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Unit 58/59 Aust Inf Bn Date and Time.—From 010715L To

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DUMPU	1 Feb	0715	Reveille - Sitrep to 15 Aust Inf Bde - Sitnor	
		0830	4 offrs 100 O/Rs reported to engineers for road work.	
		0900	Adm Comd Capt H.G.SWEET held conference with Adjt Lieut J.F. BETHUNE MC and coy comds, Acting OC HQ Coy Lieut H.J.SHROSBREE, OC A Coy Capt A.C.JACKSON, OC B Coy Capt C.C.CUTHBERTSON, OC C Coy Lieut E.M.GRIFF, OC D Coy Capt H.H.HILBERT. Syllabus was discussed.	Appendix A
		0915	C Coy carried out Range Practices with rifle and LMG at 30 yd range 560600. C Coy also carried out Proficiency Tests. D Coy carried out Proficiency Tests.	
		0930	RMO Capt L.W.MIDDLETON completed medical examination of unit. Report prepared.	Appendix B
		1030	Adm Comd Capt H.G.SWEET left for conference with Bde Comd Brig H.H.HAMMER DSO.	
		1100	QM Lieut N.A.DEMPSTER reports that Pipe Tobacco issued to Bn is in many cases mouldy due to sealed covers on tins being pierced.	
		1200	19 ORs returned to unit from MDS. There were no evacuations.	
		1340	Adm Comd Capt H.G.SWEET left for recce of 18 Aust Inf Bde Area.	
		1900	Adm Comd held conference with :- Adjt Lieut J.F.BETHUNE MC, I.O. Lieut J.R.ROE, RMO Capt L.W.MIDDLETON, Acting OC HQ Coy Lieut H.J.SHROSBREE, OC A Coy Capt A.C.JACKSON, OC B Coy Capt C.C.CUTHBERTSON, OC C Coy Lieut E.M.GRIFF, OC D Coy Capt H.H.HILBERT. Change over of 15 Aust Inf Bde and 18 Aust Inf Bde, and RMO's report is on area were discussed.	
		1940	Int Summary No 17 issued.	Appendix C
	2 Feb	0715	Reveille	
		0900	'R' Group consisting of Adm Comd Capt H.G.SWEET, IO Lieut J.R.ROE, QM Lieut N.A.DEMPSTER, Acting OC HQ Coy EMX Lieut H.J.SHROSBREE, OC A Coy Capt A.C.JACKSON, OC B Coy Capt C.C.CUTHBERTSON, OC C Coy Lieut E.M.GRIFF, OC D Coy Capt H.H.HILBERT,	

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DUMPU	2 Feb	0900	moved out to ^{recce} contact 2/10 Aust Inf Bn area prepared for two days march.	
		0930	Three personnel marched out to AIRSTRIP for onward movement and transfer to Provost Corps.	
		0830	Road working parties comprising 5 offrs 80 ORs from A B C Coys moved out of area to work in EVAPIA RIVER area. (B - 2 offrs 23 ORs ; C - 3 offrs 30 ORs ; A - 25 ORs).	
			D Coy carried out SA practice on miniature range throughout the day. Practice was satisfactory for TsoET, and Proficiency Pay. Personnel not engaged on road maintenance or shoot were employed in carrying wood and digging sullage pits and extra latrines for the improvement of coy areas.	
		1355	TK/A pl commenced practice shoot from 575575 on bearing 190° across RAMU RIVER. 46 HE, 14 AP, 5 cannister were fired on targets at intervals through target area.	
		1400	Maj-Gen PECKENHAM-WALSH and staff, Brig H.H.HAMMER DSO; Maj B.H.TRAVERS witnessed the shoot.	
		1 offr 3 ORs evacuated to MDS. 13 ORs returned to unit from MDS.		
	1430	Int Summary No 18 issued.		
	2348	RED WARNING.		
	0005	All clear - no enemy A/C seen or heard.		
	3 Feb	0715	Reveille.	
		0830	A Coy supplied road working party of 10 ORs for EVAPIA RIVER area.	
		Patrol strength 1 offr 10 ORs departed from coy area to recce track to, and 1200 feature 574604. Patrol briefed as per tng syllabus		
		B C Coys were employed in the general improvment of bn area. Working parties cleared grass as an anti-malarial precaution. D Coy carried out and completed TsoET and Proficiency Pay tests	Appendix	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.	
DUMPU	3 Feb	0830	throughout day.		
		1430	HQ Coy carried out proficiency pay tests all day. Int Summary No 19 issued.	Appendix	
		1500	Bde Hygiene Offr Capt LEFFERS visited unit.		
		1500	Part of 'R' Group returned from recce of new area.		
		1900	Remainder of 'R' Group arrived back in camp area.		
		2015	RED WARNING		
		2115	All clear.		
		0600	Lieut E.M.GRIFF left for LHQ Tactical School. Lieut R.J.W. FRAZER assumed comd of C Coy.		
		0715	Reveille - Sitrep to 15 Aust Inf Bde - Sitner.		
		0830	B C Coys each supplied 10 men for work on Bn road. B Coy patrol left to 584604.		
1000	Adm Comd Capt H.G.SWEET left for conference with Bde Comd.				
1200	Lieut FOSTER and 7 ORs evacuated to MDS. 3 ORs returned from MDS.				
1510	Warnign issued for move to 2/10 Aust Inf Bn Area.				
1600	B Coy patrol returned from reported NMS.				
1630	Pnr pl returned from EVAPIA RIVER.				
17 ^A 05	Int Summary No 20 issued.				
1900	Adm Comd Capt H.G.SWEET held conference with ^{Lieut} Adjut J.F.BETHUNE MC, IO Lieut J.R.ROE, QM Lieut N.A.DEMPSTER, RMO Capt L.W. MIDDLETON, RSM WO1 K.A.ANDERSON, A/OC HQ Coy H.J.SHROSBREE, OC A Coy Capt A.C.JACKSON, OC B Coy Capt C.C.CUTHBERTSON, OC C Coy Lieut R.J.W.FRAZER, OC D Coy Capt H.H.HILBERT. Orders for movement were issued. Bn to leave present area 060800L.	Appendix			

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Date and Time.—From 5 Feb 44

To 5 Feb 44

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DUMDU	5 Feb	0715	Reveille	
		0730	Sitrep to 15 Bde. Sitnor.	
		0900-1000	BHQ. D and HQ Coys attended Bn Church Parade in Bn area.	
			A B C Coys on road works IOGE - MENE RIVERS throughout day	
			remainder of day make and mend. Coy Adm for HQ Coy.	

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Unit 58/59 AUST INF BN Date and Time.—From 6 Feb 44 To 6 Feb 44

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Ref Map :	6 Feb	0600	Reveille	
PAIPA 654665		0700	Breakfast - Sitrep to 15 Aust Inf Bde - Sitmor.	
		0800	Bn moved off on march to first staging area on move to 2/10 Bn Area. Order of march D Coy, BHQ, and Sig Pl, B Coy, C Coy, A Coy, HQ Coy, RAP. Coys left at 10 minutes intervals.	
		1130	First Coy reached Staging Area DAMOUR BRIDGE (650550)	
		1245	RAP reached Staging area.	
		1300	Lunch.	
		1430	Sick Parade held. There were 6 evacuations to MDS, 2 of these were from complaints affected by the march.	
		1715	Tea.	
		1900	YMCA put on programme of recorded music. Staging area was very well organised by LIEUT L TALBOT 15 Aust Inf Bde L O II.	
			Meals were excellent.	

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Ref Map:	7 Feb	0600	Reveille.	
PAIPA 654665		0700	Breakfast. Sitrep to Bde, Sitnor.	
		0800	Bn commenced move to GUYS POST. Coffee was served approx 2 mls from GUYS POST.	
		1230	Entire Bn had moved into Coy bivouac area GUYS POST. Two coffee stalls served troops continuously during the day.	
		1300	Lunch. Bn came under command 18 Aust Inf Bde temporarily.	
		1330	Adm Comd CAPT H G SWEET called conference O Gp consisting of Adj ^{MC} t LIEUT J F BETHUNE MM , RMO, CAPT L MIDDLETON, I O LIEUT J R ROE, OC Acting OC HQ Coy LIEUT R LANE, Sig O LIEUT H J SHROSBREE, OC A Coy CAPT A C JACKSON, OC B Coy CAPT C C CUTHBERTSON, OC C Coy LIEUT R FRAZER, OC D Coy CAPT H H HILBERT. Orders for routine on arrival 2/10 Bn area were given.	
		1445	Adm Comd with Adj ^{MC} t and Sig O departed for IRIE on first stage of march to 2/10 Bn area.	

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Date and Time.—From 7 Feb 44 To 8 Feb 44

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Ref Map :	7 Feb	1730	Dinner.	
PAIPA 654665		1900	Sitrep to Bde.	
		2000	Pictures were shown in bivouac area. Heavy rain throughout the night.	
	8 Feb	0600	Reveille.	
		0700	Breakfast.	
		0730	Bn moved off on last stage of march to 2/10 Bn along route, track to IRIE where coffee was served. Thence along FARIA RIVER TO KANKIRYO. 9 Pl departed from this route at IRIE and followed CAMS TRACK to their posn 671652.	
		0930	Adm Comd and party resumed march from IRIE to 2/10 Bn area.	
		1300	D Coy arrived in area KANKIRYO SADDLE.	
		1900	Remainder of Bn had arrived into 2/10 Bn area with exception of some stragglers. Coys bivouaced in equivalent 2/10 Bn Coy areas.	

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Ref Map: PAIPA 654665	8 Feb	1900	Sitrep to Bde. Exceptionally heavy rain which fell throughout the night causing ^{ed} a landslide at RYANS POST 647662 where fwd B Echelon was established. Large quantity of Bn stores were carried away. Some of these stores were later salvaged.	
	9 Feb	0545	Stand to.	
		0630	Bn took over from 2/10 Bn. Coy posns as follows - HQ Coy IRIE, A Coy 657663, 9 Pl 671652, B Coy plus 12 Pl 653667, 10 and 11 Pls 649668, C Coy 648675, D Coy KANKIRYO SADDLE 646665, BHQ with 8 Pl 654665.	
		0715	Stand down. NMS.	
		0815	Breakfast.	
		0900	2/10 Bn Coys moved out of area.	
		1000	2/10 BN HQ moved out.	
		1100	Sig O LIEUT H J SHROSBREE and I O LIEUT J R ROE left to visit	

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Date and Time.—From..... 9 Feb 44..... To..... 10 Feb 44.....

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Map Ref :	9 Feb	1230	Lunch.	
PAIPA 654665		1400	Adm Comd CAPT H G SWEET and RMO CAPT L MIDDLETON left BnHQ to inspect B Coy area. Some dead Japanese bodies remain unburied in area between B and D Coys. Two of the bodies buried by 2/10 Bn were washed out by heavy rain last night.	
		1430	Fwd B Echelon moved from old posn at RYANS POST to posn 646664 south ^{of} KANKIRYO SADDLE.	
		1730	Tea.	
		1900	Sitrep to 18 Aust Inf Bde.	
	10 Feb	0135	RED WARNING. Warning of possible PARATROOP landings in area issued by 7 Aust Div.	
		0545	Stand to.	
		0612	All clear. One unidentified plane flew over.	
		0715	Stand down. NMS..	

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Unit 58/59 Aust Inf Bn Date and Time.—From 10 Feb 44 To 11 Feb 44

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
PAIPA : Ref Map	10 Feb	0830	Adj't Lieut J F BETHUNE MC and I Sgt Sgt D P ROBINSON left to inspect B and C Coys Areas.	
654665		1100	Arty registered squares 6865, 6866, 6766.	
		1130	2 OR's evacuated to A D S.	
		1200	Major C E NEWMAN MC, Lieut L'S PROBY MC, and Lieut ROLFE arrived GUYS POST from M D S.	
		1330	I O Lieut J R ROE left to visit A Coy HQ and 9 Pl.	
		1630	Adm Comd Capt H G SWEET liased with CO 2/9 Aust Inf Bn Lt-Col CUMMINS.	
		1700	Bn worked on improvement to tracks and Coy posns throughout day day. Operations consisted of Routine patrolling.	
	11 Feb	0545	Stand to.	
		0615	Stand down.	

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Unit 58/59 Aust Inf Bn Date and Time.—From 11 Feb 44 To 11 Feb 44

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
PAIPA: Ref Map 654665	11 Feb	44 0900	<p>Recce patrol 26 OR's under command Lieut E S ZERNER with Lieut F O SMITH as observer and with Arty F O O attached left for SAIP A 2. Patrol had one 208 wireless set and one D5 telephone for intercommunications.</p> <p>0930 Adm Comd Capt H G SWEET left for D Coy to meet Major C E NEWMAN MC</p> <p>1100 Arty registered at D F Task on squares 6666, 6766, 6368.</p> <p>1230 Major C E NEWMAN MC and Lieut ROLFE arrived Bn area. Major NEWMAN assumed command of Bn and Capt H G SWEET took over duties of 2 i/c.</p> <p>1330 Recce patrol to SAIPA 2 reported by phone from PAIPA to 2 .</p> <p>1400 One OR evacuated to A D S.</p> <p>1500 12 OR's from Pioneer Pl moved up from IRIE to KANKIRYO to work on FARIA RIVER L of C. 5 OR's moved up to RYANS POST to act as escort for native carrier line.</p>	

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Unit 58/59 Aust Inf Bn Date and Time.—From 11 Feb 44 To 12 Feb 44

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
PAIPA : Ref Map 654665	11 Feb	1530	Patrol to SAIPA 2 reported in by W/T from PAIPA 1. Fresh footprints discovered along track.	
		1600	Bn rear party from old site arrived new Bn area.	
		1700	Normal patrolling and work on Coy defensive areas throughout the day.	
		1900	Sitrep to 18 Aust Inf Bde - contained duties ^{DETAILS} of SAIPA 2 patrol.	
	12 Feb	0545	Stand to.	
		0715	Stand down.	
		0900	B Coy patrol of 1 NCO and 7 ORs left to recce MOSA RIVER to 667709. Were only able to reach river junc 665678 after very heavy going for four hours twenty mins. NMS.	
		1000	D Coy patrol discovered fresh footprints of 2 Japs and one native at 643667. NMS.	
			B.M. 18 Aust Inf Bde Major JACKSON arrived in area and visited B C and D Coy areas with Adjut Lieut J..F BETHUNE M.C.	

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Unit 58/59 Aust Inf Bn Date and Time.—From 12 Feb 44 To 12 Feb 44

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
PAIPA ; Ref Map	12 Feb	1030	R.M.O.'s report submitted to Adm Comd Major C.E. NEWMAN M.C.	Appx
654665		1100	1 OR evacuated to A.D.S.	
		1130	B Coy patrol to PAIPA 1 returned. Fresh footprints discovered	
			613689 at 111330L and followed to PAIPA 1 where one Jap was en-	
			gaged but escaped. At 111730L patrol withdrew to 598702. Japs	
			fired on PAIPA 1 with mortars at 1800hrs, grenades at 2300 hrs	
x			and rifles and SMGs at 120650L. Patrol moved back to camp 0700 hrs	
			no casualties.	
		1330	R.M.O. Capt L.W. MIDDLETON left for C Coy to attend to man who	
			cut his foot with a tomahawk. He carried out foot inspection	
			while at C Coy. He later visited D Coy.	
		1400	Arty fired on PAIPA 1 for one hour.	
		1430	2 1/c Capt H.G. SWEET left to inspect work on MULE TRACK between	
			D Coy and B.H.Q.	

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
PAIPA : Ref Map	12 Feb	1500	Pnr Pl came under comd D Coy.	
654665		1600	Coys are still finding a number of Jap documents in foxholes and dug-outs.	
		1700	Normal patrolling and work on Coy areas carried ^{ON} throughout the day.	
		1730	Evening mess. Fresh butter and meat for meal.	
		1900	Mud and wet weather are affecting boots to such an extent that they fall to pieces after a very short time.	
	13 Feb	0545	Stand to.	
		0715	Stand down.	
		0830	The following changes in postings of officers has taken place :- Lieut H.J. SHROSBREE from Sig 0 to OC H.Q. Coy. Lieut G.R. LANE from O.C. H.Q. Coy to 2 i/c A Coy. Lieut E.S. ZERNER from 2 i/c B Coy to Sig 0. Lieut H.J. SIMMONDS from O.C. 5 pl to O.C. 15 pl. Lieut R. BALZER from O.C. 8 pl to O.C. 5 pl .	

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Date and Time.—From 13 Feb 44 To 13 Feb 44

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
PAPPA : Ref Map 654665	13 Feb	0845	Adm Comd Major C.E. NEWMAN M.C. and Adjt Lieut J.F. BETHUNE M.C. left to inspect B and C Coy .	
		0900	Arty registered D.F. tasks on squares 6765, 6865, 6866 and River Junc 669668.	
		0915	2 i/c Capt H.G. SWEET left for H.Q. Coy prepared to stay overnight.	
		1100	Lieut N.H. KELLY and 1 OR evacuated to A.D.S.	
		1330	Admn Comd Major C.E. NEWMAN M.C. and Adjt Lieut J.F. BETHUNE M.C. left to inspect A Coy and 2 pl.	
		1345	R.M.O. Capt L.W. MIDDLETON left for C Coy to lecture on " Care of the feet " and " Use of morphia " .	
		1400	Lieut A.S. BALL returned to D Coy from GUYS POST where he had been staging since leaving last area with rear party.	
		1600	Large bundle of Jap documents found in Coy areas were forwarded to 18 Aust Inf Bde.	

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Date and Time.—From 13 Feb 44

To 14 Feb 44

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
PAIPA : Ref Map	13 Feb	1700	During inspection of Coy areas Adm Comd Major C.E. NEWMAN M.C.	
654665			issued instns for tracks to be improved, sig wires raised and signs to be erected in Coy areas.	
			All coys have now completed weapon pits, tracks and hygiene within Coy areas.	
	14 Feb	0545	Stand to.	
		0715	Stand down.	
		0900	Adm Comd Major C..E NEWMAN M.C. laid down first objective for scale of amn to be held in defensive posns as follows :-	
			MMG belt 3000 rds per gun 9 MM 400 rds per OWEN	
			3" MOR HE 100 rounds per mortar Grenades 10 per man	
			3" MOR SMOKE 20 rounds per mortar Grenades 50 per EY rifle	
			.303 in 200 rds per rifle Flares 12 rds per VEREY pistol	
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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
PAIPA : Ref Map	14 Feb	1000	Sig O Lieut E. ZERNER instructed by Adm Comd Major C.E. NEWMAN M.C.	
654665			to move switchboard from MAIN STREAM to B.H.Q. area.	
		1100	Arty O.P.O. Capt GLASSON agreed to co-operate with Bn Sigs in main-	
			tenance of sig lines. Also agreed to assist in local defence of B.H.Q.	
			by digging weapon pits and manning them.	
		1200	Adm Comd Major C.E. NEWMAN M.C. instructed coys that all routine	
			patrols are to carry shovels and fill in Jap posns as they move.	
		1300	2 ORs were evacuated to M.D.S. Slight outbreak of diarrhoea in A	
			and C Coys.	
		1315	I.O. Lieut J.R. ROE left to visit C Coy.	
		1330	M.G. Offr Lieut L.S. PROBY M.C. and Mortar Offr Lieut N. BIDGOOD	
			made recce in all coy areas.	
		1400	R.M.O. Capt L.W. MIDDLETON left to lecture A Coy on " Care of the	
			feet " and " Use of morphia "	ds.

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To 15 Feb 44

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
PAIPA ; Ref Map 654665	14 Feb	1600	W.O. Caterer arrived at B.H.Q. with a view to visiting Coys and advising cooks.	
		1700	Inspecting Ordnance Offr arrived IRIE . He will inspect Bn amn.	
		1900	General improvements and routine patrolling were carried on by Coys, throughout the day.	
	15 Feb	0545	Stand to.	
		0715	Stand down	
		0930	R.M.O. Capt L.W. Middleton is administering maintenance TAB and TTs to a portion of the unit each day until all personnel receive same.	
		1015	No evacuations to A.D.S.	
		1130	D Coy patrol to 630673 found Jap at 631672 and fired on him with unobserved results.	
			<i>Major Rice</i> G 2 & Aust Div visited A and B Coy posns and Bn HQ.	<i>db</i>

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Date and Time.—From 15 Feb 44 To 15 Feb 44

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
PAIPA : 1/25000	15 Feb	1200	War Correspondent and Official Photographer visited unit.	
Ref map: 654665		1310	Patrol left D Coy to investigate Jap fired on by previous patrol. Found Jap mortally wounded and killed him. There were no papers or means of identification on the body.	
		1330	Adm Comd Major C.E. NEWMAN M.C. and I.O. Lieut J.R. ROE left B.H.Q. to visit B and D Coys. R.M.O. left to visit B and C Coys.	
		1500	MMG and mortar pls moved from 672640 and IRIE respectively and were given roles with rifle coys.	
		1700	2 officers arrived at the unit and were posted as follows :- Capt L.J. HOCKING 2 i/c B Coy and Lieut H. JACOBS pl comdr B Coy.	
		1715	An issue of socks was made to the Bn.	
		1730	Chaplain H.T. SHOTTEN arrived at GUYS POST to replace Chaplain J.W. BLAKEMORE.	

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Unit 58/59 Aust Inf Bn Date and Time.—From 15 Feb 44 To 16 Feb 44

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
PAIPA : Ref Map	15 Feb	1900	There has been a shortage of sugar on issue to the Bn in the last	
654665			few days.	
	16 Feb	0545	stand to.	
		0715	stand down.	
		0830	Ambush party left C Coy to take up posn 613696.	
		0845	Chaplain J.W. BLAKEMORE left unit to return to 7 Aust Div.	
		0900	2 i/c Capt H.G. SWEET left GUYS POST to return to B.H.Q.	
		0930	Patrol of 12 men under Lieut BREWSTER with natives and ANGAU	
			representative attached left A Coy on 5 day patrol to AMUSON	
			for purpose of receiving route and bring back native for inter-	
			rogation.	
		1000	Q.M. Lieut N..A. DEMPSTER returned to unit from A.D.S. 2 ORs	
			were evacuated to A.D.S.	
		1100	Art registered DF tasks forward of D Coy.	<i>OR</i>

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Date and Time.—From 16 Feb 44

To 17 Feb 44

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
PAIPA : Ref Map	16 Feb	1130	C.R.E. 11 Div Lieut Col WOOD and Lieut Col WOODBURY of U.S.	
654665			Third Task Force Engineers visited unit.	
		1245	2 i/c arrived at Bn HQ.	
		1330	R.M.O. Capt L.W. MIDDLETON left for D Coy to administer maintenance inoculations.	
		1700	Comd 11 Bty 4 Fd Arty, Major BERRY arrived B.H.Q.	
		1730	C Coy ambush party returned to unit area. NMS.	
	17 Feb	0545	Stand to.	
		0715	Stand down.	
		0830	Patrol left C Coy to interrogate natives near PAIPA 2 found by previous patrol.	
		0930	Adm Comd Major C.E. NEWMAN M.C. and Adjut Lieut J.F. BETHUNE M.C. left to visit B Coy and lay down DF tasks for arty in front of C Coy.	
		1330	R.M.O. Capt L.W. MIDDLETON left to visit B and D Coys.	

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Date and Time.—From 17 Feb To 18 Feb 44

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
PAIPA : Ref Map	17 Feb	1400	A small canteen was opened in B.H.Q area.	
654665		1450	Patrol which left at 0830 hrs to interrogate natives returned. They were unable to locate the natives.	
		1500	Arty, MMGs and mortars started to register DF tasks in front of B and C Coys but were unable to continue owing to mist.	
		1530	BM Major B.H. TRAVERS rang C.O. and informed him that Bde would not allow 10 grenades per man to be held in coy posns owing to deprec- iation caused by weather conditions. C.O. agreed to reduce requisition.	
		1700	Lieut L. TALBOT 15 Bde L.O. arrived at B.H.Q. to stay until 19 Feb.	
		1730	Normal patrolling and work in coy areas continued throughout the day.	
	18 Feb	0545	stand to.	
		0715	stand down.	
		0830	Arty, mortars and MMGs registered on targets in sqs 6367, 6368, 6467 throughout the morning.	

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Unit 58/59 Aust Inf Bn Date and Time.—From 18 Feb 44 To 19 Feb 44

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
PAIPA : Ref Map 654665	18 Feb	0900	2 i/c Capt H.G. SWEET visited RYANS POST and D Coy. Bn came under comd 15 Aust Inf Bde.	
		1100	All coys and BHQ have now built camp ovens in their kitchens.	
		1200	WO 1 K.A. ANDERSON left BHQ on way back to OCTU. WO 2 N.F. PIGOT took over duties as RSM of Bn.	
		1330	I.O. Lieut J.R. ROE visited B and C Coys to give lecture on BM role at present time.	
		1400	Adm Comd Major C.E. NEWMAN M.C. held practice stand to in Bn HQ area.	
		1500	There has been no communication with AMUSON patrol which left 160930L.	
		1645	B Coy HQ moved to 650668.	
		1700	Routine patrolling and general improvements were carried on in coy areas throughout the day.	
	19 Feb	0545	Stand to.	
		0715	Stand down.	db

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Date and Time.—From 19 Feb 44

To 20 Feb 44

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
PAIPA : Ref Map	19 Feb	0900	Patrol comd Lieut SMITH left for PAIPA 1 camped night vicinity	
654665			593704 proceeded along track to SAIPA 2 for 300 yds. NMS.	
		1530	The following visiting officers arrived BHQ :- G1 11 Aust Div	
			Col WILSON, ADMS Col BARTON, BM learner Capt THOMPSON. (British	
			Army Officers Major CHAUVEL, Capt CHRISTIE, Capt FROGGET).	
			2 i/c Capt H.G. SWEET met BM Major B.H. TRAVERS at MAIN STREAM to	
			discuss forthcoming school.	
		2100	Red warning.	
		2345	All clear.	
	20 Feb	0545	Stand to.	
		0700	Communion held in BHQ area by unit Chaplain H.T. SHOTTON.	
		0715	Stand down.	
		0830-0930	D Coy registered DF tasks with mortar and MMG .	
		0930	2 i/c Capt H.G. SWEET left for GUYS POST.	25

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Date and Time.—From 20 Feb 44 To 20 Feb 44

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
PAIPA : Ref Map	20 Feb	0930	I.O. Lieut J.R. ROE left for D Coy.	
654665		1000	Adm Comd Major C.E. NEWMAN M.C. and the following officers G1 11 Aust Div Col WILSON, ADMS Col BARTON, BM LEARNER Capt THOMPSON, BRITISH ARMY Offrs Major CHAUVEL, Capt CHRISTIE, Capt PROGGET left area to visit ABC COYS.	
		1030	1 Jap seen and fired on at 673631.	
		1045	AMUSON patrol reported in. NMS.	
		1145	Patrol Lieut BREWSTER arrived in area .	
		1305	C.O. and party returned.	
		1345	I.O. returned to BHQ.	
		1400	Church Parade held in D Coy area by unit Chaplain H.J. SHOTTEON.	
		1500	Comforts Fund Issue was received at BHQ.	
		1530	PAIPA patrol reported BHQ. NMS.	
		1630	Bridge at MAIN STREAM washed away.	
		1830	Church Parade held by unit Chaplain.	

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Date and Time.—From 21 Feb 44 To 21 Feb 44

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
PAIPA : Ref Map	21 Feb	0545	Stand to.	
654665		0715	Stand down.	
		0905	C Coy patrol left for track junc 628669, proceeded along track to 634708 then moved North to 629720 continued West to 622715. Followed native pad NW around feature 604720. Proceeded South around 4408 feature and back to track junc 623697, then back to area by main route with 2 natives as guides.	
			C Coy patrol 1 offr 5 ORs left for 613714 to try and observe PAIPA1 and SAIPA 2.	
		1000	Mite lotion applied to clothing BHQ personnel. Personnel in BHQ were innoculated with TAB by RAP staff.	
		1055	RMO Capt L.W. MIDDLETON left area for A Coy to innoculate personnel (TAB).	
		1215	RMO returned from A Coy.	
		1315	RMO left area for B Coy to administer innoculations.	b/s.

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Unit 58/59 Aust Inf Bn Date and Time.—From 21 Feb 44 To 22 Feb 44

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
PAIPA : REF MAP	21 Feb	1445	RMO left B Coy to visit C Coy to administer inoculations.	
654665		1500	Mail arrived in area for BHQ personnel.	
		1630	Comd 15 Aust Inf Bde Brig H.H. HAMMER D.S.O., BM Major B.H. TRAVERS, Sig O Capt G.W. WILLIAMS, arrived in area.	
		1715	Lieut A.B. BALL arrived at BHQ from 17 pl D Coy, to take over duties as adjt from Lieut J.F. BETHUNE M.C.	
		1730	2 Sappers 15 Aust Fd Coy arrived in area to bore for water.	
		1845	C Coy patrol returned from PAIPA 1 and SAIPA 2.	
			Routine patrolling track and coy improvements, arty registered DF tasks on CAMS SADDLE and MARSHALLS RIDGE areas, throughout day.	
			Int Summary No 21 issued.	
	22 Feb	0545	Stand to.	
		0715	Stand down.	
		0930	Adm Comd Major C.E. NEWMAN M.C., Bde Comd and party left area to visit A Coy.	

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Date and Time.—From 22 Feb 44 To 23 Feb 44

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
PAIPA : Ref Map	22 Feb	1010	Lieut J.F. BETHUNE M.C. left BHQ to take over duties as O.C. D Coy.	
654665		1020	Patrol of 10 ORs B Coy with 9 sig personnel, left area to lay sig line to AMUSON.	
		1055	Adm Comd and party returned from A Coy, and left to visit B Coy.	
		1200	Lieut J.F. BETHUNE M.C. took over comd D Coy from Capt H.H. HILBERT.	
		1645	5 ORs returned to unit from rear details.	
			Sig laying party to AMUSON arrived 665696.	
		1715	Major H.J. BERRY 11 Bty 4 Fd Regt, Major B.M. BARNES 7 Div R.A.A., Capt NUTTTALL, Lieut AMERY and 2 batmen arrived BHQ.	
		1800	The following change in the posting of officers within the unit:- Lieut L.S. PROBY M.C. from O.C. 2 pl to 2 1/c D Coy, Lieut N. BIDGOOD from O.C. 3 pl to O.C. 17 pl.	
			Bde Comd and party left B Coy and proceeded to 57/60 Aust Inf BN.	
	23 Feb	0400	Red warning.	

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Date and Time.—From 23 Feb 44 To 23 Feb 44

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
PAIPA : Ref Map	23 Feb	0420	All clear.	
654665		0535	Red warning.	
		0545	Stand to.	
		0550	All clear.	
		0615	Red warning.	
		0630	All clear.	
		0715	Stand down.	
		1000	Capt H.H. HILBERT left D Coy area for PORT MORESBY BASE SUB AREA	
			to take up duties as S.C. Q.	
			I.O. Lieut J.R. ROE left to visit A Coy.	
			8 pl moved from BHQ area to 658663.	
		1130	Adm Comd Major C.E. NEWMAN M.C. left BHQ to visit 57/60 Aust Inf Bn	
			to discuss equipment with D.M.G.O. Brig O' BRIEN.	
		1200	A/OC HQ Coy Lieut H.J. SHROSBREE left MAIN STREAM to attend school	

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Date and Time.—From 23 Feb 44 To 23 Feb 44

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
PAIPA : Ref Map	23 Feb	1200	at HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde, to act as O.C. Sig Wing .	
654665		1210	I.O. returned to B.H.Q. from A Coy.	
		1520	L.H.Q. observer group Col BOYLE, Col RENNICK, and Capt SAUNDERS	
			HQ 7 Aust Div arrived at BHQ.	
		1600	24 OR's under comd W.O.2 J. DOHERTY arrived BHQ area from MAIN STREAM,	
			and took over posns vacated by 8 pl. A rear party of 1 sgt and 6 ORs	
			remained at MAIN STREAM to hand over posn to 24 Aust Inf Bn.	
		1645	Adm Comd returned from 57/60 Aust Inf Bn.	
		1715	10 KANAKAS from village 601722 arrived in Bn area for medical treatment.	
			Treated by RMO and handed over to ANGAU for questioning.	
		1725	I.O. 15 Aust Inf Bde Capt S.R. HEDLEY arrived BHQ.	
		1730	Fresh meat was served with evening meal.	
			Arty registered DF tasks along spur in sqs 6365 and 6468, throughout day.	
			Int Summary No 23 issued.	

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Date and Time.—From 23 Feb 44 To 24 Feb 44

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
PAIPA : Ref Map	23 Feb	1730	Instructions received from I.O. 15 Aust Inf Bde to establish OP	
654665			with F00 overlooking SAIPA 1.	
		2230	Red warning.	
		2315	All clear.	
	24 Feb	0630	Stand to.	
		0715	Stand down.	
		0915	RSM W.O. 2 N.E. PIGOT left area for 15 Aust Inf Bde to act as RSM	
			in forthcoming school. W.O. 2 J. DOHERTY took over duties as RSM.	
		0920	Adm Comd Major C.E. NEWMAN M.C. and LHQ observer group left to visit	
			A Coy.	
		1040	Adm Comd and party returned from A Coy and left to visit B and C Coy areas.	
		1230	Adm Comd and party returned to BHQ.	
		1340	L.H.Q. observer group left area for 57/60 Aust Inf Bn.	
		1445	Sig laying patrol to AMUSON returned after laying cable to within 1 mile of AMUSON	

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Date and Time.—From 24 Feb 44 To 25 Feb 44

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
PAIPA : Ref Map	24 Feb	1445	Approx 1 mile of cable was lost down gorge near MOSA RIVER.	
654665		1530	Capt H.M. KOCH and 2 ORs from 4 Fd Regt arrived BHQ area.	
			Int Summary No 24 issued.	
		1715	27 reinforcements were received by Bn and were allotted as follows :-	
			BHQ 1, A Coy 4, B Coy 4, C Coy 9, D Coy 9.	
			Adm Comd rang amenities sgt 15 Aust Inf Bde and asked for mouth prgans,	
			tin whistles, and community song sheets. Also discussed with YMCA representative	
			that the coffee stall at RYANS POST would be abolished, and that comforts	
			for Bn would be sent from GUYS POST.	
			5 extra daily rations have been asked for to supplement for officers	
			visiting the area.	
	25 Feb	0630	Stand to.	
		0715	Stand down. Sitrep to 15 Aust Inf Bde. Sitnor.	
		0830	D Coy patrol 1 offr 24 ORs left area to contact any enemy at SAIPA2.	

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Date and Time.—From 25 Feb 44 To 25 Feb 44

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
PAIPA : Ref Map 654665	25 Feb	0900	Party from 11 Bty 4 Fd Regt of 1 offr, 1 OPA and 1 OR left C Coy area to observe from OP 594704 on SAIPA 1.	
		0915	I.O. 15 Aust Inf Bde Capt S.R. HEDLEY left BHQ to return to 15 Aust Inf Bde. R.M.O. Capt L.W. MIDDLETON and 1 OR left for A Coy area to administer inoculations.	
		0945	Hygiene sgt left BHQ to inspect B and C Coy areas.	
		1215	RMO returned from A Coy.	
		1315	Innoculations were administered to personnel in B and C Coys by RMO.	
		1405	A/I.O. 15 Aust Inf Bde Capt R. COULTER arrived BHQ.	
		1600	The following visiting officers arrived BHQ :- 11 Aust Div @ 3 Ops Capt WETTAM, @ 3 Air Capt BRADDOCK, BASCO 15 Bde Capt LENTON, E.O. 15 Bde Lieut LESH, Q.M. Lieut N.A. DEMPSTER.	
		1700	RMO returned from B and C Coy. Int Summary No 25 issued. Track improvements in coys.	
		1720	Arty OP party arrived 594704.	

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Unit 58/59 Aust Inf Bn Date and Time.—From 26 Feb 44 To 26 Feb 44

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
PAIPA : Ref Map	26 Feb	0630	Stand to.	
654665		0715	Stand down. Sitrep sent to Bde . Sitnor.	
		0800	D Coy patrol to SAIPA 2, left PAIPA 1, proceeded along track to 684714, turned left around feature came up on village from rear.	
			This was unsuccessful owing to very rough country. Patrol returned to 684714, turned left and followed track 150 yds past stone barricade to track junc, where forward scout was fired on by Jap in weapon pit 3 yds ahead and by a sniper in a tree just behind. Immediately Japs opened fire with 2 LMGs and 12 rifles, and with 3 rifles from far side of a small ck. Patrol returned fire for approx 10 mins and then withdrew. Cas: Own nil, known enemy 1 probable killed. Patrol found sig wire cut in many places this side of PAIPA 1. On return journey traces of Jap patrol approx 6 strong, were found along track, also signs of 1 Jap having slept in hut 626675 approx 3 nights ago.	

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Date and Time.—From 26 Feb 44

To 28 Feb 44

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
PAIPA : Ref Map	26 Feb	0900	A Coy patrol left for 666677.	
654665		0930	A/Bde I.O. Capt R. COULTER left for 15 Bde HQ.	
		0935	I.O. Lieut J.R. ROE left to visit B Coy.	
		1400	HQ 11 Aust Div officers G3 OPS Capt WETTAM, G3 AIR Capt BRADDOCK left to return to 11 Aust Div.	
		1500	A Coy patrol returned. NMS.	
		1530	O.C. 2 Aust Mtn Bty Capt BLACKELY arrived in area to make track recces.	
		1635	I.O. returned from B Coy.	
			E.O. 15 Bde lectured B and C Coys on general war situation.	
			Track improvements in coy areas.	
		1900	Adm Com Major C.E. NEWMAN M.C. conferred with BASCO and Q.M. on stores for proposed AMUSON patrol and phoned BM asking for 77 boys.	
			Adjt Lieut A.B. BALL phoned amenities sgt who is arranging to get indoor games and small musical instruments for men.	

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Unit 58/59 Aust Inf Bn Date and Time.—From 26 Feb 44 To 27 Feb 44

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
PAIPA : Ref Map	26 Feb	1900	Adjt phoned S.C. asking for R.C. Padre as no services for 3 weeks.	
654665	27 Feb	0630	Stand to.	
		0700	Church parade held by unit Chaplain H.T. SHOTTON in BHQ area.	
		0715	Stand down. Sitrep to 15 Bde. Sitnor.	
		0905	BASCO 15 Bde Capt LENTON left to visit D Coy and 57/60 Aust Inf BN.	
			Q.M. Lieut N.A. Dempster left for GUYS POST.	
		0915	B Coy patrol left area for AMUSON, to recce suitable base for coast patrol, and to finish laying sig cable to AMUSON.	
		0918	O.C. C Tp 11 Bty 4 Fd Regt Capt GLASSON left area, his duties were taken over by Capt KOCH.	
		1000	Adm Comd Major C.E. NEWMAN M.C. held conference with W.O. ASHTON of ANGAU regarding forthcoming coast patrol.	
		1130	Church parade held B Coy area.	
		1445	Col LARABEE of US Army Staff and Lieut SANDS of CRE arrived BHQ.	

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Date and Time.—From 27 Feb 44 To 28 Feb 44

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
PAIPA : Ref Map	27 Feb	1730	B Coy patrol reached 687726 and bivouaced for night.	
654665		1830	Church parade held BHQ.	
			Amn inspector Drv FINN inspected amn at A and D Coys. Amn at A Coy	
			was condemned also a portion of D Coy. Int Summary No 27 issued.	
	28 Feb	0438	Red warning.	
		0557	All clear.	
		0630	Stand To.	
		0700	Weather cool and fine visibility clear.	
		0715	Stand down, Sitrep sent to 15 Bde Sibnor.	
			FRAZER OP ref 597727 reports 7 Japs moved through clearing 581717	
			in a Westerly direction.	
		1200	Weather fine and warmer visibility clear.	
		1500	Heavy rain commenced falling in area.	
		1800	Weather cool with some light rain, visibility poor.	

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Date and Time.—From 28 Feb 44 To 29 Feb 44

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
PAIPA : Ref Map	28 Feb	1800	New B ech area 645665 known as DEMPSTERS POST.	
654665			B Coy patrol to AMUSON reached objective during morning, made recce and commenced return journey in afternoon. Spending night 679719.	
			Standing patrol of 1 offr 6 ORs established PAIPA 2.	
			U.S. Army officer from G.H.Q. Col LARABEE and Lieut SANDS inspected coy areas and returned to HQ 15 Bde.	
			Sig line has been layed to PAIPA 2.	
			Canteen stores arrived BHQ.	
			Unit Chaplain H.T. SHOTTON received from amenities and issue of indoor games and some musical instruments.	
	29 Feb	0630	Stand to.	
		0715	Stand down, Sitrep to 15 Bde Sitnor. Weather fine, cool, some low clouds.	
		0900	Personnel for 15 Bde Training School left for training area with Lieut	
			L.S. PROBY M.C. as OC party.	

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Unit 58/59 Aust Inf Bn Date and Time.—From 29 Feb 44 To 29 Feb 44

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
PAIPA : Ref Map	29 Feb	1200	Weather fine with slight NE breeze, visibility clear.	
654665		1645	Observer 27 Aust Inf Bn Major DAY arrived BHQ.	
		1800	Weather cool some low clouds, visibility poor, intermittent light rain during afternoon.	
			Adm Comd Major C.E. NEWMAN M.C. asked amenities sgt for wireless sets, cards, PKs, handkerchiefs, sox, and loan of public adress system.	
			Capt C.C. CUTHBERTSON returned from AMUSON patrol. Country travelled over, very rough, and very hard going. Rivers crossed were swift flowing.	

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INTELLIGENCE REPORTS

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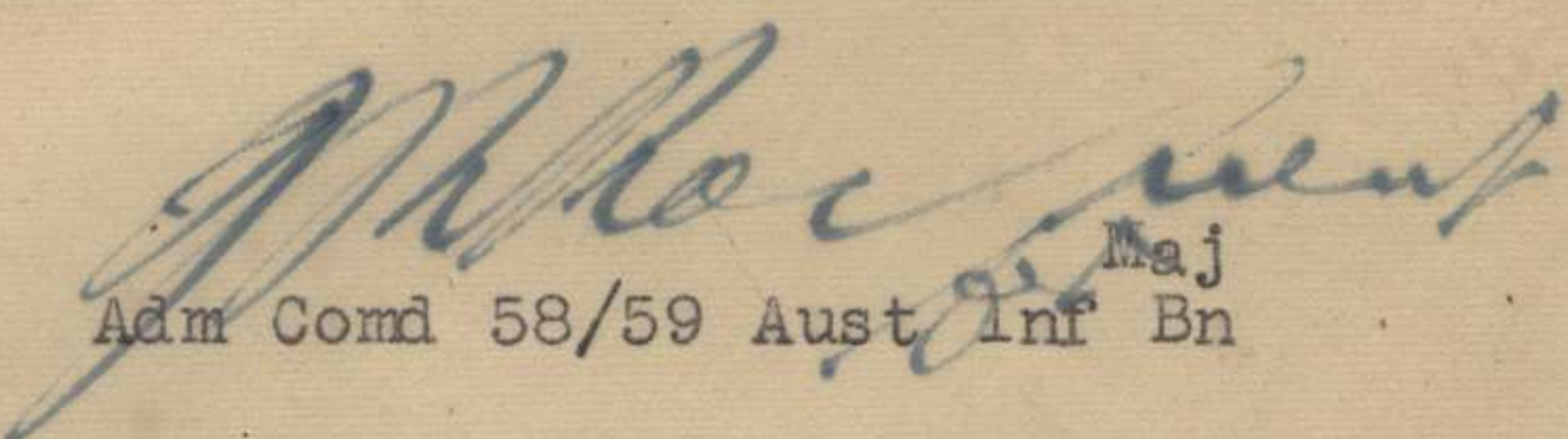
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58/59 AUST INF BN INTELLIGENCE REPORT NO 1.

INFM to 211800L

1. OPERATIONS NIL
2. PATROLS C Coy patrol 1 offr 5 ORs left 0905L for ~~613714~~ ^{605715 and 604720} to try and observe PAIPA 1 and SAIPA 2. Have not returned. Routine patrolling in Bn Area throughout the day.
3. O.P. REPORTS NIL
4. AIR OPS 1000 hrs 9 AIRACOBRAS and 1 MITCHELL observed strafing BOGADJIM area.
5. CASUALTIES NIL
6. TOPOGRAPHICAL NIL
7. ENEMY INFM NIL
8. SECURITY NIL
9. GENERAL Brigade Comd B.M. and Bde Sig 0 arrived Bn H.Q. 1630 hrs. Arty registered D.F. tasks on CAMS SADDIE and MARSHALLS RIDGE areas throughout the day.


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58/59 AUST INF BN INTELLIGENCE REPORT NO 2.Infm to 221800L1. OPERATIONS

NIL

2. PATROLS C Coy patrol to DUMBELL FEATURE returned 211845L. Brief report as follows :-
 Patrol left C Coy at 210905L and proceeded to track junction 628699 where they turned NE and followed track to 634708. Thence to 629720 and WEST to new native garden and store house 622718. From native garden NW along pad around feature 604720. Met two natives on track and proceeded to hut approx 603718 where native family lives. From hut SOUTH along track to junc approx 623697 and then back to camp by main track. Two natives brought in as guides state that there have been no Japs in their area since 2/10 Aust Inf Bn pushed Japs off CRATER HILL. Guides were fed and sent back to their village.
 220905L C Coy patrol again left for DUMBELL FEATURE to establish OP. Returned 1800L. Patrol comd advises that by felling trees it will be possible to establish an OP. In future a patrol will proceed each day to this point.
 221030L Sig party of 1 sgt 8 ORs with 10 ORs from B Coy left prepared to stay out three days to lay line to AMUSON along route from B Coy to 648678 thence down spur to MOSA RIVER and along river. Patrol reached 665696 at 1630L and where they will camp for night.

3. O.P. REPORTS

NIL

4. AIR OPS

NIL

5. CASUALTIES

NIL

6. ENEMY INFORMATION

NIL

7. TOPOGRAPHICAL

NIL

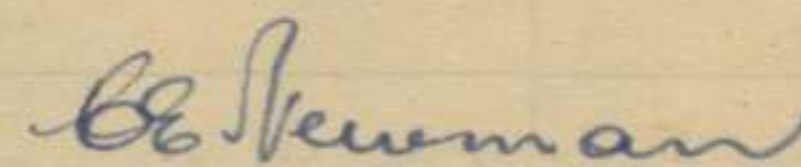
8. SECURITY

NIL

9. GENERAL Bde Comd, BM and Bde Sig O inspected A B and D Coys during the day.

Arty registered DF tasks in following areas during the day :-
 MARSHALLS RIDGE, CAMS SADDLE, and area around 642682.

Bde Comd and party left Bn area for 57/60 Aust Inf Bn at 1630 hrs.



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58/59 Aust Inf Bn Intelligence Report No 3.

Infm to 231800L.

1. OPERATIONS
 HQ Coy moved from MAIN STREAM to Bn HQ area 654665.
 24 Aust Inf Bn took over MAIN STREAM area.
 8 pl moved to 658663.
2. PATROLS
 Sig cable laying patrol reached native garden 679718 at 1630L where they ran out of cable. Returning to 665696 to spend the night on return journey to Bn area.
3. O.P. REPORTS NIL
4. AIR OPS 1045L 17 LIBERATORS with fighter escort flew over in North-erly direction. 1300L LIBERATORS presumably same formation returned flying South.
5. CASUALTIES NIL
6. ENEMY INFM NIL
7. TOPOGRAPHICAL NIL
8. SECURITY NIL
9. GENERAL Col BOYLE and Col RENNICK from L.H.Q. and Capt SAUNDERS HQ 7 Aust Div arrived in Bn area.
 Arty registered along spur in squares 6365 and 6468.
 10 KANAKAS from village 601722 arrived in Bn area for medical treat-ment. Treated by R.M.O. and handed over to ANGAU for questioning.

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 Adm Comd 58/59 Aust Inf Bn

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58/59 AUST INF BN INTELLIGENCE REPORT NO 4.

INFM to 241800L

1. OPERATIONS NIL
2. PATROLS. Patrol to establish OP at 592732 returned 231850L. Op established.
Sig laying party returned 1445L. Layed 6 miles of cable.
3. OP REPORTS. OP at 592732 reported view to what is probably SAIPA1. Can see clearing and one hut.
231840L Saw one Jap in clearing.
231850L Heard heavy SA fire from SOUTH of SAIPA 1.
4. AIR OPS NIL
5. CASUALTIES NIL
6. ENEMY INFM NIL
7. TOPOGRAPHICAL NIL
8. SECURITY NIL
9. GENERAL. Col BOYLE, Col RENNICK and Capt SAUNDERS visited AB and C Coys. Left Bn area at 1430L.

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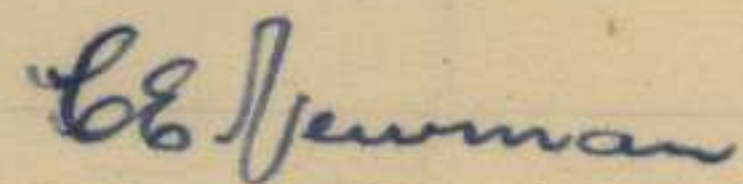
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58/59 AUST INF BN INTELLIGENCE REPORT NO 5.

Infm to 251800L.

1. OPERATIONS NIL
2. PATROLS. D Coy patrol to SAIPA 2 left 0930L. Reported from PAIPA 1 1620L. Moving along in direction SAIPA 2. NMS.
3. O.P. REPORTS. OP party for FRAZER OP left C Coy 0900L. Reported from OP 1740L NMS. In future a permanent OP will be maintained in this position. Composition :- 1 offr 5 ORs with Arty FOO and 2 sigs attached.
4. AIR OPS NIL
5. CASUALTIES NIL
6. ENEMY INFM NIL
7. TOPOGRAPHICAL. FRAZER OP 593733.
8. SECURITY NIL
9. GENERAL. Capt S. HEDLEY returned to Bde HQ. Following officers arrived at Bn HQ during afternoon. :- Capt WETTAM, G3 11 Div, Capt BRADDOCK G3 (AIR) 11 Div. Capt LINTON BASCO 15 Bde. Lieut LESH E.O. 15 Bde.



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58/59 AUST INF BN INTELLIGENCE REPORT NO 6.

Infm to 261900L

- 1. OPERATIONS NIL
- 2. PATROLS. A Coy patrol to 666677 left 0900L returned 1500L. N.M.S.
 B Coy patrol 4 ORs to 655675 NMS.
 D Coy patrol to SAIPA 2 left PAIPA 1 0800L and proceeded along track to 684714 where they turned left around feature to come in on village from the rear. This was unsuccessful owing to rough country so patrol returned to track junc at 684714 and followed track to the left. 150 yds past stone barricade mentioned by 57/60 Aust Inf Bn they came to track junc and forward scout was fired on by JAP from weapon pit 3 yds ahead and sniper in tree just behind weapon pit. Immediately JAPS opened fire with 2 LMGs and 12 rifles from track and 3 rifles from other side of small creek. Patrol returned fire for approx 10 mins and then withdrew and commenced return march to camp. Casualties :- Own nil. Known enemy probably one killed.
 Patrol found sig wire cut in many places this side of PAIPA 1. On return journey found traces of JAP patrol six strong along track. Also signs of one JAP having slept in hut 626675 about three nights ago.
 Time of return 1900L.
- 3. O.P. REPORTS. 1340L FRAZER O.P reported Bren firing in SAIPA 1 area.
- 4. AIR OPS NIL
- 5. CASUALTIES NIL
- 6. ENEMY INFM. Probably 20 Japs SAIPA 2.
- 7. TOPOGRAPHICAL NIL
- 8. SECURITY NIL
- 9. GENERAL. Visitors reported in Int Report 25 Feb visited Coy areas during the day. Capt WETTAM and Capt BRADDOCK left Bn area 1400L. Capt BLACKELY O.C. Mountain Gun Bty arrived Bn area to make track recce.

Ch Newman Maj
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PATROL AND CONTACT REPORT

REF MAP : PAIPA - AMUSON 1/25000

DATE 27 FEB 44

PATROL FOUND BY : 12 pl B Coy

PATROL COMD : Capt C.C. CUTHBERTSON.

PATROL STRENGTH : 1 offr 13 ORs

NATURE OF PATROL : RECCE

TIME OUT : 0900 27 FEB

TIME IN : 1630 29 FEB

OBJECT OF PATROL : To patrol to DEDEBI and AMUSON with view to receiving base for coast patrol.

ROUTE OUT : MOSA RIVER to track junc 669706 along spur to 3 natives gardens, thence to DEDEBI.

ROUTE IN : Same as route out.

NARRATIVE

After leaving 12 pl area, patrol moved down MOSA RIVER by following sig cable. Track very steep and very hard going. Time to MOSA RIVER 1½ hrs.

Patrol moved along MOSA RIVER to 666695, fairly good going, time taken 1 hour. At this point patrol stopped for lunch. River is knee deep and very fast.

Patrol then moved on through gorge to river junc 669706, very rough going, time taken 2 hours. River very fast, and in parts chest deep.

Continued on to gardens area, thence to village of 4 huts 683723. From MOSA RIVER to village, time taken 5 hrs. Sig personnel were left at 679719 to lay cable to village. Patrol remained in village overnight.

From river junc 669706 to gardens, very steep.

Patrol comd and 6 ORs moved through to DEDEBI at 0800 28 Feb, leaving cable party and 2 ORs to guard packs at village.

Patrol comd and 6 ORs arrived DEDEBI 0845 hrs, track ill defined and very hard going. Recced DEDEBI for possible base, and at 0930 moved East down spur to BANAGA RIVER. Some time was lost owing to at first, being unable to locate track used by previous patrol. Track was very steep, time taken 45 mins.

Patrol crossed BANAGA RIVER which was very fast and treacherous. Track up cliff side to AMUSON not located. Patrol then crossed to West side of river and proceeded to river junc.

OWING to roughness of terrain from BANAGA RIVER to AMUSON; AMUSON considered as unsuitable for a possible base.

Patrol then moved back along West side of river to DEDEBI via same track time taken 1½ hrs, thence to hut 679717 and remained overnight. Time to hut from DEDEBI 2 hrs 10 mins.

At 0800L 29 Feb patrol proceed down to MOSA RIVER thence back to Bn a time taken 8 hrs.

TOPOGRAPHY

Gorge found to be most strenuous part of trip, prior to patrol moving there had been very light rain for several days. MOSA RIVER, it is considered, was at its lowest ebb.

Two waterfalls have to be negotiated, the water being waist deep. On return journey river was up approx 2/2½ ft, after 3 to 4 hours heavy rain the gorge was barely passable, in parts up to knee in depth.

In order to avoid cataracts in gorge it was necessary to move up slopes, where the track consists, only, of foot holes in rocks, very treacherous.

It is considered that in the event of casualties being sustained, the evacuations would be impossible via this route. It is further considered impossible to move a Bn through to DEDEBI via MOSA RIVER.

EQUIPMENT

Patrol carried either packs or haversaks containing, sweater, toilet gear, three days FOR, and mosquito repellent, weapons carried were OSMGs rifles and grenades. This was considered a maximum amount of equipment for such a patrol. Communications

L/T, telephone set type F Mk 1 although heavy considered most satisfactory, as reception was R 5 at all times.

RATIONS

3 Days FOR found to be very sustaining and satisfying but very heavy to carry.

C. R. Beace

Lieut

T. O. 50/50

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Infm to 271900L.

1. OPERATIONS NIL
2. PATROIS. B Coy patrol to AMUSON left 0915L. Composition :-
O.C. B Coy, CSM, 1 NCO and 9 ORs, 3 sigs, 9 native carriers.
Object :- To recce suitable base for coast patrol and finish laying
cable to AMUSON.
1730L patrol reached 687726 and bivouaced for night.
3. O.P. REPORTS. FRAZER O.P. no report.
4. AIR OPS. Bombers observed over MADANG and ALEXISHAFEN from 1300L to
1400L approx. Large clouds of smoke observed.
5. CASUALTIES NIL
6. ENEMY INFM NIL
7. TOPOGRAPHICAL. Infm of MINDJIM RIVER contained in report on SAIPA 2
patrol which will be forwarded.
8. SECURITY NIL
9. GENERAL. Col LARABEE of U.S. ARMY and Lieut SANDS of CRE arrived Bn
area 1445L.

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REPORT.
58/59 AUST INF BN INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 8.

Infm to 281900 L

1. OPERATIONS NIL
2. PATROLS. B Coy patrol to AMUSON reached objective during morning made recce and commenced return journey in afternoon. Spending nightt 679719. Standing patrol 1 offr 6 ORs established PAIPA 2.
3. O.P. REPORTS. FRAZER O.P. :- Early AM. Party of 5 Japs followed by 2 more observed moving through clearing 581717 in Westerly direction.
0855. One Jap moved back along same track.
1035. Two Japs followed by 5 more 100 yds behind moved along same track.
1040. 3 BOOMERANGS observed recceing SAIPA 2.
4. AIR OPS. NIL
5. CASUALTIES. NIL
6. ENEMY INF. NIL
7. TOPOGRAPHICAL. NIL
8. SECURITY. NIL
9. GENERAL. Col LARABEE and Lieut SANDS inspected coy areas and returned to Bde HQ during afternoon.
Line layed to PAIPA 2.

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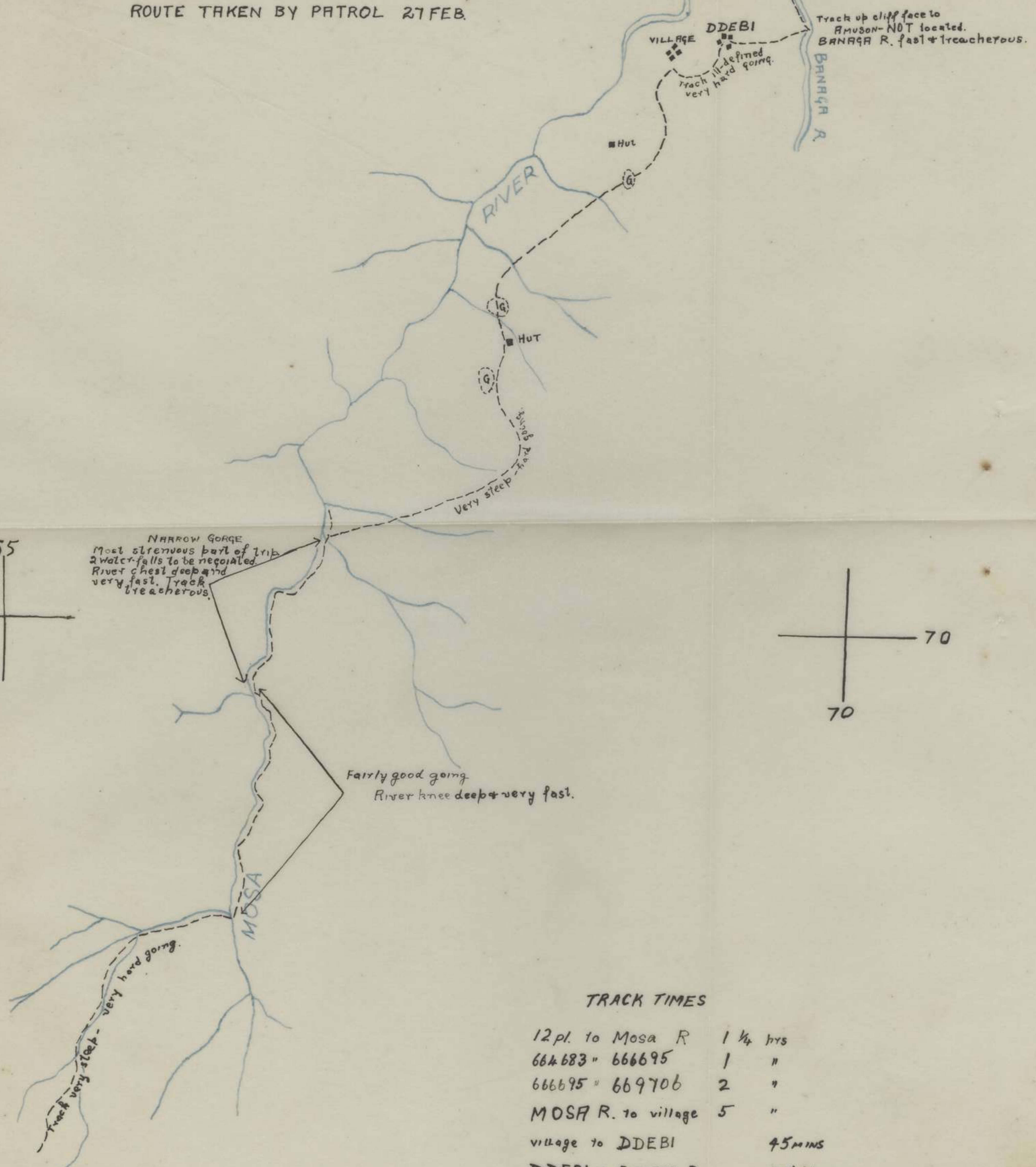
Infm to 291900L.

1. OPERATIONS NIL
2. PATROLS. B Coy patrol to AMUSON returned 1600L.
1 offr and 7 ORs from 17 pl left 0900L to relieve standing patrol PAIPA 2.
3. O.P. REPORTS. FRAZER O.P.: - No report to hand.
4. AIR OPS NIL
5. CASUALTIES NIL
6. ENEMY INFM NIL
7. TOPOGRAPHICAL. ^{B. ECH} ~~RYANS POST~~ 645665 now known as DEMPSTERS POST.
8. SECURITY NIL
9. GENERAL. Major DAY 27 Aust Inf Bn arrived at BHQ 1700 hrs.

B. E. Newman Maj
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REF MAPS PAIPA & AMUSON 1:25000
 ROUTE TAKEN BY PATROL 27 FEB.

ROUTE TAKEN BY PATROL
 27-28 FEB
 REF MAPS PAIPA & AMUSON
 1:25000



TRACK TIMES

12 pl. to Mosa R	1 1/4 hrs
664683 " 666695	1 "
666695 " 669706	2 "
MOSA R. to village	5 "
village to DDEBI	45 mins
DDEBI " BANARA R.	45 mins.

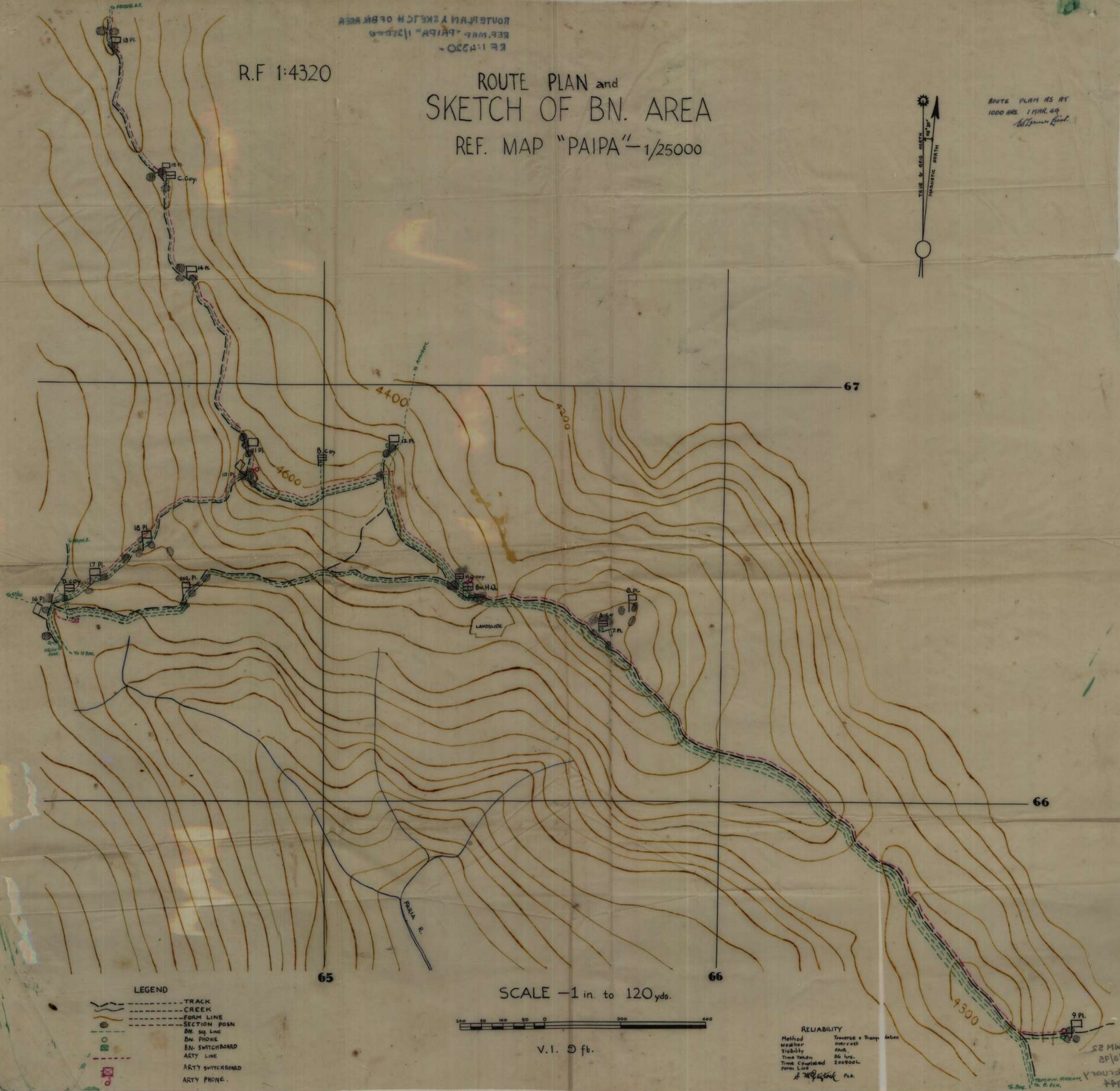
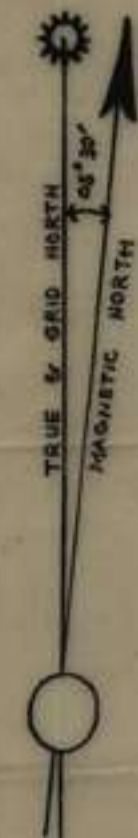
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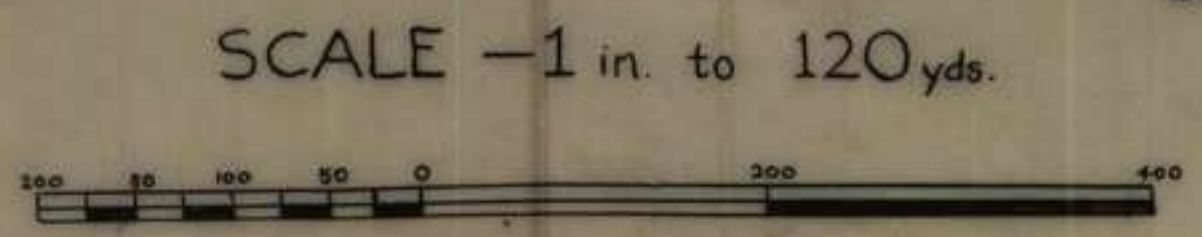
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ROUTE PLAN AS AT
1000 HRS. 1 MAR. 49
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- LEGEND
- TRACK
 - CREEK
 - FORM LINE
 - SECTION POSN
 - BN. SIG. LINE
 - BN. PHONE
 - BN. SWITCHBOARD
 - ARTY LINE
 - ARTY SWITCHBOARD
 - ARTY PHONE



RELIABILITY

Method	Traverse & Triangulation
Weather	overcast
Visibility	fair
Time Taken	56 hrs.
Time Completed	200900L
Form Line	

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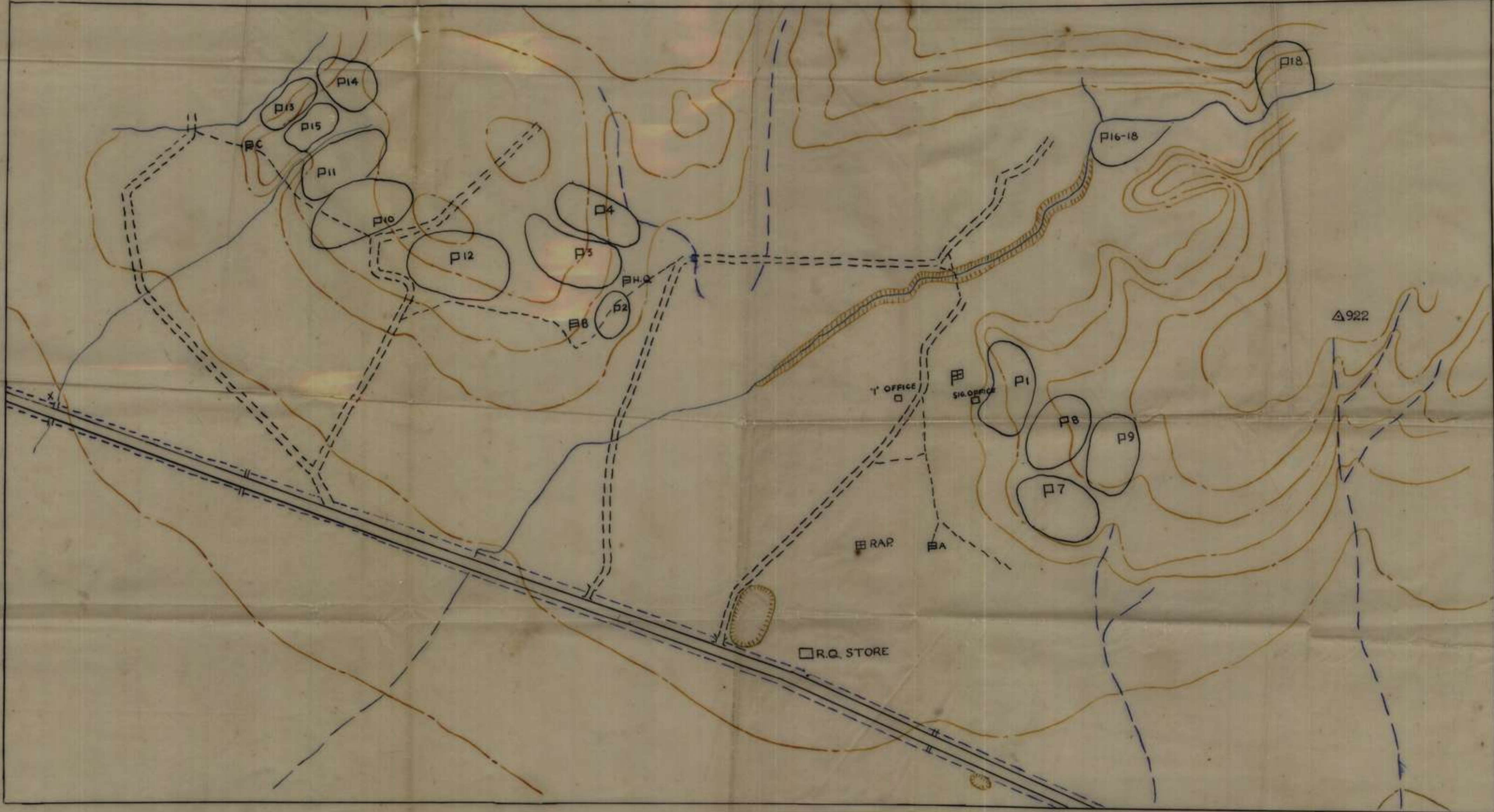
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TRAVERSE 58 59 AUST. INF BN AREA.

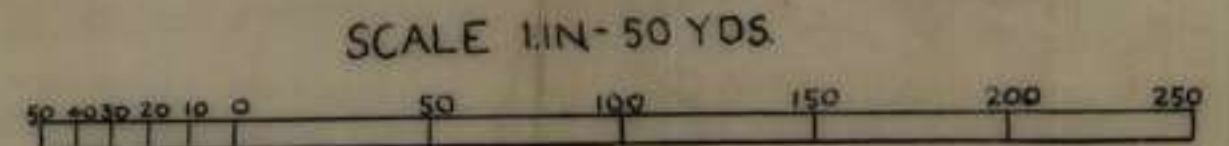
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LEGEND

CULVERT	== ==	GRAVEL PIT	
MAIN RD.	====	CLIFF	
JEEP TRACK	-----	STREAM (PERENNIAL)	
FOOT "	- - - -	" (NON PERENNIAL)	
HUT	■	PL BDY	+++++
TRIG	△		
FORM LINES			



SCALE 1:IN = 50 YDS.

V.I. 25 FT

DATUM POINT: CULVERT X

TIME TAKEN: 7 HRS
 WEATHER: GOOD
 VISIBILITY: FAIR
 METHOD: TRAVERSE
 TIME: 1630 HRS
 DATE: 2 FEB 44
 1 Sgt Robinson PTE.

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Q.M. REPORT 1 FEB - 29 FEB.

1. FEB. News of changeover with 18 Aust Inf Bde received.
2. FEB QM Lieut N.A. DEMPSTER with Adm Comd Major C.E. NEWMAN M.C. left for new area.
- 3/4 " Coy stores returned to Q Store and placed in Coy dumps. Q staff packing all stores for movement by jeep to new site.
5. " R.Q.M.S. with storeman moved to GUYS POST to establish rear B Ech. Cooking gear and four cooks moved to DAMOUR BRIDGE to establish staging camp for units passing through.
6. " Movement of stores by jeep to GUYS POST commenced.
7. " Bn moves to staging camp DAMOUR BRIDGE.
7. " Q.M. 2/10 Aust Inf Bn arrived to take over old camp site. Camp stores handed over. Jeeps moving 2/10 Aust Inf Bn stores back-loaded with unit stores to GUYS POST. Q.M. left for GUYS POST. Bn moved from staging camp to GUYS POST. R.Q.M.S. with storeman moved to RYANS POST to establish forward B Ech.
8. " Bn moved to Coy areas. Movement of stores from old camp site completed. Q.M. sent to hospital with dengue fever. Stores and rations moved forward by boy line in two stages :- 1. Rations broken down into coy lots and made into boy loads. Boy line leaves GUYS POST at 0730 hrs daily, arriving at RYANS POST approx 1130 hrs. 2/ Boy loads are placed in coy lots again and boys stationed at RYANS POST carry them out to coy posns.
9. " Serious landslide at RYANS POST occurred 0130 hrs, causing loss of stores and damage to area. Several controlled stores lost, signaled ADOS asking for replacements. Personnel escaped injury. The course of subsidiary stream running into FARIA RIVER was completely changed and carried away 30 boy loads of stores which had been placed in posn for mornings boy line. Mortars MMGs and other stores were salvaged by natives 800 yds down FARIA RIVER. R.Q.M.S. returned to take charge of rear B Ech.
- 10 " Q Rear party arrived from old camp site, surplus stores, such as bicycles, carts jungle returned to salvage. Staging camp erected at GUYS POST for personnel marching through from hospital etc.
- 11 " Requisition submitted to BOWO for clothing, boots etc. Watches GS received from BOWO.
- 12 " Bde Comd Brig H.H. HAMMER D.S.O. visited rear B Ech area. Clothing etc was collected from ADOS dump, also 3 OWEN Guns which were replacement for those lost in landslide, 1 Bren gun which was replacement of one written off on workshops certificate.
- 13 " Clothing etc made into boy loads for distribution to coys. Caterer moved to BHQ from rear B Ech to inspect coy cookhouses and check distribution of cooks.
- 14 " Personnel passed through from LOB Moresby staging camp, now moved on to MAIN STREAM. 2 i/c Capt H.G. SWEET arrived GUYS POST to stay for few days.
- 15 " 2 wireless sets no 108 sent urgently for patrol work by Coys. Collected Monobel, fuze and dets from 53 Fd Park. Cooks and cooking gear arrived from staging camp DAMOUR BRIDGE. Q.M. returned from hospital.
- 16 " Equipment repairer started making stoves for distribution to coy cookhouses - stoves made out of metal amn boxes. 2 i/c returned to BHQ.
- 17 " Received boots, dubbin etc from Ordnance. Wireless set (YMCA) forwarded to BHQ.
- 18 " Bren forwarded to HQ Coy. Census of controlled stores received from CQMS's and consolidated. Received ACF issue.
- 19 " Census forwarded by DR for CO's signature. Received blankets, EY rifles, boxes Intelligence GPO (Filled) and one rangefinder from Ordnance. This is the first time this unit has been issued with the boxes Intelligence.
- 20 " ACF Issue forwarded by boy line to coys. Good issue of chocolate - 1/2 lb per man, razor blades distributed to Coys.
- 21 " R.Q.M.S. left GUYS POST to take charge at RYANS POST, forward B Ech.
- 22 " Requisitions for clothing submitted to BOWO.
- 23 " Received clothing and stores from ordnance, collected a few jersey pullovers from salvage for issue to natives at RYANS. 2" mortar, connectors 5 pr red and black received from BOWO.

- 24 FEB Sig cable and rifle oil received from BOWO, Fowler stoves greased and put into storage.
- 25 " Q.M. went forward to BHQ and all coy posns, to check any complaints and stores. Postal orderlay very busy with influx of parcels approx 70 bags. Received one "F" phone and one D2 phone from BOWO, replace- of those lost in landslide.
- 26 " Stand Instrument no 14 for range finder lent to 24 Aust Inf Bn. Shortage of natives necessitated boy lines to be cut down to minimum. Canteen supplies now been waiting for 3 days to be forwarded. Indent submitted to Bde for 5 rolls of SISALCRAFT. Weekly returns of cooks and holdings of rations submitted to BASCO. Indent submit- ted for amn to bring unit holdings up to scale A.
- 27 " Q.M. returned from fwd, after having visited all coys with BASCO, and inspected reserve rations. Received rifles from LAD.
- 28 " Started clearing amn from GUYS POST to RYANS. Movement of rear B Ech to RYANS planned. Special rations for coastal patrol received. Sig cable forwarded to RYANS.
- 29 " Personnel through to Bde Trg Centre issued with clothing and boots. Shortage of shelter halves in unit, unable to procure from Ordnance.
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- 19 " Census forwarded by DR for CO's signature. Received blankets, EY rifles, boxes Intelligence GPO (Filled) and one rangefinder from Ordnance. This is the first time this unit has been issued with the boxes Intelligence.
- 20 " ACF Issue forwarded by boy line to coys. Good issue of chocolate- 1/2 lb per man, razor blades distributed to Coys.
- 21 " R.Q.M.S. left GUYS POST to take charge at RYANS POST, forward B Ech.
- 22 " Requisitions for clothing submitted to BOWO.
- 23 " Received clothing and stores from ordanance, collected a few jersey pullovers from salvage for issue to natives at RYANS. 2" mortar, connectors 5 pr red and black received from BOWO.

- 24 FEB Sig cable and rifle oil received from BOWO, Fowler stoves greased and put into storage.
- 25 " Q.M. went forward to BHQ and all coy posns, to check any complaints and stores. Postal orderley very busy with influx of parcels approx 70 bags. Received one "F" phone and one D2 phone from BOWO, replaced those lost in landslide.
- 26 " Stand Instrument no 14 for range finder lent to 24 Aust-Inf Bn. Shortage of natives necessitated boy lines to be cut down to minimum. Canteen supplies now been waiting for 3 days to be forwarded. Indent submitted to Bde for 5 rolls of SISALCRAFT. Weekly returns of cooks and holdings of rations submitted to BASCO. Indent submitted for amm to bring unit holdings up to scale A.
- 27 " Q.M. returned from fwd, after having visited all coys with BASCO, and inspected reserve rations. Received rifles from LAD.
- 28 " Started clearing amm from GUYS POST to RYANS. Movement of rear B Ech to RYANS planned. Special rations for coastal patrol received. Sig cable forwarded to RYANS.
- 29 " Personnel through to Bde Trg Centre issued with clothing and boots. Shortage of shelter halves in unit, unable to procure from Ordnance.
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REPORT BY R M O - 46009

WEEK ENDING - 4 FEB 44

HQ 46009

4 Feb 44

15 Aust Inf Bde

1. MALARIA

Adult anopheline mosquitoes still plentiful. Larvae found breeding in one slit trench - this was 4 days after a storm. Malariol had probably been washed out. To rectify this malariol is being used twice a week instead of once a week as carried out previously.

2. MITES

No Mokka bites reported during the last week.

3. HYGIENE

The standard decreased during the week but has now reached a satisfactory standard again.

4. GENERAL

The epidemic of Dengue Fever is rapidly declining. Two outbreaks of Diarrhoea occurred. One in D Coy (23 cases) - due to bad meat. The meat had been left overnight in an 'Hot Box'. Now all meat is to be cooked or partially cooked on the day of its arrival. The outbreak in B Coy (5 cases) was probably due to the increase in flies in this area.

Michael J. ... Capt
RMO 58/59 Aust Inf Bn

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REPORT BY R M O - 58/59 AUST INF BN
WEEK ENDING - 11 FEB 44

HQ 58/59 Aust Inf Bn
13 Feb 44

15 Aust Inf Bde

1. MALARIA

Adult anophiline mosquitoes rare. Larvae found breeding in old tins in D Coy area. Tins and old pits are being destroyed.

2. MITES

Occasional Mokka bites are being reported.

3. HYGIENE

Satisfactory progress. Much remains to be done, in the way of cleaning up the area, before it reaches the required standard.

4. GENERAL

The epidemic of Dengue Fever appears to have subsided. The general health of troops should improve in this cool climate.

5. All Officers have been addressed by R M O on care of men's health generally. Daily foot inspections are held.

R. M. O. - Capt
RMO 58/59 Aust Inf Bn

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REPORT BY R M O - 58/59 AUST INF BN
WEEK ENDING 18 FEB 44

HQ 58/59 Aust Inf Bn
19 Feb 44

15 Aust Inf Bde

1. MALARIA
Anopheline mosquitoes have been found flying between the time of 1900 and 2200 hrs; but these are scarce.
Tins are being destroyed and old trenches being filled in.
2. MITES
Mokka bites still being reported. These have occurred in personnel carrying logs on their shoulders. Logs are now to be carried on a pad treated with anti-mite oil.
3. HYGIENE
Hygiene is progressing satisfactory. In order to reach our required standard ~~xxx~~ much work needs to be done, especially in ~~the~~ the destruction of old installations.
4. GENERAL
There is dysentery in the area and precautions are being carefully policed. An outbreak of Diarrhoea occurred in D Coy - due to tainted ham. 10 personnel from each Coy are being given refresher TAB and TT injections every 4 days.

Richard Holdgate, Capt
RMO 58/59 Aust Inf Bn

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REPORT BY R M O - 58/59 AUST INF BN
WEEK ENDING 24 FEB 44

HQ 58/59 Aust Inf Bn

26 Feb 44

15 Aust Inf Bde

1. MALARIA

Anopheline mosquitoes scarce.

2. MITES

Occasional Mokha bites are still being reported. 5 OR'S have developed septic ulcers from infected Mokha bites.

In order to overcome these minor infections, we have requisitioned for antiseptic pencils so that each individual can attend to minor cuts and bites, which normally are not reported to the R A P or C A P.

3. HYGIENE

Hygiene has reached a satisfactory standard. A Coy kitchen has been moved to a new site. Previously it was situated on low lying ground which quickly developed into a floor of sour smelling sticky mud. Horrock's test (water test) has been carried out at all water points.

4. GENERAL

TAB and TT injections are still continuing; of 150 personnel already injected only one has developed a reaction which necessitated no duties. 7 cases were evacuated during the week. 5 of these were P U O's and 2 were for dental treatment.

U R T I: The incidence of U R T I has increased. Many new arrivals to the area have been suffering with U R T I and have probably brought the infection to the Bn. Since it is a droplet infection, we are segregating the personnel suffering with U R T I, within their own lines.

Tinea: The number of tinea cases have increased. These are almost all confined to the feet. These personnel have all been on patrol duties when their feet are constantly wet.

An ample supply of foot powder is available.

An extra pair of dry socks is being issued to these cases. They are to be worn only at night, so that their feet are dry for 10 hours Daily. A drying room is working successfully in C Coy area.

Diarrhoea: The number of cases have declined. The 17 cases were scattered throughout the companies.

R M O Capt
R M O 58/39 Aust Inf Bn

UNIT WEEKLY MEDICAL REPORT

For Week Ending 2359 hrs Fri 4 / 2 / 4 4

UNIT 46009 LOCATION DUMPU 1" Map Ref. 581574

STRENGTH: Offrs. 25 OR's 432 TOTAL 457

REINFORCEMENTS * (a) From "X-List" 1/66 Physical standard Moderate

RECEIVED (b) Others Physical standard

	Total Attendances at RAP		Total Personnel Treated		Total New Sick		Total Evacuated		Total Light Duties		Total NO Duties	
	Offrs.	OR's	Offrs.	OR's	Offrs.	OR's	Offrs.	OR's	Offrs.	OR's	Offrs.	OR's
DYSENTRY		1		1		1		1				
DIARRHOEA	1	111	1	111	1	31			1	63		2
URTI		16		16		2				8		
PUO	5	54	1	10	4	44	4	40		4		8
TINEA		55		55		6				12		
OTHER SKIN DISEASES		59		55		12		1		34		3
BATTLE CASTIES												
ACCIDENTS												
†												
OTHER DISEASES	1	58	1	57	1	16	1	2		14		8
TOTAL	7	354	3	305	6	112	5	44	1	135		21

‡ AVERAGE DAILY SICK RATE Per Cent.: Offrs. OR's All Ranks

§ RMO's REMARKS ON HEALTH OF UNIT—

General Physical Condition of Personnel Moderate

Severity of Work or Training Moderate

General Dengue Fever cases decreasing. There were two outbreaks of Diarrhoea. The larger one due to ~~xxxx~~ bad meat.

NOTES: * If reinforcements from a malarious or otherwise infected area, RMO to state in Appendix "A."

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‡ To be computed in Offices of DDMS or ADMS.

§ Any special report exceeding scope of this form to be attached as Appendix "A."

1. STORES (Details of stores requisitioned but not obtained to be attached as Appendix "B".)

(a) Medical:

Expendable **Good**

Non Expendable **---**

(b) EXPENSE STORES:

Ordnance **Satisfactory**

A.A.S.C. **Still a shortage of Kerosene but arrangements have been made to overcome this shortage.**

(c) MALARIA CONTROL STORES:

Ordnance **Satisfactory**

A.A.S.C. **Satisfactory**

2. MALARIA CONTROL

(a) Measures of Personal Protection (Good, Fair, or Bad).

Nets **Good** Atebrin **Good** Clothes **Good** Repellent **Good**

(b) Larval Control **Breeding grounds being sprayed regularly with malarial.**

(c) Adult Destruction **Tents sprayed at Reveille, 1830 and 2100 hrs**

(d) General Comments **Personal and general malarial control appear to be carried out satisfactory.**

3. TRAINING CARRIED OUT BY RMO **Routine**

4. RATIONS **Satisfactory**

5. TRANSPORT **Improved - evacuation by 'Jeep' now satisfactory.**

6. HYGIENE **Standard declined during the week but is now in a satisfactory condition.**

(Signed) *[Handwritten Signature]*

RMO Unit 58/59 Aust In

NOTE: * Any special report exceeding scope of this form to be attached as Appendix "A."

UNIT WEEKLY MEDICAL REPORT

UNIT 46009

Week Ending 2359 hrs 11/2/44

Strength: Offrs 31 ORs 475

LOCATION: PAIPA 654665

	Attendances ORs	Treated ORs	New Sick ORs	Evacuated ORs	L Duties ORs	N Duties ORs
DYSENTRY						
DIARRHOEA	3	3			1	
URTI	8	8			2	
P U O	26	12	19	15	1	1
TINEA	35	23	3	2	1	
OTHER SKIN DISEASES	33	33	12		4	1
ACCIDENTS	1	1	1	1		
OTHER COMPLAINTS	25	22	11		4	2
TOTALS	131	102	46	18	13	4

UNIT HEALTH - *Moderate.*

SEVERITY OF TRAINING - Moderate

1. STORES

(a) Medical :

Expendible - Satisfactory

(b) Expense Stores :

Ordnance - Satisfactory

AASC - There is still a shortage of kerosene

(c) Malarial Control Stores:

Ordnance - Satisfactory

AASC - Satisfactory

2. MALARIAL CONTROL

(a) Nets - good, Atebrin - good, Clothes - good, Repellant - good.

(b) Larval Control - old trenches being filled in and tins buried.

(c) Adult anopheline mosquitoes scarce.

RATIONS

Satisfactory

HYGIENE

Satisfactory for active service conditions.

W. M. Little Capt
RMO 58/59 Aust Inf Bn

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UNIT WEEKLY MEDICAL REPORT

For Week Ending 2359 hrs Fri 18 / 2/4

UNIT 53/89 Aust Inf Bn LOCATION PAIPA Map Ref. 652660

STRENGTH: Offrs. 34 OR's 559 TOTAL 593

REINFORCEMENTS * (a) From "X-List" 27 Physical standard Good

RECEIVED (b) Others Physical standard

	Total Attendances at RAP		Total Personnel Treated		Total New Sick		Total Evacuated		Total Light Duties		Total NO Duties	
	Offrs.	OR's	Offrs.	OR's	Offrs.	OR's	Offrs.	OR's	Offrs.	OR's	Offrs.	OR's
DYSENTRY	1	4	-	4	1	2	1	-	-	1	-	-
DIARRHOEA		40		40		30				1		1
URTI		24		24		6						
PUO		24		18		8		6		1		6
TINEA		38		38		3						
OTHER SKIN DISEASES		55		55		4						
BATTLE CASTIES												
ACCIDENTS		2		2		1						1
†												
OTHER DISEASES	4	35	4	35	1	12				3		6
TOTAL	5	231	4	225	2	66	1	6		6		14

‡ AVERAGE DAILY SICK RATE Per Cent.: Offrs. OR's All Ranks

§ RMO's REMARKS ON HEALTH OF UNIT—

General Physical Condition of Personnel

Severity of Work or Training

General 14 Cases of Diarrhoea due to tainted Ham - mainly in D Coy.
5 attached troops were evacuated to hospital in addition to the 7
evacuated from the unit.

NOTES: * If reinforcements from a malarious or otherwise infected area, RMO to state in Appendix "A."

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- ‡ To be computed in Offices of DDMS or ADMS.
- § Any special report exceeding scope of this form to be attached as Appendix "A."

1. STORES (Details of stores requisitioned but not obtained to be attached as Appendix "B".)

(a) Medical:

Expendable Satisfactory
Non Expendable Shortage of the
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(b) EXPENSE STORES:

Ordnance Satisfactory
A.A.S.C. Satisfactory
.....

(c) MALARIA CONTROL STORES:

Ordnance Satisfactory
A.A.S.C. Satisfactory
.....

2. MALARIA CONTROL

(a) Measures of Personal Protection (Good, Fair, or Bad).

Nets..... good Atebrin..... good Clothes..... good Repellent..... good

(b) Larval Control Old tins being destroyed and old trenches being filled in.
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(c) Adult Destruction
.....

(d) General Comments adult anophelins mosquitoes scarce.
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3. TRAINING CARRIED OUT BY RMO routine - including instruction and practical demonstrations of TAB, and TI injections.

4. RATIONS Satisfactory
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5. TRANSPORT evacuation of stretcher cases by native carriers. Up to the present we have had no occasion to evacuate by stretcher.

6. HYGIENE Satisfactory - but such work is necessary to reach a high standard.

(Signed) *William H. ...*
Unit.....
RMO 58/59 Anat In

NOTE: * Any special report exceeding scope of this form to be attached as Appendix "A."

UNIT WEEKLY MEDICAL REPORT

For Week Ending 2359 hrs Fri 25 / 2 / 4

UNIT 58/59 Aust Inf Bn LOCATION Pal pa Map Ref. 6

STRENGTH: Offrs. 29 OR's 565 TOTAL 594

REINFORCEMENTS * (a) From "X-List" 30 Physical standard Good

RECEIVED (b) Others 27 Physical standard ..

	Total Attendances at RAP		Total Personnel Treated		Total New Sick		Total Evacuated		Total Light Duties		Total NO Duties	
	Offrs.	OR's	Offrs.	OR's	Offrs.	OR's	Offrs.	OR's	Offrs.	OR's	Offrs.	OR's
DYSENTRY												
DIARRHOEA		43		43		17				5		
URTI		49		49		28						
PUO		7		2		4		5				
TINEA		149		149		32						
OTHER SKIN DISEASES	2	73	2	73	1	19						2
BATTLE CAS'TIES												
ACCIDENTS		5		5		5						1
†												
OTHER DISEASES	2	54	2	54	1	22		2		2		
TOTAL	4	380	4	375	2	127		7		7		

‡ AVERAGE DAILY SICK RATE Per Cent.: Offrs. OR's. All Ranks.

§ RMO's REMARKS ON HEALTH OF UNIT—

General Physical Condition of Personnel Moderate

Severity of Work or Training Moderate

General Evacuated cases: 5 P.U.O., 2 for dental treatment, increase in line the feet-in personnel on patrol duties.

NOTES: * If reinforcements from a malarious or otherwise infected area, RMO to state in Appendix "A."

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‡ To be computed in Offices of DDMS or ADMS.

§ Any special report exceeding scope of this form to be attached as Appendix "A."

1. STORES (Details of stores requisitioned but not obtained to be attached as Appendix "B".)

(a) Medical:

Expendable Satisfactory

Non Expendable Shortage of Thermometers

(b) EXPENSE STORES:

Ordnance Satisfactory

A.A.S.C. Shortage of Iodine

(c) MALARIA CONTROL STORES:

Ordnance Satisfactory

A.A.S.C. Satisfactory

2. MALARIA CONTROL

(a) Measures of Personal Protection (Good, Fair, or Bad).

Nets... Good..... Atebrin... Good..... Clothes... Good..... Repellent Good.....

(b) Larval Control ~~Strict~~ watch being kept on trenches but no larvae found.

(c) Adult Destruction

(d) General Comments Adult anopheline mosquitoes scarce

3. TRAINING CARRIED OUT BY RMO Routine. Stretcher-bearers are being withdrawn one at a time for refresher courses in their work.

4. RATIONS Satisfactory

5. TRANSPORT Evacuation of stretch r cases by native carriers

6. HYGIENE Satisfactory

(Signed) *[Signature]* RMO

Unit 58/59 Aust Inf B

NOTE: * Any special report exceeding scope of this form to be attached as Appendix "A."

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

6...../...44 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday ¹² 5 / 2 / 1944 (Unit)

W.E.I. / 120 / 2. OFFRS. 32 O.R.'s. 755 + OFFRS. 1 O.R.'s. 34 ATT. BY W.E.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.
			1 1 5 29	Lieut.-Colonels Majors Captains Lieutenants Quarter-masters A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs.	AAMC	1			
	50 1	10	36			1			
	6	10	36			1			

DETAIL.	A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	••	TOTAL.
A.	A	B								37
E.(1)										
E.(2)										

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.
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PART B.—PARTICULARS OF OFFICERS JOINED OR QUITTED DURING WEEK.

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK.

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

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

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

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO (Unit) IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED. / / 194

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

Unit

58/59 AUST INF BN

6.../...44 (Serial No.)

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 5/2/1944. (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Maj-T/Lt-col	VX186	WARFE	GR		No	Leave	
Capt-T/Maj	VX 112181	NEWMAN	GR	2 1/c	No	X List	
Capt	VX7562	SWEET	H G	Adm Comd	Yes		
Lieut-T/Capt	VX102607	JACKSON	GC	Coy Comd	Yes		
Lieut	VX102647	DENPSTER	NA	Pl Comd	Yes		
Lieut-T/Capt	VX117052	HILBERT	HH	Coy Comd	Yes		
"	VX102648	CUTBERTSON	CC	"	Yes		
" Lieut	VX102652	FRASER	R J W	Pl Comd	Yes		
"	VX51665	GRIFF	EM	Coy Comd	No	School	
"	VX114247	MacDONALD	RL	Pl Comd	Yes		
"	VX112185	BETHUNE	J F	Adjt	Yes		
"	VX114250	SPIKE	D G	Pl Comd	No	School	
"	TX5326	SHROSBREE	E J	"	Yes		
"	TX4679	ROE	J R	"	Yes		
"	VX102654	PROBY	LS	"	No	X List	
"	VX102655	WILLIAMS	GR	"	No	School	
"	EX133591	EWART	RB	"	No	Rear Details	
"	EX76179	BEALE	DR	"	Yes		
"	VX25594	LANE	GR	"	Yes		
"	VX104552	WALKER	H J C	"	Yes		
"	VX105847	GRAHAM	P W	"	No	X List	
"	OX39329	ZERNER	ES	"	Yes		
"	VX106327	MATHEWS	EL	I O	No	School	
"	VX113588	BALL	AB	Pl Comd	Yes		
"	EX13878	SIMMONDS	R J	"	Yes		
"	VX109161	BIDGOOD	HC	"	Yes		
"	TX4464	SMITH	PO	"	Yes		
"	EX118987	BOLFE	B	"	No	X List	
"	VX89390	WHEELER	AB	"	Yes		
"	EX123187	BALZER	RC	"	Yes		
"	V145879	McCUTCHAN	ED	"	No	X List	
"	VX118687	McINTOSH	J O	"	No	X List	
"	VX101386	FORSTER	J	"	No	X List	
"	EX129557	KELLY	H H	"	Yes		
"	EX114337	MORRIS	P J	"	Yes		
"	EX113231	BREWSTER	D J	"	Yes		
Capt	EX201928	MIDDLETON	L W	RMO	Yes		

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
Chaplain	VX91591	BLAKEMORE J J	AACD	12/12/43	

5/2/44

Date of Despatch

Truth—7/43.

Signature of Commander

A/Adjt 58/59 Aust Inf Bn

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Army Form W.3008
(Adapted) (Page 1)
(Revised Jan., 1943)

7 / 44 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 12 / 2 / 1944 55/50 Bn (Unit)

W.E. 11 / 120 2 OFFRS. 32 O.R.'s. 755 OFFRS. 1 O.R.'s. 34 ATT. BY W.E.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10				
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.								
Rein'fts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'fts Required.				
	6		1	Lieut.-Colonels	AANC								
			1	Majors									
			4	Captains			1						
		10	29	Lieutenants									
	1		-	Quarter-masters									
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.									
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.									
	7		35			1							
		10											
				A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.P.	**	TOTAL.
				A.									36
				E.(1)									
				E.(2)									

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in pars. 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

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

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

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

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO (Unit) IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED. / / 194

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 12/2/1944 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Maj-T/Lt-col	VX186	WARFE	C R		No	Leave.	
Capt-T/Maj	VX112181	NEWMAN	C E	Adm Comd	Yes		
Capt	VX7562	SWEET	H G	2 1/c	Yes		
Lieut-T/Capt	VX102607	JACKSON	A C	Coy Comd	Yes		
Lieut	VX102647	DEMETER	N A	Pl Comd	No	X-List YF3	
Lieut-T/Capt	VX117052	HILBERT	H H	Coy Comd	Yes		
"	VX102648	CUTHBERTSON	C C	"	Yes		
Lieut	VX102652	FRAZER	R J W	Pl Comd	Yes		
"	VX51665	GRIFF	B H	Coy Comd	No	School X List.	
"	VX114247	MacDONALD	R L	Pl Comd	Yes		
"	VX112185	BETHUNE	J F	Adit	Yes		
"	VX114250	SPINK	D G	Pl Comd	No	School.	
"	TX5326	SUBSSEKE	R J	"	Yes		
"	TX4679	ROE	J E	"	Yes		
"	VX102654	PROBY	L S	"	Yes		
"	VX102655	WILLIAMS	G R	"	No	School.	
"	MX133501	SWART	R D	"	Yes		
"	MX78179	BRALE	D R	"	Yes		
"	VX23594	LANE	G R	"	Yes		
"	VX104552	WALKER	H J C	"	Yes		
"	VX105847	OHANAH	P W	"	Yes		
"	QX39329	ZERNER	E S	"	Yes		
"	VX106327	MATHEWS	H L	I.C.	No	School.	
"	VX113523	BALL	A B	Pl Comd	Yes		
"	MX13879	SIMMONDS	R J	"	Yes		
"	VX109161	BIDGOD	N C	"	Yes		
"	TX4464	SMITH	P C	"	Yes		
"	MX118 927	ROJBE	B	"	Yes		
"	VX29390	WHEELER	A D	"	Yes		
"	MX123187	BALZER	R C	"	Yes		
"	V145879	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX					
"	V145879	McUTCHEON	R D	"	Yes	No X List.	
"	VX118627	McINTOSH	J G	"	Yes	No X List.	
"	VX101326	FORSTER	J	"	Yes	No X List.	
"	MX129557	KELLY	H H	"	Yes	X List	
"	MX114337	HORRIG	P J	"	Yes		
"	MX113231	BREWSTER	D J	"	Yes		
Capt	MX291928	MIDDLETON	L W	REG	Yes		

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
Chaplain	VX91591	BLAKEMORE J J	AIGD	12/13/43	

Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander

Johnnie Brent

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Army Form W.3008
(Adapted) (Page 1)
(Revised Jan., 1943)

/ 44 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 19 / 2 / 194 4 (Unit)

W.E.I. / 120 / 2. OFFRS. 32 O.R's. 755+ OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 34 ATT. BY W.E.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10				
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.								
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.				
	5	11	30	1 1 5 30	AAAC	1							
	1			Lieut.-Colonels Majors Captains Lieutenants Quarter-masters A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs.									
	6	11	37			1							
		DETAIL		A.I.P.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in pars. 10 of instructions for completion of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).		A.		A	B								38
		E.(1)		38									
		E.(2)											

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

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

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

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

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO (Unit) IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED. / / 194

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

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

8 / 44 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 19 / 2 / 1944 58/59 Bn (Unit)

W.E. ^{II} 120 / 2 OFFRS. 32 O.R.'s. 755 + OFFRS. 1 O.R.'s. 34 ATT. BY W.E.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

1 W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				5	6 ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.	DETAIL.	Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.
	1			W.Os. Class I.					
		1	7	W.Os. Class II.	AACC	1			
	3		2	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.					
	3		28	Staff Sergeants	AACC, AAMC, AAPC, AEME	8		2	
	12		52	Sergeants	AACC, AAMC, AAPC, AACC, Postal	6		2	
	199		448	Corporals	AACC, AAMC, AEME	10		5	2
				Troopers, Privates, etc.					
				Civilians counting as O.R.					
218 *	218	1	537 *	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2		25 *		9	2

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 7 of instructions for compilation of this return will complete analysis of Part B(1) and B(2).

** Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Col. Particulars will be shown, e.g., 20 U.K. Forces, 10 N.Z. Forces.

Detail	A.I.F.	C.M.F.		A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N	R.A.A.F	**	TOTAL
		Under 19 Years.	19 Years and over.							
A	288		274							562
B(1)										
B(2)										

Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

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

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.
11	15 Bde			15	Leave		
21	4 Fd Regt			12	Schools		
12	Survey Bty			17	Rear Details		
12	2/5 Fd Amb			7	15 Bde		
3	3 Div Sigs			3	Fd Bakery		
				3	Station Comd		
				1	Records		
				1	NG FPC		
				1	Graves Reg.		
				1	266 L A D		
				1	129 Bde W/Shops		

Part D. Description of Other Ranks Whose Return To (Unit) is Particularly Requested. / / 194

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

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

At present, status of (Unit) (Name)

Part A. Filled Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

ATTACHED ALLOWED BY UNIT					WE REQUIREMENT ATTACHED				
Grade	Strength	W.F.	W.S.	Other	Grade	Strength	W.F.	W.S.	
DEFICIENCIES									
	1	WO I	FSM	Reinforcement	not required				
	3	CQMS's		"	"				
	3	Sgts	General Duty		"				
	12	Cpls	"	"	"				
SURPLUS									
	1	WO II	General Duty.						

ATTACHED PERSONNEL									
	AEME	Craftsman Armourer	Deficient						
		Fitter Gun	"						
	AACC	Deficient 7	Reinforcements not required						

Part D. Description of Other Ranks Whose Return To (Unit) is Particularly Requested.

Name	Grade	Description

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 19/ 2 /194 4.

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.			Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)			Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)			Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)		
W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
			Surveyors, Engineering			Operating Room Assts.			G.P.O. Assistants		
			Surveyors, E.A.A.			Operator, Keyboard			Hammermen		
			Surveyors, Topographical			Operator, Line			Leather Stitches		
			Surveyors, Trigonometrical			Operator, Signal			Orderlies, Nursing		
			Toolmakers			Operator, Switchboard			Orderlies, Nursing Mental		
			Turners			Operator, Wireless			Plate Layers		
			Watchmakers			Opticians			Rangetakers	4	2
			Welders			Painters			Riveters		
						Panel Beaters			Roughriders		
						Photographer, Dry Plate			Saddlers		
						Predictor Numbers			Saddletree makers		
						Printers			Shoemaker and Boot Repairer		
						Radiographers			Stevedores		
						Riggers			Stokers, Staty. Engine		
			GROUP II.			Sawyers			Storemen, Technical	4	4
			Armourers			Signallers	27	27	Tailors	2	2
			Axemen			Signwriters			Textile Refitters		
			Bakers			Telescope Identfn. Numbers			Tinsmiths		
			Qty. Comd's. Asst.			Well Borers			Vulcanisers		
			Boilermakers			Wheelers			Wagon Erectors		
			Carpenters	6	6	Winchman			Whitesmiths		
			Carpenters and Joiners			Wireman					
			Cooks			Woodturners					
			Dental Mechanics								
			Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)								
			Driver-Operator								
			Drainers								
			Electricians								
			Electricians (Engineers)								
			Fire Control Operators			GROUP III.			DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.		
			Gun Operator			Battery Surveyors			Batmen	34	34
			Hatchman			Butchers	1	1	Hygiene	4	4
			Height Taker			Clerks	11	11	R Police	7	7
			Helio Operator			Clerks, Supply			W Duty	2	2
			Instrument Operator			Clerks, Technical			S Bearers	21	21
			Intelligence Duties	10	10	Coach Trimmers			Storemen	12	9
			Joiners			Concretors			Gen Duty	608	395
			Lineman			Cooks					
			Lineman, Signals			Dental Clerk Orderlies			Total	755	537
			Lithographers			Despatch Riders			ATTACHED BY W.E.		
			Machinists, Metal			Draughtsmen, Signals			AAMC	4	4
			Machinists, Wood			Drivers, H.T.			AAPC	2	2
			Masons			Driver Mechanics			Postal	1	1
			Masseurs			Driver Tpin. Plant			AAOC	1	1
			Mechanics, M.T.			Engine Hands, I.C.			AEME	3	1
			Miners			Equipment Repairers	1	1	AACC	25	15
			Moulders			Farriers					
			Nurses, Trained			Fitters' Mates			Total	34	25
			Observation Post Assts.			Gun Layers					
									Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A, respectively.		
			CARRIED FORWARD	1	1	CARRIED FORWARD	17	17	CARRIED FORWARD	57	57
										789	562

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

Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander