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**July 1943**

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# WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Unit 2/7 Aust Inf Bn Date and Time.—From July To \_\_\_\_\_

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| Nav.  | July 1. |      | <p>Every encouragement has been given to the playing of competitive sports by the Unit and a certain amount of sporting gear has been made available to the various sub-units. Good use is being made of this as is evidenced by the number of matches both within and between boys which have taken place.</p> <p>"Hussie Rules" still appears to be prime favourite but we have had the experience of witnessing a rugby snow match between</p> |  |

135/5,39.—C.4788.

Henry D. Quinn... Lt. Col.  
Comd. 2/7 Aust. Inf. Bn.

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| Wau   | July 1. |      | exponents of that branch of the game.  |  |
| Wau.  | July 2. |      | Work on the site of the fire and movement range was completed today and the first troops were put through the range as a tryout this afternoon. The troops came from A Coy. The range is designed for use by a platoon and the picture given to the troops is that while advancing along the Wau-Crystal Lk Rd |  |

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| Nau   | July 2 |      | <p>They are engaged by 'enemy' from the ridge SE. from the MDS Turnoff. The central section immediately engages the 'enemy' with L.M.G. and rifle fire, the vickers gun is brought into action and the other two sections make encirclements to the flanks. The central section moves forward and re-engages the 'enemy' with L.M.G. and 2" mortar fire. The right section comes into action with the K.I. rifle. The show was with a bayonet attack by the two flanking sections.</p> |  |

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| Wau   | July 3. |      | <p>Pls from A+C boys in addition to the Tank Attacks pl. went through the fire and movement range this morning. The whole of the operations were successfully carried out, the only mishap being the severing of the copper sig. line by the Vickers. This was quickly repaired by L of C Sigs. and the gun moved forward in order to obviate any further occurrence of this incident.</p> <p>The final instruction in the NCO's School was given this afternoon when the subject of</p> |  |

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H. 100M 2/22

Unit 2/7 Aust Inf Bn Date and Time.—From July To \_\_\_\_\_

| Place | Date    | Hour | Summary of Events and Information  | Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c. |
|-------|---------|------|--|--|
| Wau   | July 3. |      | <p>guardas and piquets was dealt with. During the 'school' all drill movements from squad to Coy drill were dealt with, while a lecture on army organisation had been given by Maj. Dunkley earlier in the course. Section and platoon administration was the subject of a lecture by Lieut. Cawaras. The 'school' closed with a talk by Maj. Dunkley.</p> |  |

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H. 100M 2/42

Unit 2/7 Bus Inf Bn Date and Time.—From July To \_\_\_\_\_

| Place | Date   | Hour | Summary of Events and Information  | Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c. |
|-------|--------|------|--|--|
| Wau   | July 4 |      | <p>Much interest continues to be displayed in the present operations in the 'Mubo' and 'Bobambi' areas. A visit to all the boys revealed that maps covering the field of activity are available to the troops in addition to the pitheps; some boys indeed are keeping situation maps.</p> |  |
| Wau   | July 5 |      | <p>A second class of NCOs to receive instruction in parade procedure reported to Bn HQ this morning</p>  |  |

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*2nd Aust Infn Bn*

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|------------|---------------|------|--|--|
| <i>Nau</i> | <i>July 5</i> |      | <p>When these schools are completed it is intended that every NCO will have received one week's training in this work.</p> <p>An instruction was received from 3 Div that a recce. party comprising representatives from each Coy. and Bn HQ. were to proceed to the Patepi area. The various officers concerned were warned and preparations made for their departure.</p> <p>After a break of over one week 16 transport planes arrived this</p> |  |

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2/7 Aust. Inf. Bn

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|-------|--------|------|---|--|
| Nau   | July 5 |      | <p>morning thus relieving the shortages in certain commodities of rations and other materials while at the same time a good mail was forthcoming.</p> <p>Two "Boomerangs" also arrived but it was reported this afternoon that one had been shot down over the 'Mubo' area.</p> <p>A recon party led by Sgt Robins left from the Blackcat Mine to endeavour to locate a track across the Pioneer Range to Missim.</p> |  |

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Unit 27 Aust Inf Bn Date and Time.—From July To \_\_\_\_\_

| Place | Date   | Hour | Summary of Events and Information   | Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c. |
|-------|--------|------|---|--|
| Wau   | July 6 |      | <p>The recce party comprising Lieuts. Gude, Fietz, Lawards, Rice, Dinsmore with an I man left Wau early this morning and proceeded to Bulolo where they picked up Capt Barr and Lieut Gervard. The party then continued to Mumberg.</p> |  |
| Wau   | July 7 |      | <p>A most impressive display of Allied air might was visible this morning when a force of 51 bombers including No 45's Liberator's and Fortress</p>   |  |

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Unit 27 Aust Inf Bn

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|       | Wau July 7. |      | <p>circled the area for some time. Ultimately the whole force made towards Kubo and the full effect of their devastating work could be heard as explosion after explosion reverberated through the valley to this locality.</p> <p>Later, it was learned the attack which was directed at Kitchen Ck Woody Is, Green Hill, Observation Hill and Stony Ck was the prelude to a drive on to Observation Hill by troops of this Bde.</p> |  |

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Smd. 27 Aust Inf. Bn.

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Unit 27th Aust Inf Bn Date and Time.—From July To \_\_\_\_\_

| Place | Date       | Hour | Summary of Events and Information   | Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c. |
|-------|------------|------|---|--|
|       | 1st July 8 |      | <p>Demands for working parties etc. have of late not been as heavy as previously and consequently it has been possible to devote more time to training. Parties have made further use of the fire and movement range and A.C. boy has been engaged in the construction of a '30 yard' range in the vicinity of the other range. Targets are being manufactured by Bn A.C. personnel under the supervision of the I Section.</p> |  |

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Sdmd. 4/7 Aust. Inf. Div.

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Unit *27. Bus Int. Bn* Date and Time.—From *July* To \_\_\_\_\_

| Place      | Date          | Hour | Summary of Events and Information  | Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c. |
|------------|---------------|------|--|--|
| <i>Wau</i> | <i>July 9</i> |      | <p><i>It has been decided <del>to</del> in view of a reduction in demands on the Unit for working parties etc. to hold the Abloid sports meeting which had been suggested soon after the Bn's return from the Mubo area. The meeting it is proposed will take place <del>next</del> Wednesday and a schedule of the events has already been distributed. Teams of six men each will be provided by each Coy and Bn. A.O. and in this contest each member of the team</i></p> |  |

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Unit 47 Aust Inf Bn

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|       | <p style="font-size: 1.5em;">Wan July 9</p> |      | <p>will be required to attempt the whole programme of events. The schedule includes broad jump, high jump, and hop step and jump of fixed measurements grenade throwing, 100 yds sprint, and jumbled equipment race.</p> <p>The patrol from Black-cat, in search of a track to Moissim returned tonight, and reports having followed a track for two days, same ultimately fading out. The party reached a point somewhere east of Mubo but being unable to find a continuation of the track—returned to Black-cat.</p> |  |

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 Capt. 47 Aust Inf. Bn.



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Unit 2/7 Aust Inf Bn

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| Place | Date    | Hour | Summary of Events and Information  | Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c. |
|-------|---------|------|--|--|
| None  | July 11 |      | <p>A party of senior officers returned to the Unit today - amongst them being Maj. Pickin who will once again assume the position of 2 i.c. Capt Cramp also returned and was posted to A Coy as O.C. Capt E. Arnold becomes O.C. of C Coy; Capt Smith O.C. D Coy; Lieut Fleming was posted to B Coy and Lieut Smith to A Coy.</p> <p>Much interest was directed at some 'lightnings' which were darting through the sky. - it was later learned that a dog-fight</p> |  |

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Unit *2/7 Austn Inf Bn*

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|       | <i>Near July 11</i> |      | <i>with Lerros had taken place to the east. Some claim to have seen a Lerro's crash in flames</i>   |  |
|       | <i>Near July 12</i> |      | <i>A document setting out the procedure to be adopted with regard to the use of ground strips for aerial co-operation and also a code for their use in addition to aircraft and pyrotechnic signals has been received from 3 Div. To acquaint officers and N.C.O.s in the use of these the I.O. is visiting each Coy and delivering a lecture</i> |  |

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|       | Nau July 12. |      | <p>on the subject.</p> <p>The R.S.M. proceeded to Bulolo in order to conduct schools for NCOs similar to those just completed in the Nau area.</p>   |  |
|       | Nau July 13  |      | <p>Preparations for to-morrow's Abloid sports meeting were in hand to-day and teams could be seen practicing the various events which it is required that each man in the team must attempt.</p> <p>News of the occupation of 'The Pimple', the overcoming of opposition</p> |  |

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Unit *2/7 Aus Inf Bn*

Date and Time.—From *July #3* To \_\_\_\_\_

| Place      | Date           | Hour | Summary of Events and Information   | Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c. |
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| <i>Nau</i> | <i>July 13</i> |      | <p>on 'Observation Hill' and the cutting of the enemy L of C to Mubo was received with delight by all.</p> <p>Troops occupying the enemy ambush on the Jap track report that there were 25 pill-boxes and 50 weapon-pits in the position.</p> |  |
| <i>Nau</i> | <i>July 14</i> |      | <p>The main feature of the day was the Tabloid sports meeting at Nau which took place on the Sports Ground.</p> <p>This is the first such occasion since the Tabloid Sports at Meligama just over a year ago.</p>                             |  |

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|       | Wau July 14 |      | <p>The proceedings commenced in brilliant sunshine at 1400 hrs and a real picnic spirit seemed to pervade the area. Each Coy and Bn. A.Q. provided a number of teams of six men - each man to attempt all of the 13 events scheduled.</p> <p>Many interesting side-lights were witnessed by competitors as each man endeavoured to carry out the required tests; probably the most humorous to spectators was the jumbled equipment race.</p> <p>Slipped to the underpants, the entrants</p> |  |

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Comd. 27 Aus. Inf. Bn.

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Unit 2/7 Aust. Inf. Bn.

Date and Time.—From July 14<sup>th</sup> To \_\_\_\_\_

| Place | Date     | Hour | Summary of Events and Information  | Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c. |
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| Wau.  | July 14. |      | <p>had to race up to their clothing and equip<sup>t</sup> which was shipped and in 6 mins appear before the judge properly dressed in drill order. The score of each team was kept on a board and many a keen eye made frequent reference to this.</p> <p>At the completion of the programme a team from C. Coy and a team from the Mortar Pl<sup>to</sup> tied for first place with 58 pts.</p> |  |
| Wau   | July 15. |      | <p>At the instn of the C.O, the 2 1/2 Maj Pickson Capt Duell, Lieut Gude and WO Robson the Sig Pl<sup>to</sup> bound proceeded by jeep to 3 Div. H.Q at BULOLO.</p> <p>Upon arrival there they contacted the C.O who passed on infm regarding a projected move for this unit. Capt Duell and</p>   |  |

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Unit 2/7 AUST. INF. BN. Date and Time.—From July 4<sup>3</sup> To \_\_\_\_\_

| Place | Date                | Hour | Summary of Events and Information  | Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c. |
|-------|---------------------|------|--|--|
| Wau   | July 15<br>(contd.) |      | <p>WO. Hobson paid a visit to the 3 Div Sig School which a number of the Bns Sig personnel are attending. The C.O. and 2 1/2 moved around to B. Coy HQ while the I.O. remained at 3 Div H.Q. conferring with members of the G branch. An Op instr was received from 3 Div this afternoon setting out the roles of the various units after the completion of the present phase of operations. The 2/7 BN. it is noted will relieve 58/59 BN at Botdubi.</p> |  |
| Wau   | July 16             |      | <p>A conference of Coy bonds was held at 1400 hrs this afternoon when the 2 1/2 passed on to them info regarding impending moves and the roles of various units as set out by 3 Div Op Instr No. 1.</p>  |  |

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| Wau   | July 16<br>(contd) |      | Under the direction of the A.E.S some members of the Unit have been attending classes on Japanese, while a signal has been received requesting info as to personnel interested in studying music.   |  |
| Wau   | July 17            |      | In view of a possible move of the Unit to an operational area in the near future attention is being given to stores and equip't. Requisitions for requirements in clothing etc are being submitted as it is desirous that the Unit commence the move as fully equipped as possible. |  |
| Wau   | July 18.           |      | The C.O who has been absent from the Unit for the past month called in to B.N.H.Q this morning after which he proceeded to Edue Bk. A sand table has been constructed by the Int Sec. of the area North from Mt Tambu to Salamaua and this will be used for lectures.               |  |

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Unit 2/7 AUST. INF. BN.

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|-------|---------|------|--|--|
| Wau   | July 19 |      | <p>The C.O. returned to the Unit and resumed Comd this morning. During the afternoon a conference of Coy Comds was held when the situation and Unit's roles were discussed by the C.O.</p> <p>Instns were received from 3 Aust Div for the discontinuation of the BLACKCAT patrol. A check of stores in that area revealed that there were over 300 boy loads of amm, rations etc and difficulty is being experienced in arranging the return of these stores to Wau.</p> <p>Tonight A Coy successfully tested one of the 2 inch mortar flares which are to be used in connection with aerial co-operation.</p> <p>During the afternoon Capt Gullett, of the 2/6 BN.</p> |  |

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Comd. 2/7 Aust Inf. Bn.



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Unit 2/7 AUST. INF. BN.

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| Wau   | July 19<br>(contd) |      | and front bonnell, A.S.C. paid a visit to Bn. H. B. Capt Gullett had led a Coy in the MUBO operations and was able to supply much interesting info regarding that operation and also the extent of the captured enemy positions.  |  |
| Wau   | July 20            |      | Maj Lunkley left Bn. H. B. this morning to proceed to Bulolo in order to take over comd. D. Coy in that area, while Capt Smith will become O.C. B. Coy. A shoot was conducted this morning by both the mortar and M.M.G. pls while after dark tonight a night shoot was carried out by the M.M.G. pl. This showed very accurate firing. C. Coy also tested the 2 inch mortar flare. The patrol from Blackcat returned to A Coy. |  |

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Unit 2/7 AUST. INF. BN.

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|-------|--------------------|------|--|--|
| Wau   | July 20<br>(contd) |      | leaving only 3 men to attend to the stores left in that area. Capt Quill with Lieut Edwards left on H.Q. this afternoon. To proceed to Nassau Bay where they will supervise the movement and training of reinforcements for 17 Bde.  |  |
| Wau   | July 21            |      | The 2 i/c. Maj Picken and Lieut Robertson comd of the MMG pl made a recce this morning for a site for a Coy fire and mortar range in which overhead fire from both mortars and MMGs would be employed. The use of the range is to culminate the pl. range, of which constant use is made by all the Coys in the area. Lieut Smith of A. Coy, who has just returned from a photographic school. |  |

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|       | Wau July 21. |      | <p>in Australia was able to give a lecture to A Coy on the subject of aerial photography and its uses. He was able to illustrate this by means of a stereoscope and some photographs loaned to him by the A.I.L.O.</p>      |  |
|       | Wau July 22. |      | <p>An Op. instr covering the movements of the Bn to the Bobaubi Area was issued by the Adj. to-day.</p> <p>The Sig Pl. carried out an exercise during the morning in co-operation with the Int. Sec. All phases of Sig.</p> |  |

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Comd. 27 Aust. Inf. Bn. Lt. Col.



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|       | Wau July 23 |      | <p>A Coy commenced their move this morning - being transported by jeep to the Summit whilst B Coy moved from Bulolo to Power House. The CO proceeded to A.Q. 3 Aust Div to receive instructions and also clarify matters of Administration. Upon his return to Bn A.Q. a conference of Coy comds was held when the CO explained the situation with the use of maps. Meanwhile instructions for the move of Bn A.Q. personnel with elements</p> |  |

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Comd. -/1 Aust. Inf. Bn.

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|       | <i>Wau July 23</i> |      | <i>of mortars and M.M.G. pls were issued.</i>  |  |
|       | <i>Wau July 24</i> |      | <p><i>The CO left Bn HQ by jeep this morning and proceeded to the Summit from whence they continued to Skindiwai.</i></p> <p><i>The HQ group were transported by jeep to the Summit during the afternoon. Upon reaching Skindiwai the CO rang the Brig at Guadalgasal and was able to gain the latest information of forward troops.</i></p> |  |

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| Wau   | July 24 |      | <p>Lt Col Wolfenden of L.H.Q. who had been visiting 2/6 Bn was also at Ikin diwai and had a talk to the CO.</p> <p>17 Coy arrived at Ikin diwai during the afternoon and appeared in good condition.</p>                |  |
| Wau   | July 25 |      | <p>The CO's party moved on to House Mango where the CO &amp; Adj. spent the night at 17 Bae A.Q. Here they were able to confer with the Bae Comd and P.O. respectively.</p> <p>17 Coy staged the night in the Mango</p> |  |

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Appendices, Diaries, &c.

*Wau July 25*

*staging camp having completed the trip from Ikinidiwai in good time and arriving in excellent condition. The HQ gp under Capt. Gould moved from Summit to Ikinidiwai. On this section the cutting of the road has done much to make the journey less tiresome and a lot quicker.*

*Wau July 26*

*The CO's party moved with the Brig via Nubo and along the Buigap to HQ 1 Bn 162 Regt where they lunched.*

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|-------|-------------|------|--|--|
|       | Wau July 26 |      | <p>In the afternoon the party continued to 2/5 Bn HQ and here the CO had a few brief words with Lt Col Conroy of that Bn. Continuing along the Kormiatum track B Coy 2/5 Bn was passed after which they climbed through the new dropping ground to Lack's Junction finally arriving at Well's OP. Here the 2/6 Bn HQ is located. A Coy moved by the Mubo track to Observation Hill where a very heavy climb to the dropping ground was negotiated.</p> |  |

Henry G. Quinn

Comd. 2/7 Aust. Inf. Bn.

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Unit 27 Aust. Inf. Bn Date and Time.—From July To \_\_\_\_\_

| Place | Date        | Hour | Summary of Events and Information   | Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c. |
|-------|-------------|------|---|--|
|       | Wau July 26 |      | <p>Upon arrival at the dropping ground a good meal was provided and the troops were able to use parachute packings for shelters. The HQ gr moved to Mango staging camp from Ikinaiwai</p>   |  |
|       | Wau July 27 |      | <p>From Will's CP the CO &amp; party moved down Mliap Ch to "Kelly's" where they lunched with members of 2/3 Ina Coy. The party reached 15 Bde HQ at Munn's Post and here the CO. was ordered to bed by Lt Col Refshange Comd 15 Bde Ambr</p> |  |

Henry G. Quinn  
Comd. 27 Aust. Inf. Bn.

# WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Unit 2/7 Aust Inf Bn Date and Time.—From July To \_\_\_\_\_

| Place | Date        | Hour | Summary of Events and Information   | Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c. |
|-------|-------------|------|---|--|
|       | New July 27 |      | After a very rugged trip from Observation Hill A Coy reached Tall's O.P. while the HQ group continued to Observation Hill.  |  |
|       | New July 28 |      | The Sgt & P. moved from Nimm's Pass to an old Q Store on Kunaa Island and were able to receive A Coy into that area. B Coy also arrived from McLean's camp and Capt Barr immediately moved forward to B Coy 58/59 Bn area to receive for the relief of that Coy. The HQ gr arrived at Tall's O.P. meanwhile the CO will have to |  |

Henry G. Quinn  
Comd. 4/7 Aust. Inf. Bn.

# WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

(Erase heading not required).

Unit *2/7 Aust Inf Bn* Date and Time.—From *July* To .....

| Place          | Date           | Hour | Summary of Events and Information  | Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c. |
|----------------|----------------|------|--|--|
| <i>Wau</i>     | <i>July 28</i> |      | <i>remain at 15 Bae HQ until he has recovered from his present illness.</i>  |  |
| <i>Bobdubi</i> | <i>July 29</i> |      | <i>B Coy moved forward this morning to relieve B Coy 58/59 Bn while OC A Coy - Capt Cramp - moved to Old Tickers Posn which C Coy 58/59 Bn had been successful in capturing. Later in the afternoon A Coy moved forward to occupy this position in order to relieve C Coy 58/59 Bn. The P.O. rec'd a site for Adv Bn HQ and this was later established on the banks of the Uliap Ck.</i> |  |

*Henry G. Quinn*  
Comd. 2/7 Aust. Inf. Bn.

# WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

Army Form C.2118  
(adapted.)

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Unit 2/7 Aust Inf Bn Date and Time.—From July To \_\_\_\_\_

| Place   | Date    | Hour | Summary of Events and Information   | Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c. |
|---------|---------|------|---|--|
| Bobdubi | July 29 |      | The H.Q. gp completed the journey and arrived at Kunda Island.  |  |
| Bobdubi | July 30 |      | Both A & B Coys had found the amm and ration positions to be most acute. The Sgts therefore worked feverishly in order to rectify this posn as both coys hold important areas and any enemy attacks would find them in difficulties very quickly. By night this situation was much improved as Capt Gouea had moved to Nunn's Post to consult HASC & Angau. |  |

D.3485/5.39.—C.4783.

Henry G. Quinn  
Comd. 2/7 Aust. Inf. Bn.

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Unit 2/7 Aust Inf Bn

Date and Time.—From July To \_\_\_\_\_

| Place   | Date     | Hour | Summary of Events and Information   | Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c. |
|---------|----------|------|---|--|
| Bobauhi | July 30  |      | <p>During the afternoon the P.O. visited Oldickers Posn. B Coy 5859 Bn had attacked forward of A Coy towards the "Coconuts". Prior to this attack the War Photographer, Damien Paves, the Army P.O. - Lt Dawson - and Capt Tattersson had got the captured Jap Mortar Gun working and were engaging the North Coconuts.</p> |  |
| Bobauhi | July 31. |      | <p>During the day the enemy forced B Coy 5859 Bn to withdraw and the company finally took up a position in rear of A Coy 2/7.</p>   |  |

Henry S. Quinn  
Comd. 2/7 Aust. Inf. Bn.

# WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

Army Form C.2118  
(adapted.)

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Unit 27 Aust Inf Bn

Date and Time.—From July To \_\_\_\_\_

| Place   | Date    | Hour | Summary of Events and Information   | Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c. |
|---------|---------|------|---|--|
| Bobdubi | July 31 |      | <p>Meanwhile A Coy had observed enemy movement to the East of their positions and patrols to the area exchanged shots with the enemy. The captured gun was fired at point blank range and squeals and moans could be heard.</p> <p>B Coy sent out 3 patrols - one being to the North Coconuts - another was conducted by Capt Leslie 24 Bn to Buiris Cr area to acquaint them with the topography and tracks.</p> <p>- the third patrol was to the 'Ford' area to East of Bobdubi Ridge - but this had not returned by nightfall.</p> |  |

Henry J. Quinn 27 Aust. Inf. Bn

APPENDICES.

| <u>Serial No.</u> | <u>Subject.</u>                        |
|-------------------|--|
| 1                 | 17 BDE Adm Order No. 1.                |
| 2                 | Coy Reports 3 JULY.                    |
| 3                 | Field Returns 3 JULY.                  |
| 4                 | Patrol Report KOMIATUM TRACK.          |
| 5                 | " " PIONEER RANGE TRACK.               |
| 6                 | Field Return 10 JULY.                  |
| 7                 | Coy Reports 10 JULY.                   |
| 8                 | 3 DIV Gp. Instns. No.8.                |
| 9                 | Field Return 17 JULY.                  |
| 10                | Sporting Activities Hq Coy.            |
| 11                | Engineer Int. Summary E7.              |
| 12                | 17 BDE Adm. Instn. No.2.               |
| 13                | 2/7 Bn Gp. Instn. No.7.                |
| 14                | Air Photo. Report MALOLO area.         |
| 15                | 15 BDE Gp. Instn. No.9.                |
| 16                | 15 " " " " 10.                         |
| 17                | JAP Ultimatum.                         |
| 18                | Reports on Gps. WAU, LABABIA.          |
| 19                | 3 DEV Gp. Instn. No. 2.                |
| 20                | Report on PIMPLE attack.               |
| 21                | BLACK CAT standing Patrol (with maps)  |
| 22                | 3 DEV Int. Instn. No.2 to 2/3 BN MUBO. |
| 23                | Documents handed over to 2/6 BN MUBO.  |
| 24                | Enemy Movements BUIRIS CK.             |
| 25                | Map PATEP area Defences.               |
| 26                | Log Diary JUNE - JULY.                 |
| 27                | Duplicate War Diary JUNE.              |



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SECRET

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17 AUST INF BDE ADM ORDER NO 1

( To be read in conjunction with 17 Aust Inf Bde Op Order No 1 )

1. AMN

Dumps have been placed with the gun as under :

MAT MAT

- 3" MOR HE 756 bombs
- 3" MOR SMK 60 bombs
- 3.7 HOW 400 rnds
- .303 BELT 40,000 rnds

HILL 7

- .303 BELT 12,000 rnds

SADDLE

- .303 BELT 12,000 rnds.

2. SUPS

One days fd ops and one emergency ration will be carried on the man.

3. RES

(a) APs  
REEVES OP, MAT MAT, SADDLE and LABABIA BASE.  
Amn will be drawn on demand by units.

(b) Supply Points  
REEVES OP, MAT MAT, SADDLE and LABABIA BASE.

4. WATER

Under unit arrangements. All water will be chlorinated until found NOT contaminated.

5. ORD STORES

Bde Dump at HOUSE MANGO

6. TOOLS

- (a) 3 picks, 3 shovels, 1 axe, 9 machetes per coy will be carried.
- (b) Dump at REEVES OP.
- (c) Tools will be collected and stacked at locations to be notified on completion of tasks for which required.

7. NATIVE LABOUR

- (a) To enable 2/6 AUST INF BN to ferry fwd of ~~AGG~~ dumps two native labour overseers and a minimum of 50 native carriers will be stationed at REEVES OP under comd 2/6 AUST INF BN as from 4 JUL.
- (b) Escorts must be furnished on basis of one guard per 20 natives.
- (c) This HQ instn appertaining to the handling of native labour will be observed in all respects.

8. MEDICAL

- (a) ADS at GUADAGASAL.
- (b) Medical Staging Post at MAT MAT.
- (c) Medical Staging Post at LABABIA BASE CAMP.

Evacuations

- (a) Route OBSERVATION HILL - REEVES OP - MAT MAT - GUADAGASAL.  
2/6 AUST INF BN is responsible for clearly marking this route with directing signs.
- (b) Lying casualties by backloading supply line.

9. ANTI MALARIAL PRECAUTIONS

Mosquito nets, mosquito lotion and atobrin will be carried on the man and precautions will be rigidly observed at all times.

10. PW

PsW will be escorted to BDE HQ. Boyline escorts and walking wounded will be utilised as guards.

11. PACKS

On change from Marching Order to Battle Order, packs will be placed in coy dumps and this HQ notified of location.

12. ACKNOWLEDGE

Time of Signature..... hrs

Date.....<sup>2</sup>JUL 43.

*Lan ACB*  
S.C. 17 AUST INF BDE Capt.

DISTRIBUTION

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METHOD OF DISTRIBUTION

|                 |        |           |
|-----------------|--------|-----------|
| 2/5 Aust Inf Bn | 1      | Safe Hand |
| 2/6 Aust Inf Bn | 2      | LO        |
| 2/2 Aust Fd Amb | 3      | Hand      |
| ANGAU           | 4      | Hand      |
| 3 Aust Div      | 5      | DRLS      |
| Comd            | 6      |           |
| BM              | 7      |           |
| SC              | 8      |           |
| War Diary       | 9-10   |           |
| File            | 11-12  |           |
| Spare           | 13-14. |           |

Stores Received 26 Jun 43  
 D Coy

|                         |     |              |         |
|-------------------------|-----|--------------|---------|
| Green Guns              | 2   | 9145 - 11267 |         |
| Magnifying Green        | 22  |              |         |
| " Bren                  | 212 |              |         |
| Rifles P14              | 2   | 234 854      | 204 637 |
| Telescopes Rifle        | 2   | 234 854      | 204 637 |
| Barrels Spare<br>Bren   | 9   |              |         |
| Water Bottles           | 14  |              |         |
| Water Bottle<br>Carries | 14  |              |         |
| Nets Mosquito           | 16  |              |         |

*(Large red handwritten mark)*

Two per 2 }  
 drawers per 2 } To Am Coffee.

There is also a fairly big  
 issue of clothing, much of  
 which has been covering up  
 but unable to be  
 disposed of because  
 of lack of fuel

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H.Q. COY 2/7 AUST INF BN

WEEKLY REPORT - WEEK ENDING 3 July 1943

- A. (a) POSTED STRENGTH ... 6 ..... and 198.....
- (b) REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED ... 2 ..... and NIL
- (c) CHANGES IN STRENGTH DURING WEEK ... 4 ..... 4 released to MOS
- (d) PERCENTAGE OF MEN ON NORMAL TRAINING DURING WEEK ... 80%.....
- (e) No. OF COY ORDERLY ROOMS HELD DURING WEEK ... NIL.....
- (f) No. REMANDED TO C.O. ... NIL.....

several 3 pl  
in Hoop but  
will await their  
return before re-  
inforcing this pl.

(g) INSPECTIONS CARRIED OUT :-

- (i) BOOTS ... *check*.....
- (ii) FEET ... *check*.....
- (iii) PAYBOOKS ... ..
- (iv) RESPIRATORS ... *frequently in Kit Stage*.....
- (v) KIT AND CLOTHING GENERALLY ... *Very Fair except several*.....
- (vi) *sugars in boots, Hat, felt and Goggles*.....
- (vii) ARMS AND AMMUNITION ... *Daily*.....
- (viii) MEDICAL AND DENTAL ... *Daily*.....
- (ix) VEHICLES, INCLUDING BICYCLES ... *Daily*.....
- And material precautions nightly at 100hrs.*
- (h) SICKNESS ... *4 were to MOS P.O.O. all recurring malaria*  
*Health very good - a few minor skin troubles but only*  
*an average of 1 per day on Suk Pdl.*

- B. (a) DEFICIENCIES IN G1098 SCALE ... *ref to G.M.*.....
- (b) STORES RECEIVED DURING THE WEEK ... *as per attached*  
*Appendix A*.....
- (c) SUPPLY OF RATIONS ... *Fair*.....
- (d) MEALS AND COOKHOUSE ... *Good*.....

(over)



C.Q.M. Weekly Report.

Week ending 3-7-43.

Received from RQM. 21 Owen Guns - 210 mags.

3 Rangefinders - 4 Vickers Clinos - 49 Ammo Belts m.m.c.

mess Lins 2. Knives F.S. 8 - Forks F.S. 22 - Combs 22. (32)

Rayons 4 - Sox 10 ps - Drawers Cotton 56 - Sights 30.

Slacks. 16 - Shirts 11 - Jersey Pullovers 16.

Shet, Lizard 6 - Nets Mosq 2. Laces ps 56.

Boots 14 ps - + Batteries with Cycle 102 - 3

only 20 available at time

Returned to RQM. 2 Vickers Belts 48 - 8 T.S.M.G's

60 T.S.M.G. Mags - 600 Rds. 45 Ammo. 3 1/3 Nets Mosq.

Boots, Laces + socks, sent to Pioneer Plat.

Replacements of 48 Mosq Nets and issue for

men returned from Con Camp required, but

not Nets available from R.Q.M. as yet.

There were 70 mosq nets available at time

Equipment from personnel passed in for repairs to be delivered to Equip Repairer

on 6-7-42.

A Shackelford.

all men issued

Appendix  
"A"  
Bussell  
Boft  
8/7

Issue & Receipt Voucher

From 2/7 Per

To Sum of 610 53.

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..... 'A' COY 2/7 AUST INF BN

3 July 73

WEEKLY REPORT - WEEK ENDING .....

- A.
- (a) POSTED STRENGTH *3 off*..... and *65 OKs* *lay. 2. 26. 19. 19.*
- (b) REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED *2 off*..... and *59 OKs*
- (c) CHANGES IN STRENGTH DURING WEEK *6 off strength - 4 on strength*
- (d) PERCENTAGE OF MEN ON NORMAL TRAINING DURING WEEK .....
- (e) No. OF COY ORDERLY ROOMS HELD DURING WEEK *Nil*
- (f) No. REMANDED TO C.O. *Nil*

(g) INSPECTIONS CARRIED OUT :-

- (i) BOOTS *Each man is in possession of at least 1 good pair. a few pairs still required to complete W.E.*
- (ii) FEET *The few minor cases of Tinea have responded to treatment. No new cases.*
- (iii) PAYBOOKS *In good order. Retention books have been joined*
- (iv) RESPIRATORS *OK.*
- (v) KIT AND CLOTHING GENERALLY *Thin to good. Through*
- (vi) ARMS AND AMMUNITION *Continual washing greases, are inclined to fade if dye could be obtained it would be advisable to re-trunk an <sup>Keble's</sup> stocks.*
- (vii) MEDICAL AND DENTAL *Alms now full W.E. scale issue, also mags & Barrel spore. E. Rifle*
- (viii) VEHICLES, INCLUDING BICYCLES *2 received Dental treatment.*

- (h) SICKNESS *2. 1/2 vac from lay thru Poo. (relapses)*
- 4" - Black Cat Poo 3 relapses 1 New Case.*

- B.
- (a) DEFICIENCIES IN G1098 SCALE *1 + 2" Mantar*

- (b) STORES RECEIVED DURING THE WEEK *Mags. Prem 133; Barrel Spore 9.*

*Cans Ovens 20; Mags Ovens Gen 200; Rifle E 16; Discharge 5;*

*Rifle P. 14; Telescopes Rifle 7; Compasses 9; Batter Water 12*

*Currier 1; Mts Ground 7; Nib Mags 18; Boots 3.*

- (c) SUPPLY OF RATIONS *Shik 4. Strouse 3. Saus*

- (d) MEALS AND COOKHOUSE *Good*

(over)



(e) STATE OF CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT GENERALLY WITHIN COY .....

*Small requisition only for vest.*

(f) SPECIAL REMARKS .....

C.  
(a) PROGRESS IN TRAINING EXERCISES, W/TRG CARRIED OUT (Including night exercises and lectures). *Composite Pl. carried*

*ant. exercise using PL weapons & M.M.B. Good training. Suggest it be regular weekly Pl. exercise.*

(b) STATE OF TRAINING WITHIN COY, FITNESS FOR OPERATIONS .....

(c) SCHOOLS AND COURSES ATTENDED AND RESULTS OBTAINED BY PERSONNEL

*4 latest promotion to NCO rank attending Course.*

(d) AID REQUIRED FOR SPECIALIST TRG - MATERIALS, LECTURES ETC.

GENERAL REMARKS eg. DISCIPLINE, OUTSTANDING N C Os AND MEN,

SPORT AND RECREATION, INFORMATION FOR AUSTRALIA, WAR DIARY

NOTES *No 2 Sec won Coy Competitive Shoot. Morning*

*405 yds. No 4 Sec next with 400.*

*L. Dawson Capt.*  
O.C. B. COY.

NOTE:- THIS REPORT TO REACH BRQ BY 1200 hrs EACH SATURDAY.

*D.P.1*  
*Scrappy*

..... *B* ..... COY 2/7 AUST INF BN  
WEEKLY REPORT - WEEK ENDING *3 July 43*

- A.
- (a) POSTED STRENGTH ..... *1* ..... and *90* .....
  - (b) REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED ..... *4* ..... and *34* .....
  - (c) CHANGES IN STRENGTH DURING WEEK ..... *509* / *13* - ..... *709* / *2* .....
  - (d) PERCENTAGE OF MEN ON NORMAL TRAINING DURING WEEK ..... *95* / *100* .....
  - (e) No. OF COY ORDERLY ROOMS HELD DURING WEEK .....
  - (f) No. REMANDED TO C.O. ....

(g) INSPECTIONS CARRIED OUT :-

- (i) BOOTS *All correct - 7/5<sup>th</sup> still short* .....
- (ii) FEET *Good* .....
- (iii) PAYBOOKS *All correct* .....
- (iv) RESPIRATORS .....  
*Good*
- (v) KIT AND CLOTHING GENERALLY *Good* .....
- (vi) ARMS AND AMMUNITION *Daily - excellent* .....
- (vii) MEDICAL AND DENTAL *Medical supplies very good - Dental treatment still in operation* .....
- (viii) VEHICLES, INCLUDING BICYCLES .....

(h) SICKNESS *2 Typhoid - 3 Malaria - (one) Skin Eruption* .....

B. (a) DEFICIENCIES IN G1098 SCALE .....

(b) STORES RECEIVED DURING THE WEEK *As per attached list* .....

(c) SUPPLY OF RATIONS *As good as condition allow* .....

(d) MEALS AND COOKHOUSE *Excellent* .....

*Trans. Message 5/7  
Bills Water  
Canned water  
Note. A fairly  
big load of  
spare rations  
always on hand  
but might be  
discarded  
because of lack of  
space*

*16/7  
am*

(over)

(e) STATE OF CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT GENERALLY WITHIN COY .....

*All equipment has been repaired  
clothing portion favourable*

(f) SPECIAL REMARKS .....

C.  
(a) PROGRESS IN TRAINING EXERCISES, W/TRG CARRIED OUT (Including night exercises and lectures) .....

*All personnel on autos no trg.*

(b) STATE OF TRAINING WITHIN COY, FITNESS FOR OPERATIONS .....

*Physical condition good.*

(c) SCHOOLS AND COURSES ATTENDED AND RESULTS OBTAINED BY PERSONNEL .....

(d) AID REQUIRED FOR SPECIALIST TRG - MATERIALS, LECTURES ETC. ....

GENERAL REMARKS eg. DISCIPLINE, OUTSTANDING N C Os AND MEN, SPORT AND RECREATION, INFORMATION FOR AUSTRALIA, WAR DIARY NOTES .....

*\* Pt. Anderson - Cook - is doing and has done excellent work under all conditions. I would suggest his name for consideration in the case of future promotion.*

*Redemptorist*  
O.C. B COY.

NOTE:- THIS REPORT TO REACH BHQ BY 1200 hrs EACH SATURDAY.

*\* Anderson  
just a  
second  
appointment  
orders have  
C.O has been  
forwarded to  
of Cpl Cook  
on*

L. Coy 2/7 Aust. Inf Bn  
Weekly Report

Week Ending 3<sup>rd</sup> July 43

AV

- a) Posted Strength, 3 OFF 57 OR's  
b) Reinforcements required, 2 OFF 68 OR's  
c) Changes in strength during Week, 4 O.Rs evacuated  
1 O.R. Stuck of strength, 1 O.R. Marched in from  
HQ Coy Higgins, 1 O.R. Marched in from 3<sup>rd</sup> Div  
Sec. Reception Camp  
d) Percentage of Men on Normal training during Week 75%  
e) No of Coy orderly rooms held during Week Nil  
f) No remanded to C. O Nil  
g) Inspections carried out during Week  
1. Boots yes  
2. Fat yes  
3. Paybooks yes  
4. Respirators No  
5. Kit and clothing generally, yes

6) Arms and Ammunition yes

7) Medical and Dental No

8) Vehicles including Bicycles No

h) Sickness

4 Evacuations to M.D.S. 3 P.U.O. 1 Bronchitis  
1 P.U.O. 1st attack 2 relapses

B/cy Deficiencies in G 10 98 scale. Nil

- b) Stores received during Week, Boots A.B 4,  
Pullovers 5, Sheets Ground 8, Shave Brushes 5  
Water Bottles and carriers 10, Mosquito Nets 30  
Cwen sub machine Guns, 20, Magazines 0.576's 200,  
Bottles oil 20, Sullthroughs 8, Magazines Bren 207  
Barrels spare Bren 9, Rifles No 3, 2, Telescopic Rifle 2  
c) Supply of Rations

Note full replacement  
of mosquito nets  
received 4/7/43 Adequate

d) Meals and Cookhouse. Good

e) State of clothing and equipment generally within Coy Fair

QM. H. Thomas  
True requirements met  
of 140 items  
4/17/43

f) Special remarks,

Gaiters are required, to replace number of badly worn pairs, having no straps.

25 Mosquito nets still required by Coy to complete issue

g) Progress in training exercises, W/Tng carried out (including night exercises and lectures, W/Tng included rifle, SMLE and P14 Ang. Instruction on Owen. Range practice with rifles.

h) State of training within Coy, fitness for operations.  
Coy fit for operations

i) Schools and courses attended and results obtained by Personnel.  
N.C.O.'s attended Instruction by R.P.M.

j) Aid required for Specialist Training - Materials Lectures etc  
If possible a lecture on a/t. Gun (2 pr), capabilities and support to Infantry.

General Remarks e.g., Discipline, Outstanding N.C.O.'s and men, Sport and recreation, Information for Australia War Diary Notes,

Discipline Good

Outstanding N.C.O.'s Cpl Ericson

Information for Australia War Diary Notes

Results?

Sport & Recreation Football played -

3 - 7 - 43

P. C. Thomas  
O.C. COY  
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D. COY. WEEKLY REPORT.

WEEK ENDING 2 Jul 43.

- 1/
- A) POSTED STRENGTH. 3 OFFRS. 93 ORS.
  - B) REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED. 2 OFFRS 31 ORS.
  - C) CHANGES IN STRENGTH DURING WEEK. 3 out 1 in.
  - D) NO. OF COY. ORDERLY ROOMS HELD. NIL
  - E) NO. REMANDED TO ~~THE~~ C.O. NIL.
  - F) SICKNESS WITHIN COY. 4 case. relapsed malaria.

2/ A) PERCENTAGE OF MEN ON NORMAL TRAINING. Duties consist of unloading planes & supply of working parties to 2/14 f'd Coy for drum work.

B) SCHOOLS & COURSES ATTENDED. (RESULTS ETC. TO HAND.)

C) AID REQUIRED FOR SPECIALIST TRAINING.

D) STATE OF FITNESS AND TRAINING OF COY. FOR OPERATIONS.

State of fitness generally good, with the exception of a number of relapsed malaria cases, treated within the coy.

E) SPECIAL REMARKS.

3/ A) DEFICIENCIES IN G1098. 1 Bren handed to R 842.  
2 T.S.M.G. rtd to armourer.

B) STORES RECEIVED DURING WEEK. As per list appended.

H. C) SUPPLY OF RATIONS. Fair. A number of commodities including tea and sugar very short.

D) MEALS AND COOKHOUSE. Meals good. Cookhouse excellent.

E) OUTSTANDING NCO AND ITEMS FOR WAR DIARY.

F) STATE OF CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT WITHIN COY. Small size boots still not received. A number of men have only one pair of boots & they require repairing.

G) SPECIAL REMARKS.

will be sent to Bulolo ~~x~~ But repairs to Bulolo? R 842's kept as D Coy.

Q. M.

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Serial No. 22 NO  
11/120/3

**FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS**

A.I.F. ....  
W.E. Reference A.M.F. ....

Date 3 Jul 43

W.E. 38 X 745

2/7 AUST INF BN Unit

Attached  
Allowed by W.E. X

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

| 1                   | 2  | 3                        | 4   |
|---------------------|--|--------------------------|---|
| Ranks and W.E.      | Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached) | Surplus to Establishment | Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment) |
| *<br>*              |  |                          |   |
| Lieut.-Colonels . . | 1  | 1                        |   |
| Majors . . . .      | 3  | 3                        |   |
| Captains . . . .    | 8  | 8                        |   |
| Lieutenants . . .   | 19   | 20                       | 1   |
| 2nd Lieutenants .   |  |                          |   |
| Quartermasters . .  | 1  | 1                        |   |
| Totals . . . .      | 38   | 39                       | 1   |

\* Insert detail of higher rank as necessary

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

**Officers JOINED during week**

| Rank | Name | Unit or Corps | Date | Cause |
|------|------|---------------|------|-------|
|      |      |               |      |       |
|      |      |               |      |       |
|      |      |               |      |       |
|      |      |               |      |       |
|      |      |               |      |       |

**Officers QUITTED during week**

| Rank    | Name   | Unit or Corps | Date     | Cause  |
|---------|--------|---------------|----------|--------|
| A/Lieut | WALKER | L.C.          | 2 Jul 43 | To ADS |
|         |        |               |          |        |
|         |        |               |          |        |
|         |        |               |          |        |

**PART C. — DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO THE UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED**

| Rank | Name and Initials | Unit or Corps | (Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known)) |
|------|-------------------|---------------|---|
|      |                   |               |   |
|      |                   |               |   |
|      |                   |               |   |
|      |                   |               |   |



**PART D. — NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH**

**(i) Officers posted to Unit (Total to agree with column 2 of Part A)**

| 1   | 2               | 3                 | 4           | 5  | 6  |
|---|-----------------|-------------------|-------------|--|--|
| Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held | Personal Number | Name and Initials | Appointment | Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No) | If not present with Unit, state how employed |
| Lt col  | VX 33           | GUINN H.G.        | C.O.        | No   | 3 AUST DIV                                   |
| Maj   | VX 48           | PICKEN R.S.       | 2 1/c       | "  | Lq Tact Sch                                  |
| "   | VX 5174         | DUNKLEY H.L.      | OC Coy      | Yes  | "  |
| Capt A/Maj  | VX 237          | NELSON S.D.       | "           | No   | LHQ Tact Sch                                 |
| "   | VX 14161        | PRINCLE P.D.      | "           | No   | 3 AUST DIV                                   |
| "   | VX 39195        | BARR P.A.         | "           | Yes  | "  |
| "   | VX 3927         | SMITH P.A.        | 2 1/c Coy   | No   | LHQ Tact School                              |
| "   | VX 3866         | FRATERSON L.V.    | OC Coy      | Yes  | "  |
| "   | VX 55298        | DUNN H.S.         | "           | "  | "  |
| Lieut A/Capt  | VX 10378        | OTTON R.P.        | Adjt        | "  | "  |
| "   | VX 13489        | GOLD F.J.         | "           | "  | "  |
| "   | VX 35458        | BALD V.C.         | 2 1/c Coy   | "  | "  |
| "   | VX 32598        | ROCKE A.H.        | "           | No   | RENA RENNA                                   |
| Lieut   | VX 52876        | ROBERTSON A.H.    | Pl Cond     | Yes  | "  |
| "   | VX 2878         | RICE V.A.         | "           | "  | "  |
| "   | VX 105105       | HILL J.           | "           | No   | HCP Inf Ldrs Crse                            |
| "   | VX 3852         | THOMAS P.O.       | "           | Yes  | "  |
| "   | VX 16067        | WILES J.E.        | "           | "  | "  |
| "   | VX 5182         | CHIE P.T.         | "           | "  | "  |
| "   | VX 68151        | CERRARD R.D.      | "           | "  | "  |
| "   | VX 22155        | BRITCHAR D. K.J.  | "           | "  | "  |
| "   | VX 30055        | DARBY L.J.        | "           | "  | "  |
| "   | VX 79948        | MCCORONODALE R.A. | "           | "  | "  |
| "   | VX 86476        | SMITH R.J.        | "           | No   | LHQ Sch of MI                                |
| "   | VX 101652       | EDWARDS O.L.      | "           | Yes  | "  |
| A/Lieut   | VX 18511        | TROON J.          | "           | "  | "  |
| "   | VX 5870         | WALKER L.G.       | "           | No   | ADS  |
| "   | VX 5845         | FOOT G.           | "           | "  | OCTU   |
| "   | VX 34417        | ROBERTSON A.      | "           | "  | RENA RENNA                                   |
| "   | VX 12682        | H EYTON T.E.      | "           | "  | OCTU   |
| "   | VX 16557        | TYRES R.V.E.      | "           | "  | OCTU   |
| "   | VX 8970         | FLEMING V.A.      | "           | "  | LHQ Sch of MI                                |
| Lieut   | VX 68151        | HERROD J.E.       | "           | Yes  | "  |

**(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS**

| Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held | Personal Number | Name and Initials | Unit or Corps | Date of Attachment | Nature of Attachment | Allowed by W.E. (Insert Yes or No) |
|---|-----------------|-------------------|---------------|--------------------|----------------------|------------------------------------|
| Capt  | HX 77377        | PETERSON B.M.     | AAMC          | Sep 42             | RMO                  | Yes                                |
| "   | VX 90116        | O'KEEFE P.G.      | AACHD         | Dec 42             | Padre                | No                                 |

2/7 AUST INF BN

(Unit)

3 Jul 43

(Date of Despatch)

ADM/COND 2/7 AUST INF BN

(Signature of Commander)

HQ 17 AUST INF BDE

(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving)







2/3 Br

REPORT ON PATROL NO 40

Ref Map: KOMIATUM 1/25000

Object: To recce suspected Jap pumping station at 705988, if practicable to destroy it.

Strength: 1 offr 1 OR

Patrol Comd: Capt NEWMAN

Date: 4 Aug 43.

Time Out: 1430K/4

Time In : 1700K/4

NARRATIVE

Patrol moved to 708964 from near where it had been reported pumping station could be seen. No sign of enemy seen on BENCH CUT. No sound heard from KOMIATUM TRACK. Contacted section of A Coy at 708964. Section reported sounds of enemy movement in direction of 709967. Later in afternoon the section reported sounds like tins rattling and a Jap voice calling as if to mess in same direction.

Patrol Comd's Comment

This supports the view that there is a Jap camp where the KOMIATUM TRACK hits river. A sentry was seen there by sigs on 31 Jul, but on 1 Aug patrol saw nobody there. Possibly camp just on east of KOMIATUM TRACK. Patrol moved slightly southwest up spur on which sec located and the following magnetic bearings were taken:

East bank of river at bend 705958 - 348°  
South end of NORTH COCONUTS - 342°  
SOUTH COCONUTS - steps as on attached panorama - 335°  
Bomb crater OLD VICKERS POSITION - 303°

Observation difficult owing to thick foliage, but following movement observed on COCONUTS between 1345-1510K/4:

1345 - 5 Japs without weapons or equipment moved from SOUTH to NORTH.

1450 - 2 moved from north to south one with pack, one without.

2454/1510 - Smoke shell to right of dugout and on west side of crest.

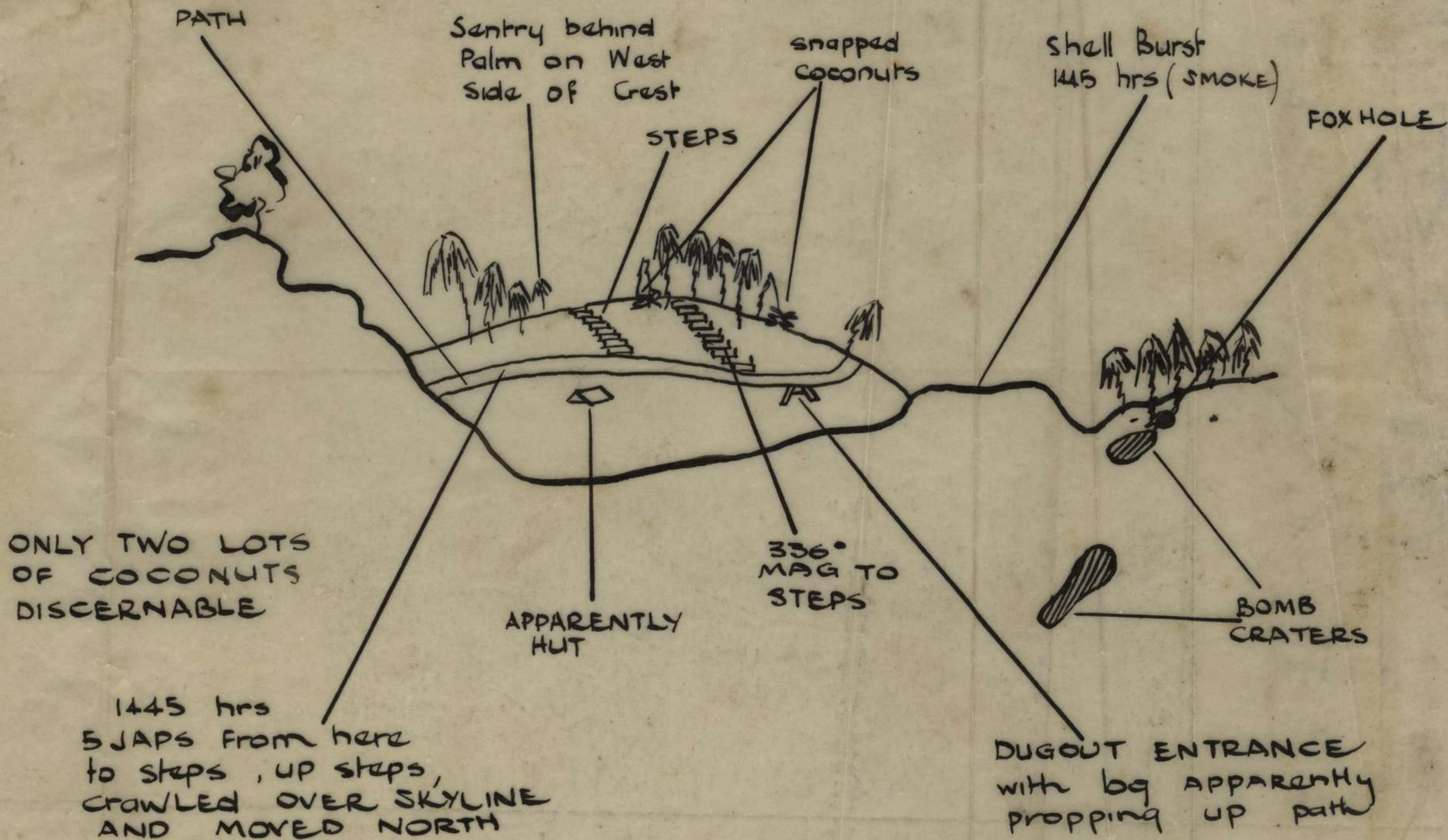
Intermittent explosions - probably mortar, NOT arty.

PANORAMA SKETCH OF COCONUTS AREA

F R O M 7 0 8 9 6 4

Ref map KOMIATUM 1/25000 - 4 aug 43

APPXD. TO  
15 AUST INF BDE  
INTREP 35



TRACED from  
PANORAMA.  
INT. SEC. 58/59  
AUST. INF. Bn.

PATROL REPORT

REF MAP HUON GULF SPECIAL 4 miles

Date 9 Jul 43

PATROL FOUND BY 9 pl A Coy

PATROL COMD Sjt ROBIN N.S.

TIME OUT 0800K/5

TIME IN 1700K/8

OBJECT OF PATROL To locate and follow track from BLACKCAT  
via PIONEER RANGE to MISSIM.

NARRATIVE

The patrol left from the BLACKCAT MINE area and proceeded along a spur to the WEST then NORTH WEST and finally NORTH until the head of the BITOI RIVER had been crossed. A tin hut and two native huts were located and papers inside the tin hut bore the name of "Gordon". There was also evidence of the huts having been occupied by AUSTRALIAN troops probably Independent Coy troops. From here the track followed a general NE direction climbing up a heavily timbered spur. One hour from the huts a big Maltese cross was found cut into a tree, while a further hour later a shirt of Australian manufacture was found attached to a stump. Later again trace of a fire and a .303 cartridge were found close to the track. Also along the track various saplings were found to have been cut and a native with the party considered this to have been done during the past week. At the close of the second day the track took a turn to the SE running down a slope until it eventually disappeared and although the patrol searched for two hours no trace of a continuation could be found. Next morning the patrol commenced to retrace its steps and heard the bombing and strafing at MUBO quite distinctly. This was due EAST from them. Heavy rain and cloud were prevalent throughout the outward journey and the thick vegetation made observation impossible while the rain would have obliterated any tracks on the track.

REMARKS

It is possible that the track followed is the one shown on the HUON GULF SPECIAL as traversing the PIONEER RANGE and the point where the track disappeared ref LW6589, but there is no assurance of this.

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2/7 AUST INF BN  
9 JUL 43

HQ 3 AUST DIV.

Herewith report on patrol, sent to locate the track from  
BLACK CAT to MISSIM.

*Handwritten initials*

.....MAJ.  
ADM COMD 2/7 AUST INF BN



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PATROL REPORT

REF MAP

HUON GULF SPECIAL 4 miles

Date

9 Jul 43

PATROL FOUND BY

9 pl A Coy

PATROL COMMAND

Sjt ROBIN

N.S.

TIME OUT

0800hrs

TIME IN

1700hrs

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Serial No. 23 HC

II/12C/3 A.I.F.

W.E. Reference A.M.F.

W.E. 32 X 745

Attached Allowed by W.E. X

# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Date 10 JUL 43

2/7 AUST INF BN Unit

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

| 1                  | 2  | 3                        | 4   |
|--------------------|--|--------------------------|---|
| Ranks and W.E.     | Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached) | Surplus to Establishment | Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment) |
| * ..               |  |                          |   |
| * ..               |  |                          |   |
| Lieut.-Colonels .. | 1  |                          |   |
| Majors ..          | 3  |                          |   |
| Captains ..        | 8  |                          |   |
| Lieutenants ..     | 19   | 3                        |   |
| 2nd Lieutenants .. | 1  |                          |   |
| Quartermasters ..  |  |                          |   |
| Totals ..          | 32   | 3                        |   |

\* Insert detail of higher rank as necessary

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

### Officers JOINED during week

| Rank  | Name          | Unit or Corps | Date   | Cause                |
|-------|---------------|---------------|--------|----------------------|
| Lieut | DI SMORE B.M. |               | 5/7/43 | from 2/2 AUST PD AMB |
| Lieut | MALLETT H.G.  |               | 5/7/43 | " " " " "            |
| Lieut | PIETZ W.H.    |               | 5/7/43 | " " " " "            |

### Officers QUITTED during week

| Rank    | Name        | Unit or Corps | Date    | Cause                   |
|---------|-------------|---------------|---------|-------------------------|
| A/Lieut | WALKER L.G. |               | 10/7/43 | S.O.S. over 8 days in h |

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| Lt col  | VX 33           | GUINN H.C.        | C.O.        | NO   | 3 AUST DIV                                   |
| Major   | VX 48           | PICKEN K.S.       | 2 1/e       | NO   | LHQ Tact Sch                                 |
| "   | VX 5174         | DUNKLEY H.L.E.    | OC Coy      | YES  |  |
| Capt A/Maj  | VX 237          | NELSON STE.D.     | " "         | NO   | LHQ Tact Sch                                 |
| Capt  | VX 14161        | PRINGLE F.B.      | " "         | NO   | 1 AUST CORP REC C                            |
| "   | VX 39195        | BARR F.A.         | " "         | YES  | amp  |
| "   | VX 3927         | SMITH A.          | 2 1/e Coy   | NO   | LHQ Tact Sch                                 |
| "   | VX 5660         | PATERSON L.V.     | OC Coy      | YES  |  |
| "   | VX 55298        | DUELL H.S.        | OC Coy      | "  |  |
| Lieut A/Capt  | VX 10378        | DIXON H.F.        | ADJ         | "  |  |
| "   | VX 13489        | COOLD P.J.        | Q.M.        | "  |  |
| "   | VX 35458        | BAIRD V.C.        | 2 1/e Coy   | "  |  |
| "   | VX 52598        | ROOKE A.H.        | " "         | NO   | BENA BENA                                    |
| Lieut   | VX 52876        | ROBERTSON A.H.    | P1 Comd     | YES  |  |
| "   | VX 10322        | DUNMORE B.H.      | 2 1/e Coy   | YES  |  |
| "   | VX 2870         | RICE J.A.         | P1 Comd     | "  |  |
| "   | VX 105195       | HILL J.           | " "         | NO   | NGF Jnr Ldrs Crse                            |
| "   | VX 3852         | THOMAS P.C.       | " "         | YES  |  |
| "   | VX 16067        | WILKS J.E.        | " "         | "  |  |
| "   | VX 7125         | PIETZ W.H.        | " "         | "  |  |
| "   | VX 5162         | GODE P.T.         | " "         | "  |  |
| "   | VX 68151        | GERRARD R.D.      | " "         | "  |  |
| "   | VX 27155        | PRITCHARD K.J.    | " "         | "  |  |
| "   | VX 30055        | DAN YL L.J.       | " "         | "  |  |
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| "   | VX 79948        | McCORQUODALE A.   | " "         | "  |  |
| "   | VX 86476        | SMITH R.J.        | " "         | NO   | LHQ Sch of MI                                |
| "   | VX 101652       | EDWARDS G.L.      | " "         | YES  |  |
| "   | VX 79365        | MALLETT H.C.      | " "         | "  |  |
| A/Lieut   | VX 16511        | TROON J.          | " "         | "  |  |
| "   | VX 5845         | FOOT C.           | " "         | NO   | OCTU   |
| "   | VX 34417        | ROBERTSON A.      | " "         | NO   | BENA BENA                                    |
| "   | VX 12682        | NESTON T.E.       | " "         | "  | OCTU   |
| "   | VX 16557        | TYRES B.W.E.      | " "         | "  | OCTU   |
| "   | VX 8970         | FLEMING W.A.      | " "         | "  | LHQ Sch of MI                                |

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|---|-----------------|-------------------|---------------|--------------------|----------------------|------------------------------------|
| Capt  | NX 77377        | PETERSON B.M.     | AAMC          | Sep 42             | RMO                  | YES                                |
| "   | VX 90116        | O'KEEFE P.C.      | AACHD         | Dec 42             | Padre                | No                                 |

2/7 AUST INF BN

(Unit)

3 Jul 43

(Date of Despatch)

*W.H. Dunkley*  
Major  
ADJ/COMD 2/7 AUST INF BN  
(Signature of Commander)

HQ 17 AUST INF BDE

(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving)











HQ Coy

10-7-43. 'A

Stores required to bring Signal Platoon up to W.E.

| STORES                   | NUMBER REQUIRED | STORES                     | NUMBER REQUIRED |
|--------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|-----------------|
| PIERS 5" x 8"            | 15              | Tape Insulating 1/2"       | 4               |
| " 6" x 8"                | 1               | " 3/4"                     | 3               |
| SCREW DRIVERS 3/16" x 6" | 1               | Torches Hand               | 34              |
| machetes 15" Blade       | 2               | Poles, Flag 3' 6"          | 43              |
| Binoculars Prismatic     | 2               | Pins, Earth                | 4               |
| Telescopes Signalling    | 2               | Voltmeters, Pocket         | 1               |
| Compass Prismatic        | 1               | Q+I Detector (Replacement) | 1               |
| Watches CS m.c.          | 2               |                            |                 |
| Cable 0.5 miles          | 7               |                            |                 |

The following list of stores is required urgently for training and are also to bring stores up to W.E.

| STORES                 | NUMBER REQUIRED | STORES                 | NUMBER REQUIRED |
|------------------------|-----------------|------------------------|-----------------|
| Handlamps              | 3               |                        |                 |
| Superposing unit 12ans | 2               | W/T + R/T Valves 1P5GT | 23              |
| Batteries Y type 1.5V  | 20              | 1Q5GT                  | 18              |
| " X " 1.5V             | 284             | 1A7GT                  | 9               |
| " S " 1.5V             | 212             | 1D8GT                  | 9               |
| W/T Batteries 99"/15   | 24              |                        |                 |
| R/T " 45" B            | 12              |                        |                 |
| R/T " 15" A            | 24              |                        |                 |

Advt for information / O.M. has been asked to obtain as soon as possible at least latter portion

OC Coy. Norman Dye Capt.



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*A Coy* COY 2/7 AUST INF BN

WEEKLY REPORT - WEEK ENDING *9 July 13*

- (a) POSTED STRENGTH *30 off* ..... and *67 off* ..... *Camp Area 2. 45*  
*Black Cat. 1. 22*
- (b) REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED *2 off* ..... and *5 for* .....
- (c) CHANGES IN STRENGTH DURING WEEK *5 taken on strength. 2 struck off.*
- (d) PERCENTAGE OF MEN ON NORMAL TRAINING DURING WEEK .....
- (e) No. OF COY ORDERLY ROOMS HELD DURING WEEK *Nil* .....
- (f) No. REMANDED TO C.O. *Nil* .....

(g) INSPECTIONS CARRIED OUT :-

- (i) BOOTS *Repair up to date, each man has 1 good pair.*
- (ii) FEET *Inspection after 3 hrs. route march 8 July. proved feet in good order.*
- (iii) PAYBOOKS *In good order, no losses reported.*
- (iv) RESPIRATORS .....
- (v) KIT AND CLOTHING GENERALLY *Is in good order.*
- (vi) ~~WASHING FACILITIES~~ *washing facilities are good, some suits of green have faded & need re-dyeing.*
- (vii) ARMS AND AMMUNITION *Rifles Brens are in first class order, but it is obvious JENSEN issued recently are seconds.*
- (viii) ~~MEDICAL AND DENTAL~~ *Land. Some barrels are pitted on this corroded, particular care has to be taken of these guns, the metal comprising the body wears very easily.*
- (ix) VEHICLES, INCLUDING BICYCLES .....
- (h) SICKNESS *1 only case for week. P.O. - new case. No other cases of sickness. 2 received dental treatment.*

B. (a) DEFICIENCIES IN G1098 SCALE *As per attached scale*

- (b) STORES RECEIVED DURING THE WEEK
 

|                     |           |                     |          |
|---------------------|-----------|---------------------|----------|
| <i>Trousers 100</i> | <i>1</i>  | <i>Tents masq 3</i> | <i>1</i> |
| <i>Spoons F.S.</i>  | <i>20</i> | <i>Woolbush 40</i>  |          |
| <i>Knives F.S.</i>  | <i>20</i> | <i>Woolbush 1</i>   |          |
| <i>Time Mess.</i>   | <i>1</i>  | <i>Woolbush 1</i>   |          |
| <i>Pudding</i>      | <i>1</i>  | <i>Woolbush 1</i>   |          |
- (c) SUPPLY OF RATIONS *Fruit & Veg. acquired locally help considerably to supplement Ration.*
- (d) MEALS AND COOKHOUSE *Good.*

(over)

(e) STATE OF CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT GENERALLY WITHIN COY .....

*Small req. only. Hats & gaiters needed*

(f) SPECIAL REMARKS

*The outstanding incident in weeks training was lack of ability to use OWEN Guns to effect, as this was the first occasion troops had used the OWEN suggest poor results were due to "strangeness" of weapon, expect better results after more thorough training & handling sure.*

(a) PROGRESS IN TRAINING EXERCISES, W/TRG CARRIED OUT (Including night exercises and lectures). *Bot. Pl. have completed*

*Ex. with Ammo. use of 2" M. & F. M. used brought out. Snipers also used. Marksmanship in second ex. greatly improved.*

(b) STATE OF TRAINING WITHIN COY, FITNESS FOR OPERATIONS .....

*As importance of use of thoroughly trained SNIPERS was again brought out in recent period. Coy Comd'g on O.V. ops suggest Bn arrange school for purpose of training Coy. SNIPERS.*

(c) SCHOOLS AND COURSES ATTENDED AND RESULTS OBTAINED BY PERSONNEL

*R.S.M. Council, A/Cpt. Coxhead } very favourable reports.  
" McKay }  
" Thompson }  
Pls BEETSON. only fair, will be given another chance.*

(d) AID REQUIRED FOR SPECIALIST TRG - MATERIALS, LECTURES ETC.

*Received permission to approach A.H.C. for purpose of returning Coy as org. RAAF also Bombs & fighter tactics. Will notify Bn of results.*

GENERAL REMARKS eg. DISCIPLINE, OUTSTANDING N C Os AND MEN,

SPORT AND RECREATION, INFORMATION FOR AUSTRALIA, WAR DIARY

NOTES *Discipline is good. A/Cpt Thompson, newly promoted was outstanding at R.S.M. Council. Combined A & B Coy team defeated H.Q. Coy in Rugby match, unsuccessful against M.G.'s personnel very keen in TABLOID sport to be conducted 12/2 July.*

*L. Harrison*  
O.C. A. COY. *Cap.*

NOTE:- THIS REPORT TO REACH BHQ BY 1200 hrs EACH SATURDAY.



(2)

(e) STATE OF CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT GENERALLY WITHIN COY .....

*Equipment beginning to show signs of wear*

(f) SPECIAL REMARKS .....

C. (a) PROGRESS IN TRAINING EXERCISES, W/TRG CARRIED OUT (Including night exercises and lectures) .....

*Training as per syllabus being carried out - Standard good*

(b) STATE OF TRAINING WITHIN COY, FITNESS FOR OPERATIONS .....

*Physical condition improving daily, although still several men being evacuated to hospital weekly*

(c) SCHOOLS AND COURSES ATTENDED AND RESULTS OBTAINED BY PERSONNEL .....

(d) AID REQUIRED FOR SPECIALIST TRG - MATERIALS, LECTURES ETC. ....

GENERAL REMARKS eg. DISCIPLINE, OUTSTANDING N C Os AND MEN,

SPORT AND RECREATION, INFORMATION FOR AUSTRALIA, WAR DIARY

NOTES *Discipline - Good - Arrangements for*

*Sports Making B & P Coy ✓ 3 PM have been effected.*

*Walter Lewis*  
O.C. COY.

THIS REPORT TO REACH HQ BY 1200 hrs EACH SATURDAY.

L. Coy 2/7 Aust Inf Bn  
Weekly Report Week ending 10<sup>th</sup> July 43

- F/
- a/ Posted strength 4 OFF 56 ORs
- b/ Reinforcements required 1 OFF 69 ORs
- c/ Changes in strength during Week, 3, ORs Evacuated  
 1, OR transferred to H Coy, 2, sigs returned to HQ Coy  
 Marched in, 2, ORs from HQ Coy,  
 2, ORs from MDS, 1 OR. from R. HP, 1 OFF from Com Camp
- d/ Percentage of men on Normal training during Week 70%
- e/ No. of Coy orderly rooms held during Week Nil
- f/ No remanded to C. O. Nil
- g/ Inspections carried out
- |                               |     |
|-------------------------------|-----|
| 1/ Boots                      | yes |
| 2/ Feet                       | yes |
| 3/ Sandbooks                  | yes |
| 4/ Respirators                | No  |
| 5/ Kit and Clothing Generally | yes |
| 6/ Arms and Ammunition        | yes |
| 7/ Medical and Dental         | No  |
- 8/ Vehicles including Bicycles No
- h/ Sickness  
 5 Men attended Sick Parade 3 men evacuated  
 MDS and P.U.O. These were all relapses

B/

a/ Deficiencies III. G 1098 NIL

b/ Stores received during Week,  
Compasses. Prismatic 9, Sight 2" Mortar Collimeter  
1, Spring Bin Spring, Tent Mosquito 2, 5<sup>✓</sup>  
Brushes shave. 6, ✓ Spoons F S 12,  
Socks 12, ✓ Singlets 10, ✓ USants 10. ✓

c/ Supply of Rations Adequate

d/ Meals and Cookhouse Excellent

e/ State of Clothing and Equipment generally within  
6 of  
Good

f/ Special remarks

More Gaiters are still required to complete  
each man, replacing worn pairs



- C/
- a/ Progress in training exercises, W/Ing carried out (Including Night exercises and Lectures. W/Ing Syllabus was carried out. Lecture on 2 pdr a/T Gun. Lecture by Educational Officer Owen Gun range practice Discussion on SIT REP
- b/ State of training within Coy, Fitness for operations More Owen Gun range practice required. Coy fit for operations
- c/ Schools and courses attended and results obtained by Personnel 1 man attending 1 Course at B.H.Q.
- d/ Aid required for specialist Ing - Materials, Lectures etc. NIL

General remarks

Discipline Good  
 Outstanding N.C.O's and Men Cpl Donnelly  
 Sport and recreation Football + Rugby matches played  
 Information for Australia } NIL  
 War Diary Notes }



P.C. Thomas Lieut  
 O.C. C. Coy

10. 7-43

SUBJECT:-WEEKLY REPORT-WEEK ENDED 10 JUL 43.

465.

TO:- DON COY.

12 JUL 43.

REFERENCE SECTION B SUB-SECTION (B) OF WEEKLY REPORT. STORES RECEIVED DURING WEEK. COMMENTS WERE "AS PER LIST APPENDED" - NO LIST WAS APPENDED TO REPORT WHEN RECEIVED HERE.

2. THE FOLLOWING STORES WERE ISSUED TO YOUR COY DURING WEEK. PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER RECEIVED OR NOT:-

|                    |           |
|--------------------|-----------|
| COMPASSES MAGNETIC | - 9       |
| FIELD DRESSING     | - 8       |
| RAZORS SAFETY      | - 8       |
| SOX PRS            | -18       |
| DRAWERS COTTON     | - 6       |
| JERSEYS PULLOVER   | -14       |
| TENTS MOSQUITO     | -35       |
| LACES LEATHER PRS  | -40       |
| TROUSERS K.D.      | -15       |
| FLY TOX            | - 1 GALL. |

|               |     |
|---------------|-----|
| MESS TINS     | - 8 |
| KNIVES F.S.   | 6   |
| FORKS F.S.    | - 6 |
| SPOONS F.S.   | - 6 |
| SINGLET       | - 6 |
| SHEETS GROUND | -35 |
| BOOTS PRS     | -10 |
| SHIRTS        | -16 |
| BRUSHES TOOTH | -30 |

*James*  
.....CAPT.  
R.Q.M. 2/7 AUST INF BN.

D. Coy. WEEKLY REPORT. Week ending 9 Jul 43

- A.) POSTED STRENGTH. 1 OFFRS. 89 ORS.
- B.) REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED. 4 OFFRS. 35 ORS.
- C.) CHANGES IN STRENGTH DURING WEEK. 4 Marched in 7 Marched out.
- D.) NO. OF COY. ORDERLY ROOMS HELD. Nil.
- E.) NO. REMANDED TO CO. Nil.
- F.) SICKNESS WITHIN COY. 7 cases M.D.S. - P.O.O. Malaria.

2/ - No other serious sickness.

A.) PERCENTAGE OF MEN ON NORMAL TRAINING. 60% normal train.

25% Drone duties & working parties 15% Coy admin & fatigues.

B.) SCHOOL AND COURSES ATTENDED. (RESULTS ETC. TO HAND.)

C.) AID REQUIRED FOR SPECIALIST TRAINING. Grenades 7 sec 2" mortar bombs & S.A.A. required for field firing exercises.

D.) STATE OF FITNESS AND TRAINING OF COY FOR OPERATIONS. With the exception of a number of relapsed malaria cases, fitness good.

E.) SPECIAL REMARKS.

A.) DEFICIENCIES IN 61098.

1 Bren. ?

This weapon has <sup>been</sup> ~~been~~ <sup>issued</sup> ~~issued~~ <sup>to</sup> ~~to~~ <sup>some</sup> ~~some~~ <sup>of</sup> ~~of~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~the <sup>platoon</sup> ~~platoon~~ <sup>is</sup> ~~is~~ <sup>under</sup> ~~under~~ <sup>control</sup> ~~control~~?~~

15

B.) STORES RECEIVED DURING WEEK. As per list appended.

NO LIST

C.) SUPPLY OF RATIONS. During the week poor, but the supply is now back to normal.

D.) MEALS AND COOKHOUSE. Meals good, cookhouse good.

E.) OUTSTANDING NCO AND ITEMS FOR WAR DIARY.

F.) STATE OF CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT WITHIN COY. There is still a shortage of webbing, gaiters & small size boots. These items have been requisitioned for each week.

G.) SPECIAL REMARKS. A team from D Coy played H.Q. 3 dust bin football on 3 Jul. D Coy were defeated by 7 points. On 4 Jul a cricket team from D Coy met a team from 2/14 f.d Coy on BULOLO down. D Coy won by 37 runs.

C. Baird Capt.  
of D Coy

81

~~10~~  
~~13A/A~~

Compasses various 9

~~Motor 2~~

Wash tin 8

Shovel F.S. 6

Forks F.S. 6

Spoons F.S. 6

F. pressure 8

Repair Safety 8

Sax pen 18

Primer bottle 6

Amulet 6

Jeep pulley 14

Shovel ground 31

Tent mosquito 35

Waxes leather 10

Hy box gas 1

Roob 7-x pro 8

10.5 " 2

Shovel K.D. 15

Shovel M.V. Green 14

Primer 700 30

Pr. Book 9.5 10 Cpl Brown  
Pat Lore

Primer bottle pro 2 7/10 110 Coffey  
Sax pen " 2

16 Jul 45

3 2

3 AUST DIV OPERATION INSTRUCTION No. 8

REGROUPING 3 AUST DIV

Ref Maps: MUBO, KOMIATUM, SALAMAUA, 1/25,000

THIS INSTRUCTION SUPERSEDES 3 AUST DIV OPERATION INSTRUCTION No. 7 ALL COPIES OF WHICH WILL NOW BE DESTROYED

OBJECT

1. The object of this instruction is to set out the regrouping of units of 3 Aust Div which will take place at the conclusion of Operation DOUBLET.
3. The regrouping is being carried out to achieve the following :-
  - (a) To dispose 17 Aust Inf Bde, COANE FORCE and MACKFORCE so as to secure the general line south of the line of the FRANCISCO and HURRIS Rivers, and carry out harassing operations against SALAMAUA.
  - (b) To dispose 15 Aust Inf Bde to protect the northern flank of the divisional area in the MARKHAM and WATUT VALLEYS.
  - (c) To achieve suitable dispositions and make preparations so that offensive action against SALAMAUA can be taken when required.

DISPOSITIONS AT CONCLUSION OF OPERATION DOUBLET

3. It is anticipated that these will be as follows :-

(a) COANE FORCE

|  |   |
|--|---|
| HQ                                     | NASSAU BAY, or TAMEU BAY as decided by commander COANE FORCE. |
| G Coy PIB                              | On coast north of LOKANU I                                    |
| 3 Bn 162 Regt less one coy             | LOKANU I - SCOUT HILL   |
| One Coy                                | TAMEU BAY for protection of gun area                          |
| 205 Field Artillery Battalion (105 mm) | TAMEU BAY and DOT INLET                                       |
| One coy 3 Bn 162 Regt Service troops   | NASSAU BAY  |

(b) 17 AUST INF BDE

|                         |   |
|-------------------------|---|
| HQ                      | MUBO-KOMIATUM area, as decided by commander 17 Aust Inf Bde |
| MACKFORCE               | High ground south of FRANCISCO River in square 7296         |
| 3/5 Aust Inf Bn         | KOMIATUM  |
| 3/6 Aust Inf Bn         | MUBO area   |
| 3/7 Aust Inf Bn         | WAU-BULOLO area   |
| Sec 1 Aust Mountain Bty | KOMIATUM area   |

(c) 15 AUST INF BDE

|                                |                    |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|
| HQ                             | MUNNS POST         |
| 58/59 Aust Inf Bn              | BOBDUBI RIDGE      |
| D Coy 24 Aust Inf Bn           | HOPE               |
| 2/3 Aust Independent Coy       | BOBDUBI RIDGE      |
| 57/60 Aust Inf Bn              | WATUT VALLEY       |
| 84 Aust Inf Bn<br>(Less D Coy) | SUNSHINE - PATEP 2 |

COMMAND

4. When ordered by this HQ the following changes in command will take place :-

- (a) MACKFORCE will be placed under command COANE FORCE.
- (b) Brigades and units directly under command 3 Aust Div will then be :-

17 Aust Inf Bde  
 COANE FORCE  
 15 Aust Inf Bde  
 NASSAU BAY Defence Force  
 WAU Fixed Defences  
 HULOLO Fixed Defences  
 2/3 Aust Independent Coy

FUTURE REGROUPING AND TASKS

5. When ordered by this HQ movements and reliefs of units will be carried out which will result in brigades being disposed and with tasks as follows :-

6. COANE FORCE

(a) Dispositions

|   |  |
|---|--|
| HQ  | To be decided by commander<br>(TAMBU BAY or LOKANU)  |
| MACKFORCE                                       | High ground south of FRANCISCO<br>River, square 7296 |
| 3 Bn 162 Regt<br>less one Coy                   | LOKANU - SCOUT HILL area                             |
| One Coy 3 Bn 162 Regt<br>205 Field Artillery Bn | TAMBU BAY  |
| C Coy PIB                                       | Coast north of LOKANU                                |

(b) Tasks

- (i) Protection of the area south of the FRANCISCO River from:  
 Inclusive coast  
 to:- exclusive track KOMIATUM to track junction  
 708967
- (ii) Harassing action against SALAMAUA by artillery fire, and active patrolling.

7. NASSAU BAY DEFENCE FORCE - Commander to be appointed by  
GOANE FORCE.

- (a) One Coy 2 Bn 168 Regt } Beach head area  
AA and Service Troops }
- (b) (i) Protection of beach head
- (ii) Protection of L of O NASSAU BAY - MUBO
- (iii) Commander NASSAU BAY DEFENCE FORCE will maintain close liaison with commander NASSAU sub-area in carrying out the above tasks.

8. 17 AUST INF BDE

(a) Dispositions

- HQ To be selected by commander 17 Aust Inf Bde, possibly NEW BOBDURI area
- 2/5 Aust Inf Bn HOTE - MALOLO (relieves D Coy 24 Aust Inf Bn)
- 2/6 Aust Inf Bn MUBO area
- 2/7 Aust Inf Bn BOBDURI RIDGE (relieves 58/59 Aust Inf Bn)

(b) Tasks

- (i) Prevent enemy moving south of FRANCISCO and BURRIS Rivers, from :-  
inclusive track KOMIATUM to track junction 708967  
to:- incl HOTE.
- (ii) Harassing action on track LAE - SALAMAUA
- (iii) Preparations for offensive operations against SALAMAUA

9. 15 AUST INF BDE

(a) Dispositions

- HQ HULWA or SUNSHINE
- B Coy PIB less one pl MARKHAM area
- 24 Aust Inf Bn PATEP 2
- 57/60 Aust Inf Bn } WATUT VALLEY  
One pl B Coy PIB }
- 58/59 Aust Inf Bn HULWA (Divisional reserve)

(b) Tasks

- (i) Prevent enemy entrance into WAU-BULOLO-PATEP 2 area from NE, North and NW.
- (ii) Protection of airfields : ZENAG  
TSILI TSILI  
MARILINAN  
HULWA
- (iii) By offensive patrolling to secure Observation Posts on the right bank of the MARKHAM River between MARKHAM POINT and the WATUT River.

10. BULOLO FIXED DEFENCES  
Close defence of BULOLO airfield

11. WAU FIXED DEFENCES  
Close defence of WAU airfield

12. S/S AUST INDEPENDENT COY  
Located at WAU as divisional reserve and for rest and re-organization.

INTERCOMMUNICATION

13. Location of HQ 3 Aust Div  
If and when it is decided to commence offensive operations against SALAMAUA, Advance HQ 3 Aust Div will move MUBO area.

14. Sigs 3 Aust Div will :-  
(a) extend existing permanent line to KOMIATUM  
(b) establish signal centre in MUBO area  
(c) establish direct communications to NASSAU BAY area and COANE FORCE.

15. Separate orders to implement moves and reliefs as stated above will be issued by this HQ as the tactical situation develops.

16. ACKNOWLEDGE

*J. Wilton*  
Lt-col  
GS 3 Aust Div

| <u>Distribution</u>        | <u>Copy Nos</u> | <u>Method of Issue</u> |
|----------------------------|-----------------|------------------------|
| 15 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)      | 1               | SDR                    |
| 17 Aust Inf Bde            | 2               | SDR                    |
| COANE FORCE                | 3               | SDR                    |
| MACKFORCE                  | 4               | SDR                    |
| S/7 Aust Inf Bn            | 5               | DRLS                   |
| S4 Aust Inf Bn             | 6               | DRLS                   |
| S7/S0 Aust Inf Bn          | 7               | DRLS                   |
| WAU Fixed Defences         | 8               | DRLS                   |
| BULOLO Fixed Defences      | 9               | DRLS                   |
| Sigs 3 Aust Div (AIF)      | 10              | DRLS                   |
| RAE 3 Aust Div (AIF)       | 11              | DRLS                   |
| AASC 3 Aust Div (AIF)      | 12              | DRLS                   |
| NG Force (for information) | 13              | AIR SAFE HAND          |
| 41 US Div " "              | 14              | AIR SAFE HAND          |
| B Flt 4 AC Sqn " "         | 15              | DRLS                   |
| AADC WAU - BULOLO " "      | 16              | DRLS                   |
| Comd                       | 17              | HAND                   |
| GSO I                      | 18              | HAND                   |
| AA & QMG                   | 19              | HAND                   |
| ADMS                       | 20              | HAND                   |
| ADOS                       | 21              | HAND                   |
| ADME                       | 22              | HAND                   |
| File                       | 23 - 29         | HAND                   |



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HQ

58/59 Aust Inf Bn  
29 July '43

58/59 AUST INF BN OPERATION ORDER No 4

Ref Map KOMIATUM 1/25000

INFORMATION

1.

ENEMY

- (a) As per 15 Aust Inf Bde Intelligence summary No 20.
- (b) Enemy still retains 3 main posns, ORODUBI - ERSKINE CREEK AND COCONUTS.  
Estimated strength not known

2.

OWN TROOPS

- (a) A Coy 58/59 Aust Inf Bn less one Pl RIDGE Tk AREA 697968
- (b) B Coy 58/59 Aust Inf Bn B echelon area 688965
- (c) C Coy 58/59 Aust Inf Bn with one comd 7 Pl A Coy OLD VICKERS POSN.
- (d) D Coy 58/59 Aust Inf Bn GWAIBALON AREA 698946
- (e) 2/3 Aust Ind Coy attacked ORODUBI AREA with Mortar and Arty support 1600K/29. No reports yet to hand
- (f) 2/7 Aust Inf Bn now under comd 15 Aust Inf Bde. HQ group and A Coy KUNDA AREA.  
B Coy relieved B Coy 58/59 Aust Inf Bn 1200K/29 NEW BOEDUBI AREA 688975
- (g) 2/5 Aust Inf Bn are attacking KOMIATUM AREA 30 July  
Attack to be supported by aerial bombing and Arty. It is expected that considerable enemy movement will take place on KOMIATUM TRACK during and after this operation

INTENTION

3.

58/59 Aust Inf Bn will occupy posn across the KOMIATUM TRACK, and prevent any enemy movement.

METHOD

4.

The operations will be carried out in two phases.

- (a) Phase 1. Occupation of posn astride KOMIATUM TRACK  
A Coy 2/7 Aust Inf Bn will relieve C Coy 58/59 Aust Inf Bn with under comd 7 Pl A Coy evening 29 July. C Coy 58/59 Aust Inf Bn and 7 Pl A Coy on relief will move to VILLAGE AREA for night 29/30 July.
- (b) C Coy 58/59 Aust Inf Bn ~~with under comd 7 Pl A Coy~~ will move to BENCH CUT TRACK via GRIFF TRACK and take up dispositions as follows:
  - (i) One Pl JUNG GRIFF'S AND BENCH CUT TRACKS
  - (ii) One Pl between JUNG GRIFF AND BENCH CUT TRACK and ERSKINE CREEK.
  - (iii) One Pl on BENCH CUT TRACK between INCL OSBORNE CREEK Excl GRIFF AND BENCH CUT TRACK JUNG  
Move to commence 0830K/30
- (c) A Coy to move by same route proceeding to KOMIATUM TRACK via line of OSBORNE CREEK and take up posns and carry out intention as stated in para 3
- (d) Composite Pl at present under comd B Coy will be relieved by a Pl of 2/7 Bn morning 30 July and will move to area GRIFFS TRACK - RIDGE TRACK 699962
- (e) D Coy maintain present dispositions and will prevent enemy movement from ERSKINE CREEK AREA to the WEST.

5. **PHASE 2.**  
B Coy 58/59 Aust Inf Bn will attack COCONUT RIDGE  
30 July.

6. **FIRE PLAN**
- (a) **Arty.** Eleven Bty 2/6 Aust Fd Regt will register targets on COCONUT RIDGE morning 30 July. 100 rounds 25 pdr amn have been allotted to support B Coy attack.
- (b) **MORTARS**
- (i) Mortar detachment at present in posn WEST of FRANCISO RIVER will remain until relieved. Amn allotment of 30 bombs for support of phase 2 of operation.
- (ii) Mortars at present under comd A, C and D Coys to remain and carry out tasks as ordered.
- (iii) One detachment to be withdrawn from old A Coy posn 698946 and placed under comd C Coy.
- (c) **MMGs**
- (i) One sub section to remain in present posn WEST of FRANCISO RIVER to support phase 2 of the operation. Amn allotment 8 belts. Sub section to remain in present posn until relieved by 2/7 Aust Inf Bn.
- (ii) One sub section at present GWAIBALON AREA will come under comd A Coy 58/59 Aust Inf Bn 0800K/30. To be built up into one complete section when sub section at present on OLD VICKERS POSN is relieved by 2/7 Aust Inf Bn.

7. **LIMIT OF EXPLOITATION**  
PHASE 2, of the attack B Coy will exploit the KOMIATUM TRACK via OLD BOBDUBI TRACK.

8. **ZERO** To be notified later

9. **PATROLS**
- (a) B Coy 58/59 Aust Inf Bn to continue active patrolling to find approached to COCONUT RIDGE
- (b) A Coy ~~xxxxxxx~~ standing patrol at 706976 TRACK JUNG to be relieved by a patrol of same strength from C Coy.

ADMINISTRATION  
10.

- MEDICAL**
- (a) R.A.P. to remain at present posn JUNG ULIAP CREEK AND GWAIBALON TRACK 688961.
- (b) Fwd MEDICAL POST at JUNG of GRIFF AND RIDGE TRACK 699962.  
Line if evacuation OSBORNE CREEK - BENCH CUT TRACK - GRIFFS TRACK - RIDGE TRACK - GWAIBALON.

11. **AMMUNITION**
- (a) Bn reserve 688965.
- (b) 10 belts per MMG, 30 bombs per mortar to be established OSBORNE CREEK
- (c) 500 rounds per Bren.
- (d) C Coy will arrange carrying parties for amn fwd to A Coy. A Coy to carry scale "A" as far as possible.

12. **RATIONS**  
A Coy to carry two days F.O.R.

13. **SUPPLY**  
L of C ULIAP CREEK - VILLAGE - RIDGE TRACK - GRIFF TRACK will operate until shorter L of C WEST of OLD VICKER POSN can be established.

14. **ANGAU**  
Will supply native bearers as required, for casualties and supplies.

15. **DRESS**  
Ground sheets Hat nets mosquito lotion to receive particular consideration particularly to apply to A Coy

Over-

INTERCOMMUNICATION

16. B.H.Q. GWAIBALON AREA with comd post probable location  
JUNG GRIFFS AND BENCH CUT TRACK.  
B.H.Q. REAR present location 688961 JUNG ULIAP AND  
GWAIBALON TRACK.
17. Comms. A Coy L/t cable requirements approx two miles.  
B Coy L/T cable requirements approx 1 1/2 miles

ACKNOWLEDGE.

Time of signature *2025 hrs.*

Method of issue *Hand*

Distribution.  
Rifle Coys copies 1 - 4  
MMGs 5  
Mortars 6  
Arty 7  
2/7 Aust Inf Bn 8 - 9  
C.O. 10  
Q.M. 11  
15 Aust Inf Bde 12  
File 13 - 14  
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Capt  
Adjut 58/59 Aust Inf Bn





TO BE MADE UP TO AND FOR SATURDAY IN EACH WEEK.

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Serial No. 24 110

# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

A.I.F. Reference 11/120/2

A.M.F. Reference

Date 17 Jul 43

W.E. 32 X 245

Attached Allowed by W.E. 1 X 9

2/7 AUGUST INF BN Unit

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

| 1                           | 2  | 3                        | 4   |
|-----------------------------|--|--------------------------|---|
| Ranks and W.E.              | Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached) | Surplus to Establishment | Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment) |
| *<br>*                      |  |                          |   |
| Lieut.-Colonels . . . . . 1 | 1  |                          |   |
| Majors . . . . . 3          | 3  |                          |   |
| Captains . . . . . 8        | 21 9   | 2                        |   |
| Lieutenants . . . . . 19    | 23   | 4                        |   |
| 2nd Lieutenants . . . . .   |  |                          |   |
| Quartermasters . . . . . 1  | 1  |                          |   |
| <b>Totals . . . . . 32</b>  | <b>37</b>  | <b>5</b>                 |   |

\* Insert detail of higher rank as necessary

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

### Officers JOINED during week

| Rank  | Name     | Unit or Corps | Date    | Cause      |
|-------|----------|---------------|---------|------------|
| Lieut | WALKER   | L.C.          | 10/7/43 | Ex Hosp    |
| Capt  | CRAMP    | S.M.          | 1/7/43  | " "        |
| Capt  | AMBOLD   | B.            | 1/7/43  | Secondment |
| Lieut | SMITH    | R.J.          | 1/7/43  | School     |
| "     | BLENNING | W.A.          | 1/7/43  | " "        |
| Capt  | SMITH    | A.S.          | 1/12/43 | " "        |
| Maj   | PICKEN   | R.S.          | 11/7/43 | " "        |

### Officers QUITTED during week

| Rank | Name | Unit or Corps | Date | Cause |
|------|------|---------------|------|-------|
|      |      |               |      |       |
|      |      |               |      |       |
|      |      |               |      |       |
|      |      |               |      |       |

## PART C. — DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO THE UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED

| Rank | Name and Initials | Unit or Corps | (Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if know. |
|------|-------------------|---------------|---|
|      |                   |               |   |
|      |                   |               |   |
|      |                   |               |   |
|      |                   |               |   |

**PART D. — NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH**

**(i) Officers posted to Unit (Total to agree with column 2 of Part A)**

| 1   | 2               | 3                 | 4           | 5  | 6  |
|---|-----------------|-------------------|-------------|--|--|
| Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held | Personal Number | Name and Initials | Appointment | Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No) | If not present with Unit, state how employed |
| Lt col  | VX 33           | GUINN H.G.        | C.O.        | No   | 3 AUST DIV                                   |
| Maj   | VX 48           | RICKEN K.S.       | 2 1/2       | Yes  |  |
| "   | VX 5124         | DUNKLEY H.L.E.    | OC Coy      | "  |  |
| Capt A/Maj  | VX 237          | WILSON S.E. D.    | " "         | No   | LHQ Tact Sch                                 |
| "   | VX 4212         | CRAMP S.H.        | " "         | Yes  |  |
| "   | VX 55208        | DURRILL W.E.      | " "         | "  |  |
| "   | VX 14181        | FRINGE T.W.       | " "         | "  |  |
| "   | VX 39195        | BARR F.A.         | " "         | "  |  |
| "   | VX 2927         | SMITH A.          | 2 1/2 Coy   | "  |  |
| "   | VX 4621         | ARNOLD E.         | " "         | "  |  |
| "   | VX 5660         | TATTERSON L.V.    | 2 1/2 Coy   | "  |  |
| Lieut A/Capt  | VX 10378        | DIXON R.F.        | Adjt        | "  |  |
| "   | VX 13489        | GOULD F.J.        | 2 1/2       | "  |  |
| " T/Capt  | VX 35458        | DATED V.C.        | 2 1/2 Coy   | "  |  |
| "   | VX 52508        | ROOPE A.H.        | " "         | No   | PT NORSEBY                                   |
| Lieut   | VX 52876        | ROBERTSON A.H.    | P1 Comd     | Yes  |  |
| "   | VX 10322        | DIXON D.H.        | " "         | "  |  |
| "   | VX 2870         | RICE J.A.         | " "         | "  |  |
| "   | VX 105195       | HILL J.           | " "         | No   | WCP Jnr Ldr Sch                              |
| "   | VX 3852         | THOMAS P.C.       | " "         | Yes  |  |
| "   | VX 16067        | VILES J.S.        | " "         | "  |  |
| "   | VX 2125         | PIETZ W.H.        | " "         | "  |  |
| "   | VX 5182         | COUS P.I.         | " "         | "  |  |
| " VX3823  | VX 67187        | CERRARD H.D.      | P1 Comd     | "  |  |
| "   | VX 27155        | BRITCHARD R.J.    | " "         | "  |  |
| "   | VX 30055        | DARVEL L.J.       | " "         | "  |  |
| "   | VX 66151        | MERRID J.S.       | " "         | "  |  |
| "   | VX 79948        | MCCORMODALE A.    | " "         | "  |  |
| "   | VX 86476        | SMITH H.J.        | " "         | "  |  |
| "   | VX 101652       | EDWARDS O.L.      | " "         | "  |  |
| "   | VX 79365        | BALLETI H.C.      | " "         | "  |  |
| "   | VX 18511        | TRON J.           | " "         | "  |  |
| "   | VX 5845         | FOOT G.           | " "         | No   | OCTU   |
| "   | VX 34417        | ROBERTSON A.      | " "         | "  | PT NORSEBY                                   |
| "   | VX 12682        | NEWTON T.S.       | " "         | "  | OCTU   |
| "   | VX 16557        | TYLES S.W.E.      | " "         | "  | OCTU   |
| "   | VX 8970         | FLEMING W.A.      | " "         | Yes  |  |
| "   | VX 5870         | GATNER L.C.       | " "         | "  |  |

**(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS**

| Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held | Personal Number | Name and Initials | Unit or Corps | Date of Attachment | Nature of Attachment | Allowed by W.E. (Insert Yes or No) |
|---|-----------------|-------------------|---------------|--------------------|----------------------|------------------------------------|
| Capt  | VX 77377        | PETER ON B.H.     | AAMC          | Sep 42             | RMO                  | Yes                                |
| "   | VX 90116        | OKERRE P.C.       | AACHD         | Dec 42             | Padre                | No                                 |

2/7 AUST INF BN

(Unit)

17 Jul 43

(Date of Despatch)

*[Signature]*

Major

(Signature of Commander)

HQ 17 AUST INF BDE

(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving)

## Sports & Recreation

HQ

Coy

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The coy continues to take a good interest in sport. On 11 Jul a team from HQ A+C coy played and defeated H A 5-4 - 39 dust rules football.

On 14 July a Lobbed sports meeting for all Hs of unit in area was conducted. 22 teams entered. 2 BHR, 3 with A+C & 114 from HQ. Every available man in HQ was either on a team or an official. Total points were 78. Two teams - one from 'C' coy one from HQ under Sgt Lewis with his mortar det tied for 1st prize with 58 points. Cpl Devaney + a team from his pl in HQ coy obtained 3 prize with 56 pts. Team from Cpl HQ was fourth with 55 pts so the events were closely contested. One of HQ teams had to withdraw and only one obtained under 50% pts. A good day was had and the sports should be a forerunner to many more as a keen esprit de corps can be maintained. A Rugby match between 7 Bn + 7th Bn is staged for today.

A debate was conducted, with Capt Peterson judging between 1 & 2 pls the subject being "should State Parliaments be abolished." Although correct data and statistics could not be obtained the topic was food for thought and the unit being "Australia wide" the layman's opinions were interesting. 1 Pl won with 54-52 pts. It is hoped to stage many more, about 50 ps were present.



The recreation Hut and library continue to be a Godsend and it is my honest opinion that the fostering of sport and the several attempts made for night recreational opportunities has improved the Coy as a whole and created that friendly rivalry or esprit d corps to be developed in each pl.

The moral is good.

Education offer returned to day on "The second front" and was heard with interest.

All pls are taking a keen interest in present ops as concern ourselves and are quite in the picture.

~~Commander~~ ~~Boyle~~  
Command Hqs Coy  
17 Jul 43

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TO: Lt. Col. Gwyn.

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1. Herewith Copy No. <sup>17</sup> . . . . of the above-mentioned summary.
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 (A C BREEN)  
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FROM : CRE II AUST DIV

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO E7

BULLDOG - WAU ROAD

HQ RAE (AIF) II AUST DIV

PERIOD : 1 Jul 43 to 15 Jul 43

PART I

Adverse weather conditions, at present being experienced on the Mountain Section, between JOHNSON GAP and CLOWES CREEK, is trying the patience of all concerned. On some sections of unmetalled bench, the mud is knee deep, and it is impossible to employ the mechanical equipment, where required.

Petrol supplies have been limited, with the result that much valuable time has been lost on metalling, caused by grounding of tip trucks, however, despite this the "Jeep Head" has been extended to 9 mile 20 chain on the EDIE CREEK - JOHNSON GAP section.

The health of all troops can be considered fair, in view of the pressure of work, and the extreme conditions under which they are living and working.

Progress is satisfactory and all concerned are determined and confident that their tasks will be completed by 31 Jul 43.

DISTRIBUTION OF LABOUR

During the period under review, the following redistribution of Labour was effected -

- (a) 3 AUST PACK TPT COY (AIF) were withdrawn from CLOWES CREEK - ELOA RIVER Section and placed with WO II ZOFFMAN on ELOA GORGE, vicinity CENTRE CAMP.
- (b) Cpl HETHERINGTON (ANGAU) with 40 NG Natives, equipped with sledge hammers and tap drills, left EDIE CREEK Section on 12 Jul, en route to above sector, where they will specialise in rock demolition.
- (c) Cpl HALLIDAY (ANGAU) with 70 PAPUAN Natives was transferred from 9 AUST FD COY (AIF) to 2/2 AUST FD COY.
- (d) Sgt SCOTT (ANGAU) with 110 NG Natives was transferred from 2/16 AUST A FD COY to 9 AUST FD COY (AIF)
- (e) Sgt CHESHER (9 AUST FD COY (AIF) ) with 50 PAPUAN Natives was transferred from 2/16 AUST A FD COY to STEELE FALLS - HERRING GORGE Section, under command Lieut LAVERY.
- (f) Sgt CURRIE (ANGAU) with 100 Natives completed the benching on STEELE FALLS - HERRING GORGE Section and have now moved camp to CENTRE CAMP Section.

DISTRIBUTION OF PLANT.

On 13 Jul, the following plant was delivered to 9 AUST FD COY (AIF).

- 1 Compressor and accessories
- 2 D2 Tractors
- 1 D4 Angle Dozer
- 1 Jeep trailer

One 4 x 4 tip truck will be delivered to this sector on or about 18 Jul 43.

Two compressors are being pushed as far forward towards STEELE FALLS as possible, where they will be dismantled by LAD and carried by natives, one to 2/1 AUST FD COY and one to Lieut LAVERY. It is hoped that these machines will be in operation on these sectors before the end of the coming week.

SUPPLIES

The responsibility for delivery of supplies to personnel South of JOHNSON GAP is as follows -

|                                    |   |
|------------------------------------|---|
| EDIE CREEK - JEEP HEAD             | - HQ RAE (AIF) II AUST DIV<br>Jeeps and trailers                      |
| JEEP HEAD - JOHNSON GAP            | - 2/16 AUST A FD COY<br>D2's and trailers, and/or<br>native carriers  |
| JOHNSON GAP - ECCLESTONE<br>SADDLE | - 9 AUST FD COY (AIF)<br>D2's and trailers, and/or<br>native carriers |

The above includes the transport of rations for 200 Europeans and 580 Natives

UNRELIABLE SAFETY FUSE

A White Coloured safety fuse has been on issue to units employed on the SOUTHERN SECTION of the road.

2/1 AUST FD COY report that the burning rate of this type of fuse is slow and very unreliable, and that a serious accident, due to a misfire was narrowly averted.

Osc Units using this type of fuse should impose adequate safety precautions and ensure that same are strictly observed, should a misfire occur.

GENERAL

The CRE - Lt col W J REINHOLD arrived at EDIE CREEK on 9 Jul 43, from BULLDOG on a tour of inspection. Left EDIE CREEK on 13 Jul 43, en route DEAD CHINAMAN.

Capt IVOR HBLE - Official War Artist - visited the area and collected material for War History purposes.

Lieut W J CROFTS of HQ Staff was admitted to MDS on 5 Jul, suffering from Malaria.

Lieut C K JOHNSON (ANGAU) was recalled to PORT MORESBY on 1 Jul 43, for special duties.

SURVEY

2 Section, 8 AUST SURVEY COY are located EDIE CREEK and have commenced work in connection with the mapping of BULLDOG - WAU L of C.

The survey will be carried out by means of Co-ordinated ground survey and air photographs.

Approx 30% of instrumental traverse of road is now complete.

PART IIOPERATIONS - EDIE CREEK - BULLDOG - 58 MILES1. CLEARING(a) EDIE CREEK - ELOA RIVER

The clearing on this sector is now complete.

(b) ELOA RIVER - CENTRE CAMP

100 Natives have been employed on this section for about 10 days and although no reports are to hand, it can be anticipated that the clearing is now complete, and that the natives are now employed on benching.

1. CLEARING (Contd)(c) CENTRE CAMP - FOX CAMP

Approx 6 miles of clearing has been completed. The balance should be cleared within a few days and this will bring to an end, clearing operations, over the full section of the road.

(d) FOX CAMP - BULLDOG

Clearing is now complete.

2. PILOT TRACK OR BENCHING(a) EDIE CREEK - ELOA RIVER

With the exception of a few rock faces and floating granite boulders, the benching on this section is complete. The benching is being widened over the whole sector, and the abovementioned rock outcrops are being attacked, and metal used for surfacing.

(b) ELOA RIVER - CENTRE CAMP

100 Natives employed - progress report NOT to hand.

(c) CENTRE CAMP - FOX CAMP

Additional labour (3 AUST BACK TPT COY) has been placed on the GORGE section, which extends from CENTRE CAMP to 1 mile downstream. Although up to date reports are not to hand, it can be anticipated that the benching is nearing completion.

(d) FOX CAMP - BULLDOG

Satisfactory progress is being maintained, with the result that there now remains less than 1.1/2 miles of benching to be completed.

3. JEEP TRACK(a) EDIE CREEK - JOHNSON GAP

"Jeep head" is now No 7 Camp (8 miles) and will be extended, during the next few days to 9 mile 20 chain.

(b) JOHNSON GAP - STEELE FALLS

2 Miles 50 chain of Jeep track has been completed with pick and shovel and rapid progress can now be expected on this section, as one D4 Angle Dozer and two compressors were available on 14 Jul 43.

(c) STEELE FALLS - HERRING GORGE

Good progress continues, despite the adverse weather conditions, and Lieut LAVERY is confident that this section will be trafficable on 31 Jul 43.

(d) HERRING GORGE - CLOWES CREEK

The bench on this section is being widened to a single track MT road, and to date approx 2 miles 10 chain has been finished by hand. Another 60 natives have been placed on this section, also a compressor is to be dismantled and carried from ECCLESTONE SADDLE. This compressor should be operating on the rock outcrops before the end of the coming week.

3. TRIP TRACK (Contd)(e) CLOWES CREEK - ELOA RIVER

Approx 4 miles 70 chain has been widened to single MT road. Another gang of 40 NG Natives equipped with hammers and tap drills left EDIE CREEK on 12 Jul 43. This gang will attack the numerous rock outcrops on this sector.

(f) ELOA RIVER - BULLDOG

Detailed reports of actual progress have not been received, for this section, however it can be anticipated that progress is according to schedule.

4. SINGLE TRACK ROAD

Remarks in para 3 "Jeep Track" will apply to progress on Construction of Single Track MT Road.

APPENDICES

## Appendix A - Works Progress Report

- B - Sketch Map - BULLDOG WAU ROAD (issued separately)
- C - Location Statement of Units under Comd (for CE only)
- D - Disposition of Native Labour.

DISTRIBUTION:

|                         |              |                  |                |
|-------------------------|--------------|------------------|----------------|
| CE NGF                  | Copies 1 & 2 | O i/c BULLDOG    | Copy 13        |
| HQ II AUST DIV          | 3            | Major MAYNES     | 14             |
| HQ 3 AUST DIV           | 4            | Lieut LAVERY     | 15             |
| HQ ANGAU                | 5            | Lieut SMITH      | 16             |
| 2/1 AUST FD COY         | 6            | Lieut ECCLESTONE | 17             |
| 2/16 AUST A FD COY      | 7            | WO II BANNON     | 18             |
| 2/9 AUST A FD COY (DET) | 8            | War Diary        | Copies 19 & 20 |
| 2/4 AUST FD SQN         | 9            | File             | 21             |
| 9 AUST FD COY (AIF)     | 10           |                  |                |
| 6 Pl 2/14 AUST A FD COY | 11           |                  |                |
| 1 Pl 14 AUST FD COY     | 12           |                  |                |

APPENDIX "D"

DISPOSITION OF NATIVE LABOUR

RATIONED FROM EDIE CREEK AS FROM 15 JUL, 43

ROAD CONSTRUCTION -

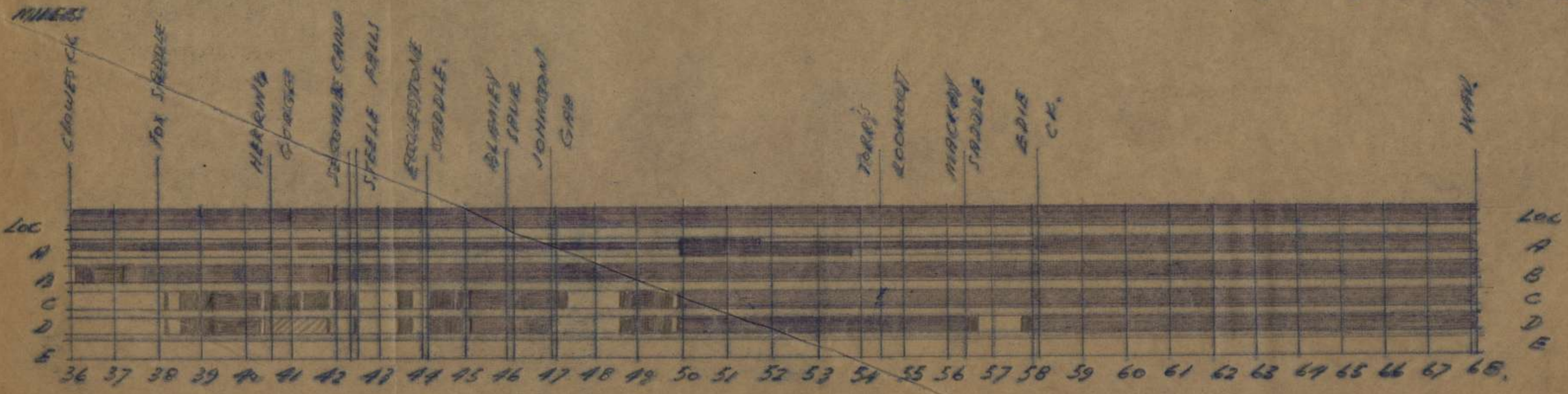
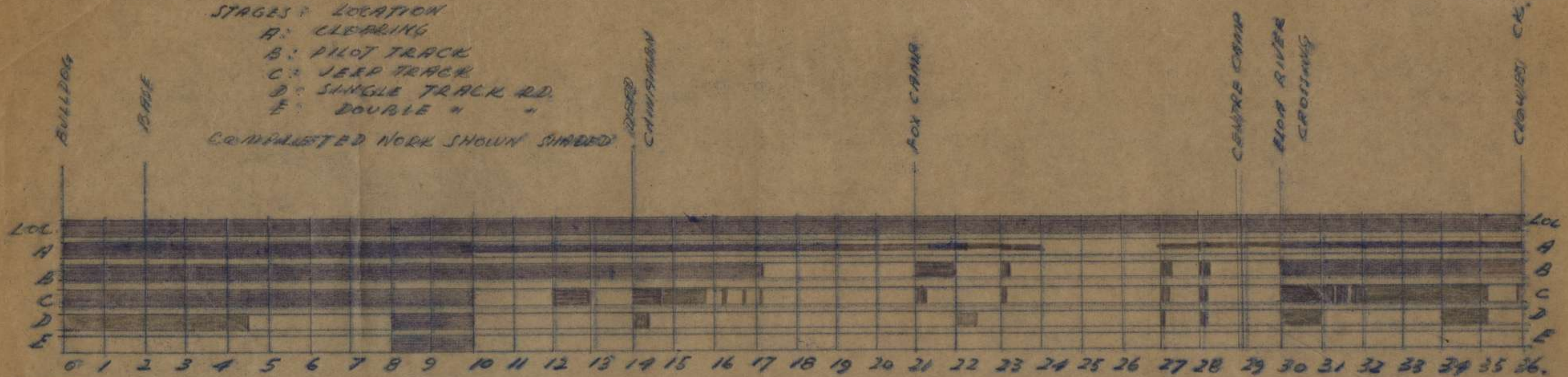
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|------------------------------------|------------------------|----|------------|
| 2/16 AUST A FD COY                 | EDIE CREEK -           | 23 |            |
|                                    | CON DEPOT -            | 14 | - 37       |
|                                    | No 8 CAMP, CPL TADGELL | -  | 63         |
|                                    | No 9 CAMP, CPL SCHULTZ | -  | 48         |
| 2/1 AUST FD COY                    |                        |    | 160        |
| 9 AUST FD COY (AIF)                |                        |    | 110        |
| Lieut LAVERY                       |                        |    | 84         |
| ANGAU HQ                           |                        |    | 12         |
| HQ RAE (AIF) II AUST DIV           |                        |    | 5          |
| HQ RAE - DID No 7 CAMP             |                        |    | 1          |
| YMCA                               |                        |    | 1          |
| MEDICAL                            |                        |    | 19         |
| INEFFECTIVES - EDIE CREEK HOSPITAL |                        |    | 56         |
| TRANSIT                            |                        |    | 2          |
|                                    | TOTAL                  |    | <u>598</u> |

# WORKS PROGRESS BULLDOG - WAU ROAD.

Submitted by H.Q.R.A.E II AUST DIV Date. 15 July 43 O.I.C. Works CRE II AUST DIV Est. Date Comp.

- STAGES & LOCATION  
 A: CLEARING  
 B: PILOT TRACK  
 C: JEEP TRACK  
 D: SINGLE TRACK RD.  
 E: DOUBLE " "

COMPACTED WORK SHOWN SHADED





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17 AUST INF BDE ADM INSTN NO 2

(To be read in conjunction with 17 Aust Inf Bde Op Instn No 9)

1. AMN

(a) Scale

The following amn will normally be carried on the man or with the gun:

|                |                      |
|----------------|----------------------|
| .303 BDR       | 50 rds per rifle     |
| .303 CTM       | 5 mags per LMG       |
| .45 TSMG       | 6 mags per TSMG      |
| Gren 36M 4 Sec | 1 per man            |
| Gren 36M 7 Sec | 12 per BY Rifle.     |
| 2" MOR HE      | 18 bombs per Mortar  |
| 3" MOR HE      | 50 bombs per Mortar  |
| 3" MOR SIK     | 10 bombs per Mortar. |
| 3.7 HOW        | 96 rds per gun.      |

(b) Dumps

2/6 AUST INF BN will establish dumps as follows:

MAT MAT

|                     |       |   |
|---------------------|-------|---|
| 3" MOR HE 756 bombs | } for | end 2/6 AUST INF BN 4 Mortars<br>2/5 AUST INF BN 2 Mortars. |
| 3" MOR SIK 60 bombs |       |   |

3.7 HOW 400 rds for One Sec 1 Aust Mtn Bty.

.303 BELT 40,000 rds for One Sec MMGs

HILL 7

.303 BELT 12,000 rds for One Sec MMGs res role

SADDLE

.303 BELT 12,000 rds for One Pl MMGs res role.

These dumps will be placed with the gun for the initial attack on OBSERVATION HILL.

2. SUPPLIES

Rations

One day fd op rations and one day emergency rations will be carried on the man. Units will ensure that all tps receive at least one hot meal per day.

Solidified Alcohol

Burnzo now on issue to units will be withdrawn and returned to ASC. This will be issued later from fwd dumps on application of unit comds when required for special tasks.

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It is anticipated that whereas in the earlier phases there will not be great need for the use of solidified alcohol there will be a heavy demand in the latter phases. Consequently every effort must be made for its conservation until definitely required.

3. RES

2/6 AUST INF BN will establish dumps of res amn, sups and tools fwd of GUADAGASAL as per Appx "A" to be completed by D-3.

Amn in these dumps will be made up of unit res. which will be brigaded to form brigado res.

Sub units will demand direct on nearest dump.

Existing dumps will be reduced or increased to conform to the schedule as set out in Appx "A".

4. WATER

Units will be responsible for own water supply. All water will be chlorinated until proved not contaminated.

5. ORD STORES

Bdo dump will be established at HOUSE MANGO.

Surplus ord stores hold by units will be returned to the Bdo Ord dump prior to D-3.

6. TOOLS

2/5 and 2/6 AUST INF BNs will hold a res on the basis of 3 picks, 3 shovels, 1 axe, 9 machetes per coy. Surplus tools will be returned to Bdo Ord dump by D-3.

Tools will be issued from fwd dumps on demand. On completion of tasks for which required, tools will be collected and stacked at locations to be notified, ready for movt elsewhere.

7. NATIVE LABOUR

All native labour will come under direct control of this HQ as from D-3. Units will be allotted native labour as required. Separate instns will be issued to those concerned. Native labour will NOT carry beyond coy HQ.

Units will be prepared to furnish escorts for carrier lines.

8. MEDICAL

(a) GENERAL

Two surgical t ans will be stationed at ADS which has been established at GUADAGASAL.

2/2 AUST FD AMB will establish medical staging posts at JUNCTION BITOI BUYAWIM.

Phase 1.

One orderly 2/2 AUST FD AMB will be att to BURKE's party.

medical

2/2 AUST ED AMB will establish / staging post at REEVES OP to direct casualties to MATMAT.

Phase 2. 2/6 AUST INF BN will erect signs denoting line of evacuation, OBSERVATION HILL, REEVES OP, MAT MAT.

If RMC 2/6 AUST INF BN moves fwd, det 2/2 AUST ED AMB will take over RAP at MAT MAT.

medical

Phases 1, 2, & 3. 2/2 AUST ED AMB will establish / staging post vicinity LABABIA BASE CAMP.

Phase 4. Det 2/2 AUST ED AMB MAT MAT will be prepared to move fwd with 2/5 AUST INF BN to form fwd medical staging post.

(b) EVACUATION

Head of boyline will be kept as close to coy HQ as possible. Close liaison will be kept between ANG-U officers with boyline and sub unit HQs to arrange the evacuation of lying casualties.

9. MALARIA PRECAUTIONS

It will be impressed on all ranks that highly malarious areas will be encountered during ops and that the strictest anti malarial precautions will be adopted by all ranks at all times.

At NO time will any soldier be separated from his mosquito net, mosquito lotion and atobrin.

10. FW

PsW will be escorted to Bdc HQ. Boyline escorts and walking wounded will be utilised as guards.

Bdc Protection Pl will be responsible for the erection of FW cage and guarding of PsW.

11. DRESS(a) Marching OrderTo be worn

Trousers  
Shirt  
Gaiters  
Hat Fur Felt  
Eqpt Web  
1 tin emerg Rations (pocket)  
U'pants, Singlet  
Clasp Knife  
Field Dressing

Haversack to contain

Mosquito Net  
Ground Sheet or US Gas Cape  
Mosquito Lotion  
1 Tin Ed Op Ration  
Mess tin, Knife Fork Spoon  
2 slabs chocolate  
6 atobrin tablets  
Shaving Gear, Soap  
Half towel  
1 pair socks.

Back to contain

1 Blanket  
2 pr trousers  
2 shirts  
1 pr socks  
1 pr boots (spare) if any.  
1 singlet  
1 pr U'pants.

(b) Battle Order

As for Marching Order loss pack and contents.

(c) Marching Order will be worn as far as possible. On change from Marching Order to Battle Order packs will be dumped by coys and this HQ notified of location.

ACKNOWLEDGE

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DATE.....

*L. Campbell*  
S.O. 17 AUST INF BDE <sup>Capt.</sup>

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|                        | <u>Copy No.</u> | <u>APPX "A"</u> | <u>METHOD</u> |
|------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|
| 2/5 Aust Inf Bn        | 1               | 1               | DRLS          |
| 2/6 Aust Inf Bn        | 2               | 2               | DRLS          |
| One Sec 1 Aust Mtn Bty | 3               | 3               | DRLS          |
| 2/2 Aust Fd Ann        | 4               | 4               | HAND          |
| 15 Aust Inf Bde        | 5               | 5               | DRLS          |
| 3 Aust Div             | 6               | 6               | DRLS          |
| Comd                   | 7               | 7               | HAND          |
| BM                     | 8               | 8               | "             |
| SC                     | 9               | 9               | "             |
| BASCO                  | 10              | 10              | "             |
| War Diary              | 11-12           | 11-12           |               |
| File                   | 13-14           | 13-14           |               |
| Spares                 | 15-16           | 15-16.          |               |

SCHEDULE OF DUMPS - RESERVE SUPPLIES, AMM AND TOOLS TO BE ESTABLISHED BY 2/6 AUST INF BN

| Serial No<br>(a)  | TYPE<br>(b)     | REEVES OP<br>(c) | MAT MAT<br>(d) | LABABIA<br>(e) | SADDLE<br>(f) | RIVER JUNG<br>(g) | WAIPALI<br>(h) |
|-------------------|-----------------|------------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|-------------------|----------------|
| <u>SUPPLIES</u>   |                 |                  |                |                |               |                   |                |
| 1.                | NATIVE          | 105              | 120            | 60             |               | 30                |                |
| 2.                | FD OP RATIONS   | 900              | 1050           | 300            | 300           | 300               | 100            |
| 3.                | BURNZO TINS     | 600              | 200            | 50             |               | 100               |                |
| <u>AMMUNITION</u> |                 |                  |                |                |               |                   |                |
| 4.                | .303 BDR        | 37500            | 41900          | 6000           | 5000          | 4000              | 12500          |
| 5.                | .303 CTM        | 37125            | 37125          | 10000          | 10000         | 8000              | 4500           |
| 6.                | .303 TCR        | 8100             | 8100           |                |               |                   |                |
| 7.                | .45 TSMG        | 27600            | 28520          | 4000           | 2000          | 3000              | 8000           |
| 8.                | 2" MOR HE       | 162              | 162            | 30             | 60            | 18                |                |
| 9.                | 2" MOR SMK      | 30               | 30             | 9              | 18            | 9                 |                |
| 10.               | 3" MOR HE       | 360              | 240            | 60             | 60            |                   |                |
| 11.               | 3" MOR SMK      | 40               | 40             | 5              | 10            |                   |                |
| 12.               | Green 36 M Hand | 150              | 150            | 50             | 50            |                   |                |
| 13.               | Green 36M Riflo | 228              | 336            | 24             | 36            | 12                |                |
| 14.               | .380 REV        | 150              | 198            |                |               |                   |                |
| 15.               | .303 BELT       | Nil              | Nil            | Nil            | Nil           | Nil               | 30             |
| 16.               | 3.7 HOW         |                  |                |                |               |                   | Nil            |
| <u>TOOLS</u>      |                 |                  |                |                |               |                   |                |
| 17.               | Picks           | 64               |                |                |               |                   |                |
|                   | Shovels         | 84               |                |                |               |                   |                |
|                   | Axes Folling    | 20               |                |                |               |                   |                |
|                   | Machotos        | 50               |                |                |               |                   |                |

NOTE (a) Amm and rations carried on man or with gun is NOT included in the above figures. Amm holdings set out above represent the brigading of unit reserves.

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2/7 AUST INF BN OPERATION INSTN NO 7.

OPERATION - 2/7 AUST INF BN will move from WAU area to BOBDEEN area - time and date to be notified by signal.

2. Order of move will be entirely dependent on availability of tpt. To obviate further detailed instns - set out hereunder is SERIAL NO allocated to each coy or detachment showing composition of same:-

| SERIAL NO | COY OR DET | REMARKS  |
|-----------|------------|--|
| 1         | R Gp       | incl 2 Int Sec 1 Clerk                                 |
| 2         | O Gp       | incl QM pl Comds 2 & 3 PL QM 3 ORS                     |
| 3         | Bn HQ      | RMO S.Bs 12 Sigs Protect R. Carrier Co.                |
| 4         | A Coy      | less Adv Party plus Sig Terminal det Mortars           |
| 5         | B Coy      | as for A Coy   |
| 6         | C "        | " " " "  |
| 7         | D "        | " " " "  |
| 8         | 2 & 4 Pl   | To incl remainder of 1 Pl less 3 operators Rear Bn HQ. |
| 9         | HQ Coy     | To incl 5 Pl rear elements Q Branch and Mortars        |
| 10        | Rear       | As detailed by 2 I/c Bn. Details                       |

NOTE - Adv Parties comprise of 3 pl spts and 1 OR each sec and move with preceding gp. e.g. If order for move is Serial 4 followed by Serial 7 - Adv parties D Coy move with A Coy.

2. One stretcher bearer team will accompany each of the first two coys ordered to move.

3. Stages for movement will be notified on receipt of instns from higher authority. UNFIT PERSONNEL will be concentrated at Rear Bn HQ as move is effected and will be disposed of under instns by 2 I/c.

The following instns are in anticipation of the order for movement but are subject to alteration in whole or part dependent upon the situation in the fwd area when the unit's move is effected.

PERSONAL GEAR- All personal gear surplus to scale for movement will be returned immediately to QM kit store as required. Packs only will be carried fwd and will contain the following articles:-

- Blanket 1
- Groundsheet 1
- Trousers w/rs 1
- Towel 1
- Mosquito Net 1
- Helmet Steel
- Mess Gear
- Mosquito
- Lotion 1
- 1 Day's Fd On Rations
- 3 weeks supply of atrebin.
- Shirt
- Socks w/rs
- Change U"wear
- Pullover 1
- 2nd or Boots
- Toilet Gear
- Tommy Cooker 1
- Sterilizing
- Outfit 1

If remaining requisites come to hand prior to movement, every endeavour will be made to ensure boots are in serviceable condition.

DM (Cont)

COY STORES : No stores other than immediate needs of stores will be taken. ALL cooking gear will be taken over from ... will arrange return to nearest Ord Depot of all Coy cooking ... picks, shovels etc. Blankets surplus to one per man will be ... into bundles of ten and returned to Ord Depot. This will be ... effected until advice is received from this HQ. Coys will ... list of above stores to Q at the earliest in order to have ... completed. Unexpired portion of weeks rations will be returned to DID WAU - BUIOLO respectively prior to move.

SALVAGE : Coys in WAU area will notify Q of stores available for return to Salvage Depots. Coys in BUIOLO area will arrange direct with Salvage Depot BUIOLO.

WEAPONS : Unless otherwise advised ALL weapons of rifle Coys less Boys A/TK rifles will be carried on the man. 3" mortars, MGs and Boys A/TK rifles will be thoroughly checked by unit armourer and will be made available for immediate return to HQ when advised by this HQ. QM will be responsible for obtaining clear receipt for such weapons.

SIG STORES : All signal equipment and stores will be returned to ORDNANCE as per instns for heavy weapons as in para above.

ARMY Scale carried fwd from present area will be as follows:  
SAA 10 rds per rifle  
.303 1 mag per Bren  
9MM 1 mag per Owen  
2" Mortar Nil  
3" " "  
Grenades Nil

Ann surplus to above scale will be returned to AP under arrangements QM. Provision will be made for issue of battle scale ammunition to the L of C.

PARADE STATES : During movement parade states will be signalled to REAR BnHQ by 1900 hrs daily. On arrival in fwd area parade to be rendered by 0830 hrs daily to ADV BnHQ.

MEDICAL : Complete medical stores will be taken. Malaria precautions will be strictly supervised throughout the move. Cards will ensure ALL personnel are issued with requisite amount of quinine and mosquito lotion and that use of nets is strictly enforced.

PORTERAGE : NO porterage will be available to rifle Coy. HQ Coy, RAP and BnHQ will fwd list of stores required to be moved to Q by 1800 hrs 22 Jul. No package will be over 40 pounds. Boxes to be correctly labelled and stores kept to absolute minimum.

SECURITY : Colour patches will be removed from hats prior to movement. Code names as per current code instn of 3-AUST INF BN issued to Coys will be brought into force on movement NORTH of SADDLE area. This instn will be destroyed by fire prior to departure from WAI area.

ACK.  
Signed at 2100 hrs

*Ripon* Capt

ADJT 2/7 AUST INF BN

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| HQ 17 AUST INF BDE | 1        | C.O.         | 7        |
| A Coy              | 2        | 2 1/c        | 8        |
| B Coy              | 3        | Q.M.         | 9        |
| C Coy              | 4        | R.E.O.       | 10       |
| D Coy              | 5        | ADJT         | 11       |

ADV (Cont)

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Signed at 2200 hrs

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| Area:    | MALOLO            | MALOLO            |
| Mission: | 203CC             | 202               |
| Date:    | 23 Jul 43         | 22 Jul 43         |
| FL :     | 12"               | 6 $\frac{3}{8}$ " |
| Alt:     | Strafing heights. | 4500'             |

1. Area Covered

MALOLO-ASINI-BUKUAP Locality.

2. Type of Photos

Mission 202 - K20 (4"x 5") verticals, fairly clear.  
Mission 203CC - K17 (9"x 9") obliques, very clear.

3. General

A. Dust and smoke from explosions in MALOLO; large mission building and others either badly damaged or destroyed. Some smoke and dust in ASINI, but heavy foliage and palm trees do not permit assessment of damage.

B. The following tracks are all heavily used :-

From BUKUAP along the coast towards SALAMAUA.

" " to MALOLO.

" ASINI to the coast and towards SALAMAUA.

C. A large hole, possibly an entrance to a dug-out or underground shelter, very close to the former MALOLO Mission building is the only sign of unusual activity.

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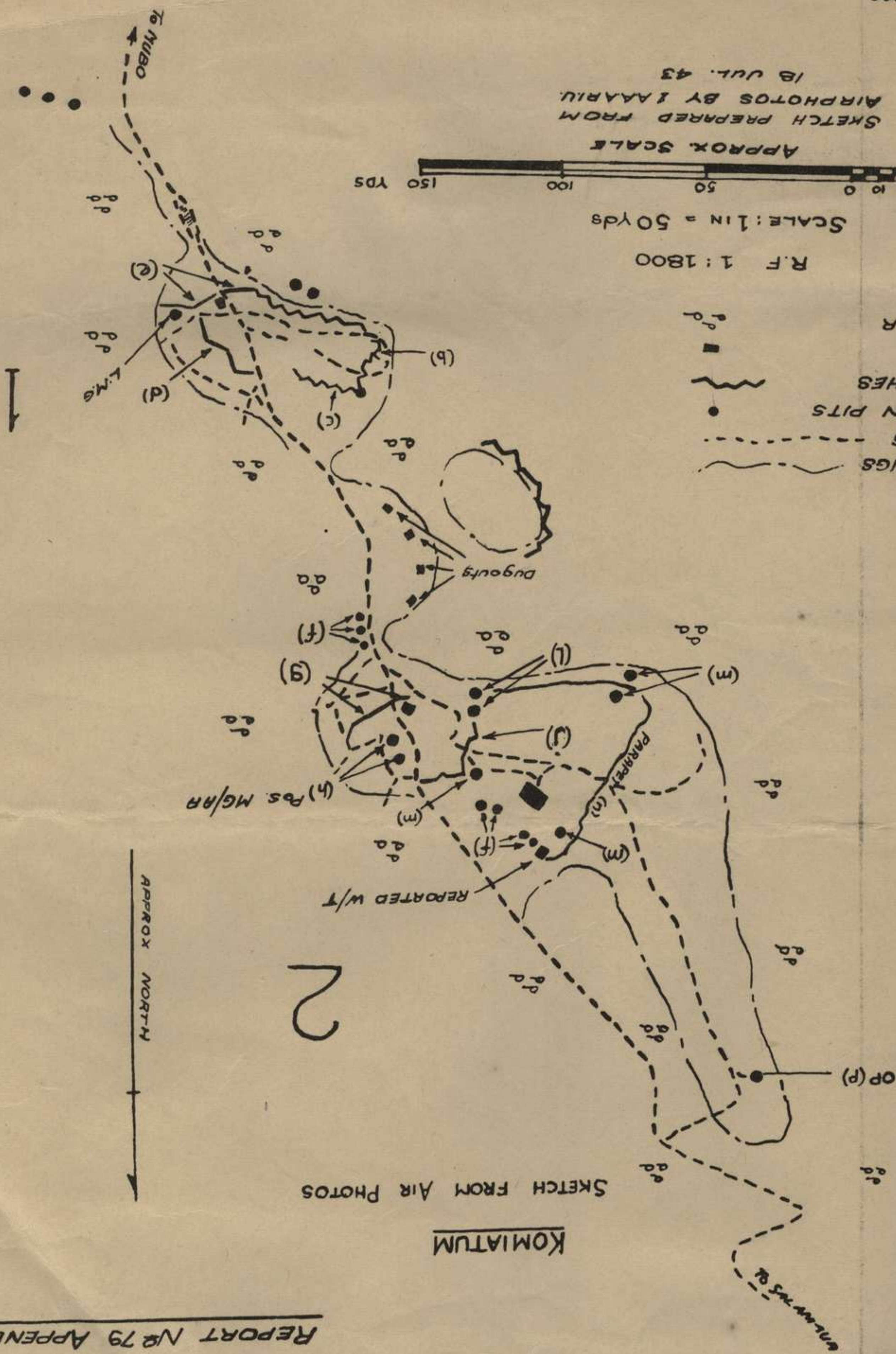
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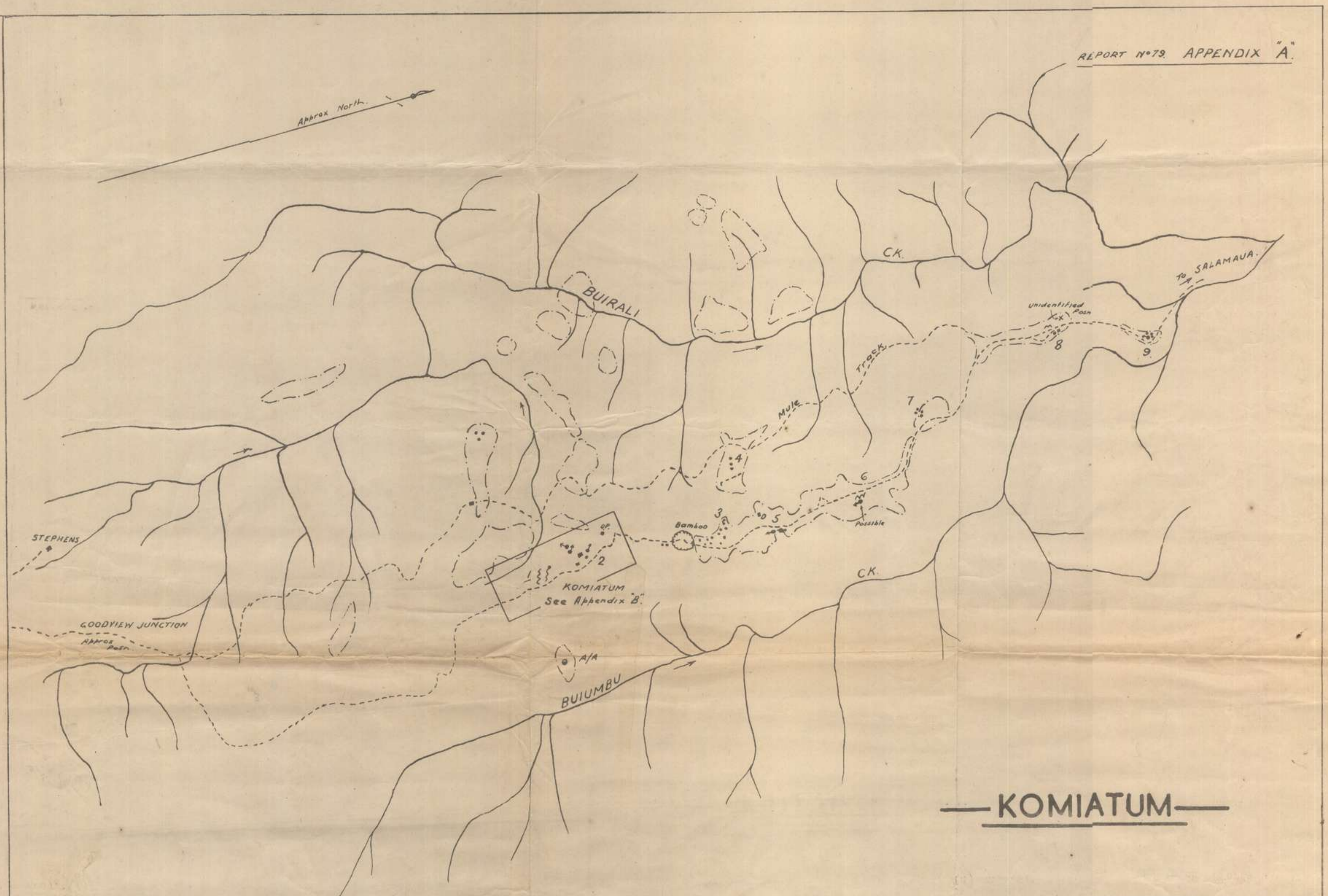
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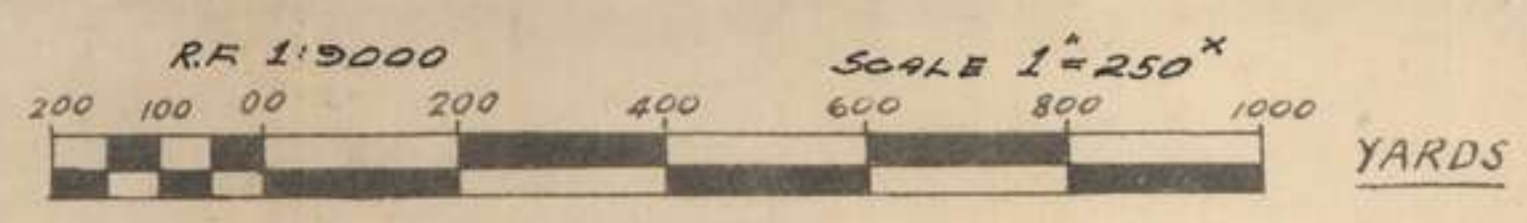
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**KOMIATUM**



(Approx Scales)

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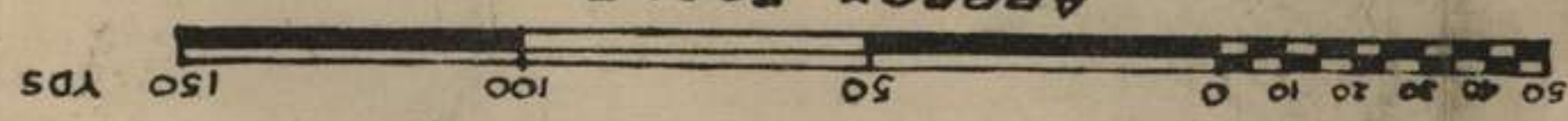
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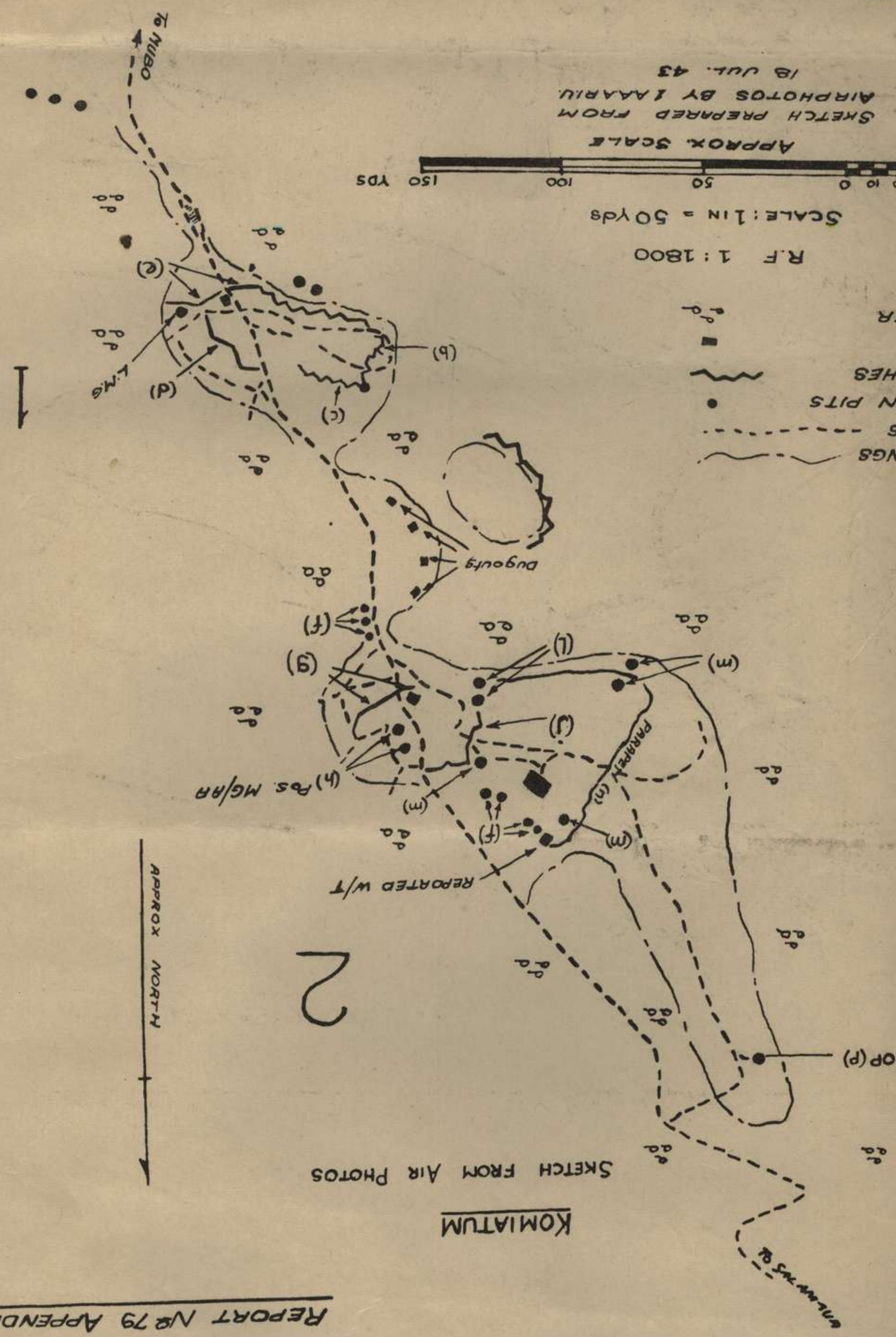
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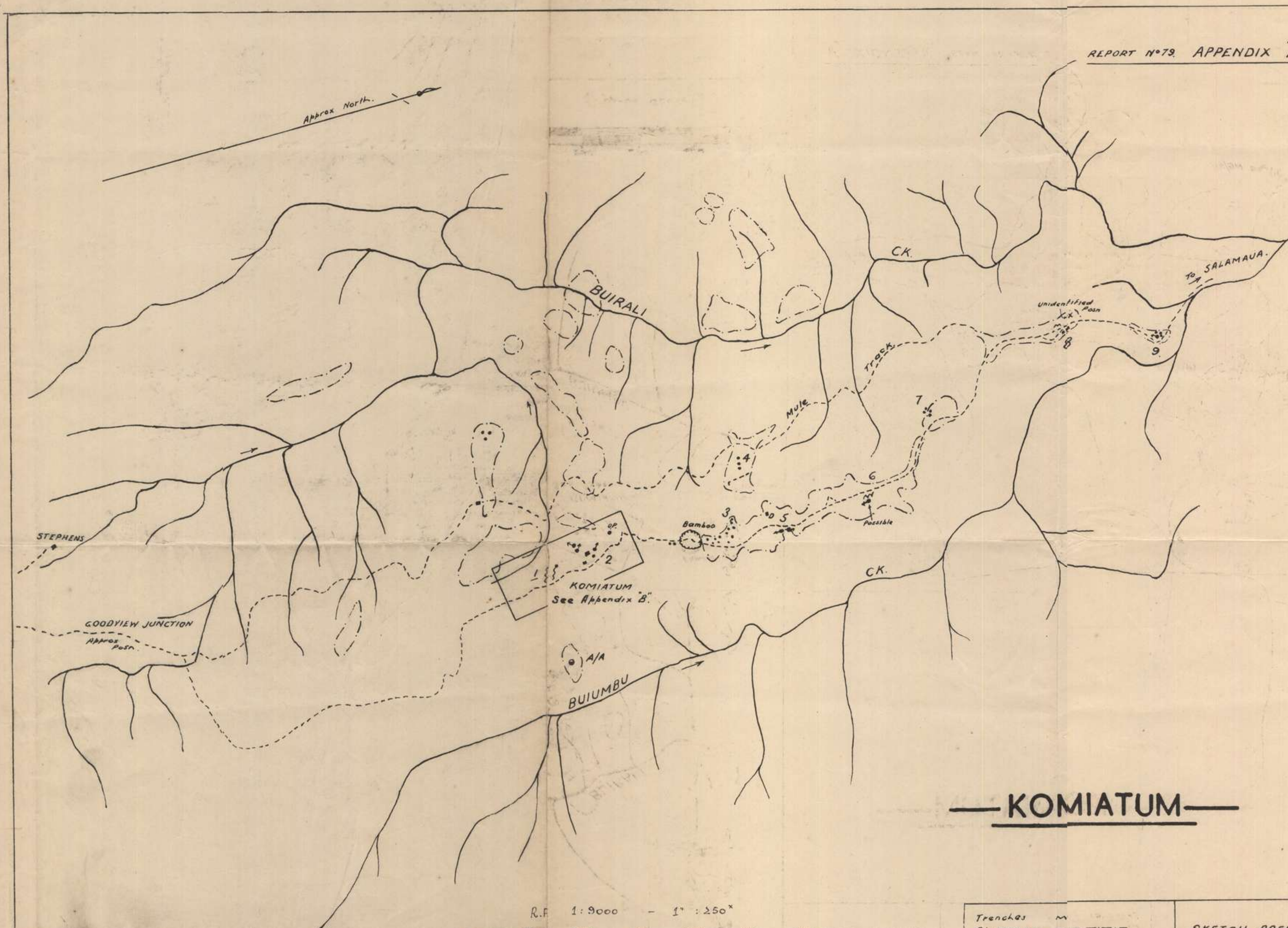
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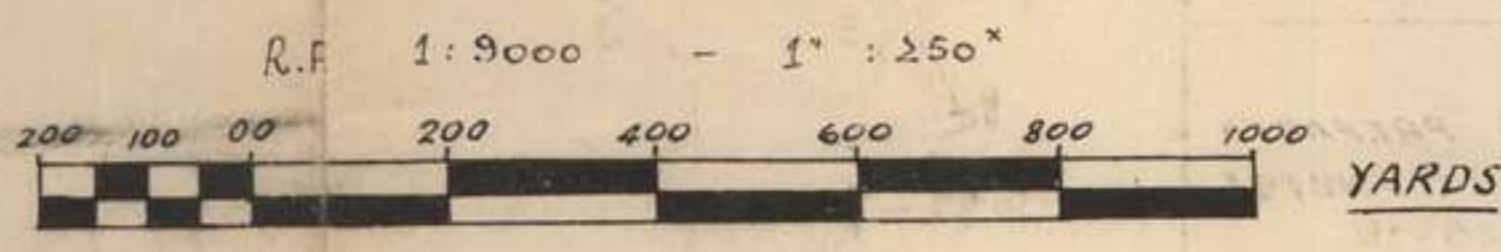


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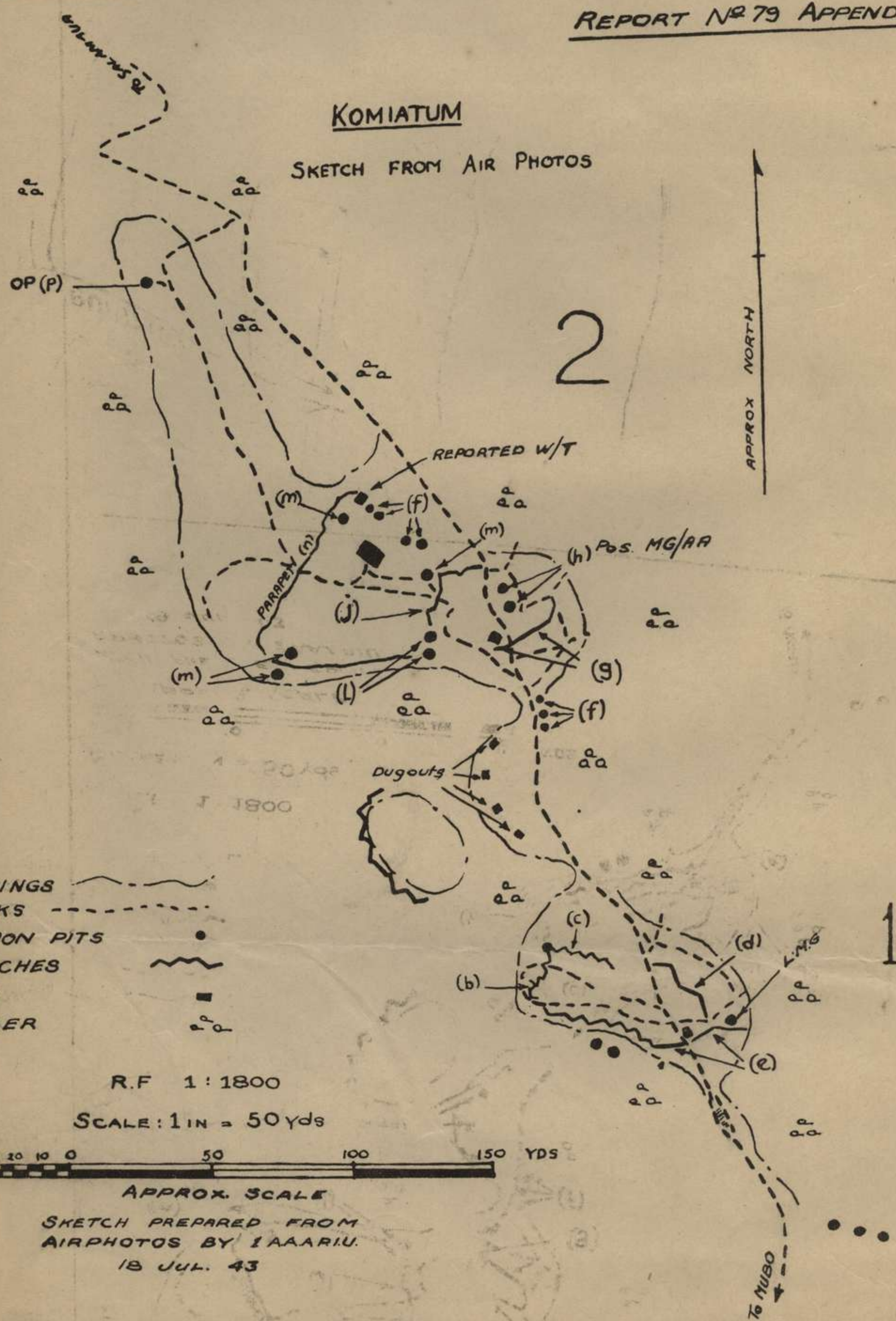


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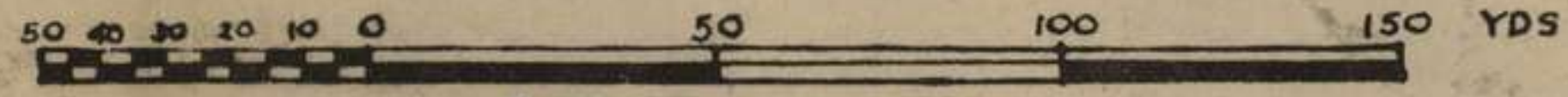
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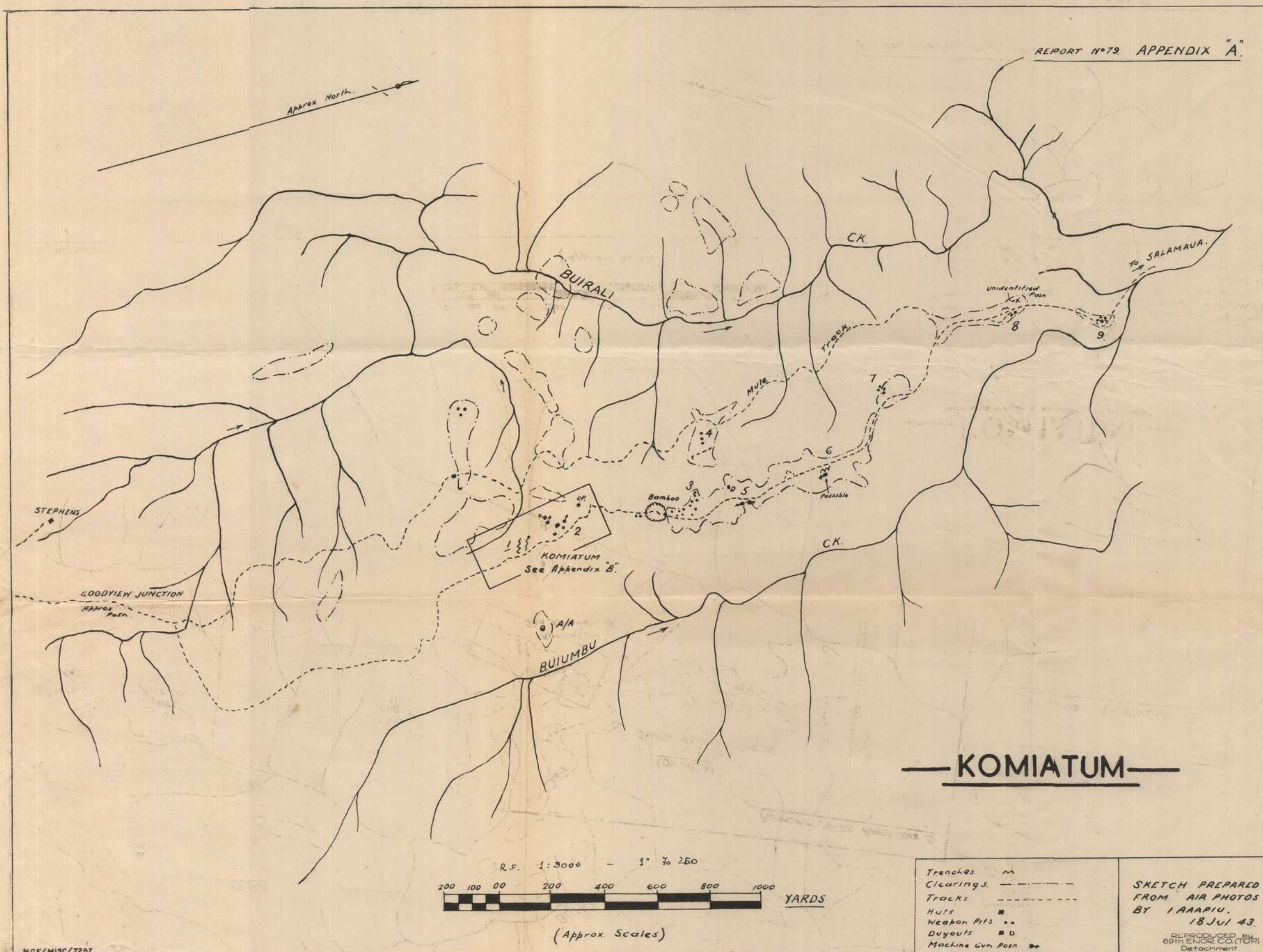
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15 AUST INF BDE OPERATION INSTRUCTION NO 9

HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)  
28 Jul 43

Ref Map: KOMIATUM 1:25000

OBJECT

1. (a) To move 2/7 Aust Inf Bn into position as reserve bn 15 Aust Inf Bde.
- (b) To relieve B Coy 58/59 Aust Inf Bn by B Coy 2/7 Aust Inf Bn.
- (c) To move B Coy 58/59 Aust Inf Bn to GWAIBOLON.

INFORMATION

2. (a) HQ Group and 2 coys 2/7 Aust Inf Bn are proceeding to 15 Aust Inf Bde area.  
Location and strength night 27/28 Jul:

|          |   |                  |   |              |
|----------|---|------------------|---|--------------|
| HQ Group | - | OBSERVATION HILL | - | 91 all ranks |
| A Coy    | - | VIALS OP         | - | 73 all ranks |
| B Coy    | - | MISSIM           | - | 81 all ranks |

- (b) B Coy 58/59 Aust Inf Bn dispositions:

|        |        |                      |
|--------|--------|----------------------|
| 695975 | Coy HQ | MMG Det, Mortar Det. |
| 697975 | 10 pl  |                      |
| 696976 | 11 pl  |                      |
| 697948 | 12 pl  |                      |

INTENTION

3. Tasks as laid down in para 1 above will be carried out both incl 28/30 Jul 43.

METHOD

4. A Coy 2/7 Aust Inf Bn
  - (a) 28 Jul - Early lunch KELLYS CAMP.  
Night 28/29 Jul - KUNDA IS.  
Morning 29 Jul - Recce Party to MEARES CAMP. 58/59 Aust Inf Bn to provide guide.
  - X Night 29/30 Jul - Move MEARES CAMP. 58/59 Aust Inf Bn will provide 3 guides.
5. B Coy 2/7 Aust Inf Bn
  - (a) 28 Jul. Move MEARES CAMP for lunch.  
HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde will provide guides at ADS MEARES CK by 1130 hrs.  
B Coy 58/59 Aust Inf Bn will provide 4 guides at MEARES CAMP by 1500 hrs to guide B Coy 2/7 Aust Inf Bn to KUNDA IS and on 29 JUL to B Coy 58/59 Aust Inf Bn area.
  - X (b) Night 28/29 Jul - Move to KUNDA IS. No movement from MEARES CAMP before 1800 hrs.
  - (c) Remain night KUNDA IS and effect relief 29 Jul. Rear elements B Coy 58/59 Aust Inf Bn - NOT less than 1 per sec - will NOT leave until OC B Coy 2/7 Aust Inf Bn is satisfied.
6. B Coy 58/59 Aust Inf Bn
  - (a) Handover to B Coy 2/7 Aust Inf Bn morning 29 Jul, complete with traces of defensive positions, booby trap areas, track and patrol information.

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- (b) Cpl LESLIE will remain. 58/59 Aust Inf Bn will provide 3 ORs to guide 2/7 Aust Inf Bn on initial patrols and give topographical information.
- (c) Move to GWAIBOLON 29 Jul 43.
7. Mortar and MMG Detachments
- (a) Mortar and MMG detachment, 2/7 Aust Inf Bn, lunch KELLYS CAMP 29 Jul. 58/59 Aust Inf Bn provide 1 guide at NEW BOBDUBI to guide to B Coy area.
- (b) Mortar and MMG Detachment 58/59 Aust Inf Bn will remain and handover 30 Jul.
8. HQ Group less Mortar and MMG detachments
- (a) Lunch KELLYS CAMP 29 Jul.
- (b) KUNDA IS Night 29/30 Jul.
- (c) Move MEARES CAMP night 30/31 Jul. 2/7 Aust Inf Bn will provide guides.
9. Role 2/7 Aust Inf Bn
- (a) Reserve Bn 15 Aust Inf Bde.
- (b) Recce BOBDUBI RIDGE south to NAMLING to gain knowledge of country with a view to eventual relief of 58/59 Aust Inf Bn.
- (c) Recce all routes on north of FRANCISCO River.
- (d) 2/7 Aust Inf Bn will NOT be engaged in active operations unless in emergency.

#### ADMINISTRATION

10. Ammunition
- (a) B Coy 58/59 Aust Inf Bn will handover all ammunition, less 10 rounds SAA, <sup>per man</sup> 1 Bren mag, and 2 mags SMGO per gun.
- (b) B Coy will draw deficiencies on arrival GWAIBOLON.
11. Supplies
- (a) B Coy 58/59 Aust Inf Bn will handover all rations and draw deficiency at GWAIBOLON.
- (b) SC will arrange staging, rations and hot meals.
12. Weapons
- (a) BOWO will arrange exchange of one mortar and MMG complete on G.1033. SC will arrange transport of 2/7 Aust Inf Bn mortar and MMG direct to GWAIBOLON.
13. Stores
- (a) SC will arrange movement of 2/7 Aust Inf Bn stores from BASE 4.
- (b) B Coy 58/59 Aust Inf Bn will handover all 2 man tents to B Coy 2/7 Aust Inf Bn.

#### INTERCOMMUNICATION

14. Bn HQ, 2/7 Aust Inf Bn, at KUNDA IS (until further advised).
15. L Sec Sigs will provide D Mk V at MEARES CAMP and KUNDA IS by 1500K/28

3.

16. B Coy 58/59 Aust Inf Bn will leave phones and wire in position.  
B Coy 2/7 Aust Inf Bn will handover one D Mk V to B Coy 58/59  
Aust Inf Bn on arrival in area, and transfer of other phones  
will be effected at earliest date.

17. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*68 Newman Capt*  
*for* Major  
BM 15 Aust Inf Bde

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| 2/3 Aust Indep Coy | 3              | Courier                |
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| 3 Aust Div         | 5              | DRLS                   |
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*27 Aust Inf Bn*

*for Major*

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Aust Inf Bn on arrival in area; and transfer of other phones

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15 AUST INF BDE OP INSIN NO 10HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)  
30 Jul 43Ref Maps: SAIAUAUA 1:25000  
KOMIATUM 1:25000INFORMATION1. Own Troops(a) 58/59 Aust Inf Bn

Fwd Bn HQ : GWAIBOLON  
A Coy : is preparing to move to assist in cutting  
KOMIATUM TRACK in area 708967  
B Coy : Two pls preparing to attack NORTH COCONUTS, one  
pl GWAIBOLON area.  
C Coy : is preparing to move to assist in cutting  
KOMIATUM TRACK and occupying BENCH CUT from  
excl ERSKINE CK to incl OSBORNE CK.  
D Coy : is containing known enemy in ERSKINE CK area.

(b) 2/7 Aust Inf Bn

HQ : 687969  
A Coy : is occupying OLD VICKERS POSITION night 29/30  
Jul.  
B Coy : is disposed area KUNDA IS and NORTH of  
FRANCISCO R.

(c) 2/3 Aust Indep Coy

HQ : GWAIBOLON  
A Pl : area 695945  
C Pl : NAMLING RIDGE 693937, MORTAR KNOLL 694938.

(d) D Coy 24 Aust Inf Bn

One Pl : HOTE area  
One Pl : AMBUSH 672032  
One Pl : CISSEMBOB  
One Pl : DAHO

(e) Arty

11 Bty 2/6 Aust Fd Regt in support of 15 Aust Inf Bde.  
FOOs are allotted to 58/59 Aust Inf Bn and 2/3 Aust Indep  
Coy respectively.

(f) 17 Aust Inf Bde

2/5 Aust Inf Bn : area TAMBU SADDLE  
2/6 Aust Inf Bn :  
HQ : WELLS JUNG  
A Coy : WELLS JUNG  
2 Pl : LULUAI HUTS 691934  
B Coy : SUGARCANE RIDGE 696935  
C Coy : AMBUSH KNOLL 692935

2. Enemy(a) Known enemy locations are:

ERSKINE CK area.  
GRAVEYARD area.  
COCONUTS area.



(b) Enemy was contacted in BUIRIS CK on 19 Jul when a small party fired on our troops. On 21 July a party of 60 Japs ambushed our troops at 703994.

INTENTION

3. 2/7 Aust Inf Bn less two coys will act as 15 Aust Inf Bde reserve.

METHOD

4. Area of Responsibility

(a) All approaches from SALAMAUA area in area NORTH of FRANCISCO R.

(b) Areas on BOBDUBI RIDGE as allotted by 15 Aust Inf Bde.

5. Tasks

- (a) To act as Bde reserve.  
To do this, 2/7 Aust Inf Bn will be allotted areas in reserve to hold as firm bases from which 58/59 Aust Inf Bn will work.
- (b) To gather information by recce patrols of all tracks in area NORTH of FRANCISCO R.  
Note: Special attention will be paid to BUIRIS CK and area to NORTH of creek junction 705986. ~~704 200 715 736~~
- (c) To patrol areas north of FRANCISCO R to give early warning of any Jap movement in that area.
- (d) To recce routes to any area on BOBDUBI RIDGE held by 58/59 Aust Inf Bn and 2/3 Aust Indep Coy from NAMLING to junc of FRANCISCO R and BUIRIS CK.
- (e) To prepare plans for counter-attack in area from GWAIBOLON to NORTH COCONUTS both incl.

ADMINISTRATION

6. Supplies

Ammunition and rations will be supplied from NUNNS POST to Bn HQ.

7. Medical

ADS KELLYS CAMP 684940. Route of evacuation via ULIAP CK.

8. Salvage

Det 3 Aust Div Salvage Unit stationed HQ 58/59 Aust Inf Bn. Units will establish own dumps. Notify location to this HQ.

INTERCOMMUNICATION

- 9. Bde HQ is at 654971.
- 10. L/T communications will be established to Bn HQ by L Sec Sigs 3 Aust Div.
- 11. W/T will be established if set available.
- 12. Visual communications will be established where possible.
- 13. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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*A. H. Evans*  
Major  
BM 15 Aust Inf Bde

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INTERCOMMUNICATION

- 10. If communications will be established to an HQ by 2 Sec Sigs 3 Aust Div.
- 11. If will be established if not available.
- 12. Visual communications will be established where possible.
- 13. AIRBORNE.

*M. G. Gair*  
Major  
HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde

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Copy of ultimatum found at the JUNCTION near MOSSY KNOLL

The undermentioned was fixed to the door of hut in HOUSE MAMBOO on 1 JAN 43 and found by 2/5 AUST INDEP COY.

WAR MEMORANDUM

The Japanese Imperial Forces has already occupied the whole of the Phillipine Islands, Malay Peninsula, and the Dutch East Indies in the Pacific. The British Solomons, New Ireland, New Britain, New Guinea, are also captured by us. It is understood that WAU and the nearby districts will also be captured by us in a very future.

Therefore it is advised the only wise and best thing for you to do is to surrender at your earliest; and if you do so we will see that you are given food and shelter. And during the remaining period of war you will be sent to Japan.

When surrendering have three messengers with a white flag in the lead, call at our camp.

We will allow 2 weeks (two week) from the date you receive this note.

To any one who rejects this note there will be no mercy shown.

Reply per bearer.

THE COMMANDING OFFICER OF THE JAPANESE  
NAVAL LANDING PARTY.

(ADMIRAL) NAKAMURA

SALAMAUA

Subject: REPORT ON OPS.

2/7 AUG' 43 INF HQ

QUOTE: HQ/5

28 FEB 43

HQ 17 AUG' 43 INF HQ

Ref your signal 013 of 25 FEB 43 relative to above, subtended below is report of action as experienced by this unit.

1. JAP TACTICS, SPECIAL REPT

- i. TACTICS No new developments in JAP tactics were noted during ops in which this unit was engaged. Tactics encountered were based on similar lines to those already known and taught to Allied tps.
- ii. SPECIAL REPT Other than new type respirators which have already been forwarded to your HQ no other special or new eqpt - known to be such - has been found. The new type respirator was NOT a general issue, but found only amongst isolated gps. Specimens of all types of eqpt found were forwarded to BDE HQ.
- iii. JAP METHOD OF MARKING TRACKS From examination of tracks used by enemy it is apparent they utilize methods of blazing trails and indicating points. The following methods of marking tracks have been noted in areas in which this unit operated:
  - (a) Thin saplings, usually on left hand side of track, approaching our points were cut off at height of 3 ft at irregular intervals.
  - (b) Thin saplings laid horizontally between other saplings and placed approx 4 ft high. At times these were just off the track, - others closer to our own points were laid across the track with barrier effect.
  - (c) Saplings near track edge have been broken, in the break small bunches of leaves were jammed.
  - (d) Blue and Red streamers 4" long, were sometimes used on tracks, and in vicinity of bivouac areas. The significance of these markings is not known, - trg patrols from this unit at present operating in these areas are gathering all available info in regard to this matter.

2. MAINTENANCE SECRECY. ATTAINING SURPRISE BY JAP.

- i. Generally speaking no real effort was made by the enemy to maintain secrecy or to effect surprise. This unit had little or no experience against enemy ambushes where secrecy and surprise are most essential for its success.
- ii. In def, enemy points were well concealed, no attempts were made to cut fields of fire, thus evading any disclosure of points. It would appear weapons were dependent on their own fire power to cut such fields.
- iii. Excellent fire discipline was maintained in def. On numerous occasions recon patrols reported areas all clear when in reality large bodies of tps were eventually located in same areas, - withholding their fire until they encountered large bodies of our tps. When fire orders were given they were fulfilled by great volume of fire - but in the main ineffective.
- iv. JAP def points on several occasions were revealed by the stripping of bark from trees adjacent to weapon pits. The bark was used for lining bottom of pits. The scars on trees caused by this stripping was most noticeable, and gave warning of enemy tps in def points in these areas.
- v. During the advance good fd craft was invariably spoiled by chattering of the gps. Through this chattering movement could be traced and points of tps located.
- vi. Lighting of fires prior to dusk disclosed their points, - in numerous

instances fighting patrols were able to move in and grenade enemy whilst they were partaking of meals. Suitable protection was not provided by them during these periods.

- vii. Documents and diaries removed from enemy dead indicated complete disregard for security.
- viii. To attain silent movement the JAP changed from boots to rubber shoes, our patrols encountered one party in the midst of changing their footwear, - having one boot and one shoe on. In positions evacuated by the enemy, bundles of shoes and boots were found.

### 3. DEFICIENCY OWN EQPT

- i. The basis of our eqpt is sound, - it provides adaption to meet with varying circumstances.
- ii. It is suggested an additional pouch large enough to contain two grenades, to attach to waist belt, be added to eqpt. The carriage of these without proper pouches was found to be difficult.
- iii. Due to terrain, carriage forward of 3" Mortar Bombs by Mortar detachment was most difficult, - freedom of hands is required, to assist in climbing hills. Issue of vest type pouch to carry three bombs as used by British Army in ME would be invaluable under jungle conditions.
- iv. It is also suggested pack in lieu of haversack be used when moving forward during ops. Reason for this being a reserve space is always available to carry additional supplies. Sleeping bags as issued to Independent Coys is recommended as general issue to all personnel. The above are lighter than one blanket, warmer than two, and less bulky to carry.
- v. Gas capes or similar article considered most handy to take into action. These keep tps warm and dry, and with sweater affords adequate protection in lieu of blankets.
- vi. 2" Mortar Bombs. In wet weather ballistite carts of Mortar bombs were affected. It is recommended a small reserve of carts be issued, - these to be issued in waterproof containers and inserted when carts in bombs prove to be US.

### 4. ADDITIONAL WEAPONS OR EQPT

- i. During these ops which entailed mostly close quarter fighting, it was found COY HQ often became involved. At such times they became an independent fighting gp, it is considered essential COY HQ be issued with a TMG to give added protection and extra hitting power.
- ii. USE OF DISCHARGER CUP should be further exploited in jungle fighting. Due to close country limited range and flat trajectory, 7 sec grenades not considered effective as 4 sec for cup discharger. Proportion of base plates should be issued with 4 sec grenades for use in discharger. The burst of grenade has a shrapnel effect, and is most devastating when bursting prior to hitting the ground.
- iii. It is suggested the entrenching tool as used in first World War be reintroduced. Employment of these would obviate difficulty in supplying tools for consolidation of over night posns.
- iv. ORANGE BOMBS These were used to good effect, - although purely blast. Better effect could be obtained with cast casing similar to that of grenades.

v. RIFLE BAYONETS Shorter type bayonets as used by Independent Coy preferred to normal issued. Definitely a better type for jungle country, sharpened could be used for cutting jungle.

vi. SUBSTITUTION OF RIFLE FOR PISTOL Pistols are regarded as useless for actual fighting. All personnel including officers should be issued with rifles or TSM.  
Further, any person carrying a pistol is immediately branded as an officer or a specialist and consequently receives special attention from snipers.

5. LESSONS LEARNED

EMPLOYMENT OF TPS AT NIGHT

- i. It was found that the tps who moved at night disclosed their positions.
  - ii. The only times the enemy moved against this unit at night was his initial move prior to first light in the attack in vicinity of present HQs. The second occasion was the enemy attempt to break through heavy country occupied by 9 Pl A Coy. Booby traps had been laid to good effect resulting in the killing of 8 enemy, and wounding many.
  - iii. It is the opinion of this unit that during the hrs of darkness it is a wise policy to either set def or ambush positions protected by screens of booby traps.
  - iv. Fire discipline is essential. Troops must be taught the necessity of holding their fire, until the enemy is within certain killing range. Much ammo has been wasted by indiscriminate fire, and our positions have been given away.
  - v. The Jap has an intense dislike for noise of any type, - and panicked when confronted by our patrols making bold use of grenades.
  - vi. Movement by bounds down to see gps when in contact with enemy is essential to control and prevention against surprise attacks.
6. In conclusion we have very little to learn from enemy tactics or weapons. Whilst admitting the enemy is a brave soldier he is by no means fanatical, - our tps faced him full of confidence and displayed initiative, grit, and determination that overcame him on all occasions when they made contact.

.....(signed) Henry G. QUINN.....Lt col  
CORD 2/7 AUSE INF HQ

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

Subject : REPORT ON ENEMY ENGAGEMENT  
LABABIA RIDGE

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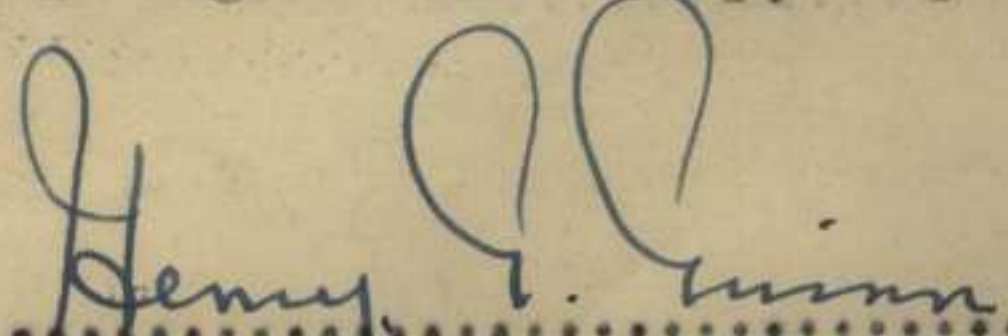
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HQ 17 AUST INF BDE

Subtended below is report on operations on LABABIA RIDGE during period 9 MAY to 11 MAY 43.

1. During A Coy's engagement with the enemy from 0830K/9 to 1400K/11 the enemy launched six determined attacks on A Coy's position. A careful check with sub comds reveals that a conservative estimate of enemy casualties would be 100 including 50 known killed.
2. The enemy preceded every attack with heavy preparatory fire from LMG, MMG, and MORTAR DISCHARGER. In order to use DISCHARGER the enemy opened clearings in the jungle fringing the position.
3. Although the enemy made extensive use of the discharger a high percentage of unexploded bombs neutralised their effectiveness, and on several occasions it was observed that bombs failed to clear the jungle and exploded among enemy troops midst loud screams. During the attack the enemy moved their MMG to the flanks and when isolation movement was completed to the rear of A Coy's position.
4. Enemy movement through the jungle prior to the isolation of A Coy was effective, being carried out under cover of feint attack on left fwd elements, but during subsequent attacks the enemy disregarded all caution in jungle movement. Loud noises made in moving to the attack gave ample warning to our tps. Preceding and during one attack loud chanting and screams were reported. When hit the enemy gave vent to loud screams and squeals without exception.
5. It has been reported by a reliable OR that prior to an attack the following incident occurred : sounds of Japs speaking pidgin urging a native fwd towards our FDL - sounds of voice protesting vigorously - sounds of booby trap exploding was followed by scream and wimpering - further instructions in pidgin then sounds of body blows and sobbing was distinctly heard. During this incident the OR reports having heard the following spoken quite distinctly :- "This felle no good."
6. Enemy identification and documents were forwarded by courier AM 13 MAY 43 and also a sample of new type equipment found on enemy tps. This rubberized equipment was obviously a most recent issue showing no signs of having been long in the jungle. Some enemy tps wore a combination of old and new type pouches. Numerous graves have been discovered adjacent to the area held by A Coy during the attack and an attempt will be made to exhume some of these bodies for further identifications.
7. During attacks on the PIMPLE area the following was noted in relation to the ~~siting~~ siting of enemy weapons : MMG were well covered in front and to the flanks by LMG - LMG were in turn well protected by snipers - fire was usually first encountered from automatic weapons. When tps endeavoured to move fwd to locate and deal with weapons snipers were well able to observe the movement and were usually responsible for majority of casualties.
8. In rugged heavy jungle clad terrain it is most difficult to determine the position by sound of fire owing to "echoes". In heavy jungle the detection of flash is almost impossible.
9. During recent contact the enemy has, under varying circumstances, used the following English phrases :-
  - (a) "Officer, I can control you from here, I have you surrounded - surrender at my terms."
  - (b) "You had better go and have a look at your cookhouse now boys."
  - (c) "Come out and fight you Dingoes - you Hun killers."
  - (d) When hit one enemy called in urgent tones "Help, Help!"
  - (e) "Stay where you are!"

  
 .....Lt col  
 COMD 2/7 AUST INF BN

29 May 1943.

To: ADP

Report, Action of 11-13.5.43 (?) date.

The JAP. commenced his attack at approx 0830 hrs  
9.5.43. He moved in fairly close making no  
noise & our first indication that he was about  
was the explosion of 1 of our Booby Traps in the  
forward area, it was approx 15 mins before  
movement was noticed. Another 15 mins elapsed  
before his holding force seemed to be in posn.  
They opened up & then movement started on  
our RIGHT flank, whilst he was moving round  
he kept up a fairly steady rate of fire on the forward  
Pt area. This fire was not accurate, the majority of  
it striking the trees 10-12' high. He made no attempt  
to conceal the fact that he was moving round the  
right flank, he seemed to be feeling for weak spots  
& repeatedly at intervals he would open up in  
the hope that our Automatic weapons would return  
his fire. His plan was to get completely around us  
& cut us off. He succeeded but his movement was slow  
it was not till about 1530 hrs that he moved our  
line to the rear then he seemed to send a fairly strong  
force back along our l.o.f. The fact that the bush on  
our LEFT flank was so heavy seemed to prevent him  
from moving up on that flank but later he moved  
troops to that area via the RIGHT flank & across the  
track to our rear. Later in the afternoon he put in a  
fairly solid attack expending a lot of ammo fwd &  
on the RIGHT flank. His fwd troops struck our Booby trap,  
our fire control was good & with grenades casualties  
were inflicted causing him to withdraw. At this stage  
it was obvious his plan was to keep our fwd



Pl of RIGHT flank engaged whilst he crushed us with a stronger force from the high ground to our RIGHT rear. At approx 1650 hrs it was reported from a posn fwd on the right flank that he was moving an M.M.G. to the high ground. Later we found he had 2 in the area, 1 firing up from a posn fwd & the other down from the high ground.

At dusk Pls using MORTAR Phones laid lines to Coy HQ. This proved to be a great help as movement especially to the fwd Pl, in daylight was not healthy.

Both his M.M.G.'s were employed on the morning of the 12<sup>th</sup>. Fire from these guns was not accurate bullets exploding in the centre of our area just above head height. He also used grenades, (mortar type) extensively on the morning of the 12<sup>th</sup>. A great percentage of these failed to detonate, on examining the blimps it was found that if the bomb struck a tree slightly off centre the ignitor set was forced out of alignment causing the firing pin to jam. His attack during the morning came from the rear but our lads held their ground & inflicted casualties causing him to withdraw again. During the afternoon of the 12<sup>th</sup> he made his most determined attack with heavy fire from M.M.G.<sup>s</sup> L.M.G.<sup>s</sup> mortars & Rifle & a tremendous noise in the way of orders issued in a loud voice, yelling & screaming by his troops he again attempted to crack us from the rear, his replemen were the only troops to get in close. He used his L.M.G.<sup>s</sup> from spots further back. His fwd troops tangled with our booby traps & accurate fire from our troops. This scrup lasted for 1 1/2 hrs but again he failed to move our troops from their dug in posns. Another attack on a slightly smaller

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scale later in the day from the same quarters  
was no more successful. He made no attempt  
to move in during the night & did not resume  
operations till approx 0700 hrs on 13<sup>th</sup>.

For almost 1 hrs on the morning of 13<sup>th</sup> he  
hammered the area high on the RIGHT flank using  
several HMB's & 1 mortar. He did not attempt to  
follow this up & it may have been a "show"  
to cover his move out of the area. Just prior  
to this fusillade he fired 5 Bambi's from his  
mortar 2 to the centre of our area 2 well out to  
our ~~LEFT~~ <sup>LEFT</sup> flank & 1 well out to the EAST. This  
may have been a signal. For 2 hrs before  
the relief arrived there was almost complete  
silence but chattering was heard forward of our  
pos<sup>n</sup> for 1/2 hr after No 4 Pl moved in to the area.

L. J. Dawson  
Capt

- Points emphasized during the action
- I Booby traps in depth. Laid to a definite plan.
  - II Fire lanes, interlocking with some brush left in front of W/pits.
  - III Fire control. The JAP does not move his h m b<sup>s</sup> in close till his riflemen have located our Auto Weapons.
  - IV Habitable Weapon Pits well camouflaged.
  - V Sec dumps. Rations Water Ammo
  - VI Communications. Phone to PIs proved invaluable
  - VII Dug in C.A.P.
  - VIII Guide line from Sec-Pl to Coy HQ, vines proved satisfactory.
  - IX Coy HQ personnel in a show such as this can be used as mobile force to step any area.
  - X Dummy Posn<sup>s</sup>.

L. Johnson  
Capt