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formation and unit diaries, 1939-1945

# 1/4/8 CORPS

2 Australian Corps  
General Branch (2 Aust  
Corps 'G' Branch)

February 1945, part 1



1/4/8-037A

S E C R E T

References to  
Appendices Diaries

### Summary of Events and Information

Appreciation of the situation in regard to Future Operations of 3 Aust Div  
by Brig A R GARRETT, BGS 2 Aust Corps on 1 Feb 45

## Appendix 5

3 Aust Div requested that action be taken to provide holdings of amn equal to their estimated requirements for next 90 days. They were advised that the target reserve and Maintenance holdings of ammunition were as follows:

- (a) Reserve - 60 days for all troops at moderate WUR  
(b) Maintenance - 60 days for one jungle div plus one armed sqn at moderate rate.

and that action was being taken to provide this.

G/614/SD Appendix 6

First Aust Army were requested to advise intention of RAN in this area after relief of US Navy so that the availability of operational patrol craft would be assured.

An Unofficial request from Comd 23 AS Flotilla RNZN that his flotilla be based at TOROKINA to support operations in this area was also passed to First Aust Army.

G/612/Ops Appendix 7

Suggested plan by Comd 2 Aust Corps to implement 2 Aust Corps Op Instr No.3 para 3 was passed to GOC 3 Aust Div. This plan aimed at getting troops to the line of the PURIATA RIVER.

## Appendix 8

1 Feb (Continued) 2 Aust Corps General Staff Instruction No 2

A general instruction was issued to coordinate the control of watercraft in BOUGAINVILLE area. This instruction laid down method of control of dets with formations and methods of beach and cargo working.

G/600/Ops

Appendix 7

M1A1 and M2A2 Flame Throwers

A direction was received from First Aust Army that this HQ would not take over M1A1 flamethrowers from US Force as AEME would be unable to supply hydrogen for their operation. The direction also stated that M2A2 flamethrowers would shortly be available and some would be despatched to this area on receipt. As the proposal to take over M1A1 flamethrowers originated from a direction by the C in C while in this area, the GOC represented the position to GOC First Aust Army in a personal letter

2 Feb

Staff School ( Aust)

As LHQ desire to make an early selection for Staff School (Aust) No.9 Course Grade II Wing, instructions were issued that nominations were to reach 2 Aust Corps not later than 8 Feb.

G/621/Trg

Appendix 10

4 Feb

Hygiene Instruction

Joining instructions issued for 2 Aust Corps Hygiene Instr Cadre -Course 1. Object of course is to train unit officers and NCOs, to appreciate unit hygiene problems.

G/634/Trg

Appendix 11

5 Feb

Minefields BOUGAINVILLE Area

Details were forwarded to 3 Aust Div of available information regarding allied minefields laid in mouths of PURIATA HONGORAI MOBIAI and MIBO RIVERS, and of methods for neutralising them

G/639/Ops

Appendix 12

5 Feb (Continued)

Time Zones

Direction received from First Aust Army that units in SOLOMONS ISLANDS incl EMIRAU would revert to L time zone. Instruction was issued that the change would take place at 2400K 7 Feb

First Aust Army  
0814  
0822

Appendix 3

D3 Tractors for Tank Recovery

Advice received from First Aust Army regarding non availability of D8 tractor for tank recovery was forwarded to 3 Aust Div.

G/640/SD

Appendix 4

Arty Requirements 2 Aust Corps

A review of present arty requirements in 2 Aust Corps was forwarded to First Aust Army in support of request for additional Fd Regt.

G/637/Ops

Appendix 5

6 Feb

Watches GS

42 Aust Ldg Craft Coy was advised that HQ 2 Aust Corps was unable to issue 17 watches GS surplus to WET as requested, but watches in workshops will be repaired as soon as possible. It is suggested that watches GS be pooled.

G/643/SD

Appendix 6

Relief of Units with Long Tropical Service

First Aust Army advised that one sec 6 Aust Fd Baking Pl is only unit for relief

SD832

Appendix 7

Tac R NEW BRITAIN

A letter was received from First Aust Army advising the possibility of Det 5 Tac R Sqn moving to 5 Aust Div in the immediate future, and that RAAF are unable to increase the establishment of 84 Army Co-op Wing.

First Aust  
Army  
G/132/Air

Appendix 8

7 Feb

Redesignation of Postal Units

Letter to First Aust Army recommending that Det 4 Aust Div Postal Unit and Det 12 Aust Div Postal Unit be redesignated 11 Aust Inf Bde Postal Sect and 23 Aust Inf Bde Postal Sec respectively.

G/649/SD

Appendix 19

Alteration of Office Hours

Consequent on the reversion to L time as from 2400 hrs 7 Feb office hours will be:

0830 - 1200 hrs  
1330 - 1600 hrs  
1900 - 2100 hrs

GS Minute  
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and daily staff conference will be held at 0845 hrs

Air Force Bombline

Air Force Bombline has been moved forward to SOUTH bank of HONGORI RIVER in the SOUTH and NORTH to the SOUTH bank of Inlet at L2866

A0841

Appendix 21

Amendment No 1 to 2 Aust Corps Location Statement and Order of Battle No. 4

G/652/Ops)  
G0857 )

Appendix 22

8 Feb

Personnel 42 Aust Ldg Craft Coy attached to 1 Aust Ldg Craft Pl at 3 Aust Base Sub Area

Letter to First Aust Army asking that the return of the six personnel concerned be expedited.

G/658/SD

Appendix 23

Report on Operative and Administrative Activities - 1 Aust Corps, 2 Aust Corps and NG Force

Fourteen copies of the above report were forwarded to First Aust Army

G/633/SD

Appendix 24  
(all copies)

9 Feb

Training - 3 Aust Div

3 Aust Div asked to clarify their training programme 5-11 Feb.  
15 Bde - Re exercise in digging of battalion defence locality - EGS considers that bn def locality as such will seldom be occupied in jungle warfare except for perimeter defence of main supply base.

G/664/Ops

Appendix 25

*[Signature]*

11 Feb

Trg Amn - 32 Aust HAA Bty

RAA 2 Aust Corps were advised that approval is given for 3.7 inch and 40 mm amn held in excess of 90% of WET entitlement to be used for trg as there are insufficient stocks in 13 AAD to allow issues for trg. This unit has not had trg with live amn since Sep 44 due to delays in the movement of the unit to its present location.

G/680/SD Appendix X

12 Feb

Trg Amn - 32 Aust HAA Bty

Letter to First Aust Army advising that approval has been given for bty to use for trg, amn in excess of 90% WET and requesting replacement amn be forwarded direct to bty and that action be taken to place reserve of 60 days moderate WUR for two HAA Btys in 13 Aust AOD

G/687/SD Appendix 27

Left Out of Battle Personnel - First Aust Army G/1504/SD of 1 Feb refers

In response to First Aust Army request for the comd's views, they were advised that 2 Aust Corps agree <sup>that</sup> the addition of a number of officers to WE of Inf Bns and Cav (Commando) Regts is necessary and submit the following as a suitable LOB Group:-

- 1 Major
- 2 Captains
- 3 Lieutenants

G/688/SD Appendix 28

Star Shell Demonstration

11 Aust Inf Bde advised arty demonstration using 25 pr STAR SHELL will be held TOROKINA on 15 Feb at 2000L

G/689/SD Appendix 29

Movement Det 3 Aust Svy Bty

3 Aust Div to prepare det for movement to EMIRAU. Role on arrival to survey in guns posns. 23 Aust Inf Bde to arrange return to TOROKINA on completion of task.

SD894 Appendix 30

Comd 4 Aust Fd Regt

4 Aust Fd Regt less 10 Bty passes from comd 3 Aust Div to 11 Aust Inf Bde 2400 hrs 13 Feb. This will provide additional arty support for operations in the TSIMBA area.

G0890 Appendix 31

12 Feb(Continued)

Ammunition Racks for Tractors Tracked Arty TD9

3 Aust Div advised that authority is granted for the fitting of amn rack to above tractor. These racks will carry Boxes cartridges F59-3 and Boxes shell C206-5.

G/591/SD Appendix 32

Inspection 32 Aust HAA Bty by ERA First Aust Army -First Aust Army RAA 153 of 1 Feb

23 Aust Inf Bde and 32 Aust HAA Bty were advised that no action was to be taken on the above letter.

G/690/Ops Appendix 33

Jap Land Mines

Jap land mines were located on MARAWAKA - MOSIGETTA road. This is the first time in this operation that Japs have used land mines.

13 Feb

Provision of Officers and WCOs by 7 Aust Inf Bde for Training Battalions

As a result of representations made to the CGS who was visiting this area he notified the DMT by message that owing to the shortage of experienced leaders, this bde would not be able to provide its quota of instructors.

SD903 Appendix 34

14 Feb

ROBERTSON sun flash distress Signal Device

Samples of this signal device were forwarded to 3 Aust Div, 11 Aust Inf Bde and 42 Aust Ldg Craft Coy for user trials in cooperation with aircraft.

G/705/SD Appendix 35

Issue of 25 pr Mk II in lieu of 25 Pr Short to 4 Aust Fd Regt

11 Aust Inf Bde and RAA 2 Aust Corps were advised that approval was given for the issue of 2 x 25 pr Mk II to 4 Aust Fd Regt in lieu of 25 pr Short at present held. Three guns are available for issue now and the balance will be issued when received.

G/708/SD Appendix 36

Recognition Signal - Small Surface Craft

Letter to First Aust Army advising them that arrangements have been made to standardize the system of identification for use by small vessels in 2 Aust Corps area on Department of the Navy ACB 0224(2) of 10 Mar 43 and that COM-NAVINCORSOLS and COMAIRNORSOLS respectively will be issuing authority for naval and sea craft in this area. Approval was requested for this HQ to be the issuing authority to AMF formations and units in this area.

G/710/Ops Appendix 37

15 Feb

Movement of Det 5 Aust Mob Met Flt from LAE

Message to First Aust Army asking them to arrange early move of this det to TOROKINA as they are required for employment in TSIMBA area

SD914 Appendix 38

16 Feb

CRA 3 Aust Div

Message to 3 Aust Div advising that CCRA 2 Aust Corps ceases to act as CRA 3 Aust Div from receipt of message. Duties of CRA 3 Aust Div will in future be carried out by senior arty cmd within the formation.

G0938 Appendix 39

17 Feb

Movement of Additional Fd Regt to TOROKINA

Letter to First Aust Army requesting them to move either 2/11 Aust Fd Regt from LAE without waiting for relief or 13 Aust Fd Regt direct from Australia whichever is the quicker so as to provide additional arty for this area as soon as possible.

G/727/Cps Appendix 40

18 Feb

Spraying of Jap gardens

In answer to a request by 3 Aust Div for Jap gardens to be destroyed by spraying they were advised that as the only effective substance is a toxic poison the use of which is prohibited by the Geneva Convention, it is not considered worthwhile pursuing the subject further.

G/730/Ops Appendix 41

Provision of Air Support

BGS saw Gp Capt ROBERTS cmd RNZAF in area regarding the use of medium aircraft based at GREEN and EMIRAU islands on support missions. Gp Capt ROBERTS said his primary task was to stop the enemy employing his airforce from NEW BRITAIN or NEW IRELAND. This did not require all his force and strikes would be available from time to time on 2 Aust Corps targets.



19 Feb

Det 5 Aust Mob Met Flt

First Aust Army were advised that this det arrived at TOROKINA on 16 Feb

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Appendix 42

Employment of SRD Det in 2 Aust Corps Area

Advice was received from DSIO that a SRD det is to be sent to this area ETA 24 Feb for suggested employment CHOISEUL. First Aust Army were advised that this HQ had received no official advice and did NOT concur with their employment on CHOISEUL and that detailed information available was insufficient to determine suitable target. It was recommended that despatch of the party be deferred until a date to be notified by this HQ.

G0960

Appendix 43

Warning Order - Det 9 Aust Wireless Sec (Lt)

A Warning Order was issued to 23 Aust Inf Bde and B Aust Corps Sigs for movement of this det from TOROKINA to GREEN ISLAND to relieve B det 5 Aust Wireless Sec (Lt) who will return to TOROKINA

SD962

Appendix 44

Lighting System EMIRAU ISLAND

First Aust Army were advised that the only lighting system on EMIRAU was out of action and as no spare parts were held they were asked to expedite the delivery of the 3 lighting sets already under issue order.

SD963

Appendix 45

Employment of New Guinea Infantry Battalion

A direction was sent to 3 Aust Div and 11 Aust Inf Bde that necessary action would be taken to see that sub units of NGIB were given adequate rest and period for rehabilitation. This direction resulted from a report by OC A Coy who stated that his coy were in urgent need of rest.

G/739/Ops

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Further to above direction the Corps Comd directed that principles laid down in "Tactical and Administrative Doctrine for Jungle Warfare" Tactical Directive No 10 and Administrative Directive No 6 will apply equally to native troops and to native carriers or labour.

G/746/Ops

Appendix 47

20 Feb

Comd AA Units - 2 Aust Corps Area

First Aust Army were asked to reconsider the decision to place 141 HAA Bty and 554 Lt AA Bty under comd 4 Aust Base Sub Area for the following reasons:

- (a) 4 Aust Base Sub Area have no staff who understand AA arty
- (b) 554 Lt AA Bty has not fired a practice since arrival on 21 Sep44. Five predictors are out of action due to lack of AEME facilities and remaining 7 need workshop attention.
- (c) The CGS during his recent visit expressed the opinion that the CCRA must be responsible for the trg and technical efficiency of all AA units in this area.

G/740/Ops Appendix 48

Flame Throwers M1A1

11 Aust Inf Bde were advised that 16 M1A1 flamethrowers with all available associated stores were obtained from US Forces. Six were issued to 3 Aust Div but owing to a shortage in associated stores an issue cannot yet be made to 11 Aust Inf Bde. 3 Aust Div will be conducting a two weeks course on this flamethrower commencing 28 Feb 45 and vacancies will be made available to 11 Aust Inf Bde.

G/758/SD Appendix 49

Employment of SRD Det in 2 Aust Corps Area

In reply to our G0960, First Aust Army <sup>stated</sup> that no decision had been made to send an SRD det to BOUGAINVILLE but that during recent visit by DSIO SOLOMONS he was asked to discuss with HQ 2 Aust Corps the possibility of using SRD in 2 Aust Corps area.

21 Feb

Location Statements and Operational Order of Battle

Instructions were issued that in future a combined location statement and order of battle will be submitted to this HQ as at 2359 hrs 22nd of each month and an amendment as at 2359 hrs 8th of each month

G/752/Ops Appendix 50

Artillery Demonstrations - 25 pr STAR SHELL

The demonstration was carried out on 15 Feb and proved that the 25 pr Star Shell provided sufficient illumination:

- (a) To permit movement of Infantry and AFVs along a track at the rate of 200 yds two minutes for at least 1300 yds from area illuminated
- (b) To permit observation and correction of arty fire and also the employment of direct fire weapons

G/753/SD Appendix 51

21 Feb (Continued)

Leave - 1 Sec 2 Aust Fd Svy Coy

A letter was sent to First Aust Army recommending that some of the personnel of the above section be relieved by 1 officer and 16 ORs from 3 Section which is at LAE, to enable personnel of 1 sec to be sent on leave

G/760/SD. Appendix 51

Amendment No 3 to DRLS and Safe Hand Despatch Timetables

A new DRLS Timetable was promulgated

G/761/SD Appendix 53

Collection of Material for ATM (Aust) and visit of officer from DMT

3 Aust Div were requested to give all assistance to the above officer during his visit to their area in obtaining information from field formations and units for publication in ATM (Aust)

G/765/SD Appendix 54

Itinerary for Visit of Lt Col Dean Indian Army

3 Aust Div and 11 Aust Inf Bde were advised that Lt Col Dean an observer from the Indian Army was expected to arrive in this area on 23 Feb 45, and would spend a day with 3 Aust Div and a day with 11 Aust Inf Bde on the NUMA NUMA trail.

G/766/SD Appendix 55

3 Aust Div Flame Thrower Course 26 Feb - 10 Mar 45

Joining instructions for above course were received from 3 Aust Div. The course will be held at HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde. The object is to train selected infantry personnel in maintaining, handling, and tactical employment of the Portable Flame Thrower M1A1. 1 officer and 6 NCO vacancies were allotted to 11 Aust Inf Bde.

Appendix 56

22 Feb

2 Aust Corps Operation Instruction No.6

This instruction which defines the control of Air Support in 2 Aust Corps area and cancels relevant paras in 2 Aust Corps Operation Instruction Nos.1 and 3 was issued.

Appendix 57

23 Feb

Aircraft and Tank Recognition Models

First Aust Army were asked to approach the DME, LHQ, with a view to discontinuing the issue of the above models to formations and units of 2 Aust Corps as the breakages have been extremely high due to lack of transport and storage facilities. It was suggested that the models could be stored on the mainland until required.

G/773/SD

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War Usage Rate Data - Operational Activity

Statement of units of 2 Aust Corps operating at contact for period 21 Jan 45 to 20 Feb was forwarded to First Aust Army in accordance with First Aust Army G/774/SD of 5 Dec 44.

G/776/SD

Appendix

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24 Feb

Replacement of 3 x25 pr (Short) (Aust) Mk I with 3 x 25pr Mk 2

First Aust Army were requested to approve of above replacement for 4 Aust Fd Regt. The eqpt is available in this area.

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Appendix

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Trg Ammunition 3.7 inch for 32 Aust HAA Bty

Advice was received from First Aust Army that approval cannot be granted for replacement of 10% WET entitlement of 3.7 inch amn to 32 Aust HAA Bty and that it is not proposed to place any reserve or maintenance stocks in 13 Aust AOD as it is felt that WET ammunition is sufficient to cover both trg and operational requirements of both 32 Aust HAA Bty and 141 Aust HAA Bty

First Aust Army

G/1761/SD

Appendix

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25 Feb

Sten Guns

A letter was forwarded to CO British Solomon Islands Protectorate Defence Force accepting his offer of 100 Sten Guns with associated stores on loan for a period of approx 6 months when reports would be submitted for forwarding to the issuing authorities and also the matter of permanent acquisition, return or further loan could then be considered. The CO was also advised that Maj BROCKWAY HQ 2 Aust Corps would be visiting GUADALCANAL on approx 28 Feb and would take delivery.

G/797/Ops

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25 Feb

Identification Signals for use by Small Vessels

Instructions were issued to formations and units concerned for the standardisation of the system of identification signals for use by small vessels operating in 2 Aust Corps area on the Department of the Navy ACB 0224(2) of Mar 43. This system will come into operation as from 0100L hrs 6 Mar 45 and will be the only system used by Australian Small Craft. Instructions for the use of ACB 0224(2) were attached.

G/302/Cps Appendix 63

2 Aust Corps Operation Instruction No 7

This instruction was issued to 3 Aust Div laying down the next immediate role which is to:

- (a) Clear the enemy from and establish control over the area between the PURIATA and HARI RIVERS
- (b) Clear coastal sector and reconnoitre for suitable barge unloading points between PURIATA and HARI RIVERS
- (c) Secure a coastal supply point from which a road link can be connected to the main HIRU HIRU - AKU road. It was suggested that this should be in the AITARA or KAMAGETA area.

The instruction also laid down that not more than one Inf Bde group would be employed in the forward area, without reference to this HQ.

Appendix 64

Operational Patrols by Native Personnel

ANGAU were asked if a further attempt could be made to gain information regarding enemy strengths and defence positions on TAIOP ISLAND by means of a native patrol using barges operating from PUTU. 11 Aust Inf Bde are to give all possible assistance and direct liaison with 11 Aust Inf Bde is authorised on questions of the despatch of the patrol.

G/307/Cps Appendix 65

Comd AA Units - 2 Aust Corps Area

In reply to 2 Aust Corps request for 141 Aust HAA Bty and 554 Aust LAA Bty to be placed under command, First Aust Army advise that as the senior anti-aircraft officer is the AADC and can deal direct with the Base Commander it is not considered necessary to place these units under command CCRA 2 Aust Corps.

27 Feb

2 Aust Corps Location Statement and Order of Battle No 5

Location Statement and Order of Battle No 5 as at 2359 hrs 23 Feb 45 was issued G/804/Ops Appendix 46

28 Feb

Message Writing and Intercommunication

An instruction was issued to branches Arms and Services of HQ 2 Aust Corps that all officers and clerks would attend one of two lectures by Maj FRASER on the above subject. This was necessary in view of new procedures introduced by FSPB Pam 4.

GS Minute  
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Appendix 47

LILLO (Bunker Busting) and Types of Rockets

3 Aust Div and 11 Aust Inf Bde were advised that Lt Col LINTON BRITISH Army and Capt KERR would be visiting their area to explain the capabilities of the above rockets, to discuss possible methods of tactical use as a basis for trials and to inspect terrain and enemy defences in relation to the possibility of employment of rockets in future operations.

G/233/SD

Appendix 68

Training Teams from 23 Aust Inf Bde

In response to a request by 23 Aust Inf Bde instructions were issued for the attachment of parties of officers and NCOs to units and formations in operations for periods of 3 weeks to gain experience from current operations. These personnel will not act as observers but will carry out all duties short of actually taking over command of a sub unit.

G/835/Trg

Appendix 69

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S E C R E T

Subject: WAR DIARY

HQ 2 Aust Corps (ATW)  
G/386/Ops  
7 Mar 45

Staff Duties  
Military History Section  
No 2 Aust Base Post Office

Forwarded herewith are HQ 2 Aust Corps General  
Staff War Diaries as follows:

(a) Original copies for February 1945

Part I	Operations
II	Intelligence
III	Survey
IV	Chief Engineer
V	Chief Signal Officer

(b) Duplicate copies for January 1945

Part I	Operations
II	Intelligence
III	Survey
IV	Chief Engineer
V	Chief Signal Officer

*W. J. Garrett*  
for Lieutenant-General  
Commander 2 Aust Corps

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HQ 2 AUST CORPS (AIF)

GENERAL STAFF WAR DIARY - FEBRUARY 1945

List of Routine Appendices Attached:

2 Aust Corps Sitreps Nos 72 - 99	Appendix 1
2 Aust Corps Daily Int Summary Nos 22-49	Appendix 2
2 Aust Corps ALOs Bulletins Nos 44-46	Appendix 3
Traces showing dispositions as at 18 Jan and 28 Jan	Appendix 4

Further appendices as indicated in text.



MESSAGE FORM

From 2 AUST CORPS 017110 K  
 To FIRSTAUSTARMY  
 Info SEE OVER

O 772 secret sitrep 72 to 011900K (.) part one of two parts (.)  
 FIRST (.) 11 aust inf bde (.)

PIATERAPAIA (.) 2 JAPS fired on at 678132 (.) arty engaged  
 mov SMITHS HILL Killed 1 JAP possibly killed 4 (.)

TSIMBA (.) night 31 jan 1 feb C coy 31/51 bn report considerable  
 activity (.) several booby traps sprung (.) in exchange of  
 fire resulting cas enemy 1 offr killed 1 JAP wounded own  
 3 wounded (.) enemy shelled B coy intermittently from 010200K  
 27 rounds incl 4 duds no cas (.) AM 1 feb 1 sniper killed  
 C coy area (.) 01145K C coy repulsed attack from NORTH by  
 LMG and estimated str 20 rifles (.) cas enemy 8 killed 6  
 wounded own 1 wounded (.) 2 serviceable type 96 LMG captured (.)

SECOND (.) 010700K 2 pl 101 bde sp coy departed TOROKINA for SIPAAI (.)  
 one sec 2 mtn bty departed TOROKINA for PUTO (.)

THIRD (.) airops 1 feb (.)

BOUGAINVILLE 1 feb (.) 8 CORSAIRS bombed huts suspected bivouac  
 area HORINU (1) 927508 (.) 20 CORSAIRS bombed huts pillboxes  
 WARIKI RIVER area 908609 (.) patrols strafed raft PUK PUK 2  
 japs KONANA Q7951 (.)

NEW IRELAND 31 jan (.) 4 MITCHELLS bombed BORPOP (.) 8 CORSAIRS  
 bombed KAVIENG (.)

NEW BRITAIN 31 jan (.) 21 MITCHELLS scored hits float plane park  
 TOBOI (.) 7 MITCHELLS 8 VENTURAS bombed possible plane park  
 VUNAKANAU (.) 4 CORSAIRS bombed MALAPAU (.) 4 CORSAIRS  
 bombed TOVAKUNDUM plantation (.) part two follows all infm

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 into enemy hands it TO ACTION  
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... *[Signature]* Lt-Col

INFO ADDRESSEES

3 AUST DIV	ROUTINE
11 AUST INF BDE	"
23 AUST INF BDE	"
4 AUST BASE SUB AREA	DRLS

INTERNAL DISTRIBUTION BY G(OPS)

PA to Comd.  
BGS  
DA&QMG

G1(Ops)  
G(Int) (2)  
G(AIR)  
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BMB  
War Diary (2) ✓

MESSAGE FORM

From 2 AUST CORPS 012110 K

To FIRTAUSTARMY

Info SEE OVER

0772 secret sitrep 72 part 2 and final part (.)

FOURTH (.) 3 aust div (.)

SOVELE (.) patrols area 9167 NMS (.)

PAGANA RIVER (.) patrol reports KUPON 868703 clear enemy but signs recently occupied 12 JAPS (.) further patrol contacted enemy with LMG 862678 own cas 1 killed further patrols investigating (.)

MAWARAKA (.) B coy 25 bn 770610 (.) B coy 9 bn patrol contacted 12 enemy 792613 cas enemy 1 killed 1 wounded own 1 wounded (.) A coy now 800611 repulsed enemy attack from EAST and WEST killed 6 enemy own NIL (.) patrol 786610 found dead JAP and LMG (.)

MOTUPENA POINT (.) 25 bn patrol on track NORTH from 807475 captured 4 rifles sups and documents from hut (.) one enemy fired on but escaped (.) A coy NGIB patrol killed 3 enemy in hut 825467 (.)

FIFTH (.) 23 aust inf bde (.)

011735K sub sighted by RNZAF approx 25 miles NNW GREEN

ISLAND (.) crash dived (.) patrols searching all infm

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G(AIR)

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War Diary (2) ✓

MESSAGE FORM

From : 2 Aust Corps

022010K

To : FIRSTAUSTARMY

Info : See Over

0789 secret sitrep 73 to 021900K (.) first of two parts (.)

FIRST (.) 11 aust inf bde (.)

PIATERAPAIA (.) relief of 26 bn by 55/53 bn complete (.)

TYIMBA (.) 1 feb one additional jap killed C coy area (.)

spasmodic hostile shelling pm and night 1/2 feb  
42 rds in B coy areas (.) own cas one wounded (.)  
believed one 70mm 226566 one 75mm 238580 (.) these  
posns registered our mtn arty 020900K (.) 12  
further rds fired later but shelling ceased when  
our arty engaged posns (.) night 1/2 feb slight  
enemy activity C coy perimeter own cas one killed (.)

SECOND (.) Airops (.)

BOUGAINVILLE 2 feb (.) 12 CORSAIRS bombed suspected dump  
and pers area MUGUAI 374394 good coverage (.)  
8 CORSAIRS tac r led hit huts biv area HORINU 2  
932507 (.) patrols strafed huts MUGUAI pers  
OROWERE BAY (.)

NEW IRELAND 1 feb (.) 8 VENTURAS bombed biv area HILALON  
ptn (.) 6 CORSAIRS bombed huts KAPSU (.)

NEW BRITAIN (.) 1 feb (.) 12 CORSAIRS bombed 18 huts  
TOBERA (.) 4 CORSAIRS hit biv area TOVAKUNDUM (.)  
16 CORSAIRS RABAUl patrols all infm

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MESSAGE FORM

From: 2 AUST CORPS 02 1115 K

To: FIRSTAUSTARMY

Info SEE OVER

0789 secret sitrep 73 to 021900K (.) part two and final part  
THIRD (.) 3 aust div (.)

SOVELE (.) 2/3 cdo sqn (.) patrol to huts 934634 killed  
1 jap poor condition (.) no further signs enemy in  
area (.)

PaGANA RIVER (.) 61 bn (.) ref sitrep 72 further patrol  
exchanged fire japs still in posn 762678 results  
unknown (.) patrol to KUPON NMS (.) pl B coy established  
firm base 352691 patrol 500 yds east no contact (.)

TAVERA RIVER (.) 25 bn patrol reached SISIRUAI two corrected  
location 901636 (.) village unoccupied NMS (.) patrol  
found jap posn 802662 still occupied (.) posn mortared  
(.)

MAKATOWA (.) D coy 9 bn 739613 engaged japs str unknown  
moving south unobserved results (.) patrol found  
fresh tracks shelters 792616 (.) rd between D coy and  
A coy 800611 clear (.) patrol found 150 mm how less  
firing pin 2 tracked arty prime movers fair condition  
one arty director one phone approx 796613 (.) craters  
our arty fire in area (.) patrol reports area from  
track 791613 north to river clear enemy all infm

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MESSAGE FORM

From 2 AUST CORPS 03 2005 K

To FIRST AUST ARMY

Info SEE OVER

0794 secret sitrep 74 to 031900K (.) part one of two parts (.)

FIRST (.) 11 aust inf bde (.)

PIATERAPAIA (.) 55/53 bn (.) 030600K ANGAU scouts posted to observe arty fire JAP posns 635163 630133 reported all rounds in area (.) one scout killed one JAP killed in clash (.) later MMGs 4 point 2 and 3 inch mortars harassed SMITHS HILL (.) KANAKAS brought in by ANGAU state 6 JAPS incl 2 offrs one LMG IEU (.) 6 JAPS with MMG JASIPOKI location not yet known (.)

SISIVIE (.) native report 2 feb JAPS evacuating area recently (.)

TSIMBA (.) 51/51 bn (.) 2 feb D coy relieved C coy north of GENGA RIVER (.) our 4 point 2 mortars fired on JAP posn 224561 (.) late pm further hostile shelling on crossing 230560 total 23 rounds (.) incl 7 duds/nil cas (.) our arty engaged gun areas (.) night 2/3 feb slight enemy activity B coy perimeter with grenades own cas 2 wounded (.) 3 feb enemy mov reported by tac r ridge 241586 (.) posn engaged by mtn arty (.) JAP posn 224561 mortared (.)

SECOND (.) airops (.)

BOUGAINVILLE 3 feb (.) 20 CORSAIRS destroyed hut concentrations strafed fired fuel dump MUGUAI (.) 3 CORSAIRS bombed gun posn TSIMBA area (.)

NEW IRELAND 2 feb (.) 18 MITCHELLS hit bivouac area CAPE LEMERIS (.) 4 MITCHELLS bombed KIMADAN (.) 4 MITCHELLS bombed BORPOP (.) 10 CORSAIRS KAVIENG patrols successfully bombed huts NORTH CAPE LOSSUK EAY (.)



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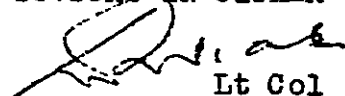
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NEW BRITAIN 2 feb (.) 1 MITCHELL 3 VENTURAS bombed ammunition  
and fuel dump REMBARR RANGE (.) 7 LIBERATORS  
dropped 28 tons bombs TOLERA KABANGA RIVER  
plantation (.) 6 EOSTONS bombed installations  
RABAUl all infm

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Lt Col

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From 2 AUST CORPS 03 1100 K

To FIRSTAUSTARMY

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O 794 secret sitrep 74 to 031900K (.) part two and final part (.)

THIRD (.) 3 aust div (.)

SOVELE (.) B tp 2/8 commando sqn returning SOVELE area (.)

patrol to AGOPAI 917674 NIGITAN WARAPA 895648 MENDAI

890643 MAROTIMBA 935662 returned (.) sightings 3

JAPS WARAPA 3 at MENDAI where two were killed (.)

PAGAHIA RIVER (.) A coy 61 bn moved SE to 840699 (.) patrol from

base 852691 encountered JAPS unknown str LMG rifles

bivouac area 12 huts approx 864676 (.) arty engaged

area (.) patrol destroyed huts (.) further patrol

contacted 4 JAPS in huts 878665 JAPS withdrew huts

destroyed (.)

TAVERA RIVER (.) 25 bn patrol base established 819654 (.)

MAKATOWA (.) B coy 9 bn now 788611 (.) pl moving east contacted

JAPS unknown str wired posn 804609 (.) our arty

engaged posn (.) pl dug in 802611 (.)

PURIATA RIVER (.) 2 feb NGIB patrol through MAKAKU 820504 sighted

two parties 8 JAPS and 20 JAPS NE of village (.)

first party engaged 2 JAPS killed (.) patrol withdrew

established ambush 803488 (.) pl 25 bn landed 805476

established 806475 further pl 808474 (.) patrol

fired on at 810473 (.) 3 feb patrol attacked across

sandbar mouth inlet 812472 one JAP killed 2 withdrew

(.) patrol along track from 798485 contacted JAP

ambush unknown str LMGs mortars (.) patrol withdrew

perimeter 784503 own cas one native wounded (.) 80

kanakas evacuated all infm

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MESSAGE FORM

From: 2 AUST CORPS

04 2132 K

To: FIRSTAUSTARMY

Info: SEE OVER

0805 secret sitrep 75 to 041900K (.)

FIRST (.) 3 aust div (.)

SOVELE (.) patrol reports MCSINA 889650 MENDAI SISIRUAI

clear but signs recent by foot traffic mainly north

from SISIRUAI (.) possible small jap party WARA PA (.)

PAGANA RIVER (.) ref sitrep 72 established KUPON at 882699

where clearing dropping ground commenced (.) pl L coy

61 bn 885696 standing patrol 858705 (.) further pl

846687 heard chopping approx 848685 (.) area engaged

arty patrol later NMS (.)

MAKATOWA (.) C coy 9 bn now 798611 (.) pl moving east from

802611 contacted enemy still in posn 804608 (.) pl

withdrew (.) E coy commenced outflanking move south

MOSIGETTA rd contacted 12 - 15 japs approx 808605 (.)

one jap killed own 1 wounded (.)

TAVERA RIVER (.) pl C coy 25 bn with tk a pl now 819654 (.)

PURIATA RIVER (.) D coy 25 bn established TOKO 825464 (.)

mov heard near perimeter night 3/4 (.)

SECOND (.) 11 aust inf bde (.)

PIATERAPAIA (.) our by mortars engaged SMITHS HILL unobserved

results (.) patrol to DAVIS HILL no contact (.)

TSIMEA (.) 31/51 bn (.) 3 feb B coy engaged enemy posns south

of GENG RIVER (.) japs returned fire 2 JUKI's 3 LMGs

(.) patrol NEMBOROSE area returned PUTO NMS (.) night

3/4 slight enemy activity against OP area 227560 (.)

booby traps sprung enemy cas unknown own nil (.) A coy

with FOO departed for KUNAMATORO via NEMBOROSE and

TSINOPE 041150K reached 254547 (.)

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THIRD (.) airops (.)

LOUGAINVILLE (.) 4 feb 20 CORSAIRS tac R led bombed strafed  
jap def posns RUARURO (.) 7 CORSAIRS led by tac R  
aircraft bombed huts LALUM (.) CORSAIR patrol  
destroyed 2 canoes RAUA harbour L4417 strafed 6  
huts TIPEROI L8630 one fired (.)

NEW BRITAIN (.) 3 feb 7 MITCHELLS 8 VENTURAS hit veh park  
RALAUL (.) 4 CORSAIRS bombed def posn RALUANA PT (-)  
4 CORSAIRS bombed huts URURUK KOKOPO (.) CORSAIR  
patrols killed 5 japs destroyed 1 truck RALAUJL asst  
23 MITCHELLS bombed VUNAKANAU (.)

NEW IRELAND (.) 3 feb VENTURA and CORSAIR patrols cratered  
roads CAPE LEMERIS PINIKINDU LAUAN LAY NORTH CAPE  
damaged huts LOSSUK LAY LAOGAGAN all mfm

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05 2130 K

To: FIRSTAUSTARMY

Info: SEE OVER

0820 secret sitrep 76 to 051900K (.) first of two parts (.)

FIRST (.) 11 aust inf bde (.)

PIATERAPAIA (.) ref sitrep 74 JASIPOKI now reported ref  
map RURAVO 1 to 25000 615215 (.) jap str  
SISIVIE area estimated 20 (.) following features  
named (.) 6717 6716 HENRYS HILL (.) 6916 WEARNES  
HILL (.) 6514 RYDERS HILL (.) 6913 ROBERTSON  
HILL (.)

TSIMEA (.) 31/51 bn (.) night 4/5 feb slight enemy activity  
B and C coy posns (.) 050200K hostile shelling  
11 rds area 221551 gun believed vicinity 240586  
(.) 1118K further 20 rds area 220549 (.) nil cas  
(.) our arty engaged areas between 221586 and  
226568 (.) A coy 255560 nil contact (.)

SECOND (.) airops (.)

BOUGAINVILLE (.) 5 feb 18 CORSAIRS tac r led bombed and  
strafed huts bivouac area road junction MEIVO  
area 882583 (.) 8 CORSAIRS destroyed at least  
10 huts HANPAN (.) SOUTH BOUGAINVILLE patrol  
sank canoe strafed 3 japs ASSINO LAY (R2598)  
(.) dusk patrol fired sampan TARONGEN (.) 2  
BOOMERANGS at 1825K strafed barge causing  
explosions 200 yds north SORAKEN plantation (.)

NEW IRELAND (.) 4 feb 4 MITCHELLS started large fires  
BORPOP (.) 11 CORSAIRS bombed huts DALGAI KAVIENG  
cratered road ULUNONO (.) 6 VENTURAS bombed  
BOLEGILA PTN LEMAKOT ROLAND YOUNG PTN cratered  
road PANATGIN (.)

NEW BRITAIN (.) 4 feb 8 CORSAIRS 7 VENTURAS 1 MITCHELL  
hit AA and direction finding installations  
VUNAKANAU (.) 5 BOSTONS bombed strafed WAIRIKI  
RIVER area (.) 5 LIEERATORS bombed TOEERA (.) 24  
CORSAIRS 1 MITCHELL 1 VENTURA bombed opportunity  
targets RADAUL area all infm

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From: 2 AUST CORPS

052210 K

To: FIRSTAUSTARMY

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0820 secret sitrep 76 to 051900K (.) part two and final part (.)  
THIRD (.) 3 aust div (.)

SOVELE (.) 2/3 cdo sqn now complete SOVELE area (.) 4 feb  
contact patrol 61 bn arrived sqn HQ NMS (.) patrol  
to RALERE MISSION area 9763 9762 reports garden  
area clear (.) ref sitrep 68 two additional japs  
killed 27 jan found (.) patrol continuing south (.)  
250 MOSIGETTA natives small party from SIWAI tribes  
arrived SOVELE (.) report 4 japs MINERU 021555 one  
killed (.) 3 jap KEMPEI with natives HORINU 945537  
(.) many japs  
TOKINOTU 895480 HIRU HIRU 810475 and north towards  
HORINU (.)

PAGANA RIVER (.) C coy 61 bn 829708 E coy track junc 885696  
(.) dropping ground 882699 clear 200 yds by 75 (.)  
patrol SE from pl base 851685 encountered enemy  
unknown str one LMG (.) enemy withdrew when arty  
engaged posn (.) patrol advanced 500 yds further  
contact 15 japs three LMG (.) arty again engaged  
enemy (.)

TAVERA RIVER (.) fighting patrol crossed river north gardens  
856637 met by fire own cas 1 killed 3 wounded (.)

MAKATOWA (.) patrol A coy 9 bn reported jap posn 804608  
vacated (.) pa advanced to 807606 one jap killed  
(.) E coy moving east contacted japs new pillboxes  
309605 (.) enemy endeavoured encircle but withdrew  
to pillboxes after fire fight (.) one jap killed  
one wounded own one wounded (.) C coy south  
MOSIGETTA rd moved through E coy reached rd  
approx 309607 exploiting east and west (.) patrol  
to river loop 804610 NMS (.)

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MOTUPEN. PT (.) pl D coy 25 bn 330485 (.) recon patrol  
contacted 12 japs 334478 and withdrew (.) NG18  
patrol killed 2 japs 320504 (.) Further enemy  
still vicinity track 321503 (.) 3413 set ambush  
303493 all infm

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MESSAGE FORM

From 2 AUST CORPS 06 2117 K  
To FIRSTAUSTARMY  
Info SEE OVER

GO 834 secret sitrep 77 to 061900K (.) part one of two parts (.)  
FIRST (.) 11 aust inf bde (.)

PIATERAPAIA (.) night 5/6 feb own arty harassed SMITHS HILL (.)

C coy patrol contacted 20 to 30 JAPS feature 672164 cas  
enemy 2 killed 1 wounded (.)

TSIMBA (.) ref sitrep 76 A coy posn 268563 (.) patrolling fwd no  
contact (.) am 6 feb B coy attacked from EAST enemy posn  
SOUTH of GENGA known as AMPHITHEATRE (.) by 0930K initial  
objective PIMPLE 224562 captured (.) cas 5 killed own 1 k  
killed 9 wounded (.) one type 92 JUKI captured (.) 1250K  
enemy arty opened on area 235559 causing cas 2 killed  
4 wounded 1 missing (.) by 1430K enemy still holding  
main posns but our fwd tps holding PIMPLE an important  
feature overlooking enemy posns and action proceeding (.)  
total own cas action to 1430K subject to checking 9  
killed 21 wounded 4 missing 011 in 1m

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To FIRSTAUSTARMY  
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GD 834 secret sitrep 77 to 061900K (.) second and final part (.)

SECOND (.) 3 aust div (.)

PAGANA RIVER (.) pl 61 bn contacted enemy unknown str with 2 LMGs  
at 853681 and later 854678 (.) enemy withdrew each time (.)  
patrol 2600 yds SW from 885696 no mov seen (.) contact patrol  
returned from SOVELE no enemy seen (.)

TAVERA RIVER (.) three pls 9 bn firm base 856637 (.)

MAKATOWA (.) am 6 feb C coy 9 bn moving EAST contacted enemy 810607  
own cas 1 wounded enemy unknown (.) D coy outflanking to  
SOUTH of track from 808606 contacted enemy with LMG 810603  
(.) own cas 1 killed 1 wounded (.) coy last reported moving  
through hy swamp 812603 (.) 9 bn HQ 799611 (.)

PURLATA RIVER (.) patrol 25 bn contacted enemy 835460 NGIB patrol  
830494 (.) nil sightings (.)

SOVELE (.) patrol 2/8 cdo sgn established perimeter 998591 (.) further  
patrol set ambush KONOS gardens 032608 as believed japs  
moving this area reprisal raid on natives for jap killed  
MINERU (.) ambush set 935598 150 yds from chain jap gardens  
(.) further 100 MOSIGETTA Natives arrived SOVELE 061600 (.)

THIRD (.) airops 6 feb (.)

BOUGAINVILLE 6 feb (.) 7 MITCHELLS 8 VENTURAS 22 CORSAIRS bombed  
huts dumps tp cones MUGUAI estimated 40/50 huts 2 fuel or  
amm dumps destroyed (.) 8 CORSAIRS tac r led bombed hut  
cones HORINU area 914507 and 920506 (.) CORSAIR patrols  
assisted by BOOMERANGS destroyed 5 rendered unserviceable  
4 barges MATCHIN BAY area (.) 2 CORSAIRS scored direct hit  
gun 241586 NORTH of GENGA RIVER (.)

NEW IRELAND 5 feb (.) 8 CORSAIRS destroyed one damaged one building  
KAVIENG (.) 3 VENTURAS bombed bivouac areas KAUT BAY  
LAMUSSONG PANATGIN (.)

NEW BRITAIN 5 feb (.) 7 MITCHELLS 8 VENTURAS bombed veh pk RABAUL  
(.) 24 MITCHELLS bombed VUNAKANAU (.) CORSAIR patrol fired

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truck KERAVAT all infm

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MESSAGE FORM

From: 2 AUST CORPS 072052 K

To: FIRSTAUSTARMY

Info: SEE OVER

0847 secret sitrep 78 to 071900K (.) part one of two parts (.)

FIRST (.) 11 aust inf bde (.)

PIATERAPAIA (.) 6 feb arty engaged jap posns HENRYS HILL (.)

7 feb OP established 689137 (.) arty engaged HENRYS HILL

(.) patrol killed 2 japs cut sig wire SMITHS HILL our

arty engaged area (.)

TSIMBA (.) ref sitrep 77 confirmed own cas 6 feb now 10 killed

26 wounded 1 missing (.) from 061125K to 061310K enemy

arty fired 48 rds incl 6 duds believed 75 mm on area

223559 (.) 061400K B coy pl posns 224561 224560 223559

(.) jap pocket one HMG 3 LMG 223561 (.) D coy patrol

fired on enemy 228564 (.) night 6/7 feb 0320K enemy

counter attack supported by arty mortars on B coy posns

repulsed (.) cas enemy 1 killed own 1 wounded (.) 071400K

pl B coy moved north to 223561 and dug in under fire (.)

1 jap killed (.) 6 feb A coy patrol to 283575 NMS signs

enemy activity 271570 (.) 7 feb enemy with 2 LMGs

contacted 268564 (.) cas 4 japs killed own 3 wounded (.)

SECOND (.) airops (.)

BUGAINVILLE (.) 7 feb 12 CORSAIRS accurately bombed jap conc

and installations track junc 895594 MEIVO area (.) 8

CORSAIRS bombed huts 003370 KORIU area (.) 8 CORSAIRS

bombed huts tp conc 657324 TUTERIOPIA area (.) 2 CORSAIRS

destroyed barge hideout probably destroyed launch AWA

IS R6606 (.) CORSAIR patrols strafed opportunity targets

BUKA SHORTLAND and FAURO islands (.)

NEW IRELAND (.) 6 feb 14 MITCHELLS bombed strafed hutted area

PINIKINDU POINT (.) 6 CORSAIRS 3 VENTURAS cratered rd

LOSSUK BAY BALUS LAMERNEWI (.) 5 feb (.) 8 MITCHELLS

bombed KAVIENG PANAPAI (.)

NEW BRITAIN (.) 6 feb (.) 6 LIBERATORS bombed airfield TOBERA (.)

8 CORSAIRS bombed pers areas possible barge hideout DUKE

of YORK ISLAND (.) 1 VENUTRA bombed RABAU all infm

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MESSAGE FORM

From: 2 AUST CORPS 07 215 K

To: FIRTAUSTARMY

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THIRD (.) 3 aust div (.)

SOVELE (.) 2/8 cdo sqn patrol fired on jap OP probably  
killing 1 jap and established ambush area 9257 (.)

further patrol reports gardens 940564 clear (.)

PAGANA RIVER (.) ref sitrep 77 two pls 61 bn now 853681(.)

one pl moved 400 yds east along track returned A

coy 840699 NMS (.) pl B coy occupied NIGITAN (.)

patrol 500 yds south contacted 6 japs who withdrew  
(.)

MAKATOWA (.) 9 bn (.) night 6/7 feb D coy 813605 (.) 7 feb

continued advance through swamp to 819607 no contact

(.) 0620K hostile shelling 13 rds incl 2 duds

believed 105 mm in area 788614 nil cas (.) suspected

diesel engine heard following shelling approx area

8160 (.) patrols from B coy 803610 C coy 806606

crossed HUPAI RIVER moved east along north bank(.)

B coy patrol 810613 NMS (.) C coy patrol 815610

NMS (.) ref sitrep 77 enemy withdrew from 810607

to 821608 shots exchanged our pl dug in maintaining

contact (.)

PURIATA RIVER (.) 6 feb (.) ref sitrep 77 patrol D coy

reached PURIATA RIVER mouth no further contact(.)

4 pl NGIB track junc 821506 (.) 5 pl 784503

all infm

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MESSAGE FORM

From 2 AUST CORPS 00 2250 L

To FIRSTAUSTARMY

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GO 852 secret sitrep 79 to 082000L (.) part one of two parts (.)

FIRST (.) 3 aust div (.)

SOVELE (.) 2/8 cdo sqn patrol met by opposition in square 9359 (.) withdrew eastwards enemy cas 1 killed (.) recce patrol from 998591 contacted enemy location unknown (.) ref sitrep 77 ambush 032607 being maintained (.) ref sitrep 78 JAP reported killed now confirmed (.)

PAGANA RIVER (.) 8 Feb 61 bn HQ est 883699 (.) A coy complete at 885696 B coy complete at NIGITAN (.) HQ G coy and 15 pl moved to 859682 (.) 14 pl returned to 829708 (.) fighting patrols from NIGITAN 1000 yds SOUTH NO contact (.)

MAKATOWA (.) D coy 9 bn now at 823608 (.) patrol 300 yds further EAST NO contact (.) rd from 806606 to 823608 clear enemy (.) ref sitrep 78 patrol C coy reached 817611 returned along SOUTH bank HUPAI RIVER found documents (.) A coy moving fwd to join D coy (.)

PURIATA RIVER (.) D coy 25 bn est standing patrol 840455 (.) at 080132L and again at 080500L patrol heard high powered motor approaching from sea estimated at or beyond PURIATA RIVER mouth (.) NOTE probably own PT patrol (.) 7 feb <sup>sentry</sup> fired on 2 JAPS approaching pl perimeter 829464 from NE (.) sentry wounded by enemy sniper (.) ref sitrep 77 on 8 feb patrol again contacted enemy at 835460 and posn mortared (.) another patrol engaging from flank met strong rifle fire and grenades own cas 2 wounded enemy unknown (.) patrol A coy NG inf Bn evac KANAKAS from KONGAVI approx 838522 and MARIGA (.) natives killed one of four JAPS at KONGAVI (.) further patrol attempting outflank enemy posn estimated one pl at 820507 stopped by swamps cas enemy 4 killed 4 wounded own one wounded part 2 follows all infm

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From 2 AUST CORPS. 08 2230 L

To FIRSTAUSTARMY

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GO 852 secret sitrep No 79 part two and final part (.)

SECOND (.) 11 aust inf bde (.)

TSIMBA (.) PM 6 feb and AM 7 feb A coy patrols reached 271570 and 252580 NO mov seen (.) natives report JAP ambush 257580 (.) 8 feb pl endeavouring cut track at rear JAP posn 258578 (.) 071620K 11 rounds ineffective arty EAST of 224536 (.) guns estimated not SOUTH of grid 59 (.) 8 feb B coy patrolling between AMPHITHEATRE and GENGA RIVER mouth endeavouring cut coastal track (.)

PIATERAPAIA (.) 7 feb patrol to SMITHS HILL reached 682138 where engaged JAP posn estimated str 20/30 (.) patrol contacted JAP posn 694153 (.) our arty engaged 693164 causing large explosion and area 684140 in sp patrol (.) 8 feb patrol with arty sp attacked 681135 and estimated 4 JAPS killed own 1 killed 1 wounded (.)

THIRD (.) AIROPS (.)

BOUGAINVILLE (.) 8 feb 20 CORSAIRS tac R led bombed strafed suspected enemy regt HQ at 003395 near TAI TAI with good coverage (.) 8 CORSAIRS supported ground tps accurately bombed huts enemy concs NORTH GENGA RIVER at 269585 (.) patrols destroyed 20 ft barge loaded 10 cases amn TINPUTS HARBOUR (.) further barge RAMUN BAY SW BUKA bombed strafed rendered unserviceable (.)

NEW BRITAIN (.) 7 feb 22 MITCHELLS bombed plane hideout VUNAKANAU (.) 7 MITCHELLS 8 VENTURAS bombed personnel sup areas TOBERA (.) RABAUl patrols bombed strafed huts MIOKO ISLAND VUNAPOPE (.)

N NEW IRELAND (.) 7 feb 3 MITCHELLS bombed KAVIENG (.) patrols bombed huts plantation areas LEMAKOT AMBA LAMUSSONG all infm

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G(Int)(2)  
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War Diary (2)

MESSAGE FORM

From: 2 AUST CORPS

092205L

To: FIRSTAUSTARMY

Info: SEE OVER

G0864 secret sitrep 80 to 092000L (.) first of two part (.)  
FIRST (.) airops (.)

BOUGAINVILLE (.) 9 feb weather prevented strikes by CORSAIRS  
(.) 3 WIRRAWAYS bombed jap def posns 223561 GENG  
RIVER area (.) CORSAIR patrols strafed huts  
WOSKOAWITZ L5765 (.)

NEW IRELAND (.) 7 feb 7 MITCHELLS bombed KAVIENG (.) 3 feb  
5 MITCHELLS bombed pers area HIMAU PTN (.) 6  
CORSAIRS bombed huts BALGAI (.) 4 CORSAIRS cratered  
rds PANAPAI LEMAKOT PTN (.)

NEW BRITAIN (.) 8 feb RABAUl patrols fired trucks one each  
at VUNAKANAU TAVILO KERAVALA BAY bombed barge hidecut  
MANGROVE CREEK hit hutted area MIOKO island (.)

SECOND (.) 3 aust div (.)

SOVELE area (.) 8 feb pacce patrol 2/8 cdo sqn moved SOVELE  
to SISIRURI two 802635 thence south along main  
track to 895600 (.) NMS (.) sig wire runs along  
track (.) track shows signs by use and recent use  
by 4 japs (.) at 895600 extensive bivouac area  
found evac (.) destroyed by bombing (.) ref sitrep  
79 patrol forced to withdraw from 9359 report number  
enemy this area and south PURIATA RIVER (.) 091600L  
patrol from ambush posn 932578 returned to base (.)  
report continuous chain occupied gardens from  
926577 west along road to MOSIGETTA (.) further  
patrols from 003594 probing down south and north  
bank PURIATA RIVER towards HAKAPEKA ford 920545(.)

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PAGANA RIVER (.) NIGITAN now reported as 872685 MOSINA as  
869672 (.) C coy 61 bn moved fwd to track junc 869668  
(.) patrol from 829708 contacted enemy estimated  
1 LMG 6 rifles 200 yds south enemy withdrew own cas  
1 killed enemy NOT known (.)

TAVERA RIVER (.) three pls 25 bn from 856637 now  
firm base 818659 (.) vacated enemy posn found 803662  
one jap found dead (.)

MAKATONA area (.) 082210L 19 rounds incl 2 duds estimated  
75 mm from approx 834607 on 301610 ineffective(.)  
HQ 9 bn 820607 (.) A coy 330605 (.) D coy patrol  
moving east clear road to A coy contacted 8 enemy  
828608 who withdrew east into A coy ambush (.) cas enemy  
1 killed 2 wounded remainder fled to north contact  
lost (.) 1 LMG captured (.) first light 9 feb under  
cover arty fire A coy moved astride road 833603  
patrolling west (.) B coy 330605 all infm

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BGS	G (Int) (2)	War Diary (2) ✓
DA & QMG	G (Air)	
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MESSAGE FORM

From: 2 AUST CORPS 092220 L

To: FIRSTARMY

Info: SEE OVER

80 364secret sitrep 80 (.) part two and final part (.)

THIRD (.) 11 aust inf bde (.)

TSIMBA (.) PM 3 feb mortar concentrations brought on

AMPHITHEATRE feature (.) following air attack at

091100L our tps occupied entire posn (.) 5 dead japs

1 JUKI 1 type 89 grenade discharger found (.) patrols

exploiting north to GENGA R (.) believe japs have

withdrawn across river (.) 090915L A coy less pl 31/51

moving to 267578 (.) pl C coy  
bn/reached coastal track now holding in area 224565 (.)

090930L 40 rounds 3 duds in area 223559 ineffective

estimate gun in square 2460 (.)

PIATERAPAIA area (.) 090800L four point two inch mortars arty

and LMG engaged jap observed fwd slopes SMITHS HILL

(.) <sup>patrol</sup>ambush ck junc 689153 killed 3 japs (.) no

documents eqpt or identification on bodies (.) 091445L

A coy <sup>55/53 bn</sup>patrol returned reported 1 jap offr 19 OR killed

area 710160 (.) enemy were in two huts and grenades

demolished both (.) other huts observed estimate

30 more japs in area all infm

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G (Air)  
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FROM 2 AUST CORPS 10>1100L  
TO FIRST AUST ARMY  
INFO SEE OVER

00879 secret sitrep 81 to 102000L (.) first of 2 parts (.)

FIRST (.) AIRORS (.)

BOUGAINVILLE 10 feb (.) 20 CORSAIRS tac R led bombed and strafed enemy posns

910490 878504 882496 905494 in HIRU HIRU area good  
covergas obtained all areas (.) 8 CORSAIRS tac R led  
bombed posns HENRYS HILL 672164 (.) CORSAIR patrols  
killed 3 japs KAHILI strafed huts CAPE NEHUS (.)

NEW BRITAIN 9 feb (.) 25 MITCHELLS dropped 28 tons bombs TAVERA (.)  
4 CORSAIRS bombed dump KRAVIA BAY (.) 4 CORSAIRS  
hit bivouac area GILALUN ptn (.)

NEW IRELAND 9 feb (.) 8 MITCHELLS bombed KAVIENG strip (.) 6 CORSAIRS  
destroyed 4 huts BALGAI (.) 2 VENTURAS cratered rd  
LAMUSSONG ptn (.)

SECOND (.) 3 aust div (.)

SOVELLE area (.) 2/8 cdo sqn patrol str 2 offrs 36 OR concentrated  
003592 (.) ref sitrep 79 ambush 032607 withdrawn but  
armed natives remaining in area (.) PAGANA R area (.)  
101515L A coy occupied MOSINA 869672 (.) D coy loss  
16 pl moved 885696 16 pl remains 843698 (.) fighting  
patrol contacted natives at AGABAI approx 928674 (.)  
natives report at least 30 enemy at WARAPA approx  
891644 patrol investigating (.)

TAVERA R area (.) 25 bn regrouping (.) 4 pl at 830648 (.) 15 pl  
834651 (.) 9 and 13 pls returning to 796862 (.)

MAKATOWA area (.) 100500L 23 ineffective enemy shells on 801611 (.)  
E tp 2 fd regt 784615 (.) patrol A coy 9 bn moving  
east contacted enemy estimated strength 12 dug in  
behind log at 836601 (.) B coy moved fwd and engaged  
posn unsuccessfully (.) B coy dug in 835601 (.) C  
coy moved fwd to approx 836606 (.) patrol C coy

sighted one jap approx 840607 who fled (.) 16  
pl moved to 830607 (.) second part follows all informed

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MESSAGE FORM

From 2 AUST CORPS 102205 L

To FIRSTAUSTARMY

Info SEE OVER

G0879 secret sitrep 81 to 102100L (.) second and final part (.)

PURIATA RIVER area (.) NGIB recce patrol fired on by enemy  
from following points 816503 822502 829500 834499 (.)

THIRD (.) 11 aust inf bde

T3IMBA (.) 091600L area SOUTH of GENGA RIVER clear of enemy (.)

AMPHITHEATRE area (.) 1 JAP found dead 2 PW taken (.)

land mines in area (.) 9 feb A coy 31/51 bn contacted

approx 20 enemy 269566 by fire exchanged enemy 2

probably killed own 1 wounded (.) 101016L D coy 31/51

bn patrol from 227569 towards RIVER contacted enemy unknown

str at 226565 (.) of 5 JAPS sighted 3 killed 1 wounded

escaped own cas 1 wounded (.) 101200L D coy reported NORTH

bank of GENGA clear of enemy (.) D coy now at 224567 (.)

101345L 18 pl moved NORTH fired on by LMG at track junc

224568 action continuing (.) our cas 4 walking wounded

(.) during night 9/10 feb enemy arty fired 45 rounds

of which 15 duds into crossing area 230560 NIL cas (.)

PIATERAPAIA (.) ref sitrep 79 patrol to 681135 enemy cas now

5 killed JAPS using MUST 36 grenades (.) enemy posns

694161 and 693157 shelled with arty R all infm

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MESSAGE FORM

From 2 AUST CORPS 11 2120 L  
To FIRTAUSTARMY  
Info SEE OVER

GO 832 secret sitrep 82 to 112000L (.) first of two parts (.)

FIRST (.) airops

BOUGAINVILLE (.) 11 feb 4 CORSAIRS bombed gun posn NORTH GENGA  
RIVER 241586 (.) 4 CORSAIRS bombed bivouac area BANIU  
(.) 16 CORSAIRS tac R led attacked huts personnel areas  
NORTH HIRU HIRU (.) 4 CORSAIRS bombed tp conc TOKO  
strafed track EAST of MAKATOWA (.) patrol aircraft  
strafed 2 trucks RAUA plantation (.)

NEW BRITAIN (.) 10 feb 12 CORSAIRS 11 MITCHELLS 8 VENTURAS  
bombed strip AA posns shelters KERAVAL (.) patrol  
aircraft damaged 4 vehs RABUL area (.) 4 CORSAIRS bombed  
huts TALILIGAP (.) 4 CORSAIRS bombed jetty huts GARERR  
POINT (.)

NEW IRELAND (.) 10 feb 18 MITCHELLS bombed personnel sup areas  
ALBA (.) 2 MITCHELLS bombed ULAPUTUR plantation (.) 4  
CORSAIRS bombed likely barge hideout UJAM RIVER killed  
4 JAPS BORPOP (.) 3 VENTURAS hit huts KATHERINE BAY (.)

SECOND (.) 3 aust div (.)

SOVELE (.) patrol contacted estimated 12 JAPS who withdrew in  
disorder at 001598 cas enemy 2 killed own 1 wounded (.)  
2 JAPS observed at 922664 (.)

PAGANA RIVER (.) 11 feb patrol to WARAPA engaged enemy in hut NO  
enemy seen to escape (.) patrol returned to MOSINA (.)  
patrol to 876657 fired on twice NO cas (.) A coy 61 bn  
ost firm base 876657 (.)

TAVERA RIVER (.) A coy 25 bn at 771639 (.) local patrols NO  
contact (.)

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MESSAGE FORM

From 2 AUST CORPS 112 25 L

To FIRSTAUSTARMY

Info SEE OVER

GO 832 secret sitrep 82 to 112000L (.) part two and final part (.)

MAKATOWA (.) pl 9 bn occupied vacated enemy posn 836600 enemy counterattack repulsed (.) C coy now 845595 (.) B coy 843597 (.) 3 JAPS moving EAST ambushed by C coy one wounded (.) 3 landmines and 132 rounds 75mm amm found (.)

PURIATA RIVER (.) following successful air attack pl 25 bn attacked and occupied JAP posn 835460 (.) estimated 7 JAPS withdrew from posn (.) patrol fwd to 840463 found unoccupied shelters NO further contact (.) patrols NGIB contacted JAPS at 821502 and 827500 cas own two natives wounded enemy unknown (.) ANGAU patrol from 809608 SSE along track reached JAP garden 8154 two JAPS sighted (.) track runs through hy swamp

THIRD (.) 11 aust inf bde (.)

PIATERAPAIA (.) 10 feb NGIB patrol with FOO located 20 JAPS in area 621165 (.) arty accurately engaged area (.) night 10/11 feb arty harassed enemy posns SISIVIE (.) 11 feb 3 JAPS on SMITHS HILL engaged by MMG 1 JAP possibly killed (.) mortars and arty accurately engaged enemy posns at 694161 693157 622165 and on SMITHS HILL (.)

TSIMBA (.) sitrep 81 refers to 2 PW taken should read 2 knee mortars found (.) 10 feb patrol A coy 31/51 bn est firm base at 283575 (.) one pro JAP native captured who states enemy in str at KUNAPOPO and KUNAMOTORO (.) 11 feb patrol moving NORTH reached 285582 (.) from 100645L to 100720L hostile arty fired 30 rounds on to river crossing 230560 killing 1 wounding 2 and damaging one FBE boat (.) one 75 mm gun and probably 1 105 mm estimated at 240580 (.) 10 feb patrol C coy to 240572 found 2 dead JAPS at 232563 NO mov seen (.) 11 feb patrol C coy moving to cut track

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MESSAGE FORM

From: 2 AUST CORPS

12 2240 L

To: FIRSTAUSTARMY

Info: SEE OVER

G0898 secret sitrep 83 to 122000L (.) first of two parts (.)

FIRST (.) airops (.)

EOUGAINVILLE (.) 12 feb 8 CORSAIRS tac R led bombed HIRU

HIRU (.) 4 CORSAIRS bombed strafed track MAKATOWA -

MOSIGETTA (.) 4 CORSAIRS tac R led bombed strafed

track 887570 1000 yds towards MOSIGETTA (.) 8 CORSAIRS

bombed CHIPURO 239822 (.) 4 CORSAIRS bombed enemy

ambush 825510 MABIS (.) patrols sank canoe killed 3

japs PORTON PTN bombed suspected barge hideout

KAUKAUAI (.) 2 BOOMERANGS strafed sank barge vicinity

TAIOF IS (.)

NEW IRELAND (.) 11 feb 6 MITCHELLS destroyed huts on coastal

sweeps (.) 7 CORSAIRS bombed KAUT BAY MEDINA PTN and

KAVIENG (.) 2 VENTURAS bombed KAFKAF (.) 3 VENTURAS

bombed LAKURAMAU (.)

NEW BRITAIN (.) 11 feb 33 MITCHELLS dropped 30 tons bombs

plane hideout VUNAKANAU (.) 7 MITCHELLS 8 VENTURAS

started large fires MT park RABAU (.)

SECOND (.) 11 aust inf bde (.)

PIATERAPAIA (.) night 11/12 feb arty harassed enemy posns

SMITHS HILL SISIVIE (.) mov heard outside perimeter

grenades thrown (.) 12 feb MMG engaged SMITHS HILL killed

one jap (.) MMGs engaged suspected enemy posns 686168

and 684169 (.) arty harassed enemy posn 622165 (.) ANBAU

scouts report jap leaving NUMA NUMA PLANTATION for

hills to SW following allied naval shelling (.)

TSIMBA (.) location 105mm gun reported sitrep 82 now

estimated 2464 (.) 11 feb ref sitrep 82 patrol A coy

at 285582 returned to coy base 278565 (.) 12 feb A coy

HQ and two pls contacted japs unknown str at 281570

action continuing cas enemy 2 killed own 1 killed 8

wounded (.) B coy 222551 (.) 11 feb <sup>patrol</sup> C coy astride

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track at 233575 NO contact (.) 12 feb coy HQ and one  
pl moved to 224559 (.) D coy advancing up coast  
contacted enemy at 234574 held up by LMG and rifle  
fire (.) night 11/12 feb 25 rounds incl 5 duds  
ineffective hostile 75mm on TSIMBA area (.)  
first of two parts all infm

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122215L

To: FIRSTAUSTARMY

Info: SEE OVER

GO 898secret / <sup>Sitrep 83</sup> to 122000L (.) second and final part (.)

THIRD (.) 3 aust div (.)

PAGANA RIVER (.) 12 feb A coy 61 bn 876657 reinforced by  
pl C coy (.) two pls moved 1500 yds SE without contact  
(.)

TAVERA RIVER (.) patrol 25 bn 1000 yds EAST of 834651 NO  
contact (.)

MAKATOWA (.) patrols searched bank HUPAI RIVER SOUTH of  
41596 NO contact (.) C coy moving NORTH followed  
well worn track from 844597 located recently vacated  
75mm gun posn 844605 (.) C coy patrol contacted enemy  
848592 (.) D coy commenced outflanking move to NORTH  
last reported 852594 (.) amn dump 843594 approx 300  
rounds 75 mm (.) further five type 93 land mines  
removed from MOSIGETTA rd which is now clear of mines  
to C coy at 845595 (.) 4 pl NGIB arrived 808606 by sea  
from 784503 (.)

PURLATA RIVER (.) 12 feb patrol D coy 25 bn cleared  
ambushes at 838459 and 840460 report track clear to  
842461 (.) A coy arrived TOKO 828465 by barge all  
infrm

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MESSAGE FORM

From 2 AUST CORPS 132225L  
To FIRSTAUSTARMY  
Info SEE OVER

GO902 secret sitrep 84 to 132000L (.) part one of two parts (.)  
FIRST (.) AIROPS (.)

BOUGAINVILLE (.) 13 feb 7 CORSAIRS tac R led bombed hut conc  
KIA RAE 877503 (.) 7 CORSAIRS tac R led hit enemy  
conc LALUM area 269583 dump destroyed (.) 4 CORSAIRS  
tac R led destroyed one rendered ~~un~~serviceable two  
barges SOBAKEN PENINSULA 242658 accurately strafed  
enemy posn 269569 (.) dusk patrol sunk rowing boat  
killed one JAP MATCHIN BAY (.)

NEW IRELAND (.) 12 feb 8 MITCHELLS bombed KAVIENG (.) 4 CORSAIRS  
destroyed bridge BALUS (.) 6 CORSAIRS cratered ~~ms~~  
BALUS LEBRECHTSHOF plantation hit huts NORTH CAPE (.)  
3 VENTURAS bombed huts FESSOA (.)

NEW BRITAIN (.) 12 feb 8 VENTURAS bombed sup area TOVAKUNDUM  
plantation (.) 8 THUNDERBOLTS 1 LIBERATOR bombed tp  
encampment WIDE BAY area (.) 6 LIBERATORS b ombed  
VUNAKANAU and TOBERA (.) RABAUL patrol bombed bivouac  
area RAVALUE holed 3 ~~sch~~ RAPALLO (.)

SECOND (.) 11 aust inf bde (.)

PIATERAPAIA (.) night 12/13 feb mov heard and booby traps sprung  
around C ooy perimeter area grenaded by our tps (.)  
harassing fire on SMITHS HILL (.) JAP at 682134  
engaged by MMG with unobserved results (.)  
part two follows all infm

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MESSAGE FORM

From 2 AUST CORPS 131 J2/L

To FIRSTAUSTARMY

Info SEE OVER

GO902 secret sitrep 84 to 132000L (.) second and final part (.)

TSIMBA (.) 12 feb A coy 31/51 bn report JAPS holding strongly defended posn incl pillboxes and 20 to 30 LMGs on DOWNS HILL 269569 coy dug in at 269566 (.) 15 pl at 234575 repulsed attack by 20 JAPS one JAP killed (.) pl D coy moving NORTH killed 2 JAPS passed through 15 pl and reached 235578 without further contact (.) own cas 1 wounded (.) coy HQ and one pl moving NORTH from 235573 where 17 pl is holding track junc (.) one dead JAP found TSIMBA ridge (.) additional cas own 1 killed (.) patrol C coy sighted JAP and heard mov at 238573 (.)

THIRD (.) 3 aust div (.)

PAGANA RIVER (.) A coy 61 bn occupied WARAPA approx 886651 patrols to 894651 and 900662 NO contact (.) 9 dead JAPS probably killed result action 11 feb found buried with documents and eqpt (.)

MAKATOWA (.) 12 feb D coy reached 860589 and repulsed counter attack (.) 13 feb 2 JAPS killed (.) pl moving fwd killed 1 of 4 JAPS sighted at 862689 later contacted estimated 15 JAPS wounding 2 (.) enemy attempted outflank (.) our arty and mortars engaged (.) pl again moved fwd and engaged 2 JAPS wounding and capturing 1 (.) bn HQ 847590 B coy loss pl 847593 pl 860589 (.) 12 feb patrol along SOUTH bank HUPAI RIVER reached 846590 sighted 1 JAP and heard others at 842594 enemy withdrew (.)

PURIATA RIVER (.) following air strike patrol NGIB unsuccessfully attempted outflank enemy posn at 825515 (.) old enemy posn found on track SE from 837459 (.) 5 pl 1 NGIB moved to area SE TOKO all infm

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MESSAGE FORM

From: 2 AUST CORPS 142130 L  
To: FIRSTAUSTARMY  
Info: SEE OVER

G0911 secret sitrep 85 to 142000L (.) part one of two parts (.)  
FIRST (.) airops (.)

BOUGAINVILLE (.) 14 feb 8 CORSAIRS bombed strafed track MOZAN  
to MEIVO sp own tps (.) 8 CORSAIRS tac R led accurately  
bombed strafed enemy def posns DOWNS HILL 269569 (.)  
CORSAIR patrols hit canoe ASIE IS holed 3 rowing boats  
TEOP BAY killed jap CAPE LALAHAN (.)

NEW IRELAND (.) 13 feb 6 MITCHELLS strafed huts KAUT BAY to KOKA  
(.) 6 MITCHELLS strafed huts BALUS to CAPE LEMERIS (.) 6  
CORSAIRS bombed huts MONGAI BAY (.)

NEW BRITAIN (.) 13 feb 41 MITCHELLS 16 VENTURAS bombed sup pers  
areas TOBERA fires smoke to 3000 ft (.) 4 CORSAIRS  
bombed jap camp KERA VIA BAY (.) 4 CORSAIRS damaged 2  
vehs MALANGUNA killed 7 japs smoked 2 bldgs UTUAN IS (.)

SECOND (.) 11 aust inf bde (.)

PIATERAPAIA (.) arty engaged HENRYS HILL on 13 feb and SMITHS  
HILL during night 13/14 feb (.) mov heard and booby traps  
sprung vicinity B coy (.) 14 feb patrols D coy report  
enemy dug in on EASTERN slope SMITHS HILL and at 670166  
(.) estimated 10 japs in huts 656165 with listening post  
at 656161 (.) estimate OLD VIVIE defended by approx 20  
japs (.) one jap sjt killed (.) documents including  
complete roll of inf gun coy 81 inf regt located BASE  
POINT 3 and op order issued by maj MYLA Bn comd on 13 jan  
captured (.) arty engaged BASE POINT 3 682165 and OLD  
VIVIE area (.) mortars engaged SMITHS HILL (.)

part two follows all infm

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PA to Comd  
BGS  
DA & QMG

G 1(Ops)  
G (Int) (2)  
G (Air)  
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BMB  
War Diary (2) ✓

MESSAGE FORM

From: 2 AUST CORPS

142205.L

To: FIRSTAUSTARMY

Info: SEE OVER

G0911 secret sitrep 85 to 142000L (.) part two and final part (.)

TSIMBA (.) 13 feb 18 pl contacted japs 236579 shots exchanged  
pl dug in (.) 14 feb C coy less one pl relieved D coy  
at 234575 (.) 13 pl moving to relieve 18 pl at 236578  
fired on own cas one wounded (.) patrol to 238582 fired  
on (.) report indicates strong enemy opposition this  
area (.) pl D coy killed 2 japs in ambush on ck crossing  
234572 (.) estimate enemy in str on high ground EAST  
bank of ck (.) arty engaged enemy posns 244607 and 245595  
(.)

THIRD (.) 3 aust div (.)

PAGANA RIVER (.) patrol A coy 61 bn SE along track reached  
large clearing believed SISIRUAI (2) (.) further 6 dead  
japs found at WARAPA (.) patrol B coy via WARAPA along  
NORTH bank KONARA and TAVERA RIVER contacted pl 25 bn  
at 830654 no mov seen (.)

MAKATOWA (.) pl D coy 9 bn moving EAST Along road found 2 jap  
trucks in bad condition and killed 1 jap sjt major at  
867589 (.) contacted 6 japs in ambush NO cas (.)  
pl reinforced by C coy dug in at 870588 (.) A coy moving  
fwd along SOUTH of road from 833603 probably killed 3  
of 8 japs contacted (.) patrol 4 pl NGIB SE from 808603  
found documents and abandoned hut in area 8257 (.)

PURIATA RIVER (.) 5 pl NGIB at 825464 all infm

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*W. H. Bear*  
..... Lt Col

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BGS	G (Int) (2)	War Diary (2) ✓
DA & QMG	G (Air)	
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MESSAGE FORM

From 2 MUST CORPS 1522/S. L

To FIRST AUSTRALIAN

Info SEE OVER

GO 925 secret sitrep 86 to 152000L (.) part one of two parts (.)

FIRST (.) airops (.)

BOUGAINVILLE (.) 15 feb 8 CORSAIRS tac R led bombed hut conc

982435 KINDAI area (.) 12 CORSAIRS tac R led bombed

JAP tp conc bivouac area vicinity ~~SAFERS~~ <sup>CHAIRO</sup> (.)

NEW IRELAND (.) 14 feb 18 MITCHELLS bombed bivouac area KIMADAN

(.) 8 MITCHELLS bombed KAVIENG (.) 18 MITCHELLS strafed

coastal rds NORTH NEW IRELAND (.) 4 MITCHELLS bombed

br BALUS cratered rd (.) 3 VENTURAS direct hit br PO

VILLAGE (.) 5 VENTURAS bombed strafed huts LAMERNEWI  
KAVIENG

fire started (.) 8 CORSAIRS (.) patrols (.) 5

MITCHELLS bombed NAMATANAI (.)

NEW BRITAIN (.) 14 feb 5 VENTURAS one MITCHELL bombed sup areas

KERAVAT bivouac areas WANGARAMUT fires smoke 1000 ft

(.) RABAUl patrols bombed JACQUINOT PT 3 large trucks

burnt one damaged 15 JAPS killed (.)

SECOND (.) 11 aust inf bde (.)

TSIMBA (.) 15 feb continued patrolling DOWNS HILL area (.)

patrol exchanged fire with JAP patrol at 237581 own cas

1 wounded (.) report enemy holding line this point WEST

to coast arty engaged area (.) C coy less pl 236577 pl

237580 (.) two pls D coy at 236568 engaging enemy one

JAP killed (.) 11 newly dug graves found 233564 (.) 2

enemy guns fired 25 rounds incl 3 duds into our area (.)

PIATERAPAIA (.) 14 feb NGIB patrol to SISIVIE area NO contact

sighted 3 JAPS at 622165 our arty engaged (.) night 14/15

~~JAP~~ <sup>FFO</sup> arty harassed BASE PT 3 (.) 15 feb patrol killed two

of estimated JAP sec dug in 685147 our arty engaged (.)

patrol killed 7 JAPS incl 1 offr wounded 4 and possibly

wounded 10 at 713168 own cas one native scout wounded (.)

estimated 35-50 JAPS in vicinity (.) patrol killed 3 JAPS

257175 our arty engaged area (.) part two follows all infm

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INTERNAL DISTRIBUTION BY G(OPS)

PA to Comd

G 1 (Opp)

**BMB**

**BGS**

G (Int) (2)

War Diary (2)

DA & QMG

**G (Air)**

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MESSAGE FORM

From 2 AUST CORPS 15 2300. L

To FIRSTAUSTARMY

Info SEE OVER

GO 925 secret sitrep 86 to 152000L (.) second and final part (.)

THIRD (.) 3 aust div (.)

SOVELE (.) patrol reports JAPS working four cultivated gardens

approx 923574 (.) good track runs WEST towards

MOSIGETTA (.)

PAGANA RIVER (.) 61 bn HQ <sup>870672</sup> ~~888888~~ (.) D coy occupied SISIRUAI 2

897633 (.) 16 pl astride track 300 yds SOUTH (.)

MOSIGETTA RD (.) 150330L to 150512L 111 ineffective hostile rounds

incl 3 duds in areas 832606 858593 (.) patrol reports

approx 60 JAPS occupied bivouac area 870589 within last

36 hrs (.) further bivouac area found approx 873588

recently occupied by 40-60 JAPS (.) possible enemy bn

HQ located 873593 (.) A coy reached posn astride rd

834589 without contact (.) patrol WEST to C coy

873589 report rd clear (.) bn HQ and B coy 847596 D coy

865590 (.) patrol NGIB report recently used tracks

leading SW at 855586 and 865591 estimated 40 JAPS

contacted at 869571 (.)

FURIATA RIVER (.) 14 feb pl 25 bn plus one sec NGIB contacted

estimated 12 JAPS dug in 854475 our mortars engaged

(.) D coy less one pl 852473 one pl 849470 all infm

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to be intercepted or to  
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IMPORTANT  
TO ACTION  
ADDRESSEE

*W. H. Carr*

for Lt-Col



MESSAGE FORM

From: 2, AUST CORPS

16 2230 L

To: FIRSTAUSTARMY

Info: SEE OVER

G0937 secret sitrep 87 to 162000L (.) part two and final part (.)

PIATERAPAIA (.) PM 15 feb and night 15/16 feb our arty engaged  
targets 6916 6816 SMITHS HILL and SISIVIE (.) KANAKAS report  
japs occupy IEU in str (.) 16 feb arty engaged huts 665158 and  
posns on SMITHS HILL (.)

THIRD (.) 3 aust div (.)

SOVELE (.) A tp less sec 2/3 odo sqn est base 005595 (.)

PAGANA RIVER (.) 16 feb 13 pl 61 bn est firm base 898616 (.) C coy  
moved through B coy reached MAVIRI RIVER crossing 890612 (.)

D coy patrolled from 897633 to 848596 no contact (.)

MOSIGETTA (.) A coy 9 bn contacted enemy at 889533 our arty engaged  
D coy relieved and maintained contact (.) B coy patrolled EAST  
and WEST from 836584 located old huts believed MOSIGETTA village  
(.) road jeepable to B coy (.)

TAVERA RIVER (.) C coy 25 bn 761536 (.)

PURIATA (.) ref sitrep 86 map refs should read 844464 842462

849470 (.) pl D coy 25 bn contacted estimated 30 enemy at 844465  
oas enemy 1 wounded own 1 wounded (.) A coy NGIB patrolled 1200  
yds SE from 825464 then EAST to PURIATA RIVER no contact all infm

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ADDRESSEE

*Chas. R. ...*  
..... Lt Col

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BGS

DA&amp;QMG

G(Ops)

G(Int)(2)

G(Air)

BMB

War Diary (2) ✓

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MESSAGE FORM

From: 2 AUST CORPS 162200 L  
To: FIRSTAUSTARMY  
Info: SEE OVER

G0937 secret sitrep 37 to 162000L (.) part one of two parts (.)  
FIRST (.) airops (.)

EOUGAINVILLE (.) 16 feb 1 MITCHELL 2 CORSAIRS 3 VENTURAS  
bombed MAIKI (.) 12 CORSAIRS tac R led bombed strafed  
enemy conc PEIKI area (.) 12 CORSAIRS tac R led bombed hut  
conc KINDAI (.) 4 CORSAIRS tac R led bombed hut conc  
vicinity HARI (2) (.) patrol aircraft bombed strafed left  
burning 80 ft barge LAHIAI W4994 killed 1 jap PORPORANG  
IS W4993 fired small launch RATSOA jetty L2863 (.)

NEW IRELAND (.) 15 feb 7 MITCHELLS bombed airstrip KAVIENG(.)  
10 MITCHELLS strafed targets BALUS to IEMERIS and KAUT to  
KOKA (.) 6 CORSAIRS bombed NORTH CAPE ROLAND YOUNG PTN  
(.)

NEW BRITAIN (.) 15 feb 15 MITCHELLS 6 VENTURAS bombed  
VUNAKANAU (.) 4 CORSAIRS hit strip LAKUNAI (.)  
SECOND (.) 11 aust inf bde (.)

TSIMBA (.) 15 feb patrol A coy sighted one jap at 285575 (.)  
B coy relieved D coy (.) B coy less one pl 236569 pl  
238583 (.) D coy 222551 (.) ref sitrep 36 additional  
cas at 237581 2 japs killed own 1 missing believed  
killed (.) night 15/16 feb enemy harassed coy perimeter  
236577 with automatic fire (.) standing patrol est  
237580 fired on enemy patrol killing one jap (.) 4.2  
inch mortars engaged enemy line 238531 to coast (.)  
4 fd regt less one bty under comd 11 aust inf bde (.)  
regt HQ and 1 tp moving to PUTU (.) 9 ineffective hostile  
rounds 75 mm incl 2 duds in area NORTH bank GENGA RIVER  
(.) police boy patrol reports japs on SAPOSA ISLAND (.)  
our arty engaged suspected enemy posn 245596 (.) further  
3 jap bodies found TSIMBA RIDGE (.) part 2 follows all  
infm

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BGS	G(Int)(2)	War Diary (2)
DA&QMG	G(Air)	

MESSAGE FORM

From 2 MUST CORPS 17 22/5. L

To FIRSTAUSTARMY

Info SEE OVER

G0948 secret sitrep 88 to 172000L (.)

FIRST (.) airops (.)

BOUGAINVILLE (.) 17 feb 20 CORSAIRS tac R led effectively

bombed enemy posns PIKIE (.) 8 CORSAIRS tac R led

bombed huts SORAKEN plantation (.) 4 CORSAIRS

attacked gun posn 242632 SORAKEN Plantation (.)

NEW IRELAND (.) 16 feb 8 MITCHELLS bombed KAVIENG (.) 2

CORSAIRS bombed huts LEBRECHTSHOF plantation (.)

6 CORSAIRS bombed BAUDISSIN ISLAND MANE ISLAND (.)

NEW BRITAIN (.) 16 feb 7 LIBERATORS started fires LAKUNAI (.)

4 CORSAIRS bombed huts KURAKAKAUL CREEK (.)

SECOND (.) 3 aust div (.)

SOVELE (.) patrols report enemy in areas 9256 and 9255 (.)

PAGANA RIVER (.) general move fwd 61 bn to link with 9 bn

at MEIVO junc (.) C coy 832591 (.)

MOSIGETTA area (.) patrol 9 bn to 853569 report area shows

signs recent enemy activity (.) patrol D coy drove

estimated 10 JAPS from high ground 389531 counter

attack repulsed cas enemy believed 4 killed own 1

wounded (.) patrol to 370578 NO contact (.) patrol

4 pl NGIB to gardens 3153 killed 4 japs (.)

PURIATA RIVER (.) patrol A coy 25 bn to MAKAKU 323504 NO

contact (.) 7 pl moved to D coy 843464 (.) D coy

moving Nw attacked jap posn and cut track 337472

cas enemy 5 killed 4 wounded own NIL (.) ref

sitrep 37 posn C coy 25 bn 751586 (.)

THIRD (.) 11 aust inf bde (.)

TSIMBA (.) 16 feb patrol sighted jap in pill box 231534

our mtn arty accurately shelled DOWNS HILL (.)

ref sitrep 87 B coy less one pl 236569 pl 233533

should read quote B coy less one pl 236569 pl

moving to 233533 unquote (.) pl reached 241532

pm 16 feb (.) hostile LMG fire on C coy wounded

1 (.) mortars engaged enemy posn 233531 (.)

13 hostile ineffective rounds from estimated two

75 mm guns fell in GENGA RIVER mouth area (.)

PIATERAPAIA (.) 16/17 feb arty harassed SMITHS HILL and

SISIVIE all in 3m

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.....Lt Col  
*per*

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MESSAGE FORM

From: 2 AUST CORPS 132145L

To: FIRSTAUSTARMY

Info: SEE OVER

G0851 secret sitrep 89 to 132000L (.) part one of two parts (.)

FIRST (.) airops (.)

BOUGAINVILLE (.) 18 feb 12 CORSAIRS bombed enemy installations

PORPORAN ISLAND (.) 8 CORSAIRS bombed huts HIRU HIRU (.)

8 CORSAIRS accurately bombed def posns DOWNS HILL (.)

patrols strafed hit 16 ft barge SORAKEN PENINSULAR (.)

NEW BRITAIN (.) 17 feb 26 MITCHELLS 8 VENTURAS bombed TOBERA pers

sup areas (.) 4 CORSAIRS bombed RABAU townshp (.) 2

CORSAIRS killed 8 japs TOBERA fired 3 MT at VUNAPOKE (.)

NEW IRELAND (.) 17 feb 6 MITCHELLS bombed KAVIENG (.) 13 MITCHELLS

strafed targets DALUS to CAPE LEMERIS and KAUT BAY to

KOKA (.) 6 CORSAIRS bombed BAUDISSEN ISLAND (.) VENTURA

patrol started large fire FESSOA (.)

SECOND (.) 11 aust inf bde (.)

TSIMBA (.) 17 feb pl B coy contacted enemy 242504 killing 3 japs  
own cas NIL (.) pl with pl C coy patrolling NORTH

to locate approach to coast (.) mortars engaged

enemy south GILLMAN RIVER mouth (.) 12 hostile ineffective

rounds incl 2 duds fell GENGA RIVER 230560 (.) further

6 ineffective rounds at 236577 from gun estimated square

2559 (.)

PIATERAPAIA (.) 18 feb arty shelled SMITHS HILL (.) patrol VIVIE

area reports 5 japs killed 656163, (.) part two follows

all infm

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.....*McK...* Lt Col



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PA to Comd	G1(Ops)	RMB
BGS	G(Int)(2)	War Diary (2)
DA&QMG	G(Air)	
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MESSAGE FORM

From: 2 AUST CORPS

18 2215L

To: FIRSTAUSTARMY

Info: SEE OVER

G0951 secret sitrep 89 to 132000L (.) part two and final part (.)

THIRD (.) 3 aust div (.)

SOVELE (.) patrol 2/3 cdo sqn contacted 25 japs in area 9156

killed 1 wounded 1 documents captured (.) patrol from

003595 located 20 japs 9456 (.) B tp and adv sqn HQ

003595 (.)

MOSIGETTA area (.) patrol 9 bn killed one of 15 japs 893580 (.)

61 bn HQ 883592 B coy 883594 (.) documents eqpt found

enemy HQ site MEIVO junc area (.)

PURIATA (.) 17 feb patrol NGIB moved to 845476 thence to crossing

850482 along west bank to 840489 then to 842488 no

contact (.) 18 feb D coy 25 bn advanced to track junc

842481 all infm

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.....*J. Taylor Major* Lt Col

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PA to Comd	G1(Ops)	EMB
BGS	G(Int)(2)	War Diary (2)
DA&QMG	G(Air)	
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MESSAGE FORM

From: 2 AUST CORPS

192040 L

To: FIRTAUSTARMY

Info: SEE OVER

G0964 secret sitrep 90 to 192000L (.) part one of two parts (.)

FIRST (.) 11 aust inf bde (.)

PIATERAPAIA (.) natives killed 5 japs PORMA 202325 (.) arty and  
4.2 inch mortars engaged SMITHS HILL (.)

TSIMBA (.) 18 feb 4 fd regt RHQ 224538 tp posn 222547 (.) guns  
registered DOWNS HILL (.) 19 feb following arty conc our  
tps occupied high ground DOWNS HILL exploiting SW to main  
enemy posn cas enemy 3 killed own 2 wounded (.) C coy less  
two pls moving to join two pls B coy 241534 (.) 4 hostile  
ineffective 75 mm rounds in C coy area further 14 rounds  
incl 2 duds on GENGA RIVER mouth estimated two guns  
firing from 2559 (.) adv party 26 bn arrived PUTO (.)

SECOND (.) airops (.)

BOUGAINVILLE (.) 18 feb 7 MITCHELLS 3 VENTURAS bombed BANU (.)

19 feb 3 CORSAIRS bombed huts jap conc road junc KORIU  
area (.) 3 CORSAIRS attacked suspected gun posn 242632  
SORAKEN area (.) patrols destroyed 3 damaged 4 huts

NW PORORAN ISLAND (.) 12 CORSAIRS bombed def posn DOWNS HILL (.)

NEW BRITAIN (.) 18 feb 4 CORSAIRS bombed suspected MT park

KENOBETT started large fires MATUPI hbr (.) 4 CORSAIRS  
bombed bivouac area between RALILIEI and RALUANA (.)

NEW IRELAND (.) 18 feb 11 MITCHELLS hit KATENDAN PTN (.) 8

CORSAIRS bombed PO bridge west of NAMATANAI (.) part  
two follows all infm

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DA&QMG

G1(Ops)  
G(Int)(2)  
G(Air)  
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War Diary (2) ✓

MESSAGE FORM

From: 2 AUST CORPS

19 2200 L

To: FIRST AUST ARMY

Info: SEE OVER

G0964 secret sitrep 90 to 192000L (.) part two and final part (.)

THIRD (.) 3 aust div (.)

SOVELE (.) adv HQ 2/8 cdo sqn 003593 (.)

MOSIGETTA (.) C coy 9 bn 872590 moved through D coy 839582 to

rd junc 839577 (.) pl moving south engaged 10 japs cas

enemy 2 believed killed own nil (.) patrol engaged 7 japs

MARIGA 844542 1 jap believed killed (.) pl D coy engaged

estimated 10 japs 390581 killing 1 own/<sup>cas</sup>1 wounded contact

maintained (.)<sup>9</sup>/bn HQ 885584 (.) A coy 61 bn 834591 (.)

patrol killed 1 jap sjt 836594 (.)

PURIATA RIVER (.) 13 feb patrol NGIB from 835473 east to

PURIATA RIVER north along river to 848492 thence NW to

TOKO DARARA track at 840491 ambushed 4 japs killing 3

wounding 1 (.) 19 feb D coy 25 bn captured 1 jap 848439

all infm

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*for: LC COL*

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War Diary (2)

MESSAGE FORM

From: 2 AUST CORPS

232230 L

To: FIRTAUSTARMY

Info: SEE OVER

GO1004 SECRET aitrep 94 to 232000L (.) part one of two parts (.)  
FIRST (.) airops (.)

BOUGAINVILLE (.) 23 feb 13 CORSAIRS destroyed 6 damaged 4 possible  
warehouses MUGUAI - MAIKA area (.) 8 CORSAIRS bombed strafed  
biv sup area TEOP BAY (.) 8 CORSAIRS bombed strafed garden  
areas SOUTH of PURIATA RIVER (.) 4 CORSAIRS provided cover own  
barge activity (.) CORSAIR patrol's strafed dump TEOP ISLAND  
barge TAIRAKA huts NUMA NUMA (.)

NEW IRELAND (.) 22 feb 10 CORSAIRS 26 MITCHELLS hit pers sup areas  
NUSALEMOM MANE BAUDISSEN NANAWAUL GLOBIO LEMUS ISLANDS (.) 3  
MITCHELLS bombed KIMADAN (.)

NEW BRITAIN (.) 21 feb weathered out (.) 22 feb CORSAIR patrols  
bombed huts TOVAKUNDUM damaged floating crane KERA VIA BAY (.)

SECOND (.) 11 aust inf bde (.)

PIATERAPAIA (.) 23 feb patrol contacted enemy 614161 killing 2 (.)  
patrol to HENRYS HILL killed 1 jap 668177 and 1 probably killed  
649167 (.)

TSIMBA (.) B coy 26 bn reached 250582 without contact (.) 22 feb  
C coy patrol fwd of posn 238584 contacted estimated 10 japs  
dug in (.) pl 300 yds EAST contacted japs killing 1 own cas  
1 wounded (.) <sup>coy</sup> contacted further strong enemy posn 241585 cas  
enemy unknown own 2 killed 11 wounded (.) 22 feb ineffective  
arty fire on A coy 31/51 bn area (.) our mtn arty engaged  
enemy posn DOWNS HILL (.) 23 feb coy alight advance and  
consolidated (.) part two follows all infm

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*Alt Dear*  
..... Lt Col



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MESSAGE FORM

From: 2 AUST CORPS

232300.L

To: FIRST AUST ARMY

Info: SEE OVER

GO1004 secret sitrep 94 to 232000L (.) second and final part (.)

THIRD (.) 3 aust div (.)

TOKO (.) 22 feb further 3 japs killed 854503 (.) 23 feb D coy 25 bn supported by MMG mortar 2 pdr cleared enemy posn 855504 killing 4 japs wounding 1 (.) 8 pl moving through D coy forced enemy withdrawal from DARARA 866518 eqpt captured (.) D coy DARARA (.) 5 pl NGIB 861513 (.)

MOSIGETTA (.) 23 feb two pls 61 bn 901579 (.) 1 dead jap found 894579 (.) standing patrol est 911596 (.) ref sitrep 93 3 of 4 men reported missing returned 1 wounded remaining man NOT yet found reported wounded (.) after contact 890577 these men spent night within jap perimeter 889574 killing 8 japs (.) 230650L our mortar fire caused enemy withdrawal with 2 HMG and hand carts to SW (.) A coy 9 bn 878565 (.) B coy report rd clear 868559 to 888585 (.) 2 japs approaching coy posn fired on but escaped (.) two vacated enemy bivouac areas EAST of posn (.) small enemy party sighted on rd SOUTH arty engaged (.) patrol 500 yds SOUTH NO contact (.) patrol NGIB to 841561 and 861570 NO contact (.)

MAKAPEKA (.) 22 feb 286 natives from RUMIKI HORINU SINANAI evacuated to OPAI 003594 (.) natives report 35 japs 978508 (.) 1 jap killed 921552 (.) patrol in posn WEST river junc 914542 (.) patrol 2/8 odo sqn killed 3 japs 922552 (.) 23 feb ambushes set on river crossings between 927556 and 914545 (.) patrol SW along SOUTH bank PURIATA RIVER to 904526 NO contact (.) vacated pl def posn 920522 3 dead japs found all infm

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to action  
addressee

*Bill Dean*

for Lt Col

INFO

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23 AUST INF BDE

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4 AUST BASE SUB AREA

DRLS

INTERNAL DISTRIBUTION BY G(OPS)

PA to Comd

G1(Ops)

EMB

BGS

G(Int)(2)

War Diary (2)

DA&QMG

G(Air)

MESSAGE FORM

From 2 AUST CORPS 24 2145. L

To FIRSTAUSTARMY

Info SEE OVER

GO1015 (.) SECRET (.) sitrep 95 to 242000L (.) part one of two parts (.)  
FIRST (.) airops (.)

BOUGAINVILLE (.) 24 feb 21 CORSAIRS bombed MAIKA R3936 (.)

8 CORSAIRS bombed strafed gardens south of  
PURIATA RIVER (.) CORSAIR patrols destroyed  
unservicable barge SORAKEN plantation destroyed  
two huts CAPE LALAHAN (.)

NEW IRELAND (.) 23 feb 16 MITCHELLS bombed islands NUSA

ARCHIPELAGO (.) 12 MITCHELLS bombed KAVIENG (.)

8 CORSAIRS on patrol bombed BAUS NUSA  
ARCHIPELAGO (.)

NEW BRITAIN (.) 23 feb 27 MITCHELLS 6 VENTURAS dropped 30

tons bombs TOBERA (.) 6 MITCHELLS 8 VENTURAS hit  
storage area west REBAUL (.) 4 CORSAIRS bombed  
MATUPI ISLAND (.) 4 CORSAIRS caused explosion  
with smoke to 3000 ft PRAND PT (.)

SECOND (.) 11 aust inf bde (.)

natives claim 7 japs killed at BAKAPAN and a  
further 5 killed and 2 wounded at ORAMI (.)

PIATERAPAIA (.) 23 feb arty engaged reported enemy posn

716147 (.) night 23/24 feb mov heard 686127

(.) 24 feb patrol to HENRYS HILL area 674165

NO contact (.) further patrol killed one jap

690152 (.) arty engaged enemy posns 693157

611161 and HENRYS HILL (.)

TSIMBA

(.) 23 feb patrol killed 4 japs and evacuated

376 natives from PETATS ISLAND 1 native

wounded (.) tac HQ 26 bn 235574 HQ 4 fd regt

235573 (.) A coy 31/51 bn on DOWNS HILL

exchanged fire with enemy in SW killing 1

-2-

jap (.) enemy arty shelled area pm 23 feb and am  
 24 feb NO cas (.) dead jap found 244577 (.) 0 coy  
 26 bn 238584 patrol to 241584 NO contact (.) 26 hostile  
 ineffective rounds incl 5 duds in areas 237578 and  
 228568 (.) part two follows all infm

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*Alfred Dear*  
 for Lt Col

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INTERNAL DISTRIBUTION BY G(OPS)

PA to Comd	G1(Ops)	BMB
BGS	G(Int)(2)	War Diary (2)
DAZQMG	G(Air)	
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MESSAGE FORM

FROM 2 AUST CORPS 24 2/55 L  
TO FIRST AUST ARMY  
INFO SEE OVER

G01015 secret sitrep 95 to 242000L (.) second and final part (.)

THIRD (.) 3. aust inf div (.)

TOKO (.) 5 acre garden and 7 part destroyed huts found  
859495 (.) 1 jap wounded 868512 (.) patrol SE  
from DARARA fired on by automatic weapon 869513  
own cas 1 wounded (.) 2 dead japs 855506 (.)  
NGIB ambush killed 1 of 2 japs at 867491 (.)  
natives holding 4 jap PW in garden south PURIATA (.)

MOSIGETTA (.) pl B coy 9 bn 860553 fired on 1 jap (.) 75mm  
gun breech block missing found buried with primed  
shells 882576 (.) patrol 61 bn to 898564 found  
documents (.) C coy 61 bn 903567 (.) ref sitrep 94  
body of missing man found (.)

MAKAPEKA (.) ref sitrep 94 2 further japs killed 922552 (.)  
comd 2/3 cdo sqn passed to 7 bde (.) our patrols  
cut enemy cable in vicinity MAKAPEKA ford (.)  
patrol along north bank PURIATA from 914543 to  
925554 thence 1000 yds north no movement seen  
all informed

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*W. H. L. Carr*  
..... Lt Col

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PA to Comd	G1(Ops)	BMB
BGS	G(Int)(2)	War Diary (2) ✓
DA&QMG	G(Air)	
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MESSAGE FORM

From 2 AUST CORPS 252200L

To FIRSTAUSTARMY

Info SEE OVER

GO1022 (.) SECRET (.) sitrep 96 to 252000L (.) part one of two parts (.)  
FIRST (.) airops (.)

BOUGAINVILLE (.) 24 feb 1 MITCHELL & VENTURAS bombed enemy

activity EAST WEST ROAD NW RUNAI (.) 25 feb 12

CORSAIRS bombed strafed gardens SOUTH of PURIATA RIVER

RIVER (.) 20 CORSAIRS too R led bombed strafed

areas activity SW TAI TAI huts MT destroyed (.)

CORSAIR patrols strafed opportunity targets killing

JAP at KUMILOGO (.)

NEW IRELAND (.) 24 feb 4 MITCHELLS bombed DIDDYMANS FARM 1st

and med accurate AA encountered (.) 10 CORSAIRS

bombing NUSA ARCHIPELAGO (.) 1 VENTURA hit huts

SICACUI (.)

NEW BRITAIN (.) 24 feb 8 CORSAIRS bombed huts RAIUAN PT (.)

SECOND (.) 11 aust inf bde (.)

TSIMBA (.) 24 feb 22 hostile rounds 75mm incl 1 dnd on tac

HQ area wounding one (.) JAP body and two graves

found DOWNS HILL (.) A coy 26 bn 275567 (.) A coy

31/51 bn 275564 (.) 1 JAP killed by booby trap

(.) 16 ineffective hostile rounds 75mm incl 2 dnds

on area 277567 (.) patrol A coy 26 bn 200 yds NE

fired on by estimated 12 JAPS cas enemy 1 killed

own 1 offr 4 OR wounded (.) 4 JAPS killed 400 yds

EAST (.) patrol B coy probably killed 1 JAP 245535

(.) part two follows all infm

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IMPORTANT  
TO ACTION  
ADDRESSEE

..... Lt-Col



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INTERNAL DISTRIBUTION BY G(OPS)

PA to Comd	G1(Ops)	BMB
BGS	G(Int)(2)	War Diary (2)
DA&QMG	G(Air)	
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MESSAGE FORM

From 3 AUST CORPS

25 22/0 L

To FIRSTAUSTARMY

Info SEE OVER

GO1022 (.) SECRET (.) sitrep 96 to 252000L (.) part two and final part(.)  
THIRD (.) 3 aust div (.)

natives killed 4 JAPS RUSEI R0637 (.)

MOSIGETTA (.) 25 feb patrol A coy 9 bn reported MARIG clear  
signs recent occupation (.) B coy 869560 C coy 888577  
D coy 859549 (.) D coy 61 bn less pl 915581 pl 910577  
(.) C coy less two pls occupied crossing 898564, patrol  
SOUTH to 881557 thence NE to 901579 report numerous  
gardens bivouac areas and def posns (.) evao enemy  
hosp 907577 document and med eqpt found (.) patrol  
NGIB found 3 JAP graves 867583 (.)

MAKAPEKA (.) adv HQ 2/8 odo sqn 929553 with sec posts in area  
9254 all infm

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PA to Comd	G1(Ops)	BMB
BGS	G(Int)(2)	/ War Diary (2)
DA&QMG	G(Air)	
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MESSAGE FORM

From: 2 aust corps 26 2210 L

To: firstaustarmy

Info: see over

G01039 (.) SECRET (.) sitrep 96<sup>7</sup> to 262000L (.) part one of two parts  
FIRST (.) airops (.)

BOUGAINVILLE (.) 26 feb 28 CORSAIRS bombed reported enemy conc  
EAST WEST track 1 mi SE RUSEI (.) 4 CORSAIRS bombed enemy  
conc CHIPURA (.) patrols strafed hit 2 barges R5523 (.)  
NEW IRELAND (.) 25 feb 3 MITCHELLS bombed DOI island (.) 4  
MITCHELLS cratered rd LAMEUSO (.) 8 CORSAIRS hit huts  
GLOBIO island (.)

NEW BRITAIN (.) 25 feb 24 MITCHELLS 5 VENTURAS bombed VUNAKANAU  
(.) 6 MITCHELLS bombed TOBERA (.) 7 MITCHELLS 3 VENTURAS  
hit plane park SULPHUR CREEK (.) 16 CORSAIRS bombed huts  
KURAKAKAUL VUNAKAMALAMA (.)

SECOND (.) 3 aust div (.)

MOSIGETTA (.) 261015L A coy 61 bn less pl 869550 pl at 344532  
(.) C coy patrol crossed PURIATA 916546 contacted adv  
2/3 cdo sqn (.) D coy patrol to 923553 located elaborate  
biv area evacuated 10 days and with sign board HQ 13 inf  
regt and 8 jap graves (.) 9 bn moving from MOSIGETTA to  
MAMAREGU 760535 (.)

KIA RAE (.) HQ 25 bn opened at 864517 (.) patrol to gardens  
861494 contacted 6 jap killed 1 (.) A coy 875507 (.)  
patrol from 846483 to 874483 left holding force at track  
junc (.) remainder moved north to 379494 heard chopping  
now moving towards TOKINOTU (.) A coy NGIB patrol fired on  
from posn south bank river 875493 (.) 4 and 5 pl conc  
361513 (.)

MAKAPEKA (.) patrol 2/3 cdo sqn killed 4 wounded 3 japs 905534  
(.) well used track crosses river (.)  
RUSEI (.) natives killed another jap (.) part two follows all  
infm

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MESSAGE FORM

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From: 2 aust corps 26 2211L  
To: firstaustarmy  
Info: see over  
GO 1039 (.) SECRET (.) sitrep 9<sup>7</sup> to 262000L (.) part two and final  
part (.)  
THIRD (.) 11 aust inf bde (.)

DOWNS HILL (.) estimated 7 japs with LMG fired on A coy 26 bn  
251000L nil cas (.) 252245L 12 hostile ineffective rds  
(.) 5 pl 26 bn relieved A coy 31/51 bn 260700L who  
depart for TOROKINA 261235L (.) flank patrol occupied  
posn recently evac by 30 to 40 japs incl naval pers (.)  
one enemy body and captured aust eqpt found (.)

TSIMBA (.) B coy 26 bn patrol located damaged 75 mm gun no  
details (.) pl reached coast 2395~~35~~ pm 25 feb contacted  
enemy killed 2 own 1 wounded (.) 261135L killed jap same  
area (.) D coy moved through B coy reached 243591 no  
contact (.)

PIATERAPAIA (.) arty R directed fire 674150 and 724143 wher<sup>3</sup>  
hut destroyed (.) SMITHS HILL harassed by hy and 3 in  
mortars all infm

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MESSAGE FORM

From 2 AUST CORPS 27 2100 L

To FIRSTAUSTARMY

Info 3 AUST DIV 11 AUST INF BDE 23 AUST INF BDE 4 AUST BASE  
SUB AREA

GO1047 (.) SECRET (.) sitrep 98 to 272000L (.) part one of two  
parts (.)

FIRST (.) airops (.)

BOUGAINVILLE (.) 27 feb 12 CORSAIRS destroyed huts TAI TAI  
(.) 16 CORSAIRS bombed strafed suspected enemy conc  
MONOITU - MALEGATA track huts hit (.) CORSAIR patrols  
strafed opportunity targets HANGAN CAPE PURI PURI  
PIRIAS RIVER NUMA NUMA with unobserved results 1 JAP  
killed WARIKI (.)

CHOISEUL (.) 26 feb 7 MITCHELLS 8 VENTURAS bombed enemy conc  
PORO PORO (.)

NEW IRELAND (.) 25 feb 13 MITCHELLS caused fuel fires KAVIENG  
(.) 26 feb 4 CORSAIRS 3 VENTURAS bombed BELIK  
plantation (.) 18 MITCHELLS hit sup personnel areas  
LEMAKOT (.) 6 MITCHELLS attacked BALIUS (.) 3 MITCHELLS  
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KAVIENG results unobserved (.) 4 CORSAIRS attacked  
LIBBA plantation (.) 3 VENTURAS scored hits bivouac  
area AMBA (.)

NEW BRITAIN (.) 26 feb 8 CORSAIRS bombed huts KURAKAKAUL (.)

SECOND (.) 3 aust div (.)

KIARAE (.) A coy 25 bn at ford 379504 (.)

MAKAPEKA (.) 26 feb rear HQ 2/8 cdo sqn 889584 (.) patrol  
contacted enemy with 3 LMG due to 924541 killing 1  
wounding 1 (.) further patrol attacked and occupied  
posn but were engaged by estimated 25 to 30 japs  
with HMGs from small ridge (.) patrol withdrew when  
amm expended cas enemy 9 killed possible 6 wounded  
own 2 wounded (.) 27 feb patrol to 906507 reports  
wall made EAST WEST rd no sign recent use (.) two

secs at 004590 (.) part two follows all infm  
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MESSAGE FORM

From : 2 AUST CORPS

27 2235L

To : FIRSTAUSTARMY

Info : 3 AUST DIV 11 AUST INF BDE 23 AUST INF BDE 4 AUST BASE  
SUB AREA

001047 secret sitrep 98 to 272000L (.) part two and final part (.)

MOSIGETTA (.) A coy 61 bn 847541 patrol contacted 25 bn DARARA 1

Jap killed 903567 (.) large evac enemy bivouac area at 877566 (.)

THIRD (.) 11 aust inf bde (.)

PIATERAPAIA (.) 26 feb ANGAU native observed jap party with 10

MGs at 653193 moving up WAKUNAI RIVER towards VIVIE (.)

also sighted ship moving from ASITAVE to NUMA NUMA (.)

27 feb PW captured near TOKUA 635207 (.) 2 japs killed NORTH

slope SMITHS HILL (.)

DOWNS HILL (.) 27 feb A coy 26 bn 277564 (.) fwd pl dug in 275570

killed 1 jap (.)

TSIMBA (.) 26 feb enemy attack on pl B coy posn 239586 repulsed

patrol C coy killed 1 of 10 japs 239584 arty engaged and

patrol captured 2 japs (.) 27 feb garden 242585 occupied 1

japs (.) 26 feb D coy 247588 (.) patrol killed 2 of 5 japs

NORTH of track junc 246591 (.) enemy attack on pl posn

248592 dispersed by arty (.) 271000L patrol reached 244605

killed 1 jap found 37 mm TK/A gun and damaged truck (.)

271335L this patrol along coast contacted enemy with H&G

and LMG dug in 244607 (.) 270200L to 270230L estimated 2

to 4 enemy 75 mm guns 271618 fired 40 rds incl 4 duds into

Tac HQ area 235573 wounding 2 damaging eqpt and sup our

arty retaliated (.) 26 feb AIB report natives killed 2 japs

OLD ARAVIA and 1 jap offr MUSIKATA area R0738 all infm

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*Staylor*  
.....Lt-Col

MESSAGE FORM

From : 2 AUST CORPS

27 2235L

To : FIRSTAUSTARMY

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SUB AREA

G01047 secret sitrep 98 to 272000L (.) part two and final part (.)

MOSIGETTA (.) A coy 61 bn 847541 patrol contacted 25 bn DARARA 1

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 To FIRSTAUSTARMY  
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 SUB AREA

G01047 (.) SECRET (.) sitrep 98 to 272000L (.) part one of two  
 parts (.)

FIRST (.) airops (.)

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 area AMBA (.)

NEW BRITAIN (.) 26 feb 8 CORSAIRS bombed huts KURAKAKAUL (.)  
 SECOND (.) 3 aust div (.)

KIARAE (.) A coy 25 bn at ford 879504 (.)

MAKAPEKA (.) 26 feb rear HQ 2/8 cdo sqn 889584 (.) patrol  
 contacted enemy with 3 LMGs in 924541 killing 1  
 wounding 1 (.) further patrol attacked and occupied  
 posn but were engaged by estimated 25 to 30 japs  
 with HMGs from small ridge (.) patrol withdrew when  
 amm expended cas enemy 9 killed possible 6 wounded  
 own 2 wounded (.) 27 feb patrol to 906507 reports  
 wall made EAST WEST rd no sign recent use (.) two

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MESSAGE FORM

From 2 AUST COES 222230L  
To FIRSTAUSTARMY  
Info SEE OVER  
G0996 SECRET sitrep 93 to 222000L (.)  
FIRST (.) airops (.)

BOUGAINVILLE (.) 22 feb 2 CORSAIRS 6 MITCHELLS 8 VENTURAS  
caused much damage enemy installations MAIKA R3936  
(.) total 28 CORSAIRS bombed bivouac sup area 1  
mile SW TAITAI (.)

NEW IRELAND (.) 21 feb 34 MITCHELLS 3 VENTURAS hit strip  
township gun posn KAVIENG (.) 6 CORSAIRS bombed  
huts NUSALEMON ISLAND (.)

SECOND (.) 3 aist div (.)

PURIATA RIVER (.) B coy 25 bn 348489 (.) ref sitrep 92 D coy  
maintaining contact with enemy 854503 killed 5  
own 1 wounded (.)

MOSIGETTA (.) B coy 9 bn 868560 documents and eqpt found in  
area (.) of 4 enemy ambushed 3 killed 1 wounded  
(.) three unsuccessful attacks on B coy posn  
result known JAP cas 1 killed own 1 wounded (.)  
221530L pl B coy moving NE along MARIGA road (.)  
B coy 61 bn repulsed attack by estimated 13 JAPS  
killing 6 own cas 3 wounded documents captured (.)  
patrol to 890577 killed 2 wounded 1 JAP four men  
of patrol lost contact not returned (.) 211050L  
C coy patrol with mortar sp engaged strong enemy  
posn with HMG and mortars approx 889574 but held  
by heavy fire cas enemy 1 killed own 1 wounded (.)

MAKAPEKA (.) HQ 2/8 cdo sqn 928557 (.) patrols found several  
tracks across PURIATA RIVER 914546<sup>to</sup>/922552

THIRD (.) 11 aust inf bde (.)

PIATERAPAIA (.) 21/22 feb arty harassed SMITHS HILL (.)

Native from NUMA NUMA 19 feb reports 30 JAPS

NUMA NUMA 20 JAPS 7619 (.)

TSIMBA (.) 21 feb enemy pockets DOWNS HILL still resisting

cas enemy 2 killed own 1 killed 1 wounded (.)

B coy 238569 (.) patrol reached 248580 without

contact report many abandoned JAP defences (.)

enemy engaged C coy posn with rifle and LMG fire

from posn 200 yds NORTH our arty engaged (.) 20

ineffective hostile rounds incl 2 duds possible

75 mm on NORTH bank GENGA RIVER (.) our arty

engaged area 242603 245584 (.) 22 feb 31/51 bn

less A coy DOWNS HILL relieved by 26 bn (.) one

JAP sighted NORTH C coy 26 bn 238584 our mortars

engaged (.) 31/51 bn less A coy departed PUTO

for TOROKINA all infm

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MESSAGE FORM

From: 2 AUST CORPS 213146 L  
To: FIRSTAUSTARMY  
Info: SEE OVER

G0937 secret sitrep 92 to 212000L (.) part one of two parts (.)  
FIRST (.) airops (.)

BOUGAINVILLE (.) 21 feb 23 CORSAIRS attacked enemy pers sup areas  
- 1 mile SW TAITAI (.) CORSAIR patrols strafed huts  
vicinity KOROMIRA mission (.)

NEW IRELAND (.) 20 feb 4 CORSAIRS 3 VENTURAS bombed enemy  
installations NUSALEMION island (.) 4 MITCHELLS bombed  
KAVIENG (.) 4 CORSAIRS bombed UNGAN island MANE island (.)

NEW BRITAIN (.) 20 feb 3 LIBERATORS bombed KERAVAL airfield (.)  
4 CORSAIRS scored hits barge KERAVAL BAY (.) 4 CORSAIRS  
bombed MT park VULCAN CRATER (.)

SECOND (.) 11 aust inf bde (.)

PIATERAPAIA (.) 20/21 feb arty and mortars harassed SMITHS HILL (.)

TSIMEA (.) main body 26 bn departed TOROKINA for PUTU (.) 20 feb  
further jap posns DOWNS HILL occupied cas enemy 2 killed  
own 1 missing small pocket with LMG still resisting (.)  
21 feb 51 ineffective hostile rounds A coy area (.) our  
arty engaged 264603 and 268603 (.) jap counter attack  
repulsed cas enemy 2 killed own 1 wounded (.) 20 feb  
C coy 238584 two japs killed (.) arty engaged suspected  
enemy posn 239582 (.) 21 <sup>FEB</sup> ~~jan~~ eight japs seen NORTH coy  
posn (.) area SOUTH GILMAN RIVER mouth reported clear of  
enemy (.) ref sitrep 87 own OR missing believed killed  
now confirmed killed (.) D coy 236569 (.) native police  
boy patrol to PETATS ISLAND captured 1 jap and documents  
(.) part two follows all infm

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..... *Hauser Meyer* Lt-Col

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INTERNAL DISTRIBUTION BY G(OPS)

PA to Comd  
BCS  
DA&QMG

GI(Ops)  
G(Int)(2)  
G(Air)  
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BMB  
War Diary (2)

MESSAGE FORM

From: 2 AUST CORPS

212300 L

To: FIRSTAUSTARMY

Info: SEE OVER

G0937 secret sitrep 92 to 212000L (.) part two and final part (.)

THIRD (.) 3 aust div (.)

SOVELE (.) patrol 2/3 cdo sqn killed 3 japs 922552 (.) patrol along  
river from 003594 to 9356 report many gardens recently vacated  
(.)

MOSIGETTA (.) 20 feb patrol 61 bn sighted jap at 917580 (.) 21 feb

A coy 333539 patrol ambushed 7 japs 892574 enemy flanking move  
caused withdrawal (.) / B coy 394532 (.) patrol D coy to area  
Patrol B Coy engaged 4 japs 393533 enemy withdrew (.)

9259 no movement seen (.) natives report enemy 915577 (.) patrol

A coy 9 bn engaged enemy unknown str 377570 no cas (.) pl SW

along MARIGA rd engaged estimated 10 japs 306574 was enemy

unknown own 1 killed 1 wounded pl dug in (.) B coy 333533 (.)

patrol returning from 864572 dispersed two enemy ambushes

wounding 2 japs (.) small enemy party attacked working party

2 fd regt 882535 cas enemy unknown own 1 killed 3 wounded (.)

HQ A coy NGIB 349593 (.)

PURIATA RIVER (.) 21 feb D coy 25 bn engaged estimated 10 japs

354503 cas enemy unknown own 1 killed engagement continuing (.)

patrol NGIB to 869512 NO contact all infm

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MESSAGE FORM

From 2 AUST CORPS 202230Z

To FIRSTAUSTARMY

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00980 (.) SECRET (.) sitrep 91 to 202000L (.) part one of two parts (.)

FIRST (.) airops (.)

BOUGAINVILLE (.) 20 feb 1 MITCHELL 8 VENTURAS bombed MAIKI (.)

16 CORSAIRS bombed bivouac areas vicinity ford  
PURIATA RIVER 875502 (.) 12 CORSAIRS attacked  
suspected bn HQ 855492 SOUTH of PURIATA RIVER (.)  
4 CORSAIRS bombed strafed 3 barges SORAKEN plantation  
destroyed two damaged one (.)

NEW IRELAND (.) 19 feb 22 MITCHELLS 8 VENTURAS bombed airstrip  
town KAVIENG (.) 4 MITCHELLS strafed area KAUT BAY  
to KOKA (.) 6 CORSAIRS bombed opportunity targets  
BAUDISSEN UNGAN and MANE ISLAND (.)

NEW BRITAIN (.) 19 feb 7 MITCHELLS 7 VENTURAS bombed RABAU  
township (.) 4 CORSAIRS hit suspected truck park  
KENOBOTT (.) 4 CORSAIRS bombed sup area RALUM (.)

SECOND (.) 11 aust inf bde (.)

PIATERAPAIA (.) 19/20 feb arty engaged SMITHS HILL and SISIVIE  
area (.) 20 feb (.) patrol to 684153 fired on by  
estimated enemy sec (.) native scouts reported enemy  
mov 690154 (.) arty engaged 691156 and with mortars  
SMITHS HILL (.)

TSIMBA (.) 19 feb (.) 5 hostile ineffective rounds incl 3  
duds area 264569 (.) 20 feb (.) ref sitrep 90 3  
additional JAPS killed DOWNS HILL (.) mtn arty and  
3-in mortars engaged enemy posns (.) further cas own  
1 killed 1 wounded (.) B coy less pl 236569 pl 245583  
(.) patrol C coy heard JAP mov 237580 mortars engaged  
(.) coy less pl reached coast NORTH GILMAN RIVER

NO contact (.) pl at 242583 (.) part two follows  
all infm

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G0980 (.) SECRET (.) sitrep 91 to 202000L (.) second and final part (.)  
THIRD (.) 3 aust div (.)

SOVELE (.) ref sitrep 89 two additional JAPS killed 9156 (.)  
patrol NORTH bank PURIATA RIVER report vacated  
LMG posts (.) five JAPB seen 965531 (.) patrol  
killed one of three JAPS 923552 (.) native patrol  
sighted three JAPS in burnt out NIHERO VILLAGE  
008539 (.)

MOSIGETTA (.) ref sitrep 90 enemy cas 390581 should read two  
killed (.) 20 feb adv HQ 7 bde 850595 (.) C coy  
patrol MARIGA RD forced four JAPS withdraw from  
888574 (.) enemy again contacted 887576 mortars  
engaged (.) patrol A coy unsuccessful attempt  
outflank enemy posn 880575 (.) pl occupied enemy  
posn 889582 (.) enemy activity C coy 888576 cas own  
4 wounded (.) AUSTER strip opened MAWARAKA (.)

PURIATA RIVER (.) 19 feb D coy 25 bn 848489 10 JAPS seen EAST  
bank PURIATA RIVER (.) patrol to 848503 NO contact  
(.) 20 feb adv HQ 25 bn 847488 (.) A coy less pl  
847489 pl 844481 C coy 846466 (.) patrol NGIB to  
rd junc 869512 fired on by eleven JAPS patrol  
withdrew all infm

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 To: firstaustarmy  
 Info: 3 aust div 11 aust inf bde 23 aust inf bde  
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GO1055 (.) SECRET (.) sitrep 99 to 282000L (.) part one of two parts(.)  
 FIRST (.) airops (.)

BOUGAINVILLE (.) 28 feb 8 VENTURAS 1 MITCHELL started fires  
 vicinity MONOITU MISSION (.) 8 CORSAIRS tac R led bombed  
 huts near KINDO 5 huts destroyed other damaged (.) 12  
 CORSAIRS bombed jap conc near MIBO river (.) patrols sank  
 one barge strafed 2 barges rowboat and sampan near PORTON  
 sank one barge killed 6 japs FAISI IS destroyed huts

TSIROGEI damaged huts KALIA (.) 8 CORSAIRS tac R led  
 bombed huts bivouac areas HIRU HIRU (.)

NEW IRELAND (.) 27 feb 10 MITCHELLS bombed bridges LAMUSSONG  
 LUMIS (.)

NEW BRITAIN (.) 27 feb 7 MITCHELLS 8 VENTURAS bombed plane park  
 VUNAKANAU (.) 12 LIBERATORS dropped 48 tons underground  
 sup damp RABAU (.) 26 MITCHELLS 6 VENTURAS bombed  
 TOBERA (.) CORSAIR patrols cratered TOBERA destroyed  
 7 huts DUKE OF YORK (.)

SECOND (.) 11 aust inf bde (.)

PIATERAPAIA (.) 28 feb 2 japs killed 671137 (.)

TSIMBA (.) 27 feb/attacked A coy posn 271575 cas enemy 1  
 killed own 1 wounded 1 jap HMG captured (.) 280630L  
 sig wire cut NO further report (.) 27 feb pl B coy  
 contacted enemy posns 242589 own cas 1 killed (.)  
 patrol came under hy fire from 255584 (.) 28 feb pl  
 relieved D coy at 247588 (.) coy less pl 248586 (.)  
 27 feb pl C coy digging in 239585 under enemy arty fire  
 (.) 28 feb coy 239586 (.) patrol NORTH to 243602  
 contacted pl D coy (.) pl D coy in contact with  
 estimated 25 japs dug in at 248594 (.) japs  
 attempting out flanking move. engaged (.) part two  
 follows all infm

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G01055 secret sitrep 99 to 282000L (.) part two and final part (.)  
continued (.)  
TSIMBA / 271600L enemy arty fired 20 rounds on C coy and GILLMAN  
RIVER area wounding 4 (.) 272300L further 50 ineffective  
rounds incl 5 duds on area GILLMAN RIVER mouth to vicinity  
tac HQ (.) counter bty fire on 271624 266606 (.) COMPTON  
RIVER at 244606 (.)

THIRD (.) 3 aust div (.)

TOKO (.) 27 feb patrol NGIB along SOUTH bank PURIATA RIVER from  
850493 to 870492 report evac def posns (.) 28 feb patrol  
contacted enemy unknown str 870491 (.) patrol 25 bn from  
847489 moved through NGIB patrol came under heavy fire  
1 HMG 1 LMG (.) patrol engaged and withdrew (.) 28 feb 20  
ineffective hostile believed 75mm shells incl 2 duds on  
area 881504 (.)

MAKAPEKA (.) 28 feb patrol 2/8 cdo sqn report EAST WEST track  
shows signs of hy use 913534 (.)

MOSIGETTA (.) patrols PEKEI area report NO contact all infm

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2 AUST CORPS DAILY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No 22  
(Information to 011730L)

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LOTUPENA Point - PURIATA River Special

## PART I

1 LAND - OWN AND ENEMY(a) 3 AUST DIV - SOVELE Mission Area - 2/8 Commando Sqn

Patrolling was continued, mainly in the upper reaches of the TAVERA River, 5000 yards SW of SOVELE Mission. No enemy were sighted.

JABA River Area - 61 Bn

Patrol reports KUPON free of the enemy, but showing signs of recent occupation. The patrol reached a track 400 yards east of KUPON which is believed to lead to SISURUAI.

A patrol to NIGITAN observed four enemy on a track 800 yards north of NIGITAN.

A further patrol from 843698, 3000 yards west of KUPON, encountered enemy of unknown strength armed with LMG and rifles 2300 yards SE along the track to MOSINA.

AWARAKA Area - 9 Bn and 25 Bn

25 Bn. B Coy 25 Bn is now at 770610, just south of the MAKATOWA road and 1000 yards from the beach.

A patrol located two huts containing documents 200 yards east of the coy position.

9 Bn. B Coy patrol found an estimated 12 enemy at 792613, 1000 yards east of MAKATOWA, killing one and wounding another.

A pl of a Coy lead the remainder of a Coy through heavy swamp to a position on the road 1700 yards east of MAKATOWA, 800611. The enemy, in unknown strength, attacked the Coy from east and west. The attack was repulsed and six enemy were killed.

Patrols from D Coy found one enemy dead and one LMG at 786610, 500 yards south of MAKATOWA.

LOTUPENA Point Area - 25 Bn and a Coy 1 NG Inf Bn

A patrol from 25 Bn found a hut occupied by four enemy on the beach track 6000 yards north of the PURIATA River. One enemy was fired on but escaped. Four rifles, documents and supplies were captured.

A patrol from NG Inf Bn surprised and killed three enemy in a hut on the beach track 4000 yards north of the PURIATA River.

(b) 11 AUST INF BDE - PIATERAPALI Area - 26 Bn

Our artillery engaged the enemy on SMITHS HILL at 0930 hrs on 1 Feb killing one and possibly killing four.

TSLBA Area - 31/51 Bn

Natives report that 30 to 40 enemy were at NEW NEBOROSE, 255545, 3500 yards ENE of PUTO on 27 Jan and had departed northward on 29 Jan. Also that a party of enemy were astride the track 1000 yards north of NEW NEBOROSE.

C Coy reported considerable enemy activity around the Coy perimeter on the night 31 Jan/1 Feb. Several booby traps were sprung, shots were exchanged and enemy casualties were one officer killed and one enemy wounded. At 1450 hrs 1 Feb the enemy attacked the Coy perimeter from the north, using LMGs and an estimated 20 rifles. The attack was repulsed and eight enemy were killed and six wounded. Two Type 96 LMGs in good condition were captured.

Another flashing light was seen in the vicinity of L.N.W.O. Island at 1955 hrs 31 Jan.

At 1615 hrs on 1 Feb a craft similar to a barge was sighted off the north coast of HON Island square 1449.

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(c) SUMMARY OF PATROL REPORTS

Natives report that the enemy south of TOKU., 634207, are using caves for shelter against mortar fire.

2 AIR - OWN - BOUGAINVILLE - 1 Feb

Twenty Corsairs, led in by Tac R aircraft, bombed Jap occupied huts and pillboxes in the WARIKI River area 908609. All bombs fell in the target area. Eight Corsairs, Tac R led, attacked huts and a suspected bivouac area at HORINU No 1 927508. The target was well covered.

Corsair patrols strafed a raft at PUK PUK and two Japs at KONANA (Q7951) with unobserved results. K-2 airfield was reported as appearing serviceable.

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MOTUPENA Point - PURIATA River Special

PART I

1. LANG - OWN AND ENEMY

(a) 3 AUST DIV - SOVELE MISSION Area 2/8 Cdo Sqn

A patrol to 934634, in the headwaters of the TAVERA RIVER found four huts capable of holding 25 men. The gardens in the area were overgrown, and one enemy in poor condition was killed.

At 0830 hrs 2 Feb, part of B Troop moved from 774738 just north of JABA No 2, en route to SOVELE.

JABA RIVER Area 61 Bn

A patrol on the MOSINA track encountered enemy in the same position as on 1 Feb. Fire was exchanged with unknown results. At 1200 hrs 2 Feb a patrol to KUPON found no enemy.

9 Pl established a firm base at 852691, 2000 yards west of KUPON.

TAVERA RIVER Area 25 Bn

A patrol to SISURUAI 2 at 901636 (corrected location) found the village unoccupied.

A recce patrol from C Coy found the enemy still in position at 802662 near LOG CROSSING and engaged with mortars. Results are unknown.

MAKATOWA Area 9 Bn

An enemy party of unknown strength moving to the south of D Coy at 789613 were engaged with unobserved results. A patrol to 792616 discovered fresh tracks and shelters, and 300 yards further east found a 150 mm howitzer less breech block. The breech block less the firing pin was later recovered some distance away. Our arty shell craters were within 30 yards of the gun position.

Two tracked arty prime movers in fair condition, one arty director in good condition and one serviceable field telephone were recovered in the same area.

At 1530 hrs on 2 Feb a patrol returned from the loop in the HUPAI RIVER 1000 yards east of MAKATOWA 791613, and reported the area clear of the enemy but found signs of recent activity.

(b) 11 AUST INF BDE - PIATERAPAIA Area

The relief of 25 Bn by 55/53 Bn was completed at 1500 hrs 2 Feb.

TSIMBA Area 31/51 Bn

One enemy was killed by C Coy on 1 Feb. Spasmodic activity by enemy arty between 1245 hrs 1 Feb and 0900 2 Feb resulted in a total of 42 rounds landing in B and C Coy areas, and in the area of Tab HQ 31/51 Bn. It is believed that there is one 70 mm gun at 226566, approximately 300 yards east of GENGA RIVER mouth, and one 75 mm gun at 238580, 2000 yards north along the beach from the GENGA RIVER. Our own arty registered on these gun areas.



During the night 1/2 Feb the enemy was again active around C Coy perimeter. At 1225 hrs 2 Feb enemy arty fired 12 rounds on the GENGA RIVER crossing 229560, but ceased fire when our arty engaged.

At 0915 hrs on 2 Feb D Coy arrived at PUTO.

AIR SIGHTING

The RNZAF report that at 1735 hrs 1 Feb a submarine was sighted approximately 25 miles NNW of GREEN ISLAND. The submarine was surface cruising with rails awash but crash dived when it sighted the aircraft.

2. AIR - OWN BOUGAINVILLE - 2 Feb

A suspected dump and personnel area at MUGUAI 374394 (Target A 43) was attacked by 12 Corsairs. Forty huts were observed of which 10 - 12 were destroyed and many damaged.

Eight Corsairs led in by Tac/R aircraft bombed huts and bivouac area at HORINU (2) 932507. The target was well covered.

Patrol aircraft strafed huts at MUGUAI and two Japs in water at OROWERE BAY killing one and wounding the other.

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2 AUST CORPS DAILY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No 24  
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LOTUPENA Point - PURIATA River Special

PART I

1. LAND - OWN AND ENEMY

(a) 3 AUST DIV - SOVELE Mission Area - 2/8 Commando Sqn

A patrol found three enemy in a hut at LENDAI 890643, killing two. A further three enemy were observed in a hut at WARAPA 895658 and further activity was heard nearby.

The remainder of B Tp has departed for SOVELE.

PAGANA River Area - 61 Bn

At 1100 hrs on 3 Feb A Coy moved to 840699, on the track 3200 yards west of KUPON. At the same time a patrol from 9 pl left the firm base at 852691, 2000 yards west of KUPON and moving east, encountered enemy of unknown strength armed with LMGs in a bivouac area of 12 huts, 864676, 1300 yards SE of MOSINA. Our arty engaged the position and the patrol advanced 100 yards without sighting the enemy, destroyed the huts and returned.

On the morning of 3 Feb, 2300 yards south of NIGITAN, a patrol sighted one enemy who escaped. The patrol found four enemy in bivouac in four huts. The enemy withdrew and the huts were destroyed.

TAVERA River Area - 25 Bn

15 pl established a patrol base at 819654, 3200 yards NW of RUARURO.

MAKATOWA Area - 9 Bn

13 pl C Coy moving east through A Coy was fired on by enemy in a wired position at 804609 1400 yards east of MAKATOWA. The patrol withdrew slightly to allow arty fire to be brought down on the position. On moving forward after firing ceased, movement was heard from the position. The pl dug in for the night 200 yards to the west of the enemy.

B Coy moved forward to 788611, 700 yards east of MAKATOWA.

PURIATA River Area - 25 Bn and A Coy 1 MG Inf Bn

On the morning of 2 Feb an MG Inf Bn patrol through LAKAKU 820504 sighted 28 enemy 400 yards NE of the village. Forward scouts engaged the leading eight enemy of whom two were killed. Our patrol withdrew but detached a party to set an ambush at 803488, 2500 yards SW of the village. A patrol moving south along the beach track at 0600 hrs 3 Feb, from 798485 encountered an enemy ambush, strength unknown, armed with LMGs and mortars. Fire was exchanged and our patrol withdrew to a perimeter at 784503 on the beach track 4000 yards south of POTAVI. Eighty kanakas were evacuated from the area on 3 Feb.

At 1405 hrs 2 Feb, 18 pl 25 Bn landed from a barge and established a position at 806475 on the beach track 5500 yards north of the PURIATA River. 17 pl was approximately 250 yards south from 18 pl. A patrol from 17 pl was fired on by the enemy from a position at 810473, the north side of the lagoon entrance, 5000 yards along the beach from the PURIATA River. At 0730 hrs 3 Feb, the patrol attacked across the sandbar at the mouth of the lagoon. One enemy was killed and the remainder withdrew with the patrol following up.

(b) 11 AUST INF BDE - TSILBA Area - 31/51 Bn

At 1430 hrs 2 Feb, D Coy relieved C Coy which returned to 221542 on the beach track, 2600 yards south of the GEMGA River mouth.

At 1550 hrs, our 4.2 inch mortars fired onto an enemy position at 221561, 500 yards south of the GEMGA River.

The enemy arty opened fire on the crossing of the GEMGA River, 32 rounds falling between 1855 and 1916 hrs. Seven rounds failed to explode. The enemy gun position was engaged by our arty.

On the night 2/3 Feb, slight enemy activity around B Coy perimeter resulted in grenades being thrown by both sides.

At 1130 hrs 3 Feb, our 3 inch mortars bombed the enemy position engaged by the 4.2 inch mortars on 2 Feb and the mountain arty shelled a point where enemy movement had been reported by Tac 2, 241586, on the beach track 3000 yards north of the GEMGA River. The results of the arty

fire were unobserved.

PIATERAPAIA Area - 55/53 Bn

Correction to 2 Aust Corps Intelligence Summary No 23. For "25 Bn" read "26 Bn."

At 0600 hrs 3 Feb, our arty fired on enemy positions at 685163 and 680183 approximately 1000 yards SE of KALIKOKU. ANGAU scouts posted to observe results reported all shots in the target area and one hut destroyed. One enemy sergeant was killed by the observers.

Our MMGs, 4.2 inch and 3 inch mortars fired on SMITHS HILL at 1600 hrs.

Kanakas brought in by ANGAU on 3 Feb state that six enemy armed with one LMG and including two officers, were at IBU and six enemy with one LMG at JASIPOKI, not yet located.

The natives also reported that the enemy were evacuating the SISIVIE area during the week and the pro enemy natives have taken to the bush.

2 AIR - OWN - BOUGAINVILLE - 3 Feb

Twenty Corsairs attacked hut concentrations and fuel dump in the MUGUAI area 332409 (Target A43). Many huts were destroyed and the fuel dump fired.

Eight Corsairs bombed suspected gun position at 226567, TSIMBA area. A quantity of wood and debris was flung into the air.

Corsair patrols observed caves which appeared to be boarded up at LONAHAN village L2195 and PUTPUTUN F2311 on the east coast of BUKA Island. Two huts were strafed at GOMAI Island with unobserved results.

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2 AUST CORPS DAILY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No 25  
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MOTUPENA Point - PURIATA River Special

PART I

1. LAND - OWN AND ENEMY

(a) 3 AUST DIV - SOVELE Mission Area - 2/8 Cdo Sqn

At 1745 hrs 3 Feb, a patrol found MOSIMA, approx 889650 - MENDAI - SISURUAI clear of the enemy. Signs of heavy foot traffic were seen in the vicinity of SISURUAI. It is believed that there are a small number of enemy at WARAPA.

A patrol left on 3 Feb for the upper reaches of the MAVIRI RIVER, square 9061, 6000 yards west of NAIRONA.

PAGANA RIVER Area - 61 Bn

The position of KUPON is now 882699. A standing patrol has been established at 858705, 300 yards north of the track and 2000 yards west of KUPON.

10 Pl D Coy plus pioneers have established a perimeter on a track junction at 885696, 1200 yards west of MOKOKOLIO, and are clearing a dropping ground at 882699, 500 yards to the NW of their perimeter.

At 0730 hrs on 4 Feb, 8 Pl moved to 846687, 3000 yards west of NIGITAN and heard sounds of chopping 300 yards to the SE. Our arty fired into the area, but the patrol failed to locate the enemy

MAKATOWA Area - 9 Bn

On 4 Feb, 13 Pl found the enemy still in position 2300 yards east of MAKATOWA. Fire was exchanged and the patrol withdrew. At 0730 hrs D Coy commenced an outflanking move south of the track and at 1500 hrs sighted an estimated 12 to 15 enemy, 300 yards NE of 13 Pl's position. One enemy was killed.

TAVERA RIVER Area - 25 Bn

Tk A Pl joined 15 Pl at 1500 hrs 4 Feb, 1800 yards east of DOUGLAS CROSSING, at 819654.

PURIATA RIVER Area - 25 Bn

On the morning of 3 Feb D Coy 25 Bn less two Pls occupied TOKO 825464 unopposed. 16 Pl is at 707578, 3500 yards north on the beach track from MATSUNKEI, 18 Pl at 806475 6000 yards north of PURIATA RIVER mouth on the beach track.

On the night 3/4 Feb, movement was heard outside TOKO perimeter. On the morning of 4 Feb the remaining Pls of D Coy moved to TOKO.

(b) 11 AUST INF BDE - PIATERAPAIA Area - 55/53 Bn

Our 4.2 inch mortars again fired on SMITH's HILL at 1500 hrs 4 Feb, with unobserved results.

B Coy patrol to DAVIS HILL returned without sighting the enemy.

TSIMBA Area - 31/51 Bn

Our troops fired on known enemy positions from 224561 and 223555, both positions just south of the GENGA RIVER mouth. The enemy returned the fire, using two JUKI's and not less than three LMG's.

A patrol from PUTO towards NEMBOROSE to the GENGA returned without sighting enemy. During the night 3/4 Feb, the enemy sprang some of our booby traps at our OP at 227560, 800 yards upstream from the mouth of the GENGA RIVER.

At 0645 hrs 4 Feb A Coy left for KUNAMATORO via NEMBOROSE and TSINOPE, accompanied by an FOO. By 1150 hrs the Coy had reached 254547, 3300 yards NE of PUTO.

2. AIR - OWN - BOUGAINVILLE 4 Feb

20 Corsairs led in by Tac/R aircraft bombed and strafed Jap positions at RUARURO 832605 and 835605 at request of 3 Aust Div.

Tac/R aircraft led in 7 Corsairs on to Jap occupied huts at 246600 in the LALUM area in support of 11 Aust Inf Bde. Heavy foliage was cleared from vicinity of huts without any apparent damage to structures.

Patrol aircraft destroyed two canoes at RAUA (14417) and strafed six huts at TIFEROI leaving one smouldering.

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2 AUST CORPS DAILY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No 26  
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MOTUPENA Point - PURIATA River Special

PART I

1. LAND - OWN AND ENEMY

(a) 3 AUST DIV SOVELE MISSION Area 2/8 Cdo Sqn

At 1000hrs 5 Feb a party of over 250 natives from the MOSIGETTA area arrived at SOVELE MISSION. They said of four enemy at MIHERU 021555, one was killed by natives. Three KEMPEI are with natives at HORINU 845537, and enemy avd at TOKINOTU 895480, HIRUHIEU 910475 and northwards towards HORINU.

A patrol to RABERE MISSION area 9763 and 9762 found the gardens clear of the enemy. The bodies of a further two enemy killed in the clash in this area on 27 Jan, were discovered. The patrol is continuing south.

PAGANA RIVER Area 61 Bn

C Coy is now located at 829708, 5400 yards west of KUPON and B Coy is on a track junction at 885695, 500 yards SE of KUPON.

An area 200 x 75 yards has been cleared for a dropping ground 1200 yards west of MOKOKOLIO.

At 0845 hrs 5 Feb - patrol moving SE along the track from 851685, 2000 yards west of NIGITAN, encountered enemy of unknown strength armed with 1 LMG. Our arty engaged the position and the enemy withdrew. The patrol advanced 500 yds and found 15 enemy with 3 LMGs. Our arty engaged this position also.

7 Pl have established a firm base at 851685 2800 yds west of NIGITAN.

TAVERA River Area 25 Bn

A patrol from 15 Pl moving west crossed the TAVERA RIVER north of the gardens at 856637, 5000 yds NW of BARNU, and came under heavy enemy fire.

MAKATOWA Area 9 Bn

A Coy patrol reports the enemy position 2300 yds east of MAKATOWA has been vacated.

One Pl moved forward 300 yds east of the vacant position to 807606 and killed one enemy.

On the morning of 5 Feb, B Coy advanced 200 yds and encountered the enemy in newly constructed pillboxes. The enemy endeavoured to encircle B Coy, but after a brisk fire fight, withdrew to the pillboxes. B Coy are still endeavouring to clear the pillboxes.

At midday C Coy advanced through B Coy and by 1545 hrs had reached a road at 809607 2500 yds east of MAKATOWA.

A patrol to the loop of HUPAI RIVER, NE of the road at 804610 made no contact.

PURIATA RIVER Area 25 Bn and A Coy 1 MG Inf Bn

18 Pl 25 Bn is now at 830465 3000 yds NW of the PURIATA RIVER mouth and 700 yds from the beach.

A patrol at midday 5 Feb found an estimated 12 enemy at 834473, 600 yds NE of 18 Pl position. The patrol withdrew.

On the morning of 4 Feb a patrol from NG Inf Bn sighted 2 enemy at 798485, 7000yds north along the beach from the PURIATA RIVER.

A further patrol killed 2 enemy at MAKAKU on the morning of 5 Feb. Further enemy are still in the area.

(b) 11 AUST INF BDE PIATERAPAIA Area 51/53 Bn

The following features have been named:- Feature 6717 and 6716 HENRY'S HILL, feature 6916 WEARNE'S HILL, feature 6514 RYDER'S HILL, feature 6913 ROBERTSON'S HILL. ANGAU report JASIPOKI at 615215. The estimated enemy strength at SISIVIE is 20.

TSIMBA Area 31/51 Bn

Enemy arty were again active on 5 Feb, firing a total of 31 rounds into an area 1500 yds south of the GENGA RIVER mouth, on the beach track. Our arty returned the fire on to areas between 241586 and 226568. The enemy gun position is believed at 240586, 2700 yards north of the GENGA RIVER mouth.

B and C Coy report slight enemy activity on the night 4/5 Feb. A Coy are located at 255560, 3000yds east of the GENGA RIVER mouth, and north of the river.

2. AIR - OWN BOUGAINVILLE

18 Corsairs led in by Tac/R aircraft bombed the MEIVO area. Bivouac area at 882583 was heavily hit, good coverage was obtained on hutted area at 882592 and a road junction at 883582 was successfully bombed and strafed.

Eight Corsairs destroyed at least 10 huts at HANPAN. The SOUTH BOUGAINVILLE patrol sank one canoe and probably killed three Japs at ASSINO BAY (R2598). The Corsair dusk patrol fired a 20' sampan in a cove 400 yds south of TARONGEN (L2673).

Acting on information supplied by forward troops 2 Boomerangs arrived over SORAKEN Plantation at 1825K. A Jap Type A barge was contacted 200 yds north of SORAKEN Peninsula. Using their landing lights to illuminate the target the aircraft scored numerous hits with cannon and machine guns causing explosions.

PART II

1. OOB - GENGA RIVER Area

A translation of documents captured by 31/51 Aust Inf Bn on 1 Feb, reveals the presence of two platoons of Naval personnel in the GENGA RIVER area. One document, undated but apparently of comparatively recent origin, gave the strength of one platoon at 45 men. Assuming the strength of the second platoon was approximately the same, this would indicate the presence in the GENGA area of an additional 80/100 Naval personnel as part of the SUN River garrison.

These Naval troops are possibly the reinforcements referred to in a native report as having arrived at KUNAMATORO on 21 Jan.

An interesting feature is the high proportion of NCOs - 31 to 14 ORs. This is borne out to some extent by the fact that 3 naval NCOs badges were recovered from enemy dead after an attack north of the GENGA RIVER on 1 Feb, when 8 Japs were killed.

PART III  
TOPOGRAPHICAL

The following are additions and corrections to track and place names on MOTUPENA POINT - PURIATA RIVER 1 inch map. Information subsequent to 2 Aust Corps Weekly Intelligence Summary No 11.

<u>NAME</u>		<u>MAP REF OR LOCATION</u>
KUPON		882699
NIGITAN		873690
TOKO		825464
MATSUNKEI		756530
BRINK BASE		821716
CLARK BASE		829708
ROBBY'S REST		843698
DAWE'S TRACK	from	843698 in southeasterly direction
TOMMY'S TRACK	from	856703 to NIGITAN
YOUNG'S TRACK	from	KUPON east along south bank of PAGANA RIVER
WHYBIRD'S ROAD	from	YOUNG'S TRACK at 885696 to NIGITAN.

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2 AUST CORPS DAILY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No 27

(Information to 061730K)

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MOTUPENA Point - PURIATA River Special

PART I

1 LAND - OWN AND ENEMY

(a) 3 AUST DIV - SOVELE Mission Area - 2/8 Commando Sqn

Patrols have now reached 9359, 2000 yards north of PIKEI and 945623, 1000 yards SW of RABERE.

Another perimeter was established at 998591 4000 yards SE of NAIKONA, and a further patrol set an ambush in KONOS gardens 032608. A further patrol at 935598, 3000 yards NE of PIKEI state they are within 150 yards of a chain of enemy gardens and recce SE of the position found further gardens, all under cultivation.

A further 100 natives from MOSIGETTA arrived at SOVELE Mission at 1600 hrs 6 Feb.

PAGANA River Area - 61 Bn

At 1015 hrs 6 Feb, 14 pl moved to 7 pl from base at 851685, 1200 yards SE of IKADABA. 7 pl then moved east and found an enemy position of unknown strength armed with 2 LMGs at 853681, 2500 yards SW of NIGITAN. The enemy withdrew and 7 pl dug in. At 1500 hrs, the enemy were contacted 300 yards south of 7 pl position, but again withdrew.

A patrol from 12 pl at a track junction 885696, 500 yards east of KUPON, moved 2600 yards SW along the track without sighting the enemy. Another patrol returned from SOVELE to B Coy reporting no enemy sighted.

TAVERA River Area - 25 Bn

At 0900 hrs 6 Feb, 9 pl joined 4 and 15 pls at a firm base 856637, 1600 yards east of MOSIWANA.

PURIATA River Area - 25 Bn and A Coy 1 NG Inf Bn

A patrol from 18 pl found enemy at 835460, 1000 yards SE of TOKO. One armed native was seen with the enemy.

A patrol of NG Inf Bn has moved to MAKAKU, and one sec moved to 830494, 3000 yards north of TOKO.

MAKATOWA Area - 9 Bn

On night 5/6 Feb, B Coy was located at 803610, C Coy at 808606 on the MOSIGETTA road respectively 2000 yards and 2600 yards east of MAKATOWA.

On the morning of 6 Feb, a patrol moving east located the enemy at 810607, 200 yards from C Coy position. Fire was exchanged. At 0700 hrs D Coy made an outflanking move south of the MOSIGETTA road and found enemy in unknown strength with LMGs, 400 yards south of C Coy. The enemy position was outflanked after fire had been exchanged.

Bn HQ is at 799611, 1700 yards east of MAKATOWA.

(b) 11 AUST INF BDE - PIATERAPAIA Area - 55/53 Bn

At 1700 hrs 5 Feb our arty engaged SMITHS HILL and continued harassing fire throughout the night. 4.2 inch and 3 inch mortars fired on SMITHS HILL with unobserved results.

A patrol fired on 20 to 30 enemy on feature 672164, 1500 yards north of DAVIS HILL and killed two and wounded one.

On the night 5/6 Feb, fires were sighted in a hut area 598127, 1300 yards south of KARBODNA. These huts were believed deserted by natives and this is the first sign of fires in this area for some time.

TSIMBA Area - 31/51 Bn

On the morning of 6 Feb, an attack was launched by B Coy against the AMPHITHEATRE position just south of the GENGA River mouth. This enemy strongpoint has been delaying our advance northward since 20 Jan.

At 0930 hrs the initial objective had been gained. Five enemy were killed and one JUKI captured. Our troops then moved towards the second objective but at 1430 hrs the main positions were still controlled by the enemy.

At 1250 hrs enemy arty fired on our positions at 235559 just east of the AMPHITHEATRE.

2 AIR - OWN - BOUGAINVILLE - 6 Feb

Daylight barge activity in the MATCHIN Bay area showed a marked increase yesterday but patrolling Corsairs made the enemy pay dearly for his rashness, destroying five barges and rendering unserviceable a further four in low level bombing and strafing attacks.

The dawn patrol began the day with a strafing attack on three barges - one at SORAKEN Peninsula and two near PORTON Plantation - rendering them all unserviceable.

At midday, Tac R aircraft led four Corsairs onto barges in an inlet on the north of SORAKEN Peninsula. One was destroyed by a direct hit and the remaining two so badly damaged that they later sank.

Three further barges were attacked by the afternoon patrol in another inlet several hundred yards to the west. Two of these were destroyed and one rendered unserviceable.

Huts were also strafed by patrols, one being destroyed at 250656.

Seven Mitchells and eight Venturas from GREEN Island joined 22 Corsairs from BOUGAINVILLE in a combined strike against huts, dumps and personnel areas in the MUGUAI area (Targets A43, A46 and adjacent areas). Bombing was accurate, 40/50 huts were destroyed and two fuel or ammunition dumps blown up.

Eight Corsairs led in by Tac R aircraft successfully bombed a hut concentration from 914507 to 920506 in the HORINU area.

A Boomerang on Tac R called up two Corsairs for a strike on an enemy gun firing at 241586. One direct hit and one miss with 1000 lb bombs resulted.

PART II

ENEMY ARTILLERY - EMPRESS AUGUSTA BAY

In search of the area north and south of the MOSIGETTA area from 786613 to 800610, a small number of 105 mm streamlined shells were found. There was also a quantity of shell cases in the area. Jap equipment tables show that the range of the streamlined projectile is 20,000 yards.

Two 105 mm guns were believed to have been in the MAWARAKA area in Sep 44 but have since been carried in the TAITAI area.

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2 AUST CORPS DAILY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No 28  
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MOTUPENA Point - PURIATA River Special

PART I

1. LAND -- OWN AND ENEMY

(a) 3 AUST DIV - SOVELE MISSION Area 2/8 Cdo Sqn

One of our patrols moving in the area 9257, near BOKIN located an enemy OP. The forward scouts of the patrol killed one enemy and the patrol set an ambush in the area.

Another patrol to 940564, 3000 yards SE of PIKEI found the gardens in the area clear of enemy.

PAGANA River Area 61 Bn

At 0915 hrs 7 Feb, 10 Pl occupied NIGITAN. A patrol 500 yards south was fired on by an estimated six enemy, who then escaped into the jungle east of the track.

Patrolling by 7 Pl 3000 yards SE of IKADABA disclosed no movement. The patrol then returned to A Coy at 840699, 700 yards NW of IKABA.

13 Pl is now at 853681, and B Coy plus 8 Pl at 885696, near KUPON.

MAKATOWA Area 9 Bn

On night 6/7 Feb, D Coy established a perimeter at 813605, 3000 yards west of MAKATOWA. At 2026 hrs 6 Feb enemy arty fired 13 rounds, including two which failed to explode, into area 788614, 400 yards east of MAKATOWA. After the shelling ceased, sounds, believed to be a diesel engine, were heard approx 2000 yards east of the forward position. The calibre of the shells is believed to be 105 mm.

Patrols from B and C Coys crossed the HOPAI River and proceeded east along the bank. The patrol from B Coy reached 810613 2700 yards east of MAKATOWA, without sighting the enemy.

PURIATA River Area 25 Bn and A Coy 1 NG Inf Bn

On 6 Feb a patrol reached the mouth of the PURIATA River without contact.

An NG Inf Bn patrol reports that an enemy position at 821506, 500 yards north of MAKAKU, has been evacuated.

(b) 11 AUST INF BDE - TSIMBA Area 51/51 Bn

At 1400 hrs 6 Feb the foothold established on the AMPHITHEATRE position was consolidated and an enemy pocket of 1 HMG and 3 LMGs located at 223561. Enemy casualties were 5 killed and one JUKI was captured.

At 1450 hrs a patrol from D Coy fired on enemy movement at 228564, 500 yards north of the river crossing. Enemy casualties are unknown but one NAMBU was captured.

At 0600 hrs 7 Feb an enemy counter attack against 10 and 11 Pls was repulsed with one enemy killed. At 1400 hrs 12 Pl moved forward through 10 and 11 Pls position and reached 223561. The enemy fired on 12 Pl position and the Pl dug in. One further enemy was killed.

Around midday on 6 Feb, the enemy arty fired a total of 48 rounds including 6 blinds into the area 223559, 500 yards south of TSIMBA. The number of guns is not known but the calibre is believed to be 75 mm.

Natives had reported the area 271570, 3000 yards SE of KAKUM to be frequented by enemy. However a patrol from A Coy failed to locate enemy but found signs of recent activity.

Patrols from A Coy found the enemy at 268564, 2000 yards SE of KUNAMATORO. The enemy opened fire with 2 LMGs and rifles and our own troops returned the fire, killing 4.

PIATERAPAIA Area 55/53 Bn

At 0800 hrs 7 Feb, an OP was established at 689137, ROBERTSON'S HILL 500 yards east of SMITH'S HILL. During 6/7 Feb our arty fired on HENRY'S HILL, and a progress report of a patrol to the area states 2 enemy were killed. The patrol cut the enemy signal wire on the top of SMITH'S HILL and an FOO with the patrol brought fire down on selected targets in the area.

SUMMARY OF PATROL REPORTS

It is reported from a reliable source that the enemy and native KEMPEI are sheltering in large caves in the cliff side at HANAHAN, on the east coast of BUKA Is (193119).

2. AIR - OWN BOUGAINVILLE - 7 Feb

At the request of ground forces 12 Corsairs, Tac/R led, bombed Jap concentrations and installations at track junction 895594 MEIWO area. All bombs dropped inside target area, results were unobserved.

Eight Corsairs led in by Tac/R aircraft attacked Jap occupied huts at 003370 in KORIU area. A good coverage was obtained but results were unobserved.

Huts and enemy troop concentration at 657324 in TUTERIOPIA area were bombed and strafed by eight Corsairs led in by Tac/R aircraft. The target area was well covered but no visible damage was done to the huts.

Two Corsairs destroyed a barge hideout and probably destroyed a launch housed therein at AWA Island (R 6606).

Patrol aircraft strafed huts and water craft at BUKA, SHORTLAND and FAURO Islands with unobserved results.

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