patrol from 2/3 IND. Coy in area June JAP-WANDUMI tracks killed a further 12 JAPS @ recon patrol to the SOUTH reported further JAP mts and voices in area JAP camps @ total JAPS observed during day moving NORTH 90 @ all tall and healthy carrying heavy packs @ patrol of 20 Offs HQ AS sent out to contact A. PL 2/3 IND. Coy did NOT make contact and reported back at 1730 L/13 @ 1920 L/13 APL 2/3 IND. Coy were contacted by W/T @ static. No bad for message	

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788							No be received @ our patrols now in perimeter of as june JAP-GULLETT	
(Contd)							WANDUMI tracks with listening posts on JAP tracks @ ref strips 333 @	
							HOUSE COPPER patrol @ firing was heard from direction where JAP	
							HOUSE COPPER tracks join PM 13 Feb @ NO reports behind owing to	
							lack of comm @ NO report from B. Pl 2/3 IND Coy based at SUMMIT @	
							in position 14 Feb @ No posts with maximum force along WANDUMI track	
							No contact A. Pl 2/3 IND Coy @ LAF. OP. @ nothing to report @	
							SALAMAUA. OP @ nothing to report @ all informed.	
789	Kanga	1045	1530			10046	Password for WAU. Joint night 14/15 Feb @ Revolution @ all informed	
790				all boys MDS. 2 PL	1530	202	" " " " " " " "	" (bitten)
791				NOPO ALL COYS MDS.	1800	203	strip return @ Patrols @ local patrol report fresh	
							footprints believed single JAP moving EAST approx	
							419717 @ other patrols return.	
792	CO		1820				5 Jap graves reported. between 398679 &	
							392684	
793	KANGA	1435	1850			0885	strip 338 to 140 @ 1414 @ Wau area @ 2/5 Br @ patrol left for	
							WINIMA AM 14 Feb @ one Jap prisoner captured at 426694	
							plus PM and one Jap killed same area @ ref our	
							strip 336 3 boy still at BALLAMS but moving	

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793 (contd)							SKINDINAI AM 15 Feb @ 2nd AG with AF R moving BALLAMS PM 14 Feb @ CO. 2/5 BN assumes comd all Aps CRYSTAL CK SKINDINAI track incl force at WAIPALI as from 2359 4/14 @ 2/7 BN @ nothing to report @ BLACKCAT area @ 2/6 BN @ see patrols fwd to JAP WANDUMI zone and JAP GULLETT zone AM 14 Feb report two enemy seen wearing our ground sheets @ patrol to JAP. WANDUMI zone reports number of enemy seen looking down track towards THE GAPC enemy posn located at KNOLL 30 yds SOUTH of JAP. WANDUMI zone @ enemy are patrolling this area around posn @ sustained firing coming from area track zone WANDUMI JAP tracks at 1306 4/14 @ NO details re hand @ 2/3 IND Coy @ NO report from House COPPER patrol or SUMMIT area patrol @ other areas @ nothing to report @ all unharmed	
794 (Secret)	KANGA	1450				0886	Secret @ CO 2/5 BN assumes comd all Aps on crystal bk BALLAMS SKINDINAI WAIPALI track as from 2359 4/14 @ This includes 2/7 IND Coy also detts 2/5 IND Coy 2/6 BN this area but	

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794 (contd)							excludes B Pl. 2/3 IND Coy at SUMMIT @ 17 Pl 2/3 IND Coy remains under Comd 2/6 BN @ HQ 2/5 BN moves BALLARMS PM 14 Feb @ ACK.	
795				HOPO	1915	204	In reply Re 0886 @ ACK	
796				A B Coy Coy	1950	205	All Payment men to report B.H.B. @ 900 hrs 15 Feb men are to bring personal gear and to be shown as detailed to B.H.B.	
797				HOPO	21.45	206	B. Coy patrol to 393673 @ Nothing to report Second patrol to 399679 hence 391683 @ Five JAP graves and one dead JAP between last two points	
798	KANGA	21.40	20.00			0889	Confirming verbal instrs @ Pioneer pls 2/5- 2/7 Bn all pioneer pt 2/6 Bn are available to 2/8 FD Coy for engineer work WAA area as from 0800 hrs until further orders @ Ack @ all informed	
799				HOPO	20.09	207	Ack. 0889	
800	All boys 2 Pl.						Silence throughout the night.	

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801				HOPO	0745	201	subp subor @ normal patrols as above.	
802				HOPO			Map trace patrols week ending 14 Feb 1 Pkg Jap documents.	No Sigs 1000 hrs.
803	Kangal	0855 1/15	1145			0891	subp 340 Re 0800 2/15 @ Waw area @ 2/5 BN @ nothing Re report @ 2/7 BN local patrol reports fresh footprints believed single JAP moving EAST approx U19717 and five Jap graves and one dead JAP between 399679 and 391683 @ Black bar area @ 2/6 BN and 2/31ND Coy remained area bounded by Jap. Gullet @ Wandumi Bracks during night 14/15 Feb @ intention 15 Feb @ Re fresh fighting patrol from 2/31ND Coy along JAP track first light towards House COPPER while 2/6 BN will patrol WANDUMI-TRIG-JAP camp and area Re the NORTH @ Burbaining area @ OP reported 98 unidentified Japs presumed Japs moved down BLACKBIT track towards WAIPAIT. 1400 4/15 @ This force, expected Re remain BITOI staging camp 18/14 Feb @ one Pl 2/6 BN had been sent Re reinforce Burbaining Waipaiti area 12 Feb @ intention was Re engage this party of enemy 11 Feb @ No reports yet to hand @ Pl 2/6 BN as part of SUMMIT track Burbaining track recalled Re SKINDI WAI. 13 Feb @ engr party 2/7 1ND Coy began work track BALLAMS-SUMMIT 13 Feb Re cut down and prepare timber when bridge cutovers required @ all informed.	

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8044	KANGA	1940/14	1145			0887	<p>15/2/43</p> <p>subref 339 @ 1800 L/14 @ Waw area @ 2/5 BN @ ref subref 338 @ fwd HQ with A.A. Pl now moving BALLARMS AM 15 Feb @ 2/7 Nothing to report @ Black bar area @ ref subref 338 @ pocket of Japs located at KNOEL 30^x SOUTH of Japs WANDUMI tracks AM. 14 Feb now cleared @ 2/6 BN attacked SOUTH from junction GULLETT WANDUMI tracks PM 14 Feb killed 13 Japs @ as same time A.A. Pl 2/3 IND. Coy attacked NORTH along WANDUMI tracks from WANDUMI killed 20 Japs and made contact with 2/6 BN @ A.A. Pl 2/3 IND. Coy reports area between WANDUMI and junction Japs WANDUMI tracks thoroughly combed and now clear @ 2/6 BN now patrolling JAP WANDUMI track junction @ fighting patrol moving along the JAP tracks towards House COPPER to destroy stragglers @ own known casualties to date 3 wounded @ NO further reports from HOUSE COPPER @ SALAMAUA O.P. @ one allied A/C over the area 1130 L/14 @ 14 AA from SALAMAUA @ LAE. O.P. @ 0915 L/14 Allied planes raided drone @ bombs landed across drone from WEST to EAST toward Barrage holding drone @ stick also landed WEST side of drone runway AA from NW end @ AA from SW end @ very big AA @ 1050 L/14 one plane thought to be allied since plane heard @ slight JAP activity visible at Heaths @ all informed</p>	

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805	2 PL.					Patrol Subnor failed to contact A. Coy.	
806	KANGA	1010	1600		10052	Password Wau Town only night 15/16 Feb @ Daffodil. @ All informed	
807				All Coy. MDS 2 PL	1600	202	@ Cipher.
808				HOPO ALL COYS	1745	203	subref. subnor @ local patrols subnor.
809	KANGA	1425	1735				subref 1341 to 1400 L/15 @ WAU. area @ 2/5 BN @ fwd HQ arrived arrived KRAISENIK 1115 L/15 @ intention to move fwd to BALLAM'S PM 15 Feb @ 2/7 BN @ nothing to report @ Blackcat area @ 2/6 BN closes old locations and re-opens WILDES 383715 at 1400 L/15 @ 2/3 IND. Coy @ HQ plus one sec C. Pl were ambushed by a party of enemy patrol estimated strength 40 JAPS near the junction of BLACKCAT JAP tracks in House COPPER area @ 9 enemy killed @ our casualties NIL @ C Pl HQ plus two secs now at BLACKCAT MINE are proceeding along JAP tracks combing area in direction of HOUSE COPPER @ NO contact has been made with third sec of C Pl at HOUSE COPPER area @ by firing heard on evening 14 Feb from this direction @ one opp killed one OR wounded by booby trap Blackcat area @ other areas nothing to report @ all informed

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810			1730			All Coy local patrols SITNOR.	
811				HOPPO 0745	201	Subref Sitnor @ Normal patrols sitnor	
812	Kangal	1830 4/15	1125		0896	Subref ³⁴⁷ No 1800 4/15 @ WAU AREA @ 2/5 BN @ Jwd HQ arrived BALLAMS 1600 4/15. @ no report from B. Coy moving from BALLAMS to SKIN DEWAI @ 2/7 BN @ nothing to report @ Blackcat area @ 2/6 BN @ HQ now advanced at 383715 @ remainder of BN less battle moving from BLACKCAT to WAU area 16 Feb @ 2/3 IND Coy @ one sec of B. Pl arrived at Coy HQ 1430 4/15 from SUMMIT @ no enemy contacted @ remaining two secs of B. Pl expected to arrive at Coy HQ. AT 15 Feb @ SALAMAUA. O.P. @ observed by AA from Salamaua firing on one Allied heavy bomber 0930 4/15 @ Land guns previously reported @ see subref 335. @ now identified as AA guns NOT land guns @ all informed.	
813	B. Coy		1350			Reports large fire Wandumi village.	
814	KANGA	1140	1530		10055	Password W/7U. Down night 16/17 Feb @ Kalliput @	
815				all boys 1705. 2/18 1535	202	" " " " " " bipher.	
816	KANGA	1015	1530		0898	Subref 343 No 0800 4/16 @ Wau area @ 2/6 BN @ nothing to report @ 2/7 BN @ Nothing to report @ arty sees now being carried out by small arty parties of NAZDAB area @ BLACKCAT area @ 2/3 IND Coy @ ref subref 341 third sec	

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816 (contd)	KANGA					of C. PL HOUSE. COPPER area at 1500 4/14 encountered enemy patrol est. 40 moving towards WAV killing 8 our casualties one killed one missing @ 13/14 Feb. This sec killed 27 JAPS additional No above @ see now rejoined remainder C. Pl. Blackcat @ B. Pl. HQ plus one sec patrolled along track three hrs from SUMMIT killed 9 Japs and camped for night @ JAP. O.P. 1000* NE June JAP. GULLETT tracks located by recon patrol @ 2 dead JAPS in OP and telephone found 50* SE @ 3 JAP LMG on track vicinity June JAP and GULLETT tracks @ one JAP killed June WANDUMI and JAP tracks @ large number weapons etc found throughout JAP CAMP area and much enemy eqpt collected @ strong standing patrol June JAP-WANDUMI tracks and June GULLETT-JAP tracks night 15/16 @ in between AM 16 Feb C. Pl. No more from BLACKCAT to HOUSE. COPPER area @ 2 secs B. Pl. 2/3 IND. Coy No find tracks through No SUMMIT @ BUI BAINING area @ 2/5 BNO 15 Feb. GUADAGASAL OP reports 6 enemy seen moving towards WAIPALI from BLACKCAT area @ total enemy seen moving thru WAIPALI. 15 Feb 167 @ total number of enemy moved from BLACKCAT area to WAIPALI now 228 @ own Pts unable to ambush owing to strong enemy covering force at WAIPALI @ our Pts were ordered to attack	

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		T.O.G.	T.O.R.	Unit	T.O.O.			
816 (confd)	KANGA						The covering force from 15 Feb @ firing heard from WAIPALI direction PM 15 Feb @ no reports yet No hand @ LRE @ P @ ref map LRE locality @ 1015L/15 bombers raided LRE in 3 waves all bombs dropped in BUSU river area @ by AA from vicinity localities 32-33-34-53 and 101 and map refs 4408, 2828 and 8414 @ MG firing from post 40° NNE HEATHS HOUSE @ no damage visible @ 2 houses 7 and 8 now dismantled erections on these sites appear to be made old iron and NOT steel @ enemy occupying HEATH do NOT take cover during raids @ enemy appear to be building strip at base of TERRACE from locations 100 to 106 presumably considered safer from bombing @ all informed.	
817				(all Coy 40PO)	1745	203	subp. subor @ local patrols subor	
818	KANGA	1450	1730			0903	subp. 344 to 1400 4/16 @ WAU area @ 2/6 BN @ B. Coy now moving from SKINDIWAH to WAU. AM 16 Feb @ B. Coy moved from WAU area to BULWA @ 2/7 BN @ nothing to report @ BLACKCAT area @ dispositions of 2/3 IND. Coy as follows @ one sec C. Pl at junction BLACKCAT - JAP tracks @ B. Pl less one sec left BLACKCAT AM 16 Feb to move up Blackcat tracks to join sec at junction BLACKCAT. JAP tracks @ A. Pl left junction JAP WANDUMI tracks AM 16 Feb to move up new JAP	

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818 (contd)						<p>Tracks towards HOUSE. COPPER @ two secs B. Pl moving from BLACKCAT via WANDUMI to SUMMIT AM. 16 Feb @ B. Pl less two secs at SUMMIT @ HQ. 2/3 IND. Coy. BLACKCAT @ carr fl. 2/6 BN in area GULLETT tracks and some WANDUMI. JAP. Tracks @ enemy reported to be holding HOUSE COPPER in strength with a patrol original strength 40 men moving down JAP track towards WANDUMI @ This patrol was engaged twice by our patrols 14 and 15 Feb and has suffered at least 16 killed and was reported approx 5 hrs march from WANDUMI JAP tracks @ A. Pl 2/3 IND. Coy preparing ambush on this track @ a small patrol was sent out AM 16 Feb to investigate track leading due NORTH from BLACKCAT moving EAST beyond BLACKCAT MINE joining main track midway between HOUSE. COPPER and WAIPALI @ BUIBAINING area @ 2/5 BN @ nothing to report @ SALAMAUA OPO @ large beam of light approx 600' long observed coming from behind CAPE PARSEE running parallel to mainland between 0515 and 0600 hrs 16 Feb @ LAE O.P. @ vessel probably SUBMARINE heading SE about 4 miles off LAE @ All informed.</p>	

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819				HOPO	1810	204	Stand-By as from 17 Feb will be at 0600 hrs.
820				all boys Ad 917	1957	205	Infms @ 2/7 BN will be responsible for improving and maintenance of WAU - CRYSTAL. CK @ Method @ First phase @ areas responsibilities @ B. Coy LEAHS. FARM - SLAUGHTER. HOUSE @ C. Coy SLAUGHTER. HOUSE FULLERS @ A. Coy FULLERS - WAU. DROME @ D. HQ will prepare bomb proof shelter. SOUTH end of drome @ One fl each bay strengths 1 Offr. 25 ORS No report ref 2/8 3rd Coy at 0830 daily to following R. Vs @ B. LEAHS FARM C. SLAUGHTER. HOUSE A. FULLERS. HOUSE D. HQ. STA. office Drome @ hrs 0830 - 1600. @ ADM @ Tools issued by 3rd bay @ lunch served on job @ boys will notify this HQ daily time of dep from Coy areas @ Work to commence 17 Feb @ Rebr.

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	Unit	T.O.O	T.O.R.	Unit			
821.				4010 ALL COYS	0745	201	strip unknown
822	KANCA	0912	1100				strip 346 to 0800/170 WAU area 3 D Coy leaves for CRYSTAL CK 0900/12/2/5 Bn 3 A Coy leaves for adv HQ 0900/170 BLACKCAT area 3 2/3 Indep Coy 3 B Pl HQ plus one sec summit area 3 No reports to hand 3 see strip 344 A Pl abandoned ambush posn and moving forward along JHP track towards HOUSE COPPER 3 Pl concentrating BLACKCAT JHP track summit 3 GAP area 2/3 Indep Coy HQ plus one 2/4 Bn Carr Pl 3 two secs 2/6 Bn Carr Pl at base 3 two / sec secs 2/6 Bn Carr Pl holding GULFITT junction 3 one off 120RS holding BLACKCAT MINE 3 see strip 344 3 patrol sent along unknown track located unoccupied JHP OP half on his march from THE GAP over looking BLACKCAT track 3

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822 (Comd)							<p>intention 17 Feb holding party at BLACK CAT MINE to patrol to GAP @ A Pl and c Pl push fwd and clear HOUSE COPPER area @ BUIBAINING area @ 2/5 Bn reports 153 JAP were seen moving through WAIPALI to MVBO on BLACK CAT track between 0900 and 1400/16 @ some wounded and many without arms @ enemy reported to be strongly established WAIPALI area in ck between WAIPALI and BUIBAINING spur and in staging camp on BITOI @ exact posn NOT known @ scout patrol from 2/2 Indep Coy moved to attempt to reach BLACK CAT track WEST of staging camp to try and contact 2/3 Indep Coy @ this patrol located another JAP camp on the track and were forced to return to WAIPALI @ 2/2 Indep Coy estimates 150</p>	

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822 (contd)							JAPS on BLACKCAT track between WAIPAI and HOUSE COPPER @ intention 12 Feb @ active patrolling to locate enemy positions and strength and to destroy isolated enemy parties @ other areas nothing to report @ all informed	
823	KANGM	0905	1100				Subj 3175 to 18004/16 @ BLACKCAT and @ 2/3 IND Coy @ Party left Summit AM 16 FEB moving NORTH to JAP track @ Another party left Summit for SKINDIWAH then proceed to KOBIAK CK to cross KOBIAK CK and move up the track on WANDUM ridge @ BUIBANIWA and @ det 2/5 IND Coy arrive WAU area PM 16 FEB @ Part B Coy 2/6 BN arrive WAU 17 FEB remainder arrive WAU 21 FEB @ SALAMAWA OP @ 2 bombs dropped on SALAMAWA 11454/16 both bombs fell into sea @ other areas nothing to report @ all informed	
824	SABA.			HOPD ALL COYS.	1232	202	Change of location 2 PL to read	

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825	KANGA	0830	12.00.				387708 instead of 394697. PASSWORD WAU TOWN NIGHT 17/18 FEB @ VICTORIA BITTER @ ALL INFORMED.	
826				ALL COYS M.D.S.	16.25	203	" " " "	(CIPHER)
827	SABA			HOPPO ALL COYS	17.00.	204	16 Pl as from 11.45. hrs 17 FEB located at 399699 @ 17 Pl reformed and occupying former 16 Pl location	
828	HOPPO	0020	01.45.				1st @ essential time date departure or expected departure and arrival or expected arrival of troops moving from place to place as ordered be reported HOPPO giving strength @ WAU. FXD DEF will report movement of troops through transit camp which has been established NATIVE HOSPITAL WAU @ this signal does NOT refer to movement patrols which will be reported as hitherto. @	

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17/2/43	828 Cont						Second @ Sub unit code name allotted by units will be reported Hopa all informed.	
18/2/43	829	KANGA	0830	1130		1P02	Password WAU Town 18/19 Feb @ CAVALRY @ all informed.	
	830					201	" " " " @ " @ cipher.	
	831	KANGA	1845 ⁴ /19	1130		0916	Wharf 347 No 1800 L/19 @ WAU AREA @ 2/6 BN @ HQ closes 384717 and re-opens BULOLO 1900 L/19 @ near HQ remains 384717 @ 2/7 BN @ nothing to report @ BUIBAINING area @ 2/3 IND. Coy @ two sees B. Pl returning to SUMMIT via JAP track and then moving across country SKINDEWAI @ remaining see still carrying out recon patrols NE WANDUMI see wharf 345 @ no reports to hand @ SALAMAUVA. O.P. @ nothing to report @ LAE. O.P. @ one large submarine anchored 200 yds S.E of old wreck in LAE harbour at 1930 L/16 @ movement around wharf area continued until 2200 L/16 @ B104/17. 50 enemy were observed moving north along MARKHAM rd and entered HEATHS @ other areas nothing to report @ all informed.	

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832				B. Coy C. Coy	1202	202	Warning order @ B. Coy and C. Coy will provide fighting patrols strength one pl to WANDUMI area @ to move 0900 hrs 19 Feb duration two to three days @ most experienced Pl comdts to be selected @ Coy bonds will report BH @ 1400 hrs today for orders.	
833				B.C. Coy S.M.	1445	203	Intension @ 2/7 BN will search all ground WANDUMI and area adjacent to locate and destroy all pockets enemy in that vicinity @ Method @ one pl B. Coy one pl C. Coy dep. respective areas 0900 hrs 19 Feb @ Route @ D1 @ C. Coy @ Coy area to the junction 423717 along re-entrant to WANDUMI R.V. the WANDUMI-HOUSE COPPER area 446725 for night 19/20 @ D2 @ patrol and search area Aug pl 430730 RV as for night 19/20 @ D3 @ RV to grid 4672 thence along re-entrant to KOB/7K. thence to track June 431694 and return bay area @ C. Coy @ D1 @ C. Coy area to creek June 424715 along re-entrant to WANDUMI RV 19/20 as for C. Coy @ D2 @ patrol and search area 445455 between grid lines 73/74 RV 20/31	

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833 (contd)							as for 19/20 @ D3 from NV No clearing 470725 SOUTH along grid 47 to KOBIAK bk thence to tracks June 431694 and summit Coy area @ 1.0 will attach one INT man to each pl @ Adm @ three days rations two days emergency to be carried water sterilizing tabs to be taken @ two shelter bearers will be attached each pl @ Med H'sacks down to Secs @ Insurcom Helio and lamps to B. Coy thence line to BH @ @ Behs	
834							Plat 348 to 0800 4/18 @ WAW area @ nothing to report @ BLACKCAT area @ 2/3 IND. Coy @ B. Pl. SUMMIT area NO contact with enemy @ A. Pl. vicinity HOUSE COPPER killed 36 JAPS our casualties nil @ C. Pl. vicinity BLACKCAT JAP track June nothing to report @ a holding force at GULLETT June killed one JAP @ patrol from BLACKCAT mines nothing to report @ insertion 18 Feb B. Pl. patrol from SUMMIT area towards HOUSE COPPER BUIBAININGO @ A. pl and C. pl from HOUSE COPPER area patrol	

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834 (contd)							<p> fwd towards WAIPALI @ BUIBAINING area @ present forms and relative strength of own obs in this area @ BUIBAINING WAIPALI track June 50 @ HOUSE. REDDISH NEALS CK 20 map ref approx 582758 @ SKINDI WAI 18 @ STAIRS 30 @ HOUSE BANANA 30 @ GUADAGASAL O.P. 2 @ BALLAMS 199 @ KAISENIK 30 @ enemy forms @ 3 staging camps on BLACK PIT track between HOUSE COPPER and BUIBAINING @ track June BUIBAINING @ WAIPALI @ valley between WAIPALI and BUIBAINING @ GUADAGASAL SADDLE @ MUBO and further NORTH @ enemy seen camouflaging forms on SADDLE @ enemy HAS estimated to be as ref photo 62.F64.25 @ considerable work observed about this area over past two days @ ref our sketch 343 @ of the 167 enemy seen moving thro' WAIPALI. 16 Feb incl in this number were 68 fresh and well equipped @ LAE. O.P @ 10254/17 5. Beaufighters strafed LAB V and targets in bush area @ ml SW of runway @ raid lasted 25 mins @ most attention given to bush </p>	

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834 (contd)							area of buildings and activity in area at foot of TERRACE thought to be Japs quarters @ all informed	
835	HOPO	1516	1315			0929	Sitings will be forwarded this HQ as at 0800 and 1800 hrs daily @ all informed.	
836	^{R.A.M.} ZABA	1710	17			101	Ack Message 203	
837				HOPO	1745	204	whelp report @ patrol report @ B Coy see patrol strength one and 21 report 2 un-used tracks leading south from 406691 otherwise nothing No report @ patrol out 0915 in 1330.	
18/2/43 838				^{ALL BY REGIM}	0700	201	^{ROSA P. LOCATION RANGES for weapons in Bay Area and MALARIA prevention to be taken AT EBRIN}	
839	KANGA	0102	0245			0938	confirming verbal instrs 2/7 BN will be patrolling WANDUMI TRIG PA area 19-20-21 Feb @ Patrol leaves CRYSTAL CK AM 19 Feb and proceeds up re-entrants to NORTH CRYSTAL CK WANDUMI TRIG arrives WANDUMI PM 19 Feb @ patrols WANDUMI Trig PA area during 20 Feb @ return AM 21 Feb @ by KOBIAK CK arriving back CRYSTAL CK midday 21 Feb these Signals NOT addressed 2/7 BN @ ACK.	

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840				ALL COYS.	0745	202	subref subref
841	KANGA		0930				Recd amendment M/S 0938.
842	B. Coy		0925				Patrol moved out 0900 hrs.
842	C. Coy		0937				" " " " 0900 hrs.
842				HOPPO	0945	203	Lighting patrols from Band C Coys to WANDUMI moved out 0900 hrs.
843					1005		Col Gunn & Party left for BLACKCAT TRACK.
844				All Coys 16 PL	1045	204	ANGAU are sending out 4 native patrols EAST along BULOLO RIVER thence along CRYSTAL CK to areas SOUTH of this Unit RIGHT FLANK @ Coys will warn sub-units and patrols.
845	KANGA	0830	1130			1P03	Password Wau down night 19/20 Feb @ WAU. VALLEY @ all informed.
846				All Coys MDS	1150	205	" " " " " " " " " "
847	KANGA	1755 ^u /18.				0932	subref 349 to 1800 ^u /18 @ WAU. area @ 2/2 nd Ad Amb @ ADS now established NORTH end BULOLO GORGE map ref 33280 to BUIBAINING area @ nothing to report @ LAE. O.P. @ 1908 4/19 submarine entered LAE from EAST. appearing 1 ml from VOCO Point @ 1914 4/19 three barges left location 123 for submarine @ at 2000 hrs submarine still at anchor @

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847 (contd)							activity in area south 2200 hrs from ref 7403 to 6911 @ plane heard at 22454/17 AA opened fire @ 4 enemy bombers landed WAE 1430 4/18 @ 4 enemy bombers left WAE heading SOUTH 1545 4/18 @ SALAMAUVA. O.P @ bombing heard direction WAE 2000 4/17 also one a/c heard over MUBO 2000 4/17 @ large fires observed ISTHMUS @ by bombing and AA heard direction WAE 1435 4/18 @ other areas nothing to report @ all informed	
848	KANGA	1319	1355			0947	2/3 Ind boy reports party 19 well-armed JAPS @ Seen at game BLACK CAT JAP WANDUMI tracks moving east at 1730	
849				B4 Coy	1420	206	Repeat of last message received.	
850	KANGA	0930	1415			0941	at ref. 350 to 0800 4/19 @ WAU area @ 2/7 BN @ local patrol reports two unused tracks heading SOUTH from 406691 otherwise nothing to report @ 2/25 barr. boy captured one JAP very weak at 404737 @ D. boy 2/5 BN captured one prisoner CRYSTAL CK area @ 1st Coy @ left sec 2/6 Coy Bay reached SUNSHINE 18 Feb to my BOBS. 2 ENAG tracks @ FOO with 2/3 IND. boy rece. HOUSE COPPER area @ FOO with 2/5 BN rece	

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850 (contd)							<p>BALLAMS- SKINDIWAI area @ only recs for gun posns in BULOLO. BULWA area earned out 18 Feb @ BULOLO area @ patrol 2/16 4d. Coy moved 5 mls SW of BULOLO @ nothing to report @ BLACKCAT area @ 2/3 IND. Coy @ A. Pl near BLACKCAT JAP. Tracks June NO contact @ Two recs B. Pl unable to force tracks between JAP. Tracks and SUMMIT returned to Coy. H.Q. @ recs patrol at BLACKCAT. JAP Tracks June observed 42 well armed heavily laden JAPS at BLACKCAT JAP Tracks June moving towards WANDUMI @ later the same patrol observed 50 JAPS moving direction of MUBO @ presumed that 8 JAPS warned others of our ambush party just up the JAP track @ standing patrol JAP - WANDUMI tracks June @ LPE. O.P. @ 1050 4/18. 4 planes strafed LABU. bush area @ MG fire from LABU raid lasted 10 mins @ activity around NEATHS from 0800 4/18 @ 1130 4/18 4 bombers raided @ AA. freedom raiders @ 1830 4/18. 3 fighters landed LPE drome 1950 4/18 now parked in blast bays 1 @ 2 @ 3 @ SPLAMAVA O.P. @ nothing to report @ BUIBAINING area @ 2/5 BN @ NO change in disposns @ 2/7 IND. Coy reported 24</p>	

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850 (contd)							enemy moved BUIBAINING to WAIPALI and 20 enemy moved fully eq'd WAIPALI to BUIBAINING @ 1700 ^H /18 when mist lifted it revealed 100 fully equipped enemy camped WAIPALI @ ambush force placed BLACKCAT track at foot BUIBAINING spur @ all informed	
851				A.B.C.D	1630	207	boy personnel attending "I" School @ shall return No boys at 0900 hrs 20 Feb.	
852				HOPD ALL COYS	1800	208	subp. subor @ B and C Coy patrols contacted 1735 hrs NO report.	
853				B+C Coy	1935		B+C Coy patrols Nothing to report.	
854				FEITZ	2200	209	enemy patrol est 60 moving towards WANDUMI via NEW JAP track @ B C Coy pls under comd Lieut Feitz will move to JUNC NEW JAP track GULLETT track @ you will move to Junc New Jap set ambush at this JUNC and destroy any enemy who attempt to move through this area @ you will move at 0800 hrs 20 FEB @ guides of 1st Coy will meet you on WANDUMI BLACKCAT will remain in pos until return ack.	

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855				ALL COYS 0800	201	as at 0800 hrs @ ref HOPO instns patrols WANDUMI area @ instns passed by cipher re our patrol @ NO contact since 2300 hrs @ local patrols return NO contact with patrols.	Re SABFA re fwd
856	B Coy		0845				
857	HOPO	2200 4/18	1100 4/19		0937	essential you maintain highest anti malarial precautions this area @ large majority of men admitted hospital recently admit neglect in taking abstr @ plus criminal negligence demands instant investigation all offrs your unit @ advise HOPO your action @ all informed.	
858	HOPO	1545 4/18			0930	air raid signals are as follows @ air raid red series of short blasts on siren @ air raid clear two long blasts with interval of five secs @ please ensure all Pps under your comd are notified @ ACK	
859	HOPO	—	—		0921	code names for following units will come into use forthwith @ WAU. FXD. DEF @ DIFO @ 16 Bde barr Coy NOKO @ 2/6 Buss Coy Bly @ HOKA @ ACK @ all informed	
860	HOPO	1800 4/19	—		0953	Your ACKS NOT received re our 0826 and 0921.	

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861				HOPO	0857	202	(Ref serial 860) Hqs No 0826-0930-0921.	
862				all Coy MG DET	0915	203	Ref serial 858.	A. HQ. B. D. C.
0863	KANGA	1930 ⁴ /19	0900			0955	<p>Sup 351 to 1800⁴/19 @ 2/16 1st Coy departed BULOHO 19 Feb and arrives EADIE. CK 20 Feb @ BLACKCAT area @ 2/3 IND. Coy @ A Pl contacted enemy junc BLACKCAT. JAP tracks and were forced to break bush towards BLACKCAT track and believed to have struck BLACKCAT track near CARRS @ CARRS is approx 5 hrs march from BLACKCAT JAP track junc @ C. Pl reported JAPS holding in strength junc slightly west up JAP track @ Coy HQ and two sec B. Pl en route for junc BLACKCAT JAP track @ majority 2/3 IND. Coy will be concentrated area junc BLACKCAT. JAP track by night 19 Feb @ BUIBAINING area @ BUIBAINING. O.P. reports 156 enemy moved up BLACKCAT track from BUIBAINING towards. HOUSE COPPER at 1230⁴/19 @ BENA FORCE @ reports that camouflaging of drone should be completed 23 Feb @ LAE. O.P. @ nothing to report @ SALAMAUA. O.P. @ allied a/c bombed SALAMAUA 0910⁴/19 @ observed smoke rising from crest above quarry No left. of O'DEA'S HOUSE @ all informed.</p>	

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864				A. Coy.	0940	204	You will relieve 16 Pl. - D. Coy by 1500 hrs today @ locality 399679 @ Please inform when relief effected.	
865					1130		Genl Shorning left for drone.	
866				NOPO NOPO	1450	205	Boy bonds at conference held 8 Feb admitted laxity of supervision during early stages of fighting @ Instructions issued at conference and applied by signal on 18 Feb Pl bonds would personally supervise making of ATEBRIN after evening meals SUNDAYS excluded @ established orders are being adhered to.	
867				NOPO ALL COYS	1507	206	Relief of 16 Pl. D. Coy by 7 Pl. A. Coy at 399679 effected 1500 hrs @ 16 Pl returned to def posn 391697.	
868				PL. COYS	1520	207	One MARVIN. HERMETIC chrome plate watch with leather strap and cover removed from FULLERS. HOUSE @ If in possession by members this BN please return this HQ without delay.	
869				NOPO	1520	208	Labol D Coy in sq 3869 @ out 0930 hrs IN 1515 hrs - @ route out boy area @ MDS @ thence SOUTH along BIG. WAV Bk to area approx 381692 @ see then moved EAST thro' jungle to grassy spur running NORTH. SOUTH along EASTING 39 @	

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869 (contd)							patrol searched jungle thoroughly @ no trace of enemy occupation @ no trace of buried weapons @ patrol then returned to Coy area via 16 Pl area	
870	KANGA	1020	1610			0960	<p>Site rep 352 at 0800/20 @ WAV area @ H AC sqn captured a prisoner @ BISTAL CK area @ Blackcat area @ 23 Ind Coy @ No contact yet made with A Pl @ this pl killed on 18 FEB 8 JAPS at CARRS Dump see site rep 351 @ B Pl HQ and one sec left SUMMIT night 19/20 FEB for GAP @ two secs B Pl and 24 men 3 hrs past BLACKCAT MINE now moving direction mine JAP BLACKCAT tracks @ C Pl at mine JAP BLACKCAT @ recon patrol from this pl tried to bypass JAP force on JAP track but met strong opposition and returned to Pl H.Q. at 1200/19 @ enemy holding in strength slightly up JAP track from JAP BLACKCAT track mine @ JAP OP believed to be at mine JAP BLACKCAT track @ C Pl reports at 1112/19 23 JAPS carrying 34 MG's were observed moving towards WANDUMI and</p>	

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							between 1300/19 to 1530/19 572 JAPS passed junc SAD BLACKCAT tracks moving towards MUBO ① small force 2/6 Bn holding GULLETT gun and BLACKCAT MINE ① BUIBAINING area ① GAUDAGASAL OP reports 100 enemy camped NAIPALI night 17/18 moved towards BUIBAINING 1650/18 ① during 19 FEB 137 enemy moved through NAIPALI towards MUBO ① SADDLE area ① estimated 600/700 enemy tps concentrated SADDLE area ① LAE OP ① 1035/19 3 Allied bombers patrolled MARKHAM R area until 1105/19 when 12 bombers escorted by fighters made low level attack on MALAHANG BUTIBUM area ① fighters then patrolled LAE SALAMAVA area until 1456/19 ① very little AA from locations 53 TERRACE and map ref 4407 ① defence appeared surprised and bewildered by low attack ① located FLAG map ref 5721 a motor vehicle parked close by ① SALAMAVA OP ① nothing to report	
871	KANGA	0925	1610			0065	SECRET ① Infn received that JAPANESE agent of CHINESE nationality may come into country as CHINESE DOOLIE	

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							himself to be captured & care to be exercised in handling all CHINESE prisoners also any CHINESE settlers straggling in from occupied points on north coast & all informed	
872	KANGA	0830	1610			1004	Password Stan Town night 20/21 FEB	LOOSE LADIES & all inform
873				all boys in 35	1615	209	" " " " " "	Cipher
874	KANGA	1400	1930			827	Church parade 21 Feb 430 hrs @ HOSPITAL 1030 hrs @ ANGLICAN at JARL 0930 hrs FULLERS FARM 0830 hrs followed by HOLY COMMUNION	PC at WILDES FARM
875				(ALL BOYS 7th)	1800	210	subref as at 1800 4/20 @ Band C boy WANDUMI area No ambushes areal B. boy left boy area 1030 4/20 @ WANDUMI area as protection Sig Terminal	Pts moved from 1200 hrs @ One sec sec moving No
876				All boys		140	Re Serial 874 @ boys advised	(from RSM)
877	B. Coy.		1820				Reports Sec 2 Protection Force for Maintaining 24 hr contact (NO. report from Patrol)	Sig Post arrived with B. Coy. (Bde advised verbally 1825 hrs)

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878		20.00				211	D Coy warned to make available 1 section 0900 2/ FEB to act as escort to carriers taking food + ammo to PIs B + C Coy located JAP TRACK GULLETT JUNC. will pick up guide NORTH of WANOUNI. further instructions to follow.	
879	BAHE	19.30	19.40			05115 05115	LIEUT FEITZ and 30 men arrived JUNC GULLETT JAP tracks 15.30 hrs today. FEITZ expects 20 men from another platoon to join him early tomorrow. unable to send runner you tonight. These personnel under command BAHE while in area. Task hold GULLETT JUNC and BRENNANS position and patrol along JAP TRACK 1 1/2 hrs. Will be rationed from G410.	
880	KANBA	2300	0020			Q172	Native labour allotment 2/ FEB 2 BALLAMS medical 14 SIG 51. Mortar bombs 18, 2 + 2/5 Inf Bn 3. Blackcat 2/3 A IC 6. European ration 40. Adv 2/3 A IC supplies detachment 2/7 Inf Bn	

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881					0800	201	Silrep at 0800/20. O Lieut. Dwyer and 30 men resumed June JAP GULLETT tracks 1530 hrs 20 Feb O expects 20 men from another Pl join him early 21 Feb O Force now under comd BAH1 Capt. Dixon and Sgt. Gude. I. O. proceeded to Bole in order to give of account of events in New Valley.	
882			0900 ⁴ /20					
883				SHBO ALL COYS	0930/20	202	Coy comds conference this HQ 1330 hrs 21 Feb	
884	C Coy	0940	1055				No sunrise reported yet O request permission to send peace patrol contact FIETZS	
884							WX 8920 Lieut. W. FREEMING left to attend C/O 8 Course L HQ School of Military Int.	
885	SABA	1045		PLSMAH C.		203	No movement until further instructions.	
886		1100					Ref 201/19.2.113. A range for small arms fire could be prepared in area of CORSE	
							397761 O Ranges up to approx 200' could be obtained with certain minor clearing O	

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886 cont							Service targets for snap shooting could be arranged for shorter ranges. Firing would be done from high ground to lower ground into a bank of a depression average 10' high and would be in a NE direction and would be near of "C" coy left flank of Motor ranges to be found later	
887	KANDIA	1945 ^H /20	11.30			0967	Sitrep 353 to 18.00 4/22 @ BULOLO area @ 2/6 Br @ C Coy at BULWA @ Standing patrols at map of HUON GULF SPECIAL @ PATEP III 3503 @ KWATO MAINE 3573 @ KWASANG 3612 @ BLACKCAT area @ 2/3 Indep coy @ HQ and A.P. at GHP @ CPl/two secs BPl and 20 min coy HQ known as plus MENZIES FORCE holding 600 yds WEST junc JHP BLACKCAT track @ BPl less two secs moving via BALLAS to	

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887	cont						<p>GAP @ Two pls 2/2 Bn holding junct GILLET JAP track and patrolling this area @ patrol reports there are no routes between JAP track and BALLAMS SKINDIWAI track above route through SKINDIWAI no 5 and WANDUMI trig pt. owing to steep walls of KOBIAK valley @ only possible carrier route would be through KAISIKK and WANDUMI @ this does NOT include BUIBAINING and WAIPALI tracks @ BUIBAINING area @ 2/5 Bn @ Carr Pl less one sec left KAISIKK for BALLAMS AM 20 Feb @ A Coy left BALLAMS for SKINDIWAI AM 20 Feb @ BUIBAINING O.P reports 0820 hrs 20 Feb approx 500 enemy moved down BLACK CAT track towards WAIPALI PM 19 Feb @ O.P also reports camps and pens in Talley area between BUIBAINING and WAIPALI low extend over much greater area @ SALAMAVA O.P @ 1910 A/19 @ 5 pinnacles seen</p>	

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Ref No	Unit	IN T.O.O.	T.O.R.	Unit	T.O.O.	Orig To	Text of Message	Action Taken
							moving between BELA and SALAMAVA observed during break in fog @ 0930 L/20 one unidentified a/c seen, area stayed approx 15 mins @ LAE O.P.O planes heard over LAE at 1840 L/19 planes thought to have landed but no visibility @ 1150 L/20 two enemy fighters parked in Nos 1 and 2 blast bays @ at 1220 L/20 three ZEKES left LAE heading NE @ 1232 L/20 three ZEKES left LAE heading NW @ motor lorry activity vicinity location 100 suggests dump and lorry park @ house location 9 dismantled @ large tree location 53 removed @ all informed	
888	KANGA	0830	1130			105	Password WAW TOWN TONIGHT 21/22 FEB Liberty Hear	
889				ALL COYS MDS		205	" " " " " " " " " "	
890				PISABA C	1145	304	if guides have not already reported you will move via WANDUMI BLACKCAT track to JUNG GULJET IAP track @ ref JUNG sq 47 24 @ This ref is only approx @ advise when leaving	
891	KANGA	0845	1130			0974	Sitrep 354 to 0800 L/21 @ WAW area @ nothing to report - @ BULBAINING AREA @ GUARDHOUSE OP reports 1700 L/19 82 enemy	

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891	cont-						move through WAIPALL towards MUBO @ from 0900 to 1825 1/20 total of 390 moved from BUIBHAINING through WAIPALL towards MUBO @ 190 unarmed 145 carrying rifles @ other areas nothing to report @ all informed	
892							Runner from Pt Juby patrol reported Sig Sqn WANDUMI	
893					1355		Sig STATION WANDUMI closed down	
894	HOPD	1235 1/2	1727			0925	Lieut. Col F.G. Wood assumes comd 2/6 Aust Inf Bn as from 1200 1/2	
895	B. Coy		1725				Sigs & Protection Sec returned.	
896				HOPD ALL COYS	1800	206	as at 1800 4/21 @ Sig Sqn closed WANDUMI. 1355 @ Sigs and protection sec returned B. Coy 1725 hrs @ B. Coy patrol left WANDUMI 1300 hrs for gunc JAP. GULLETT Brack	
897	2/9 A.G.H	1400	1940			787	Re Pte. Steele	
898	"	1400	1740			788	" Pte. Robinson	

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899	7 Pl	1643	1835			121	Patrolling from right flank and immediate front discovered no trace of enemy mtd between 7th posn and approx ref 397695 on KUALI River @ very dense jungle river gorge waterfall about 700' upstream.	
900	BAHI	1710	1954			1K19	20 men joined FIETZ force at 1600 hrs 21 Feb.	
901	A. Coy		1910				A. Coy & Pl reported as for on bearing 123° Mag appears to be right of 5 Native Huts. (has been seen previously.)	
902				all Coys	2100	207	pupils from N.C. school to report with compass, protractor and copy of NAV locality sheet 4 inches to 1 mile	

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903-				HQ COYS ALL COYS	0800	201	Subref as at 0800 4/22 @ ref subref 201 4/20 20 men joined FIETZ FORCE 1600 hrs 20 FEB @ local patrols nothing to report @ patrols WANDUMI area report NO trace enemy mov.	
904				A.B.C HQ Coy	1030	202	Coy will NOT fire on bay ranges until 24 hrs notice has been given Plus HQ.	
905			Rear Ech.	All Bay	1058	203	POSTAGE AIR MAIL @ NO stamps required letters to be marked ON ACTIVE SERVICE NO STAMPS AVAILABLE	
906	KANGA	1930 4/21	1140			0976	Subref 355 to 1800 4/21 @ WAU area @ arty recon from BALLAMS-SKINDEWAI BALLAMS returned WAU 21 Feb reports guns can be moved fwd in pieces to SKINDEWAI area with improvement to existing foot tracks @ BLACKCAT area @ 2/3 IND Coy @ C Pl less 25 men and MENZIES force holding BLACKCAT track @ 25 men holding JAP track approx 2 miles from junction BLACKCAT. JAP tracks @ A Pl moving along JAP tracks towards BLACKCAT JAP tracks junction AM 21 Feb @ B Pl moved from SUMMIT towards GAP AM 21 Feb @ two pls 2/6 BN holding GULLETT. JAP tracks junction and patrolling plus area @ det 2/6 BN at THE GAP @ det 2/6 BN at BLACKCAT MINE @	

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906 (contd)							LAF. OP @ 0730 4/31 ⁽²⁾ barges passed LABU going towards SALAMPUR @ one barge appeared to catch fire and both went in shore @ One ZEKÉ in No. 1 BLAST. BAY and one in No. 2 blast bay @ 1330 4/21 party and lorry working our drome @ 1400 4/21 lorry arrived HEATHS then 5 men with packs moved along NORTH. MARKHAM @ 4 Allied medium bombers strafed KOMIATUM LOGUI area 1000 hrs @ one allied recon plane over same area at 1215 4/21 @ all informed	
907	KANGA	0830	1140			IP. 06	Password WAU. Down night 22/23 Feb @	WOOLWORTHS. @ ^{all} informed
908				ALL COYS MDS	1210	204	" " " " " "	Cipher
909	KANGA	1000	1452			0977	Subref 356 to 0800 4/22 @ 2/3 IND. Coy. @ A Pl moving along JAP tracks towards MENZIES JUNC @ B. Pl less two sec moving from WANDUMI towards GAP @ MENZIES. FORCE and C. Pl less det holding area WEST of MENZIES JUNC and report NO enemy activity 20 Feb @ 2/7 Bn providing standing labors GULLETT. JUNC previously referred to as Junc GULLETT. JAP tracks @ Junc BLACKCAT. JAP track now known as MENZIES. JUNC @ ref HUON GULF special GAP referred to is 4878 SADDLE 6884 @ ref subref 355 Two pls 2/6 Bn holding GULLETT. JAP. Junc should	

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909 (Contd)							read two pls 2/7 BN @ BUIBAINING area @ 2/6 BN @ 10-min BLACKCAT mine @ 10 pfx 25 ORS at Pte GAP @ 2/5 BN @ 16 enemy seen moving from BUIBAINING area towards MUBO 21 Feb @ our aircraft strafed and bombed WAIPALI and tracks WAIPALI - BUIBAINING - BLACKCAT @ results observed one enemy occupied hut exploded and caught fire two others shattered and one badly hit @ bombing and strafing appeared accurate @ all unformed.	
910	HOPPO	1335 ^h /21				0975	Lawt Col F.G. WOOD assumes COMD 2/6 AUSTRALIAN INF BN as from 1200 ^h /22.	
911	7 Pl	1750	1755			210	Pl patrol EAST of present location. No MAGNETIC TAP tracks leading EAST unused since last heavy rain @ few enemy dead NOT investigated @ NO tracks joined TAP tracks to the bend ref 411679.	
912				HOPPO (HAL Coy) ¹⁸⁰⁰		205	Whip return @ normal patrols return.	

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913				All Coys	0800	201	Subj: advn @ all patrols subn	
914				A Coy	1035		Inspected to relieve 7 Pl	
915	KANGA	1920 ^{4/22}	1105			0982	Subj: 357 to 1800 ^{4/22} @ Black CAT area @ 2/3 IND. Coy @ recd patrols 21 Feb along HOUSE. COPPER tracks and along JAP tracks from MENZIES June report No contact with enemy @ BUIBAINING area @ BUISAVAH. OP reports our a/c bombed and strafed GUADACASAL ridge and SADDLE area from 1000 ^{4/21} to 1600 ^{4/21} @ result of air activity 285 enemy withdrew from GUADACASAL ridge across SADDLE to MUBO side of SADDLE @ BENA. FORCE @ ANGAU. reports area ONGA KRIAPIT MARRAWASA clear of JAPS since report of concentration at KALAPIT. 30 JAN @ LAE, O.P. @ 7 barges left LAE headed for SALAMAUA at 1945 ^{4/21} @ all informed	
916	KANGA	0830	1105			1P07	Password WAU Town night 23/24 Feb @ VELOCITY @ ^{all} informed	
917				All Coys MDS	1110	202	" " " " " " " " @ " " @ cipher.	
918	HOPO	1230	1234			0986	Two pls 2/7 Btl now June GULLETT. JAP tracks will be relieved by your forces this area @ on completion relief Two pls 2/7 Btl revert comd 2/7 Btl and will return to unit via WANDUMI @ advise time relief completed.	

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Ref No	Unit	IN T.D.O.	T.O.R.	Orig To	Text of Message	Action Taken
919				203	Relief of pl at junction GULLETT JAP tracks is being effected by 2/3 IND. Coy @ Pls will return to bay area on completion of relief.	
920				B Coy 1320	B Coy reports Lt. Lutz pl. back in lines from patrol.	
921	7 Pl A Coy	1220	1330		Ref map WAW locality H' to 1 mile @ patrolling area WEST present fence @ JAP track leads SW 150 then NW past top of grassy knoll 395680 where another track joined from NORTH @ JAP forms for about 30 men in gully 397677 another for about 5 men on grassy knoll 395680 and another for about 15 men 30 yds further into scrub @ no recent occupation @ one enemy dead in second fence also prospective booby trap miscell gear including stretcher @ Heavy timber steep slopes change over 74 9 pl completed 1600 hrs.	
922	A Coy		1500			
923				204	Pls B, C. Coy reported to bay area 1415 hrs @ relief 7 pl A Coy at area ref 399679 effected by 9 pl A Coy at 1500 hrs.	
923	KANGA	0945 ⁴ /43	1530	0985	Whref 358 to 0800 ¹ /23 @ BLACKCAT area @ 2/3 IND. Coy @ no change @ BUIBAINING area @ GUADACASAL. OP reports 348 enemy moved from BUIBAINING Ahno'WAIPALI to SADDLE area between 0900 ¹ /22 to 1615 ⁴ /22 @	

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923 (contd)							carried 165 rifles 6 MMGs 167 unarmed @ one party of 160 included in these dispersed in lumber along MUBO tracks on arrival of Allied a/c @ bombing accurate @ some a/c made 6 runs along BUIBAINING WAIPALI GUADACASAL and SADDLE tracks. No observation BLACKCAT tracks in BUIBAINING area before 1200hrs @ over BUIBAINING WAIPALI our a/c took no aggressive action owing to most @ present dispersal of 2/7 IND Coy @ BUIBAINING WAIPALI HOUSE BANANA areas @ Coy HQ SKINDIWAI @ 2/5 BN forms unchanged @ LAE OP @ by raid at LAE at 1025 ^L /22 @ results unobserved @ recd planes over LAE at 1500 hrs @ SALAMPAUA OP @ bombing heard direction of LAE 1015 ^L /22 @ one Allied a/c over KOMIATUM tracks 1445 ^L /22 @ all informed	
924	B. Coy		1530				Recd report from B. Coy - 11 Pl. -	
925				ALL COYS	1615	205	conference of Coycomds and all pl comds and asking pl comds this HQ 1815 hrs this evening	
926				HQPO ALL COYS	1800	206	atref. above @ all parties sitmor.	
927	HQPO	2345	0040	SABA			Ref. enemy information revealed No1 Para 1 MUBO @ sigs quoted based on captured	

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927 cont							Movement orders and Operational orders less casualties. Totals are maximum and therefore misleading. Actual figures considerably lower due uncounted deaths, sickness and rearward evacuation beyond. MUBO all informed.	
928				HOPO ALL COYS	0800	201	Refp return. Patrols return.	
929	KANGA	1115	2015 4/23			0988	<p>litrep 359 to 1800 4/23. Bulola area. D Coy 2/7 Bn relieving 2/5</p> <p>Indep Coy in Bob's MARKHAM area 23 FEB. D Coy H. B. WAMPITO. C Coy placed small standing patrols for duration of not less than 14 days at PATED II and PATED. BLACKCAT area. Two pl 2/7 Bn reported back WAW area from GULLETT JUNG 2/3.</p> <p>Indep Coy. HOUSE COPPER area. No activity. Recce patrols moving south from MENZIES JUNG and north from GULLETT JUNG. Report no contact with the enemy or each other. Distance from GULLETT JUNG to MENZIES JUNG considered 24 hrs march. BUIBAINING area. Nothing to report. SAHAMAVA O.P. called. A/C bombed KOMIATUM 0750 4/23. Allied A/C over MUBO KOMIATUM area all morning so bombing or strafing heard. All informed.</p>	

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930	KANGA	0830	1115			1P08	PASSWORD WAFU down night 24/25 @ VENEREAL @ all informed	
931				All Corp MDS. BECH	1215	202	" " " " @ " @ (cipher)	
932				All Corp MDS. BECH copy to Bn HQ	1453	203	Dupe policy for 25 Feb @ Conds will make available full cap excl. essential personnel for rd work @ respective R.V.S as follows @ A Coy LITTLE WAU CK Bn. HQ BIA WAFU CK @ D Coy FULLER @ C Coy SLAUGHTER HOUSE @ B Coy LEAHY'S FARM @ Cap. will work west to east @ Als HQ, D Coy will continue work BOMB SHELTER @ during normal duty policy D, B, C Coy will continue task as above each pl @	
933	KANGA	1225	1505			0993	It is intended to put the SAWMILLS in order and it is forbidden for any type of material to be removed from the SAWMILL area @ units will be responsible for promulgating this order to Aps under their bond.	
934	KANGA	1225	1505			0992	ref subref 359 of 23 Feb @ amend first part third sentence D Coy 2/7 Bn to read D Coy 2/6 Bn. @ all informed	
935	KANGA	0705	1505			0991	subref 360 to 0800 ^H /24 @ BUIBAINING area @ GUADAGASAL. CP report @ 1800 ^H /22 162 enemy moved from BUIBAINING through WAIPALI towards SADDLE area @	

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935 (contd)	KANGA						64 unarmed @ no movement observed 23 Feb @ 0800 4/22-1420/22 allied A/C bombed and strafed BUTAINING- WAIPALI and SADDLE area and main tracks SADDLE to MUBO @ bombing and strafing reported accurate no detailed observations @ LAE OP @ raid at 1100 hrs by Allied A/C BUTIBUM MALAHANG BUSU river @ High AA @ BDFORS type gun now in action LAE locality map ref 5921 @ a general inspection of LAE including gun positions appeared to be made by staff officer 23 Feb @ all informed.	
936				HQPO (ALL COYS)	1800	204	sitrep sitrep @ patrols sitrep	
								25/2/43
937				HQPO (ALL COYS)	0800	201	sitrep sitrep @ patrols sitrep	
938	KANGA	1846	1130			0997	SITREP 361 to HQAL/24 @ WAVU area @ one sub-sec. 1 BUST MIN Bty arrived KAISENIK PM 24 Feb @ recon patrol 21/25 best boy at H12720 located several parties of burnt JAP bodies and Eqt @ BLACKCAT Area @ 2/3 Endep by @ patrol from MENZIES same along JAP track from GULLET JAP track June at AMBUSH CK @	

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2	5/2/43					Portel	No enemy contacted @ Ambush ck half way between GULLET JOP track junction and MENZIES Junction @ LAE OP Trid at 0950h/24 on BUTIBUM MALAHANG BUSU area @ one amm dump hit @ by AB and mg fire from usual posn also two posn EAST side MT LUKAMANE SALAMAUA DP @ two all med Boats observed at LOKANU near at 1055/24 @ by firing lead direction MARKHAM 1230h/23 @ All informed @	
1939	KANGA	0830	1130			1P09	Periscope WAV Town P.M. 25/24 @ CASUALTIES @ all informed @	
1940							addition to code list	
1941	14-20	0100 25	1130				Report No patrol available with further notes @ all informed.	
				ALL Coy	1255	202	Periscope in Citter	
1939	KANGA	0930 1/25	1525			06	Setup 362 at 1800/25 @ BLACKCAT area @ 2/3 Indep Coy @ recce patrol fwd HOUSE COPPER and on BITOI track to north of HOUSE COPPER @ BUIBAINING area @ BUISAVAL OP reports	

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Reg No	Unit	IN T.O.O.	T.O.R.	Unit	T.O.O.	Orig No	Text of Message	Action Taken
							SADDLE area BOMBED and strafed 24 Feb. 0 GUADAGASAL OP reports only one enemy moved from WAIPALI towards MUBO at 0930h/24. 0 Three fires observed between WAIPALI and GUADAG- ASAL. 0 Two A/C at 0900h/24 made 4 runs over WAIPALI 3 over MUBO 1 over KOMIATUM 3 over SADDLE area dropped 8 bombs on SADDLE 0 1100h/24 3 A/C made 3 runs over SADDLE dropping 7 bombs 2 runs over GUADAGASAL and 2 over MUBO. 0 SALAMAU OP 0 three landing barges observed approaching SALAMAU harbour 1800h/24. 0 all informed	
940				DENI	1635 ⁴ /25	200	CO request MAJ NORRIS to return book "THIS ABOVE ALL" IMMEDIATELY	
941				HQPO All Coys	1800	203	Setup Situa. 0 Pokoh Situa.	
942	KANGA	1545	1830			013	Please fwd interim reports on following 0 1 0 brief statement JAP Aches' Board new developments or special eqpt noted 0 2 0 description of any attempts by JAPS to maintain secrecy and attain surprise 0	

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91121 (Comd)	KANGA						3 @ deficiencies if any in our eqpt and suggestions to remedy this deficiency @ 4 @ were any additional weapons or eqpt to that authorised in WE used or substituted and reasons therefore @ 5 @ conclusions or lessons to be learned from this operation @ 6 @ any other facts or recommendations @ reports will reach KANGA by 1 Mar except in case 2/5 BN 2/3 and 2/7 IND Corp who will fwd reports when possible.	

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Reg No	Unit	IN T.O.O.	T.O.R.	Unit T.O.O.	Orig No	Text of Message	Action Taken
943				ALL COYS. 0800	201	Ref. to normal patrols at night	
944				3180 ALL Coy comms 0853	202	Coys will find report to reach this HQ 1800 hrs 22 FEB on following @ JAP tactics to and new developments or special eqpt noted @ Description any attempt by JAP to maintain secrecy and attain surprise @ Deficiencies if any our eqpt suggestions to remedy same @ Additional weapons or eqpt others than WE used or substituted and reasons for same @ Conclusions drawn or lessons learned from this op @ Any other facts or recommendations @ Coy comms RV this HQ 0900 28 FEB for discussion of above	
945				B Coy 1030		B Coy instructed A Pl 8 Pl 1500 hrs 26 Feb.	
946				ALL COYS. 0952	176	During action WAFU area waller containing 1/25 property Pte GIBBONS was mistaid @ If held by any person this unit request return this HQ as earliest	

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Reg No	Unit	IN T.O.O.	T.O.R.	Unit	T.O.O.	Orig No	Text of Message	Action Taken
947	HOPO	1905 ⁴ / ₂₅	1135			016	Subref 363 No 1800 ⁴ / ₂₅ @ WAU. area @ returned from BOBS. MARKHAM GABENSIS area 24 Feb @ BUIBAINING area @ BUIBAINING. O.P. reports no enemy movement down BLACKCAT tracks from direction HOUSE COPPER. 24 Feb @ LAE. OP. @ planes heard over LAE 1500 ⁴ / ₂₅ presumed enemy but no visibility @ all informed	By recel for by
948	KANGA	0830 ⁴ / ₂₆	1135			IP. 10	Password WAU. Town night 26/27 Feb @ Tropical Disease	
949	"	0941 ⁴ / ₂₆	1135			0.25	Subref 364 No 0800 ⁴ / ₂₆ @ 2/3 IND. Coy @ one PL holding ridge 624818 sketch map MUBO. WAIPALI area @ NO. enemy contacted @. 2/5 BN @ recel fatal WAIPALI ridge repaired JAPS at HOUSE. KIAP 800 x S.W. WAIPALI @ NO. enemy movement WAIPALI area @ our a/c over SADDLE 25 Feb dropped 3 bombs MUBO 15 bombs MUBO. SADDLE area 6 bombs GUADACASAL and 30 bombs and strafing runs WAIPALI @ all informed.	
950				ALL BOYS MID'S. B. ECH	1150	203	Password from 1800 hrs 26 Feb No 1800 hrs 27 Feb is TROPICAL DISEASE @ ACK.	
951				All boys	1245	204	All WAU. WEST PROVINCIAL one inch to one mile to be destroyed on receipt of this message @ ACK.	

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Reg No	Unit	IN T.D.O.	T.O.R.	Unit	T.O.O.	Orig No	Text of Message	Action Taken
952				B.C. Coys H.Q. Coy	1345	205	B.C. Coys to provide one sec. each to act as security guard over eqpt in ANDERSON N.G.G. SAWMILLS respect O Guard to operate from 1600 hrs today O B Coy guard to be permanent O reliefs as directed by O.C. B Coy O H.Q. Coy to relieve C Coy 1600 1 MARCH O Q Madvised O Ack.	
953				all Coys	1404	206	Ref JUNIOR LEADERS SCH O Students will bring TRACK MAP WAV - MvBo area for lecture 27 FEB.	
954				HOPO	1510	207	B Coy reports that relief of A Coy at 1500 hrs. Relief of 7 Pl A Coy by 11 Pl B Coy at 1500 hrs. effected at 1500 hrs.	
955				HOPO ALL COYS	1800	208	Wref, minor O fabrics in store.	
956	HOPO					038	Comd. write to discuss report on Recent Ops WAV area with B.O. AM 27 get	
957	LANFORCE MELBOURNE	1000 ⁴ /26	0745			110520 VX 5124	(Scholar) 03372 expedite reply LHB signal A10486 Feb 10 Cpl Kennedy H. J.	

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Reg No	Unit	IN T.O.O.	T.O.R.	Unit	T.O.O.	Orig No	Text of Message	Action Taken
958	KANGA	0830	1140			IP11	PASSWORD WAITOWN NIGHT. 27/28 FEB @ AUSTERITY RULES @ ALL INFORMED	
959	KANGA	1.34.5/26				029	Sitrep 365 to 1800 L/26 @ BLACKCAT area @ 2/3 INDEP Coy @ patrols arrived at June. BLACKCAT BUIBAINING tracks @ patrol killed 9 Japs this vicinity @ a patrol from B/P1 contacted 2/5 Bn vicinity June BLACKCAT BUIBAINING tracks @ HQ and C P1 moving to BALBI CK @ BALBI CK is approx 800 yds WEST from BLACK CAT BUIBAINING tracks June @ BUIBAINING area @ patrol from 2/7 INDEP Coy report that at least 150 JAPS evacuated camp in PISSER area PM 25 FEB and moved towards WAIPALI one patrol killing 21 JAPS @ LAE OP @ said by by-bombers at 0350 L/26 @ H large barges and one launch arrived LABU from LAE at 0740 L/26 appeared to contain 200 Japs @ one bomber	

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959 (cont)							parked beside No 1 blast bay. O SAKAMAU OP. O 2 a/c over area 0300 L/26 bombing heard duration of MFE 0335 L/26 O plane dropped over SAKAMAU 0400 L/26 O MG fire observed from crest of hill to left on ODENS HOUSE O	
960	KANBA	2255 L/26				039	all informed Sitrep 366 to 2230 L/26 O offensive action by 2/7 INDEF Coy with under command one coy 2/5 BN BUIBAINING WAIPAI area today consisted mainly three strong patrols which moved first to this area after our a/c completes bombing striking same area from 1100 to 1135 hrs today as requested O first O patrol moved down BUIBAINING Spur to KUNDA BR 633819 Ref sketch map WAIPAI MUSE area O No contact with enemy O NO movement seen NORTH BITTOI R O second O area SOUTH BITTOI R and between WAIPAI BUIBAINING patrolled O	

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Ref No	Unit	IN T.D.O.	T.O.R.	Unit	T.O.O.	Orig No	Text of Message	Action Taken
							Large number well camouflaged but seen many in course direction evidence recent occupation an uncounted number enemy dead majority those dead several days 0 third 0 patrol to ^{wd} to WAIPAW No contact with enemy but evidence of recent occupation 0 fourth 0 2/3 HQ Coy less one pl. protected left flank 2/7 HQ Coy and 2/5 BN / Coy by moving down BLACKCAT track and occupying area JUNE BLACKCAT BUIBAINING tracks 0 all informed	
961				ALL COYS 8 ECH M.D.S	1305	201	Password for HAU TOWN 27/28 FEB	
962	KANCA	0945/27	1511			042	Subrep 367 at 0800 4/27 0 nothing further to report 0 all informed	
963				DADO 764 Coys	1800	202	Subrep subrep 0 Patrols subrep.	
964		A. Leaf					Subrep to outpost along Jap track - to outpost nothing to report.	
965	FOX			DADO for ORO NGE	2010 4/27	203	WX1H168 Pte CONNOLLY WM posted missing BELIEVED KILLED 29 JAN 43 NX107284 Pte DAVY JC	

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965 (cont)							<p>posted missing 30 JAN @ our ear return! NG 30 JAN refers @ infom received DAVY was inmate 5^{CCS} CONNOLLY was to MAINLAND @ No records of above area from this area held by MDS or this HQ @ Can you check and advise if DAVY CONNOLLY admitted HOSP your area since 30 JAN.</p>	
966							<p>@ 2210 hrs a explosion was heard forward of H.Q. Coy area. Susmised to be a boobie trap set off by some animal @ Brigade engaged into explosion.</p>	

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967				DADO	0800	201	whf subor @ pakab subor	
968	28/2/43	0828	1030				OPD will Release 1 VMG as arrested store touch to 2/6 2/9 Bns @ To to arrange to deliver to 2/6 Bn	
	KANGA						SITREP. 368 to 1800 hrs/27 (C) WAU area @ two hours from 1 AVST MTN Bty arrived KASINIK AM 27 FEB @ Bulolo area @ Recce patrol left KIRKLAND & ref map HUAN GOLF at 0530 hrs for NAZDAB DROME @ BUIBANING area @ Area SOUTH of BITOL River now clear of enemy except for GUADAGASAL RIDGE and SADDLE @ Recce patrol moving across BITOL R to LILIBUAD sent MAP MUBOWAIPALI area 634828 (not shown) our Gwd Hs now established BUIBANING WAIPALI spurs and on to from HOUSE MABU HOUSE BANANA @ OP at WAIPALI (C) delayed reports state 24 JAPS KILLED 26/29 FEB on E WEST BUIBANING DSALAMVA @ 26 FEB @ Mail at 1510 hrs cloud obscured visibility @ results NOT observed @ 1900 hrs barge activity between MALAHANG LAKE LABU @ all informed @	

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969	KANGA	0830	1130			1P12	Password. WAU TOWN PM 28/1 MILITARY all informed	
970				Pl cap	1125	202	Password in CIPHER	
971	KANGA	1015-31	1535			058	Sitrep 369 to 0800+28 GUADAGARAL BUISAVAI OP. no findings report 47 enemy dead on BLACK CAT TR. between BUIBAINING and WAIPALI. in addition many bodies in scrub off track. Some of these bodies badly smashed probably as a result of A/C bombing. Rachel reports BITOI RIVER in flood, impossible to cross. LAE OP reports 1555 HRS LABU area heavily shrapnel for 30 minutes. no results observed even 40 miles GENERAL INFO. It is reported that JAPS are constructing an outpost similar to HEATHS between YAKU + MUNUM all informed	
972				DADO	1800	203	Sitrep Sitrep @ abnormal patrol return	

Patrol Reports

Patrol. D Coy.

out. 0900. in 1840.

moved to grassy slopes. ref ~~391~~ 391685

0 no tracks to South or West. 0 found.

12 graves to East of 393685. 0

followed track on 85° N. bearing.

To approx 398688 0 ~~was~~ found large

communal grave est. 6 bodies. 0

~~also found~~ approx 7 coolies

boards. 0 4 ~~was~~ loaded with

miscellaneous of ~~own~~ ^{out} gear-clothing

etc. 0 ~~was~~ 2 tin containing ~~off~~

7 ^{empty} mortar bombs. approx 3% many

indications of heavy shelling in

area. 0 main track lead ~~about~~

to EAST. 0 took smaller track

to 399690 0 here evidence of

occupation 0 weapon pits etc.

patrol returned to area.

0900 185° to ground
clearing 394687. waited

1050 - 1205.

Curbed feature.

no evidence on S or W
of any activity

on eastern side of 12
graves. ~~including~~ ~~##~~

back track 85° 700*

398688. Large grave. 6 bodies

7-4 coolie boards

loaded with a number
our gear clothing etc.

2 tin - mortar bombs
packed - 7. approx 3"

1 large case which may have
cotton bales

signs of stelling all about
area. not sure what in ground
as in trees

25
46
81
5409 Reef
Gorden 390709

Took smaller track. to left
to 399089. wadie
very thick scrub + jungle
head of river 399090
evidence of occupation
weapons etc dug. 1615.

1730. A.C. Coy.

1840.

NIBBS. B Coy.

VX 3203. P. O'HANLON.
A.

Report of Patrol by 14 Platoon, Feb. 9/43.
Strengths 14, 3 Sections.

Area Patrolled: South of H.Q. Bay F.D.L. to
Grassy Hill & beyond as per instructions
B.H.Q. Object: No Search for enemy & Tracks.
Left R.V. 0900 Hours. Returned Coy H.Q. 1605.

Narrative:

From R.V. through H.Q. bay position, followed
tracks & searched ground to Grassy Hill.
Going fair. No sign of enemy at all, except
tracks which had not been used since rain
on previous night. ^{1100 hrs} Searched Grassy Hill
& found shell holes around lower left corner
& a few nearer the top. No sign of bodies. Hill steep.
All tracks leave this place on the left or east
side. ^{1215 hrs} Searched for track leaving this area
& going right or west. Nothing to be seen.
South & west from Grassy Hill are steep gullies
full of scrub & timber. Entered gully on South
side of Grassy Hill & proceeded West & then North
to return via H.Q. bay area. Going hard.
No enemy seen throughout.

Casualties: Own - Nil.

Enemy - Nil.

Arrived 1100 hrs at Grassy Hill. J. Law. a/sgt.
Left approx 1215 hrs. No contact made Patrol Leader
with D Coy Patrol at this place.

149
215 MTS

Ray Smith Re Setna

Lt Jirby

— saw no tracks.

out. along track following spur for 12 P.
in " " " " " " " " " "

heard enemy ref. 401678, est 12. approx.

400679.

1 man dead 2 capt. from above
and killed yesterday Smoke area.



15 Feb. C Coy

Sgt. Redd.

0830 hr

1630 hr

Laversham Big WAO. Creek to point above.

364 665

Returned along creek to Pt. 371677 followed track to N.W. above 200' then N.E. following contour toward feature down branch of Big WAO Creek a short distance thence along track to point.

383 693. Where a group of huts had been encountered on the outward move. Huts comprised 1 large

In vicinity 3 small. evidence of approx 20 fires. Large hut had holes evidently been
+ J.S.M.G.

Patrol encountered no enemy or saw any indications of enemy occupation of the area. at Ref 381692 several tracks to EAST.

PATROL AND CONTACT REPORT

REF MAP *Wau. Wood 4 mile* SCALE *4" 1 mile* DATE *12/2/43*

PATROL FOUND BY *6* Pl *H. 9* COY PATROL COMD *Wiles*

PATROL STRENGTH *149* NATURE of PATROL *Rece*
(Fighting, Standing, Recce etc)

TIME OUT *0700* hours TIME IN *0830* hours
397712 for presence of enemy

OBJECT of PATROL *to patrol edge of contact*
to be patrol

ROUTE OUT *From 38 7709*

ROUTE IN *to Coy H. 9 Fuller's House*

NARRATIVE

*1. Thousand yards on bearing of 65^{MAS} through edge
on bearing 150^{MAS} contacted by Coy
Detail report*

(The following to be used if contact is made with the enemy)

Enemy contacted at (Ref) (Also indicate by sketch on reverse side of this report)

Enemy Strength est to be

Enemy was in Defensive Posn Patrolling

Advancing (Give direction of Advance)

Enemy was supported by Mortars M.Gs

Arty A.F.V.

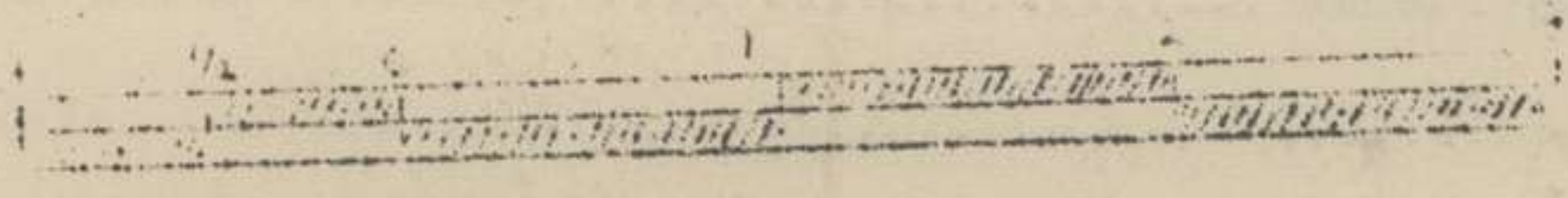
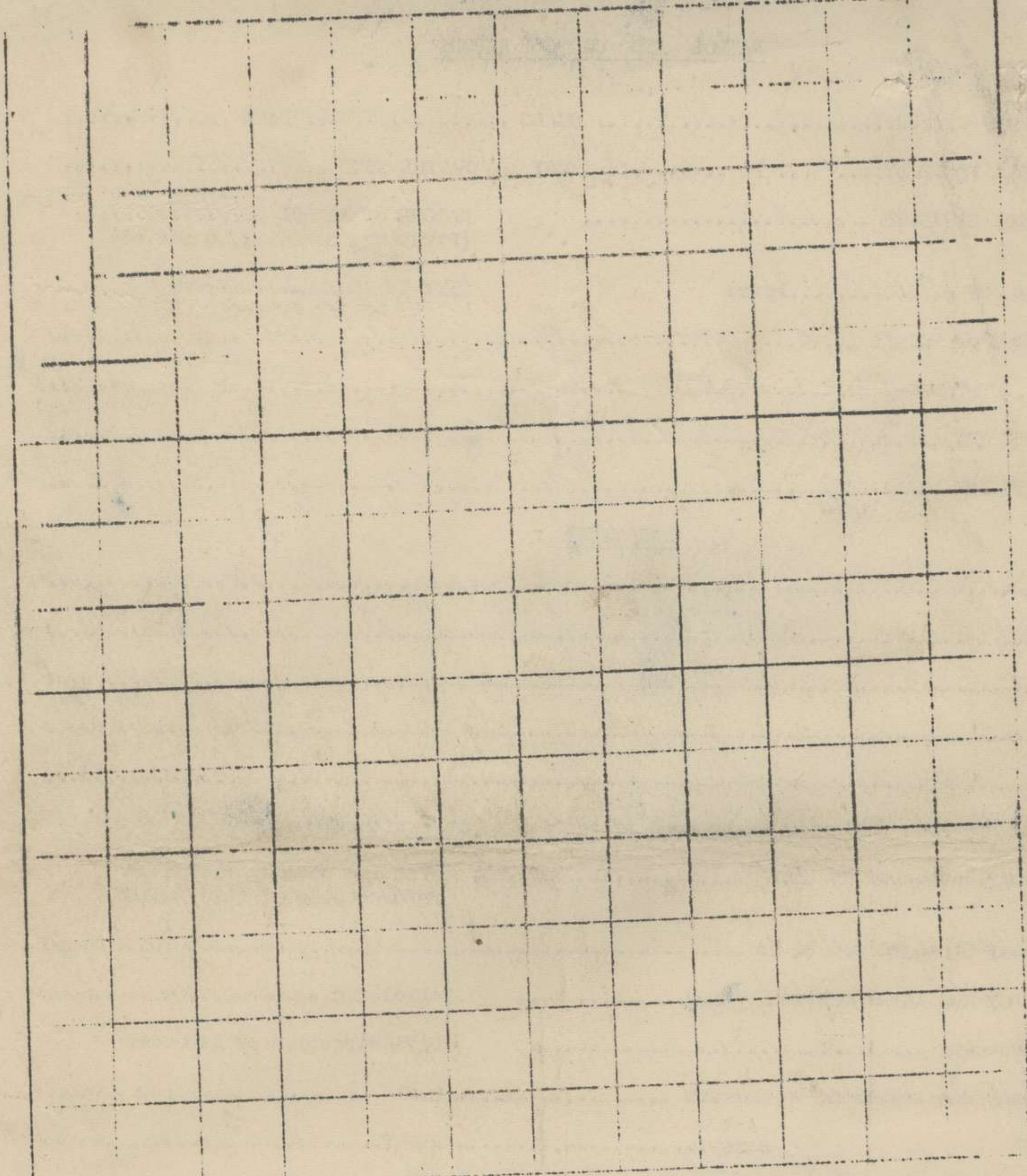
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CASUALTIES SUFFERED - KILLED WOUNDED

PRISONERS TAKEN

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PATROL AND CONTACT REPORT

REF MAP SCALE DATE 9 Feb 43

PATROL FOUND BY 15 Pl COY PATROL COMD Sgt Heett

PATROL STRENGTH NATURE of PATROL Fighting
(Fighting, Standing, Recce etc)

TIME OUT 0830 hours TIME IN 1630 hours

OBJECT of PATROL Recce Beg WAD road

ROUTE OUT B HQ to MDS to 383693 to 365665 back to

ROUTE IN 376770 track ^{NW} to 369679 to 383693 and back

NARRATIVE

4 Autos @ 1400 + 3 small @ at 383693 evidence of approx 20 persons
4 Autos had S.A. ^{this} ~~Wade~~ ^{Henry} ~~Pratt~~ ^{Pratt} + TSMC @ Det. NOT encountered
any signs of enemy @ at 383692, several cars track to EAST.

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Advancing (Give direction of Advance)

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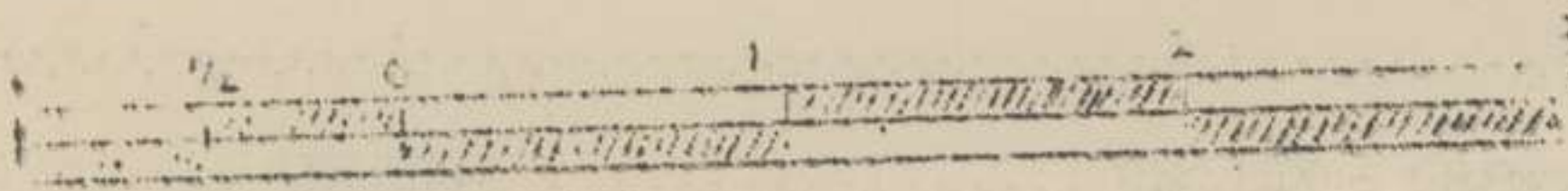
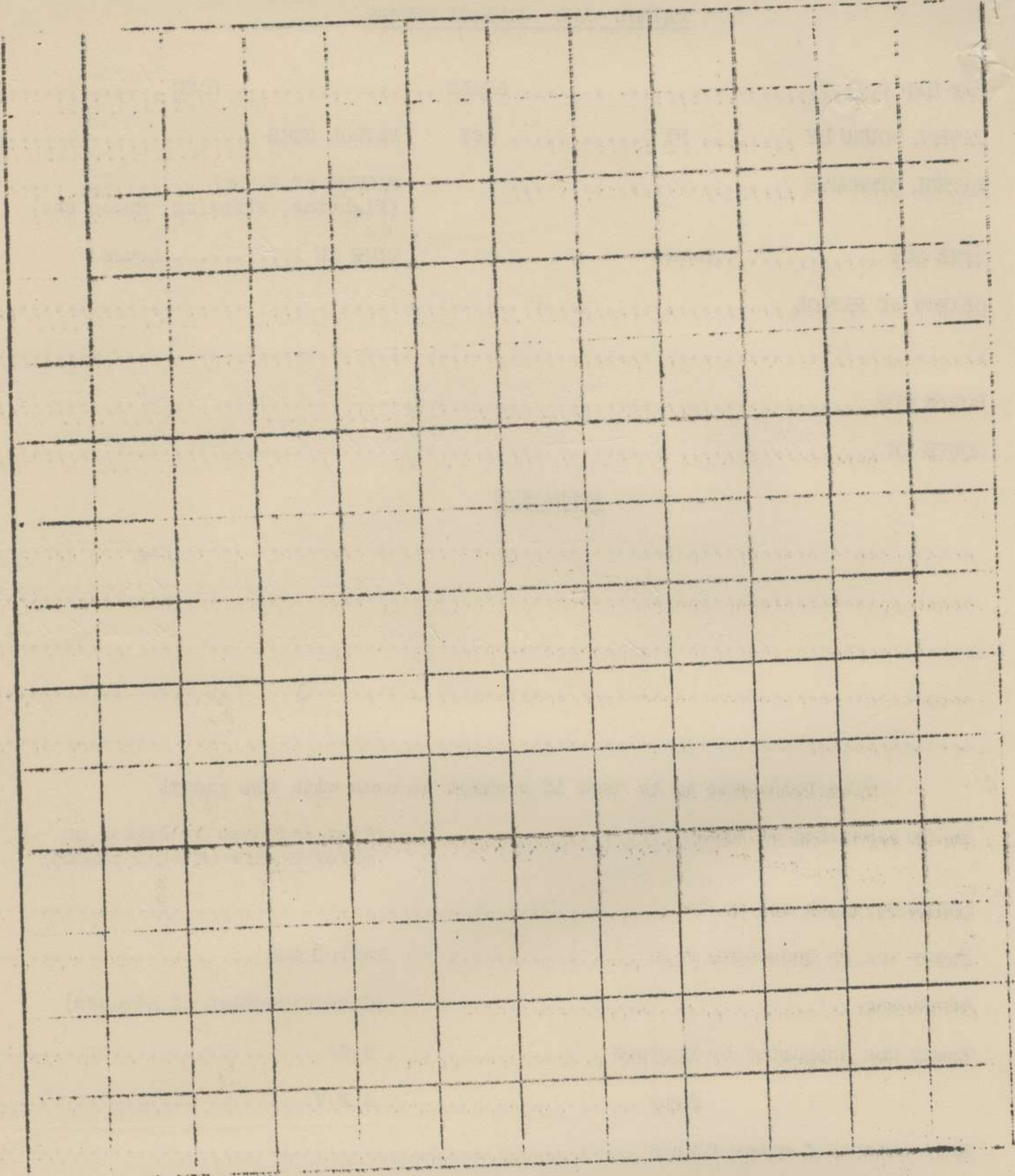
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PATROL AND CONTACT REPORT

REF MAP SCALE DATE *9 Feb 43*

PATROL FOUND BY *11* Pl *B* COY PATROL COMD *H. Futz*

PATROL STRENGTH *1 Pl* NATURE of PATROL *Lightly Recce*
(Fighting, Stalling, Peccce etc)

TIME OUT *0930* hours TIME IN *1250* hours

OBJECT of PATROL *To find Yonderlyan back for
main feature to Bull Dog AREA*

ROUTE OUT *to 401697 crossed re-entrant to NW*

ROUTE IN *to 398678 & down re-entrant to "S" Coy*

NARRATIVE

*Strack track
at 401697 observed 12 JAPS moving NE down
re-entrant. B followed track to 398678 which
lead up main feature.*

(The following to be used if contact is made with the enemy)

Enemy contacted at (Ref) (Also indicate by sketch on
reverse side of this report)

Enemy Strength est to be

Enemy was in Defensive Posn Patrolling

Advancing (Give direction of Advance)

Enemy was supported by Mortars M.Cs

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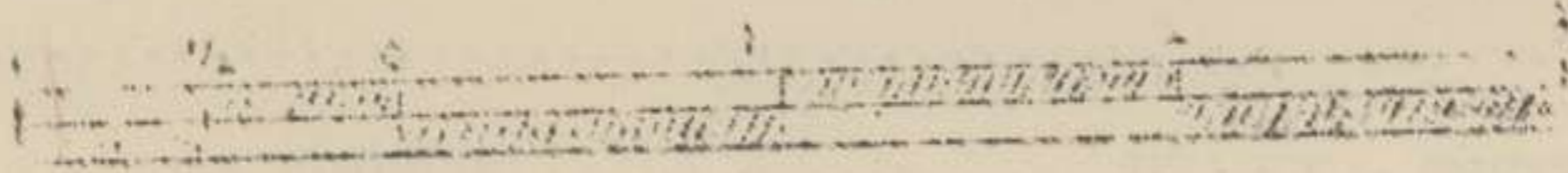
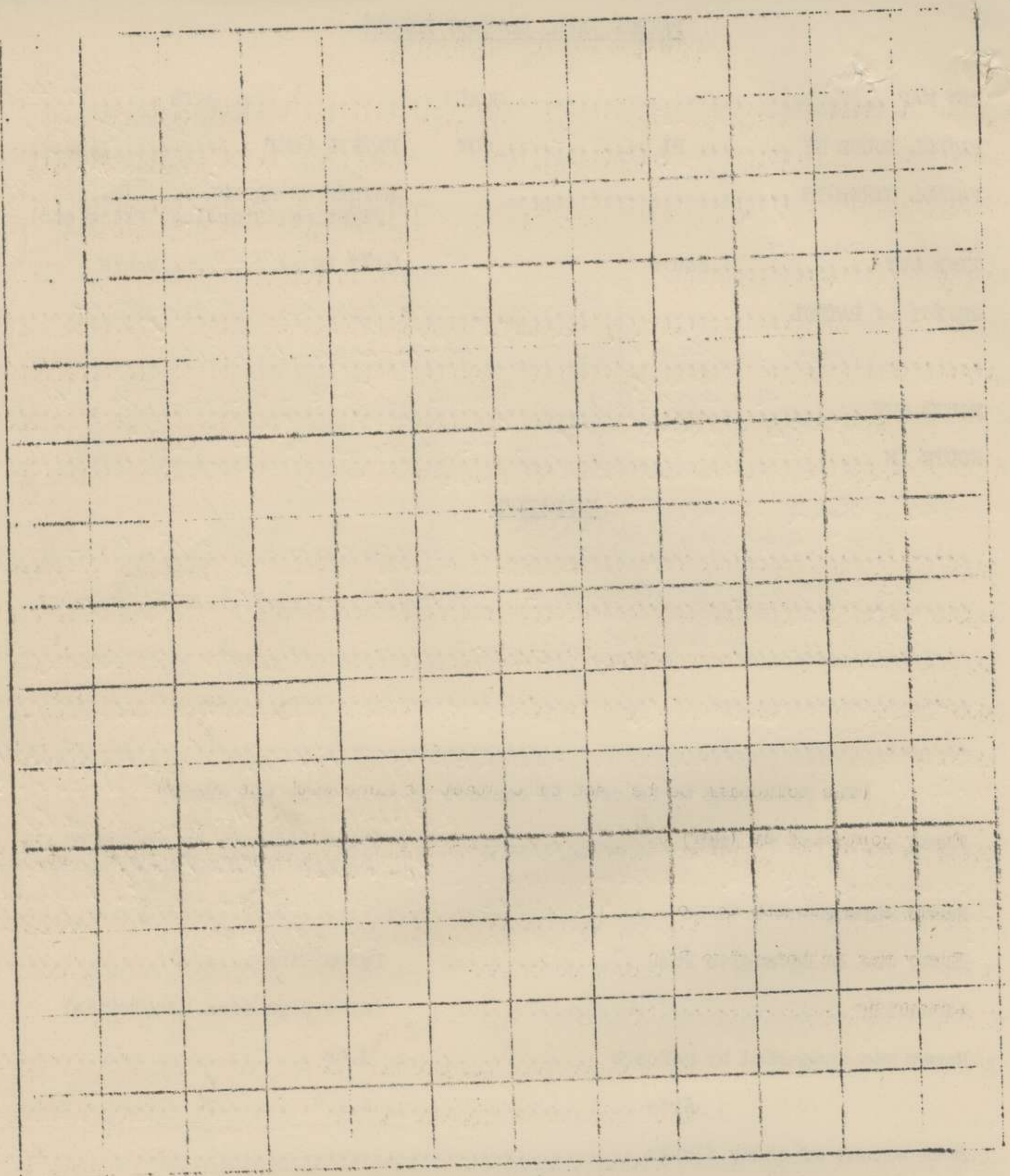
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PATROL AND CONTACT REPORT

REF MAP *NAV. 4" = 1 MILE* SCALE DATE *9. 2. 42*
PATROL FOUND BY *1st Pl A.P. Coy* PATROL COID *Lieut. Penrose*

PATROL STRENGTH *1/18* NATURE of PATROL *F*
(Fighting, Standing, Recce etc)

TIME OUT *1000* hours TIME IN *1545* hours

OBJECT of PATROL *ascertain result shelling night 8/6 and locate any enemy*

ROUTE OUT *299694 along well defined track to 294692*

ROUTE IN *from 294692 across high ground to spur 29869 following track along spur to re-ent SW LEAHY'S FARM to fwd pl A Coy 299693*

NARRATIVE

Then turned south along KULANG CK for 500' up 298687 then east to 400687 then N along spur to LEAHY'S FARM. No tracks or sign of enemy along CK. Track from re-ent fwd pl A Coy along CK and across spur to LEAHY'S FARM is new well defined and evidently man track used by Japanese

(The following to be used if contact is made with the enemy)

On Spur leading down to LEAHY'S FARM one badly wounded 2/3 by soldier was located just off track. He was removed by stretcher to ambulance and died
Enemy contacted at (Ref) (Also indicate by sketch on reverse side of this report)
Enemy Strength est to be *on track lead. Had evidence of many bayonets*

Enemy was in Defensive Posn Patrolling

Advancing (Give direction of Advance)

Enemy was supported by Mortars M.Gs

Arty A.F.V.

Estd extent of enemy flanks

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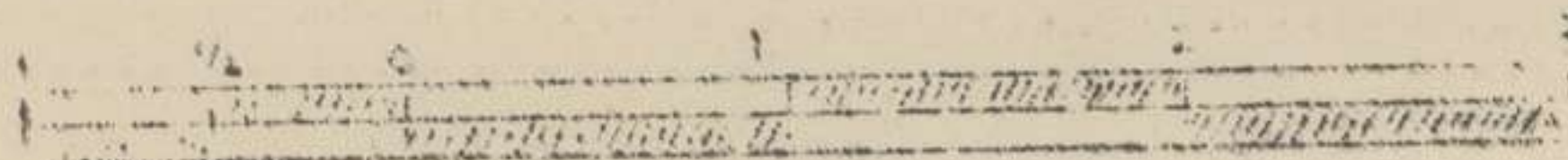
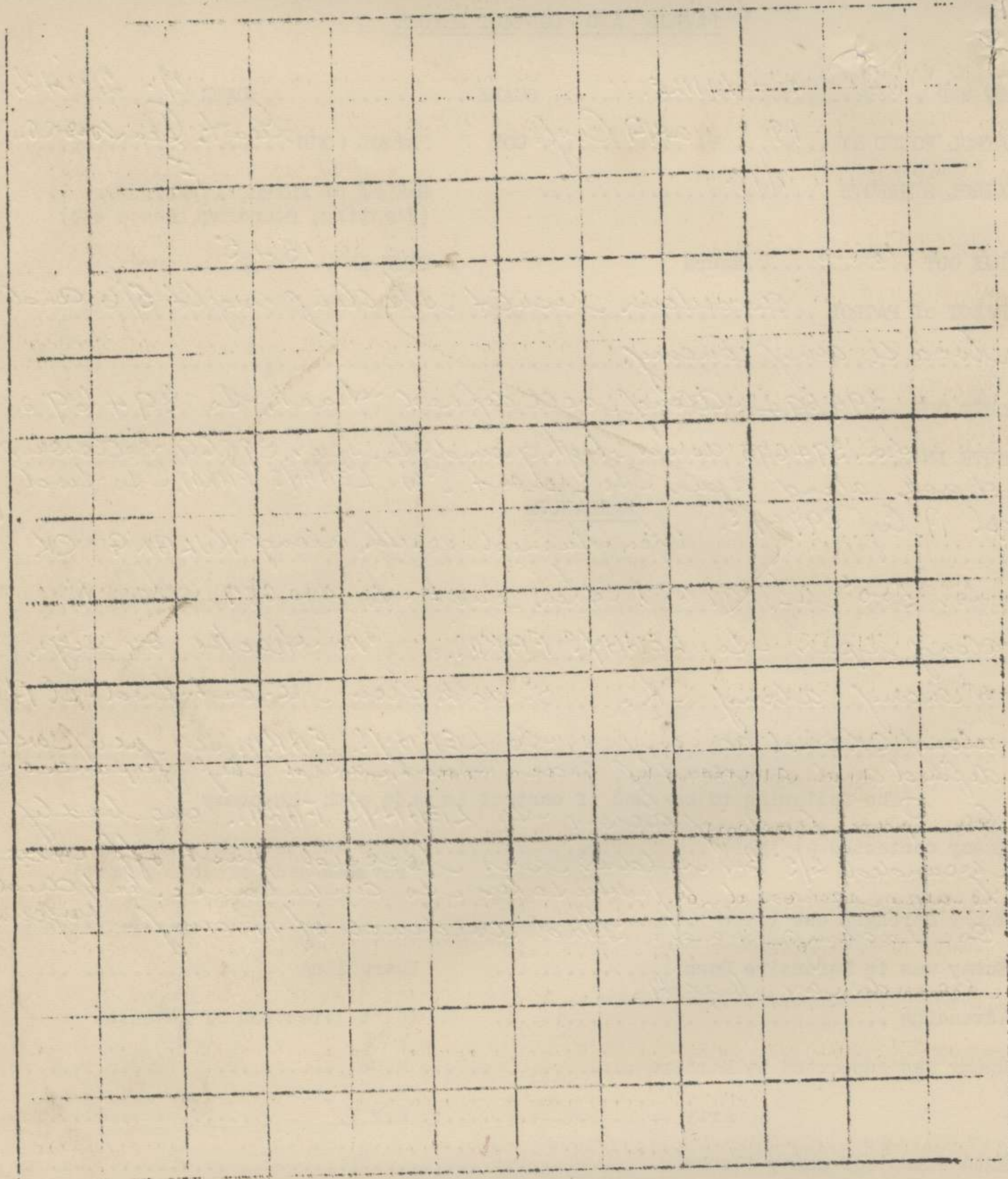
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PATROL AND CONTACT REPORT

REF MAP WAW LOCALITY SCALE 1" = 1 MILE DATE 8

PATROL FOUND BY 11 Pl B COY PATROL COMD Sgt Tennant

PATROL STRENGTH 14 NATURE of PATROL Recce
(Fighting, Standing, Recce etc)

TIME OUT 0830 hours TIME IN 1600 hours

OBJECT of PATROL To move from B Coy area and
ascertain if any tracks lead to CRYSTAL CK along GRID 69

ROUTE OUT Grid 69 magnetic 6 ft

ROUTE IN NORTH WEST TO Rd

NARRATIVE

Moved from area B Coy through jungle to 417 693
hit MAGNETIC CK 420 690. Owing to deep slopes along
banks of CK, unable to cross. Found tracks leading
in NW direction followed tracks and saw discarded
grens with Rd number track hit rd at 413 697

(The following to be used if contact is made with the enemy)

Enemy contacted at (Ref) (Also indicate by sketch on reverse side of this report)

Enemy Strength est to be

Enemy was in Defensive Posn Patrolling

Advancing (Give direction of Advance)

Enemy was supported by Mortars M.Gs

Arty A.F.V.

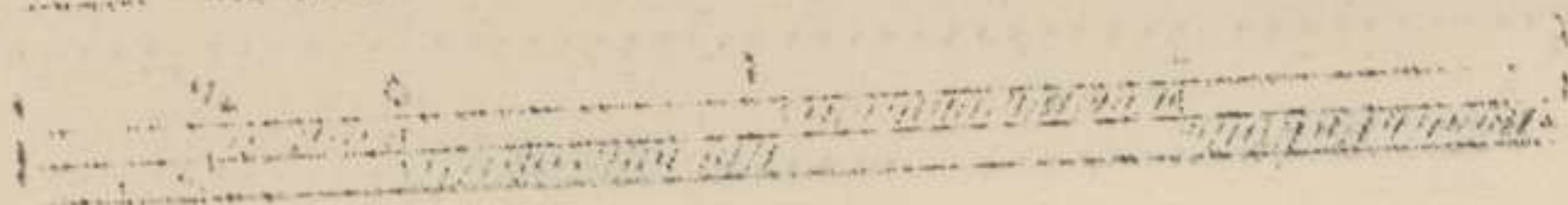
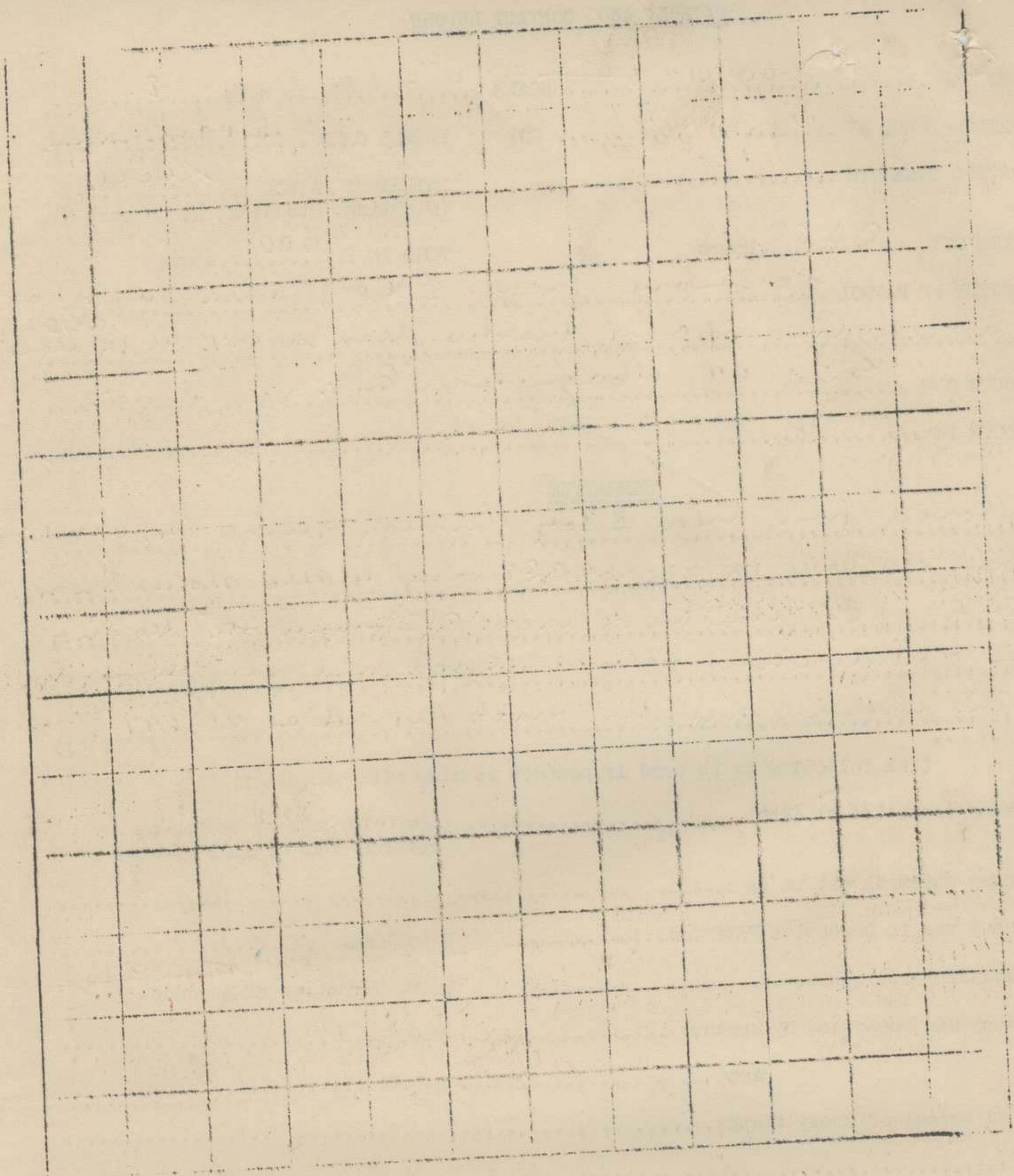
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no enemy sighted in whole of movement



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PATROL AND CONTACT REPORT

REF MAP SCALE DATE 8.12

PATROL FOUND BY 10 Pl COY PATROL COMD Lt Yietz

PATROL STRENGTH 1 Pl NATURE of PATROL Fighting
(Fighting, Standing, Recce etc)

TIME OUT 0830 hours TIME IN 1415 hours

OBJECT of PATROL Spent out enemy tracks

ROUTE OUT Proceeded up Kwadi CK arrived in plateau

ROUTE IN 3900 could not be EAST, captured ^{slips} ~~the~~ ^{carried a up to the} ~~map~~

NARRATIVE

No tracks of personnel

(The following to be used if contact is made with the enemy)

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Enemy Strength est to be

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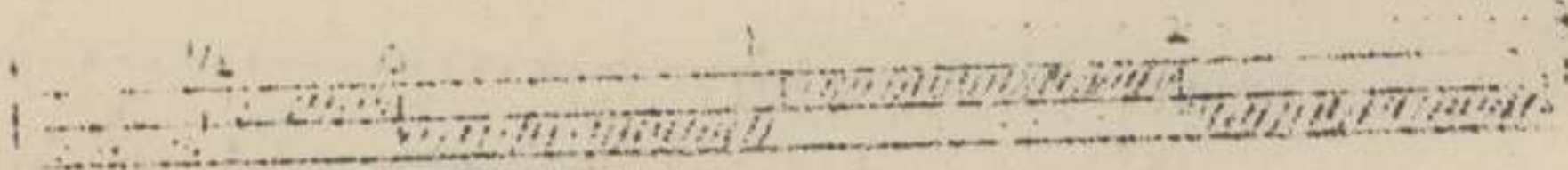
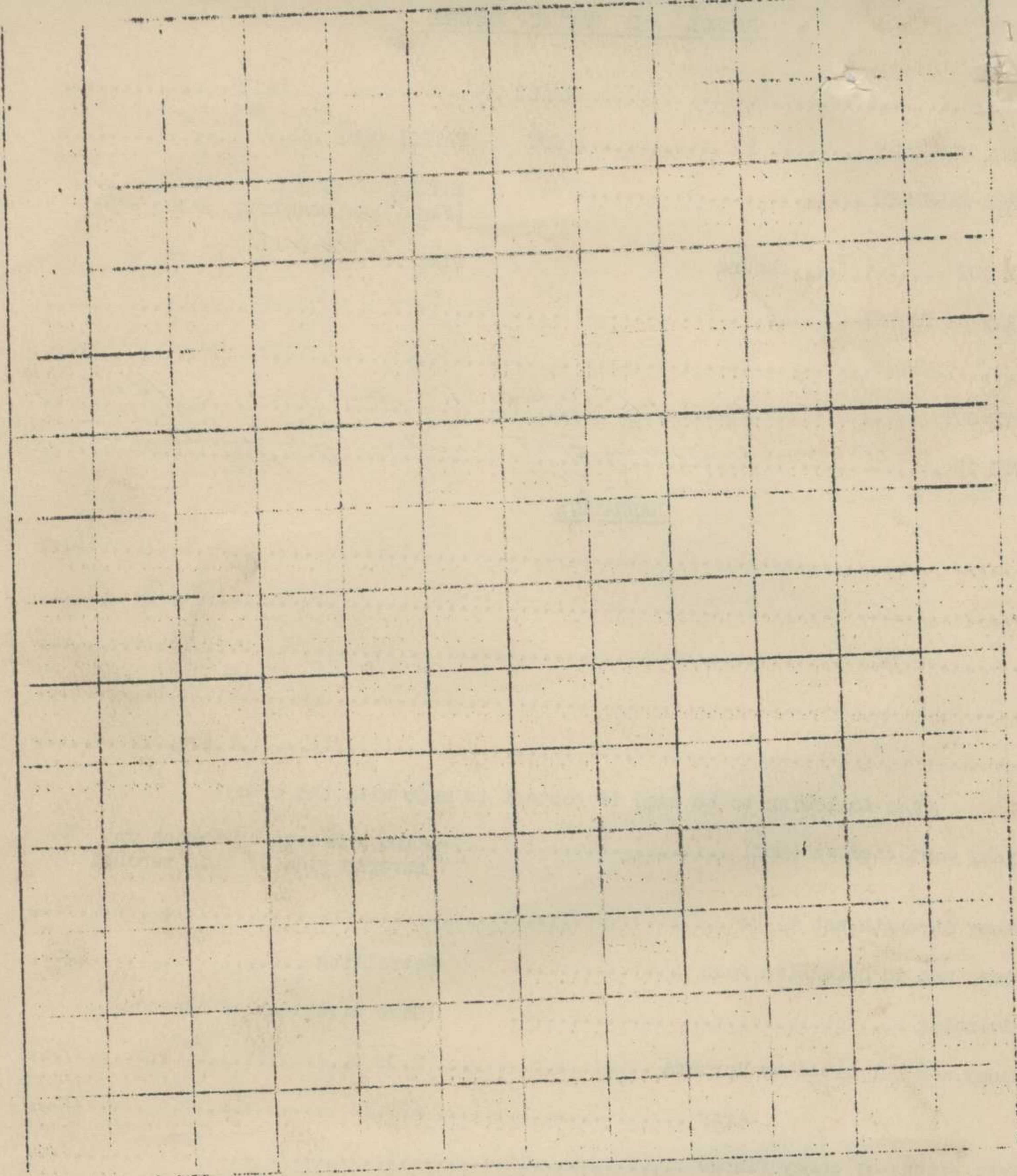
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Patrol Strength 15 men. P.C. Patrol Sgt Worle VX 4741

Time out 1430 hrs. Time in 1758.

Route Out. East from H. Q. F. D. L. to creek - Nth East along creek 200'
East to ridge on opposite bank of creek - Nth along ridge to
deep saddle - Nth East across saddle to continuation of
ridge ~~to~~ down ridge to Don Coy F. D. L.

Narrative

Followed track from H. Q. F. D. L. to creek where track
petered out, then moved along on West bank of creek
till a track on East side observed. Then crossed creek
and followed track to top of ridge where struck clearly
defined track, followed this to deep saddle on far side
of saddle found first sign of Jap positions which
were from top of saddle down to within 60 to 80'
from Don Coy F. D. L. judging by digging this was
occupied by 2 to 3 platoons. From main track a number
of small tracks running each way presumably to water
Papers picked attached to report. Reached Don Coy F. D. L. at
1645 hrs reported then moved back by same route. Track
along ridge continued on from where we left to reach H. Q. Coy
too late to investigate. One junction of tracks from commence-
ment of Jap positions on top of saddle, other junction between
creek and main ridge track 600' from H. Q. Coy. No enemy
encountered, Jap positions cleared out of all gear. Dump of our
H. Q. Coy on right of track from Don Coy.

Route In as route out Casualties Own Nil
Enemy Nil / two injured
disposed of.

Enemy Graves. 1 marked with sticks & writing H. J. Worle.
1 well tendered with lilac plants
ahead

6 mounds which could be graves all in centre of
enemy position.

13. Ph. Patrol
Repas

Capt. Pringle

PATROL AND CONTACT REPORT

REF MAP SCALE DATE *7 Feb 43*

PATROL FOUND BY *12* Pl *B* COY PATROL COMD *Cpl YR Jones*

PATROL STRENGTH *193* NATURE of PATROL *Standing*
(Fighting, Standing, Recce etc)

TIME OUT *1400* hours TIME IN *1800* hours

OBJECT of PATROL *Listen for Enemy movement to South*

ROUTE OUT *Moved South by approx 500 yds. Posn. M. 12*

ROUTE IN *Back*

NARRATIVE

Saw no enemy, heard ceiling of bombs

Arty is firing

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Advancing (Give direction of Advance)

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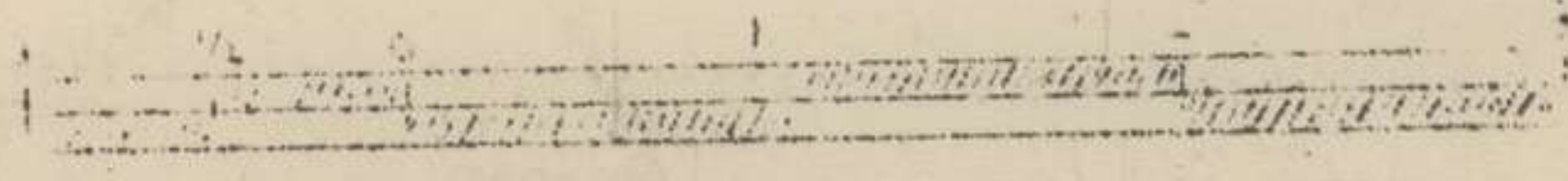
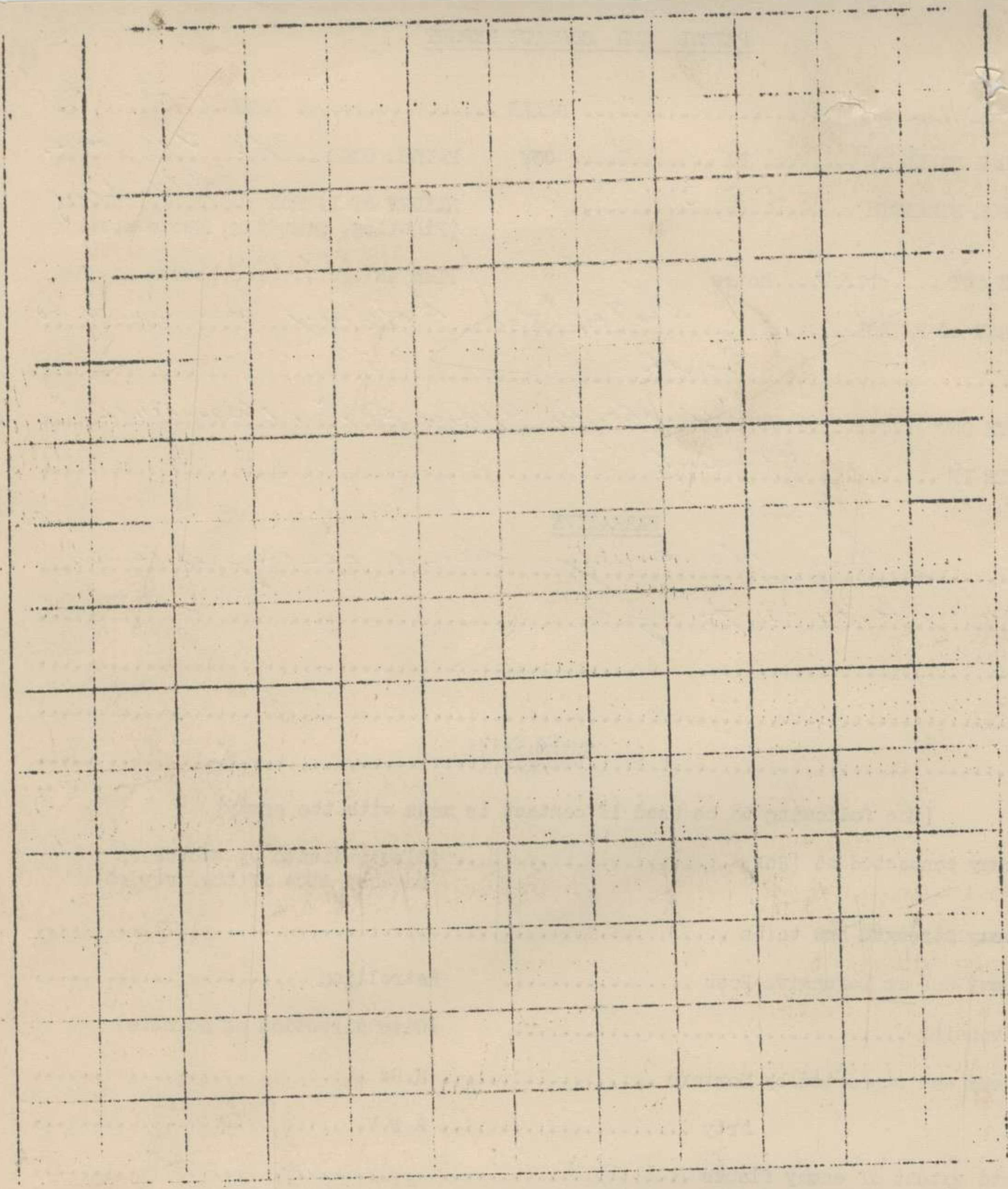
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PATROL FOUND BY *10* Pl *B.* COY PATROL COMD *LA FIETZ*
PATROL STRENGTH *one Pl.* NATURE of PATROL *fighting*
(Fighting, Standing, Recce etc)
TIME OUT *0925* hours TIME IN *1145* hours

OBJECT of PATROL

ROUTE OUT *LEANS FARM re-entrant to rear B bay farm and*
ROUTE IN *back via Sawmill*

NARRATIVE

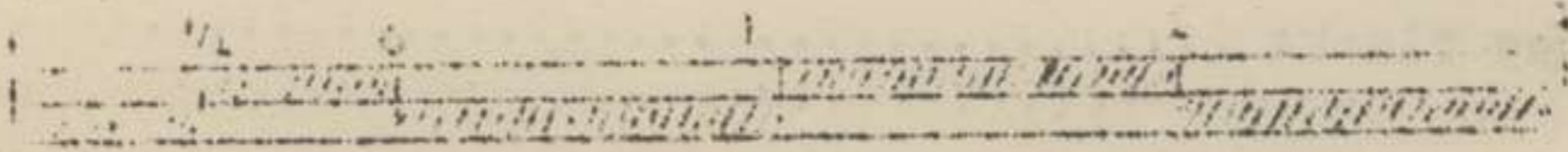
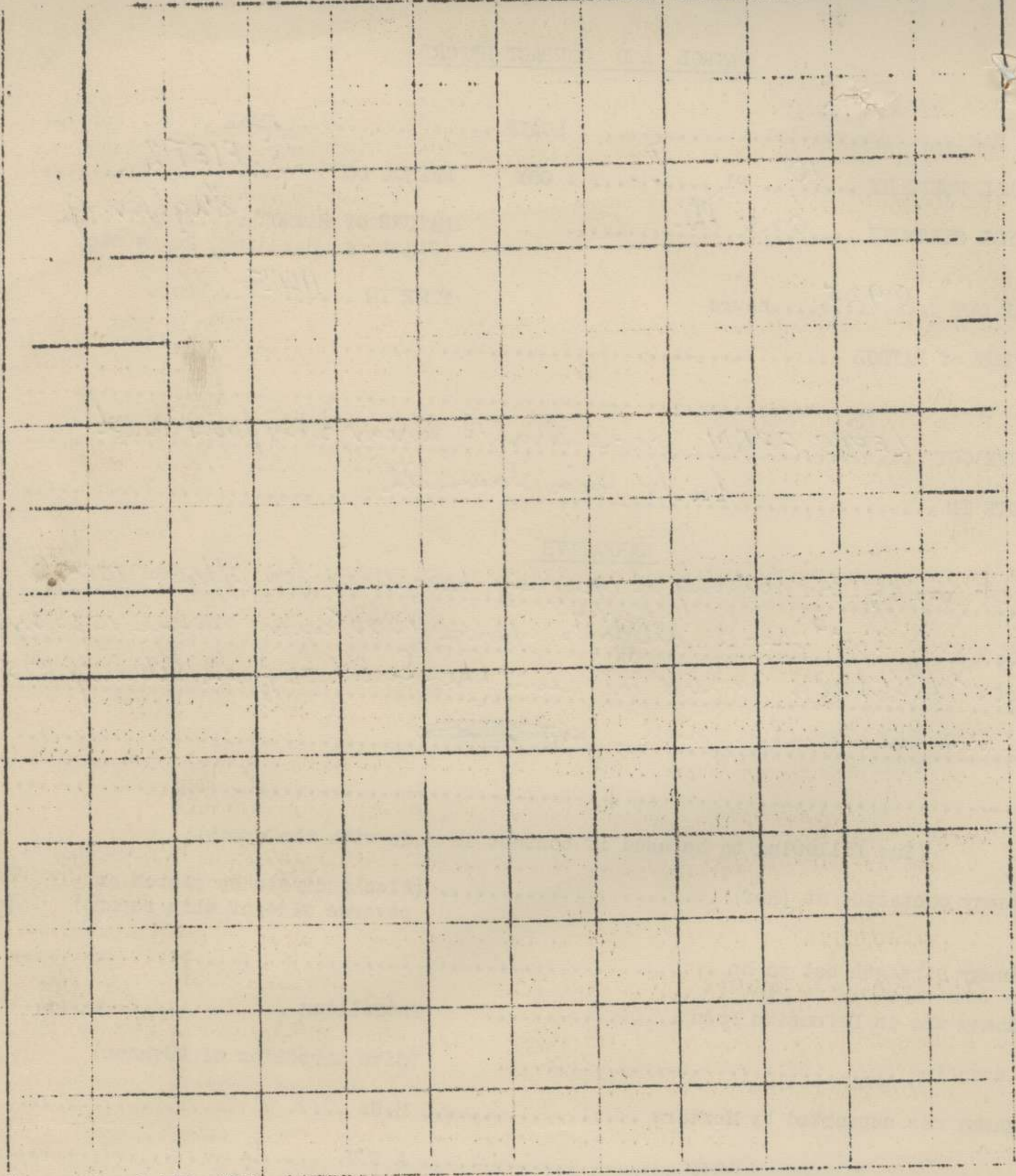
*Left Coy HQ on bearing of 194° Mag proceeded for approx 1000'
on bearing 225° saw small ^{party} japs approx 1000' away since 1030 hrs
200' from spot where japs seen (Ref Serial 549) in bearing 225°
heard japs calling out*

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REF MAP SCALE DATE *7-11-43*

PATROL FOUND BY Pl *B* COY PATROL CMDR *G. Gibson*

PATROL STRENGTH *1 HCo & 20m* NATURE of PATROL *Recce*
(Fighting, Standing, Recce etc)

TIME OUT *1000*hours TIME IN *1120*hours

OBJECT of PATROL *Object to contact from pl "A" Coy.*

ROUTE OUT *W/PL area to re-entrant on Nth of LEAS farm followed*

ROUTE IN *centrally to "A" Coy & then back*

NARRATIVE

..... *Report in final timber ^{front} to "A" Coy observed what*

..... *thought to be man with pack & shovel.*

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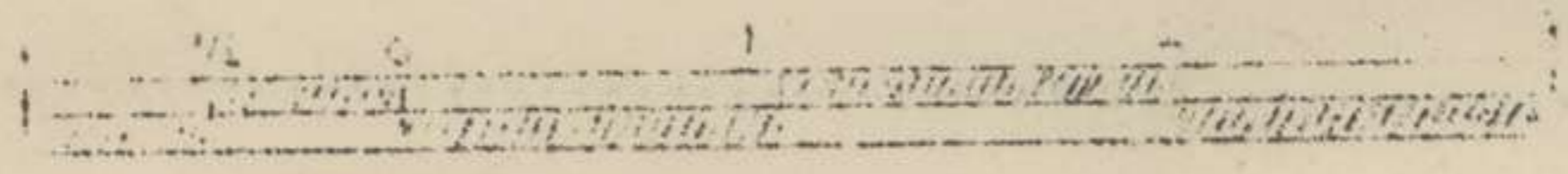
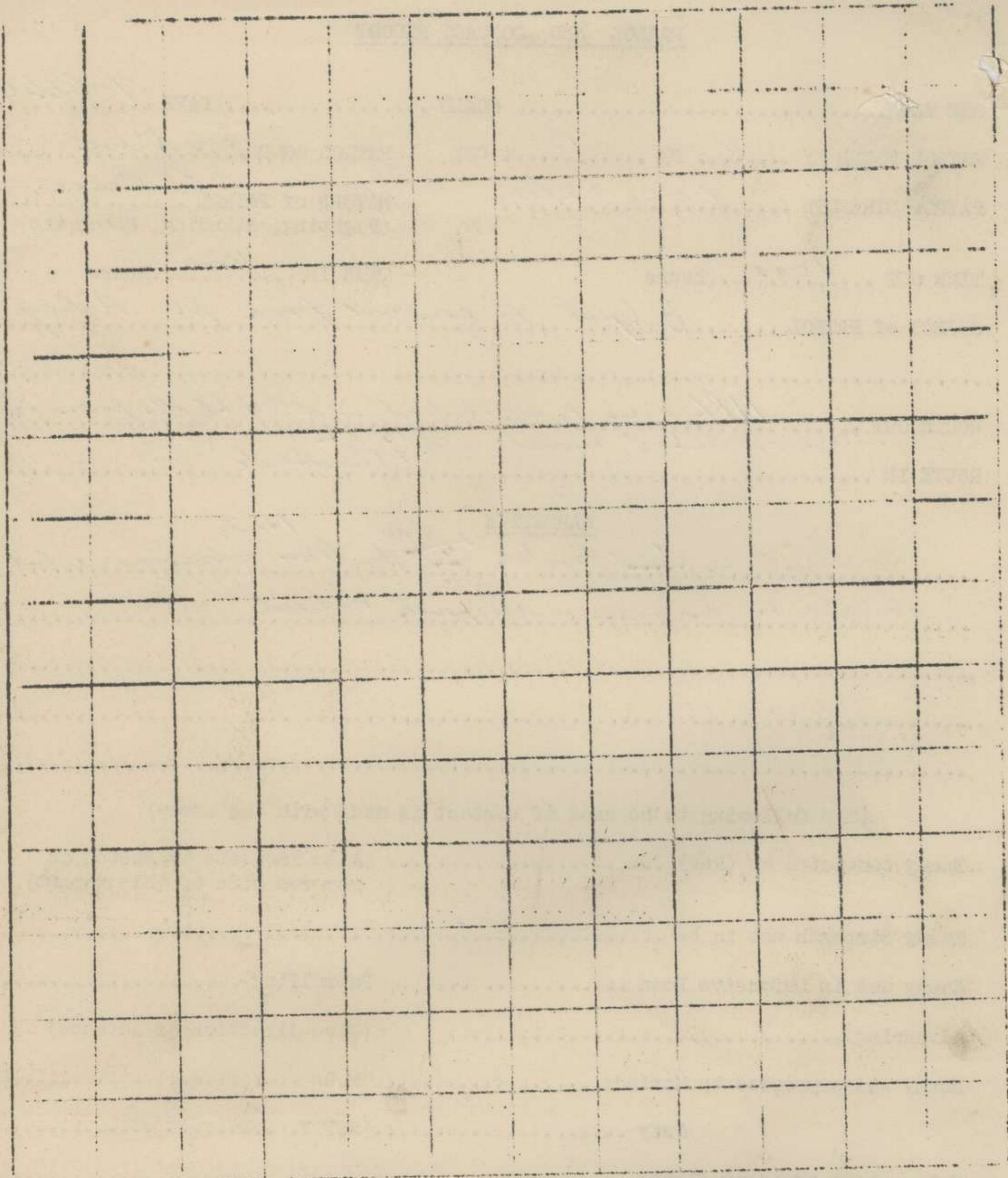
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REF MAP SCALE DATE

PATROL FOUND BY ... 11 ... Pl ... B ... COY PATROL COMD ... Sgt Tennant

PATROL STRENGTH NATURE of PATROL ... Fighting ... (Fighting, Standing, Recce etc)

TIME OUT ... 0945 ... hours TIME IN ... 1400 ... hours

OBJECT of PATROL ... Search & clear area

ROUTE OUT ... Track leading West 900' turning South to CK

ROUTE IN ... then NE to SAWMILL & on to front of B Coy

NARRATIVE

11 900' out ahead voices in gully - large feathers to west ...

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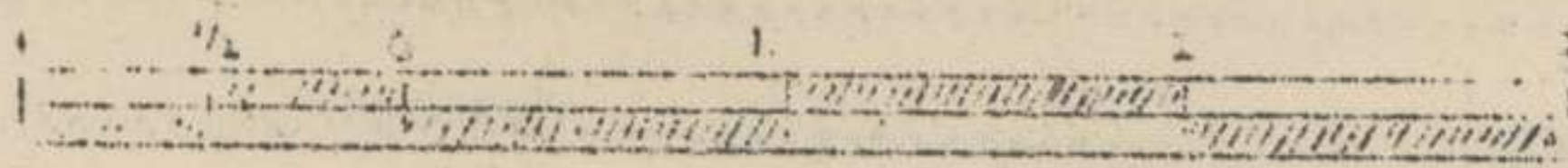
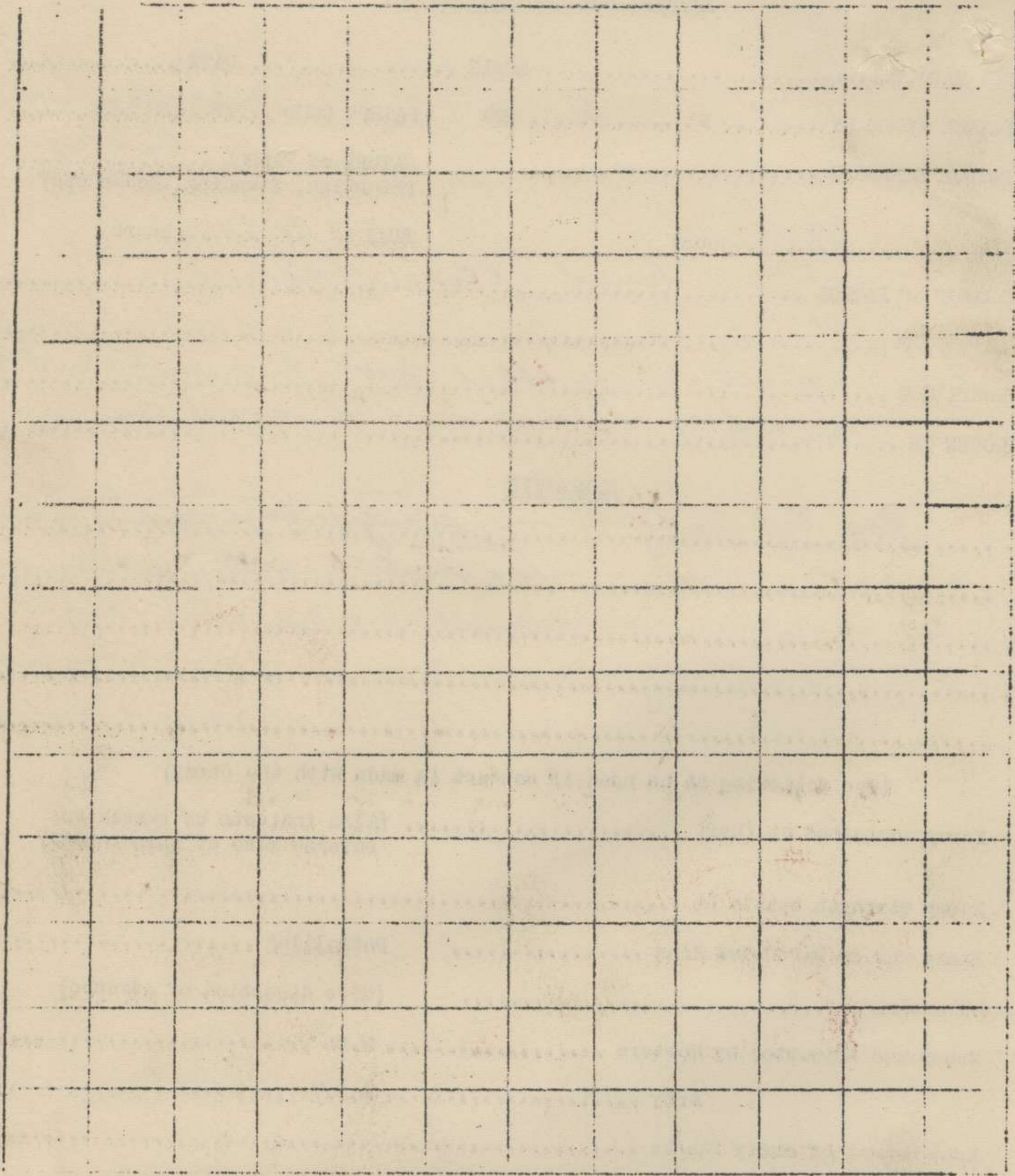
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 PATROL FOUND BY 10 Pl B COY PATROL COMD LA FIETZ
 PATROL STRENGTH 1 Pl NATURE of PATROL
 (Fighting, Standing, Recce etc)
 TIME OUT 1600 hours 5 Feb TIME IN 0910 hours 5 Feb
 OBJECT of PATROL Recce of area WANDUMI Track and
CRYSTAL CREEK
 ROUTE OUT WANDUMI Tr to CRYSTAL CK
 ROUTE IN CRYSTAL CREEK - EAST side WANDUMI TRACK

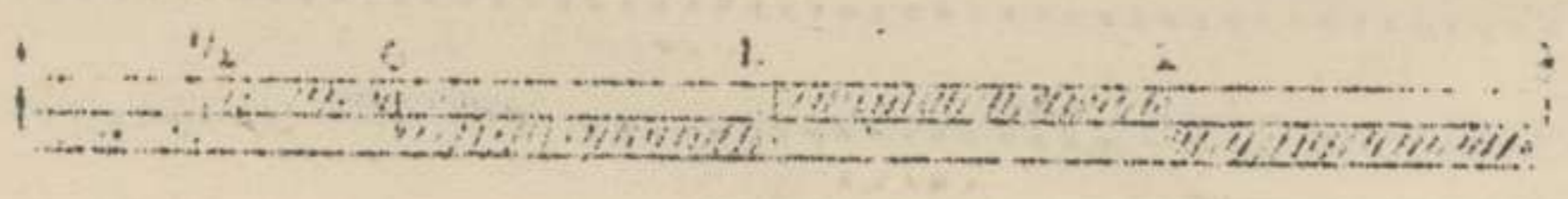
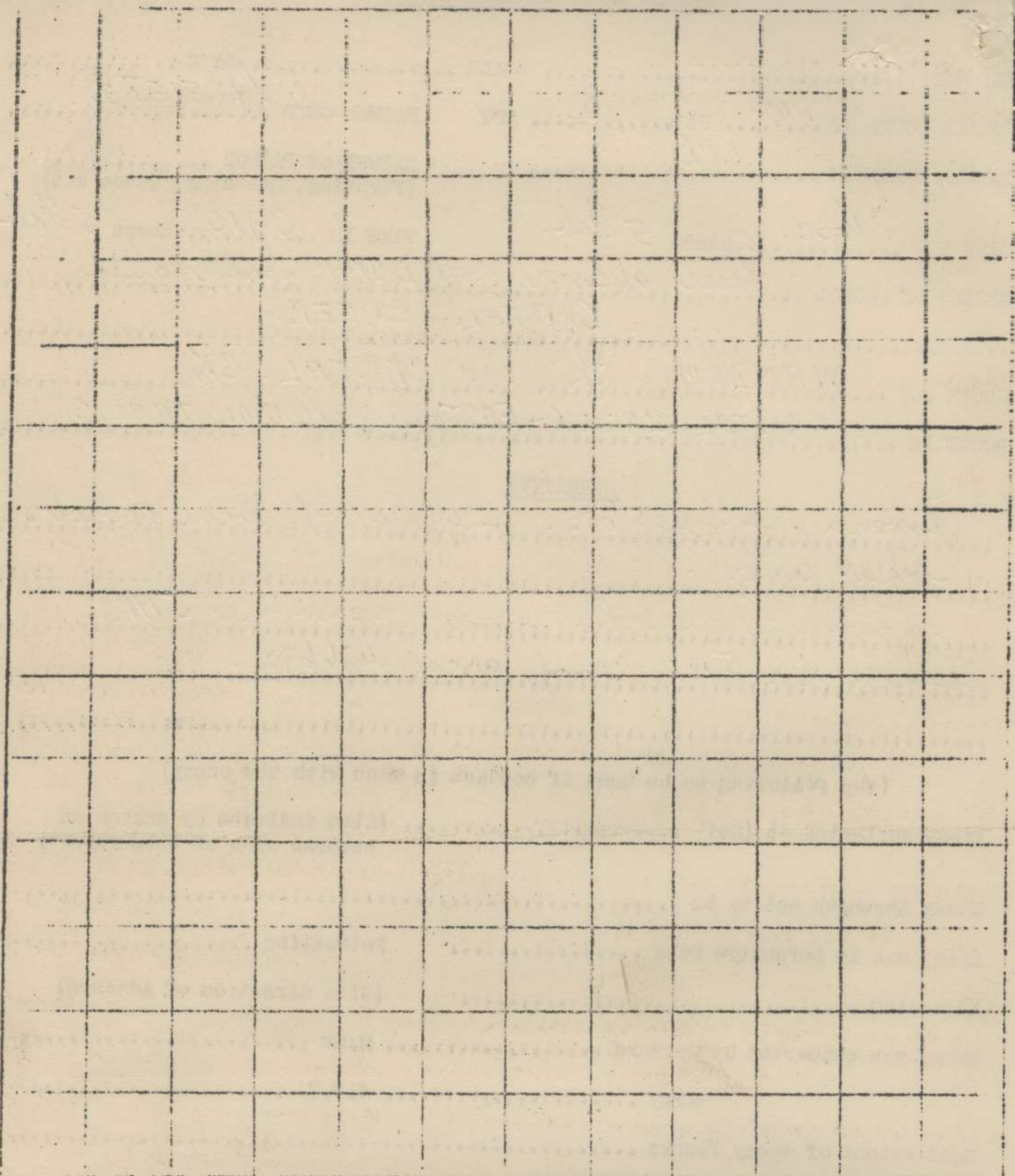
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Broun at 435683 and set up local patrols
that area.
no movement whatsoever saw no JAPS.
cleared old JAP camp area 426692.

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PATROL FOUND BY 13 Pl C COY PATROL COMD 1 NCO
PATROL STRENGTH 3
NATURE of PATROL
(Fighting, Standing, Recce etc)
TIME OUT 0630 hours
TIME IN 0730 hours

OBJECT of PATROL Recce of area
ROUTE OUT
ROUTE IN

NARRATIVE

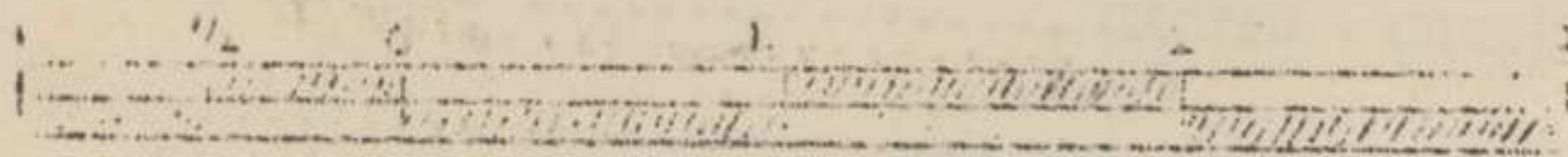
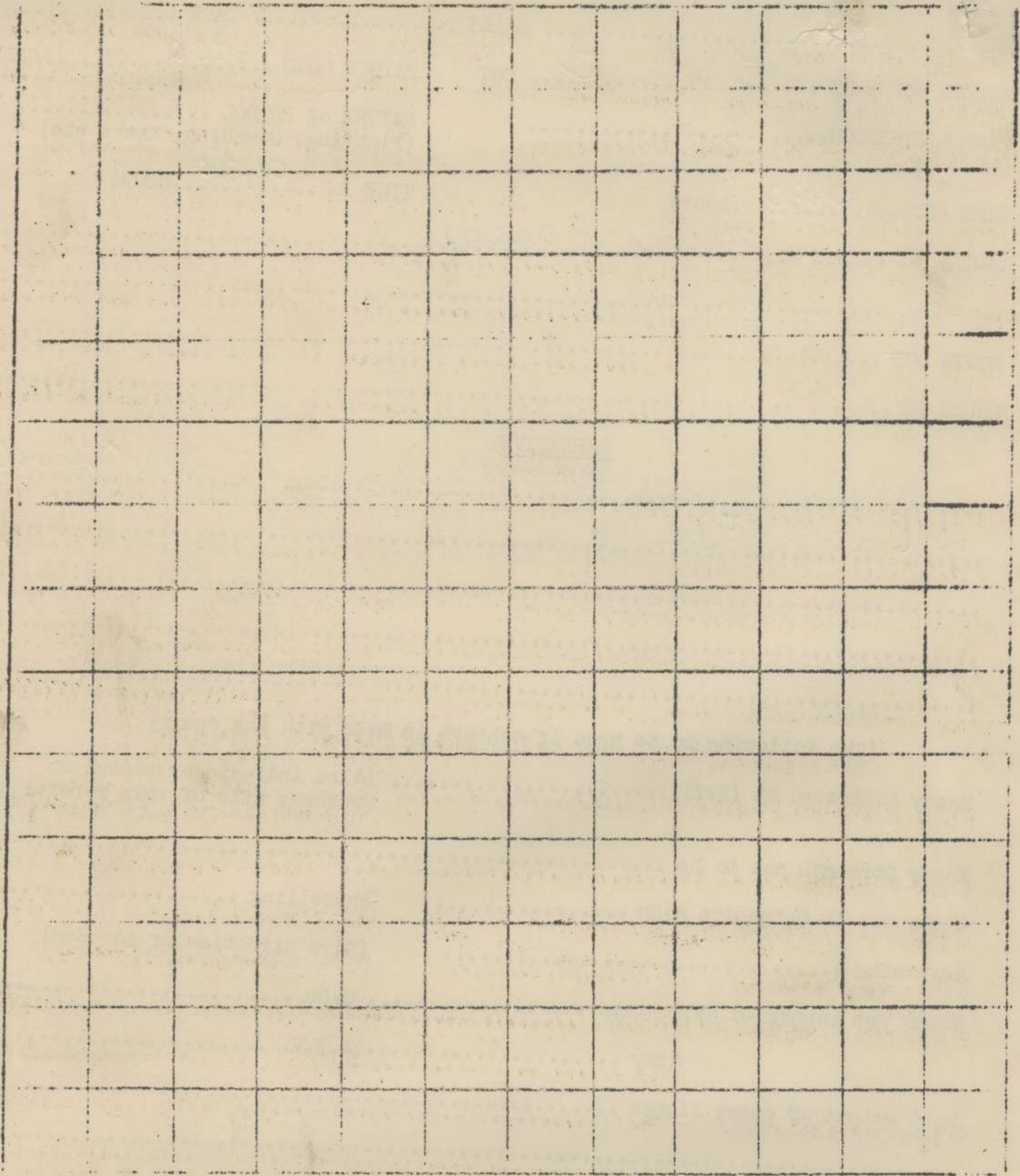
Went from road along creek 300' fwd
of C Coy FDL

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OBJECT of PATROL recce of area
ROUTE OUT
ROUTE IN

NARRATIVE

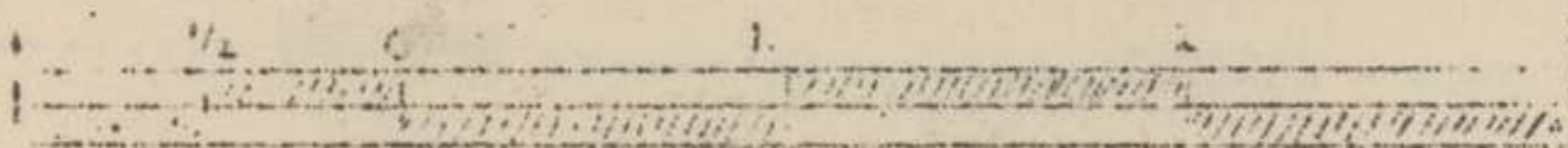
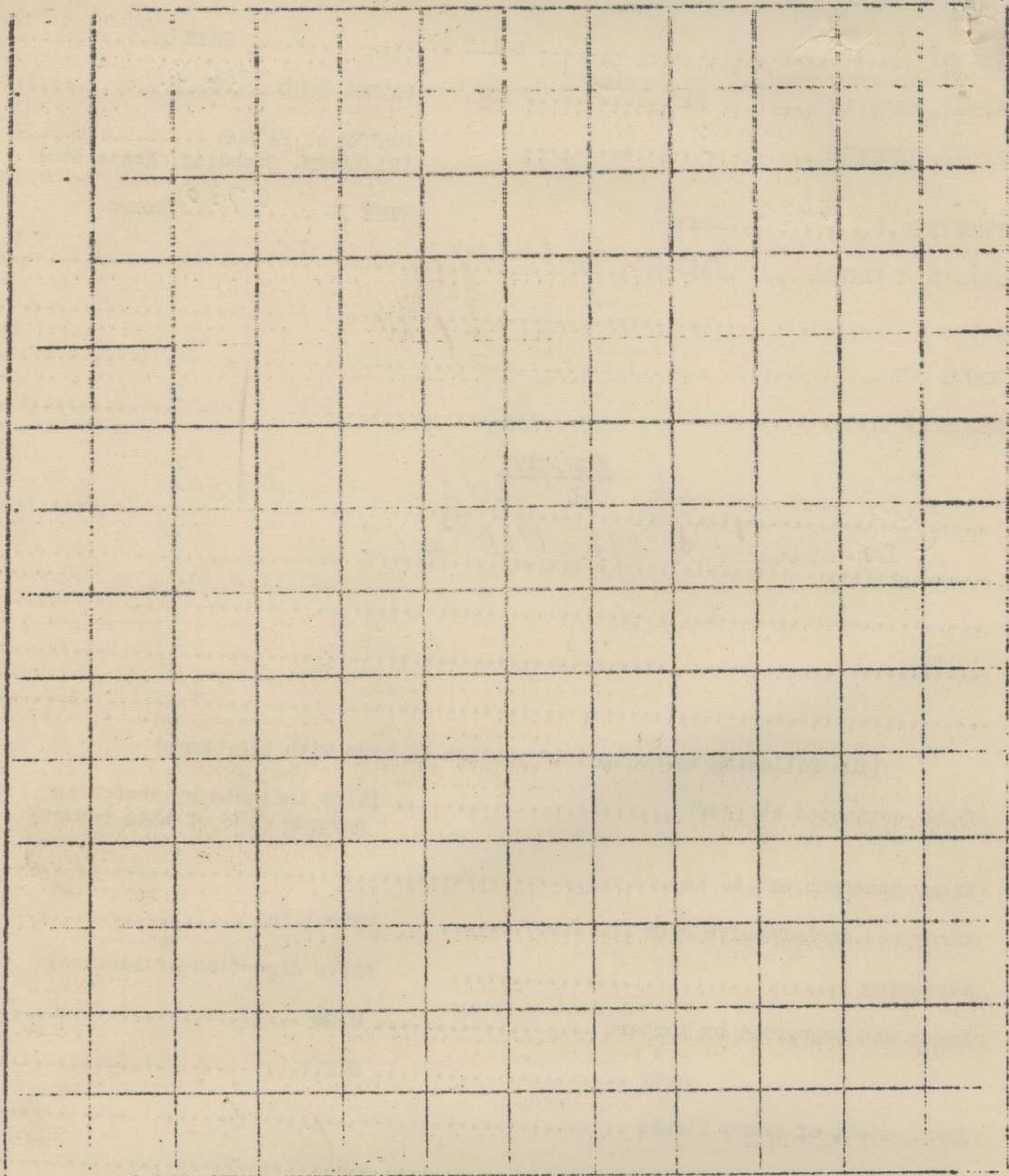
Left along the edge of Copse
& contacted 2/3. 1ND Coy

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REF MAP SCALE DATE *5 Feb 42*

PATROL FOUND BY *Carnes* Pl COY PATROL COMD *Lt M. Entab*

PATROL STRENGTH *195* NATURE of PATROL *Recce*
(Fighting, Standing, Recce etc)

TIME OUT *1500* hours TIME IN *1700* hours

OBJECT of PATROL *Recce of Tracks Carnes Posn & B Coy*

ROUTE OUT *Tracks South by direction 900°*

ROUTE IN *& Back*

NARRATIVE

.....
200 x from H.A. heard in Gully B. Unable observe anything owing to dense jungle
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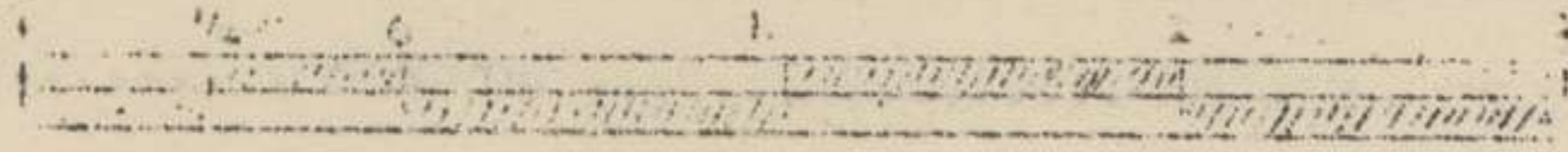
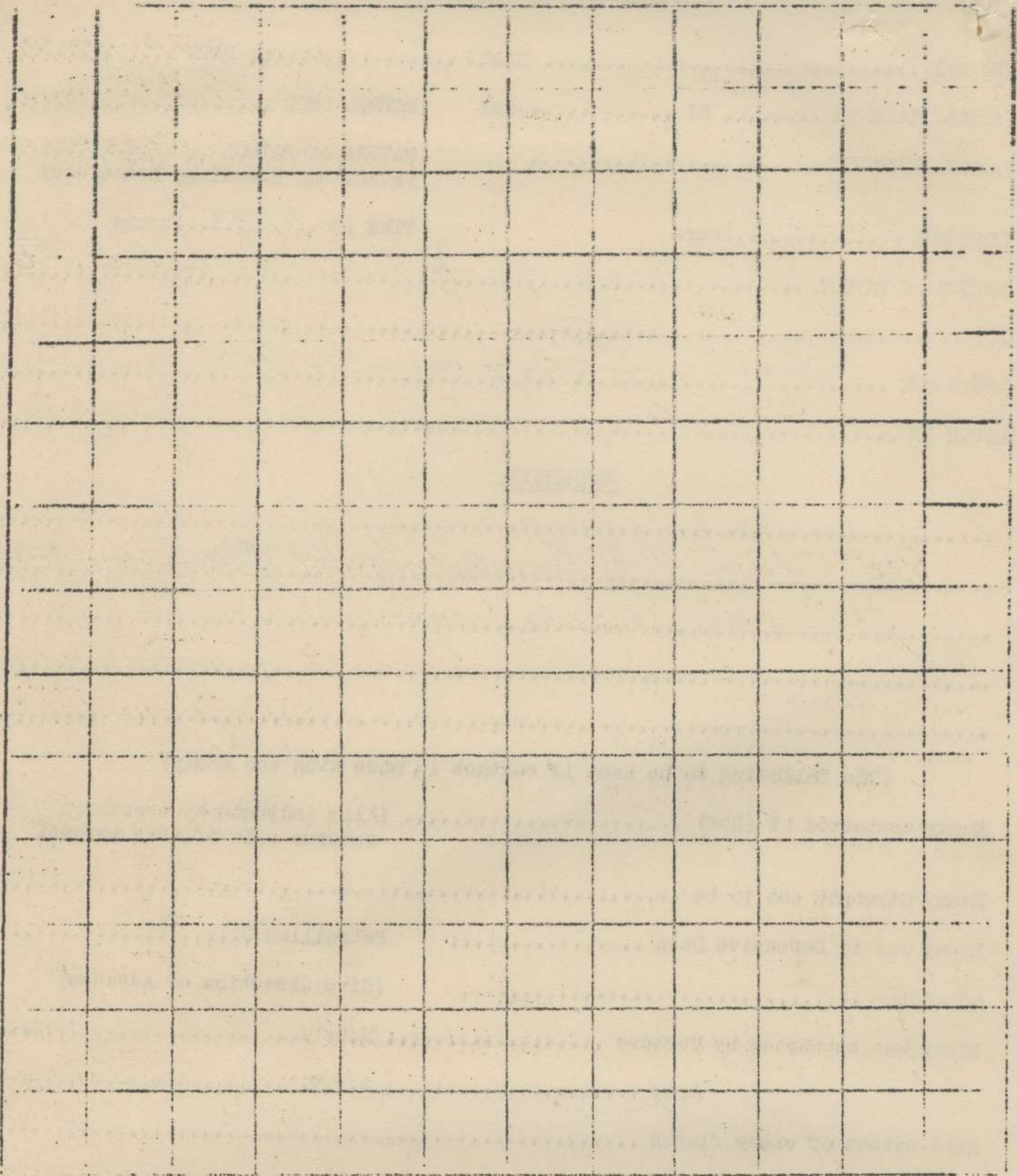
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PATROL FOUND BY 12 Pl 3 COY PATROL COMD *Cpl Bass*
PATROL STRENGTH *3 men* NATURE of PATROL *Recce*
(Fighting, Standing, Recce etc)
TIME OUT *11.00* hours TIME IN *1.430* hours

OBJECT of PATROL
ROUTE OUT *700' along WANDUMI*
ROUTE IN *9 Back*

NARRATIVE

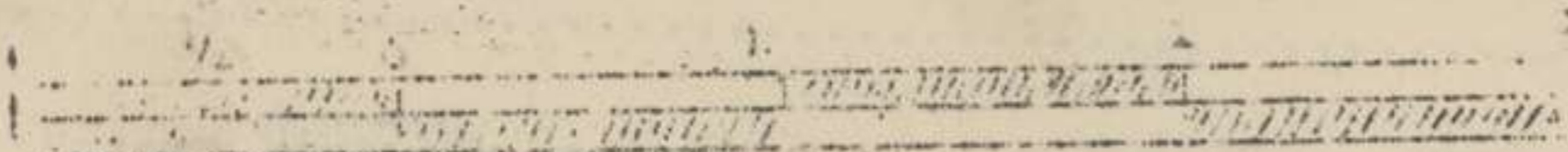
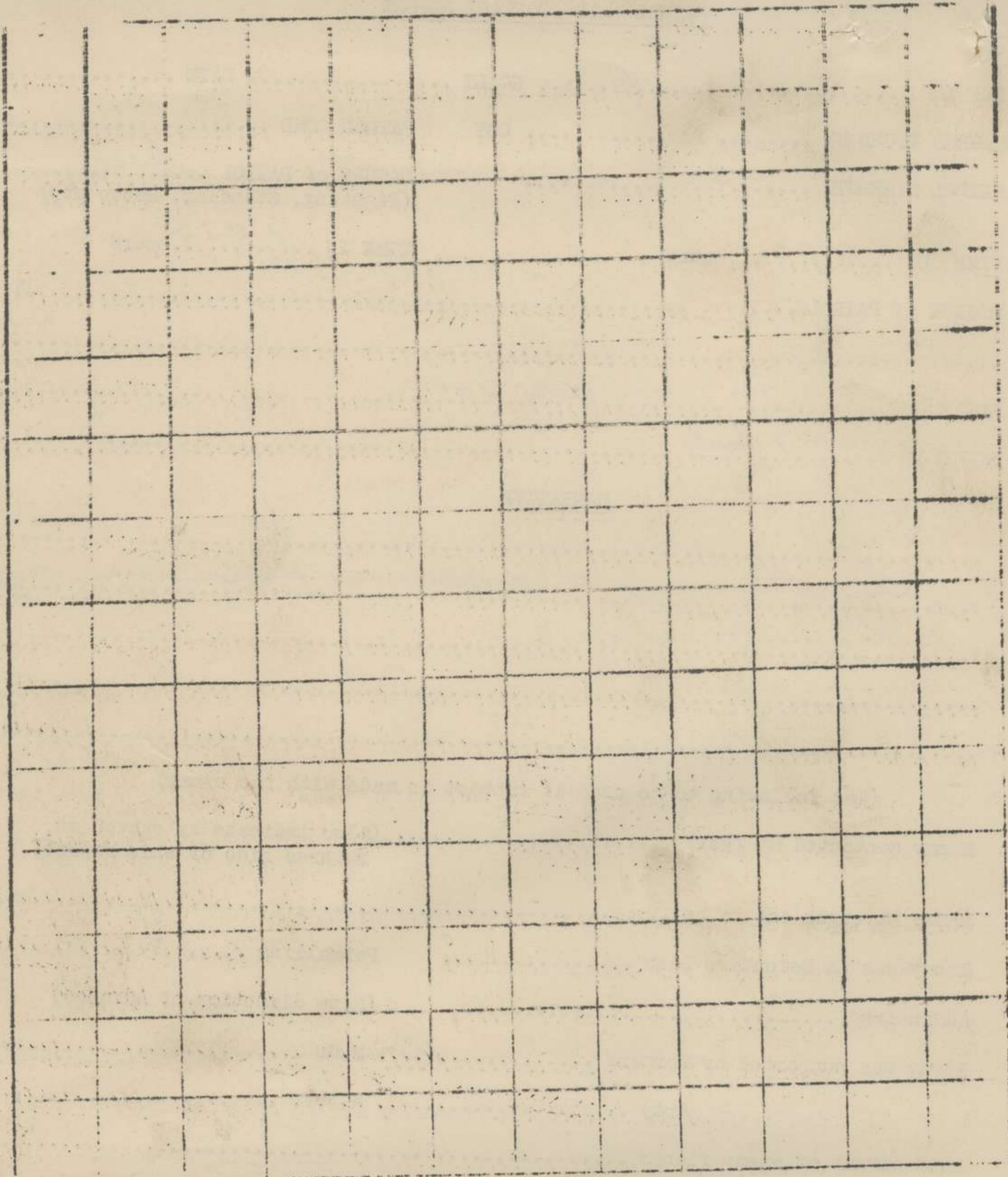
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..... *Saw a number of tracks. Observed without seeing anything*
..... *0 Found a 2/5 mortar. 0*
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PATROL FOUND BY Pl COY PATROL COMD *Pte Brown*

PATROL STRENGTH *3* NATURE of PATROL *Recce*
(Fighting, Standing, Recce etc)

TIME OUT *10.30* hours TIME IN *14.00* hours

OBJECT of PATROL

ROUTE OUT *200' up haulage track*

ROUTE IN *+ Back*

NARRATIVE

*Saw a sniper went to ground & took up posn
considerable talking & 4 TAPS (approx 100' SE of SAMMILL
then returned*

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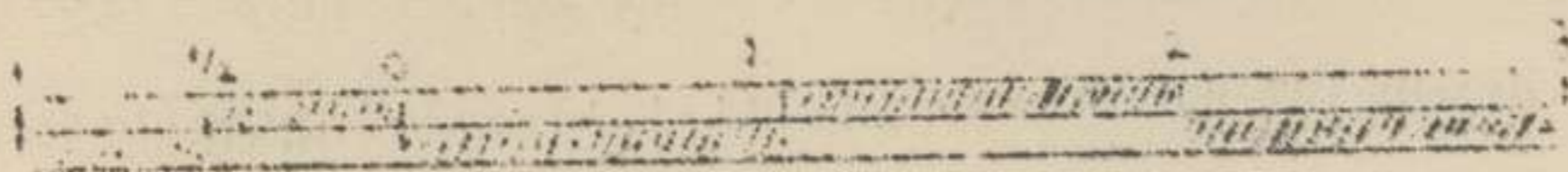
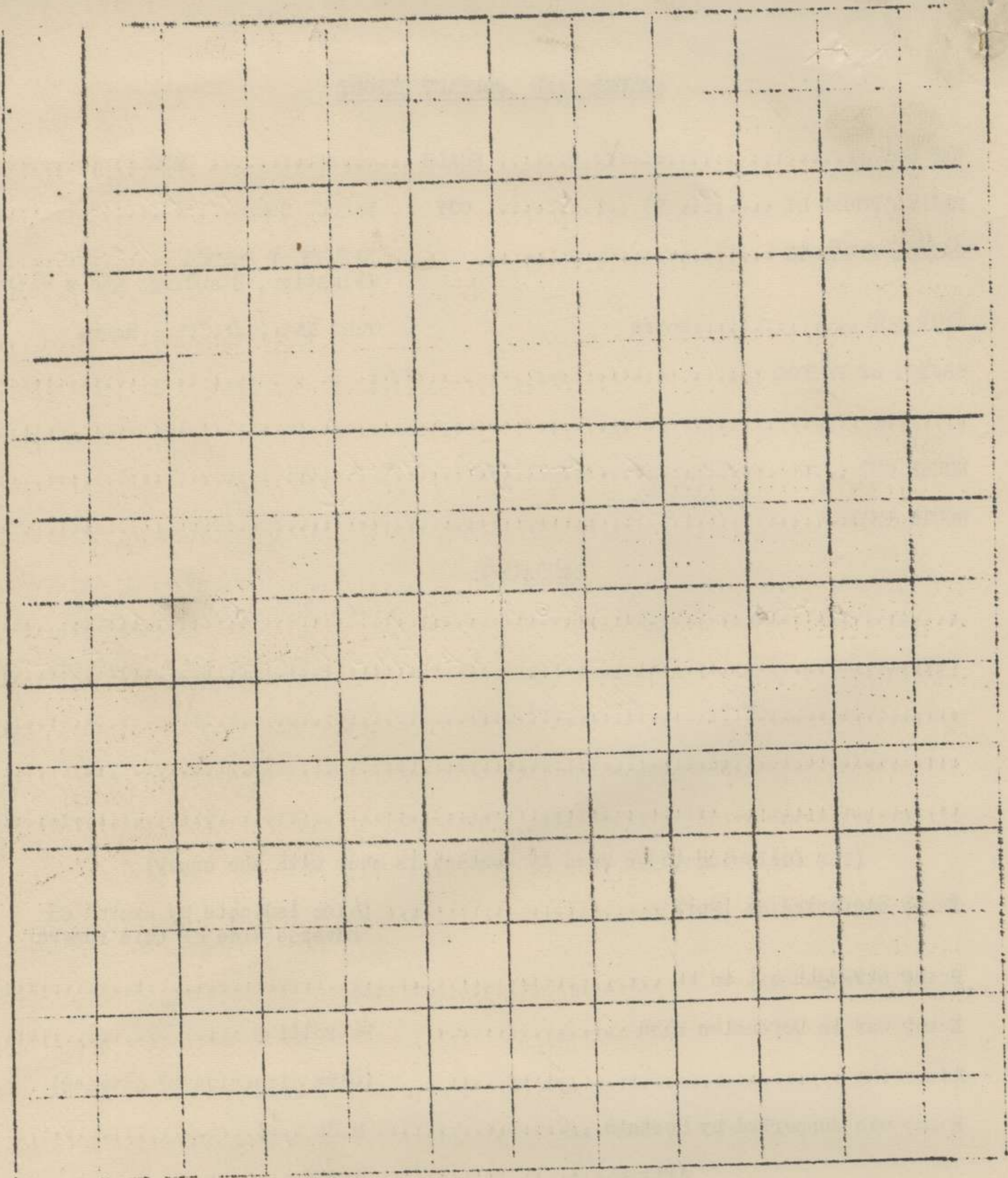
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PATROL FOUND BY *12* Pl *B* COY PATROL CMD *Waddock Lt.*

PATROL STRENGTH *1 Pl* NATURE of PATROL *Fighting*
(Fighting, Standing, Recce etc)

TIME OUT *0830* hours TIME IN *1030* hours

OBJECT of PATROL *Burn LEAH FARM bldgs*

ROUTE OUT *↑ Straight to LEAH farm ↓*

ROUTE IN *Straight back*

NARRATIVE

Completed Task

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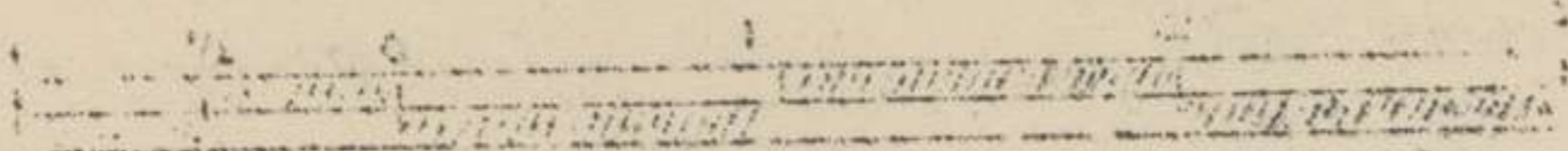
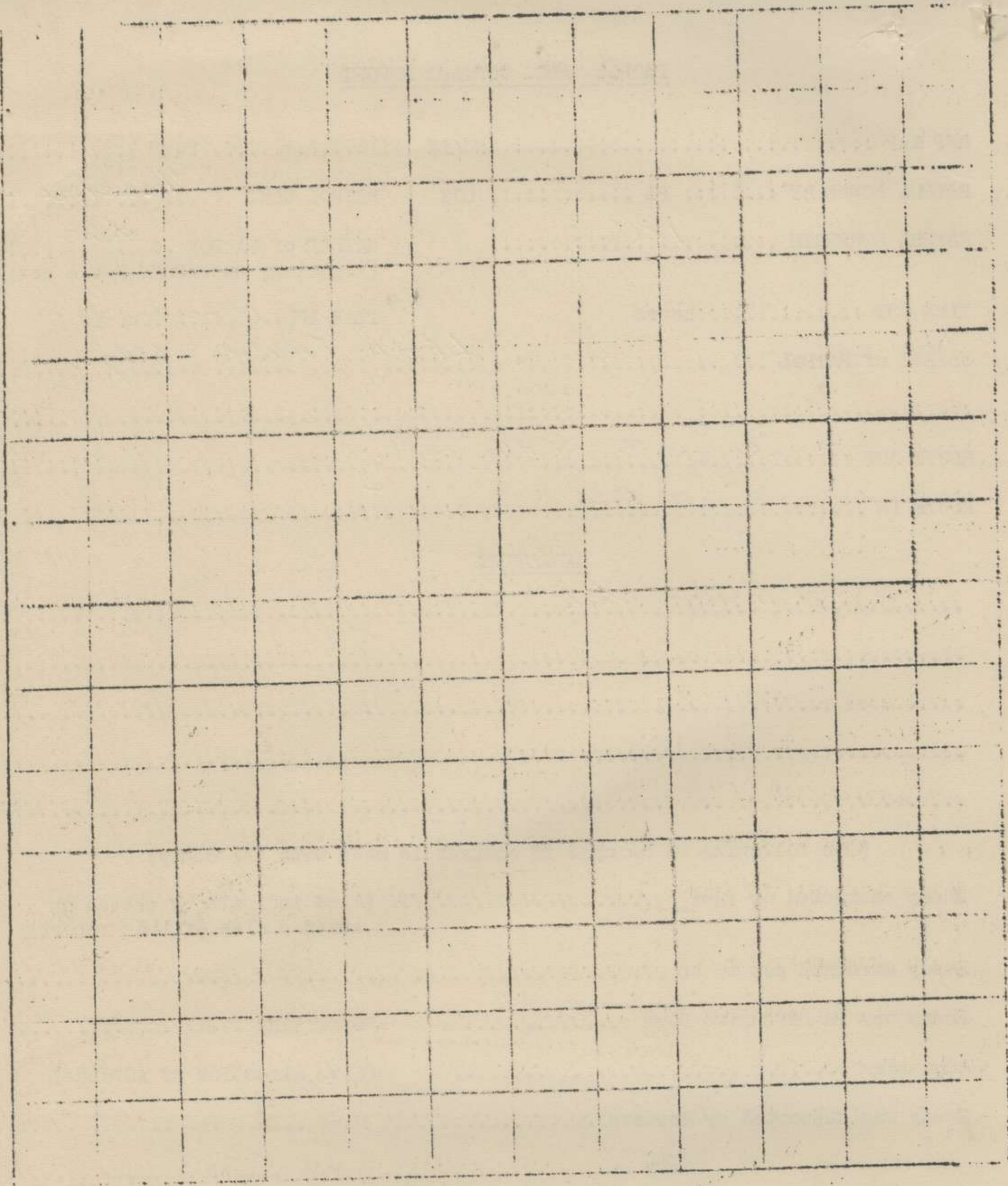
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REF MAP SCALE DATE *4 FEB 43*

PATROL FOUND BY *12* P1 *3* COY PATROL COMD *1 sec*

PATROL STRENGTH *1 sec* NATURE of PATROL *Recce*
(Fighting, Standing, Recce etc)

TIME OUT *0715* hours TIME IN *0815* hours

OBJECT of PATROL *Recce of area*

ROUTE OUT *Due south for 500' swing right*

ROUTE IN *Cambach along re-entrant on right*

NARRATIVE

No TAPS seen but numerous tracks

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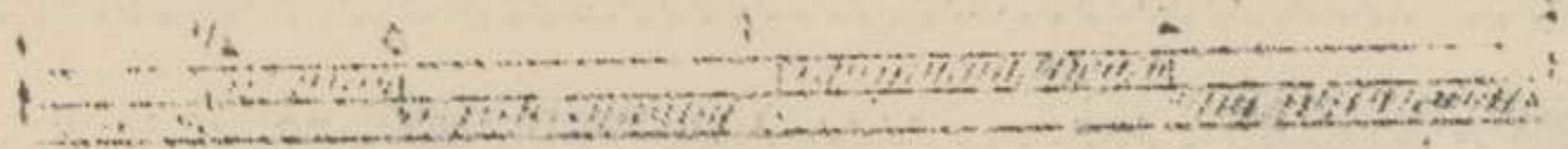
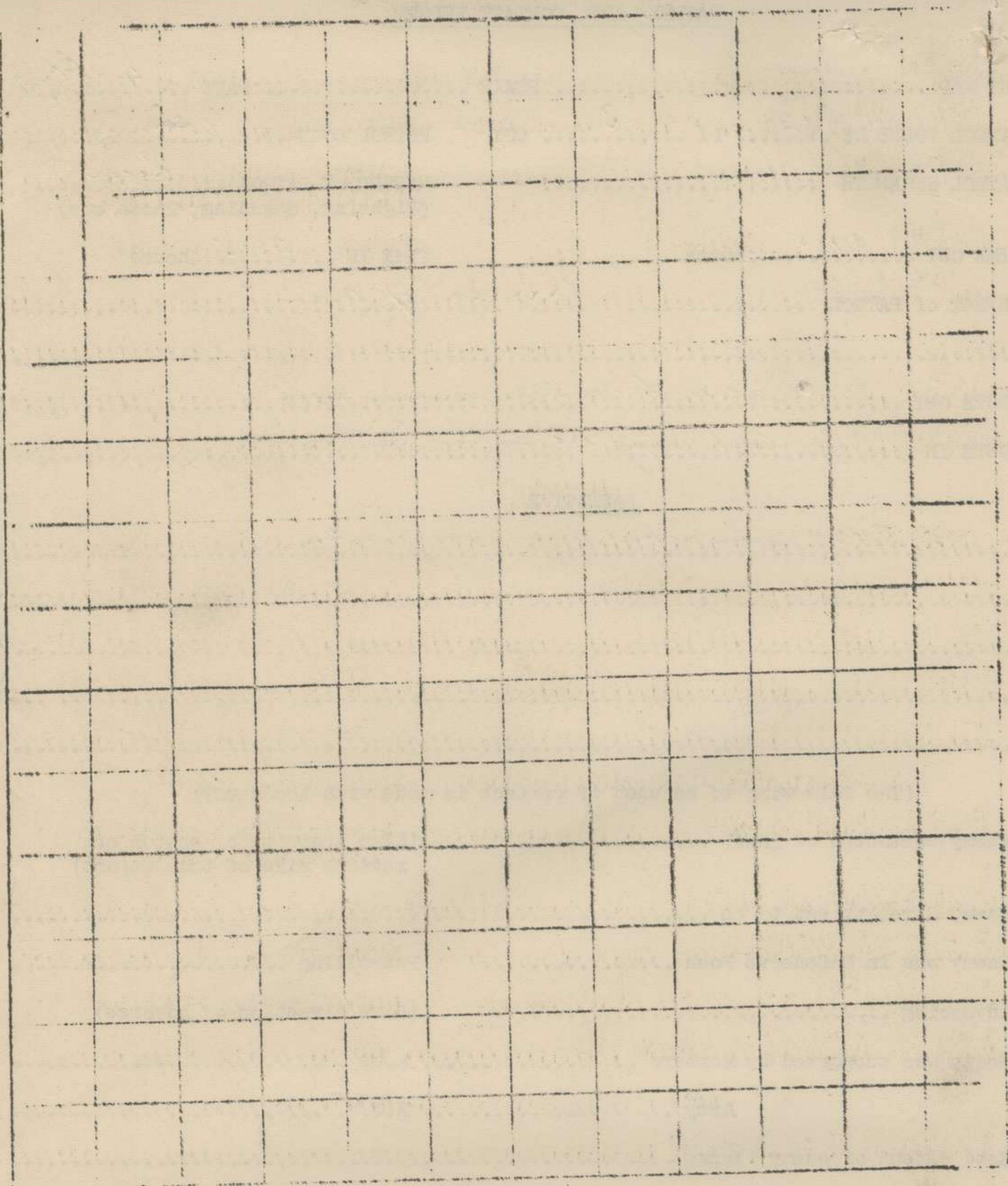
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PATROL STRENGTH *1 Sec* NATURE of PATROL *Recce*
(Fighting, Standing, Recce etc)

TIME OUT *0715*hours TIME IN *0810*hours

OBJECT of PATROL *Recce of area*

ROUTE OUT *Proceeded to SAW Mill Area, secured SAW Mill*

ROUTE IN *7 furlongs beyond to depth 50* Proceeded then NORTH 7 mi
by 11 Pl area*

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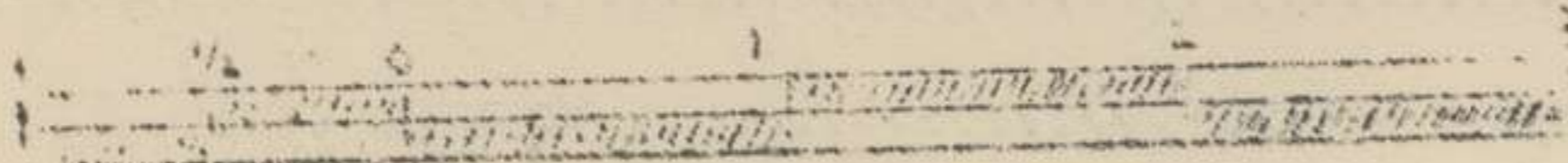
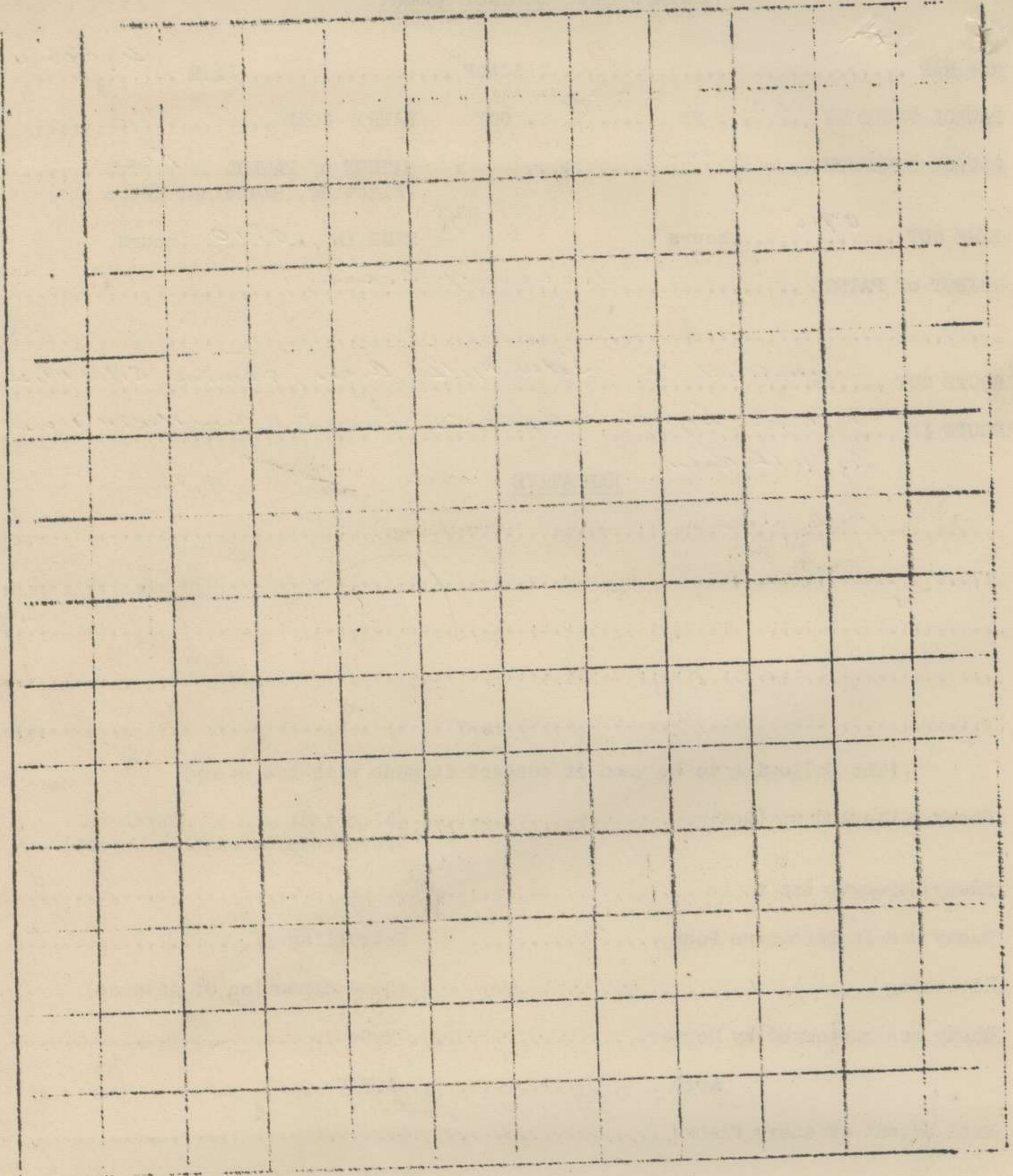
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PATROL AND CONTACT REPORT

REF MAP SCALE DATE 3 FEB 43

PATROL FOUND BY 11 Pl "B" COY PATROL CMD Pte Brown (ajsk)

PATROL STRENGTH Three men NATURE of PATROL Recce
(Fighting, Standing, Recce etc)

TIME OUT 1700 hours TIME IN 1815 hours

OBJECT of PATROL Recce of Road to CRYSTAL CK

ROUTE OUT WANDUMI Rd

ROUTE IN WANDUMI Rd

NARRATIVE

On approaching ~~CK~~ ^{at approx 800 yds from start} ~~which patrol believed to be~~
~~CRYSTAL CK~~ ^{patrol} saw a JAP sentry on rd, S.E.
of CK, sentry saw forward scout and ran
into bush following ~~of which~~ considerable movement
was noted in bush. When rd. passes through jungle,
a cross track noticed, believed to lead up re-entrant on "B" Coy's
right flank.
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Enemy Strength est to be

Enemy was in Defensive Posn Patrolling

Advancing (Give direction of Advance)

Enemy was supported by Mortars M.Gs

Arty A.F.V.

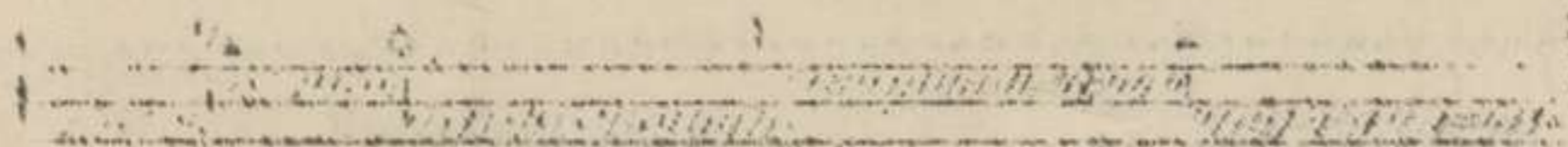
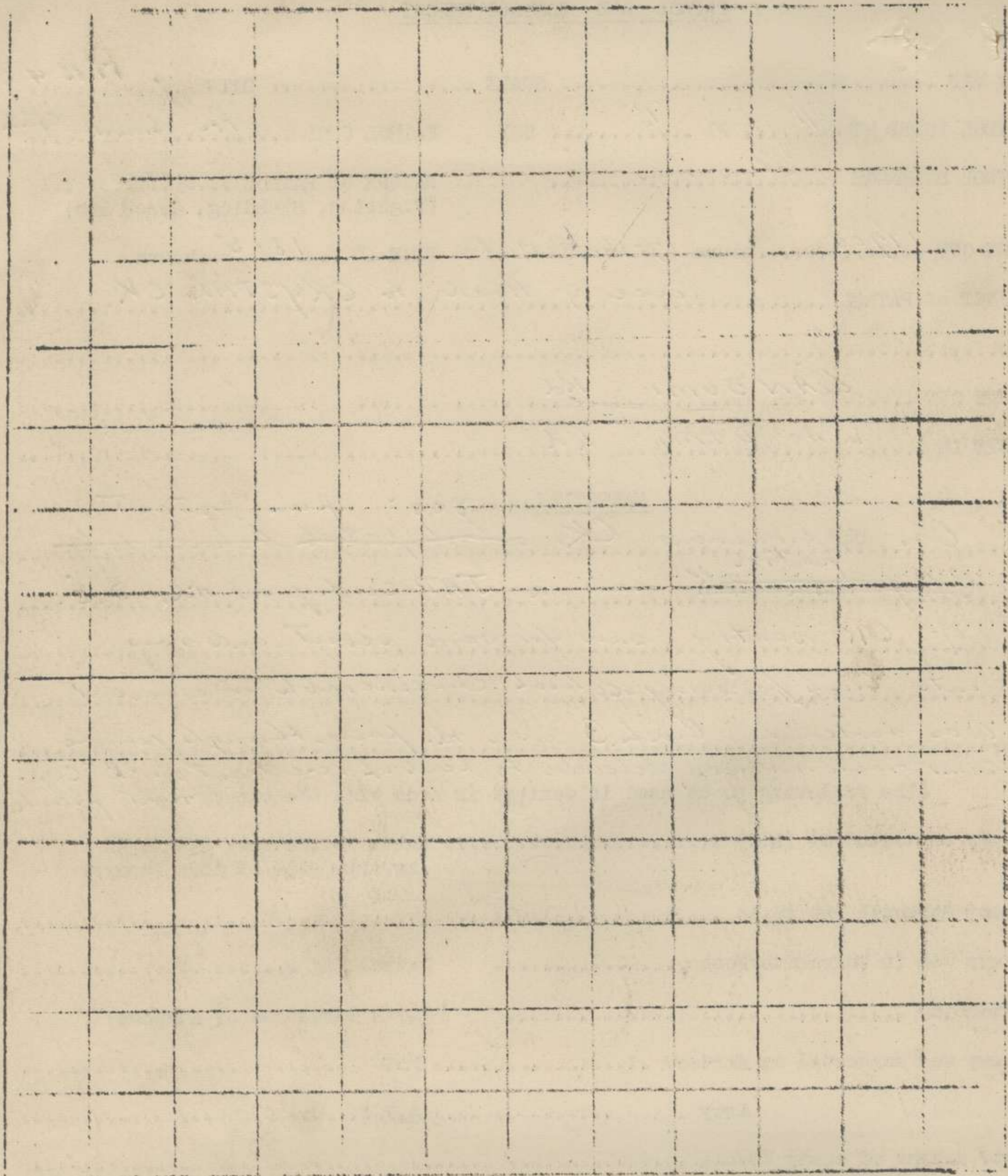
Estd extent of enemy flanks

CASUALTIES SUFFERED - KILLED WOUNDED

PRISONERS TAKEN

REMARKS

Received verbally from
Waj E Nelson O.C. "B" Coy
Sgd Williams
"1" Sgt.



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Patrol Report.

161

REF MAP. Nan West. NCF/SVY/830.
031.

H.Q. NCF 29/1/43.

PATROL FOUND BY. H.Q. Coy. PATROL.COM Sgt Shackelford.

PATROL STRENGTH. 4 men. NATURE. Recce.

TIME OUT. 0645 hrs.

TIME IN. 0805 hrs.

OBJECT OF PATROL. Recce of creek and ^{BLACK} house,
vicinity of enemy copse. ^{SQ.} 39 70

ROUTE OUT. Via Creek bed. } 39 5 704

ROUTE IN. Via Creek bed. }

NARRATIVE

No sign of enemy or signs of where they
have been. Shallow weapon pit dug on
bank of creek approx 70 yds down creek from
where road crosses. House was viewed for
a period from a distance of 50 yds ~~and~~
no sign of being occupied. Drinking
water in tank at ^{house} ~~corner of road~~.
house on left of road. 39 3722.

Shackelford Sgt.

Recd by
OC Coy

PATROL AND CONTACT REPORT

REF MAP SCALE DATE *2 Feb 1943*

PATROL FOUND BY *12* Pl *B* COY PATROL CMD *J. J. J. J.*

PATROL STRENGTH *1-16* NATURE of PATROL *Rece*
(Fighting, Standing, Rece etc)

TIME OUT *0730* hours TIME IN *0900* hours

OBJECT of PATROL *To rece area covered by artillery fire*
on 1 Feb 1943.

ROUTE OUT *from B HQ 800' N to village then E 1000' to copse*

ROUTE IN *from Copse 900' SW to ploughed field then S 200' to B HQ*

NARRATIVE

*Patrol moved out above mentioned route to copse where two sections covered
the rece area as it moved into copse area - no enemy either dead
wounded or alive were contacted nor was any Jap equipment seen
after area was receid patrol moved back at route above.*

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Enemy was in Defensive Posn Patrolling

Advancing (Give direction of Advance)

Enemy was supported by Mortars M.Gs

Arty A.F.V.

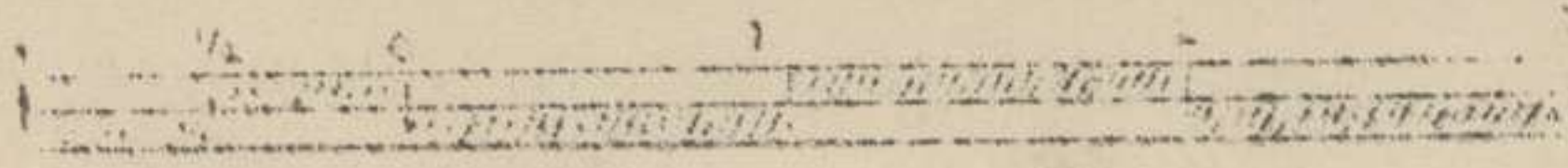
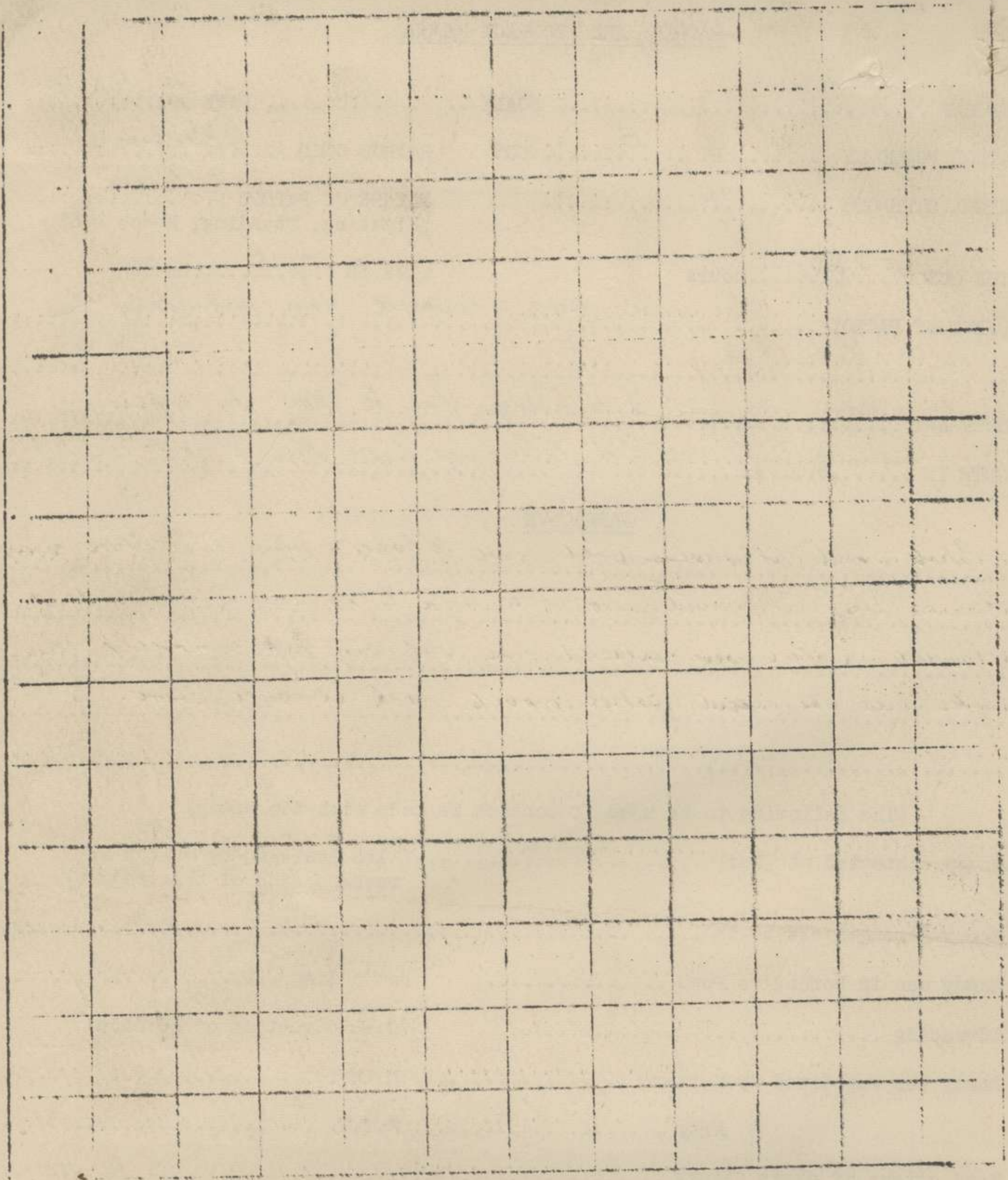
Estd extent of enemy flanks

CASUALTIES SUFFERED - KILLED *NIL* WOUNDED *NIL*

PRISONERS TAKEN *NIL*

REMARKS

J. J. J. J.



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PATROL AND CONTACT REPORT

31 Jan
1943

REF MAP SCALE DATE
PATROL FOUND BY Pl COY PATROL CMD
PATROL STRENGTH NATURE OF PATROL
(Fighting, Standing, Recce etc)

TIME OUT hours TIME IN hours

OBJECT OF PATROL
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ROUTE OUT
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ROUTE IN
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NARRATIVE

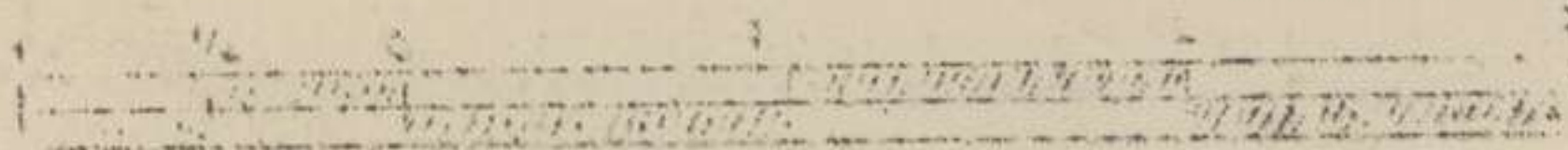
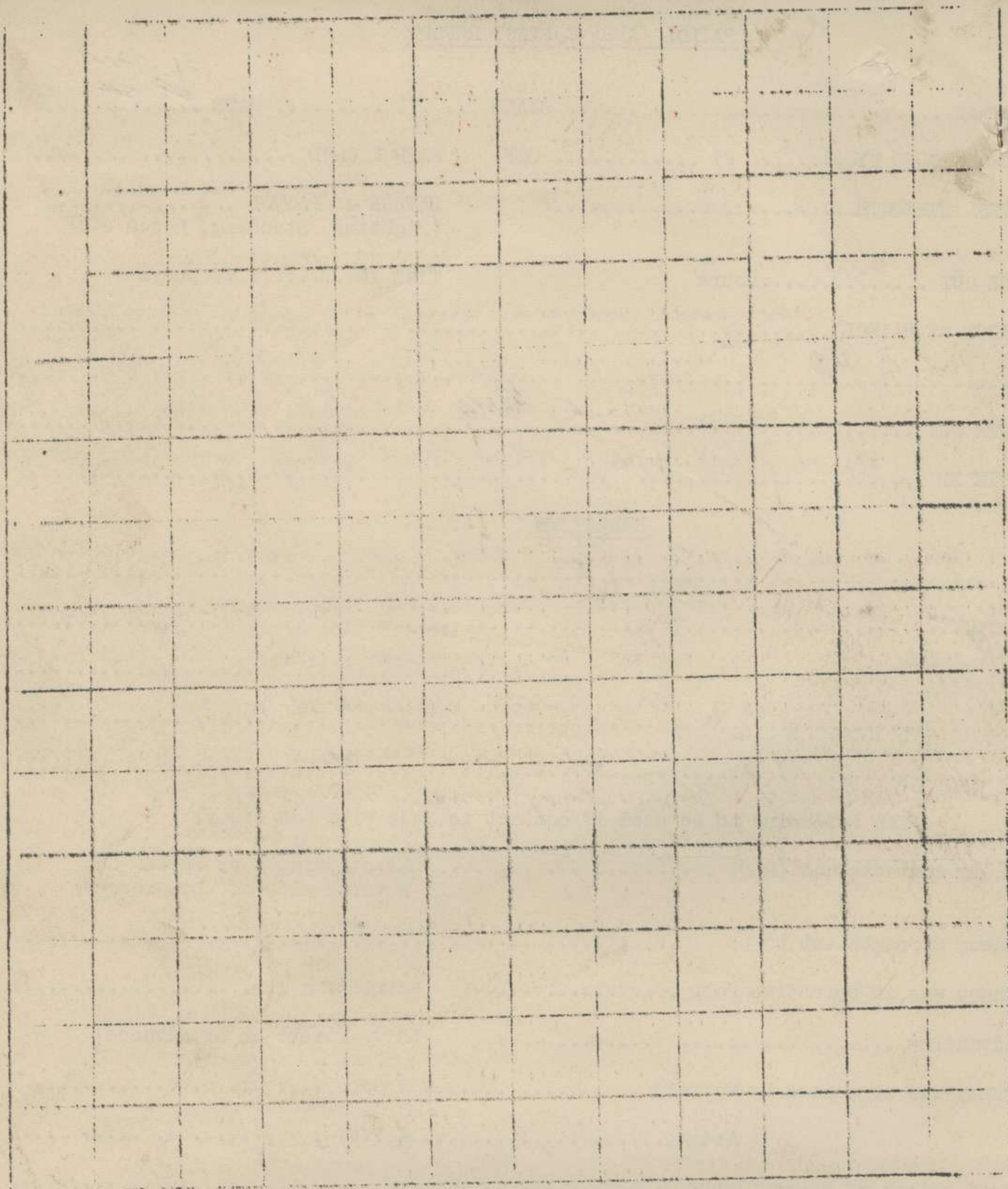
Moved out along above Rte. to Capse - moved through
Capse East 1000' to base - this capse was not searched by
this patrol - from Capse to Hospital Rd. approximately
half way to Rd this patrol contacted 3 Jap. soldiers
who were promptly killed & then searched. From Hospital Rd
patrol moved either side of road WEST to B.H.Q.
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Advancing (Give direction of Advance)
Enemy was supported by Mortars M.Gs
Arty A.F.V.
Estd extent of enemy flanks
CASUALTIES SUFFERED - KILLED WOUNDED
PRISONERS TAKEN
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REMARKS

The first Jap. was wearing Aust. steel helmet & web. equipment attempted
to shoot when closing in - The other two spoke as though wounded
but when patrol closed in they threw a grenade - so were killed
American cigarettes on Jap officer.

J. Mackie



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PATROL AND CONTACT REPORT

REF MAP HUON GULF 4" = 1M SCALE DATE 29

PATROL FOUND BY P1 CCY PATROL SOLD Capt Ednaf

PATROL STRENGTH NATURE of PATROL Recce (Fighting, Standing, Recce etc) if necessary to fight

TIME OUT 1400 hours TIME IN 1930 hours

OBJECT of PATROL To patrol area between Magnetic Cr. ref 4273 and Namee Cr. ref 3878

ROUTE OUT Northerly direction to Namee Cr.

ROUTE IN From Namee Cr. along main rd.

NARRATIVE

Patrol consisting of 2 plts B Coy, 1 pl D Coy moved out using cover of thicket N of Arone. Going was first through light scrub and swordgrass then a large growth of bamboo about 8' high. Track had to be cut through this to river then SE along river through dense scrub, this stage 2 plts fired and central in rear as usual track.

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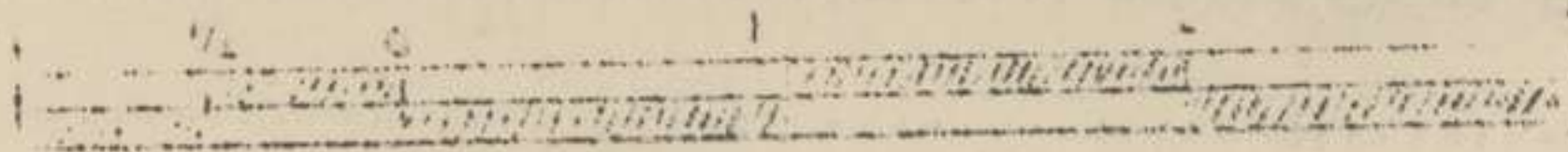
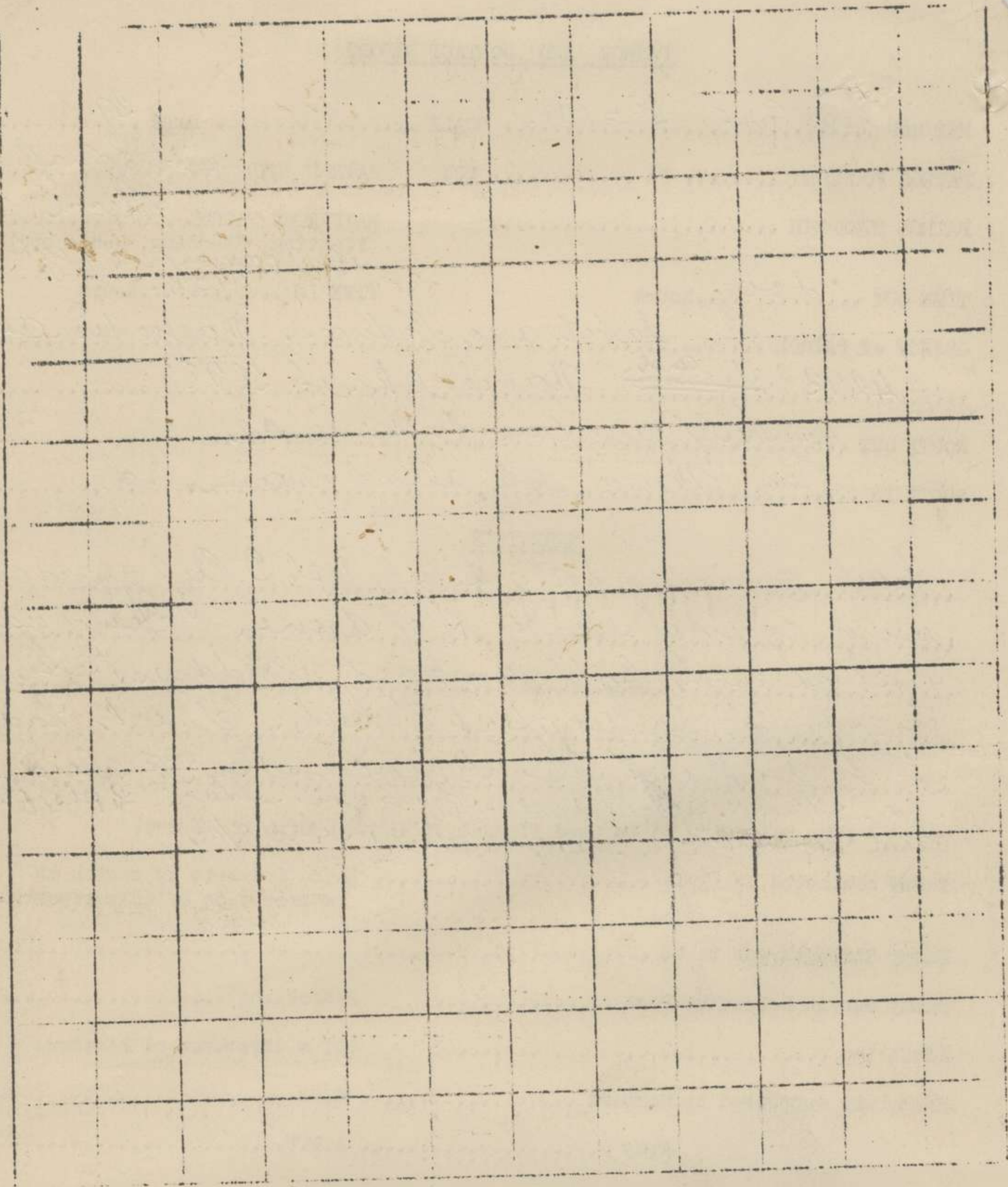
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REMARKS

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PATROL AND CONTACT REPORT

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PATROL FOUND BY P1 COY PATROL COMD Capt. Ednaf

PATROL STRENGTH NATURE of PATROL Recce, fighting if necessary (Fighting, Standing, Recce etc)

TIME OUT 1400 hours TIME IN 1930 hours

OBJECT of PATROL To patrol area between NAMEE creek ref 3878 to MAGNETIC creek ref HR 73

ROUTE OUT northerly direction to NAMEE ck

ROUTE IN from NAMEE CK along main rd

NARRATIVE

Patrol consisting of 2 pls B Coy, 1 pl D Coy moved out using cover of dense N of drome. Going was first through both scrub and swordgrass, then dense growth bamboo about 8' high. Track had to be cut through this growth when SE along river through very dense scrub. This stage 2 pls found and one contacted in rear of actual track. Patrol pushed on through tall grassed undulating country to creek overlapping junction of MAGNETIC CK and main rd. Observation very poor. After spending approx 40 minutes trying to get a view of enemy, contacted B/S on and returned to camp.

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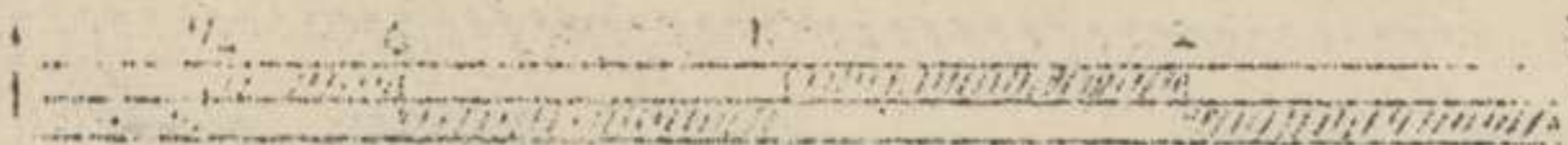
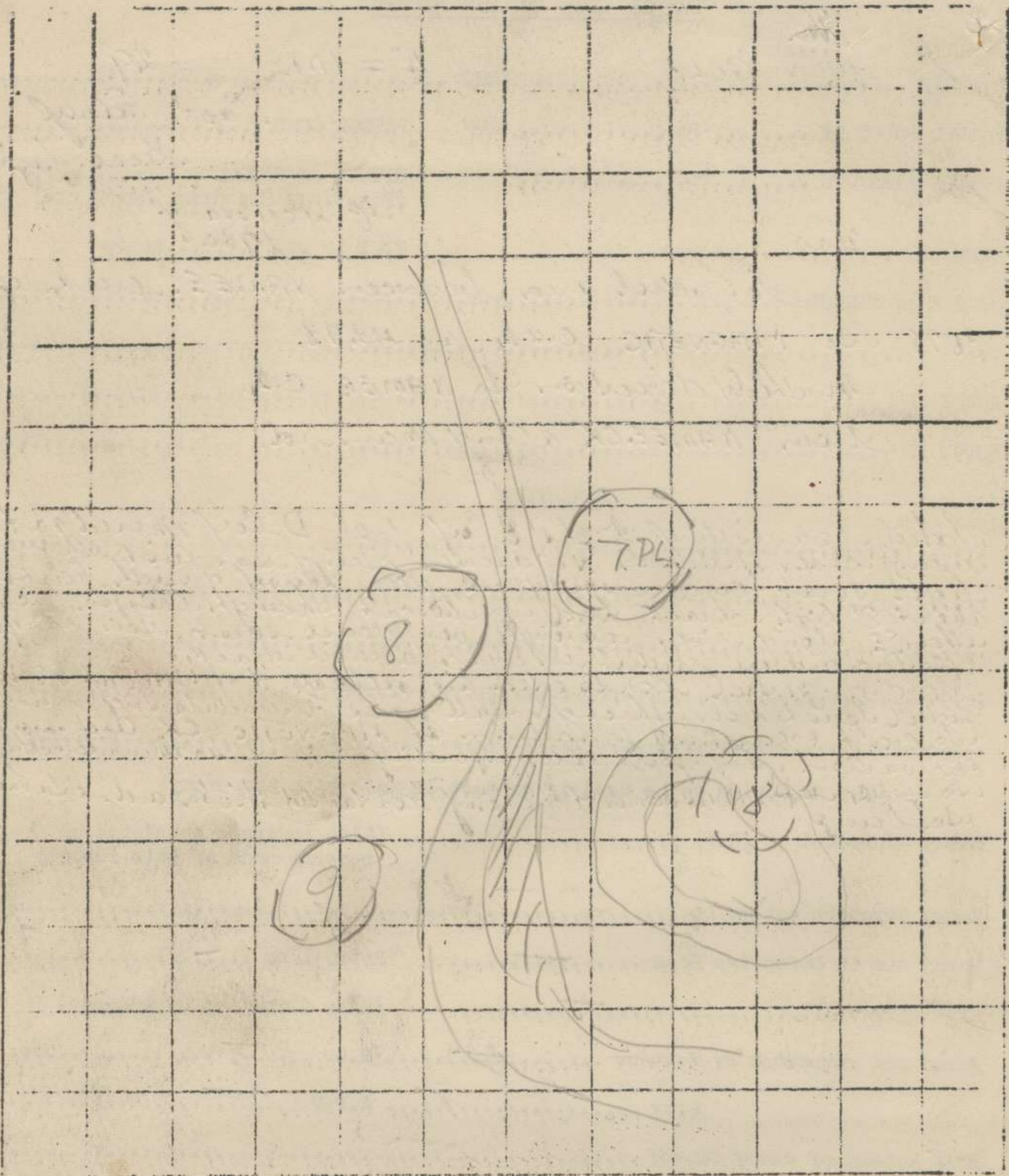
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PRISONERS TAKEN

REMARKS

Capt Ednaf per R. W. Brown



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PATROL AND CONTACT REPORT

REF MAP *How West (Revised)* SCALE DATE *23/2/43*

PATROL FOUND BY P1 *B.* COY PATROL CMDR *Plt Wilson*

PATROL STRENGTH *6* NATURE of PATROL *Recce*
(Fighting, Standing, Recce etc)

TIME OUT *0910* hours TIME IN *1230* hours

OBJECT of PATROL *Recce to ascertain if any enemy work in area EAST of B. Coy.*

ROUTE OUT *B. Coy to Andersons Sawmill - tracks leading NE over Grassy Spur and along re-entrant for 500x.*

ROUTE IN *The EAST to Spur followed 400x SOUTH to old Bram line followed 200x to timbered ridge.*

Route in followed high ridge SOUTH of Bram line and returned to B. Coy area via ~~which~~ house and sawmill.

NARRATIVE

Many old foot tracks in area EAST of Grassy Spur NO fresh tracks were seen and there was no indication of recent enemy movements in area

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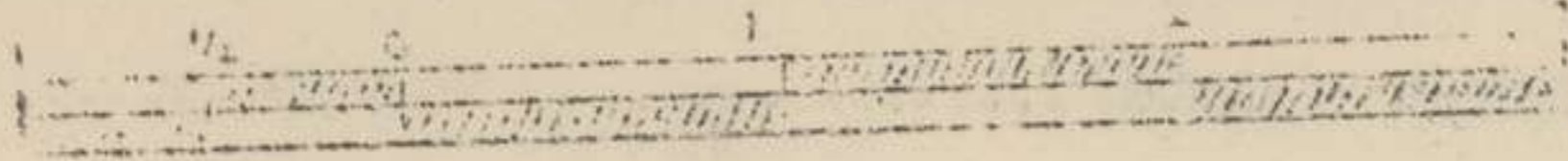
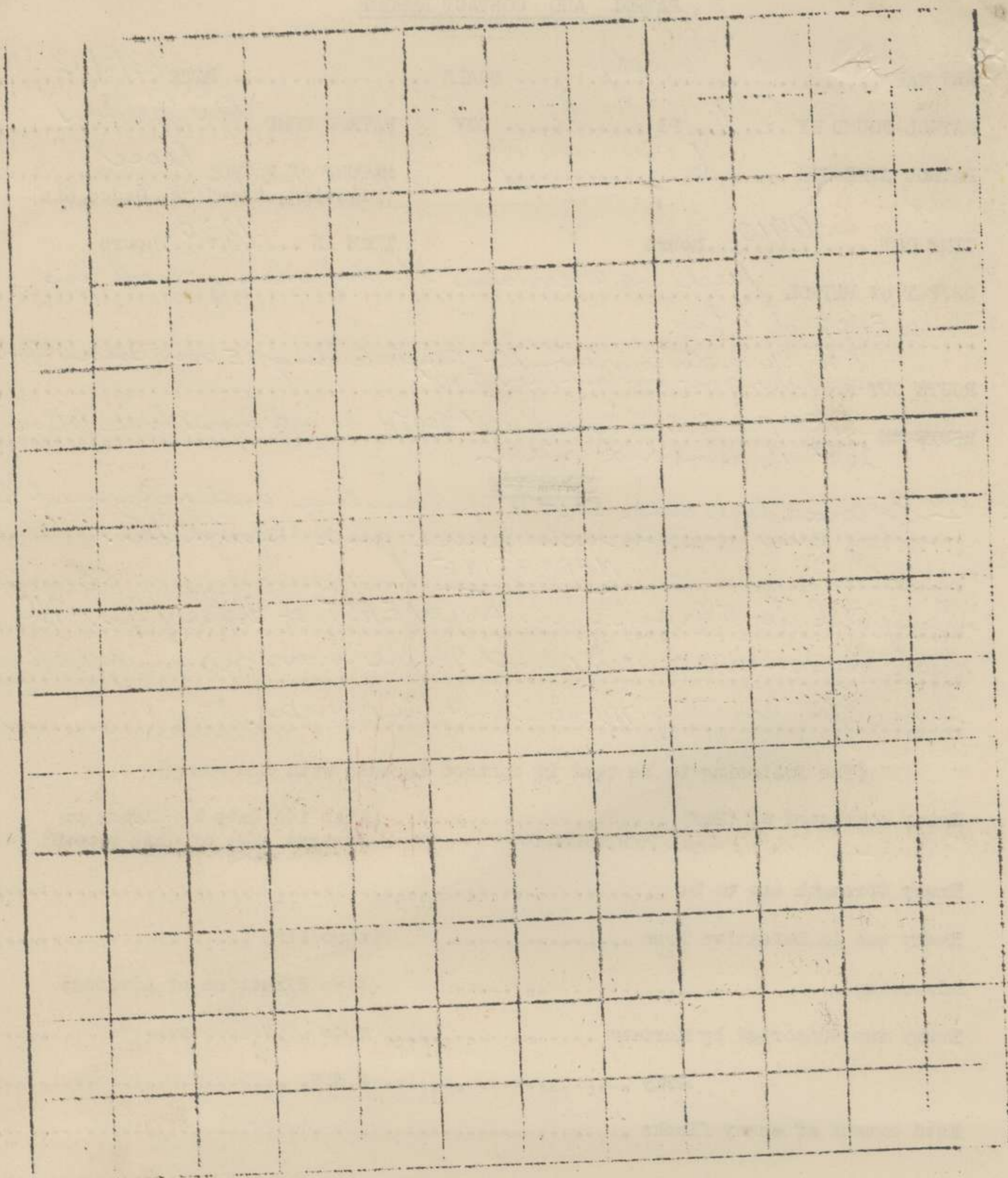
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REF MAP SCALE DATE

PATROL FOUND BY .. 11 .. Pl .. R .. COY .. PATROL COMD .. Lt Mallett ..

PATROL STRENGTH .. 1422 .. NATURE of PATROL .. Recce ..
(Fighting, Standing, Recce etc)

TIME OUT .. 0915 .. hours .. TIME IN .. 1330 .. hours

OBJECT of PATROL .. To look for Bracks S. of Brack ..

ROUTE OUT .. From Sawmill SE ..

ROUTE IN .. Back on road ..

NARRATIVE

Found 2 Bracks heading due South from Sawmill
Proceeded 1000' thru thorn scrub and back along road
considered Bracks had not been traversed previously

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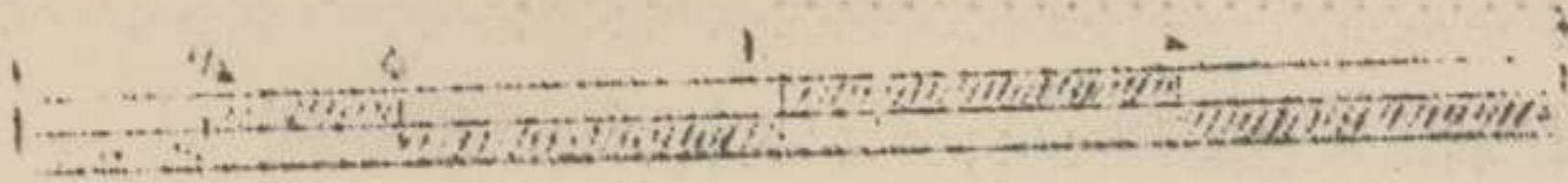
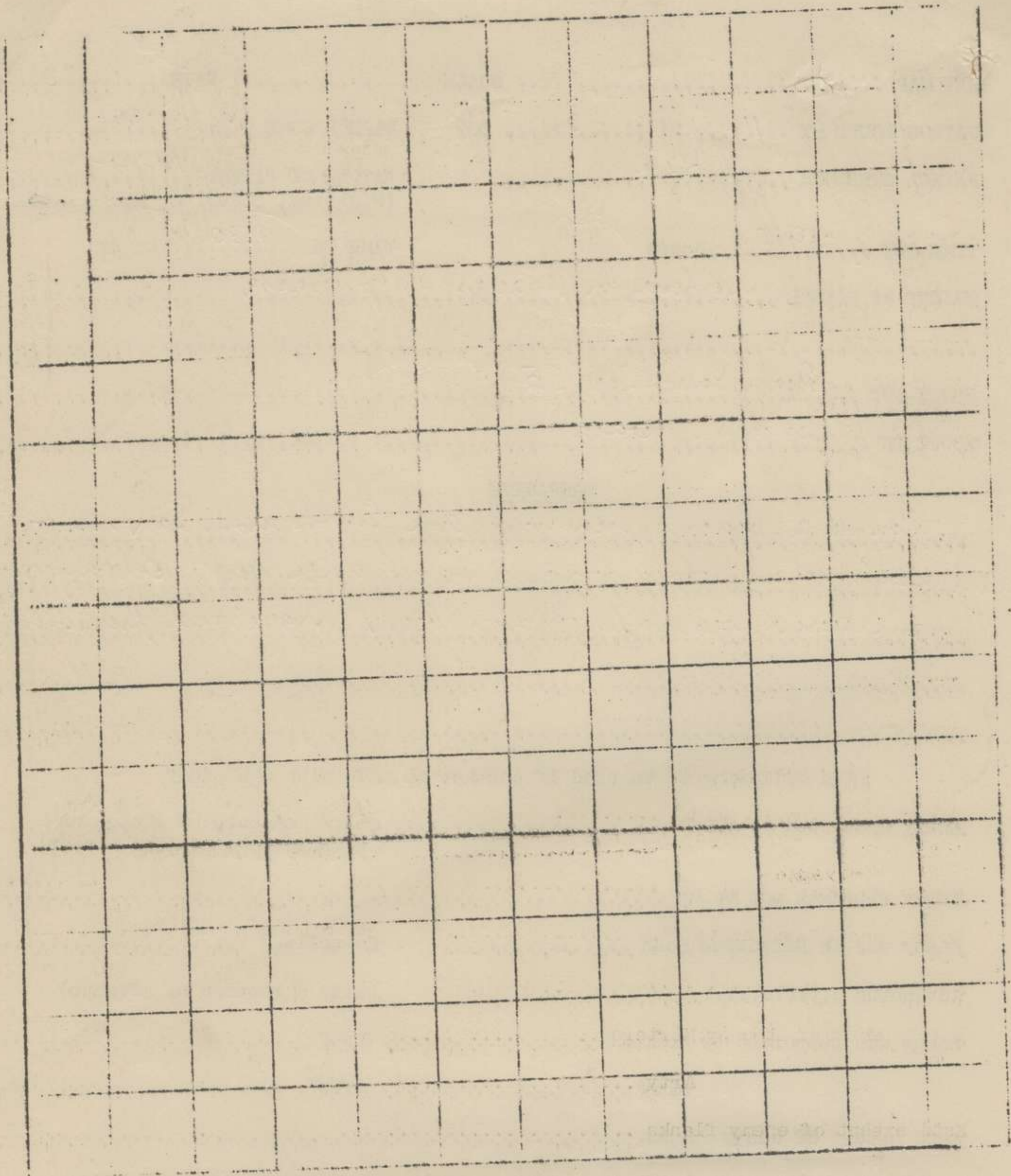
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PATROL REPORT.

12 Feb. 43.

Object.

To search wood at #397-717 for presence of enemy.

Route out.

The patrol moved direct from Pl. HQ. on a bearing of 60° to capse through high grass entering capse from rear, leaving at 0700 hrs.

Narrative.

The capse was searched but no signs of recent habitation was found. Some abandoned equipment was found and collected for perusal.

Route in

Skirt light timber East of gardens and return along Western end of Race course. The patrol arrived back at 0845 hrs.

J. H. Hunt

Day of 22 Feb 43

Handoko 0530 - 0700 hrs two

patrols, 1 east 1000 yds up gap

track, nothing to report 2nd patrol

from Gullett Gunc. to Wandumi Gunc.

where met 6 bay patrol, nothing

to report. Phone message from

Capt. Lancel. 2/3 Incl. Bay at 0900.

by stating relief coming to relieve

P & B. Bay. Relief arrived 1330,

had to wait for message from Bde.

before moving back to Bn area. ~~by~~

Day 23 Feb 43

Capt. Lancel. informed me that

phone to Bde had broken down and

to return to Bn Area left 1000 hrs

arrived Bay Area 1325. ^{via Wandumi}

3 men with dysentery, 2 men

with bad fat.

W Luby Lt 10 Ph



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To ABA

Report of W. R. 3 Coy, 2/7th batt, at
2/3 Aust. Ind. Coy. for day 21 Feb 43
JUNE COLLECT - JAP TRACKS

Stand to 0530/0700 hrs. At 0700 hrs
2 patrols, one moving east along Jap
Track approx 1000 yds, returned to
camp 0830 hrs, reporting track
showing no signs of movement
on at since the night. The other
moved west from Junc^{to}
Wandume track, returned 0930
hrs, nothing to report. During
the morning shifted posn to a
more suitable area. At 1230 hrs
pl from Ind Coy passed through
our posn & were going east along
Jap track to take up posn approx
8 hrs march from our location.
At 1345 hrs moved west along
Jap trying to see some known

points so that we could
resect & find our exact position
map. Was successful. At

1530 hrs C Coy pl reported here.
They have taken up posn known
as Brennan's Post, approx 400
yds from north of B Coy A posn.
Food is very good & everybody
is contented. Time 1905 hrs

SIGNED W. F. Kelly Lt.

10 R. B. Coy

ERNEST J. HAREWOOD, O.B.E.,
Lt.-Commissioner.

Patron:
RT. HON. Wm. M. HUGHES, P.C.

Red Shield Huts -- Mobiles

For Australian Troops

FROM:—

No.

NAME

UNIT



194

Ref Map: WAW West (Revised) Scale 1" = 1 mile

Patrol found by 10 Pl. B Coy - Grid: Tully A.

Patrol Strength: 1-24 - all 2 S Bearers 1-1 man

Nature of Patrol: Fighting & Recce.

Time Out: 0910 - 19 Feb 43. - Time in 1325hr 23 Feb 43.

Chief of Patrol: Fighting Patrol from B Coy to 424 715

Patrol east along the entrance to Wandumi track up 440 711 to Wandumi. North 1000 yds approx.

NOTE: At 1230 hr on the day of the 20th received order from SP139 to move along Wandumi track towards Black Cat junction, where Emore onwards junction to contact 2 guides from 2/3 Bnd Coy. Contacted guides 1000 hr 20 Feb. who guided me into position up approx 470 764 where I relieved carrier platoon of 2/6 Bn. Then I received instruction from Capt TANCRED of 2/3 Bnd Coy that I was to hold GULLETT JAP JUNCTION and BRENNONS POST 400 yds north of GULLETT JAP JUNCTION and at first light each day to patrol east along Jap track for 1 1/2 hrs. & west along Jap track to 500 yds west Jap - WANDUMI JAP JUNCTION.

21 Feb 43 - Stand to 0530 - to 0700. Patrol east along track, patrol return 0830 - nothing to report. 2nd patrol went to WANDUMI JAP JUNCTION returned 0830 - nothing to report - Remainder of morning shifted post to more suitable area. Evening tried to maintain known posts on map for re-sighting to find my exact post on map. - Owing to darkness of jungle was unable to do so.

22 Feb. - Stand to 0530 - 0700 - Patrol as 21 Feb.

At 0900 phone message from Capt TANCRED stating

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

ERNEST J. HAREWOOD, O.B.E.,
Lt.-Commissioner.

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FROM:—

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relief to relieve me would arrive that day.
Relief arrived 1330. I was unable to return
to Coy Area until permission for Bede was granted
No message was received by me on this day.

23 FEB — 0920. permission was granted to me from
Capt TANCRED. Left GURRETT LOP JUNCTION at 1000h
returned via WANDURRI reached Coy Area at 1325.
Period from departure for Coy Area on 19 Feb
until 1200h notes have been covered by reports
already forwarded. Until 1030h 21 Feb when
Coy patrol reported operations were carried out
by self only. At that time Coy pl came
under my Comdr & both pls operated conjointly
from then on.

W Luby Lt
Comdr. 11. Ph 8 Coy

Obtained documents found LOP link GURRETT JUNCTION.

Condition of Personnel 100%: 3 cases dysentery & 50%
suffering from bad feet due to continual dampness.

Patrol report.

19. Feb. 43

Pt. C. Coy left Camp area, 399711, ref map WAWEST revised scale 1" = 1 Mile. When proceeded along road to 401722 then turned across country in a N.E. direction crossed small creek, thickly timbered then across grass patch, 408709 then in a westerly direction along this creek to the BUKOLO RIVER, arriving at 12.00 hrs. The patrol was delayed 3/4 hrs, the rear section dropping back, owing to a sick man, this section lost contact, I was told to go back and contact them which I did and brought the section forward.

The patrol forded the BUKOLO RIVER with the aid of a rope which was across the river, had midday meal and proceeded at approx 1330. along a track from 414714 to 439712, along a track evidently used by the Japanese. The grade being very steep and rough going. On reaching the top on a grass patch Sgt. Ruit Takijima his patrol, ref 440710. Both patrols proceeded through WANDUMI village and then the bivouac area 452730 Patrolled area and concluded for the night.

20 Feb.

Pt. C. Coy was split into 3 rear patrols, one section proceeded around the dig point and up back to bivouac area at 1200 hrs. The section under Lieut Pritchard proceeded east across road to 442731 then north along track to approx 444741 meeting the 2 section which moved along the same direction further south. This track, has not been used for some considerable time and continued in a westerly direction, both rear patrols arrived back bivouac area at 1430. No signs of any enemy movement or any evidence of the enemy having been in this area.

On arriving back to bivouac area Lieut Pritchard was informed by the scout stationed there that Lieut Fieby had left at approx 1330 hrs. Under instructions to move to approx 468740 and to construct a guide from the L/S end of along the track. I was ordered by Lieut Pritchard to proceed along the Jap track, contact Lieut Fieby and send a guide back to contact him. After moving along the track to the dig point the P. Coy patrol was only 100' behind me. I continued and the patrol waited, after proceeding along this track for approx 2500 to the fwd. scout contacted and informed me that Lieut Pritchard's patrol was following only 10 minutes behind, the scout and I proceeded and contacted Lieut Fieby at the point of GULLETT, JAP track. After waiting for about 3/4 hr, Lieut Pritchard failed to arrive, the fwd. scout whose name I presume was Sgt. Webster proceeded back along the track for approx 1000 to contact the patrol, found a note from Lieut Pritchard stating that he had gone back to the Jap bivouac area and would follow on in the morning. The fwd. scout returned to Lieut Fieby and he and I bivouaced there for the night.

21st Lt.

Stand at 0600 hrs, waited until 1030 Lt Rutchard's patrol had not arrived. The first scout proceeded down GOLLETT track to WANDUMI track then toward the Jap line and WANDUMI track in case Lt Rutchard had proceeded that way. I left Lt Fedy's patrol with a guide proceeding down the JAP track at approx 1030. Reversing the track to the trig point above Wandumi finally arriving at the bivouac area at approx 1330. Contacting Lt Rutchard who then proceeded to the area occupied by Lt Fedy.

The Jap track continues for approx 3000 yds from WANDUMI to junction of the GULLETT track. Numerous dead Japanese were evident along the Jap track, also Japanese camp areas, weapons, pissuel, camouflaged. The camp areas were littered with discarded respirators and other gear. The track from the trig point down to Crystal Creek showed evidence of very accurate arty fire by our arty.

I left the bivouac area above WANDUMI at approx 1430 hrs and returned to Base at approx 1800 hrs.

Pte W L Lawson
UX 57482.

PATROL. RE Port. 19 FEB.

NATURE of Patrol \odot Fighting Recce Patrol Bonds Int Duty

Strength. 30 and 1 offrs.

T.O. 09.15. The Patrol moved from Bag Area across ELG and thence to LAES Rd following down LAES Rd for about 300x and in NE direction and arrived at BULOLO River MAP. REF. 423908 at 10.40 hrs \odot 1 very dead Jap astride $\&$ at River \odot The River was flowing very strongly at this point so the Bonds to Recce a more suitable $\&$ ng one was found N of ref Point it had been used by the Japs. as a $\&$ te was found across the River, the $\&$ ng was completed at 11.30 hrs \odot The Patrol then travelled almost due EAST through Medium Jungle a very steep climb by a Jap track this led to a Jap position estimated at one Pl. Refort or Jap house. Proceeding almost due EAST the JUNGLE got very much thicker and the climb steeper the Patrol ran into a small N.G. at 1300 hrs Map ref 438712 \odot 1300-13.30 hrs Lunch \odot The Patrol was still travelling Practically EAST. Arrive and Arrived at Copse MAP. REF 439713 at 14.30 hrs where C Coy Patrol contacted us at 14.30 hrs \odot Proceeded up very steep and rough JAP Tr (but with a little bleeding would be quite serviceable, and struck the WANDUMI Tr at Map Ref 440710. A number of very dead Japs were observed, NIL Information and arrived at Wandumi 16.15 \odot A search was made of all Huts in vicinity. NIL Information \odot Left WANDUMI 16.30 and travelling N.E arrived at R.V. 1700. Contact with B. Coy H.Q. was made by Sigs at 14.45. and they were notified of our arrival. Between WANDUMI and R.V. a number of dead Japs who did not seem to be in such an advanced state of Decomposition as the previous Japs mentioned some cimeters and papers were found. also at approx MAP REF 441713 Two Aus. Soldiers were found but were unable to identify them. TEA was had at 18.30 and the Pl was bivouac for the night in a DEFENSIVE Posn \odot Booby Traps were set and by 1905 everything was in order \odot A PICQUET was established \odot At 22.20 hr a MESSAGE was received but it was undecipherable \odot .

PATROL REPORT. 20 FEB Bontal.

STAND. To was at 0600 hrs and the Hqs were in Excellent humor considering the cold and miserably wet night. After Bkt 3 sections left on separate routes on Recce Patrols at 0900 hrs. No 1 sec to go a 1000x up the WANDUMI Tr approx MAP REF 455435 and then turning EAST for 500x and Return to Tr. 0 More extremely dead Japs were found. Diaries and paper were collected. The Sec Returned at 11.15 hrs. No 2 Sec proceeded up WANDUMI Tr MAP Ref 450430 for 500x and thence EAST 500x and SOUTH 500x and Returned R.V. at 11.00 hrs. 3 dead Japs were seen and papers etc were taken. No 3 sec. EAST from R.V. 800x approx. MAP Ref 455425 and thence NORTH 300x and SOUTH 400x. Returned 1305 hrs. No 3 Sec Reported Practically INACCESSIBLE country. NO trace of Jap movement. NIL Report. At 12.30 approx OP ORDER 209 was received and at 13.30 the Pl moved out and travelling approx NORTH. after a forced march through EXTREMELY difficult terrain contacted Guides from 2/6 Bn approx 2000x PAST MAP Ref given in OP ORDER 209. Arrived at Gunc GULLET JAP Tr held by Supt JONES of 2/6 Bn. CARRIER Pl. Supt FIETZ 2/4 Bn then took over from Supt JONES. 12 Pl dispositions were seen at GULLETS ONE Sec at BRENNAN'S POST. approx 400x WEST and down from GULLETS Tr. Three LISTENING POSTS by Day and Two LISTENING Post by NIGHT. A MESSAGE was received from Capt TANCRED. OC 2/3 Snd Coy. (Copy attached) Informing Supt FIETZ that as from 0800 hrs he was Attached to 2/3 Snd Coy. At 0800 hrs Pte Houston and a Corporal from A Pl of C Coy under command of Supt RICHARD arrived to contact us, they informed us that the Pl of C Coy was about 1/2 hrs March away. Supt FIETZ waited until 1900 hrs for them and then sent a guide to contact them. The guide Returned to say that Supt RICHARD had left a Note saying he had Returned to WANDUMI.

PATROL Report. Contd

Herewith is a copy of MESSAGE received from Capt
TANCRED 2/3 Snd Coy.

To Comdr 2/7 Bn Personnel.

From BAH1 05104 20

You come under Comd 2/3 Aus Snd Coy while in this
AREA. You will hold GUNGE GULLETS TR for with $\frac{3}{4}$
your force. Remainder will hold BRENNANS POST.
At first light each day you will patrol from GUNGE
GULLETS 500XWEST along JAP TR to 500XWEST JAP WANDUMI
TR GUNGE, and from GULLET GUNGE EAST along JAP TR for
 $\frac{1}{2}$ hrs. You will be rationed from BAH1. Hot meals
will be sent to you morning and night. I will
contact you as soon as possible.

P.L. TANCRED Capt
OC 2/3 Snd Coy



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5. Sabu from 10 Pl 20

Message not received P. 14/19.

1/2 pl still on Recce @ will

Proceed immediately they arrive

@ Can you notify 2/3 End

12:25
Fick Lt

PATROL REPORT

REF. MAP: WAU LOCALITY SCALE: 4" TO 1 MILE DATE: 25.2.43.

PATROL FOUND BY 9 PL "A" COY. PATROL CMD. by J. Smith. Lieut

PATROL STRENGTH: 1 OFF 7 OR'S NATURE OF PATROL. Recon.

TIME OUT 0930 hours.

TIME IN 1430. hours.

OBJECT OF PATROL: To penetrate as far as possible the JAP track leading to CRYSTAL CREEK and to observe any recent JAP movements.

ROUTE OUT: ref 399679 O.P. position to approx ref 413677.

ROUTE IN: reverse to route out.

NARRATIVE: Left O.P. area at 0930 hrs along JAP track running east crossed KUALI CREEK at 0940 hrs saw 2 dead JAPS also Australian pack - no identification. Track travelled more N.E. and at 1000 hrs saw 1 dead JAP. continued along track running S.E. at 1050 hrs contacted 4th dead JAP also Australian pack marked T. MAGEE. NX 93765 (shoulder straps made of plaited gas cape.) At 1100 hrs arrived at creek flowing N.E. just above creek saw 1 dead JAP. Arrived at stream at 1100 hrs flowing due north track running due east. At 30 yds on contacted 2 dead JAPS - ~~X~~ 1 woman on ~~X~~ 1 man short distance away. Woman wore rank of superior private (3 stars on red back-ground)

1.

Quantity of equipment in this area, collected and put
in dump ^{2.}

6 - 3" mortars and fuses, 2 stick grenades, 2 Picks,
2 shovels, 1 Maddock, 1 Hatchet, Telephone box and reel
of cable and sundry other gear.

Left at 1125 hrs at 1145 hrs found large trampled area
as though a large party had rested for awhile. Small
items of equipment and 1 dead JAP (aged) on a stretcher.
1147 hrs reached creek flowing NE. 1 Stretcher discarded
on eastern bank. 1157 hrs found JAP rifle lying on
track. 1200 hrs reached creek flowing N.W. free of creek
as track. Trail diverges here and rejoins main track
approx 30 yds along running north. 1208 hrs reached large
uprooted tree on right hand side of track.

Reached creek and extent of patrol at 1213 hrs.

Rest for lunch.

At 1300 hrs set off on return, set fast pace and at
1405 hrs passed Bn N.C.O's school patrol and eventually
reached O.P. position at 1430 hrs.

1½ hrs walking without a rest.

REMARKS: All information from notes made by patrol
commander collated and compiled by Private
J. Smith.

Track very hard to follow in the dense jungle
see the map.

According to patrol commander this area could be
patrolled in a day from "A" coy area.

J. Smith

47th Div Daily Patrol Programme

Gap to Northy 1" Sect by Rover's daily Programme TO F.I. Report

Exp. Notes
A North 1
North 2
2A

B Recce East South West
Recce 18/2/43. Salvaging of Gap eqpt.

0915 1515 Home Depot (Rupert's End)

0915 1230 Lt. von.

C North 1
North 2
2A
North 3

0920 1700

D North 1
North 2
2A

HQ North 1
North 2
2A

2/7 Aust Int. On daily patrol programme.

13 Feb 43

Patrol to Moleby Sect by 2000 by daily programme

Op Det	Programme	Time	Report	
Patrol	NVA 2		SIT NOR	
B. Spat	To patrol track of 11 Feb to fulfilment	0915 1710	<p>Spat Thomas. 100°-250 KUAN CK, 90°-900 also patrol in bush with light in night thru Sth bank of Rly. The two used tracks - (85°-40° slope steep descent, found 3 JAP arms & 1 rifle gun 120° JAP. 3rd JAP found (Track 1143365 7M² ga) 900° to 2nd JAP dead. 150° strike magnetic ch, track to SE - 100° JAP. (came back & followed magnetic ch to 700° 1000° same creek (Sentry position 1/65) 417687 a track indicated under the campaign 310° 4123°, (found several JAP arms) Staining stick. X the fire to 3rd JAP 3000 to 3000 to 3000 to 3000</p>	
C. NVA	To A Coy North 2nd AIC	Light Bush Light Dark	SIT NOR SIT NOR	
Spat	To 394 719 with patrol of 1800 1830 " " " 425 709	1800 1830	<p>0700 hr SIT NOR 200 Recruit 500 JAP no fresh patrol up Bulolo River. 1000 JAP no sign of JAP. 13 PL of Bulolo. Found this late 10 PL & Coy position. 1000. 13 PL 1600. SIT NOR.</p>	
D. NVA	" "		SIT NOR	1400
NVA	" "		SIT NOR	1400
H2	Spat To 394 719	0700 0800	Patrolled up 394 719 found 2 JAP equipment	1400
" "	To 396 716 & contact C Coy patrol.	0700 0830	Patrolled up the 1st Coy. No Report	1400
NVA	11 th 21 st	1330 1530	Proceeded SOUTH heard Chopping in front returned.	

Handwritten scribbles at the bottom of the page.

NOR - NORMAL
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 F - FIGHTING
 S - STANDING

11 Oct 43.

2/7 HUST. INF BN. daily Patrol - programme

boys do notify "I" Sec by 2000 hrs daily

Programme

Report

boys notified

TIME OUT TIME IN

		TIME OUT	TIME IN	Report	
A	NOR NO1 NOR NO2			SITNOR SITNOR	Hops
B	Spec B Coy up KUALI cr to clearance of enemy.	0915	1315	Successful, 2 dead Japs + 1 wounded to M.D.S. Signs of Party at 12-20 leaving previous day. cross KUALI the to MARBENE.	Hops
C	NOR 1 " 2 " 2A			SITNOR SITNOR	Hops
D	NOR 1 1812 HQ to 390701 2 390701 to crk.	light Dusk light Dusk		SITNOR SITNOR	Hops
HQ	200 to Patrol Lt (on Perry Point)	1600	1600	Proceeded to Lt + Dones Resubant to Graves, found signs of JAPS camp estimated 5 days old.	Hops

NOR = Normal
 SPEC = SPECIAL
 R = Recce
 F = Fighting
 S = Standing

27. AUST INF BN daily Patrol programme

10 Feb 43

Coy's to notify "I" Sec by 2000 hrs day preceding patrol.

Coy's	NATURE	Programme	TIME		Report.
			OUT	IN	
4	NOR 1		light	light	SIT NOR
	NOR 2				
B	Spec F	12 Pl up KEALICK - 10-men. Attached. actually CR of W. Kealick.	0900	1315	<p>Soft Kealick (4000' defend trench to Magnetick)</p> <p>200' stretch JAPS - saw sentry, probably 12.</p> <p>withdrew. (183°-30 + 240°-13 + 192°-107 + 157°-62 + 190°-180 + 156°-100 + 199°-24 + 58 + 213°-65 + 290°-18 + 191°-60 + 212°-56 + 88 + 220°-16 + 199°-47 + 184°-42 + 190°-59 + 150°-140 + 200)</p> <p>stretch track portion top of Hill contained.</p> <p>231-210 + 186-38 + 192-126 + 220-64 + 197-29 + 201-80</p> <p>152-81 + 140-30 (JAP) observed, mtd. 332°-200'</p> <p>30°-75 + 110-100 + 50°-100 + 20-71 informed 1480.</p> <p>Chaffing Signal Line (Hd/No).</p>
C	NOR 1		light	light	SIT NOR
	1A		Dusk	Dusk	"
	NOR 2		light	light	SIT NOR
	2A		Dusk	Dusk	"
D					
	NOR 1		light	light	SIT NOR
	1A				
	NOR 2		light	light	SIT NOR
	2A				

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3/7 1943. I.M.P.B. daily patrol programme

9 Feb 43

Coy to identify 1st sets by 2000 hrs day preceding patrol

Coy Nature	Programme	Time		Report	Action taken
		out	in		
A	to contact "C" Coy & return "F" Patrol tracks between Coy HQ & fwd PL (398694) thence tracks to right and on to "B" Coy.	light	"	S.I.T.NOR. S.I.T.MOR.	
B	Spec. F. 1/2 PL due SOUTH on track O.C. Henke leads to Bull dog? area. 11th Lt Dietz in a	0930	1250	To 405 685 to 401 697 struck JAPs Party 12 - who moved NB down patrol moved up track across gully to 398 678 & down - re-entrant to Coy. Report good track going up feature from 398 678. PL end Lt Dietz.	HOPO
C	NOR R 1/2 SE 200' along rd & contact "A" Coy " " " " " " " " " " " "	light DUSK	"	S.I.T.NOR. " "	
	NOR R 3/2 Out left flank to contact 2/3 A.I.C. " " " " " " " " " " " "	light DUSK	"	S.I.T.NOR. " "	
	Spec F 3/2 15 Pl to m ds (384901) thence patrol area WEST of Bio WAW etc. Sgt lead	0930	1630	Along rd to 383 693 to 365 665 back to 371 677 up track to 369 679 to 383 693 & back off rd at 383 693, several fire & bullets this with photo, No sign of enemy. 381 692 (FWD) TO 391 685 TO JAP grave 393 685 & thence track 85° = 398 688 - JAP grave (est 6 JAPs) & 90°. thence 399 689 - JAP in caps Pts. & returned Sign & shell 398 688	
D	Spec F 1/4 PL fwd up spur 392 694 thence 393 689 thence try follow track SOUTH	0900	1605	Spur of H8 Coy to grassy hill beyond. Keen to see shelter No bodies. All track back off to EAST returned via gully to south, the WEST then North to H8 Coy. No enemy seen.	
H2	NOR R 1/2 Coy HQ to 390 695 & back " " " " " " " " " " " "	light DUSK	0705	S.I.T.NOR. " "	
	NOR R 3/2 390 695 to 390 690 & back " " " " " " " " " " " "	light DUSK	0815	S.I.T.NOR. " "	
	NOR S 3/2 391 698	light DUSK	0815	S.I.T.NOR. " "	

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