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2 AUST CORPS DAILY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No 119
(Information to 091800L May 45)
(Ref Maps 1 : 63360 & 1 : 25000)

PART I

1. LAND - OWN AND ENEMY

(a) 3 AUST DIV

NIHERO Area - 2/8 Cdo Sqn

A patrol reports the presence of an enemy party at 056428 on the MOBIAI R; one dead Japanese was found in the area.

HAWARAKA Area - 15 Bn

Locations : C Coy 784624.

DARARA Area - 42 Bn

Advance party and a pl 839479.

RUMIKI Area - 57/60 Bn

Japanese in a defensive position at 968482 East of the HONGORAI R fired on one of our patrols with one HMG and 5 LMGs.

Five enemy were killed and two dead found at 973475, East of the HONGORAI R, 1½ miles SE of RUMIKI.

Many old Japanese graves were found at 95C4[illegible], 500 yards North of RUMIKI.

Locations : 8 pl 967482.

HIRU HIRU Area - 24 Bn

A well constructed enemy position estimated to contain 100 men was located at 944448 on the HONGORAI R.

Thirty Japanese were engaged at 940438, 500 West of the river.

An enemy position, strength unknown, was engaged at 932442, 1500 yards West of the HONGORAI River; seven Japanese were killed and two wounded.

Fifteen Japanese were sighted moving NW at 942431, 300 yards West of the HONGORAI River.

Twenty Japanese were observed moving South at 935438 North of the BUIN Road and 40, 1200 yards further East on the HONGORAI River. Our artillery dispersed the latter group.

Enemy 150mm shells fell in the area 939434 on the BUIN Road.

Locations : B Coy 944427
4 Bty 2 Fd Regt 907459

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

55/53 Bn

A Coy has now moved to within 1500 yards of RURI BAY, on the SIAR Road. A B Coy patrol was ambushed by 10 Japanese SW of SIAR; the coy is now dug in this area.

Patrols from C Coy have patrolled the BUOI Plantation and killed two Japanese. In the vicinity of 289608 (where an engagement was reported in Daily Intelligence Summary No 117) one of our patrols was ambushed; a number of tracks were found in this area.

D Coy has patrolled to the coast SW of RATSUA and found a six wheeled vehicle in good condition and 400 gallons of petrol. The OPs at TOROKORI and TAIOF OPs report explosions in the TARLENA PORTON and CHABAI areas.

(c) 23 AUST INF BDE - PIATERAPIAI Area

27 Bn

Our artillery and mortars continue to engage BERRYS HILL.

Locations : HQ 27 Bn 684118

(d) SUMMARY OF PATROL REPORTS

It is reported that natives grenaded four houses at KINO on 2 May; results are as yet unknown.

Natives claim that the Japanese evacuated SIAR and TENDOO (BANIU Bay area) on 6/7 May. Some equipment they state was abandoned and 30 rifles buried at CHINDAWAN which was later occupied by naval personnel. A force of 10 Japanese is thought to have remained at TENDOO.

2. AIR - OWN - BOUGAINVILLE 9 May

Enemy concentrations at OAMAI RIVER 167352 and 169330 were struck by 17 CORSAIRS resulting in the area being well cleared.

Thirteen CORSAIRS revisited the area of the tracked vehicles at TARLENA and succeeded in blowing the bottom out of the multiple bogied tractor, burnt the damaged truck nearby and in the vicinity of 246749 oil fires were started.

The gun carrying tractor which had been camouflaged had some near misses which blew some of the camouflage away and showed that the vehicle is much smaller than previously thought. This area was thoroughly strafed with 29 runs causing a further 6 fires with smoke to 800 feet. MG fire was observed from NE of the target area at approx 244756.

At the request of 3 Div 40 CORSAIRS in 4 missions bombed a reported enemy defensive position in a billabong of the HONGORAI R at 944447. It is considered the area was moderately well covered and a possible log framework in the target area was well blasted.

CORSAIR patrols sighted 3 loaded barges in TONOLEI Hbr and went in to strafe. One barge was left burning and 2 japs who were unloading another were strafed and the third barge is considered unserviceable and is being used as a jetty.

Fires at KIETA and Cape SUHUHI (NE BUKA) each received two strafing runs for unseen damage.

On 8 May a dump area in the NAKARU area was bombed by 8 GREEN CORSAIRS for unseen damage although 3 direct hits and 3 near misses were scored

Two personnel areas in the NAKARU area were bombed by 4 VENTURAS starting one small fire. These aircraft received meagre inaccurate heavy AA from positions at KANGU HILL and KARA.

Six MITCHELLS accurately bombed these same personnel areas later but results were not seen.

Other scheduled attacks from GREEN Is were not carried out owing to weather conditions.

PART II

ENEMY OOB

In a preliminary interrogation a Sjt-Maj of 3 Bn 13 Inf Regt taken PW on 6 May, states that his battalion , strength 60, is occupying positions at 963482, on the East bank of the HONGORAI R.

The rest of the Regt(1 and 2 Bns each 60 strong) commanded by Maj KINOSHITA is stated to be in position on the BUIN Road

between the HONGORAI and POROREI Rivers. Regt HQ formerly at 080, and still commanded by Col MUDA is said to be at 967480 on the HONGORAI River.

Portion of 1 Bn 6 Fd Arty and 14 Bty (combined strength 60/70) is located in the gardens at 956486 South of RUMIKI; 13 Bty is thought to be at MARTINS CROSSING. Div HQ is at 080.

This PW estimates the Japanese strength West of the POROREI River between the BUIN Road and No 2 Govt Road at 600. This figure is considered to be too high but otherwise the prisoners information is considered reliable.

PART IV

OTHER FRONTS

BORNEO - TARAKAN Is

On the eastern side of the town 2/3 Pnr Bn and a NEI Coy are clearing the area and pushing South on the main road to PENINGKI in the SE tip of the island.

In the central sector some abandoned vehicles have been found on the captured TARAKAN HILL feature ; resistance is still being encountered by 2/48 Bn in their drive on to the high ground north of the town.

On the left 2/23 Bn troops have occupied Mt API, north of the airstrip; 2/24 Bn now control the strip and reconstruction work is proceeding.

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2 AUST CORPS DAILY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 125

(Information to 101800L May 45)
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PART I

1. LAND - OWN AND ENEMY

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

B Coy is now at 375715.

Patrols to the track junction at 333721, 500 yds south of SIAR killed two Japanese.

It is now reported that on 7 May the B Coy patrol to 310696 (reported in Daily Intelligence Summary No 117) also found three damaged four-wheeled trucks.

A C Coy patrol to 289691 SE of BUOI PLTN reports no contact. However an enemy party fired a HMG and rifles from the area north of the plantation.

At 101000L three Japanese cut our signal wires on the main track 1200 yds north of RAI-SUA and later ambushed two of our troops.

TAIOF OP reports a gun firing from SOHANA ISLAND, but fall of shot was not observed.

During night 8/9 May natives went ashore on HADRHAS ISLAND and report six Japanese and a 75mm gun on the south coast at 127753.

GENERAL - The beach vicinity 270690 will be known as MAYO-JAMMAY BEACH.

(b) 23 AUST INF BDE - PIATEAPALA

27 Bn Patrols have moved out to the area 617164, 2000 yds NE of KENNANS HILL and and proceeded to harass the enemy throughout the afternoon 9 May.

At 091600L the enemy replied with LMG and rifle fire, but was driven off. Three Japanese moving to SIGIVIE from TOKUA area were engaged and one was killed.

After 12 Corsairs had bombed and strafed BERRYS and LITTLE HUNTS HILL, the latter position was occupied by a fighting patrol. One Japanese was killed, two wounded and the remaining eight withdrew to BERRYS HILL. Captured equipment included one LMG, five rifles one sword, documents, one Australian OSMG and magazines. A dixie of fresh meat, thought by medical officers to be the flesh of a human being, was found.

In the afternoon a patrol forward of the feature killed one Japanese. A fighting patrol to BERRYS HILL encountered five Japanese.

(c) 3 AUST DIV - DARARA - 42 Bn

Locations: B Coy less 10 Pl 838480
10 Pl 840478
C Coy less 13 Pl 833455
13 Pl 814453

TOKINOTU Area - 47 Bn

Location: D Coy 925484

RUMIKI Area - 57/60 Bn

One of our Pls was fired on from an enemy position at 966482 south of the HONGORAI RIVER. Nearby three Japanese with two LMGs were observed.

One PW was taken at 977472

HIRU HIRU Area - 24 Bn

Fifty Japanese were observed at 957423 at the BUIN road - POROREI RIVER ford.

At 091750L an enemy force of unknown strength moved round both flanks of the C Coy position; this force was dispersed by our tanks.

At 951428 on the BUIN road east of the HONGORAI RIVER 20/30 Japanese were observed, and another 20 heard 200 yds further east.

Enemy parties were also observed at 941441 west of the HONGORAI RIVER, and 927450 north of the BUIN road.

GENERAL

Locations : B Coy 24 Bn 943425
Adv HQ B Sqn 2/4 Armd Regt 928438
7 Tp 908478
C Coy 61 Bn is en route TOROKINA

(d) SUMMARY OF PATROL REPORTS

It is now stated that the Japanese evacuation of the SIAR-TENDOO area was carried out partly at night by motor boat.

The Japanese reported in Daily Intelligence Summary No 119 as remaining at TENDOO left the area on the afternoon 9 May. One sick Japanese remained and was killed by native scouts.

Natives state that there are now no Japanese between SIAR and SUMI and that the Japanese have gone to TEOPANIS. (NOTE: Recent Tac R reports enemy activity in the SIAR-SUMI area and AA fire between RURI BAY and UMUM).

An estimated 10 ton barge is reported to have moved from CAPE NEHUSS to INUS PT.

Three large coastal guns are reported to be on the beach immediately north and south of KIETA.

2. AIR - OWN BOUGAINVILLE 10 May

Japanese troops, stores and ammunition dump at LULUAI RIVER 425546 - 427547 were bombed by 16 Corsairs. Tac R aircraft which led in the strike reports 10/12 huts destroyed or damaged after the accurate bombing. Four strafing runs were made over the target.

At the request of 23 Bde enemy defensive positions at 683146 - 684151 were bombed and strafed by 12 Corsairs. Cloud interfered with the attack and although bombs fell on boundaries of the target area, a later Tac R reports the Japanese still in occupation.

At the request of 3 Div 26 Corsairs in two attacks bombed enemy concentrations and an ammunition dump at 960420 and a food dump at 959421. Bombing cleared the SE portion of the target, other results being unobserved. Two bombs were dropped away from the target landing at approx 949431.

On 9 May a total of 16 Corsairs, 8 Venturas and 6 Mitchells attacked three targets in the NAKARU area. Bombing was accurate, but apart from six bombs which fell in a semi circle across KARA strip, results were unobserved.

PART IV
OTHER FRONTS

BORNEO - TARAKAN ISLAND

Elements of 2/3 Pnr Bn moving towards AMAL met enemy opposition 2000 yds from the east coast.

In the centre, two features in the northern part of the town have been cleared of the enemy and patrols from 2/4 Cdo Sqn and 2/48 Bn are pushing along the tracks leading to the NW; some opposition is being met.

The forward troops of 2/23 Bn have made contact on the main road north of Mt API, but patrols from 2/24 Bn moving further north on the road have reached a point 2000 yds from the DJOEATA oilfields without meeting opposition. The road in this area has been mined.

It is estimated that the airstrip will be available to fighter AC on 12 May. Enemy casualties to 070600I - 286 killed.

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2 AUST CORPS DAILY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No 121
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PART I

1. LAND - OWN AND ENEMY

(a) 23 BDE - PIATERAPAIA Area

27 Bn. Erratic Japanese rifle fire from BERRY's HILL has been directed at LITTLE HUNT's HILL.

A further indication of possible Japanese cannabilism (see Daily Int Summary No 120) is provided in the discovery of a partially buried Japanese body from the thigh and calf of which large pieces of flesh had been cut.

Patrols returning from SISIVIE report having killed three Japanese and wounded three.

(b) 11 BDE - BORAKEN-RATSUA AREA

A patrol from A Coy to 307715, 2500 yards SW of SIAR, reports no sign of the enemy.

B Coy in position near the SIAR track junction ambushed a party of Japanese Naval troops, killing two, probably killing one, and capturing a new Type 99 rifle.

A C Coy patrol killed one, wounded one Japanese on the coast in the BUOI Plantation area. It is thought that an armed native was seen.
(NOTE: Reports have been previously received of a Japanese military training school for natives at SORUM).

On the main track, 1000 yards NW of RATSUA, a party of seven Japanese was contacted moving down from the north. One Japanese, in Naval uniform, was killed and a Type 99 rifle captured.

At 111030L a hostile gun fired four rounds into the area 284685, SE of BUOI Plantation.

Gun flashes have been observed from TARLENA and our artillery has engaged 229746 in the TARLENA Plantation, 330724 at SIAR, and 269696 in the northern end of BUOI Plantation

General. An ANGAU native returned from the TAMBAUBAU area reports that on 9 May, that area was clear of the enemy. Later the same day a small party of Japanese arrived from UMUM and collected pawpaws. As they were returning the native killed one.

Locations: 16 Fd Coy 1 Pl - 288680
2 Pl - 299680

(c) 3 DIV

NIHERO Area - 2/8 Cdo Sqn. One Japanese was killed in the RUSEI area; documents were captured.

DARARA Area - 42 Bn. Locations: Bn HQ - 865481
A Coy - 865479

RUMIKI Area - 57/60 Bn. On two occasions patrols were fired on from 968482, 200 yards west of the HONGORAI River.

Locations: 8 Pl - 966484
7 Pl - 967483

HIRU HIRU Area

24 Bn. An estimated 20 Japanese were heard at 928452, north of the BUIN Road, and later 40, 300 yards to the SE.

An estimated enemy battalion area has been located at 956423, on the BUIN Road near the POROREI River; a 30 cwt Chevrolet truck in good order was observed in the area.

Enemy activity is reported throughout the area 922442, near HIRU HIRU.

Two enemy were killed and one wounded at 941444, on the HONGORAI River.

A 150 mm gun accurately shelled the Bn HQ area.

58/59 Bn. An enemy defensive position capable of accomodating 40 Japanese has been located at 936452, 1000 yards east of the HONGORAI River. Seven enemy were sighted moving north at 957414, on the east bank of the POROREI River. One Japanese was wounded at 907448 and a PW taken at 934390.

TOKINOTU Area. Enemy parties firing flares moved in the vicinity of one of our battery areas at 876474, throughout night 10/11 May; fire was exchanged. Enemy movement was also heard near another battery at 884469.

(d) SUMMARY OF PATROL REPORTS

Native scouts who investigated the BANIU BAY area 7 and 8 May report that the Japanese have evacuated to the east. On 5 and 6 May reliable natives report having counted 104 Japanese passing through TENDOO, nearly all having come from areas west of CHIDPATS; they state that this figure is not complete as they were unable to keep watch throughout the entire period. They also report some Japanese moving at night.

On 7 May scouts moved through UMUM, RURI and SIAR without encountering any Japanese, until contact was made at the NW shoulder of RURI BAY, 1500 yards north of SIAR. Returning they stayed for two days in the vicinity of RURI and again passed through UMUM without encountering the enemy.

Further south it is reported that there was no enemy traffic through IAWUN during 8 and 9 May; however on 10 May natives attacked a party of sixteen at the mouth of the URUAI River, killing fourteen.

Natives have rescued a party of escaped Indian PW.

On 8 May natives attacked a Japanese position at 188903, in the BOVO River area, killing ten. These natives also report Japanese near the junction of the PORPORKAS River and IMUNG River, and along the BORNI River.

Seven Japanese are claimed killed at WIDA and nineteen at ISIPA since 29 Apr.

At KOVIDAU a vigorous attack was made on Japanese houses 10 May. It is claimed that 22 Japanese were killed and a house set alight. Forty Japanese are said to remain in the area.

Scouts report that after our airstrike at AKU 8 May the enemy moved from the area to the vicinity of the bridge crossing the CAMAI River at 197323. This area contains six huts, but the number of troops is unknown.

Three trucks are reported to be hidden between the East-West trail and SIRAHUNO 046412. These trucks report to the East-West trail each day at 1800 hours, either near HARI No 1 or HARI No 2, pick up three estimated 105 mm guns, and then proceed towards TAITAI using lights; the trucks withdraw before daylight. (B1).

One Japanese was killed near KAPARO 019447.

A B1 report states that KINGORI 062456 is clear of the enemy. The Japanese have destroyed their houses there and removed barbed wire.

From CHOISEUL it is reported that the Japanese have abandoned their camps at KUKUPU and PISI. A barge is stated to be hidden under mangroves NW of the Japanese camp at KOPDAKANINBOKO.

2. AIR - OWN - BOUGAINVILLE 11 May

The LULUAI River area was revisited by 17 CORSAIRS. Bombing was concentrated but other results were unobserved.

A Jap concentration at ULUA received an attack by 12 CORSAIRS, resulting in one explosion and the area being flattened. Strafing runs were made over the target.

Tac R located barges in a small inlet west of TEPEROI 844278, 842281, 843283. Eight CORSAIRS destroyed two by bombing, seriously damaged one, strafed one small barge or rowboat and two stores laden canoes.

Two 3 Div requests of Jap concentrations in the HONGORAI River area at 767481 and 969477-971476 resulted in 37 CORSAIRS bombing in two missions. Tac R aircraft reports good coverage of target areas.

CORSAIR patrols bombed and strafed an apparently serviceable barge and a rowboat in the vicinity of TINPUTS, damaging both. One hut was destroyed by bombing at KALIA and 6 strafing runs were made on oil slick area at TEOP.

During the evening of 8 May 6 MITCHELLS bombed dump areas at KAHILI for unseen damage, passing through meagre heavy inaccurate flak from KANGU HILL.

On 9 May 9 MITCHELLS bombed AA positions at KANGU HILL and encountered moderate inaccurate AA; bombing caused all but one position to cease fire.

CORSAIRS bombed a hut concentration at MUGUAI, scoring 5 direct hits.

PART II

ENEMY INFORMATION

From the AITAPE area it is reported that a patrol to WOMGREN captured a complete enemy force of 41, including one Lt-col and four other officers.

PART IV

OTHER FRONTS

BORNEO - TARAKAN

Progress has been slowed down in all sectors as enemy opposition stiffens. However, on the right flank 2/3 Pnr Bn has made some progress towards AMAL, and in the centre patrols from 2/4 Cdo Sqn and 2/48 Bn have been active north of the town. Enemy infiltration parties have harassed our troops.

On the left, A Coy of 2/23 Bn with tank support has struck further opposition in the MT API area, but elements of 2/24 Bn have reached the outskirts of the DJOEATA oilfields east of the main road.

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2 AUST CORPS DAILY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No 122
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PART I

1. LAND - OWN AND ENEMY

(a) 3 AUST DIV

RUMIKI Area - 57/60 Bn

Eleven Japanese were ambushed at 975468 East of the PORORI River; nine were killed.

Locations : (Ref map RUMIKI 1 : 25000 7 May edition)

Bn HQ	949484
A Coy Plus 10 Tp 2/4 Armd Regt	968483
B Coy	964485
C Coy	958489
D Coy	973487

TOKINOTU Area - 47 Bn

One Japanese was killed at 899502.

HIRU HIRU Area - 24 Bn

Enemy activity was observed at 949432, 800 yards East of the HONGORAI R, 955423, 200 yards West of the PORORI R, 943409, 300 yards West of the HONGORAI R, and 935439, North of the BUIN Rd.

Three enemy were killed at 943427 on the HONGORAI R, and two killed and one wounded at 941444, North of the BUIN Rd.

A vehicle was heard on the BUIN Rd at 952430.

The enemy accurately shelled A Coy area.

A possible 150mm gun area is situated at 996391 in the KOROPOPO area.

Our artillery engaged enemy positions at 968481 near DURHAMS CROSSING.

Locations : (Ref maps HIRU HIRU 1 : 25000 30 Apr edition
MONOITU 1 : 25000 7 May edition)

Bn HQ	936432
A Coy	936438
B Coy	938431
D Coy	934433

58/59 Bn

Three Japanese were killed vicinity 938448 West of the HONGORAI R, and seven enemy graves were found at 926435 South of the BUIN Rd.

Locations : (Ref map RUMIKI 1 : 25000 7 May edition)

Bn HQ	925436
A Coy less 8 Pl	928434
8 Pl	920441
B Coy	913451
C Coy	916443
D Coy	905447

(b) 23 AUST INF BDE - PIATERAOAIA Area

27 Bn

Our mortars and artillery have engaged BERRYS HILL
Location : HQ C Coy 681137.

(c) 11 AUST INF BDE

See below.

(d) SUMMARY OF PATROL REPORTS

An A2 report states that no enemy were in MEKILBAUBAU on 10 May.

Scouts at TEOP report that on 10 May 45 South bound Japanese with 2 MGs were observed.

Indian PW, (See Daily Intelligence Summary No 121), reports that they escaped from ARIGUA where there is a concentration of Japanese and rice gardens.

Scouts report (B1) a large number of enemy near gardens at 050365 North of RUSEI, and 3 houses and 20 enemy South of SIRAHUINA.

Six Japanese were killed on the EAST WEST Trail by booby traps near RUSEI 060355 and 3 were killed in a garden North of RUSEI. Also on the trail near the HARI R 015385 another six enemy were killed; Japanese booby traps were found in the area. Further east at the MOBIAI R Crossing 4 Japanese were killed; a number of houses and a party of Japanese is reported immediately to the NE of this position.

MT westerly movement is reported on the EAST WEST Track at night, and scouts report having observed 50/100 Japanese moving west. These troops wore 6 Jap Div colour patches and their clothing appeared to be new.

PANAKEY, is reported clear of Japanese (B1). (047455)

A B1 report states that near MUSHIMINOI 21 enemy including a Capt, were killed and possibly another 20 killed by shrapnel mines and grenades.

Another large enemy party is reported (B1) in the same area; troop movement has been observed in both directions on the EAST WEST Track. A small staff car was also observed travelling east.

2. AIR - OWN - BOUGAINVILLE 12 May

Enemy concentrations at reported patrol bases KUMILOGU 230408 and PALIDONAN 230405 were bombed and strafed by 13 and 7 CORSAIRS respectively. Most of the bombs landed in the target area; at KUMILOGU one hut was destroyed whilst at PALIDONAN 11-12 huts were destroyed.

In support of 3 Div 24 CORSAIRS attacked the same two areas at RUMIKI as yesterday. Smoke indication took them 500 yards west on the first target and approx 400 yards on the second. Both areas were well cleared.

Five targets were bombed by 27 CORSAIRS led by Tav R aircraft. These consisted of Japanese living areas at 254746, 235749, a large reinforced hut at 269735, a suspected fuel dump at 246746, and MT at 248746. Results were unobserved.

CORSAIR patrols strafed and burnt 2 camouflaged huts on the NW coast of BUKA. One Japanese was strafed at a cooking fire on PUK PUK Island.

On 11 May 7 CORSAIRS bombed the sawmill at MUGUAI and dumps at NAKARU.

The suspected minefield off SORAKEN Peninsula was bombed by 8 MITCHELLS using depth charges and later 8 VENTURAS bombed AA at KARA, all for unobserved results.

PART II

ENEMY INFORMATION

A Sjt PW of HQ 13 Inf Regt Captured approximately 977475 on 10 May has confirmed the strengths of 3 Bn and HQ 13 Inf Regt on COMMANDO Road as 60 and 70 entrenched respectively at 963483 and astride the road on the west bank of the river at 976473. HQ 13 Inf Regt is not merely administrative but is manning defences in

support of 3 Bn on the HONGORAI River. 1 Bn 6 Fd Arty (Less 13 Bty) and 14 Bty have been reported west of the HONGORAI south of RUMIKI making an estimated total enemy strength in this area of 250. PW had heard that 50 reinforcements from LAIKA were due to arrive at the 3 Bn position (3 Aust Div Int Summary 164).

According to a PW of 4 Coy 23 Inf Regt captured on 11 May at 934390, elements of 23 Inf Regt at AITARA have departed for RUSEI where the entire Regt is reorganizing. The PW also stated that garrison at AITARA consisted of only 6 men of 4 Med Arty Regt without guns, as both Med guns in area had been manhandled north.

PART IV

OTHER FRONTS

Two NEI Coys are now within 2000 yards of KAROENGANG in their drive into the SE corner of the island.

North of the town elements of 2/4 Cdo Sqn and 2/48 Bn have linked and are continuing their drive.

On the left 2/23 Bn has struck determined enemy resistance east of Mt API, but a Pl of 2/24 Bn further north has succeeded in penetrating the DJOETA oilfields. The enemy has withdrawn to an extensive tunnel system on the outskirts of the village.

Enemy casualties to 090600I : Counted dead 335, PW 4.

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

55/53 Bn

A Coy patrols operating SW of SIAR and 2500 yards North of RATSUA report no sign of the enemy.

At 121600L 10 Pls position at the SIAR Track junction, was attacked by 10 Japanese supported by a light mortar; three of the enemy were killed.

A C Coy patrol encountered a Pl of Japanese with 3 LMGs at the NE Corner of BUOI plantation; one was killed.

At 320705 on the RURI BAY track, a 105mm gun, (probably Type 96) with a burst barrel was found.

Location : Bn HQ 300681

Our OPs at TAIOF Is, TOROKORI Is and MAYO - JAFFRAY beach, report the sound of guns firing in the area CHINATOWN - BUKA strip, a barge seen crossing BUKA PASSAGE to CHINATOWN and columns of water and explosions to the north and east of SALSAN Is.

An ANGAU scout states that on 11 and 12 May all remaining Japanese between RURI HEAD and the RAMAZON R (approx 100 plus sick) moved south lightly equipped, after burying a field piece.

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2 AUST CORPS DAILY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No 123
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PART I

1. LAND - OWN AND ENELY

(a) 23 AUST INF BDE - PIATERAPAIA Area

27 Bn - After a strike by 12 Corsairs a patrol moved out to BERRY'S HILL and found the feature occupied by 30/35 Japanese with four LMGs; two of the enemy were killed.

A NGIB patrol returned from BURITSIOTORARA estimates that the village is held by 25/30 Japanese and reports increased activity on the ASITAVI - PIPIAIA - BURITSIOTORARA L of C.

MAPIA 664228 and AVIENG 675228 are reported to be occupied by natives only. (NOTE: Another MAPIA is reported at 743153).

One Japanese was killed by a patrol on route SISIVIE.

(b) 3 AUST DIV - RUMIKI Area 57/60 Bn

Locations: Bn HQ 966484
9 Pl 968481

HIRU HIRU 58/59 Bn

At 913438 700 yds SW of HIRU HIRU a booby trap probably consisting of a 75mm shell was found.

24 Bn - Small enemy parties, consisting of between 10 and 20 men, were sighted at 935441, 500 yds west of the HONGORAI RIVER, 954419 near the BUIN road - POROREI RIVER ford, and 952423 on the BUIN road 500 yds west of the POROREI RIVER.

One of our patrols was attacked by 20 Japanese at 952421 near the POROREI RIVER; enemy casualties were three killed. Another party of 50 attacked two of our patrols at 935441 losing another three men.

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

55/53 Bn - At 121800L 10 Pl was again attacked by a small enemy party; the attack was repulsed and one enemy killed. This Pl has now moved to the Coy perimeter at 330719.

A supply train escort was ambushed at 308690, 800 yds north of RATSUA.

C and D Coys have exchanged positions.

Locations: C Coy less 15 Pl 309682
15 Pl 309692
D Coy less 16 Pl 268690
16 Pl 289688

A 47mm gun thought to be firing from the PORTOK PLTN ineffectively engaged our barges entering RATSUA inlet. Our artillery engaged this suspected gun site, enemy positions in BUOI PLTN, huts at TARLENA.

An enemy gun on MADEHAS ISLAND engaged the northern tip of TAIOF ISLAND.

Our island OPs report barge movement in BUKA PASSAGE and two craft thought to be barges were seen to travel from MADEHAS to the NE coast of TAIOF ISLAND. Patrols to the suspected landing area report no sign of the enemy.

(d) SUMMARY OF PATROL REPORTS

Many Japanese are reported passing south through TEOP PLTN. TEOP ISLAND has been reoccupied by the enemy.

A vessel (size unstated) is reported to have put into TINPUTZ HARBOUR 11900L.

Natives state that Japanese told them that they had eaten natives at PAMOUA and PAVAIRA.

Scouts report the following killings since 1 May:- PAVAIRA 14, DESIRO 8, KUPEI 27, TOPINA 2, MUMGAM 6. On 30 Apr these scouts fired on and burned three houses near BONARKA 178889.

A report from CHOISEUL states that the Japanese who recently evacuated KUKUPU and VISI (reported in Daily Intelligence Summary No 121) are now thought to be at TEREKUKURI. The Japanese at POROPORO are stated to have an outrigger canoe.

2. AIR - OWN BOUGAINVILLE 13 May

A total of 41 Corsais bombed hut concentrations at KOROMIRA, LULUAI RIVER, PIANO MISSION, KIETA and SHISHIGATERO, resulting in four huts definitely destroyed and probably others. Full damage could not be assessed owing to smoke in targets.

In support of 23 Bde, Jap defensive positions were bombed at BERRYS HILL. Good coverage was obtained and some meagre inaccurate MG fire was observed from nearby trenches.

A suspected fuel dump and 47mm gun position at TARLENA and PORTON PLTNS were attacked by Corsairs led in by Tac R aircraft. Bombing was accurate in both cases, resulting in the fuel dump being fired.

Arty R located a 47mm gun POROREI RIVER 265724, and Corsairs bombed scoring three near misses and strafed the area. Area is reported to be well cleared.

Two suspected 75mm guns vicinity KINDAI were accurately bombed with arty direction. Area was cleared but other results unobserved.

At RAMUN BAY Tac R aircraft strafed two canoes each containing eight Japs, resulting in four killed in one canoe and four seen in water, the other being unobserved.

The AA at KANGU HILL was bombed by GREEN Mitchells and enemy concentrations at NAKARU by Venturas. Some meagre AA was observed on both strikes.

PART IV
OTHER FRONTS

BORNEO - TARAKAN ISLAND

Stiff enemy opposition continues on the right flank, but in the centre, north of the town, some ground has been gained. On the left flank troops of 2/24 Bn have cleared further areas on Mt API and have driven north towards Mt TANGKOL, one mile north of DJOETA oilfields.

Enemy casualties to 120900L:- Counted Dead 373, probably Killed 66 PW 5.

for (E H WILSON) Lt-col
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2 AUST CORPS DAILY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 124
(Information to 141800I May 45)
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PART I

1. LAND - OWN AND ENEMY

(a) 23 AUST INF BDE - PIATERAPAIA Area

27 Bn - A patrol returned from TOKUA reports that the Japanese in the area are developing their defensive positions.
One dead Japanese was found forward of LITTLE HUNTS HILL.
A patrol returned from WEARNES HILL reports no contact.
Our mortars harassed BERRYS HILL throughout night 13/14 May.

(b) 3 AUST DIV - NIHERO Area - 2/8 Cdo Sqn

An OP has been established at 091457.

TOKINOTU Area 42 Bn

Location : D Coy 905447

RUMIKI Area 57/60 Bn

A patrol to 959481, near DURHAMS CROSSING was fired on from an enemy defensive position.
Eight Japanese were killed at 927454, 1500 yds NE of HIRU HIRU.
Two Japanese fired on our 9 Pl position. One PW was taken at 970479.

HIRU HIRU Area 58/59 Bn

An enemy defensive position was located at 938442 on the HONGORAI RIVER.
Location : D Coy 934433
24 Bn - D Coy is now established at 940430 on the east bank of the HONGORAI RIVER. No opposition was encountered.
A small party of enemy was observed moving north at 938438 west of the HONGORAI RIVER, and an enemy position was found at 943431 north of the BUIN road east of the HONGORAI RIVER.
One of our patrols was fired on at 942433.
The area 9343 was shelled during 13/14 May.

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

55/53 Bn - A Coy has moved forward to a position at 310714, 2500 yds SW of SIAR; five Japanese were encountered and one killed. Our artillery has registered the area.
B Coy encountered an enemy position immediately north of the SIAR track junction. The area has been engaged by our artillery.
D Coy has patrolled the southern edge of the BUOI PLTN without encountering enemy opposition, but enemy activity was observed to the SE.
Our artillery has engaged suspected enemy areas at the NE corner of BUOI PLTN and a serviceable barge and hut area immediately south of PORTOL.
An enemy gun on SOHANA ISLAND has been active but the fall of shot has not been observed.

Locations : HQ C Coy and	13 Pl	309689
	14 Pl	309682
	15 Pl	310692
	1 Pl Hy Mortars	302683

(d) SULMARY OF PATROL REPORTS

Scouts report abandoned Japanese houses and equipment, a light tank, large truck and trailer in the vicinity of UMUM GORGE.

It is reported that in our airstrike at ULA on 6 May, 25 Japanese were killed, many others probably killed and six huts destroyed.

Further native and Aust Army patrols confirm earlier reports, (see Daily Intelligence Summary No 120) that the area SIAR - SUMI is clear of the enemy.

2. AIR - OWN BOUGAINVILLE 14 May

The possible barge hideout at TEPEROI which was bombed on 11 May was again bombed by 17 Corsairs clearing the area with unobserved results. Nearby at 843282 the unloading point was well bombed and strafed resulting in debris being thrown 100 ft in the air and a fire started which was seen to be burning four hours later.

Japanese occupying iron roofed houses at INUS PLTN were bombed by 12 Corsairs. A good coverage of bombs was obtained.

At the request of 3 Div a possible MT park, huts and revetments at TAITAI were bombed by 12 Corsairs. A large truck was probably destroyed. A second strike of 12 Corsairs was unsuccessful owing to low cloud and rain.

A reported large enemy concentration at RUSEI 038374 - 032374 was well bombed and strafed by 28 Corsairs for unobserved results.

A Tac R aircraft sighted two apparently serviceable barges at PORTON 265918. Eight Corsairs bombed, destroying one barge and the other was damaged and considered unserviceable. Nearby, a pill box at 264724 was destroyed by bombing and another severely damaged.

Patrols strafed and killed one Japanese at the mouth of CREEPERS RIVER.

Mitchells and Venturas both attacked concentrations at NAKARU on 13 May. No flak was encountered.

PART IV

OTHER FRONTS

BORNEO - TARAKAN ISLAND

It is now reported that the western half of the CAPE PASIR PENINSULA has been cleared of the enemy.

A 2/3 Pnr Bn attack in the drive to AMAL was successful but our forward troops have now drawn back to allow heavy support weapons to neutralize the area.

More enemy pockets have been destroyed north of Mt API.

Enemy casualties to 130900I : Counted Dead 393; Probably Killed 68; PW 5.

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2 AUST CORPS DAILY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No 125
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PART I

1. LAND - OWN AND ENEMY

(a) 23 BDE - PIATERAPAIA Area

A patrol returned from LIVERIPAIA states that at approximately 140800L the enemy vacated the village and moved north towards the HUMA NUMA trail. Our patrol destroyed all structures in the area.

Japanese have again been observed on BERRY's HILL which was engaged by our mortars and artillery.

(b) 3 DIV

TOKINOTU Area - 42 Bn - Locations: A Coy - 909446, 15 Pl 933484.
B Coy - en route 938431.

RUNIKI Area - 57/60 Bn. Five enemy dead were found at 968476.

HIRU HIRU Area - 24 Bn. Enemy parties have been observed at 935443, 500 yards west of the HONGORAI River, 944429 on the BUIN Road, and at 935436, 1000 yards west of the HONGORAI River.

One of our patrols attacked a strong enemy position at 955436, 500 yards west of the PORORAI River, killing three and wounding one.

A small party of enemy attacked both our D and B Coy positions; both attacks were repulsed.

A patrol from B Coy supported by tanks moved out to attack the enemy position at 944429. Our tanks were held up by soft ground 200 yards west of the objective and enemy artillery then engaged the patrol. One tank was put of action by a direct hit and an enemy party of 20 later attacked the patrol, losing two killed.

One enemy dead was found at 951420 and three at 943427, as a result of earlier engagements.

Two Japanese were killed at 935458.

(c) 11 BDE - SORAKEM-RURI Area

55/53 Bn. Patrols from A Coy operating in the area 2000 yards east of SIAR sighted several single Japanese, killing one.

At 150730L 11 Pl moved to the southern outskirts of SIAR, while 12 Pl engaged an enemy party (estimated strength 30) 200 yards further south on the coast road, killing two. At 151600L 11 Pl approached the village from the SE killing three, probably killing one and wounding one.

Locations night 15/16 May: B Coy less 11 Pl - 330719, 11 Pl 330723.

A patrol from D Coy moved from a position SE of the BUOI Plantation and penetrated 1000 yards NE of its northern edge. No Japanese were contacted but fresh footprints were seen.

Guns on SOHANA and SAWOTO Islands are reported to have ineffectively engaged our barges moving into RATSUA inlet.

Our OPs also report considerable barge activity in the area SOHANA ISLAND - SW entrance BUKA PASSAGE.

(d) SUMMARY OF PATROL REPORTS

Ten Japanese with two LMGs are reported to have been at KAKURING on 8 May.

Scouts report that as a result of our bombing at PALIDONAN 12 May, two Japanese were killed, a Type 93 AA gun and a large house were destroyed. Natives believe that the remainder of the Japanese party has withdrawn to the ULA area.

Scouts operating on the EAST-WEST Trail between the MIBO and CHAI Rivers report that one lorry is still operating in this area. They killed six Japanese who were moving east.

On the road near OMOTARO 225438, natives killed one officer and 10 ORs; these were all Naval troops and five new rifles (thought to be Type 99 7.7 mm) were captured.

From CHOISEUL it is reported that the Japanese are evacuating POROPORO by barge.

2. AIR - OWN BOUGAINVILLE 15 May

An enemy gun sighted on MADEHAS Island was accurately bombed by 8 CORSAIRS, scoring two direct hits and two near misses. Tac R aircraft which led the strike reports the area completely cleared.

3 DIV was heavily supported on four targets in the HONGORAI River, POROREI River, USO, BUIN Road area by 63 CORSAIRS, targets consisting of enemy troop concentrations, dumps and defensive positions. Individual results were not seen but the target areas were well cleared by the bombing.

A Tac R over the TAI TAI MT park which was bombed 14 May revealed that the truck which was reported hit is in two pieces and that another truck was destroyed in that attack.

Four CORSAIRS bombed a suspected MT park at RURI HEAD 361721, causing a large flash and smoke. Four others scored 4 direct hits on 7 huts at 373714, destroying them all. Eight strafing runs were made on a hut to the SE, which was fired.

Patrols strafed gardens along the north coast and GAVU Island with unobserved results. They also strafed 8 huts under trees at HARA.

14 May - Nine MITCHELLS when weathered out of the BUIN area bombed warehouses and jetty at KIETA, starting several fires.

PART IV

OTHER FRONTS

BORNEO - TARAKAN Island

East of the town troops of 2/3 Pnr Bn with air and naval support have pushed further forward towards AMAL.

North of the town an enemy party counter attacked troops of 2/4 Cdo Sqn.

Enemy casualties to 140900I: counted dead - 409, probably killed - 84, PW - 5.

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2 AUST CORPS DAILY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No 126
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PART I

1. LAND - OWN AND ENEMY

(a) 23 AUST INF BDE - PIATERAPAIA Area

27 Bn

The enemy on BERRYS HILL has withdrawn towards BASE PT THREE 681162. The feature has now been occupied by 10 Pl which captured 12 rifles and documents. Several dead Japanese were found.

Our artillery later harassed the BASE PT THREE Area.

In the SISIVIE Area, one of our patrols engaged three Japanese killing one.

(b) 3 AUST DIV

NIHERO Area - 2/6 CDO SQN

A patrol base has been established at 023480, 800 yards West of TONDUI, and an alert party of 20 Japanese is reported at 049412 South of KINGORAI.

TOKINOTU Area - 42 Bn

Locations : D Coy 933434
HQ C Coy 938480

RUMIKI Area - 57/60 Bn

Fire was exchanged with 5 Japanese at 968479, South of DURHAMS CROSSING.

Locations : D Coy 986480

HIRU HIRU Area - 58/59 Bn

A patrol reports that AITARA is unoccupied. A signal hut at 927388 on the AITARA Track was attacked by the patrol; three Japanese were killed and a 37mm gun and ammunition dump found.

Four-day old footprints were found leading towards HAMAGOTA.

Two enemy were encountered at 952407, 1200 yards SW of TOHU, and one killed.

Nine enemy were encountered at 941398, 1500 yards to the SW; one was killed and two wounded.

At 954410, 800 yards SW of TOHU, one of our patrols was engaged by an enemy ambush party of twelve. The enemy dispersed and one was killed.

Signs of enemy activity were observed at 963407 on the BUIN Road.

GENERAL

Locations : 2/4 Armd Regt,
A Sqn 5 Tp 906471
B Sqn 9 Tp,
(relieved) 940430

(c) 11 AUST INF BDE

See below.

(d) SUMMARY OF PATROL REPORTS

Grenades were thrown by natives into a house containing 14 Japanese at AROPA Plantation (South of KIETA strip).

(Ref Map TOIMANAPU 1 : 63360) AA guns and a wireless station are reported near MATOKINA 455598, and a camp at 480638 with a few Japanese at TAKI and scattered through the TOIMANAPU plantation. North of this plantation at 485675 a coastal gun is sited; the gun crew are naval personnel. Another naval gun is sited at KOROMIRA 445760.

Concentrations of Japanese are reported in the KEKERE plantation at 473716 and 468713, and at SHIROBAI 472726.

2. AIR - OWN - BOUGAINVILLE 16 May

Four missions of CORSAIRS totalling 63 aircraft again supported 3 Div in the POROREI River, USO, BUIN Road area. The majority of bombs fell within the required areas, aircraft being directed by Tac R in three cases and by mortar smoke on the BUIN Roadtarget at 946429. Good coverage was obtained and the areas cleared but other results could not be seen.

A Japanese hut concentration at INUS Plantation at 709443 was bombed by 8 CORSAIRS scoring one direct hit and at least two near misses; no further results could be seen.

At PORROR River ford 8 CORSAIRS bombed north of road; several flashes were seen. Some small arms fire was directed at the aircraft from the west of the bombed area.

On a recce of the MUGUAI area 2 CORSAIRS bombed and destroyed a hut and dropped 3 incendiary clusters in 2 possible rice fields. Also strafed and killed one Japanese near KARA and strafed several huts.

Tac R located a possible gun position at RUNAI 964402 and 8 CORSAIRS bombed. Most bombs fell within 25 yards radius but results could not be seen.

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

OPs report possible vehicle lights in the TARLENA area and considerable barge activity in BUKA PASSAGE. At 152040L three bright flashes were observed on SOUTH BUKA.

Our artillery has engaged the area 285704 NE of BUOI plantation. An enemy 75mm gun thought to be firing from TARLENA engaged the area 271684 South of the plantation. Later Tac R reported a suspected gun position in the TARLENA area and an Arty R was carried out. Seven direct hits were scored and it is considered that the gun was destroyed.

26 Bn

C Coy has moved to the RATSUA area; for L of C security duties. Locations : Coy HQ and 13 Pl 308688
14 Pl 309682
15 Pl 309692

An OP has been established by 4 Aust Fd Regt near the wharf on the north coast of SORAKEN Peninsula.

55/53 Bn

Security patrols from A Coy report no contact. B Coy found two additional enemy dead near the SIAR track junction as a result of the action 12 May. (Reported in Daily Int Summary No 122). Further south along the track, at 332718 patrols found a medium tank, which appears to be a variation of the M2597 (1937) but mounting a 57mm short barrelled gun as in the original model. The tank appears undamaged but has not been moved for some time and was not dug in. Bomb craters were found nearby.

A D Coy ambush at 296691 SE of BUOI Plantation (where fresh footprints were observed yesterday) engaged a party of 16 Japanese and one native which approached from the north. Four Japanese were killed and three wounded.

Six hundred yards further west a LMG fired on 16 Pl. One Japanese was killed nearby. All Japanese dead were identified as naval personnel.

GENERAL

On TAIOF Is 158 cases of 75mm and 18 cases smaller calibre ammunition in good order have been found.

A total of 140 natives from the RURI - TON area have reported into ANGAU. They state that there are now no Japanese between RURI and TINPUTZ and that the enemy abandoned a considerable quantity of stores and arms in this area.

CORRECTION

In Daily Int Summary No 125, the reference to patrols operating '2000 yards East of SIAR' should have read '2000 yards West of SIAR'.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

HIRU HIRU Area - 24 Bn

An enemy position was located at 958442, 300 yards West of the HONGORAI R, and two listening posts 100 yards to the east.

Another enemy position was located at 943432, 300 yards East of the River.

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PART I

1. LAND - OWN AND ENEMY

(a) 23 AUST INF BDE - PIATERAPAIA Area

One of our patrols reports that the enemy have evacuated the BASE PT THREE area. Fresh footprints were observed at 693159. 1200 yds SE of the base.

Our artillery engaged BASE POINT THREE earlier in the day, and at 171600L shelled TOKUA.

(b) 3 AUST DIV - NIHERO Area 2/8 Cdo Sqn

The area 987453 on the COMMANDO road is reported clear of the enemy, but signs of activity were observed 500 yds to the west.

The road from HAINETA 008457 to KAKATAKORI does not appear to have been used for 2/3 weeks and the road from HAINETA to OSO for one week.

An ANGAU native killed one Japanese in the HARI area.

RUMIKI Area - 57/60 Bn

Following artillery and air concentrations the Bn began a general advance.

Moving through each other as objectives were secured A and C Coys pushed forward against slight opposition and reached the vicinity of the headwaters of the POROREI RIVER.

Meanwhile B Coy has pushed out to 973471 in the same area, and D Coy reached 987453 on the COMMANDO road near the TOROBIRU RIVER.

Locations night 17/18 May:- A Coy less 9 Pl 978476, 9 Pl 975479, B Coy 973471, C Coy 976464, D Coy less 18 Pl 987458, 18 Pl 979462.

A ration party near B Coy was fired on by a small enemy party.

HIRU HIRU Area - 58/59 Bn

Five Japanese were engaged at 938404 west of the HONGORAI RIVER; three were killed and/wounded.

Locations: C Coy 942397, one Coy less 12 Pl 916443, 12 Pl 942410.

24 Bn

Small enemy parties and signs of activity were observed at 954418, 951422, 946428, 943419, between the HONGORAI and POROREI RIVERS, and at 954428 east of the POROREI RIVER.

At 945425 in the same area, an enemy party of estimated 30 was contacted. The position was engaged and two enemy killed.

Enemy positions previously reported at 944429 and 935443 were today found to have been abandoned.

The enemy shelled the area 941429.

(c) 11 AUST INF BDE - SORAKEN RURI Area

26 Bn

C Coy patrols operating north of RATSUA reporting contact. One dead Japanese was found 307687.

The TOROKOREI OP has now been taken over by troops of C Coy 31/51 Bn.

55/53 Bn

An A Coy patrol encountered a Japanese ambush at 303717, 1¾ miles SW of SIAR; three of the enemy were killed. The bodies of three Japanese naval personnel were found 600 yds further east; these casualties were inflicted by A Coy in the engagement on 15 May.

B Coy killed one Japanese at 330723.

D Coy patrols observed an enemy party at 285691, SW of BUOI PLTN. A native patrol moved up the coast to 263712, 1000 yds south of PORTON PLTN, where two Japanese were seen.

Our artillery has engaged targets at 311716, 2000 yds NW of SIAR, and 288689, SW of BUOI PLTN.

An arty R shoot carried out against huts, a store dump and a pill box in the TARLENA area 230746 scored direct hits on the target.

TAIOF OP reports explosions and smoke on SW BUKA ISLAND.

A further 145 natives from the SIAR - RURI - TON area have reported in to our lines.

(d) SUMMARY OF PATROL REPORTS

Parties of Japanese are reported at the following places (ref map KIETA 1 : 63360):- 300883 in the TOBOREI PLTN; between TOBOREI PLTN and 297895; 285897 south of TAMOS; 259918 SW of KIETA BAY; 233922 near RANKAMA and RANKAMA PT 216936.

Scouts report that in our strike at MAMAMANINO 299340 on 5 May, seven Japanese and 12 AA guns were destroyed.

A concentration of 200 Japanese is reported at 244293.

It is reported that all the Japanese at POROPORO (CHOISEUL) are ready to evacuate; two barges are standing by.

2. AIR - OWN BOUGAINVILLE 17 May

Fifty four Corsairs bombed targets in support of ground forces in the HONGORAI area. Of these, 27 aircraft attacked the suspected HQ 13 Inf Regt at 973471. Two large explosions resulted followed by billowing black smoke. The remaining 27 Corsairs bombed enemy concentrations and defence on the POROREI RIVER crossing at 958430. An area 400 yds by 150 yds was well covered with unobserved results.

An area reported to contain many huts and personnel near KAKURING at 637619 was bombed and strafed by 13 Corsairs. The area was well patterned with bombs and one hut seen was destroyed.

Twelve Corsairs bombed the TOIMANAPU copra factory (492658) and an enemy concentration and possible barge point at IGUA (490675). The factory was completely destroyed but results of IGUA strike were unobserved.

On 16 May six Mitchells made two attacks on AA positions at KARA. Bombs fell east and west of the target area.

PART IV

OTHER FRONTS

BORNEO - TARAKAN ISLAND

Following naval and air support troops of 2/3 Pnr Bn have made further progress in their drive towards AMAL.

On the left flank the enemy has been found in strength west of Mt API. Further north elements of 2/24 Bn have captured a knoll south of DJOETA, but the enemy is mining the road in this area.

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2 AUST CORPS DAILY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No 128
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PART I

I. LAND - OWN AND ENEMY

(a) 23 BDE - PIATERAPAIA Area

A patrol to 721154, NE of LIVIRIPAIA, reports no contact.

At 679162, west of WEARNE's HILL, one of our patrols engaged 40/50 Japanese. Eight of the enemy are reported killed and the action is proceeding.

At 689162, 1000 yards to the east, another patrol engaged 15/20 Japanese digging in; enemy casualties were seven killed and two wounded.

A native scout returned from NUMA NUMA reports a Japanese HQ at 795254, in the BASE POINT ONE area on the southern edge of NUMA NUMA Plantation, and a signal station and ammunition dump in the same area, SW along the trail. (B3).

Our artillery engaged targets in the TOKUA area.

(b) 11 BDE - SORAKEN-RURI Area

26 Bn. C Coy patrols found seven partly buried Japanese dead 800 yards north of RATSUA.

55/53 Bn. Patrols and ambush parties from all Coys report no contact.

Locations: B Coy less 11 Pl - 329719
11 Pl - 331721

An enemy pocket is reported within 100 yards of 11 Pl.

Our artillery engaged the area NE of BUOI Plantation.

General. The sound of a motor was heard at the entrance to RATSUA Inlet at 172230L.

An ANGAU scout reports that three isolated Japanese were seen in the foothills east of PORA PORA on 17 May. An ANGAU patrol is investigating.

(c) 3 DIV

TOKINOTU Area - 47 Bn. Location: 7 Pl - 954482

RUMIKI Area - 57/60 Bn. A Coy is now dug in at 973471.

B Coy, moving SE from this position, was attacked by 30 enemy; five were killed and the Coy continued the advance, reaching 974470 after killing another two Japanese.

C Coy has moved to 987453.

At 990451, on the COMMANDO ROAD, D Coy encountered a large enemy position. The Coy withdrew and dug in 100 yards to the west. Patrols report the enemy in prepared positions along the road in this area for 500 yards.

HIRU HIRU Area - 24 Bn. Seven enemy were observed at 944428, east of the HONGORAI River, and four at 955419, near the POROREI River ford.

At 945431, on the POROREI River, fire was exchanged with nine Japanese and later another party of seven was encountered at 943431, further west on the BUIN ROAD; six enemy were killed.

Three Japanese were ambushed and killed 200 yards further east.

58/59 Bn. The Bn made a general outflanking movement south of HONGORAI-POROREI Rivers fork and by 181500L had reached the following positions south of the fork: Bn HQ - 942409; A Coy - 942408; B Coy less 11 Pl - 941407, 11 Pl - 942410; C Coy - 934390; D Coy - 943407.

Enemy movement was observed at 961408 and at 958414, near the BUIN ROAD.

C Coy observed 12 Japanese in prepared positions at 932388, east of the HONGORAI River, 3000 yards south of the fork, and are now moving out to outflank the position.

One dead Japanese was found at 926387, as the result of the action on 17 May.

(d) SUMMARY OF PATROL REPORTS

Native scouts killed one Japanese straggler at CHINDPATS.
The enemy is reported to have left his KARAKUN positions.
On May 15 seven Japanese were killed by natives at MORONI.
At KOVIDAU the Japanese are attempting to camouflage the destruction caused by our native raid on 10 May (reported in Daily Intelligence Summary No 121). Booby traps placed by natives in the KOVIDAU and KIETA areas are reported to have caused some casualties.
A Japanese patrol of 30 was sighted moving towards OKEMO 224471. The patrol observed our native patrol and made off into the bush.
Eight Japanese, including an Army officer, are reported to have been killed by natives at KANAURA 235356 (refmap KARA 1:63360).
It is reported that during our strike at LUAGOA 314368 on 6 May, no Japanese were killed but seven houses were destroyed. The natives who were previously held in this area have dispersed and the Japanese officer in charge of native labour has moved to MIOUKI 321370.
Scouts report that a party of 30 Japanese with one LMG has returned to PALIDONAN 230403.

2. AIR - OWN BOUGAINVILLE 18 May

An enemy concentration east of the MOBIAI River ford 083350 was bombed by 16 CORSAIRS. Although the area was well covered it was not particularly well cleared by the bombing.
Two portions on the TIGER Track, east of the HONGORAI River, were bombed and strafed by 25 CORSAIRS; results could not be observed.
The Jap garrison at ISINA was bombed by 12 CORSAIRS but results were not seen.
Reported stores and 2 barges at PORO PORO (CHOISEUL) took 7 CORSAIRS to the area. The barges could not be located but a cluster of huts was bombed, destroying 3; one bomb produced a red flash. The CORSAIRS also strafed a flat bottomed boat, possibly serviceable, and a 10 foot whale boat, with unobserved results.
A hut concentration at KIKIMOGU 250387 was to be bombed by 12 CORSAIRS. Eight CORSAIRS bombed the area as briefed, and remainder bombed and scored on huts north and east of the area, resulting in approximately 14 huts being damaged by near misses. Another group, 700 yards north was strafed, one being fired, whilst a further group 1000 yards NNW was strafed with unobserved results.
Poor bombing coverage was obtained by 11 CORSAIRS, Tac R led, on a Jap concentration at KOVIDAU 248822. No results were seen.
Nine CORSAIRS bombed huts at MUGUAI 345345, destroying two and blowing the roof off another. One strafing run was made on a tin roofed hut near 360364 where telephone posts carrying 10/14 lines were observed.
The AA at KANGU HILL was bombed by 2 missions of MITCHELLS on 17 May. The second mission put most bombs in the target area, resulting in an explosion and a fire.

PART IV

OTHER FRONTS

BORNEO - TARAKAN Island

On the right flank, troops of 2/3 Pnr Bn have reached the east coast of the island, beyond AMAL. Progress has also been made by the same unit NE of the PAMOESIAN oilfields.
Patrols from 2/4 Cdo Sqn and 2/48 Bn report enemy opposition north of the town of TARAKAN.
East of MT API one Coy of 2/24 Bn moved forward after an air-strike and has gained further important ground on the 105 FEATURE.
Enemy casualties to 170900I: Killed - 479; probably killed - 93; PW - 5.

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PART I

1. LAND - OWN AND ENEMY

(a) 23 AUST INF BDE - PIATERAPAIA Area

27 Bn

A patrol returned from WEARNES HILL reports that the feature is not occupied by the enemy, but other patrols report enemy positions forward of BERRYS HILL at 694162 and 690155, in the BASE POINT THREE area from 685165 to 690162 and at 636174 NW of NEW VIVIE.

TOKUA has been engaged by our artillery.

(b) 3 AUST DIV

HIRU HIRU Area - 24 Bn

On 18 May a patrol contacted a strong enemy position at 945431; in the action which followed 12 enemy were killed. Another party of 30 enemy was observed 300 yards further south.

A small Japanese party was heard at 949415, and two Japanese were killed, and one wounded at 945425.

By 191400L the Bn had assembled in the area bounded by the HONGORAI and POROREI R.

Locations :	Bn HQ - Adv	943416
	Rear	936432
	A Coy	944415
	B Coy	945418
	C Coy plus 6 Tp 2/4 Armd Regt	940430
	D Coy	944417

A jeep and Tk track has now been constructed from the new HONGORAI R crossing 942417 to 937431.

At 191645L C Coy area was shelled by 150mm guns.

58/59 Bn

During the encircling movement at 932388, (reported in Daily Int Summary No 128), C Coy was fired on from a position 300 yards to the west; one enemy was killed.

At 946407 a crossing has been constructed, and the Bn has moved to the east of the HONGORAI R.

Locations :	Bn HQ	942409
	A Coy (Less 9 Pl)	947406
	9 Pl	945406
	B Coy plus 7 Tp 2/4 Armd Regt	947405
	C Coy	940395
	D Coy (Less 16 and 17 Pls)	947407
	16 Pl	946406
	17 Pl	952407

Two Japanese were killed one wounded at 958416, and one killed at 951406.

The AITARA track - BUIN road junction has been located at 961414.

RUMIKI Area - 57/60 Bn

The Bn has now re-assembled.

Locations :	Bn HQ - Adv	985453
	A Coy	991454
	B Coy	984448
	C Coy	985453
	D Coy	989451
	5 Pl	968476

A patrol to the USO area killed three Japanese and was then fired on from a strong position at 975428.

One Japanese officer was killed at 965465.

TAITAI Area - 2/8 CDO SQN

A patrol to the MONOITU - HARI area killed one Japanese.

Scouts from the MONORAI OP report continuous foot and MT traffic moving west on the BUIN road during 18 May. The troops observed were wearing naval insignia and were heavily laden.

The MIBO R crossing at 115340 is a MT turning point.

Occupied enemy camps have been found at the crossing and 500 yards to the west.

GENERAL

42 Bn

Locations :	Bn HQ	932432
	A Coy	937437
	B Coy	933433
	D Coy	938430

47 Bn

Location :	8 Pl	969474

(c) 11 AUST INF BDE

See below.

(d) SUMMARY OF PATROL REPORTS

It is reported that Japanese are replacing those killed by our scouts at MORONI, KAINO, KOVIDAU and WIDA.

It is reported that natives have caused the following damage:- near KIETA on 13 May a party of Japanese (35) was involved in a shrapnel mine explosion; many dead were thrown in the river and others left lying on the track; at WIDA on 10 May 5 Japanese killed; between KOVIDAU and KIETA 11 May 5 killed.

It is stated that a Japanese officer, Lt-Col SIBARA (Note: probably Maj SHIBARA of 6 Engr Regt who was recently hospitalized in the forward area), is operating a control point and staging area for the troops moving forward to the POROREI R Area.

Another officer, with a large party of troops is reported to be living in six houses at 235632.

2. AIR - OWN - BOUGAINVILLE 19 May

In support of 3 Div 52 CORSAIR sorties were flown on the area east of the HONGORAI River. The first mission of 20 CORSAIRS accurately bombed the Jap defensive position astride the BUIN road east of the ford. Three small fires were seen after the bombing. The second and third missions of 20 and 12 aircraft bombed and strafed the TIGER Track L of C, causing 3 very large flashes and

billowing black smoke and threw some white planks above the trees.

At PORO PORO (CHOISEUL) 8 CORSAIRS bombed and destroyed a large hut and later dropped bombs in a garden, causing black smoke.

Enemy huts and troops reported at OAMAI River 154331 were bombed by 10 CORSAIRS; the area was well covered by bombs but other results were not seen.

One hut was destroyed by a direct hit from 8 CORSAIRS when they bombed huts and a stores area at 354351. Several other huts in the vicinity were slightly damaged.

On 18 May 6 MITCHELLS bombed AA at KAHILI meeting meagre inaccurate flak from KANGU HILL.

PART IV

OTHER FRONTS

BORNEO - TARAKAN

The whole of the southern peninsula is now reported clear of the enemy. Two partly destroyed RDF were found at CAPE PASIR.

An attack on a coy of 2/23 Bn east of Mt API was repulsed.

A sawmill captured in the DJOETA AREA is reported to be in good working order.

Enemy casualties to 180900I :- Killed 494, probably killed 94 PW 5.

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

26 Bn At 190645L 26 Bn completed the relief of 55/53 Bn, less A Coy 55/53 Bn.

Locations :	Bn HQ	300681
	A Coy	291687
	B Coy	306694
	C Coy (Less 15 and 14 Pls)	308690
	13 Pl	307694
	14 Pl	309683
	D Coy	330719
	5 Pl	268689

A patrol from A Coy operating in the area 289694 - 290694 encountered two parties of Japanese killing six probably killing one.

A B Coy patrol contacted an enemy party at 300693, 1500 yards NW of RATSUA and killed four.

Patrols from D Coy report the area of SIAR track junction clear of the enemy and made no contact while patrolling the cliffs to the east.

55/53 Bn

During night 18/19 May two grenades were thrown into A Coys perimeter and the enemy fired on 11 Pl South of SIAR.

The Bn (Less A Coy which remains previous position) is now concentrated in the SORAKEN Peninsula.

Locations :	Bn HQ	232649
	HQ Coy	235647
	A Coy	308714
	B Coy	236642
	C Coy	236644
	D Coy	235646

GENERAL

Lights were observed in the SW coast of TAIOF Is night 18/19 May. A patrol has investigated and reports no sign of the enemy.

Explosions and columns of water are reported in the vicinity of SALSAN Is.

Movement was observed on the un-named island at 234711 and the area shelled by our artillery.

Two reports have been made of the sound of a motor vessel in SORAKEN harbour during night 18/19 May.

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PART I

1. LAND - OWN AND ENEMY

(a) 23 AUST INF BDE - PIATERAPAIA Area

One of our patrols reports no sign of the enemy at SISIVIE 616163 and TOREGELLO 624161.

Another patrol reports that the feature at 636175, 1700 yds SE of TOKUA is held by 10 Japanese.

Our artillery engaged TOKUA and BASE PT THREE.

(b) 3 AUST DIV - TOKO Area 1 PIB

Locations: Bn HQ 840480; HQ C Coy 891462; 9 Pl 893464; 10 Pl 888467; 11 Pl 885468

OSO Area - 57/60 Bn

Following an air strike a patrol to TIGER ROAD reached 954441 and moved to 953444. Signs were observed of heavy foot traffic westward; two enemy were killed, one wounded. Another patrol sighted an estimated force of 100 Japanese in the garden area at 997447.

A patrol from B Coy was fired on at 992443 NW of TONNU. The patrol moved 200 yds to the west and observed considerable enemy activity.

A C Coy patrol located a large, well dug enemy position at 977434 west of TONNU. This position was later engaged by our artillery. Returning through 973438 the patrol engaged 12 enemy killing five.

Three Japanese approached our standing patrol at 993449 on the COMMANDO ROAD; one was killed and one wounded.

POROREI RIVER Area 24 Bn

Following an air strike, artillery and mortar concentrations, the Bn moved to engage the enemy positions along the BUIN ROAD extending from 950424 to 954420.

B Coy supported by HQ F Tp 2/4 Armd Regt reached the ridge at 949424. At 201135L 12 Japanese counter-attacked from the north, but were repulsed losing two killed.

The Coy was then engaged from a strong enemy position on high ground east of the ford, by an enemy party armed with one HMG, eight LMGs, a 75mm and a 47mm gun.

Nearby a wired in position and tank trap has been found.

D Coy supported by 9 Tp 2/4 Armd Regt occupied the high ground astride the road at 953421. This position was later engaged by HMG, LMG, 47mm and 105mm fire.

A Coy moving east of the POROREI RIVER reached 957418 and was then engaged by an enemy party to the NW and shelled by 105mm guns. The Coy moved to higher ground at 956416 and is digging in. Enemy tree snipers are active.

58/59 Bn - At 191815L 17 Pl was engaged with LMG and rifle fire. The fire was returned and the enemy dispersed.

An enemy ambush was contacted at 954406, but was outflanked and our patrol continued to AITARA 889474 where an abandoned Japanese position and 75mm shell booby traps were found. The AITARA track is reported jeepable, and at 898362 a beach was found suitable for landing craft.

Location: C Coy 947404

MONORAI Area - 2/8 Cdo Sqn

A patrol reports a party of 60 enemy at 009456.

GENERAL - 42 Bn - The area 940430 has been shelled by the enemy.
47 Bn - Location: Bn HQ 963483

(c) 11 AUST INF BDE (see below)

(d) SUMMARY OF PATROL REPORTS

An enemy party led by armed natives surprised a party of our native scouts at OMITARO 225438 on 18 May and then occupied the area. A police boy states that these Japanese attempted to delouse a shrapnel mine which exploded and killed seven of them. He further states that in this area the enemy is using natives in front of all his patrols.

A native of NUMA NUMA is reported to have been beheaded by the Japanese at IULA as he was suspected of actively assisting our forces.

A B2 report states that our air strike at LAITARO 298372 on 10 May destroyed a 75mm gun and killed nine Japanese. However some enemy with another 75mm gun and JUKIS are reported to be still camped nearby.

Strikes at PALIDAU 293474, and the area 268456 on 16 May are reported (B2) to have destroyed a large house and some rifles. However 30 Japanese are reported to have rebuilt and occupied the house.

From CHOISEUL it is reported that the Japanese at PORO PORO have evacuated and that those at SUKUMUMA are bringing their gear into the area prior to evacuation.

2. AIR -- OWN BOUGAINVILLE 20 May

Thirty six Corsairs in support of 3 Div operations bombed with good coverage the BUIN road area from the knoll to the east of the HONGORAI RIVER to 200 yds east of the PORUREI RIVER.

A gun position at RUNAI 962407 was bombed and strafed by 12 Corsairs in two missions but results could not be observed.

A further 3 Div request resulted in 16 Corsairs bombing a Jap concentration near the MIVO RIVER crossing; the area was well cleared.

Huts to the west of MOBIAI RIVER at 067364 were bombed by 12 Corsairs, results being unobserved. Another hut concentration at LAGUAI at 271302 was bombed by 12 Corsairs with good coverage. Four huts were destroyed, five damaged and four more possibly damaged. A quantity of white paper was scattered about the area by the bombing.

Corsair patrols strafed scattered huts in good condition in the KIKIMOGU area. Three Japs sighted in a garden were strafed with unobserved results.

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

2/ Bn - A patrol from A Coy contacted an enemy party near 289690 SE of BUOI PLTN. Our patrol has dug in and is engaging the enemy.

At 306698 1500 yds north of RATSUA, a B Coy patrol contacted an enemy position. Our artillery later engaged the area.

Patrols from D Coy to the beach at 331723 found huts and caves which have not been occupied for some months. Another patrol moved north frm SIAR and reached a point 1500 yds to the NW; the patrol interfered with enemy telephone wires but made no contact.

Locations: D Coy less 17 Pl 332721; 17 Pl 331722; 4 Pl 326707

GENERAL

Our artillery engaged enemy positions east of BUOI PLTN and north of CHABAI.

Our OPs report barge movement in BUKA PASSAGE and further explosions and columns of water near SALSAN ISLAND.

Locations: A Coy PIB 241588
1 Pl Hy Mortar Unit 231658
2 Pl " " " 289680

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PART I

1. LAND - OWN AND ENEMY

(a) 23 AUST INF BDE - PIATERAPAIA Area

A patrol to the BASE POINT THREE area accompanied by a FOO reports that accurate fire was brought down on enemy positions at 687155. The patrol killed one Japanese in the area.

Patrols to TOKUA report that our artillery fire has been accurate but apparently no direct hits have been scored.

A patrol returned from ASITAVI reports the area occupied by 40/50 Japanese. The patrol reports no coastal movement observed but tracks in the vicinity of 743330 appear well worn.

Locations : B Coy 1 PIB relieved A Coy NGIB at 684117. Det 'P' FS Sec relieved Det 25 FS Sec at 684118.

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

26 Bn

Patrols from A Coy moved around the enemy position at 289690, (reported in Daily Int Summary No 130), and dug in at 288694. At 211600L the enemy vacated his position and one Japanese was killed.

B Coy patrols investigating the enemy position at 307697, (reported in Daily Int Summary No 130), were attacked several times and came under heavy mortar fire. One Japanese was killed, and later our artillery shelled the area.

A D Coy patrol to SIAR killed one Japanese, but another patrol penetrated 600 yards further north without contacting the enemy.

Patrols to RURI and the gardens at 325714 made no contact but 3 graves were found in the latter area.

55/53 Bn

A Coy has now rejoined the Bn in SORAKEN peninsula.

GENERAL

Our OPs report muffled explosions from the direction of CHABAI, and a sighting of a suspected submarine East of SORUM (Note Tac R also reported a suspected submarine in the same area).

(c) 3 AUST DIV

TOHU Area - 24 Bn

At 949428, 500 yards West of the POROREI ford a party of 12/15 Japanese fired on a D Coy patrol.

Our tanks engaged an enemy position at 955420 East of the river, killing two.

Later a patrol crossed the POROREI R at 956423 and engaged a well sited enemy position 100 yards to the East, killing one.

D Coy area was engaged by 105mm guns.

Following an artillery concentration A Coy continued the advance though harassed by tree snipers. By 211400L the coy was in position to assault the Japanese position mentioned above at 955420.

At 202000L 15 Japanese raided B Coy but were driven off.

Supported by two tanks a patrol moved out to NW. Several tank traps and mines were encountered vicinity 948427 on the BUIN Road, and 12 Japanese unsuccessfully attacked the patrol.

Strong enemy parties are reported by C Coy at 946432, 945430, 942431 North of the BUIN Road.

58/59 Bn

Following an air and artillery concentration the Bn attacked enemy positions astride the BUIN Road East of the POROREI River.

C Coy encountered strong opposition at 957409. Supporting tanks were held up for some time by tank obstacles, but finally the coy secured its objective at 958411 after heavy fighting. Seven enemy were killed, arms and documents captured.

B Coy secured its objective at 962411 without opposition but later came under fire from a position 200 yards North of the road. This position was later silenced.

A and D Coys secured their objectives vicinity 958417

Locations:

Bn HQ	956409
D Coy	958417
5 Pl	943407

OSO Area - 57/60 Bn

In the patrol contact at 973438, (reported in Daily Int Summary No 130), a high ranking Japanese officer was killed. With him were three other officers and an armed party of eight. Four of this party were also killed. The enemy is active and in considerable strength in this area.

During night 20/21 May our artillery engaged a suspected enemy HQ at 977434.

Our artillery has also registered positions at 004452.

RUMIKI Area - 47 Bn

Location : C Coy 958489

HIRU HIRU Area - 42 Bn

Locations :

HQ C Coy and 14 Pl	868485
15 Pl	933434

(d) SUMMARY OF PATROL REPORTS

Native scouts patrolled the SANGU area 19 May. The enemy has left the area, abandoning much equipment including serviceable rifles, grenade dischargers, mortar bombs and MG spare parts.

At 612606 on the eastern fringe of TEAROUKI plantation 30 Southbound Japanese camped night 19/20 May.

Following the circulation of a Japanese story that the NAMUAI natives had been sent to an unnamed island to work, and that all the BUIN natives would also be deported, the headmen of eight BUIN villages reported into our lines and state that 700 BUIN natives have left the Japanese area and are also coming into our lines.

A booby trap in a native basket was placed in a garden at MUSHIMINOI on 18 May. Attempting to investigate the basket four Japanese were killed and two badly wounded. Natives report that there are many Japanese in this area.

2. AIR - OWN - BOUGAINVILLE 21 May

3 Div operations were supported by 40 CORSAIR attacking the BUIN Rd east of the POROREI River. A Tac R aircraft which assisted the strike reports that excellent coverage was obtained; other results could not be observed.

CORSAIR patrols killed one Japanese at TENAKAU and another at Cape NEHUSS.

PART IV

OTHER FRONTS

BORNEO - TARAKAN Is

Strong opposition is still being encountered North of the town of TARAKAN and East of Mt API.

A patrol from 2/24 Bn reached Mt TANGKOL and reports no contact.

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PART I

1. LAND - OWN AND ENEMY

(a) 23 BDE - PIATERAPAIA Area

One of our patrols killed a Japanese at 624170, 1000 yards SE of TOKUA. No enemy were observed at KUVIROPAIA.

Nine buildings, including two newly constructed, and 20 Japanese were observed at 616163, 2000 yards south of TOKUA.

The TOKUA-IBU track shows signs of movement towards IBU on 19 May.

In the ASITAVI area two iron huts have been located at 744331.

Natives state that the coastal gun previously reported at 749320 has been moved to ASITAVI Point.

Enemy movement towards PIPIPAIA was observed on the PIPIAIA-IBU L of C. PIPIPAIA is a staging point manned by three Japanese.

Natives state that there are no Japanese between TIOKONA and WAKUNAI Rivers.

(b) 3 DIV

58/59 Bn - TOHU Area. On 21 May one of our reconnaissance patrols came under fire from an enemy position at 961415, on the BUIN Road. After a brisk engagement a fighting patrol occupied the position. Two field pieces were captured, a LMG and documents.

At 212330L one Japanese threw a grenade into the Bn HQ area; the Japanese was later killed.

On 22 May a tractor and escort encountered an enemy party of 20 armed with 2 LMGs and a 47 mm Tk A gun at 950405, on the AITARA track. The enemy withdrew and the Tk A gun was captured.

Seventy-five mm guns shelled the areas 961414 and 957419, where one of our patrols was operating; 105 mm guns shelled A and B Coy areas.

One of our patrols attacked an enemy position at 950404, on the AITARA track, killing one and wounding one.

A PW was taken at 948405 and another at 959411.

Twelve dead Japanese were found at 958416.

Locations: Bn HQ - 955409; A Coy - 961414; B Coy - 962411;
C Coy - 957410; D Coy - 956417.

24 Bn. By night 21/22 May A Coy had reached 956419. During the night 105 mm guns shelled the D Coy area 953421.

A position near the POROREI ford at 955420, which was firing on 17 Pl, was engaged by A Coy. Heavy fire was returned.

Further tank traps were found around the enemy position at 948427.

A patrol to 945428, 700 yards east of the HONGORAI River, found an enemy position vacated, but mines sown. Three enemy dead were found in the area.

On 22 May, following an air and artillery concentration on EGAN's RIDGE 945429, C Coy plus 12 Pl moved forward and occupied the position. Mines were found in the area, but the position had been completely reduced by accurate bombing and shelling. Another enemy position has been found abandoned at 957418, 400 yards east of the POROREI ford.

Enemy movement has been observed at 955425 and 956416, where one Japanese was killed.

A Coy at 957418 extended its position to the north of the road covering the approaches to the ford.

Further land mines have been located at 957419 and booby traps at 993448.

OSO Area - 57/60 Bn. Enemy positions have been located at 992450 and 993448, on the COMMANDO Road. At 991451, further west along the road, 17 Pl engaged an enemy party preparing defences. Four Japanese were killed and one captured. Another PW was captured at 964437.

HIRU HIRU Area - 42 Bn. A Japanese 37 mm gun was found at 933435.

MONORAI Area - 2/8 CDO SQN. Our OP at RUNEI reports little movement west towards the HONGORAI River along the BUIN Road; however, during the morning of 21 May 60 enemy casualties were observed moving towards BUIN. One PW was captured.

The LONORAI OP reports the sound of two light vehicles moving east between SARI and RUSEI. At 220900L 47 enemy were observed moving west along the BUIN Road in the MONOITU area.

Natives report 45 Japanese moving south on the KAPARA-UNANAI Road.

(c) 11 BDE - SORAKEN-RURI Area

26 Bn. At 288694, east of BUCI Plantation, a Japanese party exploded one of our booby traps. Three enemy dead, wearing Aust uniforms, have been found. At 221015L 8 and 9 Pls in this area were attacked from the north by a strong enemy party. The attack was beaten off. Four enemy were killed (possibly including one officer) and a Type 99 LMG was captured. At 221600L A Coy HQ joined these platoons. Five Japanese observed forward of 7 Pl at 288690 were engaged by our mortars.

The enemy position at 306697 has been engaged by our heavy mortars.

C Coy less 13 Pl is now in position at 309714; 13 Pl is at 313698. One Japanese was observed near the Coy position.

A D Coy patrol to 326720, thence north to join the coastal track at 328727, 500 yards north of SIAR, reports no sign of the enemy.

Our OPs report an explosion and a large column of smoke immediately north of the BONIS Strip. Explosions and smoke were also observed on SOHANA Island.

Bursts of AA were seen above the western entrance to BUKA PASSAGE.

Two barges were seen to cross the PASSAGE to CHINATOWN, and at 212305L a barge was heard moving north off the east coast of TAIOF I.

General. An ANGAU report states the Japanese have collected all the CHINDAWAN-SIAR natives in caves at CHINDAWAN. Mines are being laid on the surrounding tracks and the Japanese are boasting that our troops will not take the area.

(d) SUMMARY OF PATROL REPORTS

It is reported that natives from MEMSEKU 313505, BOGISAGO 312520, ORIA 333539, have left the area after killing two Japanese on 17 May. (B2).

Seven Japanese were killed by a shrapnel mine vicinity NUMAKAE 230420 on 18 May. Two days later 30 Japanese arrived from IULA 259436 and removed the bodies. (B1).

On 18 May two Japanese were killed near PALIDONAN 230403. (B1).

On 16 May two mines placed on the track from AMIO 005417 to TAITAI 006407 destroyed one truck, killing ten and wounding five. Four other trucks are stated to have been in the convoy. (B1).

A booby trap placed on the EAST-WEST track between MIVO River and KOBIAI River approximately 092339 killed six Japanese and badly wounded three others. Later a truck arrived and collected the victims. (B1).

Natives state that 30 Japanese are camped in a large house on the east bank of the SILIBAI River 253366.

2. AIR - OWN - BOUGAINVILLE 22 May

In support of 3 DIV 20 CORSAIRS attacked heavily defended high ground at 944430, placing bombs accurately in target area.

Twelve CORSAIRS at request of 3 DIV bombed gun position at 988374. Tac R reported area cleared by first flight, and remaining aircraft bombed MT area in vicinity, probably destroying one truck.

A large enemy camp in KIETA area at 273917 was attacked by 12 CORSAIRS with unobserved results.

Other personnel areas at PALIDONAN 231403 and LAGUAI 244293 received attention from 11 and 24 CORSAIRS respectively. In the first case three huts were destroyed and debris was seen to fly into the air. At LUGUAI results were unobserved.

Rain interfered with projected strike by 9 CORSAIRS; 5 huts in LUGUAI area were attacked as secondary target with unobserved results; 4 bombs were also dropped on MIBO River Ford.

At 990384 an enemy gun position was attacked by 12 CORSAIRS. Direct hits destroyed the gun and fired ammunition in the vicinity.

Patrol aircraft strafed and killed one Japanese vicinity MUGUAI.

On 21 May 6 MITCHELLS bombed store areas at BUIN.

PART IV

OTHER FRONTS

BORNEO - TARAKAN Island

Enemy casualties to 210900I: Killed - 544; probably killed - 103; PW - 12.

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

2/8 CDO SQN. OP reports that at 211600L 45 enemy were observed moving south on the TAITAI-KUPORO Road.

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PART I

1. LAND - OWN AND ENEMY

(a) 23 AUST INF BDE - PIATERAPAIA Area

Patrols have moved out to establish patrol bases at WEARNES HILL 694167 and 683159 north of BERRYS HILL.
A patrol has made contact in the IBU area.

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

26 Bn

During night 22/23 May one Japanese was killed by a booby trap on B Coys perimeter. At 230530L indiscriminate enemy LMG fire was heard north of the coy position.
An Arty R revealed no enemy guns in the coastal area south of PORTON.

GENERAL

Ten large columns of water were observed NW of BONIS peninsula.

(c) 3 AUST DIV

See below.

(d) SUMMARY OF PATROL REPORTS

It is reported that in a recent air strike at TINPUTS, 10 Japanese were killed and the remainder abandoned the camp.
Native scouts moving in to attack the Japanese camp at MORONI found that the enemy had evacuated the area; Japanese dead as the result of a recent raid were left unburied. The natives destroyed the seven Japanese houses in the area and their gardens.
Enemy camps are reported at KAUKAUSINA 328612, BOGISAGO 312520, LAKAUKA 314495 and LEURU 335515 (B2).
On 20 May the two Japanese camps at KUKURING (vicinity 6262) were found deserted.
An enemy force, presumably ex- PIANO has been observed at MORULA 178406.
From CHOISEUL it is reported that all dumps of SA and 2 pdr ammunition have been removed from TAREKUKURA. It is estimated that 100/150 Japanese have left CHOISEUL.

2. AIR - OWN - BOUGAINVILLE 23 May

On request of 3 Div 12 CORSAIRS bombed huts and personnel area UNUNAI (023376) with unobserved results.
A large fire was started amongst a group of huts west of MOBIAI River (067367) following attack by 8 CORSAIRS. Twelve CORSAIRS attacked enemy concentration PORROR River 195323. Results were unobserved.
A suspected dump area at 226305, SILIBAI River, was well cleared by bombs from 12 CORSAIRS. Twenty one CORSAIRS attacked hut concentration and troop area which was reported headquarters of Lt-Col SIBARA. All bombs fell in target area. At IULA (260436) 3 small and 1 large hut were damaged by bombs from 4 CORSAIRS.
Guided by native fires and smoke indicated by leading aircraft 11 CORSAIRS attacked enemy troop concentrationsat KAINO 180840.

Following strike two Japanese on beach at ARAWA were strafed.

Two CORSAIRS on patrol strafed 3 possible naval guns at PUPUKUNA Point 487302.

6 MITCHELLS on 22 May bombed AA positions at KARA.

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(c) 3 AUST DIV

MONORAI Area - 2/8 CDO SQN

An enemy patrol staged night 22/23 May at 053430, near KINGORI. This morning the patrol raided gardens in this area and then moved south.

TOHU Area - 24 Bn

A large enemy defensive position occupied within the last 48 hours was found vacated at 950429, 300 yards West of the PORCREI R. A quantity of ammunition was found in the area.

Six enemy graves have been found in C Coys area and there is evidence of more enemy dead under bomb debris. The enemy shelled A Coys position and the area 954420.

58/59 Bn

In the area 956418, East of the PORCREI ford, enemy mines and booby traps were found, and a 75mm gun destroyedby our artillery.

The enemy shelled A and B Coys positions and the area 957418.

Amended Locations : A coy 963423, C Coy 961419.

OSO Area - 57/60 Bn

Enemy movement has been observed at 993454 and 991451, north of the COMMANDO Road

Patrol clashes occured at 991451, where three Japanese were killed.

Twelve large huts thought to be part of an old Jap HQ were found at 998454, also north of the road. One dead Japanese was found at 973439 and a quantity of 75mm ammunition at 963418.

RUMIKI Area - 47 Bn

Location : D Coy 948484.

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LATER INFORMATION

11 AUST INF BDE

One Japanese was killed near 7 pls position SE of BUOI plantation.

A patrol to the BUOI PLANTATION jetty area found six unserviceable barges.

Two Japanese dead were found in the D Coy area. Our heavy mortars continue to engage the enemy position north of the coy.

C Coy killed two naval personnel west of the perimeter, one east of the perimeter, and one north. Two other Japanese were probably killed in these engagements.

A track, probably cut three days ago has been found leading north from this area.

Four naval personnel approached the D Coy perimeter at 230930L; three were killed.

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PART I

1. LAND - OWN AND ENEMY

(a) 23 AUST INF BDE - PIATERAPAIA Area

27 Bn - One patrol base has been established at 691155 forward of BERRYS HILL and another at 696164 forward of WEARNES HILL. The ridge from 693160 to 694165 is reported to be held by the enemy.

Two Japanese were killed at 614164, NE of KEENANS RIDGE.

(b) 3 AUST DIV - TOHU Area 24 Bn

During night 23/24 May the enemy shelled the A Coy area.

There are signs of recent enemy movement east from the plantation at 964424 north of TOHU.

Locations : Bn HQ 948425; B Coy 952429; D Coy 956424
2/4 Armd Regt - F Tp 953421; 8 Tp 934433; 9 Tp 962411; 10 Tp 960411

D Coy PIB - Seven Japanese were sighted moving west at 970390.

58/59 Bn - During night 23/24 May a probable prime mover was heard at 944400 on the AITARA track. The enemy shelled the area 963412.

Patrol clashes occured at 966425 north of TOHU; 968409 north of RUNAI; 961409 on the BUIN Road north of RUNAI and 977416 east of TOHU. Five Japanese were killed, one wounded and one taken PW

OSO Area 57/60 Bn

Small enemy parties were fired on in the A Coy area, and at 993452 near the COMMANDO Road. Enemy movement was also heard at 989441 and 991451 also on the COMMANDO Road.

The OSO - OSO track is reported suitable for tanks

(c) 11 AUST INF BDE - SORAKEN RURI Area

26 Bn - In the engagement at 288694 (reported in Daily Intelligence Summary No 132) it is now reported that an additional two Japanese were killed.

One enemy was killed today in a patrol clash in the same area. A patrol along the southern, eastern and northern edges of the plantation reports no sign of the enemy.

The enemy position at 306697, north of B Coy, was found today to be empty. The patrol reports that the position could have been occupied by 30 men. B Coy has now moved north to 301701.

Near C Coy's position one Japanese was killed and one taken PW. 13 Pl is now at 314702.

A patrol from D Coy killed three Japanese on the cliffs near SIAR. A patrol moving north on the coastal track 1000 yds north of SIAR killed one Japanese. One Japanese was sighted 1500 yds SW of SIAR.

TAIOF OP reports a large column of smoke on SW BUKA, and a large canoe which moved past HADEHAS ISLAND into BUKA PASSAGE.

(d) SUMMARY OF PATROL REPORTS

It is reported that our recent strike at KAINO killed many Japanese. It is reported that there are many Japanese ex-NUMA NUMA in the area.

At KEVISIA 697464, native scouts report that they killed 195 Japanese on 22 May. The enemy (80 of whom came from the north and the remainder from INUS), were building a camp and had placed all their arms in a small hut. When surprised they were unable to fight back, but made for a nearby swamp where they were pursued and suffered further casualties.

A large number of Japanese are reported camped at 117341 and 117344 vicinity MIVO RIVER.

2. AIR - OWN BOUGAINVILLE 24 May

In support of 3 Div 11 Corsairs bombed huts and personnel area HARI 023376. Three huts were destroyed and area was well cleared.

At KANAURA 234362 eight Corsairs bombed and strafed enemy camp, destroying one large hut and firing another which burned with heavy white smoke. Subsequently a further eight Corsairs returned to bomb and strafe approximately 100 yds south of original target, destroying an additional two huts.

Twelve Corsairs bombed bivouac area LAGUAI 257296 with unobserved results.

A further twelve Corsairs at RANAMA 233922 bombed Japanese camp clearing target area.

Patrols strafed huts BUKA ISLAND.

Six Mitchells bombed AA positions on BALLALE ISLAND with good coverage on 23 May.

PART IV

OTHER FRONTS

BORNEO - TARAKAN ISLAND

Some progress has been made against stiff enemy opposition east of Mt API.

Enemy casualties to 212400I:- Killed 558, Probably Killed 107, PW 12.

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PART I

1. LAND - OWN AND ENEMY

(a) 23 BDE - PIATERAPAIA Area

27 Bn. One of our patrols made contact with an enemy position at 687156, near BERRY's HILL, killing one Japanese.

Natives state that there are 50/60 Japanese at IBU, and no signs of either withdrawal or reinforcement.

WEARNE's HILL is reported to be occupied by 25/30 Japanese.

Patrol bases are being established at 683168, vicinity WEARNE's HILL, and 738157, vicinity CHAMBER's HILL.

(b) 11 BDE - SORAKEN-RURI Area

26 Bn. A small enemy party was contacted by one of our patrols west of B Coy and fire was exchanged. A later patrol found that the enemy had abandoned this position. One dead Japanese was found SE of the Coy position.

C Coy patrols report that the enemy has abandoned his positions in that area and has apparently moved to the west.

A PIB patrol operating on the east coast engaged a well armed enemy party north of SIAR, killing five. Our 3 inch mortars engaged the position and the enemy withdrew, but contact was made 200 yards further north and a further two Japanese were killed. One dead Japanese was found in a cave near SIAR.

Locations: 7 Pl and 9 Pl - 286697.

General. Two barges were observed moving towards BUKA PASSAGE from HADEHAS Island.

Our artillery engaged known enemy positions in the D and B Coy areas.

(c) 3 DIV - See below.

(d) SUMMARY OF PATROL REPORTS

A B1 report states that in the vicinity of the East-West trail at 135336 natives destroyed ½ mile of enemy telephone line, and at LEROT 174328 killed one Japanese. During 24 May no enemy movement was observed on the trail in this area.

Natives report that on 19 May a shrapnel mine placed on the track at 228431 (between OMITARO and NUMAKAE) killed seven Japanese.

At DOADOA on CHOISEUL a sentry party of eight Japanese was killed by natives on 24 May.

2. AIR - OWN - BOUGAINVILLE 25 May

In TONNU area 13 CORSAIRS bombed pillboxes and personnel in fox-holes north and south of road 992450.

Huts at AKU 175323 and 182323 were bombed and strafed by 12 CORSAIRS with unobserved results.

The result of an attack on camp 425546 and dump 427547 by 12 CORSAIRS in LULUAI area was also unobserved.

Eighteen CORSAIRS bombed and strafed enemy occupied village NATOKINA 455598, destroying 3 huts. One aircraft was holed by unobserved AA.

Barge unloading points in NUMA NUMA area 826293 and 843282 and huts at 788314 were bombed and strafed by 19 CORSAIRS. Subsequently 3 CORSAIRS returned and again bombed at 788314. Results were unobserved.

Patrols strafed and killed 2 Japs in a canoe in NOWA Inlet, (BUKA Island).

PART IV

OTHER FRONTS

BORNEO - TARAKAN Island

Following an air strike north of the town of TARAKAN, troops of 2/48 Bn secured portion of an important feature.

Further west, troops of 2/23 Bn made some progress, pushing NE.

Enemy casualties to 222400I: Killed 570; probably killed 122; PW 12.

(c) 3 DIV

MONORAI Area - 2/8 Cdo Sqn. Our OPs report considerable enemy activity on the BUIN Road between UNANAI and RUNAI, and a garrison of at least 35 at SIAUHINA. (0341)

Four Japanese were killed at 018369, near HARI 1.

Fifty Japanese, in huts, are reported at 047402, south of KAPANA.

RUMIKI Area - 47 Bn. Locations: A Coy - 958485; B Coy (less 10 Pl) - 964481; 10 Pl - 970473.

TORU Area - 24 Bn. A large enemy position (possibly a HQ), capable of accomodating 80 men, was found vacated at 951428, west of the POROREI River.

A vacated position capable of accomodating 350 was found at 961438, east of the river.

Booby traps, constructed from 81 mm mortar bombs, were found at 948425.

Locations: 15 Bde Flamethrower Pl (less one Sec) - with A Coy.
One Sec with Bn HQ.

58/59 Bn. Our patrols were fired on at 962407 on the BUIN Road, north of RUNAI, and 500 yards further east.

Eleven Japanese were ambushed at 973400, 700 yards east of RUNAI; five enemy were killed and one wounded.

A 105 mm gun shelled the area 962412.

OSO Area - 57/60 Bn. Following an artillery and mortar concentration, D Coy moved forward towards the road junction at 996446. Enemy positions were found vacated on the south side of the road, but after an advance of 150 yards heavy fire was met from a strong position north of the road. Our leading troops pulled back and the area was engaged by artillery.

A B Coy patrol operating south and SW of the road made no contact.

Enemy positions vicinity 991450, on the COMMANDO Road, are still occupied.

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PART I

1. LAND - OWN AND ENEMY

(a) 23 AUST INF BDE - PIATERAPAIA Area

27 Bn

Our artillery destroyed three huts and probably destroyed one MG at 614164 in the SISIVIE Area. Later a patrol killed one Japanese nearby. Artillery fire also destroyed two bunker positions at BASE POINT THREE and accurately engaged other positions in the same area.

A LULUAI, confirming the strength of IPU Garrison as 50 to 60, stated that the garrison was reduced during April.

A patrol contacted an enemy party slightly south of WEARNES HILL, killing three. Another patrol ambushed an enemy party on the BURITSIOTARARA - PIPIPAIA track and killed one.

(b) 3 AUST DIV - TOHU Area

58/59 Bn

B Coy commencing an advance along the BUIN Road was fired on by an estimated 20 enemy 100 yards forward of the perimeter. The enemy however was cleared from the area and the objective 1400 yards SE of the POROREI River was gained. One troop of tanks then moved forward to join B Coy.

A patrol contacted eight enemy 1500 yards to the NE and withdrew to enable our artillery to engage. The enemy finally abandoned the position.

Three enemy snipers fired on Bn HQ and then withdrew.

7 Pl advancing with tank support occupied the track junction at 967426 and continued to advance 400 yards NE towards OSO and to a point 1000 yards east of the track junction without making contact.

Twelve 75mm and eight 105mm shells (all ineffective) were fired near our position west of the BUIN Road.

OSO Area - 57/60 Bn

Following accurate artillery and mortar fire two strong enemy positions on the COMMANDO Road at 993450 and 996446 were found vacated. Two PW were captured in the area. Four new graves were found nearby and the enemy was reported in considerable strength immediately forward. A company moved north to outflank the position.

Meanwhile a patrol moving forward found further vacated positions. 11 Pl, while outflanking another position to the south, sighted six enemy at 994448.

D Coy less 16 Pl moved to 993451.

(c) 11 AUST INF BDE

See below.

(d) SUMMARY OF PATROL REPORTS

A B2 report places an enemy camp at ROROVANA 150990 and one coastal gun at 150985.

A captured letter written in "BUIN talk" and signed by a Japanese named YEWATTA called on natives of OKEMO 224471 to return with the letter. The letter also stated that natives cooperating with Australian forces would be shot on sight.

Native scouts report that five Japanese were killed near OKEMO by a shrapnel mine. The scouts also report that Japanese had placed land mines on the track near OKEMO and having destroyed their gardens had vacated the area and withdrawn south to KUMILIOGU.

Natives patrolled the TEAROUKI, TEOP and HAKAU plantations, thence to the eastern boundary of TINPUTZ plantation without incident. The patrol is now operating south to TEOPASINO.

2. AIR - OWN - BOUGAINVILLE 26 May

In support of ground troops 32 CORSAIRS bombed enemy defensive positions and pill boxes at the junction of the OSO - COMMANDO Rd at 996446. 37 bombs fell in the target area with unobserved results.

At request of 3 Div 12 CORSAIRS led by Tac R twice attacked suspected gun positions near KORIU [illegible]. On both attacks the areas were well covered but no results observed.

An enemy concentration at the MIVO ford (117341) was accurately bombed by 19 CORSAIRS.

Twelve CORSAIRS patterned their bombs on another enemy concentration at KAINO (180840) with unobserved results.

The camp area of some naval naval personnel at RANKAMA Pt (233922) was struck by 12 CORSAIRS, clearing an area 400 yards long.

Patrols in the MUGUAI - MAIKA area with 4 bombs got top score for observed results for the day destroying a total of 13 huts and damaging 3. Also with one bomb destroyed a staff car, a flat topped truck and 10/15 oil drums.

On 25 May 6 MITCHELLS dropped 72 x 100 Lb bombs on AA positions at KANGU HILL.

PART IV

OTHER FRONTS

BORNEO - TARAKAN ISLAND

Troops of 2/48 Bn repulsed a counter attack east of Mt API, and later withdrew to enable an air strike to be made on the enemy position. Eighteen aircraft were used but, although the enemy was accurately bombed, they remained in position.

HQ 2/4 Cdo Sqn also repulsed an attack by a small enemy party. To the north 2/24 Bn unsuccessfully attacked two enemy positions.

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

n 26 Bn

A patrol from A Coy was fired on by two LMGs at 289700

slightly east of BUOI plantation. Another patrol moved to 284696 thence to the northern tip of the plantation without sighting enemy.

12 Pl moved NE of the plantation to 293704 and a patrol advanced a further 400 yards NE and SW without contact.

A patrol from 13 Pl moved to 304716 without sighting enemy and 5 Pl patrolled the coast to 271700 north of the BUOI plantation also without contact.

A PIB patrol contacted an estimated 30 enemy with one HMG, one LMG at 329725, on the coastal track near RURI BAY. Two enemy were killed and our 3 inch mortar then engaged the position. The enemy withdrew slightly and were joined by a further 20 from the north. Later two enemy were killed and one probably killed. The 3 inch mortar continue to engage.

Other patrols killed one of two Japs in the area 2500 yds west of the RURI and one of six in the same area. A probable LMG was reported in a hut slightly to the north.

Locations :- B Coy less 12 Pl 296701.

Our artillery engaged the area west of the coastal road 1400 yards NW of RURI and the area 1000 yards east of BUOI plantation.

5 Pl reported that enemy shells fell into the sea in the area SW of BUOI plantation. Later four hostile rounds fell in the entrance to RATSUA Inlet. Flashes indicate a possible gun at SOHANA ISLAND.

Two explosions were heard in the vicinity of PORTON at 252000L and another about 1½ hours later.

TAIOF OP reported a barge moving NW from BUKA PASSAGE to CHINATOWN at 261105L.

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PART I

1. LAND - OWN AND ENEMY

(a) 23 AUST INF BDE-PIATERAPAIA Area

27 Bn - A patrol has moved out to reconnoitre WEARNES HILL. Our artillery engaged enemy positions at 688157 and vicinity 695159 forward of BERRYS HILL.

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

26 Bn - On the east coast our 3 in mortars engaged the area immediately north of SIAR.

C Coy less 14 Pl is now established at 310713; 14 Pl is at 308717. Two small parties of Japanese were encountered NW of the Coy position; five Japanese were killed.

In the BUOI PLTN area 8 and 9 Pls have established new positions at 286701. These positions were later attacked, the enemy losing one killed and one wounded.

Explosions have been heard and observed in the PORTON PLTN area and SW BUKA. A small craft was observed east of SOHANA at 271045L and 271355L a small fast vessel moved from SOHANA into BUKA PASSAGE. Four barges were seen anchored off the entrance to the passage.

(a) 3 AUST DIV - OSO Area - 57/60 Bn

A track from 993448 to 993444 has been located; there is evidence of considerable enemy activity between this track and the COMMANDO Road.

After an air and artillery concentration A Coy moved forward and secured the road junction 996446 without opposition. During exploitation our troops were fired on from a position 200 yds further south; fire was exchanged and one Japanese was killed. A large quantity of arms, equipment and documents has been found in the area.

One Sec of 7 Pl moving to a vacated enemy position SE of the road junction, found the position reoccupied, and withdrew. Our artillery later engaged this position.

A patrol from C Coy contacted a large enemy force, (estimated 100 men), constructing defences in the area 001452, north of the COMMANDO road.

Locations:	HQ A Coy and 9 Pl	996446
	Two Secs 7 Pl	996444
	8 Pl	995445
	B Coy less 12 Pl	996446
	12 Pl	997443

TOHU Area - 58/59 Bn

A patrol operating in the TOMOI RIVER area was fired on at 964406, but moved on and reached 970401, where a native scout reported 100 enemy digging positions between this point and the BUIN Road. The patrol attempted to reconnoitre the area, but was observed and forced to engage; seven Japanese were killed and one wounded. Later our artillery engaged the area.

A patrol which reached 976396 on the TOMOI RIVER was engaged and later shelled. Enemy activity is reported at 963423 and 965423, north of the BUIN Road.

Six enemy graves have been found at 967427 and eleven at 968426.

Locations:	A Coy	974428
	B Coy	963407

MOBIAI R AREA - 2/8 Cdo Sqn

An enemy concentration is reported at 080355 on the BUIN Road near the MOBIAI RIVER and several well armed parties (totalling 43), were observed moving west at 084348 east of the river.

Another party of 15, probably casualties, were observed moving east.

A party of 22 Japanese was ambushed at 084348; 17 were killed and probably two others.

Locations: Sqn HQ 091459
B Tp 089453

(d) SUMMARY OF PATROL REPORTS

Natives have reported the following killings:- WIDA 2, ISINA 15, AROPA 1.

It is reported that in our recent strike at KAINO, four Japanese huts were destroyed.

A B1 report states that our recent strike at KANAURA was very successful, and that the area is now clear of the enemy.

2. AIR - OWN BOUGAINVILLE 27 May

Supporting 3 Div operations 12 Corsairs bombed enemy defensive positions OSO 993445. Bombing was accurate and jungle in vicinity of target area was well cleared.

Newly erected huts and areas of activity observed during recent weeks in central BUKA ISLAND were attacked by Tac R led Corsairs, a total of 63 aircraft being employed.

In the GAGAN RIVER area 47 aircraft destroyed 10/15 huts, damaging a further eight. At 113034 a large column of black smoke was observed.

Huts were also attacked on the HARPAN and KOHICO RIVERS, at least 10 being destroyed.

Patrols destroyed one hut at the base of KIETA PENINSULA.

Catalinas and Corsairs provided cover to damaged HMAS COLAC throughout the night 26/27 May and during the day 27 May.

On 26 May six Mitchells bombed AA positions at KAHILI with good coverage but unobserved results.

PART IV

OTHER FRONTS

BORNEO - TARAKAN ISLAND

Small gains have been made by troops of 2/23, 2/24 and 2/48 Bns in the hill country north of the town of TARAKAN.

A patrol from 2/4 Cdo Sqn has penetrated within one mile of CAPE DJOETA on the north coast.

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PART I

1. LAND - OWN AND ENEMY

(a) 23 AUST INF BDE - PIATERAPAIA Area

27 Bn - A patrol returned from BURITSIOTORARA states that the village is used only as a garden area, but the track junction at 670245 is occupied by 40/50 Japanese in well prepared positions.

The track from PIPIPAIA to IBU passing through this track junction is in constant use in both directions. One Japanese was killed in the area.

At 694159, SE of WEARNES HILL, one of our patrols exchanged fire with a Japanese party, killing one. The enemy on WEARNES HILL are now wearing new clothing.

Five dead Japanese have been found forward of BERRYS HILL.

A PIB patrol ambushed 25 Japanese on the NUMA NUMA trail near CHAMBERS HILL, killing four. These Japanese were carrying new clothes in their packs.

An ANGAU scout returned from NUMA NUMA states that a Japanese HQ is established at RESIOPAIA, square 7629, but that apart from these troops, no other Japanese are stationed along the WAKUNAI RIVER. He also states that there are no Japanese between BURITSIOTORARA and the mouth of the TEIKONA RIVER.(B2)

GENERAL : Our artillery and mortars have harassed the BASE POINT 3 area. The jeep road from PEARL RIDGE to SMITHS HILL has now been completed.

(b) 3 AUST DIV - TOHU Area 58/59 Bn.

At 272215L an enemy party attacked the B Coy position but was repulsed.

During night 27/28 May, a small party of Japanese cut A Coy's signal lines.

One PW was captured at 985423 and a 3 ton vehicle, only slightly damaged has been found.

One of our patrols killed one Japanese near the track junction at 965423 and was later fired on from an enemy position 400 yds further north.

Three dead Japanese were found at 983441.

The enemy shelled the B Ech area.

OSO Area - 57/60 Bn

Following a mortar concentration 9 Pl attacked an enemy position at 997444 on the COMMANDO Road.

Strong resistance was encountered before the enemy withdrew, losing two killed. Another dead Japanese was found nearby.

At first light ten Japanese crossed the river at 997445 and attacked 7 Pl; the attack was repulsed. At 281435L 7 Pl supported by accurate mortar fire attacked a strong enemy position nearby, killing four and wounding three.

A patrol from B Coy was fired on at 994444.

The enemy position at 001433 on the COMMANDO Road south of TONNU, is still occupied, but there are no signs of the suspected enemy HQ in squares0044, 0043 and 0143.

Four fresh graves were found in the C Coy area.

Locations: 7 Pl 997443; 9 Pl 997444; HQ A Coy 996444; B Coy 997447 and C Coy 995444.

MOBIAI RIVER Area - 2/8 Cdo Sqn

A new enemy camp is under construction at 030368, east of HARI ONE and further enemy activity is reported in square 0535, east of the OGORATA RIVER; at 029366 near the BUIN Road; 113343 near the MIVO RIVER-WAPIAI RIVER junction and at 097343,

west of the river junction, where one enemy was killed.

At 126340 a light truck carrying troops was observed moving east.

A prime mover was heard during night 27/28 May vicinity 038355.

Two Japanese were killed when an enemy party was ambushed at 047383 near URAI.

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

26 Bn - At 271735L an enemy party using smoke attacked our A Coy positions north of BUOI PLTN. Our 3 in mortars later engaged the area. A patrol from B Coy observed five Japanese on the track NE of A Coy's positions.

Six Japanese were observed at 314722, 1500 yds west of SIAR, and a PIB patrol observed three Japanese 1000 yds SW of SIAR.

Our artillery and heavy mortars engaged enemy positions at 314722, 296703 and 298703.

31/51 Bn - Locations: Bn HQ 232649; HQ Coy 235647; A Coy 238640; B Coy 238642; D Coy 235647.

GENERAL - A recce party in FBE off BUOI PLTN exchanged fire with an enemy LMG position at 269699.

Our OPs report one small craft off the east coast of SOHANA ISLAND. One dead Japanese was found at 238582, south of the COMPTON RIVER.

(d) SUMMARY OF PATROL REPORTS

Patrols have examined the areas from the south boundary of TINPUTS PLTN to IRIWIEI 623664, thence along coast to 637618, HAKAH, TEOP, TEAROKI and TEOPASINA PLTNS, and WATAKWASELA villages 650584, without making contact with the enemy.

Native scouts watching the coastal road between TOBOREI PLTN and 350850, report no sign of enemy movement south from KIETA.

The natives of MAMAMARINO 299340 and LULUGOA 312346 are reported to be held in a barbed wire compound near MITUAI 323360. Many Japanese are said to be in the area.

A large enemy concentration, estimated at 300 is reported near PALIDAU 268456 (B1).

On 23 May six Japanese were killed near MOGOLAI in the PALIDAU area.

Reports from CHOISEUL state that shoots carried out by HMAS COLAC were effective.

2. AIR - OWN BOUGAINVILLE 28 May

At request of 3 Div 12 Corsairs attacked an enemy defensive position on BUIN Road at 969399. Subsequently target was bombed by a further 11 aircraft. Although results were unobserved by pilots, bombing was accurate and target area was well cleared.

A second defensive area at TONNU 001433 was bombed by 11 Corsairs.

A gun position located by 3 Div at UNANAI 994391 was bombed by 8 Corsairs, Tac R led. One aircraft was lost but pilot was rescued by crash boat.

Six Corsairs vicinity MAILAL RIVER strafed two barges, damaging both.

In the NUMA NUMA area an enemy bivouac site at 826287 was bombed and strafed by 24 Corsairs. Results were not assessed.

Three flights, the first of 20, the second of 12 and the third of six aircraft attacked huts in the ANAKI area with considerable success. Nineteen were destroyed and four damaged.

Patrols sank a 12 ft flat bottomed boat in MOISURU BAY.

A total of 122 sorties were flown during the day.

PART IV

OTHER FRONTS

BORNEO - TARAKAN ISLAND

After an air attack by six squadrons of B24s, elements of 2/24 Bn captured a feature SE of the DJOETA oilfields.

A patrol from 2/4 Cdo Sqn reached the barracks at CAPE DJOETA without making contact.

Troops of 2/48 Bn found the 102 feature north of TARAKAN heavily defended.

Six EA bombed the swamp area at the mouth of the PAMOESIAN RIVER and two bombed the harbour. There were no casualties or damage.

Enemy casualties to 262400I :- Killed 662; Probably killed 146; PW 17.

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PART I

1. LAND - OWN AND ENEMY

(a) 23 BDE - PIATERAPAIA Area

Our Patrols report 30/40 Japanese on WEARNE's HILL. One enemy has been killed.

Our artillery accurately engaged targets at 614162, near SISIVIE, and 695159, SE of WEARNE's HILL.

The jeep road has now been completed to HUNT's HILL.

(b) 3 AUST DIV - See below.

(c) 11 AUST INF BDE - See below.

(d) SUMMARY OF PATROL REPORTS

A native patrol which surrounded a reported Japanese camp at 658556, in TEOPASINA Plantation, found that the enemy had moved out hurriedly, leaving recently cooked food behind. Three of these Japanese were later captured.

From CHOISEUL, two possible 70 or 75 mm guns are reported opposite EMERALD entrances. A small party of Japanese is also reported on the beach near SISIPIAI.

2. AIR - OWN - BOUGAINVILLE 29 May

In support of 3 DIV operations three defensive positions (978387, 965402 and 967400) on BUIN Road were attacked by twelve CORSAIRS and subsequently by an additional twelve. Good coverage was obtained but pilots consider two positions probably still partly intact.

Four CORSAIRS in MAIKI area bombed and damaged a barge at 479335 and also strafed huts at MUGUAI.

A reported coast gun at 150985 and enemy camp at 150990 were bombed by 11 CORSAIRS with unobserved results.

Huts in the ANAKI area were again attacked, 16 CORSAIRS bombing at 262757. The area was well cleared but detailed results were not observed.

At PORTON Plantation an area of enemy activity, probably a bivouac site, was bombed and strafed by twelve CORSAIRS and in the same vicinity at 269738 a possible dump was bombed by twenty aircraft. Two large columns of black smoke were observed.

On 28 May six MITCHELLS bombed a suspected Naval Headquarters at NAKARU 366303, starting fires.

PART IV

OTHER FRONTS

BORNEO - TARAKAN Island

Patrols from 2/4 Cdo Sqn report the CAPE DJOETA area clear of the enemy.

Troops of 2/24 Bn have made further small advances in the hills south of the DJOETA oilfields.

Minor engagements have again taken place north of TARAKAN township.

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3 AUST DIV

OSO Area - 57/60 Bn. During night 28/29 May an enemy 75 mm gun shelled the area square 9944 for three hours.

Fire was exchanged by 9 Pl with an enemy party, killing one, at 996444, on the COMMANDO Road. In the same area 8 Pl killed another Japanese and one was taken PW.

Location: Bn HQ - 995446.

TOHU Area - 58/59 Bn. An enemy party fired on one of our patrols at 964407, on the BUIN Road.

In the same area, one (possibly three) Japanese were killed night 27/28 May.

Enemy movement was observed at 969381 and 972385, vicinity BUIN Rd.

24 Bn. Locations: A Coy - 955419; D Coy - 966425.

TOKINOTU Area - 15 Bn. Locations: B Coy, less 10 Pl - 868485; 10 Pl - 814453.

42 Bn. Three Japanese were engaged at 929397, near the HONGORAI River; one was wounded.

Locations: C Coy - 928435.

11 AUST INF BDE - SORAKEN-RURI Area.

26 Bn. A PIB patrol engaged an enemy party vicinity SIAR, killing nine. Three Japanese sentries were observed at 324716, 1000 yards SW of SIAR; it is estimated that 20 Japanese slept in this area night 28/29 May.

A patrol from C Coy was fired on at 313722, 1500 yards west of SIAR.

Location: C Coy, less 15 Pl - 313715.

B Coy has moved to 293704, where fire has been exchanged with an enemy patrol.

As a result of the engagement in the A Coy area on 27 May, two dead Japanese have been found. One of our patrols was fired on.

Locations: A Coy, less 7 Pl - 285701; 7 Pl - 287696; 5 Pl - 287695.

General. Our artillery engaged 297702, 285701, 311726, 297703.

Natives returned from BUKA Island report the following enemy dispositions: PETATS Is - 5; MATSUNGAN Is - 5; SKOTCLAN - 36, with a coast defence gun; PORKA - 1; TUNG - nil; KAHULE - 12; CAPE LALAHAN - many with a coastal defence gun; KESIBELLO LAGOON - nil.

Night 28/29 May, green flares are reported vicinity TARLENA, and on a grid bearing of 316 degrees from 242589.

for (E H WILSON) Lt-col
General Staff

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2 AUST CORPS DAILY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No 140
(Information to 301800L May 45)
(Map Refs 1 : 63360 & 1 : 25000)

PART I

1. LAND - OWN AND ENEMY

(a) 23 AUST INF BDE - PIATARAPAIA Area

Following an air strike the Japanese positions from 696158 to 694161, east of BERRYS HILL, were investigated by one of our patrols, which found 25 Japanese entrenched. An engagement followed in which ten Japanese were killed and several wounded.

Patrols report no Japanese from 691154 to 692159 in the same general area.

One dead Japanese was found at 692159, and a further three bodies were found forward of BERRYS HILL.

Our artillery accurately engaged the WEARNES HILL and BASE POINT THREE area.

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

26 Bn - At 300740L an enemy LMG opened fire on B Coy's position. Enemy movement was heard in the area, and later PIB sighted two, and killed one Japanese 1200 yds NE of the coy position. A patrol from C Coy engaged three Japanese at 309720, 800 yds NW of the coy position.

Locations: Two secs of PIB have joined A Coy
5 Pl - 330721

GENERAL - Our artillery engaged 262732, 297703, 296702 and 268699.

An enemy gun position at 262716 was engaged by Arty R.

One barge was observed moving from SOHANA ISLAND into BUKA PASSAGE.

Explosions and smoke are reported from the TARLENA and BONIS areas.

(c) 3 AUST DIV - see below

(d) SUMMARY OF PATROL REPORTS

Native scouts report that there is some evidence that Japanese parties are moving down the east coast towards BUIN.

Natives report the following killings:- KOVIDAU-REBOINE Road - 2; REBOINE strip - 2; TOBOREI - 6.

As a result of recent effective strikes on IRON RIDGE 973917, the enemy has now moved to the SW corner of the feature.

Near MORO, natives recently killed two Japanese.

A native BAUBAKAI, Paramount Luluai for the Japanese at MAMAMORINO 299340, states in a message which has reached our native scouts that he and his natives are to be evacuated to the SHORTLANDS. He states his desire to bring his people into our lines.

A B1 report states that our recent strike at NAKARAU killed 16 Japanese.

2. AIR - OWN BOUGAINVILLE 30 May

Defensive positions on the BUIN Road 966402 - 968400 were again attacked at 3 Div request, on this occasion by two flights each of 12 Corsairs.

Also on call of 3 Div a gun position on MONOITU Road 008403 was bombed, 12 aircraft participating. Darkness prevented observation.

An enemy concentration at KANAURA was smoked and bombed by 19 Corsairs with unobserved results.

In support of 23 Bde, 11 Corsairs bombed ridge 696158 to 694161 known as BASE POINT THREE. Low cloud made sighting and approach difficult and only 50% of bombs landed in the target area.

At PORTON PLTN, 21 Corsairs bombed an MT park at 244747 and personnel area 251754. In the first case results were unobserved, and in the second two huts were destroyed.

Seven Tac R led Corsairs bombed a gun position at PORTON 265717. Gun was not destroyed but a subsequent strike by five aircraft scored near misses.

On 29 May six GREEN ISLAND based Mitchells bombed AA positions on KANGU HILL.

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3 AUST DIV - OSO Area 57/60 Bn

Fire was exchanged with an enemy party at 997442, on the COMMANDO Road; two Japanese were killed.

A party of 20 Japanese was located digging in at 997438 near TONNU.

Enemy 75mm guns shelled the unit area night 29/30 May and throughout 30 May.

TOHU Area 58/59 Bn

Our patrols were fired on at 951406, on the AITARA track, and 979419, east of TOHU.

Three Japanese were ambushed and two were killed at 978417.

An enemy position at 966423, NE of TOHU was found vacated.

Another occupied enemy position has been found at 962402 near RUNAI.

One Japanese surrendered in the B Coy area

TOKINOTU Area 15 Bn

Location: C Coy - 883467

MORONAI Area RAFFLES FORCE

This force is composed of 2/8 Cdo Sqn and C Coy PIB.
Locations: HQ C Coy PIB and 9 Pl - 085459

for (E H WILSON) Lt-col
General Staff

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2 AUST CORPS DAILY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No 141
(Information to 311800L May 45)
(Ref Maps 1 : 63360 & 1 : 25000)

PART I

LAND - OWN AND ENEMY

(a) 23 BDE - PIATERAPAIA Area

Our artillery and mortars scored direct hits on enemy positions at 695160 and 686157, forward of BERRY's HILL. The BASE PT THREE area was also engaged.

(b) 11 BDE - SORAKEN-RURI Area

26 Bn. A patrol to 285701, NE of BUOI Plantation, found the enemy position vacated; it had probably been manned by fifteen Japanese. One Japanese body was found.

Three hundred yards north of this position a PIB patrol found a track junction with well worn tracks leading north and NE.

Locations: 7 Pl - 283706; 6 and 9 Pls - 288703.

A B Coy patrol was fired on at 289702, NE of BUOI Plantation.

On the east coast one of our patrols engaged an enemy position near SIAR.

Location: 2 Pl 101 Fd Mortar Unit - 297701.

General. Our artillery engaged 311718, 296701, 263715, 312719, 262713.

At 311130L an enemy gun on SOHANA Island fired two rounds.

A canoe was observed moving between MINAN and SOHANA Islands.

(c) 3 DIV

CSO Area - 57/60 Bn. A patrol from C Coy fired on an enemy position of unknown strength at 995444, north of TONNU on the COMMANDO Road.

Forward of the Coy position another four Japanese were fired on.

At 003429, south of TONNU, an enemy party was observed digging in, and 20 footprints leading east were found.

The enemy continues to shell the unit area.

TONU Area

24 Bn. One jeep was damaged by a booby trap at 966427.

Location: B Coy - 974429.

58/59 Bn. C and D Coys advanced approximately 1500 yards SE towards the MAMAGATA road junction without encountering opposition.

Locations: C Coy - 971406; D Coy - 967413; A Coy - 957417.

A patrol from D Coy reported an extensive vacated enemy position, booby-trapped, at 964407, north of RUNAI. Nearby a slightly damaged prime mover, also booby-trapped, was found.

One of our jeeps was damaged by a mine at 970427.

HIRU HIRU Area - 42 Bn. Locations: Bn HQ - 929434; A Coy - 935438; B Coy - 932434; C Coy - 924439; D Coy - 933430.

PATTLES PORTS. A patrol base has been established at 070393, on the LOBIAI River.

Location: 11 Pl PIB - 085459.

(d) SUMMARY OF PATROL REPORTS

Natives report that our recent strike at KAINO was on the target. A garden hut in the area was fired on by natives on 17 May.

Approximately 40 Japanese and 6 huts are reported at 156331, on the OAMAI River.

Natives report a large concentration of enemy and five guns north of a previously bombed area at 208332.

2. AIR - OWN - BOUGAINVILLE 31 May

Based upon PW reports HQ 6 DIV was suspected to be in the vicinity of KORIU, within the area 977389-982386-982390. This target was bombed and strafed by 10 CORSAIRS at request of 3 DIV. Dense smoke rose from the target after attack. Subsequently two further attacks were made on the same area by 12 and 10 aircraft respectively, with no further indication of effectiveness.

A Japanese garrison camp at 327356-327353 MULIKO River was bombed and strafed by 30 CORSAIRS with unobserved results. Good coverage of area was achieved.

At SORUM 210834 enemy living areas and huts were bombed by 21 CORSAIRS with unobserved results. In this attack one aircraft crashed into the sea and exploded. No AA was observed.

A CATALINA collected 3 PW and one own sick TIANAN area.

On 30 May 6 MITCHELLS bombed AA KAHILI. Intense heavy AA was encountered.

PART IV

OTHER FRONTS

BORNEO - TARAKAN Island

A feature east of MT API was unsuccessfully attacked by 2/23 Bn.

Enemy casualties to 282400I: Killed - 674; probably killed - 149; PW - 20.

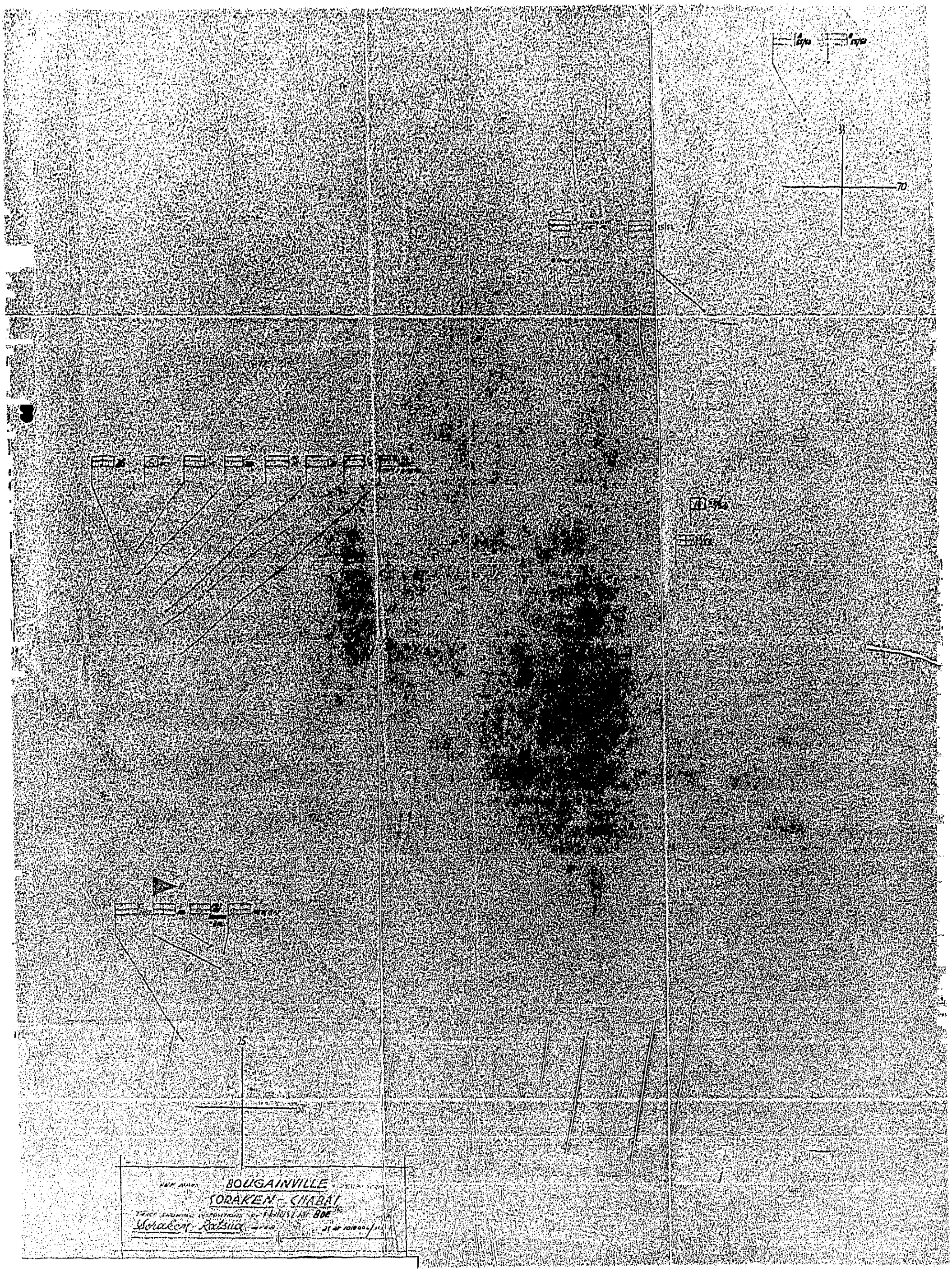
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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

57/60 Bn. Locations: Bn HQ - 993447; B Coy - 984438; C Coy - 994434.

for (E H WILSON) Lt-col
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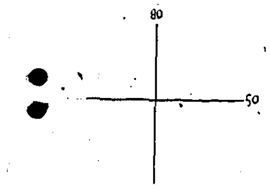


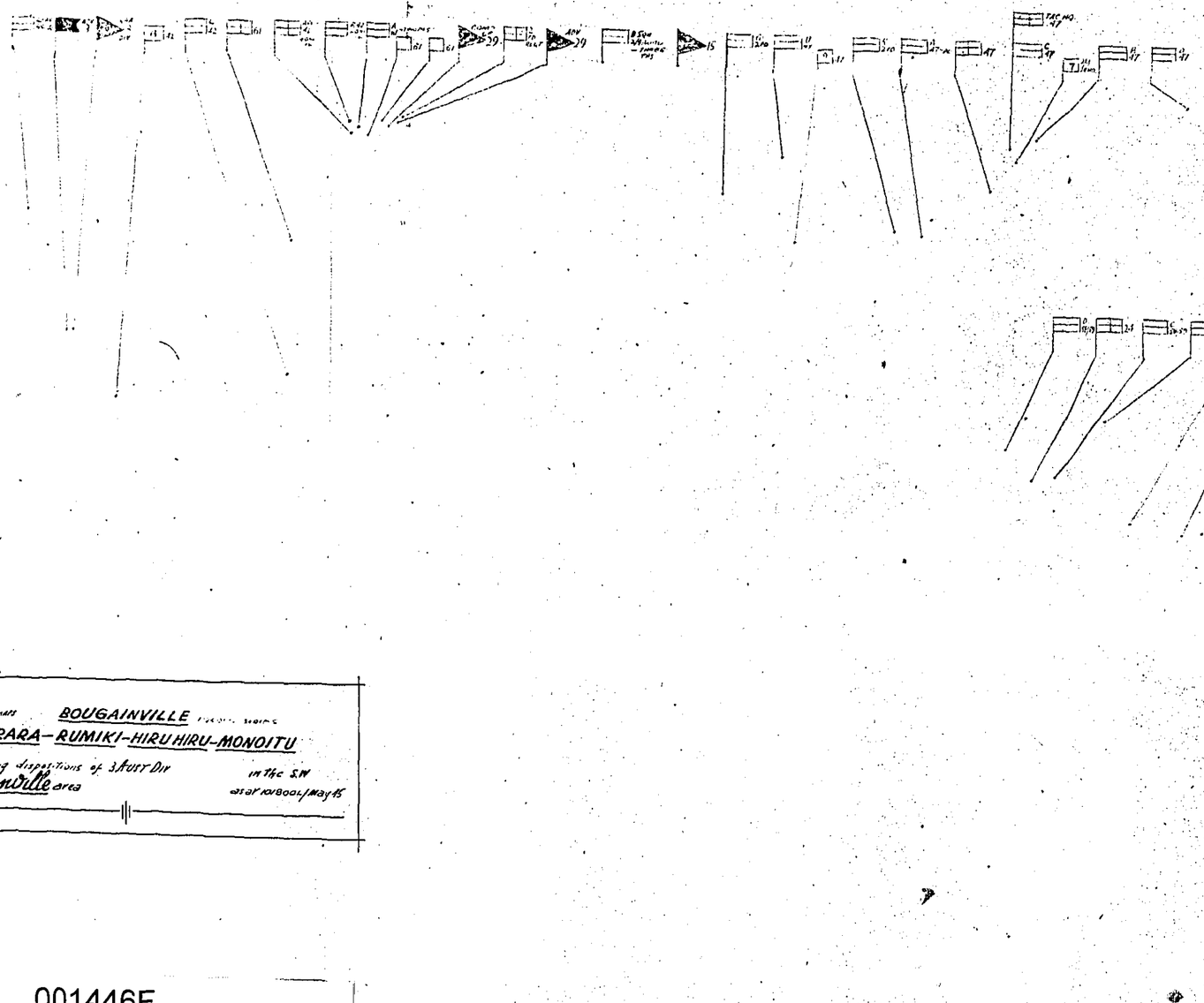
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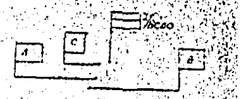
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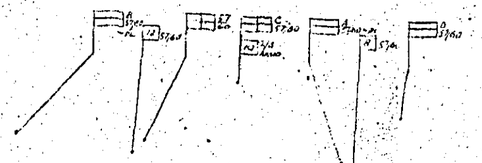
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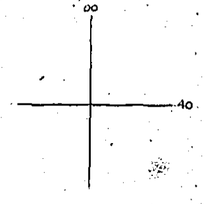
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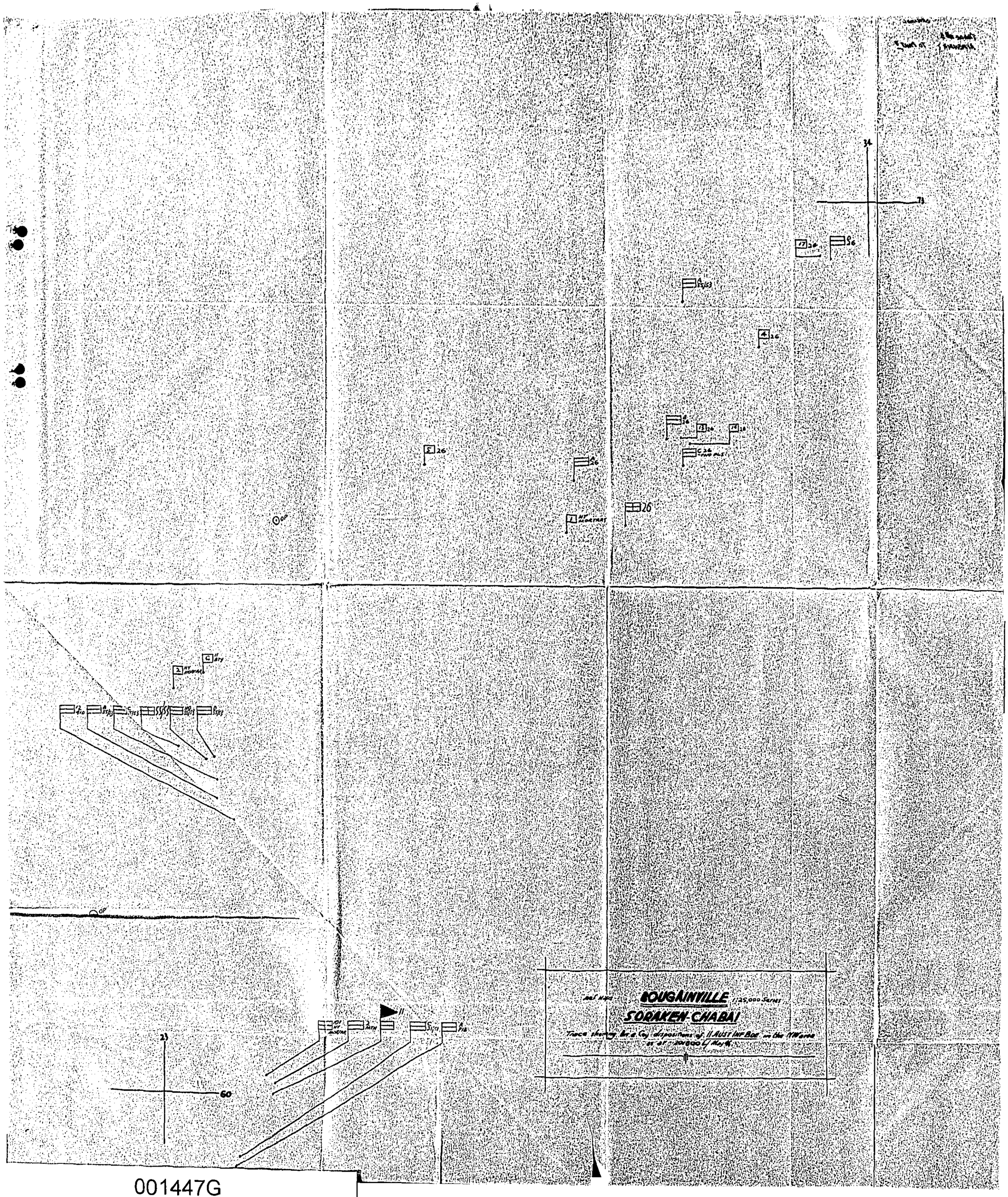


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BARARA–RUMIKI–HIRUHIRU–MONOITU
Trace showing dispositions of 3 Aust Div in the S.W
Bougainville area
as at 10/8001/May 45

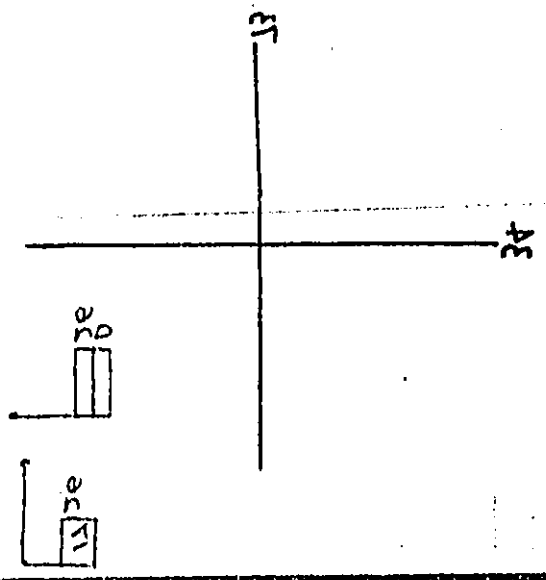
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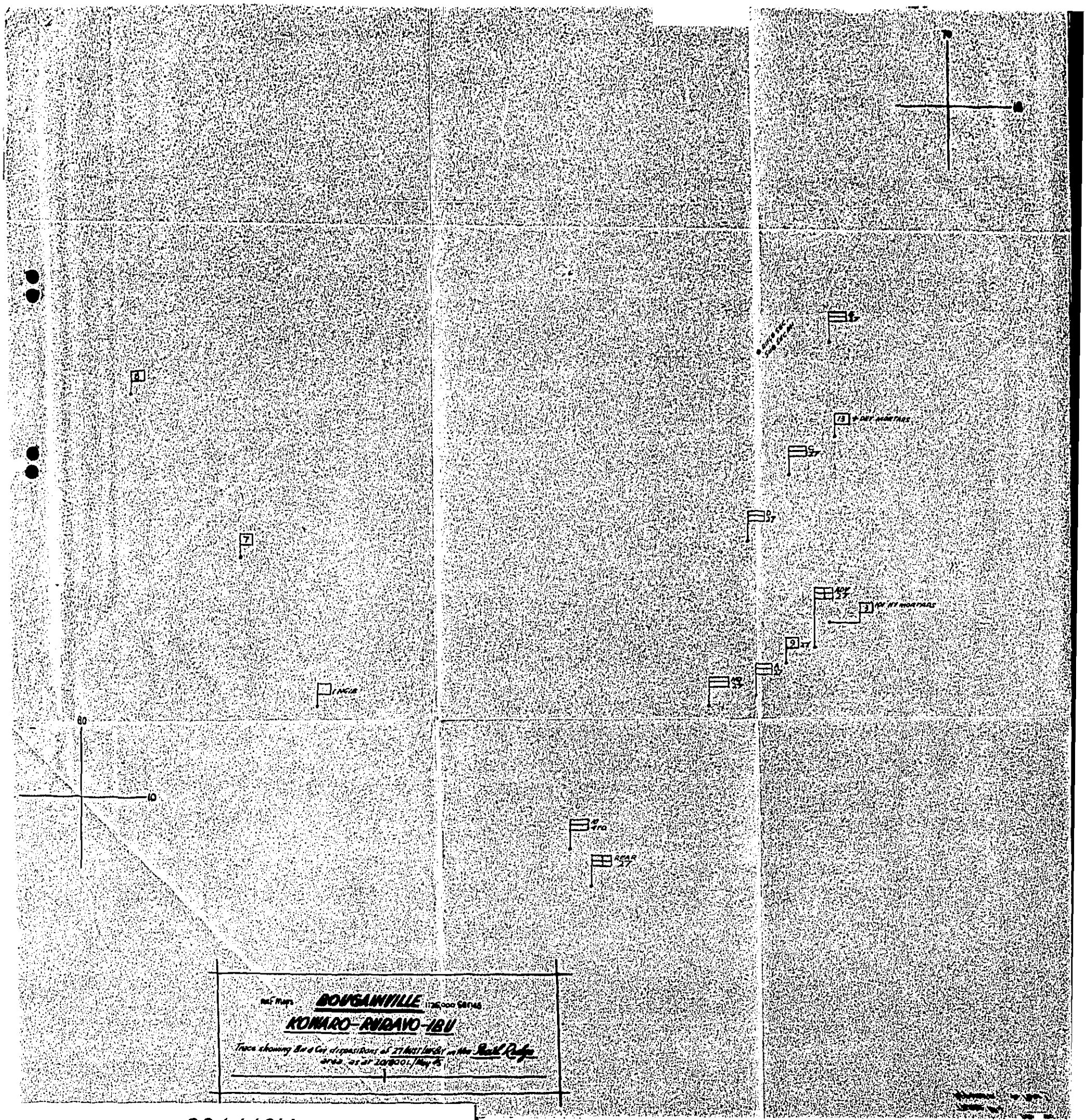
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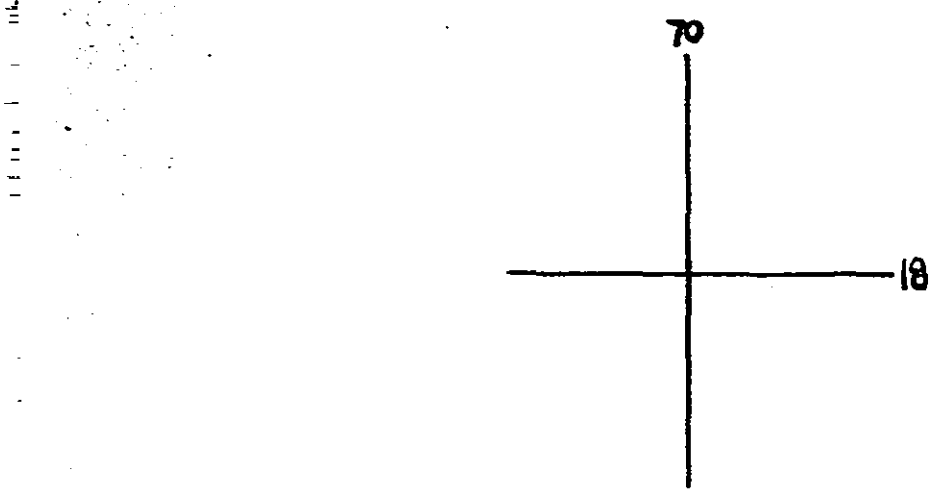

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KOMARO-RUBAVO-1BV
Trace showing Bde & Coy dispositions as 27 Aust Inf Bde in the Bank Ridge area as at 2400 HOURS/May 45

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BARARA-RUMIKI—HIRUHIRU-MOMOITU

Trace showing disposition of 3 DIST Div in the SI BOUGAINVILLE area as at 26/800L May 45

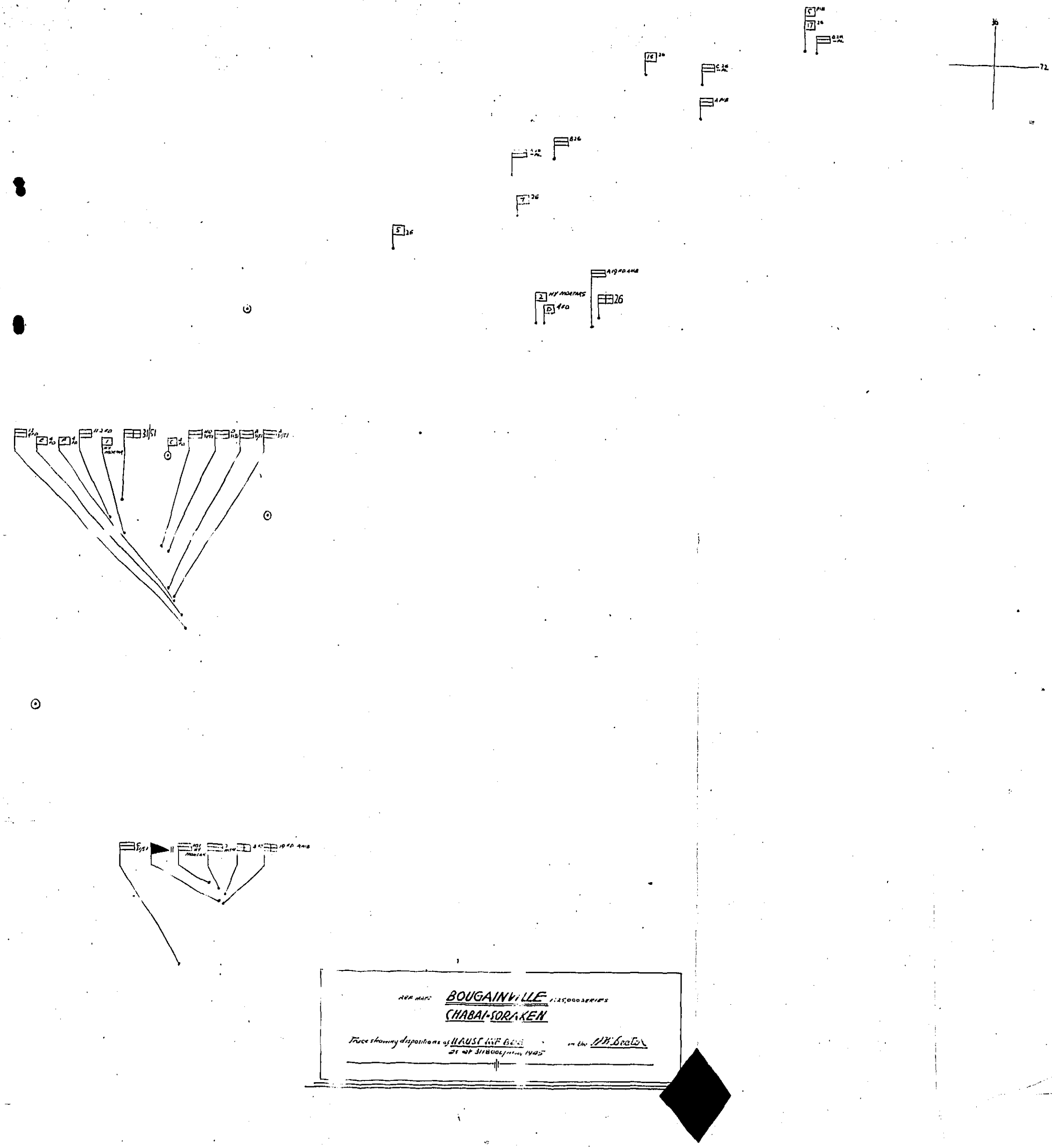
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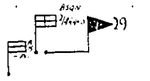
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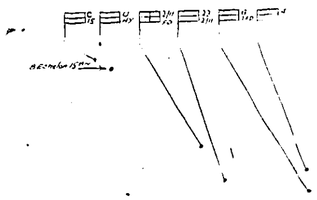


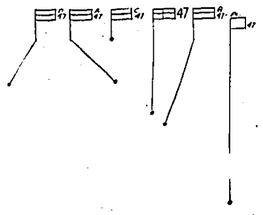
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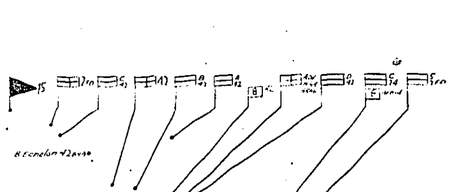
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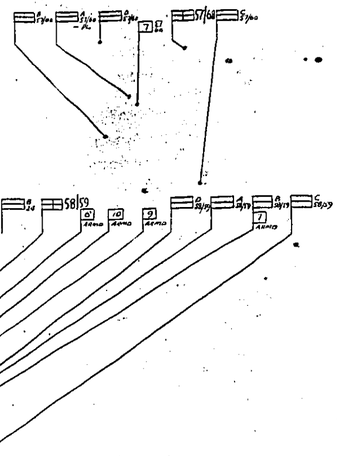
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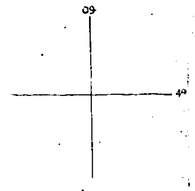


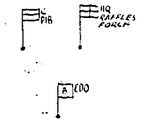


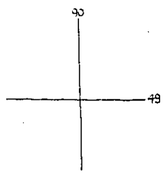












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BARARA - KUMIRI - MONOITU - HIRU HIRU - MOMRAI - MUSARAKA - MAMAGOTA - MIVO R.

Table showing dispositions of 3 AUSTRAL in the SW Bougainville area as at 1100 hrs May 45

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LIST OF OFFICERS APPOINTED AND ATTACHED

TO GENERAL STAFF HQ 2 AUST CORPS

AS AT 1 May 45

GSO I (Ops)	NX118	Lt-Col	D L B	GOSLETT MC
GSO II (Ops)	NX19360	T/Maj	D	McCARTHY
GSO II (Ops)	SX3796	T/Maj	J K	LYICH
GSO III (Ops)	VX51690	T/Capt	E J	WISCHUSEN
GSO III (CW)	WX30979	Capt	A G	DOUGLAS
Staff Learner	NX127352	T/Capt	G A	COLMAN
GSO II (Air)	QX6242	T/Maj	M	HARLAND
GSO III (Air)	QX36006	Capt	H L	HIGGS (in transit)
GSO I (Liaison)	VX138	Lt-Col	H B	CHALLEN MBE
GSO II (Liaison)	QX6303	T/Maj	S M	MAXWELL
GSO II (Liaison)	Appointment vacant			
GSO II (Armd)(attached)	VX6542	Maj	F C	TAYLOR

ATTACHED TO GENERAL STAFF

Tech Offr CW	QX36411	Capt	J G P	RYAN
OC Message Control Centre	VX81110	Lt	H J	FORD

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LIST OF OFFICERS APPOINTED AND ATTACHED

TO GENERAL STAFF HQ 2 AUST CORPS

AS AT 31 May 45

GSO I (Ops)	NX118	Lt-Col	D L B	GOSLETT MC
GSO II (Ops)	NX19360	T/Maj	D	McCARTHY (det to 3 Aust Div)
GSO II (Ops)	SX3796	T/Maj	J K	LYICH
GSO III (Ops)	VX51690	T/Capt	E J	WISCHUSEN
GSO III (CW)	WX30979	Capt	A G	DOUGLAS
Staff Learner	NX127352	T/Capt	G A	COLMAN
GSO II (Air)	QX6242	T/Maj	M	HARLAID
GSO III (Air)	QX36006	Capt	H L	HIGGS
GSO I (Liaison)	VX138	Lt-Col	H B	CHALLEN MBE
GSO II (Liaison)	QX6303	T/Maj	S M	MAXWELL
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Tech Offr CW	QX36411	Capt	J G P	RYAN
OC Message Control Centre	VX81110	Lt	H J	FORD

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Appendix 'A'

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Subject: 2 AUST CORPS DISTRIBUTION LIST NO 4

HQ 2 Aust Corps (AIF)
G/1287 /SD
4 May 45

Distribution List C
(Branches, Formations and Corps Tps)

1. Attached as Appendix 'A' is 2 Aust Corps Distribution List No 4 which becomes effective at 1800 hours 4 May 45.

2. This revised list supersedes Distribution List No 3 issued under reference G/539/SD of 24 Jan 45, which will now be destroyed.

for Brig
GS 2 Aust Corps

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Appendix 'A' to
HQ 2 Aust Corps
G/1287/SD of 4 May 45

2 AUST CORPS DISTRIBUTION LIST NO 4

Serial	Detail	A Branches, Arms and Principal Services HQ 2 Aust Corps	B anches, etc 2 Aust Corps	C s, etc, Form- and Corps Tps	D s, etc, Form- n to and Bdes,	E , Form- o Inf pendent
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5	Det 1 Aust Adv 2nd Ech	-	-	1	1	1
6	6 Aust Comd AL Sec	-	-	1	1	1
7	46 Aust AL Sec (Tac R)	-	-	1	1	1
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9	RAA 2 Aust Corps	1	1	3	3	3
10	6 Aust Mech Eqpt Coy	-	-	1	1	1
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12	B Aust Corps Sigs	-	-	1	1	1
13	E Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt	-	-	1	1	1
14	22 Pl F Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt	-	-	1	1	1
15	2 Aust Corps Sec Int Corps (AIF)	-	-	1	1	1
16	2 Aust Corps Language Det	-	-	1	1	1
17	25 Aust FS Sec	-	-	1	1	1
18	66 Aust Tpt Pl TS	-	-	1	1	1
19	67 Aust Tpt Pl TS	-	-	1	1	1
20	72 Aust Dental Unit	-	-	1	1	1
21	126 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk	-	-	1	1	1
22	CEME Corps Tps	-	-	6	6	6

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25	2 Aust Corps Sal Unit (AIF)	-	-	1	1	1
26	3 Aust Fd Punishment Centre	-	-	1	1	1
27	5 Aust Visitors & Observers Sec	-	1	1	1	1
28	2 Aust Corps Reception Camp	-	-	1	1	1
29	A Det NG School of Sigs	-	-	1	1	1
30	2 Aust Corps Trg Centre	-	-	1	1	1
	COMMANDER STAFF ETC					
31	COMD	1	1	1	1	1
32	BGS	1	1	1	1	1
33	DA & QMG	1	1	1	1	1
34	G(Ops)	1	1	1	1	1
35	G(Air)	1	1	1	1	1
36	G(Int)	1	1	1	1	1
37	G(Liaison)	1	1	1	1	1
38	Message Control Centre	1	1	1	1	1
39	CE	1	1	1	1	1
40	Svy	-	1	1	1	1
41	CSO	1	1	1	1	1
42	A Branch	2	1	1	1	1
43	Chaplains	-	3	3	3	3
44	Med	1	1	1	1	1
45	Dental	-	1	1	1	1
46	Legal	-	1	1	1	1
47	Pro	-	1	1	1	1
48	Education	-	1	1	1	1
49	Amenities	-	1	1	1	1
50	MS	1	1	1	1	1
51	Q Branch	2	1	1	1	1
52	ST	1	1	1	1	1
53	Ord	1	2	2	2	2

Serial	Detail	A	B	C	D	E
54	EME	1	1	1	1	1
55	Postal		1	1	1	1
56	Catering		1	1	1	1
57	Sal		1	1	1	1
58	Camp		1	1	1	1
59	War Diary	2	2	2	2	2
60	File	2	2	2	2	2
	TOTAL	24	38	72	83	199

FOR INFORMATION

61	First Aust Army	As necessary
62	4 Aust Base Sub Area	
63	2/1 Aust Mov & Tn Gp	
64	USAF NOR SOLS	
65	Naval Facilities NOR SOLS	
66	COM AIR NOR SOLS	
67	COM ZE AIR TAF	
68	84 (AC) Wing RAAF	
69	NOIC TOROKINA	

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7 May 45

2 AUST CORPS OPERATION INSTRUCTION NO 15

Ref Maps - BOUGAINVILLE ISLAND series 1-in to 1 mile
1 : 25,000

Comd 11 Aust Inf Bde

INFORMATION

1. (a) No change from Intelligence Summaries and sitreps.

(b) Summary of enemy strengths, locations and probable intentions attached as Appendix 'A'.

ROLE

2. You will carry out active patrolling in the area RATSUA - TARLENA PTN - TARBUT - SIAR, in order to obtain information upon which to base plans for future operations.

METHOD

3. Employment of Force

(a) NOT more than one bn gp will be based in the RATSUA - BUOI area to accomplish the role allotted.

(b) The balance of 11 Aust Inf Bde Gp will remain in their present areas unless a forward movement is approved by this HQ.

4. Establishment of Bases

The bn in the RATSUA area will establish forward bases for patrol operations as required.

ADMINISTRATION

5. Watercraft and Labour

Operations in other areas will not permit of additional allotment of watercraft or labour.

6. Selection of Areas

When selecting areas the following factors will be considered:-

(a) Maintenance should be from closest possible beach unloading points in order to reduce construction and maintenance of roads.

(b) Subject only to operational requirements, the medical aspect should be considered when selecting areas for occupation.

(c) To assist maintenance problem, no personnel beyond immediate requirements should be moved to forward area.

7. Maintenance Areas

(a) First Phase - Forward bn gps to be maintained by sea from 'F' Beach Maintenance area, units holding normal four days maintenance.

(b) Second Phase - Selection of maintenance area in RATSUA - BUOI Plantation area and establishment of temporary holding area of 7 days supply and stores for the forward bn.

This area to be temporary in view of possible movement due to future planning. No construction of permanent nature (concrete fixtures etc) will be undertaken.

(c) Third Phase - Selection and preparation of key plan for Bde Maintenance area for subsequent operations.

ACKNOWLEDGE

Signed at ...12... hrs

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DISTRIBUTION

	Copy No	Appx 'A' No	Method of Issue
11 Aust Inf Bde	1	1	SDR
COMD	2	2	Offr Safe Hand
BGS	3	3	"
DA & QMG	4	4	"
RAA 2 Aust Corps	5	5	"
CE	6	6	"
CSO	7	7	"
Q	8	8	"
First Aust Army	9&14	9-14	Air Safe Hand
File	10 - 11	10 - 11	
War Diary	12 - 13	11 - 13	

SUMMARY OF ENEMY STRENGTHS, LOCATIONS AND PROBABLE INTENTIONS

STRENGTH AND LOCATION

Unit	Strength	Location
Navy Garrison (excl laborers)	230	HQ SORUM, detachments BONIS airfield KATSINKOVERI
TARLENA Grn Unit HQ	10	SIAR, possibly moved UMUM
SORUM Area Unit	50	Probably moved SIAR
PORTON Area Unit	50	CHABAI - probably moved RURI BAY area
TASUI Area Unit	30	Probably moved
PORAPORA Sector Unit	120	Probably covering RATSUA-RURI BAY track at or SW of RURI BAY.
Arty Unit	60	On move for defence RATSUA - RURI BAY track
Reserve Unit	45	Probably SIAR
Transport Unit	25	Unlocated, was NORTH of PORTON
Indep W/T Unit	15	Unlocated
Ord & Gen Depot	35	Unlocated
UMUM Garrison	40	UMUM GORGE
BANIU Grn Unit	90	Near CHINDPATS
N E Coast Force	200	
HQ	?	KESPOHIT
SANGU Grn Unit	?	SANGU
WATAWAKSELA Grn Unit	?	TINPUTS
TOTAL	1000	
	Combat 530	
	Base 470	

PROBABLE INTENTIONS

1. Navy Garrison.

Small numbers of naval personnel have been used to reinforce the TARLENA Grn Unit in the past, but numbers have only been a small percentage of able bodied naval personnel available on BONIS Peninsula and BUKA Island. There is no evidence of intended large scale naval support for Army forces, but some indications of ill feeling between the services and a determination by the Navy to adopt independent action. It is possible therefore, that the Naval forces will concentrate on their defensive positions and probable supply dumps at BUKA aerodrome SOHANA Island and CAPE LALAHAN, with a role of denying our forces the use of BUKA Passage.

There is evidence that BONIS Peninsula is being evacuated. Withdrawal of naval troops to BUKA without opposing our advance would be in keeping with Japanese naval doctrine of passive defence of naval bases.

2. TARLENA Garrison Unit

Removal of the unit hospital from PORTON to TENIMBAUBAU, demolitions at PORTON, abandonment of strong defensive features at PORA PORA, and native reports of concentration of enemy between CHINDAWON and TEOPASINA, point to withdrawal of this force from BONIS Peninsula and concentration for defence of the NE coast L of C from SIAR southwards to NUMA NUMA.

Immediate role is probably to hold open the coastal track in the vicinity of RURI BAY until evacuation of Army forces from BONIS Peninsula is complete. Reports of dug in tanks on the RATSUA - RURI BAY track SW of the coastal track are probably preparations for this task.

Build up of an ammunition dump at UMUM and location of a garrison drawn from the TARLENA Garrison Force there, probably means the main body now at RURI BAY plans a stand at UMUM if forced out of RURI BAY.

3. N E Coast Force

The only other organised fighting force in NORTH BOUGAINVILLE - the N E Coast Force formed from the remnants of two bns of 81 Inf Regt - is disposed at KESPOHIT, TINPUTS and SANGU, with a det at TEOPASINA. These dispositions cover the coastal and inland tracks between RAUA and TEOPASINA, and apparently constitute a second line of defence to cover withdrawal of Army troops from NORTH BOUGAINVILLE.

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Subject: 2 AUST CORPS TRAINING CENTRE
JOINING INSTRUCTIONS

Ref Map: TOROKINA 1 in 2nd Edition

HQ 2 Aust Corps (AIF)
G/ 1344 /Trg
13May 45

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INTRODUCTORY

1. 2 Aust Corps Training Centre has been established at HALSEY CAMP 549930, to accommodate schools and mobile wings allotted to or instituted by this formation. The following standard joining instructions will apply to all courses.

NOMINAL ROLLS

2. Nominal rolls will be forwarded direct to the Training Centre, with one copy to HQ 2 Aust Corps, four days prior to the commencement of each course.

ARRIVAL AND REPORTING

3. Students will report to 2 AUST CORPS RECEPTION CAMP by 1200 hrs on the day prior to the commencement of the course.

CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

4. Full marching order
Two pairs good boots
Mosquito net
Cots folding
Blankets
Notebooks and pencils
Messing utensils

5. Students attending P & RT Courses will also bring swimming trunks, sports trunks and sandshoes if available.

6. All students will be inspected before proceeding to the school to ensure they are fully equipped and that all articles are in a serviceable condition. Issues of clothing and equipment, including notebooks and pencils, cannot be made by the school.

OBJECT OF COURSES

7. Set out in Appendix 'A' is a brief summary of the object of each course under its appropriate wing.

SCHEDULE OF COURSES

8. A schedule will be issued periodically showing courses current and pending, and allotment of vacancies for each course. Set out in Appendix 'B' for information is a list of mobile wings allotted or available for allotment to this formation.

Ref 2 Aust Corps G/1344/Trg 13 May 45 :-

Amend para 1 after HALSEY CAMP to read 562919

APPX 7

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SCHEDULE OF COURSES

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APPENDIX 'A' to
HQ 2 Aust Corps G/1344/Trg

OBJECT OF COURSES

1. NEW GUINEA SCHOOL OF SIGNALS - BOUGAINVILLE WING

No 3 Section

To refresh Wireless Operators of Aust Sigs and Water Transport Units in all subjects pertaining to their trade

No 9 Section

To refresh regimental signallers of cavalry, engineer and infantry units in all subjects pertaining to their trade.

2. NEW GUINEA TRAINING SCHOOL - MOBILE TEAM

Weapon Training Wing

To study the characteristics and capabilities of infantry section weapons including the PITA. To train students in the correct application of the weapons in battle and in the employment of snipers with special reference to jungle conditions.

Jungle Craft Wing

To train Junior Officers and NCOs in the tactical handling of their command with particular attention to jungle craft, including the recognition and handling of Japanesebooby traps.

3. 2 AUST CORPS P & RT COURSE

To train officers and NCOs as P & RT Instructors.

APPENDIX 'B' to
HQ 2 Aust Corps G/1344/Trg

LIST OF SCHOOLS

MOBILE WINGS AT 2 AUST CORPS TRG CENTRE

New Guinea School of Sigs BOUGAINVILLE Wing

No 3 Section

No 9 Section

New Guinea Training School -

Mobile Weapon Training Wing

New Guinea Training School -

Mobile Jungle Craft Wing

P & RT Course.

M2-2 Flamethrower Course

MOBILE WINGS DUE

LHQ School of Mechanisation Mobile Wing	ETA	June
LHQ School of Military Engineering -		
Bomb Disposal Wing	ETA	May

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Subject: 2 AUST CORPS TRAINING CENTRE

STANDARD JOINING INSTRUCTIONS

Ref Map: TOROKINA 1-inch No 4895

HQ 2 Aust Corps (AIF)
G/1436/Trg
31 May 45

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INTRODUCTORY

1. 2 Aust Corps Training Centre has been established at HALSEY CAMP 562919, to accommodate schools and mobile wings allotted to or instituted by this formation. The following standard joining instructions will apply to all courses.

OBJECT OF COURSES

2. Set out in Appendix 'A' is a list of mobile wings allotted, or available for allotment, to this formation together with a brief summary of the object of each course.

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4. Students will report to 2 Aust Corps Training Centre by 1200 hrs on the day prior to the commencement of the course.

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Messing utensils

6. (a) Students attending P & RT Courses will also bring swimming trunks, sports trunks and sandshoes if available.

(b) Students attending Jungle Craft Wing will bring tents shelter, halves.

7. All students will be inspected before proceeding to the school to ensure they are fully equipped and that all articles are in a serviceable condition. Issues of clothing and equipment, including notebooks and pencils, cannot be made by the school

BATMEN

8. Where practicable, batmen will accompany officer students. Names of batmen will be included in nominal rolls under a separate heading.

POSTAL

9. On account of the short duration of courses, students will continue to use their normal unit address at the head of private correspondence.

The address 2 Aust Corps Training Centre will NOT be used.

SCHEDULE OF COURSES

10. A schedule will be issued periodically showing courses current and pending, and allotment of vacancies for each course.

11. 2 Aust Corps Joining Instructions G/1344/Trg of 13 May 45 and appendices are cancelled.

[signature]
Lt Col
for Brig
GS 2 Aust Corps

APPENDIX 'A' to
HQ 2 Aust Corps G/1436/Trg

OBJECT OF COURSES

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To study the characteristics and capabilities of infantry section weapons including the PITA. To train students in the correct application of the weapons in battle and in the employment of snipers with special reference to jungle conditions.

5. Jungle Craft Wing

To train Junior officers and NCOs in the tactical handling of their command with particular attention to jungle craft, including the recognition and handling of Japanese booby traps.

6. Clerical Wing

To train orderly room personnel and typists.

LHQ GAS SCHOOL

7. Flamethrower Team

To instruct officers and NCOs in the use of the M2-2 Flamethrower and to practise them in its use.

LHQ SCHOOL OF MECHANISATION MOBILE WING

8. Wheeled Wing - Senior Officers MT Course

To train COs, OsC units and staff officers concerned with the administration, operation and maintenance of MT, Senior offices of MAC, Fd Amb and Con Dep in their responsibilities and duties, as set out in GRO 339/43, and in the administration and operation of unit MT generally.

9. Driving and Maintenance Course

To qualify Transport and MT officers, WOs and NCOs and unit D & M instructors and testing officers to train, examine and test unit drivers MT for AAF G 11 in respect of wheeled vehicles.

10. Refresher Course.

To refresh and bring up to date unit personnel as for D & M Course in respect of wheeled vehicles.

LHQ SCHOOL OF MILITARY ENGINEERING

11. Bomb Disposal Wing

To train RAE Officers and NCOs in bomb disposal.

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Copy No 32

Subject: AMENDMENT NO 1

2 AUST CORPS LOCATION STATEMENT AND ORDER

OF BATTLE NO 7

HQ 2 Aust Corps (AIF)
G/1349/Ops
15 May 45

1. Attached as Appendix 'A' hereto is amendment No 1 to 2 Aust Corps Location Statement and Order Of Battle No 7 up to 2359 hrs 12 May 45.

2. It is requested that any errors in location or command of units be notified to this Headquarters by formations concerned.

3. Please acknowledge receipt on subtended pro forma.

for Brig
GS 2 Aust Corps

Distribution: See over

HQ 2 Aust Corps

Receipt is acknowledged of Amendment No 1 to 2 Aust Corps Location Statement and Order of Battle No 7 dated 15 May 45, copy copies number 32 .

Signed.....

Appointment .....

Date 45

DISTRIBUTION	Copy No	Method of Issue
3 Aust Div	1	DRLS
11 Aust Inf Bde	2	"
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RAA 2 Aust Corps	4	Hand
B Aust Corps Sigs (4)	5 - 8	"
3 Aust Adv 2nd Ech	9	DRLS
6 Aust Comd AL Sec	10	"
46 Aust AL Sec (Tac R Sqn)	11	"
2 Aust Corps Postal Unit	12	Hand
2 Aust Corps Reception Camp	13	DRLS
CCMD	14	Hand
BGS	15	"
DA&QMG	16	"
G(Ops)	17	"
G(Int)	18	"
Message Control Centre	19	"
CE	20	"
CSO	21	"
A	22	"
Med	23	"
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Q	25	"
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4 AustBase Sub Area (6) (Including copies for Base Censor, Base PO, Det NG Details Dep, Det 10 Aust L of C Stationery Dep, Det NG AA Canteens Service)	41 - 46	DRLS
2/1 Aust Mov & Tn Gp	47	DRLS
USAF NORSOLS	48	"
COM AIR NORSOLS	49	"
COMZEAIRTAF	50	"
COM NAV NORSOLS	51	"
First Aust Army Liaison Officer BRISBANE	52	Air Safe Hand
First Aust Army Liaison Officer TOWNSVILLE	53	"

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APPENDIX 'A' t
HQ 2 Aust Corps G/1349/Ops

AMENDMENT NO 1 TO 2 AUST CORPS LOCATION STATEMENT
AND ORDER OF BATTLE NO 1
As At 2359 hrs 12 May 45

Ref Maps : BOUGAINVILLE 1 : 25000 series. Add CHABAI

1. Delete following serials: A4, A32a, A32b, B7, B24, B30, B31, B45a, B48, B49a, B50, B50a, B65, B66a, C2, D8, D13a, F29b, F32, G21a, G21b, G30a, G31a.

2. Add following serials:-

Serial (a)	Arm or Service (b)	War Office Serial No (c)	(d)	Unit (e)	Ref Map (f)	Location (g)	Remarks (h)
A4		46393		Det 1 Aust Adv 2nd Ech (AIF)	TOROKINA	606932	
A15a				A Sqn (less three tps)	TOROKINA	588959	Three tps under comd 3 Div. See Serial B4b
A17a				22 Bty	TOROKINA	633937	Remains under comd 2 Corps
A19A		92877		5 Aust Arty Sig Tp			Not yet arrived BOUGAINVILLE. To be attached HQ RAA 2 Aust Corps
A23a				3 Pl	TOROKINA	717860	
A55A		48050		Papuan Inf Bn			Not yet arrived BOUGAINVILLE. To relieve A coy 1 New Guinea Inf Bn.
A62A	ST	92480	TS	66 Aust Tpt Pl(less three secs)	TOROKINA	595961	See Serial G29. Three secs in sp 3 Div. See serial B47A.
A62B		92481	TS	67 Aust Tpt Pl	TOROKINA	592968	See serial G 30.
A63A	MED	45631	TS	106 Aust CCS (AIF)	TOROKINA	570939	
A64A		47958	TS	24 Aust Hosp Laundry Unit (Type B)	TOROKINA	566939	Att 106 CCS. To be disbanded
A68a				A Sqn Sub Pk	TOROKINA	588959	
A70a				A Sqn Wksp Sec	TOROKINA	588959	
A72a				Det	TOROKINA	628938	Att 22 Bty

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)
B3a				Rear HQ	BARARA	806462	
B4a				Adv HQ	HIRU HIRU	928438	
B4b				Three tps A Sqn 2/4 Aust Armd Regt			En route from TOROKINA
B5A		61219	TS	2/11 Aust Fd Regt (Jungle Div) (less 22 Bty)			En route from TOROKINA See serial A47
B 18a				Det	BARARA	871488	
B22A		61349	TS	2/11 Aust Fd Regt (Jungle Div) Sig Sec			En route from TOROKINA. See serial A47
B30		46325	TS	D Det 1 Aust Pigeon Sec (Type B)	PURIATA R	740570	For local adm only. Att det 42 Ldg Craf Coy. See serial A50
B31		49466		A Coy 1 New Guinea Inf Bn (less pl	BARARA	796471	Corps Tps. See serial A55. To move under comd 5 Div on relief by Papuan Inf Bn.
B47A		92480	TS	Three secs 66 Aust Tpt Pl	MOSIGETTA	709596	For local adm only. Corps Tps in sp 3 Div. See serial A62A.
B48		92074		Det 12 Aust Fd Baking Pl	HIRU HIRU	814454	For local adm only. Balance unit under comd 4 Base Sub Area.
B50		46121	TS	7 Aust Fd Amb less	TOROKINA	604962	)
B50a				Adv party	BARARA	704586	) See serial E11.
B[illegible]A		46015	TS	15 Aust Fd Amb (AIF)	HIRU HIRU	816453	See serial D13
B62A		61220	TS	2/70 Aust LAD (Type D)(less det)			Att 2/11 Fd Regt. See serial A72. En route from TOROKINA.
B[illegible]A	ARMD	45090	TS	7 Tp B Sqn 2/4 Aust Armd Regt	RUMIKI	908478	Div Tps. See serial B4
F13A		46325	TS	C Det 1 Aust Pigeon Sec (Type B)	SORAKEN	210626	For local adm only. Att Det 42 Ldg Craft Coy. See serial A50.
F14a				D Det 7 Aust Pigeon Sec (Type A)	SORAKEN	247598	For local adm only. Corps Tps. See serial A51.
F26A	DENTAL	45384	TS	HQ det 72 Aust Dental Unit (AIF)	SORAKEN	243595	)
F26B				B Sec 72 Aust Dental Unit (AIF)	SORAKEN	243595	) For local adm only. Corps Tps) See serial A66
F26C				F Sec 72 Aust Dental Unit (AIF)	SORAKEN	241649	)

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)
F32	PRO	92770	TS	20 Aust Indep Pro Pl	SORAKEN	247598	
G9A	ARTY	45986	TS	10 Bty 4 Aust Fd Regt (Jungle Div) (AIF)	KOWARO	657095	For local adm only. Under comd 11 Bde in sp 23 Bde. See serial F3b
G21a				C Coy	MONO ISLAND		To move TOROKINA
G32d				Det	KOWARO	659090	
G33A		92079		One sec 17 Aust Fd Baking Pl			Not yet arrived BOUGAINVILLE. To relieve one sec 6 Fd Baking Pl.
G41A		45987	TS	Det 214 Aust LAD (Type D)	KOWARO	657095	For local adm only. Att 10 Bty 4 Fd Regt. Under comd 11 Bde in sp 23 Bde. See serial F29.

3. Amend the following serials in respective columns to read.:

Serial	Unit	Ref Map.	Location	Remark
(a)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)
A15	2/4 Aust Armd Regt (less B and C Sqns) less			
A17	2/11 Aust Fd Regt(Jungle Div) (less 22 Bty)	(delete location)		Under comd 3 Div. En route from TOROKINA. See Serial B5A
A20		BARARA	884467	
A23			601902	
A24				Delete "local adm" Substitute "other purposes"
A30			602587	
A31a			787693	
A47		(delete location)		Under comd 3 Div. En route from TOROKINA. See serial B22A
A49			562895	
A50	1 Aust Pigeon Sec (Type B) less dets		560900	Army Tps under 4 Base Sub Area for local adm Dets att 42 Ldg Craft Coy att 3 Div 11 Bde. See serials B30 F13A.
A55		BARARA	796471	Under comd 3 Div. See serial B31. To move under comd 5 Div on relief by PIB.
A66a		SORAKEN	243595	)Under 11 Bde for local
A66c		SORAKEN	233652	)adm. See serials)F26A F26B
A66d		TOROKINA	546931	)
A66e		TOROKINA	584932	) Delete remarks)
A66g		SORAKEN	241649	Under 11 Bde for local adm. See serial F26C
A68	2/4 Aust Armd Regt Ord Fd Pk(HE)(less B and C Sqn Sub Pks) less			Not yet arrived BOUGAINVILLE. B Sqn Sub Pk under comd 3 Div. See serial B54. C Sqn Sub Pk under comd 6 Div.
A70	2/4 Aust Armd Regt Wksp (Type B)(less B and C Sqn Wksp Secs) less			Not yet arrived BOUGAINVILLE. B Sqn Sec under comd 3 Div. See serial B59. C Sqn Sec under comd 6 Div.
A72	2/70 Aust LAD (Type D) less	(Delete location)		Att 2/11 Fd Regt. Under comd 3 Div. See serial B22A. En route from TOROKINA

(a)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)
A75		TOROKINA	602902	Att 6 Mech Eqpt Coy
A77				Under comd for ops only Under 4 Base Sub Area for other purposes.
B2		HIRU HIRU	809458	
B3	2/8 Aust Cdo Sqn less		997522	
B4	B Sqn 2/4 Aust Armd Regt (less four tps) less			See serial A15. Three tps under comd 15 Bde, one tp under comd 29 Bde. See serials D2 E1A
B8		BARARA	883469	
B10			810457	
B11			799468	
B12a			772805	
B13		BARARA	871488	
B14			777656	
B15			798470	
B17		MOSIGETTA	707578	
B18	7 Aust BD Pl (AIF) less		738848	
B29		HIRU HIRU	816454	
B29a		HIRU HIRU	816454	
B32		HIRU HIRU	809458	LHQ Tps
B32a		TOROKINA	583952	
B37		MOSIGETTA	709596	
B38			597957	
B40		BARARA	893461	
B42		MOSIGETTA	713596	
B45	53 Aust Tpt Pl	HIRU HIRU	816453	
B49	109 Aust CCS (AIF)			
B52			553939	To be disbanded
B53			583952	
B53a			644936	
B53b		TOROKINA	629941	
B53d		HIRU HIRU	816453	
B53g		BARARA	843480	
B54	B Sqn Sub Pk 2/4 Aust Armd Regt Ord Fd Pk (LE)	MOSIGETTA	769621	
B56		BARARA	850482	
B59	B Sqn Wksp Sec 2/4 Aust Armd Regt Wksp		871487	
B64			836482	

(a)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)
B66	230 Aust LAD (Type A)(AIF)	BARARA	801467	
B69		HIRUHIRU	810458	
B70		HIRUHIRU	810458	
B71		HIRUHIRU	810458	
C1		TOROKINA	602965	
C4		TOROKINA	602965	
C5		TOROKINA	640934	
C6			644936	
C7		TOROKINA	645942	
C8		TOROKINA	602965	LHQ Tps
C12		TOROKINA	635912	(Delete remarks)
C13		BARARA	850482	
C15		TOROKINA	602965	
C16		TOROKINA	602965	
D2	HQ F Tp B Sqn 2/4 Aust Armd Regt	HIRUHIRU	928438	
D2a	6 Tp	HIRUHIRU	939424	
D2b	10 Tp	RUMIKI	968483	
D4			873487	
D5		HIRUHIRU	936432	
D6		RUMIKI	949484	
D7		HIRUHIRU	925446	
D11		BARARA	893461	
D12		HIRUHIRU	816453	
D13	15 Aust Fd Amb (AIF)	HIRUHIRU	816453	Under comd 3 Div See serial B50A
D16			873487	
D17		BARARA	973487	
D18		HIRUHIRU	810458	
E1		BARARA	843480	
E3		BARARA	843480	
E4				Delete remarks
E5	42 Aust Inf Bn	RUMIKI	906474	Delete remarks
E6		RUMIKI	908478	
E7		BARARA	843480	LHQ Tps
E9			713596	
E11				Under comd 3 Div See serial B50

(a)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)
E12			769621	
E14		BARARA	843481	
E15		BARARA	843480	
E16		HIRUHIRU	810458	
F3				Delete remarks
F3b				In sp 27 Bn. Under 25 Bde for local adm. See serial 39A
F9				Delete remarks
F12			247598	
F14	A det 7 Aust Pigeon Sec (Type A)		234650	
F17			307651	
F21			247598	
F27		SORAKEN	243588	
F27a		TOROKINA	596923	
F29				Att 4 Fd Regt. Det att 10 Bty in sp 27 Bn. See serial G41A
G21		TOROKINA	574955	Delete remarks
G22				) Under comd 2 Corps for
G22a				) Ops
G22b		TREASURY ISLAND		) delete remarks
G22c		MUNDA		) delete remarks
G26			687125	
G28		TOROKINA	563932	Delete remarks
G29				Under comd 2 Corps. See serial A62A
G30	67 Aust Tpt Pl	TOROKINA	592965	Under comd 2 Corps. See serial A62B
G31		TOROKINA	566930	
G32		KOWARO	659090	
G33				) Balance unit under comd
G33a				) 4 Base Sub Area. To move
G33b				) AUST on relief by one)sec 17 Aust Fd Baking Pl
G36		KOWARO	659090	
G39		TOROKINA	588957	Delete remarks
G40		TOROKINA	588958	Delete remarks
G42		TOROKINA	587958	

Appx. 9

HQ 2 Aust Corps (AIF)
G/ 1363 /Air
May 45

Commanding General
COMAIRNORSOLS

Please convey to VLB 423 Sqn (MITCHELLS) and RNZAF VENTURA and CORSAIR squadrons stationed at GREEN Island my appreciation for the excellent cooperation and support afforded by these squadrons on targets in Southern BOUGAINVILLE during the past few months.

The consistent bombing and strafing of the enemy installations and concentrations in the BUIN area will have helped materially in disorganising and destroying his rearward bases and will be reflected in his ability to resist ground forces under my command in future operations.

Signed SG Savige
Lieutenant-General
Commander 2 Aust Corps

Distribution by G(Air) 14 May

COLD
War Diary (2) ✓

Appx 10

MESSAGE FORM BB622

FROM FIRSTAUSTARMY 161020K

TO 2 Corps

SD5213 . RESTRICTED . approval has been given amendments to WE mountain battery RAA (mech) (TS) as proposed your G/1010/SD of 28 Mar 45

DEFERRED

Distribution by G(Ops) 17 May 45

RAA
A
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War Diary (2)

Appx. 11

Subject: MENTION OF UNIT NAMES IN PRESS

Ref : 2 Aust Corps PR 263 of 110900L
First Aust Army LPR 499 of 121530K

HQ 2 Aust Corps (AIF)
G/1366 /Ops
17 May 45

First Aust Army (AIF)

1. Following the disclosure in the Australian press that 9 Aust Div was engaged in operations at TARAKEN, and the naming of the Corps, Divisional and Brigade commanders involved, 2 Aust Corps PR 263, copy of which is attached as Appendix 'A', was despatched on 11 May. The day following the receipt of First Aust Army LPR 499, copy attached as Appendix 'B', "Guinea Gold", and presumably the Australian press too, announced that the formation fighting for WEWAK was 6 Aust Div, and named the Divisional and Brigade commanders.

2. These two announcements, contrasted with the fact that the former militia formations have never been mentioned by name in the press in connection with their battle exploits, is having a very disturbing effect on morale among troops under command 2 Aust Corps. It is anticipated that the deleterious effect on morale will increase as news of the public credit given 9 and 6 Divisions circulates among forward troops of this corps, and invidious comparisons are made.

3. An indication of the views of the troops on BOUGAINVILLE is supplied in the report of Det 1 Aust Fd Censorship Coy for the week ended 12 May 45. This report states:

"A surprising amount of hostility was directed at the amount of publicity given to the 9th Division ..... most of the comments sighted came from forward troops."

4. Examples of comment from this report and other extracts are:

"....They are sure giving the 9 Div a big write up, it makes you wild when you read it and here is the poor old chocko, gets a little bit in the paper every once in a while, the game stinks, the way the big heads talk one would think they are the only ones who have done any fighting....."

"....The boys are crook on the publicity the 9th Divvy are getting while we push on in silence. Nobody knows that 3 Div took over here from the Yanks....."

"....There is no doubt about the 'glamour Division' (9th). Guinea Gold of 8 May is full of their doings (which so far do not seem to amount to much). Practically very little other news in the paper although I see we get a small mention....."

"....I guess our glorious Ninth Division (?) will get first and best service now, and in time I suppose the War Dept will forget we exist up here...."

"....I can't understand the Army one scrap, why the distinction? Are they the only Australian troops fighting in this bloody war? You should hear the opinions of the majority here. Are they crooked?....."

5. In deciding by what means to counter the feelings of resentment and signs of apathy at what the troops consider is unfair denial of credit they have earned, this HQ is unable to offer them any convincing explanation of why one only of the Divisions in First Aust Army is singled out for public recognition. Soldiers of 3 Aust Div in particular are well aware that their Division has killed more Japanese than any other Australian Division, and fought longer in the SWPA than the majority of Australian units. They see no reason why their record should not be publicly acknowledged, so that they can take the place they have won as an equal of 9 and 6 Aust Divisions. A security reason for non-publication of the major units on BOUGAINVILLE would not be acceptable to the troops. They are also well aware that all major units have now been engaged in battle with the Japanese, and the enemy presumably has a fairly accurate knowledge of 2 Aust Corps Order of Battle.

6. Real concern is felt at the trend in morale caused by this preferential publicity given to the original AIF Divisions. It is feared it will undermine the pride the men of 2 Aust Corps possess in their formations and rekindle the bad feeling that formerly existed between AIF and CMF units, thus deterring volunteering for the AIF. Furthermore the depressing effect on morale is bound to be cumulative, coming as it does so closely after the Parliamentary criticism of Army equipment and public questioning of the need for "mopping up" campaigns in NEW GUINEA and the SOLOMON ISLANDS. Those controversies did much to shake the faith of soldiers on BOUGAINVILLE that the campaign in which they are now engaged is important enough for the sacrifice of their lives.

7. As it is considered that public acknowledgement of the important part they have played in the war against Japan would help to raise morale of the troops, approval is requested for the publication of the formations down to and including Brigades, now on BOUGAINVILLE.

Lieutenant General
Commander 2 Aust Corps

APPENDIX 'A' to
HQ 2 Aust Corps G/1366/Ops

MESSAGE FORM

From 2 Corps 110900L

To LANDFORCES

Info FIRSTAUSTARMY

PR 263. SECRET. re action this area most unfavourable and resentful at anonymity these formations in contrast blaze of publicity for 9 Div and commanders. if special reasons due local conditions for 9 div publicity strongly urge explanatory letter to field unit commanders relieving them from embarrassment continual barrage staff inquiries

APPENDIX 'B' to
HQ 2 Aust Corps G/1736/Ops

MESSAGE FORM

From FIRSTAUSTARMY 121530K

To 2 Corps

Info LANDFORCES

LPR 499. RESTRICTED. for public relations from DGPR. ref your PR 263 of 110900L. your units will be placed on record when high command decides

TOR 122020L

Appx 11
War Diary.

Subject: MENTION OF UNIT NAMES IN PRESS
Ref: 2 Aust Corps G /1366 / Ops of 17 May 45

HQ 2 Aust Corps (AIF)
G / 1295 / Ops
22 May 45

First Aust Army (AIF)

1. Further to my G/1366/Ops of 17 May 45 I quote below extracts from letters censored during the week ending 19 May.

" . . . I don't suppose it makes much difference but after six and a half months here we are allowed now to say we are on Bougainville. Seeing they announced the arrival of the ninth on Tarakan in a few days and now they have given the sixth headlines for their efforts in the Aitape-Wewak area, I supposed they have shamed themselves into at least letting our people know the third has this campaign. Perhaps later on the boys in New Britain may be able to disclose what division is there. Of course we know and perhaps a lot in Australia do but it only goes to show how they push out the AIF shows and hide the good work the Militia is doing. We are of course AIF but like most of the Battalions on New Battalions in New Britain, ours are Militia. It is hardly fair to give the hardest and biggest campaigns without any civilian life for a break, to the Militia shows and give all the raps to the AIF.

Still these lads are not glamour boys, just doing as much for their country as the early enlistments and dying for their homeland. It appears all the praise goes to the ones who had a glorious sightseeing tour with an occasional stoush and then a couple of years holiday. The boys here and on New Britain bore the brunt of New Guinea and perhaps saved Australia and are now given their heart breaking job as compensation . . . By Jesus Arnold no one will get it all their own way when I am around if they condemn the Militia. I've seen too many crosses that hadn't a 'X' before the inhabitant's number . . ."
(HQ 3 Aust Div)

" . . . There is no doubt about the 9th Divvy being the 'glamour' troops of the Aust Army as the news that they actually took part in the Borneo show came out in a few days and yet the public still don't know what Divisions have been in action on the other islands . . ."
(2/8 Aust Commando Sqn)

" . . . I have read all about the landing at Borneo and what a fuss. They might as well tell right out what Division. It was the Glorified 9th. Gosh they make me sick, the way they write about that crowd. One would think that it consisted of the whole Aussie Army and the distinction they make between that Division and the Militia is rotten, gosh they have done no more than the Choco's as they call them. In fact

I think the Chocos have done a darn sight more, sorry I ever joined the AIF. Here is one instance of it all. On VE day the 9th got a free bottle of beer issued to them, what did these boys get, bugger all and that's the truth. As one great British officer said one hears a lot of what the AIF is doing but not what the Militia is doing. Blamey and his gang want a good kick in the quoit and I don't mean maybe . . . "
(5 Aust Fd Coy)

Other units from whom similar comment was sighted were:

23 Aust Fd Coy - 2 Aust Fd Regt - 224 ASD Pl - 58/59 Aust Inf Bn - 113 Aust Bde Wshps - 70 Aust Tpt Pl - 7 Aust Inf Bn - 4 Aust Fd Regt - 47 Aust Inf Bn - 11 Aust Fd Baking Pl.

Further comment was sighted from 58/59 Aust Inf Bn in regard to the AIF-CMF question. Two are given below:

" . . . I have applied for an A number. The unit has to have a percentage of 75% AIF personnel to be classified an AIF unit and it is very nearly up to it now. The other two units in the brigade have got their percentage and as soon as 58 has it this will be an AIF brigade. It should make a big difference in one respect in that we will have more consideration, equipment, rations, amenities and last but not least more leave. Soldiers will be given preference for jobs and AIF personnel even more so than CMF . . ."

" . . . It was funny the other day, there was a drive on the Chocos to join up - the main threats were 'send you to a rifle Company' - No promotion and what privileges the other gang will get - if that didn't get under my skin - the dirty cows - they won't frighten me - fancy doing those things on the front line . . ."

2. These provide further evidence of the grave dissatisfaction existing under troops of my command at the preferential publicity accorded to 6 and 9 Divs.

That such a feeling should exist is deplorable but one cannot be surprised that it is so. My only concern is that troops under my command shall feel they are receiving public recognition commensurate with their achievements which are no less outstanding than those of the AIF Divisions. Further, I am most anxious that there shall be no recurrence of the ill-feeling that was once apparent as between so-called Militia units and units of 1 Aust Corps. Should this ill-feeling be permitted to grow it will have a serious effect on the efficiency of the AMF not only during the currency of the war but afterwards.

3. Such publicity as is accorded is often inaccurate as witness that of Guinea Gold of 20 May, which I assume has been taken from Australian papers. In addition, news of fighting on Bougainville has, of late, frequently been added in the nature of an afterthought under a heading referring to 6 or 9 Div.

A Sample is attached.

4. I take such a serious view of this matter that I consider it should be referred to LHQ for appropriate action to be taken.

sgd S.G. SHNIGE

Lieutenant General
Commander 2 Aust Corps

Distribution by G(Ops) on 22 May 45:

G (Int)

Appx 13

2 AUST CORPS GENERAL STAFF INSTRUCTION NO 3

Subject: VISITS TO FORMATIONS UNDER COMMAND 2 AUST CORPS

HQ 2 Aust Corps (AIF)
G/1369/SD
17 May 45

OBJECT

1. To lay down a common procedure which will be observed by all officers and OR desirous of visiting formations under command and which will ensure regulation and co-ordination of such visits.

APPLICATION

2. This instruction will apply to all personnel of HQ 2 Aust Corps and Corps Tps, including any units temporarily under command and to all other visitors either Service or civilian.

PROCEDURE

3. The unit, arm or service concerned will forward the following details through their own Branch :-

(a) Army number, rank and name of all personnel concerned.

(b) Headquarters to be visited.

(c) Date and duration of visit.

(d) Purpose of visit and where applicable, proposed itinerary.

(e) Personal weight and weight of baggage of each individual when air travel is required.

(f) Any arrangements which the arm or service desire to make through own service channels reference transport, reception and accommodation (e.g. DDMS may desire a visiting medical officer travel in a medical launch and be met and accommodated by a medical unit). This does NOT permit direct application for movement being made to Q Branch 2 Aust Corps, Movement Control or 42 Aust Ldg Craft Coy.

(g) Any special arrangements required for transport, e.g. AUSTER aircraft or FSB.

4. On receipt of these details and, when applicable subject to Branch approval, the Branch or arm concerned will request G(SD) - PACIFIC 19 - to make the necessary arrangements.

5. G(SD) will notify the formation concerned giving all relevant details as outlined in paragraph 3 above. Copies of this message will be forwarded to :-

Q Branch or Arm etc concerned	-	to arrange movement advising date/time/place of reporting for onward movement.

6. A minimum notice of 48 hrs is required by G(SD) in order to :-

(a) provide formations with adequate notification of impending arrivals, and obtain concurrence, and,

(b) enable Q to arrange necessary transport.

METHOD OF SUBMISSION

7. Written messages or memoranda are not essential to comply with the above instruction, and in most cases it should be practicable to make the necessary arrangements by telephone or personal liaison.

VISITS BY STAFF

8. This instruction is not intended to restrict visits by members of Staff, Arms or Services of 2 Aust Corps to formations under command.

9. This instruction will become effective as from time of receipt.

A.R. Yeatman
Brig
GS 2 Aust Corps

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Appx 13

Subject: CONFERENCE 1530 HRS 18 MAY HQ 2 AUST CORPS

OPERATIONS CORVETTE KIAMA

Present:	BGS	Brig	A R GARRETT	HQ 2 Aust Corps
	GSO 1 (Ops)	Lt Col	GOSLETT	HQ 2 Aust Corps
	GSO 1 (Int)	Lt Col	WILSON	HQ 2 Aust Corps
	GSOII (Air)	Maj	HARLAND	HQ 2 Aust Corps
	SORA II	Maj	TATCHELL	HQ 2 Aust Corps
	CSO	Col	REEVE	HQ 2 Aust Corps
	ANGAU LO	Maj	VERTIGAN	

Navy Representatives: NOIC TOROKINA Lt-Comdr FELDT
Commander Corvette KIAMA Lt-Comdr BENSON

1. BGS outlined proposed operations of the corvette KIAMA as follows:-

(a) To operate in the waters off the EAST coast of BOUGAINVILLE in the area bounded in the NORTH by approximately the centre of BUKA ISLAND and in the SOUTH from a point off NUMA NUMA with the object of:-

(i) Intercepting enemy barge traffic

(ii) Bombarding known JAPANESE staging points and concentration areas.

2. BGS instructed that complete sets of maps of the 1 : 25,000 series for the area be prepared by G(Int) showing all known enemy dispositions, gun positions, concentration areas and staging points; these maps together with a 1 : 250,000 of BOUGAINVILLE to be made available to Lt-Comdr BENSON.

3. Naval Bombardment Officer.

Maj TATCHELL SORA II HQ 2 Aust Corps will travel on board the corvette KIAMA to assist in the bombardment programme.

4. Air

(a) Arrangements to be made by this Headquarters for air OP to be available in areas as required by Navy.

(b) G II (Air) to notify COMAIRNORSOLS and 84 (AC) Wing of area in which corvette KIAMA will be operating and duration.

5. Duration

Navy stated that the operation would probably cover 4 - 5 days.

6. Restricted Areas

No shelling or bombardment will be effected in the following areas:-

(a) TIANAN 670524 - mouth of URUAI RIVER 684489.

(b) RURI 340718 - cape 335737.

7. ANGAU Liaison

Maj VERTIGAN ANGAU LO will travel on board corvette KIAMA and will have available two natives with knowledge of coastal area.

8. Time of Departure

Navy advise corvette KIAMA departs TOROKINA 0700L 19 May.

9. Intercommunication

(a) Air Channel - Corvette KIAMA direct to aircraft. GSO II (Air) to notify Navy of frequencies and call signs.

(b) Naval channel - KIAMA to NOIC TOROKINA thence 2 Aust Corps

(c) Any additional information available from AIB sources will be passed by HQ 2 Aust Corps to NOIC TOROKINA for transmission through Naval channels to corvette KIAMA.

Brig
GS 2 Aust Corps

18 May 45

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NOIC (2) [illegible] Lt-Comdr BENSON

Appx. B

SECRET

SUBJECT : OPERATIONS EMAS "[illegible]"
Ref : Minutes of conference 1430 hrs 19 May
HQ 2 Aust Corps

HQ RAA 2 AUST CORPS
RA 761
4 JUL '45

2 Aust Corps

1. The following report on Naval bombardment as carried out by [illegible] is submitted. Most shoots were carried out using spotting aircraft. These are commented upon in APPN "A".

2. The following timetable was followed:-

(a) 130700 Depart [illegible] Harbour.

[illegible] 192300 Arrived off [illegible] coast of [illegible] Island. Commenced Anti Barge patrol [illegible] to [illegible]. Nil sightings.

(b) 200300 Stood in to within 4000 yards of [illegible] Pt [illegible] of [illegible].

200330 A/C over target area. Communications established 5x5 both ways.

200340 Opened fire on possible Barge Unloading Area West of ASITAVI Pt.

200910 Shoot completed. Unobserved results.

200930 Patrolled North along coast to vicinity TIKPUTZ.

201200 A/C arrived - opened fire on hut. Concentration vicinity of plantation.

201315 Shoot completed. Engaged plantations houses and sheds along coast by direct observation. Results unobserved.

201330 Stood out to sea to await darkness.

Night Anti Barge Patrol North to Cape [illegible]. 20/21 May on SE coast of BUKA Island.

(c) 210815 Stood into BUKA Island at [illegible].

210840 A/C over target area.

210850 Opened fire. Engaged three targets - cave and hut concentrations. Good results.

210950 Shoots completed. Further caves strafed with 40mm Nil observed results.

211030 Patrolled East Coast of BUKA Island looking for barge hide uts. Nil observed.

211500 Stood out to sea to await darkness.

Night Anti Barge patrol South to TIKPUTZ Harbour.
21/22 May

(d) 220940 Stood in to within 1500[illegible] of Northern headland TIKPUTZ Harbour.

220945 Engaged 2 and 3 possibly 5 barges on beach.

220950 A/C arrived and communications established.

220956 Opened fire on possible staging area.

221025 Shoot completed. Nil results.

221030 Re-engaged barges on beach with 4" and 40mm. Several direct hits observed. A/C inspected results and reported that two barges had been seriously damaged.

221045 Strafed coast North from TIKPUTZ with 4", 40mm and .5. One hut destroyed otherwise with unobserved results.

221330 Stood out to sea.

Night 22/23 May Anti Barge patrol North to BUKA Passage then South to TROP Island.

(e)

230900 Stood into TROP Island. A/C did not arrive. Engaged general area of Mission Station South and TROP Island with 4" and 40mm. Sent signal for A/C.

231055 A/C arrived. Communications could not be established and A/C returned to base.

231100 Strafed coast line for 1000" vicinity of KAMBRIW South of TROP Island - 4", 40mm and 20mm used. Nil results observed.

231200 Patrolled North to BUKA Island.

231530 Engaged on caves and huts between Cape TAMABOM and SUREN on East Coast of BUKA Island. 2 huts destroyed.

231730 Endeavoured to contact natives on beach vicinity Cape PUTPUTAN - at approach of ship natives took to the bush. It is considered that previous firing had frightened them.

231930 Departed for MANUS Island as per instructions from HMAS TORRENS.

(f)

251500 Arrived MANUS Island.- refuelled.

(g)

26 May Loaded 1000 rounds ammunition.

262200 Departed MANUS Island to go to assistance HMAS COLAC.

(h)

291200 Sank floating mine off TORRENS.

291430 Anchored TORRENS Harbour.

3. General

(a) No barges were sighted during night patrols.

(b) No opposition from shore was met during Bombardments although the ship was well within range of Coast Defence guns and light Field Artillery.

Signed K D CHALLINOR BRIG
COMD 2 AUST SCOTS

APPENDIX "A"

Air Co-operation During Operations

1. Generally Pamphlet 8 procedure was adhered to throughout, except for the first shoot when due to the unfamiliarity of Naval Signallers in R/T procedure some confusion and delay was caused. To obviate this HMLO manned R/T set for future shoots.

2. The sights of the 4" gun are only suited for direct observation. For unseen targets the following methods for indicating line to ship were used by the A/C and were very successful : -

(a) A/C diving on target and reporting when directly over it.

(b) A/C strafing target area.

(c) A/C smoking target.

3. It is normal for naval ships to range in Salvoes of 3 or 6 rounds. As the A/C had no difficulty in seeing a single burst, after the first engagement the ship adapted single rounds for ranging. This saved ammunition and speeded up the shoots.

4. Aircraft were at all times reasonably punctual at RVs.

5. Both way communications throughout the operations were 5 x 5 plus and at no time did ship have any difficulty in contacting A/C.

6. The response from the Naval Gunners was very quick and the shooting was accurate, although the pilots appeared to be disappointed with the "Fire for Effect". This is possibly due to their being used to observing fire from field guns in fixed positions which give better results on horizontal targets.

Appx 13

Subject: CONFERENCE 1430 HRS 23 MAY HQ 2 AUST CORPS

OPERATIONS CORVETTE COLAC

Present:

BGS	Brig	A.R.	GARRETT	HQ 2 Aust Corps
GSOI(Ops)	Lt-Col	D.B.	GOSLETT	HQ 2 Aust Corps
GSOI(Int)	Lt-Col	E.H.	WILSON	HQ 2 Aust Corps
CCRA	Brig	P.	CHALMERS	HQ 2 Aust Corps
SO Sigs 2	Maj		DE VOS	HQ 2 Aust Corps
AIB Rep	Lt		SETON	AIB

Navy representatives

NOIC TOROKINA	Lt-Comdr	FELDT
Operations Offr	Lt	GOLLER
Commander Corvette COLAC	Lt	HOPPER

1. BGS outlined proposed operations of the corvette COLAC as follows:-

(a) to conduct barge sweeps in BOUGAINVILLE STR with the object of intercepting enemy barge traffic.

(b) to bombard known enemy positions on CHOISEUL IS, at PORO PORO and CHOISEUL BAY.

(c) to bombard known enemy positions on SE coast BOUGAINVILLE IS SOUTH of KIETA.

2. Complete set of maps for the areas to be prepared by G(Int) showing all known enemy dispositions giving gun positions, concentration areas and staging points; these maps to be made available to Lt HOPPER.

3. Operational Plan

As agreed to by Navy at later discussion and attached as Appendix 'A'.

4. Naval Bombardment Officer

Lt-Col ARTHUR SORAI HQ 2 Aust Corps will travel on board the corvette COLAC to assist in the bombardment programme.

5. Air

(a) Arrangements to be made by this HQ for air OP to be available in areas as required by Navy.

(b) GII(Air) to notify COM AIR NORSOLS and 84 AC Wing RAAF of area in which corvette COLAC will be operating and duration.

6. Duration

See Appendix 'A'.

7. AIB Liaison

(a) Lt SETON AIB will travel on board the corvette COLAC.

(b) G(Int) will notify AIB (for MASON and CHOISEUL parties) of area of operations and times.

8. Time of Departure

Navy advised that corvette COLAC departs 0600 hrs 24 May.

9. Intercommunication

(a) Air channel

CSO 2 Aust Corps to arrange for a number 112 or other suitable set and operators to be provided on the COLAC for communication to aircraft.

(b) Naval Channel

COLAC to NOIC TOROKINA thence 2 Aust Corps.

(c) Any additional information available from AIB resources will be passed by HQ 2 Aust Corps to NOIC TOROKINA for transmission through Naval channels to corvette COLAC.

[signature] 1161
Brig
GS 2 Aust Corps

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NDIC TOROKINA (2) (One for Lt HOPPER) - SDR

APPENDIX 'A'

OPERATIONAL PLAN

Serial	Time & Date	Action	Remarks
1.	240600L	Depart TOROKINA	
2.	250001L	Commence barge sweep BOUGAINVILLE IS.	
3.	251000L	Bombard enemy concentration area PORO PORO	Tac/R required
4	On completion Serial 3	Bombard targets of opportunity CHOISEUL BAY	
5.	On completion Serial 4	Search OEMA ATOLL and attack targets of opportunity.	
6.	On completion Serial 5	Withdraw seawards	
7.	252000L	Commence barge sweep BOUGAINVILLE STR	
8.	260900L	Bombard gun posn vicinity TOLOTAPAKO PT and targets as indicated by Tac/R	Tac/R required
9.	On completion Serial 8	Bombard PORO PORO and CHOISEUL BAY	
10.	261800L	Leave on return to TOROKINA	

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Subject: WAR USAGE DATA - OPERATIONAL ACTIVITY.

Ref : First Aust Army G/774/SD of 5 Dec 45

HQ 2 Aust Corps (AIF)
G/1414/SD
24 May 45

First Aust Army

1. Attached as Appendix 'A' are details of units operating at contact intensity during period 21 Apr to 20 May 45.

for Lieutenant-General
Commander 2 Aust Corps

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APPENDIX 'A'
to HQ 2 Aust Corps
G/ /3D

STATEMENT OF UNITS OF 2 AUST CORPS OPERATING AT CONTACT

Period 21 Apr to 20 May 45

Serial	Arm or Service	Unit	No of days at contact activity	Remarks
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
		3 AUST DIV		
1	HQ UNITS	HQ 3 Aust Div	30	
2		Three HQ Aust Inf Bdes	30	
3		Sec LHQ Mil History Fd Team	30	
4	CAV	Aust Cdo Sqn	30	
5	AEMD	Sqn Aust Armd Regt plus three tps	30	Three tps 8 days contact only
6	ARTY	HQ RAA Aust Div	30	
7		Two Aust Fd Regts (less one bty)		One Fd Regt 30 days contact, the second 8 days only. 24 guns deployed for 25 days 40 guns deployed for 5 days
8		Bty Aust Hy Bty	30	4 155mm guns deployed
9		Aust Svy Bty (less one tp)	30	
10	ENGRS	HQ RAE Aust Div	30	
11		Four Aust Fd Coys	30	
12		Aust Fd Pk Coy (less whsp pl)	30	
13		Mech Eqpt Pl and Sec Tipping Truck Pl Aust Mech Eqpt Coy	13	
14		Composite Pl Aust Ldg Craft Coy	30	Operating 15 ALC 20 1 LCV(P) 1 LCP(R) 1 FSB 2 LCM
15		Aust ED Pl	30	
16	SIGS	Aust Div Sigs	30	
17		Det Aust Armd Regt Sig Tp	30	
18		Two Aust Fd Regt Sig Secs	30	
19		Aust Engr Sig Sec	30	
20		Three Aust Inf Bde Sig Secs	30	

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
21		Aust Cipher Sec (Type K)	30	
22		Three Dets Aust Pigeon Sec	30	
23	INF	Nine Aust Inf Bns	30	
24		Coy MG Inf Bn (less one pl)	20	
25		Coy HQ and four pls Aust Cdl Regt	30	
26		Coy PIB	4	
27	INT	Aust Div Language Det (five units)	30	
28		Sec Aust FS Sec	30	
29	ST	HQ Comd Aust Div AASC	30	
30		HQ Aust GT Coy	30	
31		Aust Wksp Pl	30	
32		Three Aust Tpt Pls	30	
33		Six Aust Sup Resp Pls	30	
34		Det Aust Fd Baking Pl	30	
35	MED	Aust CCS	30	
36		Three Aust Fd Ambs	30	
37		Aust Malaria Control Unit (TypeA)	30	
38		Aust Hosp Laundry Unit (Type B)	30	
39	DENTAL	Aust Dental Unit (six secs)	30	
40	ORD	Sqn Sub Pk Aust Armd Regt Ord Fd Pk	30	
41		Three Aust Bde Ord Fd Pks	30	
42		Det Aust AAD (Type A)	30	
43	AEME	Sqn Wksp Sec Aust Armd Regt Wksp	30	
44		Three Aust Bde Wksps (Type A)	30	
45		Two Aust LADs (Type A)	30	
46		Two Aust LADs (Type D)	30	
47		Three Aust LADs (Type J)	30	
48	PAY	Aust Div Fd Cash Office	30	
49	POSTAL	Aust Div Postal Unit (plus three dets)	30	
50	PRO	Aust Div Pro Coy (less one sec)	30	

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
51		Two Secs Aust Army Pro Coy	30	
52	MISCEL-LANEOUS	Aust Div Reception Camp	30	
53		Aust Div Sal Unit	30	
		11 AUST INF BDE		
54	HQ UNITS	HQ Aust Inf Bde	30	
55	ARTY	Aust Fd Regt (less one bty)	30	8 guns deployed for 18 30 days 12 guns deployed for 12 days
56		Tp Aust Svy Bty	30	
57		Aust Mtn Bty	30	4 guns deployed for 30 days
58	ENGRS	Aust Fd Coy	30	
59		Det Aust Ldg Craft Coy	30	Operating 8 ALC 20 2 LCA
60	SIGS	Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec	30	
61		Aust Fd Regt Sig Sec	30	
62		Det Aust Wireless Sec (1t)	30	
63		Det Aust Cipher Sec (Type A)	30	
64		Three dets Aust Pigeon Sec	30	
65	INF	Three Aust Inf Bns	30	
66		Pl Aust Gd Regt	30	
67		Aust Hy Mortar Coy (less one pl)	30	
68	INT	Det Aust FS Sec	30	
69	ST	Aust Tpt Pl	30	
70		Two Aust Sup Dep Pls	30	
71		Sec Aust Fd Baking Coy	30	
72	MED	Aust Fd Amb	30	
73	DENTAL	Three secs Aust Dental Unit	30	
74	ORD	Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk	30	
75	AEME	Aust Bde Wksp	30	
76		Aust LAD (Type A)	30	
77		Aust LAD (Type J)	30	
78	POSTAL	Det Aust Div Postal Unit	30	
79	PRO	Aust Indep Pro Pl	30	
80	MISCEL-LANEOUS	Det Aust Corps Sal Unit	30	

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
		23 AUST INF BDE		
81	HQ UNITS	HQ Aust Inf Bde	30	
82	ARTY	Bty Aust Fd Regt	30	8 guns deployed for 30 days
83	ENGRS	Pl Aust Fd Coy	30	
84	SIGS	Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec	30	
85	INF	Three Inf Bns (less three coys)	30	
86		Pl MG Inf Bn	30	
87		Pl Aust GS Regt	30	
		Pl Aust Hy Mortar Coy	30	
	INT	Det Aust FS Sec	30	
90	ST	Aust Tpt Pl	30	
91	MED	Aust Fd Amb (less one coy)	30	
92	ARMR	Aust LAD (Type J)	30	

Subject: UK NUMBER 5 RIFLES AND LIGHTENED RIFLES AUST

Ref : First Aust Army G/2256/SD of 19 Apr 45

HQ 2 Aust Corps (AIF)
G/1419/SD
24 May 45

First Aust Army

1. In accordance with paragraph 10 of the memorandum under reference the following preliminary report is submitted :-

(a) Indications are that the lightened rifle is preferable to the standard Mk III Rifle, particularly for use in jungle warfare.

(b) The rifle is accurate and because of its lightness is easy to handle. The reduced length facilitates movement through the jungle.

(c) The majority of troops prefer the aperture sight, but sufficient are in favour of the open sight to make the provision of a proportion of both sights worthy of consideration.

(d) The rubber buttplate reduces the recoil but the absence of a butt trap in which to house the oil bottle and cleaning materials is a definite disadvantage.

(e) The short bayonet is favoured, as it causes less inconvenience when marching or climbing. Further it can be better employed as a knife. The cut away portion should permit easier penetration.

(f) Consideration should be given for the attachment of M9A1 US type rifle grenade projectors. A modification of the Aust pattern projector should prove suitable.

2. When final reports are received details will be forwarded in accordance with paragraph 9 of your memorandum.

Lieutenant-General
Commander 2 Aust Corps

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CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT : OPERATIONS HMAS 'COLAC'

Ref : Minutes of Conference 1430 hrs 23 May HQ 2 Aust Corps

HQ RAA 2 AUST CORPS
RA 762
4 JUN 45

2 Aust Corps

1. The following report on the operation as laid down at the above conference, is submitted. Some shoots were carried out in co-operation with the RAAF. These are commented on in Appendix "A".

2. The following timetable was followed : -

(a) 240600 Depart [illegible] Harbour.
242300 Commenced anti-barge patrol [illegible] Strait

(b) 251000 Stood in to within approx 10,000 yds of PORO PORO Village near CHOISEUL Bay.
251025 A/C arrived at RV. Communications established A/C to ship.
251105 Opened fire on PORO PORO and later on SIPAIMI Island.
251200 Shoots completed.
251210 Entered CHOISEUL Bay through SIPAIMI Passage. Strafed suspected barge hideouts at North end of bay. Also strafed with 4" and 20 mm MG party of Japs on SIPAIMI Island
251300 Ceased strafing.
251310 Cleared South entrance to bay.
251645 Circled CHUA Atoll Group.
251650 Put landing party ashore to check use of island as barge staging point.
251745 Party exploded stranded mine. Two other mines noted.
251800 Party returned to ship
Night
25/26 May
Anti Barge patrol between CHUA and CHOISEUL Bay.

(c) 260350 Closed to 10,000 yds [illegible] Pt.
260900 Initial orders from A/C for target suspected wireless station.
260910 Opened fire
260920 4" gun out of action
A/C instructed to return to base.
261035 Gun in action. Signalled base for A/C at same TI at 1300.
261315 A/C arrived.
261330 Opened fire on morning's target.
261435 Cease fire.
261425 Opened fire on huts near beach.
261445 Ceased fire. A/C returned to base.
Closed to beach to strafe.
261500 Small ammunition dump exploded and fire started

261515 Cleared beach and set course for CHOISEUL
261805 Entered CHOISEUL Bay
261807 Enemy opened fire probably 75mm gun
261810 Enemy gun silenced and probably destroyed
261815 Second Jap gun opened and obtained 2 hits on ship - one at port water line into engine room.
261820 Full ahead to [illegible] Entrance - 4" and 20mm fire on party of Japs on SIPASAI Island. Last round fired.
261825 Cleared harbour, abandoned engine room, ship settling by stern.
261835 Jettison all movable gear.
262125 Engine stopped - approx 15 miles from CHOISEUL Bay.

(d) 270120 Catalina arrived and maintained patrol.
270125 Anchored
271000 HMS90 alongside and tow passed

(e) 291300 Anchored SEGHORA Harbour, [illegible] Island.
(f) 291900 Corvette LITHGOW arrived from WHITE BAY. Salvage tug arrived shortly afterwards

3. General

(a) Anti Barge Patrols

No barges were sighted during patrols or during any action. Possible barge hideouts in CHOISEUL Bay were bombarded.

(b) During bombardment in CHOISEUL Bay on 25 May, 12 plus Japs were sighted on [illegible] beach of SIPASAI Island. A/C also reported to be well clad and well fed.

(c) (i) During bombardment of plantation area in TOINGAPU Bay(Ref Map TOINGAPU 1" - 1 mile) a suspected wireless station was engaged. This was later reported by A/C to be of considerable size. Map ref was given by A/C as 565 596 but shooting placed it just north of the LULAI River.

(ii) None of the pillboxes reported to be along the beach were visible from 300 yds from the shore although there were irregularly spaced piles of drift wood which may have concealed the defences.

(iii) Although the ship was within one mile of the reported coast guns, they did not open nor was there any other fire from the general plantation areas or adjacent hills.

(iv) The 6 plus huts reported to be at 492645 were not picked up by the A/C.

(v) The sec sec huts at 505636 were spotted by the A/C and successfully engaged.

(vi) The small ammunition dump exploded in the plantation was just east of a palm clad conical shaped hill at approx 4[illegible]662. This hill is not shown on the map but is a conspicuous landmark from the sea.

(d) (i) HD information received on 25 May pinpointed power punts and canoes at the north end of CHOISEUL Bay and reversed the previous information that there were no Japs on the mainland.
The latest report pinpointed two Japs camps near the jetty opposite [illegible] Entrance. It was from these pinpointed areas that the Jap guns opened.

(ii) After the action the AIB representative recalled that Jap mountain guns were known to be on CHOISEUL Island several years ago. Subsequently information was received that native scouts had discovered unidentified gun ammunition. The date of this information is not known.

(iii) Failing light and the need to investigate the North end of the Bay necessitated COLAC enetering the bay on the second occasion.

(iv) As at least 10 x 4 inch HE shells were fired directly into the first gun position, it may be assumed that the gun was destroyed.

(v) No guns could be brought to bear on the second Jap gun.

(vi) There was no small arms fire from any positions in CHOISEUL Bay on either visit.

4. Relevant maps and sketches are attached.

Signed K D CHALMERS BRIG
CCRA 2 AUST CORPS

APPENDIX "A"

AIR CO-OPERATION IN OPERATIONS WITH HMS CONAC

1. While the general procedure laid down in Artillery Training Vol III, Pamphlet 8 is satisfactory as applied to control of fire of this type of ship, there are several variants that could be advantageously applied.

2. Owing to the difficulty of map spotting due to

(a) Lack of features on the map and incorrect relationship between features and the grid.

(b) The difficulty of identification by the ship of a point map spotted by the pilot.

it is recommended that line be indicated by the A/C flying from ship to target and sending " Flying for Line" as laid down for the VL method. Range can be adequately and accurately obtained by ship radar to the shore and the pilot can give the distance of the target inland.

3. Target descriptions should be given in good detail to enable the ship to assess its value in rounds. Owing to the constantly moving gun platform, an indirect target cannot be re-engaged and must therefore be fully dealt with while the A/C is available to correct fire. The A/C must also stay to control fire for effect throughout the engagement.

4. In detail the following criticisms are offered:

(a) 25 May

(i) The A/C was approximately 25 mins late at the RV.

(ii) One way communications were established - air to ship - immediately, but the pilot did not adopt one way procedure for over 30 mins.

(iii) Even then the pilot didn't seem to know that the gun was fired, so that the shell arrived in the target area 60 secs after his order to fire.

(b) 26 May

(i) The first target was engaged from a map spot

(ii) The target was indicated by flying for line, this proved very successful.

(iii) After successfully engaging the second target, the pilot recommended more fire on the first target. This of course could not be done.

5. The laying by the naval gunners was very quick and accurate and no difficulty was found keeping the fire in the area. On the whole the shoots once under way were very satisfactory, but the pilots must realise the importance of being at the RV's at the correct time, otherwise they jeopardise surprise and disrupt the very fully calculated ships schedule.

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Subject: NAVAL REQUIREMENTS - 2 AUST CORPS AREA

HQ 2 Aust Corps (AIF)
G/1396 /Ops
21 May 45

First Aust Army

The following are the requirements for naval support in this area so far as can be foroseen at the present juncture.

MINE SWEEPING

1. It is anticipated that, in the near future, our troops will have cleared the BONIS PENINSULA and have secured control over the BUKA PASSAGE.

The enemy are reported to have sown minefields covering both the EAST and WEST entries to the PASSAGE.

To enable our craft to use the PASSAGE in support of any movement it might be necessary to make down the EAST coast, it will be necessary to sweep the route as early as practicable after control over the PASSAGE has been established.

2. On the SW coast the enemy is reported to have laid a minefield from the mouth of the MIBO RIVER covering all the water between MARMOLA and TURUBEI ISLANDS and the coast.

The field denies access by craft either for supply or bombardment purposes to all areas ~~WEST~~ East. of the MIBO RIVER.

It is most desirable that passages be cleared through this field as early as possible to enable naval support to be given against coastal targets and to ensure free passage for barges and other craft when the SOUTHERN advance passes the MIBO RIVER.

BARGE SEARCHES

3. It is obvious from enemy barge sightings over recent weeks that the JAP possesses many more serviceable barges than previously estimated.

Sightings have been greatest in the BONIS PENINSULA and BUIN - CHOISEUL - SHORTLANDS areas. It is believed that the barges in the NORTH are being used by night for movement of troops either to BUKA ISLAND or down the EAST coast towards NUMA NUMA and KIETA.

In the SOUTH he may be employing them to move troops from the islands to reinforce his BUIN garrison.

4. It will be of material assistance to our operations if this barge traffic can be stopped and it is therefore recommended that sufficient FAIRMILES be stationed here to provide effective patrols in the areas mentioned.

NAVAL SUPPORT GROUND OPERATIONS

5. Owing to the very exposed nature of the SW coast at least as far SOUTH as MOILA POINT a landing in that area with the object of cutting off enemy forces and speeding up operations is NOT considered practicable. There are no sheltered anchorages along that coast and heavy and continuous surf render maintenance of a force by sea most hazardous with the craft at our disposal.

6. However, it has been proved that the JAP is very sensitive to naval bombardment and it is considered that action against his defences at MAMAGATA, KAKURUAI and DIO DIO-TOKUAKA would be effective in reducing his morale and would also encourage him in the belief that a landing was to be attempted at one or more of those points. This latter would induce him to disperse his resources.

SUMMARY

7. The requirements of this area are :-

(a) Mine sweepers to clear mined areas and permit freedom of sea communications.

(b) FAIRMILES, or other suitable craft, to prevent movement of enemy troops by barge.

(c) Heavy ships for shore bombardment of the SW coast and to be available as soon as possible after the mined area has been swept.

Lieutenant-General
Commander 2 Aust Corps

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(C O P Y)

HQ First Aust Army (AIF)
21 May 45
G/2853/3D

Subject: PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO WE III/1D/3

A CORPS HEADQUARTERS

2 Aust Corps

Reference 2 Aust Corps G/1022/3D of 28 Mar 45

1. The C in C has not approved of the proposals for amendment to WE III/1D/3 submitted in the above letter.

2. The reasons given are as follows :-

(a) WE III/1D/3 was designed to cover the requirements of a Corps Headquarters with three divisions under command, whereas 2 Aust Corps at present consists of only one division and two independent brigades.

(b) The War Establishment is not designed to cover absence on leave or duty.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

Subject: ACTION WITH ENEMY SURRENDERING

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HQ 2 Aust Corps (AIF)
22 May 45.
G /4392/SD

3 Aust Div
11 Aust Inf Bde
23 Aust Inf Bde
4 Aust Base Sub Area
NOIC TOROKINA
84 (AC) Wing RAAF
USAF NOR SOLS
Naval Facilities NOR SOLS
XI AIR NOR SOLS
COM ZE AIR TAF

This directive sets out the policy of the GOC 2 Aust Corps in connection with surrender offered by parties of enemy, in particular in formed bodies.

2. In general within the limitations shown the following authorities may treat with an enemy cond for surrender of his forces:-

(a) Bde Cond - Small parties up to Bn strength.

(b) Div Cond - Large parties, up to Bde or Regt strength.

3. Surrender of larger parties will be referred to this HQ.

4. In general it will be understood that an enemy offer of surrender may be treacherous and all concerned will keep this possibility in mind when dealing with enemy representatives.

5. Negotiations will not be entered into by any officer of the Allied Forces with the cond of the enemy forces in the NORTHERN SOLOMONS or any person representing himself to act for such enemy cond without approval of GOC 2 Aust Corps.

6. Military honours will not be accorded to the enemy and all will remain in close custody from the time of surrender.

7. Before any cond enters into discussion of surrender with an enemy envoy the following conditions will be agreed:-

(a) All enemy will remain in their positions during the negotiations. Any movement, whether by land or sea, will draw fire.

(b) The enemy will not attempt to demolish stores, equipment or communications during the period of negotiations.

(c) Suitable enemy personnel will be detailed to identify minefields, booby traps and obstructions.

(d) When fixing hour for suspension of hostilities, sufficient time will be allowed to enable Allied Air Forces to be called off targets. Two hours will be the standard time allowed for this purpose.

(e) Sufficient time will be allowed to notify Allied fighting patrols to suspend action.

(f) Allied aircraft may be air-borne ready for action during the period of the negotiations.

8. Advice of any request by the enemy to treat for the surrender of any formed body will be sent through cond channels to HQ 2 Aust Corps by IMMEDIATE signal. Completion of surrender giving numbers of officers and ORs will likewise be advised by IMMEDIATE signal.

9. On completion of surrender, which will be unconditional the following procedure will be adopted:-

(a) The enemy will be required to dump arms and equipment in an undamaged condition in the areas in which they are located. Prisoners will carry water bottles and personal effects only.

(b) Parties of not more than 20 at a time will then march into the Allied Forces position. They will be evacuated to the rear under armed escort immediately after being searched for arms, documents etc.

(c) Prior to evacuation officers will be segregated from ORs and will be escorted to the rear separately.

(d) Selected enemy personnel retained as guides to show the location of enemy mine fields, booby traps and obstructions will be evacuated as soon as this duty is complete.

(e) Privileges will not be promised to the enemy, who will receive the normal entitlements of prisoners only.

10. The following security measures will receive close attention:

(a) An enemy envoy will not be permitted to observe dispositions or strength of Allied Forces. If necessary the envoy will be blindfolded while passing through Allied lines.

(b) Until "stand down" is ordered all Allied personnel will be at action stations.

(c) All defensive measures will be taken as if a full scale enemy attack were imminent.

(d) Mobile patrols will not operate during the period of negotiation but outposts and standing patrols may be located outside Allied positions but not in actual contact with enemy.

(e) On completion of the surrender, guards will be posted on enemy dumps, delousing parties will clear enemy booby traps, minefields or obstructions and recce and protective patrols will be despatched to clear the enemy area of stragglers, secure tracks etc.

11. During evacuation prisoners will be rationed by Allied Forces on a limited scale. It will be realised that personnel suffering from mal-nutrition must not be overfed.

12. Atebrin will be administered to all prisoners at the rate of two tablets per day for one week after surrender and thereafter at the normal rate.

13. Water for prisoners will be provided from Allied water pts and will be chlorinated before issue.

14. Strict field hygiene will be enforced during evacuation of prisoners. It will be realised that Japanese are potential sources of cholera, dysentery and malaria and Allied personnel must be protected from these diseases.

15. Enemy personnel who have sufficient knowledge of English to act as interpreters may be retained untilthe surrender is complete to instruct prisoners as to their conduct during evacuation. It will be stressed that any prisoner who appears to be attempting to escape will be shot.

16. Wounded or sick prisoners will receive the normal essential treatment in forward areas, and all will be evacuated to permanent medical installations as soon as possible. Fit prisoners may be used to carry enemy stretcher cases.

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Subject: VALISES SLEEPING HOODED TYPE (AUST)

Ref : First Aust Army QE 1266 of 20 Jan 45
" " " QE 1975 of 21 Apr 45

HQ 2 Aust Corps (AIF)
Q/1413/SD
24 May 45

First Aust Army

1. User trials with 24 Valises Sleeping Hooded Type (Aust) have been carried out for approximately 45 days, and the following report is submitted :-

(a) The valise is not a suitable replacement for Tents Half Shelter and Ground Sheet except possibly for overnight patrols as distinct from its use in standing camps or company localities.

(b) Under operational conditions involving constant movement it is estimated that the life of a valise used for sleeping would be 4 to 5 weeks and used as a shelter probably 8 weeks. The length of the trial, however, did not permit of these figures being verified from actual operational experience.

(c) Though a two man shelter constructed from two valises withstood frequent light rain it is likely that the constant handling and folding necessitated by continual movement would cause creaks seriously affecting the waterproof qualities of the valise.

(d) The sticky nature of the material is a disadvantage as it is difficult to unroll and small sticks, leaves and sand adhere to the valise when it is used for sleeping, for which purpose it is excessively hot.

2. It is considered that further trials of longer duration are not necessary as the valises were generally not well received by field formations.

3. Although because of the above reasons, it is considered that Valises Sleeping Hooded Type (Aust) are not an AMF requirement, the following modifications would improve the article :-

(a) An addition of 9 inches to the length.

(b) The placing closer together of the fastenings on the opening which would preclude the entry of water to a much greater extent than at present.

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Appx 20

Subject: WITHDRAWAL AIR FORCES - EMIRAU & GREEN IS

HQ 2 Aust Corps (AIF)
G/1421/Ops
25 May 45

COM AIR NORSOLS
USAF NORSOLS

1. A signal has been received by this Headquarters from First Aust Army to the effect that ALL air forces are being withfrawn completely from EMIRAU and GREEN Islands. Withdrawal to be effected as soon as shipping is available and the airfields then to be placed on reserve status.

2. 2 Aust Corps is anxious to withdraw the Australian garrisons from those islands. I would be grateful if you would keep this HQ informed of the progress of evacuation of US Air and Army personnel in order that action can be taken to withdraw the garrisons as soon as they are no longer required.

3. (a) With the approval of Comd USAF NORSOLS it is proposed to withdraw the Australian infantry detachment from MUNDA to TREASURY.

(b) A detachment of 38 Aust Wireless Task Section will remain at MUNDA pending evacuation by all US Forces.

The strength of this detachment will be 11 other ranks and it is requested that USAF NORSOLS accept responsibility for rationing and quartering of this det upon the withdrawal of the infantry garrison.

Signed A R GARRETT
Brig
GS 2 Aust Corps

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Appx 21

Subject: AIR PHOTOGRAPHY FOR MAPPING

Ref : First Aust Army GS Instruction No 3

HQ 2 Aust Corps (AIF)
G/1416/Ops
26 May 45

First Aust Army

Copy to: 84 (AC) Wing RAAF

1. The bulk of the photography at present being used for map compilation on this island was flown by 17th Photo Sqn 13th Air Force and is at least six months old.

2. Much development has been affected in enemy occupied areas in SOUTHERN BOUGAINVILLE during the last six months, and the photography available does not shown new tracks, hut concentrations, gardens and clearings.

3. Gaps and areas have been recently flown for survey purposes by RAAF but the amount of photography available from this source is small and unsuitable for the following reasons:-

(a) Size of Photograph

At Contact Scale, the size of the print is 5" x 5" as against 9" x 9" in the case of American cameras; which means that almost four times as many prints have to be made and plotted to cover a given area.

(b) Scale of Photography

Because of lack of oxygen apparatus, RAAF pilots are unable to fly above 10,000 feet for any length of time and the scale of the resultant photographs is too large for most mapping purposes.

4. Areas requiring photo coverage, and priorities, are set out in Appendices 'A' and 'B' attached.
In addition to these areas, photos will also be required if CHOISEUL ISLAND (approximately 900 square miles) is to be mapped.

5. As coverage cannot be obtained from sources available here in the time required, it is requested that early consideration be given these requirements please.

6. It is suggested that as BEAUFORT aircraft are available here, the situation could best be met by Northern Command providing 84 (AC) Wing RAAF with a K17 Camera and the necessary equipment for processing and printing.

7. In the event of neither aircraft nor camera being early available, it is requested that efforts be made to obtain a HUDSON aircraft from the RAAF Survey Flight, as these aircraft are eminently suitable for the work in this area, being fitted with K17 Trimetrogen Cameras, and carrying oxygen apparatus. In addition the pilots are specially trained in survey work.

Signed S G SAVIGE
Lieutenant General
Commander 2 Aust Corps

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2 AUST CORPS OPERATION INSTRUCTION NUMBER 16

Ref Maps : BOUGAINVILLE ISLAND series 1 inch to 1 mile
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INFORMATION

1. Enemy

See Intelligence Summary and Appreciation attached as Appendix 'A'.

ROLE

2. Ultimate

"Ultimate" role remains unchanged, i.e., to destroy JAPANESE Forces in SOUTHERN BOUGAINVILLE.

3. Immediate

Your next "immediate" role to achieve that object will be :-

(a) First Stage :- Reconnoitre forward then clear to the line HARI RIVER - MONOITU - KAPANA.

(b) Second Stage :- Continue the advance and secure the line of the MIVO RIVER.

4. Factors Affecting Plan

(a) The advance to be along two axes. The NORTHERN axis will be on the route KAPANA - HATALASI - KATSUWA - MUSARAKA.

(b) Only one brigade to be employed forward in contact.

(c) One battalion group can be maintained on NORTHERN axis by air dropping.

(d) Until sheltered anchorage can be found on SW coast maintenance must be through transit area MOTUPENA thence by road.

SPECIAL PATROLS

5. On completion of second stage of "immediate" role, paragraph 3 (b) above, you will despatch patrols EAST of the MIVO RIVER to the general area KOOMBAROONA - MT GULGHER - KIKIBATSIAGO - PIARINO to ascertain the trafficability of roads and tracks having access to BUIN ROAD and/or OLD GOVT ROAD and serving the general area NORTH of BUIN, with a view to the movement and maintenance of a force not exceeding one infantry brigade.

ENGINEERS

6. (a) 23 Aust Fd Coy less one platoon will remain under your command.

(b) 4 Aust Base Sub Area will be taking over responsibility for maintenance road TOROKINA - MOTUPENA PT as from 10 Jun 45.

INFANTRY

7. (a) Infantry battalion now at MAWARAKA may be moved forward for duties on L of C from TOKO.

(b) Supporting brigade will not be employed on operations without reference to this Headquarters.

(c) Reserve brigade will be located within TOROKINA perimeter.

AIR

8. Policy for employment on your front and priority to be allotted to targets :-

(a) Close support ground troops on located defensive positions.

(b) Tactical targets outside bombline.

(c) Strategical bombing of maintenance and camp area MUGUAI.

NAVAL SUPPORT

9. In the event of your requiring naval support for the purpose of creating a diversion a minimum notice of 14 days is required in order to enable this Headquarters to ascertain the availability of naval craft.

ADMINISTRATION

10. No change Administrative Instruction Number 11 dated 23 May 45.

INTERCOMMUNICATION

11. No change.

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APPENDIX 'A'
to 2 Aust Corps Operation
Instruction Number 16

ENEMY STRENGTHS DISPOSITIONS, CAPABILITIES AND APPRECIATION OF PROBABLE INTENTIONS

HARI RIVER AND WESTWARD

Principal Units :-

13 Inf Regt	BUIN ROAD	150	
	COMMANDO ROAD	30	180
6 Fd Arty Regt	BUIN ROAD	320	
	COMMANDO ROAD	140	460
4 Med Arty Regt	BUIN ROAD	200	
	TAI TAI	200	
	Between TAI TAI and MAMAGATA	50	450
6 Engr Regt	BUIN ROAD forward of RUNAI		115
Miscellaneous			500/800
		Total	1500/1800

ARTILLERY (confirmed)

4 Med Arty Regt	4 x 150mm How
6 Fd Arty Regt	2 x 75mm Fd/Mtn 1 x 105mm How
Attached to Inf	2 x 47mm Tk/A

Capabilities :-

Offensive : - 13 Inf Regt remnants and 6 Fd Arty Regt appear fully committed, and have not proved equal to the task of stopping our offensive across the HONGORAI RIVER. There is evidence from prisoners and documents that offensive spirit is low in consequence of our heavy artillery and air bombardment and vigorous and successful infantry actions. Some disorganization has also probably been caused, and no grouping of enemy forces in places where concentrations would indicate appreciation of our offensive plans, have been reported.

6 Engr and 4 Med Arty Regt are disposed for close defence of the approaches to and areas of the large gardens around TAI TAI which form the principal source of sustenance for enemy WEST of the MIVO RIVER. About 300 of 6 Engr and 4 Med Arty Regts could probably be assembled for offensive ventures WEST of the HARI RIVER. From rearward areas the resting and reorganised 23 Inf Regt could provide a striking force of at most 300 , including recently arrived reinforcements estimated at 100/150 from 17 Army Tps.

It appears the enemy has about 600 troops immediately available for counter offensive - provided he is prepared to weaken dangerously the defence of his L of C and approaches to his gardens area.

Defensive :-

Approximately 600 troops disposed against our forces on the COMMANDO and DUIN ROADS have been capable of delaying actions only. Even if 13 Inf Regt and 6 Fd Arty Regt were heavily reinforced there would be no certainty of stopping our advance to the HARI RIVER in view of our great superiority in artillery, tanks and aircraft.

It would appear that for hope of success in defence the enemy must concentrate behind a tank obstacle. The HARI RIVER offers the nearest good natural tank barrier EAST of the HONGORAI RIVER. By retiring EAST of the HARI RIVER the enemy could deploy approximately 1100/1400 for the defence of the river with remnants of the 23 Inf Regt in reserve nearby at RUSEI. There are ample gardens EAST of the HARI RIVER and within easy carry of that river, to sustain the garrison indefinitely.

Probable Intentions :-

In view of the failure of the late Mar and early Apr attacks by between 1600 and 2000 JAPANESE on our fairly lightly held positions at the PURIATA RIVER, it does not appear likely the enemy would risk a substantial portion of his force in a large counter attack against our greater strength.

To bolster declining morale and sustain the tradition of offensive action, it is probable that frequent counter attacks by small numbers will be resorted to in addition to a continuation of the present tactics of using small bodies of troops fighting from and manoeuvring between large numbers of previously prepared strong positions.

Immediate objective seems to be to impose the maximum delay on our advance while tank defence positions are constructed EAST of the HARI RIVER and possibly manned by 17 Army Tps from the MAIKA area, and then withdraw as many troops as possible EAST of the HARI RIVER to strengthen the defence.

Ground between the HARI and OGORATA RIVERS is vital to the JAPANESE defence because loss of the gardens areas there would oblige the enemy to carry from the MAIKA and KARA areas all the food needed by forward troops. With the large scale desertions to AIB of native carriers and population from the areas EAST of the MIVO RIVER transport of sufficient food would present an immense problem to the enemy.

HARI TO OAMAI RIVERS

Principal Units :-

23 Inf Regt	Disposed to cover COMMANDO and DUIN ROADS, with forces at MIVO RIVER ford on DUIN ROAD and MIVO RIVER mouth and HAMAGATA.	600
19 Indep Engr Regt	Unlocated, probably on DUIN ROAD, strength doubtful.	100/250

4 Med Arty Regt	One Bty AKU	60
Miscellaneous	Principally L of C and Service troops	150
	Total	900/1150

ARTILLERY

4 Med Arty Regt	2 x 150mm How between AKU - TOKUAKA
23 Inf Regt	2 x 75mm Fd/Mtn 2 x 70mm Bn Guns 2 x 37mm Tk/A Guns

Capabilities :-

Offensive :- Could re-inforce troops WEST of HARI RIVER, but this course would expose the JAPANESE L of C to attack by 2/8 Aust Cdo Sqn and native partisans.

Defensive :- Dispositions of 23 Inf Regt covering mouths of the HARI and MIVO RIVERS, the BUIN ROAD fords at the OGORATA MIVO and OAMAI RIVERS, and the COMMANDO ROAD between HARI and OGORATA RIVERS suggest a purely defensive role. Forces are probably not more than sufficient to ensure the protection of the BUIN ROAD L of C after deducting Tk/A and AA components probably destined to defend the HARI RIVER crossing on the BUIN ROAD.

Probable Intentions :-

Maintain defensive positions at present locations to provide cover for possible withdrawal of forward troops in the event of meeting defeat at the HARI RIVER.

EAST OF OAMAI RIVER

Principal Units :-

17 Army HQ and Sigs	MAIKA	300
6 Cav Regt	TABAGO	100
6 Engr Regt	MAKARU	100
6 Tpt Regt	L of C	50
4 South Seas Grn Unit	MUGULI	250
59 Fd AA Bn	EBERY'S LEASE	450
2 Shipping Engr Regt	HOISURU BAY	200
Mission Gd	TURIBOIRU (KARA)	250
Guard Unit	TONOLEI	450
12, 15, 17 and 24 Air Defence Units	BUIN	400
Miscellaneous	L of C Service, Med Troops	900
	Total	3450

ARTILLERY

4 Med Arty Regt	2 x 150mm How
Left by 3 Bn 6 Fd Arty Regt	6 x 75mm Fd/Mtn

Capabilities :-

Offensive :- Approximately 1500/2000 troops could be diverted to an offensive role, provided they have undergone an infantry conversion course. Problems of feeding and supply would probably preclude their employment forward of the OMAI RIVER.

Defensive :- 4 South Seas Grn Unit, TURIBOIRU and TONOLEI Gd Units and composite BUIN Air Def Unit comprise the nucleus of the defence of the core of JAPANESE resistance at BUIN. With possible reinforcements from the SHORTLANDS and the EAST coast garrisons at NUMA NUMA and KIETA, they would provide a formidable force and would offer the enemy the best means of making a long stand in his prolific gardens area at MAIKI in the event of defeat WEST of the OMAI RIVER.

Probable Intentions :-

To retain the bulk of his troops in their existing locations to prepare defensive positions. Small numbers of reinforcements and probably the LOB components of Cav Engr and miscellaneous units may be sent to forward areas.

SHORTLAND AND FAURO AND CHOISEUL ISLANDS

Principal Units :-

4 South Seas Grn Unit	SHORTLAND		
6 Fd Arty Regt det	FAURO ISLANDS	Strength undetermined estimated 1500/2000	
1 Base Force	SHORTLAND		
Remnants 21 and 22 Naval Divs	BALLALE		
7 SNLP	CHOISEUL		150
		Total	1500/2000

ARTILLERY

SHORTLAND	2 x 150mm How 3 x 75mm Fd/Mtn 2 x 70mm Dn Guns 3 x 37mm Tk/A
FAURO	4 x 75mm Fd/Mtn 1 x 70mm Dn Guns 2 x 47mm Tk/A
BALLALE	2 x 75mm Fd/Mtn

(Coast Defence guns not included)

Capabilities :-

Offensive :- Provision of reinforcements only for mainland.

Defensive :- Hold their existing positions and deny us use of good anchorages and harbours near BUIN and TONOLEI.

Probable Intentions :-

Withdraw all troops from CHOISEUL and probably those troops on SHORTLAND and FAURO ISLAND who are not essential for manning essential coast defence and AA guns needed to deny the inner anchorages to our shipping. Concentrate those surplus troops for the defence of BUIN or use them to reinforce forward areas.

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Subject: FIELD TRIAL OF CAPES SHELTER, TENT, CANVAS, SHEET, GROUND

Ref : First Aust Army C/1063/SD of 30 Dec 44
2 Aust Corps C/1044/SD of 26 Apr 45

HQ 2 Aust Corps (AIF)
C/1434/SD
28 May 45

First Aust Army

1. The following items have been forwarded this day through MFO to the Directorate of Stores and Clothing, LHQ :-

Capes Shelter. 2
Sheets Ground No 5 (Mk I). . . 2

2. These articles have been in use since 26 Feb 45, and the following comments are submitted :-

(a) Capes Shelter

(i) The extreme lightness and compactness of this item is a definite asset especially as, when wet, the cape dries quickly and does not increase in weight to the same extent as the present shelter half.

(ii) When used as a tent it gives more coverage and shelter from the weather than the present shelter half.

(iii) When used as a cape it gives excellent protection from the weather.

(b) Sheets Ground No 5 (MkI)

(i) It is considered that the groundsheet is suitable in design and it will stand up to the normal conditions met in the field.

(ii) The light weight and considerable reduction in bulk make the ground sheet much more suitable for the present type of operations than the present issue.

(iii) In addition to its normal use it could be used for lining packs and waterproofing rations and ammunition. With this in view it is suggested that eyelets be placed on both sides of the ground sheet to enable it to be used for wrapping round bundles.

3. It will be noted from the above comments, and the progress report submitted to First Aust Army on 2 Apr, that the capes shelter and sheets ground under trial have been very well received and are standing up to operational usage. Together with the tents mosquito Mk 2 they are definitely

considered AIF requirements.

4. It is regretted that formations carrying out the trials report the loss of the following items due to enemy action and operations generally :-

Capes Shelter	2
Tents, mosquito or sandfly proof Mk 2 (calico top) . . .	8
Tents, mosquito or sandfly proof Mk 2 (net top)	9
Sheets Mk 5 (AIEF).	3

5. It is possible that a number of the above items may be recovered and, if so, further representative samples of the tents mosquito will be forwarded for examination. It is requested the Directorate of Stores and Clothing LHQ be advised accordingly.

Lt-Gen
Stan Savige
Lieutenant-General
Commander 2 Aust Corps

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Subject: ESTABLISHMENT OF AN AREA COMMAND
MOTUPENA - TOKO

HQ 2 Aust Corps (AIF)
G/1430/SD
28 May 45

First Aust Army

1. To maintain 3 Aust Div in its present role, supplies etc are moved by small ships to a transit area at MOTUPENA POINT and thence to TOKO by road or barge - a distance of approximately 12 miles. Dependent on weather a small amount of cargo is off-loaded on the beach at TOKO.

2. To administer the transit area and field depot installations that are necessary at MOTUPENA and TOKO for this system of supply, 3 Aust Div has established a temporary Area Command at MOTUPENA and TOKO. This Command consists of personnel detached from units and the arrangement is working quite satisfactorily. The great objection however, is that units cannot get replacements for personnel so detached, which is a serious disadvantage particularly in respect to officers. Further it is considered that it is not the normal functions of a Field formation to provide such personnel.

3. It is anticipated that as 3 Aust Div operations move further SOUTH it will still be necessary to use MOTUPENA - TOKO as no other areas appear suitable as beachheads. This move of the formation will accentuate the need for a self contained organisation at MOTUPENA - TOKO.

4. In view of the above, it is strongly recommended that a Headquarters of an Area Commandant Type B (provisional) WE IV/147B/1) be raised to function in the MOTUPENA - TOKO area under command 2 Aust Corps. If required, the necessary five officers and 18 other ranks can be found from within this formation. In this connection it is advised that it may not be necessary initially to appoint the AASC and AAOC officers on establishment until 3 Aust Div move further SOUTH. The normal tasks of these two officers are at present fully catered for by 3 Aust Div AASC and Ordnance detachments in the TOKO area.

sgd Stan G Savige
Lieutenant General
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Subject: AWAS PERSONNEL - ABSORPTION IN WAR ESTABLISHMENTS

Ref : 2 Aust Corps A52/15/2 of 5 May
First Aust Army VS 266 of 17 May
First Aust Army AG6808 of 22 May

HQ 2 Aust Corps (AIF)
G/1428/SD
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1. Appendices 'A' - 'F' attached detail by ranks, trade-groupings and duties the number of AWAS personnel in the various branches, arms and services that can be absorbed within the War Establishments of HQ 2 Aust Corps, B Aust Corps Sigs, and 4 Aust Base Sub Area respectively within the limits set out in paragraphs 2 and 3 of our A52/15/2 of 5 May. Summarised total is as follows :-

Personnel	HQ 2 Aust Corps	B Aust Corps Sigs	4 Aust Base Sub Area	TOTAL
Offrs	-	1	-	1
S sjts	1	-	-	1
Sjts	1	5	14	20
Cpls	22	15	14	51
TG Ptes	32	85	73	190
Ptes	-	2	-	2
Total	56	108	101	265

2. The difference between the above total of 265 and the original estimate of 314 is caused by submitting the attached figures on a 1 for 1 basis whereas the initial figures in some cases were based on a ratio of 3 AWAS personnel to every 2 men released. It is assumed, however, that any actual allocation will provide for the fact it is not possible to work AWAS clerks late at night or over such long periods as it is often necessary to employ male. This does NOT apply to AWAS signal personnel who may be employed on shift work and rostered for night duty.

3. The above and attached details do not provide for necessary AWAS personnel required for administrative duties within their own service. It is therefore difficult to state the exact time required to build the necessary accommodation until actual total numbers to be provided for are known. However, 4 Aust Base Sub Area advise that with their present commitments, sufficient labour and materials for this purpose could not be provided from Base resources before 1 Jul 45. Further, they estimate that an additional two months would be the minimum time required to complete the accommodation. Any alteration to this time will be advised when 4 Aust Base Sub Area submit their detailed calculations, but on the above estimate advance parties could not be accommodated in the area before 1 Oct 45.

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APPENDIX 'A'
to HQ 2 Aust Corps
G/1428/SD

ABSORPTION OF AWAS PERSONNEL

Summary of Requirements by Branches, Arms and Services

Serial	Branch, etc	HQ 2 Aust Corps incl B Aust Corps Sigs	4 Aust Base Sub Area	TOTAL
1	G Ops	6	4	10
2	G Int	6	-	6
3	G Air	1	-	1
4	RAA	2	-	2
5	RAE	3	-	3
6	Sigs	112	-	112
7	Survey	-	-	-
8	A	2	8	10
9	Med	2	4	6
10	Dental	1	1	2
11	Legal	2	2	4
12	Pro	-	-	-
13	Pay	-	-	-
14	Edn	1	1	2
15	Amenities	-	3	3
16	MS	2	-	2
17	Q	3	2	5
18	ST	5	15	20
19	Ord	6	49	55
20	AE/E	5	8	13
21	Postal	2	-	2
22	Catering	1	-	1
23	Sal	1	-	1
24	Stationery	-	2	2
25	Camp	1	2	3
	TOTAL	164	101	265

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APPENDIX 'B'
to HQ 2 Aust Corps
G/1428/SD

ABSORPTION OF AWAS PERSONNEL

Summary of Requirements by Ranks, Duties and Trade Groupings

Serial	Ranks, etc	HQ 2 Aust Corps	B Aust Corps Sigs	4 Aust Base Sub Area	TOTAL
1	Offrs	-	1	-	1
2.	S sjts	1	-	-	1
3	Sjt stenographers	-	-	5	5
4	Sjt clerks	1	-	9	10
5	Sjt operators	-	2	-	2
6	Sjt swbd operators	-	1	-	1
7	Sjts operators secs	-	2	-	2
8	Cpl stenographers	9	-	4	13
9	Cpl typistes	2	-	8	10
10	Cpl clerks	9	-	2	11
11	Cpl operators	-	4	-	4
12	Cpl swbd operators	-	5	-	5
13	Cpl wireless operators	-	4	-	4
14	Cpl operators keyboard and line	-	2	-	2
15	Cpl draughtswomen	2	-	-	2
16	TG typistes	12	-	30	42
17	TG clerks	19	-	43	62
18	Draughtswomen TG	1	-	-	1
19	Operators swbd TG	-	14	-	14
20	Operators keyboard and line TG	-	19	-	19
21	Operators sig TG	-	26	-	26
22	Operators W/T TG	-	12	-	12
23	Sig clerks TG	-	6	-	6
24	DRs	-	2	-	2
25	Cooks TG	-	8	-	8
	TOTAL	56	108	101	265

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APPENDIX 'C'
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ABSORPTION OF AWAS PERSONNEL - HQ 2 AUST CORPS

Serial	Branch, etc	S sjt	Sjt clerks	Cpl stenographers	Cpl typistes	Cpl clerks	EG typistes	TG clerks	Cpl Draughtswomen	TG Draughtswomen	TOTAL
1	G Operations	-	-	1	1	1	-	3	-	-	6
2	G Air	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
3	G Intelligence	-	-	-	-	2	-	3	1	-	6
4	HQ RAA	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	2
5	CE's Staff	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	-	3
6	CSO's Staff	-	1	-	-	-	-	2	-	1	4
7	A Branch	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	2
8	Med	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	2
9	Dental	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
10	Legal	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	2
11	Edn	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
12	MS	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	2
13	Q Branch	-	-	1	-	-	-	2	-	-	3
14	ST	-	-	1	-	-	1	3	-	-	5
15	HDOS	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	-	3
16	DADOS Corps Tps	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	-	-	3
17	DDME	-	-	1	-	2	-	-	1	-	4
18	CEME Corps Tps	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
19	Postal	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	2
20	Catering	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
21	Sal	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
22	Camp Adm	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
	T O T A L	1	1	9	2	9	12	19	2	1	56

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APPENDIX 'D'
to HQ 2 Aust Corps
G/1428/SD

ABSORPTION OF AWAS PERSONNEL - B AUST CORPS SIGS

INCLUSIVE PERSONNEL TO OPERATE L OF C SECTION

Serial	Rank and/or Trade	Corps	L of C	TOTAL
1	Offrs	-	1	1
2	Sjt operators	-	2	2
3	Sjt swbd operators	-	1	1
4	Sjts operating sec	2	-	2
5	Cpl operators	-	4	4
6	Cpl swbd operators	-	5	5
7	Cpl operators keyboard and line	2	-	2
8	Cpl wireless operators	4	-	4
9	Operators keyboard and line	-	19	19
10	Operators swbd	-	14	14
11	Operators sig	26	-	26
12	Operators W/T	12	-	12
13	DRs	2	-	2
14	Sig clerks	2	4	6
15	Cooks (a)	4	4	8
	(a) Included as the above comprises complete sections which normally move with own cooks			
	TOTAL	54	54	108

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APPENDIX 'E'
to HQ 2 Aust Corps
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ABSORPTION OF AWAS PERSONNEL - HQ 4 AUST BASE SUB AREA

Serial	Branch, etc	Sjt stenographers	Sjt clerks	Cpl stenographers	Cpl typistes	Cpl clerks	TG typistes	TG clerks	Cpl Draughtswomen	TG Draughtswomen	TOTALS
1	G	-	-	-	1	-	2	1	-	-	4
2	A & Q	-	1	1	1	-	2	3	-	-	8
3	Med	-	1	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	3
4	Dental	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
5	Legal	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	2
6	Edn	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
7	ST	1	-	-	1	-	1	3	-	-	6
8	Ord	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	-	3
9	AEME	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	2
10	Camp	-	-	-		1	-	1	-	-	2
	TOTAL	1	2	1	5	1	9	13	-	-	32

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APPENDIX 'F'
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ABSORPTION OF AWAS PERSONNEL - 4 AUST BASE SUB AREA

Serial	Unit	Sjt stenographers	Sjt clerks	Cpl stenographers	Cpl typistes	Cpl clerks	TG typistes	TG clerks	Cpl Draughtswomen	TG Draughtswomen	TOTALS
1	HQ 4 Aust Base Sub Area	4	2	1	5	1	9	13	-	-	32
2	2/1 Aust Mov & Tn Gp	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	2
3	HQ 2 Aust BSD	3	5	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	9
4	2/1 Aust Base Dep Med Stores	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
5	16 Aust AOD	-	1	1	-	-	12	18	-	-	32
6	3 Aust RSD	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	2
7	13 Aust AAD	-	-	-	-	-	4	8	-	-	12
8	12 Aust Adv Wksp	1	-	-	2	-	-	3	-	-	6
9	10 Aust L of C Stationery Dep	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	2
10	29 AAOS Offrs Club	-	1 (a)	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	3
	TOTAL	5	9	4	8	2	30	43	-	-	101

(a) Receptionist

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Subject: WEAPONS AND EQUIPMENT USER TRIALS

Ref : First Aust Army G/2460/SD of 8 May

HQ 2 Aust Corps (AIF)
G/1435/SD
29 May 45

First Aust Army (2)

1. In accordance with paragraph 3 (a) of the memorandum under reference, comments on existing weapons and equipment are enumerated in Appendix 'A' attached.

2. With regard to paragraph 3 (b), no suggestions for any new types of weapons or equipment were received from formations, other than in respect to items already the subject of user trials or previous correspondence.

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APPENDIX 'A'
to HQ 2 Aust Corps
G/1435/SD

COMMENTS ON WEAPONS OR EQUIPMENT WHERE ALTERATIONS TO EXISTING ITEMS ARE SUGGESTED

ARTILLERY

1. **Dial Sights No 7A and 7B**

A more positive arrangement for clamping the slipping skin of the sight to prevent movement during firing is required. Milling of the clamping surface of the skin and the clamping plate is suggested to achieve this.

2. **Sights Ordnance QF 25-pr Plate Scale Range**

Super charge graduations should be extended to provide for setting at higher muzzle velocities for lower ranges.

3. **Sets Tannoy Loud Speaking No 2 Control Unit**

A sound indicator to operate in conjunction with light indicator is desirable to obviate constant visual watch on the set. The sound indicator should be capable of being cut out while fire orders are being given and acknowledged.

SIGNALS

4. **Pliers, Combination and sidecutting**

Recent issues of pliers branded "SUNSHINE D/D 43" included many which are useless as the cutting surfaces are not properly aligned.

5. **Climbers, pole (AUST)**

The Aust issue of climbers, pole, have web straps which wear quickly and tend to slip, thereby becoming dangerous to the wearer. The small pads provided do not stop chafing. By substituting leather straps and improving the pads the climbers would be greatly improved.

6. **Cable Layer No 6 (AUST)**

Forward units are chary of using this equipment as the mechanism develops a clatter which can be heard for quite a distance. It is common for personnel to remove the frame and lay by hand using only the spindle and spool. The frame is found most useful for reeling in and for respooling from Drums, No 5 to Reels No 1. It is suggested that an improved bearing would lessen the noise referred to above.

7. **Boxes, Terminal Signal Office**

Boxes, terminal sig office are not satisfactory in that the connectors 5-pair from the terminal box to the Frames D and P cause considerable trouble because the plugs will not fit tightly into the sockets on the D and P Frames. The lugs on the D and P Frames are of metal which is not resilient and when forced apart by the insertion of the plugs will not return to its former position. A number of instances have been found where the wires at the plug have been wrongly connected

and do not correspond with the terminals in the box.

INFANTRY

8. Web Equipment - Packs

The existing pack necessitates the carriage of a bedroll on the outside of the pack and the securing of it by improvised means such as twine, also the existing straps web supporting do not permit the carriage of sufficient equipment on the outside of the pack.

It is recommended that :-

(a) The straps of the pack be lengthened by three or four inches to allow the bedroll to be secured under the flap.

(b) A strap and buckle be fitted to each side of the pack to enable the bedroll to be secured to the sides of the pack.

(c) Straps web supporting be lengthened by three or four inches to allow for the carriage of additional equipment on the outside of the pack.

9. Web Equipment - Press Fasteners

The press fastener at present fitted to basic pouches, ammunition pouches, etc., is unsatisfactory due to faulty manufacture, which causes the fastener to stick and with little use tear the stud away from the fabric.

It is recommended that either the press fastener be modified or a fastener other than the press stud type be fitted.

10. Carrier OSMG Ammunition

A carrier for five magazines, attachable to the belt so that it will hang from the hip, has been found a necessity. The pouches for the magazine should fit the magazine loosely. The present type of magazine carrier shrinks in wet weather, and the method of fitting on the belt restricts movement considerably. A heavier type of material is required as the present carriers deteriorate rapidly under tropical conditions.

11. Mortar ML 3 inch - Striker Spanner

There is no spanner or tool on issue to remove or tighten the striker stud in the breech piece of the Mortar ML 3 inch. The absence of such a tool necessitates improvisation or local manufacture which is inconvenient and unsatisfactory. It is recommended that a suitable spanner be manufactured and issued on the basis of one per mortar ML 3 inch

12. Entrenching Tool

The entrenching tool at present on issue could be improved by giving more scoop to the blade, which would enable weapon pits to be dug more quickly. The present flat blade does not hold the earth. The large breakage of handles indicate that they need reinforcing, possibly by a strip of metal from the blade to halfway up the handle.

13. Luminous Aiming Post Marker

A requirement exists for a small clip on luminous aiming post marker for use with Morters ML 3 inch when firing at night. A small piece of metal, suitably painted with luminous paint and fitted with a clip, would indicate clearly the position of the aiming post.

MEDICAL

14. Waterproof Containers

(a) Outfits Individual First Aid

Outfits individual first aid should be made up in waterproof containers, e.g., tin with press on top and rubber sealing ring.

(b) Atebrin

A suitable waterproof Atebrin container for 24 tablets should be provided for individual issue.

15. Stretcher Carrying Fittings for Jeep

The type which carries two patients above the driver's head is unsatisfactory and dangerous on jungle tracks; the low carrying type is much more satisfactory.

GENERAL

16. Kits Tool Carpenters

Chisels wood at present supplied in carpenters kits are too light for use with rough timber, which is generally the only kind available to an infantry battalion.

It is recommended that shisels socket be substituted for chisels mortice in these kits.

17. Burner Units (AUST) No 1 Mk 2 (Hydro Burners)

Burners issued to units over the last 18 months have been of uniformly bad quality resulting in rapid burning out of flame tubes and vapourisers (active working life averages 6 - 8 weeks).

The main faults are :-

(a) The tubes of the burners are made of a metal which quickly weakens under heat and perforates. This means evacuation to workshops for welding.

(b) The bearings are too fragile, numerous instances occurring where fractures have taken place during carry by native carriers.

(c) The flame spreader on the face of the burner flakes after little use and soon burns off. This means loss of control of the flame.

(d) Copper asbestos packing washers between burner and unit are generally damaged and require replacement each time routine decoking is carried out.

It is recommended that :-

(a) Action be taken for the provision of a more robust type of burner with heavier cross tubes and improved jet and flame spreader.

(b) Entitlement of spare burners and jets be increased to one per burner unit on establishment plus the six already allowed as a battalion reserve.

(c) Supply of copper asbestos washers be included in tool kits, for packing of joint between burner and unit.

18. Trucks ¼-ton 4 x 4 - Driver's Seat

Drivers are suffering from fatigue with consequent loss of efficiency while driving under the rough conditions of jungle jeep tracks and particularly on corduroy.

It is recommended that to assist overcome this undue fatigue provision be made for the issue of one spring or sponge rubber padded seat per truck ¼-ton 4 x 4.

19. Trucks ¼-ton 4 x 4 - VOL - Levers Tyre

It is noted in log books that these are a manufacturers issue, but in most cases are never received with the vehicle.

It is recommended that two levers tyre be issued per vehicle as follows :-

Crank type similar to manufacturers issue	- 1
Flat 18½-inch lever type	- 1

Issues of these types will obviate the prevalent damage to tyres caused by the use of 24½ inch Aust pattern type lever with the sharp chisel shaped end.

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HQ 2 Aust Corps (AIF)
G/1437/Ops
30 May 45

1. Attached as Appendix 'A' hereto is 2 Aust Corps Location Statement and Order of Battle No 8.

2. This statement includes locations and command of units of 2 Aust Corps as at 2359 hrs 26 May 45.

3. Distribution of relevant information only will be made to your subordinate formations, etc.

4. It is requested that any errors in location or command of units be notified to this Headquarters by formations concerned.

5. Please destroy 2 Aust Corps Location Statement and Order of Battle No 7 and acknowledge receipt on subtended pro forma.

for Brig
GS 2 Aust Corps

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HQ 2 Aust Corps

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3 Aust Adv 2nd Ech	9	DRLS
6 Aust Comd AL Sec	10	"
46 Aust AL Sec (Tac R Sqn)	11	"
2 Aust Corps Postal Unit	12	Hand
2 Aust Corps Reception Camp	13	DRLS
COMD	14	Hand
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APPENDIX 'A'
to HQ 2 Aust Corps
G/1437/Ops

2 AUST CORPS LOCATION STATEMENT AND ORDER OF BATTLE NUMBER 8

As at 2359 hrs 26 May 45

Ref Maps : BOUGAINVILLE 1-in series CAPE MOLTKE TOROKINA PURIATA RIVER
1:25,000 series KOWARO HIRU HILL BARARA
RUMIKI MONOITU SORAKEN (Dyeline)
CHABAI (Dyeline)

Serial (a)	Arm or Service (b)	War Office Serial No (c)	(d)	Unit (e)	Ref Map (f)	Location (g)	Remarks (h)
				CORPS TROOPS			
A 1	HQ UNITS	45732		HQ 2 Aust Corps (AIF)	TOROKINA	586931	
A 2		47912		Det Directorate PR	TOROKINA	586931	LHQ tps
A 3		45129		5 Aust Mob Met Flt(less dets)	TOROKINA	586931	LHQ tps. Det under comd 11 Bde, 23 Bde see serials F2 G2
A 4		46393		Det 1 Aust Adv 2nd Ech (AIF)	TOROKINA	606932	
A 5		45189		6 Aust Comd AL Sec (AIF)	TOROKINA	581932	Allotted COMAIRNORSOLS
A 6		49226		15 Aust Sqn AL Sec	GREEN ISLAND		Under 23 Bde for local adm see serial G8; allotted to COMAIR GREEN. To move JACQUINOT under comd 5 Div for ops
A 7		49227		16 Aust Sqn AL Sec	TOROKINA	581932	Allotted 6 Comd AL Sec (AIF)
A 8		49243		32 Aust Sqn AL Sec	TOROKINA	593945	Att 46 Aust AL Sec (Tac R Sqn) allotted 10 Comn Unit
A 9		49244		33 Aust Sqn AL Sec	TOROKINA	586946	Att 46 Aust AL Sec (Tac R Sqn)
A10		45183		47 Aust Sqn AL Sec	TOROKINA	587932	Allotted COM AIR PIVA
A11		49257		52 Aust Sqn AL Sec	EMIRAU IS		Under 23 Bde for local adm. See serial G9; allotted COMAIR EMIRAU
A12		49258		53 Aust Sqn AL Sec	TOROKINA	594954	Allotted COM AIR PIVA

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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)
A13		45185		46 Aust AL Sec (Tac R Sqn)	TOROKINA	586946	Allotted to 5 Tac R Sqn RAAF
A14		45109		No 4 Mil History Sec Fd Team	TOROKINA	586931	LHQ Tps
A15	ARMD	45090	TS	2/4 Aust Armd Regt (less C Sqn)	BARARA	871487	Under comd 3 Div. See serial B5 D2. C Sqn under comd 5 Div
A16	ARTY	92694	%	HQ RAA 2 Aust Corps	TOROKINA	586929	CB Staff NOT raised
A17		61219	TS	2/11 Aust Fd Regt(Jungle Div) (less 22 Bty)	HIRU HIRU	893458	Under comd 3 Div. See serial B7
A17a				22 Bty	TOROKINA	633937	Under comd 3 Div as from 29 May
A18		46197	TS	13 Aust Fd Regt (Jungle Div)(AIF)			Not yet arrived BOUGAINVILLE
A19		92877		5 Aust Arty Sig Tp			Not yet arrived BOUGAINVILLE. To be attached HQ RAA 2 Corps
A20		48483	TS	2 Aust Mtn Bty(Mech)(AIF)	SORAKEN	247604	Under comd 11 Bde see serial F5
A21		48621		U Aust Hy Bty (Coast)(ME)(AIF)	BARARA	884467	Under comd 3 Div. See serial B9
A22	ENGRS	47748		7 Aust BD Pl (AIF)	TOROKINA	737848	Under comd 3 Div. See serial B19
A23		62629		6 Aust Mech Eqpt Coy (less 1 and 2 Mech Eqpt Pls det 3 Mech Eqpt Pl Two secs Tipping Truck Pl) less	TOROKINA	601902	1 Mech Eqpt pl det 3 Mech Eqpt pl one sec Tipping Truck Pl under comd 3 Div. See serial B18. 2 Mech Eqpt Pl one sec Tipping Truck Pl under comd 4 Base Sub Area for ops and local adm
A23a				3 Pl	TOROKINA	717860	
A24		48276		42 Aust Ldg Craft Coy (AIF)(less dets)	TOROKINA	564899	Under comd for ops, under 1 Aust Water Tpt Gp for other purposes. HQ and one ALC 15 Pl: one ALC 20 pl one ALC40 pl. Det equal one composite pl under comd 3 Div, det under comd 11 Bde. See serials B20 F7
A25	SVY	45594		1 Svy Sec 2 Aust Fd Svy Coy (AIF) (less det)	TOROKINA	585939	Det under comd 11 Bde. See serial F8

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A26	SIGS	45747		HQ B Aust Corps Sigs (AIF) less	TOROKINA	587929	
A26a				Adm Sec HQ B Aust Corps Sigs(AIF)	TOROKINA	586935	
A27		45749	TS	2 Aust Tech Maint Sec(HE)(AIF)	TOROKINA	586935	
A28		92674	TS	21 Aust Tech Maint Sec(HE)(AIF)			Not yet arrived BOUGAINVILLE
A29				HQ 1 Coy B Aust Corps Sigs(AIF)	TOROKINA	586935	
A30		61330	TS	4 Aust Line Sec (AIF)	TOROKINA	586935	
A31		61331	TS	5 Aust Line Sec	TOROKINA	586935	
A32		47999	TS	27 Aust Line Sec (AIF) less	BARARA	876476	
A32a				Det	TOROKINA	586935	
A33		45753	TS	2 Aust Line Maint Sec (AIF)	TOROKINA	586935	
A34		92263		18 Aust Line Maint Sec (AIF)			Not yet arrived BOUGAINVILLE
A35				HQ 2 Coy B Aust Corps Sigs (AIF)	TOROKINA	596935	
A36		45755	TS	6 Aust Op Sec (AIF)	TOROKINA	586935	
A37		45608	TS	12 Aust Tg Op Sec (AIF)	TOROKINA	586935	
A38		45237	TS	26 Aust Tele Swbd Op Sec(AIF)	TOROKINA	586935	
A39		45037	TS	38 Aust Op Sec (AIF)	TOROKINA	586935	
A40		92630	TS	107 Aust Tg Op Sec (AIF)			)Not yet arrived BOUGAINVILLE
A41		92631	TS	108 Aust Tele Swbd Op Sec (AIF)			))
A42		45758	TS	4 Aust DR Sec (AIF)	TOROKINA	586935	
A43		45231	TS	10 Aust DR Sec (AIF)	TOROKINA	586935	
A44		48012	TS	9 Aust Wireless Sec(1t)(less three dets)	TOROKINA	586935	Two dets not under comd, one det att 23 Bde. See serial G17

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)
A45		47752	TS	39 Aust Wireless Sec (lt)(AIF) (less det)	TOROKINA	586935	Det att 11 Bde. See serial F11
A46		48357	TS	44 Aust Wireless Sec (hy)(AIF)	TOROKINA	586935	
A47		48664	TS	4 Aust Cipher Sec(Type A)(less three dets)	TOROKINA	586935	Two dets not under comd; det att 11 Bde. See serial F12.
A48				HQ 3 Coy B Aust Corps Sigs (AIF)	TOROKINA	586935	
A49		49414	TS	2/4 Aust Armd Regt Sig Tp (less det)	BARARA	871487	Under comd 3 Div. Seeserial B23. Det under comd 6 Div.
A50		61349	TS	2/11 Aust Fd Regt(Jungle Div) Sig Sec	HIRU HIRU	893458	Under comd 3 Div. See serial B24
A51		46212	TS	13 Aust Fd Regt(Jungle Div) Sig Sec			Not yet arrived BOUGAINVILLE
A52		48574		1 Aust Water Tpt Gp Sig Sec (AIF) (less dets)	TOROKINA	562895	Army tps under 4 Base Sub Area for local adm; dets under comd 3 Div, 11 Bde. See serials B27 F13.
A53		46325	TS	1 Aust Pigeon Sec (Type B)(less dets)	TOROKINA	560900	Army tps under 4 Base Sub Area for local adm. dets att 42 Ldg Craft Coy att 3 Div, 11 Bde. See serials B 29 F14.
A54		47369	TS	7 Aust Pigeon Sec (Type A)(less dets)	TOROKINA	591935	Dets att 3 Div, 11 Bde. See serials B 30 F15
A55		45272	TS	36 Aust Wireless Task Sec (AIF) less	GREEN ISLAND		)Under 23 Bde for local adm. See)serial G18))
A55a				Det	EMIRAU ISLAND		
A56		45274	TS	38 Aust Wireless Task Sec (AIF) less	TREASURY ISLAND		))Under 23 Bde for local adm. See)serial G19)
A56a				Det	MUNDA		
A57		45258		Det 61 Aust Wireless Sec (Type C) (AIF)	TOROKINA	593932	LHQ Tps; under comd for ops and local adm; balance unit LAE

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)
A58	INF	48050		Papuan Inf Bn (less A and B Coys)	BARARA	840480	Bn less two coys under comd 3 Div. A coy under comd 11 Bde, B coy under comd 23 Bde. See serials B31 F19 G25
A59		49466		A coy 1 NG Inf Bn	TOROKINA	671963	To move JACQUINOT under comd 5 Div.
A60		61005	TS	HQ E coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt	TOROKINA	586931	LHQ Tps
A61		61005	TS	22 Pl F Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt	TOROKINA	586931	LHQ Tps
A62	INT	46195		2 Aust Corps Sec Int Corps	TOROKINA	586931	
A63		45138		2 Aust Corps Language Det (five units((less det)	TOROKINA	586931	For local adm only. GHQ Tps; det att 11 Bde; see serial F22.
A64		47914		Det 1 Aust AAPIU (AIF)	TOROKINA	586931	
A65		45161		'P' Aust FS Sec (AIF) (less dets)	TOROKINA	586931	Dets under comd 11 Bde, 23 Bde; see serials F23 G28
A66	ST	45772	TS	HQ 131 Aust GT Coy	TOROKINA	588969	
A67		92517	TS	131 Aust Wksp Pl	TOROKINA	588969	
A68		92480	TS	66 Aust Tpt Pl	PURIATA R	709596	See serial G30. In sp 3 Div. See serial B41
A69		92481	TS	67 Aust Tpt Pl	TOROKINA	589968	See serial G31.
A70		92690	TS	Two secs 5 Aust MAC Pl	TOROKINA	563927	Balance unit under comd 4 Base Sub Area.
A71	MED	45631	TS	106 Aust CCS (AIF)	TOROKINA	570939	
A72		45969	TS	8 Aust Fd Amb (AIF) less A Coy)	KOWARA	659090	In sp 23 Bde. See serial G37. A coy under comd 4 Base Sub Area
A73		46132	TS	102 Aust Mob Bath Unit (AIF)			Not yet arrived BOUGAINVILLE
A74		46189	TS	115 Aust Mob Bath Unit			
A75		45330	TS	12 Aust Malaria Control Unit (Type B)(AIF)			Not yet arrived BOUGAINVILLE

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A76	DENTAL	45384	TS	HQ 72 Aust Dental Unit (AIF)	TOROKINA	586931	
A76a				HQ det 72 Aust Dental Unit (AIF)	SORAKEN	243595	Under 11 Bde for local adm. See serial F29.
A76b				A Sec 72 Aust Dental Unit (AIF)	TOROKINA	565899	
A76c				B Sec 72 Aust Dental Unit (AIF)	SORAKEN	233652	Under 11 Bde for local adm. See serial F29a.
A76d				C Sec 72 Aust Dental Unit (AIF)	TOROKINA	546931	
A76e				D Sec 72 Aust Dental Unit (AIF)	TOROKINA	584932	
A76f				E Sec 72 Aust Dental Unit (AIF)	TOROKINA	586933	
A76g				F Sec 72 Aust Dental Unit (AIF)	SORAKEN	241649	Under 11 Bde for local adm. See serial F29b.
A77	ORD	49045	TS	126 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk (AIF)	TOROKINA	594932	
A78		49416	TS	2/4 Aust Armd Regt Ord Fd Pk (HE) (less C Sqn sub-pk) less	TOROKINA	594960	) Under comd 3 Div. See serials) B55 B55a D14. C Sqn sub-pk under) comd 6 Div.
A78a				B Sqn Sub Pk	BARARA	869487	)
A79	AEME	49062	TS	126 Aust Bde Wksp (AIF)	TOROKINA	594932	
A80		49415	TS	2/4 Aust Armd Regt Wksp (Type B) (less C Sqn Wksp Sec) less	TOROKINA	594560	) Under comd 3 Div, See serials) B60 B60a D16. C Sqn Sec under) comd 6 Div.
A80a				B Sqn Wksp Sec	BARARA	871487	)
A81		92718		6 Aust Mech Eqpt Wksp(AIF)	TOROKINA	568938	Att 6 Mech Eqpt Coy
A82		61220	TS	2/70 Aust LAD (Type D) less	BARARA	868485	Att 2/11 Aust Fd Regt. Under comd 3 Div. See serial B64.
A82a				Det	TOROKINA	628938	Att 22 Bty
A83		46198	TS	219 Aust LAD (Type D)(AIF)			Att 13 Aust Fd Regt. NOT yet arrived BOUGAINVILLE.

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)
A84		45762	TS	244 Aust LAD (Type A) (AIF)	TOROKINA	586935	Att B Aust Corps Sigs
A85		46050	TS	268 Aust LAD (Type A) (AIF)	PURIATA R	736546	Att 6 Aust Mech Eqpt Coy.
A86		45065	TS	296 Aust LAD (Type A)(AIF)	TOROKINA	586931	Att HQ 2 Aust Corps
A87		92019		2 Aust Ldg Craft Wksp (AIF)	TOROKINA	564899	Under comd for ops only. Under 4 Base Sub Area for other purposes.
A88	PAY	61019	TS	2 Aust Corps Fd Cash Office	TOROKINA	586931	
A89	POSTAL	61023		2 Aust Corps Postal Unit	TOROKINA	586931	
A90	AMENITIES	92829		11 Aust Mob Cinema			)LHQ Tps. NOT yet arrived) BOUGAINVILLE
A91		92829		31 Aust Mob Cinema			)
A92	PRO			3 Aust Fd Punishment Centre	TOROKINA	609932	
A93	MISCEL-LANEOUS	92660		2 Aust Corps Reception Camp	TOROKINA	589926	
A94		45932	TS	2 Aust Corps Sal Unit (AIF) (less det)	TOROKINA	563943	Det under comd 11 Bde. See serial F36
A95		92649		5 Aust Visitors and Observers Sec	TOROKINA	586931	
A96	SCHOOLS	45648		'A' Det NG School Sigs	TOROKINA	562919	)
A97		46506		No 1 Mob Team NG Trg School(AIF) (Jungle craft wing)	TOROKINA	562919	) Army Tps)
A98		46506		No 2 Mob Trg Team NG Trg School (AIF)(Weapon Trg Wing)	TOROKINA	562919	Army Tps
A99		45569		LHQ Gas School Flamethrower Wing	TOROKINA	562919	LHQ Tps
A100		45565		LHQ School of Mech Waterproofing and Wading Det	TOROKINA	567933	LHQ Tps

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)
B 1	HQ UNITS	45980	TS	HQ 3 Aust Div (AIF) less	HIRU HIRU	809458	
B 1a				Rear Details	TOROKINA	583952	
B 2		45109		No 3 Mil History Sec Fd Team	HIRU HIRU	809458	LHQ tps
B 3				HQ RAFFLES FORCE (2/8 Cdo Sqn, C Coy PIB)	MONOITU	091459	
B 4	CAV	61423	TS	2/8 Aust Cdo Dqn less	MONOITU	091459	Under comd RAFFLES FORCE
B 4a				Rear HQ	BARARA	806462	
B 5	ARMD	45090	TS	2/4 Aust Armd Regt (less C Sqn)	BARARA	817487	Corps tps. See serial A15. B Sqn under comd 15 Bde. See serial D2
B 6	ARTY	48376	TS	HQ RAA 3 Aust Div (AIF)	HIRU HIRU	810458	
B 7		61219	TS	2/11 Aust Fd Regt (Jungle Div)(less 22 bty)	HIRU HIRU	893458	Corps tps. See serial A17 22 Bty comes under comd 29 May
B 8		45984	TS	2 Aust Fd Regt (Jungle Div)(AIF)	HIRU HIRU	895455	
B 9		48621		U Aust Hy Bty (Coast)(HE)(AIF)	BARARA	884469	Corps tps. See serial A21
B10		45990	TS	3 Aust Svy Bty (AIF)(less A tp)	HIRU HIRU	893460	A tp under comd 11 Bde. See serial F4
B11	ENGRS	45991	TS	HQ RAE 3 Aust Div (AIF)	HIRU HIRU	811457	
B12		45947	TS	5 Aust Fd Coy (AIF)	BARARA	799468	See serial C2
B13		46092	TS	11 Aust Fd Coy less	TOROKINA	768812	See serial E2
B13a				Pl	PURIATA R	775750	
B14		45993	TS	15 Aust Fd Coy (AIF)	BARARA	871488	See serial D3
B15		46157	TS	23 Aust Fd Coy (AIF)(less pl)	PURIATA R	774653	See serial G15
B16		45994	TS	53 Aust Fd Pk Coy (AIF)less	BARARA	798470	to move AUST on relief by 54 Fd Pk Coy

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)
B16a				Br Pl	TOROKINA	737487	To move AUST on relief by 54 Fd Pk Coy
B16b				Mech Eqpt Pl	HIRU HIRU	898452	
B17		46158	TS	54 Aust Fd Pk Coy (AIF)			NOT yet arrived BOUGAINVILLE. To relieve 53 Fd Pk Coy
B18		62629		1 Mech Eqpt Pl with det 3 Mech Eqpt Pl and one sec Tipping Truck Pl 6 Aust Mech Eqpt Coy	BARARA	771507	Corps tps see serial A23
B19		47748		7 Aust ED Pl (AIF)	BARARA	800467	Corps tps see serial A22
B20		48276		Det 42 Aust Ldg Craft Coy (AIF)(equivalent P one composite pl)	PURIATA R	739581	Corps tps see serial A24
B21		92423		Det 1 Aust Water Amb Convoy	PURIATA R	739581	For local adm only. Balance unit under comd 4 Base Sub Area
B22	SIGS	45997	TS	Sigs 3 Aust Div (AIF) less	HIRU HIRU	809457	
B22a				Rear details	TOROKINA	583952	
B23		49414	TS	2/4 Aust Armd Regt Sig Tp (less det) less	TOROKINA	594960	Corps tps. See serial A49. Det under comd 6Div
B23a				Det	BARARA	871487	Att A Sqn
B24		61349	TS	2/11 Aust Fd Regt (Jungle Div) Sig Sec	HIRU HIRU	893458	Corps tps. See serial A50
B25		49088	TS	2 Aust Fd Regt (Jungle Div)(AIF) Sig Sec	HIRU HIRU	923442	
B26		92604	TS	6 Aust Engr Sig Sec	HIRU HIRU	811457	
B27		48574		Det 1 Aust Water Tpt Gp Sig Sec (AIF)	PURIATA R	741579	Corps tps. See serial A52
B28		95998	TS	38 Aust Cipher Sec (Type K)(AIF)less	HIRU HIRU	809457	
B28a				Det	TOROKINA	583952	
B29		46325	TS	D Det 1 Aust Pigeon Sec (Type B)	PURIATA R	740570	For local adm only. Corps tps. See serial A53. Att det 42 Ldg Craft Coy

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)
B30		47369	TS	C Det 7 Aust Pigeon Sec (Type A)	PURIATA R	766611	for local adm only. Corps tps see serial A54
B30a				E Det	PURIATA R	774760	
B31		48050		PAPUAN Inf Bn (less A & B Coys) less	BARARA	840480	Corps tps. A coy under comd 11 Bde. B coy under comd 23 Bde. See serials A58 F19 G25
B31a				C Coy	BARARA	891462	Under comd RAFFLES FORCE
B31b				D Coy	HIRU HIRU	925439	Under comd 15 Bde. See serial D8
B32		61005	TS	HQ D Coy & 16 Fl 2/1 Aust Gd Regt less	HIRU HIRU	809458	LHQ tps
B32a				Det	TOROKINA	583952	
B33	INT	45138		3 Aust Div Language Det (five units)	HIRU HIRU	809458	For local adm only. GHQ tps
B34		61502	T S	V Aust FS Sec	HIRU HIRU	809458	LHQ tps
B35	ST	46010	TS	HQ Comd 3 Aust Div AASC (AIF)	HIRU HIRU	812455	
B36		47903		HQ 152 Aust GT Coy (AIF)	PURIATA R	710596	
B37		92534	TS	152 Aust Wksp Pl	PURIATA R	709596	
B38		92609	TS	53 Aust Tpt Pl	HIRU HIRU	816453	See serial D10
B39		92771	TS	54 Aust Tpt Pl	PURIATA R	708597	See serial C8
B40		92610	TS	56 Aust Tpt Pl	HIRU HIRU	816453	See serial E8
B41		92480	TS	66 Aust Tpt Pl	PURIATA R	709596	For local adm only. Corps tps in sp 3 Div. See serial A68
B42		47904	TS	HQ 1 Aust Sup Dep Coy (AIF)	HIRU HIRU	814454	
B43		48832	TS	3 Aust Sup Dep Pl	BARARA	893464	See serial D11
B44		48833	TS	4 Aust Sup Dep Pl	HIRU HIRU	920440	See serial D12
B45		48845	TS	18 Aust Sup Dep Pl (AIF)	HIRU HIRU	814455	See serial E9

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)
B46		48846	TS	19 Aust Sup Dep Pl (AIF)	PURIATA R	713596	See serial E10
B47		49027	TS	224 Aust Sup Dep Pl (AIF)	HIRU HIRU	814454	See serial C9
B48		49030	TS	227 Aust Sup Dep Pl (AIF)	TOROKINA	599965	See serial C10
B49		92074		Det 12 Aust Fd Baking Pl	HIRU HIRU	814454	For local adm only. Unit under comd 4 Base Sub Area
B50	MED	45381	TS	109 Aust CCS (AIF)	PURIATA R	707597	
B51		46121	TS	7 Aust Fd Amb	PURIATA R	704586	See serial E11
B52		46015	TS	15 Aust Fd Amb (AIF)	HIRU HIRU	816453	See serial D13
B53		48392	TS	18 Aust Malaria Control Unit (Type A)(AIF)	BARARA	797472	
B54	DENTAL	46597	TS	HQ 63 Aust Dental Unit (AIF)	HIRU HIRU	809458	
B54a				HQ Det 63 Aust Dental Unit (AIF)	TOROKINA	644936	
B54b				A Sec 63 Aust Dental Unit (AIF)	TOROKINA	640934	
B54c				B Sec 63 Aust Dental Unit (AIF)	PURIATA R	764625	
B54d				C Sec 63 Aust Dental Unit (AIF)	HIRU HIRU	918442	
B54e				D Sec 63 Aust Dental Unit (AIF)	TOROKINA	647940	
B54f				E Sec 63 Aust Dental Unit	HIRU HIRU	816453	
B54g				F Sec 63 Aust Dental Unit (AIF)	BARARA	873487	
B55	ORD	49416	TS	2/4 Aust Armd Regt Ord Fd Pk (HE)(less C Sqn Sub Pk)less	TOROKINA	594960	Corps tps. See serial A78
B55a				B Sqn Sub Pk	BARARA	869487	Under comd 15 Bde. See serial D14
B56		49041	TS	104 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk (AIF)	PURIATA R	769621	See serial E12
B57		46241	TS	113 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk (AIF)	BARARA	850482	See serial C12

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)
B58		47766	TS	129 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk (AIF)	TOROKINA	639919	See serial D15
B59		92341		Det 13 Aust AAD (Type A)(AIF)	HIRUHIRU	810457	Balance unit under comd 4 Base Sub Area
B60	AEME	49415	TS	2/4 Aust Armd Regt Wksp (less C Sqn Wksp Sec)less	TOROKINA	594960	Corps tps. See serial A80
B60a				B Sqn Wksp Sec	BARARA	871467	Under comd 15 Bde. See serial D16
B61		49058	TS	104 Aust Bde Wksp (AIF)	PURIATA R	772612	See serial E13
B62		46240	TS	113 Aust Bde Wksp (.AIF)	BARARA	850482	See serial C13
B63		49064	TS	129 Aust Bde Wksp (AIF)	TOROKINA	638920	See serial D17
B64		61220	TS	2/70 Aust LAD (Type D)(less det)	BARARA	868485	Att 2/11 Fd Regt. Corps Tps. See serial A82
B65		46100	TS	202 Aust LAD (Type A)(AIF)	HIRUHIRU	809458	Att HQ 3 Div
B66		45985	TS	213 Aust LAD (Type D)(AIF)	BARARA	837475	Att 2 Fd Regt
B67		45996	TS	230 Aust LAD (Type A)(AIF)	BARARA	801467	Att 53 Fd Pk Coy
B68	PAY	46019	TS	3 Aust Div Fd Cash Office (AIF)	HIRUHIRU	809458	
B69	POSTAL	46021	TS	3 Aust Div Postal Unit (AIF)	HIRUHIRU	820451	
B70	PRO	46020	TS	3 Aust Div Pro Coy (AIF)(less two secs)	HIRUHIRU	810458	Two secs under comd 3 Base Sub Area
B71		45730	TS	Two secs First Aust Army Pro Coy	HIRUHIRU	810458	Balance of unit(less two secs 6 Base Sub Area) under comd 5 Base Sub Area
B72		46128	TS	6 Sec 5 Aust Div Pro Coy (AIF)	HIRUHIRU	810458	Balance of unit under comd 5 Div. See serial E16
B73	MISCELLANEOUS			One Mob Cinema			Not yet under comd
B74		46022		3 Aust Div Reception Camp (AIF)	PURIATA R	718596	
B75		46023	TS	3 Aust Div Sal Unit (AIF) less	HIRUHIRU	817453	
B75a				Det	PURIATA R	722591	
B75b				Det	TOROKINA	598965	

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)
				7 AUST INF BDE GP			
C 1	HQ UNITS	46101	TS	HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)	TOROKINA	602965	
C 2	ENGRS	45947	TS	5 Aust Fd Coy (AIF)	BARARA	799468	Under comd 3 Div. See serial B12
C 3	SIGS	49113	TS	7 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec	TOROKINA	602965	
C 4	INF	46104	TS	9 Aust Inf Bn	TOROKINA	640934	
C 5		46105	TS	25 Aust Inf Bn	TOROKINA	644936	
C 6		46106	TS	61 Aust Inf Bn	TOROKINA	646941	
C 7		61005	TS	20 Pl E Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt	TOROKINA	602965	LHQ tps
C 8	ST	92771	TS	54 Aust Tpt Pl	PURIATA R	708597	Under comd 3 Div. See serial B39
C 9		49027	TS	224 Aust Sup Dep Pl (AIF)	HIRU HIRU	814454	Under comd 3 Div. See serial B47
C10		49030	TS	227 Aust Sup Dep Pl	TOROKINA	599965	Under comd 3 Div. See serialB48
C11	MED	46122	TS	11 Aust Fd Amb	TOROKINA	603963	
C12	ORD	46241	TS	113 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk (AIF)	BARARA	850482	Under comd 3 Div. see serial B57
C13	AEME	46240	TS	113 Aust Bde Wksp (AIF)	BARARA	850482	Under comd 3 Div. See serial B62
C14		46103	TS	241 Aust LAD (Type J)(AIF)	TOROKINA	602965	Att HQ 7 Bde
C15	POSTAL	46129	TS	Det 5 Aust Div Postal Unit (AIF)	TOROKINA	602965	
				15 AUST INF BDE GP			
D 1	HQ UNITS	46005	TS	HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)	HIRU HIRU	918442	
D 2	ARMD	45090	TS	B Sqn 2/4 Aust Armd Regt less	BARARA	971487	Corps tps. See serials A 15 B 5
D 2a				Adv HQ	BARARA	934433	
D 3	ENGRS	45993	TS	15 Aust Fd Coy (AIF)	BARARA	871488	Under comd 3 Div. See serial B14

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)
D 4	SIGS	49118	TS	15 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec (AIF)	HIRU HIRU	918442	
D 5	INF	46007	TS	24 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	MONOITU	943416	
D 6		46008	TS	57/60 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	MONOITU	986453	
D 7		46009	TS	58/59 Aust Inf Bn	MONOITU	955409	
D 8		48050		D Coy PAPUAN Inf Bn	HIRU HIRU	925439	Corps tps. See serials A58 B31a
D 9		61005	TS	14 Pl D Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt	HIRU HIRU	918432	LHQ tps
D10	ST	92609	TS	53 Aust Tpt Pl	HIRU HIRU	816453	Under comd 3 Div. See serial B38
D11		48832	TS	3 Aust Sup Dep Pl	BARARA	843464	Under comd 3 Div. See serial B43
D12		48833	TS	4 Aust Sup Dep Pl	HIRU HIRU	920440	Under comd 3 Div. See serial B44
D13	MED	46015	TS	15 Aust Fd Amb (AIF)	HIRU HIRU	816453	Under comd 3 Div. See serial B52
D14	ORD	49416	TS	B Sqn Sub Pk 2/4 Aust Armd Regt Ord Fd Pk	BARARA	869487	Corps tps. See serials A78 B55a
D15		47766	TS	129 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk (AIF)	TOROKINA	639919	Under comd 3 Div. See serial B58
D16	ARME	49415	TS	B Sqn Wksp Sec 2/4 Aust Armd Regt Wksp	BARARA	871487	Corps tps. See serials A80 B60a
D17		49064	TS	129 Aust Bde Wksp (AIF)	TOROKINA	638920	Under comd 3 Div. See serial B63
D18		46006		266 Aust LAD (Type J)(AIF)	HIRU HIRU	918442	Att HQ 15 Bde
D19	POST AL	46186	%	Det 12 Aust Div Postal Unit (AIF)	HIRU HIRU	918442	
D20	PRO	46020	TS	Two secs 3 Aust Div Pro Coy (AIF)	HIRU HIRU	810458	Under comd 3 Div. See serial B70
				29 AUST INF BDE GP			
E 1	HQ UNITS	46112	TS	HQ 29 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)	BARARA	873487	
E 2	ENGRS	46092	TS	11 Aust Fd Coy	TOROKINA	768812	Under comd 3 Div. See serial B13

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)
E 3	SIGS	48127	TS	29 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec (AIF)	BARARA	873487	
E 4	INF	46114	TS	15 Aust Inf Bn	PURIATA R	764625	
E 5		46115	TS	42 Aust Inf Bn	HIRU HIRU	932433	
E 6		46116	TS	47 Aust Inf Bn	RUMIKI	963483	
E 7		61005	TS	15 Pl D Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt	BARARA	873487	LHQ tps
E 8	ST	92610	TS	56 Aust Tpt Pl	HIRU HIRU	816453	Under comd 3 Div. See serial B40
E 9		48845	TS	18 Aust Sup Dep Pl (AIF)	HIRU HIRU	814455	Under comd 3 Div. See serial B45
E10		48846	TS	19 Aust Sup Dep Pl (AIF)	PURIATA R	713596	Under comd 3 Div. See serial B46
E11	MED	46121	TS	7 Aust Fd Amb	PURIATA R	704586	Under comd 3 Div. See serial B51
E12	ORD	49041	TS	104 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk (AIF)	PURIATA R	769621	Under comd 3 Div. See serial B56
E13	AEME	49085	TS	104 Aust Bde Wksp (AIF)	PURIATA R	772612	Under comd 3 Div. See serial B64
E14		46113		312 Aust LAD (Type J)(AIF)	BARARA	873487	Att HQ 29 Bde
E15	POSTAL	46129	TS	Det 5 Aust Div Postal Unit (AIF)	BARARA	873487	
E16	PRO	46128	TS	6 Sec 5 Aust Div Pro Coy (AIF)	HIRU HIRU	810458	Under comd 3 Div. See serial B72

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)
F 1	HQ UNITS	46107	TS	HQ 11 Aust Inf Bde (AIF) less	SORAKEN	247598	
F 1a				Rear details	TOROKINA	556923	
F 2				Det 5 Aust Mob Met Flt	SORAKEN	238645	Corps tps. See serial A3
F 3	ARTY	45986	TS	4 Aust Fd Regt (Jungle Div)(AIF) less	SORAKEN	246599	
F 3a				10 Bty	KOWARO	657095	In sp 27 Bn. Under 23 Bde for local adm.See serial G10
F 4		45990	TS	A Tp 3 Aust Svy Bty (AIF)	SORAKEN	246598	3 Div tps. See serial B10
F 5		48483	TS	2 Aust Mtn bty (Mech)(AIF)	SORAKEN	247600	Corps tps. See serial A20
F 6	ENGRS	46092		16 Aust Fd Coy	SORAKEN	252597	
F 7		48276		Det 42 Aust Ldg Craft Coy (AIF)	SORAKEN	221626	Corps tps. See serial A24
F 8	SVY	45594		Det 1 Svy Sec 2 Aust Fd Svy Coy (AIF)	CHABAI	311690	Corps tps. See serial A25
F 9	SIGS	49090	TS	4 Aust Fd Regt (Jungle Div) Sig Sec	SORAKEN	246599	
F10		49116	TS	11 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec	SORAKEN	247598	
F11		47752	TS	Det 39 Aust Wireless Sec (1t)(AIF)	SORAKEN	247598	For local adm only. Corps tps. See serial A45
F12		48664	TS	Det 4 Aust Cipher Sec (Type A)	SORAKEN	247598	For local adm only. Corps tps. See serial A47
F13		48574		Det 1 Aust Water Tpt Gp Sig Sec	SORAKEN	243592	For local adm only. Corps tps. See serial A52
F14		46325	TS	C Det 1 Aust Pigeon Sec (Type B)	SORAKEN	210626	For local adm only. Att det 42 Ldg Craft Coy. See serial A53
F15		47369	TS	A Det 7 Aust Pigeon Sec (Type A)	SORAKEN	247598	For local adm only. Corps tps. See serial A54
F15a				D Det 7 Aust Pigeon Sec (Type A)	CHABAI	301684	
F16	INF	46109	TS	26 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	CHABAI	302683	
F17		46110	TS	31/51 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	SORAKEN	233650	

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)
F18		46222	TS	55/53 Aust Inf Bn	TOROKINA	548432	
F19		48050		A Coy PAPUAN Inf Bn	CHABAI	317712	Corps tps. See serial A58 B31 G25
F20		61005	TS	13 Pl D Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt	SORAKEN	247598	GHQ tps
F21		45203		101 Aust Hy Mortar Coy (AIF) (less 3 pl)	SORAKEN	245601	One pl under comd 23 Bde. See serial G27
F22	INT	45138		Det 2 Aust Corps Language Det	SORAKEN	247598	GHQ tps att. See serial A63
F23		45173	TS	Det P Aust FS Sec (AIF)	SORAKEN	247598	Corps tps. See serial A65
F24	ST	92528	TS	76 Aust Tpt Pl (AIF) less	TOROKINA	568932	
F24a				Det	SORAKEN	243593	
F25		48291	TS	222 Aust Sup Dep Pl (AIF) less	TOROKINA	554937	
F25a				Two secs	CHABAI	301683	
F26		48292	TS	223 Aust Sup Dep Pl (AIF)	SORAKEN	245593	
F27		47493	TS	One sec 13 Aust Fd Baking Coy	SORAKEN	244593	For local adm only. Balance unit under comd 4 Base Sub Area
F28	MED	46123	TS	19 Aust Fd Amb (AIF)	SORAKEN	247597	
F29	DENTAL	45384	TS	HQ Det 72 Aust Dental Unit (AIF)	SORAKEN	247597	For local adm only. Corps tps. See serial A76
F29a				B Sec	SORAKEN	236645	
F29b				F Sec	SORAKEN	240641	
F30		49040	TS	102 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk (AIF) less	SORAKEN	246589	
F30a				Det	TOROKINA	554935	
F31	AEME	49057	TS	102 Aust Bde Wksp (AIF) less	TOROKINA	567933	
F31a				Det	SORAKEN	247589	

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)
F32		45987	TS	214 Aust LAD (Type A)(AIF)(less det)	TOROKINA	546936	Att 4 Fd Regt. Det att 10 bty in sp 27 bn. See serial G44
F33		46108	TS	242 Aust LAD (Type J)(AIF)	SORAKEN	242598	Att HQ 11 Bde
F34	POSTAL	46074	TS	Det 4 Aust Div Postal Unit (AIF)	SORAKEN	244594	
F35	PRO	92770	TS	20 Aust Indep Pro Pl	SORAKEN	247598	
F36	MISCEL-	45932	TS	Det 2 Aust Corps Sal Unit (AIF)	SORAKEN	245591	Corps tps. See serial A94

23 AUST INF BDE (Under comd 2 Aust Corps)

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)
G 1	HQ UNITS	61547	TS	HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde less	TOROKINA	587958	
G 2		45129		Det 5 Aust Mob Met Flt	KOWARO	657095	LHQ Tps. Balance unit under comd 2 Corps. See serial A 3
G 3		45129		Det 6 Aust Mob Met Flt	EMIRAU ISLAND		LHQ Tps. Under 32 HAA Bty for local adm. To move JACQUINOT Ba
G 4		61438	%	Det 2/1 Aust Mov & Tn Gp	GREEN ISLAND		)
G 5			%	Det 2/1 Aust Mov & Tn Gp	TREASURY ISLAND		)For local adm only. Army tps
G 6			%	Det 2/1 Aust Mov & Tn Gp	EMIRAU ISLAND		) To move TOROKINA
G 7			%	Det 2/1 Aust Mov & Tn Gp	MUNDA		For local adm only. Army Tps.
G 8		49226		15 Aust Sqn AL Sec	GREEN ISLAND		For local adm only. Corps Tps. See serial A 6. To move JACQUI-NOT BAY under comd 5 Div for op:
G 9		49257		52 Aust Sqn AL Sec	EMIRAU ISLAND		For local adm only. Corps Tps. See serial A11.
G10	ARTY	45986	TS	10 Bty 4 Aust Fd Regt (Jungle Div) (AIF)	KOWARO	657095	For local adm only. Under comd 11 Bde. In sp 23 Bde. See serial F3a.
G11		92006		6 Aust AA Ops Room (Type C)(AIF)	EMIRAU ISLAND		)
G12		47517		HQ 32 Aust HAA Bty(static)(HE)(AIF)	EMIRAU ISLAND		)
313		48519		4/4 Aust HAA Tp(static) (AIF)	EMIRAU ISLAND		) To move AUST
G14		48520		4/5 Aust HAA Tp(static) (AIF)	EMIRAU ISLAND		)
G15	ENGRS	46157	TS	Pl 23 Aust Fd Coy (AIF)	KOWARO	685121	Balance unit under comd 3 Div. See serial B15.
G16	SIGS	49275	TS	23 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec (AIF)	TOROKINA	587958	

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)
G17		48012	TS	Det 9 Aust Wireless Sec (lt)(AIF)	GREEN ISLAND		For local adm only. Corps Tps. See serial A44
G18		45272	TS	36 Aust Wireless Task Sec (AIF) less	GREEN ISLAND		)For local adm only,Corps Tps.
G18a				Det	EMIRAU ISLAND		)See serial A55)
G19		45274	TS	38 Aust Wireless Task Sec (AIF) less	TREASURY ISLAND		)For local adm only. Corps tps.
G19a				Det	MUNDA		)See serial A56)
G20		48864	TS	Det 4 Aust Cipher Sec (Type A)	GREEN ISLAND		For local adm only. Corps Tps. See serial A43
C21		48371		Det NG AA & CA Sig Sec (AIF)	EMIRAU ISLAND		To move AUST. Balance unit under comd LAE Base Sub Area
G22	INF	46175	TS	7 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	TOROKINA	574955	
G23		46176	TS	8 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) less	TOROKINA	565950	)
G23a				A Coy Gp	EMIRAU ISLAND		)
G23b				B Coy Gp less	TREASURY ISLAND		) Under comd 2 Corps for ops
G23c				Pl	MUNDA		)
G23d				C Coy Gp	GREEN ISLAND		)
G24		46170	TS	27 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	KOWARO	684118	
G25		48050		B Coy Papuan Inf Bn less			Corps Tps. See serials A58 B31 F19. NOT yet arrived BOUGAINVILLE
G25a				7 Pl	KOWARO	684117	
G26		61005	TS	28 Pl G Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt	TOROKINA	588958	LHQ Tps.
G27		45203		3 Pl 101 Aust Hy Mortar Coy (AIF)	KOWARO	687128	Balance unit under comd 11 Bde See serial F21

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)
G28	INT	45173		Det P Aust FS Sec (AIF)	KOWARO	684118	Corps Tps. See serial A61
G29	ST	49448	TS	40 Aust Tpt Pl	TOROKINA	568932	
G30		92480	TS	66 Aust Tpt Pl	PURIATA R	709596	Under comd 2 Corps. In sp 3 Div. See serial A68
G31		92481	TS	67 Aust Tpt Pl	TOROKINA	589968	Under comd 2 Corps. See serial A69
G32		49446	TS	243 Aust Sup Dep Pl (AIF)	TOROKINA	566930	
G33		49447	TS	244 Aust Sup Dep Pl (AIF) less	KOWARO	659090	
G33a				Det	GREEN ISLAND		
G33b				Det	EMIRAU ISLAND		
G34		92068		One sec 6 Aust Fd Baking Pl less	TREASURY ISLAND		)Balance unit under comd 4 Base Sub
G34a				Det	GREEN ISLAND		)Area, To move AUST on relief by
G34b				Det	EMIRAU ISLAND		)one sec 17 Aust Fd Baking Pl
G35		92079		One sec 17 Aust Fd Baking Pl			NOT yet arrived BOUGAINVILLE. To relieve one sec 6 Fd Baking Pl.
G36	MED	46180	TS	17 Aust Fd Amb (AIF) less	TOROKINA	584956	
G36a				B Coy less	EMIRAU ISLAND		
G36b				Det B Coy	GREEN ISLAND		
G36c				Det B Coy	TREASURY ISLAND		
G37		45969		8 Aust Fd Amb (less A coy)	KOWARO	659090	For local adm omly. Corps Tps.
G38	DENTAL	45384	TS	A Sec 82 Aust Dental Unit (AIF)	KOWARO	659090	In sp 27 Bn. See serial A72.
G39		45384	TS	B Sec 82 Aust Dental Unit (AIF)	EMIRAU ISLAND		) Balance of unit under comd
G40		45384	TS	C Sec 82 Aust Dental Unit (AIF)	TOROKINA	569958	) 4 Base Sub Area

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)
G41	ORD	46238	TS	109 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk (AIF)	TOROKINA	588957	
G42	AEME	46237	TS	109 Aust Bde Wksp (AIF) less	TOROKINA	588958	
G42a				Det	GREEN ISLAND		
G42b				Det	EMIRAU ISLAND		
G42c				Det	TREASURY ISLAND		
G43		46174	TS	2/108 Aust LAD (Type J)	TOROKINA	585958	Att HQ 23 Bde
G44		45987	TS	Det 214 Aust LAD (Type D)	KOWARO	657095	) For local adm only. Att 10 Bty) 4 Fd Regt. Under comd 11 Bde) in sp 23 Bde. See serial F32
G45	POSTAL	46186	%	Det 12 Aust Div Postal Unit (AIF)	TOROKINA	587958	
G46	PRO	49492	TS	14 Aust Indep Pro Pl less	TOROKINA	597963	
G46a				Det	KOWARO	659090	
G47	MISCEL-LANEOUS	45543		Det NG Sec AA Canteens Services	GREEN ISLAND		)For local adm only. LHQ Tps.)Balance unit under comd LAE
G47a				Det NG Sec AA Canteens Services	EMIRAU ISLAND		)Base Sub Area for local adm