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58/59 Infantry Battalion
Operations Barara to Hari River
1945, part 1 of 3

Patrol Report A Coy (9 Pl)

Ref Map

Barbara 1 to 25000

Scale
1 to 25000

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8th April 45.

Type Recce.

Comd + Sub Unit Capt. Jackson + 9 Pl.

Strength 2 offrs. + 22 OR'S.

Time Out 080930H.

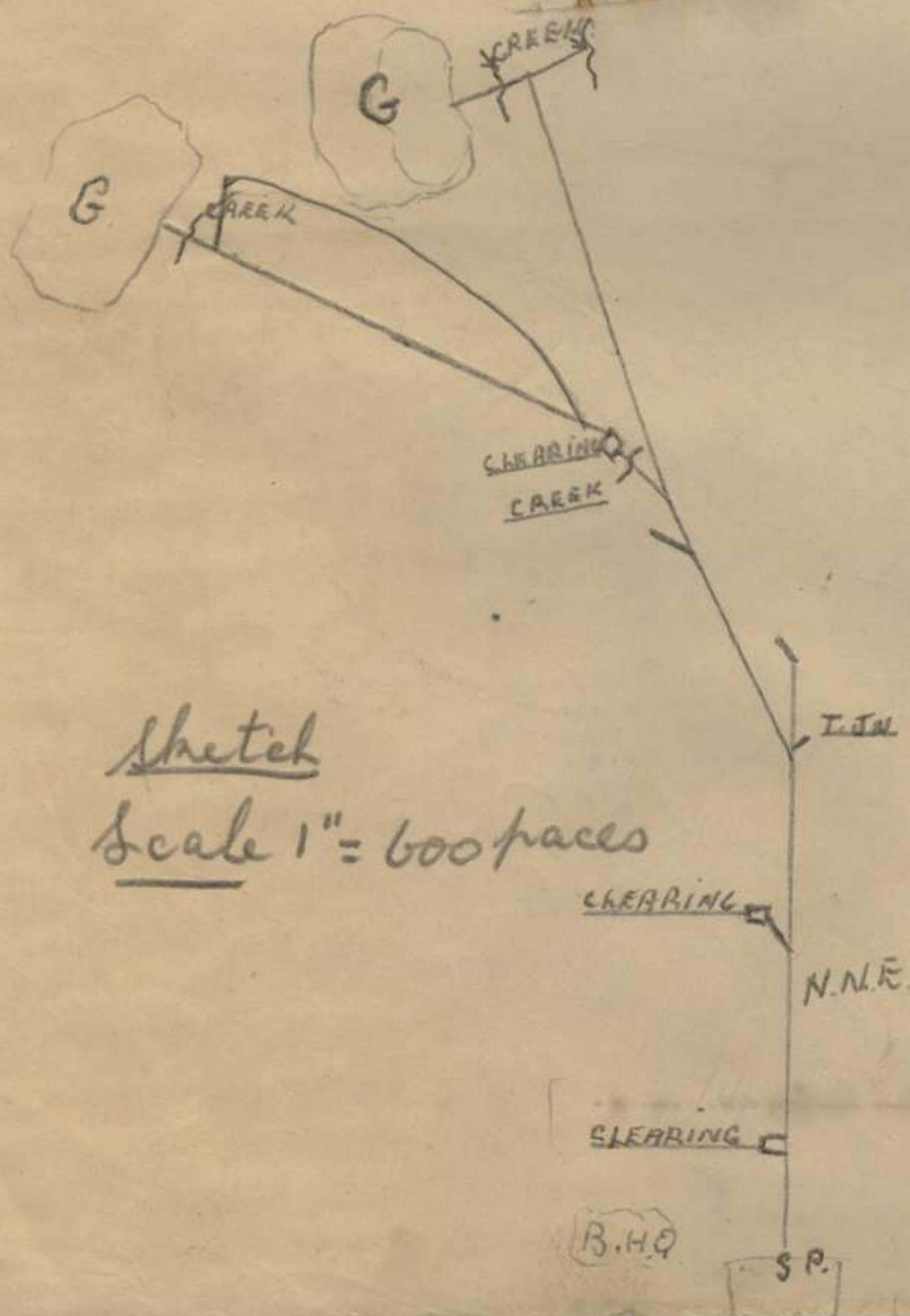
Time In 091645.

Objects of Patrol Move to A Coy site & recce a 1000 yds each side of area, for sign of any nest. Also to find any suitable tracks around area

Route Out ~~Track~~ Track leading from B.H.Q. area in general direction of N.N.E.

Route In Track from area to main track which was used on the way out.

General Remarks
1 N.N.E.
2 Possible jeep track to turn off medium jungle.



Sketch
Scale 1" = 600 paces

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PATROL AND CONTACT REPORT

REF MAP MOTUPENA POINT to PURIATA Rv 1" SERIES.

PATROL FOUND BY D Coy PATROL COMD CAPT E.M. GRIFF.

PATROL STRENGTH 14 1/2 Pl. NATURE OF PATROL Fighting.

TIME OUT 090800h TIME IN. 281600h

OBJECT OF PATROL To patrol to MAINOKE map ref Sq 9278 and kill enemy who according to Native report were in area.

ROUTE OUT Followed MARIROPA RIVER upstream to 954778 thence NE to SEIKOWEI 994818 ref map VITO I

ROUTE IN As for route out.

NARRATIVE

9 MAR. Patrol plus carrying party under Lt BIDWOOD approx 1 and 38 all ranks ferried across MARIROPA Rv at 090830 hrs. Track on EAST bank of Rv very poor and hard going. Passed through OKIPINOKI SWAMPS map ref Sq 8178 and pronounced at 835794 for night 9/10 hrs. Cable was run out for full distance. Capt Bauman joined patrol 091515h

10 MAR. Force moved at 0800 and met natives who reported large party of KANAKAS from MAINOKE to SEIKOWEI camped at 858785. Also reported JAPS just fwd of patrol. This report was investigated but N.M.S. carrying party established vicinity Native camp and formed BASE 1. Patrol in def posn for night 10/11 hrs. Natives reported JAPS in SEIKOWEI which is apparently close to us than MAINOKE. Capt Bauman joined patrol 101515h

11 MAR. Patrol moved at 0800 carrying 3 days rations. Crossed numerous streams and pronounced at 912780 for night 11/12 hrs. N.M.S. from patrol sent fwd to 922778.

12 MAR. Patrol held this area to wait for cable to come fwd. See patrol to 928773 reported N.M.S.

13 MAR. 0800 patrol to TABARATA GARDENS 751974 and then to dead end TRACK 950768 N.M.S. Returned 1500h Capt. Bauman returned to BASE 1. Patrol moved fwd to 931769. Track reported at 928773 possible direction TABA Rv. Capt Bowden Sde Sib. O. joined the patrol.

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Examination of spent rounds revealed that amm
used by JAPS incl. 9300 as well as .256 possibly
fired from American M.I. or GARAND rifles. Charger
found verifies this. Inscription on cartridge 3002 1941.
19 MAR.

TABA ambush patrol recalled from 952761
N.M.S. or reported by natives in this area. Cable
received with be used for adv to SEIKOWEI.
Suspects patrol less 2 Dec 928773 See 928768 astride
TABARATA track. See enroute TABARATA GARDENS 941768 with
308 and left comm.

Ambush party recalled from 889785
to act as escort for ration party each
day. Standing patrol est. TABARATA GARDENS 941768
recd fwd for 30 minutes disclosed CB track
to right believed to lead to SEIKOWEI. Poku Boy
attached to patrol states he knows of track
25 yds WEST of where ration party ambushed at 878787
which the enemy used. This is the first known
of any such track. No confirmation of to date
of this report. Poku boy now at Base 1 on
his way back to ANGAU says he informed
patrol location of track when patrol moved fwd
11 Mar. This incorrect statement as previously
he stated only branch track from MAWORE track was
TABARATA TRACK which patrol now astride.
Unconfirmed report from natives state that JAPS
had 4 KAWAKAS with them during ambush and
collected rations. Believed report that JAPS moved
down track in question has no foundation although
may exist. First lot of sig wire cut well
EAST of ambush by party of JAPS moving WEST
towards ambush. This signified by angle of cut
on wire being pulled to WEST. Wire cut by
shears or cutters.

20 MAR Party from BASE 1. recd for JAP TRACK
direction of JAP movt could find NO sign of direction
of departure day of ambush. Native from states JAPS
still SOUTH side of MARIROPA R. Party will recd
for confirmation of this today. Patrol at
present committed SEIKOWEI 2 sec and HQ based at
TABARATA gardens 941768 by 201000h remaining sec of
7 to protect life TABARATA till June 998773.
Patrol less 1 sec est TABARATA gardens
941768. 1. See astride TABARATA Feb 998773 this location
now to be known as BASE 2.
Recd patrol out 0700h in 10000h reached
971784 track indistinct and required scrub
bushy. Natives state SEIKOWEI still considerable distance
believed location of SEIKOWEI in sq 0179.

Patrol in def. post on river crossing 954778
waiting on cable for food most to SELOWEI.
Patrol out from BASE 1. reported track running
S.E. from main log 35 yds west of ambush point
from 878787 rec'd down track 1000 yds. footprints
labrains AMERICAN pattern point S.E. Native stake tracks
Mar of enemy. Amended at TABARATA GARDENS 951774

21 MAR. Patrol less 1 Sec 964784. Track moving EAST
from NORTH bank of river believed to be SELOWEI track
Track very indistinct require scrub bushing. Numerous
tracks some more defined than track followed leading
off to NORTH and Nth. Waiting on natives proximity used
as guides - cannot be sure of track.

Patrol less 1 Sec east SELOWEI gardens. Home
Re June 959779 patrol travelled NORTH to NNE direction to
present location. Track ill defined used only by
kanakas in travelling from MAINOKE to coast. Hard
climbing, track very narrow, continuous drain on barrier
party. 1 Sec located 998773 already in use as barrier
party.

Patrol out from BASE 1. rec'd S.E. along JAP
track found JAP beyond good condition possibly lost
by enemy. Patrol with continue daily until some
Mfm gained. barrier party from BASE 1 unable to
cross river 878787 native short patrol H.Q.

22 MAR. Patrol out 0600 in 1600h. to SELOWEI reported
location 995818 shown as KUSIRA on VITO I
2 native guides. Village consisted three large
huts. 2 partly destroyed by ^{U.S.} planes middle 1944.
Wide track used as log by JAPS running
from MORAN to ~~MAINOKE~~ area. Last used by JAP patrol
1 month ago. Natives report MAINOKE 10 days native march
Village situated on spur beneath hill.

23 MAR. Patrol left SELOWEI 0800 enroute to BASE 2.
reking in sig line. Arrived BASE 2 1600.

24 MAR. Patrol left BASE 2 enroute to ambush point
878787. Track knee deep in mud for greater
part of distance. All streams up above normal
level. Cable recovery slow. 1 Sec est. 1000 yds down
JAP track with LT comm.

25 MAR. Patrol less 1 Sec followed JAP track reached
June. 905776 1300h track leads in EAST to SE
direction along NORTH bank of MARIDOPA Rv. Rec'd patrol
out 1400h in 1500h to rec'd track from June. Track to
left followed NE direction for 600 yds where it turned
out. Track to right followed river bank S.E. direction
for 300' when it crossed Rv to SOUTH. Patrol

unable to cross River as in flood. This track ill defined probably only used by one party. Cannot locate any track in area which may lead to TABARATA River or TABARATA.

Patrol out 1530 in 1700 to see track to left reported track lost in swamps.

26 MAR. Patrol out 0630 followed track found in evening ran SE 150° then petered out. Station party held up by rain rising. Still unable to cross MARIROPA Rv to follow JAP track. Small patrol 4 volunteers attempting to swim MARIROPA Rv. and found down JAP track. 2 men succeeded in crossing followed track S.E for 500° held up by another stream in flood

27 MAR. Patrol less 2 Lics moved back ambush now 878787. See patrol out 2708006 in 2810306 to see TABARATA crossing and TABARATA reported N.M.S.

28 MAR Patrol from 902776 out 280730h in 281400h crossed MARIROPA Rv 907775 followed JAP track SE 915764 to 915766 and EAST to TABARATA N.M.S. This report confirms previous deductions that TABARATA is as shown on map. Patrol withdrawing to BASE 1 for night 28/29 Mar. & E.T.A whole party 291600.L Patrol less 1 Lic and sigs arrived BASE 1 1800h. Lic and sigs resting in cable

29 MAR Patrol returned to camp 1700h

Remarks

208 sets would only work under most favourable circumstances.

L/T very satisfactory but cable serious strain on patrol as it had to be carried in excess of normal eqpt.

Assault boat with outboard motor of great assistance.

Air dropping very accurate

Rain for 7 days continuously caused rivers to rise as much as 10 ft.

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PATROL REPORT 10

Ref Map: TOROKINA 1"	Scale 1" to 1 mile	9 Mar 45.
<u>Type of Patrol</u>	Beach Recce	
<u>Cmd and Sub Units</u>	Lt H.J.C. WALKER, 13 Pl. C Coy.	
<u>Strength</u>	1 offr 25 ORs.	
<u>Time Out</u>	080830L.	
<u>Time In</u>	091330L.	

1. OBJECT OF PATROL.

(a) Seaward Approach.

- (i) Hazards of navigation (sand bars, reefs, wrecks).
- (ii) Surf and prevailing winds.
- (iii) Depth of water and type of bottom.
- (iv) Prominent landmarks.

(b) Beach Seaward.

- (i) Length of beach.
- (ii) Obstacles, natural and artificial.
- (iii) Gradient.
- (iv) Barge hideouts.
- (v) Width of foreshore.

(c) Hinterland.

- (i) Topography.
- (ii) Cover, concealment.
- (iii) Existing communications.
- (iv) Exit for vehicles.

2. ROUTE OUT.

AMERICAL ROAD to TOROKINA RIVER mouth at 636875 along beach to SAUA RIVER mouth at 699865.

3. ROUTE IN.

Same as route out.

4. SUMMARY.

- (a) (i) The only reefs appear to be EAST, WEST and on seaward side of MAGINI IS. Sand bars block entry to all river mouths.
- (ii) Surf and prevailing winds during patrol negligible.
- (iii) At 10 feet from water's edge bottom drops suddenly to approx 2 ft 6 in. Depth increases gradually to approx 3 ft 6 in at 25 feet and five feet at 40 feet. Bottom solid sand.
- (iv) From seaward MOTUPENA PT and MAGINI IS also inland Mt BAGANA (active volcano) when weather is clear. Along shore - at map ref 646877 an observation tower approx 15 feet high. At map ref 669874 six coconut palms and tower 15 feet high. Note - these would not be visible far distant from shore, because of dark background of heavy undergrowth.
- (b) (i) Beach extends for full length of distance patrolled.

- (ii) Obstacles natural :-
Swamp from map ref 636875 to 646876. Lagoon at MOYAYIA CROSSING from map ref 669874 to 679863 is approx 30 yds wide, could be waded except near bridge. Alongside road from map ref 672872 to 692867 is a six foot bank approx 30 yds in from water. That portion SAUA RIVER westward from bridge to mouth can be waded but has steep six to eight feet bank on north side.
- Obstacles Artificial:-
Minefield wired off and signposted on north side of road from bridge No 3 to 100 paces beyond bridge No 2 see Appx A. Booby trapped area wired off from road to water's edge and signposted from map ref 665875 to 666875.
- (iii) Foreshore about one in four then an almost continuous bank of sand approx 18 in high. The beach is then flat for about twenty-five yds, there is a slight rise lightly covered with scrub from there to the road.
- (iv) Natural barge hideouts nil. Sand bars at mouth of rivers and bridges prevent navigation by barge. If a channel were dug through sand bar at mouth of SAUA RIVER camouflaged barges could hide alongside the bank.
- (v) Width of foreshore 20 feet.
- (c) (i) Inland from the road flat ground mostly swamp near rivers.
- (ii) Cover and concealment, Pit-pit on north side of road from map ref 636875 to bridge 2. From there on light secondary growth interlaced in places with vines. Tall timber in this area, dead apparently due to shellfire. Secondary growth and little live timber would conceal troops and vehicles.
- (iii) Road is twenty feet wide, solid sand from map ref 636875 to 692867. Surface is loose sand from map ref 692867 to 699865. This road is suitable for continuous use by 3 tonners. Bridges are in good condition but only wide enough for one vehicle at a time. Telephone line - four wires along whole distance patrolled supported by well built poles and crossarms with insulators. There is a twist of 8 wires from map ref 636875 to 665875 where there are 4 sand bagged gun emplacements in fair condition on south side of road.
- (iv) Exits exist about every hundred yards from swamp at map ref 646876 to MAYAYIA CROSSING. Any vehicles landed between SAUA RIVER mouth and map ref 669865 could leave the beach near EAST end of SAUA BRIDGE.

(Signed) *H. G. Walker* Lt.

PATROL REPORT

9:45

REFMAP BARBARA 12500

TYPE Recce

(2)

COMMAND SUB UNIT Mr McIntosh + 7 Pl.

STRENGTH 1 + 4.

TIME OUT 09 1400 K

TIME IN 09 1645 K

OBJECTS OF PATROL To Recce track junction + move up track in N.E. direction 1000 yds

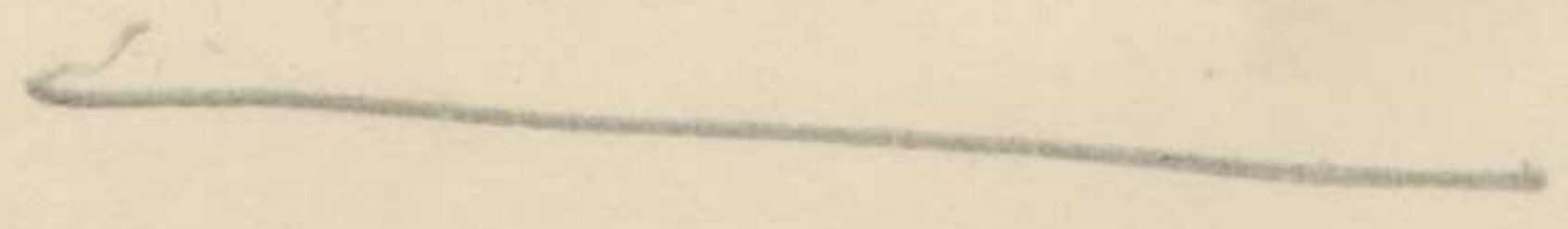
ROUTE OUT Track leading from coy pen at approx 30° N.

ROUTE IN Reverse
PART I

Track junc. 400 yds from coy pen, with sign post. Turned left to garden, investigated huts, approx 12, thence across garden to track junc. moved up track due N.E. 900 paces, then track was lost in wild bananas.

Part 2. General

400 yds from coy pen, 5 tracks leading to sign post, all well used. but not recently. 1 hut on the E edge of garden area contained several U.S. surrender leaflets. N.M.S. throughout patrol.



PATROL REPORT

3

REF MAP BARARA

SCALE 1:25000

DATE 9 APR 45

TYPE RECC

COMD AND SUB UNIT LT. BIDGOOD 15 PL.

STRENGTH 196

TIME OUT 090830

TIME IN 091440

OBJECTS OF PATROL

- (a) Are there any signs of enemy in the area squares 8649, 8650, 8750.
- (b) Establish position of gap track in sq 8750.

IN } From BARARA SW down HIRU HIRU track to 863492
 ROUTE OUT } to ref 864497 to 869496 to gardens 867501 to 872502 to 871513 thence
 return along track to BARARA.
 ROUTE IN }

PART I

- (a) No signs of recent movement in area
- (b) Track located at 872502. Moves in approx northerly direction to junction with BARARA-MAKAPAKA track.

PART II

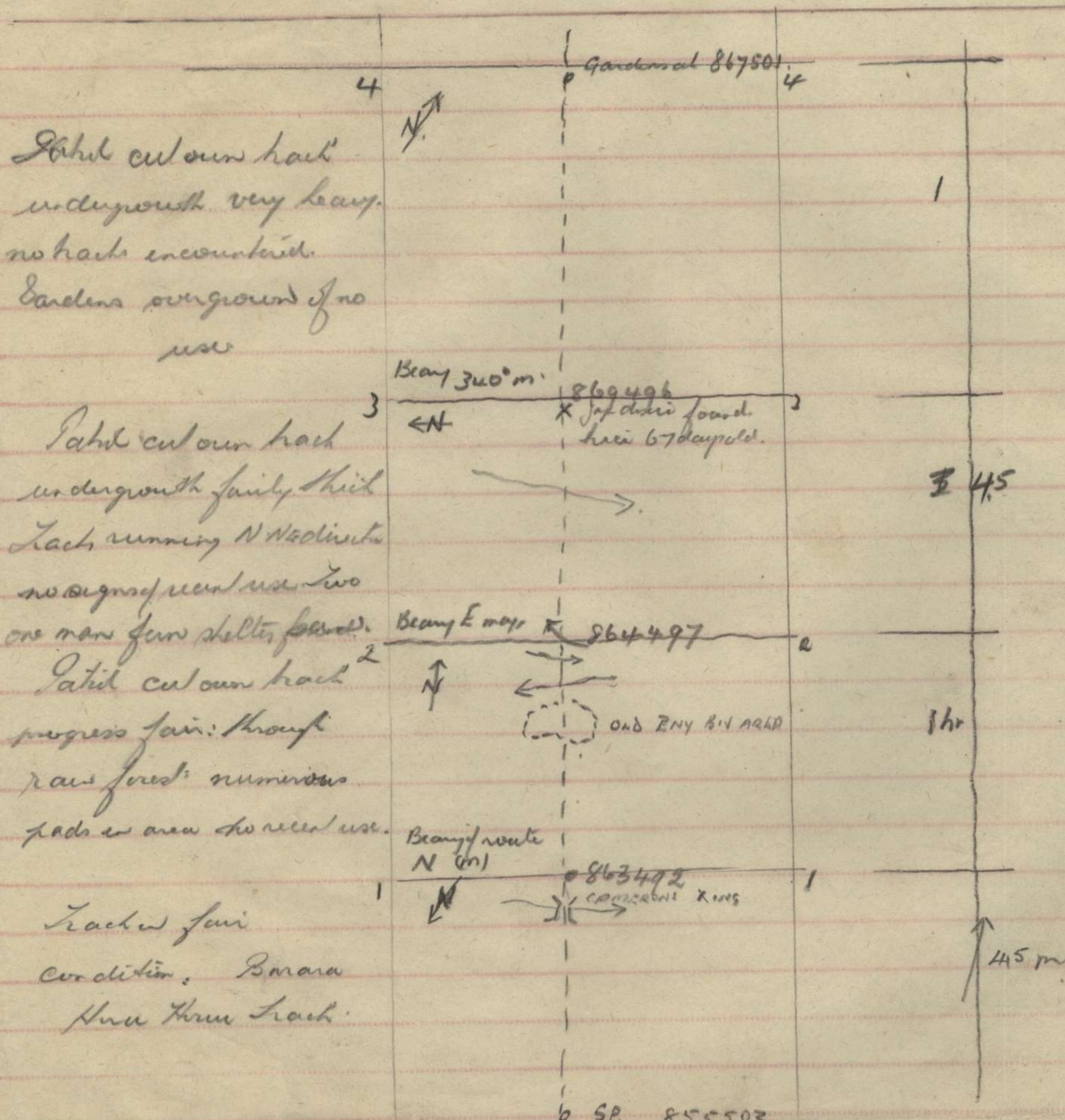
Patrol moved along BARARA-HIRU-HIRU track to 250 paces SE of ~~junction~~ Xing ref 863492. Thence moved on mag. bearing of 360° for 600 paces. No track, rough track cut as patrol moved through. At 300 paces struck old gap burrow area. Large quantity of mussel shells observed, apparently having been used for food, signs showed area not used for at least 10 days. Numbers of tracks in burrow area showing signs of considerable use in the past. Nothing else to report to end of first leg. Rate of advance 750' an hr. Patrol moved east (magnetic) from 864497 to 869496, cutting ~~new~~ track through thick undergrowth. Numerous pads crossed route, running in a NE direction. No signs of recent use. Gap Ditch found at 600 paces, small remnants of use in ditches, from 6-7 days old. From 864497 patrol cut track at 340° magnetic to gardens at 867501. Heavy undergrowth along route, no tracks encountered. Gardens overgrown, of no use. From garden area to track at 872502, track cut through heavy growth. At 150 paces track

crossed creek running south. One gap
 positions on banks of creek. Log crossing
 broken. No signs of recent use. Numerous
 tracks in area. At 500 paces encountered
 gap track, running southerly direction approx
 190°, & northerly direction to MAKAPEKA track.
 Track probably used as L of C, 8-10 feet wide,
 very well defined. Not fit for jeepable traffic
 due to bridges being broken. Has not
 been used for mt traffic. Could be made
 jeepable with a little work in most
 places, - in low lying areas, corduroying
 needed. Gap corduroying has rotted.
 300 paces along track encountered large
 enemy position, frontage 50 yds depth 100 yds.
 One LMC pit dug recently, one shape, direction
 of pit approx south. Track covering track pit
 at least 4 days old. At 900 paces well
 defined road moves off to join BARARA-
 MAKAPEKA road. Area patrol reached
 BARARA-MAKAPEKA track at 1400 hrs, &
 contacted DOUGHERTY PATROL. & moved
 back to coy area, arriving 1440 hrs.

J. B. Dugan, Lt

TRACK GOING MAP.

REF. MAP BARBARA 1:25000.



4
 Soil cut over track
 undergrowth very heavy.
 no tracks encountered.
 Gardens overground of no
 use

3
 Soil cut over track
 undergrowth fairly thick
 tracks running NNE direction
 no signs of recent use. Two
 one man fern shelter found.

2
 Soil cut over track
 progress fair: through
 rows forest: numerous
 tracks in area also recent use.

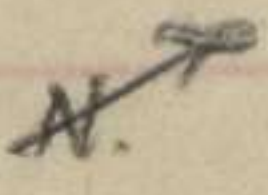
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 Track in fair
 condition. Barbara
 thru thru track.

IMPORTANT - Any reference to shipping or troop movements will state in the date of initiation of your letter.



Track BARBARA
MAKAKA

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Track 6'8" wide ^{was} probably used
as a road no signs of recent use
well defined not fit for supply
traffic could be made suitable
has not been used for M.T.

Jap corduroy - ^{rotted}: 1 cry pan
50' x 100' located at 200' from one fork of pit.

old cry pan.
one fork of pit.

At 500' from fork track saw N.S.
Jap tent over track.

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872502

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Undergrowth heavy old Jap pan
ashule creek numerous
trunks in area no signs of
recent use. top crossing of creek
broken

old cry pan

beam 7'8" : 867501

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PATROL REPORT

4

REF MAP BARRABA

SCALE 1:25000

DATE 9 April 45

TYPE Recon.

COMD AND SUB UNIT

Lt DOHERTY, JP. 18 PL 7 Coy.

STRENGTH 126

TIME OUT 090915

TIME IN 091445

OBJECTS OF PATROL

- (a) To recon area N of CAMERONS BRIDGE to locate enemy listening posts.
- (b) Locate tracks at 863499, then to JARARA CARRIAGES 874579
- (c) Contact A Coy & return to BARRABA via main track.

ROUTE OUT

} as above

ROUTE IN

PART I

(a) A listening post located 70 yds off road, at 70° N. at approx 862496.

(b) Owing to numerous tracks leading in all directions, unable to ascertain main track at 863499.

(c) A Coy contacted 874579.

PART II.

Patrol moved off from BARRABA 090830 L to CAMERONS Bridge 862494 to recon area N of bridge for enemy listening post. Post located 70 yds off main road at 70° at approx 862496. From pit a mine led to a rough ~~shelter~~ 2 man shelter. The ~~post~~ pit was filled with water & had not been used for at least 4-5 days. Pit covered bridge & main road. Area around post recon, no signs of use within last 4-5 days. Locality of swampy nature, in parts ankle deep with water. Bridge in good condition.

Patrol moved from post at 70° & followed tracks running NE. At 200' creek flowing NE crossed approx 12' wide, & very deep. Followed track along bank & crossed over log. Various tracks followed, going in general NE direction. At 320' from road at 60° located old bivouac area, capable of holding approx 100 men. No signs of recent use. 200' from camp another bivouac site in same conditions as above & sighted. with a 3 sided & wire compound nearby. From dead condition unable to state use. At 400' crossed creek via broken bridge. Creek still running in NE direction.

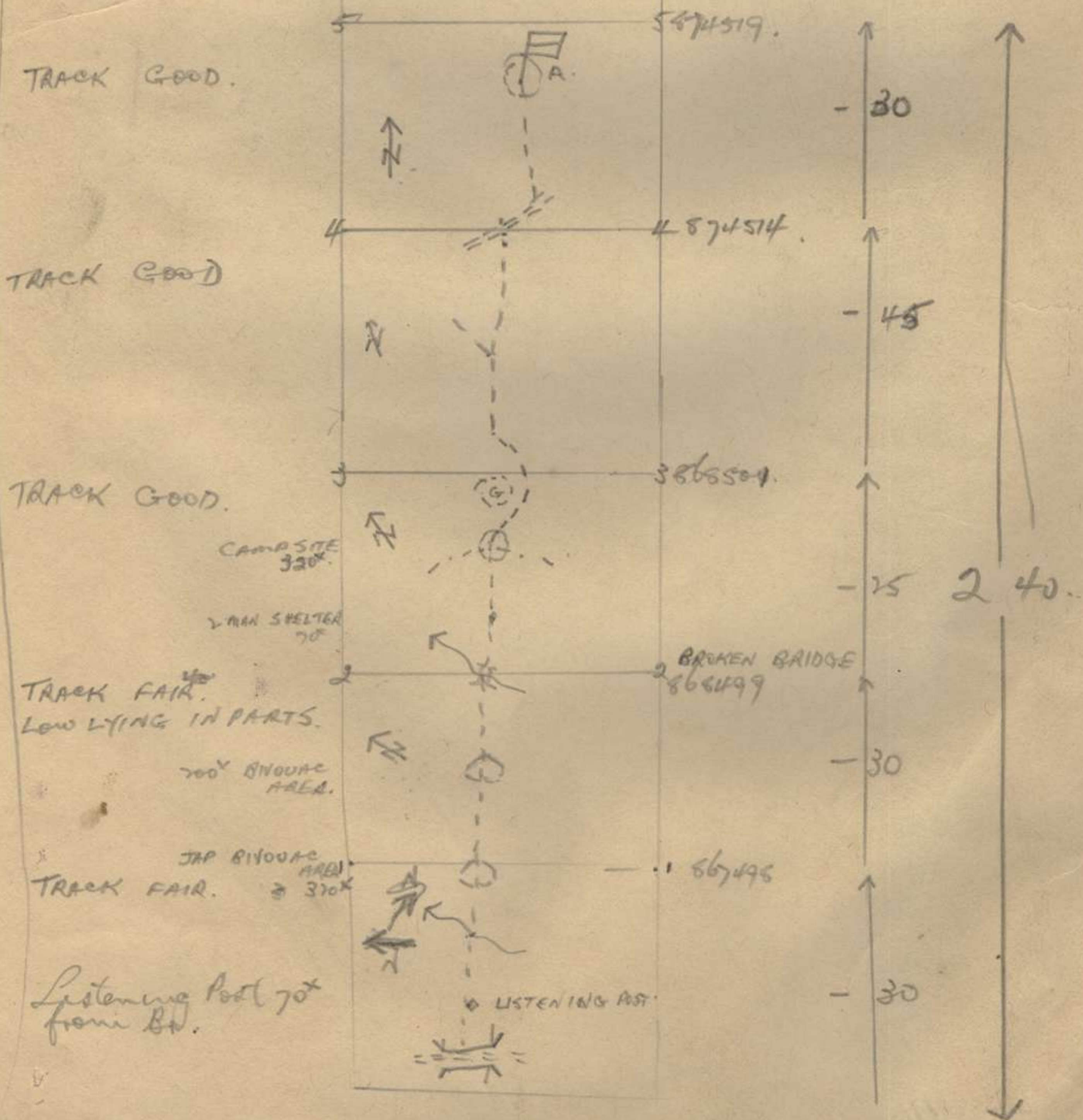
Main track commenced at bridge at approx 868499. Track in fair condition. In parts covered with cable deep water with from bottom. In parts considerably rotten through. With a large amount of work could be made feasible right through to BARBARA track at approx 300 yds from A Coy turn off.

At 80 yds from bridge for 2 man shelter under fallen banjan tree. Had not been used for 5 days. In a magazine & haversack in shelter. Area searched for documents. At ~~350~~ 750' old camp site located on use. No signs of recent enemy use. Buildings & pits in dilapidated condition. Nature garden, left of track, approx 60' from old camp site. Gardens overgrown, consisting of young banana plants. At 370' track branched. Right hand track taken. At junction of track vine tied between trees approx 10' apart. At 160' met swampy track with sig line. BARBARA-MAKAPAKA track. Followed wire for 300' & came to A Coy turn off. A Coy ~~400~~ contacted 1100' from track junction, reporting to A Coy at 1205. Moving back towards BARBARA contacted B/DG000 PATROL 300' from A Coy turn off. & returned to camp area.

A. J. Johnston
1/1/49

TRACK GOING MAP.

REF MAP BARABA 1:25000 CAMERONS BR. 863494 to A Coy. 674519.
REPORT: TRACK GENERALLY GOOD CONDITION BUT ~~BECAME~~ ^{WAS} RATHER BOGGY AFTER RECENT RAINS.
STREAMS FORDABLE.
J. Roberts Lt.
18 PL D COY.



PATROL REPORT

5

REF MAP BARARA 12

SCALE 1:25000

DATE 9 APR 45

TYPE RECCE

COMD AND SUB UNIT LT PROBY 17 Pl: D Coy.

STRENGTH 196

TIME OUT 090830L

TIME IN 091645L

OBJECTS OF PATROL

- (a) Are there any signs of enemy in KONGARA MARICA area ~~to contact A Coy~~
- (b) Contact A Coy in JARARA GARDENS area.

ROUTE OUT VIA BARARA - MARICA - KONGARA - MARICA. NE

along MOSIEGETTA track to 850535 to A Coy posn JARARA GARDENS.

ROUTE IN A Coy posn - BARARA.

PART I

- (a) No signs of recent occupation
- (b) Unable to contact A Coy owing to track being overgrown.

PART II

Patrol moved NW from BARARA along track to track junction 842 532, where old Australian posn located. Track here bent to MARICA, going easy. Numerous creeks & swampy patches cross track. Patrol moved to MARICA ^{following approx 1130} ~~MAARICA~~ ^{No signs of} recent occupation. ^{Patrol moved to} approx 150' from clearing and found old hut in deserted garden area, thought to be a mission hut. Continuing W, patrol found village of at least 30 huts, uninhabited by natives. Families pop. approx 50. Natives volunteered info this was KONGARA village & he was ANGAU boy. Quantities of dust, blankets, mess gear, 1 jap rifle in good order, & mosquito net were found in the huts. Natives in good condition & health. Natives are clearing new area in vicinity & signs of native handwork was evident in all huts. A Numerous dogs, all well conditioned were in the village. Patrol moved E via MARICA on MOSIEGETTA track endeavouring to locate track shown on map leading to JARARA posn. Track was in good condition, going slowed up by swampy patches. Several deserted fallen huts were passed ~~on~~ ^{on} island of dust sig wire ran along right hand (S) side

of tracks. At approx 700' from MARICA-MOSIEGETTA track junction sig line ran approx ~~to~~ 80° and disappeared into the undergrowth. The patrol continued along MOSIEGETTA track for approx 3000' from MARICA track junction but could not see any track ~~leading off on~~ S side of track. Patrol then returned direction of MARICA JUNCTION, to where sig line turned off from track. This line was followed for 300' but as the going was slow, owing to thick undergrowth, the distance shown to A Coy was 7500', it was considered to be too late to continue to A Coy, patrol returned via MARICA to SARARA. About 600' from MARICA track junction patrol encountered 5 natives incl. TUL-TUL of MABIS, returning laden with food incl. paw-paw, pumpkin, maize, & sweet potatoes. TUL-TUL says that a telephone line goes to the gardens where natives had procured food but did not "savvy JARARA". Stated that no Australians occupied the gardens he had collected food from.

(As the patrol could not find his notebook distances are only approximate & no track going map can be given.)

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PATROL REPORT

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REF MAP

Barara

SCALE 1:25000

DATE

8 Apr 45

TYPE

Recon.

COMD AND SUB UNIT

Lieut Beale. 19th Troop

STRENGTH

1 Offr 6 ORs.

TIME OUT

080845L

TIME IN

081535L

OBJECTS OF PATROL

1. To find any enemy movement in areas along route.
2. To find signs of past enemy bivouac areas in area approx 1000. W of Barara

ROUTE OUT

Barara - Jeep track SW to 848498 - N along track to hut 848504 - W across country to track junction 825503 - SE along track to junction 833486 - NE along track and jeep track to Barara.

ROUTE IN

Part I

1. No enemy movement was seen along ~~route~~ route taken.
2. No signs of past enemy bivouac areas in area approx 1000. W of Barara were seen.

Part II

- Patrol departed Barara 080845L
- Track N from 848498 starts at a point 175 paces from bridge 848500, along old jeep road running W side of present corduroyed track, starting near large tree on road side.
- Track from 848498 to hut 848504 along open forest, track not very clear. Distance 750 paces. Arrived 080940L
- Hut 848504 in open area about 10x by 20x, no signs of use for a long time, no signs enemy occupation.
- From hut 848504 moved W 450 paces (375x) searched N for 200yds for signs enemy occupation, no evidence at all, open forest, returned to point 848504.

- Route W from 845504 followed compass direction, route through open forest for 1400 paces (1170 yards) from hut 848504, about here country becomes heavy secondary growth extending for 1950 paces (1620 yards) at which point it becomes open forest again.
- At point 1450 paces (1200 yds) along route^W from hut 848504 found a small pad running North-South, no signs of recent use.
- At point 2450 paces (2040 yds) along route W from hut 848504 found 3 old native huts, huts showed no evidence of recent use, "lean to" only.
- At point 3350 paces (2800 yards) along route W from hut 848504 found track running North-South, track had been used about 6-18 hours previously by a party of approx not more than 7 moving in a Northerly direction wearing Australian boots AB, estimate this point to be approx 828503. Time 081310L
- From point 828503 moved South along track for 2500 paces (2080 yards) to point 836484. Followed tracks mentioned previously all the way. Track fairly well defined all the way. At 836484 track swings in a westerly direction. Track through open forest all the way and in places along small streams. Direction approx 170° Grid.
- At ref 836484 found old evidence of a camp area, unable tell whether enemy or native, not used for many months. No signs any other tracks in area or along this track. Time 081450L
- From 836484 moved due East 700 paces (580 yards) through open forest to ref 840481 a point on main jeep track 200 yards South A coy 24 km. 081510L
- From ⁸⁴⁰⁴⁸¹ 836484 returned Barara along main jeep track, in Barara 081535L

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TRACK GOING MAP

Ref Map BAAAAA 1:25000

Patrol No. 7.
DATE. 8 APR 45.

SIG.

FROM 856504 TO 840481.

CROSS COUNTRY
MOVEMENT ONLY.
NO EXISTING TRACK.

MAIN
JEEP RD.

← N

==

840481

20.

TRACK WELL DEFINED
THROUGH OPEN FOREST.

3

OLD CAMP
SITE.

836484

140.

CROSS COUNTRY
MOVEMENT ONLY.
NO EXISTING TRACK.

WELL DEFINED

828503

6.25.

3 DESERTED HUTS

→ N

330

SEARCHED N FOR 200

NATIVE DND

TRACK NOT VERY
DISTINCT

1.

848504

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SP. 856504

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PATROL REPORT

(9)

REF MAP BARARA.

SCALE 1 : 25000

DATE 10. APR 45

TYPE REECE

COMD AND SUB UNIT SGT. LAWRY 9 19 PI.

STRENGTH 7 ORS.

TIME OUT 100630L

TIME IN 10 1545L

OBJECTS OF PATROL

(1) Are there any signs of enemy or enemy occupation in sq. 8649, 8650, 8651, & 8551.

ROUTE OUT

From BARARA 856503 to CAMERONS XING 861495

ROUTE IN

thence to 863514 to track junc 860516 to bend in track 853518 thence to BARARA track 849515 thence BARARA.

PART I

(1) No signs of ~~recent~~ recent enemy movements or occupation.

PART II

Patrol moved from BARARA to CAMERONS Xing, then due north to 858514. No track existed, track was cut all the way. At 750x track with ~~sq~~ ^{crossed} ~~west~~ ^{east} sig line, track had appeared to have been cut on a definite bearing (85°N), & had not been used for at least 14 days. At ~~1000x~~ ^{1000x} another track crossed, running approx east. This also had an east sig line on it. Track in same condition as one previously mentioned. At 1300x crossed main track (BARARA-JARARA track), & contd. on Northerly bearing to 858514. Visibility throughout track ~~was~~ cut through scrub, was very poor, at most 25x ground firm with occasional swampy patches. No signs of enemy or enemy bivouac areas seen. Numerous creeks crossed en route, all easily fordable. At 858514 track was reached & followed for 250x & large ~~area~~ overgrown garden area encountered. Track was 6's wide & easily ~~followed~~ ^{followed}. No signs of movement from 858514 to garden area 859515. At garden area numerous tracks running in all directions were

PART II (Contd) (2)

ceeded & soon petered out. Patrol then followed main track to track junction 860516. This portion of track easily jeepable. At track junction right arm of track was very well defined, & with little work, jeepable, for at least 400'. ~~Patrol~~

Patrol then moved along left arm, which was undisturbed & ~~was~~ overgrown for 700', then became well defined though still partly overgrown, & ~~has~~ did not appear to have been used in recent months. At 1500' ~~passed~~ along track, after crossing a number of creeks, a well defined track ~~junction~~ crossed running in a ~~SW direction~~ SW direction.

(2410m) This track was followed for 60', when another track junction was reached.

Left arm at 2150m was followed. This track was well defined & 6'-8" wide. The right arm of the track (at 350m) was also well defined & visible 6'-8" wide for at least 400'.

Whole track on the left arm continued for 150' to old, broken down native hut, then track narrowed, to well worn native pad, but had not been used recently. An old gap position 160' from BAPARA track was passed. No sign of occupation in recent months.

The BAPARA track was reached & followed to camp point.

W. Lawry Lt
17th. Coy.

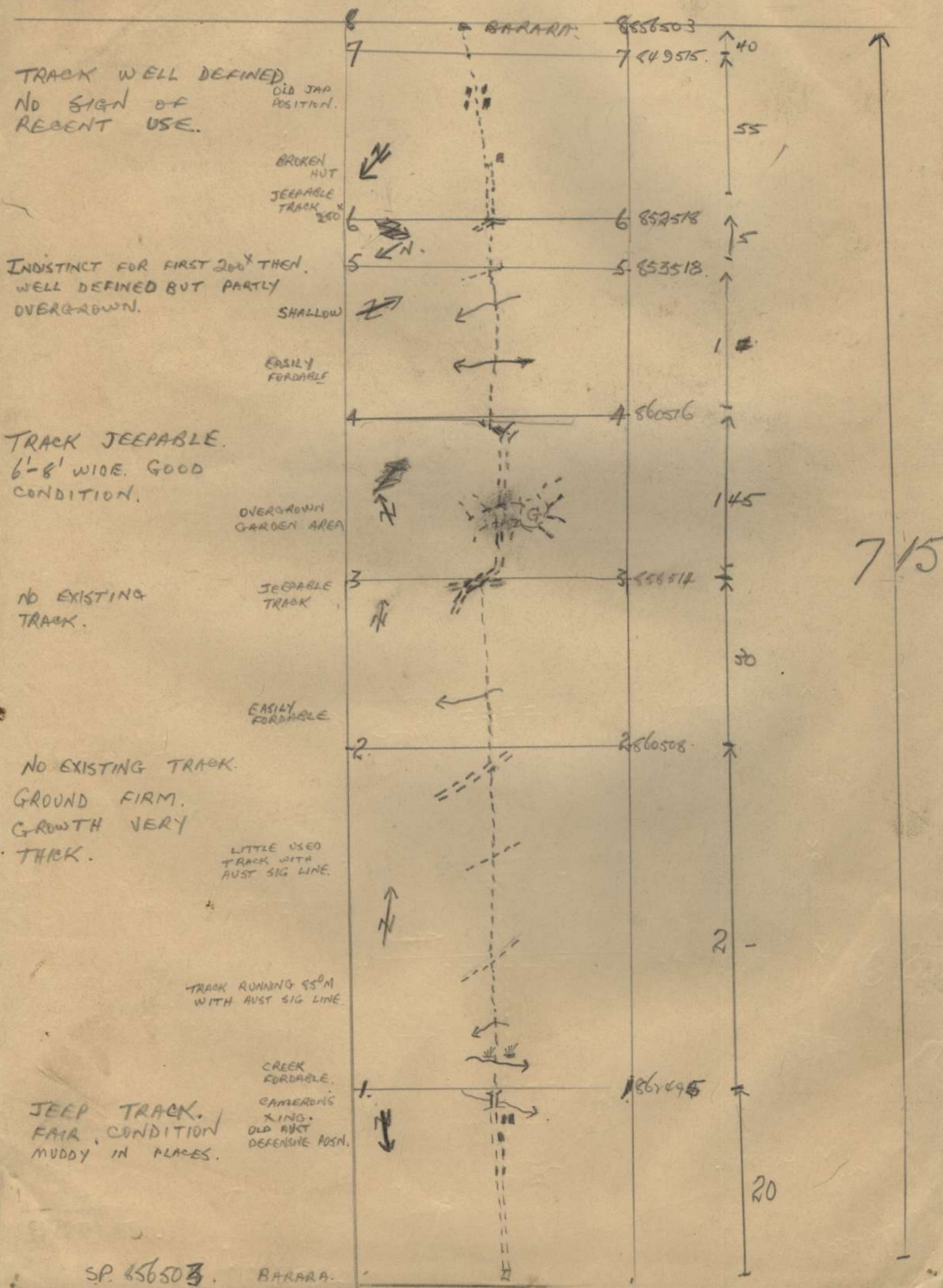
TRACK GOING MAP

REMARKS.

NO SIGNS OF RECENT ENEMY MOVEMENTS
OR OCCUPATION

PATROL N^o 6.
DATE. 10 APR 45

FROM BARARA 856503 TO (856503).



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SP. 856503 BARARA.

No 4 Patrol Report

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Date 9 April 45

Ref. Map BARARA 1: 25000

Patrol Supplied by 10 Pl B Coy

Strength 1 off 19 ORC (10 Pl less 1 Sec) TIME OUT 090830

Command. LIEUT J.H. PIMM. TIME IN 091645

Object (i) To clear area EAST from GALVINS X-ing along PURIATA to garden area 893484

(ii) To recon garden area

(iii) To locate track from PURIATA at 884485 N.W to approx 872497 thence SW to the point 867490

ROUTE Out + In East along PURIATA to garden area thence line W 884485 NW along the to 872497 thence SW to 867490.

NARRATIVE (1). (a) Area clear ~~at~~ EAST along PURIATA for 7000 faces to banana garden at approx 890484

(b) Only garden located was banana one - no indications other than mild growth.

(c) No trace of track at 884485. Other tracks 1000 faces WEST - see Narrative 2.

Narrative 2 From GALVINS X-ing EAST along PURIATA followed sig wire laid by 9 Bn - this branched N at 600 faces. Another sig wire presumably Arty, continued along river bank for 2100 faces thence faded. Track still continued for further 200 faces to Jap bivouac area. Area vacated about 1 week and would bivouac a Coy strength. Tracks led direct to river edge from this area and only faint traces of tracks led EAST. Appears party who bivouaced there could have ~~and~~ crossed river at this point or else followed tracks leading N from position. This NORTHERN track was patrolled for 450' and appeared to swing N.E. It was well worn but no indications of recent use. Continued further to 6500 faces and struck banana plantation presumably at 890484. Extended EAST for 500 faces thence thinned out. Patrolled garden at point and found depth at 150'. A good track

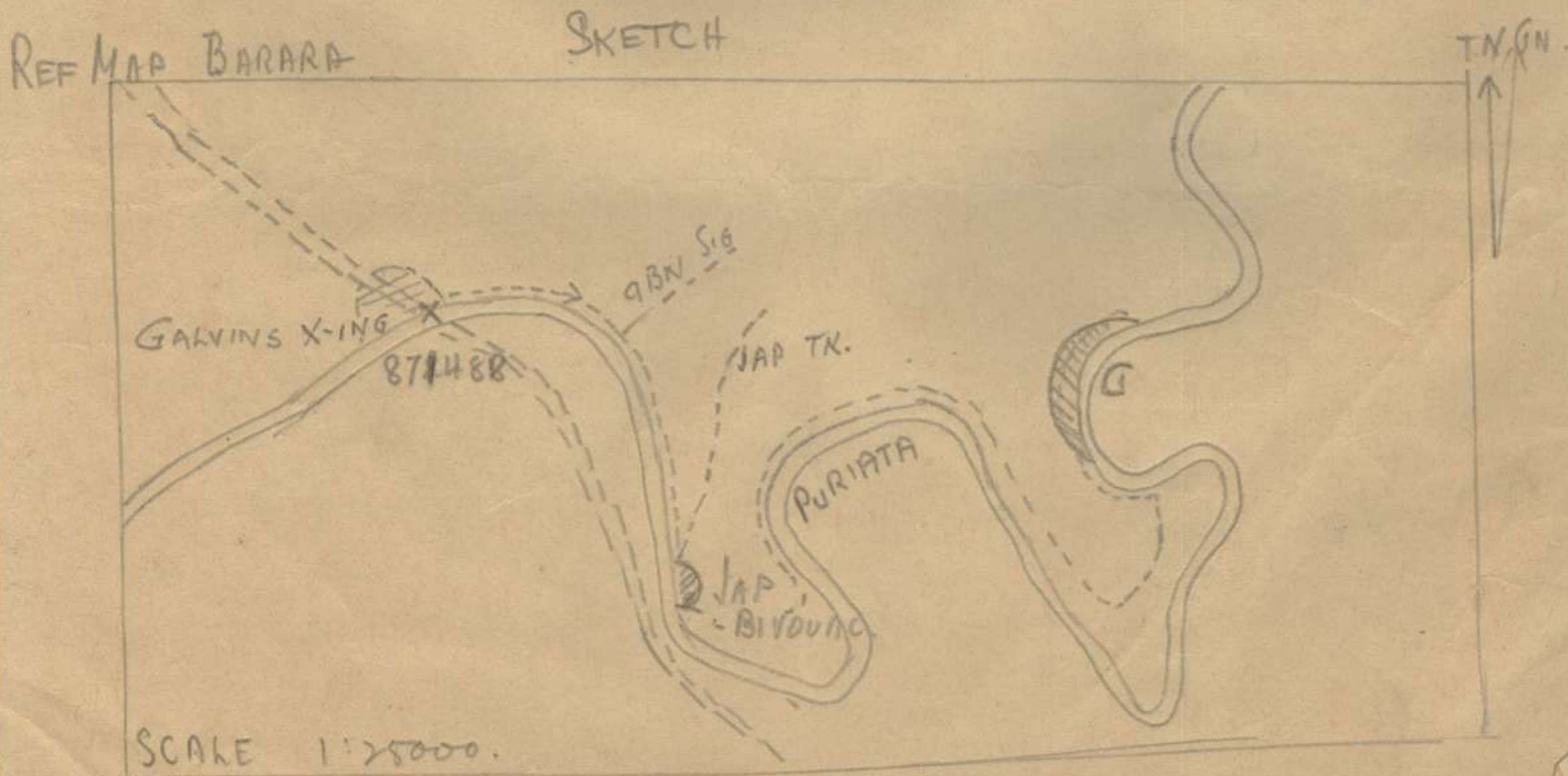
Narrative & cont.

led right on river bank through garden area but no indications of recent use. Dead jap found at 5500 faces approx 892478 - no identification marks or papers - ~~because~~ dead about 2-3 weeks. Returned approx W 84486. Patrolled NE + NW from here but did not strike tracks. Returned via PURIATA.

Remarks I consider the tracks at 2300 faces from Galvins X-ing at jap bivouac area may be the track supposed to be at 884486. Although it swings NE it could easily have turned back later. Suggest a separate patrol be sent to recon all tracks leading to jap bivouac area and if it found that none are the correct one to start from C Coy area at Galvins X-ing and follow to river from North side.

Throughout patrol it was very difficult to locate position on map. Curves in river could not be seen or identified owing to the swamp and thick bit-fish ~~along~~ extending to depth of 100-200' from river. All map references were given on faces, but may be a little inaccurate owing to the winding tracks. Through recent rain any movement along tracks would have been obliterated, and only movement from about a recent 6 hours could have been detected.

Equipment Landed Midday meal carried in equipment. Normal pt weapons & amm less 2" mortar. No sig com.



REF MAP BARARA SCALE 1/25000 DATE 9 Apr 45
 TYPE Recce
 COMD AND SUB UNIT Lt J.H. Pimm 10 pl 8 coy
 STRENGTH 1 offr & 19 ORs
 TIME OUT 090830L TIME IN 091645L
 OBJECTS OF PATROL
 (i) To clear EAST from GALVINS Xing along PURIATA to garden area 893484.
 (ii) To recce garden area
 (iii) To locate track from PURIATA at 884485 NW to approx 872497 thence SW to track junction 867490
 ROUTE OUT East along PURIATA to garden area thence SW to 867490
 ROUTE IN same

PART I

- (i) Area clear EAST along PURIATA for 7000 paces to banana garden at approx 890484.
- (ii) Only garden located was banana one - no indications other than wild growth.
- (iii) No trace of track at 884485. Other tracks 1000 paces WEST - see narrative 2.

PART II

From GALVINS Xing EAST along PURIATA followed sig wire laid by 9 Bn - this branched NORTH at 600 paces. Another sig wire supposedly arty, continued along river bank for 2100 paces thence ended. Track still continued for further 200 paces to Jap bivouac area. Area vacated about 1 week & would bivouac a coy strength. Tracks lead direct to river edge from this area and only faint traces of tracks of tracks led EAST. Appears party who bivouaced there could have crossed river at this point or else followed track leading NORTH from position.

This northern track was patrolled for 450 yds & appeared to swing NE. It was well worn but no indications of recent use. Continued further to 6500 paces and struck banana plantation presumably at 890484. Extended EAST for 500 paces thence thinned out. Patrolled garden at points and found depth 150 yds.

A good track led right on river bank through garden area but no indications of recent use. Dead Jap at 5,500 paces approx 892748 - no identification marks or papers - dead about 2-3 weeks. Returned approx WEST to 884486. Patrolled NE & NW from here but did not strike track. Returned via PURIATA.

Remarks

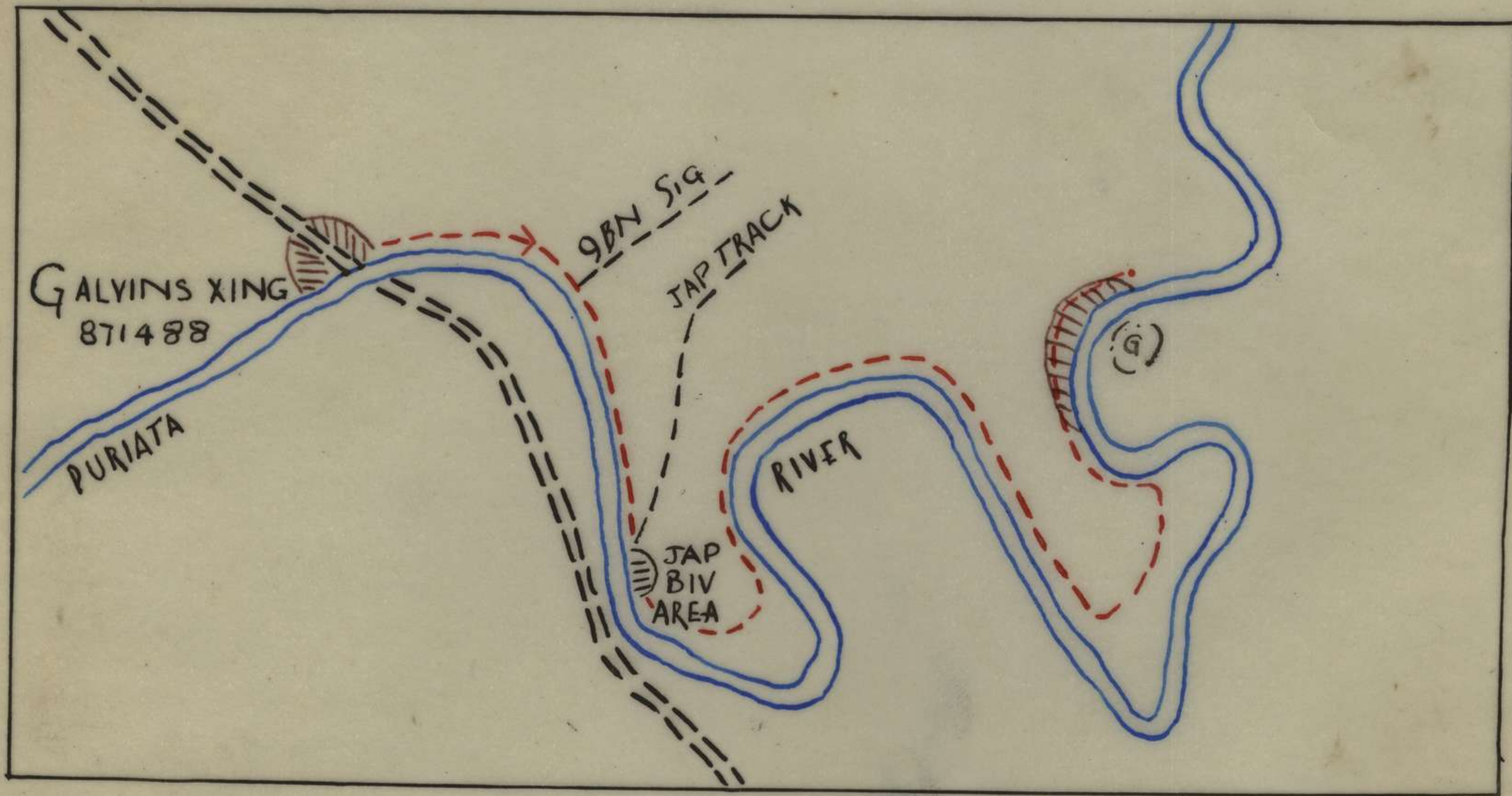
I consider the track at 2300 paces from GALVINS Crossing at Jap bivouac area may be the track supposed to be at 884 486. Although it swung NE it could easily have turned back later & suggest a separate patrol be sent to recce all tracks leading to Jap bivouac area & if it is found that none are the correct ones, start from Craig area at GALVINS Xing & follow to river from NORTH side.

Throughout patrol it was very difficult to locate town on map. Curves in river could not be seen owing to the swamp & thick bit bit extending to depth 100 - 200 yds from river. All map references were given on paces, but may be a little inaccurate owing to the winding tracks. Through recent rain any mud along tracks would be obliterated, & only mud for about 6 hours could have been detected.

Equipment carried midday meal carried in eqts. Normal weapons & amm less 2" mortar.
"no sig comm"

OVERLAY - N°4 PATROL

REF MAP - BARARA 1:25,000



SCALE - 1:25,000

PATROL REPORT

BREFMAP BARBARA 1:25000

Date 10:4:45

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TYPE

COMD & SUB UNIT

Sgt. Johnston and 4 ORs A Coy. 8 Pl.

STRENGTH

5 ORs

TIME OUT

101120

TIME IN 101455

OBJECTS OF PATROL

To follow tracks ^{to A Coy} to motor rd to MARIGA and returns.

ROUTE OUT

Tr. Jarava Gardens N to track June. 52487. Fence along L. fork 200x (N along track 200x) - L fork for 500x circle to 525867 (525867)

ROUTE IN

along main track fr. 52487. PART I

L. fork track ends in gardens 500x along. - NE cr. of gardens track 30x in length crosses ck ends in clearing where large hut has been burnt. Two new clean meat pits could have been left by natives. One other track leaving this clearing S then circle N and joins track ~~867525~~ - fr. ~~867525~~ N. track goes 200x and ends in scrub. - numerous small tracks 30 to 40x in length found in scrub generally linking weapon pits with clearing. Return to June. ~~52487~~ * Along R fork 200x cross ck and return to June. 867527 track ends N.E in scrub found track running SSE which joined R fork 20x N of June.

All tracks appear unused for some time and are in fair condition. N.M.S.

TRACK GOING MAP

Ref Map "Barrow"
1:25000

A Coy Posn 874519 To Gardens 865526

Report

All tracks appear to have been out of use for some time. All are in good condition. N.M.S.

Followed this track back to fork thence back to Coy Posn.	7	↓	200 paces	7	↑ 10 mins 871528 ↓ 10 mins
Went through scrub for 30 mins in all dir + found track running SSE which led to 20 paces of right fork ordinary track	6	↗	130 paces	6	↑ 7 mins ↓ 869521 ↑ 7 mins
ordinary track finishes in scrub	5	↑	200 paces	5	
ordinary track nothing on it joins track 867525.	4	↕	110 paces	4	↑ 867525 ↑ 4 mins ↓ 4 mins
Track finishes in a clearing near burnt hut good track	3	↓	30 paces	3	↑ 863527 ↑ 2 mins ↓ 2 mins
good track 15 yds before garden crosses creek garden overrun with weeds	2	↖	500 paces	2	↑ 865526 ↑ 12 mins ↓ 8 mins
good track at skirts edge of garden 50 yds	1	↗	450	1	↑ 871524 ↑ 5 mins ↓ 5 mins

PATROL SUPPLIED BY. B. Coy. 10 Pl. DATE 10-4-45

STRENGTH. 7

PATROL Comdr. SGT. Bush. J.W.

TIME OUT. 0830L 10 APRIL 45

TIME IN. 1415L 10 APRIL 45

ROUTE OUT. S.P. 870489. up river to 876487 then on a bearing of 87° Mag. to 885486 then 100 paces up river to track running N.W.

ROUTE IN. From where track travelling N.W. branches to S.W. on bearing of 309° Mag. to 877494 then south to river & down river back to S.P.

OBJECT. To locate tracks & type of country. East along Parriata.

NARRATIVE 1. (A) Found well worn track travelling N.W. S.W. while moving on bearing of 87° Mag. from 876487 to 885486. (See sketch attached)

(B) Found second track 100 paces up river from 885486 travelling N.W. for 228 paces then branching S.W.

(C) Found 3rd track while moving on bearing 309° Mag. from track in second track to 877494

(D) The country was mostly rain forest with creeks & swamps to cross

NARRATIVE 2.

At 0830L on the 10-4-45 patrol left Galvins crossing & moved up river for 1,000 paces then moved through rain forest on bearing of 87° Mag. came to a swamp 50 paces out it was approx 2'6" in depth & approx 50 paces in width. at 450 paces struck another swamp similar to the first. At 700 paces came to a well worn track running along a slight ridge in a N.W. S.W. direction here. this track for 200 paces each side of where we came into contact with it. at 1,030 paces crossed a creek running S.W. approx. 2'6" depth. 1,320 Paces came to the river at 885486. there was a track running along the river bank which patrol followed for 100 paces up river to a track branching off at 309° Mag. followed this track for 228 paces it then branched off in a S.W. direction we followed it in this direction for 200 paces & was forced to

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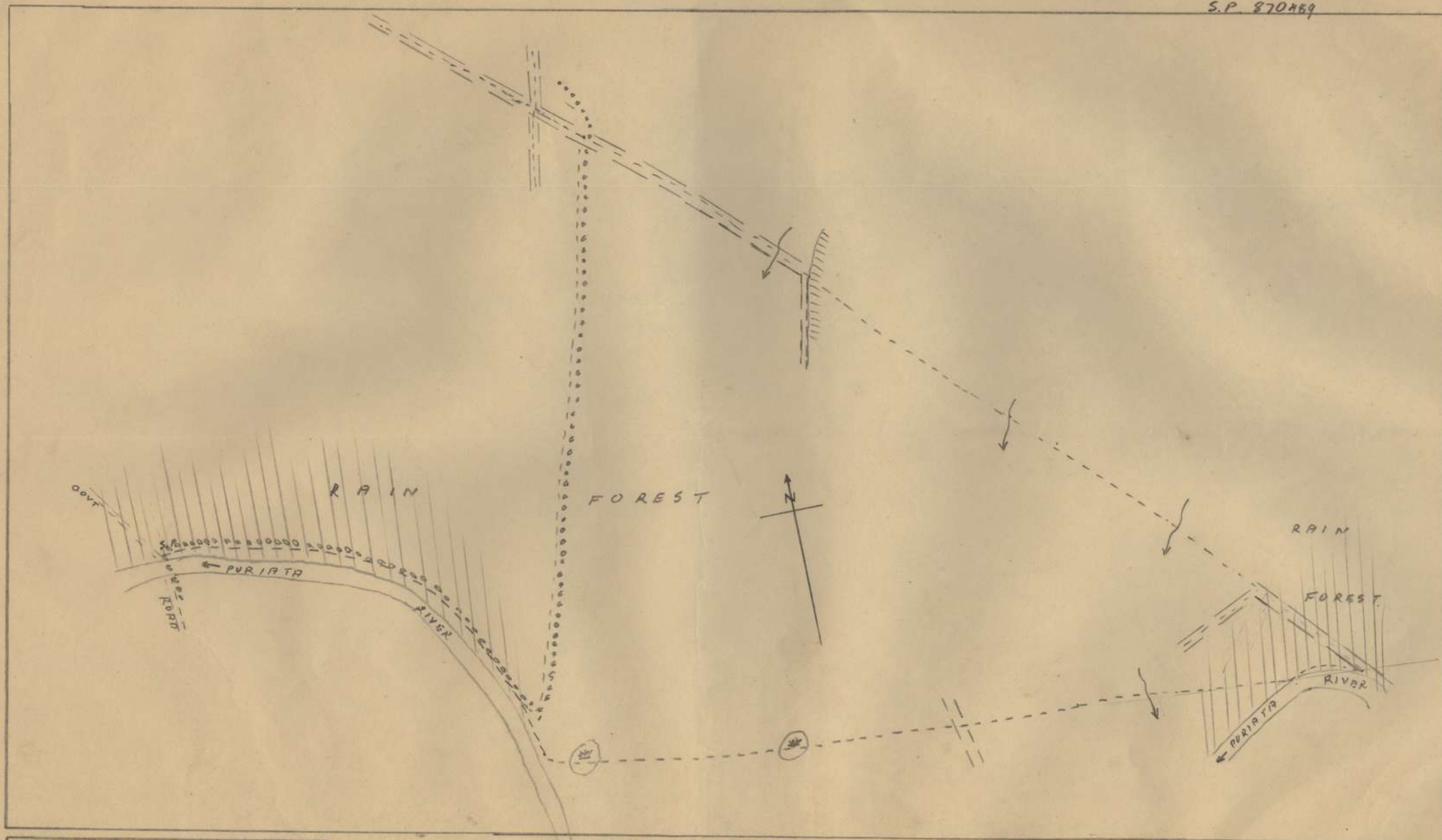
To leave it on account of Mortar fire coming down approx
 100 to 150 yds further along. returned to where the track
 branched & moved off on a bearing of 309° Mag. at 405 paces
 crossed a small creek at 752 paces crossed another small creek.
 at 960 paces came to a steep bank approx 25 to 30' high
 on top of bank came to a well worn track which we
 struck where it branched, it had been travelling from
 the Nth to Nth & branched off on the ridge & travelled
 at 309° followed track ~~for~~ at 280 paces crossed small creek.
 at 375 paces came to 9 Bm sig wire crossing track. reced.
 further along track & at 50 paces past sig wire another track.
 crossed the one we were travelling running parallel to
 the sig wire, returned to the sig wire & followed it
 in southerly direction ~~for~~ for 985 paces & came to
 river followed river down for 900 paces to gabrins crossing
 arriving there at 1415 L 10-4-45

L W Bush. (Sgt)
 10 Pz

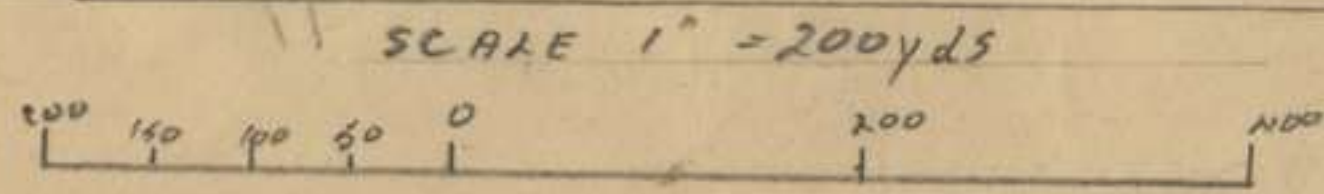
SKETCH OF AREA COVERED BY NOW PATROL

FROM REF MAP DARARA 1:25,000

S.P. 870469



RAINFORREST	
NATIVE TRAIL	
9Bn sig WIRE	
PATROL ROUTE	
CREEK	
SWAMP	



METHOD	COMPASS & PACING
WEATHER	FINE
VISIBILITY	GOOD
TIME TAKEN	5 3/4 hrs.
DATE	10 APR 45
SIGNED	

58/59 Aust Inf Bn PATROL REPORT 11

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REF MAP BARBARA PUMIKI

SCALE

1:25,000

DATE

11 Apr 45

TYPE

Patrol

COMD AND SUB UNIT

Lt Hanna + Composite Section

STRENGTH

1 Officer + 6 OR's

TIME OUT

0830 hrs.

TIME IN

1040 hrs.

OBJECTS OF PATROL

- A. Recon track to 9 Bn. U.O.
- B. OBTAIN all relevant topographic & general information
- C. Arrange supply of rations from 9 Bn dropping grounds.

ROUTE OUT

Barges Crossing 898516 along left bank Barista River to 895304.

ROUTE IN

SAME.

PART 1

A.

As per track going map attached

B.

As per attached trace and general information

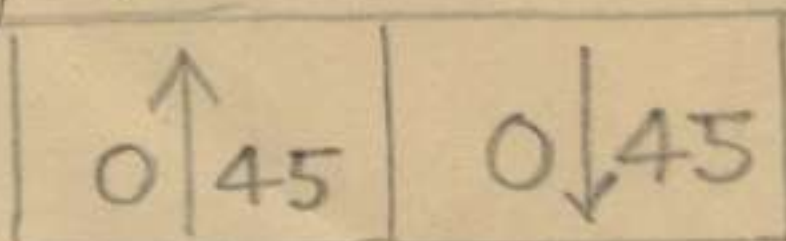
C.

Arrangements made for carrying of rations, we to supply escort for native carrier line.

Lt. Hanna

TRACK GOING MAP NO 6A. 58/59 INF BN

REF MAPS BARARA-RUMIKI 1/25000 BARNES CROSSING 898516 along left bank PURIATA to 895504



Track easily distinguishable and in good condition with the exception of 1 or 2 small swamps. River crossing 2'6" deep but rises to 8' during flooding.

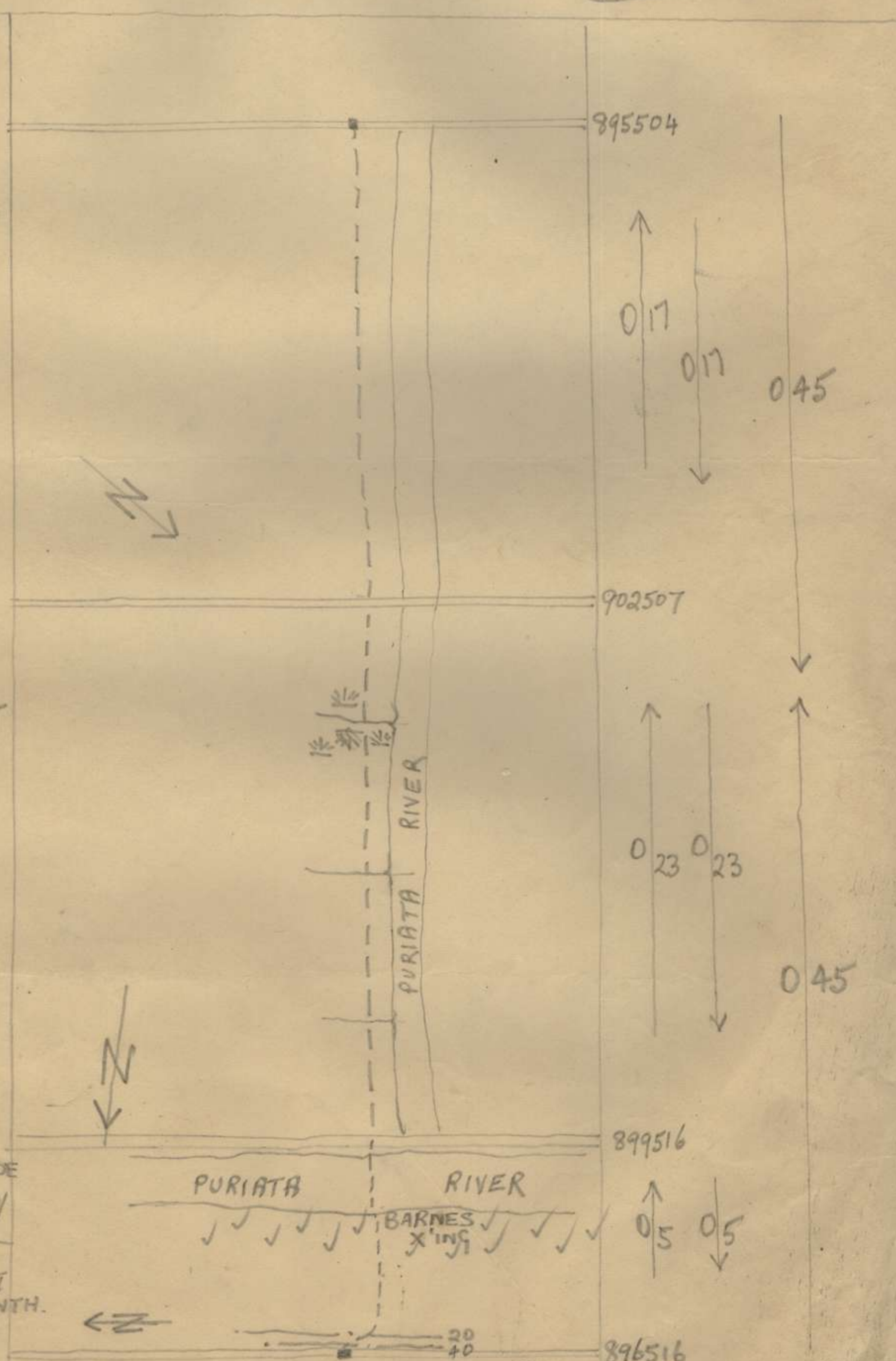
Panna Lt

RAIN FOREST

RAIN FOREST TO RIVER

CROSSING 100' WIDE 2'6" DEEP NORMALLY 8' DURING RAIN.

LIGHT RAIN FOREST WITH UNDERGROWTH.



Panna Lt

11 Apr 45

REF MAP BARARA

SCALE 1:25000

DATE 10 April 45

TYPE REECE

COMD AND SUB UNIT LT. BREWSTER 8 PL

STRENGTH 146

TIME OUT 100830L

TIME IN 101645L

OBJECTS OF PATROL

(A) To contact 18 PL of 9 BN

ROUTE OUT From JARARA GARDENS NORTH to track junction 872525
 thence NE along track 2000⁺ to track junction
 885535 thence track junction 895530 to MAKAPEKA Contact
 18 PL of 9 BN

ROUTE IN Returned via track junction 895530 - 883525 to JARARA GARDEN

PART 1

Condition along track not visible after
 900⁺ marched on compass bearing WEST for 2145
 paces to NE track 885534 continuing along route
 280 paces from beginning of compass bearing located
 small gully further 420 paces a swamp for
 50⁺ & located track 300 paces after leaving swamp
 this track is not visible after travelling 30⁺ NE
 From then on 1100 paces through scrub reached
 NE track 1100 hrs found single strand copper wire
 on left side of track proceeded SOUTH ~~1000~~ paces
 500 paces found track bearing to WEST retraced
 route 500⁺ proceeded 1400 paces NORTH where tracks
 swung to WEST direction moved back along track
 to 885533 found track leading SE about 300 paces
 crossed creek running E to W ~~from~~ moved along
 track further 900⁺ to a track junction 895529
 it turned left followed track for 4200 paces
 bearing SOUTH contacted party of C Coy moving
 to area reported to CO at C Coy headquarters
 & returned by main track to 874514
 NORTH to A Coy HQ

General

Track with copper wire 14" wide
has not been used for considerable time

Old weapon pits at NORTH end of track

All tracks clear & not used for considerable

time

PART I

REF MAP BARARASCALE 1:25000DATE 9 APR 45TYPE RECCECOMD AND SUB UNIT

11 PL

B Coy

P.E. PUTNAM LT

STRENGTH 1 + 17TIME OUT 090800ZTIME IN 091645ZOBJECTS OF PATROL

- (a) To clear area of enemy
- (b) To gain topographical info of area

ROUTE OUT

Ford to CAMERONS CROSSING - 250° M to JEEP TRACK
200YDS NORTH DARLINSONS CROSSING along track to BARRERS
CROSSING plus 250YDS - 120° M approx 482 paces - 185° M for
1175 paces to PURIATA along river to ford.

ROUTE INPART I

- 1/ No contact with enemy during patrol
- 2/ Topographical information gained see Part 2

PART II

Left FORD to CAMERONS King No incident marched
on bearing of 250° M for 1730 paces, easy going on this
leg. At 128 paces pod crossed our path at right angle
No recent use at 380 paces struck shallow swamp 1020
paces small creek 10 yds wide 1 foot deep, 1630 paces pod
from 345° no signs of recent use. Proceeded along JEEP
TRACK crossing DARLISONS King and BARRERS King plus 250 yds.
Went in on bearing of 120° M at 237 paces river 10 yds
by 2 ft deep. Crossed on log. Followed river for another
250 paces & turned on bearing of 185° easy going to PURIATA R.
Distance 1175 paces approx 844484 approx lunched there. During lunch
movement heard investigated but could find nothing. Continued
back along PURIATA R going becoming more difficult at 300 paces
struck river running approx from NORTH of 851487 followed river for
300 paces & crossed it width 15 yds 4 ft deep. Struck lagoon &
followed it around for 1900 paces - going still difficult through
thick PIT-PIT then on bearing of 180° for 300 paces to PURIATA RIVER
Going exceptionally hard had to wade along river bank
5 ft deep whilst doing this one EY rifle No belonging to
Plt SPENCER was lost by the gunner also one Ben
mag Current here was extremely fast. Eventually came
out on reasonably easy going in jungle with little
secondary growth struck a track going along river
& followed it to camp area

This track had been cut about 2 to 3 days
Previously by a party going downstream
The gony along the river with the exception
of about 600 yds downstream from Ford to Ford
is extremely difficult.

OBJECTS OF PATROL

ROUTE OUT

ROUTE IN

PART I

PART II

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REF MAP BARARA

SCALE 1/25,000

DATE 10 Apr 45

TYPE Recce

COMD AND SUB UNIT Vx 105655, Lt. WILLIAMS, G.H., - 300. HQ Coy

STRENGTH 1 offcr, 1 pl, 5 OR's.

TIME OUT 100815 L

TIME IN 101550 L

OBJECTS OF PATROL (1) To recce tracks - 856 502 to 848 514
 848 514 " 831 505
 831 505 " 820 506
 820 506 " 843 533
 843 533 " 856 502

(2) To search for signs of enemy activity on such tracks as in their vicinity.

ROUTE OUT as per map - type 'A'

ROUTE IN " " " " " "

PART 1

(1) See type 'A'

(2) N M S; NO signs of enemy met in this area. Old enemy biv area vic 832 503; 5 huts native style, accn 50/60. ONE two-storied hut - possibly an orderly room in area, ONE enemy dead in this hut. ALL huts had been fired but were NOT completely burnt. Enemy had been dead for at least 10 days. Native at KONGARA village claims he killed above Nip while Nip was sleeping. then took his rifle; 4 Nip rifles seen in KONGARA village.

G.H. Williams Lt. 10 Apr 45

Appx "A"

Track well defined, muddy in parts. Fresh but footprints were followed - (24 on patrol?) - these prints 65 mins took L-hand track at junc, appeared 24-36 hrs old.

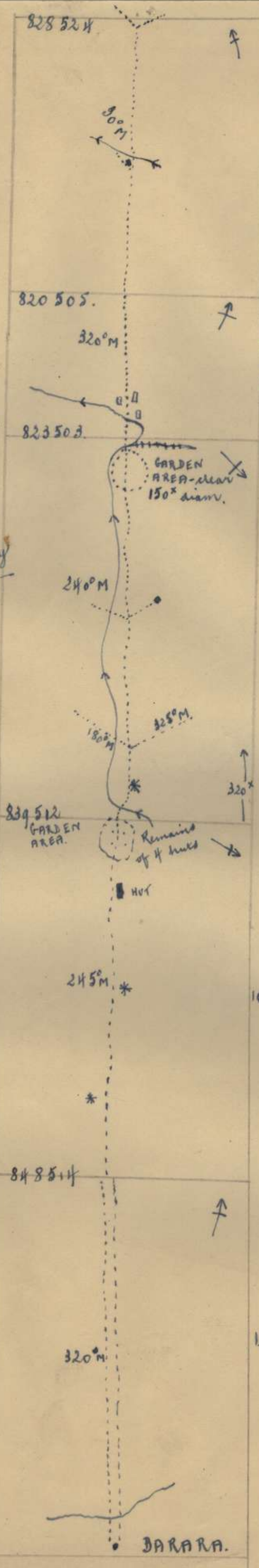
Track bad, swampy, with continued use would become very heavy.

Track distinct, overgrown frequently. No signs of recent use.

No sign of track junc 2100x at 831505. Consider 15mins that, if track exists, is overgrown.

Native pad, clearly defined, overgrown in places. Dry track had NOT been used for some time. Garden area at HVTS clear of all but 3' secondary growth for area 100x sq.

Track cut 12' surface has been corduroyed at one time but is now in bad state of repair. Very soft after rain. Could be jeppable with corduroy throughout.



Sap area as described in Pt I.

Chk 2-3' deep, sandy bottom - 10' banks - speed 2-3 mph, ch 8-12' wide. Dh follows R bank of ch.

No sign of track running S-E from 840.512

* BOMB CRATER (500-lb or 2?)

2800x

700x 20mins

2100x 15mins

1000x 30mins

1250x 25mins

Approx A.

844524

12' track, muddy.

1000^x
10 min up, 10 min down

843533

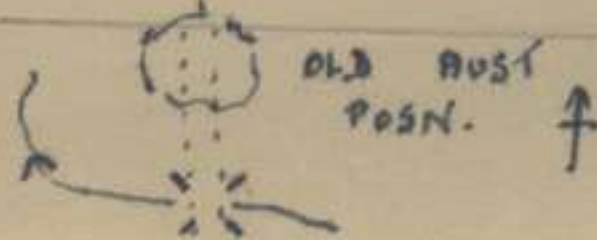
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Track good.
Approx 50^{male} natives at
KONGARA

10 min up
10 - down
600^x

Track joins
at 843.533

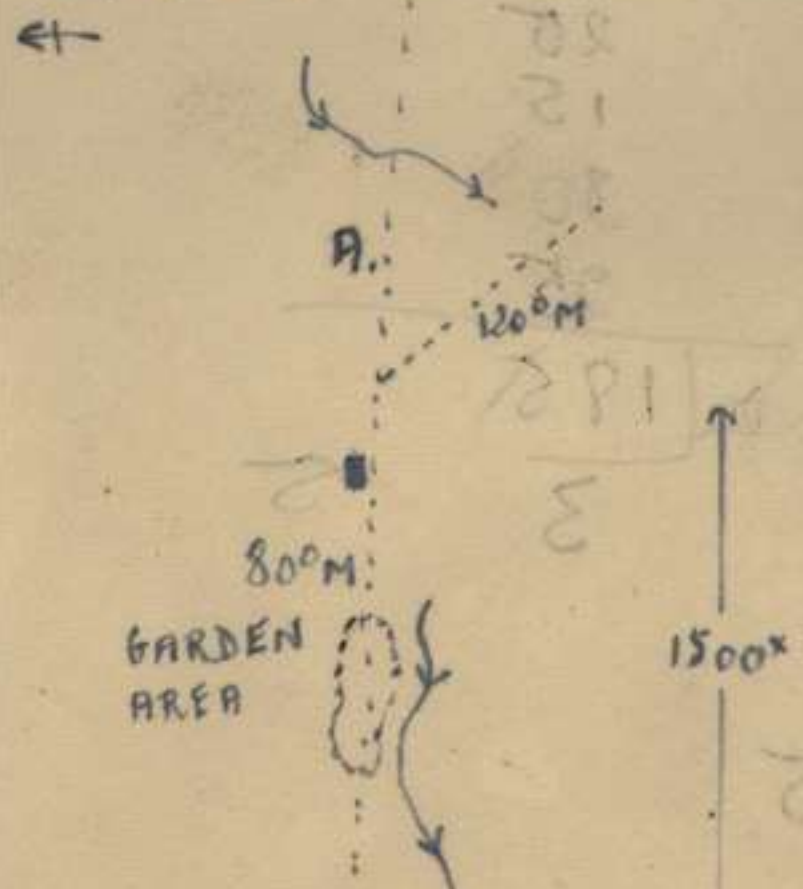


main track, muddy; clear
12'

3300M

20 min up
20 - down
1200^x

844524



Track distinct, 2' wide
overgrown at times.
Old jav boat found
at point A - NOT mil-
itewed, consider 10-14
days old.

2100^x
50 min.

PATROL REPORT

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Gate 10445

REF MAP BARBARA 1:25000

T/PT Recce

COMD & SUB UNIT Sgt Matheson & 7 PL.

STRENGTH 7 OR's

TIME OUT 0830

TIME IN 1300

OBJECTS OF PATROL To determine condition of tracks & also any sign of movement.

ROUTE OUT Took NW track to fork then due westerly direction 1000 yds approx

ROUTE IN Turned SE 400 yds onto track leading due east onto track into A coy 200 yds the coy side of main track.

PART I

Left A coy & went on NW track to fork map ref 871524. Then moved 1000 yds N of W striking a well defined track at 864527 which led ~~SE~~ to a clearing map ref 866517 & track continues in southerly direction. Track junction at clearing. Then took track leading ~~SE~~ due E & followed for 950 yds where it met track leading into A coy point at 874514 & followed it back.

General

Tracks are good, no recent use, N M S.

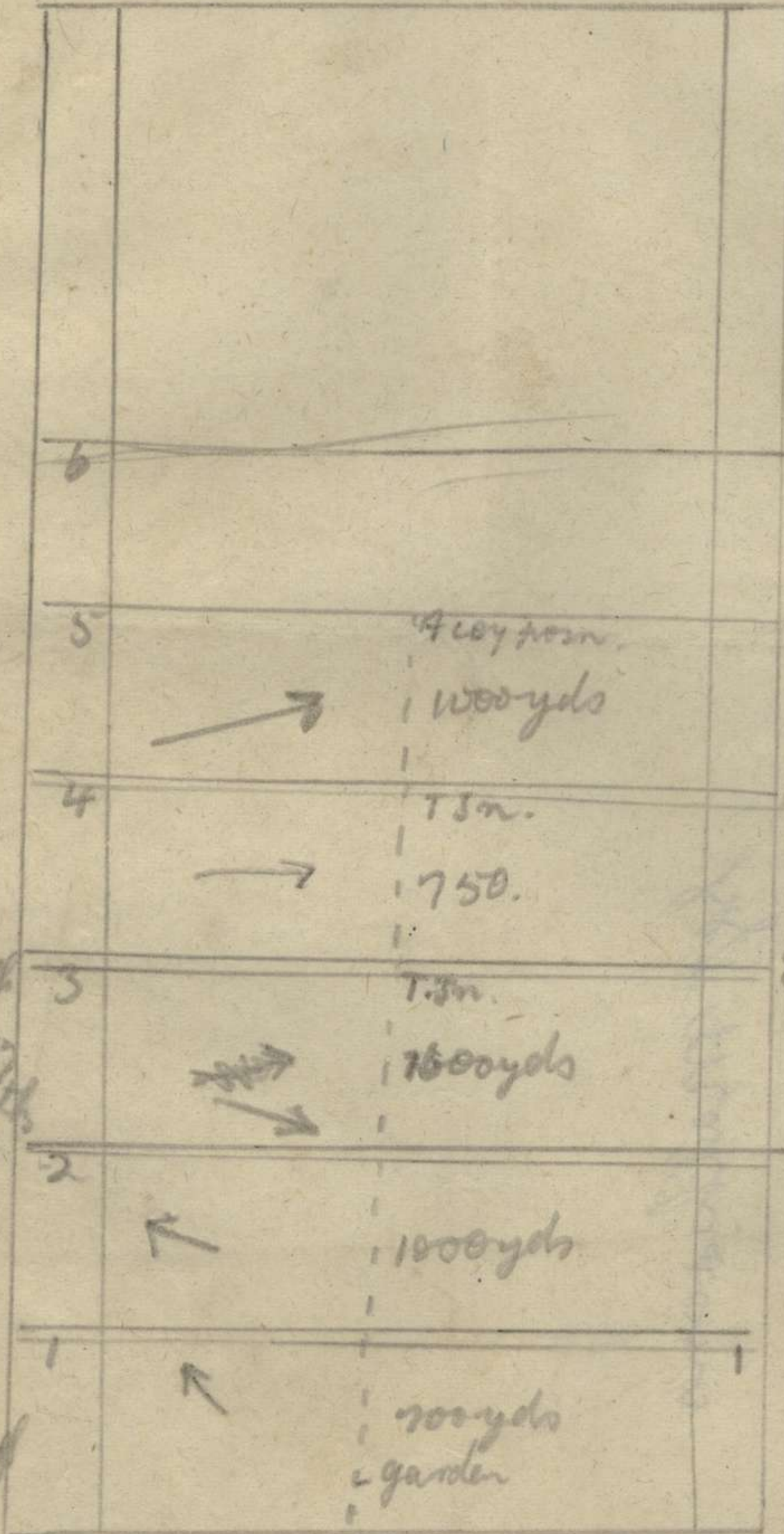
Track layout map

Barbara
1:25000

Acoy Poin. 874519 to T3m 866517

Good track all the way except track leading in westerly direction from fork & also Karterly track leading into the Acoy track. NMS

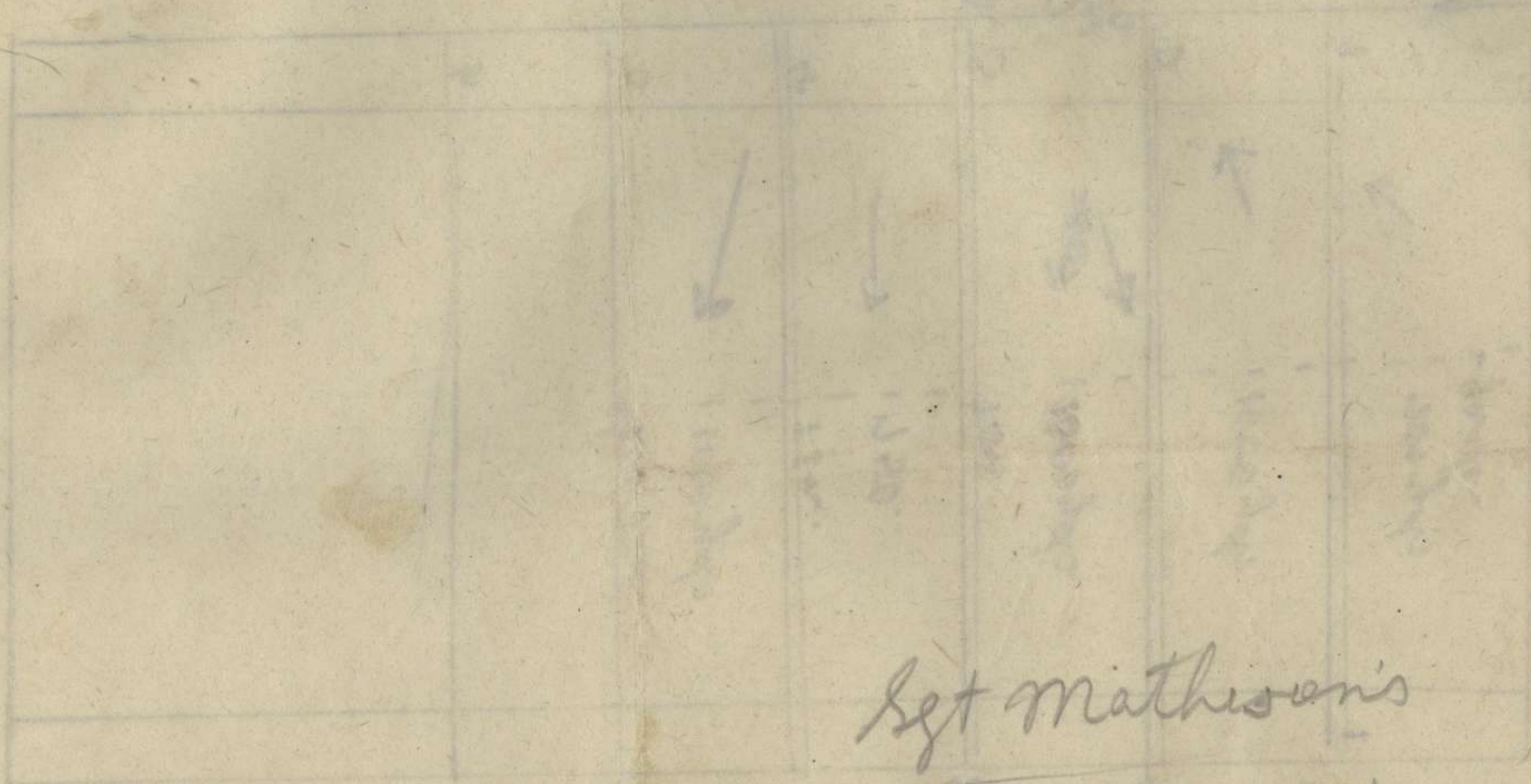
good track.
good track all the way
good track with clearing at 866517 track continues south.
well defined track averaging 5' wide. Gap through areas at 864525
Track was fair. Went through garden 200 yds from Acoy Poin.



874514
↑
15.
874514
↑
25 mms
866517
↑
60 mms
864525
↑
35
871524
↑
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Patrol Report*

07/02/19

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Patrol Report by NX129557 J. N. H. KELLY

(6)

Ref Map. DARARA 1:25000.

Strength 1 off: 6 O'R's

Sound by 12 PL. B. Coy

Comd. NX129557 Lt. N. H. Kelly

Time out 100830 L.

Time in 110800 L.

Route. From FORD 870488 along river to GARDEN AREA 892478 then along river to Signal Cable 889502 thence along SIGNAL CABLE to FORD 870488

OBJECT To see garden areas & tracks.

PART ONE

GENERAL

1. Garden areas show no sign of recent occupation & generally are wild & overgrown.
Garden at map ref. 890404 is well cultivated & well planted with sweet potatoes but is becoming overgrown with grass & weeds.
2. The track generally is well worn & easily located but from map ref 890404 to approx. 891493 a fresh track had to be cut. From 891493 a gap track runs along the river to 889502. From 889502 to 864487 track follows signal cable & is mainly through swamps.
3. Enemy bivouac area was located map ref 891493 (approx). It appeared to be about 4 days old & would accommodate approx. 75 troops.

Patrol Report by NX129557 LT. N. H. KELLY.

Ref. Map. DARARA 1:25000.

Strength 1 off. 6 OR's

Found by 12 Pl. B. Coy.

Comd. NX129557 LT. N. H. KELLY.

Time out 100830 L.

Time in 110800 L.

Route. From FORD 870488 along river to GARDEN area 892478 then along river to SIGNAL Cable 889502 thence along CABLE to FORD 870488.

Object. To locate GARDEN AREA + tracks.

PART TWO.

1. Gardens.

At map ref. 889479 and 892478 there are clearings approx. 60' by 30' which have been gardens but which show no signs of cultivation for at least 2 months. They are overgrown with grass up to 2 feet tall.

at map ref 890404 there is a well cultivated garden approx 100' by 60' which is well planted with SWEET POTATO about half grown. It is about 3 or 4 weeks since any work has been done on the garden as grass is beginning to grow wild.

Gardens would be no use to us at present.

2. Tracks.

The track to 890404 is well defined but is very winding + twists + turns all along the route. 2000 paces from the FORD track crosses a swamp 20' wide + at 4500 paces crosses a stream 10' wide + 18" deep, this stream is crossed again 500 paces further along + meets the PURIATA River at 883485.

From 890404 to approx. 891493 a track had to be cut through cane + rain forest, as far as possible this track was cut close to the river bank.

From 891493 to the SIGNAL Cable a well worn track goes through a gap bivouac area + follows along the river bank.

The track along the Signal Cable to the river is approx. 4500 paces long + winds through swamps up to 2'6" deep for approx 2000 paces. The going is very hard + tiring, continually crossing the cable + sinking in the swamp areas.

3. Enemy Bivouac Areas.

Area at 891493 is situated on a small knoll + appears to have been occupied up till 3 or 4 days ago. Shelters are built with freshly cut ferns + foxholes have only one or two leaves in them. The area is linked up with vines + would accommodate up to 75 men.

4. Timings

Left FORD 0830 arrived gardens 1230, lunch 1235 till 1300.
1315 arrived garden 890404. 1530 arrived gap bivouac area
1700 reached signal cable 1715 started along cable.
1925 stopped for night, owing to darkness, at map ref 876490,
0715 left bivouac site, 0740 arrived PURIATA river
0755 reached FORD.

Mellor Lt.

11 APR 45

PATROL REPORT

REF. MAP "BARBARA" 1:25000 "MOSIGETTA" 1:25000.

11 APR. 45.



Recc.

COMP & SUB UNIT

LIEUT. ROBERTSON & 9 Pts.

STRENGTH

1 ~~off~~ 6 ORS.

TIME OUT

0800 hrs.

TIME IN

1810 hrs

OBJECTS OF PATROL

Recc. & reach ~~Center~~ PIKEI.

ROUTE OUT

878519 thence to 891554 - 894534 - 891554 - 896542.

ROUTE IN

Reverse

PART I

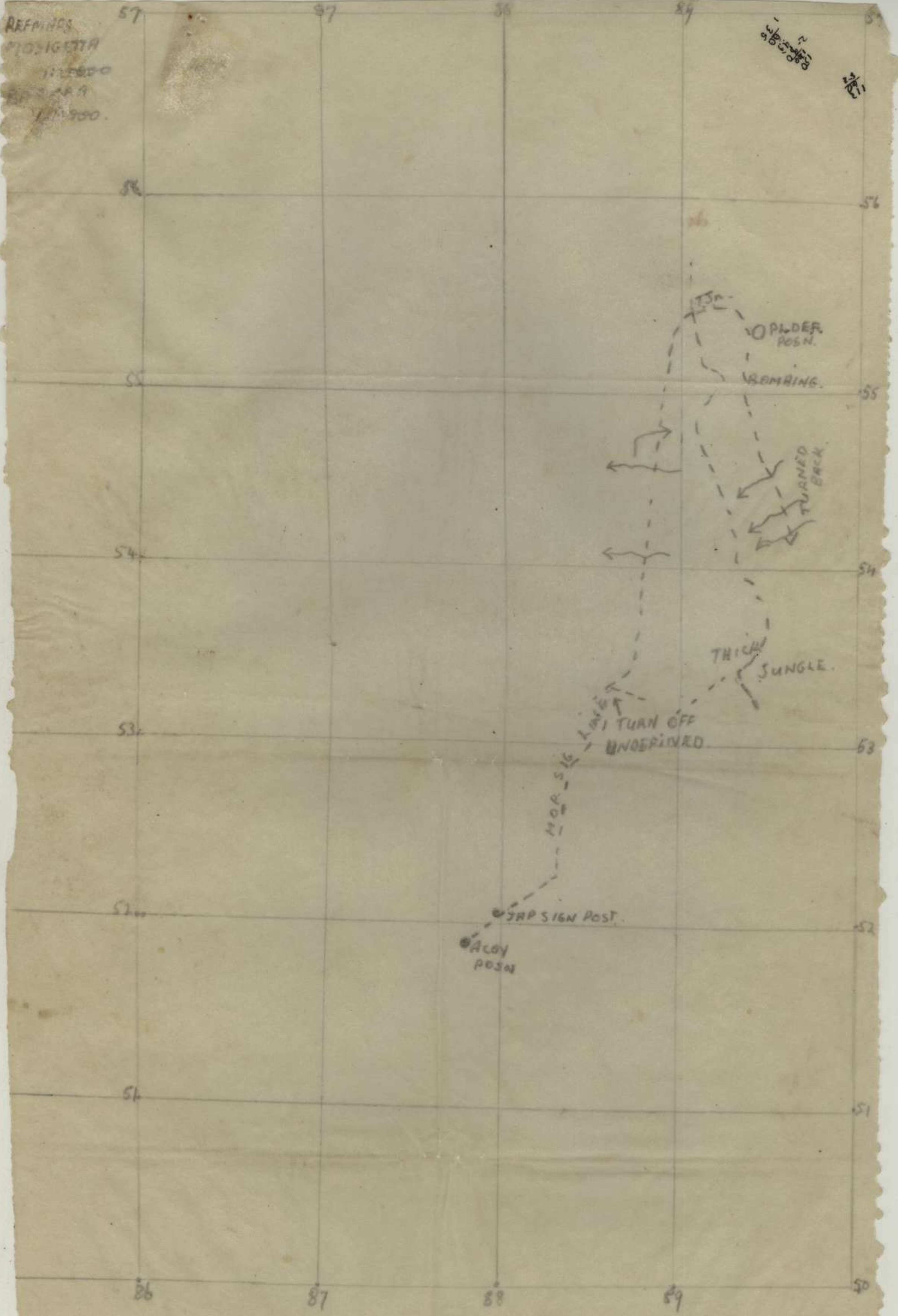
From 878519 to 891554 same as Mr McIntosh's patrol. Came to jn at this point & separated ^{at 1100 hrs} taking track going E of S. 1000 paces (25 mins). Came to embankment, down 50' crossed creek at bottom flowing west. Track then swung to 180° for 400 paces. Thence it swung to 145° went 120 paces came to a creek flowing west again. Good log crossing (4 or 5 logs). At left of track 891547 ^{approx} were 3 gap huts partly collapsed. Further 600 paces then 170° for 525 paces. Thence 160° for 311 paces. Came to stream flowing west flowing fast & about 12' wide. at 1200 hrs. Then 170° for 863 paces. Then came up an embankment about 40' high. Track swung to 180° went for 178 paces. Then 220° for 300 paces (now 1300 hrs). Then turned back to 891547 & took centre track of jn at 50°. Left at 1445 went 440 paces & came to a track ^{General} jn. Track was 10' wide, ~~two~~ ^{two} Australian in cables each side (old Lfc. Track going left at 20°. Took track going right at 140° went 366 paces, & came to a platoon defensive form. Thence 170° for 660 paces Aust grave (61st Bn) on right of track. Further 50 paces came to coy posn. track dropped down embankment 30'. further 80 paces. At foot of embankment small track heading right at 275°. Track taken was 145° 20 paces to a creek. From creek track on 148° 431 paces another creek, another 120 paces creek. ^{now} (1000 hrs) Then headed back.

General

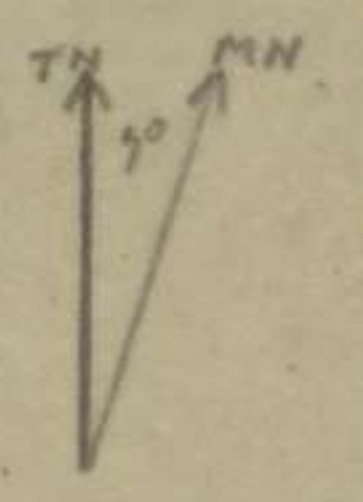
all tracks good, & hadn't been used since rain. N.M.S.

REFUGES
PIONIGETTA
11:2000
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5/10/45



TRACE OF MR ROBERTSON'S
PATROL ROUTE 11:4:45.



TRACK GOING MAP

RE MAP BARBARA

ALBY POSN 894519P. Chel 903963

1:25000

AIRPORT

Tracks good. Not recently used. N.M.B. throughout patrol

Pl from 61412 grave. Log from emb. 30' down. 3 creeks fine. 1st creek returned back (1600 hrs) in 10' wide old hole.

Returned to jn. where separated

Track veered to w of S. so gave it away & returned to jn. 1200 hrs

thick jungle narrow track nothing to be seen.

came to embankment 40" high.

stream at end of track fast flowing 12' wide (1230 hrs)

jungle thicker. no signs.

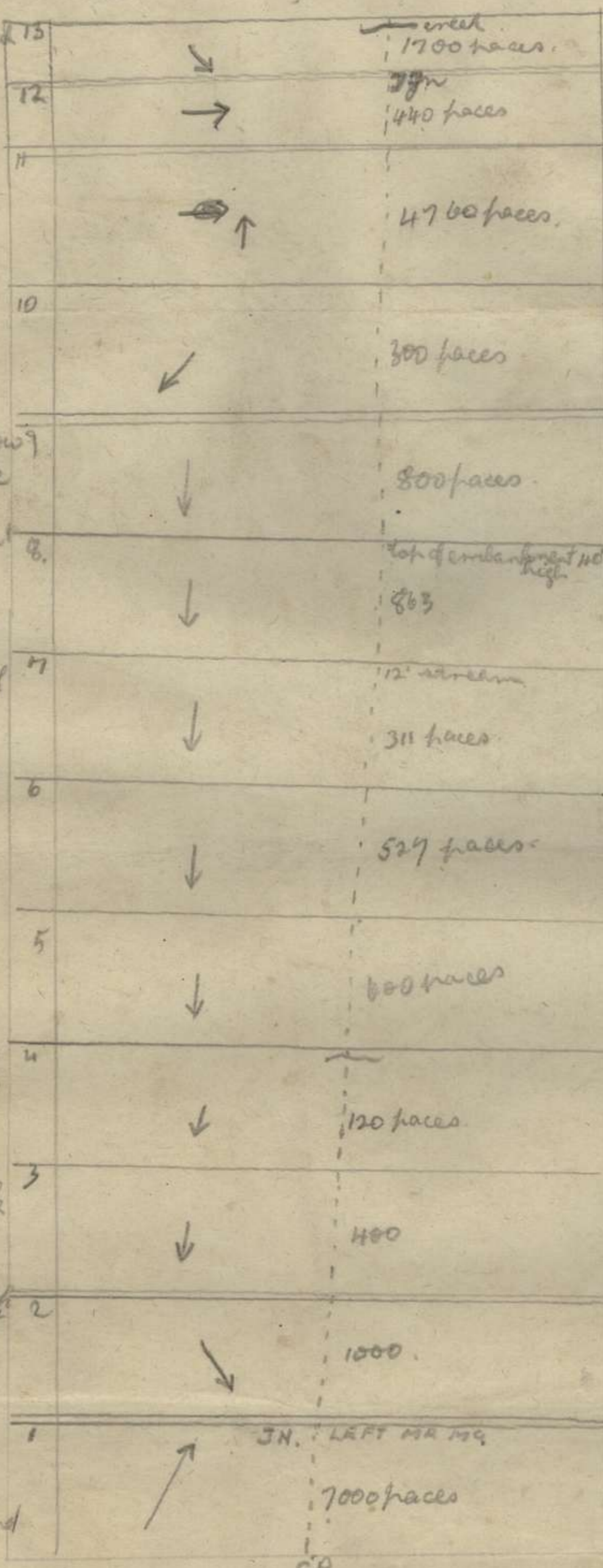
good track no signs.

creek with log crossing (4 or 5 logs) on left of track old fat camp (3 fallen huts)

good going. old bandage on track

Embankment drop 50' creek at foot flowing west good sandy bottom

good track Posns along way & pits around jn.



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PATROL REPORT.

12 Apr. '45

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REF MAP: DARARA 1:25,000

PATROL FOUND BY: 11 PL. B Coy.

Cmdy: P.E. Putnam Lt.

STRENGTH: 1 Off 6 OR.

TIME OUT: 120830 L.

TIME IN: 121330 L.

OBJECT: 1. To Clear Area.
2. To obtain Topographical infm.

ROUTE: B Coy area to CAMERON'S XING to DARLINSON'S XING. SOUTH to PURIATA R. along RIVER to GALVIN'S XING. B Coy area.

NARRATIVE 1.

1. No movement sighted.
2. Topographical infm. obtained as per attached sketch and Narrative 2.

NARRATIVE 2.

- A. Patrol left B Coy Area 120830h. along Jeep track to DARARA. reached & crossed CAMERON'S XING, then marched on Bearing of 282° which contacted Jeep track 50° NORTH of DARLINSON'S XING. The following features were crossed on this leg: -
1. 120 Paces TRACK well worn no recent use.
 2. 770 Paces. TRACK no recent use.
 3. 1060 Paces STREAM. 6" deep 10° wide.
 4. 1345 Paces STREAM 6" deep 5° wide.
 5. 1604 Paces TRACK Very well defined no recent use.
 6. 1630 Paces TRACK no recent use.
- B. Followed Jeep Track for 50 yds across DARLINSON'S XING then on bearing of 180° for 1970 Paces to PURIATA RIVER. The following features were crossed on this leg
1. 100 Paces Creek 2 feet deep 10 yds wide.
 2. From 100 Paces to 437 Paces shallow open Swamp.
 3. 593 Paces Small TRACK with Sig. wire alongside!
- C. Followed along RIVER on General Bearing of 95° for 1596 Paces. Passing mainly through heavy PIT PIT.
- D. Followed RIVER on bearing of 100° for 770 Paces still heavy going.
- E. Followed RIVER on bearing of 25° for 1630 Paces to GALVIN'S XING. Struck small stream at 630 Paces from beginning of this leg.
- F. Followed TRACK to DARARA to B COY area.

All features mentioned in this Narrative are shown on accompanying sketch.

P. E. Putnam Lt.
oc. Patrol

SCALE 1" : 400 Paces

PATROL No. 12 APRIL 45.

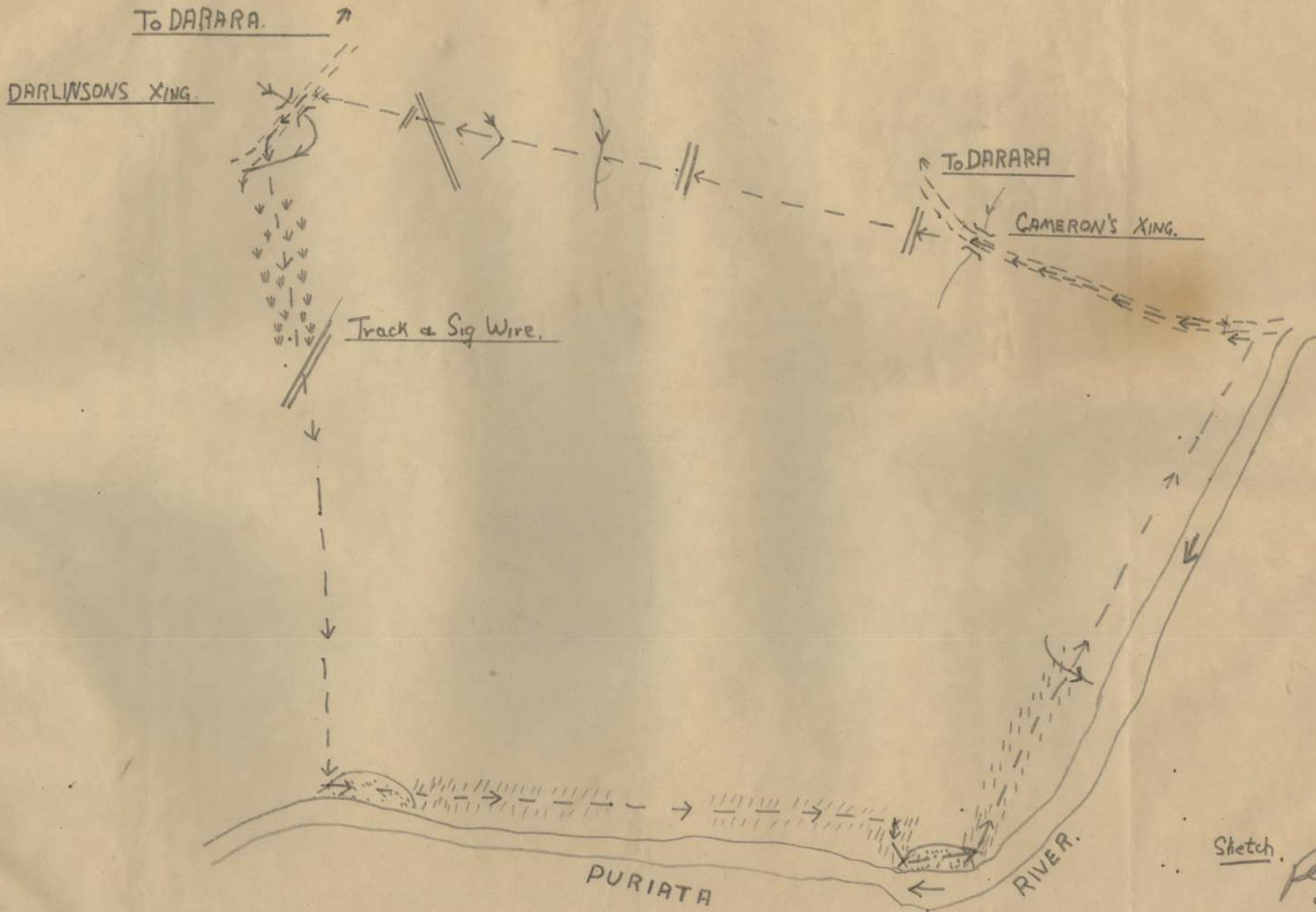
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DATE 12 APR 45.



LEGEND

- Jeep Track
- { Stream & Direction of flow
- == Track.
- ∨∨∨ Swamp.
- ⋯ Sand Bar.
- |||| Pit Pit.
- - Route followed & Direction.



Sketch. *P. Putnam Lt.*

PATROL REPORT No

PATROL

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REF MAP BARARA

SCALE 1:75000

DATE 11 APR 45

TYPE RECCO - CONTACT

COMD AND SUB UNIT LT PROBY & 19 Pl.

STRENGTH 196 & (all 1th off & 2nd OR)

TIME OUT 110800 L

TIME IN 110650 L

OBJECTS OF PATROL

- (1) Report any signs of enemy movement or occupation on ^{pt up to} MEIVO - MAWARRAKA track junction
- (2) To contact patrol, Coy 57/60 bn on MAWARRAKA SISIRUAI ^{NOV} track junction at 1200 hrs

ROUTE OUT BARARA - MARICA - MOSIEGETTA - MEIVO.

ROUTE IN MEIVO - MOSIEGETTA - MARICA - BARARA

PART I

- (1) No signs of recent enemy movement or occupation.
- (2) Patrol contacted. (at ref 879582 at 1210 hrs)

Part II.

Patrol was joined shortly after leaving BARARA by Lt. YOUNG & 1 OR from 2/4 ant and regt, who were reconing road to MOSIEGETTA for suitability for tank movements.

Patrol arrived MARICA 0910 contacted LT. DAVEY, patrol who proceeded W from MARICA.

Patrol moved to red band, river approx 867553. River, not shown on maps, runs in N.W. direction, approx 12 yds wide, deepest point 3', clear, sandy bottom.

Track to this band easy going, definite improvement since patrol used same track 2 days previously. Swampy parts on track having dried out.

At approx 0650 along track from river, a red block formed by large tree falling across ~~road~~. Several old ant clearings & positions passed & numerous pads moving to all ~~the~~ ^{flanks} well defined at approx 1000' from river track.

crosses, main track running in NW-SE direction. Large semi-clearing in this area. From this clearing to BLANCH JUNCTION approx 1500 x track ~~is~~ interspersed with many clearings & vacated ~~positions~~ positions. Several defiles & cuttings about ~~1500~~ 15' deep were found. LAVARO

Reached BLANCH JUNCTION (POST 15). ~~PIKEI~~ track runs off ~~at~~ in E direction. Numerous positions around JUNCTION. Approx 400 yds past ^{BLANCH} junction, on MEIVO track, 4 ~~native~~ native huts approx 40 x on W side of track. A further 200 x yds patrol crossed ZIMMER CK (MOSIGETTA) a further 300 x to POST 16A captured 16 Feb 45.

MOSIGETTA area well cleared ~~and~~ would make excellent DZ. 3 ~~timber~~ ^{jeeps} appear to have used track through MOSIGETTA to BLANCH JUNCTION.

At a further 700 x ~~to~~ (MEIVO track junction) patrol ~~from~~ waited for patrol from 57/60 bn to arrive. 57/60 patrol arrived at 1100 hrs, consisting of 1 officer & 11 reporting A no enemy sightings from MAKATOWA to MEIVO. 57/60 bn have established patrol base in HORIZON area, with standing patrol daily occupying track junction of 544572.

at 1205 hrs ^{MOSIGETTA} ^{MARICA} ^{BARARA} PI patrol returned via same route ^{ANN.} 57/60 patrol, moved with our patrol to PIKEI track junction ~~to~~ with intention of securing BOKU area & returning to HORIZON same day. 17 PI. Patrol arrived MARICA ~~at~~ 1530 hrs & BARARA 1650 hrs.

(Note) As patrol was to arrive MAWARAKA-SISURU junction 1200 hrs, ~~insufficient~~ insufficient time was allowed for complete road traverse.

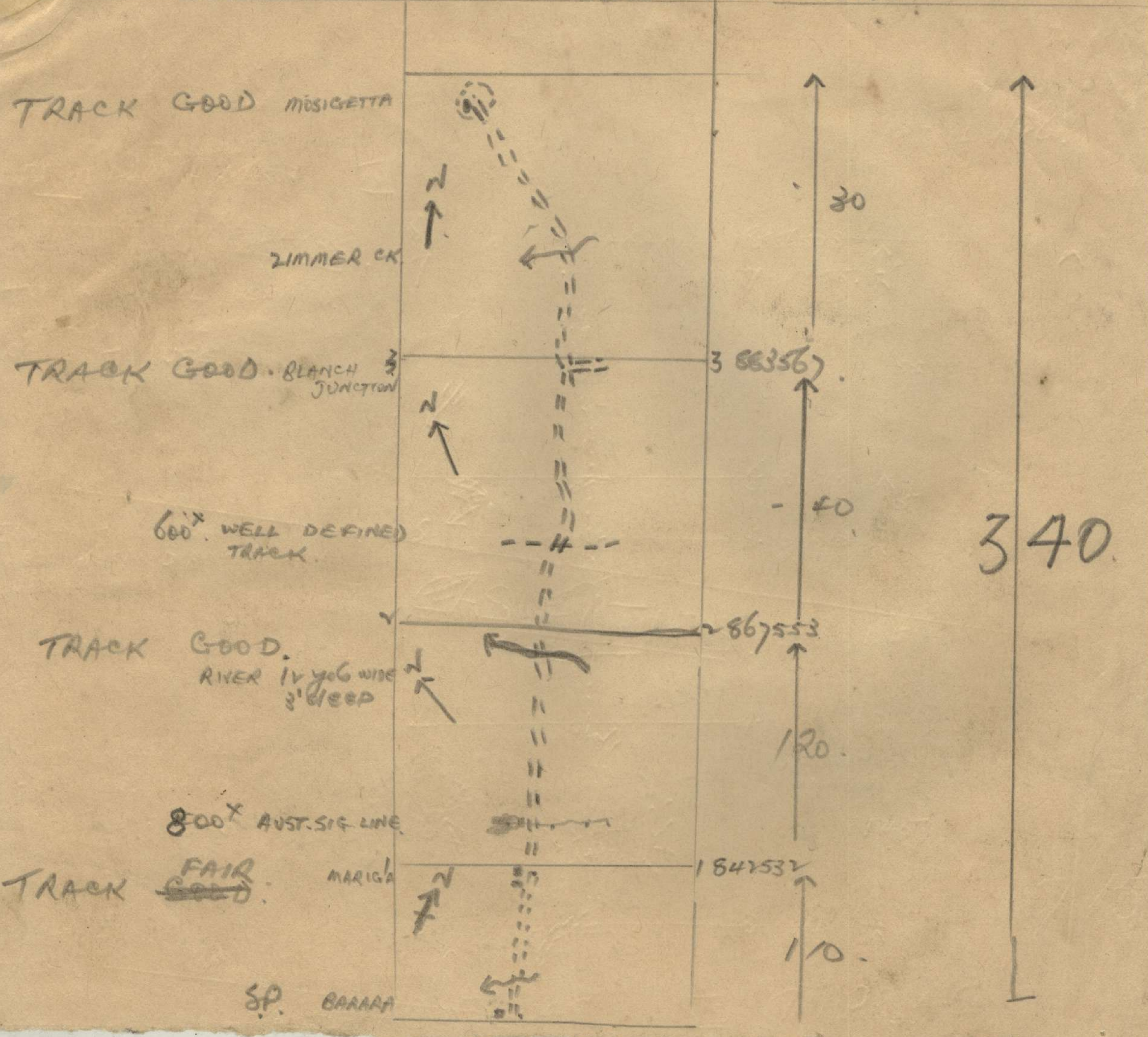
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REMARKS See Part I

TRACK GOING MAP

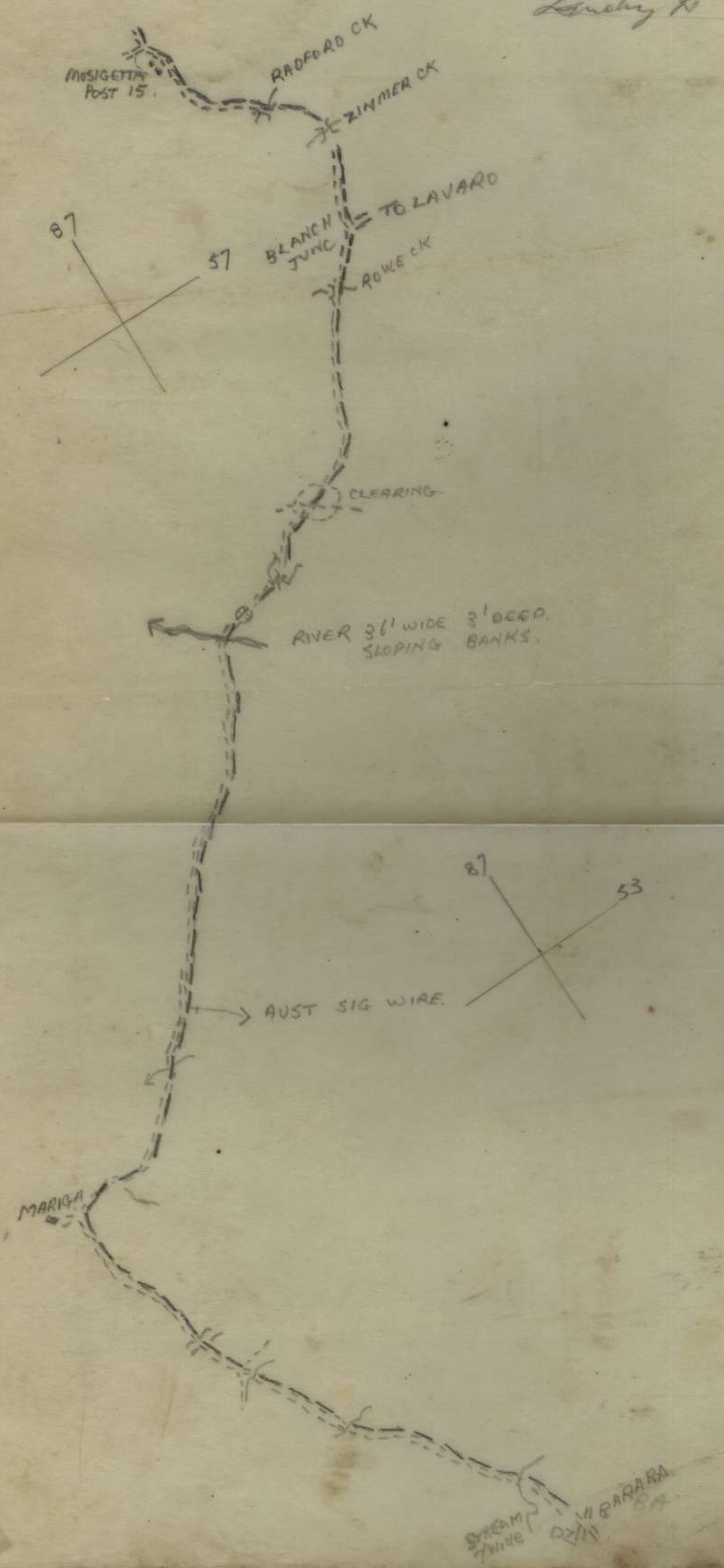
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PATROL NO 8

FROM BARARA - MARIGA - MOSIGETTA - MEINO.



OVERLAY - REF PATROL NO 8 - 11 APR 45
REF BARARA MOSIGETTA 1:25000.

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PATROL REPORT

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REF MAP

BARARA MOSISETTA

SCALE

1:25000

DATE

11 APR 45

TYPE

RECC

COMD AND SUB UNIT

LT DAVEY 1681

STRENGTH

176

TIME OUT

110810 L

TIME IN

111730 L

OBJECTS OF PATROL

(a) To recheck areas along route (see below) to ascertain correct position of tracks & are there any signs of recent enemy movement or occupation in area

ROUTE OUT

BARARA-MARICA HUT ref 815543 - track junction 813550 - thence NE to track junction 843573

ROUTE IN

Track junction 843573 SE to BARARA

PART 1

(a) Track to MARICA-KONGARRA in correct position. Track KONGARRA-MARICA not correct. Also track from 813539 to 838553 is out of position. (b) No signs of recent enemy occupation.

Part II

From BARARA to MARICA ~~crossed by~~ track good. Reached track junction to MARICA at 0940. Track bearing to MARICA is 75° M. at 700 paces from junction passed through old gardens. Fallen logs throughout track through gardens & a stream running parallel to track in the W direction. Stream 10' wide & deep at 700 paces native path led off to the north. at 450 paces, old, fallen down native hut. at 840 paces from main track junction reached KONGARRA, approx 10 huts. Stream still parallel with track with the track bearing at 70° M. at 880 paces log across track. 1000 yds newly cut log across track. at 1070 paces old native hut on left. At 1134 paces 2 native drums made from logs at 1400 yds came to a garden, contained party of 6 natives enroute KONGARRA. Could get no info from them regarding HOZAN track.

At 244 paces from gardens of 513539 flattened native hut on right. Stream still parallel with track 30x136x native fence runs along ^{left side of} track from gardens. Track from gardens to hut 515543 in good condition. Thick jungle on the right of track. Mosquitoes very numerous.

at 525 paces from gardens, one gap fore hole on ~~right~~ ^{left} of track 92 on right of track with mm & pit. Old gap shelter on left had been occupied by about 6 men. Considerable quantity of mussel shells in area.

at 625 paces another fore hole on right appeared to be ^{at least} 10 days old. Gap hut on left, fallen down with ~~shells~~ mussel shells scattered about.

at 675 paces from gardens an old gap hit ⁹⁴ ~~on~~ ^{on} left of track. ~~for~~ ~~for~~ track bearing at 240°m.

at 730 paces an old garden on the far side of which track branches. ~~300~~ ³⁰⁰ paces ~~to~~ ^{from} 300 am, left arm 210°m. ~~Track~~ ~~was~~ ~~taken~~ ~~to~~ ~~be~~ ~~junction~~ ~~presumably~~ ~~ref~~ ~~513577~~ Actual ref approx 815545.

Patrol moved along right arm of track to garden area at ~~210~~ 836553. Track indistinct, though swamp & thick jungle. Distance 1225 paces. Patrolled garden area for ~~20~~ tracks. One only ~~of~~ which moved E for 425 paces & petered out. Return

Returned to track junction 815545. ~~9~~ took left arm of track at bearing of 210°m. at approx 560 paces track swung 5 (150°) and contd on that bearing 2995 paces when 4 natives were contacted, who confirmed it was main MABIS track. Patrol then returned along track to KONGARA thence SASSARA.

Conclusions drawn from the patrol
1. The MABIS track presumably branching off from KONGARA is actually ⁷⁵⁰ paces NW of KONGARA. Natives confirmed this was KONGARA-MABIS track.

1TP 6BTY 2FOREST. 603464 ✓

B 1/4 Cr a leg. 801465 ✓

A 61 603464 ✓

4PK 1818 ~~820~~ leucata mth ✓

16A 61 Roberts Xing 634458 ✓

1CP1 " " 835459 ✓

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C 24 } 821467 ✓

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A 24 } 823468 ✓

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B 61 10P1 840479 ✓

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3 P1 5 fol coy 851492 ✓

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B 56 Calumna Xing ✓

C 56 898576 ✓

A 56 JARARR ✓

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Rtp 2/6 998523

Kendara (Kumohu) 906466

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2. Well defined stream not shown on map runs parallel with track from MARIGA to approx ref 815544 then runs parallel with track KONGARA-MABIS for at least 2295 paces.

3. Track from gardens at 823539 is actually track leading from junction at 815545. There is no track from gardens at 838553 to track from 844571 to MARIGA.

4. Between KONGARA & track junction 815545 there are 2 native gardens. One shown on map at ref 823539 is approx correct. The second garden at approx 814543.

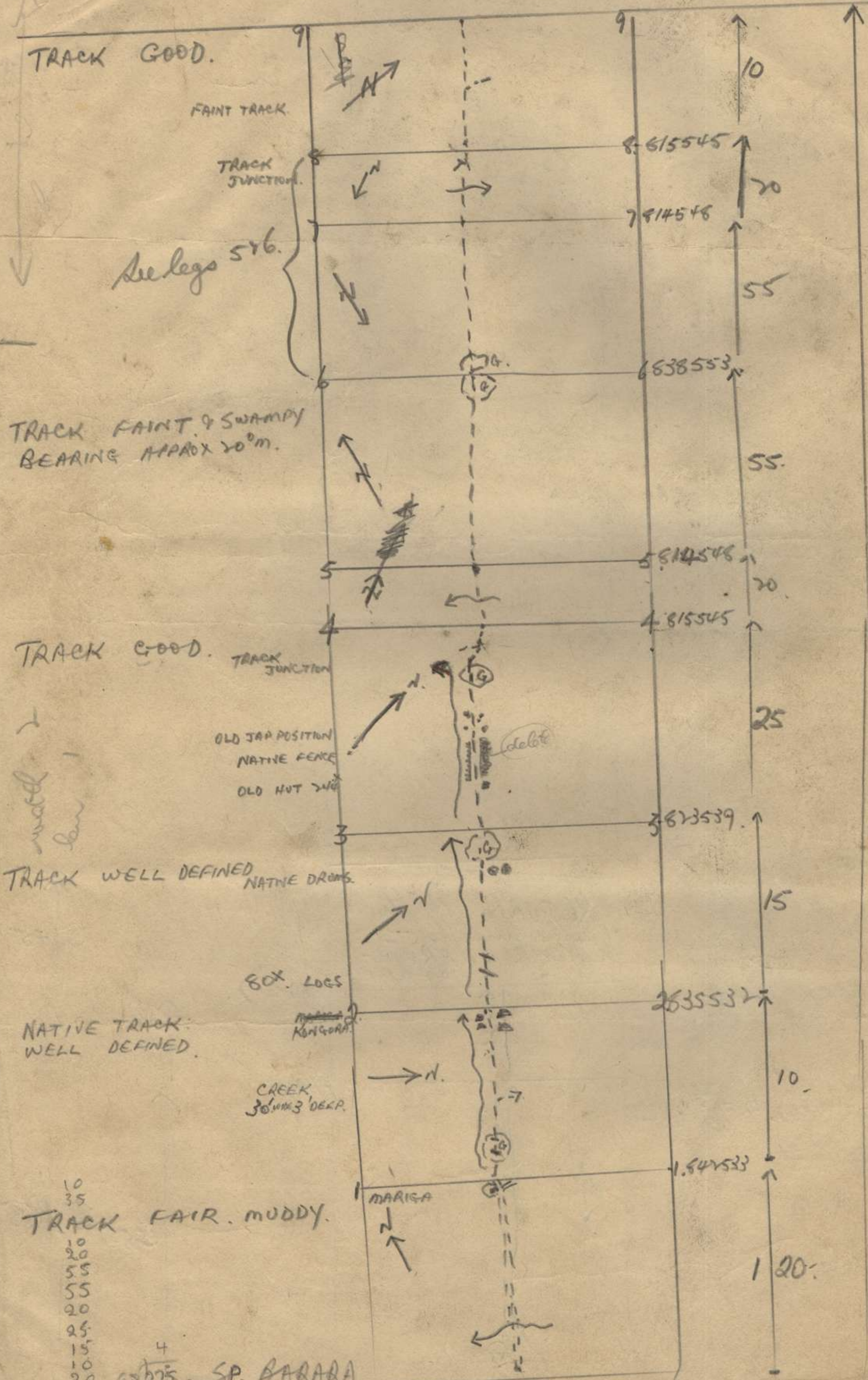
815545

TRACK GOING MAP.

REMARKS.

SEE PART I (ATTCHD).

PATROL NO 9.
11 APR 45
LT DAVEY 16 Coy.



TRACK FAINT & SWAMPY
BEARING APPROX 20°m.

TRACK GOOD.

TRACK WELL DEFINED
NATIVE DRUMS.

NATIVE TRACK
WELL DEFINED.

TRACK FAIR, MUDDY.

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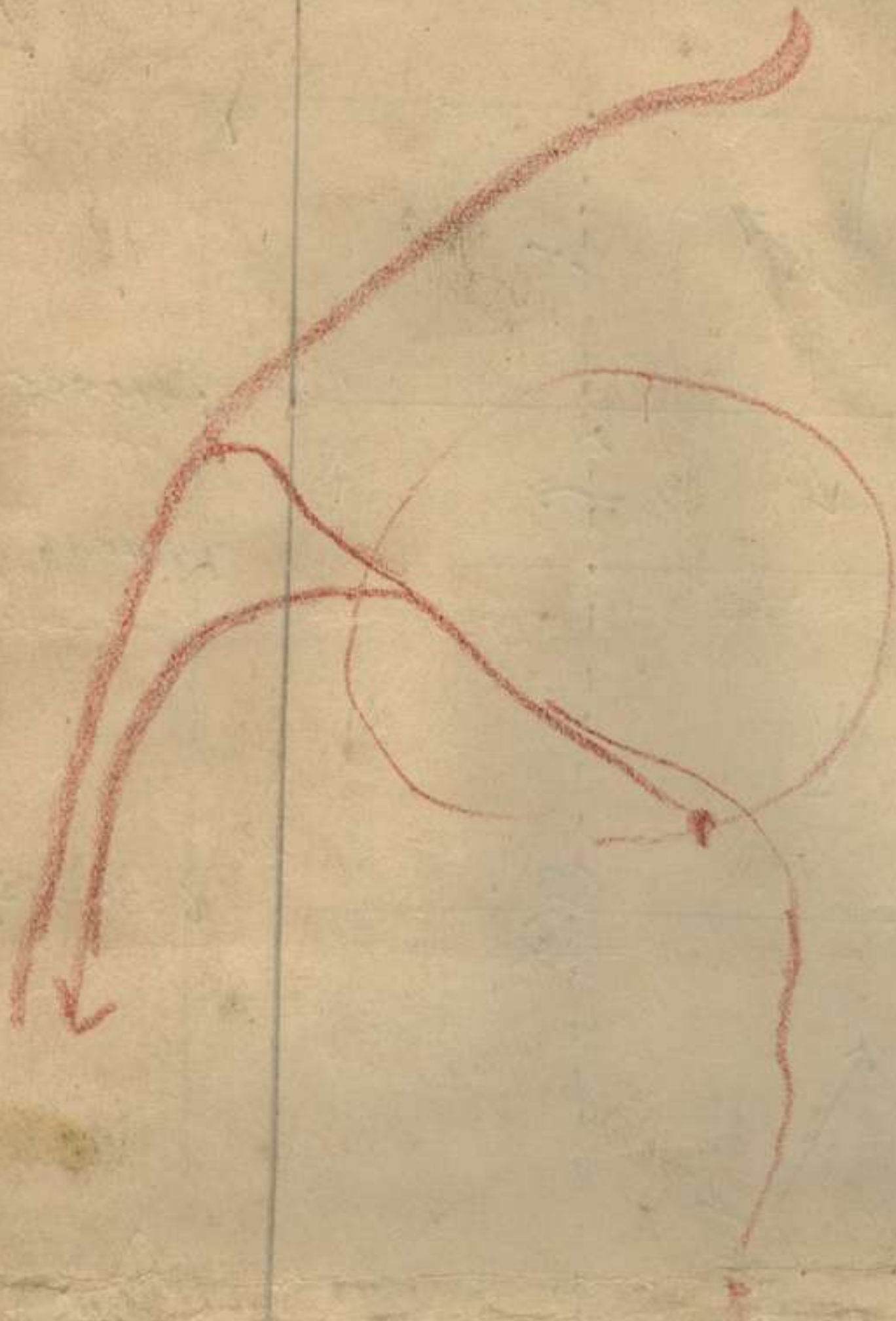
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RETURN N to
Track junction -
KONGORO - MARIGA -
BARRAA

TRACK GOOD.

LOGS

TRACK GOOD. OLD JAP POSITION
WELL USED. OLD HUT.



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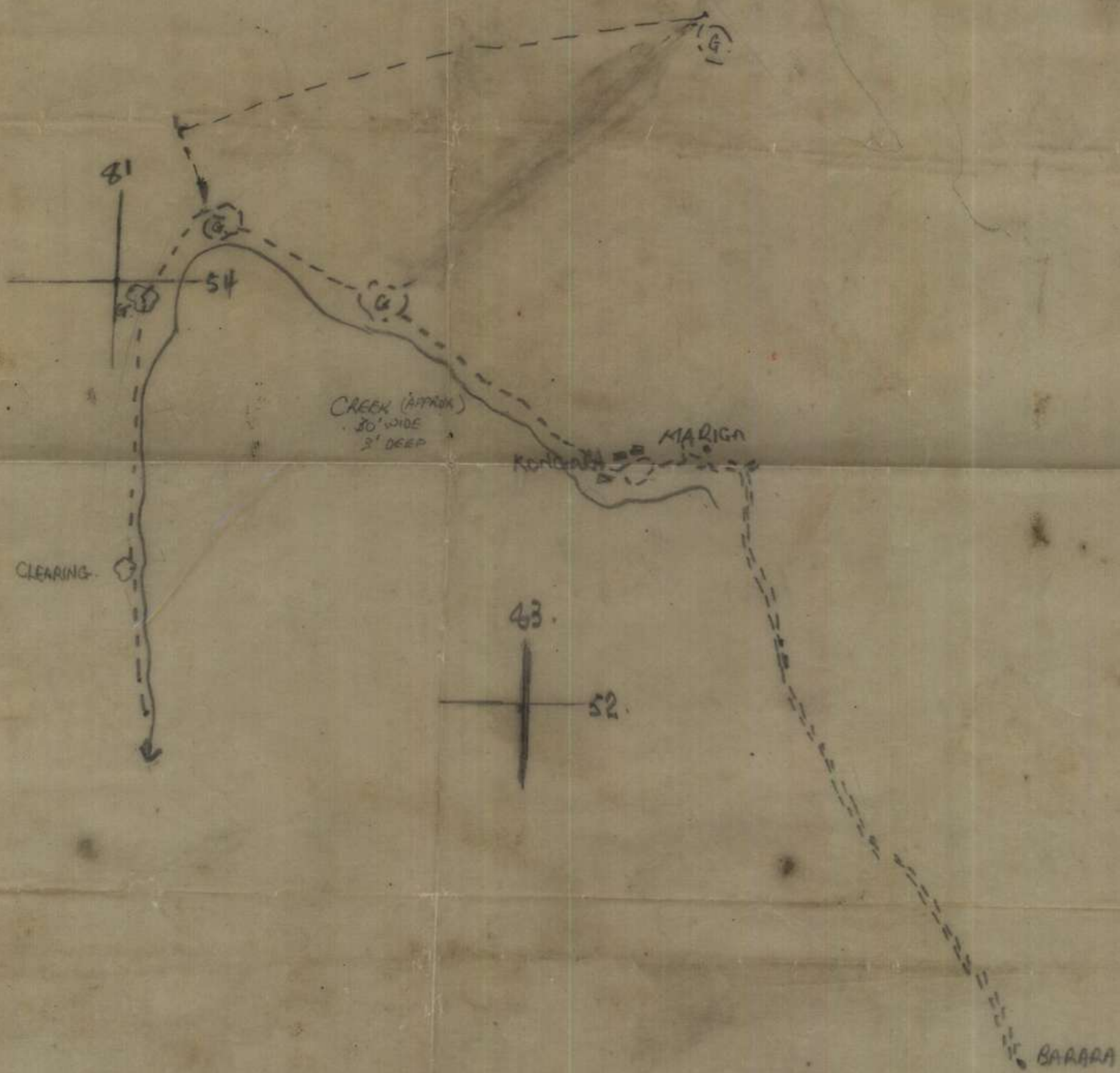
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OVERLAY

PATROL NO 9 - 11 APR 43

REF MAPS

BARBARA-MOSIGETTA 1:5000



D. Beale

clearing
WARIKA

200 paces

90 paces

track Morigetta

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A

River
Garden

690 paces

550 paces
Garden

51

870 paces
Garden

Garden 510 paces

470 paces

Jap camp

Track to
Moriga

447 paces

900 paces

Track to
Moriga

1038 paces

Moriga

550 paces

2840 paces



PATROL REPORT

REF MAP BARBARA V 25000 MOSIGETTA 1:25000

DATE 11 Oct 45

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TYPE FIGHTING RECCE

COMD 1 SUB UNIT LT J.G. MCINTOSH + 6 ORS 7 PL A Coy

STRENGTH 1 + 6

TIME OUT 12 0745 L

TIME IN 121850 L

OBJECTS OF PATROL RECCE TRACK NE from present A Coy position
to JEEP TRACK, thence along JEEP TRACK to PEKIE

ROUTE OUT as per track going map.

ROUTE IN down JEEP TRACK to Bn HQ.

PART I

Patrol left A Coy + moved generally in a NNE - NE direction to track June 891554. Enemy position here consists of 20-30 covered footholes probably occupied by a standing patrol, well dug in + camouflaged. This June consisted of 4 tracks leading off at 352°M, 60°M, 145°M. The patrol arrived at this position at 1040, 7087 paces from the S.P.

At 1100 hrs patrol left along N track and maintaining this direction for 892 paces came to a bombed area at 1125M. Here one of our own sig lines crossed the track in a SSE direction + 100 paces further on 2 bomb damaged huts were on the E side of the track. 382 paces from where the sig line was found brought the patrol to a garden on the E of the track. Continuing on the N bearing for 650 paces the JEEP TRACK was met at WATTS BASE. The track over these 650 paces had been well strafed. WATTS BASE was signposted, + 100 paces

in 80°M down JEEP TRACK brought the patrol to ANGAU HUTS. A further 510 paces to an old 2nd arly camp (signpost $\frac{2}{74}$ red + blue). 270 paces traveling SE, brought patrol to an inf camp with sign post BOKU with no arrows to indicate direction [BOKU] + S of the track with 50^x

another sign post TO PURIATA RIVER || with an arrow in South direction. This appeared to be a well used foot track.

290 paces from here the JEEP tracks ended but a wide track continued and another sign post with PEKIE pencilled on lead us to the village 2600 paces away. Village was accurately bombed + had been a large Jap centre. Patrol arrived ~~at~~ PEKIE at 1303 wanted till 1430 + returned. Arriving at BLANCH BRANCH at 1553

map ref. MOSIGETTA sheet 883567. A check to where patrol hit JEEP TRACK on outward route paces from WATTS BASE to BLANCH JUNC were 1463, on good traveling this is estimated to be 1200 yards. Estimate that WATTS BASE is 1200^x E of BLANCH BRANCH

Patrol left BRANCH BRANCH at 1600 hrs on route MARIYA
to attempt find tracks to A boy SE from JEEP TRACK. in
MARIYA area. At 1800 track 200' S of MARIYA was taken
in SE direction. After 600' track was lost in bad light &
patrol scrub-bashed to JEEP ROAD & returned to BNHQ.

1845 hrs.

Throughout. N.M.S.

[Signature]

From JEEP TRACK to A.H.P.

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TRACK GOING MAP

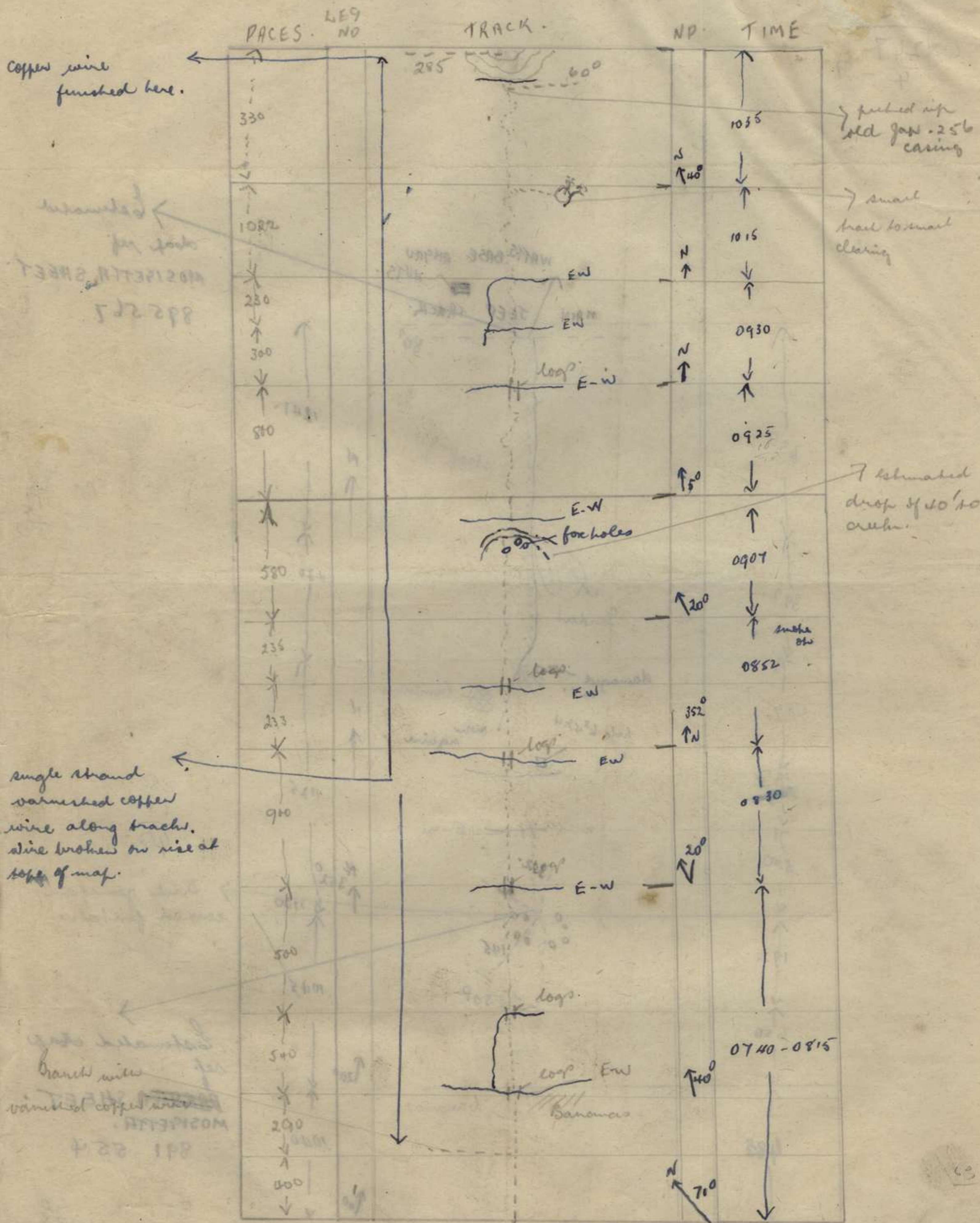
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A Coy Posn 874579 to PEKIE

REPORT

A. Coy Patrol to PEKIE

Tracks map by Lt. J. G. Sturges



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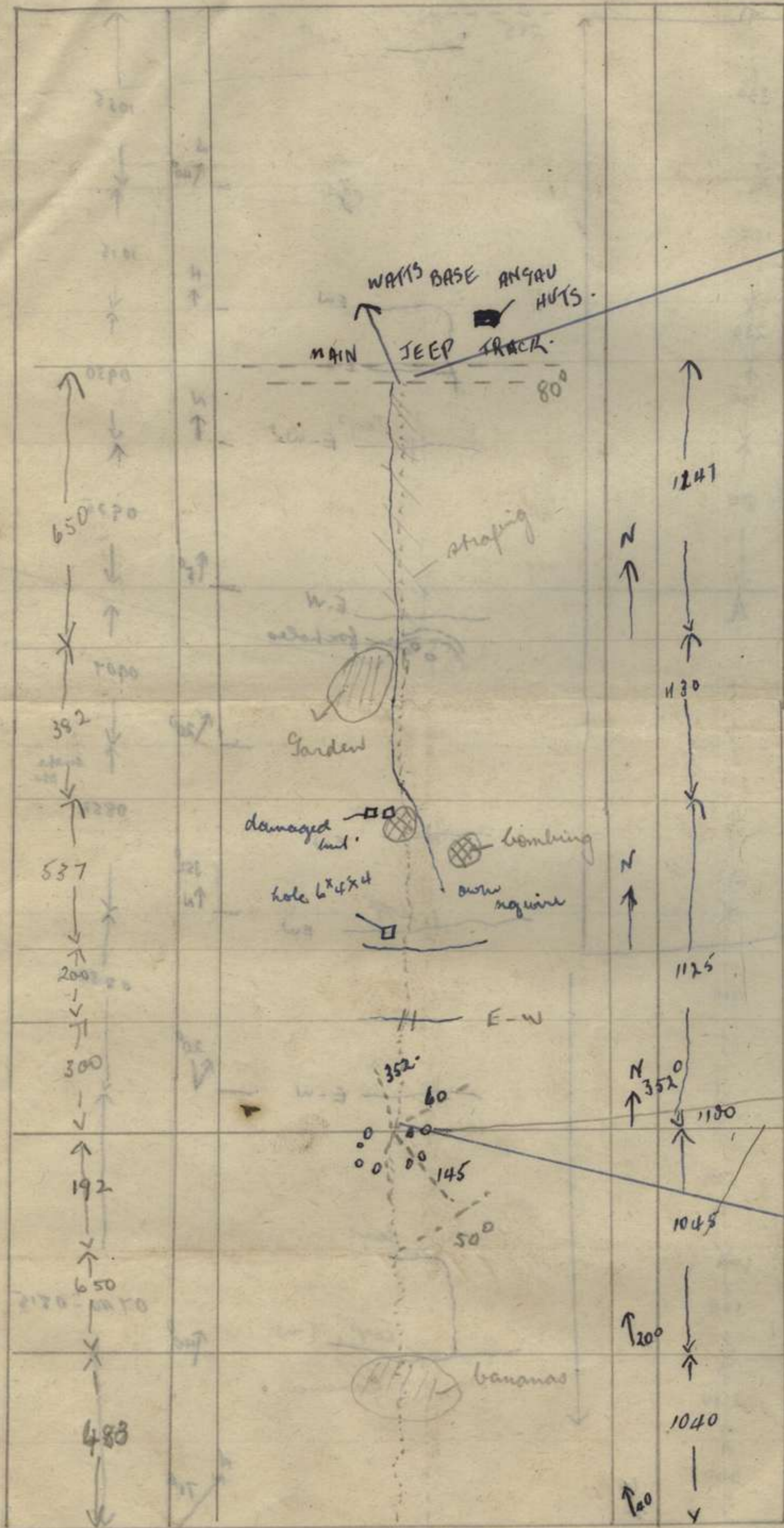
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Estimated
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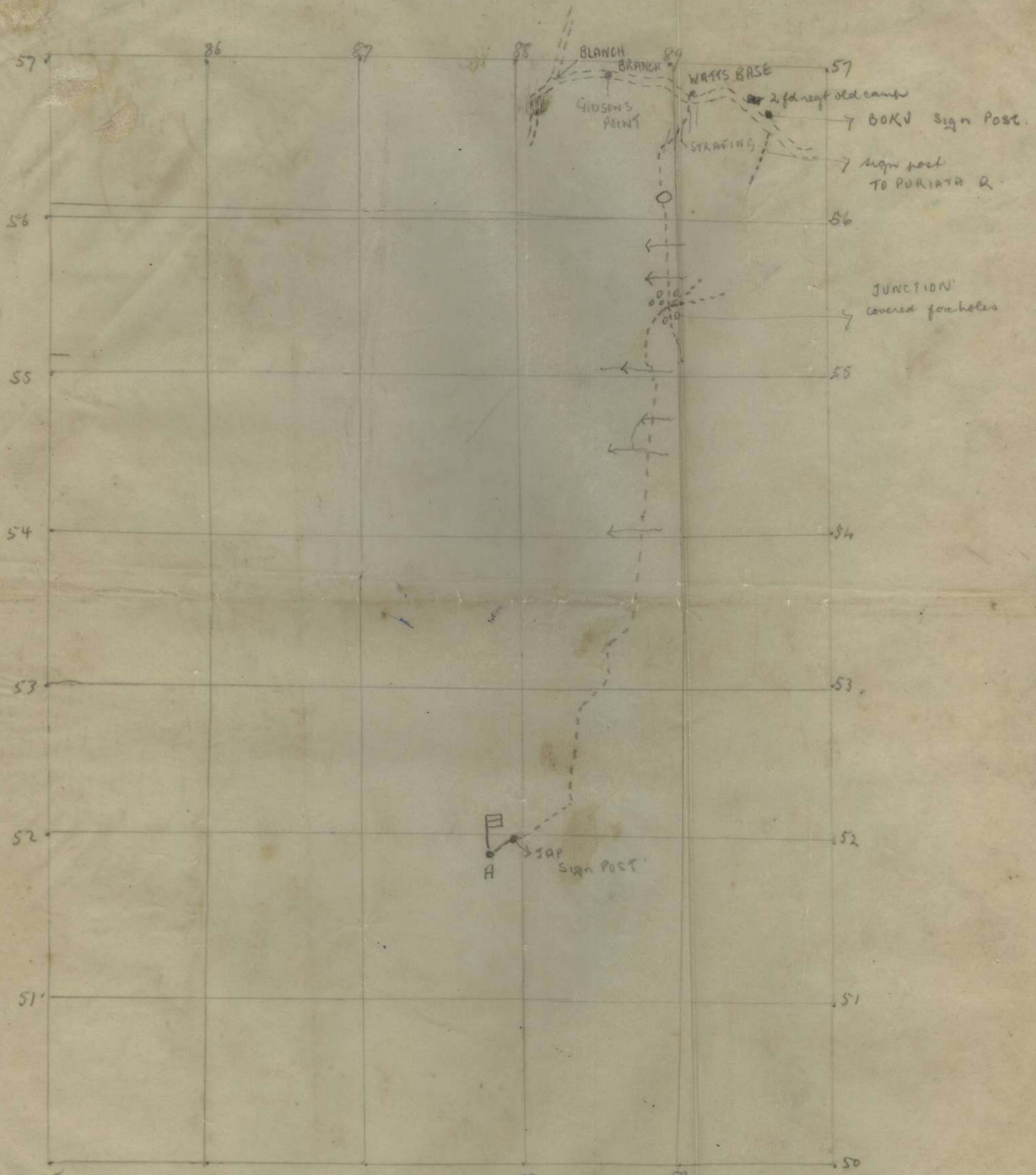
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at trace of track taken included, from A bay to
JEEP TRACK. From JEEP TRACK to PEKIE as per
map. see report also.

REF MAPS BARARA 1:25000
MOSIGETTA 1:25000



TRACK OF MA MCINTOSH'S PATROL 11/4/45

PATROL REPORT

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REF MAP DARARA 1

SCALE 1:25,000

DATE 12 APR 45

TYPE RECC E

COMD AND SUB UNIT Capt Tillbrook + 5 OR's from B Coy

STRENGTH 6

TIME OUT 1345+

TIME IN 1600+

OBJECTS OF PATROL

To recon route for proposed jeep track from PURIATA RIVER at 864479 to main road 200' ^W of SLATER'S KNOLL 874479.

ROUTE OUT

From BARNES King, along road past DZ to PURIATA RIVER at 864479 thence to garden at 876474 & across to road 200' ^W of SLATER'S KNOLL.

ROUTE IN

Along road from SLATER'S KNOLL to BARNES King.

PART I

1. NMS throughout
2. Topographical info obtained as per att sketch.
3. Area is suitable for construction of jeep track. The small creek 250 yds from SP will require bridging.

Part II.

1. The large hip bivouac area appeared to be used up to 4-5 days ago. From the articles left in the area it would seem that the hips left quickly or left it during darkness. The extent of the area could not be fully recon'd owing to limited time.
2. A medical form found in an old medical pack is attached.

Jessie [Signature]
13/4/45.

TRACK GOING MAP

REF. MAP DARARA 1:25,000

UNIT B COY 58/54 Bn.

REPORT

WITH EXCEPTION OF CREEK AT 864481 GROUND IS SOLID & QUITE SUITABLE FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A ROAD. CREEK HAS BANKS 10 FEET HIGH, 30 YDS APART AND WOULD NEED TO BE BRIDGED AS THOUGH WATER IS ONLY 1 FOOT DEEP BY 6 FEET ACROSS. 2 FEET OF SOFT MUD EXTENDING FOR 15 YDS MAKE CROSSING ON FOOT VERY DIFFICULT. WEST BANK STEEP. EAST BANK GRADUAL. GARDEN AT 876474 SUITABLE FOR D.Z.

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SCALE 1" = 200 YDS

MAIN CORDUROYED ROAD FOLLOWING RIVER FORWARD OF SLATER'S KNOLL.

BULL DOZER TRACK. ENDS 100' SE OF POINT WHERE STRUCK BY PATROL

GARDEN UNUSED GOOD D.Z.

NUMEROUS PADS IN THIS AREA

EVIDENCE OF RECENT SHELLING ON LEFT OF ROUTE

EXTENSIVE NIP POSITIONS OCCUPIED FOR SOME DAYS. LAST USED 4-5 DAYS AGO. CLOTHES, 150 rounds, 300 JUKI AMM IN CLIPS & RUST DIXIES FOUND.

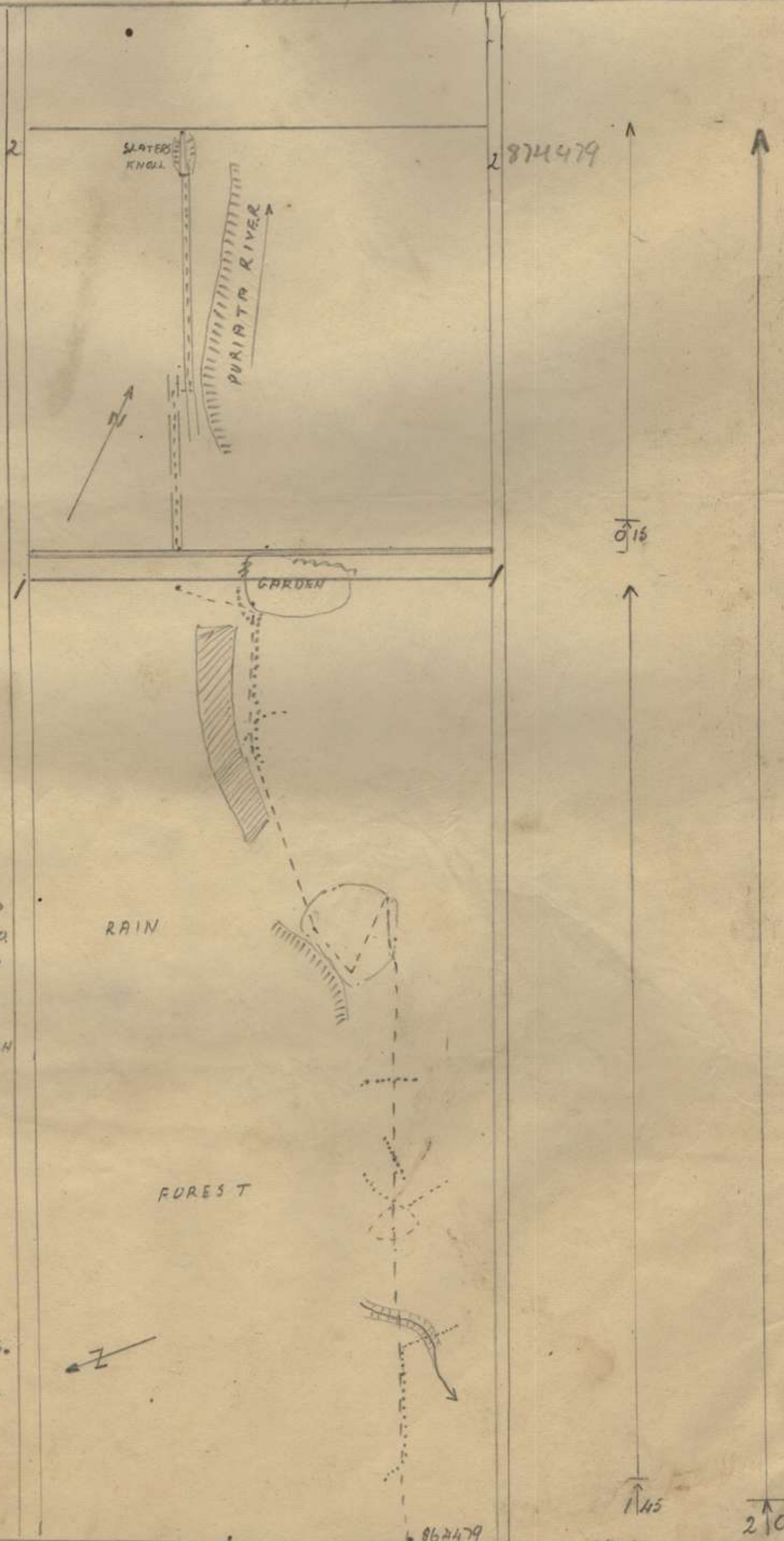
BANK ON LEFT OF ROUTE STEEP 25' HIGH

EVIDENCE OF RECENT JAP OCCUPATION FOR NIGHT.

CREEK BANKS 10' HIGH 30' APART. WATER 1' DEEP 2' SOFT MUD. DIFFICULT TO CROSS.

TRACK & SIG WIRE CROSSES CREEK 225 YDS FROM S.P.

RAIN FOREST



874479

015

145

210

864479

12 APR 45

W. H. P. M.

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Reid
13/1600L

RECCE. PATROL. REPORT. 12 APRIL 45

Size of patrol 1 Sgt 6 ORs

Time out 0830

Time in 1600

Route out Crossed Punata, moved up SOUTH side for 1600 yds, recrossed Punata and moved up NORTH bank for 500 yds.

Route in Reverse Order.

Object. To Recce tracks and area and any possible enemy movements.

No movement of enemy troops. Track on south bank good. No tracks on NORTH bank.

Tracks marked on map at ref point 908 528 not discernable at P. Tunnel Sgt. Robinson

TRACK GOING MAP. N° 6 of 12 APRIL 45

58/59 Aust. Inf. Bn

REF MAPS 1/25000 SERIES - BARNES CROSSING to 906525

REPORT:- Track in good condition.

Small circles A until M end



↑5 | ↓5

Good track. Boggy
patch at first creek crossed
by logs. Passes old
native camp and track
camp site. Good rather
swift at Puniata.

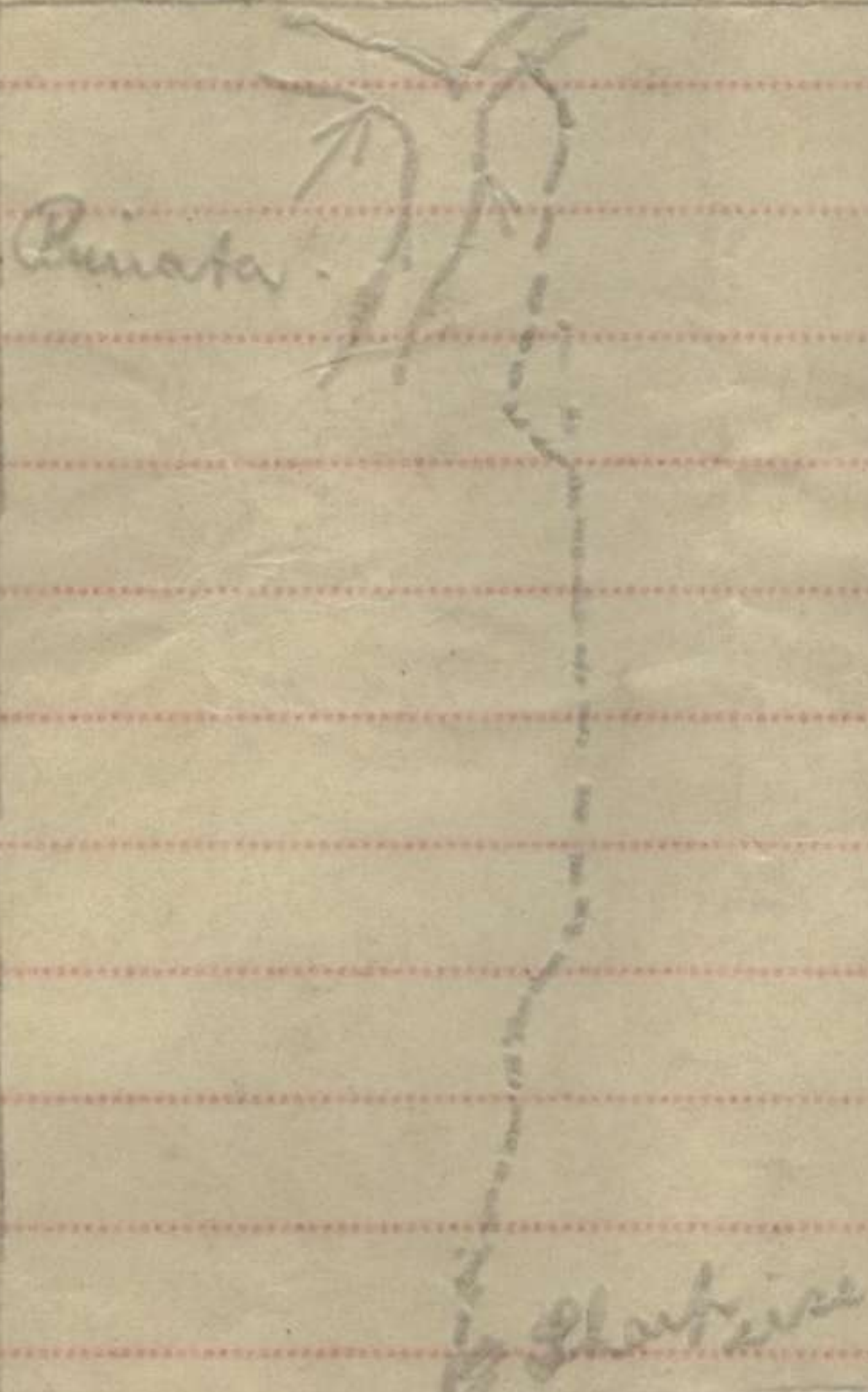


906525

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910526

Excellent track
Crosses Chakaputa
river. Early faded.

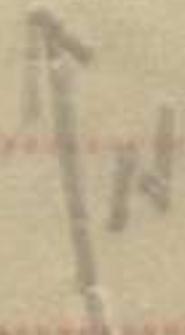


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0 4 5

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Track right
Good track.
Small creek at 2250
Chap see at 3000.
Barnes crossing on
Puniata.



903517

REPORT:- Any reference to shipping or food movements will result in the delay or restriction of your letters

13 Apr 45

TRACK GOING MAP NO 7 OF 11 APR

58/59 Aust W. 6m

REF MAPS 1/25000 SERIES - BARNES CROSSING - 910526 - 923537 - 923544 along
 + PURIATA RIVER to 935557 - garden 935559 - 922543 - 928576 along PIKEI Rd to
 932579 - 922543 and return to BARNES CROSSING.

REPORT :- Good well used track to 923544 across river to 938576 - NO defined
 track along WEST bank Puriata River. Old disused and overgrown
 track from 934554 to garden 935559.

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EXCELLENT TRACK
 4'-8' WIDE
 WARIKI BR. RUINED.

PIKEI RD.

OLD JAP HQ.
 MADE 4' WIDE
 DRAINED TRACKS
 IN GOOD REPAIR

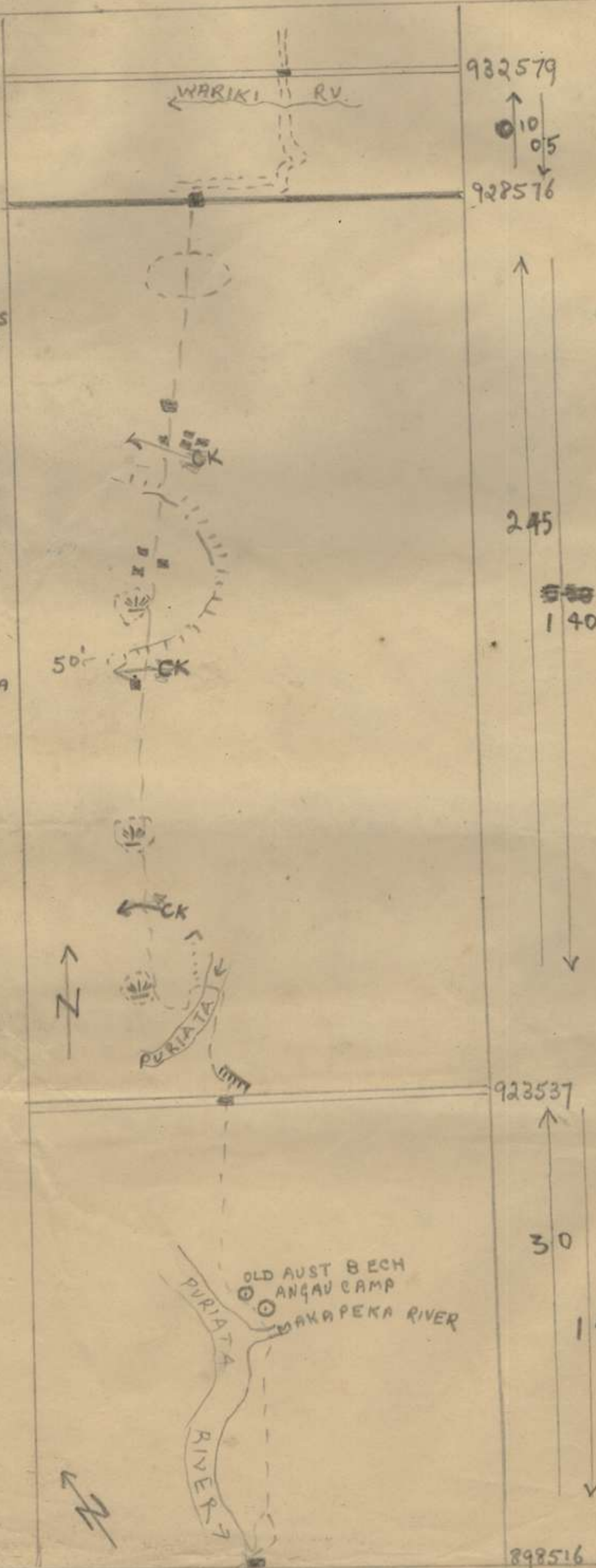
OLD KITCHEN
 AREA

16 HUTS (JAP)

VERY GOOD
 TRACK
 OLD KITCHEN AREA

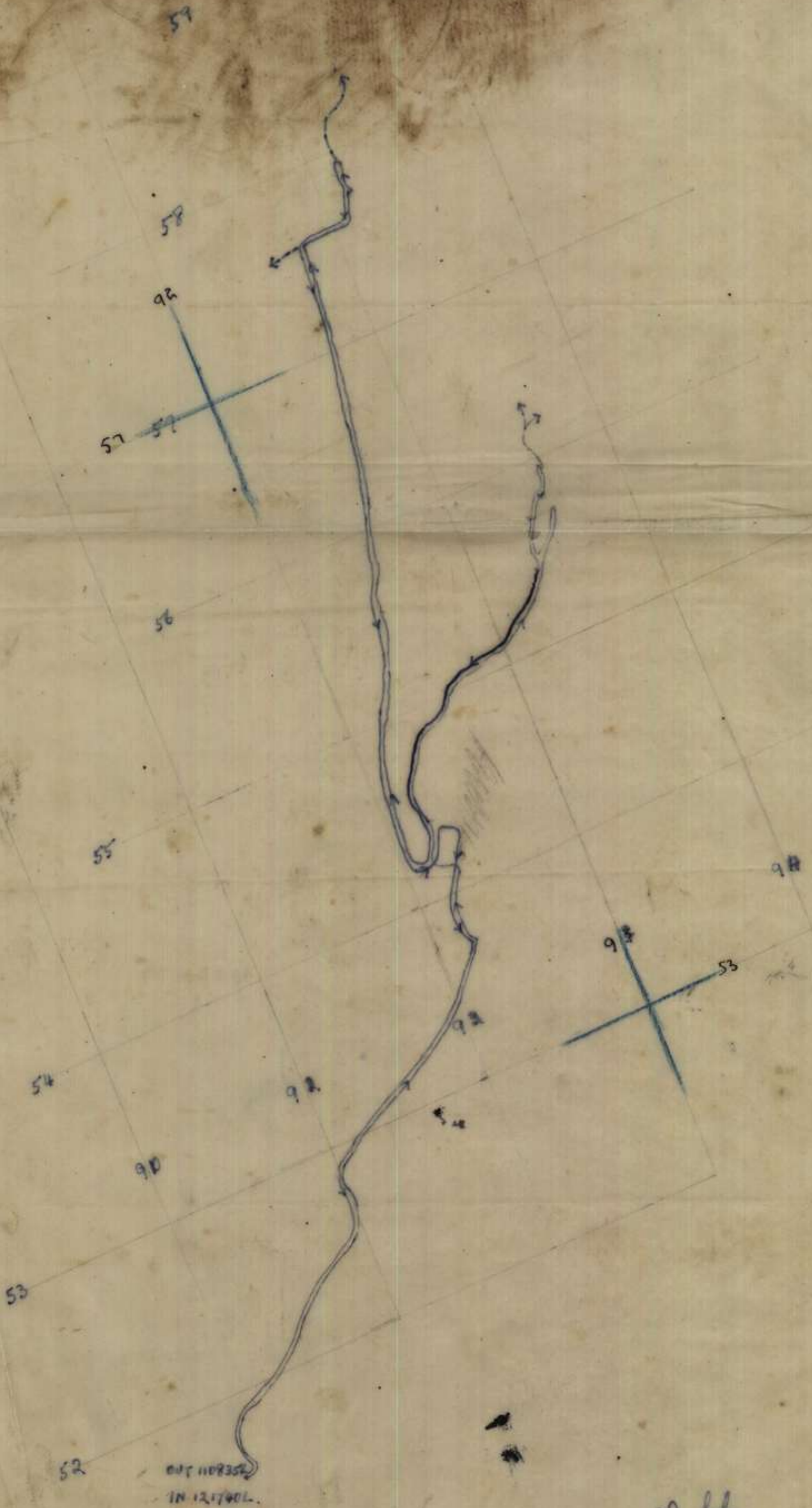
EXCELLENT TRACK
 WELL USED BY
 CDO. FORCES.

MAKAPEKA FORD
 2'6" DEEP 30' WIDE



OVERLAY TRACE

ROUTE OF PATROL 7 OF 11 APR.
REF MAPS - 1:25000 SERIES



Edinburgh.
13 Apr 45

Ref Map. BARARA
RUMIKI
NARONA

No 7 Patrol Report

NW 25

Scale 1:25,000

Date 13 Apr 45

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Type. Fighting Patrol.

Comd and Sub-unit Lt RB EWART 15PL.

Strength 1 offa 15 yrs (incl. 2 sigs, 1 A/SB)

Time Out 110835L

Time IN 121740L

OBJECTS OF PATROL.

1. Locate, recce and clear GARDENS supposed at 938510.
2. " " " " " " " " 4000 x upstream and on opposite bank of R to 1.

Route Out. D1.

BARNES XING 910526 - MAKAPEKA R XING 910526 - R XING 923544 - along WEST ARM PURIATA R to 935557 - back to 936546 to GARDEN 937558.

D2.

GARDEN 937558 down R to 922543 - 928576 - along PIKEI Rd to 932579.

Route IN. D2.

932579 - 923544 - thence back on EAST BANK of R to BARNES XING.

Part 1. General.

Patrol reached first GARDEN which was NOT on river bank as indicated during briefing. Several acres, enemy cultivated, deserted.

Patrol did not achieve OBJECT 2.
Area traversed revealed much enemy activity in past, but none within 2-3 weeks

Part 2. Detailed.

Track from BARNES XING to 910526 excellent - has been cleared 4-5 feet each side. Two sig D7 cables parallel this track.

MAKAPEKA XING 30x wide, 2'6" deep, very large- pebbled bed.

North of this Xing is a deserted ANGAO camp which connects to what appeared to be an Aust Beech Dropping Ground area, also deserted. An Aust tent fly, two cases of canned heat and several parachute-dropping containers were found but were removed prior to this patrol's return.

After following 2 D7 sig cables along good track for 1000 x, track branched. Right track climbed 100' up ridge, left track (towards PURIATA R) skirting base of this feature.

Receded both tracks, followed left branch and sig line to River Xing 923544. Good track on EAST BANK proceeds beyond this point and from observation is well used. Crossed R and set up comm with B Coy. After extensive recce of WEST BANK NORTH of 923544 had failed to locate reported "good" track leading NORTH along WEST BANK, moved along edge of river to 935557 making periodical recesses in off river to locate track. As no track located and river too open

to enemy ambush, patrol returned to 936556 where very faint deserted track leading NORTH was discovered. Because of undergrowth, vines and fallen timber its value as a track was minimum. Following this track to a creek the patrol moved into a cleared area. Proceeding up the creek two hundred yards patrol located deserted enemy kitchen and sleeping hut on edge of an extensive garden, which was divided into 20 square plots by large fallen trees. Enemy equipment including 2 mosquito nets, 5 rifle, oil bottles; an old map case, several old pairs of boots and 12 sleeping mats was found. A bunch of rotting bananas was found under the mats indicating that they hadn't been used for at least 14 days to 21 days (opinion of ex-banana grower member of patrol.)

An extensive recess of this garden discovered 3 old tracks leading out north to west through an enemy defence position of about 14 weapon pits. The north track leads to another garden about 800x further away from the river. This is much larger than the first and shows signs of occupation not more than 3 weeks ago.

The patrol returned to 923544 and followed very good track and sig line north to PIKEI Rd. Numerous enemy bivouac areas were passed and 1 definite and 1 probable deserted HQ site (see Track Going allaf).

McLennan Lt
0c 15 Pl.

PATROL REPORT

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REF MAP BARRARA

SCALE 1:25000

DATE 14/11/45

TYPE RECC

COMD AND SUB UNIT LT DOHERTY 9.18 Pl.

STRENGTH 196

TIME OUT 140900 L

TIME IN 141600 L

OBJECTS OF PATROL

To see area ^{along} ~~along~~ w of PURATA from 884476 to 884485 to ascertain whether ^{bank} creeks at 885485 and 894484

ROUTE OUT KERO CK. - W Bank of Purata to 885485 - 894484

ROUTE IN 894484 - 892475 - due west to 883479 - KERO CK.

PART I

Creek & track exists at 885485. Creek exists at 894484

Part II

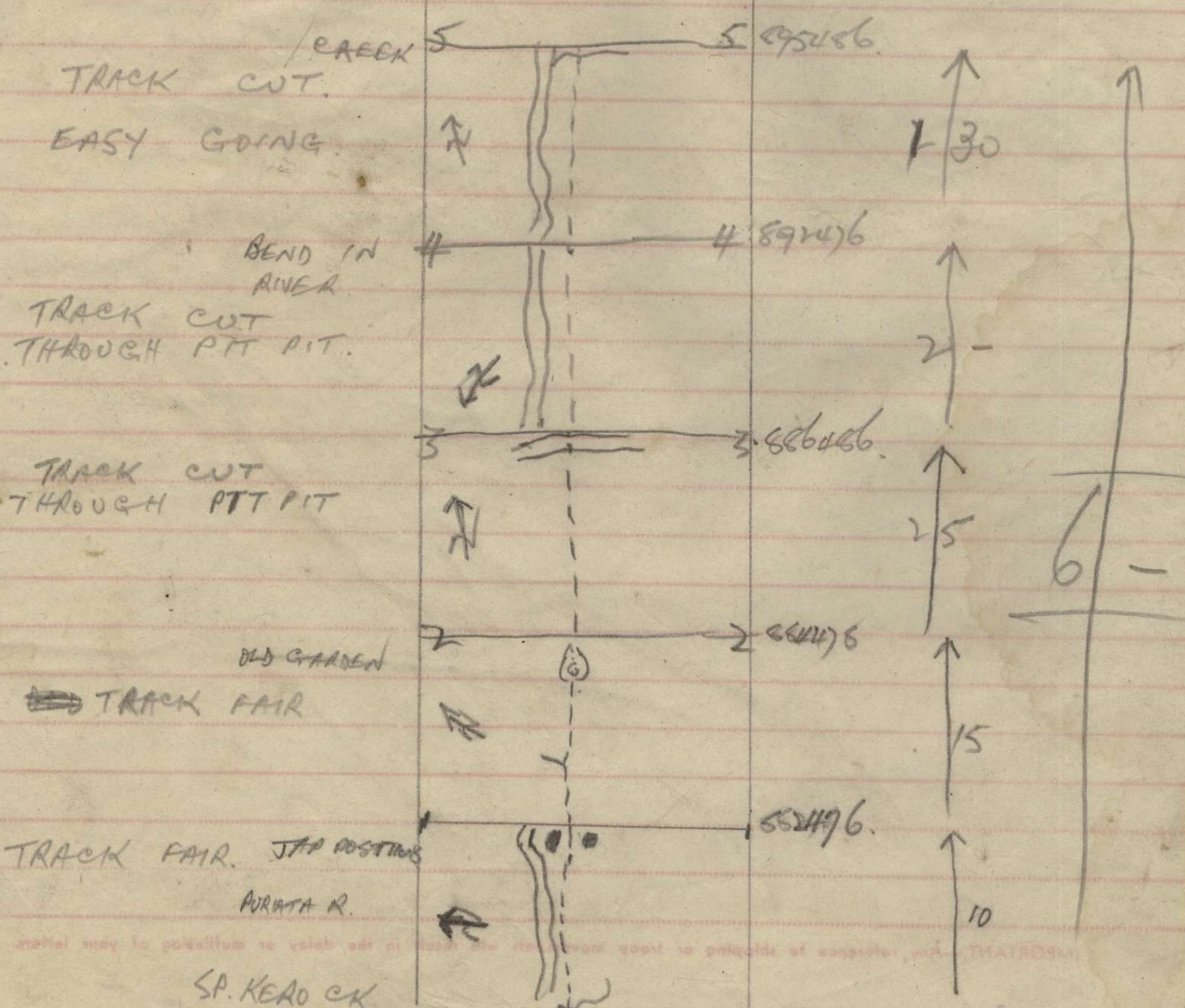
Patrol left KERO CK at 0900 & moved along W bank of Purata R. Located old jap positions 882476. Hence moved up along track to which branched. One track moved to river gardens other to overgrown gardens. 884478. There dropped both to water level. unable to locate track & scrub-barked through low swamp country covered with Pit-Pit approx 14ft in height. Moved on 305° & hit river at 884484. Hence up river 350° & located creek at 886486 on east bank of river. Located track running NE along river bank. Track not used for 4-5 days last foot prints leading North. Ck narrow with steep banks sandy bottom, no water. Hence scrub-barked along river 60' from bank. through Pit-Pit. to 893475. Hence contacted river at 892476. Here the bank rose steeply approx 150' from water. Area showed signs of city or mortar fire. Hence scrubbed barked along ^{river} track to creek 895486. Hence 500' across city along river to 894485. Creek flowing with sandy bottom, area either ^{side} of water flat & covered with Pit-Pit. Returned via same route to 892475. Hence due west & contacted river at 882480. ~~8925~~ covered. Hence along west bank of river 300' to 884476 and connected with track and followed track along river to KERO CK.

H. Doherty

TRACK GOING MAP

PATROL N^o. 26

From KEAO CK To 895486



OVERLAY - PATROL NO

14 APR 45



SEE MAP BARBARA

TYPE 1:25000

COMD & SUB UNIT Army Spl Lt Brewster.

STRENGTH 1 Inf 6 ORG.

TIME OUT. 120830

TIME IN. 121700

OBJECTS OF PATROL To retrace NE track to 854534 thence
along MOSIQUETTA RD to 888568 S to track junction
887546 thence to Coy area.

ROUTE OUT

ROUTE IN S to track junction 887546 and return to
Coy area.

PART I

Patrol moved from Coy area to 879523 along foot pad
found track leading off at 25°, descended lean-to's in area,
changed direction to foot pad on bearing 325°, at
approx 200' crossed creek with embankment either
side and at a further 200' crossed small creek.
This pad continued for approx 400' ending up
with a well defined track about 8' wide on a
bearing of 335°. This track had not been used for
some considerable time and descended and
broken down lean-to's were found at various
points. Various pads leading off L & R were
investigated and showed no sign of use. The main
track was followed for 2 1/4 hrs in a N direction
and linked up with MOSIQUETTA RD. Patrol
contacted C.O & party of 57/60 Bn with 2 jeeps
enroute to HQ 58/59 Bn via MOSIQUETTA RD. Patrol
moved along MOSIQUETTA RD to JUNC. BLANCHES and
PEIKI RD turning R on bearing of 100° along PEIKI RD
for a further 800' to sign PORIATA R. track running at
1430 hrs. Proceeded down track to 897538 turning
west and linked up with track running S at
895537 moved S along track to 888530 turning W
through scrub scrub and linked up with track with
copper mine on R hand side of track. Patrol proceeded
along this track to gap sign post at 880520 and
moved back to Coy area arriving at 1700 hrs.

MAP
BARBARA 1:25000

TRACK GOING MAP

map ref 878519 to 894569

REPORT

Tracks good no use for considerable time
N.M.S.

Good track
creek 12ft to 15ft wide

garden 400 yds x 700 yds
gap but with 3 tracks
& 2 blankets in it
Track previously
reported N 61° 2' of C

Track to
PEIKA previously
patrolled. Pimata
Av signboard at Bokku

good track
about 3ft wide

no signs along
track which
was good.

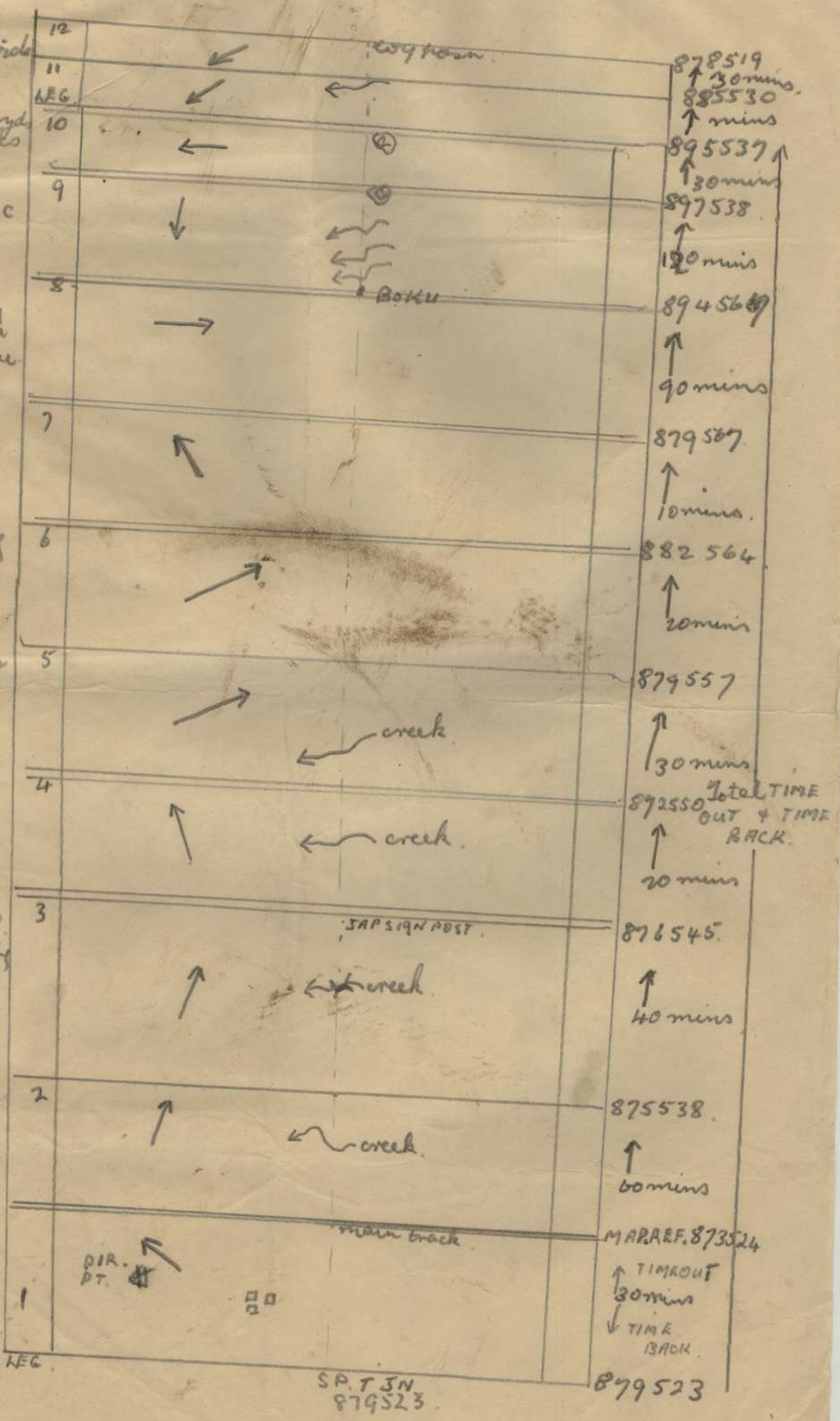
creek about 15ft
wide. good
track

good track
about 4ft wide

gap sign front with
a bearing off at 145°
same track starting
to thin out a bit.
old bridge across
creek.

8ft wide track
good going.

old gap bear to
about 15. no
recent use.

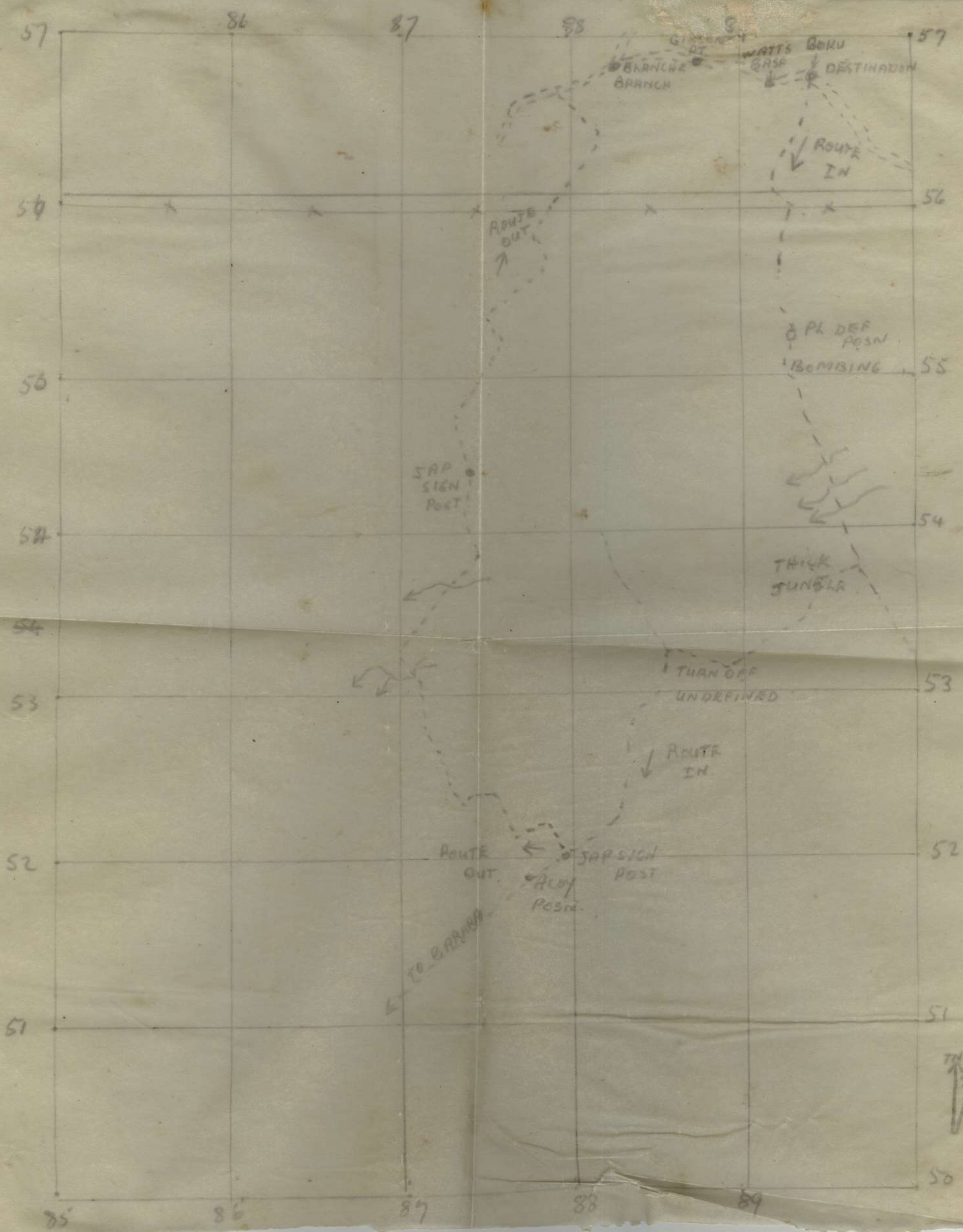


REFMAP BARARA
1:25000

TRACE OF PATROL

12:45

Mr Brewster





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Patrol Report

Patrol Staffed by
2 Sers 10 P1
2/Cpl Whisker R bond
1 WCO 4 OR

14 April 45

0900

1130

1/2 Recce sep Luvuan area & to locate
track running from 862498 &
875483

Proceeded from 872482 on M bearing
332° for approx 800 paces

Proceeded from Luvuan area on
M bearing 92° & road followed
road back to B Coy.

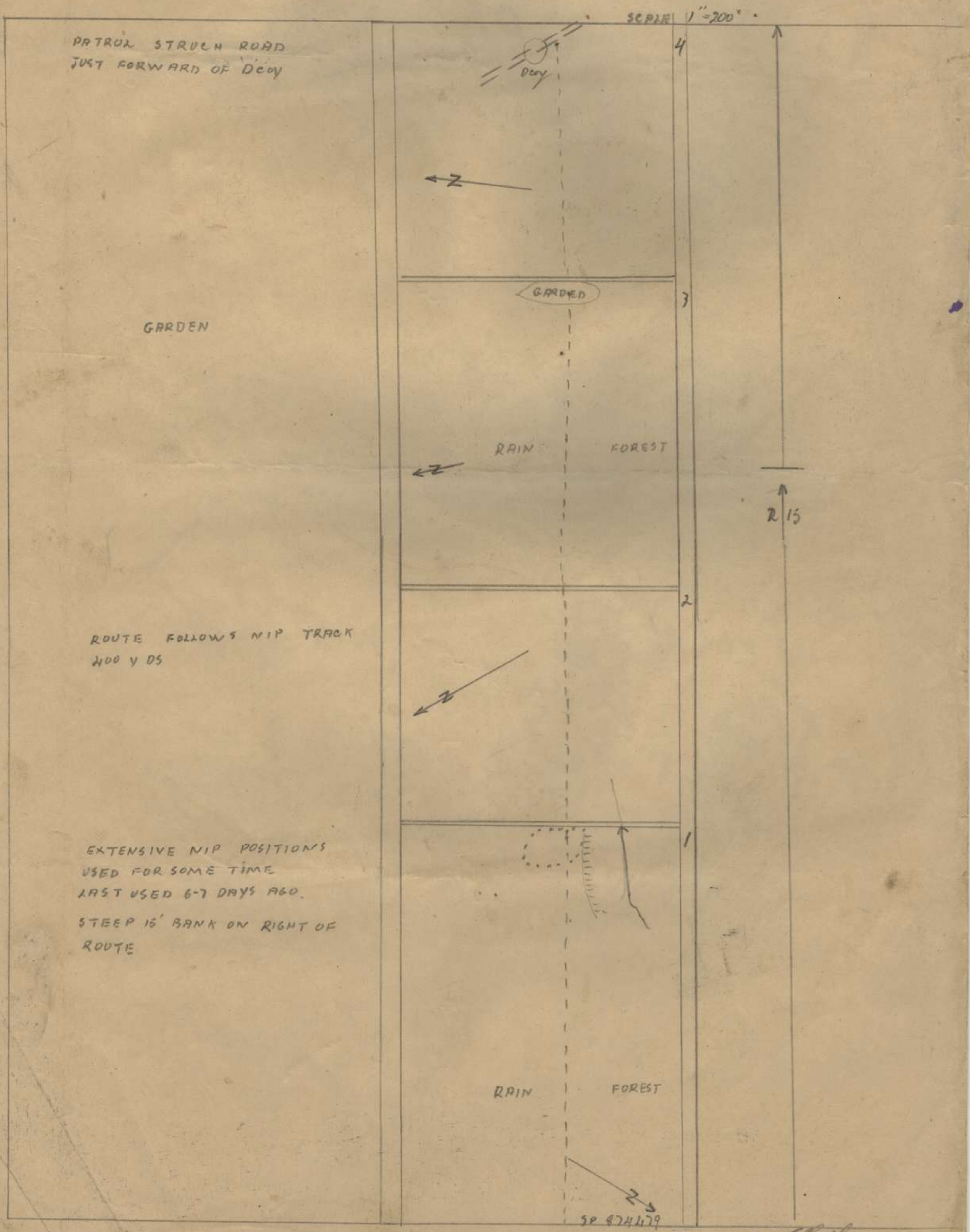
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TRACK GOING MAP

REF MAP DARARA 1:2500

UNIT. Coy 58/59 Bn

REPORT. ROUTES FOLLOW FIRM GROUND THRO' OUT. NO EVIDENCE OF NIP OCCUPATION OF POSITIONS SINCE PATROL OF 12 APR 45.



PATROL REPORT

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REF MAP "BARARA" ~~1:25000~~ SCALE 1-25000 DATE 14 APR 45.

TYPE Rec.

COMD AND SUB UNIT LIEUT. K. ROBERTSON. 9 P.

STRENGTH 1 Off & 6 ORS.

TIME OUT 0800 hrs. TIME IN 1435 hrs.

OBJECTS OF PATROL To move from "GARVINS XING" along Nth bank of PURIATA RIVER & Rec. gardens 893484.

ROUTE OUT BARARA - GARVINS XING - Nth bank PURIATA RIVER to Gardens 893484.

ROUTE IN 893484 - 884485 - N.W. 880490 N. along track to Galvins Xing. N.W. to "BARARA".

PART 1

Left BARARA. 0800L moved to GARVINS XING. Thence along Nth bank of PURIATA RIVER on bearing of 80° for 646 paces. There were three chest. sig. lines laid on this track. Then on a bearing of 130° for 930 paces which brought me to a position, a mass of holes dug anywhere (approx 150 min) which stretched for 136 paces along track. On the opposite side of the bank here troops ~~seen~~ observed clearing the scrub. Thence on bearing of 145° for 1075 paces, which where the river turned with a sandbank & clearing on the opposite side. The bearing then was 295° followed for 400 paces. Then on 350° for 480 paces where the track swung to 25° for 230 paces. Thence 45° for 513 paces. From there 110° for 200 paces there a creek crossed into the river and on opposite bank of creek a garden 50' x 50' which had fallowed (old). Jap hut on right of garden a few positions dug. some .5 ammo cartucases about as if area had been straffed (all old) From here bearing 125° where track left other side of garden for 912 paces through thick jungle. Thence 80° for 528 paces which took me through two gardens only separated by about 20 yds of jungle then on to river at 894485 (approx). The first garden had not been cultivated but the second one well well fallowed with a shovel still standing. Two Jap huts were on the river bank well constructed but had not

been used for some time. Moved around the area but nothing was seen or found. Time 1145 L.

Moved from here back to garden where signs of strapping had been found (Previously reported to approx) Left previous track on a pad bearing 280° ~~for~~ for 1200 paces passing one creek running right to left. Then 340° for 340 paces to foot of embankment 30' high climbed this bearing a pad then 310° ~~for~~ went on for 341 paces, came on to 9th sig. line. wire to right bearing 35° . To left 200° which I came along for 292 paces to ~~top~~ ^{embankment} of 30' - Bearing from top of embankment 195° for 560 paces which brought on to route out from Galvins King which I had travelled earlier. Thence on 280° for 1030 paces into Galvins King. Thence back to Barara. arriving 1435 L. N.M.S. throughout patrol

ROUTE OUT

ROUTE IN

PART I

TRACK GOING MAP

PATROL NO

RKS: N.M.S.

TRACK GENERALLY GOOD

DATE 15 APR 45

FROM KERO CK TO KERO CK (8794)4

TRACK GOOD

TRACK GOOD

OLD HUTS

50' BANK STEPS CUT

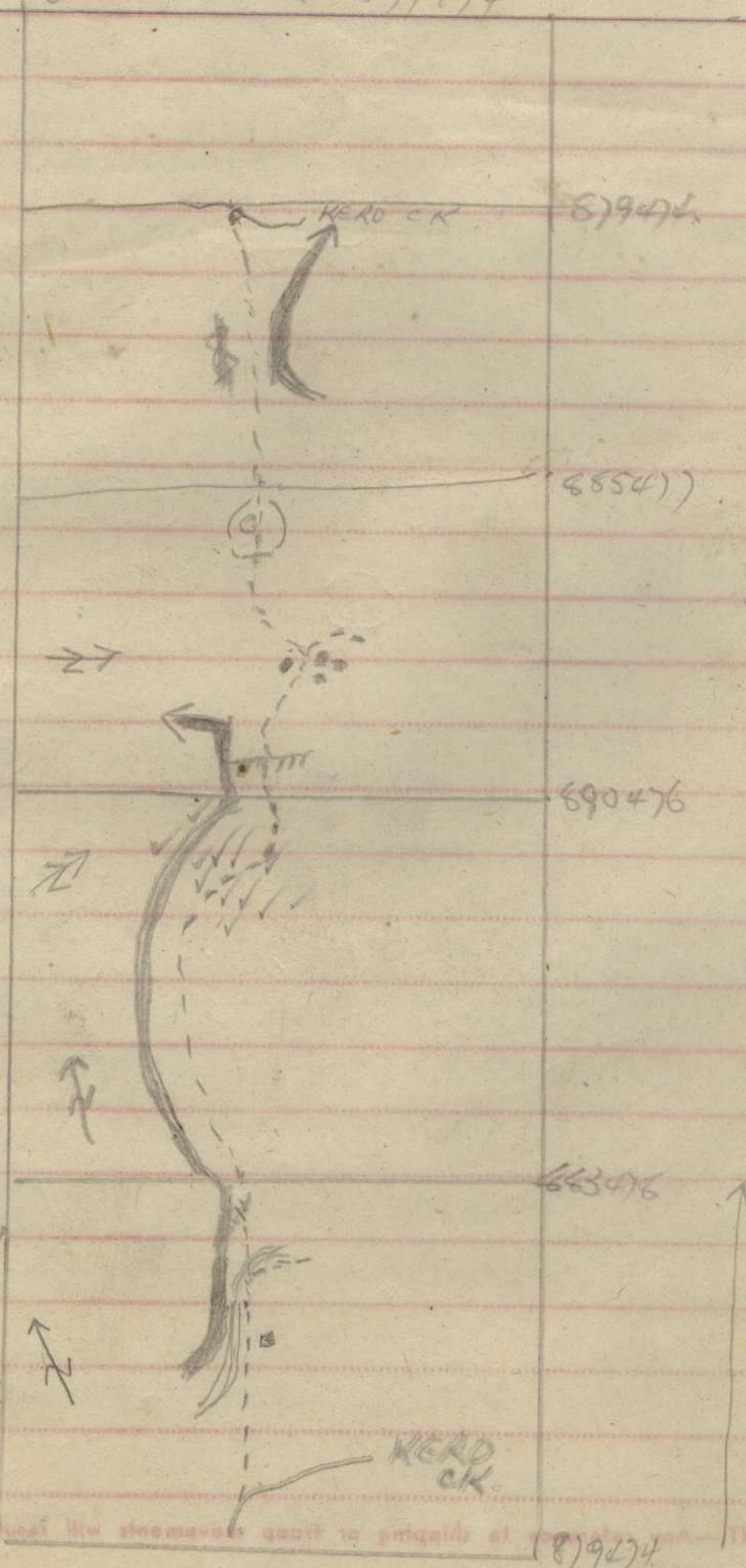
TRACK FAIR

LAST 200' THROUGH
PIT PIT

GOOD TRACK

STEEP DROP
60'

OLD SHELTER
3 SIG LINES



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PATROL REPORT

REF MAP: BARARA

SCALE: 1:25000

DATE: 15 APR 45

TYPE: RECCE

COMD & SUB-UNIT: LT DAVEY & 16 PI.

STRENGTH: 1 & 6

TIME OUT: 15 1310 L

TIME IN: 15 1540 L

OBJECTS OF PATROL:

- (a) ^{enemy} Are there any signs of movement on route
- (b) Investigation of gardens 885477.

ROUTE OUT:

KERO CK - along W bank PORIATA to 892476 - due west through gardens 885477.

ROUTE IN:

Gardens 885477 - KERO CK.

PART I

- (a) No signs of enemy movement
- (b) Gardens labeled 885477. Non-productive.

Part II.

Patrol moved from KERO CK at 1310 along W bank of PORIATA along well defined track for 567 yds, when track peters out. Patrol followed tracks of previous patrols around bend in river to 892476 then due west for 250 yds along good track to garden area 885477. Garden area 300' x 100'. Does not show signs of recent cultivation. Has been heavily weeded. Patrol followed track of previous patrols via bend in river 892476 to Coy area, arriving 1540 hrs.

Edward H.

RAF MAP BARARA
1:25000

TRACE OF PATROL ROUTE OF LT ROBERTSON.



REF MAP BARBARA
1:25000

TRACK GOING MAP

BARBARA 855504 to 892484

REPORT. Generally tracks pretty muddy, due to rain otherwise tracks good. 9 PM tracks swampy in party. 9 NMS.

Followed previous track back to Barbara
struck previous track used at 875486.
880489 start of old Ldk. 3 sig lines
2 creeks good track

Returned along track to old garden

good track. heavy jungle. 2 gardens one not cultivated, one cultivated not lately

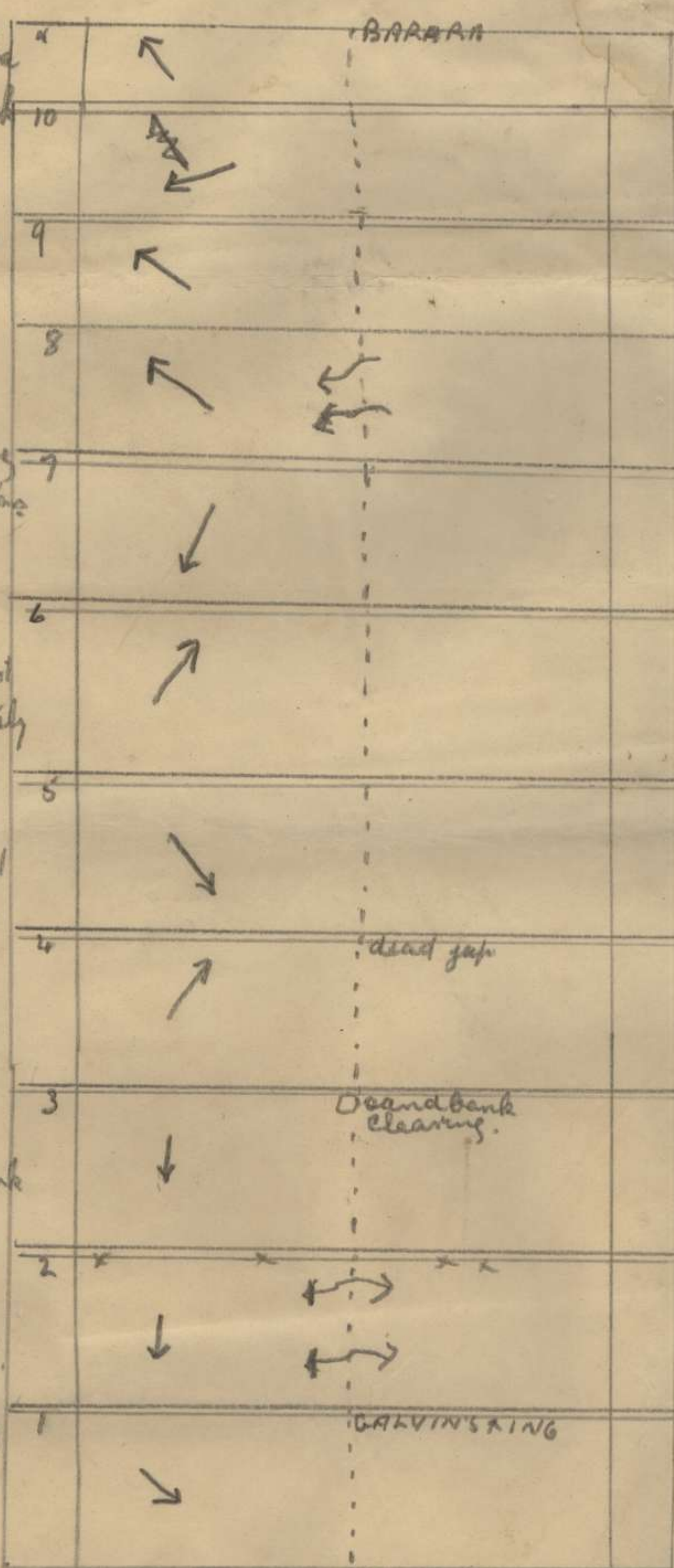
small old garden jap hut. few holes dug. 5 ammo cases lying around indicating strafing

From 877477 to 884486 followed Purata R. good going. Dead gap at 894486.

found extra good. no signs. sandbank with clearing behind

good track in parts, other parts had to scrub bush.

good track muddy in parts at moment heavily reported



855504
↓ 55 mins
875486
↓ 35 mins
880489
↓ 20 mins
885486
↓ 20 mins
889478
↓ 30 mins
893484
↑ 50 mins
↓ 30 mins
889478
↑ 40 mins
884486
↑ 30 mins
↓ 30 mins
877477
↑ 25 mins
↓ 25 mins
875485
↑ 45
↓ 45
↑ 35 mins
↓ 35 mins
855504

REF MAP BARARA

SCALE 1:25000

DATE 16.4.45

TYPE Recce

COMD AND SUB UNIT Mr Brewster & 8 PB

STRENGTH 1 offr. & 7 ORS

TIME OUT 160815

TIME IN 161500L

OBJECTS OF PATROL

Move to Don coy pozn^{out Keroch} then follow a bearing of 218° until coconuts at 867460 were reached + meet Mr Kelly's patrol. Thence make way back, blazing a trail 4' wide for further use later on, as far as the jeep road, moving back on a bearing of 38° .

ROUTE OUT From A coy pozn at 872486 to Don coy pozn at 878475 along jeep road, thence follow 218° bearing to coconuts

ROUTE IN Reverse.

PART 1

from A coy pozn at 872486
left 160815^A & went along jeep road approx 1100 paces which brought the patrol to the turn off into ^{B coy} 248m area at 879474. Went in about 50 paces to some old gap pits & then started scrub bashing along a bearing of 218° . Went for 440 paces & came to creek running due east. Thence on same bearing 474 paces until ^{reach top} a turn off on a bearing of 46° . Thence on another 776 paces & reached a track leading off at 112° . Then on another 740 paces to another creek running due west. Then on 120 paces & came to track fine track running through had been used quite recently & on investigation along each side of track many pits & lean to's were discovered. A traverse was taken for 500 yds & 300 yds approx from each side of jr. From jr. travelled another 1500 paces to coconuts where we met Mr Kelly, ~~at this pozn at~~ at 867460. At this point were 3 huts, also, but a further 30 paces back. We then followed ^{back} a bearing of 38° & started blazing a track 4' wide up as far as the jeep road & then followed jeep road back to coy pozn.

PATROL ROUTE 16/4/45



HIRU-HIAD 304245
PURIATA RIVER AREA
13424 Bm. 10 922 45

Patrol Report.

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Patrol Subbed by 10 Pl B Coy. Strength 2 Officers 24 OR's 2 N.G.I.B

Patrol Command LIEUT. J. H. PIMM

Time Out 150730L Line In 151700L.

Object. (a) To recon reported clearing at ref MAP HIRU HIRU 885457 with the view of the feasibility of it being made into a dropping ground.
(b) To recon all tracks running EAST and NORTH from main track 864477 to stated clearing

Route From main jeep tracks at 850481 on a general direction SE along KAWAKA tracks to clearing. Returned same route to 862472 thence along sig wire NORTH to jeep tracks at 861477.

NARRATIVE (1) Reached clearing presumably objective but consider position of it further NORTH than shown on 24 Bm sketch. Area could be made into a dropping ground as size 150' x 100' could be extended. Considerable cutting of secondary undergrowth would be necessary.
(2) Generally all tracks EAST and SOUTH? let back to jeep road on PURIATA.

NARRATIVE 2. Left jeep track at 850481 being led by native guides SOUTH for 800 paces to main TOKINOTU track. This track is well defined and in places cleared for 5' either side of track. The track then turned in an easterly direction and continued generally straight to the clearing at 885457. At intervals small creeks were crossed but all were easily fordable (see sketch). The first track leading EAST from main track was at 854474 and a small detached recon party followed it generally NORTH to PURIATA at 860478. Next track encountered led from main track at 862468 to 861477 Coy position at 864477. Another track ran NORTH from this position and also reached 864477. At approx 874468 a single gap but no recent use. A ~~small~~ group of 5 huts unoccupied at 875464 on main track. Very small garden approx 50' x 20' nearby. A large group of coconuts at approx 880460. Reached clearing at 884457 at approx 1830 hrs. To NORTH side of clearing consists of garden recently cultivated and fenced - size 80' x 40' - fenced in by native fence. Remainder of clearing large banana trees and very thick secondary undergrowth in parts. A stream dissects the clearing but could be cleared out, to * and would not render any difficulty for making a dropping ground. At this position 24 Bm mortar fired bombs approx 300-400 on bearing 120° N. from clearing. Mortar ~~party~~ ^{party} from bearing 20° N. On checking report of mortar on return, I consider the clearing NORTH of ref position, ~~and~~ at 884460.
Returned by same route. N.M.S throughout.

J. H. Pimm Lieut.
OC 10 Pl.

58/59 Aust Inf Bn

PATROL REPORT No 32

REF MAP HIRU HIRU 3 apr 45
PURIATA RV AREA SCALE 1:25000 DATE 15 April 45
by 24 BN

TYPE recce

COMD AND SUB UNIT Lt J. H. PIMM 10 pl B Coy

STRENGTH 2 offrs 24 ORI 2 NGIB

TIME OUT 150730L TIME IN 151700L

OBJECTS OF PATROL (a) To recce reported clearing at 885457 with the view of the possibility of made into a dropping ground
(b) To recce all tracks running EAST and NORTH from main track. 864477 to detached clearing.

ROUTE OUT From main jeep track at 850481 on a general direction SE along KAWAKA track to clearing
ROUTE IN Return same route to 862472 thence along sig wire NORTH to jeep track at 861477

PART I

Reached clearing presumably objective but consider posn of it further NORTH than shown on 24 Bn sketch. Area could be made into a dropping ground approx 150 yds by 100 yds and could be extended. Considerable cutting of secondary growth would be necessary. Generally all tracks EAST and NORTH led back to jeep track

Part II

Left jeep track at 850481 being led by native guides SOUTH for 800 paces to main TOKINOTU track. This track is well defined and in places is cleared for 5 yds on either side of track. The track then turned in an Easterly direction and continued generally straight to the clearing at 885457. At intervals small creeks were crossed but all were easily fordable (see appx A). The first track leading EAST from main track was at 857474 and a small detached recce party followed it generally NORTH to PURIATA at 860478.

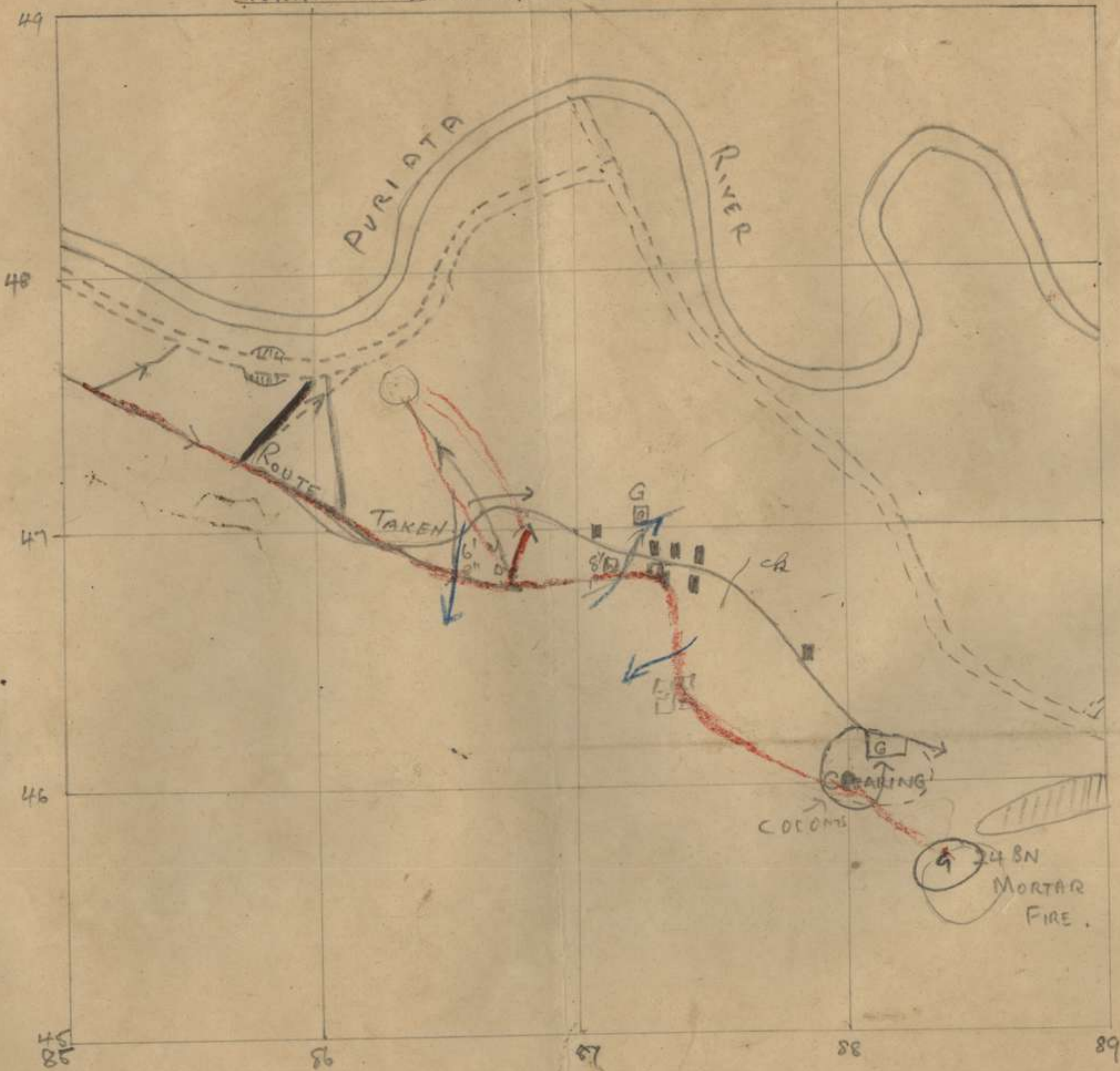
Next track encountered led from the main track at 867468 to old 61 Bm coy post at 864477. Another track ran NORTH from this post and also reached 864477. At approx 874468 a single gap hut - no recent use, a group of 5 unoccupied huts at 874464 on main track, a small garden approx 50 yds x 20 yds nearby. A large group of coconuts at approx 880460. Reached clearing at 884457 at 1330 hrs. NORTH side of clearing consists of garden recently cultivated, area - size 80 yds x 40 yds - fenced in by machine fence. Remainder of clearing large banana trees and very thick secondary undergrowth in parts. A stream dissects the clearing but could be cleared out and would not render any difficulty for making a dropping ground. At this point 24 Bm mortar fired bombs approx 300^x - 400^x on bearing 120 degrees magnetic from clearing. Mortar post bearing 20 degrees magnetic. On checking target of mortar on return I consider the clearing NORTH of map post at 884460. Returned by same route NMS throughout.

(Signed)

L. H. PIMM Lt
OC. 10 pl.

PATROL SKETCH

REF MAPS. HIRU-HIHU 3 APR 45
PURIDTA RIVER AREA 10 APR 45



PATROL REPORT No 4. 17 MAR 45.

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REF MAPS: DARARA 1:25000
HIRU-HIRU 1:25000

PATROL FOUND BY 11 PL. B. COY.
COMDR, P.E. PUTNAM Lieut.

STRENGTH: - 1 Offr 12 Q.R.
ATTACHED: { 4 Sig personnel.
 { 1 ANGAU GUIDE

OBJECT. To clear area from SHINRU CRK to OLD TOKINOTU via Gardens
at HIRU HIRU 884 457. Then to contact 'C' Coy GREYHOUND.

TIME OUT: 170810Hrs

TIME IN 171835L.

ROUTE OUT. From SHINRU CRK DARA 885 465 to Garden Area HIRU HIRU 884 457
to OLD TOKINOTU, HIRU HIRU 897 456 thence to BUIN TRD 898 456

ROUTE IN. Followed Route out back with the exception of a
short cut shown by ANGAU guide.

NARRATIVE 1. N.M.S. along route out. 'C' Coy GREYHOUND not contacted
as ordered from STALLION.

NARRATIVE 2. Patrol left SHINRU CRK. at 0810H with a patrol of
NGIB in charge of a SGT. followed plain track for 300'
The NGIB left my Patrol at approx HIRU HIRU 884 456
Contacted them again at approx HIRU HIRU 887 455.
At HIRU HIRU 885 455 we went through an old JAP POSITION
occupied approx 2-3 weeks ago. Strength 70 to 80.
Signs of arty Barrage of today.
Reached OLD TOKINOTU and instructed to lay ambush

NARRATIVE (contd) on BUIN TRACK. which was duly done near an Old Australian Position HIRU HIRU 889456. Standing Patrol of INCO + 2 men sent back to OLD TOKINOTU. Ambush completed by 1700L. At 1130L 1 I Sect man + 10 other sent South along BUIN TRACK to SINDOU CK. Located 240' along RD. N.M.S. CK is 10' wide by 6' deep steep sides with abt 6 ins. of water flowing. Old Bridge across very dilapidated - mouse.

At about 171330h 2 Japs approached our Ambush but saw it & ran back along BUIN TRACK. We fired on them and wounded one apparently flesh wound in leg as he fell & got up again & limped into the Bush. Fired at movement 150' along track about 5 mins. later. 1 Beer Mag.

At 171430L Mr. Brewster's Patrol came in along our Sig wire & proceed NORTH along Left of BUIN RD to Contact "C. Coy" He was in communication (line) with us through to STALLION.

No other incident until 1750L when Mr. Kelly's Patrol came in along our Sig wire to Release my Patrol.

We then moved back to SHINRO CK reaching it at 171835L.

Plutonium Lt.

Q.C. No 4 Patrol.

About 30 mins to 40 mins after Mr. Brewster left my position 3 of his men reported back to my position & saying that they had been "cut off" from their Section. They moved back with my Patrol

Plutonium

TRACK GOING MAP

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REF MAPS DARARA 1:25,000
HIRUHIRU 1:25,000

Booy 58/59 Bn
4 Patrol.

REPORT

TRACK GENERALLY WELL DEFINED & CLEAR OF UNDERGROWTH.
IN PARTS CAMOUFLAGED AGAINST AIR OBSERVATION. CREEKS VERY
SMALL. CLEARINGS SHOW NO RECENT SIGNS OF CULTIVATION. NIP
CAMPS ASTRIDE TRACKS UNUSED FOR AT LEAST 3 WEEKS

SCALE 1" = 200'

2130 0135

SIGNS OF MORNING'S BARRAGE.

OLD HUTS.

LOG BRIDGE ACROSS CREEK
NIP HUTS & POSITIONS
WELL WORN TRACK LEADS N.E.
NGIB MET PATROL AT TRACK JUNCTION.

NIP POSITIONS & LEANTOS. USED BY APPROX. 20
MEN 2-3 WEEKS AGO.

TRACK JOINS MAIN TRACK COMING IN FROM
SW

CLEARING

FALLEN COCONUT TREES

NGIB LEFT PATROL HERE. WENT TO LEFT

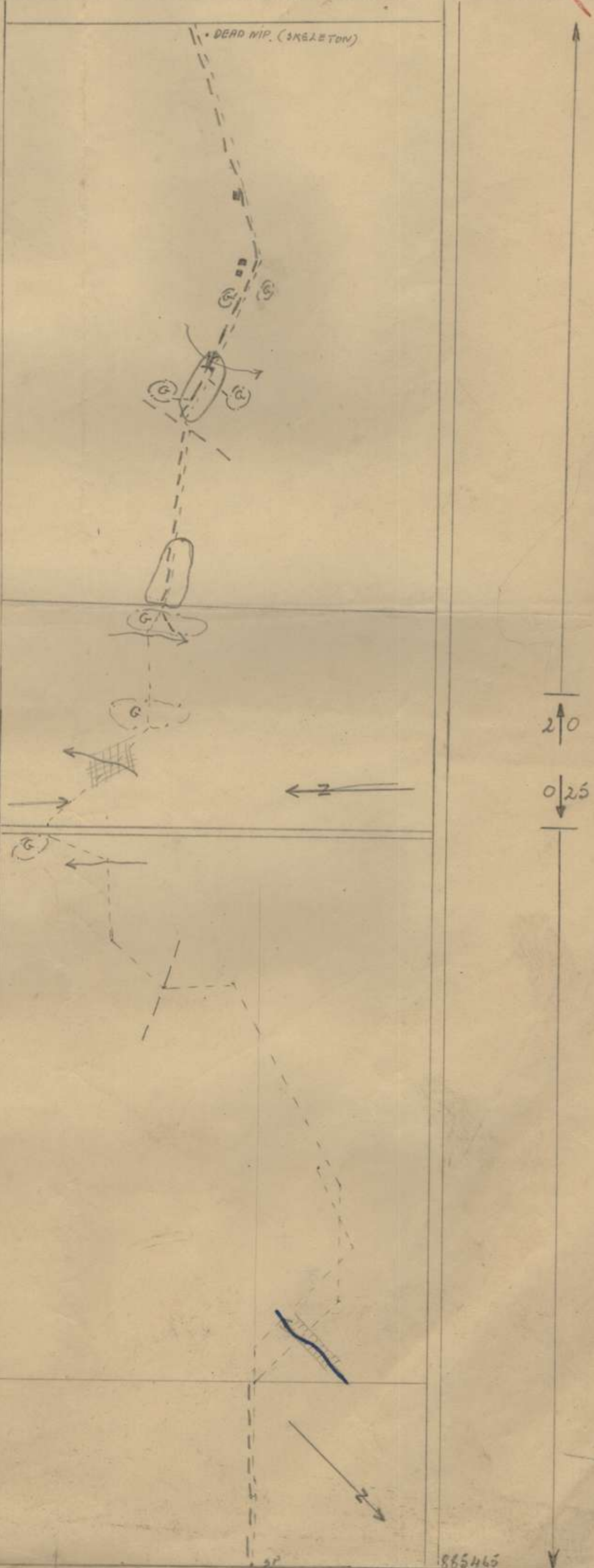
CLEARING

TRACK FOLLOWED FROM MAIN TRACK

WELL DEFINED TRACK CROSSED
RUNS FROM SW TO NE.

SMALL CREEK RUNS SOUTH BETWEEN
10' BANKS.
PATROL LEAVES TRACK TO AVOID ARTY BARRAGE

ROUTE FOLLOWS PLAIN TRACK FOR
FIRST 300 YDS



885465

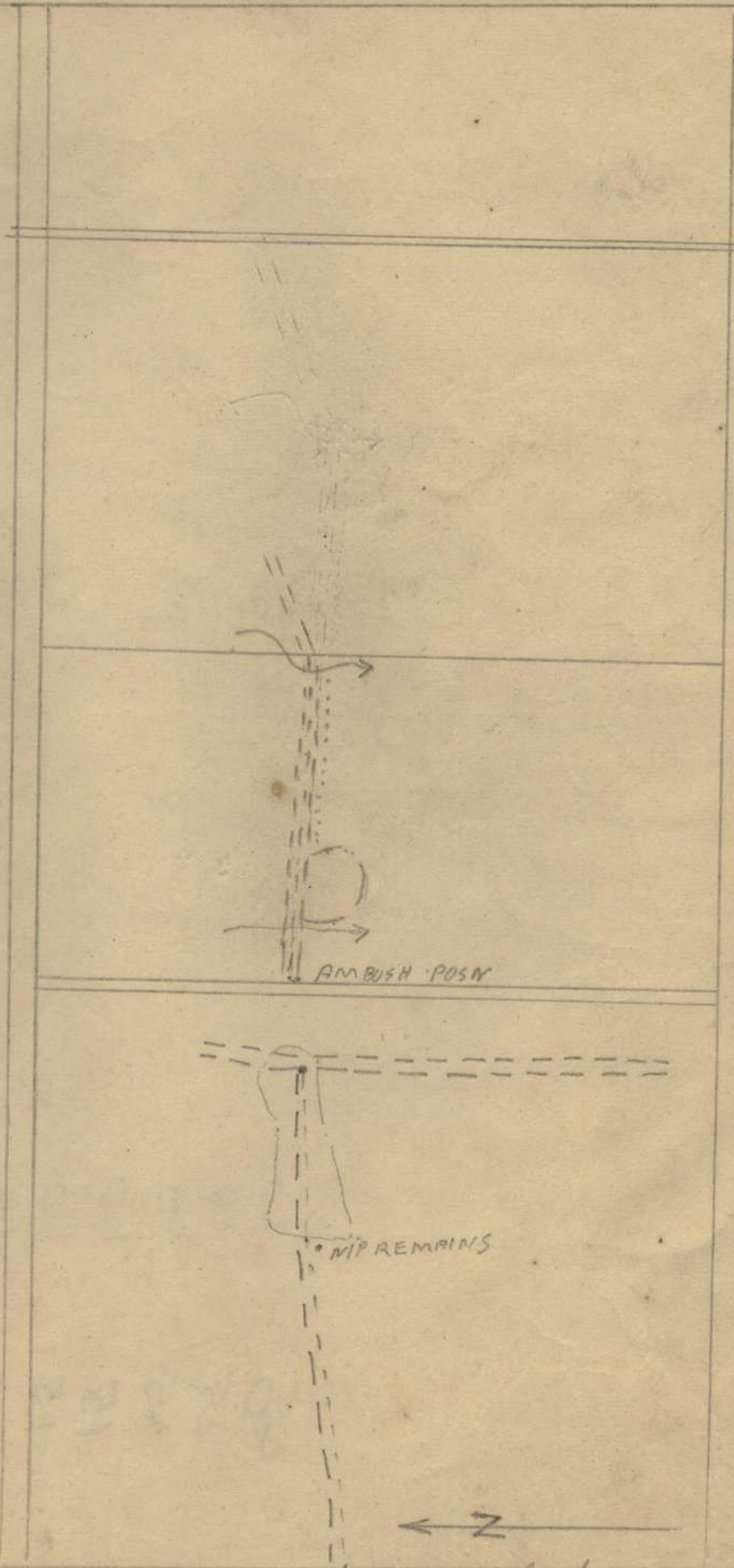
SILVER CREEK

FAINT TRACK THROUGH UNDERGROWTH
2 YDS TO RIGHT OF ROAD.

FAINT TRACK FOLLOWS ROAD,
5 YDS IN THRU UNDERGROWTH ON RIGHT.

CLEARING

JEEP TRACK
AMBUSH POSN SET UP IN OLD AUST
PERIMETER.
CLEARING



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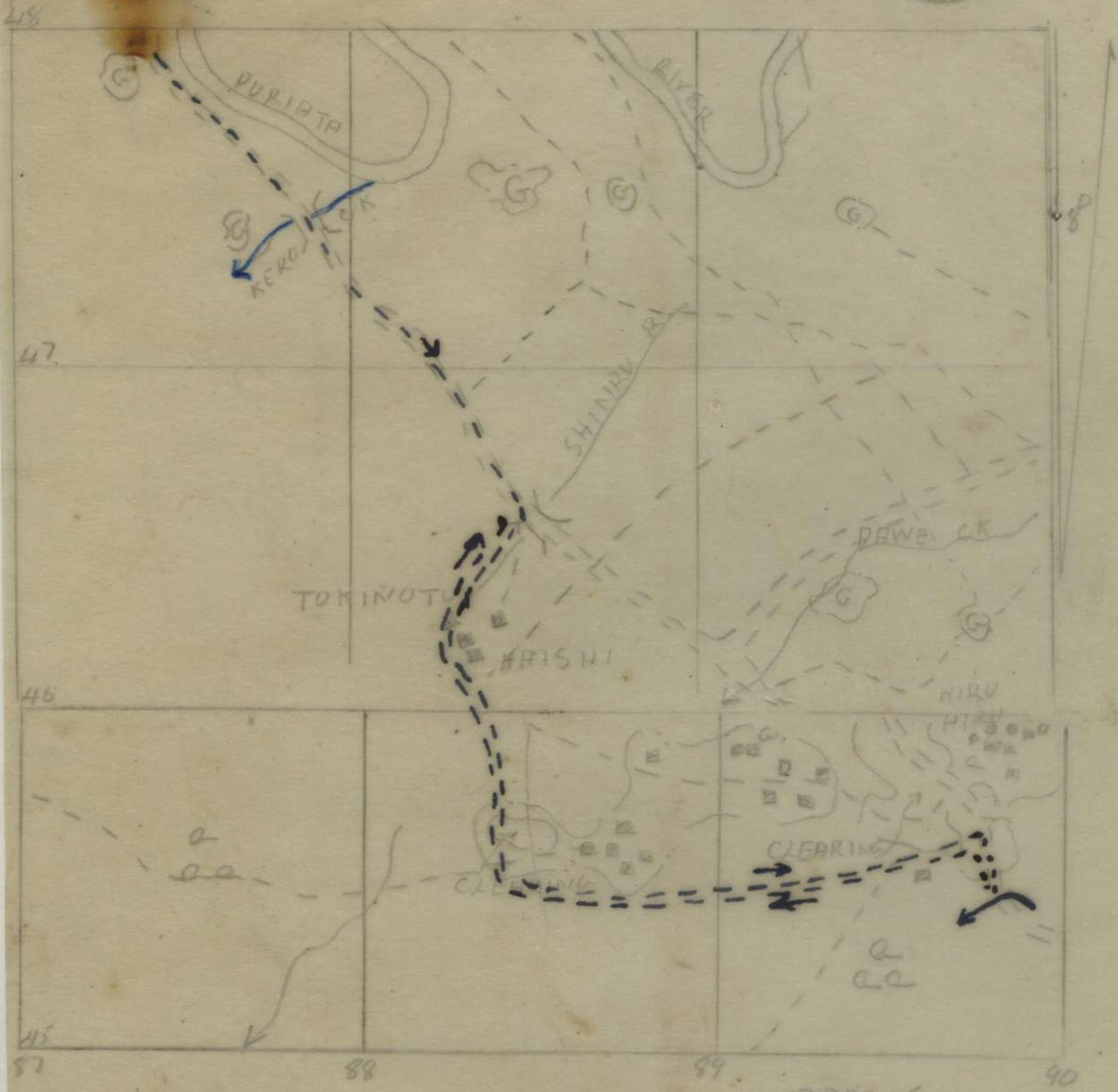
OVERLAY OF AREA COVERED BY 4 PATROL

REF MAPS.

DARARA 1:25000

HIRU HIRU 1:25000

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17 APR 45

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TRACK GOING MAP.

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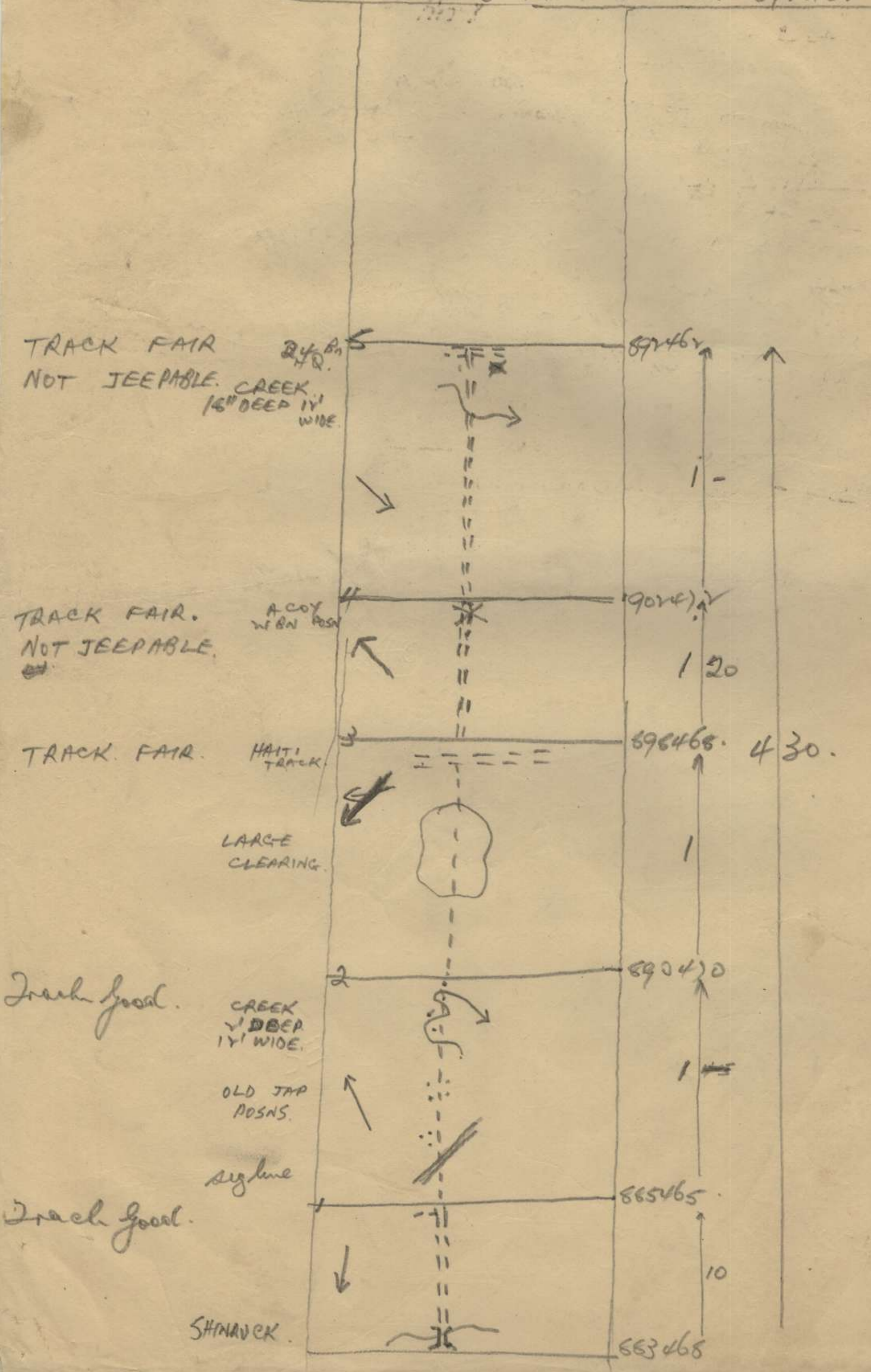
OBJECTS.

See part I REPORT.

PATROL NO

DATE 27 MAR 45

FROM SHINRU CK. 583468 TO TRACK JUNCTION 892462



PATROL REPORT

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Patrol # 17

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REF MAP BARARA
RUMIKI

SCALE 1:25000

DATE 17 APR 45

TYPE FIGHTING & CONTACT

COMD AND SUB UNIT LT PROBY & 17 PI D Coy

STRENGTH 1915 (incl 2 sigs)

TIME OUT 170645

TIME IN 171630

OBJECTS OF PATROL

- (a) Patrol & clear any enemy from left flank of 24 bn during advance to HATAI JUNCTION.
- (b) To patrol both sides of HATAI TRACK & contact A Coy & D Coy, 24 bn (AIF)

ROUTE OUT SHINRU CREEK - 885465 - NE along track to approx 890470 - SE to HATAI track.

ROUTE IN Same as route out.

PART I

- (a) Patrol carried out. NMS.
- (b) A Coy & D Coy 24 bn contacted.

PART II

Patrol left SHINRU CREEK 0645, & moved 300' S along main track, then followed well defined track leading NE. 60' along track ~~and~~ 2 Avst Sig wires running N+S. Between 400' & 650' creek (flowing firstly to N then swinging to S) was crossed 3 times. Creek approx 2' deep 12' wide. Along creek's banks, numerous old gaps positions. At 700' patrol moved SE 500' to HATAI TRACK. Along route, clearing approx 250' x 200' crossed. An A Coy 24 bn, native carrying party contacted ^{observed} from HATAI track. Patrol contacted by switch, per phone, phone & deployed either side of HATAI track, moving in a NE direction. 200' along track patrol met NG 18 patrol. ~~moving in SE direction.~~ They stated 50-60 gaps 400' off track in SE direction. Patrol moved to contact A Coy 24 bn. Contact effected ~~at~~ 1215. Patrol returned contacted BALL patrol 1245, who were directed to A-24 bn.

Patrol moved along HATAI track in ^{SW} direction & were unable to contact ^{any} ~~any~~ ^{one} ~~one~~ ^{person} ~~person~~ ⁱⁿ ~~in~~ ^{the} ~~the ^{area} ~~area~~ ^{near} ~~near~~ ^{the} ~~the~~ ^{junction} ~~junction~~ ^{of} ~~of~~ ^{the} ~~the~~ ^{two} ~~two~~ ^{tracks} ~~tracks ^{at} ~~at~~ ^{approx} ~~approx~~ ¹²⁵⁰ ~~1250~~. Patrol moved ⁱⁿ ~~in~~ ^{the} ~~the~~ ^{direction} ~~direction~~ ^{of} ~~of~~ ^{the} ~~the~~ ^{track} ~~track ^{for} ~~for~~ ⁶⁰⁰ ~~600~~ ^{yards} ~~yards~~ ^{and} ~~and~~ ^{fired} ~~fired~~ ^{red} ~~red~~ ^{smoke} ~~smoke~~ ^{at} ~~at~~ ¹³⁰⁵ ~~1305~~ ^{hrs} ~~hrs~~. BHD 24 hr contacted. ^{at} ~~at~~ ¹³¹⁵ ~~1315~~ ^{hrs} ~~hrs~~. ^{at} ~~at~~ ^{junction} ~~junction~~ ^{of} ~~of~~ ^{the} ~~the~~ ^{two} ~~two~~ ^{tracks} ~~tracks~~ ⁸⁹²⁴⁶² ~~892462~~ ^{at} ~~at~~ ¹³¹⁵ ~~1315~~ ^{hrs} ~~hrs~~. ^{The} ~~The~~ ^{NGIB} ~~NGIB ^{report} ~~report ^{given} ~~given ^{to} ~~to ^{CO} ~~CO ²⁴ ~~24 ^{hr} ~~hr~~. ^{Patrol} ~~Patrol~~ ^{contacted} ~~contacted ²⁴ ~~24~~ ^{hr} ~~hr~~ ^{patrol} ~~patrol~~ ^A ~~A~~ ^{coy} ~~coy~~ ²⁴ ~~24~~ ^{hr} ~~hr~~ ^{to} ~~to~~ ^{guide} ~~guide~~ ^{the} ~~the~~ ²⁴ ~~24~~ ^{hr} ~~hr~~ ^{posn} ~~posn~~.~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~

Composite patrol moved along HATAI TRACK & contacted several 24 hr patrols. After guiding Beoy patrol to the junction of our sig line & HATAI track, patrol returned to ^{base} ~~base~~ ^{via} ~~via~~ ^{SHINAU} ~~SHINAU~~ ^{CREEK} ~~CREEK~~. Patrol found ^{intercom} ~~intercom~~ ^{interference} ~~interference ^{with} ~~with ^{along} ~~along ^{road} ~~road, possibly by jeep traffic.~~~~~~~~

Lucy B

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PATROL REPORT

REF MAP

"BARBARA"

SCALE

1:2500

DATE

TYPE

CONTACT

COMD AND SUB UNIT

Lt Col. K. I. ROBERTSON 9 R.

STRENGTH

10 FF. 9 ORS.

TIME OUT

0800 hrs

TIME IN

1150 hrs.

OBJECTS OF PATROL

To contact "A" Coy then "D" Coy 24th Bn

ROUTE OUT

885466 - 897467 - 900469 thence 894463.

ROUTE IN

894463 - 885468.

PART 1

Moved out from A. Coy 58/59th went 600 paces on 110° then turned right and went back to 897467 went to A. Coy 24th Bn reached there at 0930 checked in to "STAMON" moved down to "GREYHOUND". Japs were then believed to be sitting on "D" Coy sig. line. Followed sig. line through to "D" Coy reaching there at 1030 hrs N.M.S. moved back to Greyhound then back to 885468 reaching there at 1150 hrs. N.M.S. Tracks generally were good.

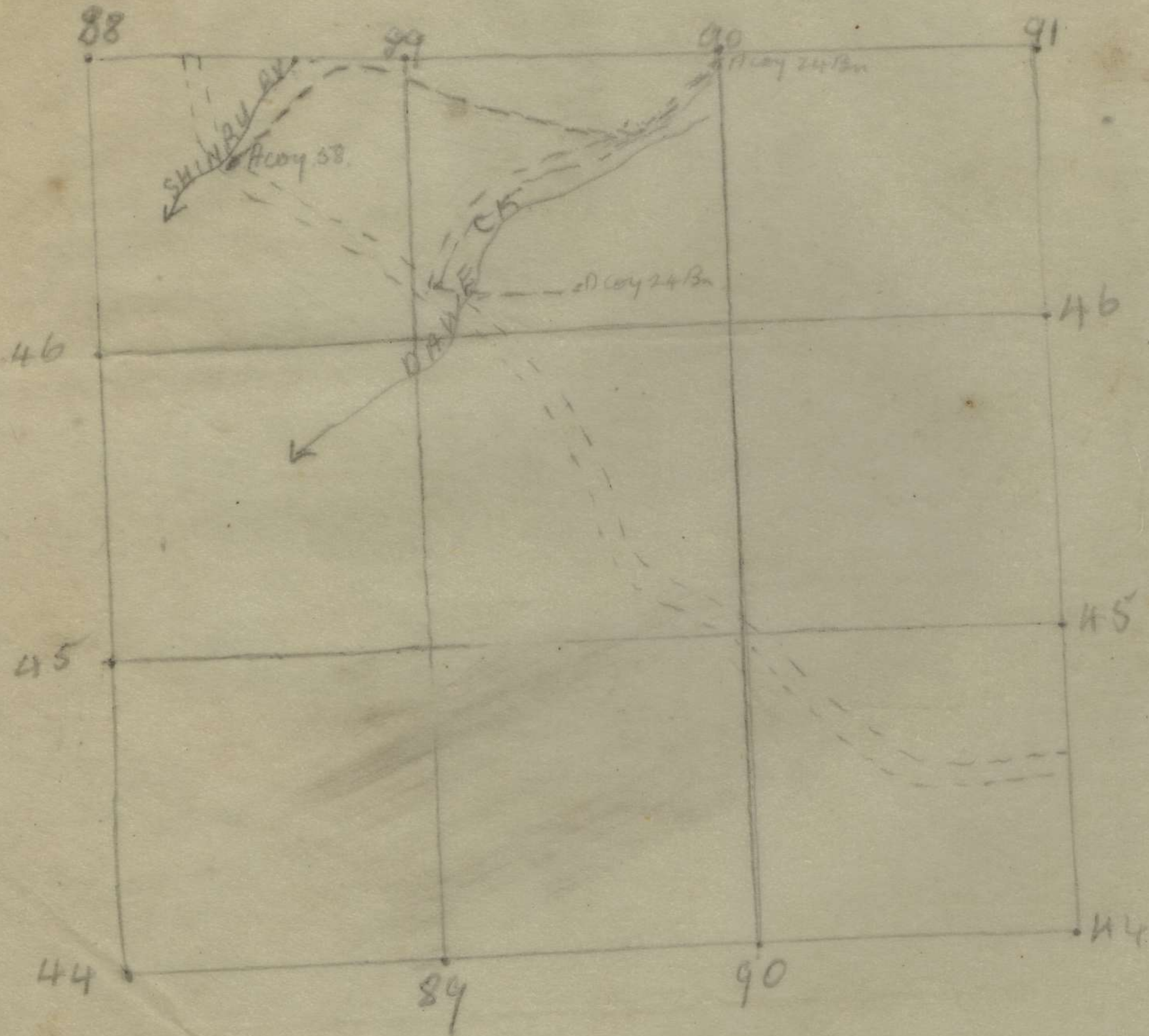
PATROL TRACE

MR ROBERTSON

Army A

18/4/45

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PATROL REPORT

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REF MAP BARARA

SCALE 1:25000

DATE 18th Oct. 1945

TYPE HIRU HIRU
Fighting Patrol

COMD AND SUB UNIT Lt D. Bruster 8pl.

STRENGTH 10/ 32 ORS.

TIME OUT 0715 hrs.

TIME IN 1830 hrs.

OBJECTS OF PATROL

- ① trapping up enemy stragglers on R flank to bay 24 Bn. & contact same company.
- ② clear enemy from PUTNAM'S ambush pen N along road to 6 bay 24 Bn.

ROUTE OUT Kero Ck to Coconuts 866460 along Blazed track thence to clearing 887457 NE to R flank 6 bay 24 Bn.

ROUTE IN return via same route

PART 1

Patrol left bay locality 0715 moved to Kero Ck thence SW along blazed track to Coconuts thence to clearing 887457. No enemy movement could be located in this area and advance was continued to contact C. Bay 24 Bn. Firing and movement of tanks were heard as patrol approached Rd. On reaching Rd at 891462 contacted 6 bay 24 Bn comd. then received orders for further patrolling from CO 58/59 Bn. Patrol then returned via same route to gardens, locating PUTNAM'S log wire at 887458 following cable to Ambush pen at 896458.

Advancing N from Ambush pen patrol cleared approx 50 yds on W and E side rd. This area for approx 40' west of Rd very heavily with Kunai and ferns making movement very difficult, and noisy.

Patrol investigated report by PUTNAM re movement of 3 gaps along Rd from 24 Bn pens NWS

Advance continued to 894458 where Jwd see reported movement on R flank. Whilst investigating patrol came under fire from enemy pens approx strength 12ms 3 rifles in general direction 30° to 40° on W of creek manding the second scout of Jwd see. Enemy pens could not be located and movement in Kunai was limited. Patrol returned to Rd contacting 24 Bn and returned to bay locality with casualty.

D. Bruster Lt.
OC: 8pl

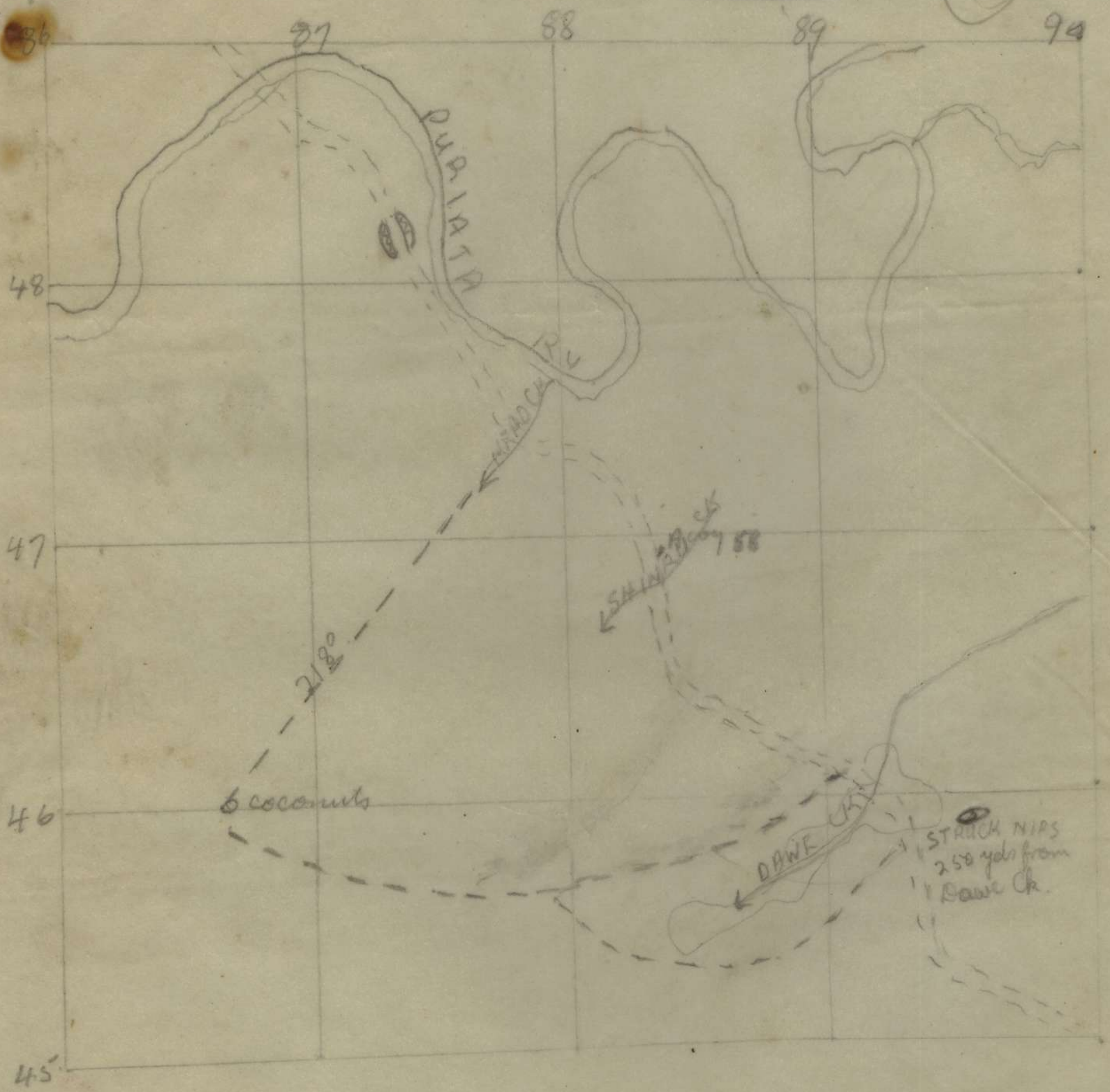
MAP BARARA

TRACK OF MR BREWSTER'S PATROL

1:25000

APPX A 58/59 R
Patrol 3p

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PATROL REPORT

REF MAP BARARA-RIMIKI. SCALE 1:25,000. DATE 18 April 45.

TYPE RECC

COMD AND SUB UNIT LT BIRDWOOD, VC. 2 BPL DCOY.

STRENGTH 1 OFFR 8 ORS.

TIME OUT 180830L TIME IN 181620L.

OBJECTS OF PATROL
Recc. of area for signs of enemy movement.
Recc. of trails.
Contacted 1 Coy. GREYHOUND.

ROUTE OUT From Coy. from on KERO CRK N. along PURIATA to 885435
SE along PURIATA to 893475, N. along PURIATA to HUAI RV. JUNG.

ROUTE IN E along HUAI to bend. SE via clearing at 908476 to HAITAI TRACK
SW to contact 1 Coy GREYHOUND.

NW to PURIATA
W. to RV BEND 883475
thence to COY POSN. PART 1

No signs of recent enemy movement in area.
Numerous tracks and pads in area, only signs of ^{recent} movement
ago of our patrol to HUAI RV. and footprints of small patrol
(and jungle patten boots) on track at 898482. track runs approx
N and S.

Contacted 1 Coy GREYHOUND at 181350L reported in by Lt J. To
ACORN STALLION, reported out 1 Coy GREYHOUND 181430L.

PART 2.

Route taken by patrol confirmed to track made by Coy 4
patrol 17 April, to bend in HUAI RV at 898484. Nothing
further to report on information submitted by previous patrol.
From 898484, patrol moved on bearing of 140° mag. along track,
for distance of 600 paces. Track showed sign of recent move of patrol
probably 9 hrs. or 1918 in last two days, footprints were made by and
jungle patten boots. Track in fair condition, two feet wide to old
Jap pen at 600 paces. This pen very dilapidated, no sign of recent
use. Patrol then moved cross country on bearing of 130° mag. to
HAITAI track making own track on way. Vegetation on way was
land forest, progress fair, time from HUAI bend at 898484 to 1 Coy
GREY HOUND 2 HRS. At 800 paces crossed track running E and
W. track was rec. for 300 paces in each direction from patrol route
and showed no sign of recent use. Track in good condition approx
2 feet wide. At 1200 paces patrol struck creek running approx NE, SW
creek 6 feet wide if deep direction of flow NE, for 400 paces, patrol
crossed and re crossed this creek, patrol leaving creek on our right side
at 1600 paces, this creek later found to be none flowing. 50° approx

forward along HAITAI trail from 1 Coy GREYHOUNDS.

At 2200 paces patrol reached HAITAI trail turned SW. to 1 Coy GREYHOUNDS. reaching Coy pos at 2500 paces. at 1813504.

From 1 Coy GREYHOUNDS patrol moved on bearing of 280° mag to River Bend. at 892476. Time taken 1 Hr.

Patrol made own track over this part of route, vegetation - Rain forest. progress fair.

At 680 paces patrol struck pad running N and S. no sign of recent use.

At 790 paces patrol struck pad also running general direction N & S with no sign of recent use.

At 920 paces patrol struck track 3 feet wide, having been used fairly extensively in past, no sign of recent use. General direction of track again N. S.

At 1540 paces patrol reached river bend at 892476.

From 892476 patrol moved W. to Coy pos. along track via garden, this track being used frequently by Coy 4 patrol. No signs of recent use other than by own patrols in area.

Time for this leg 50 mins, patrol reporting in to Coy 4 STATIONS. at 1816204.

Albidgee Lt.

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 In 600 paces patrol moved
 along track running at 140° mag.
 track showed signs of recent
 patrol: footprints made by
 and rough pattern tracks.
 600 paces. encountered old
 fox run. very dilapidated
 no signs of recent use.
 800 paces struck track down to
 E. & W. no signs of recent use.
 1200 paces struck track, for 400
 paces crossed and re-crossed
 2200 paces patrol reached
 HAITAI track
 Patrol made own track over
 this leg, vegetation rain forest
 progress fair.

894471. 5

1 hr 50 mins.

Patrol crossed HAITAI w. 4
 along N bank
 progress good. PIT PIT too thick
 on STH bank for good progress.
 Track made by Coy 4
 patrol previous day no
 other signs of recent use.

898484 4

30 mins

Track followed on E bank 3
 of Punata. track used by
 Coy 4 patrol previous day
 no other signs of recent
 use.

JUNE. HAITAI
PURINTA. 3

1 hr 10 mins.

Track followed along 2
 STH bank of PURINTA.
 through PIT PIT. progress
 very slow.

893475 2

1 HR

Track followed was 1
 one used by all Coy 4
 patrols this area.

885785. 1

50 mins

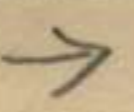
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Pahit moved along track
used frequently by Coy 4
patrols. no other signs of
recent use, than by our
patrols.



500ms.

Pahit made own track
over this leg of route, progress
was fair through Rasov
forest.
Tracks were encountered
at 680, 790, 920 paces
respectively. recce. showed
no signs of recent use.
General direction of these
tracks N. and S.



892476

1hr.



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PATROL REPORT No. 1

Ref Map :- BARBARA

Scale :- 1:25000 (m)

Date :- 16/4/45

Type :- Ricci

Comd & Unit :- Sgt. Roberts, V.C. & 6. O.B.

Strength :- 7

Time Out :- 1330 L

Time In :- 16.00 L

Object :-

I

(a) Signs of Enemy :- N.M.S.; no fresh tracks; abandoned enemy 75 mm gun posn @ ref 886.475, several extinct traps, 1 enemy dead no info data.

(b) Investigation of Gardens :- large gardens from 883 to 888. Longitude 475

Route Out :- as laid down

Route In :- as laid down

II

Narrative :- moved out from KERO Crk. on route laid down - Patrolled for 1000 yards, encountered heavy fire, opposite small Crk in bend. - moved EAST for 1000 yards found steps to old enemy posn - moved to river bend @ 890.475

IMPORTANT.—Any reference to shipping or troop movements will result in the delay or mutilation of your letters.

Moved WEST (see trace) 200 yds to CPK, another 300
to old enemy 75 mm gun pits. - though general
effort 500 yds in length to ref 883,476 - proceeded
back to Base.

V. Roberts Gift

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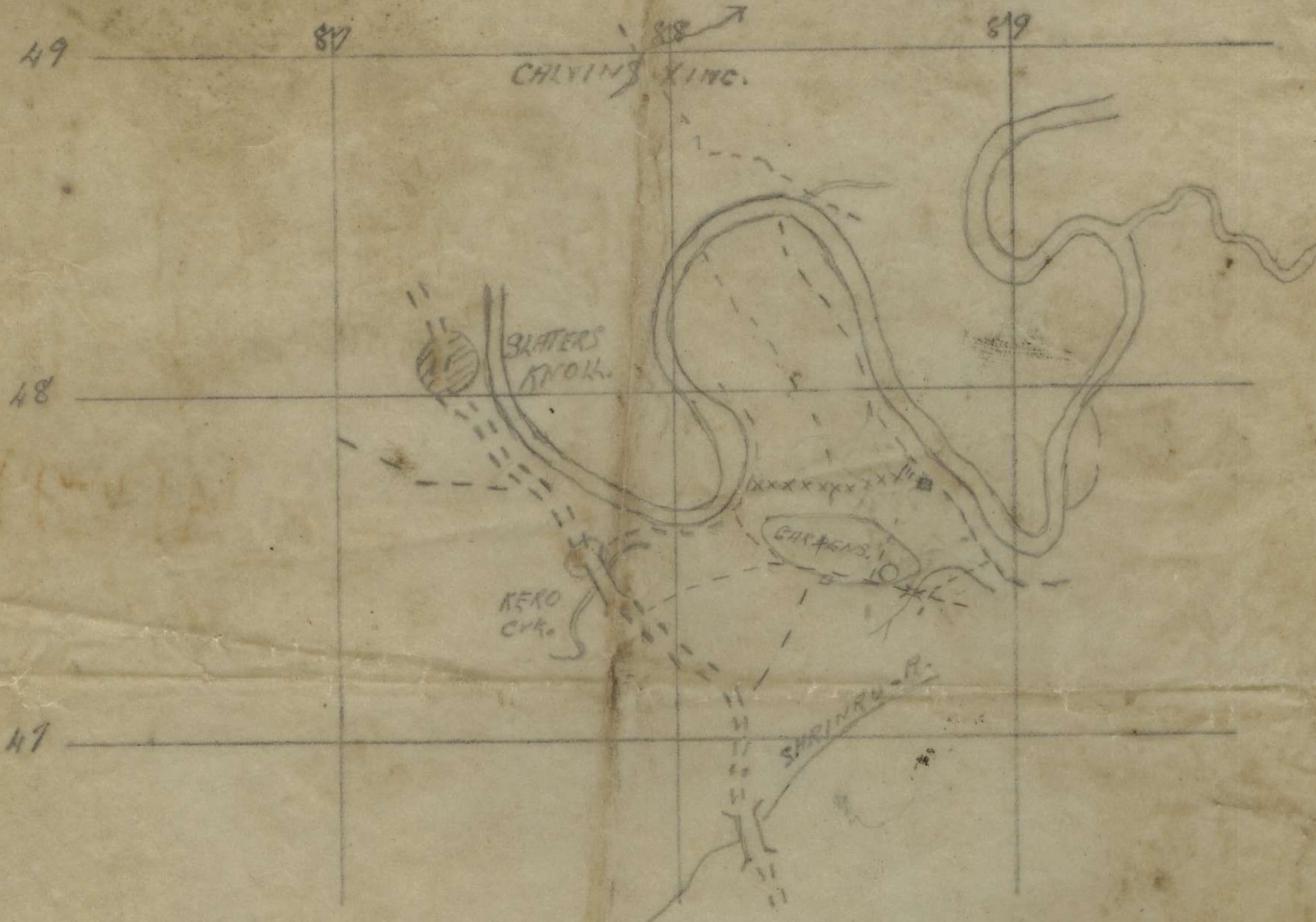
TRACE AREA.

REF. MAP :- BARBARA.

Scale :- 1:25,000 (m)



DATE TIME :- 161300 L



V.C. Roberts. Sjt.

PATROL REPORT

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REF MAP

Barava

SCALE

1:25000

DATE

19 apr

TYPE

Rece patrol.

COMD AND SUB UNIT

Lieut D.R. Beale 16pl.

STRENGTH

1 Offr & ORs 1 sub ser.

TIME OUT

190815L

TIME IN

191730K.

OBJECTS OF PATROL

To rece route and report on tracks on route.

ROUTE OUT

Kero Creek - 880477 - along river track on

South bank Puriala River NE to 894486 - along Huai River

ROUTE IN

500 yds - return Puriala river 893476 -

along track SE to Acay PART I 904472 - SW to track

junctn 896466 - NW along track to 886475, SW to

road 884470 - Kero Creek.

Part I

No signs enemy movement or recent occupation seen.

Tracks shown on attached trace.

Part II

Patrol left 0835L.

Route to Huai river shown on trace.

1100L arrived Huai river 894486. Crossed mouth of river, fordable, moved back along North bank to 896486. Found extensive old jop binuoc area - not used for some time. Moved back along same route to approx 894476 where found track junctn, blazed tree marks here, arrived 1300L.

Track running approx 30° grid. 500 paces along good track, found branch to right. 450 paces found extensive gardens extending for approx 600 yds, in centre of gardens creek

flowing SW at 670 paces.

756 paces track junction. Followed right
arm at 210 degs grid, at 1180 paces reached
^{road} track junction at approx 900469.

Arrived A coy 24 bn 1510 hrs, 380 yds along
track

Left A coy 24 bn 1600 hrs, along road 1500
paces to approx 897466, followed sign wire
along very distinct track used recently by
Aust tps. Track runs approx ~~265 degs~~ 305 degs
grid.

at 540 paces track branching to left

580 paces track branching left

1059 paces " " right

1080 paces creek flowing SW

2000 paces track branching right.

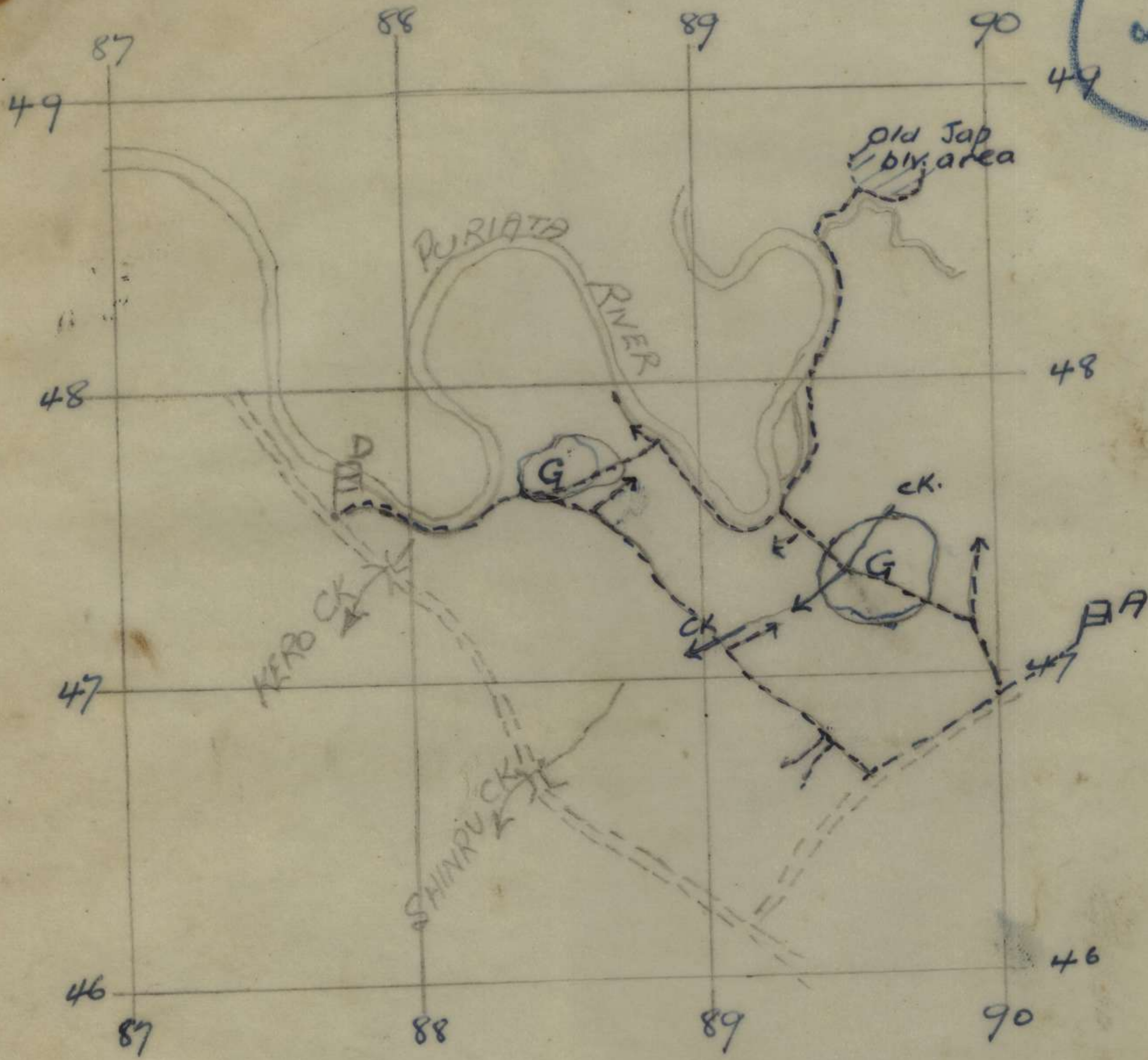
2050 paces track reaches gardens.

Turned left along track used on route out
Followed river track to Kero creek,
turned SW along creek to road at 878475

REF. MAP BARARA

1:5000

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PATROL REPORT

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REF MAP BARARA

SCALE 1:25000

DATE 19 4 45

TYPE RECC PATROL

COMD AND SUB UNIT Lt D Brewster A com.

STRENGTH 10/11 9 OFRS

TIME OUT 0900 hrs

TIME IN 1440 hrs

OBJECTS OF PATROL

- ① Recc garden area 887457, and map.
- ② Contact right flank to bay 24 Bm.
- ③ Recc track HAISHI - TORINOTO

ROUTE OUT Via Kero CR to beacon 867460 East to gardens
thence to R flank. 6 bay 24 Bm.

ROUTE IN 6 bay 24 Bm HAISHI TORINOTO. to bay locality

PART 1

Patrol moved from bay locality N to Kero CR.
thence W to beacon 867460. Moved along track
to gardens 887457. Lt Proby's patrol was contacted
on route to gardens.

The first clearing is approx 300' long
and 60' wide either end narrowing to approx 40'
in centre with creek running through centre. Bearing
of garden 210°. The track leaves clearing at 79° which
was followed for 60 paces to track bearing off at 209°. This
route was followed crossing creek at 30 paces from start of
track and followed for a further 70 paces. direction changed
to 178° for 500 paces. to small clearing 30' long 30' wide
with fence surroundings clearing broken down in many
places. Track from clearing at 52° for 30 paces to track
bearing right at 109° for 100 paces to small clearing with
1 hut deserted. Bearing of 197° was taken on well defined
track but with no recent use. for 200 paces. to track
bearing right at 169° followed for 150 paces but no sign of
any clearings could be located in this area. Patrol
returned via this track to clearing and continued on
track at bearing of 29° for 200 paces then track bearing
changed to 343° for 110 paces to small clearing with 2
huts. 5 bomb craters were found in this area one hut being
destroyed. Track continued at 35° for 150 paces to a small
clearing. Track left clearing at 350° for 150 paces meeting
track with sig line laid by previous patrol.

Patrol Report
This track at bearing of 25° was followed for 260 paces
bearing changed to 88° for further 143 paces to track
junction. This track was followed at 112° for 200 paces
meeting Buin Rd. Patrol reported to ACORN GREYHOUND
and returned to track junction on bearing of 265° and
continued advance, for 400 paces to old TAP hut.
continued on track at 335° for 200 paces branching off
to track at 31° for 290 paces arriving B Coy STATION
at 1440. Reported to STATION ACORN on arrival

ROUTE OUT

ROUTE IN

PART I

TRACK GOING MAP

MR BREWSTER 1944-45

BARBARA 884466 to 887457 40

APPX A

2RT

Tracks all clear, good going on most tracks
 Contacted Right Flank Coy 24Bn tracks clear
 Also Haushi - Tokinutu track clear. N.M.S.
 throughout patrol.

Branch off to W of N 4
 followed for 290 paces
 arriving at Coy Station
 at 1440 + then
 returned to TFM + then
 followed track N of
 west for 400 paces
 reached old Jap hut
 + then for 200 paces but no
 signs
 followed track in N of R
 direction for 520 paces
 until reaching Blain Rd

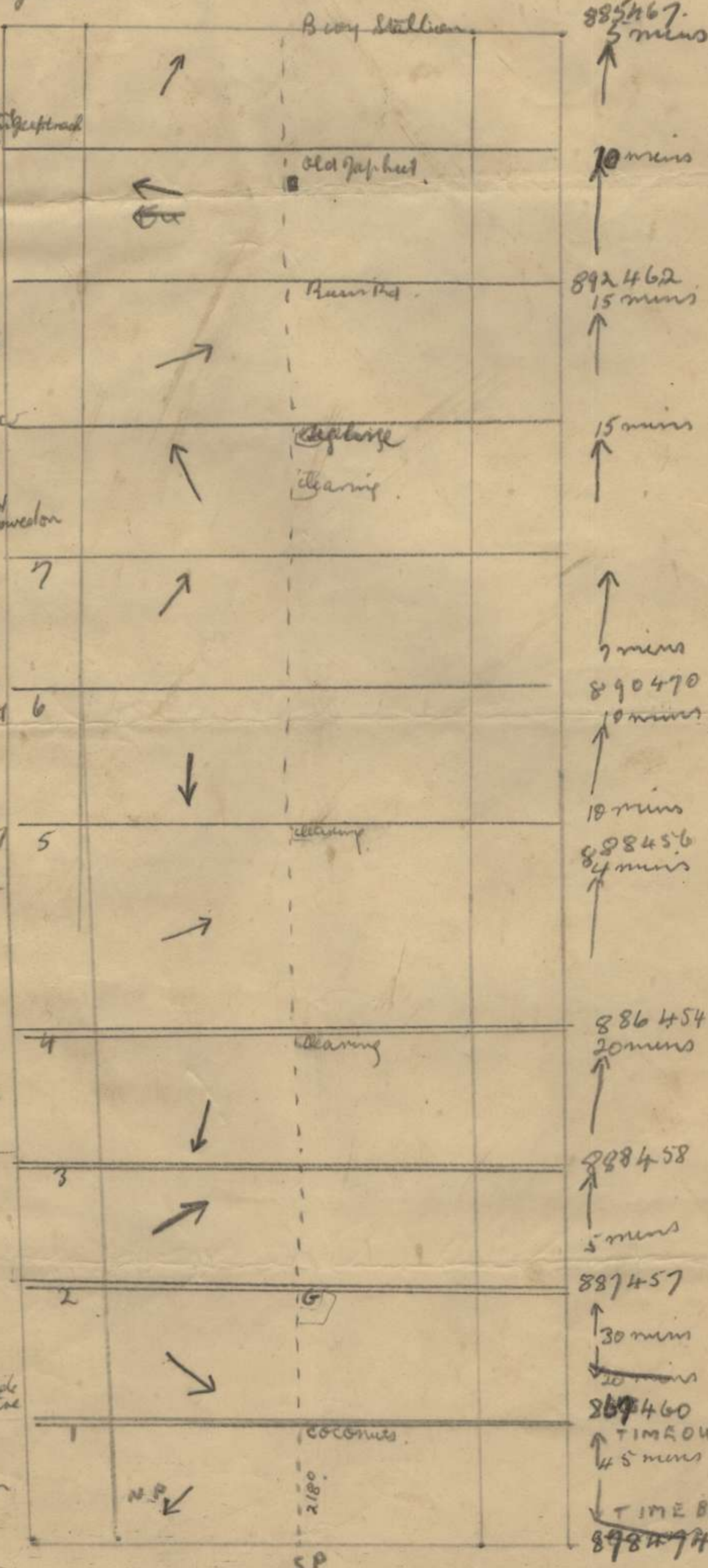
Followed track in approx
 N of direction for 110 paces +
 came to a hut + 5 bomb
 craters with 1 hut destroyed
 in small clearing + followed on
 track until reaching old hut.
 Returned to clearing
 + then went slightly
 N of N for 200 paces no
 signs

Followed for 200 paces
 past clearing + then went
 due south for 150 paces
 but no sign of any
 more clearings

Followed track near
 due east for 130
 paces + came to small
 clearing approx 20' x
 20' + 1 deserted
 hut

Followed track
 practically south
 for 600 paces + came
 to small clearing 30' x
 long 30' wide +
 took track from
 clearing going
 N of R. no signs.

Followed well
 defined track from
 coconuts until
 reaching gardens
 approx 300' long 60' wide
 creek running through center
 Left Herocreek +
 following track
 made previously on
 bearing of 2180.

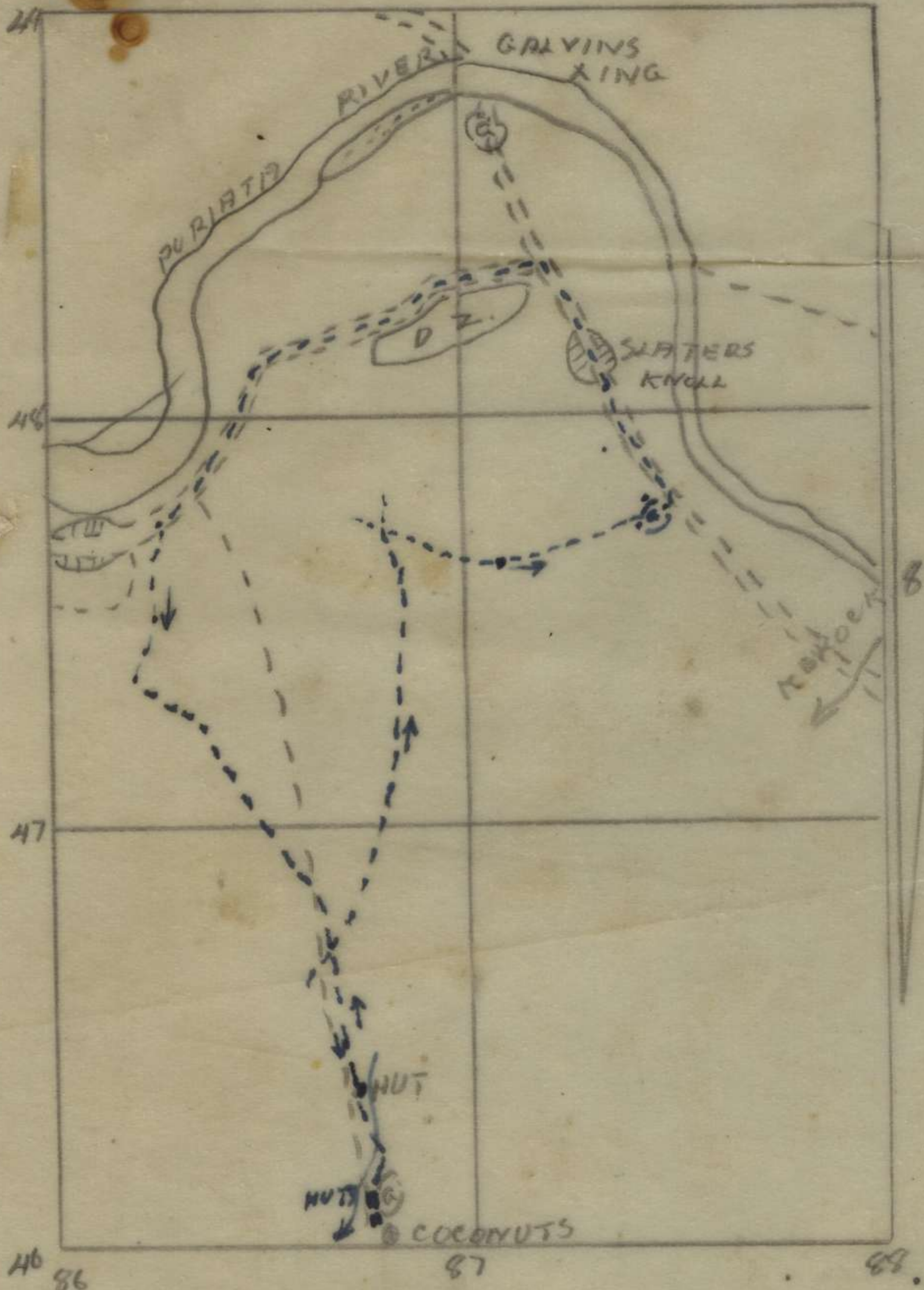


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OVERLAY OF AREA COVERED BY KELLY PATROL

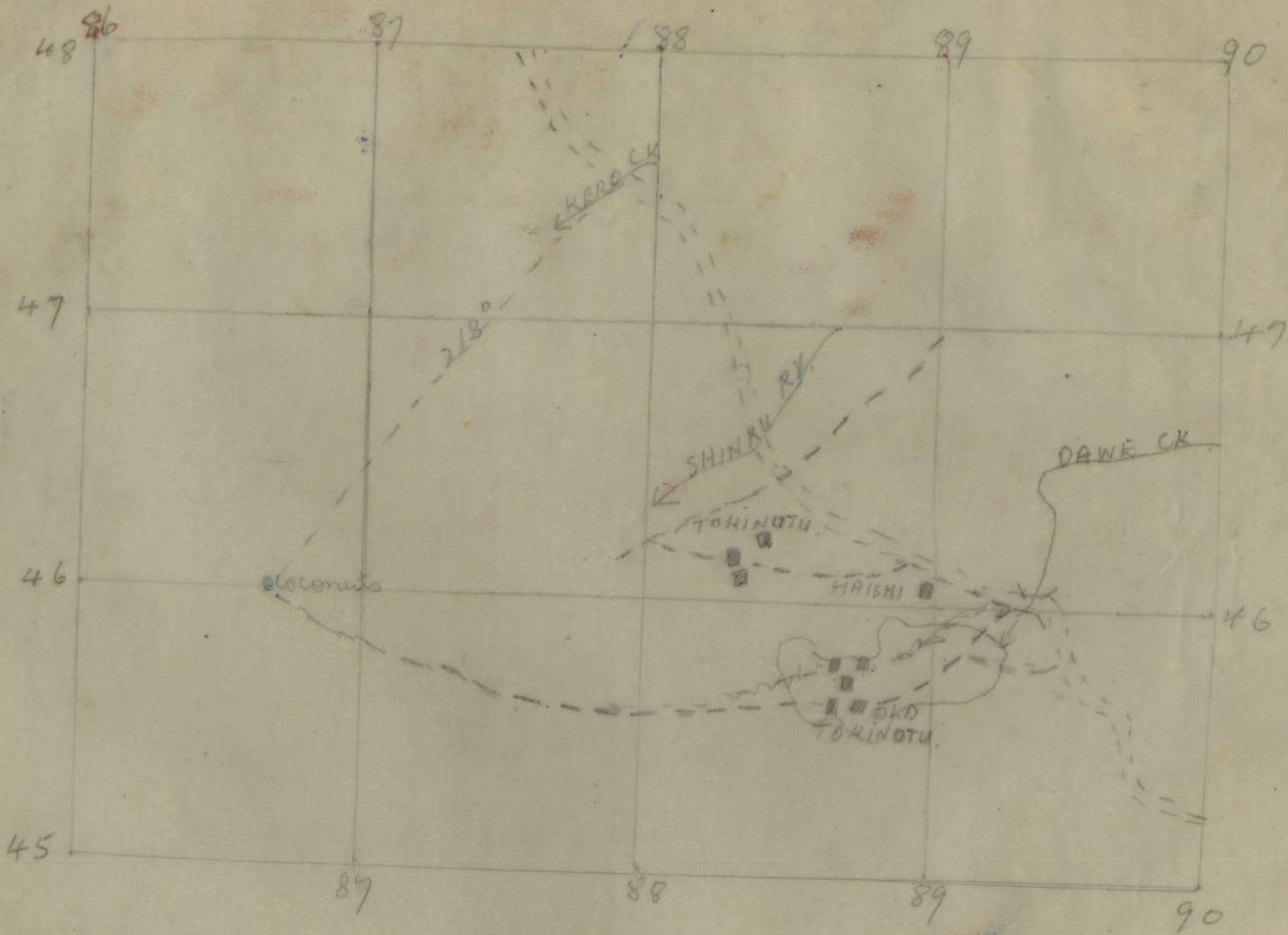
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W. P. P.
16 APR 45

PATROL TRACE MA BREWSTER 19:4:45



APPX B

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58/59 Aust Inf Bn Patrol Report no 41

Ref Map HIRU HIRU 1/25000 18 Apr 45

Type Recce

Cond of sub unit L/Cpl Mills 9 Sec 12 pl

Strength 6000

Time out Time In

Object To recce UMAMU CK south of BUIN Track.

Route Out From map ref 897455 to 200' SW along SINDOU CK then SE to UMAMU CK

Route In Along UMAMU CK to track then NW to patrol HQ

Part I

- 1/ UMAMU CK is approx 15' wide & 2' deep with banks 3' high on both sides. Creek is fordable to jeeps & tanks at track junc.
- 2/ BUIN track is jeepable & tankable with sandy surface slightly covered with grass.
- 3/ Vegetation is thick undergrowth extending for 300' in. Numerous fallen trees with large branches makes the area difficult to pass through.
- 4/ A recently used well worn footpad was located at map ref 894453 (approx) running SSW direction. Track appeared to have been used early in morning.

Mills J. J. L/Cpl
20 Apr 45

Ref Map HIRU HIRU Scale 1/25000 Date 18 Apr 45
Type Recce
Comd Cpl Stone AT 7 sec 12 hl
Strength 500s
Time Out 1330L Time in 1545L
Object To recce area north of BUIN track & recce
SINDOU CK for 200x inland
Route out From map ref 897455 across BUIN track
then 200x along SINDOU CK then SE
parallel to track.
Route in NW direction parallel to track 75x in to
SINDOU CK then along CK to 897455

Part I

- 1/ SINDOU CK is approx 15' wide, 2' deep with steep banks 3' to 4' high. Bridge crosses the creek at BUIN track & is in fair condition & would probably take jeep traffic
- 2/ Vegetation is thick undergrowth which makes going very difficult - visibility approx 15x

A.J. Stone Cpl

REPORT - PATROL FOLLOWED FAINT TRACK FROM ROAD AT 863478 IN SOUTHEASTERN DIRECTION THRU RAIN FOREST TO ABANDONED HUTS AT APPROX 867461. STREAMS CROSSED WERE VERY SMALL & FLOWING SOUTH.

SCALE 1"=100'

5 DESERTED HUTS

OLD HUT IN SMALL CLEARING BY A STREAM. BANK 6 FEET HIGH, WATER 8-12" DEEP. HARD BOTTOM

CREEK RUNNING SOUTH

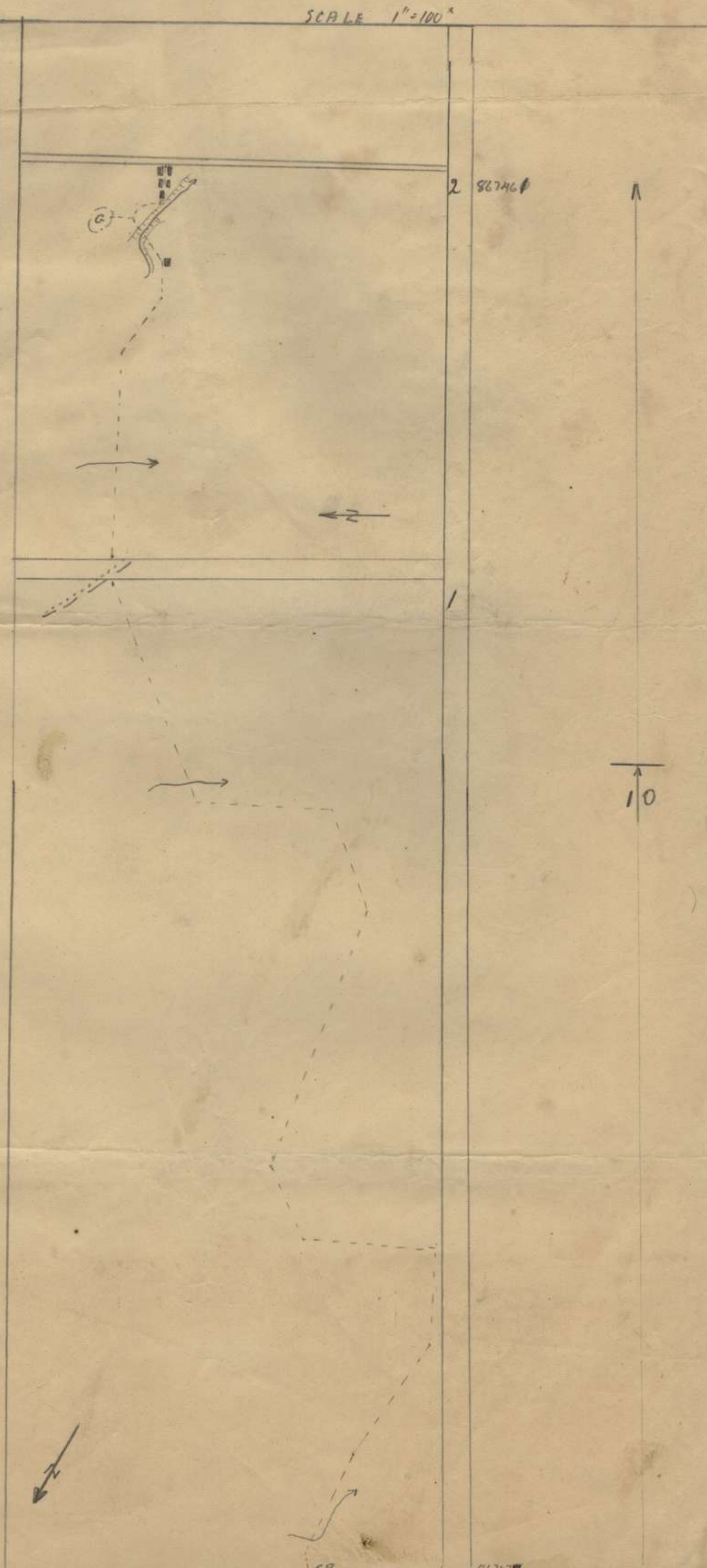
ROUTE CROSSES TRACK & 6 WIRE RUNNING APPROX NORTH SOUTH.

RAIN FOREST

SMALL CREEK RUNS SOUTH WEST

GROUND INCHINED TO SWAMP THRO' OUT.

RAIN FOREST



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863478
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REF MAP

BARARA
HIAD HIAU
FIGHTING

SCALE

1/25000

DATE

17-19 Apr

TYPE

COMD AND SUB UNIT

Lt N.H. KELLY 12 pl 8 Coy
1 offr & 26 ORs

STRENGTH

171600L

TIME IN

191600L

TIME OUT

OBJECTS OF PATROL

- 1/ To establish ambush horn & standing patrol at 897 455.
 - 2/ To pinpoint enemy arty horn
 - 3/ To recce BUIN track for jeepability & tankability
 - 4/ To recce SINDOU & UMAMA creeks for tank crossing
- From BHP along track
As per Appx A

ROUTE OUT

ROUTE IN

PART 1

- 1/ Ambush horn was established at 171900L & at 171905 contact was made with 7 enemy.
- 2/ Brgs were taken on enemy gun horns & on estimated landing point Brg to gun 99° mag to landing point 285° mag.
- 3/ Buin track will carry both jeeps & tanks.
- 4/ The UMAMA CK is fordable to tanks at track junction only. Both creeks have steep banks up to 3' high & would need to be cut away before tanks can cross.

Part II

1/ Ambush horn was established at 1900L at 899455 & at 1905L a party of 7 enemy approached from S/E along track to within 15' of our horn. The enemy sprung the ambush & immediately we opened fire with ab horn. At least 2 enemy were seen to stumble into the bush & we threw 2 grenades into the area. 2 of the enemy dived into the bush on the north of the track & fired 4 or 5 rds in our horn, causing no cas. Movement continued around the area till approx 2130L & we threw more grenades with unobserved results.

No movement seen during daylight 18 Apr 45. At 181600L our line went out & also 208 wireless & we were out of comm until 191045L when the 208 set was repaired. L/T comm was re established at 191130L when number 4 patrol reported in. The line had been cut in 4 places in general area map ref 890456.

At 191915L a party of 4 enemy approached down the track in SE direction & we allowed them to get past the fwd sec before opening fire. We were unable to observe results owing to darkness but there were no signs of cas in the morning.

At 191930L lone enemy approached to within 15' of our fwd sec post when Cpl Stone opened fire & saw him hit & fall. Investigating at 200600L we found enemy pack, helmet, rifle, belt & bayonet & a native later followed tracks & reported enemy badly wounded crawled into the bush.

At 192015L enemy movement & voices were heard on both sides of our perimeter. We tossed grenades & the enemy opened fire on us with 2 LMCs, rifle & small mortars. Arty fire was brought down on our front & almost immediately the enemy withdrew. There was slight movement on the SW side of our perimeter until 2030L then everything was quiet until 20530L when we suffered 1 cas - 1 OR wounded in leg.

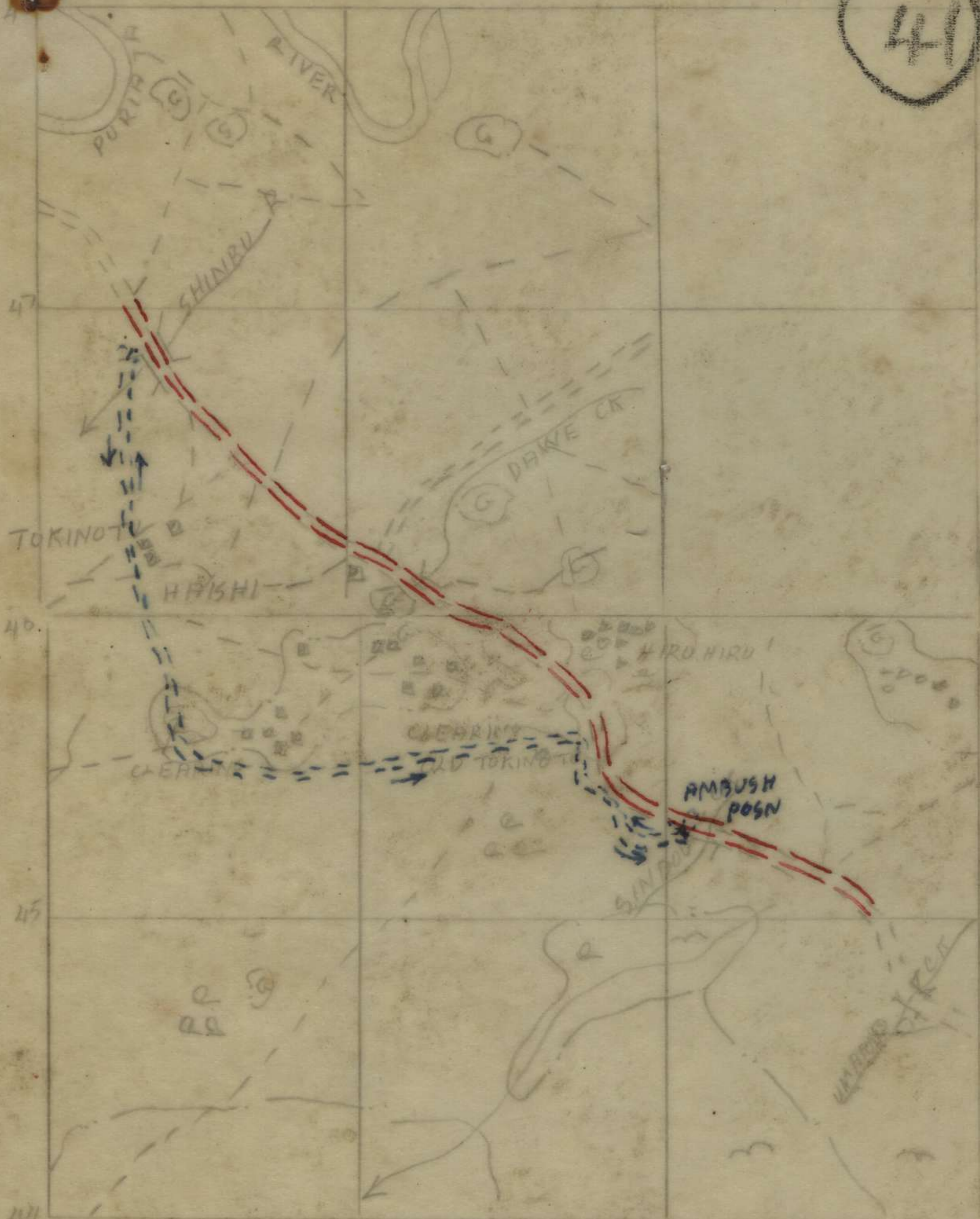
Captured eqpt & documents were brought back to Bn HQ & handed to FSS etc.

OVERLAY OF AREA COVERED BY KELLY PATROL

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APPX 'A' TO KELLY PATROL, NO
OF 17-19 APR 45

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PATROL REPORT

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REF MAP BARARA, HIRU HIRU SCALE 1:25000

DATE 21 APR 45

TYPE RECCE, (TRACK TRAVERSE)

COMD AND SUB UNIT LTHOGAN, 1 INT O.R AND PERSONNEL NO 2 PL

STRENGTH 1 OFFR 7 ORS

TIME OUT 21 0820L

TIME IN 21 1430L

OBJECTS OF PATROL

- ① To thoroughly map out and traverse clearing bdays 896455, 893459, 884459 and 884455
- ② To traverse main th from KERO CK to SHINRU CK.

ROUTE OUT SHINRU CK to ANDERSONS JUNCT to OLD TOKINOTU, contacting C COY HQ 24BN thence into area of traverse along the 100° NORTH GRAHAMS BR.

ROUTE IN From WEST END of area along th. to COCONUTS 868460 thence to KERO CK and along main th to SHINRU CK.

PART 1

There is NOT one large cleared area within the bdays given but a series of small garden areas intersected by numerous well-used pads. In the vicinity of most gardens are JAP bivouac areas with the ruins of huts and lean-toos remaining. Some bivouac areas are protected by weapon pits.

The route taken by the patrol within the area to be traversed centred around the clearly defined main track but as far as possible all side ths within the area were investigated.

PART 2

For exact distances and direction estimated by pacing and compass bearings, see attached traverses. The patrol was guided by CPL ROSS BOURGON C COY 24BN from boy th. back along main th across GRAHAMS BR to a th running approx SOUTH 100° from GRAHAMS BR. For over 200' the th is clearly defined and has been used by Japs and it then strikes SE along a well defined pad which proceeds 150 paces before reaching two cleared garden patches with sapling fences each approx 60' by 40'. The patch on the WEST is scarred by a large bomb crater. The patrol continued in a general direction SOUTH and crossed DAVE CK over a hollowed coconut log bridge and 700 paces from DAVE leaving the main th struck a well defined th running EAST WEST

Sgt Rossborough's patrol moved EAST along the th and this patrol moved WEST. After 300 paces the end of a reddish-brown sig wire was struck and the wire continued along the th. In this vicinity two distinct footmarks were seen, made by crepe-soled boots and appeared very recent. Several paths led off from the main th and were investigated as shown on the traverse and several small clearings with signs of old huts and bivouacs were encountered. Three fairly large garden areas were seen on this track as shown on the traverse, the first 60' by 36' and the other two, which were partly cleared with scattered timber and coconuts remaining, approx 100' by 40'. After investigating the third garden the patrol returned to the second garden and followed the th running NORTH along which the signal wire ran. The two chs crossed along the sketch of th running WEST each contained a good flow of clear water.

Where the th turned WEST again a double grey sig wire was encountered and both signal wires ran together before for approx 100' when the reddish brown signal wire turned along a th to the NORTH which was then investigated.

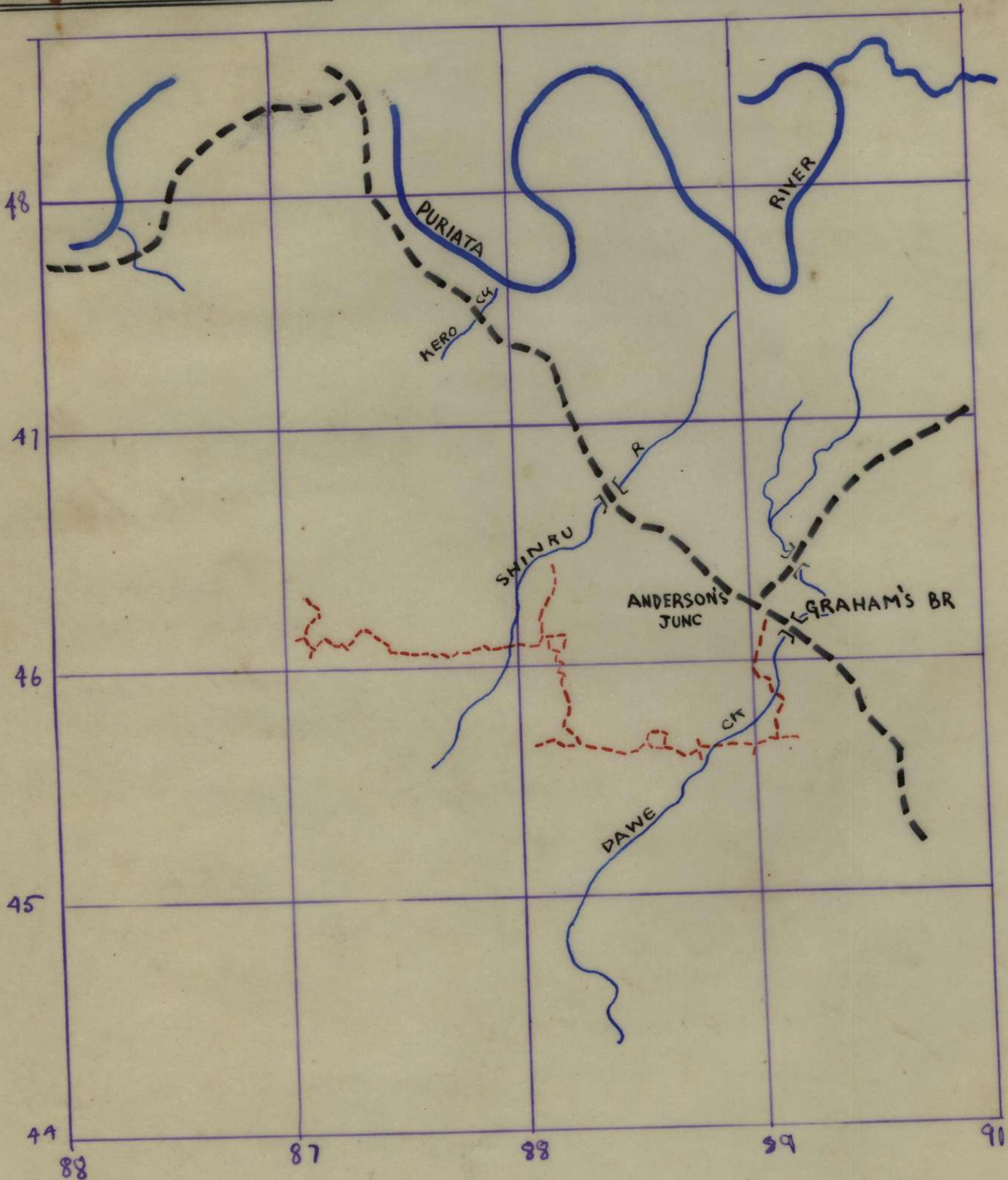
The patrol continued along the th to the WEST as shown on the traverse and shortly after passing the huts in the COCONUT AREA encountered MR EWARTS patrol. The patrol then returned along the th to KERD CH and completed its task by traversing the main th

D. Logan U.

TRACK TRAVERSE

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TRACK TRAVERSED - - - - ->

21 APR '45
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