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2 AUST CORPS DAILY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No 29  
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MOTUPENA Point -- PURIATA River Special

PART I

1 LAND - OWN AND ENEMY

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

A patrol to 9359, 1200 yards NE of PIKEI, encountered heavy opposition and withdrew to the east. One enemy was killed.

PAGANA River Area - 61 Bn

61 Bn HQ has moved 200 yards NW and is now just east of KUPON with A Coy at 885696, B Coy at NIGITAN, C Coy HQ at 859682, 2000 yards SW of NIGITAN, and 14 pl at 829708, 2500 yards NW of IKADABA.

Fighting patrols 1000 yards south from NIGITAN and in the vicinity of 853681 1600 yards SE of IKADABA made no contact with the enemy.

MAKATOWA Area - 9 Bn

D Coy is at 823608, 3400 yards east of MAKATOWA and just north of the track. A Coy is moving forward to join D Coy.

At 1115 hrs 8 Feb, the road between C Coy and D Coy was clear of enemy and patrols further east along the road for 300 yards made no contact.

The patrol from C Coy on 6 Feb which moved east along the north bank of the HUPAI River, reached 817611, 3600 yards east of MAKATOWA and returned along the south bank. Several enemy shelters used on night 7/8 Feb were located and documents found.

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

At 0132 hrs and 0500 hrs 8 Feb, a standing patrol heard a motor presumably in a barge, off the mouth of the PURIATA River.

At 1200 hrs a patrol to the enemy position at 835460, 700 yards SE of TOKO, which had been mortared earlier, reported no movement seen. Later in the day a patrol attempting to reach the position from the flanks, was engaged by strong rifle fire and grenades.

A patrol from NG Inf Bn located an enemy position estimated at one platoon at 820507, 700 yards west of MABAS. Our patrol was unable to outflank the position due to the swamps in the area, and returned to base. Enemy casualties were four killed and four wounded.

More natives were evacuated from KONGAVI at 838522 and LARIGA.

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

On 6 Feb parties from A Coy reached 2200 yards east of KUNAMATORO without contact.

700 yards south of LALUM, where the track showed signs of recent traffic, they learned from natives that an enemy party was at 257580. Next day a platoon was sent to try to cut the track in rear of the enemy position.

Patrols from B Coy also moved north of the AMPHITHEATRE to cut the coastal track between the AMPHITHEATRE and the GENGA River mouth. C Coy is searching 500 yards east of the GENGA River mouth to ascertain whether it is clear of the enemy.

Enemy arty at 1620 hrs fired 11 rounds east of tac Bn HQ at 224536, just north of PUTO.

PIATERAPAIA Area - 55/53 Bn

The patrol to SMITHS HILL returned at 1700 hrs 7 Feb and reported reaching 682138 where the enemy were engaged. The enemy's strength on SMITHS HILL in this position is believed 20 to 30.

A patrol from D Coy at 1700 hrs 7 Feb reported their position as 694153.

Our arty engaged an Arty R observed target at 693164. All rounds fell in the target area causing a large explosion. Targets in the vicinity of SMITHS HILL were engaged in support of the patrol to that area and harassing fire was maintained throughout the night 7/8 Feb.

At 1500 hrs 8 Feb the B Coy patrol, with arty support directed by the FOO with the patrol, attacked an enemy position at 681135 on SMITHS HILL.

Enemy casualties are estimated four killed.

(c) SUMMARY OF PATROL REPORTS

Our scouts report that 30 enemy from TENINBAUBAU, the location of the enemy's Indian PW cage, are now behind BANIU at L5867.

BUKA Island natives state that enemy posts, varying in strength between 50 and 100 exist at HAHEILA (185833) HANAHAN (192119) and LEMANMANU (114246).

POPORAN Island has been cleared of natives and is now occupied by enemy and native KEMPEI of unknown strength.

At KESSA (025151) mortars or guns are sited to cover movement in the KESSA Passage.

2 AIR - OWN - BOUGAINVILLE - 8 Feb

Twenty Corsairs led in by Tac R aircraft bombed and strafed reported Jap HQ of 23 Inf Regt near TAI TAI (Target A 55). Area well covered by bombing.

At the request of ground troops, enemy concentrations and huts north of the GENGA River at 269583 were accurately bombed by eight Corsairs led in by Tac R aircraft.

Corsairs on patrol destroyed a 20 ft self-propelled barge loaded with approximately ten cases of ammunition in TINPUTS Harbour.

A camouflaged barge in RAMUN Bay was strafed and later bombed and rendered unserviceable.

A camouflaged barge hideout near KAUKURAI 206229 (SW BOUGAINVILLE) was also strafed with unobserved results.

A Canoe containing one Jap and native at entrance to NOWA Inlet (SW BUKA) was sunk and the occupants killed.

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strats, MOTUPENA Point - PURIATA River Special

PART I

1. LAND - OWN AND ENEMY

The enemy NW of the PURIATA River in the 3 Div area, is now facing encirclement. Widespread and deep patrols on 8 and 9 Feb from the west, NW and NE are moving on MOSIGETTA with only light contact. Patrols towards MOSIGETTA from the east however have reported enemy in strength along the road from PIKEI to MOSIGETTA and from a point 1400 yards NE of PIKEI south to the PURIATA River.

After a period of quiet, our forces on 9 Feb met with better success in all sectors. In the TSIMBA area, the feature known as the AMPHITHEATRE, just south of the GENGA River, has been cleared. This feature, which has been stubbornly held by the enemy for more than two weeks, constituted a threat to our L of C to our positions north of the River.

In the PIATERAPAIA sector, a deep patrol to the NE killed 20 Japs, including one officer and an ambush accounted for a further three.

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

On 8 Feb a long range patrol, moving from SOVELE Mission to SISIRUAI 2 (902635) and south for 3700 yards saw no enemy movement along the main track which is believed to be the L of C for the Jap forces in the MOSINA area. The track showed signs of heavy use and had sig wire installed along it. At 895600, 800 yards north of MEIVO, an enemy bivouac, previously destroyed by bombing, was found vacated.

The patrol which returned yesterday from square 9359, 1400 yards NE PIKEI, has reported enemy in strength in this area and south to the PURIATA River.

Our ambush at 932578, 1100 yards east of PIKEI returned to base and reported a continuous chain of occupied gardens from 926577, 500 yards east of PIKEI, west along the road to MOSIGETTA.

Further patrols from 003594, 5600 yards north of MIHERO are probing the north and south banks of the PURIATA River in the direction of MAKAPEKA ford.

PAGANA RIVER Area      61 Bn

A Coy patrols to MOSINA and NIGITAN (now reported as 872685 and 869672 respectively) encountered no enemy.

C Coy moved forward to track junction 869668, 1300 yards south of NIGITAN, whence 14 Pl advanced 200 yards south and contacted enemy with an estimated 1 LMG and 6 rifles. After an engagement the enemy withdrew. 15 Pl moved back to 859682.

TAVERA RIVER Area      25 Bn

4, 9 and 15 Pls moved west along the track from 856637, 1600 yards east of MOSIWANA, crossed the river and established a firm base at 818659, 1300 yards north of MASIWANA.

One Jap was found dead in a vacated enemy position at 803662, 2300 yards east of TAVERA.

MAKATOWA Area 9 Bn

On 8 Feb, A Coy moved round D Coy to 830605, on the MOSIGETTA road, 4800 yards east of MAKATOWA. A patrol from D Coy moving east to clear the road to A Coy forced eight enemy to withdraw into an A Coy ambush. One Jap was killed and two wounded and 1 LMG captured. The remaining five fled north and contact was lost.

At first light 9 Feb, A Coy advancing east under cover of arty fire crossed the HUPAI River and took up a position astride the road at 833603, 1900 yards NW of HOZAN with 9 Pl clearing the road to the west.

B Coy is established 400 yards NW of A Coy.

On night 8/9 Feb, a probable 75mm gun located approx 3000 yards east of HOZAN fired 19 rounds including 2 duds in area 801610, 1800 yards east of MAKATOWA causing no damage or casualties.

(b) 11 AUST INF BDE - TSIL'BA Area 31/51 Bn

After extensive patrolling by B and C Coys on 8 Feb, had definitely established the location of the remaining enemy position on the AMPHITHEATRE, our troops attacked next day and captured the feature by 091310L. Five dead Japs were found and it is believed that the enemy has withdrawn across the GENGA River. A JUKI HMG and a grenade discharger were captured.

Enemy artillery which fired 40 rounds on to B Coy positions on morning 9 Feb, caused no damage or casualties.

North of the GENGA River, in the KUNAMATORO area, an A Coy patrol to a position 800 yards NE of the village sighted a small enemy party and exchanged shots.

D Coy activity was limited to patrolling, with no contact.

PIATERAPAIA Area 55/53 Bn

A deep patrol from A Coy to the east and north which returned at 091445L reported that in an action at 710160 (4000 yards NE AMBUSH KNOLL) one Jap officer and 19 ORs were killed. The enemy were surprised in two huts, both of which were demolished by grenades. The patrol estimated that a further 30 Japs were in the area.

A D Coy patrol reported that three more Japs had been killed in an ambush position at the creek junction 689153, but that no documents or identification were found on the bodies.

Other activities in the area were limited to isolated sightings and shelling and mortaring of known enemy positions.

2. AIR - OWN BOUGAINVILLE - 9 Feb

Strikes by Corsairs arranged for 9 Feb were cancelled due to unfavourable weather conditions.

Three Wirraways attempted to hit Jap defensive positions at 223561 in the GENGA River area without success.

Corsair patrols strafed three huts at WOSKOAWITZ (L 5765).

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2 AUST CORPS DAILY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No 31  
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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

The ambush at KONOS gardens 032607 has been withdrawn but native guerillas are remaining in the area.

PAGANA River Area - 61 Bn

At 1515 hrs 10 Feb A Coy 61 Bn occupied MOSINA.

A patrol contacted natives at AGABAI 928674, who reported at least 30 enemy at WARAPA 891644. The patrol is investigating the report. D Coy less 16 pl is at 885696, 500 yards SE of KUPON.

MAKATOWA Area - 9 Bn

On 10 Feb, enemy arty fired 23 shells into our area 1800 yards west of MAKATOWA without profitable results.

A patrol from A Coy moving east located an enemy party, estimated strength 12, dug in 2800 yards NW of MOZAN. B Coy moved forward to engage the position, but an attack supported by mortars proved unsuccessful. The Coy dug in at 835601, 100 yards to the west of the enemy.

PURIATA River Area - A Coy 1 NG Inf Bn

A patrol from NG Inf Bn found enemy at the following points 816503, 822502, 829500, 834499, all of which are in the MAKAKU area. In each case the patrol was fired on by at least two enemy.

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

The area south of the GENGA River is reported clear of the enemy.

On 9 Feb, A Coy in the KUNAMATORO area encountered enemy at 269556, estimated strength twenty with one JUKI and two LMGs. Heavy fire was exchanged by both sides and two enemy were killed.

During 10 Feb, patrolling was maintained in the area, and at 1015 hrs enemy in unknown strength were found 200 yards east of the GENGA River mouth. In the ensuing fire fight, of five enemy sighted, three were killed and one wounded who escaped.

By 1200 hrs D Coy reported the north bank of the GENGA River clear of the enemy. D Coy was then established at 224567, 200 yards north of the GENGA River mouth. 18 pl moved north and was fired on at track junction 224568. The action is continuing.

During the night 9/10 Feb, enemy arty fired 45 rounds including 15 duds, onto the GENGA River crossing.

In the AMPHITHEATRE area, one dead enemy was found and two taken prisoner. One grenade discharger was captured. Lax mines have been located in the area.

PIATERAPAIA Area - 55/53 Bn

A patrol to SMITHS HILL found five enemy killed and signs of others wounded.

4.2 inch mortars laid harassing fire onto SMITHS HILL on night 9/10 Feb, and arty engaged enemy positions and pillboxes in the area 700 yards south of WEARNES HILL using Arty R.

(c) SUMMARY OF PATROL REPORTS

Scouts state that the enemy in the TENINBAUBAU area are questioning natives as to the routes used by Indian escapees. They also say that during the recent air attack on TENINBAUBAU, many naval or marine personnel were killed.

A 20 mm gun has been reported in the BANIU Bay area.

The enemy in the area VIFO - ARAWA are concentrating at BORO River.

GENERAL

Suspected enemy positions on CHOISEUL Island at SOLOVAI, SIPASAI, KUKUPU, MALUKU and POROPORO were shelled by PT boats between 7 and 9 Feb.

2 AIR - OWN - BOUGAINVILLE - 10 Feb

At the request of ground troops, enemy held areas at HIRU HIRU 912475 and HENRYS HILL 672164 were bombed. Eash strike was led in by Tac R aircraft. Twenty Corsairs obtained good coverage of HIRU HIRU targets at 910490, 878504, 882496 and 905494, many huts being destroyed and areas of jungle cleared. The target at HENRYS HILL was hit by eight Corsairs.

Corsair patrols killed five Japs in the vicinity of KAHILI and strafed five huts at Cape NEHUSS.

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PART I

1. LAND - OWN AND ENEMY

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

A patrol encountered 12 enemy 4000 yds SE of NAIRONA. The patrol opened fire, killing two enemy and the remainder withdrew in confusion.

PAGANA RIVER Area 61 Bn

At first light on 11 Feb., a patrol at WARAPA engaged a hut crowded with enemy. Due to difficult country, the patrol was unable to reach the hut to investigate whether any casualties were inflicted, and returned to MOSINA. No enemy were seen to escape.

A Coy 61 Bn has established a firm base at 876657, 1000 yds west of MOSINA.

A patrol moving in this area was fired on twice by enemy.

MAKATOWA Area 9 Bn

11 Pl moved forward and occupied a vacated enemy position 1100 yds south of RUARURO (836600). Within 10 minutes of the occupation the enemy attacked the position using IMG and grenades. The attack was repulsed.

Three enemy moving east along the road were ambushed by C Coy at 845595, 1500 yds NW of MOZAN. One was wounded. B and C Coy, whilst advancing along the road were supported by aircraft, which made accurate strafing runs forward of the leading troops.

Three land mines and 132 rounds of 75 mm ammunition were found during the advance.

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

Following a successful air strike at 0830 hrs 11 Feb, 17 Pl attacked an enemy position 1300 yds SE of TOKO (835460). The occupants, estimated strength seven, threw hand grenades but were driven from the position. Enemy casualties are unknown. The platoon moved a further 500 yds east and found a lean-to which had been occupied on the night 10/11 Feb.

Patrols from 1 NG Inf Bn encountered five enemy at MAKAKU and a party of enemy of unknown strength 600 yds further east. The enemy were engaged with unknown results.

An ANGAU patrol reached an enemy garden in square 8154, 3000 yds west of KONGAVI, and sighted four huts and two enemy.

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

Enemy arty fired 30 rounds on to the GENGA River crossing area. One FBE boat in the mouth of the river was damaged.



Patrolling continued throughout the area and a pro-enemy native, on interrogation revealed the presence of enemy in strength at KUNAPOPO and KUNAMATORO. Two dead enemy were found by other patrols.

On 10 Feb, in D Coy area, a patrol was held up by LMG and rifle fire at 226568, just north of the GENGA River mouth, but at 0800 hrs 11 Feb, the patrol advanced 400 yds, regained touch with the enemy and killed one. One Type 94 37 mm gun was captured.

Correction to 2 Aust Corps Daily Int Summary No 31:

Delete reference to two enemy captured in the AMPHITHEATRE area.

PIATERAPAIA Area 55/53 Bn

Arty fire was brought down on an estimated 20 enemy located by a patrol in the area 621165, north of TOREGELLO. All rounds fell in the area, and screams and voices were heard.

On the night 10/11 Feb, arty harassing fire was laid on enemy positions in the SISIVIE area.

Three enemy observed on SMITH's HILL were fired on by our MMG, possibly killing one. During the day 4.2 inch and 3 inch mortar fire was registered on enemy positions on SMITH's HILL and our arty engaged targets in the general area of WEARNES HILL.

SUMMARY OF PATROL REPORTS

Natives report the movement of a large gun to the mouth of the ADURNI River, which runs into TEOP HARBOUR. Many enemy are said to be camped in the area.

2. AIR - OWN

In support of forward troops 16 Corsairs led in by Tac/R aircraft struck several groups of huts and suspected bivouac areas near HIRU HIRU, bombs falling in the area indicated.

Four Corsairs bombed enemy positions indicated by Tac/R aircraft and ground troops near TOKO at 837457 with unobserved results. Following this attack the Corsairs strafed the track running east from MAKATOWA, positions of forward troops being indicated by smoke.

Tac/R aircraft also led four Corsairs on to a suspected gun position north of the GENGA River at 241586. A camouflaged canopy was blown off the position indicated but no gun was observed.

Four Corsairs bombed a bivouac area at 410678 near BANIU Bay. AIB observers reported the strike accurate.

Two trucks on the road at RUA Plantation were left smoking as a result of strafing attacks by patrols.

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MOTUPENA Point - PURIATA River Special

PART I

1. LAND - OWN AND ENEMY

(a) 3 AUST DIV - PAGANA RIVER Area 61 Bn

A Coy less 8 Pl has advanced from a firm base at 876657, 1000 yds west of MOSINA and, moving SE through WARAPA, reached a point 1500 yds from the base. No enemy were encountered.

PURIATA RIVER Area 25 Bn

A patrol has cleared two enemy ambushes 2000 yds NW of the PURIATA RIVER mouth, and report the track to that area now clear of enemy.

A Coy is now at TOKO.

MAKATOWA Area 9 Bn

C Coy moving north of the MOSIGETTA road found a well worn track leaving the main road at 844597 2000 yds NW of MOZAN. After following the track 800 yds northward, a recently used 75 mm gun position was discovered, with signs indicating that the gun had been moved to the main road. Almost opposite the track and road junction mentioned above a track was found leading south. After following for 200 yds, it opened into a turning circle containing three ammunition dumps of approx 300 rounds 75 mm.

A patrol from C Coy moved forward from the track and road junction, and 400 yds to the east encountered the enemy with LMG and rifles. D Coy is now making an outflanking move to the north of the enemy and were last reported at 852594, 1000 yds NW of MOZAN.

A party with mine detectors located a further 5 land-mines on the MOSIGETTA road, and report the road to be clear of mines as far as C Coy.

The total mines discovered on 11 and 12 Feb is now 12, all of which were on the road itself, and lightly buried under the surface. This is the first instance of the use of mines in this area.

4 Pl A Coy NG Inf Bn has arrived at 808606 on the MOSIGETTA road 3000 yds east of MAKATOWA.

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

At 0615 hrs 12 Feb, A Coy HQ plus 7 and 8 Pls moved to 281570, 3000 yds east of KUNAMATORO. At 0645 hrs forward scouts encountered enemy. LMG and rifle fire was exchanged and at 1500 hrs the action was continuing. Two enemy have been killed. Our arty engaged the enemy positions at 0700 hrs.

B Coy is now at 222551, 1500 yds south of TSIMBA.

C Coy HQ plus 13 Pl is at 224559, 500 yds south of TSIMBA. There has been no contact with 15 Pl since last reported at 234575, 1700 yds NE of TSIMBA, where they were astride the track.

At 1700 hrs 11 Feb 17 Pl encountered the enemy at 230670 1000 yds NE of TSIMBA, and attacked. At 0730 hrs 12 Feb the remainder of D Coy reached the position, and forward scouts made contact at 234575 where they were held up by LMG and rifle fire. (NOTE: As this position coincides with last reported position of 15 Pl, a check on references has been requested.)

During the night 11/12 Feb the enemy fired 25 rounds 75 mm into the TSIMBA area. Five rounds failed to explode.

PIATERAPAIA Area 55/53 Bn

During night 11/12 Feb, our arty laid harassing fire on SMITH's HILL. At 0700 hrs 12 Feb movement observed on the hill was engaged by MMG. One enemy was killed. Throughout the day suspected enemy areas were engaged by MMG fire.

In the SISIVIE area arty harassing fire was brought down on an occupied enemy area 622165.

SUMMARY OF PATROL REPORTS

Natives report that a large enemy patrol from BUIN attempted to pass the native road block at 320565, but failed to get through. Enemy casualties are unknown. The natives south of the road block are pro-enemy with some native police.

2. AIR --- OWN

BOUGAINVILLE - 12 Feb

HIRU HIRU was attacked for the third consecutive day when eight Corsairs led in by Tac/R aircraft put their bombs in the target area.

A further eight Corsairs bombed a Jap concentration at 239822 (CHIPURO area) The target was partially cloud covered, but pilots state all bombs fell on the target.

An enemy ambush at 825510 in the MABIS area was hit by four Corsairs.

Four Corsairs bombed and strafed the MAKATOWA-MOSIGETTA track in support of an advance by our ground troops.

Four Corsairs, Tac/R led, bombed and strafed the track from 887570 for 1000 yds towards MOSIGETTA.

Patrol aircraft sank a canoe and killed three Jap occupants off PORTON Plantation.

Two Boomerangs on Tac/R strafed and sank a probable type 'F' barge at 115605, SW of TAIOT Island.

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PART I

1 LAND - OWN AND ENEMY

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

No report has been received from the patrol moving SW along the PURIATA River.

PAGANA River Area - 61 Bn

A Coy has occupied WARAPA (886651). Patrols moved west 600 yards and NE 1800 yards without contact.

Further search of the area raided on 11 Feb near WARAPA, when the patrol was unable to reach the hut occupied by a party of enemy, revealed seven graves containing nine bodies. A quantity of equipment and documents was recovered from the graves.

MAKATOWA Area - 9 Bn

D Coy, after an outflanking movement, reached the MOSIGETTA road late on 12 Feb at 860589, near HOZAN. Within 10 minutes contact was established with the enemy who were armed with LMGs and rifles. Enemy casualties were unknown. At 0820 hrs 13 Feb two enemy were killed east of the Coy position and shortly after, 16 pl, moving forward, killed one of four enemy sighted 200 yards east of the Coy position. A further 15 enemy with 2 LMGs and rifles fired on the patrol. Two enemy were wounded and the enemy then attempted to outflank our position. Mortar and arty fire were laid onto the enemy and the patrol then advanced without opposition.

At 1240 hrs 13 Feb, a further two enemy were engaged on the road west of 16 pl. One enemy was wounded and captured.

At 1300 hrs, Bn HQ was established at 847590, 1200 yards west of HOZAN.

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

Old enemy position and leanto were found by a patrol moving on a track leading SE from 837459, 1500 yards SE of TOKO.

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

At 1700 hrs 12 Feb, A Coy reported the enemy were holding a 60 ft ridge area at 269569, 2000 yards SE of KUNAMATORO. The ridge has a false crest defended by heavy fire from pillboxes and a trench system. Trip wires have been laid forward of the position and when our troops occupied a trench at the foot of the ridge, they were fired on by snipers in trees. The strength of the enemy is estimated at 20/30 with LMGs.

A Coy has dug in 300 yards south of the ridge.

At 1130 hrs 13 Feb, 17 pl contacted 15 pl which had been out of contact since 11 Feb. On 12 Feb at 1705 hrs, an enemy force, estimated 20, attacked 15 pl position. The attack was beaten off, one enemy being killed. Fifty yards of signal wire was cut by the enemy from the line to Coy HQ, accounting for the lack of communication to the pl. The enemy are believed to have withdrawn to the north on the night 12/13 Feb.

15 pl are remaining in their present position at 234575 astride the track.

At 1645 hrs 12 Feb, D Coy were in action against an enemy position 100 yards south of 15 pl, and two enemy were killed. Fifteen minutes later 16 pl dug in 100 yards SW of the enemy.

18 pl moved through 15 pl and continued north to 235578 without contact. The Coy HQ and 16 pl then moved north, leaving 17 pl to hold the track junction 500 yards south of 18 pl.

A party of native police are moving along the north bank of the GENGA River to recce a track which will shorten the L of C to A Coy. The jeep track from 221543 to the mouth of the GENGA River is completed.

A patrol on 11 Feb reached 273584 near KUNAPOPO without sighting the enemy.

A further one enemy killed has been found in the AMPHITHEATRE position.

The feature 269569, 2000 yards SE of KUNAMATORO is now called DOWNS HILL.

PIATERAPAIA Area - 55/53 Bn

General enemy activity is still in evidence on SMITHS HILL where the enemy is felling trees. 4.2 inch mortar and MMG harassing fire has been laid onto the position. The enemy continues to patrol our positions at night and sprang some of our booby traps on night 12/13 Feb.

2 AIR - OWN - BOUGAINVILLE - 13 Feb

At the request of 3 AUST DIV, seven Corsairs, tac R led, bombed a concentration of huts, leanos and pillboxes on the north bank of the PURIATA River at 877503. Results were not observed, but all bombs fell within the target area.

In support of ground troops in the TSIMBA area, seven Corsairs led in by Tac R aircraft, hit Jap occupied huts and supply area at 269583. All bombs were accurately placed and one hit a suspected ammunition dump which blew up with a large explosion and little smoke. Four Corsairs each made 10 strafing runs on a Jap defence position at 269569. Ground troops reported strafing very accurate.

Four Corsairs bombed and strafed three Type "A" barges indicated to them by Tac R aircraft between 242658 and 244661 on the northern coast of SORAKEN Plantation. One barge was destroyed by bombing and two rendered unserviceable by near misses and strafing. In MATCHIN Bay, a rowing boat was strafed and sunk, one Jap being killed.

PART II

ENEMY OOB - TSIMBA Area

Documents captured recently in the TSIMBA area reveal the following:

- (a) 2/Lt TANAKA and 26 men of 2 Shipping Engr Regt arrived at GENGA on 18/19 Jan. The unit was to return to SORAKEN by barge on night 20/21 Jan but remained in the area and was later located in the KUNAPOPO area.
- (b) Two Tk A guns and a number of HMGs and LMGs were to be transported by barge from GENGA to SORAKEN on night 20/21 Jan. NOTE: This is believed to have been an evacuation of surplus weapons rather than a withdrawal from GENGA River area, as the number of guns held at that date by the enemy garrison was out of proportion to the number of troops.
- (c) Barges were operating between GENGA and SORAKEN on round trips at night at least between 18 and 22 Jan.
- (d) An enemy recce patrol of three men under a Leading Pte to the PUTO area on 24 Jan estimated our strength in the area as "anywhere up to 1000 troops".
- (e) Elements of 38 Fd AA Bn are probably at SORAKEN commanded by 1/Lt MATSUNAMI. One arty gun was located at SORAKEN on 29 Jan.
- (f) The AMPHITHEATRE was occupied by elements of 10 Coy 81 Inf Regt.

Information from a PW shows that the only element of 2 Shipping Engr Regt in NORTH BOUGAINVILLE was the Remaining Unit of 30 men commanded by 1/Lt KOHARU located at TON. The main strength of this unit arrived at GENGA on 18/19 Jan.

EMPRESS AUGUSTA BAY

On 7 Feb, 1 pl 3 Bty 6 Fd Arty Regt was designated the KUPON Guard Unit. It was encountered on this date 500 yards south of NIGITAN by our troops who estimated the opposing strength at six. It is apparently being used in an infantry role.

2 Bn has been identified in the MOSINA area as late as 7 Feb.

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MOTUPENA Point - PURIATA River Special

PART I

1. LAND - OWN AND ENEMY

(a) 11 AUST INF BDE - TSIMBA Area 31/51 Bn

18 Pl continued their movement north and at 1630 hrs 13 Feb encountered the enemy at 236579, 2100 yds north of TSIMBA. Shots were exchanged and 18 Pl then dug in for the night. Coy HQ and 16 Pl are 500 yds south along the beach track from 18 Pl. 17 Pl remained for the night 13/14 Feb at the Junction of tracks leading to LALUM and KUNAMATORO, slightly further south of Coy HQ. At 0950 hrs 14 Feb 17 Pl moved east along the KUNAMATORO track and located an enemy ambush on the creek crossing at 234572, 200 yds from the beach. Two enemy were killed.

It is believed the enemy are in strength on the high ground east of the creek. Our arty engaged this area and a patrol has been sent to investigate.

C Coy relieved D Coy at 0855 hrs 14 Feb, and established Coy HQ at 234575, 300 yds north of the track to KUNAMATORO. At 0945 hrs, 13 Pl moved north to relieve 18 Pl and was fired at en route. 13 Pl relieved 18 Pl and pushed out a patrol north of the pl position, and after moving 400 yds came under enemy rifle fire. A report at 1305 hrs indicates strong enemy opposition 1500 yds NW of KUNAMATORO, on the beach track 237583.

At 2205 hrs 13 Feb two rounds arty fire fell near A Coy but the gun position was not located.

Arty R on 14 Feb reported enemy activity at 245595 1300 yds NW of LALUM and our arty engaged the area.

Lights were again reported in the direction of SEVAN and TANWAN ISLANDS.

PIATERAPAIA Area 55/53 Bn

Patrol activity continued in this area and several sightings were reported.

A patrol investigating enemy footprints on the track from D Coy to the Coy OP, reported signs of the enemy dug in in positions at 670166 just south of HENRY'S HILL. Enemy huts at 656165, 100 yds south of OLD VIVIE are occupied by an estimated ten men, and five enemy were sighted timber cutting in the area. The enemy has established a listening post at 656161, 400 yds further south.

A patrol to OLD VIVIE estimated the village defended by approx 20 enemy in two positions astride the main north south track. This patrol killed one enemy sgt and a satchel of documents were captured, including a number of sketches and orders.

During 13 Feb our arty fired on SMITH'S HILL and on the night 13/14 Feb harassed HENRY'S HILL. On 14 Feb mortars engaged enemy positions on SMITH'S HILL.

On two occasions the enemy has endeavoured to lure our troops into revealing their locations by "coo-eeing" on C Coy's right flank. On the early morning 14 Feb, this ruse was kept up for 3½ hrs without success.

(b) 3 AUST DIV - PAGANA RIVER Area 61 Bn

18 Pl 61 Bn has joined A Coy at WARAPA. A patrol from B Coy via WARAPA along the north bank of KONARA and TAVERA Rivers contacted 14 Pl 25 Bn at 830654 and returned to WARAPA. A patrol from C Coy via AGABAI to WARAPA returned to C Coy, no movement seen. A Coy patrol from WARAPA SE along the track reached a large clearing and track junction believed to be SISISRUAI 2. The patrol is remaining in occupation of the track junction.

A further search of WARAPA revealed six more bodies, two officer's boxes and a further nine swords. This makes a total of 15 enemy dead found at WARAPA in the past two days.

MOSIGETTA ROAD Area 9 Bn

Two patrols on the morning 14 Feb reached positions within approx 2500 yds NW and WSW of MOSIGETTA.

At 0800 hrs 14 Feb 17 Pl/700<sup>moving</sup> yds along the road from a point 1000 yds east of HOZAN found two enemy trucks in bad condition. One enemy sergeant major was killed when an enemy ambush, strength six with LMGs, was encountered. The patrol dug in for the night at 870583, 2800 yds NW of MOSIGETTA, and were joined by C Coy.

At 0930 hrs 14 Feb A Coy moving forward from 833603 along the south side of the road, contacted eight enemy, three of whom were probably killed. Communications with A Coy ceased at 1600 hrs, but the Coy position is considered to be approx 875575, 2200 yds WSW of MOSIGETTA.

A patrol from 4 Pl NG Inf Bn SE from 808603, 3000 yds SE of MAKATOWA found documents and an abandoned hut but did not reach the MARIGA - MOSIGETTA road.

4 Bty 2 Fd Regt is located 2700 yds NW of HOZAN 831606.

PURIATA RIVER Area 25 Bn and A Coy NG Inf Bn

Communications are out with TOKO area.

5 Pl A Coy IG Inf Bn is at 825464, 500 yds south of TOKO.

SUMMARY OF PATROL REPORTS

SIWAI natives who have been working for the enemy report a large motor pool and fuel dump dispersed under coconuts, some under ground and some in revetments on both sides of the road junction 1400 yds SE of KORIU. This reference is being checked.

A large number of enemy are reported camped or dug in on either side of the road just below TAITAI with a large gun and an ammunition dump.

Many enemy are on either side of the road from HARI near OGORATA River. The natives state the enemy are still expecting a landing in the area, and are reported to have plenty of motor fuel, but only use a few trucks at night. They have no food reserves but have ample local grown food for immediate requirements. They have eaten all their horses.

2. AIR - OWN BOUGAINVILLE 14 Feb

Eight Corsairs bombed and strafed the HOZAN-MEIVO track in support of an advance by our ground troops. Strafing was commenced 50 yds ahead of our troops and bombing 200 yds ahead.

Enemy positions at 269569 on DOWN's HILL were attacked by eight Corsairs led in by Tac/R aircraft. All bombs were accurately placed and six of the Corsairs each made five strafing runs.

Patrol aircraft hit a canoe on the east coast ASIE I (FAURO), left smoking three rowing boats in TEOP BAY and killed one Jap at CAPE LALAHAN.

PART II

1. ENEMY OOB - EMPRESS AUGUSTA BAY

On 19 Jan the strength of 2 Bn 13 Inf Regt was given in captured documents as 34. 1/Lt TAJIRI and 22 men from KERKOPA reinforced the battalion on 22 Jan. The former KERKOPA Guard Unit is now believed to have been completely withdrawn. The disposition of 2 Bn main strength on 22 Jan was:-

TAVERA Ambush	5 and 7 Coys
NIGITAN Area	6 and 8 Coys

A PW of 2 Bn 6 Fd Arty Regt captured on 13 Feb has given the following information in a preliminary interrogation report:-

- (a) There are 300 Japs between MEIVO and our forward troops on the MOSIGETTA road. The enemy opposing our advance along the MAWARAKA-MOSIGETTA road belong to 3 Bn 13 Inf Regt, the main strength of which was located 800 yds east of our forward troops on 13 Feb. 3 Bn has, he believes, two Tk A guns, 12/13 HMGs and LMGs and two heavy mortars (presumably 81 mm).
- (b) At PIKEI there are 210 Japs, who belong to 1 Bn 6 Fd Arty Regt.
- (c) Three 75 mm guns are located at 894574.

6. EQUIPMENT-50 mm Type 89 Grenade Discharger

Frequent use is being made of the term "Knee Mortar" to describe the Japanese 50 mm Type 89 Grenade Discharger. The term "Knee Mortar" derives from the curved base plate which fits conveniently on the thigh.

Firing the Type 89 Grenade Discharger with the base plate resting on the thigh has, in the past, caused a fracture. Troops unfamiliar with this weapon should be informed that the description "Knee Mortar" is erroneous, and that injury will result if the leg is used as a base for firing.

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1:25000 new series MOSIGETTA, BARARA, NAIRONA and  
RUMIKI sheets

PART I

1 LAND - OWN AND ENEMY

(a) 11 AUST INF BDE - TSIMBA area - 31/51 Bn

At 1700 hrs 14 Feb, Tac Bn HQ was established north of the GENGA River.

A Coy forward troops heard sounds of digging and chopping at the base of DOWNS HILL at 1130 hrs 14 Feb. At 1315 hrs a patrol left to pinpoint the enemy's defensive depth. The patrol was still out on the morning 15 Feb but had reported the enemy perimeter at 262578, 1200 yards NE of KUNAMATORO.

On 14 Feb, the enemy at 237581, 1500 yards NW of KUNAMATORO, strongly contested the advance of 14 pl. The enemy strength was estimated at 2 LMGs and 15 rifles. 14 pl dug in 50 yards south of the enemy for the night and at first light 15 Feb, a patrol exchanged fire with an enemy patrol close to the enemy position. The enemy are reported to be holding a line from this point west to the coast.

The remainder of C Coy is at 236577, 400 yards to the SW of 14 pl.

D Coy report that an additional one enemy killed has been found at the site of the ambush at 236569.

The enemy position engaged by 16 and 17 pls is at 236569, not 300 yards further north as previously reported. At 1700 hrs 14 Feb, the pls had dug in 100 yards south of this position and were strongly engaging the enemy.

The remainder of D Coy is at 234575, 700 yards to NW of the enemy.

A recce party east of the original bridgehead area, found 11 newly dug graves at 233564, 1000 yards east of TSIMBA and many shell craters were in the same area.

On 14 Feb between 1900 hrs and 1930 hrs, enemy arty, believed two guns, fired 25 rounds including three blinds into our area at 230560.

PIATERAPAIA area - 55/53 Bn

At 1730 hrs 14 Feb, the NGIB patrol to SISIVIE returned with two kanakas. No enemy were encountered, but three enemy were seen at 622103, 1300 yards north of UPARA.

At 1740 hrs harassing fire by our arty was brought down on this point. During the night 14/15 Feb, harassing fire was laid on BASE POINT 3, 682165.

The patrol to SMITHS HILL returned, having killed two enemy of an estimated one section dug in at 635147, 1000 yards east of DAVIS HILL. Later our arty fired on the same area.

A patrol to the NE encountered enemy at approximately 713168, 2000 yards east of WEARNES HILL, killing seven enemy including one officer. The enemy strength in the area was estimated at 35 to 50 with one JUKI and LMG plus a possible additional JUKI and one grenade discharger.

A patrol to OLD VIVIE area killed three enemy at 657175 and our arty later engaged the area.

(b) 3 AUST DIV - SOVELE area - 2/8 Cdo Sqn

A recce patrol reports four well cultivated gardens at approximately 923560, 1800 yards east of PIKEI. The enemy work in the area daily. From this point a good track runs west towards MOSIGETTA. New huts are being constructed near the track.

PAGANA River area - 61 Bn

61 Bn HQ is established at 870672, 2000 yards south of NIGITAN. D Coy has occupied SISIRUAI 2 and 16 pl is astride the track junction 300 yards south of SISIRUAI 2.

TAVERA River area - 25 Bn

14 pl rejoined C Coy at 796662, 2000 yards SE of TAVERA.

MOSIGETTA Road area - 9 Bn

A patrol on 15 Feb investigated the enemy bivouac area south of the road at 867585, 1300 yards NW of MOSIGETTA. They recovered documents one HMG and medical supplies and state the area to have been occupied within the last 36 hours by 40 to 60 enemy. A possible enemy Bn HQ was located 300 yards to NE and further documents and medical supplies were found.

At 1230 hrs 15 Feb, A Coy continuing their advance, established a position astride the road at 879581, 500 yards north of MOSIGETTA without encountering the enemy. A patrol at 1530 hrs from A Coy west to C Coy at 869585, 1200 yards NW of MOSIGETTA, reported the road clear. The indications throughout the area are of hurried enemy withdrawals.

Present locations are Bn HQ 845595, A Coy 879581, B Coy 845595, C Coy 869585 and D Coy 861587.

A patrol of NG Inf Bn returned from MARIGA and KONGARA, reports the villages have not been occupied for at least one week. Tracks in the area 2500 yards NW of MOSIGETTA show signs of recent use, and a party of enemy, estimated strength 40, was encountered at 866565, 1400 yards SW of MOSIGETTA.

Enemy arty, believed two 75 mm guns, fired 111 rounds early on 15 Feb including three blinds, onto the road between huts 500 yards SE of HOZAN to the LOG BRENT at 832606.

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

16 pl and one sec NGIB moved north along the DARARA track from 837459 encountering 12 enemy well dug in with LMG at 844464, 2200 yards SE of MABIS. Fire was exchanged and our mortars engaged the enemy.

Present locations are D Coy less one pl at 842462 and 17 pl at 837459.

2 AIR - OWN - BOUGAINVILLE - 15 Feb

Twelve Corsairs, led in by Tac R aircraft, bombed Jap forces moving from NNE towards CHIPURO. A bivouac area consisting of an unknown number of small banana leaf shelters was hit and many shelters destroyed.

Tac R aircraft led in eight Corsairs onto a hut concentration at 982435 in the KIDAI area (Target A62). Minor damage was caused.

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PART I

1. LAND - OWN AND ENEMY

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

Patrolling continues

SISIRUAI Area 61 Bn Ref Map MOSIGETTA 1 : 25000 New Series

Locations - 18 Pl in firm base at 887607

A Coy at 884603, MAVIRI River crossing

A patrol from D Coy moved SW from 886623 and reached 845595, 500 yds NW of HOZAN and SW of 9 Bn

MOSIGETTA Area 9 Bn Ref Map MOSIGETTA 1 : 25000 New Series

At 1300 hrs 16 Feb, an A Coy patrol moving south along the MOSIGETTA road encountered an unknown number of enemy on the high ground on the south bank of the creek at 884574, 400 yds SE of MOSIGETTA. The patrol withdrew slightly to allow our arty to engage the position. The patrol then advanced and maintained contact until relieved by D Coy, moving in from 861587, 2000 yds NW of MOSIGETTA.

B Coy advanced along the road to the creek at 882576. Patrols to the east and west of this point located a number of collapsed old huts in three clearings and believe these to be MOSIGETTA village. The road to B Coy is now jeepable.

PURIATA River Area 25 Bn and A Coy 1 NG Inf Bn Ref Map MOTUPENA Pt-PURIATA River track map 1 inch

At 1345 hrs 15 Feb, 17 Pl encountered an estimated 30 enemy with one HMG and two LMG at 844464, 2000 yds east of TOKO. One enemy was wounded and active patrolling again contacted the enemy 100 yds to the south.

C Coy is now at 761586, 2700 yds south of MAWARAKA.

An NG Inf Bn patrol from 825464 moved SE 1200 yds then east and reached the PURIATA River without contact. The track along the river had not been recently used.

No reports were received from the patrol moving west along the PURIATA River.

Ref 2 Aust Corps Daily Int Summary No 36: References quoted in this section were on map 1 inch MOTUPENA Pt-PURIATA River track map.

(b) 11 AUST INF BDE-TSIMBA Area 31/51 Bn Ref Map 1 inch to 1 mile series

A patrol reported sighting one enemy sentry at 285575 3500 yds east of KUNAMATORO, who ran west apparently to report the approach of the patrol. Patrolling continued to the west to locate a shorter L of C via the GENGA River.

B Coy relieved D Coy and sited Coy HQ, 10 and 12 Pls at 236573, 1500 yds west of KUNAMATORO, and 11 Pl at 234569, 300 yds to the SW of Coy HQ. At 1120 hrs 11 Pl wounded one enemy and captured one rifle. A patrol at 236576 reported the stream to be 20 yds wide and not fordable.

On 16 Feb, our 4.2 inch mortars engaged the enemy line of occupation 238581 to the coast.

The enemy is still resisting 14 Pl advance at 237581, 1300 yds NW of KUNAMATORO. Enemy casualties two killed. On the night 15/16 Feb, the enemy harassed C Coy perimeter 400 yds SW of 14 Pl, with automatic fire. A standing patrol at 0700 hrs 16 Feb established 300 yds north of C Coy fired on an enemy patrol to the north killing one.

A police boy patrol returned from SAPOSA ISLAND on 16 Feb and state enemy are on the island. Four large fires were seen and a barge from TAIOF ISLAND visited SAPOSA on night 15/16 Feb.

Our arty fired on a suspected enemy position 1200 yds NW of LALUM.

A late report states three enemy bodies have been found on the north side of TSIMBA Ridge. These were not included in previous casualty totals.

PIATERAPAIA Area 55/53 Bn Ref Map 1 : 25000 series

During night 15/16 Feb, our arty put down harassing fire on enemy positions throughout the area.

Native reports state that IBU is now occupied in strength by the enemy, who had previously withdrawn to BURITSIOTORARA. This information was given by 3 Kanakas brought in by our patrol on 15 Feb.

#### SUMMARY OF PATROL REPORTS

Native at PORMA shot five enemy. PORMA is a small village half way between KAINO (220852) and SIPURU (240822).

An enemy patrol is reported at GRAMI, 155804.

#### 2. AIR - OWN BOUGAINVILLE 16 Feb

Two Corsairs from PIVA led in eight Venturas and a Mitchell from GREEN ISLAND on to targets at MAIKI consisting of numerous large huts considered to be store houses.

In support of ground troops 12 Corsairs, Tac R led, bombed and strafed enemy positions in the PIKEI area. Bombs fell within the target area indicated, but detailed results were unobserved.

At 1130L eight Corsairs, Tac/R led, attacked an enemy hut concentration at 982435 near KINDAI (Target A 62). The enemy endeavoured to confuse the pilots by using smoke simultaneously with that dropped by the Tac/R aircraft. It was considered only one hit was obtained on the target area. Half an hour later four Corsairs returned to the target and scored hits with all bombs dropped.

Several huts were destroyed and others damaged when four Corsairs, led in by Tac/R aircraft, bombed an enemy concentration at 015377 in the vicinity of HARI (2) (Target A 63).

Patrol aircraft attacked an armed 80 ft barge approx two miles north of LAHIAI (SE SHORTLAND). Near misses resulted from four bombs dropped and eight strafing runs caused fires. The barge was last seen stationary. A canoe and two occupants was strafed off JUPINOL ISLAND (west TAIOF ISLAND), one Jap was killed and three probably hit at PORPCRAING ISLAND (SE SHORTLAND) and a small motor launch was fired and a barge strafed at RATSOA jetty.

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PART I

1 LAND - OWN AND ENEMY

(a) 3 AUST DIV - SOVELE area - 2/3 Cdo Sqn (ref Map 1:25000 series)

Parties of enemy are reported to be moving in the areas 9255 and 9253. The first area is 2500 yards east of PINKI, the second is 2000 yards to the south and across the PORIATA River from the first area. Patrols are investigating.

SISIRUAI area - 61 Bn (ref Map 1:25000 series)

The Bn has made a general move forward to link up with 9 Bn at MEIVO junction. The forward elements of C Coy arrived at 878585, 300 yards NW of the junction at 1600 hrs 17 Feb.

MOSIGETTA area - 9 Bn (ref Map 1:25000 series)

A patrol to 856564, 2500 yards SW of MOSIGETTA reported that the area shows signs of activity within the last 36 hours.

At 1000 hrs 17 Feb, a D Coy patrol drove an estimated ten enemy from the high ground near the track junction at 884573, 400 yards SE of MOSIGETTA. The enemy counter attacked and four enemy are believed killed.

Patrols to the garden areas 600 yards to south and SE of MOSIGETTA report no movement seen, but a patrol to 878595, 2000 yards north of MOSIGETTA, saw signs of recent activity. A further patrol to the creek at 867572, 1000 yards SW of MOSIGETTA, failed to see any enemy.

On 16 Feb, 4 pl MG Inf Bn patrol to the gardens area 8158, 3000 yards SW of HOZAN, killed four enemy and captured documents.

TOKO area - 25 Bn and A Coy 1 MG Inf Bn (ref Map 1 inch to 1 mile)

D Coy made an outflanking move west of the track from 843464. At 1230 hrs on 17 Feb, sounds of chopping were heard and the coy attacked a party of enemy on a cut track at 827463, 500 yards SE of TOKO. Enemy casualties were five killed and four known wounded.

(b) 11 AUST INF BDE - TSIABA area - 31/51 Bn (ref Map 1 inch to 1 mile)

On 16 Feb, an A Coy patrol sighted one enemy with an LMG in a pillbox at 281584, 2800 yards east of LALUM. There were also two well prepared trenches in the area.

The patrol investigating the area west along the GEMGA River to locate a shorter L of C, report the route 269566 - 251546 thence along the south bank of the GEMGA River to be impracticable.

Our arty shelled DOWNS HILL on the afternoon 16 Feb, but considerable enemy activity was seen on the Hill after the fire ceased.

B Coy patrol to the river mouth at 238583, 2000 yards SW of LALUM had reached within 300 yards of their objective on the afternoon 16 Feb. This river is known as GILMAN River.

In C Coy area, an enemy LMG fired on our forward troops at 248581, 1000 yards SW of LALUM and was engaged by our mortars.

On 16 Feb, enemy arty, estimated two 75 mm guns, ineffectively fired three rounds on the GEMGA River mouth. Early on 17 Feb, eight rounds were fired onto the north bank of the river. During firing the gun flash was seen at 243632 on the beach track and 4000 yards north of LALUM.

Tac R reports six trenches and possibly two pillboxes at 239584, 2000 yards SW of LALUM.

PIATERAPAIA area - 55/53 Bn (ref Map 1:25000 series)

Further information from natives states that the enemy at IBU have cut MG fire lanes and that the enemy are expecting an attack in this area. No estimate was given of enemy strength.

During night 16/17 Feb and afternoon 17 Feb, our arty laid harassing fire on SMITHS HILL and SISIVIE.

2 AIR - OWN - BOUGAINVILLE - 17 Feb

In support of our ground troops twenty Corsairs, Tac R led, bombed enemy bivouac areas and hut concentrations at 892564, 895567, 903563 and 904564 in the PIKEI area. The bombing was effective.

Enemy hut concentrations in SORAKEN Pith (Target A61) were hit by eight Corsairs led in by Tac R aircraft which indicated the target with smoke.

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PART I

1. LAND - OWN AND ENEMY

(a) 11 AUST INF BDE - TSIMBA Area 31/51 Bn Ref Map 1 inch to 1 mile

At 1455 hrs 17 Feb, 12 Pl encountered the enemy at 242584 1200 yds SW of LALUM, killing three. Our mtn arty and 4.2 inch mortars engaged the enemy position. 12 Pl was then joined by 14 Pl which had moved up via GILLMAN River. Both Pls then moved towards the coast but were held up by an unknown number of enemy. At 1915 hrs our mtn arty engaged this opposition, and the Pls then moved north, seeking an approach to the coast.

Enemy 75 mm arty fired twelve rounds including two blinds on to the GENGA River at 230560, and a further six rounds into C Coy position 236577. The position of the enemy guns is believed located in square 2559, 500 yds north of LALUM.

PIATERAPAIA Area 55/53 Bn Ref Map 1 : 25000

A patrol to VIVIE returned and reported killing five enemy at 556163.

The enemy is in dug in positions with an estimated strength of twelve.

On 18 Feb our arty fired on suspected enemy movement on SMITH'S HILL.

(b) 3 AUST DIV-SOVELE Area 2/8 Cdo Sqn Ref Map 1 : 25000

A patrol based on SOVELE encountered enemy, strength 25 in the area 9155, 1000 yds SE of PIKEI, and killed one. Documents were captured.

A further patrol located an estimated twenty enemy in position at 9456, 2000 yds SE of BIROSI. The patrol is moving to cut the track PIKEI - HORINU in area 9153, 1000 yds east of MAKAPEKA.

An unconfirmed native report states that there are five lines of communication south from the MOSIGETTA-PIKEI area, and that the one used most is that close to the mouth of the PURIATA River.

B Tp and part of Sqn HQ has moved to 998582, 3000 yds SE of NAIRONA.

MOSIGETTA Area 9 Bn and 61 Bn Ref Map 1 : 25000

A patrol from 884574, 500 yds SE of MOSIGETTA to the garden area and thence south, contacted fifteen enemy at 888570, 600 yds south of MOSIGETTA, killing one.

A further enemy HQ site has been found at MEIVO junction. Documents and equipment were found.

61 Bn HQ is at 878585, in MOSIGETTA and B Coy 61 Bn 100 yds to the north.

PURIATA River Area 25 Bn Ref Map 1 : 25000

D Coy is located at track junction 832471, 1700 yds SE of MABIS.

2. AIR - OWN BOUGAINVILLE - 18 Jan

Eight Corsairs dropped all their bombs in the target area at HIRU HIRU against huts and lean-tos at 880502 and 855492.

Enemy positions on DOWN'S HILL were accurately hit by eight Corsairs in support of ground forces. These aircraft also strafed suspected gun position at 242632 with unobserved results.

Twelve Corsairs bombed enemy installations on PORORAN Island. Seven huts were destroyed and many damaged.

Six Mitchells and eight Venturas low level bombed and strafed enemy areas at BANIU. Fires with smoke to 800 ft were started.

Patrol aircraft located and strafed a 16 ft barge at 243659 in SORAKEN Plantation area and strafed red boxes on the jetty at 237662.

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PART I

1. LAND - OWN AND ENEMY

(a) 3 AUST DIV - NAIRONA area - 2/8 Cdo Sqn (ref Map 1:25000 series)

Sqn HQ opened 1130 hrs 19 Feb at 998585, 3000 yards SE of NAIRONA.

MOSIGETTA area - 9 Bn 61 Bn and NG Inf Bn (ref Map 1:25000 series)

Active patrolling continued throughout the area. A patrol of NG Inf Bn from HOZAN south along the creek 2000 yards reported no movement seen.

C Coy made an outflanking move via D Coy thence west to a road junction at 883568, 700 yards south of MOSIGETTA. At 1430 hrs the forward pl moved south and encountered an estimated ten enemy. The enemy withdrew with two believed killed.

A patrol engaged seven enemy in three huts in MARIGA. One enemy was seen to fall.

At 0800 hrs a D Coy patrol departed from 884574, 300 yards SE of MOSIGETTA and contacted ten enemy at 885573, 100 yards SE. The patrol withdrew and at 0900 hrs 16 pl engaged the enemy, killing one. The pl maintained contact with the enemy throughout the day.

9 Bn HQ is now established at 880576, in MOSIGETTA.

A Coy 61 Bn has arrived in MOSIGETTA and a patrol from their position killed one enemy sergeant at 888585, on the track running NW-SE, 1000 yards east of MOSIGETTA. A further patrol is searching the area.

TOKO area - 25 Bn and NG Inf Bn (ref Map 1:25000 series)

On 18 Feb a patrol from NG Inf Bn moved east from 825463, 2500 yards south of MABIS, to the PURIATA River thence north along the west bank to 838481, 1700 yards SE of MABIS to the TOKO - DARARA track. Four enemy were ambushed at 830481, 800 yards SE of MABIS, killing three and wounding one. The patrol then returned to base.

On 19 Feb, D Coy captured a PW at 838479, 1500 yards SE of MABIS.

(b) 11 AUST INF BDE - TSIMBA area - 31/51 Bn (ref Map 1 inch to 1 mile)

At 1420 hrs 18 Feb, a patrol from C Coy exchanged fire with an enemy party who had one LMG and rifles. Enemy casualties are unknown. Our 4.2 inch and 3 inch mortars then engaged the enemy position which is at 237581, on the beach track south of the mouth of GILLMAN River.

On 19 Feb, C Coy HQ with 13 pl moved to join 12 and 14 pls from whom no further communication had been received. Their last reported position was at 241584, 1400 yards SW of LALUM. Late on 18 Feb, enemy arty fired 14 rounds including three blinds on the GENGA River mouth, and four rounds on a point 2000 yards to NE.

On the afternoon 18 Feb, our arty registered on DOWNS HILL and an air strike on the area appeared effective. On the morning 19 Feb, our arty again fired on the position and at 1330 hrs the high ground on DOWNS HILL was captured by our troops who are exploiting SW to the main enemy position. The enemy casualties were three killed. The advance party 26 Bn arrived at PUTO at 1315 hrs 19 Feb.

PIATERAPAIA area - 55/53 Bn (ref Map 1:25000 series)

On the night 18/19 Feb, our arty harassed SMITHS HILL and on 19 Feb our 4.2 inch and 3 inch mortars shelled targets in the same area.

(c) SUMMARY OF PATROL REPORTS

Our scouts report that an enemy submarine landed stores and equipment at TINPUTZ Bay several nights ago. New cargo has been seen.

Reports state the enemy to be erecting permanent houses under scrub on the west bank of a river 1000 yards north of LAMU.

The senior enemy officer present with the construction party is a Colonel.



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2 - AIR - OWN - BOUGAINVILLE - 19 Feb

Eight Corsairs bombed huts and suspected troop concentration at the road junction 003375 east of KORIU. The target was well covered.

Twelve Corsairs attacked enemy defensive positions on DOWNS HILL. Bombs fell on positions indicated with smoke by ground troops, and some were later occupied. Eight Corsairs intended for DOWNS HILL were diverted by ground forces to a suspected gun position at 242632.

Patrol aircraft bombed huts NW PORORAN Island destroying three and damaging four.

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PART I

1 LAND - OWN AND ENEMY

(ref Map 1:25000 series)

(a) 3 AUST DIV - MOSIGETTA area - 9 Bn, 61 Bn & A Coy NG Inf Bn

Correction Summary No 39. The action by 16 pl on 19 Feb at 885574, 400 yards SE of MOSIGETTA, resulted in two enemy killed not one as previously reported.

Slight enemy activity was reported in C Coy 9 Bn area on night 19/20 Feb. A patrol on 20 Feb moving SW along the MARIGA road, forced four enemy to withdraw from 883569, 700 yards south of MOSIGETTA. The enemy were again contacted 100 yards to the west. The patrol fired on the enemy and then withdrew to allow our mortars to engage the enemy position. The patrol then moved northward to join 17 pl.

At 1650 hrs 20 Feb, 17 pl completed the encirclement of an enemy position at 884573, 400 yards SE of MOSIGETTA and attacked. The enemy fled and the pl occupied the position.

A patrol from B Coy 61 Bn to the garden area at 887573, 500 yards SE of MOSIGETTA, unsuccessfully attempted to outflank an enemy position estimated strength twenty. The patrol engaged the enemy with grenades and mortars with unknown results.

Three enemy fled from an A Coy patrol at 885568, on the track 900 yards SE of MOSIGETTA. The patrol followed up, moving SE along the track, and killed three of an estimated fifteen enemy at 893562, 1500 yards SE of MOSIGETTA. A further patrol SSE from MEIVO unsuccessfully attempted to outflank an unknown number of enemy at 876568, 700 yards SSW of MOSIGETTA. The patrol was unable to reach the MARIGA road and returned to A Coy.

Adv HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde opened at HOZAN at 1200 hrs 20 Feb.

NAIRONA area - 2/8 Cdo Sqn (ref Map 1:25000 series)

A patrol west along the north bank of the PURIATA River report a chain of LMG posts recently deserted. Five enemy hurriedly evacuated a garden approximately 960566, 3000 yards south of NAIRONA. The patrol fired on the enemy without result but expect to make contact again at 935558, a garden 3000 yards south of BIROSI.

At 0815 hrs 20 Feb, a patrol departed to search the area towards PIKEI.

A patrol contacted three enemy at 919539, 1500 yards NE of MAKAPEKA killing one.

The patrol which encountered 25 enemy 1000 yards SE of PIKEI on 18 Feb, now reports having killed two enemy not one as previously reported. The enemy fled south, abandoning weapons including one LMG.

A native patrol returned from NIHERO with captured documents and reported the village burned. Three enemy were seen in the gardens.

On 20 Feb, 80 natives from the MOSIGETTA - SIWAI - NIHERO area arrived at our forward positions. All were in extremely poor condition.

PURIATA River area - 25 Bn and A Coy NG Inf Bn (ref map 1:25000)

A D Coy patrol advanced to the track junction at 838479, 1500 yards SE of MABIS and sighted a party of ten enemy on the east bank of the PURIATA River. The patrol then moved north to a point 1500 yards east of MABIS. A patrol of NG Inf Bn met the D Coy patrol at this point and moved towards DARARA. On reaching the road junction at 858499, the patrol was fired on by eleven enemy and withdrew to base.

Adv 25 Bn HQ is established at 837478, 1400 yards SE of MABIS, A Coy less 7 pl at 837479, 7 pl at 833471 and C Coy 833455.

(b) 11 AUST INF BDE - TSIMBA area - 31/51 Bn (ref Map 1 inch to 1 mile)

At 1800 hrs 19 Feb, enemy arty fired five rounds including three blinds on 264569, 1500 yards SE of KUNAMATORO.

At 1900 hrs 19 Feb, fighting was still in progress on DOWNS HILL. Additional enemy casualties are three killed. On the morning 20 Feb, our mountain arty and 3 inch mortars shelled the enemy positions.

A patrol from C Coy at 0900 hrs 20 Feb, heard enemy moving and talking at 237580, 1400 yards NW of KUNAMATORO and our mortars engaged the position.

C Coy HQ plus 13 and 14 pl reached the coast north of the mouth of the GILLMAN River without contact.

PIATERAPAIA area - 55/53 Bn (ref Map 1:25000 series)

On 19 Feb, our arty fired on a bunker on the forward slopes of SMITHS HILL. A direct hit was scored.

On night 19/20 Feb, harassing arty fire was laid down on SMITHS HILL and SISIVIE areas.

A patrol to the south end of BASE POINT 3 returned without contact but native scouts report enemy movement on the ridge at SMITHS HILL.

Our arty on 20 Feb, engaged the area 691156, 700 yards south of WEARNES HILL, and with mortars, harassed SMITHS HILL.

2 AIR - OWN - BOUGAINVILLE - 20 Feb

Three strikes were carried out on targets along the PURIATA River south to SE of KIA RAE.

Eight Corsairs attacked a bivouac area of leanos and well defined tracks 200 yards NW of the ford at 870488.

A further eight Corsairs bombed and strafed a similar target south of a garden at 871487.

Twelve Corsairs hit a suspected enemy Bn HQ in heavy timber at 850481.

All bombs dropped in the above strikes fell in target areas.

A late afternoon barge scramble by four Corsairs bombed and strafed three barges north of SORAKEN Plantation at 243659, which had previously been attacked and damaged and now appeared to be under repair. Five direct hits scored on two barges which were completely destroyed. The third barge was strafed and many hits observed.

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2 AUST CORPS DAILY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No 42  
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PART I

1. LAND - OWN and ENEMY

(a) 3 AUST DIV - MOSIGETTA Area 9 Bn 61 Bn and A Coy NG  
Inf Bn Ref Map 1 : 25000

Following the attempt by a patrol of B Coy 61 Bn to outflank an enemy position 500 yds SE of MOSIGETTA on 20 Feb, a patrol at first light 21 Feb moved to a position on the track at 889564, 200 yds east of the enemy position. Here they ambushed the entire enemy party, killing seven. Movement on both flanks forced the withdrawal of the patrol at 1500 hrs.

One enemy was seen by a patrol at 911567, 2700 yds SW of BIROSI. The patrol remained in the area on the night 20/21 Feb and at 0645 hrs 21 Feb moved north to MAVIRA River searched garden areas in vicinity 9158, 2000 yds SW of BIROSI. Natives reported enemy at 910564, 1000 yds east of PIKEI but time prevented investigation of the area.

B Coy 61 Bn moved to the PIKEI road via the gardens at 887572 and there engaged four enemy, causing their withdrawal. At 1545 hrs 21 Feb the Coy was established at 889571, 1000 yds SE of MOSIGETTA.

Sounds of enemy activity near the dropping ground at 882576 was investigated on the morning 21 Feb. A patrol from A Coy 9 Bn left 883568 moving generally SW along the road, engaged enemy of unknown strength at 874561, 1500 yds SW of MOSIGETTA with unknown results. At 0800 hrs 14 Pl moving SW along the MARIGA road engaged an estimated ten enemy and an LMG on the high ground on the south side of a creek at 882565, 1000 yds south of MOSIGETTA. The Pl dug in for the night 21/22 Feb on the north bank.

B Coy 9 Bn moved west along the MARIGA road and opened at 862567, 1700 yds SW of MOSIGETTA at 1130 hrs. A returning patrol dispersed two enemy ambushes, wounding two.

A small enemy party at 2315 hrs 20 Feb attacked a working party on a new bty position at 878578, 200 yds north of MOSIGETTA. Enemy casualties are unknown.

A Coy NG Inf Bn HQ opened at 846591, 300 yds SW of HOZAN.

TOKO Area 25 Bn and A Coy NG Inf Bn Ref Map 1 : 25000

At 1130 hrs 21 Feb a patrol moved north from 838479 and engaged an estimated ten enemy at 843492 1300 yds SW of DARARA. At 1605 hrs the engagement was continuing.

A patrol of NG Inf Bn to 857498 700 yds SW of DARARA reported no enemy movement.

NAIRONA Area 2/8 Cdo Sqn Ref Map 1 : 25000

A patrol at 918538, 1300 yds NE of MAKAPEKA killed three enemy. A further patrol SW along the PURIATA River from 998562, 3800 yds SW of NAIRONA to 9355, 3500 yds south of BIROSI found many gardens recently evacuated but no signs of enemy.

Communications to the party moving to MAKAPEKA fork were out at 1800 hrs 21 Feb.

(b) 11 AUST INF BDE - TSIMBA Area 31/51 Bn Ref Map 1 inch to  
1 mile

A Coy on 20 Feb occupied the major portion of DOWNS HILL, killing a further two enemy. At 1600 hrs a small enemy pocket armed with an LMG and grenade discharger were still resisting. At 0750 hrs 21 Feb A Coy reported an enemy counter

attack was in progress, but a later report said the attack had been repulsed with two enemy killed.

Between 1910 hrs 20 Feb and 0740 hrs 21 Feb, enemy arty was again active, firing a total of 51 rounds of 75 mm on to our positions at DOWNS HILL. Our arty engaged the area 264603-268603, 2000 yds NE of LALUM.

A recce patrol has left to locate a shorter L of G to the GENGA River via NEMBOROSE.

A B Coy patrol left 236569, the feature 1400 yds NE of TSIMBA, to probe 2000 yds NE along the LALUM track. Our arty engaged suspected enemy positions at 239582, 1700 yds SW of LALUM. C Coy on 20 Feb established a perimeter at 238584, on the beach track 1600 yds SW of LALUM and later killed two enemy to the north. Both were in naval uniform and well dressed. Documents were recovered.

At 0830 hrs 8 enemy with an LMG were sighted to the north of the perimeter.

At 1730 hrs 20 Feb our mortars engaged an enemy pocket south of the GILLMAN River mouth, and at 1015 hrs 21 Feb the area was reported clear of enemy, who had apparently evacuated during the night 20/21 Feb.

D Coy location is now 236569, the feature 1400 yds NE of TSIMBA.

On the morning 21 Feb a patrol to PETATS ISLAND returned with one enemy prisoner and documents.

PIATERAPAIA Area 55/53 Nn Ref Map 1 : 25000

On the night 20/21 Feb and on 21 Feb arty and mortars harassed SMITH'S HILL. Patrolling continues.

#### SUMMARY OF PATROL REPORTS

Scouts report many enemy from NUMA NUMA and the NE area have gathered at TEOP.

## 2. AIR - OWN BOUGAINVILLE

Enemy positions consisting of personnel and supply areas one mile SW of TAITAI were attacked by a total of 28 Corsairs in three strikes. Results generally were unobserved, however explosions and smoke indicated that at least two dumps were hit. Twenty Japs were seen fleeing from the area into the jungle which was immediately bombed.

Corsair patrols strafed huts in the vicinity of KOROMIRA Mission.

### PART II

## 1. ENEMY OOB - EMPRESS AUGUSTA BAY

A prisoner captured in the TOKO area on 19 Feb has identified 1 and 2 Coys 6 Tpt Regt as being at TOKINOTU with a strength of 40 and 23 respectively. He stated that there were 25 additional Japanese working in the gardens at TOKINOTU and 16 more guarding five or six food dumps along the road between the PURIATA and HONGORAI Rivers.

According to this PW, the TOKO Guard Unit, 12 strong, was withdrawing.

The PW has heard the 13 Inf Regt will eventually withdraw across the PURIATA River, but thought that the Japanese would fight along the line of the PURIATA River.

#### TSIMBA Area

Enemy documents found north of the GENGA River on 11 Feb have revealed the presence of additional troops and units opposing our troops.

Elements of the following have been identified in the TSIMBA area:-

2 Shipping Engr Regt  
38 Fd AA Bn  
81 Inf Regt Tank Coy  
4 Med Arty Regt  
38 IMB Arty Bn

From these and earlier documents it is estimated that the Japanese have so far committed 400 troops against us, of which approximately 220 remain.

During Jan five or six batches of reinforcements arrived at GENGA River area and it seems that the enemy will continue his attempts to maintain his strength opposing our troops.

SAPOSA ISLAND

On 25 Jan, the enemy had an NCO and four men on SAPOSA ISLAND armed with one NAMBU LMG and three rifles. Subsequent enemy barge movement and activity on the island suggest increased strength.

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2 AUST CORPS DAILY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No 43  
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PART I

1 LAND - OWN AND ENEMY

(a) 3 AUST DIV - MOSIGETTA area - 9 Bn, 61 Bn A Coy NG Inf Bn (ref Map 1:25000)

B Coy 61 Bn remained the night 21/22 Feb at 888567, 900 yards SE of MOSIGETTA. At 0700 hrs 22 Feb, the Coy were unsuccessfully attacked by an estimated thirteen enemy with LMGs and rifles. Enemy casualties were six killed. Documents and equipment were captured. At 1100 hrs, the Coy moved 200 yards south and a patrol from a point 500 yards west of the Coy position moved east and encountered enemy at 886568, killing two and wounding one. Equipment was captured.

A C Coy patrol, at 1050 hrs 21 Feb, contacted a strong enemy position armed with HMG and mortars at 885565. The patrol withdrew slightly to allow our mortars to engage the position. On moving forward again the patrol was held up by heavy fire. Enemy casualties were one killed.

At 2200 hrs 21 Feb, sounds of activity were heard in the direction of B Coy 9 Bn which was last reported at 862557, 2000 yards SW of MOSIGETTA. Communications were out to the Coy until 1030 hrs 22 Feb when the Coy was in position 867551, 800 yards SE of their previous position. Here, four enemy were ambushed killing three and wounding one. Documents and equipment were found in enemy shelters near the Coy position. Between 1540 hrs 21 Feb and 1130 hrs 22 Feb, enemy of unknown strength launched three unsuccessful attacks against the Coy position. One enemy was killed.

At 1530 hrs 22 Feb, a patrol from C Coy moved NE along the MARIGA road.

A patrol from D Coy has reached the road at 861564, 1000 yards south of MOSIGETTA. The enemy position in this area which opposed 14 pl on 21 Feb was found vacated.

4 pl A Coy 1 NG Inf Bn searched the area 870580 - 860580 860565 - 870565, to the west of MOSIGETTA without contact.

PURIATA River area - 2/8 Cdo Sqn (ref Map 1:25000)

At 0830 hrs 22 Feb, Adv 2/8 Cdo Sqn opened at 924544, 2000 yards NE of MAKAPEKA and north of the PURIATA River.

A patrol to 934559, 3000 yards south of BIKOSI returned with captured documents.

A further patrol found several tracks leading across the PURIATA River between 909530 and 917538, the area between MAKAPEKA and the MOSIGETTA track.

Total enemy casualties on 22 Feb were nineteen killed and one wounded, including one dead enemy sergeant found by C Coy 61 Bn but not previously reported.

TOKO area - 25 Bn and A Coy NG Inf Bn (ref Map 1:25000)

On the morning 22 Feb, patrols from D Coy were not able to contact 17 pl, which was in action against the enemy position 1300 yards SW of DARARA. D Coy maintaining contact with the enemy, killed five. At 1715 hrs 17 pl rejoined the Coy.

(b) 11 AUST INF BDE - TSIMBA area - 26 Bn, 31/51 Bn (ref Map 1 inch)

During 21 Feb, enemy pockets on DOWNS HILL continued to oppose A Coy 31/51 Bn, a further two enemy being killed. At 1800 hrs the Coy was located at 269565, 2000 yards SE of KUNAMATORO.

By 1300 hrs 22 Feb, the relief of 31/51 Bn less A Coy, by 26 Bn, was completed.

12 pl B Coy 26 Bn reached 248580, 1000 yards SW of LAIUM without contact. A patrol on 21 Feb reported many enemy abandoned defences route to this area.

A forward patrol from C Coy 31/51 Bn perimeter, reported enemy actively digging and chopping 200 yards north of the perimeter. At same time enemy LMG and rifles fired on C Coy forward troops. At 1300 hrs our arty engaged the enemy position. On 22 Feb one enemy was sighted 150 yards north of the coy perimeter and our mortars later engaged the position.

The A Coy 31/51 Bn patrol which sought a new L of C to the GINGA

River via NEMBOROSE report a good track with a total of three hours march from DOWNS HILL - NEMBOROSE - ridge 250552, thence along the north bank of the GENGA River to the junction of the LALUM track 235571.

At 1655 hrs 21 Feb, smoke was seen at 242603, 2200 yards NE of LALUM and our arty engaged the area. The area 245584, 1100 yards SW of LALUM was also fired on.

From 2340 hrs, for ten minutes, enemy 75 mm arty fired twenty rounds including two blinds, onto the north bank of the GENGA River.

PIATERAPAIA - 55/53 Bn (ref Map 1 inch to 1 mile)

Movement was heard forward of ARTY RIDGE on the night 21/22 Feb. During the night 21/22 Feb our arty harassed SMITHS HILL and on 22 Feb our arty and mortars laid concentrations on the area.

(c) SUMMARY OF PATROL REPORTS

Natives report that there is no rice left in NUMA NUMA and that no food has been carried up the NUMA NUMA trail recently. Forward enemy troops had to depend on local supplies.

It is reported that there are about 50 enemy in sak sak huts at 127396, 30 in rice gardens at 128399 and one 75 mm gun at 125398, all areas in the headwaters of the MIBO River and 20 in gardens at 045462 near KAPARA.

Small enemy parties of six to ten with some arty are located on both sides of the road from HARI No 2 to MAMAGATA and from KAPARA to the road junction at 012386.

2 AIR - OWN - BOUGAINVILLE - 22 Feb

Two Corsairs, six Mitchells and eight Venturas attacked enemy installations in the MAIKA area. A large number of huts were destroyed and many damaged. The strike was considered excellent. Heavy medium AA fire was experienced, directed from EBERY'S LEASE.

A total of 28 Corsairs in two strikes continued the destruction of enemy installations in the TAI TAI area commenced 21 Feb. Detailed results were not observed but a large fire emitting white smoke was noted.

PART II

JAPANESE DYSENTERY AREA

An undated captured map shows the area near KINDO, designated below in detail, as a dysentery area. The map contained a warning to take precautions when using the water from the rivers in this dysentery area.

The area affected, as accurately as can be plotted from the captured map is:-

Ref Map MOTUPENA POINT - PURIATA 1:63360

Squares:	0049	0149	0250	0350	0450
	0048	0148	0249	0349	0449
	0047	0147	0248	0348	0448
			0247	0347	0447

ENEMY OOB - EMPRESS AUGUSTA BAY

A 13 Inf Regt Op Order of 1 Feb written at HOZAN identifies 2 Coy 6 Tpt Regt (less part) in an infantry role reconnoitering north from MEIVO towards the TAVERA River. 1 Fd Hospital on 1 Feb was to begin the construction of a secret trail from its locality (PIKEI?) to the MOSIGETTA ammunition dump.

The Op Order reveals that on 1 Feb the enemy was primarily concerned with our advance from MAKATOWA and TOKO, paying less attention to operations from MOSINA and SOVELE.

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PART I

1. LAND -- OWN AND ENEMY

(a) 11 AUST INF BDE - TSIMBA Area 26 Bn and A Coy 31/51 Bn  
Ref Map 1 inch to 1 mile

On 22 Feb, the enemy directed arty fire on to DOWNS HILL, and our mtn arty retaliated. On 23 Feb, A Coy 31/51 Bn made minor progress and are consolidating.

By 1200 hrs 23 Feb B Coy 26 Bn reached 250582, 700 yds SW of LALUM, without contact.

On 22 Feb, a patrol from C Coy 26 Bn probing forward from 238584, 1400 yds SW of LALUM, was halted by an estimated eight to ten enemy, who were dug in. At 1400 hrs 23 Feb, 15 Pl contacted the enemy 300 yds east of the Coy perimeter, killing one.

A continued right flank move by C Coy encountered a strong enemy position at 241585. Enemy casualties are unknown.

PIATERAPAIA Area 53/55 Bn and A Coy NG Inf Bn  
Ref Map 1 : 25000

At 1220 hrs 23 Feb, an NG Inf Bn patrol encountered enemy armed with a JUKI, at 614161, 1200 yds SE of SISIVIE. Enemy casualties were two killed.

A patrol returning from HENRY'S HILL reports one enemy killed and one probably killed.

On 23 Feb our mortars and MGs harassed SMITH'S HILL.

(b) 3 AUST DIV - MOSIGETTA Area 9 Bn 61 Bn and A Coy NG Inf Bn  
Ref Map 1 : 25000

The road NE to MOSIGETTA from B Coy 9 Bn position at 867551 2200 yds SW of MOSIGETTA is now clear of the enemy.

At 0900 hrs 23 Feb, three enemy approached B Coy position but escaped when fired upon. A patrol east from B Coy revealed two vacated enemy bivouac areas in close proximity to the coy position. At 1200 hrs a small enemy party were observed on the road south of the Coy and movement was heard in the undergrowth. Our arty engaged the enemy and an investigating patrol 500 yds to the south of the Coy reported no movement seen.

NG Inf Bn patrols in the area 1000 to 2000 yds west of MOSIGETTA made no contact.

12 and 15 Pls 61 Bn occupied the track junction at 895567, 1200 yds SE of MOSIGETTA and found one dead enemy. Extensive patrolling north of the MOSIGETTA - PIKEI road failed to reveal any enemy. Patrolling south of the track junction reported no enemy contacted. A standing patrol has been established at 902582, 2200 yds east of MEIVO.

During the engagement by a C Coy patrol on 21 Feb, four of our men ran into an enemy position at 885565, 100 yds SSE of MOSIGETTA. Unable to withdraw the party spent the night within the enemy perimeter, and definitely killed eight enemy during the night. At 0650 hrs 23 Feb our mortars fired on the enemy position causing the enemy to withdraw to the SE, taking two HMGs and hand carts. Three of our men were thus able to rejoin our lines. A patrol is searching for the fourth man.

PURIATA River 2/8 Cdo Sqn Ref Map 1 : 25000

At 1330 hrs 22 Feb a patrol killed one enemy at 916538, near the ford over the PURIATA River, 1500 yds east of MAKAPEKA. Total enemy casualties on 22 Feb in this area were twenty three killed.

A small patrol made contact with enemy armed with a HMG and rifles 100 yds further north on 23 Feb, killing three.

Active patrolling on 23 Feb in the general area east of MAKAPEKA and north of HORINU killed two enemy and found a vacant defensive position capable of holding thirty enemy, at the site of the two patrol clashes reported above. Three dead enemy were found, possibly the result of these earlier actions.

286 natives were evacuated to OPAI Base at 998982 from the RUMIKI - HORINU - SINANAI area. They report an enemy garrison of strength thirty five with four LMGs at 972488, 1200 yds SW of SINANAI. They also report RUMIKI and HORINU clear of enemy.

TOKO Area 25 Bn Ref Map 1 : 25000

D Coy killed three enemy in the attack on 22 Feb, in addition to the five already reported.

At 1000 hrs 23 Feb, D Coy, preceded by MMG, mortar and 2 pr Tk A fire, attacked and cleared the enemy from a position at 845494, 1200 yds SW of DARARA, killing four and wounding one. 3 Pl then moved through D Coy, and cleared DARARA. Enemy of unknown strength retreated on the approach of the Pl, leaving some equipment. D Coy then moved to DARARA.

4 Pl NG Inf Bn is now at 850500, 500 yds SW of DARARA.

Total enemy casualties in this area on 23 Feb, were eighteen killed and one wounded.

SUMMARY OF PATROL REPORTS 1 inch to 1 mile

A large force of enemy are reported between CIROI 008455 and TONU 998461, 50 yds east of the track. A strong force is reported dug in on the west bank of the HONGORAI River at 009522.

A wireless station is said to be located midway between HUKANA and TONU in two sac sac huts at 997463, on the east of the track. Enemy troops are camped on the opposite side of the track.

A further large force of enemy are reported 200 yds south of KAPANA at approx 019445.

Loyal natives burnt one lorry on the east west track at MIBO River, and state they intend to destroy any vehicles found on tracks, and to interfere with the enemy L of C.

2. AIR - OWN

BOUGAINVILLE

Following the medium bomber raid on 22 Feb, 13 Corsairs returned to the attack on the MUGUAI - MAIKA area at 376381 today.

The target consisted of 10/12 huts, probably warehouses each approx 90' x 30', six were totally destroyed and four damaged.

Eight Corsairs attacked enemy bivouac and dumps areas at TEOP HBR (Target A60), results were unobserved. The area was well strafed.

Eight Corsairs bombed and strafed gardens in the vicinity of Jap forward troops south of the PURIATA River.

Four Corsairs provided cover for own barge activity NW BOUGAINVILLE - BUKA ISLAND area.

Patrol aircraft attacked opportunity targets NE BOUGAINVILLE hitting possible supply dumps on TEOP ISLAND, smoking a 12 ft barge at TAIRAKA and strafing huts at NUMA NUMA.

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PART I

1 LAND - OWN AND ENEMY

(a) 3 AUST DIV - MOSIGETTA area - 9 Bn, 61 Bn, A Coy NG Inf Bn (ref Map 1:25000)

Continued patrolling throughout the area reported no movement seen except for one enemy at 858544, 2000 yards NE of MARIGA, who was fired on but escaped.

One 75 mm gun was found buried at 879569, 700 yards south of MOSIGETTA. The breach block was missing but primer shells had been buried with the gun.

Documents were found in a garden at 894564, 1200 yards SE of MOSIGETTA.

TOKO area - 25 Bn (ref Map 1:25000)

A patrol found a five acre garden at 848482, south of the PURIATA River and 2300 yards ESE of MABIS. Seven huts, mostly destroyed by bombing were in the area and fresh enemy footprints were observed.

A further patrol wounded one enemy, who escaped, at 856499, 400 yards south of DARARA. The patrol moved SE along the track and was fired on by enemy of unknown strength with automatic weapons at 857499.

Two dead enemy were found at 845494, 1200 yards SW of DARARA.

On 23 Feb, a NG Inf Bn patrol ambushed two enemy at 857478, just south of the PURIATA River and 2400 yards south of DARARA. One enemy was killed, the other escaped.

Natives report four enemy in a garden south of the PURIATA River, who are being held prisoners by natives. A patrol has moved out to investigate.

MAKAPEKA area - 2/8 Cdo Sqn (ref Map 1:25000)

Patrols found enemy signal wire running from MAKAPEKA across the PURIATA River at the junction of the MAKAPEKA River, thence east for 600 yards. The wire was cut by the patrol. A further wire on the track at 916537, south of the ford was also cut.

A patrol along the north bank of the PURIATA River from a point 600 yards SE of MAKAPEKA to 2800 yards SE of PIKEI, made no contact.

(b) 11 AUST INF BDE - TSIMBA area - 26 Bn, A Coy 31/51 Bn (ref Map 1 inch to 1 mile)

On the morning 23 Feb, 376 natives were evacuated from PETATS Island. The patrol controlling the evacuation killed a total of four enemy visiting the island.

Tactical HQ 26 Bn is established at 235574, 800 yards south of the GILLMAN River mouth and HQ 4 Fd Regt at 235573.

On DOWNS HILL at 1830 hrs 23 Feb, enemy MGs and tree snipers fired into A Coy 31/51 Bn area and additional enemy fire was directed into the perimeter from the SW. Our MMGs retaliated and the enemy fire ceased. One enemy was killed.

At 2000 hrs 23 Feb and 0630 hrs 24 Feb enemy arty shelled A Coy 31/51 Bn area.

One dead enemy was found at 244577, 500 yards NE of KUNAMATORO.

Enemy arty fired eighteen rounds including three blinds in the vicinity 237578, 300 yards south of the GILLMAN River mouth and eight rounds including two blinds in 228568, 500 yards NE of GENGA River mouth.

PIATERAPAIA area - 55/53 Bn (ref Map 1:25000)

On 23 Feb, our arty engaged reported enemy weapon pits at 716147, 3000 yards SE of WEARNES HILL.

On the night 23/24 Feb, movement was heard in the vicinity of 686127, 700 yards east of VALAPAIA.

A patrol from HENRYS HILL reported no contact and a four day patrol returned having killed one enemy at 690152, 1500 yards east of DAVIS HILL.

Arty engaged targets in the vicinity of 693157, 1000 yards south of WEARNES HILL and 611161, 1000 yards west of TOREGELO.

(c) SUMMARY OF PATROL REPORTS

Natives from BAKAPAN claim to have killed seven enemy who attempted to surround them. The enemy then burnt the village.

One large mobile gun is reported located near the Mission site at MONOITU 026399; and twenty enemy at YAGU 102452. No enemy are at the MOBIAI River mouth.

Enemy reinforcements from MORONI moving to ORAMI were attacked by natives killing four by rifle fire and wounding two with arrows.

Native reports indicate a general concentration of the enemy on the east west track in vicinity RUSEI - MOBIAI ford. It is stated that a large headquarters, with a wireless station, two estimated 105 mm guns, eighteen huts and a large number of troops and high ranking officers are in the area.

An enemy truck hideout is reported to be at the junction of two roads at UNANAI 003375. One road runs to RUNAI, the other to MAMAGATA. The hideout consists of a large trench about 50 yards long.

2 AIR - OVN - BOUGAINVILLE - 24 Feb

Pressure was maintained against the enemy concentrations of personnel and stores in the MUGUAI - MAIKA area when twenty one Corsairs attacked targets there today. Good coverage of targets selected was obtained.

Eight Corsairs bombed and strafed gardens south of the PURIATA River for the second consecutive day. Results were unobserved.

Patrols bombed an unserviceable barge under repair at SORAKEN Plantation. The attack was successful. Two huts were destroyed and one damaged at Cape LALAHAN and a small trailer on the RURI Bay road was strafed.

Eight Venturas and one Mitchell from GREEN Island bombed enemy hut concentrations and areas of activity on the east west track NW of RUNAI. Results were unobserved.

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2 AUST CORPS DAILY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No 46  
(Information to 251830L)

PART I

1. LAND - OWN AND ENEMY

(a) 3 AUST DIV MOSIGETIA Area 9 Bn and A Coy NG Inf Bn  
Ref Map 1 : 25000

At 1330 hrs on 25 Feb a patrol from A Coy 9 Bn reported MARIGA clear, but signs of recent occupation were noted.

Other patrols in the general area reported no movement seen but many gardens were found, and bivouac and defensive positions seen.

An enemy hospital consisting of sixteen huts was found at PIKEI. The hospital had been evacuated but had been used by small parties recently, documents and medical equipment were found.

A NG Inf Bn patrol found three enemy graves at 863579, 1200 yds WSW of MEIVO.

TOKO Area 25 Bn and A Coy NG Inf Bn  
Ref Map 1 : 25000

A NG Inf Bn patrol at the PURIATA River crossing 863483 observed one enemy cross the river in front of the patrol.

(b) 11 AUST INF BDE TSIMBA Area 25 Bn  
Ref Map 1 inch to 1 mile

A patrol located an enemy body and two graves on DOWNS HILL.

On the night 23/24 Feb one enemy was killed by a booby trap.

On 24 Feb, the enemy arty fired a total of thirty eight rounds including three blinds into our positions.

At 0750 hrs 25 Feb, two enemy LMGs engaged one of our forward patrols. At 1000 hrs a patrol NE of A Coy 26 Bn perimeter was fired on by an enemy LMG and rifles. Enemy casualties were one killed of an estimated strength of twelve. At 1110 hrs a patrol killed four enemy 400 yds east of the perimeter.

During 24 Feb a swamp had been hindering the advance of B Coy and the Coy reached a position on a well worn east west track approx 248576, 300 yds north of KUNAMATORO.

At 1730 hrs 24 Feb, a patrol from 12 Pl encountered enemy armed with an LMG and grenades at 245585 1000 yds west of LALUM. One enemy was probably killed.

PIATERAPAIA Area 55/33 Bn  
Ref Map 1 : 25000

Our arty engaged an enemy occupied area at 619167 1600 yds SE of SISIVIE and 4.2 inch and 3 inch mortars engaged pillboxes on SMITH'S HILL.

SUMMARY OF PATROL REPORTS

The mobile gun reported in the TAITAI - MONOITU area was destroyed by bombing on 22 Feb, together with 30 enemy. Another gun is reported to be in the bush nearby.

Our scouts entered an enemy hut in the RUSEI area and killed four enemy with axes.

From RUSEI to the coast are two tracks, one on each side of the river. There are a few enemy on either side of the river mouth on the firm ground, but no guns are reported. A small force of enemy is camped by the stream on the west bank of the MOBLAI River, making salt.

A leading native Kempei of PORAPORA has killed himself with a charge of dynamite on learning of our advance towards SORAKEN.

2. AIR - OWN BOUGAINVILLE 25 Feb

A further raid on known enemy areas of activity a mile SW of TAITAI was carried out by 20 Corsairs. The Corsairs, Tac/R led, bombed and strafed selected areas in a highly successful strike. After bombing had cleared the undergrowth and destroyed a number of huts (almost certainly Jap living quarters), a group of MT was observed.

Eight 1000 lb bombs were dropped amongst these and they were strafed for 50 minutes, resulting in all the MT being either destroyed or damaged.

A Tac/R aircraft closely examined the area during and after the strike, and observed the following damage:-

- 5/6 huts completely destroyed
- 5 huts badly damaged
- 1 sedan car flattened
- 1 sedan car badly damaged
- 1 truck left in flames
- 4 trucks badly damaged (two of them turned upside down)
- 3 trucks accurately strafed
- 2x4 gal drums exploded

The Tac/R pilot also reported seeing five dead Japs in and around trucks.

Twelve Corsairs bombed and strafed gardens south of the PURIATA River for the third consecutive day.

Patrol aircraft strafed opportunity targets and killed one Jap in an attack on seven huts at KUMILOGO.

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2 AUST CORPS DAILY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No 47  
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PART I

1. LAND - OWN AND ENEMY

(a) 3 AUST DIV - MOSIGETTA Area 9 Bn 61 Bn A Coy NG Inf Bn  
Ref Map 1 : 25000

A patrol from C Coy 61 Bn crossed the PURIATA River at 908528, 500 yds SE of MAKAPEKA and contacted 2/8 Cdo Sqn.

At 0900 hrs 26 Feb a patrol from D Coy moved SSE from 907565, 700 yds NE of PIKEI and reached the PURIATA River at 917539, 1500 yds SE of MAKAPEKA. No enemy were seen but found a large bivouac area evacuated approx ten days ago. A sign board indicated it to be the late HQ 13 Inf Regt. Eight enemy graves were found.

PURIATA River Area 2/8 Cdo Sqn Ref Map 1 : 25000

At 1655 hrs 25 Feb a patrol killed one enemy and wounded another at 898515, 1500 yds SSW of MAKAPEKA. A well used track crosses the river at this point. At 0925 hrs 26 Feb, the same patrol made further contact and killed three and wounded two. Enemy equipment was captured.

TOKO Area 26 Bn and A Coy NG Inf Bn Ref Map 1 : 25000

On 25 Feb a patrol to the garden area at 850481 2000 yds south of DARARA encountered six enemy armed with IMG and rifles. One enemy was killed and rifles and documents captured. The patrol continued to 859478, 1000 yds to the east. On returning the patrol fired on two enemy without result.

A patrol to the river crossing 863483, 1500 yds east of the garden area were fired on by enemy in position on the south bank of the river.

A patrol moved from 837499, east of the PURIATA River mouth moved to 843474, 2000 yds SE of MABIS thence to 864472. Fresh enemy foot prints were seen and the patrol then moved north to 864472, 1600 yds south of DARARA ford. Chopping was heard while en route.

A Coy moving west of the road to 868490, just north of the ford sighted two enemy.

Summary of Locations: A Coy NG Inf Bn 4 & 5 Pls: 850500; 25 Bn A Coy: 864492, 17 Pl: 855505; 61 Inf Bn A Coy less 9 Pl: 858544, 9 Pl: 842532, B Coy less two Pls: 879583, 10 Pl: 863568; 11 Pl: 881578; C Coy less two Pls: 895553, 14 Pl: 895554, 15 Pl: 895567; D Coy less 16 Pl: 909568, 16 Pl: 909564; 2/8 Cdo Sqn Adv HQ: 923539.

(b) 11 AUST INF BDE - TSIMBA Area 26 Bn Ref Map 1 inch to 1 mile

At 1800 hrs 25 Feb an enemy patrol estimated strength seven with an IMG fired on to A Coy perimeter at DOWNS HILL. Fire was exchanged but enemy casualties are unknown.

Enemy arty fired twelve rounds of 75mm in to the Coy position on 25 Feb.

At 0700 hrs 26 Feb 5 Pl 26 Bn relieved A Coy 31/51 Bn and at 1031 hrs our right flank patrol occupied a vacated enemy position. Captured Australian equipment was recovered and evidence showed that the position had been occupied by 30 to 40 enemy, including Naval personnel. One enemy dead was found.

On the afternoon 25 Feb, a patrol located a damaged enemy 75mm gun. 11 Pl reached the coast at 239586, 300 yds north of, the GILLMAN River mouth and at 0840 hrs 26 Feb, encountered enemy at that point. Killed 3 enemy.

The forward troops of D Coy at 1400 hrs on 26 Feb had reached the vicinity of 248591, 500 yds NW of LALUM.

PIATERAPAIA Area 55/53 Bn Ref Map 1 : 25000

On the night 25/26 Feb our mortars harassed SMITHS HILL and during 26 Feb arty and mortars continued the fire. Arty R directed fire on 26 Feb onto targets at 674158 1000 yds north of DAVIS HILL and 724143 2500 yds NE of ROBERTSONS HILL where a direct hit was made on a hut.

2. SEA - ENEMY

An unidentified boat, length approx the same as an LCM with two masts, was sighted leaving SHORTLANDS HARBOUR within 13 miles of MONO ISLAND. The boat returned to FAURO ISLAND.

SUMMARY OF PATROL REPORTS

A large force of enemy from BUIN and NARGCVISSI are said to be concentrating in an area between MIBO ford and a small river west of ford.

Some enemy from MOSIGETTA are reported in vicinity UNANAI 003315. Portion of the road south of UNANAI to MAMAGATA is said to be mined. The mines are located between two coconut groves south of UNANAI. A high ranking officer has a dug out on the west side of the minefield opposite the minefield.

Scouts in the RUSEI area killed one enemy and cut the telephone wire.

Troops and MGs are dispersed on the south side of the east west road from UNANAI to KORTU 993380.

A small force moves to YAGU 105455 from RUSEI and a further patrol moves from YAGU to SIKIRAI 058458 weekly.

AIR - OWN BOUGAINVILLE

A total of 28 Corsairs in two strikes attacked a suspected Jap HQ, wireless station and troop concentrations at 081351 on north side of east west track between MOBIAI River crossing and RUSEI. The area was well covered, one large flash with smoke to 100 feet was seen. Detailed results were otherwise unobserved.

A Jap troop concentration at CHIPURA was attacked by four Corsairs. A patrol marked the target by fires and red cloth. All bombs fell in the target area.

Patrol aircraft strafed opportunity targets at PORTON PLTN and OROVANA River with unobserved results. Two camouflaged barges were hit in a small inlet at R5528

PART II

ENEMY OOB - MOSIGETTA Area

A captured sketch map dated 22 Feb shows that the force contacted by B Coy 9 Bn on 21 and 22 Feb just north of the garden area 2800 yds SW of MOSIGETTA consisted of 3 Bn HQ, 9 Coy, 3 Bn Gun Pl, 3 MG Coy and 13 Inf Regt Gun Coy.

HQ 13 Inf Regt appeared to be located on 22 Feb approx 3500 yds south of MOSIGETTA on the track leading to MAKAPEKA ford.

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2 AUST CORPS DAILY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No 48  
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PART I

1 LAND - OWN AND ENEMY

(a) 3 AUST DIV - MOSIGETTA area - 61 Bn A Coy NG Inf Bn (ref Map 1:25000)

Continuous patrolling was maintained in the MOSIGETTA - PIKEI area and one enemy was killed. A large enemy bivouac area was found evacuated at 875559, 1500 yards south of MOSIGETTA. Contact was made by patrols with 25 Bn at DARARA.

A Coy 61 Bn is established at 842532, just east of MARIGA.

PURIATA River area - 2/8 Cdo Sqn (ref Map 1:25000)

Rear HQ 2/8 Cdo Sqn opened at 883575, 300 yards east of MOSIGETTA, and 1 and 3 secs are now at 998579, 3500 yards SE of NAIRONA.

A patrol encountered enemy dug in with three LMGs at 917524, 1500 yards SE of MAKAPEKA, killing one and wounding another. A further patrol attacked and occupied the position but were fired on by the enemy with HMGs from a small ridge nearby. The patrol estimated the enemy strength at 20 to 30. Enemy casualties were nine killed and a possible six wounded.

A patrol which reached 895486, 3400 yards SE of DARARA and just south of the PURIATA River report a well made road which shows no signs of recent use, running east and west through this point.

TOKO area - 25 Bn and A Coy NG Inf Bn (ref Map 1:25000)

A Coy is now in position on the south bank of the ford at 868489, 2000 yards SE of DARARA.

(b) 11 AUST INF BDE - TSIMBA area - 26 Bn (ref Map 1 inch to 1 mile)

At 1900 hrs 26 Feb, a patrol from A Coy reached 275570, 500 yards SE of KUNAMATORO and dug in on the track. At 0830 hrs, a forward patrol from this position killed one enemy.

At 2130 hrs 26 Feb, the enemy attacked 11 pl perimeter at 239586, 300 yards north of the GILLMAN River. The attack was repulsed.

In C Coy area at 1430 hrs 26 Feb, of a possible ten enemy in the vicinity 239584 one was killed and our arty then engaged the position.

At 1950 hrs, two PW were captured both of whom were wounded.

At 0940 hrs 27 Feb, a patrol reported the garden at 242585, 600 yards north of the GILLMAN River to be occupied by the enemy.

At 1800 hrs 26 Feb, a forward patrol encountered five enemy 170 yards north of the track junction at 248591. Two enemy were killed. At 1900 hrs the enemy attacked 18 pl at 248592 but were dispersed by our arty fire. At 1000 hrs 27 Feb, a patrol moved west and reached a position 244605, 2000 yards NW of LALUM near the beach track. Here the patrol killed one enemy and found a 37 mm Tk A gun and a damaged truck. At 1335 hrs, the patrol encountered the enemy 200 yards further north, well dug in and armed with HMG and LMG.

On the morning 27 Feb, enemy arty fired 40 rounds including four blinds into the Tac Bn HQ. An estimated two to four guns fired from 271618, in the SE end of SORAKEN Plantation. Our arty retaliated.

PIATERAPAIA area - 55/53 Bn (ref Map 1:25000)

On the night 26/27 Feb, our mortars harassed SMITHS HILL. On the afternoon 27 Feb, a patrol killed two enemy on the northern slopes and our mortars again fired on the enemy positions.

On the afternoon 27 Feb, a patrol returned with an enemy prisoner captured near TOKUA.

An ANGAU native reports observing a party of enemy, number unstated, at 653193, moving up the WAKUNAI River towards VIVIE. They were carrying ten MGs. He also reported sighting a ship moving from ASITAVI to NUMA NUMA.

(c) SUMMARY OF PATROL REPORTS

Natives have reported that nine guns, thought to be 105 mm, are dispersed to the west of the trail between TAITAI and MONOITU. They state that a large gun and ten Japanese were destroyed in bombing south

of USO last week, but that the enemy keeps a strict watch over bombed areas, making full observation of results difficult.

Further reports from native scouts now indicate that a total of 20 trucks was destroyed in the raid a mile SW of TAITAI on 25 Feb. Air observation had revealed only 10 cars and trucks destroyed or damaged.

Strong forces of enemy are reported on both sides of the road between TAITAI and MONOITU, and some on the east side of the road south of KAPANA.

Natives of HUKANA village are being compelled by the Japs to act as food carriers from the KAPANA and TONU areas to HUKANA. The Japs then transport the food from this point across the HONGORAI River to SINANAI, no doubt preferring to make the final part of the carry themselves to deny the natives observation of their positions west of the HONGORAI.

A deep patrol has reported that natives are now quitting the area in the vicinity of the east - west road which forms the main Jap L of C in SOUTH BOUGAINVILLE, and are moving to the north. It is probable that recent heavy air attacks in the area have played no small part in their decision.

Native scouts have reported killing a Jap officer in the MUSIKATA area yesterday and, in the BANIU area, two of a party of 40 Japs and KEMPEI who arrived at OLD ARAVIA on 26 Feb.

2 AIR - OWN - BOUGAINVILLE - 27 Feb

Sixteen Corsairs bombed and strafed suspected enemy concentrations along the MONOITU - MAMAGATA road from the road junction at 004377 for approximately 2000 yards towards the sea. At least two huts were destroyed and two damaged.

A concentration of huts in the TAITAI area was attacked by twelve Corsairs. A good coverage of the target area was obtained, two large huts being destroyed.

Patrol aircraft killed one of five Japs strafed at WARIKI. A rowing boat at Cape PURI PURI, an enemy occupied cave and a hut at HANGAN, and dugouts at NUMA NUMA were attacked with unobserved results.

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On 26 Feb, seven Mitchells and eight Venturas bombed the enemy concentration at PORO PORO. All bombs fell on the target, and natives in the area later reported that the attack was successful.

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2 AUST CORPS DAILY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No 49  
(Information to 281800L)

PART I

1. LAND - OWN AND ENEMY

(a) 3 AUST DIV - MOSIGETTA Area 61 Bn (Ref Map 1 : 2500D)

Patrols east and west of PIKEI report no contact.

PURIATA River Area - 2/8 Cdo Sqn (Ref Map 1 : 25000)

At 0900 hrs 28 Feb a patrol crossed the east and west track reported yesterday at 905515, 1700 yds south of MAKAPEKA. At this point the track shows signs of recent heavy use.

TOKO Area - 25 Bn and A Coy NG Inf Bn (Map Ref 1 : 25000)

A patrol from 25 Bn along the south bank of the PURIATA River in the vicinity of the garden at 850482, report no enemy seen but evacuated enemy defensive positions were found. Later an NG Inf Bn patrol encountered enemy of unknown strength in the area. The 25 Bn patrol then moved forward and came under heavy fire from one HMG and one LMG. Four enemy were seen but enemy casualties are not known. Our patrol then withdrew.

At approx 0530 hrs 28 Feb, enemy arty fired 20 rounds including two blinds into the area near the DARARA ford at 870488.

(b) 11 AUST INF BDE - TSIMBA Area 26 Bn (Ref Map 1 inch to 1 mile)

At 1800 hrs 27 Feb, A Coy was attacked whilst digging in at 271575, 2000 yds SE of LALUM. Enemy casualties were one killed. One LMG was captured. At 0830 hrs 28 Feb communication with the Coy was interrupted, and no further reports are to hand.

11 Pl encountered enemy positions at 242589, 1000 yds west of LALUM at 1530 hrs 27 Feb. At 0800 hrs 28 Feb C Coy moved up to take over the Pl area at 239586. A fighting patrol moved north to 243602, 2000 yds NW of LALUM and there contacted 17 Pl.

At 1600 hrs 27 Feb a patrol from 10 Pl came under heavy fire from the creek crossing at 255584, just south of LALUM. The enemy strength is unknown.

At 1530 hrs 27 Feb, 15 Pl dug in at 239585, 600 yds north along the beach track from the GILLMAN River, under fire from enemy arty.

At 1717 hrs 27 Feb 16 Pl encountered enemy in well dug in positions at 248594, 1000 yds NW of LALUM, estimated strength 25. At 2055 hrs enemy activity was observed in 18 Pl area nearby. Shots and grenades were exchanged but enemy casualties are unknown. At 1045 hrs 28 Feb a small party of enemy moving round the flank of 18 Pl were engaged with unknown results.

At 1600 hrs 27 Feb the enemy arty fired 20 rounds on C Coy area and on the GILLMAN River mouth, and at 2300 hrs a further 50 rounds including five blinds onto the area between the GILLMAN River mouth and Tac Bn HQ 26 Bn.

The rounds are believed to be from three or more guns in different positions. Counter fire by our arty was brought down on the suspected areas.

The river at 244606, 2200 yds NW of LALUM is known as COMPTON RIVER.

PIATERAPAIA Area 55/53 Bn (Ref Map 1 : 25000)

A patrol killed two enemy at 671137

SUMMARY OF PATROL REPORTS

Natives estimated 200 enemy in the SINANAI-HONGORAI area and approx 60 in HUKAHA 997465. There are no enemy at NIHERO.

2. AIR - OWN

BOUGAINVILLE

Eight Venturas and one Mitchell from GREEN Island accurately bombed a heavily defended area at the junction of RUNAI - MONOITU - MAMAGATA tracks, (target A74), starting small fires.

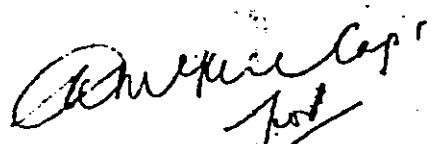
Eight Corsairs led in by Tac/R aircraft bombed huts, sheds and reported bivouac area SE of HIRU HIRU at 926424 (1 : 25000). Results were unobserved.

A further eight Corsairs, Tac/R led, bombed enemy occupied huts between KINDO and KAPANA. All bombs fell in the target area and at least five huts were observed destroyed and others damaged.

A concentration of Japs near the MIBO River reported by patrols were bombed by 12 Corsairs with unobserved results.

Barges and small craft in the PORTON area were bombed and strafed by two successive patrols and later by four Corsairs. Near misses swamped one barge. Two other camouflaged barges, a rowboat and a sampan were strafed, hits being observed.

Patrols sank one barge and killed six Jap occupants FAISI Island. Four huts near TSIROGEI at 212786 were destroyed by bombing. Huts at KOROMIRA Pt and at KALIA were also strafed.

  
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APPENDIX 3.

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8. AUST CORPS ALO BULLETIN No 44

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GENERAL

1. NEW MAPS

The following 1/25000 maps have been printed and are now available at this headquarters.

MOSIGETTA  
TOKUAKA  
MONOITU - Second Edition

TARGET INFORMATION (all map refs 1/63360 unless otherwise stated)

2. TARGETS DELETED

▲ 35 KIETA Area	Bombed by 12 CORSAIRS 23 Jan and again on 31 Jan.
▲ 43 MUGUAI Area 374394	Bombed by 12 CORSAIRS 2 Feb, 20 CORSAIRS 3 Feb.
▲ 52 Area north of HIRU HIRU	Bombed by 8 CORSAIRS 1 Feb, 8 CORSAIRS 2 Feb.
▲ 53 HIRU HIRU 910445	Bombed by 8 CORSAIRS 1 Feb, 8 CORSAIRS 2 Feb.
▲ 54 Area 319698 (BANIU one inch)	Bombed by 20 CORSAIRS 30 Jan

3. "A" CLASS TARGETS

▲ 55 Jap HQ TAI TAI area - 033395 (MONOITU 1/25000)	Jap deserter from SOUTH BOUGAINVILLE has pinpointed position of HQ Jap 23 Inf Regt on air photos. Target is under heavy timber and huts are not visible from the air. Marked photos are available for briefing.
▲ 56 Hq East of NOBIAI River - 102356 (MIVO RIVER 1/25000)	Same informant as above has pinpointed position 2 Bn Jap 23 Inf Regt on air photos. Target under trees. Marked photos available for briefing.
▲ 44 to ▲ 51 MUGUAI Area	} - No change.
▲ 42 Jap Hq TON - approx 334712	
▲ 40 Huts east of PARATUGI 267802	
▲ 19 Camp site NUMA NUMA 788312 (1/25000)	
▲ 22 Jap camp KIETA area approx 266923	

4. "B" CLASS TARGETS

No change.

AIR FORCE BOMBLINE

5. No change. See ALO Bulletin No 42.

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2 AUST CORPS ALO BULLETIN No 45  
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GENERAL

1. NEW MAPS

The following map has been printed and is now available at this headquarters:-

CHINDPATS 1/25000

TARGET INFORMATION (all map refs 1/63360 unless otherwise stated)

2. TARGETS DELETED

A 46 MUGUAI area Heavily bombed by MITCHELLS, VENTURAS and CORSAIRS 6 Feb.

A 55 Jap HQ TAI TAI Bombed by 20 CORSAIRS 8 Feb.

3. "A" CLASS TARGETS

A 56 Jap HQ (east of MOBIAI River 102356 (MIVO River 1/25000)) No change

A 57 MAIKI - 453330 Numerous large huts 40 ft x 15 ft. Considered probable store houses. Huts reported by SOUTH BOUGAINVILLE patrol 7 Feb.

A 58 RUNAI area from 970400 to 973395 Number of huts in area north of track Undergrowth has been cleared. Track very well worn, with wheel traffic marks evident. Tac R Report No 309.

A 59 Jap Camp SE RAUA HARBOUR 477648 Two reports from AIB place camp of 50 Japs this area. Marked photo available for briefing. Photos show huts or tents.

A 60 Jap store dump RAUA HARBOUR 616627 TEOP BAY. AIB reports place Jap Store Dump in this area. Marked photo available for briefing. Photos show huts or tents.

A 61 SORAKEN Ptn 242656 Tac R 313 reports three huts among palm trees. Fresh palm fronds on roof largest huts. In view recent sightings of barges in inlet 200 yds to north, considered probable huts house stores and/or personnel.

A 44, 45 } MUGUAI area }  
A 47 to 51 }  
A 42 Jap HQ TON approx 339712 } No change  
A 40 Huts east of PARATUGI }  
A 19 Area 788312 }  
A 22 KIETA Jap camp }

4. "B" CLASS TARGETS

B 41 Large iron hut 340224 (NE MOILA Pt) Iron roofed shed was observed by Tac R 10 Feb with quantity of 44 gallon drums stacked approx 50 yds in rear under cover of jungle. Tac R Report No 319.

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B 36	Huts near LAGUAI	262287	}	No change
B 37	991343 - 5 huts			
B 38	BUKA Passage (barge activity)			
B 39	Huts near LAKE LAHANA			
B 40	Huts KOROMIRA Mission			

GROUND FORCE REPORT ON BOMBING

5. A ground force patrol operating SE of BARNU reports that a large enemy bivouac area at 895600 has been recently vacated. It is thought this is probably the result of bombing by 18 CORSAIRS on 5 Feb, when it was reported that the area had been well covered. Many of the huts in the area were destroyed.

AIR FORCE BOMBLINE (ref map BOUGAINVILLE strat series)

As from 1630L 7 Feb.

6. NO air attack in area bounded by coast and line from mouth side HONGORAI river mouth Q9235 thence along south bank HONGORAI River to junction Q9441 thence NE to Mt TAROKA R2184 thence NW to SUGARLOAF Mt R0587 thence NW to north side BILLY MITCHELL CRATER LAKE I8109 thence north to SADDLE Mt L7819 thence west to Mt BALBI L5527 thence NW to inlet L2866 thence in NW direction along south bank of inlet to coast.

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2 AUST CORPS ALO BULLETIN No 46

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GENERAL

1. NEW MAPS

The following maps have been printed and are now available at this headquarters :-

BUKA DROME	1/25000
TEOP BAY	"
CHABAI	"

TARGET INFORMATION (all map refs 1/63360 unless otherwise stated)

2. "A" CLASS TARGETS

A 62	Large hut concentration KINDAI area 982435 (AITARA)	Concentration of large and very well concealed huts in dense jungle grouped in area 100 x 100 yds. At least 10/14 seen. (Tao R Report 336.)	
A 63	Huts at 015377 (AITARA)	Four large huts under heavy timber. Huts 30 x 15 ft and in good condition. (Tao R Report 336.) Tracks this vicinity show signs recent use.	
A 64	BANIU BAY - Jap HQ 412668 (BANIU)	AIB reports Jap HQ with 200 Japs in huts in timber. Photo forwarded to COMAIRNORSOLS for briefing.	
A 65	PORORAN Island (BUKA Island)	AIB reports considerable enemy activity this island. Hut or shed concentration housing large canoes on northern tip at 018073. Serviceable jetty at 020074 with track leading to sheds. (Tao R Report 331).	
A 57	MAIKI 453330 (KAHILI)	No change.	
A 58	RUNAI area 970400 - 975395 (AITARA)		
A 56	Jap HQ East of MOBIAI River 102356 (MIVO River 1/25000)		
A 59	Jap camp SE RAUA Hbr 477648 (BANIU)		
A 60	Jap store dump 616627 (TEOP)		
A 61	SORAKEN PTN 242656 (TAIOF Island)		
A 44, 45	MUGUAI area		
A 47 to 51			
A 48	Jap HQ TON approx 339712 (BANIU)		
A 40	Huts East of PARATUGI		
A 19	NUMA NUMA area 788312 (INUS)		
A 22	KIETA Jap camp		



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3. "B" CLASS TARGETS

B 36 Huts near LAGUAI  
262287 (KARA)  
B 37 991343 - 5 huts  
(AITARA)  
B 38 BUKA Passage  
(barge activity)  
B 39 Huts near LAKE LAHALA  
B 40 Huts KOROMIRA Mission  
B 41 Large iron hut 340224  
(NE MOILA PT) (KARA)

No change.

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4. No change. See ALO Bulletin No 45, para 6.

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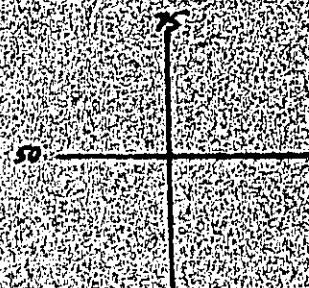
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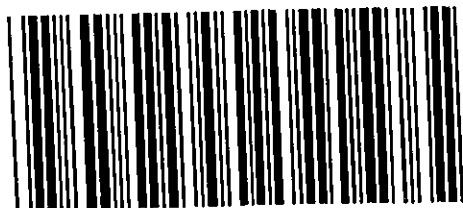
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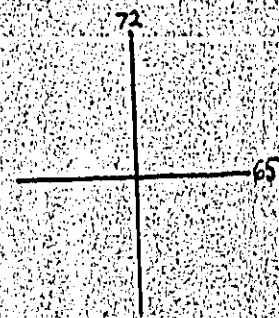


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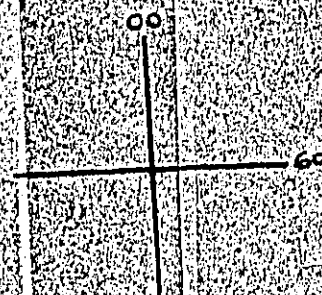
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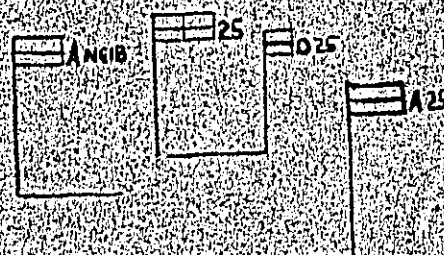
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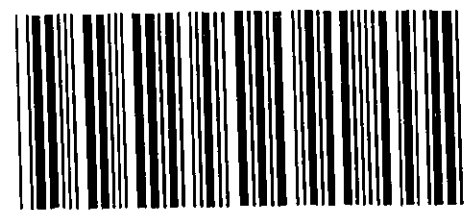
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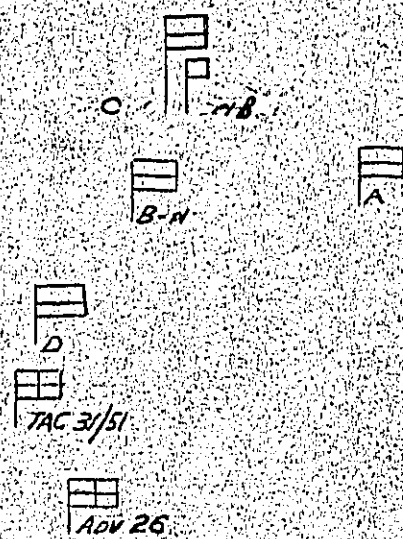
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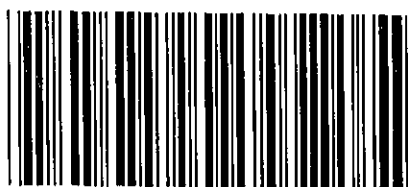


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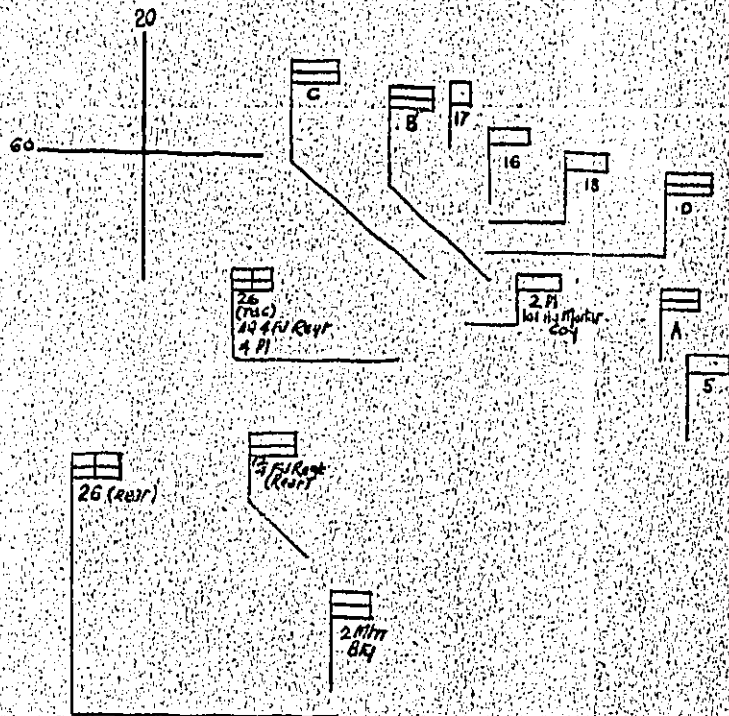
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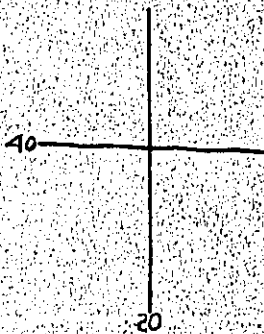
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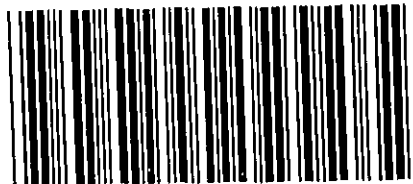
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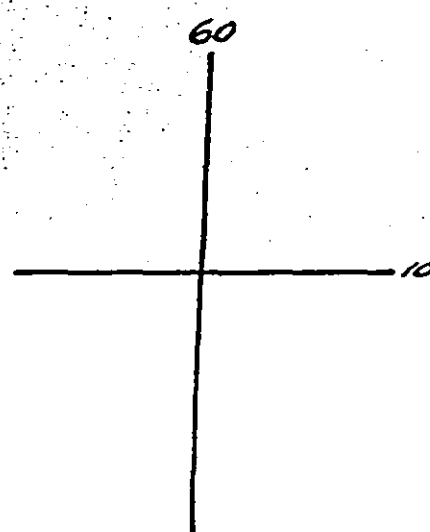
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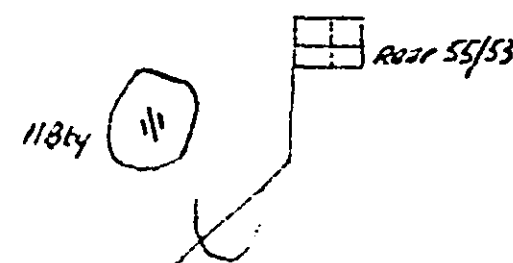
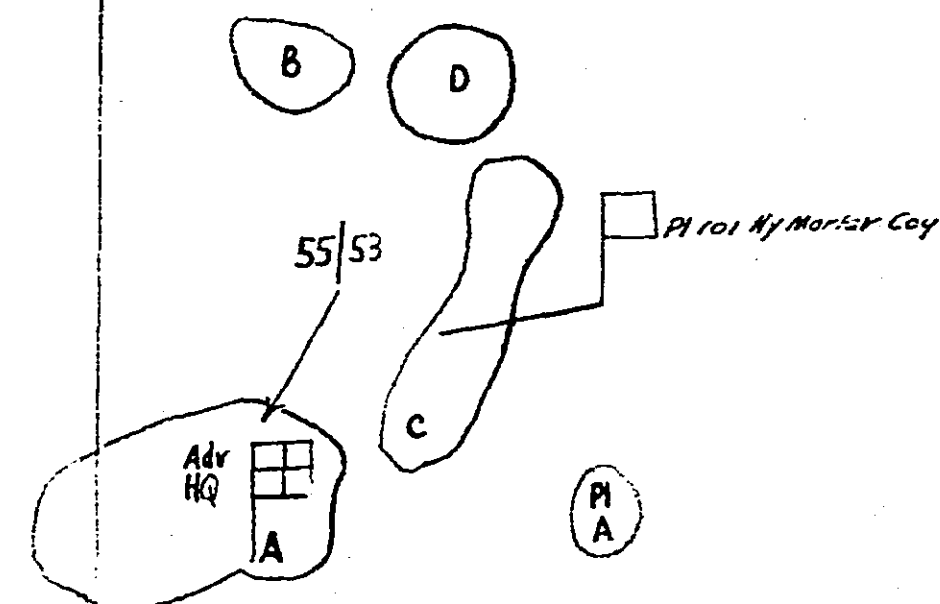
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Bn coy dispositions of 11 Aust Inf Bde in the PIATERAPNA-7182  
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SECRET

APPRECIATION OF THE SITUATION IN REGARD TO  
FUTURE OPERATIONS OF 3 AUST DIV.

*By Brig A.R. Garrett, BGS 2 Aust Corps 1 Feb 45.*

OBJECT

1. To destroy Japanese forces S.W. BOUGAINVILLE in the area from South of the JABA R to the DEURO RANGE.

FACTORS

2. Enemy strength, dispositions and morale.

(a) The total enemy strength in the area under consideration probably does NOT exceed 7 - 8,000 bodies believed to be distributed in areas as shown on Map 1 att.

Of the total number it is estimated that not more than 60% are effectives. The balance are sick in hospital and lines, and those detached for duties primarily connected with the cultivation and collection of food.

(b) The ability of the enemy to re-dispose his forces and to concentrate them in any one area for the purpose of offering a determined and protracted resistance is doubtful owing to the distribution of his garden centres, on which he has to rely as his main source of food.

(c) Every indication points to the fact that enemy morale, at least in forward areas, is low. Past experience has shown, however, that he will continue to fight stubbornly in his prepared positions. Mass surrenders or desertions cannot be anticipated.

(d) Physical condition of troops in the area, is on the whole, good. This may, however, be largely due to the fact that he has been living a peaceful existence and has not been subjected to any great physical strain. It is doubtful whether his diet will sustain him in this condition when he is required to fight.

Deductions

(a) Effective enemy strength for organized resistance is approx 4,800, based on the higher figure. Of the balance, 1,400 are sick and the remaining 1,800 are on gardening or other detached duties. These latter comprise a potential force but are primarily a mopping-up problem.

(b) The enemy is likely to be encountered in pockets spread over the entire area and can be defeated in detail.

(c) As the Jap is driven South we can anticipate striking larger concentrations. These should present better air targets. His physical condition is likely to deteriorate and the sick percentage increase.

Own strength.

3. (a) 3 Aust Div has been allotted the task of destroying the enemy in the area under consideration. It has three full inf bdes with



proportion of supporting arms, including one Sqn Cav Commando Regt, one Sqr. Matilda tanks and one Coy (less one Pl) NGIB.

(b) All units, except tks, have had battle experience under jungle conditions though most units contain a fairly high proportion of rfcts.

(c) It will probably be necessary for one inf bde to be retained in, or close to, the perimeter for local defence. This leaves two inf bdes with supporting arms available for offensive operations.

This force is considered to be sufficient for the completion of the task in view of the factors given in para 2 above.

#### Enemy Weapons

4. (a) It must be assumed that the enemy has a due proportion of automatic weapons and there is no conclusive evidence that he is short of small arms amn.

(b) There have been reports of his use of mortars in the MAWARAKA and TSIMBAH areas but these have not been definitely confirmed. He has not employed mortars from any of his positions covering NUMA NUMA despite suitable targets.

It cannot be concluded from the above that he has very few mortars left or is very short of amn, but the latter at least may be accepted as a strong presumption.

(c) At App "A" is an estimate of the number of enemy guns remaining after the TA operation. At Map 2 is shown the possible areas of these guns.

The information is based on U.S. estimates and can be given accordingly only a very low reliability factor. It does not take into account guns probably abandoned in the retreat in Apr 44 nor is allowance made for guns destroyed by our aircraft.

Close in-shore recce of the coast between MOILA PT and PURIATA R during recent weeks has failed to draw any fire and it can only be assumed that the enemy has no guns there.

From the very conservative use of shells against our positions it can only be assumed that he is short of arty amn, at least in the forward areas. Further, from the number of duds (approx 25%) it is certain that his amn has deteriorated.

We have captured 6 75 mm : 1 37 mm.

#### Deductions

The enemy is unable to bring any appreciable arty concentration against us owing to -

- (a) The dispersion of his resources and difficulty of moving his guns.
- (b) Losses since TA operation and necessity to abandon weapons during his withdrawal.
- (c) Probable shortage of, and certain deterioration of amn.



### Tanks

5. (a) Unconfirmed reports, all over 12 months old, have been received to the effect that the Jap has a few tanks in the PORTON area. The information is at least doubtful as he has not used them at any time. If there is any truth in the report it is believed that they are light tanks only, very vulnerable to 2 pdr.

(b) Our tanks are very heavily armoured. Weapons lighter than 75 mm will not penetrate and the latter will penetrate only if hollow charge amn is used. A lucky strike on the tracks or suspension might immobilize the tank until repairs are effected.

Enemy holding of anti-tank mines is not known but we must be prepared to encounter them. Therefore engrg must be available to precede the tank when necessary to clear a path.

### 6. Terrain

The country in the area of ops is generally flat, covered with thick jungle and intersected by numerous rivers and streams from the central range into the sea.

The usual swamp belt extends behind most of the coastal area with only a very narrow strip between it and the sea. Inland the country becomes generally firmer and dry and is reported to be fairly good going on the roads and tracks.

The enemy has the advantage of a thorough knowledge of the country and all tracks. Therefore ambushes are likely to be fully exploited by him.

The country between the rivers is likely to be ~~very~~ suitable for employment of tanks.

The rivers are not fast flowing except after heavy rain but subside very quickly.

A terrain study is att at App "B".

### Comms

7. (a) At Map 3 is shown the latest available information in regard to roads and tracks in the area.

Development and maintenance of tracks suitable for jeep traffic inland from the coast should be a relatively simple problem.

(b) It may be anticipated that the enemy will, as he withdraws, attempt to destroy the bridges on his main L of C.

Engrs must therefore be well forward to effect repairs or to reconstruct from local resources.

3 Aust Div, has at present, one additional Fd Coy under its command and must be prepared to employ inf on road maintenance in rear areas to relieve engrg for the specialized bridging tasks. Engrs should also be relieved of construction of coverage in maintenance areas, the majority of which can be done by unskilled labour.

(c) As the main line of advance follows the coast line a sea L of C can be established.

We shall have sufficient landing craft and small craft to maintain up to two inf bde gps as far forward as the CAMAI R by the establishment of successive forward bases. Beyond this point craft are vulnerable to enemy guns on the SHORTLANDS.

By using existing tracks from the beach to the main road, or by opening up new tracks, supply to forces using that axis should be relatively easy.

During the N.W. season it has been reported, though as yet unconfirmed, that the whole of the S.W. coast is liable to heavy storms lasting up to 4 - 5 days. It has also been reported that the coastal belt becomes flooded during these storms and passage inland denied for possibly up to 14 days. The storm period is during the months of Feb, March and April, but usually it is in March that the most serious storms occur.

In view of the fact the sea L of C may be unable to operate continuously during the above months it is essential that a land L of C be developed and sufficient reserves held at key points along it to ensure continuous supply.

#### Defensive positions

In the area, owing to the flat nature of the country there are no definite defensive positions. The lines of the rivers offer the best areas for defence and it may be anticipated that he will stubbornly defend the crossings.

#### Other Enemy Forces

(a) The nearest large enemy concentration to the theatre of operations is at KIETA, where the estimate is 1700. This area is carefully watched by AIB patrols and the central mountain range is inhabited by hostile natives who attack the Jap at every opportunity.

It is most improbable that he will attempt the arduous and dangerous crossing of the inland range to assist his comrades on the West coast. Small deta only will be necessary on the flank to watch the main tracks.

(b) The only other area from which reinforcements might come is the SHORTLANDS where there may be 1200 - 2000. It entails a water passage and it is believed that the Jap has insufficient barges to move any large force to the mainland. Further, P.T. patrols of the area make such movement most precarious.

#### COURSES OPEN

##### To Us

(a) To move overland by stages through the area between the coast and the foothills, systematically eliminating enemy pockets and clearing the areas.

This is slow but in order to eliminate the enemy the whole area and track systems must be systematically covered. It produces a maintenance problem but this can be reduced greatly by using the minimum number of tps forward. Supply problem can be made easier by establishing coastal bases, provided weather is

suitable, and supplying inland thus materially lessening the traffic on inland routes.

(b) In conjunction with the inland advance land a force on the coast to get behind the enemy and attack him from two directions.

This course will probably produce the quickest results. It is governed by -

- (i) Suitable weather for the initial landing and ability to land stores regularly to ensure the maintenance of the force. Present indications are that, prior to late April, this may be precarious.
- (ii) Owing to vulnerability of craft available to be able to select an area of beach where an opposed landing is unlikely. The adoption of this course depends upon the collection of further data.

← To Enemy

(a) To concentrate to fight a decisive action.

This is thought most unlikely owing to his inability to maintain his forces away from his centres of food production.

(b) To leave his troops in their present areas to protect his gardens and fight it out.

This is considered his most likely course. He will impose the max possible delay on all tracks and river crossings until driven in onto his gardens where he will make his final stands.

As the advance progresses there will be a gradual building up of his forces in S.W. corner by the withdrawal of the forward tps who escape. Therefore the final battle will probably take place in that area as withdrawal up the East coast is not only difficult but also drives him off his supplies.

#### OUTLINE PLAN

##### Phase 1

To clear the area up to the PURIATA R in accordance with Op Instns already issued.

##### Phase 11

(a) To clear the area from PURIATA R up to OGARATA R.

(b) NOT more than one inf bde gp with necessary supporting arms to be employed.

(c) Dependent upon information obtained on reaching PURIATA decision to be taken on landing a force in the MAMAGATA area to assist operations of tps advancing on inland routes. Such a landing only to take place if movement along the coast is definitely held up. It is considered that one bn gp would probably be adequate for the task and to come from the inf bde operating on the inland routes.

(d) Supply to tps forward of MOSIGETTA to be initially from a base in that area. This base to be stocked through MAWARAKA or by inland track from JABA if MAWARAKA found unsuitable.

(e) After 3 Div units cross PURIATA R 2 Aust Corps to assume

responsibility for 3rd line supply by sea only to MAWARAKA

(f) No additional tps to be moved forward from TOROKINA area unless -

( i) Situation in forward area definitely requires additional tps and this fact is established by ground recce.

(ii) To provide minimum essential protective detachments for forward areas.

(h) It may, and probably will, be necessary to detail inf dets for protection and maintenance of roads and tracks in rear of the area of ops of the forward inf bde. Such dets should come from one of the reserve bdes.

Subsequent Phases

These can only be determined on the completion of Phases I and II but it is considered ~~unlikely~~ <sup>not</sup> that more than one inf bde gp will be required in active operations.

ESTIMATE OF ENEMY ARTILLERY 25 JAN 45

The following estimate represents the maximum number of guns, and is based on an arbitrary assumption in respect to AA and 75 mm guns, that the Japs withdrew from the Central SOLOMONS 75 per cent of their W/E of guns less those destroyed or captured by the US forces.

Estimates of number and calibre of coastal defence guns is based on information from the US navy, and is not considered entirely reliable.

This estimate does not take into account the fact that many guns in Small Buka and Buka have probably been abandoned by the Japs due to their inability to shift them.

It is also probable that the Japs buried many of the guns that the US forces did not capture during the March attack on the perimeter.

Known casualties and captures of guns by Aust forces have been deducted.

FIELD GUNS		BASE DEFENCE	
Type	Number	Type	Number
155 mm	14	14 cm	6
105	6	12 "	6
75 Fd/Mtn	36	12 " AA	9
70	21	75 mm AA	52
47	1	40 mm AA	3
20 Tk/A	1	25 " AA	54
		20 " AA	16
		13 " AA	57

INFORMATION RESUMESOUTH BOUGAINVILLEPART II - TOPOGRAPHICAL1. GENERAL

This study covers the area of SOUTH BOUGAINVILLE south of a line TAVERA - MOSIGETTA - KOOMBAROONA - URATA - MAIKI.

2. PHYSIOGRAPHY

The area under study is skirted on the north by the foothills of the PRINCE ALBERT RANGE. Up to these hills the terrain comprises an extensive plain running from the west coast at GAZELLE HARBOUR to the BUIN-KAHILI locality.

Numerous rivers intersect the level country, flowing deviating courses, with banks of variable height.

Extensive swamps lie back from the whole of the coastline, extending almost to the main east-west road. These are dealt with in detail under Section 3 - COASTAL. South of the east-west road, the swamps render travel inland impossible except on the built tracks indicated on the maps.

North of the east-west road and as far as the steep rises of the foothills movement through the jungle, off the tracks, is possible.

Vegetation is mainly rain forest which is interspersed over the coastal swamps with sac sac, swamp forest and swampy grass.

Many native and Japanese gardens exist along the main road.

3. COASTLINETAVERA - LOTUPENA PointAnchorage

Anchorage in 4 to 5 fathoms exists to the south of the reef off MAWARAKA, while GAZELLE HARBOUR provides good anchorage in 12 fathoms for small craft in the SE season.

Beaches

A large shallow patch of reef exists  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile NW of MAWARAKA. Reconnaissance reports state that an offshore reef, 3 to 20 feet deep and 500 yards offshore, runs from here approximately 3 miles south in a semicircle.

A hard black sand beach 10 to 20 yards wide and shelving steeply runs along this area.

Coast

Behind the beach the terrain is intersected by rivers and lagoons and is almost entirely of a swampy nature with sac sac, swamp reeds and swamp forest and dense undergrowth which makes movement very difficult and in many places impossible.

It is reliably reported that the area between the main MAWARAKA - MOSIGETTA road and the NAMA River to the south is subject to annual flooding, which is estimated to occur during March and possibly February and April.

MOTUPENA Point - PURIATA River

Anchorage

This coast has offshore reef along its entire length, it is very exposed and no anchorages are known.

Beaches

There is a black sandy beach 10 to 20 yards wide which shelves steeply and rises to form a bank up to 10 feet high lined with casuarinas.

Coast

Behind the casuarina lined ridge there are some lagoons and the terrain inland is very swampy for some miles with sac sac, reeds, swamp forest and dense undergrowth seriously restricting movement.

PURIATA River - HARI River

Anchorage

The coast is very exposed and no anchorages are known. A small Allied minefield exists around the mouth of the HONGORAI River.

Beaches

Numerous reefs have been reported along the area and Japanese documents state that landings are difficult except in the LAMAGATA area which was the usual landing place.

A steeply shelving black sand beach with an average width of 10 yards rises to form a ridge up to 10 feet high.

Coast

Behind the beach ridge, which is lined with casuarinas, there are numerous lagoons, while inland is swampy terrain extending for up to 2 miles and similar to that from MOTUPENA Point.

An MT road runs from LAMAGATA inland to the HARI area.

HARI River - MIVO River

Anchorage

This area is very exposed to the SE season (May-Oct), is liable to swell and no anchorages are known.

Small Allied minefields exist at the mouths of the MOBIAI and MIVO Rivers.

Beaches

Steeply shelving sand beach 30 to 40 yards wide with a casuarina lined ridge up to 10 feet high.

There is no knowledge of reefs along this coast and although exposed and liable to swell, it is considered that landings by barge would be possible in early mornings or evenings when surf is lowest.

#### Coast

Behind the beach ridge are a series of lagoons paralleling the shore and in places up to 60 yards wide and 6 feet deep. Swamp conditions exist for some miles inland, extending deeply near the OGORATA and MOBIAI Rivers while the estuary of the MIVO becomes inundated at high tide.

Japanese documents state that the swamp area just east of the MOBIAI River is referred to by the natives as "KAHILI SWAMP."

#### MIVO River - SILIBAI River

##### Anchorage

Small schooners have anchored at DIO DIO, but the coast is very exposed and no other anchorages are known.

A large Japanese minefield covers the area from the MIVO River to 3 miles east of the SILIBAI River and extends seaward to MARMOLA and TURUBEI Islands and OUTARARA Shoal.

A small Allied minefield exists around the mouth of the MIVO River.

##### Beaches

The beach is steeply shelving black sand, 10 to 20 yards wide and forming a ridge at the back up to 10 feet high and lined with casuarinas.

The coast is exposed and liable to swell but landings by barge are considered possible, the best times being in the early morning and evening.

Usual landing places were at DIO DIO and TOKUAKA, from where a track reliably reported as jeepable leads inland to the main east-west road at AKU.

#### Coast

Lagoons are practically continuous behind the beach ridge and form a barrier along this coast.

Inland the coastal swamp extends up to a mile behind the lagoons and the only movement possible would be along the track mentioned above.

#### SILIBAI River - LITTLE SIWI River

##### Anchorage

The Japanese minefield mentioned in the previous section of coast extends into this area as far as 3 miles east of the SILIBAI River.

The bight west of MOILA Point is very shallow, has numerous sandbars and is not suitable for anchorage.

No details of anchorages from MOILA Point to LITTLE SIWI River are known.



### Beach

The beach west of MOILA Point is of narrow shelving sand and has a ridge lined with casuarinas.

Landings here would be exposed and liable to swell but would be possible under good conditions.

From MOILA Point to LITTLE SIWI River Japanese charts show a flat sandy beach 20 to 30 yards wide where it is stated that barge landings are easy. The beach ridge continues along this section.

### Coast

The swamp terrain behind MOILA Point consists of a thick swampy grass with a muddy bottom and is definitely impassable on foot.

A swamp area up to  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles inland parallels the coast from the SILIBAI River to the bight west of MOILA Point, and then broadens out and covers the whole of MOILA Point, extending inland up to 3 miles.

### LITTLE SIWI River - MOISURU Bay

### Anchorage

An Allied minefield extends from KANGU HILL to PUPUKUNA Point; the coast is reported reef-free and the only other obstructions are wrecked Japanese ships as shown on map.

Anchorage appears possible along this entire coast and the area was used extensively by Japanese shipping.

Japanese charts show a good anchorage in 10 fathoms opposite KANGU HILL.

### Beaches

There is a steeply shelving black sand beach averaging 10 to 20 yards wide rising steeply to a ridge 10 feet high.

This coast is partially protected in the SE season by the SHORTLAND ISLAND Group and though some surf may be encountered in that season it would be insufficient to prevent landings.

In the NW season it is usually calm, but considerable surf may be encountered when the wind backs to the SW.

### Coast

Inland the terrain is lowlying. Although it is inclined to be swampy, it is known that the Japanese built and drained the ZAHILI Airfield in 3 weeks.

## 4. RIVERS

The rivers are generally from 10 to 30 yards wide and shallow, but all are subject to floods which rise and subside quickly. During these floods the rivers frequently shift their mouths and form deltas.

It is usually possible to cross at their mouths, inside which the water is usually deep but shallows within  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile allowing fording.

Except when in flood, fording inland is easy once approaches have been prepared.

None of the rivers on this coast is of any value for navigation.

Details of the main streams are as follows:-

MAMAREGU River

This river, flowing into GAZELLE Harbour, is reported to be navigable for a short distance. The mouth is too deep for fording.

It flows through very swampy terrain between low banks, and the upper reaches as shown on the map are reported to be only a dry river bed.

PURIATA River

Has a swift current and is very liable to flooding, especially in the afternoons, and becomes impassable for short periods.

At the mouth, the river is about 22 yards wide and 6 feet deep but it soon narrows to 10 to 15 yards and 2 feet deep for about 2 miles inland, when it again broadens out. The mouth is obstructed by a sandbar, but has a channel 40 feet wide and 4 feet deep, and the river appears navigable for shallow draft vessels for a short distance. There is a large swamp area at the mouth.

At the main crossing, the river is 60 yards wide and approximately 2 feet deep. Fording is difficult as the bottom has some quicksand. The west bank is steep to 20-40 feet.

HONGORAI River

This river is 30 to 40 yards wide at the mouth, where it is very swampy; it is sluggish and has low banks.

It is easily forded at the main crossing.

HARI River

The mouth is 20 yards wide and very shallow.

The river runs behind the beach for  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile and is likely to break through and form a new mouth after a flood.

It is very sluggish and meandering, averaging 10 to 12 yards wide upstream. The banks average 5 feet high for approximately 3 miles and then increase to 5 to 10 feet.

OGORATA River

The mouth of this river is closed by a sandbar and there is no channel.

There is a lagoon behind the mouth and a swamp extending up to 4 miles inland, the whole stream being very narrow and almost completely hidden by timber.

MOBIAI River

The mouth of this river, which is approximately 35 yards wide, closes occasionally.

Inland the stream is about 80 yards wide for a distance of approximately 4 miles, with swamp surroundings extending inland for  $2\frac{1}{2}$  miles.

#### MIVO River

This is the largest river on the south coast, with an average width of 20 to 30 yards. It is about 60 yards wide at the mouth where there is a large sand bar.

The estuary becomes inundated at high tide. Natives use rafts on the lower reaches but cannot use canoes.

It is very liable to flooding, particularly in the afternoons, becoming impassable on occasions for up to 4 hours.

The current is swift and the banks steep and up to 20 feet high, but the firm bottom enables fording if approaches are prepared.

The main crossing is 80 yards wide and 3 feet deep with a firm bottom.

#### SILIBAI River

The mouth is 70 yards wide with a sandbar 60 yards wide.

The Japanese used a pontoon bridge 140 feet long at the main crossing, but it is considered fordable at this point.

### 5. ROADS & TRACKS

There are two important routes running east from the MAWARAKA locality to the BUIN district which are treated in detail below.

These routes are:-

TRACK No 1 - the lower level track across the coastal plain.

TRACK No 5 - the high level track along the foothills.

Three routes connect the south coast with the main east-west track and are treated below as Tracks Nos 2, 3 and 4.

Tracks 6 and 7 are the routes by which access to the east coast is obtained from the BUIN area.

Travel is possible along the whole of the beach except when squally weather drives the surf across the beach to the timber line.

Rivers can be crossed by the bars at their mouths and are mostly easily fordable except when in flood.

South of the main east-west route, movement off the tracks is difficult owing to the extensive swamp areas, but north of the east-west route and as far inland as the foothills of the PRINCE ALBERT Range it is possible to move off the tracks.

#### Track No 1

This is the lower level route through MOSIGETTA, HARI and SHISHIGATERO. It is the main road and has been developed by the Japanese from an unbridged bicycle track to an MT road with a width of 15 to 20 feet.

Most of the bridges have now been destroyed and fords must be used.

Fairly level ground is traversed throughout, mostly through light rain forest and some gardens and secondary growth.

The Japanese hastily constructed the road of wood corduroy which quickly rotted and a PW stated that the surface was poor and often knee deep in mud and required a great number of men to keep it in good condition.

There are many river crossings and considerable maintenance would be required to make the road suitable for heavy traffic. At present, MT can travel from MAWARAKA to MOSIGETTA, this portion of the road being 15 feet wide and crossing one river only.

RUNAI is the western extremity of the serviceable MT road from BUIN.

Between RUNAI and MOSIGETTA, carriers must be used.

#### Track No 2

The Japanese are using MT along this road from MAMAGATA to the main east-west road, but the road would require much maintenance as it passes through very swampy terrain.

#### Track No 3

This road between TOKUAKA and the east-west road is reported to be suitable for MT. It is not apparent from air photos that it could be used for MT. As it passes through very swampy country, it would require much maintenance.

#### Track No 4

This is another MT road requiring much maintenance running from the coast near KANGU HILL to the KARA area.

#### Track No 5

This is the upper east-west track from MOSIGETTA, passing through MAKEPEKA, TAI TAI and KOKOPO.

Apart from a swampy stretch between MOSIGETTA and MAKEPEKO, the country traversed is all hilly.

The track is suitable for pack animals and could be improved to an MT road; at present it is 12 feet wide with sandy soil.

In common with the lower level route, the maintenance of river crossings would be a considerable task.

The inter-village tracks as indicated on the map are native pads in fair condition.

#### Track No 6

Tracks running north from the BUIN-KAHILI locality to KIETA have not been greatly developed as the Japanese L of C was by barge around the coast; there are, however, two routes of which Track No 6 is one.

This is the old Government track from BUIN. It is level to the MUGUAI vicinity, then to KIKIBATSIAGO it is broken by gullies, one of which has a big drop.

KIKIBATSIAGO is the junction of routes 6 and 7, and from here track No 6 leads to the east, rising steeply to cross the DEURO Range. It then continues in a general north-easterly direction, dropping very sharply to the foothills.

From here to the LULUAI River crossing, the going is level with one small rise and two river crossings, at the ABIA River and the PIRIAS River. These crossings are about 20 yards wide and 2 feet deep and though swift they are not regarded as obstacles.

The LULUAI River is crossed near SIRORI. It is the most difficult river in the Island, 40 yards wide and 3 feet deep at the ford and is difficult to cross owing to the swift current and stony bottom.

This river becomes impassable for some days after flooding. Normally, the best travelling time is during the early morning, as daily thunderstorms increase the flow of water during the latter part of the day.

#### Track No 7

This is the second route from the BUIN-KAHILI area towards the east coast and KIETA.

After leaving KIKIBATSIAGO this route is in a general northeasterly direction, with "up and down" going to the LULUAI River which is crossed some miles upstream from the crossing on route No 6.

This ford in common with that on route No 6 becomes impassable during and for some days after flooding.

From the crossing the track rises steeply to NANTOKINA where it joins the main track.

#### 6. AIRFIELDS, POTENTIAL AIRFIELDS, SEAPLANE ALIGHTING AREAS & DROPPING GROUNDS

##### Airfields and Potential Airfields

KAHILI and KARA are the only airfields in the area and were built by the Japanese.

KAHILI Airfield ( $6^{\circ} 46' S$ ,  $155^{\circ} 48' E$ ) has an elevation of 10 feet. It was completed in Sep 42 and reported unserviceable on 8 Aug 44. The runway is coral surfaced and 4700 feet long, aligned NW/SE.

KARA Airfield ( $6^{\circ} 44' S$ ,  $155^{\circ} 42' E$ ) is situated 10 miles WNW of KAHILI Airfield on the rising coastal plain. It was constructed for use by fighters and is now unserviceable. The runway lies NNE/SSW and is 4000 feet long. From here a network of roads and tracks connects with the south coast and east-west road.

A potential airfield site is reported to exist near PATUPATUAI Mission.

There are no extensive areas suitable for emergency landing grounds, but slightly elevated portions of the coastal plain lend themselves to artificial drainage. KAHILI Airfield was drained and built by the Japanese in three weeks.

Constructional materials are available near all sites, with gravel from the river beds and coral and sand from the coast.

### Seaplane Alighting Areas

In calm weather, ~~GAZELLE~~ Harbour affords some shelter and a suitable anchorage for flying boats and seaplanes.

The waters between MOILA Point and EAST CAPE are also partially sheltered.

The remainder of the coast is exposed and liable to heavy surf.

### Dropping Areas

Extensive areas of gardens exist around TAI TAI and BUIN-KARA districts, whilst the terrain along the main east-west road is level with scattered gardens and clearings. Suitable areas for supply dropping should not then be difficult to locate. The terrain is free from ridges and deep gullies.

It is important to note, however, that along the swamp areas extending from the south coast towards the east-west road there are large areas of swamp grass and reeds which from the air have the appearance of dry grass patches. Supplies have been lost through pilots having been unfamiliar with this type of vegetation.

## 7. POPULATION

The Japanese occupation has forced the natives to abandon many villages and retire into the hills. Figures given at 24 Oct 44 for this area estimate the total at 7000 persons, all of which are under Japanese domination.

Of the above number, it is considered that the number of adult males would be 2000.

Owing to the inroads on native foods made by the Japanese, the natives' physical condition is very poor and a generous estimate of those fit for work would be 700.

Indications are that the natives' feelings will swing readily towards our own forces when Japanese domination is threatened.

## 8. RESOURCES

Native foods, such as sweet potatoes, taro, yams, etc, were sufficient to meet the natives' demands, but the Japanese have greatly reduced the natives' share.

The Japanese Forces themselves, in an endeavour to become self-supporting, have cultivated extensive areas of gardens, especially in the TAI TAI and BUIN-KARA localities.

The main crop appears to have been sweet potatoes, but there have been many reliable reports of large areas of rice being grown in the MOSIGETTA region.

Water is plentiful everywhere from the numerous streams, but requires treatment before use.

Timber for building purposes is abundant and road surfacing materials may be found easily except in the swamp regions.

## 9. CLIMATE & METEOROLOGY

### Winds

SOUTHEAST TRADES prevail from MAY to OCTOBER and the NORTHWEST MONSOON from DECEMBER to MARCH; the remaining months represent the transitional periods of variable winds.

MOTUPENA area appears to experience only SE and NW winds throughout the whole year, the NW season being marked by a few SE winds while in the SE season, SE and NW winds blow with equal frequency.

In the BUIN area southeasterlies to southwesterlies blow fairly constantly from May to October, these winds even being present during the remainder of the year though less frequent and then associated with west and NW winds.

Severe shortlived squalls are experienced; they are not restricted to any specific time of the year although they are most frequent at the height of the respective seasons.

### Tides

No accurate observations of tides have been made, but it is reported that the range of tides in this area is from 2 to 3 feet.

Reports also state that the area has a tendency during the SE season to have low water during the day, and in the NW season to have high water during the day.

### Rainfall

The southern tip of BOUGAINVILLE shows maximum rainfall during the SE period (May to Oct), while similar conditions, though not so marked, are noted in the more sheltered parts of the SW coast.

Rainfall is heavy and falls of 5 or 6 inches in 24 hours are not infrequent.

Rain usually falls in the late afternoon.

Table of average number of rainy days in BUIN area is set out below:-

<u>Month</u>	<u>Wet Days</u>	<u>Month</u>	<u>Wet Days</u>
Jan	16	Jul	22
Feb	16	Aug	21
Mar	15	Sep	17
Apr	16	Oct	21
May	17	Nov	14
Jun	17	Dec	12

Yearly and monthly rainfall averages over 5 years for  
BUIN area are as follows:-

	<u>Average</u>	<u>Maximum</u>	<u>Minimum</u>
Jan	8.10	11.81	4.42
Feb	10.18	13.80	6.17
Mar	9.11	15.99	3.83
Apr	10.42	15.22	7.28
May	12.34	14.04	8.11
Jun	9.22	11.76	6.48
Jul	16.46	28.61	8.73
Aug	17.01	23.05	15.91
Sep	14.38	19.17	8.81
Oct	14.82	22.28	7.75
Nov	8.38	10.81	4.29
Dec	7.02	9.94	4.39
Year	137.44	155.13	108.72

#### Clouds

Conditions are mainly broken cloud between 4 and 8 tenths, with least clouded conditions during the SE season.

Cloudiness is at a minimum in the early hours of the morning.

#### Temperatures

Temperatures are uniformly high throughout the year, averaging 85 to 87 degrees Fahrenheit with a daily range of 10 to 15 degrees Fahrenheit.

Humidity averages from 80% to 90%.

#### Sunrise & Sunset Tables, Jan-Jun 45 (Standard (L) Time)

	<u>Sunrise</u>	<u>Sunset</u>		<u>Sunrise</u>	<u>Sunset</u>
Jan 3	0631	1858	Apr 4	0641	1844
" 10	0634	1901	" 11	0640	1843
" 17	0637	1903	" 18	0639	1848
" 24	0640	1904	" 25	0639	1837
" 31	0643	1905			
Feb 7	0644	1904	May 2	0638	1833
" 14	0645	1903	" 9	0640	1832
" 21	0646	1902	" 16	0641	1831
" 28	0646	1859	" 23	0643	1831
			" 30	0643	1831
Mar 7	0646	1856	Jun 6	0645	1832
" 14	0645	1853	" 13	0646	1833
" 21	0644	1851	" 20	0648	1835
" 28	0643	1847	" 27	0650	1836



Moonrise & Moonset Tables, Jan-Jun 45 (Standard (L) Time)

<u>Date</u>	<u>MOONRISE</u>					
	<u>Jan</u>	<u>Feb</u>	<u>Mar</u>	<u>Apr</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>Jun</u>
1	2113	2201	2038	2118	2136	2306
2	2159	2241	2117	2203	2227	2359
3	2244	2320	2157	2249	2319	0053
4	2325	----	2238	2239	0014	0100
5	0005	0042	2321	0032	0100	0146
6	0044	0100	0007	0100	0109	0238
7	0100	0126	0055	0127	0203	0333
8	0125	0214	0100	0224	0259	0428
9	0205	0306	0147	0319	0354	0526
10	0250	0401	0242	0416	0450	0626
11	0337	0458	0338	0516	0546	0726
12	0427	0558	0437	0611	0644	0826
13	0521	0657	0536	0708	0744	0924
14	0618	0754	0634	0804	0843	1016
15	0716	0851	0731	0903	0943	1105
16	0815	0946	0828	1002	1042	1150
17	0912	1041	0924	1100	1136	1233
18	1008	1137	1022	1158	1226	1313
19	1101	1231	1119	1253	1312	1353
20	1155	1325	1216	1343	1356	1432
21	1248	1421	1311	1430	1436	1511
22	1341	1516	1405	1514	1516	1554
23	1435	1609	1458	1557	1555	1639
24	1529	1700	1546	1638	1634	1726
25	1624	1748	1633	1716	1715	1817
26	1720	1834	1717	1755	1758	1911
27	1814	1918	1757	1835	1844	2005
28	1905	1958	1837	1916	1932	2100
29	1953		1917	2000	2024	2156
30	2037		1955	2046	2117	2250
31	2120		2036		2210	

<u>Date</u>	<u>MOONSET</u>					
	<u>Jan</u>	<u>Feb</u>	<u>Mar</u>	<u>Apr</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>Jun</u>
1	0831	0933	0813	0906	0926	1054
2	0922	1017	0856	0950	1017	1145
3	1010	1101	0941	1038	1110	1236
4	1057	1144	1024	1129	1203	1325
5	1141	1238	1108	1221	1257	1414
6	1224	1314	1154	1316	1350	1503
7	1306	1402	1244	1410	1441	1552
8	1350	1454	1336	1505	1531	1645
9	1435	1549	1432	1559	1620	1740
10	1523	1647	1527	1651	1712	1838
11	1614	1744	1622	1745	1805	1936
12	1709	1841	1720	1835	1901	2035
13	1805	1937	1814	1928	1958	2132
14	1904	2031	1907	2022	2056	2225
15	2000	2121	1959	2118	2154	2314
16	2056	2212	2052	2214	2250	0002
17	2150	2302	2144	2311	2344	0047
18	2240	2351	2237	0005	0035	----
19	2329	0004	2331	0059	0100	0130
20	0016	0100	0025	0100	0122	0213
21	0100	0136	0100	0151	0208	0257
22	0105	0229	0120	0240	0252	0341
23	0155	0322	0214	0326	0335	0427
24	0247	0416	0305	0410	0417	0515
25	0340	0508	0355	0454	0500	0607
26	0434	0557	0442	0537	0545	0701
27	0527	0645	0527	0619	0631	0755
28	0621	0729	0611	0703	0721	0851
29	0713		0655	0749	0813	0943
30	0803		0738	0837	0906	1033
31	0849		0822		1000	

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Subject: AMMUNITION RESERVE

Ref: 3 Aust Div G11/137 of 23 and 25 Jan

HQ 2 Aust Corps (AIF)

G/614/SD

1 Feb 45

3 Aust Div

1. Reserve and maintenance holdings of ammunition for this area have been laid down by First Aust Army as follows:-

(a) Reserve - 60 days for all troops at moderate MUR

(b) Maintenance - 60 days for one jungle division plus one armoured squadron at moderate rate.

2. Action is being taken to bring holdings up to target stock and sufficient ammunition will be available to meet all 3 Aust Div commitments.

(Sgd) A R GARRETT Brig  
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Appendix 1

SECRET

Subject: FUTURE US NAVAL ACTIVITIES - NORTH SOLOMONS AREA

Ref: Adv LHQ G122SD of 24 Jan 45 to GHQ

HQ 2 Aust Corps (AIF)  
G/612/Sps  
1 Feb 45

First Aust Army

1. Capt ESDAILLE RAN NOIC NEW GUINEA, reported to me at my Headquarters on 19 Jan 45. He informed me that the RAN would relieve US Navy of operational patrol responsibilities in this area and the target date for this relief was 15 Feb 45. I accordingly advised COMNAVNORSOLS, who was present at the discussion, that I had no objection to the departure of his patrol craft when the RAN had taken over.

Adv LHQ memorandum quoted above does not confirm information given me by NOIC NEW GUINEA and I would therefore appreciate clarification as to the intentions of RAN in relation to this area.

2. I have this day received a request from Comd 23 AS Flotilla RNZR that his flotilla be based at TOROKINA in support of operations in this area.

The flotilla comprises:	Corvettes	2
	Fairmiles	12
	Trawlers	2

and is at present based on GAUDALCANAL under command SOUPAC. Comd PHIPPS RNZN, who commands the flotilla has made the request unofficially and on the grounds that for months past his squadron has had no employment.

I therefore suggest that this arrangement would meet all our operational requirements in this area and recommend that action be initiated to secure approval.

(Sgd) S G SAVIGE  
Lieutenant-General  
Commander 2 Aust Corps

Subject: 2 AUST CORPS GENERAL STAFF INSTRUCTION NO 2  
USE OF WATERCRAFT FOR FURTHERING OPERATIONS

HQ 2 Aust Corps (AIF)  
G/600/Ops  
1 Feb 45

3 Aust Div (5)  
11 Aust Inf Bde (4)  
23 Aust Inf Bde (4)  
4 Aust Base Sub Area (4)  
42 Aust Ldg Craft Coy (2)

Copy to: COMNAVNORSOLS

1. Principles

The principles of movement of troops and stores in minor coastwise operations are essentially the same as those governing an operation carried out by troops on land.

2. Executive Command of Watercraft

- (a) Administrative command and technical control of all Aust watercraft in this area is vested in CRE 1 Aust Water Tpt Gp.
- (b) Operational command of 42 Aust Ldg Craft Coy is vested in HQ 2 Aust Corps. Operational command of 13 Aust Small Ships Coy is vested in 4 Aust Base Sub Area through CRE 1 Aust Water Tpt Gp.
- (c) 2 Aust Corps may sub-allot the whole or portion of 42 Aust Ldg Craft Coy to operational command of formations, etc., as operations require. In all such cases it is desirable that a complete unit or sub-unit be allotted if possible.
- (d) Formations, etc., under whose operational command a unit or sub-unit of watercraft has been placed will deal direct with the unit or sub-unit commander.

3. Control of Watercraft engaged in Operations

- (a) The formation, etc., under whose operational command a unit or sub-unit of watercraft has been placed, will detail an officer, G or Q as the nature of the operations require, through whom all orders for watercraft will be passed. The name and appointment of this officer will be notified to the watercraft commander and his liaison officer. Orders for the operation of watercraft will be accepted only if passed by the formation, etc., officer so designated.
- (b) The guiding principle is that formations, etc., deal with one commander of watercraft and he in turn, receives orders from one source only within the formation etc which he serves.

4. Liaison

- (a) As a general rule, the OC 42 Aust Ldg Craft Coy will appoint a permanent Liaison Officer to live at the Headquarters of a Division or at the Headquarters of a Brigade which is working on the coast. He will normally be the officer in charge of the sub-unit concerned.

4. Liaison (Continued)

- (b) In addition to the above, the 42 Aust Ldg Craft Coy and the CRE 1 Aust Water Tpt Gp have Liaison Officers on their own Headquarters whose duty is a roving one between themselves and Formations.

5. Preliminary Measures for Particular Operations

- (a) The officer of formation referred to in paragraph 3, known hereafter in this instruction as "the Formation Officer," informs the Commander Watercraft or his liaison officer of the exact nature of the operation.
- (b) Commander Watercraft estimates types and numbers of watercraft required and informs the Formation Officer who refers through the normal channels for approval for the use of the craft.
- (c) In the selection of beaches, if possible the Commander Watercraft and a Formation Officer should make an air reconnaissance prior to the sea reconnaissance. The presence of reefs etc., is readily seen from the air, whereas charts and maps are very inaccurate and sea reconnaissance rarely discloses the reefs which may occur.
- (d) If time and the tactical situation permits a sea reconnaissance will be carried out to determine the following:
  - (i) whether the offloading point(s) chosen by formation concerned is suitable for the craft to be employed
  - (ii) the plotted course to be followed by watercraft
  - (iii) the necessity for buoys or navigation marks both for day and for night and the responsibility for their construction and installation. See Appendix A for beach markings and action in this connection required forthwith.
  - (iv) what working parties will be required at onloading and offloading points and tentative times to be available. See Appendix B for instructions for such parties.
  - (v) RVs between small ships (if any) and landing craft, and system of control and tentative signalling arrangements between the two kinds of craft.
  - (vi) tentative signal layout between control craft and formation (or unit) concerned, and with Headquarters commander of watercraft if necessary.

6. Plan

- (a) As result of reconnaissances, commander watercraft will fix final plan with formation officer and will then issue his own operation instructions to:
  - (i) own watercraft units concerned and masters and coxswains of craft, if necessarywith copies for information to:
  - (ii) formation officers concerned
  - (iii) naval authorities (if any) concerned
  - (iv) port director authorities (if any) concerned
  - (v) air - if necessary
  - (vi) movement control
- (b) The commander watercraft and his liaison officer at Headquarters of formation concerned should receive a copy of the formation operation order or instruction.

7. Control of Craft during Movement

Changes of orders during movement, may be made by the following:

- (a) Formation officer at Headquarters of formation initiating the operation. This will be logged and initialled by formation liaison officer in control craft and acted on.
- (b) Officer in charge at far shore.

If possible this should be referred to formation officer at Headquarters formation initiating the operation. If this is not possible, the formation liaison officer on the control vessel will decide whether it will be acted on or not. The instruction and decision should be logged and initialled by the liaison officer.
- (c) Formation Liaison Officer on control vessel.

Any variation of the initial orders required to be made on initiative of the formation liaison officer on the control vessel will be given in writing to the floating commander watercraft on the control boat.

8. Calling in of Craft and Procedure at Unloading Points

A system of flags will be used to enable the parties on the beach to identify the type of cargo on a craft and hence the part of the unloading area at which it is required. Details are attached as Appendix C. This system will be used for normal maintenance cargoes as well as for supply during a landing operation. It will be the responsibility of the unit or sub unit of the watercraft concerned to provide these flags for both shore parties and craft.

9. Completion of the Operation

On completion of the operation, the time of arrival back of the watercraft will be immediately notified to formation officer and to the Headquarters Watercraft concerned. The commander watercraft will also make out a written report on the whole operation from his aspect and forward copies to the formation officer.

10. Support by Other Services

If Naval and/or Air support is involved, the above instructions will have to be amplified to obtain the necessary co-ordination.

11. G/439/Ops of 12 Jan is cancelled.

*A. J. G. G. G.*  
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GS 2 Aust Corps

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APPENDIX A

to HQ 2 Aust Corps  
G/600/Ops

BEACH MARKINGS

1. In preparation for a full scale amphibious operation, a complete set of beach markers will be prepared by the senior engineer officer of the formation in accordance with LHQ instructions; this however, does not affect the following.
2. Unless tactical considerations forbid, landing beaches will be marked forthwith under formations arrangements as follows:
  - (a) Erection of pyramids, standing 6 feet clear of the ground and having 5 feet sides.
  - (b) North of TOROKINA each side of the pyramid facing seaward will be marked by black letters on white or orange background.
  - (c) South of TOROKINA the markings will be black numbers on white or orange background.
  - (d) Letters and numbers should commence with A nearest TOROKINA and 1 nearest TOROKINA but south of wharf 4. These landing points should be shown on charts and maps and will be used in craft movement orders. It should be noted that in TOROKINA harbour itself, there are four (4) landing points numbered 1 to 4.
  - (e) At night time, the landing beaches in use will be marked by an agreed on system of coloured lamps, and notified to all concerned.
  - (f) If it is desired by the formation concerned to indicate the position of a Headquarters along the coast line, an agreed on system of day and night marking of the Headquarters will be instituted and notified to all concerned. Formations will advise HQ 2 Aust Corps full particulars of sites proposed to be marked, and when action is completed at each site.
3. At landing beaches in use (and at Headquarters on coast if required), a constant signal lookout post will be established by the formation. The lookout on duty will be equipped with binoculars, and should have signalling apparatus - flags and lamps. If necessary, a system of recognition signals will be employed.
4. The CRE 1 Aust Water Tpt Gp is establishing navigational marks on the coast as required. These will be of such a shape and distinctive marking as will not be confused with the marking of landing beaches.
5. It should be noted that the US Navy have the whole coastline of BOUGAINVILLE marked on maps by lettered sectors. These sector letters may be useful for reference in orders and instructions.



APPENDIX B

to HQ 2 Aust Corps  
G/600/Ops

LOADING AND OFF-LOADING ON BEACHES

1. LANDING CRAFT ON BEACH

- (a) It is essential for the safety of the craft and conservation of engines that the craft remain on the beach for as short a time as possible.
- (b) Loading and unloading parties will be organized and standing by ready for operations immediately craft beaches.
- (c) Where communications exist, far shore beaches will be notified of ETA of craft and type of cargo and serial number of craft.
- (d) Officer or senior NCO in charge of working party will contact first craft to land and not wait for officer or personnel on craft to contact him. (Instances have occurred when landing craft officer has had to search for loading party in the bush)
- (e) Stores when loading or unloading, will be stacked on beach to make carrying distance as short as possible.
- (f) The coxswain is in complete control of his craft and his instructions regarding operation and loading of craft must be accepted.
- (g) Should beach organization not be ready for immediate operation, craft should be signalled to stand off until called in.

2. IN ROUGH WEATHER

There is an ever present danger of losing craft by broaching, therefore when surf is running:-

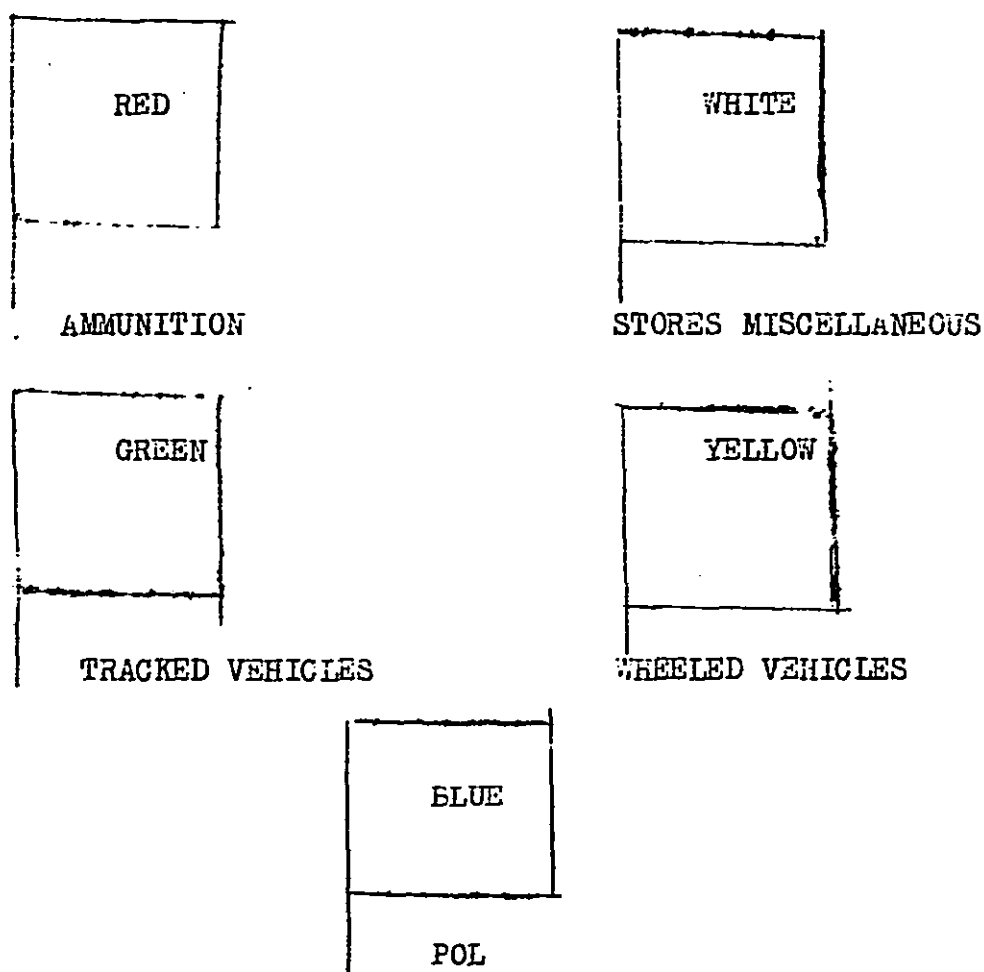
- (a) Officer in command of beach must have at least four men ready to receive each quarter line immediately craft beaches to hold on secure to holdfasts.
- (b) If possible unit will provide hold fast on beach during rough weather.
- (c) If landing craft officer in charge or in his absence senior coxswain considers beach conditions are dangerous for craft he will have the final say as to whether craft will land or not.

APPENDIX C

to 2 Aust Corps  
G/600/Ops

MARKING OF CRAFT AND CARGOES

1. In addition to any identification flags flown by control or other craft and flags required to be flown by small ships in conformity with Naval etc instructions, cargo flags will be flown on craft and displayed on beaches as under:-



2. (a) All craft will be issued with a set of the above flags, and the flag indicating the cargo carried will be flown, one or more according to the various types of cargo.
- (b) When the craft reach their destination and are ready to be called in a flag corresponding to the flag flown on the craft will be hoisted in the exact position on the beach where the cargo is required to be unloaded.
- (c) After the cargo has been discharged the flags will immediately be taken down. When these flags are not in use they will be kept in a safe waterproof place on board.
- (d) When the cargo is loaded at starting point the coxswain will be handed two copies of a cargo manifest with tonnage carried and destination shown.
- (e) When the cargo has been discharged one of the crew will hand over one copy of manifest and get the other initialled by the beach master or control officer and retain as receipt and handed in for file on return to base.

HQ 2 AUST CORPS

1 Feb 1945

GOC 3 AUST DIV

In order to complete the " Immediate " task allotted in my Op Instr No.3, para 8, and to ensure the isolation and complete destruction of such enemy forces as remain North of the PURIATA River, I suggest the following plan for your consideration :--

2/8 AUST COMMANDO SQN

- (a) Be directed to secure and hold with the least possible delay crossings over the PURIATA from Incl FORD 898523 to the EAST.
- (b) To establish bridgeheads and patrol forward to the line of the HONGORAI River if possible.
- (c) To select suitable areas on, or close to, the PURIATA R. where the Sqn or it's sub units can be maintained by air drops until a regular line of supply is established.
- (d) The complete Sqn can be employed on this role.

25 AUST INF BN

- (a) Inf Coy on the coastal sector moving on PURIATA River mouth to secure and hold the river crossing at FORD 875500 and patrol to link up with right flank 2/8 Cav Commando Sqn.
- (b) Recce and report whether suitable protected barge unloading points exist on the coast, particularly in reference to lagoon area 882473 and PURIATA River mouth.
- (c) Remainder of the Bn to be retained in it's present area with task of patrolling inland so far as the terrain permits.

61 AUST INF BN

To be responsible for clearing and recce of inland tracks South of MOSIMA - HIGITAH - TADOLIMA.

9 AUST INF BN

To retain it's present role thereby assisting operations of 61 Bn.

BASES

In conformity with your present intentions you will :--

- (a) As soon as possible, establish a firm base for operations of one inf bn in the MUSIGETTA area from which vigorous patrolling forward and to the flanks will be carried out to clear all the area South to the PURLATA.
- (b) Establish a supply base in the ADELE River or HAWARARA area as most suitable.

GENERAL.

- (a) Upon the capture of MUSIGETTA I do not consider that more than one inf bn should be based inland in order that the maintenance problem be kept to the minimum proportions.
- (b) In the deployment of all units the methods laid down in " DOCTRINE FOR JUNGLE WARFARE " are to be followed.
- (c) I desire to stress the necessity to employ only such force as is considered essential to accomplish the tasks allotted, in order that the maximum number of troops be kept fit and fresh for further tasks ahead.                      Though a bn may be given a task it will often be possible to complete the task by the employment of only one coy.
- (d) Planned patrolling from firm bases and preparation of track going maps is a policy which I insist on, particularly in relation to economy of force.              This, and this alone, will retain large reserves of fresh troops and, in itself, will obtain better and quicker results for those engaged in the forward area.
- (e) Tanks will NOT be moved into the area unless a plan for their employment is first submitted and approved by this HQ .

 Lt Gen

Comd 2 Aust Corps

Appendix 10.

Subject: STAFF SCHOOL (AUST) - NO 9 COURSE GRADE II WING  
12 JUN - 9 OCT 45

Ref: 2 Aust Corps G/513/Trg of 20 Jan 45.

HQ 2 Aust Corps (AIF)  
G/ 621 /Trg  
2 Feb 45

3 Aust Div (AIF)  
11 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)  
23 Aust Inf Bde  
RAA 2 Aust Corps

1. LHQ desire to make an early selection of candidates for Staff School (Aust) Grade II Wing in order that the selected students may take accumulated leave prior to the commencement of the course.

2. All nominations and applications for Grade II Wing will now reach HQ 2 Aust Corps not later than 8 Feb 45. Paragraph 4 of 2 Aust Corps G/513/Trg of 20 Jan is amended accordingly.

*W. Maxwell*  
for  
GS 2 Aust Corps

For an Order  
Appendix II

Subject: 2 AUST CORPS HYGIENE INSTRUCTIONAL CADRE -  
COURSE NO 1

HQ 2 Aust Corps (AIF)  
G/534/Trg  
14 Feb 45

3 Aust Div (15)  
11 Aust Inf Bde (6)

Copies to:

4 Aust Base Sub Area  
Det NG Details Dep

1. Herewith Joining Instructions for Course No 1 of the above Cadre.

This course will be the first of a series to be conducted by the 2 Aust Corps Hygiene Instructional Cadre.

OBJECT

2. The course is designed to give unit officers and senior NCOs a basis to appreciate any unit hygiene problems which may arise.

PLACE

3. The course will be held at HQ 2 Aust Corps.

DURATION

4. The duration of the course is 5 days, commencing 12 Feb 45.

VACANCIES

5. Vacancies have been allotted as follows :-

3 Aust Div	10
11 Aust Inf Bde	5

NOMINAL ROLLS

6. Nominal rolls will be forwarded to reach HQ 2 Aust Corps not later than one day prior to the commencing date of the course.

MOVEMENT AND REPORTING

7. Reference Map TOROKINA 1-inch to 1-mile.

Formations, units, etc., will provide transport for the students to the course, and for their return at the conclusion.

Students will report to the Adjutant, det NG Details Dep reference 601941 at 1600 hrs on 11 Feb 45.

ACCOMMODATION AND MESSING

8. Arrangements have been made for accommodation and messing of students at the det NG Details Dep.

Students will bring their own messing gear, beds and nets.

CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

9. Marching Order.

*William H. C. C.*  
Brig  
GS 2 Aust Corps

War Diary

Subject: MINESFIELDS - 3 MCGRAHVILLE LERA PAURO  
AND SHORTLAND ISLANDS AREA

HQ 2 Aust Corps (ALP)  
 G/639/5ps  
 5 Feb 45

3 Aust Div (ALP)

1. Information concerning the location and types of minefields in the area mentioned above is contained in the following publication a copy of which was issued to 3 Aust Div (ALP) in September 1944:

"Target Data and Minefields - Bismarck - Solomons Area"

issued by South Pacific Area and Force Naval Combat Intelligence.

2. The following amendment should be added to that publication -

ref MAP chart No 7 - secret 3. Across the mouth of the MURIA RIVER insert a small minefield with the following notation:

"Mines laid by JCI's 18 May 44  
 3 Mark 13 Mod 5  
 Ref COMTHIRDFLT  
 Sec Dis 200405 of May "

3. In the case of fields laid in the mouths of the MURIA, MONGORAI, MOKIAI and MIBO RIVERS, no exact location of the mines were recorded. Three mines were laid in each field and the object was to place one in the centre of the river mouth and one each covering the right and left flank of the centre mine. In respect to the MURIA RIVER, a small reef covers the entrance and the flanking mines were laid in the channels leading through the reef. An attempt was made to remove the MURIA field by bombing. Only one mine is believed to have detonated.

4. Appendix A gives technical details of the various mines laid and methods of neutralising them. However, as regards the area of 3 Aust Div immediate operations the mines are approaching the end of their effective life.

5. Enemy small craft are believed to have operated in these areas within a recent period but there has been no evidence of casualties. As the mines laid in the areas mentioned in paragraph 3 may now be ineffective, the possible danger which may result from the use of allied small craft in the areas may be accepted if it is operationally necessary for the craft to use the mined areas.

JAG.  
 Brig  
 G2 2 Aust Corps



# APPENDIX A

## MINE CHARACTERISTICS

TYPE	ACTUATING MECHANISM	ACTUATING RADIUS	DANGER AREA RADIUS	LIFE	REMARKS
Mark 6	Contact Antennae	Contact	250 feet	Indefinite	Moored to bottom
Mark 12	Magnetic Needle	50 feet	250 feet	12 months minimum	Dropped by parachute or from submarine
Mark 13	Electro Induction	50 feet	250 feet	3-4 months average Depends on life of battery	Dropped from aircraft
Mark 13 Model 5	Acoustic	50 feet	250 feet	As for Mark 13	Dropped from aircraft

The methods which can be adopted to raise or make safe the minefields are as follows:

- (a) For contact type mine - by minesweeping
- (b) For electric induction or Magnetic needle type mines - by low flying aircraft fitted with degaussing apparatus passing over the mine.
- (c) For acoustic type mines - by explosion of depth charges or bombs within the acoustic actuating range.

As selector actuating mechanisms may be incorporated into all the types mentioned, a number of mines may require the appropriate detonation procedure to be applied several times before results are obtained. Some selector mechanisms can be set to operate after a predetermined number of vessels have passed within actuating range of the mine.

MESSAGE FORM

From: 2 AUST CORPS

051821 K

To: SEE OVER

0814 restricted ref our 0753 (.) effective 2400K 7 feb all  
 units under comd at present on K time except those located  
 EMIRAU will revert to L time (.) all times expressed in  
 messages will have zone suffix letter incl (.) times of  
 routine parades will revert to those in op before change  
 directed by our 0753 (.) malaria precautions will be observed  
 from 1830L ack all infm

This message may be sent  
 AS WRITTEN by any means  
 (except )  
 ( ) wireless

Signed. *W. B. C. Coy.*

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ACTION ADDRESSEES

3 AUST DIV	ROUTINE
AMERICAL DIV	DRLS
11 AUST INF BDE (AIF)	ROUTINE
23 AUST INF BDE	ROUTINE
4 AUST BASE SUB AREA	DRLS
5 AUST MOE MET FLT	HAND
3 AUST ADV 2ND ECR (AIF)	DRLS
6 AUST COMD AL SEC	DRLS
46 AUST AL SEC (TAC R)	DRLS
NO 4 MIL HISTORY SEC FD TEAM	HAND
RAA 2 AUST CORPS	HAND
U AUST HY BTY (COAST) (HE) (AIF)	DRLS
42 AUST LDG CRAFT COY	DRLS
1 SVY SEC 2 AUST FD SVY COY	DRLS
E AUST CORPS SIGS (AIF)	HAND
22 PI. 2/1 AUST GD REGT	HAND
2 AUST CORPS LANGUAGE DET ATIS	HAND
DET AAPIU	HAND
25 AUST FS SEC	HAND
72 AUST DENTAL UNIT	DRLS
126 AUST BDE ORD FD PK	DRLS
CEME CORPS TPS	HAND
126 AUST LDE WKSP (AIF)	DRLS
244 AUST LAD (AIF)	HAND
296 AUST LAD (AIF)	HAND
DET 2 AUST LDG CRAFT WKSP SEC (AIF)	DRLS
2 AUST CORPS FD CASH OFFICE	HAND
2 AUST CORPS FD PUNISHMENT CENTRE	DRLS
5 AUST VISITORS AND OBSERVERS SEC	HAND
FELO	DRLS
DSIO NORSOLS	DRLS
84 (AC) WING RAAF	DRLS

INFO ADDRESSEES

USAFNORSOLS  
COMNAVNORSOLS  
COMAIRNORSOLS  
COMZEAIRTAFF

Appendix 13

MESSAGE FORM

From: 2 AUST CORPS 05 2225 K  
To: 23 AUST INF LDE COMAIRNORSOLS  
Info: USAF NORSOLS COMNAVNORSOLS / COMZEAIRTA  
0522 restricted ref our 0314 (.) units located EMIRAU will  
revert L time 2400K 7 feb ack

This message may be sent  
AS WRITTEN by any means  
(except)  
( ) wireless

Signed.....*[Signature]*

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	EGS	CE	Camp (3)
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Subject: TRACTORS D8 FOR TANK RECOVERY

HQ 2 Aust Corps (AIF)  
G/640/SD  
5 Feb 45

3 Aust Div

1. The following information has been received from HQ First Aust Army :-

(a) Each section of an armoured regiment workshop employed with independent armoured squadrons has an entitlement of one tractor, tracked, D8, with winch.

(b) These tractors are in very short supply. A few have been obtained for engineer units urgently in need of them. This source is now exhausted and it is not expected that further supplies will be available before the end of 1945. The shortage of alternative types is also acute. It will be impossible, therefore, to provide D8 tractors, or their equivalent, for issue to sections of the armoured regiment workshop.

(c) It will therefore be necessary for formations concerned to make the best possible arrangements for tank recovery as required, from within the resources available to them at the time.

2. With reference to paragraph 1 (c) above, every endeavour is being made to secure a D8 tractor at present held by a base unit in this area.

Brig  
GS 2 Aust Corps

War Diary (2<sub>a</sub>)

SECRETSubject: ARTILLERY REQUIREMENTS - 2 AUST CORPS

HQ 2 Aust Corps (AIF)  
G/637/Ops  
5 Feb 45.

## First Aust Army

1. It is considered that the time has arrived when a review of the artillery resources available to Corps is necessary in the light of probable future operational commitments.

2. (a) The artillery under command 2 Aust Corps, exclusive of AA is -

Two Fd Regts  
One Mtn Bty ( 4 x 75 mm hows)  
One Hy Bty ( 4 x 155 mm 1918 guns )

(b) They are deployed as follows --

2 Aust Fd Regt

In support of operations of 3 Aust Div in the MAWARAKA -  
MOSIGETTA - PURIATA R sector.

One Bty 4 Aust Fd Regt

In support of ops of 11 Aust Inf Bde in the PEARL RIDGE Sector.

2 Aust Mtn Bty

In support of operations of 11 Aust Inf Bde in the GENGA R sector.

U Aust Hy Bty

Under comd 2 Aust Corps prepared to move in support of 3 Aust Div.

4 Fd Regt (less one bty)

Under comd 3 Aust Div in defence TOROKINA perimeter.

3. The progress of future operations directed to the elimination of Japanese forces on BOUGAINVILLE may be envisaged as conforming to the following general outline - -

(a) 3 Aust Div.

(i) Continuation of the advance South of the Puriata with the ultimate object of destroying all enemy forces in the SW portion of the island.

(ii) As this advance progresses increasingly strong centres of enemy resistance will undoubtedly be met. It also brings our forces into an area of concentration of Jap artillery, both field and AA. The latter can be used in a dual purpose role if necessary.

(iii) The latest estimate in the above respect in regard to South BOUGAINVILLE is --

Fd Arty	70 mm and upwards	33
AA	75 mm and upwards	45
Tk A	37/47 mm	7
AA	20 - 40 mm dual purpose	(Indefinite)

The accuracy of these figures cannot be vouched for but it is considered that they must be accepted, failing definite information, as a basis of calculation for planning.

(iv) The terrain in this area is relatively flat and has a well developed track system. The condition of these tracks is not accurately known and may limit deployment. Nevertheless it is considered that it will be possible to deploy two Fd Regts in support of 3 Aust Div and that the opposition likely to be encountered warrants such deployment.

In addition U Hy Bty will be required against heavy -bunker type defences and for counter-battery tasks against enemy heavy long range arty.

(b)

11 Aust Inf Bde - PEARL RIDGE Sector

It is not anticipated that an advance in strength will be made in this sector. However, the support of the infantry battalion occupying the strategic position on PEARL RIDGE requires, and will continue to require the support of at least one field battery.

(c)

11 Aust Inf Bde - GENGA RIVER Sector

(i) Operations on the NW of the island are approaching an area where the enemy is known to have strong defences and the support of field and AA arty.

(ii) At present only 2 Aust Mtn Bty is supporting the operations of 31/51 Aust Inf Bn.

The 75 mm shell of this gun is too light to be effective against dug in defences with overhead cover and it is also limited in its range.

(iii) It is considered that it will be necessary, very shortly to place a battery of 4 Aust Fd Regt to give an additional support to operations in this area.

4. (a)

The present minimum requirements of the Corps are therefore --

One Fd Regt )	
One Hy Bty )	in support of 3 Aust Div
Two Fd Btys )	
One Mtn Bty )	in support of 11 Aust Inf Bde

(b)

This leaves only one field battery in support of the TOROKINA perimeter or to augment the requirement of 3 Aust Div. In the latter case it would entail splitting the btys of a Field Regiment in three packets each widely separate from the other, under different commands, and

over which the Regimental HQ would have no real control. It would also leave no artillery within the perimeter.

5. In view of the time normally taken to move units into this area it is recommended that one additional Field Regiment be placed under command 2 Aust Corps and moved to TOROKINA as early as possible.

6. Attached at Appendix "A" is detailed estimate of enemy artillery remaining in Northern SOLOMONS area.

Sgd. S.G. SAVIGE Lieutenant General  
Commander 2 Aust Corps

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of 5 Feb 45.

	150 mm med	14 cm CD	12 cm CD	105 mm Fd	75 mm Fd/Ltn	70 mm Regtl	37/47 mm	12 cm AA	75 mm AA	7 cm dual purpose	AA 20-40 mm
(a) North BOUGAINVILLE (includes BUKA)	6	-	2	-	5	3	3	-	12	-	
(b) NUMA NUMA NE TOROKINA and KIETA	2	-	-	2	15	4	3	-	2	-	
(c) South BOUGAINVILLE	4	2	-	2	19	8	7	3	25	17	
(d) Islands adjoining South BOUGAINVILLE	2	4	8	-	21	4	-	6	20	-	
Totals	14	6	10	4	60	19	13	9	59	17	Indefinite

APPENDIX 16.

Subject: WATCHES 03

Ref : 42 Aust Ldg Craft Coy RAS letter of 30 Jan

H 2 Aust Corps (AIF)  
9/6/43/89  
6 Feb 48

42 Aust Ldg Craft Coy (AIF)

1. It is regretted that, due to the acute shortage of watches, 03, your request for the issue of 17 surplus to War Equipment Table cannot be acceded to.

2. Every endeavour will be made to put into service watches at present held in workshop awaiting repairs. However, this will be dependent on the availability of spare parts which are in short supply. Watches, beyond repair, for which certificates of replacement are held will be replaced from time to time as stocks become available.

3. It is suggested that a pool of watches be established within the company and issues and withdrawals made from the various drafts as and when required.

*W. J. C. G. P.*  
For Brig

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Appendix 17

MESSAGE FORM

From : 2 AUST CORPS

To : FIRSTAUSTARMY

061540K

SD832 restricted your G1184SD of 8 Jan para 4.(.) one sec

6 aust fd baking pl only unit for which relief desired

Signed S. MANWELL  
Capt.

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*War Diary* Appendix 18

HQ First Aust Army (AIF)  
6 Feb 45  
G/182/Air

Subject: TAC/R - NEW BRITAIN

2 Aust Corps

Reference 2 Aust Corps G/576/Air of 28 Jan 45.

1. Confirmation is at present being sought of the date on which 83 Army Co-op Wing ceases to be in support of First Aust Army.
2. Present indications are that 83 Wing will not be available beyond mid- February. The move of a detachment of 5 Tac R Sqn to 5 Aust Div area may therefore be necessary in the immediate future. The exact date will be advised as soon as it is known.
3. It is realised that the withdrawal of this detachment, and ultimately of a Flight of 5 Tac R Sqn, will materially affect the availability of Tac R aircraft in BOUGAINVILLE. At the same time this was foreseen when, at the original conference, it was pointed out that upon the withdrawal of 83 Army Co-op Wing, 84 Army Co-op Wing must of necessity be re-disposed to meet all requirements of Army Co-operation in both BOUGAINVILLE and NEW BRITAIN.
4. Every effort has been made to secure an increased establishment for 84 Wing but RAAF advise that their limited resources do not permit of this.
5. Tac R in NEW BRITAIN is an essential. At the same time, as that area of operations is more restricted, it is intended to suggest to RAAF that the initial detachment to be stationed at HOSKINS should comprise 3 BOOMERANGS and 1 WIRRAWAY and that the ultimate composition of the Flight to be placed in support of 5 Aust Div should not exceed 6 BOOMERANGS and 2 WIRRAWAYS.

(Signed) Brig  
Gs First Aust Army

Appendix 19

Subject: REDESIGNATION OF POSTAL SECTIONS ATTACHED TO  
11 AUST INF BDE AND 23 AUST INF BDE

HQ 2 Aust Corps (AIF)  
G/649/SD  
7 Feb 45

**First Aust Army**

1. At present the following postal sections appear on  
2 Aust Corps Order of Battle:

- (a) Det 4 Aust Div Postal Unit - (attached to 11 Aust Inf Bde)
- (b) Det 12 Aust Div Postal Unit - (attached to 23 Aust Inf Bde)

2. In the case of (a) although HQ 4 Aust Div has been deleted from the AWF Order of Battle, 4 Aust Div Postal Unit remains. The parent unit of (b), 12 Aust Div Postal Unit, has been deleted from the AWF Order of Battle.

3. It is recommended that:-

- (a) The two postal dets mentioned in paragraph 1 be disbanded and deleted from the AWF Order of Battle.
- (b) Two postal secs designated 11 Aust Inf Bde Postal Sec and 23 Aust Inf Bde Postal Sec be raised on WE II/21A/1 comprising 1 Sjt, 1 Cpl and three privates.

4. Personnel required for the raising of the two new postal secs will be available from the existing units on disbandment.

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(Sgt) Stan. G. Savige  
Lieutenant-General  
Commander 2 Aust Corps

*Mac Lenny*

GS MINUTE NO 642

Subject: ALTERATION OF OFFICE HOURS

Ref : 2 Aust Corps 0844 of 5 Feb 45  
GS Minute No 599 of 31 Jan 45

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(Branches, etc, Formations and  
Corps Tps)  
(less serials 1 - 23)

1. Consequent on the reversion to L time as from 2400  
hrs 7 Feb 45 office hrs for HQ 2 Aust Corps will be :-

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

The daily Staff Conference will be held at 0845  
hrs.

2. 2 Aust Corps Staff Instr No 1 - Office Routine -  
is amended accordingly.

3. Camp is requested to make necessary adjustments  
in timings for reveille, meals, etc.

4. GS Minute No 599 of 31 Jan 45 is cancelled.

G (Ops)  
Ext 14  
7 Feb 45

*William A. Liff*  
for Lt-Col -  
GS 2 Aust Corps

MESSAGE FORM

FROM : 2 AUST CORPS

TOO : 071530K

TO : COMAIRNORSOLS COMZEAIRTA 84 AO WING RAAF

INFO : AMERICAL DIV ADV 3 AUST DIV 11 AUST INF BDE

23 AUST INF BDE 6 AUST COMD AL SEC

46 AUST AL SEC TAC R SQN FIRST AUST ARMY

AO 841 confidential NEW AIR FORCE BOMBLINE to take effect as from  
 071530K (.) ref map BOUGAINVILLE strat series (.) request NO air  
 attack in area bounded by coast and line from south side HONGORAI  
 river mouth Q9235 thence along south bank HONGORAI river to junction  
 Q9441 thence NE to MT TAROKA R2164 thence NW to SUGARLOAF MT R0587  
 thence NW to north side BILLY MITCHELL CRATER LAKE L8109 thence  
 north to SADDLE MT L7819 thence west to MT BALBI L5527 thence NW to  
 inlet L2866 thence in NW direction along south bank of inlet to  
 coast (.) all informed

If liable to be intercepted or  
 fall into enemy hands, this  
 message must be sent IN CIPHER.

Signed

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*Khai Liang*

Appendix 22  
Copy No. 31.

SECRET

Subject: AMENDMENT NO 1 to 2 AUST CORPS LOCATION  
STATEMENT AND ORDER OF BATTLE NO 4

HQ 2 Aust Corps (AIF)  
G/ 652/Ops  
7 Feb 45

1. Attached as Appendix A hereto is amendment No 1 to 2 Aust Corps Location Statement and Order of Battle No 4 ~~up to~~ 1200 hrs 5 Feb 45.
2. It is requested that any errors in location or command of units be notified to this Headquarters by formations concerned.
3. Please acknowledge receipt on subtended pro forma

*R. L. L. L. L.*  
/cv Brig Lt Col  
GS 2 Aust Corps

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HQ 2 Aust Corps

Receipt is acknowledged of Amendment No 1  
to 2 Aust Corps Location Statement and Order of Battle  
No 4, dated Feb 45 copy number.  
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APPOINTMENT . . . . .  
DATE. . . . .



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3 Aust Adv 2nd Ech	9	DRLS
6 Aust Comd AL Sec	10	"
46 Aust AL Sec (Tac R Sqn)	11	"
2 Aust Corps Postal Unit	12	Hand
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AMENDMENT NO 1

TO

2 AUSTRALIAN CORPS LOCATION STATEMENT AND ORDER OF BATTLE NO 4

Ref Maps: BOUGAINVILLE 1-inch series : TAIOF ISLAND CAPE HOLTHE  
AITA TOROKINA  
NOTUPENA PT AND PURIATA RIVER (L PT & PR)

BOUGAINVILLE 1:25,000 series: KOWARO

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A. INDEX 'A'  
to 2 Aust Corps  
G/652 /Ops

Serial	Arm or Service	War Office Serial No		Unit	Ref Map	Location	Remarks
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)
B43A		49041	TS	104 Aust Bde Ord Fd Bn (AIF)	TOROKINA	575964	see serial E18
B45B		46241	TS	115 Aust Bde Ord Fd Bn (AIF)	TOROKINA	587973	see serial C12
B43C		47766	TS	129 Aust Bde Ord Fd Bn (AIF)	TOROKINA	575964	see serial D12
B44A		49058	TS	104 Aust Bde Wksp (AIF)	L PT & PR	777793	see serial E19
B44B		46240	TS	115 Aust Bde Wksp (AIF)	TOROKINA	587973	see serial C13
B44C		49064	TS	129 Aust Bde Wksp (AIF)	TOROKINA	576964	see serial D13
C 1A	ARTY	45984	TS	2 Aust Fd Regt (Jungle Div)(AIF)	L PT & PR	782696	div tps see serial B7
C 1B		45990	TS	One tp 3 Aust Svy Bty (AIF)	L PT & PR	782696	div tps see serial B9
C 2A		46092	TS	Det 11 Aust Fd Coy	L PT & PR	782696	3 Div. Unit last det under comd. See serials E12 & 14
C 3A		45997	TS	Det Sigs 3 Aust Div (AIF)	L PT & PR	780704	div tps see serial B18

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)
E 3B		49088	TS	2. Aust Fd Regt (Jungle Div) Sig Sec (AIF)	M PT & PR	782696	div tps see serial B20
E 3C		47369	TS	Det 7 Aust Pigeon Sec (Type A)	M PT & PR	780704	corps tps see serial A44
C 6A		49466		A Coy 1 NEW GUINEA Inf Bn (less pl)	M PT & PR	779706	corps tps pl under comd 11 Bde see serials A48, F11
E 8A		48346	TS	19 Aust Sup Dep P1 (AIF)	M PT & PR	771638	under comd from 29 Bde see serial E15
C10A		92610	TS	Det 56 Aust Tpt P1	M PT & PR	771638	unit less det under comd 3 Div see serials B38, E16
C13A		45985	TS	213 Aust IAD (Type D)(AIF)	M PT & PR	782696	att 2 Fd Regt; div tps see serial B46
G 2A				Det: ANGAU	EMIRAU ISLAND		

APPENDIX 'A'  
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3. Amend the following serials in respective columns to read :-

Serial (a)	Unit (c)	Ref Map (f)	Location (g)	Remarks (h)
A44				deets under comd 11 Bde, 7 Bde see serials C3C, F7
A48				under comd 7 Bde; pl under comd 11 Bde see serials C6A, F11
A49				delete remarks
B 4			961644	
B 5			575965	
B 6			774797	
B 7	2 Aust Fd Regt (Jungle Div) (AIF)		782696	under comd 7 Bde see serial C 1A
B 8			546936	
B 9				one tp under comd 7 Bde see serial C1B
B10			775800	
B11	5 Aust Fd Coy (AIF)(less 2 pl)M PT & PR		736845	
B11a	2 pl 5 Aust Fd Coy		690870	
B12	11 Aust Fd Coy (less det)		782679	det under comd 7 Bde see serials C2A, E4
B14	23 Aust Fd Coy (AIF)	M PT & PR	774751	see serial G13
B16			739842	
B17			780701	
B18				det under comd 7 Bde see serial C3A
B20			782696	under comd 7 Bde see serial C3B
B22		M PT & PR	775800	
B23		M PT & PR	778792	
B26			571959	
B33			627947	
B38			768809	det under comd 7 Bde see serials C10A, E16
B42a		TOROKINA	596967	

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
B42b		M PT & PR	780704	
B42c			630942	
B42d			634938	
B42e		delete location		NOT operating
B42f			556043	
B42g		M PT & PR	77975	
B43			575965	
B44			575965	
B46			782694	att 2 11 Regt; under comd 7 bde - see serial C13A
C 1		M PT & PR	780704	
C 3		M PT & PR	780704	
C 4		M PT & PR	770636	
C 5		M PT & PR	775655	
C 6			823714	delete remarks
C 7		M PT & PR	780704	
C11		M PT & PR	779792	
C14		M PT & PR	780704	
C15		M PT & PR	780704	
D 1			630935	
D 3			630935	
D 5			638941	
D 7			630935	
D 9			627947	
D12			576964	under comd 3 Div see serial B13G
D14			628936	
D15			628936	
D16				under comd 3 Div see serial B51
E 1		TOROKINA	596967	
E 4	11 Aust Fd Coy		782697	Unit less det under comd 3 div - det under comd 7 bde - See Serial E12, C2A

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
E 7		TOROKINA	596967	
E 9		TOROKINA	630942	
E10		TOROKINA	597967	
E11		TOROKINA	620973	
E13		TOROKINA	596967	
E15		TOROKINA	771638	under comd 7 Bde see serial 08A
E16	56 Aust Tpt Pl	TOROKINA	765809	unit less det under comd 3 Div; det under comd 7 Bde see serials B38, C10A
E17	7 Aust Fd Amb		598964	
E18				under comd 3 Div see serial B43A
E19				under comd 3 Div see serial B44.
E20		TOROKINA	595967	
E 3			549933	corps tps see serial A16; adv HQ and det TAIOW ISLAND 222541
F 7				corps tps see serials A44, G3C
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
G19	Det NEW GUINEA AA & Coast Sig Sec			
G20	7 Aust Inf Bn (less four coys)			
G20a	A B C D Coys 7 Aust Inf Bn			
G39a		EMIRAU ISLAND		

Appendix 22

MESSAGE FORM

From: 2 AUST CORPS

09/420.4

To: 3 AUST DIV 11 AUST INF BDE 23 AUST INF BDE  
RAA 2 AUST CORPS B AUST CORPS SIGS 3 AUST ADV 2ND ECH  
6 AUST COMD AL SEC 46 AUST AL SEC (TAC R SQN)  
2 AUST CORPS POSTAL UNIT

Info: FIRST AUST ARMY 4 AUST BASE SUB AREA 2/1 AUST MOV & TN GP  
USAF NORSOLS COMAIRNORSOLS COMZEAIRTA COMNAVNORSOLS  
2 AUST CORPS LIAISON OFFR LTD BRISBANE

G0857. restricted ref page 5 appendix A our G/652/Ops of  
7 feb 45 (.) for E20 read E21 all infm

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Appendix 23.

Subject: PERSONNEL OF 42nd INFANTRY DIVISION

8 2nd Inf Corps (AIC)  
01658/SD  
8 Feb 45

First Inf Army

Copy to:

42nd Inf Div Craft Coy

1. 42nd Inf Div Craft Coy advise that a number of their company personnel are at present attached to 1st Inf Div Craft Co., 83rd Inf Div Craft Coy on the authority of 3rd Inf Div Base Area.
2. The personnel concerned were the escort on aircraft diverted to 3rd Inf Div Base Area and, on instructions issued by DAF, 83rd Inf Div Base Area were to arrange onward movement to 42nd Inf Div Craft Coy.
3. The escort nominal roll is as follows :-

AK25378	Sgt	VIRGIN	F H
AK57358	Cpl	SCOTT	G P
VX72337	Spr	CHAMBER	J L
VX120761	Spr	FYFE	I M
AK58248	Spr	TOMM	H C
AK74005	Spr	HARRISON	G O
4. It is requested that action be taken to return the above personnel as soon as possible as they are urgently required in this area.

*APG*

Distributed by G (Ops) on 8 Feb 45  
Lieutenant-General  
Major-General 2nd Inf Corps

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Appendix 25.  
*Wm. Henry*

Subject: TRAINING - 3 ANST DIV

HQ 2 Aust Corps (AIF)  
G/664/Ops  
9 Feb 45

3 Aust Div

1. The following points require clarification in regard to the training programme 5 - 11 Feb 45:-

(a) 15 Aust Inf Bde

It is noted that D Coy 58/59 Aust Inf Bn is being exercised in digging of a battalion defence locality and lay out for a battalion defensive position.

I consider that a battalion defensive position as such will seldom, if ever, be occupied in jungle warfare, except possibly for perimeter defence of a main supply base. Within a battalion area there will be a series of platoon or company covering approaches on the tracks leading into the area. Each locality must be entirely self supporting as the very nature of the country makes mutual support impossible.

It is on the construction and organization of such positions that stress must be laid.

(b) 29 Aust Inf Bde

The programme for this brigade leaves much to the imagination. The Corps Commander desires fuller information.

2. May the Corps Commander be advised when 15 Aust Inf Bde will start training one of its battalions in coastwise operations?

Brig  
GS 2 Aust Corps

Appendix 26.

**Subject:** TRAINING AMMUNITION - 32 AUST AAA BTY

**Ref :** RAA Minute No RA 227 of 2 Feb 45

H: 2 Aust Corps (AIF)  
G/630/SD  
11 Feb 45

RAA 2 Aust Corps

1. Present stocks of 3.7-inch and 40mm gun ammunition in 13 Aust AAD are insufficient to permit an issue for training purposes. Approval is therefore given for any ammunition held by the unit in excess of 90% of War Equipment Table entitlement, to be used for training.

2. Action is being taken to have this ammunition replaced through normal channels.

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*JRL*  
Brig  
GS 2 Aust Corps

**Subject: GUN AMMUNITION 3.7-INCH**

Hq 2 Aust Corps (AIF)  
G/687/SD  
12 Feb 45

**First Aust Army**

**Copy to:**

RAA 2 Aust Corps

1. Approval has been given for 32 Aust HAA Bty at EMIRAU ISLAND to use for training, any ammunition held in excess of 90% of War Equipment Table of this unit.

2. With the expected arrival of 141 Aust HAA Bty in this area it is considered the holding of 3.7-inch ammunition in 13 Aust AAD is insufficient to permit of issues for training from this source.

3. It is therefore requested that -

(a) as a minimum, the following ammunition (10% War Equipment Table entitlement) be forwarded to 32 Aust HAA Bty as replacement:-

Cartridges QF 3.7-inch gun	
AA HE	560
Cartridges QF 3.7-inch gun	
AA Shrapnel	80

(b) action be taken to place in 13 Aust AAD a reserve of 60 days ammunition for two heavy anti-aircraft batteries at moderate War Usage Rates.

*Sgt*  
*Star Surge* Lieutenant-General  
Commander 2 Aust Corps

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Subject: "LEFT OUT OF BATTLE" GROUPS

Ref : First Aust Army G/1504/SD of 1 Feb 45

HQ 2 Aust Corps (AIF)  
G/688/SD  
12 Feb 45

**First Aust Army**

1. It is agreed that the addition of a number of officers to the War Establishment of Infantry Battalions and Cavalry (Commando) Regiments, in order to ensure the continued maximum efficiency of units when LOB Groups are withdrawn, is most desirable.

2. My reasons are as follows :-

(a) The unit is never up to strength in officers due to schools and courses, sickness, leave and delay in casualty replacements. When LOB officers are withdrawn in addition, from the number for battle, the unit is often desperately short. This Corps is without the benefit of the new increment. Attached as Appendix 'A' is a statement of officer strengths in infantry battalions of 2 Aust Corps.

It will be noted that in 11 out of 15 infantry battalions, officer strength with units is below normal War Establishment whilst in only two infantry battalions is strength over normal War Establishment.

(b) The LOB increment would ensure that proper provision be made for understudies in the key appointments in the unit.

(c) It would greatly assist training by the provision of officers to conduct unit cadre courses, schools, etc., and umpires for unit exercises.

(d) In jungle warfare, in particular, it would enable officers to be relieved and rested as soon as it was seen that the unusual strain of jungle fighting was beginning to tell on their efficiency. This would undoubtedly save a number of officers who otherwise might breakdown completely. This is emphasized by the fact that this formation has lost officers due to inability to relieve, specific cases of this being

Lt-Col MARSDEN 57/60 Aust Inf Bn  
Capt LOOKER 24 Aust Inf Bn

3. It is considered the LOB officers added to the unit must be shown on the authorised War Establishment in order that they can be raised and trained with the unit so as to ensure their value in the work required of them.

4. A suitable LOS Group is suggested as :-

1 Major  
2 Captains  
3 Lieutenants

5. Apart from the proposed inclusion of officer personnel, for LOS Group, it is essential to maintain the present increment above War Establishment.

*R*  
Lieutenant-General  
Commander 2 Aust Corps

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APPENDIX 'A'  
to HQ 2 Aust Corps  
G/188/SD

RELATIVE FIGURES WAR ESTABLISHMENT  
AND STRENGTH INFANTRY UNITS -  
AS AT 9 FEB 45

	<u>Lt-col</u>	<u>Majs</u>	<u>Cpts</u>	<u>Lts</u>	<u>Total</u>
WE II/120/3	1	3	9	20	33
2nd Ech IREQ memo 047052 dated 6 Oct 44			2	11	13
Entitlement	1	3	11	31	46

	<u>Lt-Col</u>	<u>Majs</u>	<u>Cpts</u>	<u>Lts</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Present with Unit</u>	<u>A33s Maj</u>	<u>A33s Capt</u>
<u>7 AUST INF BDE</u>								
Anst Inf Bn	1	3	7	27	38	27	-	-
55 Anst Inf Bn	1	2	8	29	40	32	1	2
61 Anst Inf Bn	1	3	9	25	38	30	-	-
<u>15 AUST INF BDE</u>								
24 Anst Inf Bn	1	2	7	29	39	30	-	5
57/60 Anst Inf Bn	1	3	5	24	33	28	-	3
58/59 Anst Inf Bn	1	2	7	23	33	30	-	5
<u>29 AUST INF BDE</u>								
15 Anst Inf Bn	1	3	7	30	41	26	-	1
42 Anst Inf Bn	1	3	7	27	38	30	-	2
47 Anst Inf Bn	1	3	9	27	40	33	-	-
<u>31 AUST INF BDE</u>								
55/53 Anst Inf Bn	1	2	8	24	35	25	1	2
26 Anst Inf Bn	1	2	10	30	43	38	1	-
31/51 Anst Inf Bn	1	1	11	29	42	33	2	-
<u>33 AUST INF BDE</u>								
7 Anst Inf Bn	1	2	6	23	42	30	-	3
8 Anst Inf Bn	1	2	9	27	39	26	-	-
27 Anst Inf Bn	1	2	12	28	41	24	-	2
Totals	15	35	120	412	582	452	5	25
Entitlement	15	45	165	465	690	690		
Strength	15	35	120	412	582	452		
Deficiency	-	10	45	53	108	238		

Subject: ARTILLERY DEMONSTRATION - 25 PR STAR SHELL.

HQ 2 Aust Corps  
G/689/SD  
12 Feb 45

11 Aust Inf Bde

Copy to: RAA 2 Aust Corps (2)

1. A demonstration of the use of 25 pr Star Shell will be given as follows:

Ref Map : TOROKINA 1 inch to 1 mile

<u>Time</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>OP</u>	<u>Impact Area</u>
2000L	15 Feb. 45	Track bend 666963	Vicinity River Junc 668967

2. The object of the demonstration is to enable a decision to be made on the suitability of star shell to permit:-

(a) An area to be engaged by observed arty fire.

(b) Movement of infantry to a FUP, and to ensure they are not visible from the illuminated area.

3. It is suggested that representatives from your HQ and infantry battalions under command attend.

4. Representatives should RV at OP 66963 at 151955L.

R R VIAL Lt Col  
for Brig  
GS 2 Aust Corps

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2 AUST CORPS

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3 AUST DIV  
23 AUST INF BDE  
RAA 2 AUST CORPS

MOVEMENTS TOROKINA  
MOVEMENTS EMIRAU

SB 894 restricted car 06688D 3 aust div 05120 both NOT to all  
addressees (.)

ONE (.) 3 aust div will prepare det 3 aust svy bty for mov TOROKINA  
EMIRAU under arrangements Q 2 aust corps (.) str 1 offr  
B CR (.) move with eqpt as arranged with RAA 2 aust corps  
(.) under comd 23 aust inf bde on arrival for attachment  
82 aust HAA bty (.) role svy in gun posns (.) duration  
of task 3 days (.)

TWO (.) request 23 aust inf bde arrange return TOROKINA on completion  
duty (.)

THREE (.) advise date each move begins ends

*W. H. Smith*  
1st

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Appendix 31

2 AUST CORPS

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ADV 3 UST DIV  
REAR 3 UST DIV  
11 AUST INF BDE

GO 890 confidential (a) 4 sust fd regt less 10 sty passes from comd 3 sust  
div to 11 sust inf bde 2400 hrs 13 Feb

SGD RR Hal Lt Col.

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**Subject: TRACTORS TRACKED ARTILLERY TD 9**

**AMMUNITION RACKS**

GS 2 Asst Corps (IF)  
3/4/55  
12 Feb 45

3 Asst Div

**Copy to:**

RAI 2 Asst Corps

1. It is considered that the fitting of special ammunition racks to tractors TD9 would ensure that at least some ammunition will always be available with the gun.

2. Such racks constructed from angle iron would be fitted on either side of the tractor and carry the following ammunition :-

Boxes cartridge 155	-	3
Boxes shell 6206	-	5

3. It is understood that this matter has been discussed through service channels and GENE 3 Asst Div is in possession of all details of requirements for their construction.

4. Authority is granted for this modification if considered an operational requirement.

*Alfred C. C. C.*  
For Brig  
GS 2 Asst Corps

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Appendix 33

Subject: INSTRUCTION 32 Aust HAA Bty

Ref: SAA First Aust Army HAA 153 of 1 Feb

SG 2 Aust Corps (AIP)  
S/ 690 /Ops  
12 Feb 45

23 Aust Inf Bde  
32 Aust HAA Bty

It is directed that no action be taken on the  
abovementioned letter (copy attached for 23 Aust Inf Bde only)

*[Signature]*  
a Eric  
SG 2 Aust Corps

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Subject: INSPECTION 32 Aust HAA BATTERY

RAA First Aust Army (AIF)  
1 Feb 45

RAA 153

RAA 2 Aust Corps

Copy to: 32 Aust HAA Bty

1. Consequent on the BSA's inspection of 32 Aust HAA Bty on 21/30 Jan 45, the following advice is forwarded on the matters discussed:-

(a) RAAF POSITIONS

(i) The question of the location of the troops was discussed with the Battery Commander and although better positions could now be obtained, it was considered that no change should be made. In any case a change of either site would be very difficult owing to the absence of mechanical equipment.

(ii) The Radar site at 474 Aust HAA Tp was NOT completely levelled. This should be completed forthwith. Such site should then be A1.

(iii) No work had been done on the Radar site at 475 Aust HAA Tp. The set itself will be moved a short distance when an American AA unit now occupying the area is withdrawn. It is considered that this site will never be better than A2.

(b) REPAIRS

Owing to the absence of accurate maps the battery has NOT been able to fix the position of one troop relative to the other. Arrangements are in hand for a survey party from RAA First Aust Army to proceed to ENHAW to fix the co-ordinates of the troop position. Date of departure of such party will be advised.

(c) REPAIRS

The Battery Commander was NOT satisfied with work of some of his officers and was advised to submit advance reports or requests for replacements as deemed necessary.

(d) RE 6 AUST AA BATTALION

RAF Order of Battle and 2 Vch records show this Unit as being on Tropical Scale Establishment. As the Unit is under strength on such scale a request should be submitted for reinforcements.

(e) PROVISION OF SECOND INSTRUMENT ARTIFICER

RAA First Aust Army is taking the necessary action to have a second instrument artificer attached to the battery.

(f) ATTACHMENT OF WORKSHOP PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT  
TO 32 Aust HAA Bty

Extra AEME personnel and equipment were attached to 109 Det of 100 Aust Ede Wksp at EMIRAU. In view of the proposed withdrawal of this workshop detachment DDME First Aust Army is taking action to have the personnel and equipment at present with 32 Aust HAA Bty, attached to that battery supernumerary to WE. LEQ have been requested through service channels to give authority for the raising of a Workshop Section, for 32 Aust HAA Bty similar to that authorised for 141 Aust HAA Bty.

(g) DEFICIENCIES IN EQUIPMENT

1 Dressch block and 1 LEM were despatched ex 4 Aust AOD to 16 Aust AOD - air freight on 23 Jan 45 to replace equipment lost in transit - 2 Aust Corps OS30 refers.

(h) PAINT FOR EQUIPMENT

Battery advised a shortage of paint. Ord advise that NO stocks of the paints for which indents have been submitted are available at present. LEQ have been requested to forward stocks of necessary paints to 16 Aust AOD urgently.

(i) MT FOR WORKSHOP PERSONNEL

Battery requested that transport be provided for workshop personnel. DDME First Aust Army requested DDME 2 Aust Corps on 16 Jan 45 to forward 1 Jeep and trailer from TOROKINA to EMIRAU for use by workshop personnel. MR295 of 16 Jan 45 refers.

(j) RELIEF OF PERSONNEL OF 3 AUST AA OPS COCH

It was noted that the following personnel had been in NEE QUIERA for some time and might be considered for relief:

NO	Name	Rank	Date of Exemption	Leave	Posting
VX25012	GILES	W V	Sjt	24 May 42	17 Apr 44 A & Q to 12 May 44 30 May 44 to 30 Jun 44
EX151707	CARR	G J	Dir	27 Dec 41	26 Sep 43 Edr to 21 Oct 43 Plotted
VX142173	CURRIE	W	Gr	27 Dec 41	11 Jul 44 TOS to 4 Aug 44 operator
H 266370	MILSAY	A W	Pte	10 Sep 42	26 Apr 44 Cook to 16 May 44

2. It is advised that the EBA intends to revisit EMIRAU IS within the next two or three weeks.

.....Maj  
for Brig  
EBA First Aust Army (AIF)

Appendix 34.

2 JST COMB

132250L

L-NDP/RCS

SD903 confidential (.) for EMT from CCS (.) visited 7 inf bde today and provision of officers and NCOs for trg bns has left them in critical posn for experienced leaders (.) this bde has 20 officers absent with trg units and has supplied 174 NCOs during period Jan-Dec 44 and to date only 7 OR replacements received (.) please make other arrangements for provision this bdes quota whilst engaged active ops (.) 2 Aust corps will submit through firststarmv

IMMEDIATE

*Rw. me*  
Lt-Col

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Subject: SUN FLASH DISTRESS SIGNAL DEVICE - ROBERTSON

HQ 2 Aust Corps (AIF)  
G/705/SD  
14 Feb 45.

3 Aust Div (AIF)  
11 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)  
42 Aust Ldg Craft Coy

1. Samples of the Robertson Sun Flash Signal Device are being distributed for user trials as follows : -

3 Aust Div (AIF) - 38  
11 Aust Inf Bde (AIF) 10  
42 Aust Ldg Craft Coy - 10

2. A description of the device and its possible uses is attached as Appendix 'A'.

3. Addressees are requested to carry out user trials and submit reports to reach HQ 2 Aust Corps within 15 days of receipt of samples. In particular, recommendations on the following points are required : --

- (a) Is this Signal Device an Aust Army requirement?
- (b) If so, on what scale should it be issued?

4. When addressees are prepared to carry out trials with aircraft, this Headquarters should be informed and the necessary arrangements will be made.

Sgd. S. MAXWELL Capt for  
Brig  
GS 2 Aust Corps

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APPENDIX 'A'  
to HQ 2 Aust Corps  
G/705/SD

SUNFLASH DISTRESS SIGNAL DEVICE - ROBERTSON

1. The Robertson Sunflash Distress Signal Device was designed primarily for use by aircrews adrift in dinghies, or by seagoing marine craft crews. The device will reflect powerful sun-flashes to still or fast moving objects and is highly effective in attracting attention up to distances of 10 miles, beyond which aircraft cannot be seen.

2. The device consists essentially of a mirror reflector approximately 3 3/4" x 4 3/4" with a clear ring sight with a red centre, and a wire screen of the same size having a white ring sight, and both connected with a cord.

The two parts give two sights through which the target is sighted.

3. It has been suggested that there may be numerous roles in which this equipment could be used by Army personnel for attracting attention where other means are not practicable. For example : -

(a) Indication to aircraft of forward positions held.

(b) Communication between patrols moving along a coast and supporting watercraft, e.g.,

when either party is not equipped with wireless, or setting of wireless sets is not possible.

(c) In hilly country, to maintain communication between sections not provided with wireless.

(d) For communication between aircraft and small parties lost or cut off by enemy action.

One objection to any large scale issue of this signalling device is that indiscriminate and confusing signalling to aircraft may result.

4. Directions for use are as follows: -

" Hold the reflector parts as shown in diagram (attached to plate). It is not necessary to hold these parts in a horizontal position.

Reflect sunlight on to the screen and a dark spot will be seen. Look through the red mirror sight and manoeuvre the mirror to bring the dark spot on the screen over the centre of the hole in the white ring sight, and also over the position it is wished to contact with sunflashes."



Appendix 36

Subject: 25 PR EQUIPMENTS MARK 11

Ref: RAA 2 Aust Corps Minute No RA26 of 12 Feb

HQ 2 Aust Corps (AEF)  
G/708/50  
14 Feb 45

11 Aust Inf Bde  
RAA 2 Aust Corps

1. Approval is given for the issue of eight 25 pr MK 11 Equipments to 4 Aust Pz Regt in lieu of 25 pr short (Aust) MK 1 which are now held by this unit.

2. Three 25 pr MK 11 equipments which are now available from 16 AGO will be issued forthwith. Further equipments are due in and will be issued when received.

3. 25 pr short (Aust) MK 1 equipments will be subjected to AEME inspection and any repairs or modifications thus found necessary will be made prior to the return of these equipments to 16 AGO.

*William C. C. C.*  
for Brig  
GS 2 Aust Corps

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Appendix 37

**Subject: RECOGNITION SIGNALS - SMALL SURFACE CRAFT**

**Ref: 2 Aust Corps G/487/Ops of 18 Jan 45**

HQ 2 Aust Corps (AIF)  
G/710/Ops  
14 Feb 45

First Aust Army

Copies to: 4 Aust Base Sub Area  
COM NAV NOR SOLS  
COM AIR NOR SOLS

1. Arrangements are being made to standardise the system of identification for use by small vessels in the 2 Aust Corps area on the Department of the Navy ACB 0224 (2) of 10 Mar 43.
2. COM NAV NOR SOLS and COM AIR NOR SOLS respectively, will be the issuing authority for extracts of ACB 0224(2) to naval and air craft in this area, and, as Copy Number 278 of ACB 0224 (2) is held by this Headquarters, approval is requested that this Headquarters be the issuing authority to AMP formations and units in this area.
3. If approved, extracts of ACB 0224 (2) will be promulgated and will be the only system of recognition for small craft of the AMP operating in the area. COM NAV NOR SOLS and COM AIR NOR SOLS are in accord with this principle.

*for*  
Lieutenant-General  
Commander 2 Aust Corps

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2 AUST CORPS

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3 AUST DIV

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as from receipt of this message

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SECRET**Subject: MOVEMENT OF FIELD REGIMENTS****Ref : First Aust Army G/193/Ops of 13 Feb 45**

Hq 2 Aust Corps (AIF)  
 G/27/Ops  
 17 Feb 45

**First Aust Army**

1. Your proposal to release 8/11 Aust Fd Regt to this Corps is appreciated.

2. I am, however, rather disturbed by the fact that it is proposed not to move the regiment until it has been relieved by 13 Aust Fd Regt from the mainland.

3. I anticipate that within the next 14 days 3 Aust Div will be on the line of the PURIATA RIVER and will be commencing their southward move to clear the area up to the HARI RIVER. The present intention to effect this object is to carry out the advance on two main axes :-

KLARAB - TOKINOTU - RUMAI

and

MAKADOKA - HORIEU - RUMIKI - KINDO

4. I am of the opinion that in the area between the PURIATA and HARI RIVERS considerably stronger resistance will be encountered than has hitherto been offered. I am therefore most anxious to be in a position to afford maximum artillery support to the forward troops both to save casualties, and to speed up movement. I consider that one field regiment in support of each battalion is required, and I note with pleasure that you concur in this respect.

5. In view of the time factor, I would respectfully suggest that :-

(a) 8/11 Aust Fd Regt be despatched to TOKOKINA without waiting for relief,

or

(b) 13 Aust Fd Regt be sent direct from the mainland to TOKOKINA,

whichever is the quicker.

  
 Lieutenant

Commander 2 A

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*Ran Kram*

Subject: SPRAYING OF JAPANESE GARDENS

HQ 2 Aust Corps (AIF)  
G/730/Ops  
18 Feb 45

3 Aust Div.

1. A chemical warfare expert from the British Army has just recently visited this area. The question of destruction of enemy gardens by spray, or other means, from aircraft was fully discussed with him. He stated most definitely that there was only one substance (name not recorded) which would be effective but, as it was a toxic poison, it could not be used under the terms of the Geneva Convention.

2. It is not considered that the subject is worth pursuing further.

SGD A R GARRETT Brig  
GS2 Aust Corps

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2 AUST CORPS

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FIRSTAUSTARMY

5 AUST DIV LAE BASE SUB AREA  
6 AUST MOV MET FLT

SD 958 confidential firstaustarmy SD2696 of 311505I (.) det 5 aust  
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2 AUST CORPS

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FIRST AUST ARMY

G0960. SECRET (.) am informed by DSIO that SRD det is to be sent this area ETA 24 feb for suggested employment CHOISEUL (.) have no official advice this subject and do NOT concur employment CHOISEUL (.) area of employment is for decision this HQ (.) detail infm at present available quite inadequate to determine suitable target for SRD and possibly several weeks will elapse before such infm obtained (.) if my information stated above is correct I recommend despatch of party be deferred until suitable date to be notified by this HQ

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2 AUST CORPS

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23 AUST INF BDE

B AUST CORPS SIGS

SD 962 confidential warning order (.) det 9 aust wireless sec (lt) str 5 OR will prepare to move TOROKINA GREEN under arrangements Q branch 2 aust corps (.) move with personal arms and eqpt only (.) on arrival GREEN come under comd 23 aust inf bde (.) on relief B det 5 aust wireless sec (lt) str 5 OR will move GREEN TOROKINA under arrangements 23 aust inf bde (.) on arrival TOROKINA come under comd B aust corps sigs (.) advise dates mov begins and ends

(SGD ) J W MUMFORD Capt

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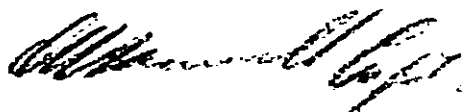
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2 AUST CORPS

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no advice of del 3 lts under issue order 683/8839/13 dec (.) offer our SD749  
air tpt by RHZAF still holds (.) RHZAF require urgently please advise (.)  
DDOS taking up matter of spare parts through service channels



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Appendix 4

Subject: NEW GUINEA INFANTRY BATTALION

HQ 2 Aust Corps  
G/759/Ops  
19 Feb 45

3 Aust Div  
11 Aust Inf Bde

1. OC A Coy NGIB has reported that all pls of his coy are in urgent need of rest, having been in continuous employment over a long period.

In 3 Aust Div area natives have been working in swampy country, their feet have become cut by pit pit and are unable to recover unless rested.

In 11 Aust Inf Bde area there are only two whites with the Pl. Both are on duty continuously and in danger of break down. The natives are coast boys and approximately 50% are suffering from colds and similar complaints.

2. It is essential that NGIB sub-units be given rest and rehabilitation from time to time to ensure that they are kept fit for the arduous duties they are called upon to perform.

The Corps Comd directs that addressees take necessary action.

*JRG* Brig  
GS 2 Aust Corps

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Subject: NEW GUINEA INFANTRY BATTALION  
Ref: 2 Aust Corps G/739/Ops of 19 Feb 45.

HQ 2 Aust Corps (AIF)  
G/746/Ops

3 Aust Div  
11 Aust Inf Bde

1. Further to this HQ memo quoted above.
2. The Corps Comd directs that the principles laid down in "Tactical and Administrative Doctrine for Jungle Warfare" Tactical Directive No 10 and Administrative Directive No 6 be studied. They apply equally to native troops and to native carriers or labour.

Sgd. A.R. GARRETT

GS 2 Aust Brig  
Corps

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Appendix 48.

Subject: COMMAND AA UNITS -- 2 AUST CORPS AREA

Ref: First Aust Army G/1611/SD of 13 Feb 45  
Further to 2 Aust Corps G/593/Ops of 30 Jan 45

Hq 2 Aust Corps (AIF)  
G/740/Ops  
20 Feb 45.

First Aust Army.

1. I would respectfully request that the decision to place 141 Hy AA Bty and 554 Lt AA Bty under command 4 Aust Base Sub Area be reconsidered.

2. To elaborate the reasons previously stated in 2 Aust Corps memo quoted above --

(a) I have on my establishment an RAA headquarters which can assist, supervise and advise on the training of AA units. It has an appreciation of their difficulties and requirements and can take intelligent action to overcome them. 4 Base Sub Area has no such staff or anyone on its staff who understands AA arty.

(b) It is known that 554 LAA Bty has not fired a practice series since arrival on 21 Sep 44. Five of their predictors are out of action due to lack of AEME facilities and the remaining 7 require workshop attention.

(c) During the recent visit of the CGS he discussed with me the subject of the appointment of a CRA to 3 Aust Div. He concurred in the view that the senior artillery adviser must be on the staff of Corps and could not, at the same time, carry out the duties of a CRA to 3 Aust Div. One of his reasons for this opinion was that CCRA Corps must be responsible for the training and technical efficiency of AA units in 2 Corps area.

(d) In the event of attack on the perimeter I at once assume operational command of all units.

SGD. S.E. SAVIGE  
Lieutenant-General  
Commander 2 Aust Corps

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Subject: FLAMETHROWERS MIAI

By 11 Aust Corps (AIP)  
6/1/45  
20 Feb 45

11 Aust Inf Bde

Copy to: 3 Aust Div

1. 16 MIAI Flamethrowers with all available associated stores have been obtained from 33 Forces. Six flamethrowers have been issued to 3 Aust Div but, owing to a shortage in associated stores an issue can not yet be made to 11 Aust Inf Bde. However, action is being taken to procure additional stores and issue will be made on their receipt.

2. Arrangements have been made by 3 Aust Div to conduct a course on the MIAI Flamethrower. The duration of this course will be approximately two weeks, commencing 24 Feb 45, and it is intended to cover the operation and maintenance of the MIAI Flamethrower, its tactical employment and a suggested organization for a Flamethrower platoon. Personnel are available to 11 Aust Inf Bde at this course for one officer and six other ranks. Joining instructions will be issued separately.

4. It is considered that on the completion of this course 11 Aust Inf Bde will have sufficient trained personnel to form the nucleus of a flamethrower platoon.

Sqd. R. Barrett  
Brig  
33 Aust Corps

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Appendix 50.

Subject: LOCATION STATEMENTS LOCATION REPORTS  
AND OPERATIONAL ORDERS OF BATTLE

HQ 2 Aust Corps(AID  
G/ 752 /Ops)  
24 Feb 45

3 Aust Div  
11 Aust Inf Bde  
23 Aust Inf Bde  
6 Aust Comd AL Sec  
46 Aust AL Sec (Tac R sqn)

1. LOCATION STATEMENTS AND OPERATIONAL ORDERS OF BATTLE

In future, formations will submit a combined Location Statement and Order of Battle as at 2359 hours 22nd of each month and an amendment as at 2359 hours 8th of each month to reach this HQ not later than 25th and 10th respectively.

2. LOCATION REPORTS

Formation will submit location reports as necessary during the month.

*[Signature]*  
GS 2 Aust Corps

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Subject: ARTILLERY DEMONSTRATION - 25 PR STAR SHELL 15 FEB 45

Ref : 2 Aust Corps G/689/SD of 12 Feb 45  
 Rear 3 Aust Div G35/116 of 12 Feb 45  
 (not to all addressees)

HQ 2 Aust Corps (AIF)  
 G/ 753 /SD  
 21 Feb 45

3 Aust Div (80)  
 11 Aust Inf Bde (201)  
 23 Aust Inf Bde (35)

Copy to: RAA 2 Aust Corps (2)

1. Demonstrations and trials of 25 pr Star Shell were carried out on 15 Feb 45 in this area.

2. After collating reports from infantry and artillery officers participating, it is considered that star shell would be valuable for any of the following tasks:-

(a) Incorporated in a DF (SOS) task against enemy attacking a perimeter at night, it would permit observation and corrections of arty fire and also the employment of direct fire weapons. When used initially the surprise effect would probably cause the enemy to abandon the attack.

(b) Illumination of likely enemy FUPs, or suspected targets in close proximity to a defensive perimeter.

(c) Incorporated in a defence scheme against enemy landings.

(d) Harassing tasks - Illuminating an area for 4 to 5 nights in succession prior to an attack by our troops at first light.

(e) To permit movement of infantry or APVs along a pad or trail to an assembly area. It is considered that illumination would permit movement at the rate of 100 yds in two minutes along a trail for at least 1800 yards, from the area illuminated.

(f) Guiding Patrols - In daylight and at night firing star shell on a prearranged map reference at a definite time to enable a patrol to locate its position.

(h) To indicate an area to our own aircraft during daylight for bombing or strafing.

(i) Aid to observation of arty fire from air OPA by day

3. The availability of 25 pr star shell in this area is very limited, and sufficient quantities are not yet available for operations.

4. It is hoped to carry out further trials as follows:-

(a) To illuminate an area covered by thick jungle, including a track suitable for movement of troops.

(b) To illuminate off shore waters with co-operation of landing craft.

*[Signature]*  
 Brig  
 GS 2 Aust Corps



Appendix 52

Subject: LEAVE - 1 SEC 2 AUST FD SVY COY

HQ 2 Aust Corps (AIF)  
G/ 760 /SD  
21 Feb 45

First Aust Army

1. The majority of personnel of this section have served outside AUSTRALIA, for periods varying from 15 to 23 months, without accumulated recreational leave.
2. On his recent visit to First Aust Army, the AD Survey, 2 Aust Corps discussed this matter with the Director of Survey. As a result of this discussion, it is understood that some personnel of 1 Sec 2 Aust Fd Svy Coy could be relieved by Det 3 Sec 2 Aust Fd Svy Coy, strength 1 officer and 16 other ranks, from LAE. This would enable a similar number of personnel to be despatched from this area in the next leave draft.
3. This proposal is strongly recommended by this Headquarters and, should it meet with your approval, early movement of the det of 3 Sec 2 Aust Fd Svy Coy is requested.

*Lt. Gen. M. J. George*  
Lieutenant-General  
Commander 2 Aust Corps

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Appendix 54

Subject: COLLECTION OF MATERIAL FOR ATM (AUST)  
VISIT OF OFFICER FROM DMF

HQ 2 Aust Corps (AIF)  
G/165/SD  
21 Feb 45

3 Aust Div

1. It is advised that Capt G M THIRLWELL of DMF Staff LHQ is at present with Headquarters 2 Aust Corps with the object of obtaining material from field formation areas for inclusion in the publication ATM (Aust).

2. In compiling Army Training Memoranda it is considered desirable to include as much information as possible from operations in which the AMP are engaged and from which useful tactical lessons may be derived. Capt TURNBULL previously visited NEW GUINEA during Aug 44 and useful lessons from operations were subsequently promulgated in ATMs.

3. The type of article required for ATM would be description of successful patrols or minor operations, up to and including the scale conducted by a Rifle Coy.

4. It is intended that Capt THIRLWELL compile articles from information supplied by junior commanders. It is desirable that the articles should then be examined by unit, Brigade and Formation Commanders and any comments considered necessary added prior to their submission to HQ 2 Aust Corps.

5. It is desired that Capt THIRLWELL should spend from 26 Feb to 2 Mar (both dates inclusive) with 29 Aust Inf Bde. Capt THIRLWELL will visit Headquarters 3 Aust Div prior to 26 Feb and establish the necessary liaison. He will remain quartered with 2 Aust Corps whilst in this area.

*Thirlwell Capt*

for Brig  
GS 2 Aust Corps

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Appendix 55.

Subject: ITINERARY LT COL W E DEAN INDIAN ARMY

HQ 2 Aust Corps (ALP)  
G/766/SD  
2/ Feb 45

3 Aust Div  
11 Aust Inf Bde

1. Lt Col W E DEAN Indian Army is expected to arrive in this area on 23 Feb 45.
2. It is desired by the C-in-C that this officer be afforded the opportunity of visiting forward operational areas and the following itinerary has been drawn up:

DAY	TO VISIT	ARRANGED BY	IN CONJUNCTION WITH
D	TOROKINA area generally and branches etc 2 Aust Corps	G(Liaison)	---
D plus 1	Adv 3 Aust Div	G(Ops)	3 Aust Div
D plus 2	NUMA NUMA trail	G(Ops)	11 Aust Inf Bde
D plus 3	Liaison with branches etc HQ 2 Aust Corps. Rest.	---	---
D plus 4	Depart TOROKINA for LAE	5 Aust Visitors and Observers Sec	---

3. Addressees are requested to provide every assistance to Lt Col DEAN when visiting formation areas.

*W. E. Dean*  
for Brig  
GS 2 Aust Corps

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JOINING INSTRUCTIONS  
3 AUST DIV FLAME THROWER COURSE  
26 Feb - 10 Mar 45

LOCATION

1. The above course will be held at HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde 630935 (ref TOROKINA one inch to one mile).

OBJECT

2. To train selected infantry personnel in maintenance, handling and tactical employment of the Portable Flame Thrower M1A1.

DURATION

3. The duration of the course is 13 days from 26 Feb to 10 Mar 45.

VACANCIES

4. The following vacancies have been allotted to 11 Aust Inf Bde:

1 Offr (rank Lt)  
6 NCOs

QUALIFICATIONS

5. Students selected will be experienced infantry personnel and suitable for instructors and may be used to form the nucleus of a flame thrower squad.

NOMINAL ROLLS

6. Nominal rolls as per attached pro formae will be forwarded direct to Hq 3 Aust Div by 1500 hours on 24 Feb 45, with a copy to this headquarters.

REPORTING

7. Students will report to GSO 111 (CW) 3 Aust Div (Capt J R Fletcher) at school site by 0830 hours on 26 Feb 45.

TRANSPORT

8. Transport of students to the school on the day of reporting and return to unit, on day following the conclusion of course, will be arranged by units.

ACCOMMODATION AND MESSING

9. Accommodation and messing will be provided at the school.

CLOTHING, EQUIPMENT AND BOOKS

10. (a) Marching order  
(b) Stretcher, bedding, mosquito nets etc.  
(c) Spare working dress.  
(d) Personnel necessities.  
(e) Note books and pencils.

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Appendix 53.

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Subject: DESPATCH RIDER LETTER SERVICE AND SAFE HAND  
DESPATCH TIMETABLES  
AMENDMENT NO 3

HQ 2 Aust Corps (AIF)  
G/761/SD  
21 Feb 45

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1. Appendix 'A' Schedule 1 attached to 2 Aust Corps  
G/88/SD of 30 Nov 44 (amended) is cancelled.
- ... 2. Attached hereto is a revised Appendix 'A' Schedule 1  
which will operate as from 0700L 25 Feb 45.

*Maxwell Capt*  
for Brig  
GS 2 Aust Corps

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Appendix 'A' to  
2 Aust Corps  
G/ 761 SD

DRLs TIME TABLE - BOUGAINVILLE ISLAND

Schedule 1 (a)

FORMATION	Daily Runs				
	1	2	3	4	5
HQ 2 Aust Corps Departs	0700	0945	1400	1800	2200
COMAIRVORSOLS ) COMZEAIRTAFF ) 5 Aust Comd AL Sec )	0708	0953	1408	1808	2208
JAN Comms Centre	0713	0958	1413	1813	2213
HQ 11 Aust Inf. Bde	0720	1005	1420	1820	2220
Rear HQ 3 Aust Div	0730	1015	1430	1830	2230
HQ 2 Aust Corps arrives	0745	1030	1445	1845	2245

Despatches for NEW GUINEA and AUSTRALIA  
final clearance Run 2.

Despatches from NEW GUINEA and AUSTRALIA  
first delivery Run 3  
(weather permitting arrival of Air Courier).

Schedule 1 (b)

HQ 2 Aust Corps  
to  
HQ 4 Aust Base Sub Area  
and  
2/1 Aust Mov and Tn Gp  
and  
RETURN

Half hourly service  
between 0700L  
and 2300L.  
Thereafter as required.

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Copy No. 33...

22 Feb 45.

2 AUSTRALIAN CORPS OPERATION INSTRUCTION No 6AIR SUPPORT AND SELECTION OF AIR TARGETS

1. This instruction defines the principles to be observed in the control of air support in 2 Aust Corps area and will be taken into effect forthwith. Relevant paras in 2 Aust Corps Operation Instructions Nos 1 and 3 are cancelled.

Part I - Control of Air SupportAIR SUPPORT STRIKES

2. (a) Control of - HQ 2 Aust Corps will exercise control of all air support strikes. Subordinate formations under command of 2 Aust Corps (incl AIB) will pass direct to 2 Aust Corps all requests for air support (Tac R requests are dealt with under para 3). 2 Aust Corps will allot priorities and pass requests to Air Force for necessary action.

Subordinate formations will NOT liaise direct with Air Force on matters affecting strikes. Once aircraft have taken off on a prearranged mission they will not be diverted by ground troops unless the ground situation makes this action imperative.

- (b) Requests for - Requests for air support will be passed by army signal channels to HQ 2 Aust Corps or, where available, by air support link to 84 AC Wing RAAF who will immediately pass them to HQ 2 Aust Corps for action as in para 2.

TAC R

3. Requests for Tac R, Arty R or Contact R may be passed direct to 84 AC Wing RAAF by 3 Aust Div and 11 Aust Inf Bde with copy for information to HQ 2 Aust Corps. Should 84 AC Wing RAAF be unable to comply with all requests received they will submit them to HQ 2 Aust Corps who will determine priorities.

TAC R LEAD IN

4. When submitting requests for air strikes, formations will NOT request Tac R lead-in as the decision as to whether or not this is necessary rests solely with the Air Force in consultation with 2 Aust Corps.

AIR PHOTOS

5. Requests for air photos will be submitted to 2 Aust Corps in accordance with the attached pro-forma (Appx "A") or by signal embodying this information.

OP AIRCRAFT

6. When aircraft and ground facilities are available, OP aircraft may be made available to subordinate formations either :

(a) by allotment of aircraft for the general use of a formation

or (b) by allotment for a specific mission only.

7. Operational control of AUSTER aircraft is vested in the Officer Commanding the detachment. His instructions are to meet all requests which are within the limitations of the aircraft and his maintenance organisation.

#### RECCE FLIGHTS

8. Requests for recce by unit or staff officers, other than in AUSTER aircraft allotted to formations, will be passed direct to 2 Aust Corps.

#### Part II - Selection of Air Targets

9. 2 Aust Corps "Tactical and Administrative Doctrine for Jungle Warfare" Tactical Directive No 9 lays down clearly the policy to be followed in the selection of air targets for the support of ground troops.

10. To achieve the maximum results for the engagement of air targets it is essential that the following requirements be considered in making requests for air support.

11. Requests will contain as many of the following factors as are available :

(a) Type of support - Whether bombing, strafing or a combination of both is suggested, stating the object to be achieved, eg, coordinated with infantry attack, to destroy defensive positions, to neutralise enemy resistance along tracks etc.

(b) Description and extent of target - Whether hut concentration, bivouac or HQ areas or concentrations of troops, dumps, barge off-loading points, defensive positions etc, and the area the target covers.

(c) Location - By reference to air support photo, map or photomaps. In fixing map reference it must be borne in mind that maps may be inaccurate and it is not always possible for Air Force to identify targets positively when map references only are given. Any definite features or objects (ie gardens, tracks, rivers etc) in relation to the target is of value in assisting exact location.

(d) Indication of Target - The method by which it is proposed to indicate target, eg smoke shells, mortar fire or pyrotechnics, and the line of approach which it is thought will give the best results.

(e) Timings - Time attack required eg:

"NOT before -----"  
"NOT after -----"  
"Time immaterial" etc.

This applies particularly when coordinating with ground attack. Due to many limiting factors no guarantee can be given that aircraft will be over a target at a stipulated time, but it can be assured that no attack will take place BEFORE or AFTER the particular time when so requested.

(f) Target Bomblines - Identifiable or outstanding features if available, that can be recognised from the air - whether own troops are East, West, North or South of lines indicated. It is NOT desirable to give bomblines enclosing a small space as this restricts pilots in the selection of bombing runs.



(g) Secondary Target - Description and location of secondary target which must be covered by target bomblines. When no desirable secondary target is available it is not necessary to include this fact in the request.

12. Except when operations make it impossible, requests for air support should be forwarded to HQ 2 Aust Corps by 1200 hrs on the day prior to that on which the attack is to take place. This is necessary to allow aircraft to be armed, frequencies adjusted, pilots briefed etc.

## GENERAL

13. In close support or coordinated attacks delay in identification of targets by ground troops should be avoided as the air force plan of attack has been decided prior to take off and any delay upsets this plan.

14. Ground troops should NOT ask aircraft to fly at low altitudes, either for identification of FDLs or other reasons. It is considered unsafe for aircraft loaded with bombs to fly below stated heights. Aircraft will fly as low as is necessary having regard to this safety factor.

ACKNOWLEDGE  
Signed at 1400 hrs.

~~Shirley~~ Brig  
GS 2 Aust Corps

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APPENDIX "A"  
to 2 Aust Corps  
Operation Instruction No 6

REQUEST FOR AIR PHOTOGRAPHS

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Appendix 58.

Subject: AIRCRAFT AND TANK RECOGNITION MODELS

HQ 2 Aust Corps (AIF)  
G/773/SD  
23 Feb 45

First Aust Army

1. Under existing operational conditions, units of 2 Aust Corps lack transport and storage facilities for aircraft and tank recognition models. Further, owing to their fragile nature the breakages have been extremely high.
2. It is requested that DMT HQ be approached with a view to discontinuing the distribution of aircraft and tank models to formations and units of 2 Aust Corps. It is suggested that the models be stored on the mainland and called forward when required.

SGD STAN G SAWIGE  
Lieutenant-General  
Commander 2 Aust Corps

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Appendix 59

SECRET

Subject: WAR USAGE DATE DATA  
OPERATIONAL ACTIVITY

Ref: First Aust Army G/774/SD of 5 Dec 44

HQ 2 Aust Corps (AIF)  
G/774 /SD  
23 Feb 45

First Aust Army

... Attached as Appendix 'A' are details of units operating  
at contact intensity during period 21 Jan to 20 Feb 45.

*Sgt M. Savage*

Lieutenant-General  
Commander 2 Aust Corps

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APPENDIX 'A'  
to HQ 2 Aust Corps  
G/176/SD

STATEMENT OF UNITS OF 2 AUST CORPS OPERATING AT CONTACT

Period 21 Jan 45 to 20 Feb 45

Ser ial	Arm or Service	Unit	No of days at contact activity	Remarks
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
		<u>3 AUST DIV</u>		
1	HQ UNITS	HQ Aust Div	31	
2		Three HQ Aust Inf Bde	31	
3		Sec LHQ Mil History Pd Team	31	
4	CAV	Aust-Commando Sqn	31	
5	ARMED	Sqn Aust Armd Regt	31	
6	ARTY	HQ RAA Aust Div	31	
7		Aust Fd Regt	31	24 guns deployed for 31 days
8		Ety Aust Fd Regt	31	NIL guns deployed
9		Aust Svy Ety	31	
10	ENGRS	HQ RAE Aust Div	31	
11		Four Aust Fd Coys (less one pl)	31	
12		Aust Fd Fk Coy	31	
13		Composite Fl Aust Ldg Craft Coy	31	operating (9 ALC 20 (1 LCV (P) (2 LCP (R) (1 LCA
14	SIGS	Aust Div Sigs	31	
15		Det Aust Armd Regt Sig Tp	31	
16		Two Aust Fd Regt Sig Secs	31	
17		Three Aust Bde Sig Secs	31	
18		Aust Engr Sig Sec	31	
19		Aust Cipher Sec (Type K)	31	
20		Det Aust Pigeon Sec	31	
21	IMP	Nine Aust Inf Bns	31	
22		Coy HQ Inf Bn (less one pl)	31	
23		Coy HQ and four pls Aust Fd Regt	31	

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
24	INT	Det Allied Translator and Interpreter Sec	31	
25		Sec Aust PS	31	
26	ST	HQ Comd Aust Div AASC	31	
27		HQ Aust Gen Tpt Coy	31	
28		HQ and one sec wksp pl Aust Gen Tpt Coy	31	
29		Four Aust Tpt Pls	31	
30		HQ Aust Sup Dep Coy	31	
31		Six Aust Sup Dep Pls	31	
32	MED	Aust CCS	31	
33		Three Aust Fd Ambs	31	
34		Aust Malaria Control Unit (Type A)	31	
35		Aust Hosp Laundry Unit (Type B)	31	
36	DENTAL	Aust Dental Unit	31	
37	ORD	Sqn Sub Pk Aust Arm'd Regt Ord Fd Pk	31	
38		Three Aust Ord Fd Pks	31	
39	ARMB	Sqn Wksp Sec Aust Arm'd Regt Wksp	31	
40		Three Aust LADs (Type A)	31	
41		One Aust LAD (Type D)	31	
42		Three Aust LADs (Type J)	31	
43		Three Aust Bde Wksp	31	
44	PAY	Aust Div Fd Cash Office	31	
45	POSTAL	Aust Div Postal Unit (plus three dets)	31	
46	PRO	Aust Div Pro Coy (less one sec)	31	
47		Two secs Aust Army Pro Coy	31	
48	MISC	Aust Div Reception Camp	31	
49		Aust Div Sal Unit	31	

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
		<u>11 AUST INF BDE</u>		
50	HQ UNITS	HQ Aust Inf Bde	31	
51	ARTY	Aust Fd Regt less one Bty	31	3 guns delayed for first 27 days thereafter 12 guns
52		Aust Mtn Bty (Moch)	31	2 guns deployed for first 8 days thereafter 4 guns
53	ENGRS	Aust Fd Coy	31	
54		Det Aust Ldg Craft Coy	31	Str 3 offrs 25 CR operating 4 - ALC20 1 - LCP(R)
55	SIGS	Aust Bde Sig Sec	31	
56		Det Aust Wireless Sec (lt)	31	
57		Det Aust Pigeon Sec	31	
58	INF	Three Aust Inf Bns	31	
59		Pl NG Inf Bn	31	
60		Pl Aust Gd Regt	31	
61		Aust Bde Sp Coy	31	
62	INT	Det Aust FS Sec	31	
63	ST	Aust Tpt Pl	31	
64		Two Aust Sup Dep Pls	31	
65	MED	Aust Fd Amb	31	
66	DENTAL	Three Secs Aust Dental Unit	31	
67	ORD	Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk	31	
68	AEME	Aust Bde Wksp	31	
69		Aust LAD (Type J)	31	
70	PAY	Det Aust Div Fd Cash Office	31	
71	POSTAL	Det Aust Div Postal Unit	31	
72	PRO	Det Aust Div Pro Coy	31	

Appendix 60.

2 AUST CORPS

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RAA 2 AUST CORPS

SD/1006 (.) RESTRICTED (.) considered op necessity replace eight 25 pr  
(short) (AUST) mk 1 on issue 4 aust fd regt with eight 25 pr mk 2 (.)  
eqpt available this area (.) request approval

*William H. H. H.*  
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Appendix 61

Hq First Aust Army (AIF)  
24 Feb 45  
G/1762/3D

Subject: QUARTER AMMUNITION 3.7 INCH

2 Aust Corps

Reference 2 Aust Corps G/687/3D of 12 Feb 45.

1. It is regretted that approval cannot be granted for replacement of 10% WAT entitlement of 3.7 AA ammunition to 32 Aust HAA Bty as requested.
2. 32 Aust HAA Bty moved to 2 Aust Corps area with WAT ammunition only as it was felt that this was sufficient to cover both training and operational requirements at the time. It is considered present circumstances still support this decision and WAT entitlement will also be sufficient for 141 Aust HAA Bty.
3. As an army reserve of 3.7 AA ammunition is held at LAE it is not proposed to place any reserves or maintenance stocks in 13 Aust AAD.

Sgd. E...SHEAHAN Brig  
G3 First Aust Army

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Appendix 62

Subject: STEN GUNS

Ref : Your 44/56/45 of 19 Feb 45

Hq 2 Aust Corps (AIF)  
G/797/Ops  
25 Feb 45

The Commanding Officer  
British Solomon Islands Protectorate Defence Force  
Office of the Resident Commissioner  
British Solomon Islands Protectorate

1. Your offer to make available 100 Sten guns and associated stores for use in this area is greatly appreciated and I would be delighted to avail myself of it.

2. Major BROCKWAY, of my Staff is visiting GUADALCAGAL on a vessel leaving this area approximately 28 Feb. He will be instructed to contact you and to take delivery of the equipment either direct from you, or should you prefer it, from MUNDA on the return voyage.

3. As regards accounting, it is suggested that the weapons be on loan for a period of say six months. At the end of that time reports on their efficiency in operations will be submitted for you to forward to the issuing authorities. The matter of permanent acquisition return or further loan can then be considered.

4. This normal Sten gun has proved itself of great value in jungle fighting and the silenced type should prove of considerable assistance to our forward patrols.

*Sgt. Stan G. Savage*  
Lieutenant-General  
Commander 2 Aust Corps

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SECRETSubject: IDENTIFICATION SIGNALS FOR USE BY SMALL VESSELS

HQ 2 Aust Corps (AIF)  
 G/802/Ops  
 26 Feb 45

3 Aust Div  
 11 Aust Inf Bde  
 23 Aust Inf Bde  
 42 Aust Ldg Craft Coy

Copies to:

4 Aust Base Sub Area  
 COM NAV NORSOLS  
 COM AIR NORSOLS  
 COM ZE AIR TAF (5)  
 84 (AC) Wing RAAF

GENERAL

1. Arrangements have now been made for the system of identification signals for use by small vessels operating in 2 Aust Corps area, to be standardised on the Department of the Navy ACB 0224(2) of Mar 43.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE

2. Instructions for the use of ACB 0224 (2) are attached as Appendix 'A'.

EFFECTIVE DATE

3. This system will come into operation as from 1.1. 0101L hrs 6 Mar 45, and will be the only system of identification signals to be used by Australian small craft.

DISTRIBUTION OF EXTRACTS

5. Extracts of ACB 0224(2) to cover each ensuing month will be issued to action addressees by this Headquarters in sufficient time to allow the relevant information contained therein to be passed to all concerned.

ACTION TO BE TAKEN IN EVENT OF COMPROMISE

6. Should it be suspected that identification signals have become compromised, this headquarters will be advised immediately. Action will then be taken to issue a new set of identification signals.

*[Signature]* Brig  
 GS 2 Aust Corps

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APPENDIX 'A'  
to 2 Aust Corps  
G/802/Ops

ACB 0224 (2)  
(August 43)

IDENTIFICATION SIGNALS FOR USE BY SMALL VESSELS

NOTES (i) This form of identification is for use between :

(a) All small surface craft of the Allied Forces operating North of 18° South, which are not supplied with extracts from Current Basic Key Memoranda..

(b) Allied warships, aircraft and shore signal stations other than Port War Signal Stations.

(ii) It may also be used by Allied Land Forces in the area defined above which are not provided with recognition signals from the current Basic Key Memoranda.

INSTRUCTIONS

CHALLENGE

1. The challenge is to be made by signalling lantern at a speed of not more than eight words per minute. It is to consist of the letters "OE" when made by warships or aircraft, and of the letters "INT" made as one sign when made by Shore Stations.

2. It is imperative that the identification signal be made immediately in reply to the challenge, in order to ensure that fire is not opened.

IDENTIFICATION

3. By Day (i.e. from Sunrise to Sunset)

The letters of the day are to be flashed twice through by directional signalling lantern. In addition, surface craft shall also hoist the three international signal flags representing the proper letter combination.

4. By Night (i.e. from Sunset to Sunrise)

The identification signal consists of a three letter pronounceable group such as "DUG" "NAP" etc. Night identification signals are to be made using a directional lantern of sufficient brilliancy, the signal being made twice through.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF SIGNALS

5. Allied aircraft and Shore Signal Stations will acknowledge the identification signal from Army vessels by flashing the letter "R" three times on a signalling lantern.

SECRET

ACB 0224(2)  
(March 43)

FORM TO BE USED TO SUPPLY SMALL SHIPS WITH IDENTIFICATION SIGNALS

NOTE: IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE MASTERS OF SMALL SHIPS TO OBTAIN THE NECESSARY EXTRACTS OF, AND INSTRUCTIONS IN THE USE OF THESE RECOGNITION SIGNALS FROM THE NAVAL OFFICER-IN-CHARGE AT THE PORT OF DEPARTURE. IN THE EVENT OF THERE BEING NO NAVAL OFFICER-IN-CHARGE AT THE PORT OF DEPARTURE, THE ABOVE INFORMATION SHOULD BE OBTAINED FROM THE LOCAL OFFICER-IN-CHARGE, SMALL SHIPS DIVISION.

Allied warships and aircraft will challenge you by flashing the letters "OE". Shore Stations will challenge with the group "INT" made as one sign. On receipt of such challenge, you must immediately identify yourself as follows :-

IDENTIFICATION

1. By Day (Sunrise until Sunset)

Combination of three international signal flags will be used. These flags must be hoisted in as conspicuous a position as possible. The letters for the day (same as flags) are also to be flashed twice through by signalling lantern when challenged by aircraft, and when visibility conditions are poor. Ships not equipped with signal flags are to flash the letters for the day when challenged.

2. By Night (Sunset to Sunrise)

The identification signal consists of a three letter pronounceable group such as "IUG", "NAP" etc. Night identification signals are to be made twice through using a directional lantern of sufficient brilliancy.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF SIGNALS

Allied aircraft and Shore Signal Stations will acknowledge identification signal from Army vessels by flashing the letter "R" three times on a signalling lantern.

S E C R E T

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26 Feb 45

Subject: 2 AUST CORPS OPERATION INSTRUCTION NO 7Ref Maps: DYLINE SHEETS 1:25000 series : NAIRONA  
BARARA  
RUMIKI1 in to 1 mile series : AITARA  
MOTUPENA PT  
KARA

GOC 3 Aust Div

ROLE

1. The 'ultimate' role allotted to your division in 2 Aust Corps Operation Instruction No 3 paragraph 8 remains unchanged.

2. Your next 'immediate' role to achieve that objective is as follows :-

(a) Clear the enemy from, and establish control over, the area between the PURIATA and HARI RIVERS. This will be carried out in two stages -

First Stage Reconnoitre forward to the HONGORI RIVER and clear to that line.Second Stage Reconnoitre forward then clear to the line HARI RIVER - MONOITU - KAPANA.

(b) Clear the coastal sector, and reconnoitre for suitable barge unloading points between PURIATA and HARI RIVERS.

(c) As early as practicable, secure a coastal supply point from which a road link can be connected to the main HIRU HIRU - AKU road. It is suggested that this should be in the AITARA or MAMGATA area.

METHOD

3. For this task, not more than one infantry brigade group will be employed in the forward area without reference to this Headquarters.

The equivalent of one battalion of the brigade should be kept in reserve.

4. Operations will be conducted with a view to destroying the enemy in the areas at present occupied by him and to prevent, if possible, his withdrawal across the HARI RIVER.

5. The principle of economy of force will be applied, particularly in regard to the employment of troops on inland tracks. The principles laid down in "TACTICAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE DOCTRINE FOR JUNGLE WARFARE" (our G/358/SD of 20 Jan) will be followed in full.

ADMINISTRATION

6. 3 Aust Div will be responsible for all administrative functions (including staffing of depots and unloading stores moved by sea) south of TOROKINA RIVER inclusive, except as follows :-

(a) 2 Aust Corps will be responsible, as required, for transport of stores by sea to ADELE RIVER or a landing beach further forward when such a suitable area can be located.

(b) Subject to unforeseen circumstances arising, 2 Aust Corps will be able to deliver by air dropping to suitable dropping areas a maximum daily average of 20,000 lbs of stores

7. Operational, and administrative units of a reserve brigade may be employed as necessary in maintenance installations on the L of C and on maintenance of the L of C but NOT south of the line MAWARAKA - MOSIGETTA.

SUBMISSION OF PLANS

8. An outline operational and administrative plan to effect the above will be submitted to this Headquarters as early as possible.

ACKNOWLEDGE

Signed at 1515 hrs

*ATL 9/11/44* Brig  
GS 2 Aust Corps

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RA 2 Aust Corps	2	Officer Safe Hand
First Aust Army (2)	3 - 4	Air Safe Hand
Comd	5	Officer Safe Hand
BGS	6	"
DA & QMG	7	"
CE	8	"
CSO	9	"
Q	10	"
File (2)	11 - 12	
War Diary (2)	13 - 14	

Appendix 65

S E C R E T

Subject: OPERATIONAL PATROLS BY NATIVE PERSONNEL

HQ 2 Aust Corps (AIF)  
G/807/Ops  
26 Feb 45

ANGAU  
11 Aust Inf Bde

1. It would be appreciated if a further attempt could be made to gain information of TAIOP ISLAND by means of an ANGAU native patrol to that area.

It should operate from PUTO in a similar manner to the previous native patrol which attempted to reach the same area.

2. The information required concerning TAIOP ISLAND is as follows :-

(a) Total number of enemy on TAIOP and KATITJ ISLANDS, where located in detail and the strength at each point

(b) Any obtainable information of beach defences

(c) Details of enemy weapons particularly guns.

3. Lt Col VIAL G I (Ops) of this Headquarters will discuss proposals with you.

4. Of course, 11 Aust Inf Bde will give all possible assistance to you to implement your plan and direct liaison with HQ 11 Aust Inf Bde is authorised on questions of the despatch of the patrol.

W. Dwyer

Brig  
G3 2 Aust Corps



*See also  
Appendix 66*

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Subject: 2 AUST CORPS LOCATION STATEMENT AND ORDER  
OF BATTLE NUMBER 5

HQ 2 Aust Corps (AIF)  
G/804/Ops  
27 Feb 45

- 1. Attached as Appendix 'A' hereto is 2 Aust Corps Location Statement and Order of Battle No 5.
2. This statement includes locations and command of units of 2 Aust Corps as at 2309 hrs 23 Feb 45.
3. Distribution of relevant information only will be made to your subordinate formations, etc.
4. It is requested that any errors in location or command of units be notified to this Headquarters by formations concerned.
5. Please destroy 2 Aust Corps Location Statement and Order of Battle No 4 and acknowledge receipt on subtyped pro forma.

*R. J. ...*  
for Brig  
GS 2 Aust Corps

DISTRIBUTION (see over)

HQ 2 Aust Corps (AIF)

Receipt is acknowledged of 2 Aust Corps Location Statement and Order of Battle No 5 dated Feb 45

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11 Aust Inf Bde	2	DRIS
23 Aust Inf Bde	3	Air Safe Hand
R1A 2 Aust Corps	4	Hand
B Aust Corps Sigs (4)	5 - 8	"
3 Aust Adv 2nd Ech	9	DRIS
6 Aust Comd AL Sec	10	"
46 Aust AL Sec (Tac R Sqn)	11	"
2 Aust Corps Postal Unit	12	Hand
PA to Comd	13	"
BGS	14	"
DA & QMG	15	"
G (Ops)	16	"
G (Int)	17	"
Message Control Centre	18	"
CE	19	"
CSO	20	"
A	21	"
Med	22	"
MS	23	"
Q	24	"
ST	25	"
Ord	26	"
EME	27	"
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Base PO		
Det NG Details Dep		
Det 10 L of C Stationery Dep		
Det NG AA Canteens Service)		
2/1 Aust Mov & Tn Gp	46	"
USAF NORSOLS	47	"
COM AIR NORSOLS	48	"
COM ZEE AIR TAF	49	"
COM NAV NORSOLS	50	"
2 Aust Corps Liaison Officer LTD BRISBANE 51		Air Safe Hand

# 2 AUST CORPS LOCATION STATEMENT AND ORDER OF BATTLE NUMBER 5

As at 2359 hrs 23 Feb 45

Ref Maps BOUGAINVILLE 1-in series TAI OF ISLAND CAPE MOLTKE AITA TOROKINA  
MOTUPENA PT AND PURIATA RIVER (M PT & PR)  
1:25000 series KOWAR MOSIGETTA NARONA BARARA  
RUMIKI HIHU HIRU

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APPENDIX 'A'  
to HQ 2 Aust Cor  
G/804/Ops

Serial	Arm or Service	War Office Serial No		Unit	Ref Map	Location	Remarks
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)
				C O R P S T R O O P S			
A1	HQ UNITS	45732		HQ 2 Aust Corps (AIF)	TOROKINA	578936	
A2		47912		Det Directorate Public Relations	TOROKINA	578936	LHQ Tps
A3		45129		5 Aust Mob Met Flt less	TOROKINA	578936	LHQ Tps
A3a				Det 5 Aust Mob Met Flt	KOWARO	657096	Under comd 11 Bde see serial F2
A4		92625		3 Aust Adv 2nd Ech	TOROKINA	602939	
A5		45189		6 Aust Comd AL Sec (AIF)	TOROKINA	573938	Allotted to COM AIR NORSOLS
A6		49226		15 Aust Sqn AL Sec	GREEN IS		Under comd 23 Bde for local adm see serial G7; allotted to COM AIR GREE.
A7		49227		16 Aust Sqn AL Sec	TOROKINA	573938	Allotted to 6 Aust Comd AL Sec (AIF)
A8		49243		32 Aust Sqn AL Sec	TOROKINA	581952	Attached 46 Aust AL Sec (Tac R Sqn) allotted 10 Comm Unit
A9		49244		33 Aust Sqn AL Sec	TOROKINA	576952	Att 46 Aust AL Sec (Tac R Sqn)
A10		45183		47 Aust Sqn AL Sec	TOROKINA	578936	Allotted COM AIR PIVA
A11		49257		52 Aust Sqn AL Sec	EMIRAU IS		Under comd 23 Bde for local adm see serial G8; allotted COM AIR EMIRAU

(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)
				<u>CORPS TPS (Continued)</u>			
A12		49258		53 Aust Sqn AL Sec	TOROKINA	585958	Allotted COM AIR PIVA
A13		45185		46 Aust AL Sec (Tac R Sqn)	TOROKINA	576952	Allotted to 5 Tac R Sqn RAAF
A14		45109		No 4 Mil History Sec Fd Team	TOROKINA	578936	LHQ Tps
A15	ARTY	92694	%	HQ RAA 2 Aust Corps	TOROKINA	578936	CB Staff not raised
A16		48483	TS	2 Aust Mtn Bty (Mech)(AIF) less	TAIOF IS	222541	} under comd 11 Bde see serial F4
A16a				Rear party 2 Aust Mtn Bty	TOROKINA	549933	
A17		48621		U Aust Hy Bty (Coast)(HE)(AIF)	TOROKINA	557942	
A18	ENGRS	47748		7 Aust BD Pl	TOROKINA	665875	Under comd 3 Div; see serial B15
A19		61171		1 Mech Eqpt Pl (less det)2/1 Aust Rly Constr Coy (Mech Eqpt)	TOROKINA	553944	Under comd for ops only; remains under comd 4 Aust Base Sub Area for other purposes
A20		48276		42 Aust Ldg Craft Coy(AIF)less	TOROKINA	561900	HQ and one ALC 15 Pl; one ALC20 pl; one ALC 40 pl
A20a				Det 42 Aust L dg Craft Coy (AIF)	M PT & PR	780799	Det equals one composite pl under comd 3 Div see serial B16
A20b				Det 42 Aust Ldg Craft Coy (AIF)	TAIOF IS	524536	
A21		92423		Det 1 Aust Water Amb Convoy (AIF)	M PT & R	770804	Under comd from 4 Base Sub Area for local adm only; see serial B17
A22	SVY	45594		1 Svy Sec 2 Aust Fd Svy Coy(AIF)	TOROKINA	577935	
A23	SIGS	45747		HQ B Aust Corps Sigs (AIF) less	TOROKINA	578936	
A23a				Adm Sec HQ B Aust Corps Sigs (AIF)	TOROKINA	577936	
A24		45749	TS	2 Aust Tech Maint Sec (HE)(AIF)	TOROKINA	577939	

(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)
A25				HQ 1 Coy B Aust Corps Sigs (AIF)	TOROKINA	577939	
A26		45753	TS	2 Aust Line Maint Sec (AIF)	TOROKINA	577939	
A27		61330	TS	4 Aust Line Sec (AIF)	M H & R	705585	
A28		61331	TS	5 Aust Line Sec	TOROKINA	577939	
A29		47999	TS	27 Aust Line Sec less	TOROKINA	577939	
A29a				Det 27 Aust Line Sec (AIF)	TOROKINA	739844	
A29b				Det 27 Aust Line Sec (AIF)	M H & R	779705	
A30				HQ 2 Coy B Aust Corps Sigs (AIF)	TOROKINA	577939	
A31		61339	TS	5 Aust Tg Op Sec	TOROKINA	577939	
A32		45755	TS	6 Aust Op Sec (AIF)	TOROKINA	577939	
A33		45037	TS	38 Aust Op Sec (AIF)	TOROKINA	577939	
A34		45237	TS	26 Aust Tele Swbd Op Sec (AIF)	TOROKINA	577939	
A35		45758	TS	4 Aust DR Sec (AIF)	TOROKINA	577939	
A36		45231	TS	10 Aust DR Sec (AIF)	TOROKINA	577939	
A37		61343	TS	5 Aust Wireless Sec (lt)(AIF) less	TOROKINA	577939	
A37a				A det 5 Aust Wireless Sec (lt)(AIF)	GREEN IS		Under comd 23 Bde; see serial G15
A37b				B det 5 Aust Wireless Sec (lt)(AIF)	TAIOF IS	224536)	Under comd 11 Bde; see serial F8
A37c				C det 5 Aust Wireless Sec (lt)(AIF)	TOROKINA	577939)	
A38		48012	TS	9 Aust Wireless Set (lt)(less two dets)	TOROKINA	577939	Dets not under comd

(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)
A39		48367	TS	44 Aust Wireless Sec (hy) (AIF)	TOROKINA	577939	
A40		48664	TS	4 Aust Cipher Sec (Type A) (less two dets) less	TOROKINA	577939	Two dets NOT under comd
A4Ca				Det 4 Aust Cipher Sec (Type A)	GREEN IS		Under comd 23 Bde see serial G17
A41				HQ 3 Coy B Aust Corps Sigs (AIF)	TOROKINA	577939	
A42		48574		1 Aust Water Tpt Gp Sig Sec (AIF)	TOROKINA	532931	Army tps under 4 Base Sub Area for local adm;
A43		47369	TS	7 Aust Pigeon Sec (Type A) less	TOROKINA	580942	
A43a				A det 7 Aust Pigeon Sec (Type A)	AITA	262238	
A43b				C det 7 Aust Pigeon Sec (Type A)	M PT & HR	766611	
A43c				D det 7 Aust Pigeon Sec (Type A)	TAIOF IS	224636	
A43d				E det 7 Aust Pigeon Sec (Type A)	M PT & PR	774760	
A44		45272	TS	36 Aust Wireless Task Sec (AIF) less	GREEN IS		} Under comd 23 Bde see serials G15 ) G16a
A44a				Det 36 Aust Wireless Task Sec	EMIRAU IS		
A45		45274	TS	38 Aust Wireless Task Sec (AIF) less	TREASURY IS		} Under comd 23 Bde see serials, G18 ) G16a
A45a				Det 38 Aust Wireless Task Sec (AIF)	MUNDA		
A46		45258		Det 61 Aust Wireless Sec (Type C) (AIF)	TOROKINA	598939	LHQ Tps; under comd for ops and local adm; balance unit LAE
A47	INF	49466		A Coy 1 NG Inf Bn less	M PT & HR	779706	Under comd 7 Bde see serial C11
A47a				One pl A Coy 1 NG Inf Bn	KOWARA	677113	Under comd 11 Bde see serial F12
A48		61005	TS	22 Pl F Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt	TOROKINA	578936	LHQ tps
A49	INT	46195		2 Aust Corps Sec Int Corps	TOROKINA	578936	

(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)
A50		45138		Det Allied Translator & Interpreter Sec (five units)	TOROKINA	578936	LHQ tps
A51		47914		Det 1 Aust AAP IU (AIF)	TOROKINA	578936	
A52		45173	TS	25 Aust FS Sec (AIF) less	TOROKINA	578936	
A52a				Det 25 Aust FS Sec (AIF)	TAIOF IS	224536	Under cmd 11 Bde sees serial F15
A53	DENTAL	45384	TS	HQ 72 Aust Dental Unit (AIF)	TOROKINA	578936	
A53a				HQ det 72 Aust Dental Unit (AIF)	AITA	265539	
A53b				A Sec 72 Aust Dental Unit (AIF)	TOROKINA	562902	
A53c				B Sec 72 Aust Dental Unit (AIF)	KONUA	260355	
A53d				C Sec 72 Aust Dental Unit (AIF)	TAIOE IS	224536	
A53e				D Sec 72 Aust Dental Unit (AIF)	KOWARO	658094	
A53f				E Sec 72 Aust Dental Unit (AIF)	TOROKINA	578938	
A53g				F Sec 72 Aust Dental Unit (AIF)	TOROKINA	546936	
A54	ORD	49045	TS	126 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk (AIF)	TOROKINA	598939	
A55	AEME	49062	TS	126 Aust Bde Wksp (AIF)	TOROKINA	598939	
A56		45762	TS	244 Aust ID (Type A) (AIF)	TOROKINA	577939	Att B Aust Corps Sigs
A57		45065	TS	296 Aust ID (Type A) (AIF)	TOROKINA	578936	Att HQ 2 Aust Corps
A58		92019		Det 2 Aust Ldg Craft Wksp Sec (AIF)	TOROKINA	531898	Balance unit NOT under cmd
A59	PAY	61019	TS	2 Aust Corps Fd Cash Office	TOROKINA	578936	
A60	POSTAL	61023		2 Aust Corps Postal Unit	TOROKINA	578936	

(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)
A61	PRO	..		2 Aust Corps Fd Punishment Centre			Being raised
A62	MISCEL- LANEOUS	92660		2 Aust Corps Reception Camp			Being raised
A63		45932	TS	2 Aust Corps Sal Unit (AIF) less	TOROKINA	548503	
A63a				Det 2 Aust Corps Sal Unit (AIF)	TAIOFIS	224536	Att 11 Aust Inf Bde see serial F27
A64		92649		5 Aust Visitors' and Observers' Sec	TOROKINA	578936	



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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)
B 1	HQ UNITS	45980	TS	HQ 3 Aust Div (AIF) less	TOROKINA	571959	LHQ Tps
B 1a				Adv HQ 3 Aust Div (AIF)	M PT & PR	778792	
B 2		45109		No 3 LHQ Mil History Sec Fd Team	TOROKINA	571959	
B 3	CAV	61423	TS	2/8 Aust Cdo Sqn less	NAIRONA	998532	
B 3a				C Tp 2/8 Aust Cdo Sqn	M PT & PR	965646	Under comd 7 bde see serial C2
B 4	ARMED	45090	TS	B Sqn 2/4 Aust Armd Regt less	TOROKINA	575965	
B 4a				Two tps B Sqn 2/4 Aust Armd Regt	TOROKINA	7093	
B 5	ARTY	48376	TS	HQ RAA 3 Aust Div (AIF)	MPT & PR	774797	
B 6		45984	TS	2 Aust Fd Regt (Jungle Div)(AIF)	M PT & PR	781696	Under comd 2 Fd Regt balance unit under comd 11 Bde see serial F3
B 7		45986	TS	10 Bty 4 Aust Fd Regt (Jungle Div)(AIF)	MOSIGETTA	866586	
B 8		45990	TS	3 Aust Svy Bty (AIF)	M PT & PR	771639	
B 9	ENGRS	45991	TS	HQ RAE 3 Aust Div (AIF)	M PT & PR	775800	
B10		45947	TS	5 Aust Fd Coy (AIF) less	M PT & PR	763618	Under comd 7 Bde see serial C4
B10a				2 Pl 5 Aust Fd Coy (AIF)	TOROKINA	690870	
B11		46092	TS	11 Aust Fd Coy less	M PT & PR	782679	
B11a				Pl 11 Aust Fd Coy	M PT & PR	777750	
B11b				Det 11 Aust Fd Coy	MOSIGETTA	880576	
B12		45993	TS	15 Aust Fd Coy (AIF) less	TOROKINA	575964	
B12a				Pl 15 Aust Fd Coy	TOROKINA	642947	

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(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)
B13		46157	TS	23 Aust Fd Coy (AIF) less	M PT & PR	774751	
B13a				Two pls 23 Aust Fd Coy (AIF)	M PT & PR	872685	
B13b				Pl 23 Aust Fd Coy (AIF)	M PT & PR	870687	
B14		45994	TS	53 Aust Fd Pk Coy (AIF) less	TOROKINA	549936	
B14a				Br Pl 53 Aust Fd Pk Coy (AIF)	M PT & PR	739842	
B15		47748		7 Aust BD Pl	M PT & PR	739842	Corps Tps see serial A18
B16		48276		Det 42 Aust Ldg Craft Coy (AIF)	M PT & PR	780701	Att from Det under comd 2 Corps Equivalent one composite pl see serial A20a
B17		92423		Det 1 Aust Water Amb Convoy	M PT & PR	770804	Under comd for local adm see serial A21
B18	SIGS	45997	TS	Sigs 3 Aust Div (AIF) less	M PT & PR	778792	
B18a				Rear Sigs 3 Aust Div (AIF)	TOROKINA	575959	
B18b				Det Sigs 3 Aust Div (AIF)	M PT & PR	780704	Under comd 7 Bde see serial C5
B19		49414	TS	Det 2/4 Aust Armd Regt Sig Tp	TOROKINA	575965	
B20		49088	TS	2 Aust Fd Regt (Jungle Div) (AIF) Sig Sec	M PT & PR	781696	Under comd 7 Bde see serial C6
B21		92604	TS	6 Aust Engr Sig Sec	M PT & PR	775800	
B22		95998	TS	38 Aust Cipher Sec (Type K) (AIF) less	M PT & PR	778792	
B22a				Det 38 Aust Cipher Sec (Type K) (AIF)	TOROKINA	575959	
B23	INF	61005	TS	HQ D Coy & 16 Pl 2/1 Aust Gd Regt less	TOROKINA	571959	
B23a				Det 16 Pl 2/1 Aust Gd Regt	M PT & PR	778792	

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(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)
B24	INT	45133		Det ATIS (five units)	M PT& R	773791	LHQ Tps
B25		61502	TS	V Aust FS Sec	TOROKINA	571959	LHQ Tps
B26	ST	46010	TS	HQ Comd 3 Aust Div AASC (AIF)	TOROKINA	578964	
B27		47903		HQ 152 Aust GT Coy (AIF) with	TOROKINA	588969	
B28a				HQ & one sec Wksp Pl 152 Aust GT Coy (AIF)	TOROKINA	588969	
B28		92609	TS	53 Aust GT Pl	TOROKINA	586968	
B29		92610	TS	56 Aust GT Pl	MOSIGETTA	764618	Under comd 7 Bde see serial C13
B30		48827	TS	B Pl 158 Aust GT Coy (AIF)	TOROKINA	592968	
B31		47904	TS	HQ 1 Aust Sup Dep Coy (AIF)	TOROKINA	590966	
B32		48832	TS	3 Aust Sup Dep Pl	TOROKINA	590966	
B33		48833	TS	4 Aust Sup Dep Pl	TOROKINA	627947	
B34		48845	TS	18 Aust Sup Dep Pl (AIF)	M PT & PR	771804	
B35		48846	TS	19 Aust Sup Dep Pl (AIF)	MOSIGETTA	768628	Under comd 7 Bde see serial C14
B36		49027	TS	224 Aust Sup Dep Pl (AIF)	MOSIGETTA	880578	Under comd 7 Bde see serial C15
B37		49030	TS	227 Aust Sup Dep Pl (AIF)	TOROKINA	593972	
B38	MED	45381	TS	109 Aust CCS (AIF)	TOROKINA	553939	
B39		48392	TS	18 Aust Malaria Control Unit (Type A) (AIF)	MOSIGETTA	767596	
B40		47969	TS	35 Aust Hosp Laundry Unit (Type B)	TOROKINA	553939	
B41	DENTAL	46597	TS	HQ 63 Aust Dental Unit (AIF)	TOROKINA	571959	

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(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)
B41a	DENTAL (Continued)			HQ Det 63 Aust Dental Unit (AIF)	TOROKINA	586967	
B41b				A Sec 63 Aust Dental Unit (AIF)	M PT & PR	780704	
B41c				b Sec 63 Aust Dental Unit (AIF)	TOROKINA	630835	
B41d				C Sec 63 Aust Dental Unit (AIF)	TOROKINA	635942	
B41e				D Sec 63 Aust Dental Unit (AIF)	TOROKINA	638941	
B41f				E Sec 63 Aust Dental Unit (AIF)	TOROKINA	644947	
B41g				F Sec 63 Aust Dental Unit (AIF)	MOSIGETTA	753602	
B42	ORD	49416	TS	One Sqn Sub Pk 2/4 Aust Armd Regt Ord Fd Pk (HE)	TOROKINA	575965	
B43		49041	TS	104 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk (AIF)	TOROKINA	573964	
B44		46241	TS	113 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk (AIF)	TOROKINA	587973	
B45		47766	TS	129 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk (AIF)	TOROKINA	576964	
B46	EME	49415	TS	One Sqn Wksp Sec 2/4 Aust Armd Regt Wksp	TOROKINA	575965	
B47		49058	TS	104 Aust Bde Wksp (Type A) (AIF)	M PT & R	777793	
B48		46240	TS	113 Aust Bde Wksp (Type A) (AIF)	TOROKINA	587973	
B49		49064	TS	129 Aust Bde Wksp (Type A) (AIF)	TOROKINA	576964	
B50		46100	TS	202 Aust LAD (Type A) (AIF)	TOROKINA	571959	Att HQ 3 Div
B51		45985	TS	213 Aust LAD (Type D) (AIF)	M PT & PR	772645	Att 2 Fd Regt see serial C17
B52		45996	TS	230 Aust LAD (Type A) (AIF)	TOROKINA	549936	Att 53 Fd Pk Coy
B53	AY	63019	TS	3 Aust Div Fd Cash Office (AIF)	TOROKINA	571959	

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(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)
B54	POSTAL	46021	TS	3 Aust Div Postal Unit (AIF)	TOROKINA	571959	
B55	PRO	46020	TS	3 Aust Div Pro Coy (AIF) (less two secs)	TOROKINA	577966	Two secs under comd 3 Base Sub Area
B56		45730	TS	Two Secs First Aust Army Pro Coy	TOROKINA	577966	To return Aust balance of unit (less two secs Aust) under comd 5 Base Sub Area
B57		46128	TS	6 Sec 5 Aust Div Pro Coy (AIF)	TOROKINA	577966	Balance of unit under comd 5 Aust D.
B58	MISCEL			One Mob Cinema			Not yet under comd
B59	LANEUS	46022		3 Aust Div Reception Camp (AIF)	TOROKINA	589972	
B60		46023	TS	3 Aust Div Sal Unit (AIF) less	TOROKINA	571971	
B60a				Det 3 Aust Div Sal Unit (AIF)	M PT & PR	817802	
B60b				Det 3 Aust Div Sal Unit (AIF)	MOSIGETTA	771638	
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C 1	HQ UNITS	46101	TS	HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)	M PT & PR	780704	
C 2	ARTY	45984	TS	2 Aust Fd Regt (Jungle Div) (AIF)	M PT & PR	781696	See serial B6
C 3		45986	TS	10 Bty 4 Aust Fd Regt (Jungle Div) (AIF)	MOSIGETTA	866586	Under comd 2 Fd Regt see serial B7
C 4	ENGRS	46092	TS	Det 11 Aust Fd Coy	MOSIGETTA	880576	See Serial B11b
C 5	SIGS	459977	TS	Det Sigs 3 Aust Div (AIF)	M PT & PR	780704	See serial B 18b
C 6		49088	TS	2 Aust Fd Regt (Jungle Div) Sig Sec (AIF)	M PT & PR	781696	See serial B20
C 7		49113	TS	7 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec	M PT & PR	780704	

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C 8	INF	46104	TS	9 Aust Inf Bn	MOSIGETTA	880576	
C 9		46105	TS	25 Aust Inf Bn	BARARA	837478	
C10		46106	TS	61 Aust Inf Bn	MOSIGETTA	838585	
C11		49466		A Coy 1 NG Inf Bn (less pl)	M PT & PR	779706	Corps Tps see serial A 47
C12		61005	TS	20 Pl E Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt	M PT & PR	780704	
C13	ST	92610	TS	56 Aust GT Pl	MOSIGETTA	764618	See serial B29
C14		48846	TS	19 Aust Sup Dep Pl (AIF)	MOSIGETTA	768628	See serial B35
C15		49027	TS	224 Aust Sup Dep Pl (AIF)	MOSIGETTA	880578	See serial B36
C16	MED	46122	TS	11 Aust Fd Amb	MOSIGETTA	753602	
C17	ABME	45958	TS	213 Aust IAD (Type D) (AIF)	M PT & PR	772645	Att 2 Fd Regt see serial B51
C18		46103	TS	241 Aust IAD (Type J) (AIF)	M PT & PR	780704	Att HQ 7 Bde
C19	POSTAL	46129	TS	Det 5 Aust Div Postal Unit (AIF)	M PT & PR	780704	
<u>15 AUST INF BDE GB</u>							
D 1	HQ UNITS	46005	TS	HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)	TOROKINA	630935	
D 2	SIGS	49118	TS	15 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec (AIF)	TOROKINA	630935	
D 3	INF	46007	TS	24 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	TOROKINA	644947	
D 4		46008	TS	57/60 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	TOROKINA	638941	
D 5		46009	TS	58/59 Aust Inf Bn	TOROKINA	635942	
D 6		61005	TS	14 Pl D Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt	TOROKINA	630935	

(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)
D 7	MED	46015	TS	15 Aust Fd Amb (AIF)	TOROKINA	629914	
D 8	AEME	46006	TS	266 Aust LAD (Type J) (AIF)	TOROKINA	628936	Att HQ 15 Ede
D 9	POSTAL	46186	%	Det 12 Aust Div Postal Unit (AIF)	TOROKINA	630935	
<u>29 AUST INF BDE GP</u>							
E 1	HQ UNITS	46112		HQ 29 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)	TOROKINA	596967	
E 2	SIGS	48127	TS	29 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec (AIF)	TOROKINA	596967	
E 3	INF	46114	TS	15 Aust Inf Bn less	TOROKINA	630942	
E3a				D Coy 15 Aust Inf Bn	M PT & PR	772804	
E 4		46115	TS	42 Aust Inf Bn	TOROKINA	597967	
E 5		46116		47 Aust Inf Bn	TOROKINA	620973	
E 6		61005	TS	15 Pl D Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt	TOROKINA	596967	
E 7	MED	46121	TS	7 Aust Fd Amb	TOROKINA	598964	
E 8	AEME	46113	TS	312 Aust LAD (Type J) (AIF)	TOROKINA	595967	ATT HQ 29 Bde
E 9	POSTAL	46129	TS	Det 5 Aust Div Postal Unit (AIF)	TOROKINA	595967	

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(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)
F 1	HQ UNITS	46107	TS	HQ 11 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)	TOROKINA	548943	
F 2		45129		Det 5 Aust Mob Met Flt	KOWARO	657096	Balance unit under comd 2 Aust Corps see serial A3a
F 3	ARTY	45986	TS	4 Aust Fd Regt (Jungle Div)(AIF)(less 10 bty) less	TAIOF IS	224537	10 bty under comd Div see serial E7
F3a				Bty 4 Aust Fd Regt (Jungle Div)(AIF)	KOWARO	657095	
F 4		48483	TS	2 Aust Mtn Bty (mech)(AIF) less	TAIOF IS	226532	Corps Tps see serials A 16 A 16a
F4a				Rear party 2 Aust Mtn Bty (Mech)(AIF)	TOROKINA	519933	
F 5	ENGRS	46092		16 Aust Fd Coy less	TOROKINA	544933	
F5a				1 and 3 pl 16 Aust Fd Coy	KOWARO	656034	
F5b				2 pl 16 Aust Fd Coy	TAIOF IS	224538	
F 6	SIGS	49090	TS	4 Aust Fd Regt (Jungle Div)Sig Sec (AIF)	TAIOF IS	224537	
F 7		49116	TS	11 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec	TOROKINA	548943	
F 8		61343	TS	Det 5 Aust Wireless Sec (1t)(AIF)	TAIOF IS	224536	
F8a				Det 5 Aust Wireless Sec (1t)(AIF)	TOROKINA	577939	Balance unit under comd 2 Aust Corps see serial A 37b A 37c
F 9	INF	46109	TS	26 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	TAIOF IS	224536	
F10		46110	TS	31/51 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) less	TOROKINA	544946	
F10a				A Coy 31/51 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	BANUU	269566	
F11		46222	TS	55/53 Aust Inf Bn	KOWARO	677113	
F12		49466		One pl A Coy 1 NG Inf Bn	KOWARO	677113	Balance coy under comd 1 Bde; Corps Tps see serial A 37c



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(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)
F13		61005	TS	13 Pl D Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt	TOROKINA	548943	Corps Tps unit less det under comd 2 Aust Corps see serial A 52a
F14		45203		101 Aust Hy Mortar Coy (AIF) less	KOWARO	634118	
F14a				Pl 101 Aust Hy Mortar Coy (AIF)	TAIOF IS	221518	
F15	INT	45173	TS	Det 25 Aust FS <sup>Sec</sup> (AIF)	TAIOF IS	224536	
F16	ST	92528	TS	76 Aust G <sup>2</sup> Pl	TOROKINA	555939	Balance Unit under comd 4 Aust Base Sub Area
F17		48291	TS	222 Aust Sup Dep Pl (AIF) less	KOWARO	659092	
F17a				Det 222 Aust Sup Dep Pl (AIF)	KONUA	260356	
F18		48292	TS	223 Aust Sup Dep Pl (AIF)	TOROKINA	554937	
F19	MED	46123	TS	19 Aust Fd Amb (AIF) less	TOROKINA	544943	Att 4 Fd Regt
F19a				A Coy 19 Aust Fd Amb (AIF)	KOWARO	658 094	
F19b				B Coy 19 Aust Fd Amb (AIF)	KONUA	260356	
F20		48393	TS	Det 19 Aust Malaria Control Unit	TAIOF IS	224536	
F21	ORD	49040	TS	102 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pl (AIF)	TOROKINA	554935	Att HQ 11 Bde
F22	AME	49057	TS	102 Aust Bde Wksp (AIF)	TOROKINA	554940	
F23		45987	TS	214 Aust IAD (Type A) (AIF)	TOROKINA	546936	
F24		46108	TS	242 Aust IAD (Type J) (AIF)	TOROKINA	548943	
F25	POSTAL	46074	TS	Det 4 Aust Div Postal Unit (AIF)	TOROKINA	548943	Corps Tps sec serial A63a
F26	PRO	46073	TS	Det 4 Aust Div Pro Coy (AIF)	TOROKINA	548943	
F27	MISCEL- LANEOUS	45932	TS	Det 2 Aust Corps Sal Unit (AIF)	TAIOF IS	224536	

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Unit previously designated as "Det 4 Aust Div Fd Cash Office" was in fact only a collection of personnel attached 11 Aust Inf Bde performing the duties of a Fd Cash Office. The personnel have been transferred in accordance with First Aust Army A12840 of 17 Jan 45, and the unit is deleted from 2 Aust Corps Location Statement and Order of Battle No.5

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Serial	Service	War Office Serial No		Unit	Location	Remarks
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)
G 1	HQ UNITS	61547	TS	HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde	GREEN ISLAND	
G 2		47480		Det ANGAU	GREEN ISLAND	
G 3		61438	%	Det 2/1 Aust Mov & Tn Gp	GREEN ISLAND	} Army Tps under comd for local adm only
G 4			%	Det 2/1 Aust Mov & Tn Gp	TREASURY ISLAND	
G 5			%	Det 2/1 Aust Mov & Tn Gp	EMIRAU ISLAND	
G 6			%	Det 2/1 Aust Mov & Tn Gp	MUNDA	
G 7		49226		15 Aust Sqn AL Sec	GREEN ISLAND	Corps Tps under comd for local adm see serial A6
G 8		49257		52 Aust Sqn AL Sec	EMIRAU ISLAND	Corps tps under comd for local adm sec serial A11
G 9	ARTY	92006		6 Aust AA Ops Room (Type C) (AIF)	EMIRAU ISLAND	
G10		47517		HQ 32 Aust HAA Bty (static) (AIF)	EMIRAU ISLAND	
G11		48519		474 Aust HAA Tp (static) (AIF)	EMIRAU ISLAND	
G12		48520		475 Aust HAA Tp (static) (AIF)	EMIRAU ISLAND	
G13	SIGS	49275	TS	23 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec (AIF) less	GREEN ISLAND	
G13a				Det 23 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec (AIF)	EMIRAU ISLAND	
G13b				Det 23 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec (AIF)	TREASURY ISLAND	
G14		61343	TS	Det 5 Aust Wireless Sec (lt) (AIF)	GREEN ISLAND	Corps Tps see serial A37a.
G15		45272	TS	36 Aust Wireless Task Sec (AIF) less	GREEN ISLAND	} Corps Tps see serial A54
G15a				Det 36 Aust Wireless Task Sec (AIF)	EMIRAU ISLAND	

(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)
G16		45274	TS	38 Aust Wireless Task Sec (AIF) less	TREASURY ISLAND	Corps tps see serial A45.
G16a				Det 38 Aust Wireless Task Sec (AIF)	MUNDA	
G17		48864	TS	Det 4 Aust Cipher Sec (Type A)	GREEN ISLAND	Corps tps see serial A40a
G18		48371		Det NG LA & CA Sig Sec (AIF)	EMIRAU ISLAND	
G19	INF	46175	TS	7 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) less	TREASURY ISLAND	Balance unit under comd EE Base Sub Area
G19a				D Coy 7 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	MUNDA	
G20		46176	TS	8 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	EMIRAU ISLAND	
G21		46170	TS	27 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	GREEN ISLAND	
G22		61005	TS	28 Pl G Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt	GREEN ISLAND	
G23	ST	45772	TS	A Pl 131 Aust Gen Tpt Coy with det RDI and one Wksp Sec 131 Aust GT Coy	EMIRAU ISLAND	
G24		45772	TS	D Pl 131 Aust GT Coy with det RDI and Wksp Sec 131 Aust GT Coy less	TREASURY ISLAND	Balance of unit under comd 6 Aust Base Sub Area
G24a				Det D Pl 131 Aust GT Coy	MUNDA	
G25		49443	TS	40 Aust Indep Tpt Pl (AIF)	GREEN ISLAND	
G26		49446	TS	243 Aust Sup Dep Pl (AIF)	GREEN ISLAND	
G27		49447	TS	244 Aust Sup Dep Pl (AIF) less	TREASURY ISLAND	
G27a				Det 244 Aust Sup Dep Pl (AIF)	EMIRAU ISLAND	
G27b				Det 244 Aust Sup Dep Pl (AIF)	MUNDA	
G28		92063		Det 2nd 6 Aust Fd Baking Pl	TREASURY ISLAND	

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(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)
G29a				Det one sec 6 Aust Fd Baking Pl	EMIRAU ISLAND	
G29b				Det one sec 6 Aust Fd Baking Pl	GREEN ISLAND	
G30	MED	46180	TS	17 Aust Fd Amb (AIF) less	GREEN ISLAND	
G30a				A Coy 17 Aust Fd Amb (AIF) less	TREASURY ISLAND	
G30b				Det A Coy 17 Aust Fd Amb (AIF)	MUNDA	
G30c				B Coy 17 Aust Fd Amb (AIF)	EMIRAU ISLAND	
G31	DENTAL	45384	TS	A Sec 82 Aust Dental Unit (AIF)	GREEN ISLAND	} Balance of unit under comd 4 Base Sub Area
G32		45384	TS	B Sec 82 Aust Dental Unit (AIF)	EMIRAU ISLAND	
G33		45384	TS	C Sec 82 Aust Dental Unit (AIF)	TREASURY ISLAND	
G34	ORD	46238	TS	109 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk (AIF) less	GREEN ISLAND	
G34a				Det 109 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk (AIF)	EMIRAU ISLAND	
G34b				Det 109 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk (AIF)	TREASURY ISLAND	
G35	AEME	46237	TS	109 Aust Bde Wksp (AIF) less	GREEN ISLAND	
G35a				Det 109 Aust Bde Wksp (AIF)	EMIRAU ISLAND	
G35b				Det 109 Aust Bde Wksp (AIF)	TREASURY ISLAND	
G36		46174	TS	2/108 Aust IAD (Type J)	EMIRAU ISLAND	Att HQ 23 Bde
G37	POSTAL	46186	%	Det 12 Aust Div Postal Unit (AIF)	GREEN ISLAND	
G38	PRO	49492	TS	14 Aust Indep Pro Pl less	GREEN ISLAND	
G38a				Det 14 Aust Indep Pro Pl	EMIRAU ISLAND	
G38b				Det 14 Aust Indep Pro Pl	TREASURY ISLAND	

(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)
G39	MISCEL- LANEOUS	45543		Det NG Sec AA Canteens Services	GREEN ISLAND	} LHQ Tps under comd for local adm only. Unit less dets under comd IAE Base Sub Area for local adm.
G39a				Det NG Sec AA Canteens Services	EMIRAU ISLAND	
G39b				Det NG Sec AA Canteens Services	TREASURY ISLAND	

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GS MINUTE NO 834

Subject: MESSAGE WRITING AND INTERCOMMUNICATION

Distribution List B (All Branches etc of HQ 2 Aust Corps)

GENERAL

1. A lecture on the above subject will be given by Maj J H FRASER SO2 SIGS 2 Aust Corps.

OBJECT

2. To instruct personnel of this Headquarters in the changes in procedure consequent upon the issue of FSPB Part 1 Pamphlet No 4, and to draw attention to common faults in message writing.

TIME AND PLACE

3. Lectures will be held in the Education Hobbies Hut near 2 Aust Corps Fd Cash Office, from 1350 - 1420 hrs on each 3 and 5 Mar.

PERSONNEL TO ATTEND

4. All offrs and clerks of all Branches, Arms and Services - 50% to attend each lecture.

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3 Aust Div  
11 Aust Inf Bde

1. Lt-Col Linton British Army and Capt Mark are at present visiting 2 Aust Corps area and desire to visit forward operational areas.

2. The object of Lt-Col Linton's visit is to explain the capabilities of the L100 (tanker busting) and other types of rockets, to discuss possible notions of tactical use as a basis for trials, and to inspect terrain and enemy defences in the corps area in relation to the possibility of employment of rockets in future operations.

3. Lt-Col Linton will visit Headquarters 3 Aust Div on 1 Mar as arranged verbally, and Headquarters 11 Aust Inf Bde on a date to be advised.

4. It is requested that all possible assistance and facilities are afforded Lt-Col Linton during visits to the respective formation areas. Also, any information which will assist him to formulate opinions, at least on the organisation, employment, and transport considerations involved in the use of rocket equipment in this area, would be greatly appreciated.

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Subject: TRAINING TEAMS FROM 23 AUST INF BDE

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HQ 2 Aust Corps (AIF)  
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28 Feb 45

3 Aust Div  
11 Aust Inf Bde  
23 Aust Inf Bde

1. To enable staff and sub unit commanders of 23 Aust Inf Bde to gain experience of current operations in the SOLOMONS area, approval has been given for two parties from 23 Aust Inf Bde to be attached to Infantry Battalions and Brigade Headquarters of 3 Aust Div and 11 Aust Inf Bde.

2. Personnel will be attached on the basis that there is one Brigade Headquarters and two Infantry Battalions in active operations in each of these formations. Attachment will be for a period of 3 weeks during which time the attached personnel will not act as observers, but will carry out all duties short of actually taking over command of a sub unit.

3. Strength of these parties at the formations and units at any one time will be:-

At Brigade Headquarters: 1 Bde Staff Officer  
1 Bde specialist Officer  
1 Bde Specialist NCO

At Battalion: 4 officers  
4 NCOs

In each party -

(a) officers - a due proportion of each rank will be included. Preference will be given to HQ Company Commanders and 2 i/cs; battalion commanders will not be included

(b) NCOs will include both specialists and personnel from rifle companys.

4. Date of arrival of the first party at the forward units will depend on transport available but will not be before 5 Mar 45. The second party will move forward as soon as the first party completes its 3 weeks - not necessarily waiting for the first party to return to their units.

5. 23 Aust Inf Bde will advise this Headquarters by signal the composition of the first party giving details of name, rank, and unit appointment, and this Headquarters will promulgate the allocation of members to formations in operations. A similar procedure will be followed for the second party. 23 Aust Inf Bde will arrange movement forthwith - by air if necessary.

6. In 6 weeks plus travelling time this will give experience in current operations to 23 Aust Inf Bde personnel approximately as follows :-

HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde - 4 Staff Officers  
4 Specialist Officers  
4 Specialist NCOs

Each Battalion, 23 Aust - 11 officers  
Inf Bde 11 NCOs

Total 76 personnel

7. The matter of a third party will then be considered.

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