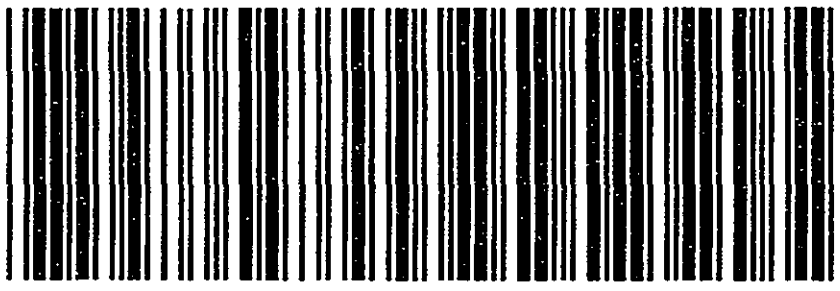
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GENERAL STAFF WAR DIARY - APRIL 1945

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2 Aust Corps Sitreps Nos 131 - 160	Appendix 1
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Further appendices as indicated in text.

Date	Summary of Events and Information	Reference to Appendices Diaries
1 April	2 Aust Corps Location Statement and Order of Battle Number 6 was issued	Appendix 6
2 April	<u>2 Aust Corps Training Centre</u>	
	To administer the various Mobile Training Teams at present in the area and to arrive shortly, it was decided to establish 2 Aust Corps Training Centre on a provisional WE of 1 Major and 17 ORs	GS Minute 1051 Appendix 7
	<u>Field Trials - Capes Shelter, Tents Mosquito, Sheets Ground</u>	
	Progress reports on these trials were submitted to First Aust Army	Appendix 8 G/1044SD
	<u>Experimental Vickers MG Stores : Containers Spare Parts and Tools with Pouches</u>	
	Recommendation as a result of user trials of this containerwere forwarded to First Aust Army. It was not considered that the container is an operational requirement	Appendix 9 G/1046/SD
3 April	<u>Hats Drill, Stitched</u>	
	Following user trials of these hats, it was found that opinions of formations under command varied considerably, A summary of reports was forwarded to First Aust Army, and it was suggested that further trials were desirable	Appendix 10 G/1055/SD

Date	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices Diaries
4 Apr	Maj J K LYNCH marched in to assume duty as GSO 11 (Ops)	
	Amendment No 1 to 2 Aust Corps Op Instruction No 10	Appendix 11
	This amendment designated Brig N W SIMPSON 29 Aust Inf Bde as Commander TOROKINA Defences vice Brig H H HAMMER DSO	
	AA Units - BOUGAINVILLE: 141 HAA Bty	
	Consequent upon the projected abandonment of GREENISLAND by Air Force Units, permission was requested to cancel the move of one troop of 141 Aust HAA Bty to GREEN ISLAND	G/1068/Ops Appendix 12
5 Apr	Maj D McCARTHY marched in to assume duty as GSO 11(Ops)	
	Flamethrower Platoons	
	Approval was given for the raising on a provisional WE of flamethrower platoons for 15, 29, and 11 Aust Inf Bdes	G/1074/SD Appendix 13
	Relief of 53 Aust Fd Pk Coy by 54 Aust Fd Pk Coy	
	Following an advise from OC 54 Aust Fd Pk Coy, First Aust Army were requested that action be taken to ensure that the unit moved complete to WE in personnel and vehicles, plus certain items of eqpt necessary to replace deficencies of 53 Aust Fd Pk Coy	G/1086/SD Appendix 14
8 Apr	Amendment No 1 to Pacific Telephone Directory was issued	Appendix 15
	Wireless Sets SCR 536	
	First Aust Army were requested to release 30 additional sets	G/1093/SD Appendix 16

Date	Summary of Events and Information		References to Appendices Diaries
9 Apr	Senator FRASER, Acting Minister for the Army, accompanied by the Secretary for the Army and the CGS, arrived on a tour of inspection of forward areas		
	<u>Artillery- 2 Aust Corps</u>		
	Advice was received from First Aust Army that 2/11 Fd Regt is being moved from LAE to TOROKINA, and that 13 Fd Regt is to move from AUST when shipping is available. Four 6 in Howitzers have been allotted as alternative weapons		G/2182/SD Appendix 17
	2 Aust Corps Staff Instruction No 5 was issued		Appendix 18
10 Apr	Amendment No 1 to 2 Aust Corps Distribution List No 3 was issued		Appendix 19
	<u>2 Aust Corps P &RT Course 1</u>		
	Joining instructions for above course were issued	G/1108/Trg	Appendix 20
11 Apr	Senator FRASER and Party departed by air		
	<u>Rewards to Natives</u>		
	First Aust Army were advised that in conformity with verbal instructions from the C in C, a bonus of 10/- will be paid to natives for each japanese killed, payment to be in trade goods		G/1113/Ops Appendix 21
	<u>Additional Signal Units</u>		
	Allotment of 21 Aust L of C Sigs to 2 Aust Corps was confirmed by First Aust Army	SD2198	Appendix 21 (a)
	Maj M HAPLAND GSO 11(Air) marched in ex leave		
	Amendment No 2 to 2 Aust Corps Operation Instruction No 10 was issued		Appendix 11

Date	Summary of Events and Information	Reference to Appendices Diaries	
14 Apr	2 Aust Corps Operation Instruction No 12		
	This instruction was issued to Comd 23 Aust Inf Bde. The responsibilities of 8 Aust Inf Bn for defence of the OUTER ISLANDS was defined, and the 8 Aust Inf Bn was placed under operational command of 2 Aust Corps	Appendix 22	
	2 Aust Corps Operation Instruction No 13	Appendix 23	
	This instruction was issued to formations under comd. It detailed the responsibilities in the PEARL RIDGE area and within the perimeter, to be assumed by 23 Aust Inf Bde. New boundaries of responsibility for the defence of the perimeter were defined	Appendix 23	
16 Apr	Amendment No 1 to 2 Aust Corps Operation Instruction nO 13 was issued	Appendix 23	
17 Apr	Advanced HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde opened at TOROKINA		
	Amendment No 1 to 2 Aust Corps Location Statement and Order of Battle No 6 was issued	Appendix 24	G/1149/Ops
18 Apr	Staff Course		
	Instructions covering a 10 day course for officers and senior WOs and NCOs of HQ 2 Aust Corps was issued	Appendix 25	GS Minute 1155
	NEW GUINEA Training School Mobile Team Jungle Craft Wing, Weapon Training Wing		G/1157/Trg
	Joining Instructions for Course No 1 of above wings were issued	Appendix 26	G/1156/Trg
	Staff School (AUST)		
	Notes on certain aspects of operational and administrative interest were forwarded to Staff School (AUST) in reply to questions submitted in a brief from Lt Col J G REID	Appendix 27	G/ /SD

Date	Summary of Events and Information	Reference to Appendices Diaries	
18 Apr	<u>Move of 54 Aust Fd Pk Coy</u>		
	Advice was received from First Aust Army of action taken in respect to our request of 5 Apr	Appendix 14	G/2247/SD
19 Apr	<u>LHQ School of Army Cooking and Catering (Mobile Wing)</u> <u>2 Aust Corps Trainee Cooks Course No 3</u>		
	Vacancies for above course were allotted to formations	Appendix 28	G/1167/Trg
	<u>Operational Directive by Comd 2 Aust Corps to GOC 3 Aust Div</u>		
	Following a personal reconnaissance on 17 Apr the Commander issued a directive to GOC 3 Aust Div on the conduct of operations in the immediate future	Appendix 29	
20 Apr	<u>Jettisoned Despatches</u>		
	Branches etc, Formations and Corps Tps were advised of details of despatches jettisoned from LAE-courier aircraft on 17 Apr	Appendix 30	G/1172/SD
21 Apr	<u>Defence of HQ 2 Aust Corps</u>		
	The danger from enemy raiding parties in the TOROKINA perimeter having apparently passed, additional defence measures set out in GS Minute No 925 of 12 Mar 45 and 945 of 14 Mar 45 were cancelled	Appendix 31	GS Minute 1174
24 Apr	<u>Change of Command - 106 Aust CCS and 24 Aust Hospital Laundry</u>		
	First Aust Army were requested to transfer the command of the above units from 4 Aust Base Sub Area to 2 Aust Corps	Appendix 32	G/1208/Ops

Date	Summary of Events and Information	Reference to Appendices Diaries
24 Apr	2 Aust Corps Operation Instruction No 14	
	This instruction was issued to Comd TOROKINA Defences as it was considered that the threat of enemy raiding parties within the perimeter had passed, Operation Instructions 9 and 10 were cancelled, and the functions of Comd TOROKINA Defences ceased as from 2400L 25 Apr 45	Appendix 33
25 Apr	Anzac Day Message	
	A letter of appreciation of the achievements of Australian Forces was received by Comd 2 Aust Corps from Colonel E HATCH, Commanding US Forces in Northern Solomons	Appendix 34
26 Apr	War Usage Rate Data	
	Details of units operating at contact intensity during period 21 Mar to 20 Apr 45 were forwarded to First Aust Army	Appendix 35 G/1228/SD
	Capt A.G. DOUGLAS marched in to assume duty as GSO111 (CW)	
27 Apr	Passwords	
	Branches etc were notified of the cancellation of the system of passwords for general use within the perimeter	Appendix 36 G/1231/Ops
28 Apr	2 Aust Corps Location Statement and Order of Battle No 7 was issued	Appendix 37 G/1257/Ops
29 Apr	C in C and Lt Gen BERRYMAN arrived from LAE	
30 Apr	C in C and Lt Gen BERRYMAN departed by air	
	Flamethrower Fuel	
	A report on the performance of GELETROL as a thickener for fuel for 11A1 Flamethrowers was forwarded to First Aust Army	Appendix 38 G/1262/SD
	2 Aust Corps Training Centre - M2-2 Flamethrower Course	
	Details of above course were forwarded to 23 Aust Inf Bde	Appendix 39 G/157/1249/Trg

APPENDIX I

MESSAGE FORM

From 2 Corps 012120 L

To FIRSTAUSTARMY

Info 3 Div 11 Inf Bde 23 Inf Bde 4 Base Sub Area

G01457 SECRET. sitrep 131 to 012000L. part one of two parts.

FIRST, AIROPS.

BOUGAINVILLE. 1 apr. 13 CORSAIRS bombed AA posns MULIKO 2 auto guns destroyed 1 still firing 3 huts destroyed. 13 CORSAIRS bombed AA posns EBERY'S LEASE results unobserved. 1 a/c strafed by gun posn. inaccurate by AA encountered.

NEW IRELAND. 31 mar. 2 MITCHELLS 2 VENTURAS bombed BORPOP results unobserved. 3 MITCHELLS bombed strafed biv area LEMAKOT good coverage. 6 MITCHELLS bombed biv area KAUT BAY started fires. 10 MITCHELLS bombed bridges N E coast destroyed DALLUM br damaged FATMILAK br

NEW BRITAIN. 31 mar. 25 MITCHELLS 12 CORSAIRS 3 VENTURAS bombed targets TOBERA results unobserved. 6 MITCHELLS bombed MALAGUNA float plane base hits in target.

SECOND. 11 inf bde.

SORAKEN . 26 bn. 1 apr two barges sighted vicinity 264695. B Coy 236660 D Coy 231649 pl 247647. further hostile shelling 30 mar. 25 rds 75 mm 238648.

PIATERAPAIA. 31/51 bn. NGIB patrol contacted killed 10 japs BURITSIOTORARA incl 2 offrs. 1 JUKI 2 LMGs documents captured. contacted 7 japs AVIANG approx 670228 killed 3 incl 1 offr. further patrol found deserted posns 692155. OP est SMITHS HILL 31 mar all infm

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From 2 Corps 020055L

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THIRD 3 Div

TOKINOTU. 25 bn. further details JAP attacks 30 mar. 1205L hy mortaring B coy posn 392462 followed by four bayonet charges in str. fourth attack penetrated perimeter. garrison reduced to 33 incl 16 wounded withd ew A coy 889465 at 1530L. later joined by B Coy patrol str 14. from 301545L to 311340L enemy launched six hy attacks this posn. approx 311430L one tp B Sqn 2/4 Armd Regt with two pls D coy moving SE along BUIN rd from D coy 883469 arrived A coy posn engaged enemy. japs withdrew in disorder across A coy front where hy cas inflicted. enemy remaining in pits and mortar bunkers blasted out by tanks. opposition ceased 1615L. 94 dead japs counted within 30 yds perimeter 3 type 96 LMG one 7 pt 7 CZECH bren captured, tks and inf moved to previous B coy posn 16 dead japs found by eqpt retrieved. tks engaged enemy approaching from SW cas enemy 11 killed. tks and inf moved NW to approx 882470 where japs ambushed jeep train moving to evacuate cas D coy 31 mar own cas 3 killed. engaged and dispersed JAPS killing 9 destroying 2 LMGs. jeeps retrived. night 31 mar 1 apr A B D coys and tks est def posn 878476. small party enemy dispersed 010635L. 1 apr tks and escorting inf moved bn HQ. total known cas 30/31 mar 1 apr enemy 138 killed incl approx 50 killed by tks figures still incomplete. own 8 killed 58 wounded. C coy last reported location 897457 found vacated 1 apr by 18 pl 61 bn moving from 837457. coy isolated since 30 mar. 010930L 16 pl 61 bn moving SOUTH from 873487 on WEST side BUIN rd to contact C coy 25 bn. coy located by AUSTER am 1 apr. present location unknown presumed moving rejoin bn

61 bn. 1 jap killed 1 wounded own one killed 875584.

TOKO. 24 bn. enemy mov night 31 mar 1 apr vicinity A coy 833468. patrol report signs biv area 834484 ossupied same night.

MOSIGETTA. 5 fd coy. 2 japs killed 851593. ANGAU patrol sighted JAP party same area

MAKAPEKA. 9 bn patrol encountered approx 15 JAPS 915494 cas enemy 1 killed 1 wounded own 1 wounded.

TAVERA RIVER. 31 mar natives report signs 40 JAPS moving SOUTH at 820657 all infm

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FROM 2 Corps 02 1217 L

TO FIRSTAUSTARMY

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G01466 . SECRET . sitrep 132 to 022000L . part one of two parts .

FIRST . airops .

BOUGAINVILLE . 2 apr 9 CORSAIRS bombed hut conc NAKARU results unobserved due smoke and sun glare . 8 CORSAIRS tac R led bombed suspected enemy gun posn UNUNAI strafed rd MONOITU MISSION to HARI RIVER FORD several huts 1 truck destroyed guns NOT sighted . 7 MITCHELLS 5 VENTURAS bombed hut conc MUGUAI results NOT known . 6 of these MITCHELLS strafed UNUNAI TAI TAI rd caused much black smoke . patrols strafed huts SHORTLANDS FAURO .

NEW IRELAND . 1 apr 6 VENTURAS bombed strafed opportunity targets NE coast damaged KATENBUANG br . 4 MITCHELLS bombed hiv area LEMAKOT PINIKINDU .

NEW BRITAIN . 1 apr 25 MITCHELLS 5 VENTURAS bombed suspected plane parks VUNAKANAU started large fires explosion . RABAUL patrols badly damaged 2 barges fired 1 MG posn destroyed 1 truck 1 car damaged 1 row boat .

SECOND . 11 inf bde .

SORAKEN . 26 bn . hostile shelling 1 apr 75 mm COMPTON RIVER area 150 mm NORTH peninsula nil cas . gun locations believed 256741 239742 255726 . 1t calibre AA gun sited TOROKORI ISLAND 2468 fired 8 rds incl 2 airburst NORTH peninsula .

55/53 bn . 1 apr observer party reports JAPS 275618 unknown str . conc enemy PORA. PORA . . PORA PORA RATSUA track clear .

2 apr . bn conc PUTO all infm .

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TOKO . 24 bn . 1 dead JAP found 833468 .

TOKINOTU . 25 bn . ref sitrep 131 . 011530L C coy located by 16 pl 61 bn 897457 . coy and pl moved 834457 . C coy now 871481 . enemy cas C coy area 30 mar 1 apr 11 killed . 5 dead found en route . JAP party sighted WEST A coy 878476 .

61 bn . D coy 866482 . small enemy party engaged bn HQ 843481 nil cas .

DARARA . 9 bn . 1 apr enemy fired on carrier party 875516 cas enemy 1 killed own 1 wounded . 2 apr patrol found signs 70/100 JAPS incl cas staged old biv area 896502 night 1/2 . further 3 dead JAPS found DARARA .

MAKATOWA . 10 bty 4 fd regt MAKATOWA all infm

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From 2 Corps 03 2155 L

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GC 1474.SECRET. sitrep 133 to 032000L. part one of two parts.

FIRST. airops.

BOUGAINVILLE. 3 apr. 8 CORSAIRS tac R led bombed enemy conc NE TOGIOGU unobserved results. 8 CORSAIRS tac R led bombed strafed RUMIKI - HONGORAI RIVER def posns no observed results. CORSAIR patrols found strafed car and 2 trucks RURI BAY - RATSOA RD. 4 scramble aircraft riddled vehs beyond repair. 2 CORSAIRS led in mediums MAMAGATA-UNUNAI RD area.

NEW IRELAND. 2 apr. 19 MITCHELLS 6 VENTURAS bombed hit AA posns KAVIENG.

NEW BRITAIN. 2 apr.12 CORSAIRS bombed hit MALAGUNA float plane hideout.

SECOND. 11 inf bde.

SORAKEN. 26 bn. 3 apr bn HQ 234647.

PIATERAPAIA. 31/51 bn. 3 apr patrol sighted three JAPS on NORTH slope HUNTS HILL killed two wounded one captured one owen SMG six magazines 18 type 36 grenade five JAP rifles and documents. one JAP sighted BERRYS HILL. our mortars engaged known enemy posn fwd PEARL RIDGE.

all infm

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THIRD. 3 div.

TOKO. 24 bn. 2 apr 1 JAP killed booby trap bn area 1 found dead. 3 apr 21 JAPS sighted 823473 moving NORTH.

TOKINOTU. 25 bn. night 2/3 enemy mov A coy area 878476. 030505L hostile shelling 36 rounds 75mm 870488.

DARARA. 61 bn. patrol encountered enemy unknown str 868489 nil cas. 2 JAPS in AUST clothing 866482 cas enemy 1 wounded. C coy 881578 two pls 878582 pl MAWARAKA.

MAKAPEKA. 9 bn. 5 JAPS sighted vicinity bivouac area 896503 cas enemy 2 killed 1 wounded. wounded PW sjt maj captured 918522.

NIHERO. 2/8 cdo sqn.. patrol tc 983466 ambushed 40/50 JAPS cas enemy 15 killed 10 probable.. native from SHUKURAI 122528 reports 20/30 JAPS moving to NIHERO all infm

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FIRST. AIROPS.

BOUGAINVILLE. 3 apr 4 MITCHELLS bombed strafed targets MONOITU MAMAGATA area large fires started . 4 apr 15 CORSAIRS tac R led bombed enemy def posns between HONGORAI and POROKEI rivers good coverage results unobserved. 12 CORSAIRS bombed strafed biv area possible amn dump KORIU area one unusually large flash with black smoke results otherwise unobserved. 4 MITCHELLS bombed jap conc KORIU. 2 MITCHELLS bombed biv dump areas MAMAGATA. 5 VENTURAS 1 MITCHELL bombed hut conc MUGUAI. results medium strikes unobserved. all MITCHELLS CORSAIRS strafed EAST WEST rd VENTURAS MONOITU TAI TAI rd. 4 CORSAIRS bombed reported jap conc approx 2 miles SW CHINDPATS results unobserved. patrols strafed opportunity targets.

NEW IRELAND. 3 apr patrols attacked opportunity targets.

NEW BRITAIN. 3 apr 7 MITCHELLS 4 VENTURAS bombed revetments VUNAKANAU hy cloud obscured observation.

SECOND. 11 Inf Bde.

SORAKEN, 26 bn. hostile shelling. 3 apr 12 rds incl air bursts 2559 from probable two 37mm. 5 rds 75mm HORSESHOE KNOLL. 4 apr 10 rds 75mm 70 rds 37mm coastal area 236660 236642. NIL cas. 37 mm believed TORO ORI ISLAND. 5 JAVANESE escapees surrendered. report gun locations 75mm 294646 301647 299643. 150mm 267723 265721 266717. estimate 300 japs PORA PORA 58 PORTON 60 hospital RATSUA.

PIATERAPAIA. 31/51 bn. 3 apr patrol killed 2 japs destroyed 2 huts 752164 weapons documents captured. patrol ambushed killed 3 japs 690161 report HENRYS HILL clear. main enemy conc feature NW to NORTH from 692160. 4 apr patrol killed 2 JAPS contacted further 20 684152. 4 dead found BERRYS HILL results mortar fire all infm

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From 2 Corps 04 1255 L

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GO 1486 SECRET. sitrep 134 to 042000L. part two and final part.

THIRD. 3 Div.

TOKO. NGIB coastal patrol contacted enemy SOUTH PURIATA RIVER enemy withdrew. U hy bty 827443.

TOKINOTU. 25 bn. small enemy parties sighted 879475 878476 876478.

DARARA. 2/4 armd regt. 8 tp 840479. 61 bn. hostile shelling 3 apr 59 rds 75 mm 869488. own cas 2 slightly wounded.

MAKAPEKA. 9 bn. signs recent enemy activity 8751 8752. B coy 915497 D coy 897504 pl 909531.

NIHERO. 2/8 cdo sqn. patrol reports posn 968486 effectively bombed now clear of enemy. patrol SHUKURAI reports 12 JAPS moved SOUTH 3 apr. native agent killed 2 JAPS KAPARA 031483 documents captured all infm

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From: 2 Corps 05..227 L

To: FIRSTAUSTARMY

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G01495 SECRET. sitrep 135 to 052000L. part one of two parts.

FIRST. airops.

BOUGAINVILLE. 5 apr. 11 CORSAIRS tac R led bombed strafed HQ OSO area good coverage. 8 CORSAITS bombed def posn AITARA area results unobserved. 11 CORSAIRS tac R led bombed strafed def posns RUMIKI area results unobserved. 32 CORSAIRS bombed strafed enemy posns 200 yds either side main rd TOKINOTU area in support 7 inf bde results unobserved. 7 MITCHELLS 5 VENTURAS bombed hut conc MUGUAI strafed EAST WEST rd. patrols strafed opportunity targets.

NEW IRELAND. 4 apr. 6 VENTURAS armd sweep NE coast MONGAI to LIBEA destroyed BOHL br cratered road started fires damaged huts DALLUM. patrols destroyed huts BENO damaged huts PANAPAI br MEDINA.

NEW BRITAIN.4 apr. RABAUL patrols destroyed 1 damaged 2 trucks smoked 3 huts.

SECOND. 11 inf bde.

SORAKEN. 26 bn. 4 apr/our arty engaged 286631 297645 305645 298643 suspected gun posn 297644. hostile shelling 4 apr. 25 rounds 75 mm 237660 some damage own cas 1 wounded 13 rounds unknown calibre vicinity 273613. 32 rounds 75 mm coast 233648. locations B coy 236641 12 fd bty 236659.

PIATERAPAIA. 31/51 bn. Jap LMG BERRYS HILL engaged our outpost HUNTS HILL own cas 1 killed all infm

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THIRD. 3 div.

TOKINOTU. 25 bn. night 4/5 approx 188 hostile 75 mm shells areas 8447 8547. 5 apr. 0500L following hostile shelling 75mm 105mm vicinity 4 fd bty 849481 enemy attacked in great str from SW against B coy SLATERS KNOLL 875481 and bn HQ 875483. 0545L enemy attacked A and D coys 878476. arty DF brought down. intense fire fight followed. all attacks repulsed hy enemy losses. wire defs most effective checking fnatical bayonet charges many dead left on wire. sporadic firing SLATERS KNOLL throughout morning. 1340L two tks and inf moved fwd of knoll cleared gully running WEST. majority of enemy killed while fleeing. 1545L B coy moved [illegible] mopping up small parties. 1700L only mov small parties heard fwd areas. cas to 1700L enemy 152 killed own 6 killed 6 wounded. eqpt captured incl 3 JUKI 38 LMG 83 rifles 10 swords 1 OSMG documents. 61 bn. enemy activity grenades A coy 873484. pl A coy escorted tks to 25 bn HQ assisted covering fire SLATERS KNOLL. C coy 303464.

DARARA. 9 bn. patrol engaged enemy party 880493 killed 2. further clash 20 japs with LMG 888502. six japs contacted 888502 one jap killed. large numbers enemy this area. NGIB patrol DARARA to 863495 868488 875486 reports signs mov small enemy parties.

HORINU. 9 bn. patrol 938503 SOUTH to HATAI rd 935486 killed 1 jap. enemy appear in str this area. enemy party engaged 913494. 3 japs killed.

NIHERO. 2/8 cdo sqn. escort with PW from AIB ambushed 9553. ANGAU agent killed 1 jap HARI RUSEI area. reports enemy active area 961497.

TOKO. 5 apr adv HQ 3 div opened 809458. 24 bn. enemy mov heard A coy area 833468 night 4/5 all infm

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From: 2 Corps 06 2357 L

To: FIRSTAUSTARMY

Info: 3 Div 11 Inf Bde 23 Inf Bde 4 Base Sub Area

G01509 SECRET. sitrep 136 to 062000L.

FIRST. airops.

BOUGAINVILLE. 6 apr. patrols sank canoe off PUK PUK ISLAND. all strikes cancelled due weather.

NEW IRELAND. 5 apr. weathered out.

NEW BRITAIN. 5 apr. patrols only NIL sightings.

SECOND. 11 inf bde.

SORAKEN. hostile shelling 5 apr 20 rounds 75 mm vicinity 233648.

PIATERAPAIA. 31/51 bn. 5 apr patrol killed 2 JAPS 397153.

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TOKINOTU. 25 bn. ref sitrep 135 total cas enemy attack 5 apr SLATERS KNOLL area now 292 killed incl 1 full col 2 majs other offrs. 3 wounded PW. weapons captured now total 3 HMG 41 LMG 219 rifles 22 swords. further 15 dead found A coy posn 878476. additional own cas 1 wounded. hostile shelling 5 apr 1900L - 2000L unstated number rounds area 838478.

HORINU. 9 bn. bn HQ 895504. enemy posn 888502 vacated.

TOKO - DARARA. 58/59 bn. bn HQ 837477 A coy 837484 C coy 836476 D coy 835475.

NIHERO. 2/8 cdo sqn. 10 enemy sighted 9354 further 10 998524 all infm

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MESSAGE FORM

From : 2 Corps 07 [illegible]37 L

To : FIRSTAUSTARMY

Info : 3 Div 11 Inf Bde 23 Inf Bde 4 Base Sub Area

G01514 SECRET . sitrep 137 to 072000L . part one of two parts .

FIRST . airops .

BOUGAINVILLE . 6 apr . 6 MITCHELLS 3 VENTURAS bombed silenced Hy AA posns EBERY'S LEASE . 7 apr 8 CORSAIRS tac R led bombed suspected enemy pers area ISINA results unobserved . patrols strafed 2 buildings CHINDAWAN area . other strikes cancelled due weather .

NEW IRELAND . 6 apr . 27 MITCHELLS bombed AA posns KAVIENG . 6 VENTURAS armd sweeps started fire BALUS damaged 2 huts KIMIDAN br LUMIS cratered br approaches LIBBA FESSOA LOSSUK .

NEW BRITAIN . 6 apr . 4 CORSAIRS bombed sup area PALUANA destroyed at least 10 huts . 4 CORSAIRS destroyed at least 4 huts ULA ISLAND DUKE OF YORKS .

SECOND . 11 inf bde .

SORAKEN . 26 bn . C coy relieved by B coy 55/53 bn . dispositions bn HQ 234647 A coy 230651 B 237641 C 236643 D 231649 pl 247649 . 55/53 bn . bn less B coy 259587 two pls 266605 . B coy 274611 . hostile shelling . night 5/6 12 rounds 75 mm 265598 cas 2 wounded 55/53 bn . our arty engaged 298643 . 6 apr 34 rounds vicinity 276613 some shelling 277632 . 7 apr 18 rounds 75 mm 274611 all ineffective . our arty engaged 312654 .

PIATERAPAIA . 31/51 bn . 6 apr . 2 JAPS killed 1 PW TOKUA 635183 . enemy posn 611176 engaged by our arty mortars LMGs 2 JAPS killed . 3 JAPS found buried HUNTS HILL 3 graves found near base pt 3 all inf m

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THIRD . 3 div .

TOKO . 58/59 bn . locations bn HQ 856504 A coy 855502 B 868489 C 867490 D 857503 .

NGIB patrol sighted 2 JAPS SOUTH bank PURIATA .

DARARA . 3 arty jeeps attacked by enemy LMG grenades 845483 nil cas.

NGIB patrol found JAP biv area 20 huts 885496 signs use 4 apr .

B sqn 2/4 armd regt . HQ and 3 tp now area 832467 .

TOKINOTU . 25 bn . 6 apr hostile shelling 62 rounds 75 mm areas 869488 864478 . 7 apr further 4 dead JAPS found 1 wounded PW taken SLATERS KNOLL . 61 bn . patrol sighted 15/20 JAPS with LMG vicinity 866482 . grenade thrown at YMCA jeep 860477 .

HORINU . 9 bn . signs recent enemy activity 927488 . patrol from 915495 contacted approx 30 JAPS HMG 2 LMG def posn 915493 . enemy bayonet charge repulsed 4 JAPS killed enemy withdrew . biv area 898495 recently used .

NIHERO . 2/8 cdo sqn . 6 apr patrol sighted 5 JAPS MINANAI NIHERO track . later engaged enemy party 023545 cas enemy 9 killed 1 wounded own 3 wounded . ANGAU agents captured wounded PW . patrol MORTAT STATION rivers area report RABAUL 018453 clear enemy all inim

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From 2 Corps 08 .'55 L

To FIRSTAUSTARMY

Info 3 Div 11 Inf Bde 23 Inf Bde 4 Base Sub Area

GO 1529. SECRET. sitrep 138 to 082000L. part one of two parts.

FIRST. airops.

BOUGAINVILLE. 8 apr. all missions cancelled due weather

NEW IRELAND. 7 apr. 27 MITCHELLS bombed AA posns FANGELAWA PANAPAI.

NEW BRITAIN. 7 apr. RABAUL patrols bombed huts MATAPAN plantation huts suspected radio sta RALUANA PT hits on targets results unobserved. strafed trucks destroyed 2 damaged 2.

SECOND. 11 inf bde.

SORAKEN. 26 bn. hostile shelling. 7 apr 6 rounds 75mm 233648 40 rounds NE tip peninsula. flashes one gun CHABAI two PORTON.

55/53 bn. locations bn HQ C D coys 259588 A 272577 B 270577. 8 apr patrol B coy fired on 276612 by unknown str HMG rifles. hostile shelling 13 rounds 75mm B coy area one wounded.

PITERAPAIA. 31/51 bn. sitnor all infm

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MESSAGE FORM

From 2 Corps 090049 L

To FIRSTAUSTARMY

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THIRD. 3 div

DARARA. 58/59 bn. 1 dead JAP found 865510.

TOKINOTU. 25 bn. hostile shelling 7 rounds 369488. 61 bn. 5 JAPS killed 853480.

KORINU. 9 bn. patrol contacted enemy party EAST bank HUIO 941504.

NIMERO. 2/8 cdo sqn. B to 997523 all infm

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MESSAGE FORM

From: 2 Corps 09 2305 L

To FIRSTAUSTARMY

Info 3 Div 11 Onf Bde 23 Inf Bde 4 Base Sub Area

GO 1543 SECRET. sitrep 139 to 092000L.

FIRST. airops.

BOUGAINVILLE 9 apr 8 CORSAIRS bombed strafed enemy conc KINGORAI results unobserved. 34 CORAIRS close support accurately bombed strafed reported enemy conc HATAI 925485 results unobserved.

NEW IRELAND. 8 apr patrols destroyed br BALUS probably destroyed 1 truck LOSSUK.

NEW BRITAIN. 8 apr 6 VENTURAS accurately bombed VUNAKANAU plane park large explosion. RABAUL patrols strafed trucks destroyed 2 damaged 2 bombed camp KERAVIA BAY large explosion fire smoke to 500 ft.

SECOND. 11 Inf Bde.

SORAKEN. 26 bn. hostile shelling 8 apr 60 rds from one 47 mm 2 75 mm NORTH coast. 11 rds 75 mm 233648. our arty engaged 321650 254743.

55/53 bn. 8 apr signs 7 japs track 273606. 9 apr A coy patrol destroyed vacated jap posn vicinity 324565. B coy 269610 C coy 257607 pl 270597. ANGAU patrol reports NO sign enemy between ARAVIA KUNAPOPO. hostile shelling 11 rds 75 mm B coy area NIL cas.

PIATERAPAIA. 31/51 bn. patrol reports BURITSIOTORARA reoccupied str unknown. killed 5 JAPS incl 1 offr IBU. following arty bombardment further patrol engaged JAP posn one JUKI one LMG 693159 cas 2 JAPS killed.

THIRD. 3 Div.

TOKO. HQ 15 Bde opened 832463. 24 bn. vacated biv area 833484 signs cas staged 5 apr.

DARARA. 58/59 bn. 1 dead JAP found 882484. biv area 884496 NOT used 3 days.

NIHERO. scout reports 4 JAP bodies 3 graves 026554. other areas sitnor.

2/8 cdo sqn 2 fd regt U hy bty revert comd 3 div. 24 bn 58/59 revert 15 bde all infm

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To : FIRSTAUSTARMY

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G01552 . SECRET . sitrep 140 to 102000L

FIRST . airops .

BOUGAINVILLE . 9 apr . ref sitrep 139 further 9 CORSAIRS bombed JAP conc HATAI area . 10 apr . 8 CORSAIRS bombed suspected large enemy conc NW bank PEPERU RIVER from 011419 to 09417 results unobserved strafed rd KORIU to HONGORAI . 12 CORSAIRS tac R led bombed strafed reported enemy conc both sides EAST WEST rd KORIU area results unobserved . 11 CORSAIRS close support bombed strafed JAP conc approx 2500 yds SW HORINU 2 results unobserved . 6 CORSAIRS bombed strafed JAP biv area WEST bank MARTO RIVER AMIO area result unobserved strafed EAST WEST rd . 13 CORSAIRS accuratel, bombed strafed enemy tp conc NAMKARIO (SE RAUA HBR) results unobserved . 6 MITCHELLS 5 VENTURAS bombed hut conc MUGUAI area . patrols strafed opportunity targets.

NEW IRELAND . 9 apr . patrols bombed strafed opportunity targets .

NEW BRITAIN . 9 apr . RABAUL patrols destroyed 10 huts UTUAN ISLAND . 5 VENTURAS bombed pers sup area TOBERA results unobserved .

SECOND . 11 inf bde .

SORAKEN . 26 bn . own arty engaged suspected gun TOROKORI island . later engaged 254734 and suspected enemy posn 286631 . hostile shelling . 1 - 75 mm 1 probably larger calibre fired 11 ineffective rounds on B coy 257641 . 42 rounds on 12 bty area . slight damage NO cas . 55/53 Bn . 18 hostile ineffective 75 mm rounds incl 3 duds fell 272611 .

PIATERAPAIA . 31/51 bn . 2 JAPS killed 690153 .

THIRD . 3 div .

MAWARAKA . 57/60 bn . bn HQ 774623 B coy 785620 two pls 765621 .

DARARA . 58/59 bn . C coy 899514 one dead jap found 817490 .

TOKINCTU . 61 bn . A coy 803464 C coy 87484 .

HORINU . 9 bn . C coy 913490 . patrol engaged JAP party armed HMG 2 LMG 913493 own cas 1 killed .

NIHERO . 2/8 cdo sqn . dead JAP found 021654 all infm

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To: FIRSTAUSTARMY
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G01567. SECRET. sitrep 141 to 112000L. part one of two parts.

FIRST. airops.

BOUGAINVILLE. 11 apr. 24 CORSAIRS bombed strafed reported amn dump CHINDAWAN large explosion white smoke. 12 CORSAIRS bombed strafed JAP biv area AKU results unobserved. 12 CORSAIRS bombed strafed JAP pill boxes AITARA at request 7 bde 1 caused to smoke. 10 CORSAIRS in support 7 bde bombed rd HONGORAI RIVER to 100 yds EAST black smoke to 1500 ft. 8 CORSAIRS tac R led accurately bombed strafed JAP occupied huts MUSHIMINOI ref approx 085363 12/14 huts destroyed. 5 VENTURAS 4 MITCHELLS GREEN CORSAIRS bombed hutted areas MUGUAI. patrols damaged 3 huts SOUTH cape FRIENDSHIP.

NEW IRELAND. 10 apr. patrols bombed strafed opportunity targets.

NEW BRITAIN. 10 apr. RABAUL patrols strafed smoked 1 truck.

SECOND. 11 inf bde.

SORAKEN. 26 bn. hostile shelling 9 - 10 apr/14 rounds 12 bty area cas 1 killed 1t damage. 10 rounds 233648 nil cas.

55/53 bn. A coy patrol located PORA PORA track crossing NAGAM RIVER approx 316525. B coy patrol 267628 NMS. hostile shelling 10 apr 8 rounds 75 mm 265606 cas 1 wounded.

PIATERAPARA. 31/51 bn sitnor. all infm

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From: 2 Corps 111245T

To: FIRSTAUSTARMY

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G01567. SECRET. sitrep 141 to 112000L. part two and final part.

THIRD. 3 Div.

DARARA. hostile shelling 110450L 27 rounds 75 mm 868488.

TOKINOTU. NGIB patrol located 40/50 JAPS in huts 882469. 4 dead JAPS 890474 two 893470 ten 897463. signs recent mov enemy party 895465.

HORINU. 9 bn. B coy 914495. 5 JAPS ambushed 911493 cas enemy 2 killed 2 wounded. further 15 ambushed same area results unknown. 3 dead JAPS on L of C result action DARARA 29 mar. signs recent mov 915491 882513.

NIHERO. 2/8 cdo sqn. 10 apr 6 JAPS reported 003511. 15/20 sighted 949503. garden 949507 occupied sentries all tracks all infm

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MESSAGE FORM

From 2 Corps 121209 L

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GO 572 . CONFIDENTIAL. our sitrep 141. map ref NAGAM RIVER crossing should read 316575 NOT 316525

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From 2 Corps 12 [illegible] L

To FIRSTAUSTARMY

Info Adv 3 Div 11 Inf Bde 23 Inf Bde 4 Base Sub Area

GO 1578. SECRET. sitrep 142 to 122000L. part one of two parts.

FIRST. airops.

BOUGAINVILLE. 12 apr 20 CORSAIRS bombed gun posns 945435 at request 7 bde excellent coverage detailed results unobserved. 21 CORSAIRS tac R led bombed strafed large enemy conc along EAST WEST RD from 261300 to 286300 results unobserved. mediums GREEN CORSAIRS bombed hutted areas MUGUAI one area reported devastated.

NEW IRELAND. 11 apr patrols cratered rd near LAGOGAN br.

NEW BRITAIN. 11 apr RABAUL patrols burnt 1 truck destroyed 1 outrigger canoe 1 boat killed 2 JAPS.

SECOND. 11 inf bde.

SORAKEN. 26 bn. hostile shelling 10 apr 15 rounds 105mm 12 bty area lt damage. mtn arty engaged 301649. 11 apr 15 rounds 75mm NORTH end peninsula. mtn arty engaged 297644 and TOROKORI ISLAND. 55/53 bn. A coy 292582 pl 296586. patrol to ~~301589~~ 301599 NO movs seen. B coy 11 apr contacted enemy 277613 cas enemy 2killed own 1 wounded. enemy withdrew to new posn NE. C coy 12 apr 1 JAP wounded patrol clash 280613. D coy 12 apr relieved B coy 270610. hostile shelling 11 apr 21 rounds 75mm 271607 3 rounds 277612 nil cas.

PIATERAPAIA. 31/51 bn. patrol reports HENRYS HILL unoccupied. 4 fd regt. 11 bty relieved by 10 bty all infm

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G01578. SECRET. sitrep 142 to 122000L. part two and final part.

THREE. 3 div.

TOKO. 24 bn. patrol contacted 8 JAPS 858420 enemy withdrew.

DARARA. 58/59 bn. night 11/12 48 hostile rounds 75mm 868488. 2/4 armd regt. HQ F tp with 8 tp 840479.

TOKINOTU. 25 bn. 4 jeeps lost 31 mar recovered 883471. NGIB. ref sitrep 141 patrol found bivouac area 882469 vacated. tracks led extensive bivouac area def posn 300 men 883465 then SE along BUIN RD.

HORINU. 9 bn. A coy 935491. JAP posn contacted 914494 cas enemy 1 killed own 1 wounded. 1 JAP killed 911491.

MAWARAKA. 57/60 bn. C coy 765617 pl 763622 pl 767621 all infm

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MESSAGE FORM

From 2 Corps 132340 L

To FIRSTAUSTARMY

Info 3 Div 11 Inf Bde 23 Inf Bde 4 Base Sub Area

GO 1599. SECRET. sitrep ~~133~~ 146 to 132000L part one of two parts.

FIRST. airops.

BOUGAINVILLE. 13 apr 15 CORSAIRS bombed enemy conc at 047367 and 055366 results unobserved. 12 CORSAIRS close support accurately bombed def posns 914494. 16 CORSAIRS bombed hutted areas NAKARAL 3 huts destroyed EAST WEST rd strafed. 12 MITCHELLS 8 CORSAIRS bombed hutted areas MUGUAI.

NEW IRELAND. 12 apr 6 VENTURAS armd sweeps destroyed 3 damaged 2 br pontoons LIBBA damaged br KIMIDAN. 4 CORSAIRS bombed biv area NUSALIK ISLAND damaged several huts.. patrols destroyed br LOSSUK damaged truck BELIK.

SECOND. 11 inf bde.

SORAKEN. 26 bn. hostile shelling. night 11/12 20 rounds 75 mm NORTH end peninsular. 120630L our arty fired 400 rounds 25 pr 297644. 12 apr estimated two hostile 75 mm one 105 mm fired 68 rounds 'I' beach area 233648 and 237659. mortar dump I beach ignited other QM dump damaged nil cas. sound intersection 294599 engaged by mtn arty 600 rounds.

4 fd regt. 12 apr 12 bty move I beach E tp 235644 F 236659.

55/53 bn. OP est 294585. A coy. 12 apr patrol 295590 310593 302603 NMS. 13 apr coy 305596. B coy 259588. C coy 12 apr patrol 269608 283604 282597 263593 NMS. D coy 13 apr contacted enemy 275613 cas enemy 3 killed own 1 wounded action proceeding. 130635L our mtn arty engaged 277612. hostile shelling 21 rounds 75 mm 267607 10 rounds 273611 nil cas.

PIATERAPAIA. 31/51 bn. 4 day patrol reports area HENRYS HILL KALIKOKU 686168 to 682156 clear. 12 apr 1 JAP killed 687155. 5 JAPS sighted 687156. ..0 day patrol reports 10 JAPS TOKUA patrol engaged 1 JAP killed all infm

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From 2 Corps 140110 L

To FIRSTAUSTARMY

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GO 1599. SECRET. sitrep 143 to 132000L. part two and final part.

THIRD. 3 div.

MAWARAKA. 57/60 bn. 3 JAPS surrendered 812613.

TOKO. 24 bn. 4 JAPS engaged 861418 nil cas.

DARARA. 58/59 bn. A coy less pl 855503 pl 869488 B 874479 D 877475. hostile shelling night 12/13 16 rounds 75 mm 860485.

TOKINOTU. 24 bn. bn HQ 883469 A coy 885467 C 884466, signs recent enemy mov track junc 894471 rd 894465. patrol ambushed by 20 JAPS 890460 nil cas. enemy mov seen 885467. A coy NGIB, signs 8 enemy 885456.

25 bn relieved by 58/59 bn at SLATERS KNOLL. 25 bn less A and D coys on route MOTUPENA PT A and D remaining present location. 25 dead JAPS found 891463. 7 tp 2/4 armd regt passed to comd 15 bde.

HORINU. 9 bn. patrol HATAI rd 934485 925482 NMS. large enemy party heard 960496. ref sitrep 142 following air strike B coy found posn 914494 vacated. Coy less pl 915492. 1 JAP killed 1 wounded 917489.

NIHERO. 2/8 cdo sqn. estimated 100 JAPS hut conc 961497 all infm

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MESSAGE FORM

From 2 Corps 14 2155 B

To FIRSTAUSTARMY

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GO 1610. SECRET. SITREP 144 to 142000L. part one of two parts.

FIRST. airops.

BOUGAINVILLE. 14 apr. 12 CORSAIRS bombed def posns area 946430 large explosion. 16 CORSAIRS tac R led bombed gun posns PORAPORA one direct hit. 16 CORSAIRS bombed enemy conc RUMIKI one large flash seen. 6 MITCHELLS 6 VENTURAS 8 CORSAIRS bombed hut conc MUGUAI.

NEW IRELAND. 13 apr. 5 MITCHELLS bombed AA posns PANAPAI. patrols destroyed br SALIK wrecked truck BELIK hit bivouac area FANGELAWA.

NEW BRITAIN. 13 apr. 17 MITCHELLS 6 VENTURAS bombed plane pk VUNAKANAU results unobserved.

SECOND. 11 inf bde.

SORAKEN. 26 bn. hostile shelling 13 apr. 20 rounds believed 105 mm 236659 233648. 10 rounds 37 mm NORTH tip peninsula. 37 mm gun believed TOROKORI ISLAND. 55/53 bn. A coy 301659. C coy 273611 pl 270605 pl 277611. D coy 13 apr 270605 17 pl dug in 280610. estimated 20 JAPS in posn in depth on narrow ridge 282610 bounded by swamps. 16 18 pls moving rouhd right flank. ref sitrep 143 additional cas enemy 1 killed 3 probable own 3 killed 2 missing 1 wounded. hostile shelling 13 apr 22 rounds 75mm D coy area.

PIATERAPAIA. 31/51 bn. sitnor all infm

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To FIRSTAUSTARMY

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G01610. SECRET. sitrep 144 to 142000L. part two and final part.

THIRD. 3 div.

MOTUPENA PT. 25 bn.now complete 707578.

TOKO. 61 bn. HQ 833468 A coy 792478 B 840479 C 814454 D 811458.

KORINAGA. 24 bn. 2 day patrol from base 883401 engaged enemy sec LMG 899359.results unknown.

BARARA. night 13/14. hostile shelling 16 rounds 868489. 57/60 bn adv party 856504.

TOKINOTU. 58/59 bn HQ 875477. relief 25 bn complete. 24 bn. 30 new huts 907472 signs occupied night 13/14. 1 PW captured. patrol engaged 30 JAPS LMG 891463 cas enemy 3 killed. 3 dead JAPS found 891462. location A coy 883473 B 882472. NGIB ambushed killed 3 JAPS captured JUKI 906449. tracks area 902450 to 888465 recently used. 1 dead JAP found 890455.

GEN. two tps 2/4 armd regt A coy NGIB less pl passed from comd 7 bde to 15 bde. 11 fd amb reverts comd 3 div all infm

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MESSAGE FORM

From 2 Corps 152035 L

To FIRSTAUSTARMY

Info . 3 Div 11 Inf Bde 23 Inf Bde 4 Base Sub Area

GO 1619.SECRET. sitrep 145 to 152000L part one of two parts

FIRST. airops.

BOUGAINVILLE. 15 apr. 6 CORSAIRS bombed def posns AITARA results unobserved. 14 CORSAIRS bombed tp hut conc NORTH side EAST WEST rd 2 miles EAST SILIBAI RIVER. 12 CORSAIRS bombed hut conc 257296 4 huts destroyed 1 badly damaged. mediums bombed hutted areas MUGUAI.

NEW IRELAND. 14 apr. 21 MITCHELLS bombed biv area TEMAKOT large fires started. 6 VENTURAS armed sweep NE coast destroyed 4 damaged 3 huts caused explosions. 4 CORSAIRS bombed biv area KAUT BAY.

SECOND. 11 inf bde.

SORAKEN. 26 bn. sitnor.

55/53 bn. A coy moving NORTH from 302606. standing patrol est on well used track approx 298607. D coy. ridge running SE from 277611 through 279608 named McKENNON RIDGE. ref sitrep 144 amended locations 17 pl 277611 JAP posn 279608. 15 apr 16 18 pls reached McKENNON RIDGE 281602. hostile shelling. 14 ~~mar~~ atr 24 rounds 75 mm 275612. 15 ~~mar~~ atr 17 rounds 75 mm 277611. NIL cas. our arty engaged JAP posn McKENNON RIDGE.

PIATERAPAIA. sitnor all infm

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MESSAGE FORM

From 2 Corps 160155 L

To FIRSTAUSTARMY

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GO 1619. SECRET. sitrep 145 to 152000L part two and final part.

THIRD. 3 Div.

MAKATOWA. 57/60 bn. D coy 786521.

TOKO. HQ RAA 820447.

DARARA. HQ 7 bde 843481. HQ 15 bde 783487. hostile shelling night 14/15 45 rounds 75 mm 876487.

TOKINOTU. 24 bn. 15 apr patrol fired on by enemy 890462 cas enemy 1 killed own 1 missing. further patrol moving to reinforce fired on 889463 own cas 1 offr killed. patrol to 902450 fired on from new bunkers 886457..

2/4 armd regt. 8 tp 875477 9 tp 882472.

A coy NGIB 843480 4 and 5 pls 884466.

58/59 bn. A coy 873486.

HORINU . 9 bn. 14 apr. enemy posn 916491 engaged cas own 1 wounded enemy unknown. enemy party heard 932486. 1 JAP killed 918489.

15 apr. enemy posn 917493 vacated following arty bombardment. pl B coy moved through to 916490. pl C coy met by fire 919489 cas 1 wounded pl dug in. patrol reports HATAI rd clear from 913479 to 904474. 1 JAP killed 907490.

NIHERO. 2/8 cdo sqn. patrol SINANAI area reports much activity vicinity 961497 following air strike 14 apr all infm

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MESSAGE FORM

From 2 Corps 16 2140 L

To FIRSTAUSTARMY

Info 3 Div 11 Inf Bde 23 Inf Bde 4 Base Sub Area

GO 1329 SECRET. sitrep 146 to 162000L. part one of two parts.

FIRST. airops.

BOUGAINVILLE. 16 apr 18 CORSAIRS tac R led bombed gun posns PORA PORA one posn destroyed. 13 CORSAIRS bombed def posns AITARA results unobserved. 16 CORSAIRS bombed hut conc area 264223 4 huts destroyed 2 damaged explosion with black smoke to 300 ft.

NEW IRELAND. 15 apr patrols caused explosion PINIKINDU strafed hit LMG posn PANAPAI.

NEW BRITAIN. 15 apr 22 MITCHELLS 7 VENTURAS bombed plane park TOBERA results unobserved.

SECOND. 11 Inf Bde.

SORAKEN. 26 bn sitnor.

55/53 bn. A coy. 15 apr patrol 302617 303622 NO contact. 16 apr patrol contacted 2 japs NW branch track from 302604 killed one wounded one. D coy 15 apr 16 18 pls 289606 NO contact. our mtn arty engaged 278615 279617 15 apr.

PIATERAPAIA. 31/51 bn. patrol killed 5 japs MAPIA 727152 all inf m

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MESSAGE FORM

From 2 Corps 162305 L

To FIRSTAUSTARMY

Info 3 Div 11 Inf Bde 23 Inf Bde 4 Base Sub Area

GO 1629 SECRET. sitrep 146 to 162000L. part two and final part.

THIRD. 3 Div.

DARARA. hostile shelling night 15/16 30 rounds 75 mm 878488.

TOKINOTU. 24 bn. night 15/16 mov heard 886463. 16 apr patrol engaged 8/10 JAPS 906445 cas own 2 wounded incl offr. vacated posns found 885454 905473. ref sitrep 145 patrol endeavouring outflank posn 889463 held up by fire approx 30 JAPS in pillboxes. cas enemy 1 killed own 1 killed 3 wounded patrol dug in. arty engaged suspected 75 mm gun posn 911453. 6 japs sighted 885458 NO contact. new def posn sighted 883457. sounds much activity heard between 895456 and BUIN rd. NGIB patrol found large vacated hutted area 896475. 58/59 bn. vacated b v area 400 men found 871464. 1 JAP killed 870477.

HORINU. 9 bn. 1 JAP wounded 924487. patrol engaged approx 20 JAPS LMG 908490. cas enemy 2 killed own 2 wounded patrol endeavouring out flank. pl B coy forced enemy withdraw from posns 916491 916492 all infm

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MESSAGE FORM

From 2 Corps 18 0030 L

To FIRSTAUSTARMY

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GO 1642. SECRET. sitrep 147 to 172000L. part one of two parts.

FIRST. airops.

BOUGAINVILLE. 16 apr. 6 MITCHELLS bombed hut conc KIETA. 6 VENTURAS 8 CORSAIRS bombed AA posns KANGU HILL 2 large explosions smoke to 800 ft. 17 apr. 13 CORSAIRS bombed hut conc MIBO RIVER ford 128332 explosions smoke to 800 ft hit fuel dump EAST side ford burnt for 45 mins. 11 CORSAIRS bombed strafed hut conc area 133334 results unobserved 11 CORSAIRS bombed strafed hut tp conc RUMIKI 2 huts destroyed. 15 CORSAIRS bombed MT pk fuel dump possible 75mm gun at OAMAI RIVER 180325 results unobserved. 4 CORSAIRS tac R led bombed strafed suspected OP personnel area EAST HONGORAI RIVER 914347 results unobserved. 8 CORSAIRS bombed def posns AITARA. patrols cratered rd just EAST HARI 1 bombed and burnt scc of ripe rice garden 990375.

NEW IRELAND. 16 apr. 4 CORSAIRS bombed strafed bivouac area FANGELAWA good coverage. patrols damaged barge METAKOKO br near BELIK.

NEW BRITAIN. 16 apr. 11 LIBERATORS bombed sup dumps VUNAKANAU targets PRAED PT TAWUI PT.

SECOND. 11 inf bde.

SORAKEN. 26 bn. 15 apr patrols TAFFRANG TURUARA SIOTUS and TAKARU ISLANDS report NO mov seen. signs occupation 2 to 3 weeks old TAFFRANG and SIOTUS small enemy party. TURUARA NOT recently occupied. NO signs previous occupation TAKARU. 160715L smoke and rifle fire vicinity 269695 resulted 50 rounds harassing fire 12 bty 55/53 bn. D coy. 16 apr enemy opposition estimated one coy fwd tps in occupation McKENNON RIDGE.17 pl 277611. 161430L attack by 16 and 18 pls approx 19 JAPS 289609 enemy cas 4 killed 5 probables own nil. own tps withdrew 291606 for night 16/17 apr. 17 apr. 16 pl patrol returned 291606 at 171300L with report wide well formed track leading EAST and WEST approx 294612 signs JAP use AM 17 apr and sounds chopping. NO mov seen 4 pl patrol area 274574 where previously ANGAU reported JAP footprints.

arty activity. 161125L to 161145L 12 rounds enemy 75mm 273614. No cas. 100 rounds from 12 bty on 316665. 161715L 15 hostile rounds area NOT reported. 400 rounds from 12 bty on 281699. 17 apr mtn bty shelled 279608. 8 ineffective enemy 75mm rounds 276616.

PIATERAPAIA. 31/51 bn. 7 to 8 day patrol referred sitrep 146 having killed 5 JAPS MAPIA returned 17 apr. report as follows. split into two parties MAPIA. first. contact enemy square 7727 vicinity NW NUMA NUMA plantation. approach betrayed by pro-JAP native. JAPS opened fire 2 LMGs and grenades. enemy cas 5 killed own nil 2 JAPS escaping with LMGs. enemy dead in good condition and incl one offr rank NOT determined. 5 huts destroyed own tps. 4 swords 2 pistols 2 binoculars documents captured. 10 rifles 1 grenade dischargers 2 spare type 96 LMG barrels and amn destroyed. second. recce area BASE PT 1. NO contact but natives estimate 30 JAPS. large SA and arty amn dump. sig line cut on track booby traps set. 17 apr native patrol returned from TENEKAU. 1 offr 1 OR killed of 4 JAPS seen WEST NUMA NUMA plantation. sword documents captured. 17 apr arty engaged WEARNES HILL

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MESSAGE FORM

From 2 Corps 18 1200 L

To FIRSTAUSTARMY

Info Adv 3 Div 11 Inf Bde 23 Inf Bde 4 Base Sub Area

GO 1642. SECRET. SITREP 147 to 172000L. part two and final part.

THIRD. 3 div.

MAWARAKA. 57/60 bn sitnor.

TOKINOTU. 24 bn. arty conc preceded move fwd 24 bn with tks in sp 170830L. C coy contacted enemy posn unknown str 891462 at 170900L. tks blasted posn. enemy withdrawal to posn EAST side DAWE CREEK 891459. 171300L C coy less 15 pl in occupation posn 892460. 15 pl in occupation posn 890458 after hy fighting. DAWE CREEK tk obstacle at first but crossing made by tractor 892459. two pls C coy one tk in sp crossed DAWE CREEK. tk knocked out large pillbox and withdrew WEST bank. sp fire from tks on WEST bank as pls continudd adv. first line enemy posns cleared pls withdrew to coy posn. cntact maintained. D coy on objective 894463 by 171230L. 2 own tps wounded by booby traps. fighting patrols fwd of coy posn. A coy adv NE along HATAI track. one JAP seen. bn HQ 890463 B coy in res 889464. 7 tp armd regt 894463 9 tp 892460. cas for day enemy 11 killed own 2 killed 10 wounded. one LMG 5 rifles captured.

58/59 bn. flanking patrols covering 24 bn adv. cas enemy 2 wounded 897459 own 1 wounded. 12 pl 899454.

HORINU AREA. 9 bn. A coy 937493 B coy 924484 C coy less pl 913488 14 pl 919488. enemy posn 908490 ref sitrep 146 outflanked but NO further contact. ambush set 901470. 170000L estimated 20 JAPS with HMG attacked B coy 924484. enemy withdrew 171000L. enemy cas 2 killed.

NIHERO. 2/8 cdo sqn. patrol SIKOMONI SHIKURAI returned with refugees. 4 days NO mov seen. all infm

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MESSAGE FORM

From 2 Corps 18 1170 L

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GO 1653 SECRET. sitrep 148 to 182000L. part one of two parts.

FIRST. airops.

BOUGAINVILLE. 17 apr 12 MITCHELLS 4 CORSAIRS 3 VENTURAS bombed targets MUGUAI KARA one large explosion seen. 18 apr 16 CORSAIRS tac R. led accurately bombed strafed hut conc EAST ROBIKAI RIVER 175312 18 huts destroyed. 13 CORSAIRS accurately bombed huts SSW KIKIMOGU 245377 several destroyed. 14 CORSAIRS bombed def posns tp conc KORIU rd junc area 994385 results unobserved. 13 CORSAIRS bombed strafed huts TAI TAI 021425 to 022429 one fired one smoked. patrols bombed sank 3 barges in inlet SSE PORTON at 275704.

NEW IRELAND. 17 apr. 9 MITCHELLS bombed KAVIENG strip. 6 MITCHELLS NAMATANAI. 6 MITCHELLS biv area LIBBA. 3 MITCHELLS biv area LEMAKOT. all results unobserved. patrols destroyed br SOUTH of SALIK bombed barge hideout SE METAKOKO debris thrown in air.

NEW BRITAIN. 17 apr 15 MITCHELLS 7 VENTURAS bombed suspected plane park pers area TOBERA results unobserved.

SECOND. 11 inf bde.

SORAKEN. 26 bn. sitnor.

55/53 bn. A coy 299619 NO contact. C coy patrol 275615 NMS. D coy. 16 18 pls astride track 293613. hostile shelling 18 apr 15 rds 75 mm 275614. ref sitrep 144 bodies two missing recovered 17 apr.

PIATERAPAIA. 31/51 bn relieved by 27 bn 23 inf bde. bn now TOROKINA 547933 all infm

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MESSAGE FORM

From 2 Corps 182350 L

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GO 1653. SECRET. sitrep 148 to 182000L. part two and final part.

THIRD. 3 Div.

TOKINOTU. 58/59 bn. 17 apr small enemy party contacted 893458 cas own 1 wounded.

24 bn. 17 apr enemy mov reported 905473. 18 apr 7 japs dug in posn 900465 engaged. cas enemy 3 killed own 2 wounded. A coy 900469. enemy unknown str contacted 906476. one jap killed new enemy posn 905468. ANGAU patrol fired on 890462. patrol fired on 1 jap 906482 then met by fire approx 30 JAPS 2 LMG much mov heard both flanks. patrol withdrew cas own 3 killed 3 wounded. enemy posn 905468 engaged by patrol cas enemy 6 killed own 1 offr killed one wounded. approx 20 japs 2 native guides sighted 897467. hostile shelling night 17/18 14 rds 75 mm 878478. 18 apr C coy with tp tks crossed DAWE CREEK advanced SE along BUIN rd. reached 895458 against continuous opposition. contact maintained cas enemy 3 killed own 1 killed 1 wounded.

HORINU. 9 bn. enemy still in posn 940499. suspected prime mover heard moving WEST 9346. 10 JAPS contacted 914487 cas enemy 1 killed. D coy fired on from 924483 cas enemy 1 killed. coy dug in 925482 engaged by enemy unknown str cas enemy 3 killed own 1 wounded. enemy mov and sniping continues in area.

NIHERO. 2/8 cdo sqn. enemy posn 944506 vacated all infm

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To : FIRSTAUSTARMY

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G01668 . SECRET . sitrep 149 to 192000L . part one of two parts .

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BOUGAINVILLE . 18 apr . 6 MITCHELLS 4 CORSAIRS bombed concentrations huts MUGUAI . 7 VENTURAS scored 14 hits amongst AA posns EBERYS LEASE . 19 apr . 16 CORSAIRS bombed strafed hut conc HARI RIVER crossing 005388 results unobserved . 17 CORSAIRS bombed strafed biv area WEST MOBIAI RIVER 155227 5 huts destroyed . patrols sank canoe PORORAN ISLAND .

SECOND . 11 inf bde .

TAIOF ISLAND . 17 apr OP sighted 3 JAPS MADEHAS ISLAND .

SORAKEN . 26 bn sitnor . 55/53 bn . A coy 312622 patrol to 312625 no contact . C coy patrol reached crest McKENNON RIDGE 2B 0606 found unoccupied foxholes documents no contact . D coy . 18 apr 17 pl 277611 relieved by 13 pl . 19 apr 17 pl 270605 16 18 pls 292612 . enemy mov heard vicinity 294612 . gen . 18 apr . arty/R 80 rounds on barges 272700 pilot reported 2 barges submerged . 5 graves 14 bodies found 266586 three graves 266583 five graves 272612 . hostile shelling 19 apr 19 rounds 75 mm 275612 nil cas.

THIRD . 23 inf bde .

PIATERAPAIA . 27 bn . sitnor all infm

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MESSAGE FORM

From : 2 Corps 19 2375 L

To : FIRSTAUSTARMY

Info : 3 Div 11 Inf Bde 23 Inf Bde 4 Base Sub Area

G01668 . SECRET . sitrep 149 to 192000L . part two and final part .

FOURTH . 3 div .

TOKINOTU . 24 bn . 18 apr.A coy 905474 . ref sitrep 148 further 1 JAP killed posn 906482 . JAP posn 894458 engaged by tks and arty . C coy encircled and occupied posn . JAPS withdrew cas enemy 5 killed 5 probable own 1 killed 2 wounded . new pillbox pits 902452 . night 18/19 twenty JAPS moved SOUTH through OLD TOKINOTU . 19 apr . 1 JAP killed 2 wounded 899454 own cas 1 wounded . vacated biv area documents found 900470 . 58/59 bn . 18 apr hostile 75 mm shelling 872484 .

HORINU . 9 bn . bn HQ 925484 . 2 JAPS killed 2 wounded 910488 one found dead 921487 all infm

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MESSAGE FORM

From 2 Corps 202235L

To FIRSTAUSTARMY

Info 3 Div 11 Inf Bde 23 Inf Bde 4 Base Sub Area

GO 1681. SECRET. sitrep 150 to 202000L. part one of two parts.

FIRST. airops.

BOUGAINVILLE. 19 apr 7 VENTURAS 6 MITCHELLS bombed AA posns EBERYS LEASE results unobserved. 6 MITCHELLS bombed hut conc NAKARU two large explosions smoke to 1000 ft. 20 apr 16 CORSAIRS tac R led bombed def posns SOUTH CHINDPATS 408633 results unobserved. 8 CORSAIRS bombed gun posns POROREI RIVER ford 956424 strafed SOUTH side rd from ford to garden 955423 results unobserved. patrols bombed strafed huts CAPE FRIENDSHIP destroyed four badly damaged one.

NEW IRELAND. 19 apr 4 CORSAIRS bombed biv area LEMAKOT. 3 MITCHELLS bombed strafed PINIKINDU. 3 MITCHELLS bombed LAMUSSONG PLANTATION. 6 MITCHELLS bombed pers area NAMATANAI. all unobserved results. patrols destroyed br LAMINNIS truck KAPSU several huts.

NEW BRITAIN. 19 apr 23 MITCHELLS 6 VENTURAS bombed pers sup area RABAUL.

SECOND. 11 Inf Bde.

SORAKEN. 26 bn. hostile shelling 19 apr 30 rounds on NORTH end peninsular from estimated two 75 mm PORTON area nil cas.

55/53 bn. A coy. 19 apr amended location 316611. 20 apr patrol met 40 natives 312637. natives report only 17 JAPS PORA PORA. C coy no evidence JAPS McKENNON RIDGE. pl located track EAST from 281608. night 19/20 our arty harassed JAP posns 296613. D coy 20 apr. pl patrol this area report 15 JAPS moving NORTH along L of C track approx 294615. our 4 point 2 mortars later engaged 296613. 18 pl moving to posn astride track 294615. 16 pl ambush 292612 captured 1 JAP.

PIATERAPAIA. 31/51 bn 5 day patrol returned 19 apr. 16 apr ambushed and killed 5 JAPS between BURITSIOTORARA and AVIANG 670228.

17 apr patrol engaged 7 JAPS BURITSIOTORARA cas 1 JAP killed.

THIRD. 23 Bde. sitnor all infm

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From 2 Corps 20 2340 L

To FIRSTAUSTARMY

Info 3 Div 11 Inf Bde 23 Inf Bde 4 Base Sub Area

GO 1681. SECRET. sitrep 150 to 202000L. part two and final part.

FOURTH. 3 Div.

TOKINOTU. 24 bn. 19 apr extensive vacated posn found 895457 evidence own accurate arty fire night 18/19. 3 dead JAPS incl one offr eqpt explosives mines rations maps documents found. signs recent enemy mov tracks 89347. 913463. sniper active 906446. hostile 75 mm shelling night 19/20 887469. 200600L further shelling 889463 own cas 1 killed 11 wounded. 20 apr 3 dead JAPS 892453. B coy 898454.

58/59 bn. patrol wounded 1 JAP 908446. enemy gun posn estimated 9146.

NGIB. signs 20 JAPS 917469 moving NORTH. recent mov 900462.

HORINU. 9 bn. 19 apr hostile shelling 50 rounds 75 mm 928493. 20 apr enemy engaged unknown str extensive def posn 913485 own cas 1 wounded. amended locations bn HQ 926488 A coy 934494 B 925487 C 913489 pl 918489 D 924484.

NIHERO. 2/8 cdo sqn report enemy preparing def posn astride number 2 govt rd 970475 all infm

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MESSAGE FORM

From 2 Corps 21 2145 L

To FIRSTAUSTARMY

Info 3 Div 11 Inf Bde 23 Inf Bde 4 Base Sub Area

GO 1690. SECRET. sitrep 151 to 212000L. part one of two parts.

FIRST. airops.

BOUGAINVILLE. 20 apr. 6 MITCHELLS bombed AA posns KARA started fires. 5 VENTURAS bombed AA posns EBERYS LEASE results unobserved 8 CORSAIRS bombed hut conc MUGUAI unobserved. 4 CORSAIRS bombed amn dump CHINDAWAN started 3 fires with smoke to 1500 ft. 4 VENTURAS bombed huts DONAHAN results unobserved. 21 apr. 21 CORSAIRS bombed hut conc ROBIKAI RIVER 169310 (1/63360) estimated 6 huts destroyed 1 badly damaged. 15 CORSAIRS bombed strafed gun posns POROREI RIVER ford 955423 (1/25000) target area completely cleared except for bush between north of garden and rd. 3 large bursts producing hy black smoke. 54 strafing runs on area with unobserved results. 13 CORSAIRS bombed 2 targets KORIU RD junc area. first detail bombed WEST rd junc 994386 accurately others directed by tac R to hy trailer which CORSAIRS thought possible gun. bombed and made total 48 strafing runs. trailer not destroyed smouldered temporarily. 8 CORSAIRS bombed remaining huts MIBO RIVER ford and suspected MT terminal, results unobserved. 2 patrol CORSAIRS led by tac R to barge beached KIETA 264924 barge destroyed.

NEW IRELAND. 20 apr. 6 VENTURAS destroyed br LIBBA 3 huts. SAMOPIRE. 4 CORSAIRS bombed bivouac area LEMAKOT with unobserved results.

NEW BRITAIN. 20 apr. 8 CORSAIRS patrolled with negative results.

SECOND. 11 inf bde.

SORAKEN. 26 bn sitnor.

55/53 bn. A coy 21 apr 311641. D coy reports sound enemy occupation area 292618. posns found 289610 290612 abandoned last 3 days. hostile shelling 20 apr 14 rounds 75mm 275613. 20 apr. our arty fired 50 rounds suspected posn track 2574. night 20/21. 200 rounds on feature 2963. mtn arty engaged 296613. 21 apr tp 11 fd bty relieved tp 12 bty 236659.

THIRD. 23 inf bde.

8 bn HQ TOROKINA 565953.

PIATERAPAIA. 27 bn sitnor all infm

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MESSAGE FORM

From 2 Corps 21 2325 L

To FIRSTAUSTARMY

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GO 1690. SECRET. sitrep 151 to 212000L. part two and final part.

FOURTH. 3 div.

TOKO. 61 bn. night 20/21 EAST end McKINNA br 838480 blown up by JAP party. 61 bn. HQ 833468 A coy 840479 B 792478 C 815454 D 811457.

DARARA. 57/60 bn. two pls 856504.

TOKINOTU. 24 bn. 20 apr JAPS engaged posn 889464. enemy withdrew cas 1 JAP killed. 7 tp 2/4 armd regt with B coy 898454. 9 tp moved NE along HATAI track to 912481. 21 apr. D coy patrol ambushed by 20 JAPS 2 LMGs 903469 our mortars engaged. 1 dead JAP found 902469. 58/59 bn. 20 apr 40/50 JAPS 2 LMGs engaged 897453 cas enemy 2 killed own 1 wounded. 21 apr patrol again contacted this posn own cas 1 wounded. arty mortars engaged. bn moved fwd to posns NORTH flank 24 bn. A coy 898464 B 905474. patrol engaged enemy ambush 20 JAPS 3 LMGs 1 mortar 909466. NGIB. 21 apr patrol engaged 20 JAPS 925451 cas enemy 12 killed 2 wounded own 1 white 2 natives wounded documents captured. hostile shelling. night 20/21 40 rounds believed 70mm 887474 five rounds 886464.

HORINU. 9 bn. 20 apr JAPposns 940499 913485 vacated. 21 apr bn HQ B coy 925488 A coy 933491 C 932486 D 926484. 15/20 JAPS new eqpt sighted 933483. hostile shelling night 20/21 vicinity 930488.

NIHERO. 2/8 cdo sqn. patrol 034477 en route TAI TAI all infm

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From 2 Corps 22 1205 L

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Info 3 Div 11 Inf Bde 23 Inf Bde 4 Base Sub Area

GO 1696. SECRET. sitrep 152 to 222000L. part one of two parts.

FIRST. 3 div.

TOKINOTU. 24 bn. 21 apr 15/20 JAPS preparing def posn 902455 engaged cas enemy 1 killed. 22 apr. 20 JAPS 2 LMGs infiltrated between C and B coys cut comns. 0830L attacked B coy 898455. enemy withdrew following arty DF and fire fight cas own 2 wounded. approx 22 JAPS ambushed 929449 cas enemy 5 killed 1 wounded. 4 JAPS sighted 888452. 58/59 bn. ref sitrep 151 enemy cas 4 killed 2 wounded result engagement 909446. 22 apr. approx 10 JAPS LMG attacked D coy 909476 using grenades with picric slabs att 0340L to 0705L. enemy withdrew cas enemy 1 killed 1 wounded. NGIB. patrol engaged enemy unknown str LMG 905467. attempted outflank JAPS but lost contact cas enemy 2 killed.

HORINU. 9 bn. A coy 945483. 1 grave found 932473.

NIHERO. 2/8 cdo sqn. patrol HONGORAI PORONEI RIVERS returned with PW and LMG captured. enemy posn 953493 vacated. signs accurate shelling bombing in area.

[illegible]D. 23 inf bde.

[illegible]ATERAPAIA. 27 bn. 21 apr patrol contacted 17 JAPS killed one 691161. further patrol WEST slope BERRYS HILL contacted 6 JAPS 682149 cas unknown. SISIVIE patrol est firm base 620170. 4 JAPS seen in area all infm

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To FIRSTAUSTARMY

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GO 1696. SECRET. sitrep 152 to 222000L. part two and final part.

THIRD. airops.

BOUGAINVILLE. 21 apr 11 CORSAIRS bombed hut conc MUGUAI. 6 VENTURAS 5 MITCHELLS bombed hut conc NAKARU smoke and dust obscured results. 22 apr 24 CORSAIRS accurately bombed strafed def posns tp conc KONGORAI RIVER ford caused one large flash otherwise results unobserved. 5 CORSAIRS bombed strafed suspected gun posn tk pk KORIU rd junc results unobserved. 4 CORSAIRS tac R led bombed strafed barge UMUM BAY bombs missed.

NEW IRELAND. 21 apr 6 MITCHELLS bombed strafed bivouac area PINIKINDU, 3 MITCHELLS cratered rd DALLUM. 4 CORSAIRS bombed huts ROLAND YOUNG plantation. patrols destroyed 3 huts KAPSU.

NEW BRITAIN. 21 apr 14 MITCHELLS 7 VENTURAS bombed buildings revetments TOBERA. 6 MITCHELLS bombed MATUPI. all results unobserved.

FOURTH. 11 inf bde.

SCHAKEN. 220930L HQ 11 inf bde closed TOROKINA opened LALUM area 245599. 26 bn. 21 apr 1 JAP body found 244605. 55/53 bn. A coy. 22 apr patrol reached track on spur approx 1200 yds SE PORA PORA. gardens huts in area signs recent occupation. D coy. 21 apr track McKENNON RIDGE to 16 pl 292612 clear. many vacated posns ridge 296613. enemy heard 295620. ineffective hostile shelling 21 apr 55 rounds incl 5 duds 2366. 29 rounds 2961. our arty engaged 311643 309641 307673 all infm

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FIRST.3 Div.

TOKINOTU. 24 bn. 22 apr. hostile shelling 56 rounds 75 mm 893462. 23 apr. enemy activity heard 898464 902444.

58/59 bn. patrol with 2 tks NE along HATAI track contacted C coy 9 bn 936484 NMS. 20 JAPS engaged 905468 cas own 1 killed 4 wounded contact maintained.

NGIB . enemy sighted many heard vicinity JAP div area 933456. all tracks in area recently used.

general. 25 bn now complete TOROKINA. 10 tp 2/4 armd regt under comd 7 Bde.

MORINU. 9 bn. 22 apr. hostile shelling 926493. 23 apr. 3 small JAP parties contacted 953489 cas enemy 2 killed. 0745L attack on C coy by approx 30 japs HMG LMGs grenades repulsed. cas enemy 2 killed own 4 wounded. 1 dead JAP found 920487.

NIHERO. 2/8 cdo sqn. TAITAI patrol killed 4 JAPS captured 1 maj BW 6343. patrol SINANAI area reports 9750 9749 9648 9649 9650 clear.

[illegible]OND. 23 Inf Bde.

[illegible]TERAPALA. 27 bn. 22 apr 6 JAPS sighted 681149. 25/30 on track 684144 to 687154. ref sitrep 152 patrol BERRYS HILL. 1 JAP killed. patrol WEARNES HILL killed 1 of 6 JAPS 693162 all infm

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To FIRST AUST ARMY

Info 3 Div 11 Inf Bde 23 Inf Bde 4 Base Sub Area

GO 1710. SECRET. sitrep 153 to 232000L. part two and final part.

THIRD. airops.

BOUGAINVILLE. 23 apr 12 CORSAIRS bombed biv and staging area MOBIAI RIVER 101336 (1/63360) area flattened by bombing 6 strafing runs. 12 CORSAIRS bombed 15-20 huts 155227 (1/63360) 8 huts destroyed 2 damaged. 18 strafing runs MIBO RIVER ford 24 strafing runs on garden EAST side OAMAI RIVER. 2 CORSAIRS could NOT locate launch reported UMUM bombed and strafed for unobserved results. patrol strafed probably killed 2 JAPS on direlect barge CAPE FRIENDSHIP. 1 BOOMERANG strafed and sank small launch UMUM 382697 (1/63360). arty R located 75 mm gun vicinity CHABAI engaged and resulted one wheel off gun A/C strafed.

NEW IRELAND. 22 apr 27 MITCHELLS Bombed biv area PANAPAI poor coverage. 7 VENTURAS bombed and strafed biv area LEMAKOT started 3 small fires.

FOURTH. 11 Inf Bde.

SORAKEN. 26 bn. sitnor. 55/53 bn. A coy 313642. B coy 22 apr relieved D coy 293612. 23 apr 10 pl 296615. C coy on SORAKEN PORA PORA track 281617 pl 274612 NO contact. one dead JAP found. D coy 259587 pl 268606. hostile shelling. 23 apr. 23 rounds 75 mm 276612. 25 rounds 75 mm 280616 own cas 1 wounded. our arty engaged med gun 276730 arty/R pilot observed 3 direct hits gun overturned. also engaged 290631 306663 316655 all infm

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MESSAGE FORM

From 2 Corps 24 2340 L

To FIRSTAUSTARMY

Info 3 Div 11 Inf Bde 23 Inf Bde 4 Base Sub Area

GO 1628. SECRET. sitrep 154 to 242000L. part one of two parts.

FIRST. 3 div.

TOKINOTU. 24 bn. 23 apr. 4 JAPS sighted 904452 signs recent mov 883450 883444 sounds enemy activity 903451 922448. patrol ambushed 908473 by approx 25 JAPS LMG own cas 1 native guide killed. hostile shelling night 23/24 in area 8945. 24 apr. one JAP sighted in fresh dug posns 902454. signs recent mov 943421 further mov heard . . B sqn 2/4 armd regt. 10 tp 932486. 3 JAPS fired on jeep 859478 own cas 1 wounded. 58/59 bn. ref sitrep 153. 23 apr patrol broke contact enemy posn 905468. 24 apr strong enemy posn 904468 unsuccessfully attacked following arty preparation. arty and mortars again engaged. cas enemy 2 killed own 1 killed 2 wounded. A coy with 9 tp 2/4 armd regt moved to vicinity posn.

HORINU. 9 bn. 23 apr 4 JAPS sighted 933470. 24 apr small enemy parties sighted 953488

SECOND. airops

BOUGAINVILLE. 23 apr. 6 MITCHELLS 8 CORSAIRS bombed hutted areas NAKARU good coverage. 7 VENTURAS bombed AA posns EBERYS LEASE large explosion white smoke to 1500 ft. 24 apr. 30 CORSAIRS tac R led bombed strafed def posns HIRU HIRU area 924452 target well covered. 13 CORSAIRS bombed strafed reported dump area AKU 189318 (1/63350) results unobserved. patrols strafed 12 JAPS MASSUNGON ISLAND.

NEW BRITAIN. 22 apr. 27 MITCHELLS bombed bivouac area SULPHUR CREEK 6 VENTURAS bombed personnel stores area VUNAKANAU all infm

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GO 1728. SECRET. sitrep 154 to 242000L. part two and final part.

THIRD. 11 inf bde.

SOROKEN. 26 bn sitmor. 55/53 bn. A coy 24 apr. patrol PORA PORA track sighted 2 JAPS in plantation vicinity PORA PORA. B coy. enemy reported area 297616 one JAP killed. enemy unknown str HMG 2 LMGs one heavier weapon fired on patrol 291617. C coy. pl fired on by HMG LMG 289620 own cas 2 wounded. pl dug in 288620. hostile shelling 24 apr 3 rounds 47mm AP 11 bty area 236659. our arty engaged 267758 304746 316655 290631 287621 and barge in swamp 257776. gen. 1 dead JAP 273606. one 70mm type 92 bn gun one 81mm type 99 mortar found. feature 2863 2963 will be known as STEVENSONS RIDGE.

FOURTH. 23 inf bde.

PLATER PAL. 27 bn. patrol reports 20/30 JAPS TOKUA 637175 strong posn sighted. patrol SISIVIE contacted enemy posn 623164 one JAP wounded. BERRYS HILL patrol contacted 10 JAPS 684147 cas enemy 3 killed 1 wounded. patrol DAVIS HILL killed 1 JAP 683145. HQIB patrol MAPLA area attacked by 30/40 JAPS night 23/24. cas enemy 4 killed 6 wounded. enemy withdrew all infm

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From 2 Corps 25 2330 L

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Info 3 Div 11 Inf Bde 23 Inf Bde 4 Base Sub Area

GO 1742. SECRET. sitrep 155 to 252000L. part one of two parts.

FIRST. 3 Div.

TOKINOTU. 24 bn. 24 apr. new JAP posn 907448 engaged cas enemy 1 wounded own 1 wounded. 20/30 JAPS engaged 903452 cas enemy 1 wounded. our arty engaged enemy withdrew. 1 JAP wounded 912478. approx 20 JAPS 2 LMG in def posn 914444 engaged nil cas. posn 903454 engaged cas own 2 killed 1 wounded contact lost. 25 apr. two pls B coy 8 tp 2/4 armd regt 900453. 30 JAPS dispersed by air strike 926439 one JAP killed this area. suspected enemy HQ 936424. 10 JAPS sighted 908475. hostile 150mm shelling 24 apr 898455 890464.

58/59 bn. 24 apr. A coy 9 tp 2/4 armd regt 913474. ref sitrep 154 location enemy posn 917474 NOT 904488. posn vacated 25 apr but 12 JAPS later contacted in area cas enemy 1 killed 1 wounded own 1 wounded arms eqpt captured.

NGIB. JAP party heard moving EAST from 908471.

57/60 bn. adv HQ 897469 B coy 900472 C 897469.

HORINU. 9 bn. 25 apr. B coy 926484 D 948485. enemy constructing defs 955485 engaged cas enemy 3 killed. enemy estimated coy str engaged 9346 cas enemy 2 killed own 1 killed 1 wounded. patrol HATAI track to 958492 NMS.

61 bn. signs small enemy party moving EAST 865475.

MOTUPENA, 42 bn. D coy 704595 under comd 3 div.

NIHERO. 2/8 cdo sqn. patrol reports considerable activity USO and

977431 996445 008471 054432 all infm

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From 2 Corps 26 0047 L

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Info 3 Div 11 Inf Bde 23 Inf Bde 4 Base Sub Area

GO 1742. SECRET. sitrep 155 to 252000L. part two and final part.

SECOND. airops.

BOUGAINVILLE. 24 apr 10 MITCHELLS 5 VENTURAS bombed strafed hutted areas NAKARU large explosion. 16 CORSAIRS bombed hut conc MUGUAI good coverage. 25 apr 12 CORSAIRS bombed probable dump area NE CHABAI 268744 (1/63360) results unobserved. 5 of these A/C strafed 3 huts 1 mile NW of dump destroyed 1 badly damaged 1 destroyed 1 concrete tank. 13 CORSAIRS bombed strafed suspected gun posns lower HONGORAI ford area 946419 jungle flattened otherwise results unobserved. 13 CORSAIRS bombed strafed suspected gun posn EAST bank POROREI RIVER 952417 good coverage. 8 CORSAIRS bombed reported tp conc KIETA 273917 (1/63360) results unobserved.

NEW IRELAND. 24 apr 6 VENTURAS bombed cratered rd strafed biv areas LIBBA. 8 CORSAIRS bombed biv area LEMAKOT. patrols damaged br BELIK.

NEW BRITAIN. 25 apr 26 MITCHELLS bombed revetment area VUNAKANAU. 8 VENTURAS bombed RABAUL town fires started.

THIRD. 23 inf bde.

PIATERAPAIA. 27 bn. 25 apr patrol BERRYS HILL contacted enemy 2 LMGs rifles 684145. own cas one wounded 2 missing incl offr.

FOURTH. 11 Inf Bde.

SORAKEN. 26 bn sitnor.

55/53 bn. A coy 308647. 25 apr killed 2 JAPS on track 308647 incl one capt documents captured. B coy. pl en route track 299620. C coy. 14 pl dug in SORAKEN PORA PORA track 290624. hostile shelling 25 apr 45 rounds 287619 from estimated 4/6 75mm. one 150 mm believed SARLENA one 47 mm believed TOROKORI fired 7 rounds NORTH end peninsular. our arty engaged 330720 313651 hut 327721 all infm

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GO 1756. SECRET. SITREP 156 to 262000L. part one of two parts.

FIRST. airops.

BOUGAINVILLE. 25 apr. 8 CORSAIRS bombed LONAHAN and LEMLNMLNU huts destroyed. 6 VENTURAS 12 MITCHELLS bombed some MUGUAI results unobserved. 26 apr. three attacks by total 41 CORSAIRS bombed strafed BUIN RD from 903453 to 907447. bombing very accurate. one large explosion and hy smoke approx 905453. 42 strafing runs on target. 4 CORSAIRS accurately bombed enemy posns 917445. 8 CORSAIRS bombed. strafed probably destroyed gun 918445.

NEW IRELAND. 25 apr. 3 MITCHELLS bombed DALUM 3 MITCHELLS bombed strafed br NABUTO started fire. 6 MITCHELLS bombed AA NAMATANAI. 3 MITCHELLS bombed strafed bivouac LIBBA. 1 VENTURA damaged brs MATAKAU and SALIK. 2 CORSAIRS bombed destroyed br BULEGIL. 4 CORSAIRS bombed bivouac LEMAKOT. CORSAIRS damaged br BALUS and LOSSUK silenced it AA killed 2 JAPS PANAPAI.

NEW BRITAIN. 25 apr. 8 VENTURAS bombed buildings and stores RABAUL. 26 MITCHELLS bombed possible plane hideout VUNAKANAU all unobserved

SECOND. 23 inf bde.

PLATER-PULA. 27 bn. patrols arty mortars active. 20/30 JAPS seen BERRY HILL.

THIRD. 11 inf bde.

SORAKEN. 26 bn. hostile shelling. 25 apr 42 rounds 75mm and 47mm NE end peninsula. 55/53 bn. A coy. 26 apr pl contacted enemy 307649 killed 1. later contacted enemy concealed posns PORA PORA. B coy. 25 apr pl ambushed JAP party 296627 cas enemy 1 killed. pl now 296621. C coy 290624 report PORA PORA track clear to coy posn. 4 dead JAPS 1 grave 289620 all infm

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MESSAGE FORM

From 2 Corps 26 2324 L

To FIRST AUST ARMY

Info 3 Div 11 Inf Bde 23 Inf Bde 4 Base Sub Area

GO 1756. SECRET. sitrep 156 to 262000L. part two and final part.

FOURTH. 3 div.

TOKO. 61 bn. B coy 833455.

TOKINOTU. 24 bn. 25 apr small parties JAPS moving NORTH 897451 mov heard 900437 897437. patrol ambushed by 10 JAPS with LMG 890439 nil cas. 26 apr. following air strike gen adv along axis BUIN RD resumed. A coy to 904458. D coy 911456. C coy 8 tp 2/4 armd regt reached 908447, tks knocked out strong pillbox posn 905452 captured LMG own cas 1 killed. 1400L enemy cut line between C B coys. tractor train 903452 fired on by enemy both sides rd cas own 1 wounded. pl with tp tks cleared rd. 58/59 bn. 25 apr extensive vacated posns 917477 917472 882440. 26 apr patrol engaged enemy unknown str moving NORTH 916469 nil cas. 57/60 bn fwd tps 895459.

HORINU. 9 bn. RUMIKI reported clear. enemy unknown str LMG grenades contacted 958493.

NIHERO. 2/8 cdo sqn. patrol reports estimated 80 JAPS 996445 008471 010459 raiding gardens building huts. further party 970475 all infm

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MESSAGE FORM

From 2 Corps 272235 L

To FIRSTAUSTARMY

Info 3 Div 11 Inf Bde 23 Inf Bde 4 Base Sub Area

GO 1768. SECRET. sitrep 157 to 272000L. part one of two parts.

FIRST. 3 Div.

TOKINOTU. 24 bn. A coy 904459 C 907448 D 908456. 26 apr large enemy party heard 925422. ref sitrep 156 BUIN rd clear between B and C coys. 1 JAP killed 903452. 27 apr. ambush 909446 killed 1 JAP.

58/59 bn. 1 JAP killed 916469. hostile shelling 27 mar 75 mm 897453.

HORINU. 9 bn. 27 apr gen advance EAST. bn HQ 10 tp 2/4 armd regt 935485 A coy 966484 B 926484 pl 924487 C 948485 D 958493. following arty conc enemy withdrew from posn 958493.

NIHERO. 2/8 cdo sqn. patrol area 970475 ambushed JAP party killed 5 own cas 1 killed. small party enemy constructing defs this area mov heard 966482. enemy parties reported area 009417.

SECOND. airops.

BOUGAINVILLE. 26 apr 9 VENTURAS bombed huts MUGUAI good coverage. 12 CORSAIRS hit huts NAKARU starting small fires. 27 apr 12 CORSAIRS bombed strafed amn dump 378691 UMUM GORGE large flash number 44 gal drums in creek shell cases seen on ground. 12 CORSAIRS bombed strafed 75 mm gun posn 374700 BUOI plantation unobserved results. 12 CORSAIRS tac R led bombed strafed amn dumps/huts PORROR RIVER 204334 1 explosion. patrols bombed TOROKORI ISLAND.

NEW IRELAND. 26 apr 8 VENTURAS bombed destroyed br SOALABA and LIBBA destroyed and damaged huts SICACUI and LAMERNEWI. 27 MITCHELLS bombed biv PANAPAI. 3 MITCHELLS bombed NAMATANAI unobserved.

NEW BRITAIN. 26 apr CORSAIRS strafed destroyed 2 huts CREDNER ISLAND probably sank small boat all infm

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GO 1768. SECRET. sitrep 157 to 272000L. part two and final part.

THIRD. 23 Inf Bde.

PIATERAPAIA. 27 bn. patrols killed 1 JAP TOKUA 620180 and one 616164. arty mortars harassed BERRYS HILL.

TOROKINA. 7 bn. HQ closed TREASURY reopened TOROKINA 581956 271300L.

FOURTH. 11 Inf Bde.

SORAKEN. 26 bn.sitnor.

55/53 bn. A coy. 2 JAPS killed 307646 three 304647.

SORAKEN PORA PORA track located 294645 SOUTH bank LAVELE RIVER. B coy pl 295617 patrols to 293620. C coy occupied STEVENSONS RIDGE 286631.

gen. 25 explosions heard PORTON plantation our arty then engaged area all infm

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MESSAGE FORM

From 2 Corps 28 1200 L

To FIRSTAUST ARMY

Info 3 Div 11 Inf Bde 23 Inf Bde 4 Base Sub Area

GO 1776. SECRET. sitrep 158 to 282000L. part one of two parts.

FIRST. 3 div.

TOKINOTU. 24 bn. 27 apr 1 JAP wounded 907445 own cas 1 wounded. 28 apr enemy unknown str ambushed patrol 915466 nil cas. 58/59 bn. night 27/28 hostile 150mm shelling 8946 9040 cas own 1 killed 6 wounded. C coy 901453. signs enemy moved SOUTH from bivouac area 884463 night 27/28. 57/60 bn. enemy unknown str contacted 914468 own cas 2 killed 1 wounded JAPS withdrew.

SECOND. airops.

BOUGAINVILLE. 27 apr. 8 VENTURAS 6 MITCHELLS bombed dumps KAHILI 420316. 8 CORSAIRS bombed huts NAKARU 160325 results unseen. 28 apr. 12 CORSAIRS tac R led accurately bombed strafed occupied huts KUMILOGO 232409. 12 CORSAIRS bombed strafed pillboxes HONGORAI RIVER crossing 944433 unobserved results. JAP def posns between HONGORAI and POROREI fords 952440 954436 952432 950436 bombed strafed 12 CORSAIRS resulted hy black smoke 5 mins. 13 CORSAIRS= bombed strafed occupied huts PALIDORAN 230404 number of huts destroyed. CORSAIR patrols bombed SOUTH tip TOROKORI ISLAND. strafed holed 400 gal tk HARUMO ISLAND. sunk mooring buoy NE HOMALUFU ISLAND. strafed destroyed canoe killed 1 JAP wounded another SE BENAHA ISLAND.

NEW IRELAND. 27 apr. negative patrols.

NEW BRITAIN. 27 apr. negative patrols all infm

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From 2 Corps 29 0100 L

To FIRSTAUSTARMY

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GO 1776. SECRET. sitrep 158 to 282000L. part two and final part.

THIRD. 23 inf bde.

PIATERAPAIA. 27 bn. 27 apr patrol killed 5 JAPS 633238. arty engaged

TOKUA harassed BERRYS HILL.

FOURTH. 11 inf bde.

SORAKEN. 26 bn sitnor. 55/53 bn. A coy. one JAP killed LMG captured

307657. contacted enemy unknown str same area. B coy LAVELE RIVER
294645 vacated posns found 293619. contacted enemy
294645 NO details. 31/51 bn. C coy 241589 all infm

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From 2 Corps 30 0005 L

To FIRSTAUSTARMY

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GO 1789 SECRET. sitrep 159 to 292000L. part 1 of two parts.

FIRST. airops.

BOUGAINVILLE. 28 apr. 3 MITCHELLS bombed strafed huts NAKARU. 12 CORSAIRS bombed MUGUAI both unobserved. 5 VENTURAS bombed dumps MUGUAI large explosion: and smoke. 6 MITCHELLS bombed KAHILI large explosion smoke to 5000 ft. 5 VENTURAS bombed same target. 29 apr. 12 CORSAIRS bombed strafed def posns 946433 unobserved. 12 CORSAIRS bombed huts SILIBAI river 237310 and 227337 10 huts destroyed. 4 CORSAIRS bombed strafed destroyed 2 huts AITARA. other strikes weathered out.

NEW IRELAND. 28 apr. 8 VENTURAS destroyed br BOHL river 2 brs LIBBA br LOGAGON. 8 CORSAIRS bombed biv LEMAKOT.

NEW BRITAIN. 28 apr. CORSAIR patrols destroyed 15 ft boat WATOM Is 3 canoes MUALIM Is damaged boat WATARA.

SECOND. 23 inf bde.

PIATERAPAIA. 27 bn sitnor.

THIRD. 3 div.

TOKINOTU. 24 bn. ref sitrep 158. 3 JAPS killed in clash 911445. 28 apr. B coy 911445 repulsed attack by 10 JAPS. patrol contacted 10 JAPS 917447 cas enemy 4 killed. patrol C01432 outflanked by two parties JAPS and withdrew. NGIB report enemy both sides rd 939434.

58/59 bn. bn HQ 901454 A coy 907453.

2/4 armd regt. HQ F tp 904474 9 tp 871487.

HORINU. 9 bn. 12 JAPS sighted 967485.

NIHERO. 2/8 cdo sqn. 28 apr. patrol reports main JAP conc US0 OS0 with scattered posns on rd OS0 TONNU. 75 JAPS 009459 small gps 009417. 29 apr. patrol attacked 20 JAPS 055432 cas enemy 6 killed many wounded own 1 wounded all infm

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From 2 Corps 30 0025 L

To FIRSTAUSTARMY

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GO 1789 SECRET. sitrep 159 to 292000L. part two and final part.

FOURTH. 11 Inf Bde.

SORAKEN. 26 bn sitnor.

PORA PORA. 55/53 bn/ A coy. ref sitrep 158 additional cas enemy 1 killed own 2 wounded./306653. B coy. 29 apr coy. coy moved NORTH to 303651 pl 306640. killed 1 JAP. STEVENSONS RIDGE clear. C coy NORTH bank LAVELE RIVER 296646. abandoned posns 108 rounds 75 mm found in area. patrol 1100 yds NNE along track NMS. hostile shelling 14 rounds 75 mm 315650 nil cas all infm

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MESSAGE FORM

From 2 Corps 30 2300 L

To FIRSTAUSTARMY

Info 3 Div 11 Inf Bde 23 Inf Bde 4 Base Sub Area

GO 1803 SECRET. sitrep 160 to 302000L.

FIRST. airops.

BOUGAINVILLE. 29 apr. 6 VENTURAS bombed hut conc MUGUAI results unobserved. 30 apr. 19 CORSAIRS bombed strafed enemy conc near RATSUA at 315701 bombing accurate one truck destroyed direct hit 2 trucks severely damaged. 26 CORSAIRS bombed enemy posns BUIN rd from 944433 to 949431 results unobserved. 19 CORSAIRS bombed strafed biv area SE NAKARAU at 226314 results unobserved. 10 CORSAIRS bombed suspected enemy mounted gun 968405 direct hit many near misses.

NEW IRELAND. 3 MITCHELLS bombed biv area MEMAKOT pill boxes LAKUREFANGE. 4 CORSAIRS destroyed 5 huts ULUNONO and bombed storage area LOSSUK. VENTURA destroyed 2 huts LOSSU.

NEW BRITAIN. 12 CORSAIRS patrols results negative.

SECOND. 23 Inf Bde.

PIATERAPAIA. 27 bn. patrol clash BERRYS HILL one JAP wounded.

THIRD. 3 Div.

TOKINCTU. 24 bn. small party JAPS sighted 919433. 58/59 bn. 29 apr hostile shelling 9045. abandoned biv area 886455. 57/60 bn. 2 dead JAPS found 904467 one PW surrendered same area. locations bn HQ 906476 A coy 898469 B 906476 C 911480 D 908478.

HORINU. 9 bn. patrol contacted 30 JAPS 951447 wounded one.

FOURTH. 11 Inf Bde.

SORAKEN. 26 bn sitnor.

PORA PORA. 55/53 bn. bn HQ 275610. A coy on main NORTH track 306654 believed RATSUA track. B coy 297646 reports hills SOUTH of LAVELE RIVER clear. C coy 304652 patrol contacted A coy. 3 dead JAPS found in area. hostile shelling. 29 apr 40 rounds 75 mm 306647. guns believed 318690. gen. much barge mov heard NORTH of RATSUA INLET all infm

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APPENDIX 21

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2 AUST CORPS DAILY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No 81
(Information to 011800L Apr 45)

(Ref Maps 1:63360 and 1:25000)

PART I

1. LAND - OWN AND ENEMY

(a) 11 AUST INF BDE - SORAKEN Area 26 Bn

Two enemy barges were sighted off the coast west of the BUOI PLANTATION.

Locations: B Coy 236660
D Coy less 18 Pl 231649
18 Pl 247647

PIATERAPAIA Area 51/51 Bn

A NG Inf Bn patrol returned today and reported killing 10 Japanese at BURITSIOLORARA, including 2 Lieuts. They also captured a bundle of documents, 1 HMG, 2 LMG, 1 grenade discharger and 7 rifles. The enemy in this area seemed to be in fair condition and have a good supply of food.

The track to IBU was well worn.

The patrol proceeded to AVIANG, contacted 7 Japanese and killed 3 including a Lieut. The remainder fled towards IBU.

These enemy and their rifles were in poor condition; no gardens or food were seen in the area.

Four day patrols to OLD VIVIE and BASE POINT 3 returned without making contact, but documents were found in a deserted position at 692155, 1000 yds NE of BERRY'S HILL.

An OP has been established on SMITH'S HILL.

Our artillery engaged 696162, 1500 yds SE of WEARNE'S HILL. Artillery and 3 in mortars engaged 611175, 500 yds east of SISIVIE.

An ambush laid in rear of the same position reported no enemy.

(b) 3 AUST DIV TOKINOTU Area 25 Bn

30 Mar. Preceded by heavy mortar fire, four determined enemy attacks were made on B Coy's position at 892462. The first three attacks were repulsed, but the fourth against a depleted Coy penetrated the defence from the NE. The position became untenable and the company withdrew to A Coy's position at 889465 at 301530L. Fifteen minutes later, the enemy in strength attacked A Coy; these attacks, 6 in all, continued until 311340L.

Two Pls of D Coy supported by one Tp B Sqn 2/4 Armed Regt moved SE along the BUIN road and engaged the enemy opposing A Coy. The enemy commenced to withdraw in disorder across A Coy front, allowing the coy to inflict heavy casualties. The remaining enemy were machine gunned out of their pits by tank fire.

The relief of A Coy was completed by 311615L; 94 enemy dead were counted and many more are in the area.

The tanks and infantry from D Coy then moved to B Coy's old position, where they found 16 enemy dead. A party of enemy approached from the SW and was forced to withdraw leaving 11 dead.

Moving back to 883469, 100 yds NW of D Coy the tanks contacted enemy still in the vicinity of the train of Jeeps which had been ambushed earlier while moving up to evacuate casualties. Nine enemy were killed.

A, B and D Coys, with the tanks, established a defensive position for night 31 Mar 1 Apr at 878476, 1500 yds SE of DARARA ford.

A small enemy party was fired on and dispersed at 010635L. The tanks and infantry then moved to HQ 25 Bn.

At 010902L another small enemy party approached A Coy and was dispersed.

A patrol from D Coy 61 Bn which had gone out to contact C Coy 25 Bn, returned on finding their old position vacated.

Later an AUSTER aircraft located this Coy and another D Coy 61 Bn patrol is endeavouring to make contact.

Locations: A and D Coys 878476
B Coy 875481

TOKO Area 24 Bn

During the night 31 Mar 1 Apr enemy movement was heard in the vicinity of A Coy 833468. Next day a patrol investigated a report that an enemy bivouac site existed at 834484. Signs were found of recent occupation.

MOSIGETTA Area

Early this morning tps of 5 Fd Coy killed 2 Japanese 2 miles NW of MOSIGETTA. A party of enemy, including a possible BUKA Police Boy, was sighted by ANGAU.

TAVERA RIVER Area

Natives report that the recent footprints of an estimated 40 enemy were observed at 820657 3000 yds west of SISIRUIA.

SUMMARY OF PATROL REPORTS

Natives report a large enemy force west of HEDAI on the PEPERU RIVER. Two other forces are reported NW of TUGIOGU-PIANO and west of the OMAI RIVER.

Reinforcements are reported to have arrived at KONGORAI from MUSHIMINOI via KAKJI.

Considerable damage was done to the enemy, trucks and 2 x 105mm guns by the bombing of AMIO. The survivers have joined forces with the enemy on the east bank of the MARTO RIVER. A workshop area exists on the west bank of the river.

Bombing in the MUSHIMINOI area destroyed 2 houses, and scouts report considerable activity in that area. The enemy appears to be moving his camp further east.

The rice gardens are ready to harvest in the KAPARO-MONOITU area.

Further enemy forces are reported west of the HARI RIVER and east of the MONOITU-TAITAI road.

2. AIR - OWN BOUGAINVILLE 1 Apr

MULIKO AA gun positions was the target for thirteen Corsairs, hits were obtained on two automatic guns, destroying both. A third automatic gun was still firing after the attack. Three huts in the area were destroyed.

Thirteen Corsairs attacked AA positions in the EBERY'S LEASE area, results could not be observed. Inaccurate heavy AA was encountered.

Corsair patrols strafed a four wheeled truck in the RURI BAY area with unobserved results. Two native type huts at CHABAI were strafed and smoked momentarily.

Two Japs walking on the beach at TARBUT and two near MOBINO were strafed.

A stack of approx 50 fuel drums and two native type huts near TEPEROI were strafed. The drums were riddled and presumably empty.

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HQ 2 AUST CORPS DAILY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No 82
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PART I

1 LAND - OWN AND ENEMY

(a) 11 AUST INF BDE - SORAKEN area - 26 Bn 55/53 Bn

26 Bn. At 1810L on Apr 1, an enemy 75 mm gun shelled in the vicinity of the COMPTON River. Our artillery then engaged 292635, 3000 yards NE of HORSESHOE KNOLL.

Three possible 150 mm guns shelled the northern end of the SORAKEN Peninsula. By sound ranging, enemy guns are estimated to be in the vicinity of 266741, 239742 and 255726, north of BJOI Plantation.

TOROKORI Island

At last light on 1 Apr a possible small calibre AA gun fired 10 rounds into the northern end of SORAKEN Peninsula. Later our artillery shelled the Island.

55/53 Bn. The Bn is now concentrated in the PUTC area.

Through ANGAU, a local native reported that there is a concentration of Japanese in the PORA PORA area, commanded by Capt KANEKO. The only enemy seen south of PORA PORA were in the vicinity of 275618, strength unknown.

The native further reports that there are no enemy on the PORA PORA-RATSUA track, but 70 natives are being given infantry training by the Japanese at RATSUA. A hospital manned by one MO and 10 orderlies is also situated there, and an AA gun knocked out by our airoraft 2 months ago.

(b) 3 AUST DIV - TOKINOTU area - 25 Bn 61 Bn

25 Bn. C Coy of 25 Bn, which had been out of contact and unlocated, was contacted by 16 pl 61 Bn at 897457 and the Coy has now moved to 871481, 800 yards south of DARARA ford.

While out of contact, the Coy killed 9 enemy and a further 2 while evacuating. Another five enemy dead were also found.

A Coy at 878476, 1000 yards SE of DARARA ford sighted enemy to the west of their position.

61 Bn. A small enemy party engaged Bn HQ.
Locations: D Coy 866482
15 pl MAWARAKA.

DARARA area - 9 Bn

A patrol to 896502, 3000 yards east of DARARA, found evidence of a large enemy bivouac site. Enemy casualties possibly staged there night 1/2 Apr.

A carrier party was fired on by the enemy at 875516, 2500 yards NE of DARARA. One of the enemy was killed.

A further three enemy dead were found at DARARA.

NIHERO area - 2/8 Cdo Sqn

Natives report 6 well equipped Japanese moving to KINGORI.

(c) SUMMARY OF PATROL REPORTS

Natives report a large party of Japanese moving inland to KARAKU and a patrol in the area of the headwaters of the SIAR River.

A concentration of enemy is reported to be occupying KINGORI (estimated 100), and south of KORIU.

Enemy patrols from KINGORI have been active and have visited KONTAI, TURUGUM, MATARAS, HANUNG, MORONEI and LAKU.

2 AIR - OWN - BOUGAINVILLE - 2 Apr

Nine Corsairs bombed a hut concentration at NAKARU but results could not be assessed due to smoke and sun glare.

A suspected enemy gun position at UNUNAI was bombed by eight Corsairs which were led in by a Tac R aircraft. Bombing was good and subsequent recce disclosed that several huts and one truck had been destroyed. The suspected guns were not sighted.

Seven Mitchells and five Venturas from GREEN Island bombed a concentration of huts in the MUGUAI area but results are not known. Six of these Mitchells then strafed the MONOITU - TAITAI road causing a considerable quantity of black smoke which still hung over the area one and a half hours later.

Patrols strafed huts at GOMAI Point and on an Island in POTAI Bay (SHORTLANDS), and at TOMA Harbour and KARIKA (FAURO), all for unobserved results.

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2 AUST CORPS DAILY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No 83

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PART I

1 LAND - OWN AND ENEMY

(a) 11 AUST INF BDE - SORAKEN area - 26 Bn 55/53 Bn

Information received from natives and rated C2, states that on 29 Mar, five Japanese arrived at MADEHAS Island (in MATCHIN Bay) making the estimated total there 10, and that four Japanese were seen in a canoe off the south coast of PETATS Island (east of NATUNANA Channel) on 30 Mar. They further state that the gardens at PORA PORA are coming into production and that 30/40 Japanese had been observed there.

Locations: 26 Bn Tac HQ has closed, and Bn HQ has now opened at 234647, 1500 yards south of SORAKEN Wharf.

PIATERAPAIA area - 31/51 Bn

A patrol to HUNTS HILL on 3 Apr sighted three Japanese, killed two and wounded one. Our troops captured an Owen SMG, 6 magazines, 18 type 36 grenades, 5 Jap rifles and documents. One further Japanese was sighted on BERRYS HILL.

Our artillery and mortars engaged targets at 611175 (500 yards east of SISIVIE) and known enemy positions on PEARL RIDGE. MMGs also engaged known enemy positions.

(b) 3 AUST DIV - TOKINOTU area - 25 Bn

During night 2/3 Apr enemy movement was heard forward of A Coy at 878476, 1500 yards SE of DARARA ford. However, security patrols on 3 Apr reported no sign of the enemy.

DARARA area - 61 Bn

A patrol from 61 Bn was fired on by an enemy party of unknown strength at 868489 vicinity DARARA ford.

At 866482, 1000 yards SW DARARA ford, two Japanese dressed in Australian uniforms were seen. They were fired on and one was wounded.

Early morning 3 Apr, 36 enemy shells, estimated to be 75 mm, fell at 870488 vicinity DARARA ford.

Locations: C Coy (less two pls) 881578
5 pl and 13 pl 878482
15 pl MAWARAKA

MAKAPEKA area - 9 Bn

A patrol investigating the enemy bivouac site at 896503, 2500 yards NE of DARARA ford, found that three booby traps remained. There are indications that the enemy moved from this area in a SE direction. Five enemy were sighted in the area - two were killed and one wounded.

Three enemy were fired on at 896514.

A wounded Sgt Major of 23 Inf Regt was taken P[illegible] at MAXWELLS CROSSING 918522.

TOKO area - 24 Bn

Twenty one enemy were observed moving north from 823473, 2500 yards NNE of TOKO.

A Japanese Sgt Major was killed by a booby trap at 833468, 2500 yards NE of TOKO and another Japanese found dead at 820506, 1000 yards NE of MAKAKU.

NIHERO area - 2/8 Cdo Sqn

A patrol returning from 983466, 3500 yards south of SINANAI, reported that they had ambushed a party of 40/50 Japanese killing 15 and probably 10 more.

Late in the afternoon 3 Apr a native runner from SHUKURAI 122528, reported an enemy party of 20/30 moving towards NIHERO.

(c) SUMMARY OF PATROL REPORTS

Natives report that a large enemy force with 4 x 75 mm guns is concentrated near TOKUAKA. A smaller force is said to be in the

SIRALUNA area - 16 in the village and 15 to the east of the gardens at 040385.

Thirty Japanese are reported to have moved south through IAWUN. Japanese camps are reported 5000 yards east of CHINDPATS and 2 miles south at TETEKUTS.

The hill country between PORA PORA and TANIMBAUBAU is reported clear of the enemy, but eight Japanese and five Amboinese with a MMG are reported in TANIMBAUBAU.

More Japanese have been observed moving into KOVIDAU.

A submarine was sighted on 3 Apr between LIHIR Island and BELIK (on central NE coast of NEW IRELAND).

2 AIR - OWN - BOUGAINVILLE - 3 Apr 45

Eight Corsairs bombed an enemy concentration NE TOGIOGU. The results were unobserved owing to the large amount of smoke in the target area and which precluded strafing of this target.

At the request of 7 Aust Inf Bde defensive positions on the east of the HONGORAI River in the KUMIKI area were bombed and well strafed by eight Corsairs with no observed results.

Two Corsairs laid smoke to indicate the UNANAI enemy concentration east of the TAITAI - MONOITU road and also dumps and bivouac areas in the MAMAGATA area for the medium Mitchell bombers. The mediums bombed the area from low altitude and harassed the whole area with many strafing runs. A full report from GREEN Island is not yet to hand.

Corsair patrols carried 1000 lb stick bombs and 650 lb depth charges and dropped the above on rice fields to ascertain which was the better for the task. Results proved that the stick bomb is by far the better and flattens the rice for approximately 30 yards radius.

Corsair patrols also strafed two Japs at KOROKIRA and strafed and presumably killed two near PUANAPA Head in the KIETA area.

Another patrol located a coupe car parked and camouflaged and two 4 wheeled trucks on the RURI Bay - RATSUA road. The vehicles were strafed and four Corsairs were scrambled to complete the task. The vehicles were riddled and considered beyond repair. The area around the trucks showed signs of activity.

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2 AUST CORPS DAILY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No 84
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PART I

1. LAND - OWN AND ENEMY

(a) 11 AUST INF BDE - SORAKEN Area 26 Bn 55/53 Bn

26 Bn artillery

There has been consistent enemy/activity in the area. One probable 75mm gun shelled HORSESHOE KNOLL with 5 rounds; 2 probable 75mm guns and one 37mm gun shelled the coastal area on the NW tip of SORAKEN PENINSULA with 80 rounds. The 37mm gun appeared to be firing from TOROKORI ISLAND. A further 12 rounds from 2 possible 37mm guns fell in square 2559.

Five Javanese (or Amboinese), who surrendered to our troops after escaping from the Japanese at PORTON, state that there is a 75mm gun at each 294646, 301647 and 299645, SW of PORA PORA and a 150mm gun at each 267723, 265721, 266717, PORTON PLANTATION area.

They further state that there are an estimated 300 fit Japanese at PORA PORA, 50 at PORTON and 60 in hospital at RATSUA.

A further 50 Japanese are reported at 299656, 2500 yds NE of PORA PORA.

55/53 Bn

A recce HQ has been established at 260586, 1200 yds east of LALUM.

PIATERAPAIA Area 31/51 Bn

Extensive patrolling has resulted in the following information. At 752164, 1500 yds NE of CHAMBERS HILL, 2 Japanese were killed, 2 huts destroyed and 2 telephones, 7 rifles and some documents found.

At 690161, 750 yds SE of WEARIES HILL, 2 Japanese were killed. It is considered that HENRYS HILL is clear of the enemy and that the main enemy force is concentrated north and NW of 692160.

At 684148, 100 yds east of DAVIS HILL a patrol sighted 3 huts and diggings. The area was engaged with artillery fire and when the patrol moved in they were fired on by approx 20 rifles. However the patrol killed 2 Japanese and obtained some documents.

During the night 3/4 Apr, our mortars engaged known enemy positions forward of PEARL RIDGE. A patrol to HUGHES HILL on 4 Apr found 4 Japanese dead as a result of our mortar fire.

(b) 5 AUST DIV - TOKINOTU Area 25 Bn 61 Bn

25 Bn

Small parties of enemy were sighted at 879475, 878476, 876478, south of SLATERS KNOLL.

61 Bn

Signs (3 to 4 days old) were found indicating that a small enemy party had moved between 867490 and 859498, SE of DARARA.
Locations: 8 Tp 2/4 Armd Regt now with B Coy at 840479

TOKO Area A Coy NG Inf Bn 2 Fd Regt

A patrol from NG Inf Bn fired on an enemy party on the south side of the PURIATA RIVER mouth. The enemy withdrew and the patrol later found dug in positions capable of accomodating 10 men.

Enemy demolition charges were found near D Tp at 834464, 2500 yds NE of TOKO. An enemy working party at 872457, 3500 yds south of DARARA ford, was accurately engaged by arty fire.

MAKAPEKA-HORINU Area 9 En

Signs have been found of recent enemy movement in squares 8751 amd 8752, JARARA area.

Locations:	B Coy (less 12 Pl)	915497
	12 Pl	914495
	D Coy (less 18 Pl)	897504
	18 Pl	909531

NIHERO Area 2/8 Cdo Sqn

A patrol to 973486 in the TOIDA area reports enemy positions at 968486, 2500 yds SW of SINANAI have been effectively bombed; and there are now no enemy in the area.

Twelve enemy are reported to have arrived at SHIKURAI (122528 on 1 inch series), on 3 Apr and to have moved south.

Natives report killing 2 Japanese near KAPARA 051485.

SUMMARY OF PATROL REPORTS

Natives report that raids by our aircraft on MORONEI and MUSHIMINOI areas were very successful, many enemy being killed. In the latter area the enemy has moved his camp east towards the MOBIAI RIVER and a party of about 27 is living in a gardem to thenorth of the bombed area. These Japanese patrol daily to KINGORI. Another camp in the CHINDPATS area, at 411637 was reported to contain a large number of enemy from BANIU. An air strike was carried out (see AIR), and later scouts reported that all bombs fell in the target. Natives report that seven Japanese have left KONIGURA to carry out repairs on a plane at KARA. (Earlier a PW had stated that he had heard/a°plane landing there on the night 7/8 Mar). Patrols on LIHIR report no enemy activity.

3. AIR - OWN BOUGAINVILLE 4 Apr

Corsairs based at PIVA engaged targets requested by 2 Corps, 7 Inf Bde and patrols, and meddum bombers from GREEN ISLAND continued to attack the Jap L of C in the MAMAGATA KORIU and MUGUAI area. The main east-west road was strafed at the conclusion of all strikes except one.

Twelve Corsairs accurately bombed and strafed a bivouac area and possible ammunition dump on the north side of the main road near KORIU. Except for an unusually large flash, followed by a column of black smoke, results were unobserved.

Fifteen Corsairs were led by a Tac/R aircraft to attack enemy defensive positions between the HONGORAI and POROKEI RIVERS. The bombing was accurate but results were unobssrved.

An urgent request to attack a large enemy troop concentration approx two miles SW of CHINDPATS was answered by four Corsairs. All bombs fell in the briefed target area with unobserved results.

Five Venturas and one Mitchell bombed a hut concentration at MUGUAI and strafed the TAI TAI - MONOITU road. Four Mitchells, led in by Corsairs, bombed a large Jap concentration reported to be south of the east-west road south of KORIU. Two Mitchells bombed a bivouac and dump area at MAMAGATA which was also indicated by Corsairs. Results of these strikes were unobserved.

During the afternoon of 3 Apr, four Mitchells bombed and strafed targets in the MONOITU - MAMAGATA areas. Large fires were started.

Normal Corsair patrols were maintained throughout the day.

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PART I

1. LAND - OWN AND ENEMY

(a) 11 AUST INF BDE

Adv HQ 11 Bde has now opened at 245597, 1000 yards south of COMPTON River mouth.

SORAKEN area - 26 Bn 55/53 Bn

Enemy artillery has continued to be active in this area.

A total of 57 rounds from 75 mm guns was fired into the coastal area at 233648 and a coy position at 236660, in the northern tip of SORAKEN Peninsula.

Thirteen enemy shells of unknown calibre fell 1500 yards north and west of 265604, in the southern end of SORAKEN Plantation.

Our artillery directed by Tac R aircraft registered the feature at 286631, 3000 yards NW of PORA PORA, the vicinity of the crossings at 297647 and 305647 on the LEVELE River and suspected enemy positions at 297646.

Locations: B Coy 26 Bn 236641
12 Bty 4 Fd Regt 235659
B Coy 19 Fd Amb 235645

At 041600L a small dinghy with estimated three personnel aboard; landed at SAPOSA Island, vicinity 213626. The boat is thought to have come from TAFFRANG Island.

PIATERAPAIA area - 31/51 Bn

An enemy IMG engaged our outpost on HUNTS HILL. Our artillery and mortars then fired on BERRYS HILL.

(b) 3 AUST DIV - TOKINOTU area - 25 Bn

During the night 4/5 Apr, 188 enemy shells from estimated 75 mm guns shelled the area, square 8447 and 8547 apparently in an attempt to knock out 4 Bty at 849481.

Following this shelling the enemy attacked in strength from the SW against B Coy at SLATERS KNOLL 875481 and the area occupied by Bn HQ at 875483. An attack was also made on A and D Coys at 878476; artillery defensive fire was brought down and an intense fire fight followed.

Wire defences proved very effective and the enemy was repulsed with heavy losses, though sporadic fire continued in the SLATERS KNOLL area throughout the morning.

At 051340L two tanks and infantry moved forward of the KNOLL and cleared the gully running west, killing the majority of the enemy who attempted to escape. Later B Coy moved forward from SLATERS KNOLL and mopped up remaining enemy parties.

By 051700L only occasional rifle shots and the movement of small enemy parties could be heard. Enemy casualties between 0500 hrs and 1700 hrs were 152 killed and enemy equipment captured included 3 JUKI, 38 LMGs, 83 rifles, 10 swords, 10 SMG and many documents.

DARARA area - 9 Bn

At 880493 NE of DARARA ford, a patrol killed two Japanese, and at 888502 a party of 20 enemy with a LMG was engaged. One of a party of six enemy was killed at 895502. Patrols report a large number of enemy in this general area.

TOKO area - 24 Bn

At 041905L enemy movement was heard near the gun area at 834464, 2500 yards NE of TOKO.

(c) SUMMARY OF PATROL REPORTS

Natives report that an enemy patrol was due at SIKURI today and that a large enemy force is concentrated in the garden area vicinity 055366.

They also report that there is no indication of enemy MT having used the east west trail between 041360 and 055359 for a long time; however there is evidence of recent foot traffic in both directions.

After a recent air strike against enemy concentrations in the NEBAKU - AKU area, the enemy withdrew to the vicinity of AKU. They

later returned with reinforcements and a minor war between the Japanese and natives has broken out in this area. To date the natives have killed 12 Japanese.

A Japanese captain and 25 troops are reported to occupy a defensive position at KINGORAI. This garrison is reinforced each day by 10 men from MUSHIMINOI; these troops return each night.

An ambush set in the IAWUN area killed two Japanese.

The enemy force at KOVIDAU is reported to be jittery and opens fire on native fires seen.

2 AIR - OWN - BOUGAINVILLE - 5 Apr

Air support was provided on the largest scale for any one day since 2 AUST CORPS assumed control of this area. A total of 62 fighter bomber sorties were flown against army targets.

The suspected HQ of Jap 6 Div in the OSO area was bombed and strafed at the request of 7 Aust Inf Bde by 11 Corsairs which were led in by a Tac R aircraft. Good coverage was obtained, but results were unobserved.

Eight Corsairs bombed enemy defensive positions between AITARA and the HONGORAI River mouth as requested by 7 Aust Inf Bde. Bombs fell in the target area with unobserved results. The main road to the east of the HONGORAI River was well strafed by all aircraft.

A Tac R aircraft led 12 Corsairs to enemy defensive positions on the south bank of the HONGORAI River in the RUMIKI area. The target was bombed and strafed with unobserved results.

Enemy troops reported to be on either side of the road north of TOKINOTU were attacked by Corsairs in direct support of our ground troops. An area 200 yards either side of the road was accurately bombed and strafed with unobserved results.

Seven Mitchells and five Venturas continued the attacks on hut concentrations in the MUGUAI area and strafed the main east west road. Results are not yet known.

Patrols were maintained throughout the day.

PART II

1 ENEMY INFORMATION - NW BOUGAINVILLE (ref Maps CHABAI and SORAKEN 1:25000)

In a second interrogation two Amboinese escaped from the Japanese on 4 Mar have supplied the following information:-

(a) An ammunition dump consisting of 100 separate stacks of various types of ammunition was located along the coastal road vicinity 305753. Natives and Koreans were carrying ammunition from this dump to PORA PORA.

(b) Guns were located as follows:
1 150mm how - just south of TASUI (312685) in banana grove.
75mm mountain guns at approx 301685, 334723, 265724 and 750 yards south of PORA PORA under 10 young coconut palms.
1 75mm Type 88 AA gun at 264727.

Information was given freely but limited by restricted movement.

This information conflicts with that previously obtained and reported in 2 AUST CORPS Intelligence Summary No 84.

PART III

TOPOGRAPHICAL

The MAWARAKA - MOTUPENA road immediately south of MAWARAKA is washed away for 440 yards and is closed to traffic until further notice.

CORRECTIONS TO PLACE NAMES

KINGORAI. Map ref as shown in 2 AUST CORPS Weekly Intelligence Summary No 18 is taken from an obselete map. Correct map ref on PURIATA River 1 inch sheet now reads 052441.

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2 AUST CORPS DAILY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No 86
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PART I

1. LAND - OWN AND ENEMY

(a) 11 AUST INF BDE - SORAKEN Area 26 Bn

At 051750L 20 enemy 75mm shells fell in the coastal area square 2364.

PIATAGAPAIA Area 51/51 Bn

At midday on 5 Apr a patrol from DAVIS HILL surprised an enemy party at 687155 BERRY'S HILL area and killed two Japanese.

(b) 3 AUST DIV - TOKINOTU Area 25 Bn

As a result of the action on 5 Apr the enemy counted dead is now 292 and equipment captured includes 3 HMGs, 41 LMGs, 219 rifles and 22 swords. Badges of rank found on SLATER'S KNOLL include those of one Colonel, two Majors and other officers. Three wounded Japanese were taken prisoner in the SLATER'S KNOLL area.

61 Bn

During the action against 25 Bn a Pl of A Coy accompanied the Tp of tanks to HQ area 25 Bn and assisted that Bn with covering fire.

At 050500L enemy activity was observed in front of A Coy at 873484 south of DARARA FORD and the enemy threw grenades.

Patrols from 840479, 3500 yds SW of DARARA FORD to 866488 and 865472 saw no sign of the enemy.

Location: C Coy 803464

DARARA Area A Coy NG Inf Bn

A patrol from DARARA to 836495, 868488 and 875486 reported no enemy seen, but tracks showed signs of recent use by small enemy parties.

HORINU Area 9 Bn

A patrol from 938503 moved south to HATAI Rd at 935486 near HORINU and found a well worn track running north south in this vicinity. The enemy appears to be instrength in this area. One Japanese was killed.

An enemy party was engaged at 913494, 1500 yds NW of HATAI; three were killed.

NIHERO Area 2/8 Cdo Sqn

A party escorting a Japanese PW was ambushed in square 9553, and the PW escaped.

An enemy Sgt-Maj was killed in the HARI RUSEI area,

The enemy is still very active in the area around 961497, east of RUMIKI.

TOKO Area 24 Bn

During the night 4/5 Apr, enemy movement was heard in the vicinity of A Coy at 833468.

GENERAL

Adv HQ 3 Aust Div has opened at 809458, 1000 yds NNW of TOKO.

(c) SUMMARY OF PATROL REPORTS

Following our success in liberating Father MULLER from the Japanese in the KIETA area, another minor war has broken out between the Japanese and natives. To date, in the BOVO RIVER area 65 enemy dead have been counted and many more dead and wounded are reported. One native has been killed, two wounded and one is missing.

Natives are also reported to have killed 11 Japanese at KOVIDAU, including a new CO brought from the BOVO RIVER area. STUART -A large enemy force is now reported to be at TURIBOIRU-ULA area and the enemy is trying to form a large native compound north of ULA. Patrols from that area are being sent to collect natives in the MASIOGU-KAGISAGO area.

Two RC priests are reported to be held prisoner by the Japanese at NAKARU and 10 Chinese at LAGUAI.

Enemy AA fire is reported from LAITARO (309377), HARAMARINO (308332) area. A recent air strike in the area of the radio towers south of UGIMO is reportedto have been very effective. A large number of casualties as reported and the enemy is now clear of the area.

2. AIR - OVER BOUGAINVILLE 6 Apr

A patrol sank a canoe off PUK PUK ISLAND.
All strikes were weathered out.

PART II

1. ENEMY OOB - PURIATA RIVER Area

In a preliminary interrogation on 6 Apr one of three PW captured 7 Bde area has stated that:-

(a) He is a member of 2 Bn 13 Inf Regt.
(b) 6 Fd Arty Regt, strength 300, is at 865475, 1500 yds SSW of DARARA FORD.
(c) 13 Inf Regt, strength 400, is at 872462, 3000 yds south of DARARA FORD.
(d) 23 Inf Regt, strength 500, is at 919474, 1500 yds SW of HATAI.
(e) 700 Japanese took part in attack on HQ 25 Bn on 5 Apr.
(f) Col MUDA (CO 13 Regt) is dead, and Col KAWANO (CO 23 Regt) either dead or seriously wounded. NOTE: At SLATER'S KNOLL our troops located a dead Japanese bearing rank of Colonel and found a protractor bearing the name KAWANO.

COMMENT:- It is now probable that the enemy plan for the current operation, described in Appendix 'A' to 2 Aust Corps Weekly Intelligence Summary No 19, involving the committal of 1650 troops was carried out. The strengths of 13 and 23 Inf Regts for the attack were given by a document as 300 and 500 respectively, so that the PW's estimatesof these Regts are probably in excess of actual strength.

LATER INFORMATION

Locations:	9 Bn	Bn HQ	895505
		14 Pl	901515
	58/59 Bn		
		Bn HQ	837477
		A Coy	837484
		C Coy	836476
		D Coy	835475
	57/60 Bn		
		D Coy en route MOTUPENE POINT	

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PART I

1 LAND - OWN AND ENEMY

(a) 11 AUST INF BDE - SORAKEN area - 26 Bn

During enemy shelling night 4/5 Apr our OP on TAIOF Island observed flashes at 231746 in TARLENA Plantation and square 2174 on SAWOTO Island.

At 062215L a further eight rounds were fired into the coastal area at 233648 from 2 x 75mm guns.

Locations:
Bn HQ 234647
A Coy 230651
B Coy 237641
C Coy 236643
D Coy (less 18 pl) 231649
18 pl 247647

55/53 Bn

A number of enemy shells fell in the area.

Twelve rounds from a 75mm gun fell in the area 265598, 600 yards south of the Plantation and 34 rounds from a probable 75mm gun at 271609 in the southern end of the Plantation. Several shells also fell at 277632 near the coast and 274611.

Our mountain artillery shelled the area 298643, south of the LAVELE River and 312654, east of PORA PORA.

Patrols operating 500 yards to the north and east of 274611 made no contact with the enemy.

Locations:
Bn (less B Coy, 9 and 17 pls) 259587
B Coy 274611
9 and 17 pls 266605
12 Bty 4 Fd Regt - E Tp 236658
F Tp 235660

SAPOSA Island

Patrols report no further evidence of enemy landing parties.

PIATERAPAIA area - 31/51 Bn

A patrol returned from the TOKUA area where they killed one Japanese, reported killing another at 635182, 2500 yards further south but otherwise saw no enemy movement.

A patrol from KEENANS RIDGE directed artillery and mortar fire on 611176, 500 yards east of SISIVIE and then engaged the position with LMGs, killing two of the enemy. The enemy replied with HMG, LMG and rifle fire.

Other patrols engaged enemy observed on BERRYS HILL, where they located three Japanese graves. Another three enemy graves were found on HUNTS HILL.

During night 5/6 Apr, our artillery engaged known enemy positions forward of PEARL RIDGE.

(b) 3 AUST DIV - TOKIMOTU area - 25 Bn - 61 Bn

Approximately 62 enemy 75mm shells fell in the area 869488 - 864478, vicinity DARARA ford.

NIHERO area - 2/8 Cdo Sqn

Five Japanese were sighted on the SIMANAI - NIHERO track. A patrol encountered another enemy party at 039458 killing seven and wounding two. Documents were captured.

Further information from 3 AUST DIV delayed owing to failure of line communication.

(c) SUMMARY OF PATROL REPORTS

Natives proceeding from TIANAI along the Govt road ambushed a party of Japanese at 679502 and killed two of them.

An enemy party on patrol from KOVIDAU was attacked by natives at BAKATANG and 10 were killed. Another enemy patrol from KURA is expected at BAKATANG.

In the south, our scouts report an enemy concentration near PALIDONON (245440) and a large enemy force west of NAKARU between 261300 and 286300; this force is reported to be preparing to take part in the fighting in the HONGORAI area.

The enemy party which ambushed an escort party from 2/8 CDO SQN (reported in Daily Intelligence Summary No 86), is reported to have arrived at MATUKORI.

Natives interrogated by ANGAU have given the following information. (These natives had been with the Japanese for some time, and their attitude and information must be judged accordingly.)

They state that the main body of Japanese in the IBU area is on the feature on the south side of the old air strip. They have 10-15 MG, 2-3 large calibre mortars and a mountain gun. Dysentry is said to be prevalent amongst these troops.

It is further stated that the enemy troops in the old village site at PIPIPIA were withdrawn early in Mar but their destination is unknown to the natives.

2 AIR - OWN - BOUGAINVILLE - 7 Apr

Adverse weather cancelled all except one strike and one patrol mission. Eight Corsairs, Tac R led, bombed a suspected enemy personnel area at ISINA at the request of a patrol party. Effective coverage was obtained.

Two patrolling Corsairs strafed two galvanised iron roofed buildings between SIARA and CHINDAWAN causing a small quantity of smoke.

PART II

ENEMY OOB - PURIATA area

A PW, 1st Lieut Intendance 2 Bn 23 Inf Regt has stated that after the attack on 25 Bn on 29 Mar, 23 Inf Regt returned to DARARA with a strength of 400. On 2 Apr, he said, the Regt crossed the PURIATA, circled the 25 Bn area and joined with 13 Inf Regt, (combined strength of 650) in the attack of 5 Apr from the SW. 6 Fd Arty Regt was located south of the PURIATA in the same vicinity but was not committed. 6 Tpt Regt was to attack A and D Coys 25 Bn as a diversion.

The PW also stated that Lt-Gen KANDA with Adv HQ 6 Div was at KATAI.

Another PW stated that 6 and 12 Coys 23 Regt and one company of Engrs (total strength approximately 170) remained at DARARA and he thought that this force would now return to the main body in the south.

LATE INFORMATION - 3 AUST DIV

TOKINOTU area - 25 Bn

Four enemy bodies were found, and a wounded PW taken at 875481, forward of SLATERS KNOLL.

61 Bn

A patrol from 866482 sighted 15-20 Japanese with a LMG but did not make contact.

A grenade was thrown at one of our Jeeps at 860477, 1500 yards SW of DARARA ford.

DARARA area - 61 Bn

Patrols to squares 8447 and 8547 south of the PURIATA River report no enemy seen.

Three of our Jeeps were fired on at 845483, 2750 yards SW of DARARA ford.

A Coy NGIB

A patrol to 885498,1500 yards NE of the ford found 20 enemy huts capable of accommodating 100 men and thought to have been used on 4 Apr.

HORINU area - 9 Bn

There are signs of recent enemy activity at 927488, 400 yards NE of HATAI.

A patrol contacted an estimated 30 Japanese, armed with a HMG and 2 LMGs in a defensive position at 915493, 1500 yards NW of HATAI. Four of the enemy were killed before they withdrew.

A well worn track was found at 905483, 2500 yards SE of HATAI and an enemy bivouac area at 898495, 2750 yards NE of DARARA ford, through which casualties are thought to have been staged 4-5 days ago.

TOKO area - A Coy NGIB

Two Japanese were sighted on the south bank of the PURIATA River.

58/59 Bn

Locations:	Bn HQ	856504
	A Coy	855502
	B Coy	868489
	C Coy	867490
	D Coy	857503

NIHERO area - 2/8 Cdo Sqn

The action referred to at 039458 (referred to above) is now reported to have taken place at 023545, 3500 yards NE of NIHERO and the enemy casualties to be nine killed, one wounded.

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PART I

1. LAND - OWN AND ENEMY

(a) 11 AUST INF BDE - SORAKEN Area

26 Bn

Further enemy shelling has occurred in this area. Six ineffective 75mm shells fell in the coastal area near 233648. Shells also fell in the northern end of the Peninsula from a gun estimated to be in square 2573, and 40 rounds in the north eastern end.

Our OP on TAICF ISLAND reports one gun flash at CHABAI and two at PORTON.

GREEN ISLAND

A fighter director indicates that a Japanese wireless station whose call sign is 03, is on DAUL ISIAND.

55/53 Bn

A B Coy patrol was fired on at 276612, east of HORSESHOE KNOLL by an enemy party of unknown strength armed with rifles and a HMG. One Japanese was seen.

Sixteen cases of JUKI ammunition were found at 270604 near the log crossing over the NAGAM RIVER.

(b) 3 AUST DIV

See below

(c) SUMMARY OF PATROL REPORTS

A native whose information is graded C4 states that there is a Japanese wireless station midway between NUMA Plantation and CHAMBERS KNOLL, manned by three Japanese and a line maintenance party of five. This station is also used as a staging camp between BASE POINT 1 and BASE POINT 2; there are thirty Japanese armed with three automatics at BASE POINT 1.

A convalescent camp 2500 yds NW of BASE POINT 1, is said to be unguarded and 40-60 Japanese work in the gardens there.

Another native report states that the Japanese commanding general and his staff moved into the LULUAI valley a fortnight ago. Confirmation of this report is awaited.

The Japanese-native "war" in the central LULUAI valley continues.

An airstrike carried out on 4 Apr against a large enemy force south of KORIU resulted in one 105mm gun and two HMGs being destroyed. Twenty Japanese were killed.

A Japanese sgt at KAPARO has informed the Kempi that naval forces in the area intend to form a defensive line along the SILIBAI RIVER.

2. AIR - OVER BOUGAINVILLE 8 Apr

All strikes and patrols were cancelled due to weather.

PART II

NIL

PART III

TOPOGRAPHICAL

The TOROKINA RIVER crossing is open to 3 ton vehicles only.

The road from JABA 1 to TAVERA is closed to all traffic and from MAWARAKA to NAMA RIVER is closed to all traffic except jeeps at low tide.

If the present high seas continue, the sand spit at JABA 1 will be washed out.

(b) 3 AUST DIV TOKINOTU Area 25 Bn

Seven enemy shells fell at 869488, vicinity DARARA FORD.

61 Bn

A small enemy party was engaged at 853480, 2000yds SW of the ford and three of them killed. Later a further patrol engaged the enemy in the same area killing two.

HORINU Area 9 Bn

A patrol was fired on by a party of enemy at the HUIO RIVER 941504.

NIHERO Area 2/8 Cdo Sqn

A patrol to MOBUAI SIFUNI RIVER area reports no sign of the enemy.
Location: B Tp 997523

DARARA Area 58/59 Bn

One enemy dead was found at 865510, 1500 yds NE of DARARA, and 10 huts in a garden at 874519 near JARARA show signs of recent occupation.

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PART I

1 LAND - OWN AND ENEMY

(a) 11 AUST INF BDE - SOPAKEN area

26 Bn

Twenty one 75 mm rounds fell in the northern end of SOPAKEN Peninsula and a further 50 rounds fell in the same area from an estimated two 75 mm guns and one 47 mm gun.

Our artillery shelled the area of 321650, 1500 yards east of PORA PORA and 254743 in the CHABAI area.

Security patrols report no contact with the enemy.

55/53 Bn

Eleven 75 mm rounds fell in the old B Coy area 273611. The two guns firing are estimated to be on a bearing of 40 degrees magnetic from HORSESHOE KNOLL.

A patrol reports fresh footprints of approximately seven Japanese on the track at 273606, south of HORSESHOE KNOLL.

Another patrol returned after reaching 324565, 6000 yards SE of KUNAPOPO where it destroyed an old enemy position and located a track going north.

Locations: HQ B Coy/and 12 pl 269610
11 pl 271610
10 pl 270610
C Coy HQ and 15 pl 267607
14 pl 266605
13 pl 270597

PIATERAPAIA area - 31/51 Bn

A native patrol to BURITSIOTORAPA to recover a JUKI captured and left by a previous NGIB patrol, found the area reoccupied by the enemy. No estimate could be made of their strength.

The patrol then proceeded to IBU where it killed five Japanese including an officer. One sword was captured.

After the area 695161, forward of BERRYS HILL had been shelled, a patrol moved in and at 693159, killed two Japanese. The patrol was then fired on by 1 JUKI, 1 LMG and 6 rifles. Our artillery then re-engaged the target.

A patrol from the HUNTS HILL outpost sighted two Japanese on BERRYS HILL. Our 3 inch mortars continue to engage that area.

(b) 3 AUST DIV - TOKINOTU area - 25 Bn 61 Bn

Our patrols report no sign of the enemy.

MAKAPEKA area - 9 Bn

Our patrols report no sign of the enemy.

Locations: D Coy less 17 pl 897504
17 pl 896502

DARARA area - 58/59 Bn

One enemy was found dead at 882484, 700 yards east of SLATERS KNOLL and an enemy bivouac area capable of accommodating one company was located at 884496, 1500 yards NE of DARARA ford; it appeared to have been unoccupied for three days.

TOKO area - 24 Bn

At 833484, 3000 yards SW of DARARA an enemy bivouac site was found which appeared to have been used to stage casualties about 5 Apr.

NIHERO area - 2/8 Cdo Sqn

Our patrols report no sign of the enemy but a native scout reports three graves with four new bodies at 026554, 4500 yards NE of NIHERO.

GENERAL

HQ 15 Bde is now at 832463. 24 Bn and 58/59 Bn now revert to command 15 Bde and 2/8 Cdo Sqn and 2 Fd Regt 4 Heavy Bty revert to command 3 Div.

A Coy NGIB - 4 and 5 pls now at 843480.

(c) SUMMARY OF PATROL REPORTS

Natives report that there are approximately 200 Japanese at 679 679438, west of INUS Plantation, and that our bombing of this area has been accurate. They observed four newly dug common graves each 12 yards long.

At INUS a party of Japanese is said to be living in an iron roofed building camouflaged with banana leaves and palm fronds.

A large enemy force, 10 field guns and an ammunition dump is said to exist on both sides of road south of the UGUIMO River between 327321 and 330315.

Another strong enemy force with six 105 mm guns is reported in the HARI River area near 994383, and one near the KARA strip.

In the MONOITU Mission area one 105 mm gun has been located.

At ISINA, native scouts machinegunned a party of Japanese at mess.

An ANGAU patrol reports no sign of the enemy between ARAVIA and KUNAPOPO.

2 AIR - OWN - BOUGAINVILLE - 9 Apr

Close support was provided to our forward troops by a total of 34 Corsairs which accurately bombed and strafed reported enemy troop concentrations at HATAI ref 925485 (RUMIKI 1:25000). Results were unobserved.

A concentration of enemy troops with LMGs and mortars, reported by a patrol to be at KINGORAI, was bombed and strafed by eight Corsairs. All bombs fell in the target area with unobserved results.

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PART I

1 LAND - OWN AND ENEMY

(a) 11 AUST INF BDE - SORAKEN area

26 Bn

Our artillery engaged TOROKORI Island and an enemy gun estimated by flash bearings to be at 254734 in the CHABAI area. Later eleven rounds from an estimated 75mm and largercalibre gun were fired by the enemy into our B Coy position at 237641 and 40 rounds into the Battery area. Suspected enemy gun positions at 286631, 3000 yards NE of HORSESHOE KNOLL were then engaged. This was followed by two enemy rounds being fired into the Battery position.

55/53 Bn

Ten 75mm rounds fell at 275613, east of HORSESHOE KNOLL and eight 75mm rounds on HORSESHOE KNOLL. Our mountain artillery engaged 280612 during the night 9/10 Apr and morning 10 Apr.

PIATERAPAIA area - 31/51 Bn

Light flashes were observed on a magnetic bearing of 345 degrees from 686126 on PEARL RIDGE.

Our artillery engaged suspected enemy positions at 695159 forward of BERRYS HILL. Our patrol then moved towards the target area and killed two Japanese on the track at 690153.

Our 3 inch mortars continue to engage BERRYS HILL. Two Japanese were sighted there on 10 Apr.

(b) 3 AUST DIV

NIHERO area - 2/8 Cdo Sqn

One additional enemy body was found at 021564, 2500 yards NW of GOMONINU.

HORINU area - 9 Bn

At 913493, 1500 yards NW of HATAI one of our patrols engaged an enemy party of unknown strength armed with 1 HMG and 2 LMGs.
Location: C Coy 913490

TOKINOTU area - 61 Bn

Locations: A Coy 803464
C Coy 873484

DARARA area - 58/59 Bn

One enemy dead was found at 817490, 500 yards NW of MABIS.
Location: C Coy 899514

MAWARAKA area - 57/60 Bn

Locations: Bn HQ 774623
B Coy 785620
2 pl 765621

(c) SUMMARY OF PATROL REPORTS

A delayed message reports that on 26 Feb native scouts evacuated 55 TIARAKA natives to AITA. YAKAY natives however refused to leave the Japanese.

At ISINA native scouts ambushed eleven Japanese and killed four with grenades.

It is reported from the LULUAI area that the enemy is bringing stocks of ammunition in from BUIN. Previously it was reported (Daily Intelligence Summary No 88), that the Japanese Commanding General had moved into the area. This information is not confirmed, but it is reported that at least one senior officer has arrived. This officer is said to have recently lost an arm in an air attack. He claims that natives betrayed his position.

At KEKEMONA, 27 out of 50 Japanese and a MG post were destroyed by natives.

Native reports state that the enemy has no MT between HARI 1 and HARI 2 but one truck is in use between MONOITU and UNUNAI. A prime mover has also been heard in this area, but its location is unknown.

Scouts now report that three unarmed natives from the party ambushed by 2/8 Cdo Sqn on 7 Apr, are north of SIKURAI, but it is not certain if the PW escapee is with them.

At KAPARO, Maj SAPANO is reported to have told a Kempei that if any Japanese forces attempted to retreat from the HONGORAI area to BUIN they would be shot by naval forces stationed there.

2 AIR - OWN - BOUGAINVILLE - 10 Apr

Close support was provided by 11 Corsairs which attacked enemy troop concentrations along a track approximately 2500 yards SW of HORINU 2. Artillery smoke shells indicated the target which was bombed and strafed with unobserved results.

Eight Corsairs bombed the area on the NW bank of PEPERU River from 011419 to 009417 (MONOITU 1:25000) which was reported to be occupied by a large enemy force. Owing to extremely hazy conditions, which made target identification difficult, only four aircraft placed their bombs accurately. Results were unobserved. All aircraft strafed the east west road from KORIU to the HONGORAI River.

Enemy concentrations on both sides of the east west road in the KORIU area were bombed and strafed by 12 Corsairs led in by a Tac R aircraft. Results were unobserved.

Six Corsairs bombed and strafed an enemy bivouac area reported to be on the west bank of the MARTO River in the AMIO area. Good coverage was obtained but results were unobserved. All aircraft strafed the east west road.

An enemy troop concentration in the NAMKARIO area, SE of RAUA Harbour, was bombed and strafed by thirteen Corsairs. Results were unobserved but a forward patrol in the area reported that the bombing was accurate.

Six Mitchells and five Venturas bombed hut concentrations in the MUGUAI area.

Two patrols were flown during the day.

CORRECTION to Daily Intelligence Summary No 89.

For 4 Heavy Bty read U heavy Bty.

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PART I

1. LAND - OWN AND ENEMY

(a) 11 AUST INF BDE - SORAKEN Area

26 Bn Fourteen enemy 75mm shells fell in 12 Bty area, and later ten 75mm rounds fell in the vicinity of 233648 on the coast.

55/53 Bn A patrol discovered an inland track to PORA PORA at the NAGAR RIVER crossing approx 316375, and a good OP at 312601, 4500 yds SE of HORSESHOE KNOLL overlooking SORAKEN and PORA PORA.

Another patrol reached 267628 proximity SORAKEN PLANTATION without making contact with the enemy, though one fresh enemy footprint was found. This patrol found no lateral tracks nthof 273611 east of HORSESHOE KNOLL and the track shown on the map running east of the plantation was found not to exist.

The enemy fired eight 75mm rounds into the area 265606 at the southern end of the Plantation. This gun was thought to be on a bearing of 16 degrees magnetic from 267607.

Our mountain artillery shelled 297652 and 300647 along the LAVELLE RIVER.

PIATERAPAIA Area 31/51 Bn

Our artillery directed by an FOO with a patrol engaged 693161 and 695151 forward of [redacted]'S HILL. White flashes lasting 5 seconds have been seen on a magnetic bearing of 325 degrees from 682126.

(b) 3 AUST DIV - TOKINOTU Area A Coy NG Inf Bn

At 822469, 700 yds north of TOKINOTU a party of 40/50 enemy were found in huts.

Four enemy dead were found at 890474, 1300 yds east of KERO CREEK, two at 893470 and ten at 897463; they all appeared to have been dead for one week.

A fresh foot print was noticed at 895465, 1250 yds east of TOKINORU.

Twenty seven 75mm shells fell at 868488, 800 yds NW of SLATER'S KNOLL.

HORINU Area 9 Bn

Five Japanese were ambushed at 911493, 1500 yds NW of HATAI; two were killed and two wounded. Later 15 Japanese were ambushed in the same area, but results are unknown.

Our booby traps at 882513, 1000yds SE of JARARA were sprung. There are signs that the enemy suffered casualties.

At 915491 near the HUIO RIVER the track showed signs of recent enemy use.

Location: B Coy 914495

NIHERO Area 2/8 Cdo Sqn

Six armed Japanese were sighted at 003511, 1500 yds south of NIHERO. This party withdrew south.

At 949503, 2500 yds NE of HORINU, 15/20 enemy were seen; 300 yds further north a garden is occupied by the enemy. Sentries are alert on all approaches to the garden and the enemy appears in good condition.

(c) SUMMARY OF PATROL REPORTS

Further native reports give the number of Japanese killed during our raid on BAKATAN (reported in Daily Int Summary No 87), as 15 dead and 9 killed later. A large patrol from KUKA and KIETA, led by pro-Japanese natives, has now reached the area, driven out our natives and destroyed the gardens and village.

Twenty Japanese are reported in a creek bed near UMUM approx 377698.

A native scout killed one Japanese at TANIMBAUBAU and it is reported that one enemy field gun is sited at the old HOUSE KIAP at PORA PORA. Another field gun is said to be in the SIARO area, but its exact location is unknown.

Eleven Javanese attempting to escape from the Japanese towards ARAVIA are reported to have been killed at PORA PORA.

Two flares were seen and possibly heavy AA fire heard on an approx bearing of 130 degrees magnetic from SIKIMONI 140525.

Eight enemy who have been living for some time in two houses near MOKAKARU 128412 have left the area, taking with them all their equipment. Our scouts have now destroyed both these areas.

Following our air strike on the MUSHIMINOI area, natives report that considerable damage was done and that the Japanese are now hurredly destroying their gardens in this area. Already one sweet potato and two rice gardens have been destroyed. In the same area 2 Japanese were shot while fishing.

A Japanese concentration is reported at 428542 in the LULULAI valley. In the same area two priests have been contacted.

3. AIR-OWN BOUGAINVILLE 11 Apr

Information supplied by an escaped Javanese resulted in an ammunition dump at CHINDAWAN being bombed and strafed by a total of 24 Corsairs in two strikes. Good coverage was obtained and two large explosions were caused, one of which was followed by a large column of white smoke.

An enemy bivouac area reported to be west of the PORROR RIVER in the AKU area was bombed and strafed by 12 Corsairs with unobserved results.

Enemy defensive positions in the AITARA area to the west of the HONGORAI RIVER were bombed and strafed by 12 Corsairs at the request of 7 Inf Bde. Strafing caused one pill box to smoke for 20 minutes.

Ten Corsairs, at the request of 7 Inf Bde, bombed along both sides of the east west road from the HONGORAI RIVER for a distance of 100 yds. A column of black smoke rose to 1500 ft after the attack.

A Tac/R aircraft led eight Corsairs to attack a group of enemy occupied huts at MUSHIMINOI, ref approx 083363 (KARA 1 inch). Accurate bombing and strafing resulted in the destruction of 12 to 14 huts.

Five Venturas, four Mitchells and Corsairs from GREEN ISLAND bombed hut concentrations in the MUGUAI area.

A late report states that on 10 Apr the medium bombers caused large volumes of black smoke, and eight Corsairs started fires with smoke to 300 ft in this area.

Normal patrols were flown during the day.

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PART I

1 LAND - OWN AND ENEMY

(a) 11 AUST INF BDE - SORAKU area

26 Bn

Twelve 105 mm shells fell in the 12 Bty area from a gun, estimated by sound nearings to be at 301649, 300 yards east of PORA PORA. Our mountain artillery then engaged this position.

Fifteen 75 mm shells fell in the northern end of the Peninsula; our mountain artillery then engaged 297644, south of the LAVELE River.

After a flash had been seen from TOROKORI Island, our artillery shelled the area.

55/53 Bn

A Coy has moved to establish a firm base at 296586, 1000 yards north of the NAGAR River. At 111500L the Coy had reached 292582 and a patrol to the north was at 301559, 2500 yards to the NE. 8 pl has now occupied a position at 296586.

B Coy moved to the area 277613, south of the Plantation where it made contact with the enemy, killing two. It is reported that the enemy has abandoned his position on the knoll at 277613, east of HORSESHOE KNOLL and has taken up a new position to the NE. However, his exact location is unknown.

A patrol from C Coy reached 279608, 1000 yards SE of HORSESHOE KNOLL without making contact with the enemy, but a patrol to 280613 killed one Japanese.

D Coy has now relieved B Coy at 271610 and 4 pl is at 272577.

Twenty one 75 mm shells fell at 271607, south of HORSESHOE KNOLL from a gun estimated by sound bearings to be on a magnetic bearing of 26 degrees from 267607. A further three 75 mm shells fell at 277612, forward of HORSESHOE KNOLL.

PIATERAPAIA area - 31/51 Bn

A patrol reports that HENRYS HILL is now clear of the enemy. Our artillery and 3 inch mortars have engaged enemy occupied positions on and forward of HENRYS HILL. Four Japanese were seen to scatter.

The relief of 11 Bty has been carried out by 10 Bty.

(b) 3 AUST DIV

TOKINOTU area - 25 Bn, A Coy MGs

Four Jeeps which were lost on 31 Mar have been recovered at 883471, 1500 yards SE of SLATERS KNOLL.

An enemy bivouac area at 882469 was found vacated. Tracks led from this area to an extensive defensive position and bivouac area at 883465. This position was capable of accommodating 300 men.

DARARA area - B Sqn 2/4 Armd Regt

Location: HQ F tp joined 8 tp at 8404[illegible].

Forty eight 75 mm shells fell 300 yards east of the ford.

TOKO area - 24 Bn

A party of eight enemy was contacted on the coast at 858420. Fire was exchanged and the enemy withdrew.

MAWARAKA area - 57/60 Bn

Locations: C Coy (less 13 and 14 pls) 765[illegible]7
13 pl 763622
14 pl 767621

NIHERO area - 2/8 Cdo Sqn

In this area a powerful wireless station has interfered with our reception at 101050L and 101650L for periods of five minutes. It is estimated that the station is operating on not less than 50 watts and is within a radius of 5/6000 yards. This radius would

include OSO where a WT station was to be set up by the Japanese at 6 Div HQ.

A PW taken at the headwaters of the SIRAKARA River, after giving some conflicting information, now appears to be a 2nd/Lt from 6 Coy 23 Inf Regt.

(c) SUMMARY OF PATROL REPORTS

Our scouts report a Japanese officer and an ammunition dump and supply base, in a house at 422690 east of BANIU Bay. More supplies are said to be in a cliff cave at 428688, and a garden at 422687. Japanese in this area have been signalling TETAKUTS with a reflector.

Further clashes between natives and Japanese are reported from the BOVO River area. One native was wounded and one killed; the Japanese are reported to have eaten the second native. Our scouts later recovered bones and grenaded a Japanese house at KAREKILO 193856; the Japanese were seen to bury ten of their dead.

Our scouts in the southern area have liberated Fathers JUNKERS, LeBRETON and GRISWALD, Sisters LUDWIG and LUDWINE and four Chinese. These people are now on their way to our lines. One of the priests has stated that a very well camouflaged road exists between KAKAURA 039294 and PATUPATUAI 375275.

A small enemy force is reported living in two houses near a garden at 025375.

A native, HURURA, has been apprehended by our scouts. He admits that he led a patrol of twelve Japanese from MATUKORI 023490 to SIKURAI 055495 on 2 Apr, but claims that he did so under the threat of decapitation.

There is strong evidence that a Japanese coast watching party has been ashore on LIHIR Island. It seems certain that they were there on 17 Mar and were put ashore and evacuated by submarine.

It was reported in Daily Intelligence Summary No 21 that a submarine had been sighted between the Island and BELIK (NEW IRELAND) on 3 Apr.

2 AIR - OWN - BOUGAINVILLE - 12 Apr

Enemy gun positions, reported by 7 Inf Bde to be situated in the vicinity of gardens on the east bank of the HONGORAI River due west of KINDAI, were bombed by 20 Corsairs. Excellent coverage was obtained but detailed results were not observed.

A large enemy force of reinforcements reported to be concentrated along the road west of NAKARU, from the MOILA River to the road bend 1½ miles westward, was bombed by 21 Corsairs led in by a Tac R aircraft. Six aircraft also strafed portion of the area. Results were unobserved.

Targets in the MUGUAI area were attacked by twelve Mitchells, six Ventures and eight Corsairs from GREEN Island. Lead in Corsairs from PIVA report that the target bombed by six of the Mitchells was completely devastated. The Corsairs destroyed several huts and damaged others.

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2 AUST CORPS DAILY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No 93
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PART I

1. LAND - OWN AND ENEMY

(a) 11 AUST INF BDE - SORAKEN Area

26 Bn

Two 75mm guns fired 20 rounds into the northern end of the peninsula. Our artillery engaged 297644 2000 yds east of SORAKEN HARBOUR with 400 rounds.

Two 75mm guns and one 105mm gun fired 60 rounds into the I Beach area at 233648 and then switched to 237659. The initial enemy rounds ignited one of our mortar ammunition dumps, and destroyed store dumps; when smoke appeared the enemy continued to shell the area.

A good sound bearing intersection placed the enemy guns at 294659 1200 yds NW of PORAPORA; our mountain artillery then engaged this area with 600 rounds. This fire appeared to be on the target.

HQ 12 Bty has moved to I Beach and E Tp is preparing positions at 235644, F Tp is now at 236659.

55/53 Bn

An observation post has been established at 294585 north of the NAGAM RIVER.

A patrol from A Coy (now in position at 305596) moved from 295590 to 310593 to 302603, north of the NAGAM RIVER without making contact with the enemy.

D Coy has advanced and made contact with the enemy at 275613 forward of HORSESHOE KNOLL; action is proceeding.

A patrol from C Coy operating 2/3000yds east and south of HORSESHOE KNOLL reported no contact with the enemy. Twenty one 75mm shells fell at 267607 and ten 75mm shells fell at 273611, south of the plantation. Our mountain artillery engaged the area 277612.

Locations : 19 Fd Amb has established a MDS at 243596.

PIATERAPAIA Area 31/51 Bn

A patrol reports that the area bounded by HENRY'S HILL - KALIKOKU 686168 and 682156 is clear of the enemy.

Five Japanese were seen at 687156, and one was killed at 687155, forward of BERRY'S HILL.

Another patrol reports ten Japanese and three huts at TOKUA. One of the enemy was killed.

Our artillery and 3 inch mortars continue to engage BERRY'S HILL.

In the afternoon of 12 Apr smoke was observed at BURITSIOTARA.

(b) 3 AUST DIV DARARA Area 58/59 Bn

58/59 Bn has now relieved 25 Bn in the SLATER'S KNOLL area.

7 Tp 4 Armd Regt passes from command 15 Bde.

Twenty five additional enemy dead have been found at 891463, 3000 yds SE of SLATER'S KNOLL.

Sixteen 75mm shells fell at 860485 south of DARARA FORD.

HORINU Area

On 12 Apr A Coy which is now at 935491 exchanged fire with an enemy party dug in at 914494, killing one.

Another Japanese was killed at 911491.

Following close air support at 130830L, B Coy (less one Pl) moved through/ evacuated enemy positions at 914494 and is now at 915492. Three enemy were engaged at 917489 and one was killed. No sign of the enemy was seen on the HATUI Rd from 934485 to 925482.

TOKINOTU Area 24 Bn A Coy NG Inf Bn

A NG Inf Bn patrol observed eight recent enemy foootprints leading NE at 885456, in the OLD TOKINOTU area.

Locations: 24 Bn HQ 883469
C Coy 884466
A Coy 885467

MAWARAKA Area 57/60 Bn

Three Japanese surrendered at 812613, south of the HUPAI RIVER.

(c) SUMMARY OF PATROL REPORTS

Natives report that our recent air strikes at YAMARU 324440 and KAPARO 019447 have been successful. In the latter area two 75mm guns and one lorry were destroyed. However, a large force of Japanese is still in the area. Our scouts have killed three Japanese, including a naval officer at OKEMO 230505, a Sgt and two Cpls east of HARI 1 and five other Japanese in a house at 218312. At BORABURA 190385 natives met a patrol of 27 Japanese. Two were killed and the remainder fled to AKU 200325. The enemy at KOOMBAROONA, 211530, are reported to have moved out and joined another party of twenty at KAGISAGO 212516. Natives have been active destroying Japanese gardens. Five have been destroyed at TOGIGU 210375, three at LUKURARO 207437, three at BORABURA 190385 and one at KOKOPO 195357. On 5 Apr a native patrol attacked SANGU 597607 and killed 37 Japanese. A large gun earlier reported at the mouth of the ADURNI RIVER 605628 has been destroyed by our aircraft.

2. AIR - OWN BOUGAINVILLE 13 Apr

Close support was provided by 12 Corsairs which accurately bombed enemy defensive positions on an unnamed creek approx 1000 yds NW of HORINU 2. The jungle in the area which was indicated by arty smoke, was cleared but results were otherwise unobserved.

Fifteen Corsairs bombed a large concentration of enemy troops reported to be in the vicinity of gardens just north of the east-west road approx ½ mile west of the OGORATA RIVER. Results were unobserved.

Four concentrations of huts situated around NAKARAU were bombed by 16 Corsairs. Only observed results were three huts destroyed. These aircraft also strafed the east-west road.

Twelve Mitchells, six Venturas and eight Corsairs bombed hut concentrations in the MUGUAI area.

LATER INFORMATION

The three PW taken south of the HUPAI RIVER are now stated to be a Sjt and two Privates from 2 Coy 6 Engr Regt; Their role, apparently in conjunction with the recent enemy counter attacks, was to destroy our guns, but when their Pl Comd was killed by a grenade explosion on 29 Mar, they lost their way, having been given very incomplete directions. When taken, they had no idea of their whereabouts.

DARARA Area

Locations : 58/59 Bn
A Coy less 7 Pl 855503
7 Pl 869488
B Coy 874479
D Coy 877475
25 Bn
Bn HQ B and C Coys - en route to 707578
A and D Coys - remain present positions temporarily

NIHERO Area 2/8 Cdo Sqn

An enemy party of 100 is reported in the vicinity of 961497, 2000 yds west of SINANAI.

TOKINOTU Area 24 Bn

There are signs that the enemy has recently been in the vicinity of the track junction at 894471 2500 yds SE of SLATER'S KNOLL and the road at 894465. Enemy movement was seen near/500 yds SE of TOKINOTU. 885467

A party of 20 Japanese unsuccessfully ambushed one of our patrols at 890460 east of TOKINOTU.

A party of four Japanese was engaged on the coast at 861418.

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PART I

1 LAND - OWN AND ENEMY

(a) 11 AUST INF BDE - SORAKEN area

26 Bn

A probable 105 mm gun, estimated to be firing from the PORA PORA area, fired 20 shells into the area 236659 and 233648, in the northern end of the Peninsula.

A 37 mm gun which fired 10 rounds into the northern end of the Peninsula is estimated, by sound bearings, to be located on TOROKORI Island.

As sound bearings have proved inaccurate owing to the mountainous nature of the country, a flash spotting OP has been set up on TAIOF Island.

55/53 Bn

Following their contact with the enemy east of HORSESHOE KNOLL on 13 Apr, D Coy now report that the enemy in unknown strength is dug in in depth along a ridge at 282610, 800 yards east of HORSESHOE KNOLL, bounded by swamp. 17 pl is now in position at 280610 with Coy HQ at 270605. 16 and 18 pls are moving round the right flank.

Locations: A Coy 301659
C Coy HQ and 15 pl 273611
13 pl 270605
14 pl 277611

PIATERAPAIA area - 31/51 Bn

Our 3 inch mortars continue to engage BERRYS HILL.

(b) 3 AUST DIV

TOKO area - 61 Bn

Locations: Bn HQ 833468
A Coy 792478
B Coy 840479
C Coy 814454
D Coy 811458

MOTUPENA Point Area - 25 Bn

The Bn is now concentrated at 707578.

(c) 15 AUST INF BDE

TOKINOTU area - 24 Bn A Coy NGIB

A Coy NGIB ambushed and killed three Japanese at 906449 (2000 yards SE of OLD TOKINOTU) and captured 1 JUKI. One other enemy dead was found at 890455 south of OLD TOKINOTU. The tracks in the area 902450 - 888465 (TOKINOTU - OLD TOKINOTU area) showedsigns of recent enemy use.

24 Bn sighted one Japanese at 893471 (2000 yards SE of SLATERS KNOLL) and 30 new huts at 907472 (1400 yards further east). These huts appeared to have been used on the night 13/14 Apr. One PW was also taken in this area.

Later the footprints of four Japanese were seen at 892472.

A patrol engaged 30 enemy at 891463 (700 yards east of TOKINOTU) killing six. Another three enemy dead were found at 891462.

Sounds of chopping were heard at approximately 895458.

Locations: A Coy 883473
B Coy 882472

DARARA area - 57/60 Bn

Advance party 57/60 Bn is established at 856504.

KORINAGA area - 24 Bn

A patrol engaged an enemy section at 899359 (near the mouth of the HONGORAI River), with unknown results.

MAKATOWA area - 57/60 Bn

Locations: 10 pl 856542 12 pl 857588

Two tps B Sqn 2/4 Armd Regt, A Coy NGIB (less one pl), ANGAU passed from command 7 Bde to 15 Bde. 11 Fd Amb reverts to command 3 Div.

(d) SUMMARY OF PATROL REPORTS

Near the MOBIAI FORD a native killed a Japanese Sgt Maj.

Our scouts report the presence of a MT unit at approximately 180325 west of AKU and state that the majority of the enemy at MAIKI 372373 have left for the SIWAI district. The latter report is unconfirmed.

An air strike carried out 11 Apr against an enemy concentration at MONOITU 994383 is reported to have been successful. Twenty Japanese were killed and six guns destroyed.

Following the clash between natives and Japanese at KAREKIOLO (reported in Daily Intelligence Summary No 92), the Japanese have dug in in this area. Nevertheless, native killings for the week ending 11 Apr total 52, made up as follows:- KUPEI - 26; AMIO - 9; RUMBA - 7; ROROVANA - 10, including a Capt and a MO.

One Japanese was killed by natives near TINPUTZ Mission.

2 AIR - OWN - BOUGAINVILLE - 14 Apr

At the request of 7 Inf Bde, enemy defensive positions either side of the east west road between the HONGORAI and POROREI Rivers were bombed by twelve Corsairs. Except for one large explosion followed by black smoke, results were unobserved.

Sixteen Corsairs, led in by a Tac R aircraft, bombed reported enemy gun positions in the PORA PORA area. The first position attacked was well covered and at least one direct hit scored. Due to failure of remaining smoke indicator bombs and poor communications, strikes on remaining positions were not satisfactory.

An enemy concentration near RUMIKI was bombed by sixteen Corsairs at request of 7 Bde. One large flash was observed.

Six Mitchells, six Venturas and eight Corsairs bombed hut concentrations in the MUGUAI area. Lead in Corsairs from PIVA reported that bombing by mediums was excellent.

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PART I

1. LAND - OWN AND ENEMY

(a) 11 AUST INF BDE - SORAKEN Area

55/53 Bn

The ridge upon which is the enemy force opposed to D Coy is to be known as McKENNONS RIDGE. Its amended location is now given as from 277611 to 279608. 17 Pl remained at 277611, while 16 and 18 Pls continued their encirclement to the right guided by artillery indicating rounds. By 151130L they had reached 281602.

A Coy continuing its move to the NE has reached 302604, 3000 yds east of McKENNONS RIDGE and reports a well worn track leading NW. It is reported that the enemy sometimes uses this track in quest of food; a standing patrol has been placed on this track 500 yds from the track junction.

The enemy has shelled the area 275612, 1000 yds east of McKENNONS RIDGE with 41 rounds.

Natives interrogated by ANGAU state that only sick Japanese remain at PORA PORA. Twenty fit Japanese are said to be at MATETSIORA and five left TOPOANITS on 5 Apr. The BONIS natives are reported to be undergoing Japanese military training at SORUM.

PIATERAPAIA Area 31/51 Bn

Our patrols report enemy positions at 695161 and 693162, SE of WEARNESS HILL. Both these positions have been engaged by our artillery. Our 3 inch mortars continue to engage BERRYS HILL.

(b) 3 AUST DIV - HORINUAArea

An enemy position at 916491 was engaged by our fames but the results are unknown. One enemy was killed 918489 and sounds of an enemy party were heard at 932486, in the vicinity of HORINU.

Another enemy position was located at 917493 and engaged by our artillery. The enemy vacated the position and 12 Pl moved forward to 916490 finding a well kept and recently used garden at 914485, 1500 yds west of HATAI.

14 Pl met heavy fire from an enemy position at 919489. The Pl has dug in and is maintaining contact. Patrols report that the HATAI Rd is clear of the enemy from 913479-904474. One further enemy was killed at 907490;

TOKINOTU Area
58/59 Bn
Forty five 75mm shells fell at 876487, 500 yds east of DARARA FORD.
24 Bn
A patrol was fired on from an enemy defensive position at 890462, near HAISHI.

MIHERO Area 2/8 Cdo Sqn

A patrol to 961497 in the SINANAI area reports that our air attack on 14 Apr failed to destroy the main enemy position. There has been much activity and chopping in the area since our strike.

(c) SUMMARY OF PATROL REPORTS

Native scouts patrolling in the TOIMONAPU area have taken 3 PW who are on their way to our lines.

It is reported that on 12 Apr our artillery killed a large number of the enemy at UNANI 021384 and HARI 2.

A 105mm gun in the MONOITU MISSION area is reported to have been destroyed by our shellfire.

2. AIR - OWN - BOUGAINVILLE 15 Apr

At the request of 7 Inf Bde, eight Corsairs bombed defensive positions west of the HONGORAI RIVER in the AITARA area. Results were unobserved.

Enemy personnel and hut concentrations, reported to be located two miles east of the SILIBAI RIVER just north of the east-west road, were bombed by 15 Corsairs with unobserved results.

Twelve Corsairs, unable to attack gun positions at PORA PORA because of adverse weather, bombed a concentration of huts approx ½ mile NW of LAGUAI. Four huts were destroyed and one was badly damaged.

Medium bombers and Corsairs from GREEN ISLAND continued their attacks on hut concentrations in the MUGUAI area.

One patrol dropped two 500 lb oil incendiary bombs on gardens near SHISHIGATERO for experimental purposes. Oil scattered over a radius of 50 yds but burnt in patches only for five minutes and did not spread.

PART II

ENEMY RAIDING PARTIES

A PW, 2/Lt SANNOMIYA of 6 Coy 23 Inf Regt, was captured approx 7 Apr in the [illegible]HERO area. From other PW it is known that he was the leader of one of the TOROKINA raiding parties. He has supplied the following information:-

> Neither his party nor those from 6 Fd Arty Regt or 4 Med Arty Regt had been able to penetrate much beyond the JABA RIVER owing to our patrols. All had turned back. He did not know if any other parties left MAIKA after he did, but was certain that it would be impossible for them to get anywhere near TOROKINA. He was returning with this information when captured.

CORRECTION: The position of A Coy 55/53 Bn stated in Daily Intelligence Summary No 94 to be 301659 should have read 301559.

LATE INFORMATION: TOKINOTU Area

HQ A Coy NG Inf Bn	843480
4 and 5 Pls	884456
58/59 Bn - A Coy	873486
24 Bn 10 and 11 Pls	882472

In the action referred to above at 890462, one enemy was killed. A patrol moving to reinforce in this area was fired on at 889463.

Another patrol moving to 902450 was fired on from newly constructed bunkers at 886457.

DARARA Area

57/60 Bn - 10 Pl is en route to 856503.

KAKATOWA Area

57/60 Bn D Coy is now at 786521

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2/4 Armd Regt 8 Tp 875477, 9 Tp 882472.

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PART I

1. LAND - OWN AND ENEMY

(a) 11 AUST INF BDE - SORAKEN Area

26 Bn

At 150900L the sound of rifle fire was heard on the west coast of BONIS PENINSULA

55/53 Bn

A patrol from A Coy moving down the NW track from 302604 (reported in Daily Intelligence Summary No 95), contacted two Japanese, killing one and wounding the other.

Another patrol has reached 303622, 3500 yds NE of McKENNONS RIDGE following the recent footprints of two Japanese over rugged country from 302617. No contact was made.

These patrols report no branch tracks to the west between 302604 and 303622.

In the McKENNONS RIDGE area 16 and 18 Pls have continued their outflanking move.

Four shells, thought to have been fired from TOROKORI ISLAND fell into the HORSESHOE KNOLL area.

Our mountain artillery engaged 278615 and 279617 forward of HORSESHOE KNOLL.

PLATERAPAIA Area

31/51 Bn

Our patrol base at 694163 forward of WEARNES HILL has been withdrawn. A patrol returned from the IBU area reports no contact.

Another patrol which killed 5 Japanese at MAPIA gives its location as 727152.

Our artillery engaged BASE POINT 3 and WEARNES HILL.

(b) 3 AUST DIV - HORINU Area

9 Bn

Fire was exchanged with an enemy party of 20 at 908490 near the HUOI River, and two were killed. Our patrol was last reported attempting to outflank this position.

10 pl found that the enemy had withdrawn from positions at 916491, near the HUOI River.

8 pl has moved to 924487, 1000 yards west of HORINU and wounded one Japanese in this area.

TOKINOTU Area

24 Bn

The action at 890462 (reported in Daily Intelligence Summary No 95), has continued throughout the day. A patrol attempting to outflank the enemy position was held up by an estimated 30 enemy in pillboxes. Our patrol killed one enemy and has dug in to maintain contact throughout the night.

A vacated enemy position at 905473 (3500 yards SE of SLATERS KNOLL) capable of accommodating two coys, is thought to have been used by the enemy since 6 Apr.

Another abandoned enemy position, capable of holding 50/60 men has been found at 885454 near OLD TOKINOTU.

A probable 75mm gun position has been located at 911453 and engaged by our artillery.

Six Japanese were sighted at 885458 and one at 908453 near the BUIN road.

Newly dug enemy positions have been sighted at 883457, east of Old TOKINOTU and considerable enemy activity heard between 895456 and the BUIN road.

Another patrol engaged 8/10 enemy at 906445 south of the BUIN road.

A Coy NGIB

The footprints were seen of two Japanese, leading NW from 888466 near HAISHI, and a large number of huts observed at 896475, 2500 yards SE of SLATERS KNOLL. They appeared to have been used within the last week.

58/59 Bn

An old enemy bivouac area, capable of holding 400 men, has been located on the track running NW and SE at 871464, 3000 yards SE of DARARA Ford.

One Japanese was killed at 870477 in the same area.

Thirty 75mm shells fell 700 yards east of the Ford.

(c) SUMMARY OF PATROL REPORTS

Our scouts report a Japanese naval HQ on both sides of the road west of MULIKO River (vicinity 392324). The commander of this force is said to be Admiral (?) SAMESHIMA.

Eight Japanese are reported to have been killed at KORIMIRA.

2 AIR - OWN - BOUGAINVILLE - 16 Apr

Two gun positions at PORA PORA were bombed by eighteen Corsairs which were led in by a Tac R aircraft. One position was destroyed and bombs fell accurately onto the second position with unobserved results.

Thirteen Corsairs, at the request of 7 Inf Bde, again bombed defensive positions in the AITARA area. Results were unobserved.

Sixteen Corsairs bombed two hut concentrations in area 264223, approximately three miles NW of MOILA Point. Four huts were destroyed and two damaged. One bomb caused a vivid red flash followed by a column of black smoke which rose to 300 feet.

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PART I

1. LAND - OWN AND ENEMY

(a) 11 AUST INF BDE - SORAKEN area

26 Bn

Patrols have landed and examined TAFFRANG, TURUARA, SIOTUS and TAKARU Islands. TAFFRANG and SIOTUS Islands show signs of recent occupation by small enemy parties; TURUARA has not been occupied for some time and TAKARU shows no signs of occupation.

Smoke was seen and rifle fire heard near the coast in the BUOI Plantation; our artillery harassed the area throughout the day.

55/53 Bn

The enemy force on McKENNONS RIDGE is now reported to be a coy strength. On the afternoon of 16 Apr 16 and 18 pls attacked approximately 20 Japanese at 289609, 1200 yards east of the Ridge killed four and probably another five. They report a wide track running east and west at 294612 is being used by enemy and that chopping was heard both east and west of that position. These pls have now returned to 291606.

A patrol in the area around 275617, north of HORSHOE KNOLL, made no contact with the enemy.

Twelve 75 mm shells fell in the area 273614 and eight at 276616 near HORSESHOE KNOLL. Another fifteen 75 mm shells fell in 12 Bty area.

Our artillery has shelled 279608 south of McKENNONS RIDGE, 316665 1500 yards north of PORA PORA and 281699 in the BUOI Plantation. A target at 279645 has also been registered.

PIATERAPAIA area

31/51 Bn

Two long range patrols report having reached the western area of NUMA NUMA Plantation. Pro-Japanese natives raised the alarm and fire was exchanged; four of these natives have been captured. Enemy dead in these encounters number seven, included an officer of field rank and a 1/Lt, and material captured includes 5 swords, 2 pistols, 2 binoculars, documents and maps. Five huts, 10 rifles, 1 grenade discharger, spare LMG barrels and ammunition were destroyed. The enemy dead are reported to have been in good condition.

Another patrol reports no contact with the enemy in BASE POINT 1 area, though natives state that there are 30 Japanese and a large ammunition dump there.

(b) 3 AUST DIV

NIHERO area - 2/8 Cdo Sqn

A patrol which has been out to SIKIOMONI - SIKJRAI to bring in the priests and nuns reported in Daily Intelligence Summary No 92, report no sign of the enemy during their journey.

An enemy party at 944506 near HORINU 2 is reported to be active and on the alert.

HORINU area - 9 Bn

A patrol, reported in Daily Intelligence Summary No 96, to be outflanking an enemy position at 908490, has set an ambush at 901470, 1500 yards NE of HAISHI.

At 170900L, twenty Japanese armed with a JUKI attacked B Coy position at 924484 near HATAI. The enemy broke off the engagement after one hour.

Locations:	A Coy	937493
	C Coy less 14 pl	913488
	14 pl	919483

(c) SUMMARY OF PATROL REPORTS

It is reported that the road from 362256 to 319295 to 299355 vicinity KARA carries a light gauge rail track; this track has not been used for some time.

Japanese forces at KAGISAGO and MASIOGU are reported to have evacuated those areas, after burning their houses.

On Apr 15, natives demolished two 3 inch coastal guns and two large ammunition dumps at 270910 near KARAKUN while the Japanese guard was at mess.

In the BOVO River area another ten Japanese were killed at AMIO on 13 Apr.

The Kempi OUTA reports that a Maj-Gen KUSWATTA was killed near HUNAI two weeks ago. (NOTE. This officer is not known to Intelligence records).

Five Japanese, and their houses have been destroyed at KORIU, and 40 enemy with 3 MGs are known to be in the TETEKUTS area.

One large gun, 20 Japanese and a prime mover are reported at 170300 on the road to TOKUAKA. Three prime movers are believed to be in use in this area.

Two natives from ATAKO 905974 have come into the TOROKINA area and report that a party of 10 - 17 Japanese from VITO arrived at their village and killed two natives.

2 AIR - OWN - BOUGAINVILLE - 17 Apr

Huts and dumps reported to be just west of the MIBO Ford on the north side of the road were bombed by thirteen Corsairs. Two bombs caused large flashes followed by black smoke which rose to 700 or 800 feet and another bomb undershot and hit a fuel dump 30 yards east of the Ford causing it to burn fiercely for 45 minutes. Stores scattered over the road west of the Ford were strafed and caused to smoke for four or five minutes.

A concentration of huts near the east bank of the MIBO River Ford on the north side of the road was bombed and strafed by eleven Corsairs with unobserved results. A suspected light AA position ten yards south of the road on the east bank of the River was strafed by the lead-in Corsair and smoked for 30 minutes as a result.

At the request of 3 Aust Div, eleven Corsairs bombed and strafed a concentration of huts and Japs situated on a small ridge approximately 1000 yards NE of RUNIKI. Two huts were demolished.

A suspected OP and personnel area near the coast approximately 1000 yards east of the HONGORAI River and defensive positions at AITARA were attacked by twelve Corsairs at the request of 3 Aust Div. A Tac R aircraft indicated the first target which was bombed and strafed by four aircraft with unobserved results. A tall tree in the area which could be used as an OP to cover the PURIATA River area and around which footprints were observed was also thoroughly strafed. The remaining eight aircraft bombed the second target with unobserved results.

Fifteen Corsairs bombed a reported MT park, fuel dumps and suspected 75 mm gun position on the west bank of the C MAI River 300 yards north of the Ford. Flags which were to mark the target could not be located but it is considered the correct area was attacked. Results were unobserved.

Two patrols were flown during the day. The first bombed and cratered the road just east of HARI No 1, and strafed a possibly serviceable truck at RURI Bay and huts near LAGUAI. The second patrol experimented with 500 lb oil incendiary as destructive agents on ripe rice gardens. A 60 yards square section of a garden approximately 1000 yards SSW of the MONOITU road junction was hit by one bomb and completely destroyed.

On 16 Apr medium bombers and Corsairs from GREEN Island were weathered out of the primary target which was AA positions at EBERYS Lease. Six Mitchells dropped their bombs on a concentration of huts at KIETA with unobserved results. Six Venturas and eight Corsairs bombed AA positions on KANGU HILL scoring several hits in the target area. Two explosions were caused and smoke rose to 800 feet.

LATE INFORMATION:

Preceded by an artillery concentration and supported by tanks of 2/4 Armd Regt, 24 Bn advanced 170830L.

C Coy made contact with an enemy force at 891462 near DAWE Creek. This position was blasted out by our tanks and the enemy withdrew to 891459 east of DAWE Creek.

By 171300L C Coy, less 15 pl had occupied a position at 892460 while 15 pl, after heavy fighting cleared and occupied a position at 892459.

Two pls of C Coy supported by one tank then crossed the Creek, and cleared the first line of enemy positions before withdrawing to the Coy position. Contact is being maintained.

D Coy also moved forward and by 171230L had reached their objective at 894463 with fighting patrols forward.

A Coy advanced NE along HATAI track to 905474, 1500 yards to the NE of D Coy.

Casualties for the days action - 11 enemy killed. Five rifles and one LMG have been captured.

Locations: Bn HQ and B Coy 890463
7 tp 2/4 Armd Regt 894463
9 tp 2/4 Armd Regt 892460

58/59 Bn

Patrols operated on both flanks to cover the advance of 24 Bn. Two enemy were wounded at 897459 east of OLD TOKINOTU.

Locations: 12 pl 899454

A NGIB patrol sighted two Japanese at 903467 and numerous foot-prints at 893453.

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2 AUST CORPS DAILY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No 23
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PART I

1. LAND - OWN AND ENEMY

(a) 11 AUST INF BDE - SORAKEN Area

26 Bn
At 171000L a barge heading north was seen leaving SASANAN ISLAND; later Tac/R aircraft failed to locate this barge.

55/53 Bn
A patrol from C Coy reached a point 500 yds NE of HORSESHOE KNOLL without making contact.
By 181345L A Coy had reached 299619 2500 yds NE of McKENNONS RIDGE. 16 and 18 Pls are now dug in astride the track 1700 yds east of McKENNONS RIDGE.
Two 75mm guns shelled the area NE of HORSESHOE KNOLL.
Natives interrogated by ANGAU state that a party of Japanese is concentrated at TOPOPANIS, which is approx ¾ mile north of A Coy's position. They also report that the enemy is concentrating between RATSUA and TON, with a large gun and multi barrel weapons. Another gun is stated to be sited immediately north of PORA PORA on the RATSUA track.

PIATERAPAIA Area 27 Bn

27 Bn has completed the relief of 31/51 Bn.
31/51 Bn is now in position at 547933 in the TORCKINA area.
Our artillery has engaged targets forward of WEARNES HILL.

(b) 3 AUST DIV - TOKINOTU Area

58/59 Bn
A small enemy party was contacted at 893458, near OLD TOKINOTU.
24 Bn
One Japanese was sighted at 905473, 1700 yds NE of HAISHI. This position was engaged by fire and later 12 rifles were found in the area.
Seven enemy were found dug in at 900465, 1200 yds east of HAISHI. Three of them were killed.
An ANGAU patrol was fired on by the enemy at 890462, 200 yds south of HAISHI.
Supported by tanks, C Coy crossed DAWE CREEK and continued their advance SE along the BUIN road to the cross roads at 895458, against continuous opposition.
At 906432 and 906476 in the vicinity of the HUNO RIVER, strong parties of enemy were contacted and fire was exchanged.
An enemy party of 20, guided by 2 natives, was sighted 800 yds NE of the BUIN crossroads and another party in newly dug positions was found at 905468 1500 yds NE of the crossroads. Throughout these engagements 10 Japanese were killed.

HORINU Area 9 Bn

An enemy party is dug in at 940499, 1500 yds NE of HORINU.
One Japanese was killed at 914487, 2000 yds west of HORINU and enemy parties encountered 1200 yds SW of HORINU. Three enemy have been killed and one wounded.
A prime mover was heard 2500 yds south of HORINU moving west.
Sniping and enemy movement continue throughout the area.
2/8 Cdo Sqn
An enemy party which evacuated positions at 944506, 2500 yds NE of HORINU, has withdrawn to 939498, 700 yds west of their previous position.

MAWAPAKA Area 57/60 Bn
A Japanese hut at 848588 500 yds south of HOZAN shows signs of recent occupation.

(c) SUMMARY OF PATROL REPORTS

A demolition party, encountering approx 30 enemy at BORABORU, approx 3½ miles north of AKU, on 16 Apr, killed one and wounded two. The enemy withdrew in the direction of AKU after firing five mortar rounds.

The largest concentration of enemy troops in the KIETA area is reported camped on the west side of the road at 273917, 1400 yds SE of KIETA village.

2. AIR - OWN BOUGAINVILLE 18 Apr

At the request of 3 Div 14 Corsairs bombed defences and troop concentrations on the east side of the road at KORIU junction with unobserved results.

A number of huts on the same side of the road at TAI TAI were bombed and strafed by 13 Corsairs, also at the request of 3 Div. Results of the bombing were unobserved, but the strafing caused one to burn and one to smoke.

A hut concentration half a mile east of the ROBIKAI RIVER and approx 1½ miles SW of AKU was accurately bombed and strafed by 16 Corsairs led in by a Tac/R aircraft. A total of 18 huts were destroyed and the Tac/R pilot reported the bombing to be "very creditable."

More than 16 huts situated on the west side of a large garden approx 1300 yds SSW of KIKIMOGU were effectively bombed by 13 Corsairs. Eighty per cent of the target was completely destroyed and only three isolated huts were left intact. Eight of these aircraft also strafed the main road at the MOBIAI RIVER ford.

Three barges, located by a Tac/R pilot on 17 Apr in an inlet approx 2000 yds SSE of PORTON PLANTATION, were attacked by two patrolling Corsairs. Both bombs scored direct hits and sank all three barges.

Targets in the MUGUAI area and near KARA were bombed on 17 Apr by 12 Mitchells, four Corsairs and three Venturas. Bombs in the latter target caused a large explosion, but results were otherwise unobserved.

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PART I

1 LAND - OWN AND ENEMY

(a) 11 AUST INF BDE - SORAKEN area

26 Bn

Our OP on TAIOF Island reports a small boat south of TOROKORI Island and three Japanese on the southern shore of MADEHAS Island.

An Arty R shoot on 18 Apr submerged two enemy barges at 272700, north of BUOI Plantation.

55/53 Bn

A patrol from A Coy has reached 312625, 2½ miles NE of McKENNONS RIDGE and reports very rough going. Natives state that there are no Japanese on the high ground between this position and PORA PORA.

A Coy (less 8 pl) has now moved forward to 312622 with 8 pl at 312624.

A C Coy patrol to the crest of McKENNONS RIDGE reported no contact with the enemy but found many unoccupied positions, personal gear and documents in the area.

A patrol from 17 pl reached 277610, at the northern end of McKENNONS RIDGE without making contact. This pl has now been relieved by 13 pl at 277611 and has moved back to 270605.

16 and 18 pls moving east from 295615, 1500 yards east of McKENNONS RIDGE heard sounds of enemy occupation.

Nineteen 75 mm rounds were fired into the area 275612, forward of HORSESHOE KNOLL.

General

Five graves and fourteen unburied bodies have been found at 266586, near the NAGAM River, another three graves 300 yards to the south and five at 272612, near HORSESHOE KNOLL.

(b) 23 AUST INF BDE - PIATERAPAIA area

27 Bn	Locations:	27 Bn HQ	677113
		Rear HQ	659090
		HQ Coy	673112
		A Coy (less 7 & 8 pls)	677113
		7 pl	618127
		8 pl	605146
		B Coy	677129
		C Coy	684117
		D Coy	685126
TOROKINA area - 8 Bn	Location:	D Coy	596950

(c) 3 AUST DIV

At 191200L Rear HQ 3 Div closed and HQ 3 Div opened at 809458. Rear Details HQ 3 Div remains 583952.

HORINU area - 9 Bn

Two enemy were killed and two wounded at 910488, south of the HUOI River.

Another enemy dead was found at 921487, 500 yards NW of HATAI.

TOKINOTU area - 24 Bn

After our artillery and tanks had engaged an enemy position at 894458, near OLD TOKINOTU, C Coy encircled the position and the enemy withdrew losing five killed and five probably killed.

An old enemy bivouac area at 900470, 1700 yards NE of OLD TOKINOTU was found abandoned; documents were captured.

One enemy was killed at 906482, south of the HUOI River and at 899454, near the BUIN Road, another killed and two wounded.

Twenty Japanese are reported to have moved south through OLD TOKINOTU during the night 18/19 Apr.

New enemy pillboxes have been found at 902452 on the BUIN Road.

58/59 Bn

A 75 mm gun shelled the area 902452.

(d) SUMMARY OF PATROL REPORTS

A native rumour states that two Allied airmen are being held by the Japanese at TENEKAU. There is no confirmation of this report.

Natives report that during one of our air strikes on 18 Apr, bombs fell 500 yards north of KINGORI.

2 AIR - OWN - BOUGAINVILLE - 19 Apr

Sixteen Corsairs bombed and strafed a concentration of huts located in a belt of timber just north of the HARI River crossing. Results were unobserved.

A group of huts and bivouac area situated half a mile west of the MOBIAI River and one mile SE of RUSEI were the target for seventeen Corsairs. After twelve aircraft had bombed, an inspection of the target area disclosed five huts destroyed. The remaining aircraft bombed a nearby group of huts with unobserved results. Four of the Corsairs also strafed the target area.

Patrols strafed and destroyed an empty 18 ft canoe 200 yards south of PORORAN Island.

Huts and concentrations in the MUGUAI area were bombed on 18 Apr by six Mitchells and four Corsairs, and seven Venturas scored fourteen hits amongst AA positions at EBERYS LEASE.

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2 AUST CORPS DAILY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No 100

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PART I

1. LAND - OWN AND ENEMY

(a) 11 AUST INF BDE - SORAKEN Area

26 Bn Two estimated 75mm guns firing from the PORTON area fired 30 rounds into the northern end of the SORAKEN PLANTATION.

55/53 Bn A patrol from A Coy met a party of 40 local natives at 317637, 1700 yds SE of PORAPORA. They stated that there are now only 17 Japanese at PORA PORA.

The location of A Coy is now amended to read 316611.

15 Pl has reached 281608 east of McKENNONS RIDGE where a track running east was located. There was no sign of the enemy on the ridge.

A patrol from 16 Pl investigating the area 296613 (1700 yds NE of McKENNONS RIDGE), where sounds of the enemy had previously been reported, found an enemy L of C leading north from this position. Fifteen Japanese with packs were seen moving north along the track 200 yds north of this position; it is considered that they had come from the west. 18 Pl is now establishing a position astride the track at this point.

A 16 Pl ambush in the same area captured one Japanese moving from the west. The sound of cooeing has been heard east and NE of this area.

Our artillery and heavy mortars have engaged enemy positions at 288631 and 296613. This latter position (reported above) was harassed throughout the night 19/20 Apr. Targets were also registered at 308662. 1500 yds NE of PORA PORA and 284674, 307665 and 330720. These shoots were carried out with Arty/R and the results achieved indicate that the CHABAI map is accurate.

31/51 Bn (TOROKINA area)

A long range patrol which has returned since this battalion was relieved in the PIATERAPAIA area ambushed and killed five Japanese on a well used track between BURITSIOTORARA and AVIANG 670228. On the outskirts of BURITSIOTORARA, where all approaches have been cleared by the enemy, fire was exchanged and one Japanese was killed. All the Japanese encountered were in good condition but without boots.

(b) 3 AUST DIV - HORINU Area 9 Bn

Locations on revised 1 : 25000 series:-
Bn HQ 926488, A Coy 934494, B Coy 925487, C Coy less 14 Pl 913489, 14 Pl 918489, D Coy 924484.

An enemy party of unknown strength in an extensive defensive position at 913485 near the HUIO RIVER was engaged. Fifty 75mm shells fell at 928493, 700 yds north of HATAI.

TOKINOTU Area 24 Bn

An extensive well dug Japanese position at 895457, 500 yds SW of HIRU HIRU, was found vacated, and rations, explosives, mines and documents abandoned. Three dead, including an officer were found. There was evidence that accurate artillery fire had fallen on the position night 18/19 Apr. A further three enemy dead were found at 893453 to the SW.

Tracks at 893475 and 913463 in the HIRU HIRU area show signs of recent enemy use.

A sniper has been active at 906446 1500 yds/SE of HIRU HIRU, and 75mm guns have accurately shelled 889463 and 887469.

Location: B Coy 898454.

A NGIB patrol reports signs of 20 Japanese having moved south from 917469 2000 yds SW of HATAI. Fresh footprints were found at 900462.

NIHERO Area 2/8 Cdo Sqn

There is evidence that the enemy is preparing positions astride the number 2 Government road at 970475.

(c) SUMMARY OF PATROL REPORTS

Three Japanese wearing the colour patch of 6 Jap Div were killed near UNANI 021384.

Enemy gardens at HARI 1 are reported to be overgrown and neglected, and three gardens of various crops and 2 houses were destroyed by natives at KATAKU.

Our scouts killed six Japanese at 666542 near the TEOPASINO PLANTATION.

The natives who came into the TOROKINA area from ATAMO on 17 Apr (reported in Daily Intelligence Summary No 97) now state that two parties of Japanese - one of 10 and one of 7 - came up from the coast led by a pro-Japanese native. The Japanese established themselves in the old village site.

2. AIR - OWN BOUGAINVILLE 20 Apr

Air activity over this area was restricted during the day due to adverse weather conditions.

A reported enemy defensive position west of the BANIU RIVER approx two miles south of CHINDPATS was bombed by 16 Corsairs led in by/Tac R aircraft. Results were unobserved.

a A request from 3 Div to attack enemy guns firing on our positions from the west bank of the PORCREI RIVER near the ford was fulfilled by eight Corsairs. The target area was well covered but results were unobserved. These aircraft also strafed along the south side of the road from the ford to a garden a short distance to the west with unobserved results.

Patrols bombed and strafed group of huts at CAPE FRIENDSHIP. Four huts were destroyed and one was badly damaged.

On 19 Apr seven Venturas and six Mitchells bombed AA positions at EBERY'S LEASE with unobserved results. Six Mitchells which bombed a concentration of huts at NAKARU caused two large explosions.

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PART I

1 LAND - OWN AND ENEMY

(a) 11 AUST INF BDE - SORAKEN area

55/53 Bn

A Coy has now reached 311641, 1500 yards SE of PORA PORA.

A patrol from D Coy reports the sound of enemy occupation at 292618, 1700 yards NE of McKENNONS RIDGE.

Enemy positions estimated to have been abandoned since 18 Apr were found at 289610 and 290612 approximately 1500 yards NE of McKENNONS RIDGE.

Artillery activity

Two 75 mm guns fired 14 rounds into the area 275613 forward of HORSESHOE KNOLL. These guns appeared to be firing at a greater range than previously.

Our artillery has engaged suspected enemy positions in square 2574 (CHABAI area) with 50 rounds and during night 20/21 Apr our mountain artillery engaged 296613 and the feature in square 2963, 3000 yards NE of HORSESHOE KNOLL.

Locations: C Tp 11 Bty relieved F Tp 12 Bty at 236659.
F Tp is now preparing new positions at 239638.

(b) 3 AUST DIV

NIHERO area - 2/8 Cdo Sqn

A patrol from B Tp has reached 034477, 600 yards south of TONDUI.

HORINU area

9 Bn

Enemy positions at 940499, 1300 yards NW of RUMIKI and 913485 near the HUOI River have been found vacated.

A party of 15/20 Japanese with new equipment was sighted at 933483, 1000 yards SE of HATAI.

Locations:

Bn HQ and B Coy	925488
A Coy	933491
C Coy	932486
D Coy	926484

61 Bn

The east end of McKENNA bridge was damaged when a Japanese patrol succeeded in exploding a charge beneath it.

Locations:

Bn HQ	833468
A Coy less 7 pl, 8 pl	840479
7 pl	839484
8 pl	843481
B Coy	792478
C Coy less 13 pl 15 pl	815454
13 pl	818454
15 pl	820448
D Coy	811457

25 Bn

Elements of Bn HQ, A and B Coys are now en route to TOROKINA.

General

During night 20/21 Apr the enemy shelled 930488, 600 yards NE of HATAI.

TOKINOTU area

24 Bn

At 201645L 12 Japanese attacked our positions at 889464, 500 yards east of TOKINOTU, losing one killed.

A party of 40/50 Japanese was engaged at 897453, 800 yards south of HIRU HIRU; two were killed. Our artillery and mortars later engaged this position.

A patrol from D Coy was ambushed by an enemy party of 20 at 903469, 1300 yards NE of HIRU HIRU. The position was mortared.

One enemy dead was found at 902469.

9 Tp 2/4 Armd Regt with infantry support moved along the HATAI track from 905474 to 912481.

A NGIB patrol engaged 20 Japanese at 925451, 1½ miles SE of HIRU HIRU, killing twelve and wounding two. The enemy replied with Australian grenades.

58/59 Bn

At 210830L the Bn commenced a general forward move to occupy positions on the northern flank of 24 Bn.

At 909446, 1700 yards SE of HIRU HIRU, a patrol contacted an enemy ambush and moved to outflank the position. The patrol was then fired on by 20 Japanese armed with 3 LMGs and a mortar. The patrol then withdrew to the north side of the BUIN road.

Enemy shells have fallen in the area 887474, 1000 yards NE of TOKINOTU.

The fresh footprints of six Japanese were observed leading SW at 905455, 700 yards SE of HIRU HIRU.

DARARA area

57/60 Bn has relieved 58/59 Bn of patrol responsibility in this area.
Locations: 15 pl 10 pl 856504

(c) 23 AUST INF BDE - PIATERAPAIA area

27 Bn

Our artillery has engaged BERRYS HILL.

TOROKINA area

HQ 8 Inf Bn has now opened at 565953. 2/108 LAD at 585958.

(d) SUMMARY OF PATROL REPORTS

After one of our native scouts had planted a booby trap near MUSHIMINOI one Japanese was killed and two others later investigating this tragedy were shot.

Rice gardens in the MORI area 162456 have been destroyed by native scouts.

KOVIDAU has again been attacked by our scouts. Five Japanese were killed and many wounded.

Scouts from RATSUA report that at least 20 Japanese were killed in our air attack 15 Apr. Our recent air strike at TETEKUTS is also reported to have been successful, but the enemy is still dug in in strength in this area.

It is reported that there are now 41 Japanese at RATSUA, 46 at UMUM GORGE, 90 near RURI, 8 at CHINDAWAN, 8 at TENIMBAUBAU, 100 at SIARA, 70 at TON and a few at BANIU. It is further reported that the area north of TARBUT is now held by marines.

2 AIR - OWN - BOUGAINVILLE - 21 Apr

Twenty one Corsairs bombed a concentration of 10 huts under heavy jungle in the ROBIKAI River area at 169310 (1:63360) with 75% of the bombs falling on the northern end of the target. Subsequent inspection of the target showed that only 3 huts remained intact at the northern end with 6 destroyed and one badly damaged.

At the request of 3 Div 13 Corsairs bombed and strafed gun positions near the POROREI River ford on the east side of a garden at 955423 (1:25000). Most bombs fell in the target area with three large bomb bursts considerably larger than normal and producing heavy black smoke. A total of 54 strafing runs were made over the target area with no observed results.

The target area is now completely cleared except for the bush between the north of the garden and the road.

Thirteen Corsairs took off to bomb the KORIU road junction area following a request from 3 Aust Div that this area housed a suspected gun position and a possible tank park. The first detail accurately bombed the target, the remainder were called by Tac R aircraft to a parked heavy trailer with a camouflaged object on it approximately 4000 yards south of the road junction on the MAMAGOTA road. The Corsairs thought the object to be a possible gun.

Bombing did not destroy the trailer, only causing debris to be thrown over it. Eight aircraft made a total of 48 strafing runs and the trailer smouldered temporarily.

Eight Corsairs bombed the remains of a hut concentration at the

MIBO River ford 127333 (1:63360) previously struck on 17 Apr and also bombed a suspected MT terminal in the area. Results of both attacks could not be observed.

Two patrol Corsairs led by Tac R aircraft to KIETA Bay, bombed and destroyed a beached barge at position 264924.

Two Corsairs on patrol sighted extensive gardens, thought to be rice, covering several acres. Pilot could not pinpoint area owing to bad visibility from aircraft. One pilot reported possible AA from south of KANGU HILL whilst 4-5 miles distant.

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PART I

1. LAND - OWN AND ENEMY

(a) 11 AUST INF BDE - SORAKEN Area

26 Bn

One dead Japanese was found at 244605 near the mouth of the COMPTON RIVER.

55/53 Bn

A Coy reports that the track from McKENNONS RIDGE to 292612, 1500 yds east of the ridge is now clear of the enemy, and many unoccupied positions recently vacated on a ridge at 296613, 400 yds further east. Sounds of enemy activity were heard at 295620.

A patrol from A Coy moved along the track to within 1200 yds of PORA PORA where they found evidence of the enemy's occupation within the last 24 hrs. In this area they found two gardens and unoccupied huts.

ARTILLERY ACTIVITY

Enemy 75mm guns fired 55 rounds into the area northern end of SORAKEN PENINSULA and 29 rounds into the area square 2961, east of McKENNONS RIDGE. Our artillery has engaged 314646, 312644 and 309675.

GENERAL

Between 220436L and 220455L an engine was heard on a bearing of 36 degrees from HORSESHOE KNOLL.

(b) PIATERAPA Area 2/7 Bn

A patrol to SISIVIE has established a firm base at 620170 and patrolled forward. At 628165, 2000yds SE of SISIVIE, two Japanese and some huts were observed. Our artillery engaged the area.

At 691161 forward of WEARNES HILL, a party of 17 enemy was attacked and one was killed.

A party of 6 Japanese was encountered on the western slopes of BERRY'S HILL at 632149; five are believed to have been killed.

Amended location: B Coy 676130

(c) 3 AUST DIV - TOKINOTU Area

58/59 Bn

Recent Jap footprints were found at 893456, 1000 yds SW of HIRU HIRU. In the action at 909446 (referred to in Daily Intelligence Summary No 101) the enemy lost 4 killed and 2 wounded.

At 220340L 10 Japanese armed with one LMG, a grenade discharger and grenades with picric slabs attached, attacked D Coy's position at 909476, 2000 yds SW of HARAI.

The action continued intermittently until 220705L, when the enemy withdrew leaving one killed and one wounded.

A NGIB patrol engaged a party of enemy at 9C5467, approx 1000 yds SW of D Coy, killing two.

24 Bn

A party of 15/20 enemy preparing defensive positions at 902455 500 yds SE of HIRU HIRU was engaged and one killed.

At 220030L 20 Japanese armed with 2 LMGs infiltrated between B and C Coys and attacked B Coy's positions at 898455 500 yds SW of HIRU HIRU. Artillery defensive fire was called for and after fire had been exchanged the enemy withdrew. During the action line communication between B and C Coys and Bn HQ was cut, but these lines have since been restored.

Four Japanese were seen at 888452 SW of B Coy's position.

An enemy party of 22 was ambushed at 929449, 2500 yds SE of HIRU HIRU; five Japanese were killed and one wounded.

NIHERO Area 2/8 Cdo Sqn

A patrol has returned from the HONGORAI, POROREI RIVERS area with one PW and a captured LMG. They report that the enemy position at 958493, 800 yds SE of RUMIKI has now been vacated, as a result of accurate bombing.

HORINU Area 9 Bn

One new Japanese grave was found at 932473, 1500 yds SE of HaTAI.

Location: A Coy 945483

(d) SUMMARY OF PATROL REPORTS

Natives scouts report that the enemy at MUSHIMLON 081361 has moved out to both sides of the area recently bombed by our aircraft. In the north, it is reported that three field guns are still sited near the old house KIAP at PORA PORA, and one each at SUBIANA, RURI, SIAR and CHINDAWAN.

An investigation by natives of the tanks bombed by our aircraft in the [illegible] area south of CHINDAWAN last month, reveals that there were four tanks in the area. Two were destroyed and left there, but one is now reported to be dug in at SIAR and one on the RATSUA-SIAR track.

Natives report that there is a large ammunition dump, including shells in the UVEM gorge. A boat is kept in the gorge and used at night to transport ammunition to RATSUA and the BUOI PLT. (An attack on this barge is reported in para 2 of this Summary). Ammunition from this dump is carried to the same area by road during the day. The Japanese at BANIU are reported to be [illegible] camped near the bombed area at 411666.

2. AIR - OWN BOUGAINVILLE 22 Apr

At the request of 3 Div, two close support missions were provided by a total of 24 Corsairs. Twelve aircraft bombed and strafed enemy defensive positions and troop concentrations along both sides of the road from a garden 200 yds west of the HONGORAI RIVER to the ford during the morning, and a further 12 aircraft repeated the attack during the afternoon. Results were not observed, except for a large flash of flame produced by one bomb.

A suspected gun position and possible tank park near the KORIU road junction was bombed and strafed by five Corsairs. Results were unobserved. A large truck sighted near TAI TAI was also strafed.

A type "A" barge located at UMUM BAY by a Tac R aircraft was attacked by four Corsairs which were led in by a Boomerang. All bombs missed the barge which was then strafed, with unobserved results.

On 21 Apr, 11 Corsairs from GREEN ISLAND bombed targets in the MUGUAI area. Two columns of black smoke rose to 250 ft over one target after the attack. Six Venturas and five Mitchells bombed hut concentrations at MAKARU. Smoke and dust obscured the target areas and results were not assessed.

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PART I

1. LAND - OWN AND ENEMY

(a) 11 AUST INF BDE - SORAKEN area

26 Bn The fresh tracks of one Japanese were seen at 247655 in the northern end of the peninsula. Old enemy camps from this point to 253651 were searched but no Japanese sighted.

55/53 Bn At 221345L B Coy relieved D Coy.
New locations are:- B Coy HQ 293612
10 Pl 296615
11 Pl 292611
12 Pl 293615
A Coy 313642
C Coy less
14 Pl 281617
14 Pl 274612
D Coy less
17 Pl 259587
17 Pl 268606

One Jap was found by C Coy, location unknown.
Our artillery registered 330724 on the west coast of RURI BAY.
The map in this area (CHABAI sheet) was found to be accurate.
At 222230L a light was seen on the NW coast of TAFFRANG ISLAND.
Natives interrogated by MAGAU state that 6/8 weeks ago a submarine landed 100 well equipped reinforcements commanded by a Colonel in the BONIS area. (NOTE: The Japanese submarine YU-3 and a recent type L 15 submarine are both capable of carrying 100 men. However the I type usually found in these waters can only carry 50 men)
These natives further state that there are stores dumps at CHINDAWAN and PAPAS, a 150mm gun at GURTONx, a 75mm gun at TASUI and 5 AA guns between TAFFRANGx and PORA PORA. The Japanese are said to intend making their stand at Mt TASUIx.
(xNOTE: These places are unlocated)

(b) PIATERAPAIA area - 27 Bn

A patrol operating in the BEARYS HILL area observed six Japanese at 681149 and estimated that there are 25/30 Japanese on the track between 684144 and 687154. One enemy was engaged 500 yards north of HUNTS HILL.
In the engagement at 682149 (reported in Daily Intelligence Summary No 102) it is now known that one Japanese was killed and four others presumed to have been wounded.
A patrol in the BEARNES HILL area killed one of six Japanese seen at 693162. Natives estimate that there are now 25/30 Japanese in this area.

(c) 3 AUST DIV - NIHILO area

2/8 Cdo Sqn
A patrol operating in square 0843 near KAPANA killed four Japanese and captured Maj SAPANO. (NOTE This officer is unknown to Intelligence records at this HQ. In Daily Intelligence Summary No 90 it was reported that he was in the KAPANA area).
A patrol to the SINANAI area reports that sqnres 9750, 9749, 9648, 9649 and 9650 are clear of the enemy.

HORINU area - 9 Bn

Three small enemy parties were observed at 953489, 500 yards SE of RUMIKI; two enemy were killed.
The area 926493, 700 yards north of HATAI has been shelled by the enemy.
At 230745L C Coy at 932486, 800 yards east of HATAI was attacked by

30 Japanese with a HMG, LMGs and grenades. The attack was repulsed and two Japanese killed.

One dead Japanese was found at 920487 near the HUIO River.

TOKINOTU area

24 Bn

Sounds of enemy activity were heard at 898464, 1500 yards east of TOKINOTU and 902444, 1500 yards SE of HIRU HIRU.

Old Japanese graves were found at 909457, 1000 yards SE of HIRU HIRU.

Fifty six 75 mm rounds fell in the area 893462, 1000 yards east of TOKINOTU.

58/59 Bn

An infantry patrol with tank support and an engineer det moved out along the HATAI track. The recent footprints of 12 Japanese were sighted leading north from 913481, but no movement was seen. C Coy 9 Bn was contacted by this patrol at 936484, 1000 yards SE of HATAI.

At 905468, 1200 yards NE of HIRU HIRU, twenty Japanese were engaged with unknown results. Contact is being maintained.

A NGIB patrol located a large occupied enemy bivouac area at 933456, 2½ miles east of HIRU HIRU.

A Japanese was sighted at 915478. All tracks in this area show signs of recent use.

GENERAL

10 Tp 2/4 Armd Regt came under command 7 Inf Bde 231000L.

(d) SUMMARY OF PATROL REPORTS

The enemy forces which withdrew from KAGISAGO and MASIOGU on 13 Apr (reported in Daily Intelligence Summary No 97) are now reported at PIARINO 248411.

Natives report that our recent air strike at OAMAI appeared to be on the target.

Native scouts operating north of the URAI River saw Japanese tracks near the coast.

An ambush has been maintained at TIANAN for 3 days, without result. A Japanese camp is reported to be at 666342.

2 AIR - OWN - BOUGAINVILLE - 23 Apr

A bivouac area and staging point at 101336 (1:63360), MOBIAI River area, was bombed by 12 Corsairs with 75% of the bombs in the target area. During the bombing it was noticed that the brush in the target area had many small clearings and that as a result of the bombing the area was well flattened. Three aircraft made two strafing runs each over the target area.

Twelve Corsairs bombed concentrations of 15-20 huts at TOKUAKA, area 155227 (1:63360). Tac R aircraft reported eight huts destroyed and two damaged. These aircraft then made 18 strafing runs on the MIBO River ford and 24 strafing runs on a garden on the east side of OAMAI River.

One Boomerang located and strafed a small launch, approx 20 ft, at UMUM Bay 382697 (1:63360). After strafing the launch was part ly submerged.

A Boomerang on Arty R located a 75 mm gun vicinity CHABAI. After engagement with 30 rounds gunfire, the gun was seen to have one wheel off and to be canted badly. The Boomerang also strafed the gun position.

A Corsair patrol strafed and probably killed two Japs on a derelict barge off Cape FRIENDSHIP.

A second patrol attempted to locate a launch reported at UMUM. They bombed and strafed for unobserved results. Two strafing runs were made on a hut at PORTON Plantation.

The road to RATSOA shows signs of extensive use by vehicles with movement around craters from earlier bombings.

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PART I

1. LAND - OWN AND ENEMY

(a) 3 AUST DIV - HORINU area - 9 Bn

Several small parties of enemy were seen at 953488, 500 yds South of RUMIKI. Location :-

10 Tp 2/4 Armd Regt 932486

NIHERO area - 2/8 CDO SQN

PW Maj SAPANO (reported in Daily Int Summary No 103) is now reported to have been wounded.

TOKINOTU area

Four Japanese were sighted at 904452 on the BUIN Rd, chopping was heard in the same area and at 922448, 1¾ miles SE of HIRU HIRU and fresh enemy footprints seen at 883450, 2000 yds SE of HIRU HIRU 883444, 600 yds further south and at 943421 near the HONGORAI R.

Freshly dug enemy weapon pits and fire lanes were found at 002454, 1000 yds SW of TONU; one Japanese was seen in this position. Firing was heard to the south of a vacated enemy position at 904451 on the BUIN Rd.

At 908473, 2500 yds SW of HATAI one of our patrols was ambushed by an estimated 25 Japanese with one LMG. A probable enemy position was located at approximately 916436 on the BUIN Rd. The enemy has shelled the general area, near HIRU HIRU

58/59 Bn

At 905486, (1200 yds NE of HIRU HIRU - reported in Daily Int Summary No 103), contact with the enemy force was lost. Another patrol is now attempting to regain contact. After a concentration of artillery and mortar fire had been brought down on an enemy position at 904468, 1200 yds NE of HIRU HIRU, two sections of A Coy attempted to penetrate the enemy defences. Two enemy have been killed and the rest of A Coy supported by 9 Tp 2/4 Armd Regt has moved forward to engage the position.

'B' Sqn 2/4 Armd Regt

Three Japanese fired on one of our jeeps at 859478 near the PURIATA R.

(b) 11 AUST INF BDE - SORAKEN area

55/53 Bn The feature in squares 2863, 2963 will be known as STEVENSONS RIDGE.

A patrol moving forward on the inland track sighted two Japanese in a plantation near PORA PORA and a native scout observed a mountain gun.

At 297616, 1500 yds NE of McKENNONS RIDGE, one Japanese was killed by 10 pl and further Japanese are known to be in the area; two were seen 200 yds to the SE of this position.

At 291617 in the same general area a patrol was fired on by one HMG a heavy calibre weapon and 2 LMGs.

At 289620 15 pl was fired on by a HMG and LMG. The platoon is now dug in 300 yds to the east.

One Japanese body was found at 273606, 800 yds S of HORSESHOE KNOLL.

In the COMPTON R area one abandoned 70mm Type 92 Bn gun, and one 81mm Type 99 mortar were found.

C.N

Our artillery has engaged the following areas:- 290631, STEVENSONS RIDGE, (120 rounds), 325635, 3000 yds SE of PORA PORA, 306663 (enemy gun position) 1000 yds N of PORA PORA, 318659, 1500 yds NE of PORA PORA, (120 rounds), 267758, 2000 yds NE of CHABAI, 304746, 8000 yds SW of CHINDAWAN, 316655, 1200 yds E of PORA PORA, 287621, 1200 yds NE of McKENNONS RIDGE, (40 rounds).

Targets have been registered at 295622, 2000 yds NE of McKENNONS RIDGE, 267721 in the PORTON plantation and 263718.

GENERAL

Our OP on SAPOSA Is reports a light flashing at 215662 near TURUARI Is.

Natives from PETATS interrogated by ANGAU have given the following information :-

At SKOTOLAN, 30 Japanese and one 75mm gun.
KAHALAN, 20 Japanese in east end of plantation.
CARCLA, plantation 20/30 Japanese.
KESSA plantation, unknown number. A gun pointing out to sea.
HAMAHAN, [illegible] Japanese.
BUKA Strip, [illegible] Japanese.
PETATU, 7 Japanese one 75mm gun.
NUKIA, 7 Japanese.

Most villages they state have only one Japanese for adminstration purposes.

(c) PLATERAPIAI area - 27 Bn

A patrol returned from TOKUA (now stated to be at 637175 - NOTE - previously reported at 635183) state that there are 20/30 Japanese in the area. Three Japanese including an officer were seen in a strong bunker position at 636176 and four at 637177.

A patrol returned from BERRYS HILL contacted ten Japanese at 684147, killing three and wounding one.

On DAVIS HILL a patrol killed one Japanese.

A NGIB patrol returned from the MAPIA area reports that 30/40 Japanese attacked their position in that area. Our patrol killed four Japanese and wounded six, before the enemy withdrew.

A booby trap on HUNTS HILL was sprung and the footprints of one Japanese were seen nearby.

Our artillery has engaged BERRYS HILL.

SUMMARY OF PATROL REPORTS

The [illegible] SAPANO was captured by local natives and handed over to 2/8 Cdo Sqn. Natives also killed 4 Japanese with this officer.

At PANAKEI 047455, fifty Japanese have moved out.

A large enemy patrol was seen at PUKA 075476.

Native scouts report that a plane crashed near KARA recently and that the remains of one body were found in the wreckage (NOTE Natives have been searching for signs of a NZ airman reported missing after a raid in that area).

Japanese in a camp at 666542, which was attacked by natives on 20 Apr, are now reported to be very active, have received reinforcements and are patrolling aggresively. Natives have laid ambushes for these patrols.

2. AIR - OWN - BOUGAINVILLE - 24 Apr

A reported dump area approximately ¾ mile SW of AKU was bombed and strafed by 13 CORSAIRS. The Jungle in the target area was flattened but other results were not observed. Three bombing and strafing attacks, the first led by a Tac R aircraft, were carried out against enemy defensive positions approx 2500 yds SE of HIRU HIRU at the request of 3 Div. A total of 35 CORSAIRS participated, but only four of the final mission were able to bomb. due to

rapid deterioration of the weather.
The remaining six aircraft jettisoned their bombs on KUVUVULU Island. The defensive positions near HIRU HIRU were well covered on each occasion, but the only observed results was a column of smoke rising from the centre of the target after the first strike.

Patrols strafed 12 Japs on the east side of MASSUNGON Island with unobserved results.

Hut concentrations in the NAKARU area were bombed on 23 Apr by six MITCHELLS and eight CORSAIRS, and seven VENTURAS which bombed AA positions at EBERYS LEASE caused a large explosion followed by white smoke to 1500 feet.

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Note : Further Enemy artillery activity since 230600I.

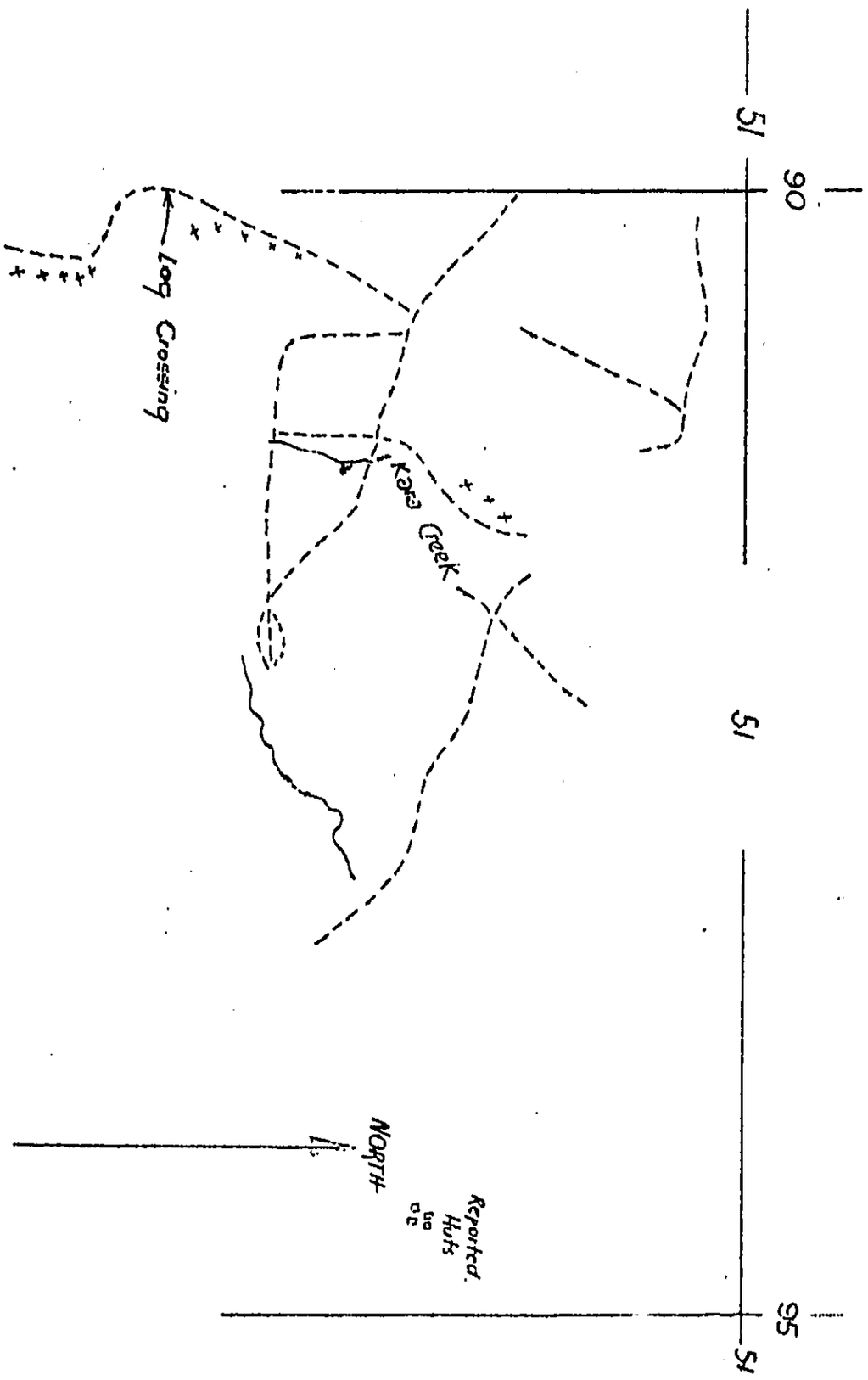
Two 75mm guns fired 23 rounds into area 276612 and three 75mm guns fired 25 rounds into area 280616, forward of HORSESHOE KNOLL.

One estimated 47mm gun fired 3 AP rounds into our battery area 236659, in the northern end of the plantation.

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ADDITIONAL TOPOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION TO RUMIKI 1:25,000

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2 AUST CORPS DAILY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No 105

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PART I

1. LAND - OWN AND ENEMY

(a) 3 AUST DIV

General - D Coy 42 Bn (705595) has come under command 3 AUST DIV.

TOKINOTU Area

24 Bn

A new enemy position at 907448, on the BUIN Rd, was engaged and one enemy killed.

20/30 enemy at 903452, further west along the road, were engaged after two Japanese were observed in the area. One Japanese was wounded. After artillery fire had been brought down on the position it was found to have been evacuated.

Another party of enemy was encountered nearby but after fire had been exchanged contact was lost.

Four Japanese at 912478, 1500 yards SW of HATAI, were engaged and one wounded, and fire was exchanged with an estimated 20 Japanese with 2 LMGs, at 911444 on the BUIN Rd.

The sounds of enemy activity were heard at 914453, north of the road, but our patrol was unable to make contact.

An enemy listening post has been located at 944421 on the HONGORAI River, and 30 Japanese dispersed by air strikes at 926439, north of the BUIN Rd. One enemy was killed in the area.

An enemy HQ is suspected to be at 936424, 1000 yards west of the HONGORAI.

Ten Japanese were sighted at 908475 near KINDARA and the track at 911435 shows signs of recent enemy use.

An estimated 150 mm gun shelled the areas 898455 near HIRU HIRU and 890464 near TOKINOTU.

Locations: B Coy less one pl, plus 8 Tp 2/4 Armd Regt - 900453.

58/59 Bn

The enemy position attacked by elements of A Coy 24 Apr (reported in Daily Int Summary No 104 to be at 904468) is now stated to be at 917474, 1500 yards SW of HATAI.

A Coy with tanks from 9 Tp 2/4 Armd Regt moved into the area, but found the position vacated. Later 12 enemy moved back into the position but then withdrew. Enemy were contacted 100 yards to the south and one was killed, one wounded. Arms and equipment were captured.

A NGIB patrol heard movement at 908471, near KINDARA, but on investigation found the position vacated and the enemy moved east.

57/60 Bn

Locations: Adv Bn HQ - 897469.
B Coy - 900472.
C Coy - 897469.

HORINU Area

9 Bn

An enemy party constructing defences at 955485 north of the HONGORAI River was contacted and two enemy killed.

In the general area square 9346 2½ miles east of HIRU HIRU an estimated enemy company was engaged and two killed.

A patrol NE along the HATAI track to 958492 reports no contact with the enemy.
Locations: B Coy - 926484
D Coy - 948485

61 Bn

Signs of a small enemy force moving east from 885475, 1200 yards north of TOKINOTU, have been observed.

(b) 11 BDE & NIHERO Area

See below.

(c) SUMMARY OF PATROL REPORTS

From the BOVO River area it is reported that natives have killed 17 Japanese near KUPEI, 3 at PAWAIRI and 19 (possibly 24) at POMALIA. Three mortars were deployed against our scouts at KAINO; one mortar crew of 5 was killed.

At ARAWA a grenade was thrown into a house containing 15 Japanese, but the results are unknown.

A Japanese patrol which has been searching for our native scouts has returned to KAPANA. A dog with the patrol prematurely set off a booby trap which had been designed for their destruction.

2. AIR - OWN BOUGAINVILLE 25 Apr

A probable dump area approximately ¾ mile NE of CHABAI was bombed by 13 Corsairs. The area was well cleared, but the results were otherwise unobserved. Three old huts one mile NNW of the target were strafed by five of these Corsairs. The roof of one hut was blown off and another collapsed completely. A concrete tank nearby disintegrated when strafed.

A reported troop concentration west of the road near the lagoon SE of KIETA was bombed by eight Corsairs with unobserved results.

At the request of 3 Div, 13 Corsairs bombed suspected gun areas near the lower HONGORAI Ford and strafed the area between the river and billabong immediately south of that ford. Good coverage was obtained and the undergrowth flattened.

A suspected gun position on the east bank of a bend in the POROREI River approximately 500 yards ESE of the previous target was bombed and strafed by 13 Corsairs, also at the request of 3 DIV. The bombing was accurate but results were not observed.

Ten Mitchells and five Venturas caused a large explosion amongst hut concentrations at NAKARU on 24 Apr and 16 Corsairs obtained good coverage on similar targets at MUGUAI.

PART II

ENEMY OOB - TOKINOTU Area

A PW from 11 Coy 13 Inf Regt has made the following statements in a preliminary interrogation on 24 Apr.

1. On 7 Apr he saw members of 6 Tpt Regt, possibly 200 strong, constructing defensive positions in square 9046. (Note: 4 Coy 6 Tpt Regt is believed located in this area).

2. The remnants of 13 Inf Regt are now at OSO, expecting to return to MUGUAI after one month. In the meantime their stores are located at a staging area approximately square 8945, and their removal to OSO is expected to be completed by 26 Apr.

The PW taken recently in the NIHERO area is now known to be 2 Lt SHIBANO of 4 Med Arty. (Note: It was previously stated by natives that the PW was Maj SAPANO. No such officer is known to Intelligence records).

11 BDE - SORAKEN Area

55/53 Bn

At 308647, 700 yards SE of PORA PORA, two Japanese were killed. One was a pte and the other Capt ARAI Masao, OC of the enemy force opposing this bn. Documents were taken from the bodies.

Patrols reported no contact with the enemy in area 289620 south of STEVENSON's RIDGE.

Locations night 25/26 Apr: A Coy - 308647
11 Pl - approx 299620
14 Pl - " 290626

An arty R shoot scored two hits on huts at 327721 on the west coast of RURI BAY and later engaged 330720 in the same area. Another shoot was carried out against a gun position at 313651, 1000 yards east of PORA PORA.

Two 75 mm guns fired 14 shells into the area 284618, 1200 yards NE of McKENNON's RIDGE, and 4/6 75 mm guns fired 45 shells into 287619 in the same area.

A 150 mm gun located SARLENA and a 47 mm gun located TOROKORI fired 7 rounds which fell into the northern end of the peninsula and into the sea.

NIHERO Area - 2/8 Cdo Sqn

Patrols report considerable enemy activity at 0S0 and in the vicinity of 054432 near the MOBIAI River.

The enemy has been raiding gardens at 977431, 996445 and 008471.

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PART I

1. LAND - OWN AND ENEMY

(a) 11 AUST INF BDE - SORAKEN Area

55/53 Bn
At 261200L 7 Pl made contact with the enemy at 307649, 500 yds SE of PORA PORA killing one Sjt. At 1500L the pl was fired on from concealed positions at PORA PORA.
11 Pl engaged an enemy ambush party at 296627 near STEVENSONS RIDGE, killing one. This pl has now advanced to 304618. 1½ miles NE of McKENNONS RIDGE without making further contact Sounds of enemy activity have been heard at 291618, 1300 yds to the west of this position.
A patrol reports that the enemy has vacated positions at 289620 in the same area, leaving four dead and one grave, probably casualties from our artillery fire.
The SORAKEN - PORA PORA track is now reported clear to 290624, and C Coy is now established in that area.
Two 75mm guns located in the western edge of BUOI PLTN fired 42 rounds into the NE end of SORAKEN peninsula.

(b) PIABERAPAIA Area 27 Bn

A patrol operating in the HUNTS HILL area encountered an enemy party using 2 LMG and rifles at 684145.
13 Pl with a mortar det has now relieved our outpost on HUNTS HILL, and another outpost has been established at 677152 on DAVIS HILL.
A patrol from the BERRYS HILL area contacted two Japanese at 684149. Later 20/30 Japanese were observed on BERRYS HILL. They appeared to have come from the direction of BASE Pt 3 and carried no equipment.
Throughout the night 25/26 Apr and during the day our artillery and mortars have harassed BERRYS HILL.

(c) 3 AUST DIV - TOKINOTU Area

24 Bn
Following an air strike the Bn made a general advance along the BUIN rd. C Coy supported by 8 Tp 2/4 Armd Regt moved forward and encountered a strong pillbox position at 905452, 1000 yds SE of HIRU HIRU. This position was knocked out by the tanks, and the company has now reached 908447.
A Coy is now at 904458 near HIRU HIRU and D Coy at 911456 where three Japanese were sighted.
At 261400L line communication between B and C Coys was cut and enemy from both sides of the road fired on our tractor train at 903452.
12 Pl with tank support moved up and cleared the road.

57/60 Bn
A position at 895459 vacated by C Coy 24 Bn has been occupied.

58/59 Bn
A patrol engaged an enemy party of unknown strength moving north at 916459, 2000 yds SW of HIRAI. The patrol has now withdrawn to 917473.

HORINU Area 9 Bn
A patrol reports KUNIKI clear of the enemy, but an enemy force armed with one LMG and grenade dischargers was contacted at 958493, 800 yds to the east.

TOKO Area 61 Bn

The footprints of Japanese were seen leading north at 637470 and 500 yds to the west.

Location : B Coy 833455

NIHERO Area 2/8 Cdo Sqn

Patrols report an estimated 80 Japanese concentrating in the area 996445, 008471, 010459, vicinity of OSO. The enemy are raiding gardens there and building huts.

Another party of unknown strength is reported at 970475 on the POROREI RIVER.

(d) SUMMARY OF PATROL REPORTS

The ambushes set in the BUTCHKOMBO area 666542, and intended for the destruction of the Japanese pursuing pro-Allied natives, failed, as the enemy would not be drawn into the foothills. Reconnaissance has been carried out by these natives at TEOP and INUS.

Large enemy concentrations are reported in the 'LA and KULUMARU areas in square 2737.

In square 2441, 40 Japanese are reported at KUMILIOGU and 66 at PALIDONAN. These are said to be naval personnel. (NOTE: These place names and references are at variance with the map KARA 1:63360, but are thus identified by scouts).

AA guns in the MUGUAI area are reported to be firing at our low flying planes over KARA.

It is reported that in our air strike at NAKARU on 13 Apr, three houses were destroyed. Japanese have disposed of those killed.

Recent strikes by medium bombers at 303351 and 310348 in the NAKAPU area are reported by scouts to have killed 40 Japanese and to have destroyed 4 large guns. However a considerable number of troops and AA guns remain in the area.

Two Kempis have been shot at 203435 in the TUPARU area.

A raid on TOGUAI 263303 on 20 Apr killed 15 Japanese and destroyed 3 huts.

2. AIR - OWN BOUGAINVILLE 26 Apr

At the request of 3 Div 41 Corsairs in three attacks between 260730L and 260930L bombed and strafed along track from 903453 to 907447. Mortar and Tac R aircraft marked the target. The attack was very accurate with one bomb causing a large sheet of red flame and heavy black smoke at approx 905453. Forty two strafing runs were made on the target.

Twelve Corsairs supported 3 Div in an attack on HIRU HIRU road junction at 917445. Four aircraft bombed accurately and remaining three were diverted to bomb a gun position at 918445. Three near misses were scored possibly destroying the gun.

Strikes in northern BOUGAINVILLE area were weathered out.

On 25 Apr 12 Mitchells, 6 Venturas and 4 Corsairs bombed targets in MUGUAI area for unseen damage. Eight Corsairs weathered out of this area bombed LONAHAN and LEMANMANU destroying several huts.

EARLIER INFORMATION OMITTED

TOKIKORU

Before the advance of 24 Bn a small enemy party was observed at 897451. One of our patrols was ambushed by 10 Japanese with a LMG at 899439. Sounds of enemy occupation were heard at 900437 and 897437.

58/59 Bn

Extensive enemy positions were found vacated at 917477 and extended 500 yds to the west.

PIATEPAPAIA Area

27 Bn As a result of an Arty R shoot 25 Apr the TOKUA targets were well covered and one hut was destroyed at IBU. (NOTE:TOKUA which has previously been reported at 637175 and 635183 is also reported at 620181.)

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PART I

1. LAND - OWN AND ENEMY

(a) 23 AUST INF BDE - PIATERAPAIA Area

27 Aust Inf Bn

A patrol returned from the SISIVIE area reports having killed one Japanese at 616164. Our artillery later engaged this position destroying one hut.

Another patrol en route TOKUA reported no contact up to 650145. Later this patrol established a base 1000 yards South of TOKUA, and called for artillery fire on the village. A patrol forward of the base killed one Japanese.

The Japanese L of C between BERRYS HILL and BASE PT 3 is reported by patrolsto have not been used for one week. However Japanese are again reported on BERRYS HILL and our artillery and mortars have continued to engage this area.

A patrol base has been established 500 yards South of IBU. (Note : The corrected locality of IBU is now given at 635225).

TOROKINA - 7 Aust Inf Bn

Bn HQ has reopened 581956 ex - TREASURY Is.

MONO Is - 8 Aust Inf Bn

On 24 Apr an OP was established by B Coy.

GREEN Is - 8 Aust Inf Bn

Suspected enemy activity has been reported night 25/26 Apr. Two patrols are investigating.

(b) 11 AUST INF BDE - SORAKEN Area

55/53 Aust Inf Bn

A patrol from A Coy killed two Japanese at 307646, 500 yards SE of PORA PORA, and captured five rifles. Three hundred yards to the east another three Japanese were killed near a store hut and equipment found. On a wide track running north an enemy signal cable was found and cut. Another patrol moving along the south bank of the LAVELE R located the track SORAKEN - PORA PORA at 295645, 1200 yards SW of PORA PORA, but made no contact.

11 pl is now at 295615, 2000 yards NE of McKENNONS RIDGE and patrols are probing to the NW.

C Coy has occupied STEVENSONS RIDGE at 286631.

GENERAL

TAIOF Is OP reports a light flashing from SOHANA Is at 271130L.

On the afternoon of 27 Apr approximately 25 explosions were heard in the PORTON plantation area. Our artillery then engaged the area. Three estimated 150mm shells were fired into the NW end of SORAKEN peninsula.

(c) 3 AUST DIV

See below.

(d) SUMMARY OF PATROL REPORTS

Native scouts have killed three Japanese at 613609 four at 565593 six at 600601.

A Japanese Sjt was killed at MIBO ford and six Japanese were killed at KINGORI on 26 Apr. The enemy fought back from prepared positions using MGs, but when the natives withdrew there were only four Japanese left in the area.

Scouts report that the air strike at UMUM reported in this summary (under AIR OWN) was on the target.

2. AIR - OWN - BOUGAINVILLE 27 Apr

Tac R target at UMUM GORGE was bombed by 12 Corsairs. Following the last bombing run over the target an explosion with a large flash was seen. Sixteen strafing runs were then made over the target. Results observed after the attack showed a number of burnt out 44 gallon drums in the creek and shell cases on the ground in the target area.

At the request of 11 Aust Inf Bde a suspected Jap 75mm gun position was accurately bombed at BUOI Plantation 274700 followed by 28 strafing runs over the area.

An ammunition dump and huts at PORROR RIVER 204334 was bombed by 12 Corsairs led in by Tac R. A large flash of red flame was observed after the attack of the first eight aircraft. The remaining four aircraft then bombed 200 yards SE and all aircraft made a total of 30 strafing runs over both areas for unobserved results.

A Corsair patrol dropped two bombs on suspected gun positions on the south end of TOROKORI Island and also strafed a rowing boat 300 yards north of BUOI Plantation jetty.

Three Mitchells on the night 25/26 Apr low level bombed a target at NAKARU for unobserved results. Six other Mitchells bombed a target in the MUGUAI area on 26 Apr for unseen damage. 16 Corsairs bombed NAKARU targets resulting in two columns of black smoke from one target. Other MUGUAI targets were attacked by nine Venturas for unseen damage.

(a) 3 AUST DIV - NIHERO Area - 2/8 CDO SQN

Patrols report enemy parties in the area 009417, 1200 yards NE of MONOITU MISSION. A patrol operating in the area 970475 South of the HONGORAI R reports that 12 enemy are constructing defences there.

An ambush laid in the same area killed 5 Japanese and a map showing the defensive positions was captured.

Further enemy activity is reported at 966482, near the river.

HORINU Area - 9 Aust Inf Bn

The Bn has now moved forward and occupied the following positions :-

Bn HQ & 10 Tp 2/4 Armd Regt	935485
A Coy	966484
B Coy (less 10 pl)	926484
10 Pl	924407
C Coy	948485
D Coy	958493

An enemy party had previously occupied D Coys new position but had been driven out by artillery fire.

TOKINOTU - 24 Aust Inf Bn

A Coy is now at 904459, C Coy at 907448 and D Coy at 908456. The BUIN Rd is reported clear of enemy between B and C Coys. One Japanese was killed at 903452 on the road.

Another Japanese killed at 909446, further east along the road was armed with a OSMG.

Two type 93 land mines were found at 903452 and a quantity of Aust 3 inch mortar bombs at 907449; both these positions are on the BUIN Rd.

A large enemy party has been heard at 925422, and an enemy gun is thought to be sited at 911429, between the road and the HONGORAI R.

58/59 Aust Inf Bn

One Japanese was killed at 916469, 2000 yards SW of HATAI.
A 75mm gun has shelled the area 897453 South of HIRU HIRU.

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2 AUST CORPS DAILY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No 108

(Information to 281800L Apr 45)
(Ref Maps 1 : 63360 & 1 : 25000)

PART I

1. LAND - OWN AND ENEMY

(a) 23 AUST INF BDE - PIATERAPAIA Area

27 Bn

A patrol operating in the IBU Area contacted the enemy at 633238, 1500 yards north of the VILLAGE, killing five.

Two Japanese observed on BERRY's HILL were engaged with MG. Our artillery and mortars continue to engage BERRY's HILL.

The FOO with a forward patrol brought further artillery down on TOKUA. The shelling of TOKUA on 27 Apr is reported to have been accurate.

(b) 3 AUST DIV - TOKINOTU Area

24 Bn

Two Japanese were engaged at 907445, 1800 yards SE of HIRU HIRU, and one was wounded. An enemy party of unknown strength, reported to be using Aust weapons, ambushed one of our patrols at 915466, 2000 yards NE of HIRU HIRU.

57/60 Bn An enemy force of unknown strength was engaged at 914468. The enemy withdrew south.

58/59 Bn A vacated enemy position found at 884463, 1500 yards NW of HIRU HIRU, showed signs of having been occupied night 27/28 Apr. The enemy probably withdrew south.

A possible enemy 150 mm gun shelled the area squares 8946, 9046, north of HIRU HIRU.

Location: C Coy - 901438

(c) 11 AUST INF BDE

See below.

(d) SUMMARY OF PATROL REPORTS

Nine Japanese are reported to have been killed by natives near KARIKILA. At TOIMONAPU, three Japanese were taken prisoner by native scouts.

Scouts report that 26 Japanese with a mortar are stationed at OLD PORA PORA, in carefully camouflaged positions. (NOTE: OLD PORA PORA cannot be definitely located, but it is known to be in the hills and commands a view of both coasts and BUKA PASSAGE).

Natives report a concentration of Japanese south of PORA PORA at approximately 300639 (ref map BANIU 1:63,360). Two light field pieces are said to be there, and a tree OP which gives observation over SORAKEN and RATSUA is situated one mile "behind" this position. This OP is in line communication with artillery. (NOTE: This OP is probably to the SE of PORA PORA).

A C2 native report places 20 enemy at BOGISAGO, and 4 at MOGOLAI. The same report states the enemy patrols the road between these two places.

At MORONI on 26 Apr natives threw a grenade into a Japanese house. Results were not observed but it precipated a clash between natives and the enemy, which is continuing.

Natives report that at TOIMONAPU and KEKERE they have killed 29 Japanese, 21 at KORIMORA and 19 at ISILA.

A C3 report states that the enemy has re-occupied KAGISAGO 212516 and is being engaged by native scouts.

A strong enemy force has arrived at MASIOGU 245525, according to a B2 report. They have destroyed all native huts in the area.

2. AIR - OWN - BOUGAINVILLE - 28 Apr

Jap occupied huts at KUMILOGO 232409 reported to house 60 to 70 Japs were bombed and strafed by 12 CORSAIRS. Bombs were well spaced over the target and the huts which were observed before the attack were destroyed. A total of 16 strafing runs were made after bombing.

A request from 3 DIV to attack pill boxes at the HONGORAI River crossing 944433 took 12 CORSAIRS to the area; the pill boxes could not be found but the track in the area showed signs of recent use. Bombing flattened the brush on the target area and aircraft then strafed from the garden at 956433 to the BUIN Road with unobserved results.

Another 3 DIV target was attacked by 12 CORSAIRS later, the target being Jap defensive positions between the HONGORAI and POROREI Rivers to the north of the BUIN Road. The first bomb caused a cloud of heavy black smoke which lasted for approximately 5 minutes; other bombs landed in the target area and to the north.

A hut concentration housing 40 Japs reported at PAIDONAN 230404 was struck by 13 CORSAIRS. Good coverage was obtained and a number of huts were seen to be destroyed. A possible AA flash was sighted one mile south of the target area.

CORSAIRS on patrol dropped two bombs on TOROKORI Island in an endeavour to hit the possible 37 mm gun position. Four strafing runs were made over the island.

Other patrols holed a 400 gallon tonk on the eastern tip of HARUMO Island, sank an iron mooring buoy 200 yards NE of MOMALUFU Island, and strafed two Japs in a 20 ft canoe SE of BENANA Island, killing one Jap and wounding the other and destroying the canoe. Several huts were strafed with unobserved results.

On night 26/27 Apr 2 MITCHELLS started a large fire after bombing dumps at KAHILI 420316. Six MITCHELLS and eight VENTURAS again bombed this target 27 Apr for unobserved results. A hut area at NAKARU 160325 was accurately bombed by 8 CORSAIRS with unobserved results.

11 AUST INF BDE - SORAKEN Area

55/53 Bn A Coy killed one Japanese and captured a LMG at 307652, 500 yards east of PORA PORA. Later contact was made with an enemy party, strength unknown, in this same area.

B Coy moved through abandoned enemy positions at 293619, 1800 yards NE of McKENNON's RIDGE, and by 281700L had reached 298627, 1000 yards to the NE, without making contact.

C Coy less 14 Pl moved north along the SORAKEN-PORA PORA track to the LAVELE River at approximately 294645, where contact was made.

Artillery Activity

Our heavy mortars engaged enemy positions at 293619, which were later found abandoned, and our artillery engaged 313[illegible], 1000 yards NE of PORA PORA.

CORRECTION

In Daily Int Summary No 103 native reports of enemy concentrations and guns in the northern areas were given, some of the place names being unknown and unlocated.

This information should read:-

Natives report a 150 mm gun at PORTON and SAA guns on the road between TASUI and PORTON.

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2 AUST CORPS DAILY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 109

(Information to 291800L Apr 45)
(Ref Maps 1 : 63360 & 1 : 25000)

PART I

LAND - OWN AND ENEMY

(a) 23 AUST INF BDE - PIATERAPAIA Area

27 Bn A patrol from the TOKUA area reports 25/30 Japanese there.

It is also reported that as a result of the Japanese - NGIB clash at MAPIA on 23 Apr, (reported in Daily Intelligence Summary No 104), eight Japanese were killed and many wounded. All natives are said to have been evacuated from the area.

Our artillery and mortars continue to engage BERRY'S HILL.

8 Bn - GREEN ISLAND It is suspected that an enemy party was on the island night 28/29 Apr. Patrols are investigating.

(b) 3 AUST DIV - NIHERO Area 2/8 Cdo Sqn

Patrols report that the main Japanese concentration is in the USO - OSO area. Scattered positions exist along the OSO - TONU road. Approx 75 enemy are at 009459, south of TONU, and small scattered groups at 009417, 1500 yds SW of TAITAI.

At 055432 near the MOBIAI RIVER our patrol attacked an enemy party of 20, killing six and wounding several others.

HORINU Area 9 Bn

Twelve enemy were sighted in the area 967485 near the HONGORAI RIVER.

TOKINOTU Area 24 Bn

In the ambush engagement at 915466 (reported in Daily Intelligence Summary No 108) three Japanese were killed.

Ten enemy wearing new uniforms were engaged at 917447, 2500 yds SE of HIRU HIRU. Four were killed.

Two enemy parties, each of 10 men, attempted to outflank one of our patrols at 901432, 3000 yds south of HIRU HIRU.

Ten enemy attacked B Coy's position at 911445, on the BUIN road, but later withdrew without casualties. One Japanese was sighted at 917454.

2/4 Armd Regt

Locations: HQ F Tp 904474
9 Tp 871487

58/59 Bn

Locations : Bn HQ 901454
A Coy 907458

NGIB

The enemy is reported to be camped on both sides of the road at 939434. His sentries in this area are alert.

(c) 11 AUST INF BDE - SORAKEN Area

55/53 Bn A Coy has advanced and is now dug in at 306653, 300 yds east of PORA PORA, after killing one enemy.

B Coy in its advance to the north found an abandoned OP at 305623, and killed one Japanese and captured one LMG at 302630.

The company is now established 100 yds to the north with a pl at 306640, 1300 yds SE of PORA PORA.

On the afternoon 28 Apr a Pl from C Coy crossed the LAVELE RIVER, probably killed one Japanese and captured a telephone. By 291300L the whole of C Coy had crossed the river and had patrolled 1000 yds to the NE (almost to PORA PORA) without making contact.

At the site of the crossing, vicinity 293645, abandoned enemy positions capeble of holding 18 men, were located and there is evidence that the enemy has used a punt there. A dump of 108 recently stacked 75mm shells was captured.

Fourteen 75mm shells fell at 312646 SE of PORA PORA.

(d) SUMMARY OF PATROL REPORTS

It is reported that at KIKIMOGU 250387 natives are building huts for the Japanese.

The enemy is reported to be using the east west trail AKU to MIBO ford after 1600 hrs each day in order to avoid our aircraft.

A native killed one Japanese and cut telephone lines in the AKU area.

Natives report that in the BUIN area the latest Japanese propaganda to the natives states that "the Americans are not too strong and the Germans will arrive soon and defeat them."

In the north it is reported that our recent air strike at TETEHUTS was very successful. The Japanese camp was completely destroyed and the survivors have moved out of the area.

On 27 Apr approx 70 natives from PORA PORA reported in to our patrols. This leaves the area PORA PORA - RATSUA - TANIMBAUBAU clear of natives.

2. AIR - GOWN BOUGAINVILLE 29 Apr

At the request of 3 Div 12 Corsairs bombed and strafed defensive positions reported east and west of 946433 at the UPPER HONGORAI ford. Good coverage was obtained with unobserved results.

Twelve Corsairs bombed two hut concentrations at SILIBAI RIVER at 237310 and 227337. Observed results were: 6/7 huts destroyed and three others burning in the first area with one hut destroyed in the second area.

Corsairs attempted to bomb an ammunition dump, huts and personnel at NAKARU 226314 but were unable to do so due to weather. Four aircraft bombed and strafed AITARA destroying two huts. Remaining eight aircraft were weathered out of MIBO RIVER ford and jettisoned bombs whilst returning to base.

Other scheduled strikes were cancelled owing to the inclement weather.

On 28 Apr five Venturas bombed a dump area at MUGUAI causing a large explosion and black smoke. Later 6 Mitchells bombed dumps at KAHILI also scoring hits, resulting in a large flash and smoke to 5000 ft. Three Mitchells bombed and strafed huts at NAKARU with 12 Corsairs on target at MUGUAI and four Venturas on KAHILI, all for unobserved results.

for (E H WILSON) Lt-Col
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2 AUST CORPS DAILY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No 110
(Information to 301800L Apr 45)
(Ref Maps 1 : 63360 & 1 : 25000)
PART I

1. LAND - OWN AND ENEMY

(a) 3 AUST DIV - HORINU Area 9 Bn
A patrol contacted approx 30 enemy at 951477 near the HONGORAI RIVER, wounding one.

TOKINOTU Area
24 Bn Thirteen Japanese were sighted at 919433 on the BUIN road.
57/60 Bn Two enemy dead were found at 904467, 1000 yds NE of HIRU HIRU.
One Japanese armed with an OSMG surrendered at 905476 on the HATAI track.

Locations:

Bn HQ	906476
A Coy	898469
B Coy	911480
D Coy	908478

58/59 Bn Documents have been found in an abandoned enemy bivouac area at 886455 west of HIRU HIRU. The position was capable of accomodating 100 men.
An enemy 75mm gun shelled area square 9045 south of HIRU HIRU.

(b) 23 AUST INF BDE - PIATERAPATA Area
27 Bn A patrol to BERRY'S HILL wounded one Japanese. Our artillery and mortars continue to engage the area.
8 Bn - GREEN ISLAND
Patrols are still investigating the suspected presence of enemy on the island.
TOROKINA Area
The following units ex GREEN ISLAND are now located in this area:-

109 Bde Wksp)	589961
109 Aust Ord Fd Pk)	
40 Aust Tp Pl	568932
243 Aust Sup Dep Pl	566930

(c) 11 AUST INF BDE - SORAKEN Area
55/53 Bn At 301300L Bn HQ closed at 259585 and reopened at 275610.
A Coy has now moved north beyond PORA PORA and has struck a main track (probably to RATSUA), at 306654. No contact has been made.
B Coy has arrived at the LAVELLE RIVER crossing vicinity 297646 and reports that the hill country south of the river is clear of the enemy.
C Coy has now moved to the vicinity of PORA PORA and located two recently killed Japanese. A patrol to the east found another dead Japanese 600 yds SE of the village.
Patrols to the north contacted A Coy and discovered documents at 298657, 1000yds NW of the village.

Two 75mm guns estimated to be at 318690, 2000 yds NE of RATSUA, fired 40 rounds into the area 306647, SE of PORA PORA.

Between 291900L and 300200L our troops heard considereble barge movement north of RATSUA inlet. The sound of beaching was heard approx 15 times.

CORRECTION TO LOCATION 57/60 Bn : B Coy should read 906476
C Coy should read 911480

(d) SUMMARY OF PATROL REPORTS

A C2 report states that west of AKU two ammunition dumps on the EAST-WEST trail are completely covered by debris from bombing.

A party of 20 Japanese from MUSHIKINOI 081361 is reported to have moved to KINGORI 062456. The same report (graded B2) states that in the engagement by 2/8 Cdo Sqn at 055432 (reported in Daily Intelligence Summary 109) all but two of the enemy were killed.

Native refugees from the AKU-NEEAKU area have contacted our patrols and appear to be friendly.

Scouts report that on 29 Apr they observed two Japanese with a MG at KINGORI 062456. The enemy is reported to have three prepared positions in the area.

As a result of native action against enemy telephone lines in the AKU area (see Daily Intelligence Summary No 109), the enemy has now removed all lines on the EAST-WEST trail between AKU and MIBO ford. Before doing this the enemy had another of their number killed when investigating recent native interference.

2. AIR - OWN BOUGAINVILLE 30 Apr

At request of 11 Bde 19 Corsairs bombed and strafed an area of enemy concentration and activity near RATSUA at 315701. Initial attack opened up jungle revealing numerous tracks. Three trucks camouflaged with leaves were observed 80 yds south of the target and were bombed. One truck received a direct hit and two other trucks were severely damaged. Thirty three strafing runs were made over target.

Twenty six Corsairs in two attacks supported 3 Div and bombed enemy positions astride BUIN road for approx 500 yds east of HONGORAI RIVER. Results of bombing were unobserved.

A bivouac area and small ammunition dump reported by PW SE of KARU at 226314 was attacked by 19 Corsairs with unobserved results.

Following observation by Tac R of a suspected enemy gun mounted on a vehicle near RUMAI 968405 4 Corsairs scrambled and dropped bombs scoring near misses. A later attack by six Corsairs scored a direct hit and seven bombs fell within a radius of 15 yds and disclosed a truck chassis with a sheet of metal affixed at rear but no gun was observed.

On 29 Apr 6 Venturas bombed hut concentrations at MUGUAI with unobserved results. Weather prevented other strikes in this area.

PART III

TOPOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Ref Maps SOUTH BOUGAINVILLE 1 : 25000 series

The road from MOTUPENA Pt to TOKO will henceforth be known as GORDON ROAD, and the road from TOKO to its junction with the BUIN road as NEEDHAM ROAD.

BREWSTER'S TRACK runs from KARO CREEK 879474, to coconuts at 866461.

The bridge over DAWE CRREK at 893461, has been named GRAHAM'S BRIDGE

The Auster strip located at 990519 (RUMIKI 1 : 25000) is known as FITZGERALD FIELD.

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REF MAPS: BOUGAINVILLE 1 INCH SHEETS
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Trace showing Bn & Coy dispositions of 1 AUST INF BDE in the Peaterapaia Area as at 0600L/7 Apr 45

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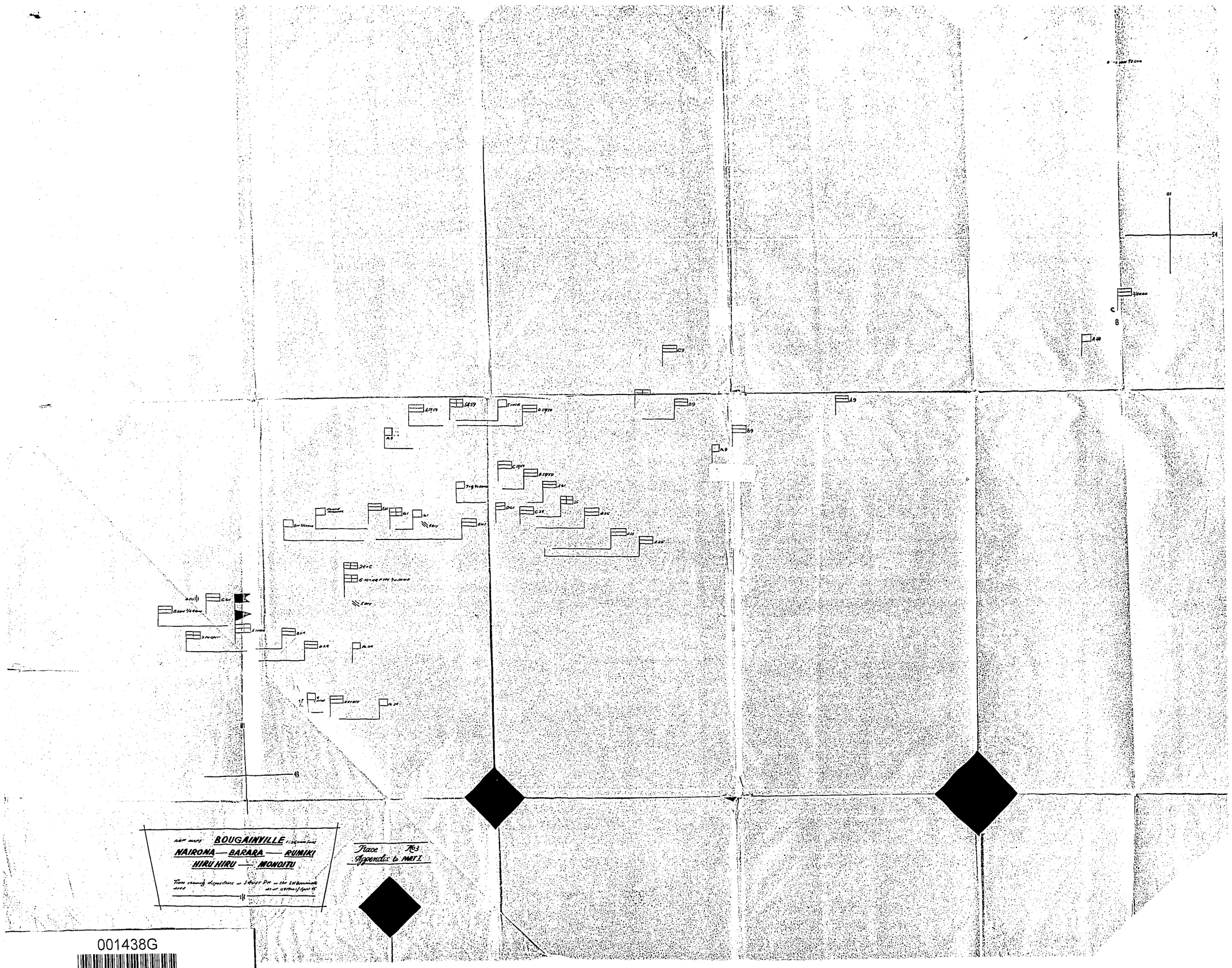
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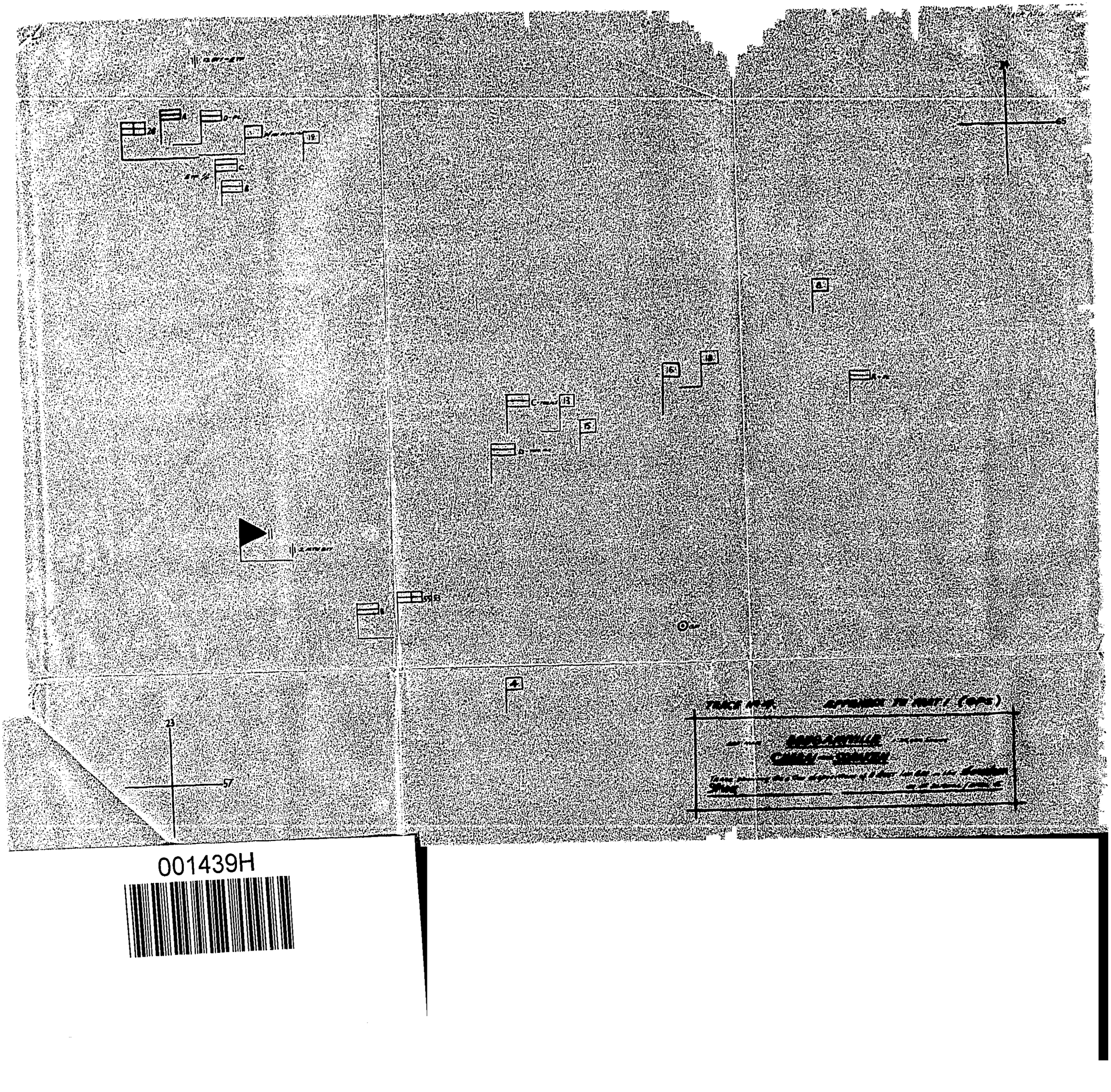
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Trace showing dispositions of 27 AUST INF BN in the Piaterapaua Area as at 2018004/April 45

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