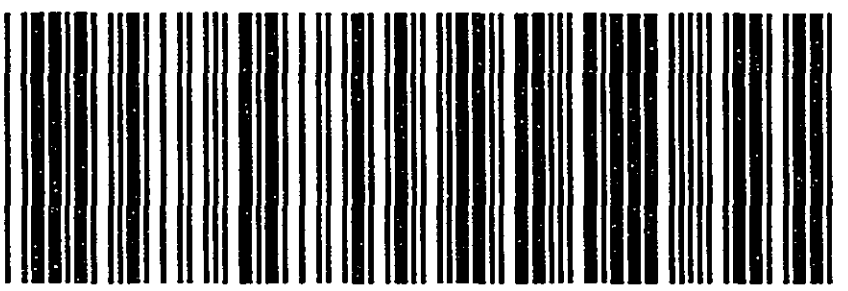
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GENERAL STAFF WAR DIARY - MAY 1945

List of Routine Appendices attached :

2 Aust Corps Sitreps Nos 161 - 191	Appendix 1
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Date	Summary of Events and Information		Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, etc.
4 May	2 Aust Corps Distribution List No 4 was issued	G/1287/SD	Appendix 5
7 May	<u>Operation Instruction No 15</u>		
	This instruction was issued to Comd 11 Aust Inf Bde, and laid down the immediate role of the Brigade in the RATSUA area		Appendix 6
	Maj D McCARTHY moved on detachment to 3 Aust Div to carry out duties of acting GSO II (Ops)		
13 May	<u>2 Aust Corps Training Centre</u> - Joining Instructions		
	Following the establishment of a Training Centre to administer the various Mobile Training teams operating in the area, standard joining instructions were issued	G/1344/Trg	Appendix 7
15 May	Amendment No 1 to 2 Aust Corps Location Statement and Order of Battle No 7 was issued	G/1349/Ops	Appendix 8
	A letter of appreciation of the support received from Squadrons on GREEN ISLAND was sent to Commanding General COMAIRNORSOLS	G/1363/Air	Appendix 9
16 May	<u>Amendment to WE - Mountain Battery</u>		
	Approval of amendments to this WE submitted on 28 Mar, was received	SD5213	Appendix 10
17 May	<u>Mention of Unit Names in Press</u>		
	A strong protest was sent to First Aust Army regarding the lack of publicity given to formations of 2 Aust Corps compared with that received by 6 and 9 Aust Divs	G/1366/Ops	Appendix 11
	<u>Visits to Formations under Command</u>		
	To ensure coordination and control of visits to formations under command, 2 Aust Corps General Staff Instruction No 3 was issued	G/1369/SD	Appendix 12

Date	Summary of events and information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, etc.
18 May	<u>Naval Cooperation</u> Following the arrival of HMAS KIAMA a conference was held between representatives of 2 Aust Corps, NOIC TOROKINA and the Commander of HMAS KIAMA to discuss the operations of the corvette	Appendix 13
19 May	<u>Naval Cooperation</u> HMAS KIAMA departed to carry out bombardments on EAST coast of BOUGAINVILLE. Maj TATCHELL SORA II, and Maj VERTIGAN ANGAU LO were on board. Report by RAA	Appendix 13
20 May	Capt H L HIGGS marched in to take up the appointment of GSO III (Air)	
21 May	<u>Naval Requirements 2 Aust Corps Area</u> A letter was sent to First Aust Army setting out the future requirements for naval support in this area. G/1386/Ops	Appendix 14
	<u>Proposed Amendment to WE of Corps Headquarters</u> Advice was received that the amendment to WE III/1D/3 submitted on 28 Mar 45, was not approved G/2553/SD	Appendix 15
22 May	<u>Mention of Unit Names in Press</u> Further representations were made to First Aust Army regarding the paucity and inaccuracy of publicity given to formations of 2 Aust Corps and the deleterious effects on the morale of the troops G/1395/Ops	Appendix 11
	<u>Action With Enemy Surrendering</u> A directive was issued setting out the policy of 2 Aust Corps regarding surrender of enemy parties G/1392/SD	Appendix 16

Date	Summary of events and information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, etc.
23 May	**Naval Cooperation**	
	A conference was held between representatives of 2 Aust Corps and RAN to discuss operations of HMAS COLAC	Appendix 13
24 May	HMAS COLAC departed to carry out bombardments on CHOISEUL and SE BOUGAINVILLE Report by RAA	Appendix 13
	User Trials - Valises Sleeping, Hooded Type (AUST)	
	As a result of user trials of this item of equipment, First Aust Army were advised that the valise was not considered an AMF requirement G/1413/SD	Appendix 17
	War Usage Rate Data	
	Details of units operating at contact intensity for the period 21 Apr - 20 May 45 were forwarded to First Aust Army G/1414/SD	Appendix 18
25 May	**UK No 5 Rifles and Lightened Rifle AUST**	
	Preliminary report on these weapons was submitted to First Aust Army G/1419/SD	Appendix 19
	Withdrawal Air Forces - Emirau and Green Islands	
	Following advise that all Air Forces are to be withdrawn from Emirau and Green Islands, COM AIR NORSOLS and USAF NORSOLS were requested to keep this Headquarters advised of the progress of evacuations of US personnel, in order that AMF garrisons may be withdrawn when no longer required G/1421/Ops	Appendix 20
26 May	**Air Photographs for Mapping**	
	Representations were made to First Aust Army for additional aircraft and/or cameras to be made available for urgent requirements of air photographs for mapping purposes G/1416/Ops	Appendix 21

Date	Summary of Events and Information		Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, etc.
26 May	2 Aust Corps Operation Instruction No 16		
	This instruction was issued to GOC 3 Aust Div, detailing the method to be employed to achieve the immediate role of the Division - the securing of the line of the MIVO RIVER		Appendix 22
28 May	Field Trials - Cares Shelter, Tents Mosquito, Sheets Ground		
	First Aust Army were advised of the favourable results of field trials of these items, which are considered a definite requirement	G/1434/SD	Appendix 23
	Establishment of an Area Comd MOTUPENA - TOKO		
	A recommendation was submitted to First Aust Army that a HQ of an Area Commandant (Type B) be raised to administer the transit area and field depot installations in this area necessary to maintain 3 Aust Div, in lieu of the temporary Area Comd at present functioning	G/1430/SD	Appendix 24
29 May	AWAS Personnel - Absorption in War Establishments		
	Details of the number of AWAS personnel that can be absorbed by HQ 2 Aust Corps, B Aust Corps Sigs and 4 Aust Base Sub Area were forwarded to First Aust Army	G/1428/SD	Appendix 25
	Weapons and Equipment User Trials		
	Comments on existing weapons and equipment were forwarded in response to a request from First Aust Army	G/1435/SD	Appendix 26
30 May	2 Aust Corps Location Statement and Order of Battle No 8 was issued	G/1437/Ops	Appendix 27
31 May	2 Aust Corps Training Centre-Joining Instructions		
	Revised Joining Instructions for courses run by Training Teams under the control of the Training Centre were issued	G/1436/Trg	Appendix 7

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MESSAGE FORM

From 2 Corps 01 2305 L

To FIRSTAUSTARMY

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

GO 1815 SECRET. sitrep 161 to 012000L. part one of two parts.

FIRST. airops.

BOUGAINVILLE. 30 apr. 20 CORSAIRS 6 MITCHELLS 10 VENTURAS bombed huts bivouac areas concs MUGUAI fires started. 1 may 13 CORSAIRS bombed enemy conc 238371 unobserved results. 11 CORSAIRS bombed huts bivouac area 238532 249349 2 huts destroyed 4 damaged. 24 CORSAIRS bombed BUIN RD west of TOHU at 964417 and track 963417 to 961414. 10 CORSAIRS bombed huts buildings MUGUAI at 348355. 11 CORSAIRS bombed strafed HQ area MUGUAI 365377.

NEW IRELAND. 30 apr. 6 MITCHELLS destroyed radio KAVIENG. 3 MITCHELLS bombed bivouac area KIMIDAN results unobserved. 3 MITCHELLS damaged house BAGATERRE destroyed house near KAUT BAY 2 huts KONO bombed possible plane hideout SW BAUDISSEN. 1 VENTURA destroyed LOSSUK br strafed KARU cattle many killed. 6 VENTURAS bombed strafed BORPOP bivouac area good coverage. 1 VENTURA cratered approaches FESSOA br. 10 CORSAIRS patrols fired dump destroyed 3 huts damaged others LOSSU.

NEW BRITAIN. 30 apr. 27 MITCHELLS bombed sup personnel area 1 mile NORTH TOBERA results unobserved.

SECOND. 23 inf bde.

PIATERAPAIA. 27 bn. NGIB patrol fired on by JAPS unknown str covering MAPIA track location uncertain. own cas 1 police boy killed. patrol BERRYS HILL reports 40/50 JAPS along track 683145 684151. feature clear NORTH of 684151. one JAP wounded.

THIRD. 8 bn.

GREENISLAND. small enemy party reported NORTH of airstrip 072030 ref map GREEN ISLAND one in. patrols investigating all infm.

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From 2 Corps 02 0305 L

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GO 1815. SECRET. SITREP 161 to 012000L. part two and final part.

FOURTH. 3 div.

TOKO. A coy NGIB less pl 796471 under comd 3 div.

TOKINOTU. 24 bn. 30 apr. patrol fired on at 942447 own cas 1 wounded. patrol ambushed by 10 JAPS 930428 cas own 2 wounded 1 missing patrol withdrew. quantity arty amn eqpt found 907442, 1 may. 6 JAPS moving SOUTH 924442. hostile shelling 912457. D coy 941442. 58/59 bn. own runner wounded 900456. patrol contacted enemy unknown str 2 LMGs 2 OSMGs 914465 own cas 1 offr killed 1 OR wounded 2 missing. 0400L hostile shelling 901460. 57/60 bn. 1 JAP found dead 914466. enemy with bren owens grenades attacked OUR ambush 915465 nil cas. 3 JAPS sighted 917471.

HORINU. 9 bn. ref sitrep 130. enemy withdrew from 951477. 1 JAP grave 947500.

MOTUPENA PT. HQ 47 bn 709575.

MAWARAKA. 15 bn. natives with 3 PW reported A coy area.

FIRTH. 11 inf bde.

SORAREN. 26 bn. hostile shelling. 13 rounds 75mm and 150 mm 11 bty area 236661. arty engaged 228747.

TAIOF ISLAND. OP sighted flash SOHANA ISLAND. 2 barges same area.

PORA PORA. 55/53 bn. A coy. patrols RATSUA track 305667 plantation 310654 no contacts. one dead JAP in abandoned posn 307662. B coy. SOUTH bank LAVELE clear from 292653 to 305646. C coy. 3 dead JAPS 3 graves 314649. D coy 270608 pl 276612. hostile 75mm shelling. 14 rounds 305645 25 rounds 301648. 30 rounds unknown calibre 317643. nil cas all infm

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MESSAGE FORM

From 2 Corps 02 2225 L

To FIRSTAUSTARMY

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

GO 1822 SECRET. sitrep 162 to 022000L. part one of two parts.

FIRST. airops.

BOUGAINVILLE. 1 may. 8 VENTURAS 6 MITCHELLS bombed huts NAKARU 271364 fire started. 6 MITCHELLS attacked gun posns KANGU HILL unobserved results. 8 CORSAIRS bombed huts MUGUAI. 8 CORSAIRS attacked jap camp NAMKARIO all bombs in target. 2 may. 24 CORSAIRS bombed enemy defs along track 940422 to 944421. 23 CORSAIRS bombed defensive posns BUIN rd 938434 to 943433. 12 CORSAIRS bombed strafed pill boxes defensive posns MARTINS CROSSING 940452 to 946450.

NEW IRELAND. 1 may. 9 MITCHELLS bombed biv areas NAMATANAI LIBBA KIMIDAN unobserved results. 12 CORSAIRS patrols killed 1 JAP PANAPAI bombed huts LOSSUK KATU MANE ISLAND.

NEW BRITAIN. 1 may. 6 VENTURAS 25 MITCHELLS bombed 2 plane hideouts TOBERA. 12 CORSAIRS patrols smoked hut ULU Is.

SECOND. 3 Div.

Gen. Adv HQ 29 Bde 844481. 47 bn HQ 905475. B and C coys 9 bn MOTUPENA PT.

TOKINOTU. 24 bn. 1 may. enemy unknown str in def posn 947452 six JAPS seen in area. 1 JAP killed 925440. 2 may. B coy 8 tp 2/4 armd regt advanced to 926438 without opposition. A coy 912445. 6 JAPS withdrew from posn 917452. 58/59 bn. B coy 917452. 57/60 bn. B and C coys relieved B and C coys 9 bn. locations B 924484 C 947484. small enemy party contacted 917477.

NORINU. 9 bn. patrol engaged approx 20 JAPS HMG 2 LMG grenades 954483. 3 JAPS killed enemy withdrew EAST. signs recent mov EAST from 943503 all infm

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From 2 Corps 03 0105 L

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GO 1822 SECRET. sitrep 162 to 022000L. part two and final part.

THIRD. 23 Inf Bde.

PIATERAPAIA. 27 bn. patrol to TOKUA engaged enemy unknown str 636175 NO details.

FOURTH. 11 Inf Bde.

SORAKEN. 26 bn sitnor.

TAIOF ISLAND. hostile shelling approx 138693.

PORA PORA. 55/53 bn. A coy patrol along RATSUA track reached track junction 305670. party JAPS with MG sighted 305667 but withdrew. large biv area 307670. B coy 307650 C 305670 D 275612 pl 295644. rain hampered mov. explosions heard throughout day NW BONIS peninsular all infm

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MESSAGE FORM

From 2 Corps 04 0035 L

To FIRSTAUSTARMY

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FIRST. airops.

BOUGAINVILLE. 2 may. 8 CORSAIRS bombed enemy conc NAKARU. 6 MITCHELLS hit dumps KAHILI started fire smoke to 600 ft. 3 VENTURAS bombed dump MUGUAI unobserved results. 3 may. 13 CORSAIRS bombed strafed track 940422 to 938422 5 JAPS observed blown into air. 22 CORSAIRS accurately bombed strafed defs BUIN RD 931427 to 935425. 12 CORSAIRS bombed MARTINS CROSSING 942454 to 940455 good coverage. dump area PAPAS 974708 bombed strafed 10 CORSAIRS. 12 CORSAIRS accurately bombed camp area likely HQ TAUSI 330700. patrols strafed 7 JAPS in gardens ARIGUA plantation 4 JAPS MORGUSAIA ISIAND killing 2.

NEW IRELAND. 2 may. 2 CORSAIRS bombed huts LOSSUK destroyed several. 2 CORSAIRS bombed bivouac area FANGELAWA results unobserved.

NEW BRITAIN. 2 may. 4 CORSAIRS destroyed 1 boat damaged another destroyed 1 hut UTUAN ISLAND.

SECOND. 3 div.

OKINOTU. 24 bn. 2 may. patrol to HONGOLAI encountered small enemy parties 922453 and 928453. vacated enemy posn 2 pillboxes 934435. C coy patrol observed enemy str 15 at 923437 later observed 918436 one JAP killed. 1 dead JAP 914433. 3 may. B coy 3 tp 2/4 Armd Regt 926438 repulsed attack 15 enemy from NORTH presumed same party. 10 enemy engaged 928438 one killed enemy withdrew. 5 enemy engaged and withdrew 928428. approx 20 enemy dug in posns 902430 to 905433. enemy party setting booby traps 922442. enemy unknown str fired on jeep train 924440 nil cas. 58/59 bn. 2 may. hostile shelling 140 rounds 75mm gen area 906045 nil cas. B coy 917452 pl 894464.

TORINO. 47 bn 3 may. patrol contacted enemy unknown str armed HMG LMG 917472 own cas 1 wounded. tac bn HQ 907478 A coy 898470 B 910480 C 907473 D 912481. 57/60 bn. night 2/3 hostile shelling 20 rounds 75mm 908480 unestimated number 8946 nil cas. 3 may. bn HQ and 10 gp 2/4 armd regt 934485 A coy 967483 B 926435 C 947485 D 953489. con. comd gp 29 bde 843480. HQ 7 bde arrived TOROKINA 602963. rear HQ 2/8 cdo sqn 805462. 5 fd bty 896469 all infm

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THIRD. 23 inf bde.

PIATERAPAIA. 27 bn. ref sitrep 162 enemy cas 3 killed 3 wounded. patrol en route MAPIA reported 2 enemy with LMG 692131. patrol from KEENANS RIDGE engaged small party enemy holding NE feature 616163 one JAP killed.

FOURTH. 11 inf bde.

SORAKEN. 26 bn sitnor.

SORA PORA. 55/53 bn. 2 may. A coy 311659 pl 307672. 3 may. C coy contacted approx 15 enemy one JUKI 2 LMG 310681 3 JAPS killed own cas nil. pl moving to outflank. small dump electrical eqpt found. hostile shelling. 2 may. 30 rounds 75mm 294643 nil cas. 3 may. 15 rounds 75mm 306649 nil cas. 16 rounds C coy area nil cas. 75mm engaged square 2964 nil cas. 2 may. our arty engaged suspected gun posns 307688 323700. 3 may engaged 316697 314685 all infm

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MESSAGE FORM

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GO 1854. SECRET. SITREP 164 to 042000L. part one of two parts.

FIRST. 3 div. 7 inf bde.

9 bn complete TOROKINA.

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HIRU HIRU. 24 bn. 30 JAPS ambushed 927440 1 killed. owr mortars forced JAPS withdraw from ambush 924441. strong patrol 2 tks along BUIN RD contacted approx coy JAPS def posn 928438 exterding 200 yds NORTH. 75mm gun sited for tk A destroyed by tks. arty mortars engaged posn JAPS withdrew. cas enemy 3 killed incl offr own 2 wounded by 93 type mine. patrol contacted 10. JAPS 926444 killed 1. further party heard in area. 58/59 bn. D coy 894458. hostile shelling 3 may 913444 nil cas.

RUMIKI. 57/60 bn. 6 graves found hutted area 954484. patrol contacted JAP party 932482 cas enemy 1 killed own 3 killed incl offr. C coy with 10 tp 2/4 armd regt 947485.

NIMERO. 2/8 cdo sqn- native patrol reports KINGORI 055432 clear. 10 graves in area.

[illegible]ND. 23 inf bde.

PIATERAPAIA. 27 bn. patrol engaged 30/35 JAPS LIVIRIPAIA 718152 cas enemy 7 killed.

T[illegible]RD. 8 bn.

2 may 5 possible barges sighted between SHORTLAND and MORGUSIAI ISLANDS all infm

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From 2 Corps 04 2318 L

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FOURTH. airops.

BOUGAINVILLE. 3 may. 6 MITCHELLS 7 VENTURAS bombed personnel sup areas KAHILI good coverage. 16 CORSAIRS bombed two hut concs NAKARU. 6 MITCHELLS bombed KIETA 3 fires large explosion. 4 may. 12 CORSAIRS bombed enemy conc OSO 993447 good coverage. 12 CORSAIRS bombed conc USO 977433 results unobserved. 23 CORSAIRS accurately bombed large enemy conc MOBIAI RIVER large flash fuel drums scattered. enemy HQ NUMA NUMA bombed strafed 23 CORSAIRS number huts destroyed damaged. patrols strafed huts PAPAS PORORAN ISIAND 4 JAPS TEIHUP.

NEW IREIAND. 3 may. 9 MITCHELLS bombed runway PANAPAI. CORSAIR patrols destroyed two damaged five huts. VENTURA destroyed new br BOHL strafed trucks KARU LAUAN.

NEW BRITAIN. 3 may. 8 MITCHELLS 10 VENTURAS bombed aircraft hideout MALAGUNA. 9 MITCHELLS bombed AA posns VUNAKANAU.

FIFTH. 11 inf bde.

SORAKEN. 26 bn. TAIOF ISLAND OP sighted presumed gun flashes SOHANA ISLAND.

PORA PORA. 55/3 bn. C coy. ref sitrep 163 JAPS withdrew from posn 310681 cas enemy 3 killed. two pls moved WEST to RATSUA jetty NO contact. 4 graves 304681. two pls now 288679. 13 pl track junc 310682. enemy activity heard 312682. hostile shelling. 70 rounds 75mm and 105 or 150mm area air dropping site 295645 nil cas. our arty engaged 287678 suspected gun posns 310696 307703 323643 all infm

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To FIRSTAUSTARMY

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

GO 1870 SECRET. sitrep 165 to 052000L. part one of two parts.

FIRST. 3 Div.

TOKINOTU. 24 bn. ref sitrep 164. enemy str in posn 928438 now estimated 130. withdrew NE. additional enemy cas 1 killed. 1 JAP killed 1 wounded 943447. enemy activity reported 943433 one JAP killed in area. 5 may. D coy with 2 tks moved through B coy along BUIN rd. engaged def posn unknown str 931436. enemy withdrew slightly to extensive pillbox posn tks engaged. one tk received direct hit 75 mm cas one wounded BESA damaged. tk destroyed 75 mm gun. enemy withdrew. D coy consolidated 932436 contact maintained. enemy cas 1 killed own 3 wounded. B coy. vacated posn found 928443. C coy 919442. hostile shelling. 4 may 81 rounds 150 mm 909446. 5 may area 909457 one offr wounded.

58/59 bn. patrol contacted enemy unknown str new def posn 920464 patrol withdrew.

RUMIKI. 57/60 bn. 4 may enemy activity reported bn area and EAST of HONGORAI. 5 may patrol crossed HONGORAI 967483 report number 2 govt rd clear 200 yds EAST. 1 JAP killed. patrol fired on by LMG 965481 and 967482 own cas 1 wounded. vacated posn 932481. pl now 967483 all infm

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From 2 Corps 06 0050 L

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GO 1870. SECRET. sitrep 165 to 052000L. part two and final part.

SECOND. 11 Inf Bde.

SORAKEN. 26 bn. TAIOF OP sightings 5 may. 2 barges arrived SOHANA ISLAND from MADEHAS and BUKA PASSAGE. 3 barges from SOHANA to BUKA passage.

PORA PORA. 55/53 bn. 37 mm tk A gun found 310675. 9 pl 307670. B coy track junc 309683. tracks clear 500 yds NORTH and NE. C coy 288680 patrol to 274683 NO contact.

THIRD. airops.

BOUGAINVILLE. 4 may. 5 VENTURAS bombed stores personnel area KAHILI 8 CORSAIRS bombed truck park MUGUAI 6 MITCHELLS attacked KIETA. all unobserved. 5 VENTURAS hit personnel supply areas NUMA NUMA large explosion column black smoke. 6 CORSAIRS bombed gun posns KIVIRI 777317 and INUS. 5 may. 17 CORSAIRS bombed MT park stores UNUNAI truck large car destroyed explosion and column smoke. 22 CORSAIRS accurately bombed JAP conc RUSEI. 3 enemy conc gun posns NORTH RATSUA bombed by 12 CORSAIRS unobserved results. 10 CORSAIRS bombed conc TINPUTTS all bombs in target. patrols bombed huts NAKARU KARA.

NEW IRELAND. 4 may. 10 VENTURAS damaged br approaches FESSOA. KETENBUANG destroyed br LOSSUK BALUS MONGAI KATENBUANG SALIK CAPE ROLLOSS cratered rd BALUS LIBBA destroyed road along cliff RAMUT BAY destroyed hut damaged jetty KALILI. CORSAIR patrols damaged br LOSSUK cratered rd ULUNONO.

FOURTH. 23 Inf Bde.

PIATERAPAIA. 27 bn. ref sitreps 162 163 additional enemy cas TOKUA 7 killed 2 wounded. patrol contacted approx 15 JAPS BURITSIOTORARA cas enemy 2 killed own 1 killed. ANGAU patrol reports MAPIA track and MAPIA clear all infm

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From 2 Corps 061330 L

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GO 1878. SECRET. sitrep 166 to 062000L. part one of two parts

FIRST. 3 div.

HIRU HIRU. 24 bn. 060500L accurate hostile 150mm fire 160 rounds on D coy area 932436 NIL cas but weapons stores damaged. 0700L D coy repulsed attack by small party enemy, 0900L attack resumed in force from NORTH. same time A coy advancing along EUIN RD heavily attacked at 930437. after hy fighting A coy joined D coy. enemy continued attack but broke contact 1030L after tks engaged. area cleared of snipers by 1200L. estimated 100 enemy engaged. cas enemy 60 killed own 1 killed 5 wounded. 2 LMGs rifles captured. A coy now 930436 with two tks 8 tp. 10 JAPS located in dug in posn 932439. small parties 928434 935435. 6 dead JAPS found 928438 result action 4 may. 58/59 bn. D coy 907448.

RUMIKI. 58/59 bn. patrol engaged enemy unknown str 953476 cas enemy 4 killed 2 wounded. patrol withdrew arty engaged posn. 3 JAPS killed 969478 one 953481. D coy 957482.pl C coy 972482.

SECOND. 23 inf bde.

PIATERAPAIA. 27 bn. patrol killed 4 JAPS 631241. natives killed one PIPIPAIA all infm

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MESSAGE FORM

From 2 Corps 07 0050 L

To FIRSTAUSTARMY

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G01878. SECRET. sitrep 166 to 062000L. part two and final part.

THIRD. airops.

BOUGAINVILLE. 5 may. 8 CORSAIRS bombed conc MUGUAI. 9 MITCHELLS accurately bombed JAP naval HQ NUMA NUMA. 7 VENTURAS 8 CORSAIRS attacked personnel areas NUMA NUMA good coverage. 6 may. 12 CORSAIRS bombed conc WEST MOBIAI RIVER good coverage. 12 CORSAIRS bombed huts bivouac area TARIENA PLANTATION results unobserved. 12 CORSAIRS attacked hut conc MOSIGA 2 huts destroyed others damaged. 12 CORSAIRS bombed secondary target AITARA smoke to 500 ft. patrols bombed huts AUDA destroyed two. 4 CORSAIRS tac R led bombed area 246749 near TARIENA PLANTATION. one tracked veh destroyed one left badly damaged by near misses. large fire started in dump smoke to 1000 ft fuel dump set alight and large fuel storage tk left burning.

NEW IRELAND. 5 may. 6 CORSAIRS bombed huts AMBA bivouac area CAPE SAINT GEORGE and wireless building KAVIENG.

NEW BRITAIN. 5 may. 24 MITCHELLS bombed new strip TOBERA with 126 hits. 8 VENTURAS hit tunnel entrance SOUTH TOBERA with unobserved results. CORSAIR patrols strafed burnt 25 ft barge straffed burnt warehouse TAALIKLIKUN BAY.

FOURTH. 11 inf bde.

SORAKEN. 26 bn. 062040L C coy landed unopposed NORTH tip TOROKORI ISLAND 245684.

PORA PORA. 55/53 bn. A coy 314674. patrol 317675 NMS . . B coy. 8 JAPS killed 314686 one PW captured. patrols 315679 and along MT track to 312694 NO contact. C coy. 13 pl moved to 290688 then to coast 268690 NO contact. 5 graves 281688 all infm

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MESSAGE FORM

From 2 Corps 07 2240 L

To FIRSTAUSTARMY

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

GO 1888 SECRET. sitrep 167 to 072000L. part one of two parts.

FIRST. airops.

BOUGAINVILLE. 6 may. 11 CORSAIRS bombed 2 targets NAKARU for unseen damage. 8 CORSAIRS bombed enemy conc MUGUAI producing large flame and black smoke. 8 CORSAIRS bombed gun posn KIVIRI 777317 1 near miss. 5 VENTURAS bombed NUMA NUMA. 7 may 12 CORSAIRS bombed def posn RAKURURI 957334 area blasted 1 pill box not seen after attack. 17 CORSAIRS bombed strafed possible dump NE CHABAI 268744 area devastated. 12 CORSAIRS bombed suspected JAP HQ SIARA large explosion black smoke after attack. 16 CORSAIRS bombed strafed enemy conc RUSEI 045368. area devastated. 8 CORSAIRS Tac R led bombed strafed gun posn TARLENA 264735 twin barrelled gun min cal 40 mm destroyed pill box destroyed. tin shed with stores burnt. flat top 4 wheeled trailer destroyed. 44 gal drums scattered. 12 CORSAIRS bombed suspected MT park RUNAI 012408 unobserved results. CORSAIR patrol strafed burnt camouflaged object on hill KOROMIRA Is. strafed 5 nips RORAVANA (2) killed 1. strafed damaged 4 huts.

NEW IRELAND. 6 may. 6 MITCHELLS bombed between KAVIENG PANAPAI. patrol CORSAIRS scored 2 probable hits KAVIENG radio stn damaged 1 building damaged br MONGAI.

NEW BRITAIN. 6 may. 8 VENTURAS bombed possible plane hide out/VUNAKANAU. CORSAIR patrol strafed killed 1 jap MIOKO Is.

SECOND. 23 Bde.

PIATERAPAIA. sitnor all infm

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IMPORTANT

B.H. Sc[illegible] Capt

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Distribution by G(Ops) 7 May 45

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MESSAGE FORM

From 2 Corps 07 2335 L

To FIRSTAUSTARMY

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

GO 1888 SECRET. sitrep 167 to 072000L. part two and final part.

THIRD. 3 Div.

BARARA. 42 bn. D coy 879474 pl 885466.

HIRU HIRU. 24 bn. night 6/7 hostile shelling 16 rounds 155 mm 933435 ineffective. 7 may. 0900I following arty conc gen advance resumed along BUIN rd. slight opposition. A coy with 6 tp tks reached HONGORAI crossing dug in 942434. bn HQ 910446 B coy with HQ F tp tks 928438 C 932436 D 954435. patrol contacted 30 JAPS in biv area 941444 patrol withdrew 2 JAPS killed.

58/59 bn. HQ 899454 A coy 920442 B 917452 C 912446 D 907448.

RUMIKI. 57/60 bn. HQ 948486 A coy 966484 B 925484 two pls 936486 C with 10 tp tks 956492 D 972488.

NIHERO. 2/8 cdo sqn. PW captured 961446. enemy party ambushed 963436 cas enemy 10 killed. patrol reports strong enemy posn TONU area 008459. JAPS alert and raiding gardens.

FOURTH. 11 Inf Bde.

SORAKEN. 26 bn. C coy reports TOROKORI clear. OP est EAST tip of island.

RATSUA. 55/53 bn. A coy 334680. B track junc 310696. signs recent mov NORTH incl gun. engr dump found 308691. C coy. one sec track junc 289688. sig wire cut wire party ambushed by 7 JAPS LMG 287688 nil cas. JAPS withdrew BUOI plantation. balance C coy 268690 D coy 309682 all infm

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Distribution by G(Ops) 7 May 45

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BGS	G(Air) (3)
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GI(O)	BMB
	War Diary (2)

MESSAGE INWARDS

From 2 Corps 082200 L

To FIRSTAUSTARMY

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

GO 1897. SECRET. sitrep 168 to 082000L part one of two parts.

FIRST. airops.

BOUGAINVILLE. 7 may. all GREEN based aircraft bombed targets NAKARU total 12 MITCHELLS 6 VENTURAS 16 CORSAIRS starting 2 fires with smoke to 2000 ft. 8 may. 12 CORSAIRS bombed hut conc and possible MG posn HARI RIVER 995376. 16 CORSAIRS bombed area of large conc JAPS KIETA 773917 not satisfactory. 18 CORSAIRS bombed strafed tp conc OAMAI RIVER 167324 small fire started. 15 CORSAIRS tac R led bombed strafed gun posn CHABAI 264755. CORSAIR patrols bombed huts RURI BAY 2 huts destroyed probably 3 more. strafed 3 JAPS in canoe EAST coast ALU ISLAND killed one canoe damaged. strafed 2 JAPS in garden ARAWA 1 killed.

NEW IRELAND. 7 may. CORSAIR patrols holed br LATAN damaged br PANEMANSU.

NEW BRITAIN. 7 may. 22 MITCHELLS bombed personnel and sup areas VUNAKANAU 6 VENTURAS bombed suspected plane hide VUNAKANAU.

COND. 23 inf bde.

PATERAPAIA. 7 may. 27 bn. MMG fired on 2 JAPS BERRYS HILL one JAP killed. 8 may. patrols report enemy preparing def BERRYS HILL. engaged enemy result s unobserved. MAPIA village reported clear all infm

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IMPORTANT

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BGS	G(INT)(2)	BMB	
DA & QMG	G(AIR)(3) (2 for 6 Comd AL Sec)	WD(2)	

MESSAGE FORM

From 2 Corps 090155 L

To FIRSTAUSTARMY

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

GO 1897. SECRET. sitrep 168 to 082000L. part two and final part.

THIRD. 3 div.

NIHSRO. 7 may. 2/8 cdo sqn. enemy active 970476. large enemy party 977472 moving EAST. 8 may. KINGORI 055432 clear. 3 JAPS killed TIGER rd.

RUMIKI. 57/60 bn. 7 may. 2 enemy killed 969477. 8 may. 9 dead JAPS found 949485. arms also found. small JAP pa rty fired on patrol 967483 NIL cas. B Coy less pl 936486 pl 947485.

HIRU HIRU. 24 bn. 7 may. patrol engaged 16 JAPS 1 killed 942437 then withdrew. 8 may. documents captured from 2 enemy fwd A coy posn. B coy jeep fired on own cas 1 killed.

FOURTH. 11 inf bde.

SORAKEN. 26 bn. C coy returned SORAKEN PENINSULA. OP remains TOROKORI.

PORA PORA. 55/53 bn. 8 may. HQ 305648. A coy 339695. B 314710. large huts vadated 337695. 5 JAPS 309702 1 JAP killed documents captured. enemy withdrew 314703. recent MT tracks SOUTH 316704. C coy. 4 graves 272690. D coy pl fired on by JAPS using LMG 6 rifles NIL cas. JAP eqpt incl radio e qpt and large potato dump 315687. patrol at 318678 report large column black smoke CHABAI. TOROKORI OP reports large column water explosion bearing 332 degrees grid 7000 yds

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War Diary

MESSAGE FORM

From 2 Corps 10 0152 L

To FIRSTAUSTARMY

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

GO 1916. SECRET. sitrep 169 to 092000L.

FIRST. airops.

BOUGAINVILLE. 8 may. 8 CORSAIRS bombed dumps NAKARU. 4 VENTURAS bombed pers areas NAKARU small fires. 6 MITCHELLS on same target results NOT seen hy AA from KANGU HILL KARA. 9 may. 17 CORSAIRS bombed concs OAMAI RIVER 167332 and 169330 target well cleared. 13 CORSAIRS bombed strafed 2 tracked vehs previously damaged TARLENA 246749 7 oil fires started damaged truck burnt bombs blew away camflg on gun carrying trailer no other observed damage. MG fire from 244756. 40 CORSAIRS well covered enemy def posn HONGORAI RIVER 944447 3 div request. possible log framework in centre of target area blasted. 8 CORSAIRS patrols sighted strafed 3 loaded stores barges TONOLEI HBR 1 left burning 2 japs unloading strafed third barge with stores appeared u/s used as jetty. strafing runs on fires KIETA and CAPE SUHUHI.

NEW IRELAND. 8 mar. 7 VENTURAS destroyed brs MODINA LIBEA SOUTH SALIK damaged brs MONGAI and NORTH PINIS. CORSAIRS damaged br PINIKINDU. bombed strafed biv area AMBA NO results seen.

NEW BRITAIN. 8 may. 9 MITCHELLS bombed plane hide VUNAKANAU 15 or SULPHUR CREEK both unobserved. CORSAIR patrols strafed damaged 2 barges destroyed canoe NW coast ULU Is.

SECOND. 23 Inf Bde.

PIATERAPAIA. sitnor.

THIRD. 3 Div.

MAWARAKA. 15 bn. C coy 784624.

DARARA. 42 bn. adv HQ 839479.

HIRU HIRU. 24 bn. 9 may. estimated 100 JAPS in huts pillboxes 944448. 30 JAPS engaged 940438 cas own 1 killed. enemy unknown str contacted dug in posn 932442 cas enemy 7 killed 2 wounded own 3 wounded 1 misaing. 20 JAPS contacted 935438 moving SOUTH. further 40 contacted 943437 arty engaged JAPS dispersed. B coy 944427.

4 fd bty 907459. hostile shelling 150mm 939434 some damage flamethrowers eqpt own cas 2 wounded.

58/59 bn. bn HQ 925440 A coy 926439 pl 920442 . 1 JAP wounded 924464.

RUMIKI. 57/60 bn. 4 JAPS killed 973475. one 933473. patrol contacted JAP posn unknown str HMG 5 LMGs 968482. many old graves 950498. 2 dead JAPS 973475.

FOURTH. 11 Inf Bde.

RATSUA. 55/53 bn. A coy on rd 325709. B coy. fwd sec ambushed by 12 JAPS 330717 own cas 1 killed 2 wounded. coy 328716. C coy. patrol from 273697 through BUOI plantation killed 2 JAPS 289704. patrol ambushed 292692 own cas 1 offr killed. D coy patrol MT track 312695 to 303690 to track junc 292687 NO contact. coy 312684 pl 312694. gen. 9 may hy explosions flashes bearing 310 from 272692. 9 may explosions bearing 330 - 340 from TOROKORI OP all infm

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G(Air) (3)
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MESSAGE FORM

From 2 Corps 10 1310 L

To FIRSTAUSTARMY

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

GC 1928. SECRET. sitrep 170 to 102000L.

FIRST. airops.

BOUGAINVILLE. 9 may. 6 MITCHELLS 8 VENTURAS 16 CORSAIRS bombed enemy conc NAKARU area KARA strip cratered otherwise unobserved results. 10 may. 16 CORSAIRS tac R led bombed strafed tps stores amn dumps EULUAI RIVER 425546 - 427547 tac R reports 10 - 12 huts destroyed or damaged. 12 CORSAIRS bombed strafed def posns BERRYS HILL 683146 - 684151. 13 CORSAIRS bombed JAP conc and amn dump 960420 food dump 959421 SE target cleared. 13 CORSAIRS tac R led enlarged previous clearing. results unobserved.

NEW IRELAND. 9 may. 6 MITCHELLS bombed KAVIENG. CORSAIR patrols destroyed 2 huts BULU 3 huts LAMERNEWI. VENTURA damaged br FATMILAK.

NEW BRITAIN. 9 may. 24 MITCHELLS accurately bombed plane pk VUNAKANAU. 6 VENTURAS attacked float plane hideout MALAGUNA. CORSAIR patrols killed 2 JAPS TAWUI PT damaged canoe smoked 2 huts DUKE OF YORK smoked hut UTUAN ISLAND strafed hit one of 2 single engine planes RAPOPO strip

SECOND. 23 inf bde.

PLATERAPAIA. 9 may. patrols from KEENANS RIDGE engaged JAPS in dug in posns 616163 cas unknown. 3 JAPS engaged near SISIVIE one killed. 10 may. following air s trike fighting patrol occupied LITTLE HUNTS HILL killed one JAP wounded two JAPS withdrew to BERRYS HILL. LMG OSMG rifles documents captured. patrol fwd killed one JAP.

THIRD. 3 div.

DARARA. 42 bn. B coy 838480 C coy 833455 pl 814453.

TOKINOTU. 47 bn. D coy 925484.

HIRU HIRU. 24 bn. 9 may. estimated 50 JAPS 957423 20/30 951428 further 20 956421 party unknown str constructing def posn 953428. tks dispersed JAPS unknown s tr both flanks C coy. 10 may. enemy parties sighted 941441 927450 NO contacts. B coy 943425. adv HQ B scn 2/4 armd regt 928438 7 tp 908478.

RUMIKI. 57/60 bn/ pl contacted enemy posn 966432 nil cas. 1 PW captured 977472.

FOURTH. 11 inf bde.

SORAKEN. C coy 31/51 bn relieved 26 bn OPs TAIOF SAPOSA.

RATSUA. 55/53 bn. B coy 325715. patrols killed 2 JAPS track 328718. C coy patrol to 289691 NO contact. later enemy HMG rifle fire from unlocated posn this area. C coy. 3 JAPS cut sig wire on track 311695 ambushed 2 own tps wounding one.

GEN. 9 10 may TAIOF OP reports hostile gun SOHANA ISIAND all infm

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MESSAGE FORM

From 2 Corps 11 2345 L

To FIRSTAUSTARMY

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

GO 1938 SECRET. sitrep 171 to 112000L.

FIRST. airops.

BOUGAINVILLE. 9 may. MITCHELLS CORSAIRS hit dumps KAHILI MUGUAI AA KANGU. 10 may. CORSAIRS bombed japs dump LULUAI river. bombed strafed conc UMUM. 2 barges destroyed 1 seriously damaged small unidentified vessel 2 stores laden canoes damaged TEPEROI. CORSAIRS heavily supported 3 Div bombed jap concs HONGORAI river area good coverage.

SECOND. 23 Inf Bde.

PIATERAPAIA. 27 bn. 3 JAPS killed 3 wounded SISIVIE. further 3 killed LITTLE HUNTS HILL.

THIRD. 3 Div.

DARARA. 42 bn. HQ 865481 A coy 865479.

HIRU HIRU. 24 bn. HQ 939434. strong enemy parties NORTH of BUIN rd 9245 9345 9244. estimated bn str area 956423. hostile 150 mm shelling 939434 own cas 2 killed 7 wounded. enemy cas this area 2 killed 2 wounded 1 PW. other areas sitnor.

FOURTH. 11 Inf Bde.

RATSUA. 55/53 bn. B coy engaged JAP ambush track junc 331722 two JAP naval personnel killed. coy now 330719. C coy 268690. patrol contacts 271694 305691 two JAPS killed 1 wounded all infm

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G(Int) (2)
G(Air) (3)
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BMB
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MESSAGE FORM

From 2 Corps - 130040 L

To FIRSTAUSTARMY

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

GO 1947. SECRET. SITREP 172 to 122000L.

FIRST. airops.

11 may. CORSAIRS bombed sawmill MUGUAI airstrip NAKARU. MITCHELLS bombed minefield SORAKEN - TURUORA ISLAND. VENTURAS bombed AA KARA.

12 may CORSAIRS bombed JAP conc KUMILOGU and PALIDONAN. bombed in sp 3 div RUMIKI two targets unobserved. bombed targets BONIS PENINSULA. 2 huts burnt NW coast BUKA.

SECOND. 3 div.

map refs in this and succeeding sitreps will be on revised sheets RUMIKI 7 may HIRU HIRU 70 apr MONOITU 7 may.

TOKINOTU. 47 bn. one JAP killed.

HIRU HIRU. 24 bn. enemy parties 949432 955423 943409 935439.

11 may accurate hostile shelling bn HQ A coy areas considerable damage nil cas. bn HQ 936432 A coy 936438 B 938431 D 934433.

58/59 bn. HQ 925436 A coy 928434 pl 920441 B 913451 C 916443 D 905447. one OR 24 bn reported missing 8 may found wounded 938448 reports killing 3 JAPS. other cas area 2 JAPS killed 1 wounded 7 graves found.

RUMIKI. 57/60 bn. 11 JAPS ambushed 975468 nine killed. bn HQ 949494 A coy 10 tp tks 968483 B 964485 C 958489 D 973487. gen. 2/11 fd regt less 22 bty three tps A sqn 2/4 armd regt arrived MOTUPENA PT under comd 3 div.

THIRD. 23 inf bde.

PAIERAPAIA. 27 bn. C coy SMITHS HILL 681137.

FOURTH. 11 inf bde.

SORAKEN. TAIOF and TOROKORI OPs report suspected guns SOHANA and TARLENA. barge crossed BUKA PASSAGE. explosions BONIS plantation area.

RATSUA. 55/53 bn. HQ 300681. pl B coy 332720 attacked by 10 JAPS following mortar fire from SIAR plantation. 3 JAPS killed. D coy patrol contacted JAPS pl str 3 LMGs NE BUOI plantation cas enemy 1 killed own 1 killed 3 wounded all infm

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for Lt-Col

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MESSAGE FORM

From 2 Corps 132355 L

To FIRSTAUSTARMY

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

GO 1956 SECRET. sitrep 173 to 132000L.

FIRST. 3 Div.

HIRU HIRU. 24 bn. 20 JAPS attacked patrol 952421 three JAPS killed.

50 JAPS with grenades mortars LMG attacked two patrols 935441 cas enemy 3 killed own 1 missing 3 wounded. JAP parties sighted t. vicinity 954419.

58/59 bn. 2 own tps wounded booby trap 913438.

RUMIKI. 57/60 bn. HQ 966484.

SECOND. 23 Inf Bde.

PIATERAPAIA. 27 bn. patrol engaged 30/35 JAPS 4 LMGs BERRYS HILL. 2 JAPS killed. one killed SISIVIE. NGIB patrol reports 25/30 JAPS BURITSIOTORARA.

THIRD. airops.

12 may. MITCHELLS bombed AA KANGU HILL VENTURAS conc NAKARU.

13 may. CORSAIRS bombed huts KOROMIRA 430765 huts LULUAI RIVER 426425 huts PIANO MISSION 198356 huts SHISHIGATERO 093338 huts KIETA 273917 total 4 observed destroyed. suspected gun posn PORTON 265724. suspected fuel dump TARLENA 234746 burnt. sp 23 bde def posns BERRYS HILL 684151. arty R located gun POROREI river 265724 CORSAIRS bombed near misses. suspected 8 guns vicinity KINDAI bombed area cleared. Tac R strafed 2 canoes each 8 JAPS RAMUN BAY area 4 killed first canoe unobserved second.

FOURTH. 11 Inf Bde.

RATSUA - RURI BAY. 55/53 bn. 12 may small party JAPS attacked 10 pl 1 JAP killed. pl withdrew to B coy 330719. C coy 309682 pl 309692 D 268690 pl 289688. 13 may our sup train ambushed 308690 own cas 2 killed 1 missing 1 wounded. ineffective hostile shelling from PORTON on our barges RATSUA inlet. enemy barges sighted between MADEHAS and NE TAIOF all infm

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IMPORTANT

Capt

Lt-Col

MESSAGE FORM

From 2 Corps 14 7340 L

To FIRSTAUSTARMY

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

GO 1974. SECRET. sitrep 174 to 142000L.

FIRST. 3 Div.

NIHERO. 8/8 cdo sqn. OP est 091457.

RUMIKI. 57/60 bn. pl fired on own cas one wounded. one wounded PW captured 970479.
8 enemy killed 927454.

TOKINOTU. 42 bn. D coy 905447.

HIRU HIRU. 58/59 bn. D coy 934433. enemy def posn 938442 and 943431.
24 bn. D coy 940430. party JAPS sighted 938438. patrol fired on by LMG 942433. hostile shelling area 9343 o n cas 3 wounded.

SECOND. 23 Bde.

PLATERAPAIA. 27 bn. one dead JAP and documents found LITTLE HUNTS HILL

THIRD. airops.
13 may. MITCHELLS and VENTURAS bombed cones NAKARU one small column smoke.
14 may. CORSAIRS bombed TEPEROI barge hideout bombed strafed unloading point fire started debris 100 ft in air. bombed occupied houses INUS ptn. bombed possible MT pk TAI TAI 1 truck probably destroyed. bombed strafed cone RUSEI. bombed 2 barges PORTON 1 destroyed 1 damaged 1 pillbox destroyed 1 damaged. strafed killed JAP mouth CREEPERS RIVER (N Coast)

FOURTH. 11 Bde.

RATSUA RURI BAY. 55/53 bn. 5 enemy contacted 310714 enemy 1 killed oen 1 wounded.
A coy 310714. 20 enemy 331722 . C coy and pls 309689 309682 310692.
D coy patrol contacted ambush 289691 own cas 1 killed. 1 pl by mortar 300680.

TAIOF. patrol located 22 cases 75 mm amn 20 cases small morter amn 3 cases rifle

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MESSAGE FORM

From 2 Corps 18 0006 L

To FIRSTAUSTARMY

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

GO 1989. SECRET. sitrep 175 to 152000L.

FIRST. 3 div.

HIRU HIRU. 24 bn. 50 enemy 935443 955436 latter engaged by patrol cas enemy 3 killed 1 wounded own 2 wounded. 2 enemy killed 935438. 3 dead JAPS 943427. 1 dead JAP 951420. pl B coy with tks held up 942430. enemy shelled posn. one tk direct hit own cas 2 killed 8 wounded. 20 JAPS attacked patrol 2 JAPS killed. strong parties encountered 944429 935443.

RUNIKI 57/60 bn. 5 enemy dead 968476.

TOMINOTU. 42 bn. A coy 909446 pl 868484 B coy en route 938431.

SECOND. 23 inf bde.

PIATERAPAIA. 27 bn. patrol reports LIVIRIPAIA clear.

THIRD. airops.

14 may. 9 MITCHELLS bombed KIETA small fires started. 15 may. in sp 3 div 63 CORSAIRS in 4 attacks bombed stores tp concs def posns BUIN RD def posns POROREI RIVER crossing enemy conc USO area. good coverage. 8 CORSAIRS bombed fd gun MADEHAS ISLAND 2 direct hits. 8 CORSAIRS bombed strafed dump MT pk 7 huts RURI HEAD 4 hits on huts all destroyed. large flash and smoke in MT pk.

FOURTH. 11 inf bde.

RATSUA - RURI BAY. 55/53 bn. A coy one JAP killed 339717. B coy pl 330723. 3 JAPS killed 1 wounded pl area. estimated str 30 JAPS 330721 2 JAPS killed.

TAROF. hostile shelling own barges nil cas. considerable barge mov BUKA passage SOHANA all infm

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IMPORTANT

Lt-Col

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COMD	G I (OPS)	A
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(2 for G Comd AL Sec)

MESSAGE FORM

From 2 Corps 16 2335 L

To FIRSTAUSTARMY

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

GO 2006. SECRET. sitrep 176 to 162000L. part one of two parts.

FIRST. airops.

15 may. 9 MITCHELLS AA KAHILI good coverage 1 direct hit. MITCHELLS bombed BUIN. 16 may. in sp 3 div 63 CORSAIRS bombed stores tp conc USO BUIN Rd junc def posns POROREI river crossing jap conc rd junc 961431 def posns BUIN rd 946429. good coverage areas cleared. 8 CORSAIRS bombed huts INUS ptn 1 direct hit 2 near misses. 8 CORSAIRS bombed PORROR river ford 195322. two CORSAIRS recce MUGUAI bombed destroyed 1 hut 350380 strafed killed jap KARA incendiaries 2 gardens MUGUAI

SECOND. 3 Div.

TOKINOTU. 42 bn. C coy 938480 D 933434.

HIRU HIRU. 58/59 bn. AITARA 898372 reported clear. 3 JAPS killed 927388 37 mm gun and amn found in area. 1 JAP killed 952407 one 954410. 9 JAPS contacted 941398 enemy cas 1 killed 2 wounded.

24 bn. JAP posns 938442 943432.

gen. 2/4 armd regt. 5 tp A sqn 906471. 6 fd bty 904455. 2/11 fd regt RHQ 896453.

RUMIKI. 57/60 bn. D coy 986480.

MONORAI. 2/8 cdo sqn. 20 JAPS 049412. patrol base est 023480 all infm

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MESSAGE FORM

From 2 Corps 17 0150 L

To FIRSTAUSTARMY

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

GO 2006. SECRET. sitrep 176 to 162000L. part two and final part.

THIRD. 23 Inf Bde.

PIATERAPAIA. 27 bn. following constant arty mortar concs air strikes and aggressive patrolling JAPS have abandoned BERRYS HILL withdrawn to base pt 3. 10 pl occupied posn SA documents found. one JAP killed SISIVIE 616165.

FOURTH. 11 Inf Bde.

TAIOF . 158 cases 75 mm 18 cases 60mm amn found 139735.

SORAKEN. 26 bn. C coy moved to 308688. sightings 16 may 5 barges BUKA PASSAGE area. arty R reports direct hits destroyed gun 228748.

RATSUA-RURI. 55/53 bn. 2 dead JAPS 332720. med tk found 333718. C coy 301685. D coy. ambush 296691 contacted 16 JAPS killed 4 wounded 3. 1 JAP killed 290689. all dead identified naval personnel all infm

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MESSAGE FORM

From 2 Corps 17 [illegible]45 L

To FIRSTAUSTARMY

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

GO 2031. SECRET. sitrep 177 to 172000L. part one of two parts.

FIRST. 3 div.

HIRU HIRU. 24 bn. 30 JAPS [illegible]th LMGs contacted 945425 cas enemy 2 killed. 15 JAPS sighted 954418 small parties 943418 951422 945428 946428. 58/59 bn. minor contacts 938404 942391 3 JAPS killed 1 wounded. B coy 916443 pl 942410 C coy 942397. hostile 150mm shelling 941429.

RUMIKI. 57/60 bn, following arty air concs gen adv COMMANDO RD axis. A coy to 968476 met slight opposition 965479 JAPS withdrew. coy 9784[illegible]6. B coy moved round left flank to attack posn 973471 following air strike. opposition 973472 JAPS withdrew. coy 973471. C coy 976464. D coy SW along TONUI track to 980464 then to 987453 pl 979462. own cas 1 wounded.

OSO. 2/8 cdo sqn. no signs recent mov rd MAINETA 008457 KOKATAKORI 001470 OSO.

SECOND. airops.

BOUGAINVILLE. 16 may 6 MITCHELLS two attacks gun posns KARA. 17 may 27 CORSAIRS bombed enemy HQ 973471 two large explosions 27 CORSAIRS bombed defs POROREI RIVER 958430 unobserved 13 CORSAIRS bombed strafed JAP camp KAKURING 637619 12 CORSAIRS bombed copra factory TOIMANAPU 492658 camp IGUA 490675 factory destroyed.

THIRD. 23 inf bde.

PIATERAPAIA. 27 bn. B coy BERRYS HILL 684151. patrol [illegible] 3 area clear from 693056 to 694162 all infm

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MESSAGE FORM

From 2 Corps 18 0042 L

To FIRSTAUSTARMY

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

GO 2031. SECRET. sitrep 177 to 172000L, part two and final part.

FOURTH. 11 inf bde.

RATSUA. 55/53 bn. 3 JAPS killed 303717 one 330723. 3 bodies found 309716 one 307687. 12 JAPS seen 285691. own arty engaged 311716 288689 230746 destroyed pillbox 239745.

FIFTH. correction part one. 58/59 bn additional enemy cas 2 killed 1 wounded all infm

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MESSAGE FORM

From 2 Corps 18 2400 L

To FIRSTAUSTARMY

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

GO 2057. SECRET. sitrep 178 to 18200L.

FIRST. airops.

17 may. 15 MITCHELLS in 2 missions bombed AA KANGU HILL good coverage 1 explosion and fire. 18 may. 16 CORSAIRS bombed conc MOBIAI RIVER 083350 good coverage. 25 CORSAIRS sp 3 div bombed strafed TIGER track 940445 942445 and 944446 946446 unobserved. 12 CORSAIRS bombed conc ISINA 309715. 7 CORSAIRS Bombed destroyed 3 huts PORO PORO (CHOISEUL). 12 CORSAIRS bombed strafed huts KIKIMOGU approx 14 huts damaged by near misses 1 fired. 11 CORSAIRS bombed conc KOVIDAU 248822 poor coverage. 9 CORSAIRS bombed huts MUGUAI 345345 destroyed 2.

SECOND. 27 Inf Bde.

PLATERAPAIA. 27 bn. patrol contacted 40/50 japs 679162 cas 8 JAPS killed action proceeding. patrol engaged 15/20 digging in feature 689162 cas enemy 7 killed 2 wounded.

THIRD. 11 Inf Bde.

SORAKEN. 26 bn moved to relieve 55/53 bn.

RATSUA RURI. 55/53 bn. B coy 329719 pl 331721. enemy pocket 70 yds WEST pl posn. 7 JAP bodies found 309693.

FOURTH. 3 Div.

HIRU HIRU. 24 bn. minor contacts fwd D coy posn 11 JAPS killed 2 wounded. patrol contacted approx 40 JAPS strong posn 945431. patrol encircled but fought out killing 12 JAPS own cas 2 wounded. further 30 JAPS contacted 945428. both posns mortared.

58/59 bn. gen outflanking move SOUTH junc HONGORAI POROREI. HQ 942409 A coy 942408 B 941407 C 934390 D 943407. small parties JAPS in area. 1 dead JAP found. C coy moving to attack def posn 932388.

RUMIKI. 57/60 bn. A coy 973471 via KOYA RIVER 969473. B coy moving SE attacked by 30 JAPS 974470. posn mortared JAPS withdrew.

cas enemy 7 killed own 1 killed 7 wounded. C coy 987453. D coy contacted JAP posn 990451 coy dug in 989451 our arty mortars engaged posn. JAPS in def posn 991451 to 996446 all infm

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MESSAGE FORM

From 2 Corps 19 2325 L

To FIRSTAUSTARMY

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

G02072. SECRET. Sitrep 179 to 192000L. part one of two parts.

FIRST...3 div...

HIRU HIRU. 42 bn. HQ 932432 A coy 937437 B 933433 D 938430.

HONGORAI RIVER. 24 bn in assembly areas. adv HQ 943416 A coy 944415 B 945418 C 940430 D 944417. hostile 150mm shelling C coy area. jeep tk track complete from HONGORAI 942417 to 937431. 58/59 bn. C coy contacted 20 JAPS 929387 enemy cas 1 killed own 1 killed 1 missing. coy withdrew to 940395. contacts 951406 958416 three JAPS killed 1 wounded. crossing HONGORAI constructed 946407. ABD coys with 7 tp tks moved to assembly areas EAST of river. A coy 947406 B 947405 D 947407 pl 952407.

RUMIKI. 57/60 bn. bn concentrated EAST of TOROBIRU river. adv HQ with C coy 985453 A coy 991454 B 984448 D 989451. contacts 965465 and USO area 4 JAPS killed. strong posn contacted 975428 HMGs mortars.

MONOITU. 2/8 cdo sqn. patrol wounded 1 JAP.

MIVO RIVER. 2/8 cdo sqn scouts report continuous ft MT traffic moving WEST on BUIN RD. tps wearing naval insignia. one 75mm gun. camps located 115340 110339 all infm

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

GO 2072. SECRET. sitrep 179 to 192000L. part two and final part.

SECOND. airops.

18 may. 6 MITCHELLS bombed AA KAHILI. 19 may. in sp 3 div 32 CORSAIRS bombed strafed TIGER TRACK 953443 - 955440 955433 - 956431. bombing caused 3 large flashes black smoke second area. 20 accurately bombed def posn BUIN RD 945429. 8 bombed destroyed large hut POROPORO (CHOISEUL). 10 bombed huts JAPS OAMAI RIVER 154331. 8 bombed destroyed/MUGUAI hut 354351.

THIRD. 23 inf bde.

PIATERAPAIA. 27 bn. D coy 676130. further 1 JAP killed 679162. patrols report 15 JAPS 694162 15/20 690155 25/30 between 685165 690162. new bunkers MMG 636174.

FOURTH. 11 inf bde.

SORAKEN. 55/53 bn. HQ 232649 A coy 308714 B 236642 C 236644 D 235646.

RATSUA RURI. 55/53 bn. 18 may. contact 331721 own 1 killed. 19 may. relief 55/53 bn less A coy by 26 bn complete. 26 bn. HQ 300681 A coy 291687 B 306694 C 308690 pl 307694 pl 309683. A coy contact 16/20 JAPS 287692 posn 300693 cas enemy 10 killed own 1 missing 3 wounded. D coy report pocket RURI track ref sitrep 178 clear. patrol 330728 NMS. our arty engaged 306697 284695 island 254711. flares explosions WEST coast BONIS peninsula 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 2080. SECRET. sitrep 180 to 202000L. part one of two parts.

FIRST. 3 div.

TOKO. bn HQ PIB 840480 C coy 891462.

HIRU HIRU. 42 bn. ineffective hostile shelling 940930.

HONGORAI RIVER. 24 bn. following air arty strikes 950424 954420 B coy with tp tks occupied ridge 949424. small counter attack repulsed cas enemy 2 killed own 2 wounded. coy engaged from strong enemy posn EAST of rd with HMG LMG one 75mm one 47mm tk A. D coy with tp tks consolidated high ground astride rd 953421. enemy engaged with HMG LMG 47mm from 955420 and 105mm shelling. A coy crossed POROREI to 956417 contacted enemy posn 955420. accurate 105mm shelling 957418 forced coy withdraw. cas own 3 killed 8 wounded. dug in 956416 contact maintained. tree snipers active. 58/59 bn. JAP ambush 954406 own 2 wounded. patrol reports AITARA track jeepable and ldg beach 898362.C coy 947404.

RUMIKI. 47 bn HQ 963483.

OSO. 57/60 bn. ref sitrep 179 further 3 JAPS killed 975428. following air strike TIGER RD patrol reached rd 954441. signs hy foot traffic moving WEST. 100 JAPS garden area 997447 large party 990442 extensive posn 977434. patrol clashes 952444 973478 990442 992443 993449 cas enemy 8 killed 2 wounded.

MONORAI. 2/8 cdo sqn. OP est BUIN RD. patrol reports 60 JAPS 609456 all infm

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From 2 Corps 21 0237 L

To FIRSTAUSTARMY

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

GO 2080. SECRET. sitrep 180 to 202000L. part two and final part.

SECOND. airops.

20 may. 36 CORSAIRS in close sp bombed good coverage BUIN RD from knoll 945429 to EAST POROREI crossing. 16 CORSAIRS bombed cleared area JAP conc MIVO RIVER 110399. 12 CORSAIRS in sp bombed strafed gun posn RUNAI 962407. 12 CORSAIRS bombed huts 067364. 16 CORSAIRS bombed huts LAGUAI 271302 4 destroyed 6 damaged 4 possibly. patrols strafed scattered huts KIKIMOGU strafed 4 JAPS SOUTH INUS ptn.

THIRD. naval coop.

HMAS KIAMA bombarded huts ASITAVI PT 746329 TEOPASINO PT 659560.

FOURTH. 23 inf bde.

PIATERAPAIA. patrols report SISIVIE 616163 TOREGELLO clear 10 JAPS feature 636175.

FIFTH. 11 inf bde.

RATSUA-RURI. 26 bn. A coy. patrol contact 239690 own cas 3 wounded. patrol dug in mortars engaged enemy.

B coy patrol reports JAP posn 306698. one dead JAP found. D coy 332721 pl 331722. patrols 331725 329728 322734 NMS. 55/53 bn. A coy killed one JAP 308715. patrol 299728 NMS.

gen. arty engaged 284693 306698 destroyed leantos 260742. A coy PIB 241588. barge sightings BUKA PASSAGE SOHANA. explosions WEST coast BONIS all infm

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MESSAGE FORM

From 2 Corps 22 0030 L

To FIRSTAUSTARMY

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

GO 2096 SECRET. sitrep 181 to 212000L. part one of two parts.

FIRST. airops.

20 may. 6 MITCHELLS bombed AA posns KAHILI. 21 may. 40 CORSAIRS sp 3 Div BUIN Rd 958417 - 963410 good coverage. patrols killed JAP TENAKAU JAP Cape NEHUSS.

SECOND. naval co-op.

HMAS KIAMA bombarded caves huts LONAHAN 197937 six huts destroyed four damaged.

THIRD. 23 Inf Bde.

PIATERAPAIA. 27 Bn. 1 JAP killed 693162. patrol reports 40/50 JAPS ASITAVI 746331. elements B coy PIB relieved pl NGIB 684117.

FOURTH. 11 Inf Bde.

RATSUA RURI. 26 Bn. JAP posn 289690 vacated 1 JAP killed. B coy patrol attacked by JAPS from posn 307697 patrol dug in our hy mortars arty engaged. cas enemy 1 killed own 1 killed 1 wounded. D coy patrols 330723 327727 338716 325714 one JAP killed.

gen. TAIOF OP reported suspected submarine 244835. Tac R later confirmed same area but NOT definitely identified as submarine all infm

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MESSAGE FORM

From 2 Corps 22 0140 L

To FIRSTAUSTARMY

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

GO 2096 SECRET. sitrep 181 to 212000L. part two and final part.

FIFTH. 3 Div.

HIRU HIRU. 42 Bn. C Coy 868485 pl 933434.

TOHU. 24 Bn. 20 may. ref sitrep 180 own cas hostile shelling 957418 now 4 killed 5 wounded. patrol contact 949428. tks attacked JAP posn 955420 killed 2 JAPS. 15 JAPS attacked B Coy nil cas. further 105 mm shelling D coy damaged tk. cas A coy action enemy 12 killed. 21 may. after hy fighting A coy with arty sp captured posn 955420 now 956419. B coy patrol with 2 tks NM repulsed attack reached 947428. tk traps 948427 947428 one tk damaged by mine. C coy patrols contacted 35 JAPS 946432 further 70 with LMGs mortars 945430. D coy crossed POROREI 956423 now 957424. patrol engaged 20 JAPS killed 1.

58/59 bn. following air arty concs bn attacked enemy posns BUIN Rd EAST of POROREI. bn HQ 955409. A coy captured posns 961414 961415 hy fighting. one 75 mm one double barrelled HMG captured. B coy 962411. C coy with tks engaged 957409 captured strong posn 958411 severe fighting. coy now 957410. D coy 956417. all objectives gained. cas enemy 7 killed own 2 killed 14 wounded.

RUMIKI. C coy 47 Bn 958489.

OSO. 57/60 Bn. 20 may. ref sitrep 180 JAP cas incl high ranking offr killed. signs enemy in str area 973438. arty engaged suspected HQ 977434, regt conc JAP posn 004452. 21 may 1 PW captured 964437 all infm

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MESSAGE FORM

From 2 Corps 230050L

To FIRSTAUSTARMY

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

GO 2112. SECRET. sitrep 182 to 222000L.

FIRST. airops.

21 may. 6 MITCHELLS bombed stores area BUIN. 22 may. 12 CORSAIRS bombed strafed camp 273917. 20 CORSAIRS supporting ground tps bombed defs 944430. 11 CORSAIRS bombed camp area PALIDONAN 231403 3 huts destroyed. 24 CORSAIRS bombed enemy conc 244293. 9 CORSAIRS bombed huts 247287. 12 CORSAIRS bombed gun posn and MT pk 968374 results unobserved. patrols killed JAP MUGUAI. 12 CORSAIRS bombed gun posn 990384 gun destroyed.

SECOND. 23 inf bde.

PIATERAPAIA. 27 bn. one JAP killed 624170. 9 buildings approx 20 JAPS 616163. TOKUA occupied by approx 15 JAPS. patrol located 20 to 30 JAPS 735322 moving towards PIPIPAIA.

THIRD. 3 div.

2/8 cdo sqn. tps 60 enemy cas moving EAST towards BUIN. 1 PW captured. 45 JAPS 998396 moving SOUTH. 15 JAPS raiding gardens SIRUMINA area. 47 JAPS moving WEST BUIN RD MONOITU UNANAI area. 45 JAPS moving SOUTH KAPARA UNANAI RD.

TCHU. 24 bn. A coy X957418. C coy adv occupied EGANS RIDGE 945429. posn completely reduced by accurate bombing shelling. tk traps 947427. booby trap 12 ft by 14 ins 993448. 6 JAPS fired on 956418 one killed. vacated enemy posn eqpt found 957418. 30 pillboxes 955420 engaged under hy fire nil cas. patrols 945430 to 945428 found 3 dead JAPS. mines area 945428 own cas 2 killed 1 wounded. type 93 mine exploded by bulldozer. BUIN RD between HONGORAI POROREI RIVERS reported clear. 58/59 bn. 1 killed 1 wounded by JAP grenades thrown bn HQ area. JAP killed. tractor damaged by 20 enemy armed LMG 47mm tk A gun 950405. gun captured. hostile shelling 957419 961414 A and B coy areas total cas 1 killed 7 wounded. 2 PW captured 959411 948405. patrol engaged 950404 1 JAP killed 1 wounded. 12 dead JAPS 958416.

OSO. 57/60 bn. pl engaged 991451 four JAPS killed one PW. 10 enemy dug in 993448. patrol contacted 992450. 2/4 armd regt 6 tp 957410.

FOURTH. 11 inf bde.

RATSUA RURI. 26 bn. JAP booby trap sprung 288694. 3 JAPS wearing AUST uniform killed. strong JAP party 287694 using 4 LMGs. one LMG type 99 captured enemy cas 4 killed.

captured documents 288694 dated 1 may lists huts stores naval ldg party 1 offr 40 men. A coy 237639 pl 288690. C coy 309714 pl 313698.

TAIOF OP. berge mov DUKA PASSAGE. all infm

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MESSAGE FORM

From 2 Corps

To FIRSTAUSTARMY

24 0005L

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

GO 2121 SECRET. sitrep 183 to 232000L.

FIRST. 3 Div.

TOHU. 24 bn. extensive def posn 950429 vacated. 6 graves C coy area. 58/59 bn. A coy 963423 C 961419 pl 964416. BUIN rd clear from HONGORAI to 962410. mines and booby traps found 956418. one 75 mm found in area knocked out by arty. hostile shelling. night 22/23. 59 rounds 75 mm 954420 200 rounds unknown cal 957418. 40 rounds 75 mm A and B coys 58/59 bn killed 1 wounded 6. 23 may. 10 rounds 75 mm A coy 24 bn wounded 1.

RUMIKI. 47 bn D coy 948484.

OSO. 57/60 bn. 12 huts vacated 998454. 4 JAPS killed 991451 993448. one dead found 973439. own cas 1 wounded. sounds enemy activity 991451 993454.

KINGORI. 2/8 cdo sqn. enemy patrol raided gardens NORTH KINGORI moved SOUTH.

SECOND. airops.

22 may. 6 MITCHELLS bombed AA posns KARA. 23 may. 12 CORSAIRS bombed huts tp conc UNUNAI 023376 unobserved. 8 CORSAIRS bombed MOBIAI river 067367 large fire. 12 CORSAIRS bombed enemy conc. PORROR river 195323. 12 CORSAIRS bombed strafed dump area SILIBAI 226305 river/well covered. 21 CORSAIRS bombed huts large tp conc NAKARU 228321 all bombs on target. 4 CORSAIRS damaged 3 small 1 large hut 260436. 11 CORSAIRS bombed enemy conc KAINO 180840.

THIRD. naval co-op. HMAS KIAMA bombarded huts TINPUTTS engaged barge hideouts 548682 one barge destroyed one damaged one probably damaged huts damaged. direct hits in cave mouth.

FOURTH. 23 Inf Bde.

PIATERAPAIA. 27 bn. patrol clash IBU own cas 1 native scout killed.

FIFTH. 11 Inf Bde.

RATSUA RURI. 26 bn. A coy killed 1 JAP. B coy. 1 JAP killed by booby trap coy perimeter one found dead. C coy 2 JAP naval personnel

killed 307714. one JAP killed 314712. contact coy area 1 JAP killed. D coy killed 3 naval personnel coy perimeter.

6 unserviceable barges found 269699.

A coy PIB 313710.

gen. correction sitrep 182. A coy 26 bn 288693 A coy 55/53 bn 237639 all infm

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To FIRSTAUSTARMY

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

GO 2136. SECRET. sitrep 184 to 242000L.

FIRST. airops.

23 may. 6 MITCHELLS bombed AA posns BALLALE ISLAND good coverage. 24 may. 11 CORSAIRS bombed huts and personnel area HARI 023376 target area well cleared. 16 CORSAIRS bombed and heavily strafed camp KANAURA 234362 3 huts destroyed fire s tarted. 12 CORSAIRS bombed camp LAGUAI 257296 unobserved. 12 CORSAIRS bombed camp RANKAMA 233922.

SECOND. naval coop.

23 may. HMAS KIAMA bombarded TEOP MISSION KAKURING NORTH CAPE of TEOPOSINO PLANTATION caves betwcen CAPES TANABON PUTPUTUN.

THIRD. 23 inf bde.

PIATERAPAIA. 27 bn. 2 JAPS killed 614164. enemy occupy ridge 693160 694165.

FOURTH. 3 div.

TOHU. 24 bn. HQ 948425 B coy 952429 D 956424. signs recent mov EAST from plantation 964424. hostile shelling A coy night 23/24 nil cas. B sqn 2/4 armd regt. HQ F tp 953421 8 tp 934433 9 tp 962411 10 tp 960411. 58/59 bn. hostile shelling 963412 night 23/24. patrol ~~contact~~ contacts 966425 968409 961409 977416 cas enemy 5 killed 1 wounded 1 PW own 1 wounded. D coy PIB. small party JAPS sighted 970390.

OSO. 57/60 bn. contacts A coy area and 993452 nil cas. enemy mov 989441 991451. OSO USO track reported fit for tks.

FIFTH. 11 inf bde.

RATSUA-RURI. 26 bn. additional enemy cas 22-23 may 3 killed. A coy 281693. patrol contact 289696 one JAP killed. B coy 301701. C coy. 1 JAP killed 1 wounded 1 PW 309714. D coy. patrol contacts 331722 328731 cas enemy 4 killed own 1 wounded all infm

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To FIRSTAUSTARMY

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

GO 2150 SECRET. sitrep 185 to 252000L. part one of two parts.

FIRST. 3 Div.

TOHU. 24 Bn. vacated posns 951423 961438. 81 mm mortar bomb booby traps 948426.

58/59 Bn. patrol ambushed 11 JAPS 973400 killed 5 wounded 1. other contacts 962407 967406. hostile 105 mm shelling B coy area.

RUMIKI. 47 Bn. A coy 958485 B 964481 pl 970473.

OSO. 57/60 bn. following arty mortar HF D coy moved against JAP posns vicinity rd junc 996446. pl NORTH of rd contacted estimated 100 JAPS. pl withdrew our arty mortars engaged. own cas 2 wounded. B coy patrol crossed URURUR river 993443 to 983437 992443 985449 NMS. further enemy posns contacted 994450 992451 991450.

RUSEI. 2/8 cdo sqn. considerable activity BUIN rd between UNANAI RUNAI. 35 JAPS SIAUHINA 0341. 50 at 047402. 4 JAPS killed 018369.

SECOND. 23 Inf Bde.

PIATERAPAIA. 27 Bn. contact enemy posn 687156 one JAP killed. estimated 25/30 JAPS WEARNES HILL 50/60 IBU all infm

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From 2 Corps 26 0030 L

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

GO 2150. SECRET. sitrep 185 to 252000L. part two and final part.

THIRD. airops.

24 may. 6 MITCHELLS bombed AA posns KARA well covered. 25 may 13 CORSAIRS bombed pers and def posn 992450 TONNU area. 12 CORSAIRS bombed and strafed hut conc AKU 175323 182323 unobserved. 12 CORSAIRS LULUAI bombed camp 425546 dump 427547 strafed dump unobserved. 18 CORSAIRS bombed and strafed enemy occupied village NATOKINA 455598 3 huts destroyed. 22 CORSAIRS bombed barge unloading points NUMA NUMA 326293 843282 and huts 788314 huts strafed. patrols strafed and killed 2 JAPS NOWA INLET.

FOURTH. 11 Inf Bde.

SORAKEN. relief 55/53 bn by 31/51 bn in progress.

RATSUA RURI. 26 bn. A coy. two pls 286697. B coy. small party contacted 301702 own cas 2 wounded enemy withdrew. C coy. vacated posns 309692 to 304717 signs enemy mov WEST.

PIB. patrol contacted JAP party HMG 2 LMG 329725. posn mortared enemy withdrew 200 yds NORTH again engaged. enemy cas 7 killed.

gen. our arty engaged 299704 329731. 2 dead JAPS found. barge sightings MADEHAS BUKA PASSAGE all infm

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MESSAGE FORM

From 2 Corps 27 0005 L

To FIRST US ARMY

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FIRST. 3 div.

TOHU. 58/59 bn. B coy moved to 963408 contacted 20 JAPS.booby traps in area. cas enemy 3 killed own 2 killed incl offr 12 wounded. patrol contact 967420 own 1 wounded. snipers active bn HQ 1 JAP killed. 7 pl track junc 967426. hostile 75mm 150mm shelling 959411 nil cas.

OSO. 57/60 bn. JAP posns 993450 996446 vacated following arty mortar air concs.. enemy in str to SE A coy outflanking NORTH now 996450. pl B coy to SOUTH. D coy 993451. 2 PW taken 4 graves found. patrol base est 010435.

RUSEI. 2/8 cdo sqn. 30 JAPS 047403.

SECOND. airops.

25 may. 6 MITCHELLS bombed AA posns KANGU HILL. 26 may 32 CORSAIRS supported ground tps bombed pillboxes defs 996446 good coverage. 24 CORSAIRS attacked suspected gun posns KORIU unobserved. 19 CORSAIRS bombed strafed enemy conc MIVO RIVER accurate. 12 CORSAIRS bombed JAP conc KAINO 180840 accurate unobserved results. patrols 4 CORSAIRS strafed bombed huts MAIKI MUGUMI destroyed 13 damaged 3 destroyed staff car truck and dump drums all infn

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MESSAGE FORM

From 2 Corps 270110 L

To FIRSTAUSTARMY

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

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THIRD. 23 inf bde.

PIATERIPAIA. 27 bn. patrol contacts 614164 685165 BURITSIOTORARA PIPIPAIA track cas enemy 5 killed. arty destroyed bunkers BASE PT 3 huts 614164.

FOURTH. naval coop.

HMAS COLAC received hit engine room CHOISEUL. now drifting WEST 21 miles EAST FAURO ISLAND. aircraft standing by. US ship FS180 en route with pumps.

FIFTH. 11 inf bde.

RATSUA-RURI. 26 bn. A coy patrol clash 289700 own cas 1 killed. B coy 296701 pl 293704. 3 dead JAPS found. PID patrol contacted 30 JAPS RHG LMG 329725. posn mortared enemy withdrew joined further 20 from NORTH. enemy cas 4 killed. patrol clashes 314718 313722 cas enemy 2 killed. own arty engaged 324724 296702 all infm

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MESSAGE FORM

From 2 Corps 27 2325 L

To FIRSTAUSTARMY

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

GO 2180. SECRET. sitrep 187 to 272COOL.

FIRST. airops.

26 May. 6 MITCHELLS bombed AA KAHILI good coverage. 27 may. BUKA. 63 CORSAIRS bombed huts GAGAN KOHISO HAPAN RIVER 20/30 destroyed.

BOUGAINVILLE. 12 CORSAIRS bombed def posn OSO 993445. CATALINAS and CORSAIRS provided continuous cover to HMAS COLAC from night 26/27 may onwards.

SECOND. naval co-op. HMAS COLAC in tow proceeding TREASURY.

THIRD. 23 Inf Bde. sitnor.

FOURTH. 11 Inf Bde.

RATSUA RURI. 26 Bn. JAP party attacked two pls A coy 286701 cas enemy 1 killed own 1 wounded. C coy 310715. patrol contacts vicinity 307717 enemy cas 4 killed . JAP posn 329705 mortared. our arty engaged 285701 275696 297703. further explosions heard PORTON SOHANA. barge activity SOHANA BUKA PASSAGE.

FIFTH. 3 Div.

TOHU. 58/59 Bn. 25 may patrol reported 100 JAPS digging in from 970401 to BUIN rd. patrol engaged 11 JAPS killing 7 wounding 1. our arty engaged posn. further contact 976396. hostile shelling 976396 and bn HQ nil cas. 26 may. enemy activity 965423. 6 graves found. A coy 974428 B 963407. D coy PIB 962420.

OSO. 57/60 bn. following air arty conc A coy occupied track junc 996446. cas enemy 1 killed own 1 wounded. large quantity arms eqpt documents captured. JAP posn 997444 engaged cas enemy 1 killed own 1 killed. arty engaged posn. A and B coys 996446 nl 997443. C coy contacted 100 JAPS digging in vicinity 001433. enemy active WEST of COMMANDO rd 9944.

HONOITU. HQ RAFFLES FORCE 091459. force comprises 2/8 cdo sqn C coy PIB. B tp 2/8 cdo sqn 089455. patrol reports JAP conc 080355. 43 JAPS moving WEST 084348. ambushed 22 JAPS 084348 cas enemy 17 killed all infm

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MESSAGE FORM

From 2 Corps 28/2315 L

To FIRSTAUSTARMY

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

GO 2194. SECRET. sitrep 188 to 282000L. part one of two parts.

FIRST, 3 Div.

TOHU. 58/59 bn. night 27/28 hostile shelling B ech. 20 JAPS attacked B coy nil cas. A coy captured 3 ton veh. PW captured 985423. patrol contacts 965423 965427 one JAP killed 3 found dead.

OSO. 57/60 bn. following mortar conc pl attacked captured strong posn 997444. cas enemy 2 killed 1 found dead. small JAP party crossed river 997445 attacked 7 pl nil cas. patrol contact 994444 own 1 wounded. enemy in posn 001433. patrol unable locate enemy HQ. 0044 0144 0043 0143. pl attacked 40 JAPS strong posn vicinity 996443 advanced 300 yds SE strong opposition 4 JAPS killed 3 wounded LMG captured 4 graves found. A coy 996444 B 997447 C 995444.

RUSEI. 2/8 cdo sqn. 20 JAPS building camp 030368. much activity 0535 029366 113343. 1 JAP killed huts 097343. ambush killed 2 JAPS 047383.

SECOND. 23 Inf Bde.

PIATERAPAIA. 27 bn. patrol contacts 694159 745168 691155 IBU BURITSIOTORARA track cas enemy 6 killed. 5 found dead BERRYS HILL. BURITSIOTORARA patrol reports 40/50 JAPS track junc 670245. jeep rd PEARL RIDGE SMITHS HILL complete all infm

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MESSAGE FORM

From 2 Corps 282400 L

To FIRSTAUSTARMY

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THIRD. airops.

27 may.9 MITCHELLS bombed stores and pers area BUIN 376271. 28 may.
23 CORSAIRS bombed and strafed def posn BUIN rd 969399 unobserved. 8 CORSAIRS bombed gun posn UNUNAI 994391 unobserved.
11 CORSAIRS accurately bombed and strafed def posn TONNU 001433.
6 CORSAIRS strafed and damaged 2 barges MAILAL river 479335.
24 CORSAIRS bombed and strafed biv area NUMA NUMA 825286. 38
CORSAIRS bombed and strafed huts ANAKI 19 destroyed 4 damaged.

FOURTH. 11 Inf Bde.

SORAKEN. 3/51 bn. HQ 232649 A coy 238640 B 238642 D 235647. 1 dead
JAP found.

RATSUA RURI. 26 bn. small enemy parties 291705 314722 323714.
posn 329725 still occupied. patrol clash BUOI 269699. our hy
mortars engaged 296703 arty engaged 314722 296703 298703
all infm

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MESSAGE FORM

From 2 Corps 30 0025 L

To FIRSTAUSTARMY

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

GO 2309. SECRET. sitrep 189 to 292000L.

FIRST. airops.

28 may. 6 MITCHELLS bombed suspected naval HQ NAKARU 366303 fires black smoke. 29 may 24 CORSAIRS bombed def posns BUIN RD 978387 965402 967400. 4 CORSAIRS damaged barge MAIKI 479335 strafed huts MUGUAI. 11 CORSAIRS bombed enemy camp 150990 and reported coast gun 150985 ROROVANA unobserved. 16 CORSAIRS accurately bombed huts ANAKI 262757. 12 CORSAIRS bombed and strafed suspected bivouac areas PORTON PLANTATION. 20 CORSAIRS bombed and strafed dump area PORTON 269738 2 large fires.

SECOND. 23 inf bde.

PIATERAPAIA. 27 bn. reported JAP HQ RESIOPAIA 766293. patrol reports 30/40 JAPS WEARNES HILL BASE PT 3. patrol clash 1 JAP killed. jeep rd now complete to HUNTS HILL 683143.

THIRD. 3 div.

USO. 57/60 bn. night 28/29 hostile 75mm shelling 9944 nil cas. patrol clashes 996444 2 JAPS killed own cas 1 killed. one PW captured 997444. A coy. one own wounded disarming booby trap. bn HQ 995446.

TOHU. 24 bn. A coy 955419 D 966428. 58/59 bn. patrol clash 964407 1 JAP found dead.

TOKINOTU. 15 bn. B coy less pl 868485 pl 814453. C coy 928435. 42 bn. patrol clash 929397 1 JAP Wounded.

FOURTH. 11 inf bde.

RATSUA RURE. 26 bn. A coy 285701 pl 287696. patrol clash coy perimeter own cas 1 killed 2 dead JAPS found. B coy 293704 enemy party contacted coy area. C coy 313715. patrol clash 313722 own cas 1 wounded. PIB. patrol engaged enemy 329725 9 JAPS killed. native working party exploded booby trap 298700 cas ANGAU sjt 9 natives wounded. our arty engaged 297702 285701 311726 297703 all infm

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MESSAGE FORM

From 2 Corps 302310 L

To FIRSTAUSTARMY

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

GO 2319. SECRET. sitrep 190 to 302000L.

FIRST. airops.

29 may. 6 MITCHELLS bombed AA KANGU HILL unobserved. 30 may. 24 CORSAIRS bombed strafed defensive posns BUIN road 966402 968400. 12 CORSAIRS bombed gun posn 008403 unobserved. 19 CORSAIRS bombed enemy conc KANAURA 228369. 11 CORSAIRS bombed enemy occupied ridge 696158 to 694161 half bomb load on target. 21 CORSAIRS bombed MT park and pers area PORTON 244747 251754 2 huts destroyed. 12 CORSAIRS bombed strafed gun posn PORTON 265717 near misses.

SECOND. 23 Inf Bde.

PIATERAPAIA. 27 bn. following air strike patrol engaged 25 JAPS entrenched 696158 to 694161 cas enemy 10 killed. four found dead fwd BERRYS HILL.

THIRD. 11 Inf Bde.

RATSUA RURI. 26 Bn. enemy engaged B coy own 1 wounded. patrol contacts 309720 301714 one JAP killed. arty engaged 262732 297703 296702 268699.

FOURTH. 3 Div.

TOKINOTU. 15 Bn. C coy 883467.

TOHU. 58/59 bn. cas own bombing strafing B coy bn HQ 1 killed 4 wounded- patrol contacts 951406 978417 cas enemy 2 killed 1 wounded 1 PW own 1 offr killed 2 wounded 1 missing. JAP posn 966423 now vacated. enemy mov reported 962402.

OSO. 57/60 bn. patrol clash 997442 cas enemy 2 killed own 2 wounded. 20 JAPS digging in EAST of rd 997438. hostile 75 mm shelling 997446 nil cas rear bn HQ cas 2 killed 7 wounded.

MORONEI. RAFFLES FORCE. C coy PIB 085459 all infm

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From 2 Corps 312355 L

To FIRSTAUSTARMY

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

GO 2328. SECRET, SITREP 191 to 312000L.

FIRST. 3 div.

HIRU HIRU. 42 bn. HQ 929434 A coy 935438 B 932434 C 924439 D 933430.

TOHU. 24 bn. B coy 974429. 58/59 bn. C D coys outflanked JAP posn BUIN RD advanced 1500 yds SE NORTH of rd no opposition. C coy 971406 D 967413. A coy 957417. mine 970427 own 1 killed 2 wounded jeep damaged. vacated JAP posn 964407 heavily booby trapped. prime mover found.

OSO. 57/60 bn. minor contacts A coy area. C coy 994434. JAP posn unknown str 995444 further party digging in 003429. hostile 150mm shelling bn HQ night 30/31 nil cas.

RAFFLES FORCE. patrol base 070393.

SECOND. 23 inf bde.

PIATERAPAIA. 27 bn. 1 dead JAP found 745168. arty mortars engaged posns 695160 686157 direct hits.

THIRD. airops.

30 may. 6 MITCHELLS bombed AA posns KAHILI. 31 may. 32 CORSAIRS bombed and heavily strafed suspected HQ 6 div KORIU 977389 982386 982390 fires started. 30 CORSAIRS bombed and strafed JAP grn MULIKO RIVER 327356 327353 good coverage. 21 CORSAIRS bombed huts and personnel area SORUM 210834 unobserved one aircraft lost.

FOURTH. 11 inf bde.

RATSUA-RURI. 26 bn. JAPS vacated posn 285701 two pls A coy occupied. patrol contact 289706. D coy patrol engaged JAP posn STAR plantation 329725 posn mortared. our arty engaged 311718 296701 263715 all infm

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Appendix 2

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2 AUST CORPS DAILY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 111

(Information to 011800L May 45)
(Ref Maps 1: 63360 & 1:25000)

PART 1

1. LAND - OWN AND ENEMY

(a) 3 DIV

TOKINOTU Area - 24 Bn

One of our patrols was fired on by the enemy at 942447 on the HONGORAI R. Another patrol was ambushed by 10 Japanese at 930428, 1500 yds west of the HONGORAI R.

A quantity of Japanese artillery ammunition, Aust and enemy equipment has been found at 907442, 2000 yds SW of HIRU HIRU.

Six Japanese were sighted 2000 yds further east.

The enemy shelled area 912457 near HIRU HIRU

57/60 Bn

Three enemy were sighted at 917471, 1800 yds SW of HATAI and one dead found at 914466.

One of our patrols was fired on at 915465, 2000 yds NE of HIRU HIRU, by an enemy party using Bren LMGs OSMGs and grenades.

58/59 Bn

One Japanese fired on a runner at 900456 near HIRU HIRU.

Fire was exchanged with an enemy party at 914465. The enemy is reported to have been armed with 2 LMGs 2 OSMGs.

HORINU Area - 9 Bn

The area 951477, 1500 yds south of RUMIKI, is now reported clear of the enemy.

One Japanese grave was found at 947500.

GENERAL

Locations: HQ 47 Bn 709575
A Coy NGIB (less one pl) 796471
D Coy 24 Bn 921442

(b) PIATERAPAIA Area - 23 AUST INF BDE

27 Bn

A patrol to the BERRYS HILL area 30 Apr reports 40/50 enemy between 683145 and 684151; BERRYS HILL NORTH is not occupied.

Our artillery and mortars later engaged the area.

A NGIB patrol en route MAPIA encountered an enemy force covering the track at a point 4 hours walking time from ROBINSONS HILL, (exact position unknown).

GREEN IS - 8 Bn

Further reports indicate the presence of at least two Japanese on the island night 30 Apr/ 1 May. An extensive search of the area is being made.

(c) 11 AUST INF BDE - SORAKEN Area

26 Bn

The fresh tracks of one Japanese were observed near our OP at 252652 on the east coast of the peninsula.

55/53 Bn

A Coy patrols along the RATSUA track 1500 yds north of PORA PORA and to a plantation at 310654, 1000 yds NE of the village report no contact.

A vacated enemy position and one dead Japanese were found at 307662, 1200 yds north of PORA PORA.

A B Coy patrol along the south bank of the LAVELE R from 292653 to 307650 reports no contact.

A C Coy patrol moved to 316649, 1500 yds SE of PORA PORA locating three dead Japanese and 3 graves at 314649.

D Coy less 16 Pl has moved to 270608; 16 Pl is at 276612.

Two 75 mm guns shelled the area 305645 south of PORAPORA. These guns were firing on a magnetic bearing of 354 degrees from 307652.

Another four 75 mm guns firing on a magnetic bearing of 19 degrees from the same area shelled the area301648.

Mortars or Bn guns fired 30 rounds into a wide area around 317643. These weapons were firing at a range of 1200 yds from 309655 on a magnetic bearing of 10 degrees.

One 75 mm and one 105 mm gun fired 13 rounds into one of our bty areas.

Japanese positions at 228747 were engaged by our artillery and the following points registered :- 266686, 269682, 273681, 277680.

GENERAL

TAIOF OP reports two barges and a light flashing vicinity SOHANA at 301600L.

(d) SUMMARY OF PATROL REPORTS

On 24 Apr 13 Japanese were killed in a house at AROPA as a result of grenades thrown by natives.

A B2 report states that considerable eastward enemy movement is taking place along the EAST - WEST trail in the AKU - OAMAI R area. Handcarts are being used to transport baggage.

On 30 Apr four Japanese were killed on the EAST - WEST trail near MUSHIMINOI as a result of a native booby trap. 46 Japanese later appeared and carried the bodies westward on two handcarts.

2. AIR - OWN BOUGAINVILLE 1 May

CORSAIRS attacked two concentrations of elements of 6 Engr Regt reported by FW. The first target located SE KIKIMOGU at 238571 was bombed by 13 CORSAIRS which obtained a good coverage. A further 11 CORSAIRS bombed area near KANAURA at 238352 and at 249349. Two huts were reported destroyed and 4 damaged.

At request of 3 Div 24 CORSAIRS in two attacks bombed the BUIN Road west of TOHU from 964417 to 963418 and along track from 963417 to 961414. Low cloud prevented attack by last few aircraft and results of attack were unobserved.

A group of huts and buildings in the MUGUAI area at 348355 was bombed by 10 CORSAIRS with unobserved results.

Eleven CORSAIRS also bombed and strafed reported HQ 17 Army Engrs near MUGUAI at 365377, the majority of bombs falling in the target area. One large new hut was observed burning as aircraft left the target. Two Japs were killed by strafing near NAKARAU.

Ten Japs working in a garden in the MONOITU MISSION area at 007401, 7 Japs digging and filling sandbags at 264744 (CHABAI - 1/25000) and further 5 Japs digging pit at 251761 (CHABAI 1/25000) were all strafed by Tac R aircraft with unobserved results.

On 30 Apr 6 targets in the MUGUAI area were bombed by a total of 20 CORSAIRS, 10 VENTURAS and 6 MITCHELLS. Fires were started in some of the target areas but generally results of attacks could not be assessed.

for (E H WILSON) Lt-col
General Staff

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2 AUST CORPS DAILY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No 112

(Information to 021800L May 45)
(Ref Maps 1 : 63360 & 1 : 25000)

PART I

1. LAND - OWN AND ENEMY

(a) 3 AUST DIV

TOKINOTU Area - 24 Bn. A large enemy defensive position has been located at 947452 on the HONGORAI River, strength unknown.

In the area 925440, 2 miles SE of HIRU HIRU, six enemy were sighted and one killed.

Supported by tanks of 8 Tp 2/4 Armd Regt, B Coy advanced without opposition to 926438, 1700 yards west of the HONGORAI River.

A Coy has moved to 912445, on the BUIN Road, and a patrol sighted enemy dug in 1000 yards to the SE.

58/59 Bn. Location: B Coy - 917452.

57/60 Bn. The relief of 9 Bn has commenced. Four Japanese were fired on at 917477, 1200 yards SW of HATAI.

Locations: B Coy - 924484.
C Coy - 947484.

HORINU Area - 9 Bn. At 954483, 500 yards north of the HONGORAI River, one of our patrols engaged a party of 20 enemy armed with a SMG, 2 LMGs and grenades. The enemy withdrew to the east after losing 3 killed.

There are signs of recent enemy eastward movement at 943503, in the vicinity of HORINU.

B and C Coys (relieved by 57/60 Bn) are staging at MOTUPENA Pt.

TOKO Area. Adv HQ 29 Aust Inf Bde is now at 844481.
47 Bn HQ is now at 905475.

(b) 23 AUST INF BDE - PIATERAPAIA Area

At 011200L sounds of enemy movement were heard near D Coy at 685126, on PEARL RIDGE.

A patrol en route TOKUA engaged an enemy party at 636175, 2000 yards SE of TOKUA.

After enemy movement had been seen near huts at 621166, 1500 yards south of TOKUA, the area was accurately shelled. Accurate artillery fire was also brought down on enemy positions at 616163, 1700 yards NE of KEENAN's RIDGE.

Our artillery continues to harass enemy positions on BERRY's HILL.

(c) 11 AUST INF BDE

See below.

(d) SUMMARY OF PATROL REPORTS

Scouts report concentrations of Japanese troops in the TINPUTS Area refs 539660 and 529659, CHINDPATS 1:25,000.

At 411659, south of CHINDPATS, a native scout killed 8 Japanese.

It is reported that the enemy has re-occupied SANGU, 597607.

In the KIETA Area, natives claim to have killed the following numbers of Japanese: TOVIDUA - 23, KARAKUN - 10, TAURAPIRO - 9, REBOINE - 1, KIETA Strip - 1. These natives also destroyed a paddy field at TOVIDUA and gardens on the coast near TOBOREI.

A priest, Father MILTRIP, has reached our lines; he escaped from the Japanese after being warned that they were about to kill him. He states that suicide raiding parties would continue to be sent to our HQ in an attempt to destroy Allied installations and kill key personnel. He further stated that in Apr several staff officers left the island by flying boat, and that another AC carrying medical supplies reached BUIN in Mar. Col MAKATA is reported to have left the BOVO River area for BUIN.

KEKEMONA natives report having killed one Japanese at KEKEMONA, 10 at SUREKINA, 10 at KAUKAUSINA, 14 at ORAMAI. Spears and grenades were used.

A B1 report states there are no signs of MT having been used recently on the East-West trail past a point at 080350. However, there is evidence of considerable foot traffic in both directions.

A B2 report states that several high ranking officers are amongst the Japanese concentrations at 067364 and 087135.

A very large enemy force, with one truck, is reported (B1) to be occupying a position along the EAST-WEST trail from 067364 to 071358 (refmap MIVO River 1:25,000).

2. AIR - OWN - BOUGAINVILLE 2 May

The main weight of air attack for 2 May was concentrated on three targets at HONGORAI River crossings in support of forward elements of 3 DIV. At 0750 hours 24 CORSAIRS commenced bombing defensive positions along lower track from 940422 and extended eastwards to 944421. At 1052 hours a further 23 CORSAIRS continued the attack and bombed the BUIN Road west of the HONGORAI from 938434 to 943433. The third attack by 12 CORSAIRS commenced at 1145 hours and an area extending from approximately 600 yards west of MARTIN's CROSSING from 940452 to 946450 was both bombed and strafed. Ground troops reported considerable advances as a result of attacks.

On 1 May 8 VENTURAS and 6 MITCHELLS bombed huts near NAKARU at 271364 and started one fire.

Weathered out of NAKARU a further 6 MITCHELLS attacked the KANGU HILL gun positions but clouds obscured results.

Huts at MUGUAI were bombed by 8 CORSAIRS with unobserved results and a further 8 CORSAIRS unable to reach MUGUAI bombed the Jap camp at NAMARIO, getting all bombs in the target area.

11 AUST INF BDE - SORAKEU-PORA PORA Area

26 Bn. At C21500L an enemy gun (said by natives to be on MADEHAS Island) shelled the west coast of BAICE Island.

55/53 Bn. A patrol from A Coy to 305667, 1500 yards north of PORA PORA (which was also visited by a patrol on 1 May), observed a party of Japanese with a MG further along the track. The enemy withdrew and our patrol moved a further 200 yards north along the track where they found two well defined tracks leading north and east, the latter carrying signal cable. In the area of the track junction were located enemy positions, a large vacated bivouac site and iron roofed huts. Equipment found included 3 swords, 1 telephone, 4 rifles, an Aust EY rifle and watches. (NOTE: The tracks in this area agree generally with those shown on the map recently captured when Capt ARAI Masao was killed). C Coy has now moved up and occupied this position.

B Coy has moved to 307650, and D Coy less 16 Pl to 275612; 16 Pl is at 295644.

The sound of motors has been heard on the east coast near RURI Bay.

Throughout 2 May explosions have been heard in the area NW BONIS PENINSULA.

for (E H WILSON) Lt-col
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2 AUST CORPS DAILY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No 113
(Information to 031800L May 45)
(Ref Maps 1 : 63360 & 1 : 25000)

PART I

1. LAND - OWN AND ENEMY

(a) 23 BDE - PIATERAPAIA Area

Two Japanese with LMG were encountered by one of our patrols at 692131, forward of PEARL RIDGE.

Another patrol reported estimated 5/10 enemy holding the NE section of MT FRY. One of the enemy was killed.

Our artillery has engaged BERRYS HILL and TOKUA.

In the action at 636175 (reported in Daily Intelligence Summary No 112) it is now known that 3 enemy were killed and 3 wounded.

TOROKINA Area - 7 Bn
HQ 7 Bn closed 581956 reopened 574956 at 031200L

(b) 3 DIV - TOKINOTU Area - 24 Bn

Patrol engagements with the enemy took place at 908438, 2500 yds SE of HIRU HIRU, 928428, 1500 yds west of the HONGORAI RIVER, 918436 on the BUIN rd and 929446, 3000 yds SE of HIRU HIRU. Three enemy were killed. One dead Japanese was found at 914433.

B Coy's position at 926438 was attacked from the north at 031615L by 15 Japanese. The attack was repulsed. A party of 20 Japanese was located, dug in between 902430 to 905433, south of the BUIN rd.

At 922442, 2700 yds SE of HIRU HIRU, Japanese setting booby traps were disturbed. Our jeep train was fired on at 924440.

Two occupied enemy positions are reported by patrols at 922453 and 928453, approx 3000 yds SE of HIRL HIRU.

Another patrol reports an enemy position with fire lanes cut crossing the BUIN rd at 934435.

A patrol from C Coy set an unsuccessful ambush for a party of 15 Japanese at 923437.

47 Bn

At 917472, 1500 yds SW of HATAI, one of our patrols was fired on by an enemy party armed with a HMG and a LMG.

Locations : A Coy 898470
B Coy 910480

58/59 Bn

Locations : B Coy 917452
16 Pl 894464

Seventy five mm guns fired 140 rounds into the area 8945, 9045.

RUMIKI Area - 57/60 Bn

Twenty 75mm rounds fell at 908480, 2000 yds SW of HATAI, and further shelling occurred square 8946.

Locations: A Coy 967483 B Coy 926485
C Coy 947485 D Coy 953489
Bn HQ & 10 Tp 2/4 Armd Regt 934485

GENERAL

HQ 7 Bde 602963 Comd Gp 29 Bde 843480

(c) SORAKEN -- PORA PORA Area - 11 BDE

55/53 Bn
~~C Coy In~~ its move north found a small store of electrical equipment and at 310681, (which is 200 yds south of a reported village, possibly RATSUA), encountered an enemy force of 15 armed with one HMG and 2 LMGs. Three enemy have been killed

and one of our pls is moving round the right flank.

A Coy is now at 309657, 800 yds NE of PORA PORA with 9 Pl at 305670 to the NW. 17 Pl is at 289632.

Two Amboinese have escaped from the Japanese and have reached our lines. They state that three 75mm guns reported at PORA PORA have been moved further north.

ARTILLERY ACTIVITY

One 75mm gun fired 15 rounds into the area SE of PORA PORA. Our artillery then engaged 316697.

Supporting fire has been given to C Coy. Further enemy shelling occurred in square 2964 and the new C Coy position.

Our artillery engaged suspected enemy gun positions at 317688 and 323700.

(d) SUMMARY OF PATROL REPORTS

At 020800L 8 barges were sighted off SHORTLANDS.

Five Japanese, with a horse, have been looting gardens in the PUKA area for the past 5 days.(B1)

A party of Japanese at 638378 in the TEOPASINA area are thought to have moved down from the north.

At 631626 native scouts ambushed 7 Japanese and one Indian PW, killing four Japanese and rescuing the PW.

A native reports having witnessed a submarine surfaced near SORUM at last light a week ago.

A party of about 30 natives from PAPAS have contacted our patrol further south.

It is now reported that in our recent strike at UMUM gorge, one previously unreported motor boat was sunk, and the ammunition dump destroyed. Two motor boats are said to remain further upstream at 387680. An enemy party with one mortar, and a party of 50 in four houses is reported in the same area.

Scouts report that TON and TASUI are now clear of the enemy who have moved to SIAR.

A concentration of Japanese is reported at 265783, south of ANAKI. Eight Japanese with 2 MGs are reported at the old Indian PW camp near TENIMBAUBAU.

2. AIR - OWN BOUGAINVILLE 3 May

Following attacks of 2 May PIVA Corsairs again supported 3 Div in the bombing and strafing of enemy defences along the line of the HONGORAI RIVER in advance of our own troops.

Commencing at 0820 hrs, 13 Corsairs bombed and strafed the track from 940422 to 938422. Bombing was accurate, and a a result of one bomb burst, five Japs were seen blown high into the air.

A further 22 Corsairs accurately dropped their bomb load along the BUIN rd from 931427 to 935425 with unobserved results.

The third attack in vicinity of MARTINS CROSSING was carried out by 12 Corsairs which obtained a good coverage either side of the track from 942454 to 940455.

An enemy dump area near PAPAS at 274708 was bombed and strafed by 10 Corsairs resulting in two small columns of black smoke.

In support of 11 Bde, 12 Corsairs, led in by Tac R aircraft, attacked an area of recent activity and suspected enemy HQ at TASUI(?) (330700). All bombs fell in the area indicated with unobserved results. Following the bombing, sheets of galvanised iron were seen scattered about the bomb craters.

Patrols strafed 7 Japs working in gardens between ARIGUA PLTN and KIRIWINA PLTN and 3 canoes on FAURO ISLAND. Also strafed four Japs in a garden on MORGUSAIA ISLAND, killing two.

On 2 May eight Corsairs from GREEN ISLAND bombed enemy concentration NAKARU.

Six Mitchells attacked dumps and stores at KAHILI, starting a fire with smoke to 600 ft.

Weathered out of KAHILI, three venturas bombed huts and possible dump east of EBERYS LEASE with unobserved results.

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2 AUST CORPS DAILY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No 114
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PART I

1. LAND - OWN AND ENEMY

(a) 11 AUST INF BDE - SORAKEN - PORA PORA Area

55/53 Bn

At 041000L C Coy reached the track junction at 310682, killing three Japanese. The main enemy force had withdrawn, though later in the day two enemy were sighted in the area and chopping heard. At the track junction an extensive enemy position was found abandoned and a dismantled high angle gun (reported to be an 8cm TAISHO 10) was captured.
Our artillery engaged the area of the jetty 287678, and C Coy moved west along the main track, reaching the jetty without further opposition at 041630L. The decking was found to be badly damaged but several punts in the area (14 ft X 6 ft) were in a serviceable condition.

At 304681, 700 yards west of the track junction, a range finder in good condition, and four graves were found.

Locations (Night 4/5 May)

14 and 15 pls	288679
13 pl	310682

During the afternoon 4 May, two 75mm and one 105mm guns shelled the area PORA PORA to dropping site 295645, with 70 rounds. Our artillery then engaged suspected enemy gun positions north of RATSUA, at 310696, 307703 and 323693.

After a gun flash had been observed at 310728, our artillery engaged.

(b) 3 AUST DIV - TOKINOTU Area

47 Bn Location: 9 pl 885468.

24 Bn

An enemy party of 30 with packs was ambushed at 927440, 1500 yards west of the HONGORAI R, killing one.

An enemy ambush at 924441, 500 yards further west, was dispersed by mortar fire.

Supported by 2 tanks a strong patrol moved along the BUIN Rd, to 928438, where a Coy of enemy were found dug in. The position was engaged by artillery and mortars and the enemy withdrew leaving three dead including an officer. One 75mm gun sited [illegible] for Tk A defence was destroyed by our tanks; documents were captured.

Later a type 93 mine was exploded by one of our jeeps in this area.

Two parties each of 10 enemy were located in the area 927444. One Japanese was killed.

58/59 Bn

The area 913444 was shelled by the enemy.

Location:-

D Coy	894458

RUMIKI Area

57/60 Bn

A deserted Jap hut and 6 graves were found at 954484. One of our patrols was fired on by the enemy at 932482, 800 yards SE of HATAI.

One Japanese was killed.

Locations :-

C Coy and 10 Tp 2/4 Armd Regt 947485

NIHERO Area - 2/8 Cdo Sqn

A native patrol to [illegible] KINGORI reports that the enemy has vacated the area. Ten freshly dug graves were found in the vicinity.

GENERAL

9 Bn is now concentrated at 637933.

(c) 23 AUST INF BDE - PIATERAPAIA Area

27 Bn

One Japanese was sighted and engaged at 677148, south of DAVIS HILL.

In the area 636175 (referred to in Daily Int Summary Nos 112 and 113), a patrol reports finding two bunkers a cookhouse and a waterpoint.

A patrol to LIVIRIPAIA 718152 reports the area occupied by 30/35 enemy. Our patrol engaged the enemy and killed seven.

Our artillery and mortars continue to engage BERRYS HILL.

8 Bn - TREASURY Is

An observer on north coast NONO Is reports having sighted 5 unidentified objects (thought to have been barges) between SHORTLAND and MORGUSIAI Is (Note : At 020800L 8 barges were sighted off SHORTLAND Is; reported in Daily Int Summary No 113).

(d) SUMMARY OF PATROL REPORTS

Natives report that small quantities of ammunition are being carried to UMUM, destined for NUMA NUMA. In the UMUM area the Japanese have recently built a house for a high ranking officer, who was expected to arrive from CHINDAWAN on 1 May.

Another HQ is reported on the beach near SIAR; this is said to be the HQ of Lt-Col NAKAMURA Comd of TARLENA Grn (Note: scouts report that the position of SIAR as shown on CHABAI 1/25000 dyeline series at 332725 is correct).

A native has reported that the Japanese evacuated TON on 29 Apr after burying their dead. (Note : The evacuation of TON was reported in Daily Int Summary No 113).

A Japanese hospital is reported at 357676 north of TENIMBAUBAU, with and 6 Japanese/a 70mm mortar are stated to be at 411669 near the mouth of the BANIU R.

At KEKERE five houses were grenaded by natives. Of the estimated 20 Japanese in the houses, all are thought to have been killed

In the action at 613609, (reported in Daily Int Summary No 107) it is now known that six Japanese were killed.

The Japanese camp in the TEOPASINA area (reported in Daily Int Summary No 113) was raided by native scouts at first light this morning. Fourteen Japanese were killed.

One Japanese was killed in a garden at AKU and 10 were

destroyed by a Shrapnel Mine at 122338 near the MIBO R. In the same area approx 20 enemy are camped under a cluster of banana palms.

It is reported that in our raid north of the OAMAI R ford, 17 Apr, four trucks and all huts and fuel in the area were destroyed. One gun has since been removed down the TOKUAKA Rd, but one truck and a large number of troops remain near the bombed out area.

Enemy movement on the EAST WEST trail is again reported and a rest and dispersal area has been located at 168331 (ref map MIVO R 1/25000) 800 yards north of the trail.

MT is also reported on this trail, but movement is only by night as far as the OAMAI R. A small track about 4 feet wide (cut by the Japanese in 1943 but not in use now) is reported running parallel to the EAST WEST trail from the MIBO R to MOMATA Rd 390344.

A large Japanese force is reported to be situated around gardens near HUSEI. Other gardens and one gun arereported at 032376 and 032374 (ref map MONOITU 1/25000).

A further enemy concentration is reported at 045368 (ref map MAMAGATA 1/25000).

2. AIR - OWI - BOUGAINVILLE 4 May

12 CORSAIRS in support of 3 Div bombed enemy concentrations near OSO at 993447. All bombs fell in target and area was strafed. No signs of activity were observed.

At request of 3 Div a further 12 CORSAIRS bombed suspected enemy area at 977433 near OSO. A good coverage was obtained with unobserved results.

An enemy concentration on the north side of the BUIN Road west of the MOBIAI River from 067364 to 071358 was bombed by 23 CORSAIRS. Low cloud interfered with bombing but a good coverage was obtained, one bomb producing a large flash. After the bombing a number of 44 gallon drums were observed scattered under trees.

The suspected HQ of 38 Indep Mixed Bde at NUMA NUMA ref 813270 was both bombed and strafed by 23 CORSAIRS. Only 2 huts were untouched, several being destroyed and an unknown number damaged.

Patrols strafed huts on PORORAN Island and bombed a hut area at PAPAS. Four Japs working in garden at TEIHUP (HL7439) were strafed with unobserved results.

On 3 May 6 MITCHELLS and 7 VENTURAS bombed personnel and supply areas at KAHILI (408305). No results were observed but good coverage was obtained.

Sixteen CORSAIRS bombed two hut concentrations in the NAKARU area.

Weathered out of NAKARU 6 MITCHELLS placed their bombs on KIETA Peninsula starting 3 fires and causing a large explosion.

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2 AUST CORPS DAILY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No 115
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PART I

1. LAND - OWN AND ENEMY

(a) 23 AUST INF BDE - PIATERAPAIA Area

27 Bn. The patrol to area 636175 (reported in Daily Intelligence Summary No 114) is now reported to have killed ten Japanese and wounded five.

ANGAU scouts report that the main track to MAPIA is now clear of the enemy.

Our artillery engaged LEVIRIPAIA, 718152, and BERRY's HILL.

(b) 11 AUST INF BDE - SORAKEN - PORA PORA Area

55/53 Bn. C Coy, in the vicinity of the jetty 288680, reports that the road from the RATSUA track junction 309683 to the jetty can readily be made jeepable. Patrols investigating the coastal area vicinity 274683 report no contact.

B Coy has now occupied the RATSUA track junction, and 700 yards to the south A Coy patrols found a dismantled but complete possible 37 mm Type 94 Tk A gun. Patrols from B Coy have investigated tracks leading north and northeast from RATSUA without making contact.

One 75 mm gun fired four rounds into the PORA PORA area.

TAIOF OP reports four barge sightings between SOHANA and MADEHAS Islands and CHINATOWN 170800 in BUKA PASSAGE.

(c) 3 AUST DIV - TOKINOTU Area

24 Bn. The position at 928438 (reported in Daily Intelligence Summary No 114) is now estimated to have contained 130 Japanese. It is now known that before withdrawing to the NE the enemy lost four killed.

Of five enemy engaged at 943447, on the HONGORAI River, one was killed and one wounded. Patrols report considerable enemy movement 1400 yards further south. In this area one Japanese was killed and four were seen moving east.

Supported by two tanks D Coy moved SE along the BUIN Road during the afternoon.

At 931436, 1000 yards west of the HONGORAI River, an enemy position was encountered and engaged. The enemy withdrew and our advance continued; an extensive pill-box position was encountered 30 yards further on and engaged. One tank received a direct hit from a 75 mm gun, but continued firing and destroyed the gun. The enemy again withdrew after engaging our troops with heavy LMG and rifle fire, and D Coy moved on 100 yards where contact is being maintained. One enemy is known to have been killed.

A patrol from B Coy located vacated huts and weapon pits at 928443.

C Coy is now at 919442.

Four enemy were seen moving south at 944421, on the HONGORAI R.

58/59 Bn. An enemy force in newly constructed positions was contacted at 920464, 2000 yards NE of HIRU HIRU, by one of our patrols. Fire was exchanged but later contact was lost.

Artillery Acticity. Eighty-one 150 mm shells fell in the area 909446. The area 909457 was also shelled.

RUMIKI - 57/60 Bn. Japanese activity is reported at 978478, 1500 yards west of TONUI, 967483, on the HONGORAI River, 950485, 1000 yards south of RUMIKI, and in the gardens at 953477.

One of our patrols crossed the HONGORAI River at 967483, 1500 yards SE of RUMIKI, and reports the No 2 Government Road clear of the enemy for 200 yards to the east. This patrol later killed one Japanese and sighted two enemy at 967483, 500 yards further east.

The patrol was fired on south of this position. The area has now been occupied by 8 Pl.

A tree OP has been located at 954476.

At 932481, 800 yards SE of HATAI, our patrols found a new unoccupied position capable of holding 100 Japanese.

(d) SUMMARY OF PATROL REPORTS

A B2 report states that on 2 May natives shot three Japanese at MASIOGU, 245525.

It is reported, (B1) that enemy patrols from KUMILOGU and PALIDONAN have been very active during the past week. A force of 40 visited POROBI 237493, OKEMO 230505, KAGISAGO 212516, KOOMBAROONA 211530, MASIOGU 245525. All native huts in these areas were burnt and two natives were shot near MASIOGU.

No Japanese have been seen near KIOGUMI 062456 during the last two days. However, fresh footprints have been seen in the vicinity of the camp site.

Our recent air strike at TINPUTS is reported to have been successful.

2. AIR - OWL - BOUGAINVILLE 5 May

Following observations by Tac R aircraft of a suspected MT park and stores area near the UNUMAI road junction at 004402, 17 CORSAIRS at request of 3 DIV bombed and strafed the area. The whole of the target area was cleared, one 2 ton truck and one large car destroyed and one bomb caused a large explosion with a column of black smoke.

A large Jap concentration and heavy gun near RUSEI 032376 was bombed and strafed by 22 CORSAIRS in two attacks. Well worn tracks throughout the area were observed after the bombing and one Jap was seen.

At request of 11 BDE 3 enemy concentrations and gun positions north of RATSUA at 310704, 312698 and 325695 were bombed by 12 CORSAIRS with unobserved results.

Ten CORSAIRS strafed and patterned the jungle containing a Jap concentration at TINPUTS 539660. The area was well cleared.

Patrols dropped bombs on a group of 12 huts at NAKARU, scoring a direct hit, and on one hut near KARA strip.

On 4 May 5 VENTURAS bombed a stores and personnel area at KAHILI with unseen damage.

Eight CORSAIRS bombed a truck park at MUGUAI - results unobserved.

Weathered out of NAKARU, 6 MITCHELLS dropped their bombs on KIETA and 5 VENTURAS hit personnel and supply areas at NUMA NUMA, putting all bombs in target. One large explosion was observed, followed by billowing black smoke.

Weather also prevented 8 CORSAIRS from attacking MUGUAI and bomb load was dropped on gun positions at KIVIRI 777317 and INUS.

One CATALINA on recce over BUKA dropped bombs on YELLINA, KESSA and LONTIS.

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2 AUST CORPS DAILY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No 116
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PART I

1. LAND - OWN AND ENEMY

(a) 23 AUST INF BDE - PIATERAPAIA Area

On 5 May four enemy were observed BERRYS HILL; they were engaged by MMGs.

A patrol reports that our shelling of LIVIREPAIA, (reported in Daily Intelligence Summary No 115) was accurate.

A patrol returned from BURITSIOTORARA reports that the area is occupied by 15 enemy armed with rifles only. The enemy was engaged and two killed.

A patrol returned from the IBU area killed four Japanese and captured a HMG at 631241, 1700 yds NW of the village. Natives killed one Japanese at PIPIPAIA.

Our artillery and mortars continue to engage BERRYS HILL.

(b) 3 AUST DIV - TOKINOTU HIRU HIRU Area

24 Bn

At 060500L D Coy's position at 931435 was accurately shelled by 150mm guns with 160 rounds. Two hours later a small enemy party attacked the Coy frontally and from the flanks. This attack was repulsed, but at 060855L a strong enemy force, (estimated 100), attacked from the north.

At this time A Coy had moved forward to 930437 and also came under heavy attack. A Coy succeeded in joining D Coy, but the enemy continued his attack on the joint company position.

Tanks of 8 Tp 2/4 Armd Regt came forward and moving to the forward edge of the company position engaged the enemy. At 061030L the enemy broke contact and withdrew to the north, leaving behind tree snipers. By 061200L the snipers had been cleared and A Coy with two tks of 8 Tp moved to a position 200 yds west of D Coy. In this engagement the enemy lost 59 killed; captured equipment included 2 LMGs, one HMG, 23 rifles and three swords.

In the action at 928438 (reported in Daily Intelligence Summaryes Nos 114 and 115) it is now known that the enemy lost 10 killed.

One Japanese was killed at 928438. Parties of 10 Japanese are reported at 928434, 1500 yds west of the HONGORAI RIVER, 935435, 700 yds to the NE and 932439.

RUMIKI Area 57/60 Bn

One of our patrols engaged an enemy position at 953476, on the HONGORAI RIVER, killing four and wounding two. The patrol later withdrew and our artillery engaged the position causing further casualties.

A vacated bivouac area capable of accomodating two Coys was found at 968484, 500 yds NW along the river.

Three enemy were killed at 969478, 2000 yds SE of RUMIKI.

A party of 10 Japanese was sighted at 935481, 1200 yds SE of HATAI, and one was killed.

Locations:- 14 Pl 957482
D Coy 972487

(c) 11 AUST INF BDE - see below

(d) SUMMARY OF PATROL REPORTS

KOVIDAU has again been successfully attacked by natives. Two houses and a MG post were grenaded. Results are not yet known but it is reported that only 11 Japanese remain in the area.

Near KOVIDAU the tracks have been observed of a large enemy party reported to have moved from KAINO to the coast.

Natives continue to attack the enemy at MORONI. They claim to have seen 21 Japanese buried there.

2. AIR - OWN BOUGAINVILLE 6 May

A reported Japanese concentration west of the MOBIAI RIVER was bombed and strafed by 12 Corsairs.

An area of activity and huts in TARLENA PLTN (235749) was bombed by 12 Corsairs with unseen results.

Two groups of huts in an area of activity near MOSIGA at 974335 and 975338 were bombed by 12 Corsairs. Direct hits were obtained and at least two huts were demolished and others damaged.

Prevented by weather from attacking primary targets at BERRYS HILL, 12 Corsairs dropped their bombs along the edge of the bush near AITARA. Tac R aircraft later reported a column of black smoke to 500 ft.

Patrols dropped bombs on group of huts at AUDA, a direct hit destroying at least two huts.

Acting on information received from Tac R pilot, four Corsairs led by the Tac R aircraft took off in a last light attack against a suspected enemy tank or tracked vehicle at 246749 near TARLENA PLTN. The target was located and two bombs scored near misses on the tracked vehicle badly damaging it. Another 10 wheeled vehicle in the area was also attacked and set alight. At 247748 a large fire extending over an area 120 yds x 30 yds was started with flames and smoke over 1000 ft high. Another dump of fuel drums at 246751 was set alight and a large storage tank approx 6' x 6' x 15' long at 247751 apparently containing petrol was left in flames.

On 5 May 8 Corsairs bombed hut area MUGUAI at 182312.

Nine Mitchells dropped 72 bombs on a Jap Naval Headquarters at KAHILI 366304, getting a very good coverage.

Seven Venturas and eight Corsairs bombed personnel areas at NUMA NUMA with all bombs in target.

11 AUST INF BDE - SORAKEN PORA PORA Area

Patrols from A and B Coys to 317675 and 315686 on the western slopes of feature 794 report no contact.

Another patrol from B Coy moved along the east west trail to 314686, 700 yds NE of RATSUA where two stragglers were killed. Further north a patrol reached 312694 on the MT road without making contact.

One PW has been taken (position unstated).

13 Pl moved north and then east several hundred yards south of BUOI PLTN and reached the coast at 268690 without making contact. Signs of recent enemy movement were noticed and five ~~and~~ prewar 12 gun wheels (probably for 75mm guns) were found in the area.

The beach at 274682 shows signs of having been used as a barge staging point.

Arty R engaged garden area and huts at 251761, huts at 234744 and a prime mover or tractor at 243 751.

TAIOF OP reports a possible submarine periscope moving west from BUKA PASSAGE during the afternoon.

Locations:- A Coy 314674
D Coy 294643
13 Pl 268690

26 Bn

At 062035L C Coy made an unopposed landing at 245684 on the NE coast of TOROKORI ISLAND.

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PART I

1. LAND - OWN AND ENEMY

(a) 3 AUST DIV

NIHERO AREA - 2/8 Cdo Sqn

An enemy party was ambushed at 963436, 500 yards West of KINDAI, and ten were killed.

A strong enemy position has been located at 008459 near TONU; the enemy in this area are alert and are raiding gardens.

One PW was captured at 961446 near the POROREI R.

HIRU HIRU Area - 24 Bn

After artillery preparation at 070900L a general advance commenced along the line of the BUIN Road.

A small enemy party in front of D Coy was dispersed by tank fire and the Coy is now at 934435, 1000 yards West of the HONGORAI R.

A Coy reached its objective, the HONGORAI R and is now dug in at 942434.

Other locations are Bn HQ 910446, B Coy 928435, C Coy 932436, 6 Tp 2/4 Armd Regt 942434, HQ F Tp 928438.

A patrol located 30 Japanese in a bivouac position at 941444 near the HONGORAI R; two of the enemy were killed.

The enemy position at 932439 (reported in Daily Int Summary No 116) was found today, to have been abandoned.

During the night 6/7 May 16 rounds of 155mm fell in the area 933435.

58/59 Bn

Locations: Bn HQ 899454, A Coy 920442, B Coy 917452, C Coy 912446, D Coy 907448.

(b) 11 AUST INF BDE - SORAKEN - RATSUA Area

26 Bn

C Coy reports TOROKORI Is clear of the enemy. An OP has been established on the eastern tip of the island.

TAIOF Is OP reports flashes from SOHANA Is and a fire on South BUKA.

55/53 Bn

A Coy has pushed out on to the 794 feature and is now at 335682, 2500 yards SE of RATSUA. No contact has been made.

B Coy is now established on the MT road at 310696, 1000 yards North of RATSUA. No contact has been made, but there are signs of recent enemy movement. Tracks leading north appear to have been made by a prime mover towing a gun. A Japanese engineer dump was found nearby, a staff car, [illegible] damaged Japanese 6 wheeled truck.

C Coy has moved to 288690, on the coast South of BUOI plantation with a section at 289688, 2000 yards to the east. At 071100L the telephone wires were cut near this section. Seven Japanese attempted to ambush our line party but were driven off and withdrew to BUOI plantation. D Coy has now occupied the RATSUA track junction area.

Two LCAs have succeeded in carrying stores and personnel to the recently captured RATSUA jetty.

The PW captured 6 May states in a preliminary interrogation that all Japanese army troops in this area are withdrawing to NUMA NUMA where a final stand will be made.

(c) 23 AUST INF BDE - PIATERAPAIA Area

27 Bn

An ANGAU scout returned from ASATAVI reports a six inch naval gun on ASITAVA Pt. ASATAVI he states is used as a staging point for troops moving on the coastal track. Another staging camp is reported 1200 yards South of ASEPIPAIA for troops moving on the IBU - BURITSIOTORARA - ASITAVI L of C, which is in constant use.

PIPIPAIA is said to be occupied by the Japanese. This scouts information is graded B2.

Three Japanese were observed on LITTLE HUNTS HILL.

Our mortars continue to engage BERRYS HILL.

(d) SUMMARY OF PATROL REPORTS

A Japanese - native clash has occured near the DORNI R Bridge. Natives state that there are no enemy at the KARUNA R Bridge.

Armed natives attacked 20 Japanese moving South through the TEOP plantation, killing eight.

2. AIR - OWI - BOUGAINVILLE 7 May

An enemy defensive position at RAKURURI 957334 was accurately bombed by 12 CORSAIRS, completely blasting and clearing the target area. One well camouflaged pillbox which was observed before the attack was not seen again.

A possible dump area NE CHABAI at 268744 was attacked by 17 CORSAIRS obtaining good coverage over the target. The target area was devastated and a total of 27 strafing runs were made with unobserved results.

12 CORSAIRS accurately bombed a suspected Jap HQ at SIARA. During the bombing a large column of black smoke was seen. Tac R aircraft reported this area still smouldering 5 hours later.

An enemy concentration at RUSEI 045368 was accurately bombed by 16 CORSAIRS. Debris was blown up above the trees and two large flashes and a column of black smoke were seen.

AA was observed during this strike from a position approx 100 yards south of the target and south of the road.

Tac R sighted a gun position and later led in 8 CORSAIRS to it at TARLENA 264755. Bombing was accurate and a fire started. A Tac R aircraft over the target after the strike reports a twin barrelled, probable dual purpose gun of a minumum calibre of 40mm destroyed, a pillbox destroyed, a flat top 4 wheeled trailer hit and destroyed, a tin shed containing stores destroyed and left burning, a number of 44 gallon drums scattered about and several communication trenches opened up.

At RUMAI a suspected MT park at 012408 and a suspected gun position at 964416 were attacked by 12 CORSAIRS. Good bombing is reported but results from both targets could not be observed.

The ten wheeled vehicle reported yesterday is now considered to be a multiple bogied AFV, and the tracked vehicle carries 2 small calibre automatic guns. Photos of this area now show a dual wheeled heavy truck damaged in this attack.

Five VENTURAS and 6 MITCHELLS bombed targets in NAKARU area for unseen damage. The VENTURAS encountered some meagre inaccurate heavy AA from KARA strip area.

Five VENTURAS weathered out of NAKARU later bombed NUMA NUMA.

8 CORSAIRS on a MUGUAI target produced a large flame and black smoke after their attack, whilst 8 others attacking a gun position scored one near miss.

PART IV

OTHER FRONTS

BORNEO

Covered by an allied air and naval bombardment elements of 9 Aust Div effected landings on the SW Coast of TARAKAN Is NORTH BORNEO, in the area of the port of LINGHAS, at 0108151 May.

On the day prior to this operation artillery was landed on SADAU Is, 6 miles NW of the TARAKAN beach-head in support of operations to clear beach defences in the landing area.

Driving north from their beachheads on TARAKAN Is 2/23 Bn and a NEI Coy on the right flank penetrated 2⅛ miles through eastern outskirts of the town and have reached a point approx 2½ miles inland from the east coast where they have come under mortar fire.

After driving 2 miles northward our force in the centre, (2/48 Bn, 2/4 Cdo Sqn supported by tanks), has reached the high ground in the centre of the town but is meeting with determined resistance. Oil fires are burning in this area and many enemy dead have been found. During night 4/5 May three counter attacks were repulsed and, supported by tanks 2/48 Bn is pushing ahead to seize the high ground north of the town.

On the left 2/24 Bn on 5 May pushed forward to the southern edge of the airstrip where mines and enemy resistance temporarily halted our troops. The strip is being outflanked on the north by 2/23 Bn, which has been transferred from the right flank and relieved by 2/3 Pnr Bn.

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(Information to 081800I May 45)
(Refmaps 1 : ~~63360 & 1 :~~ 25000)

PART I

1. LAND - OWN AND ENEMY

(a) 3 AUST DIV

NIHERO Area - 2/8 Cdo Sqn. A patrol reported enemy activity in the area 970476, 2000 yards SW of DOIRA. A large enemy party was seen moving east in the area 900 yards to the SE. The preparation of enemy defensive positions has previously been reported in this area.

Another patrol operating in the KINGORI area reports that the village 055432 is unoccupied.

Three enemy were killed on the TIGER Road, leading SE from MARTIN's Crossing 945449.

RUMIKI - 57/60 Bn. Two enemy were killed at 969477, 2700 yards SE of RUMIKI, on 7 May, and natives reported a further 10 Japanese in the same area. Two enemy were seen 800 yards west of RUMIKI and 9 enemy dead were found 1000 yards to the south. A patrol operating on the west bank of the HONGORAI River, 2000 yards SE of RUMIKI, was fired on by six enemy, but no casualties were caused.

Locations: B Coy less pl - 936486. 12 Pl - 947485.

HIRU HIRU Area - 24 Bn. On 7 May our patrol engaged 16 enemy at 942437, 300 yards NW of the HONGORAI Ford. The patrol then withdrew and the enemy was dispersed by mortar and artillery fire.

Documents were captured from two enemy who were fired on forward of A Coy position. Our jeep was fired on west along the track near B Coy.

(b) 23 AUST INF BDE - PIVA-ARAWA Area

27 Bn. Our MG on DAVIS HILL killed one of two enemy seen on BERRY's HILL. Artillery and mortars then harassed BERRY's HILL, continuing throughout the night. On 8 May a patrol moved out via DAVIS HILL to recce BERRY's HILL; another patrol moved out via HUNT's HILL to recce the eastern slopes of BERRY's HILL. Both patrols returned at 081500I and reported that Japanese are still preparing defences on BERRY's HILL. Three enemy were engaged there with unobserved results. MAWIA is reported clear of enemy.

(c) 11 AUST INF BDE - SORAKEN-ATSUMA Area

26 Bn. C Coy returned to SORAKEN Peninsula from TOROKORI Island. The OP established on the eastern tip of the island remains. This OP reported that a column of water was seen and an explosion heard on a bearing of 42 degrees. The grid distance has not yet been reported.

55/53 Bn. The PW captured on 6 May places TASUI at approximately 511660.

Locations: Bn HQ 309547
A Coy 333695
B Coy 311710

(d) SUMMARY OF PATROL REPORTS

An Indian PW stated that small parties of Japanese, many of whom have malaria, are moving to the south from Northern BOUGAINVILLE.

Japanese have been driven out of the ARAWA Plantation area. A delayed report states that 13 Japanese were killed by the blast of ammunition dumps exploded in the same area.

Ten natives at ORIA, who reported to Japanese to receive promised payment, were shot. Three escaped with wounds.

A Commanding Officer and his staff are reported to be at 425546, within the fork about 150 yards from the LULUAI River Junction. Troops, stores and ammunition are at 427547. The Japanese here have only shallow slit trenches and their camps are hidden by virgin scrub. The original strength of enemy in this area was estimated at about 100, but there are indications that others are concentrated there, possibly to make a stand in the LULUAI Valley.

2. AIR - OWN - BOUGAINVILLE 8 May

A hut concentration and possible MG position at HARI River 995376 was bombed by 12 CORSAIRS. Apart from the clearing of the target area no damage was obtained.

16 CORSAIRS attacking a large concentration of Japs at KIETA 273917 did not accurately bomb the target area owing to incorrect indication. The bombing was therefore not considered satisfactory.

The reported enemy troop concentration at OAMAI River 167324 was bombed by 18 CORSAIRS, scoring 2 hits on a damaged truck on the north side of a bridge in the target area. Apart from a small fire which was started other results were not observed.

15 CORSAIRS in two attacks struck a gun position at NORTH CHABAI 264755. The aircraft, which were led in by Tac R, were unable to score hits. Strafing runs were made over the area, including runs on oil drums and an old truck, all results being unobserved.

CORSAIR patrols bombed huts at RURI Bay, causing a large explosion and resulting in five huts being destroyed. Strafing runs were made on 6 huts to the west of the above huts with no apparent damage.

Other patrols strafed 3 Japs in an outrigger canoe, damaging the canoe and killing one Jap. Two other Japs were strafed in a garden north of ARAWA, one being killed.

On 7 May 6 MITCHELLS bombed an enemy concentration in the NAKARU area 276373 with no observed damage. 6 VENTURAS later bombed same target, raising thick black smoke to 2000 feet. 8 CORSAIRS bombed the area 304303 with unobserved results.

A fire with smoke to 1000 feet was started when 6 MITCHELLS bombed camps at 278347. On return dump areas at CHINPUTS were strafed with 18,000 rounds. 8 CORSAIRS scored direct hits on bivouac area 251289.

PART IV

OTHER FRONTS

BORNEO

On 6 May our central force, (2/48 Bn and 2/4 Cdo Sqn) continuing their drive north from TARAKAN, demolished seven pill-boxes with flame throwers. The feature on the left flank is now reported clear of the enemy. A Coy 2/48 Bn advanced along a track which was mined and booby trapped to capture a feature 500 yards north of TARAKAN. Other elements occupied a feature 800 yards to the SE.

Meanwhile, 2/24 Bn on the left flank advancing with tank support destroyed eight pill-boxes at PANINGOU BAROE (1¾ miles NW of TARAKAN).

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