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WAR DIARY ~~or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY~~

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Army Form 5.2118
(adapted.)

Unit HQ 4 AUST DIV (AIF)

Date and Time.—From 1 SEP 43

To 30 SEP 43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
TOWNSVILLE	1		Lt-Col HEWARD arrived TOWNSVILLE to comd Coast Arty TOWNSVILLE	
			GOC visited 6 Aust Fd Regt and discussed vehicle position and	
			training problems with CO.	
			4 Aust Div Revsits Nos 109-126 Period 1/18 Sep 43.	See Appendix "A"
	2		GOC visited the following units.	
			240 Aust LAD	
			126 Aust Ede Wkshops	
			4 Aust Div Sec Reception Camp	
			4 Aust Div Pro Coy	
	3		116 Aust Bde Ord Fd Fk came under command YORKFORCE 0001 hrs	
			3 Sep.	
			4 Aust Div Operation Instruction No 16 - 31 Aug 43, re	
			disbanding of YORKFORCE.	
			Amendment No 1.	See Appendix "B"

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	3		GOC visited 114 Con Depot. Inspected unit and addressed staff and patients on the occasion of the National Day of Prayer.	
	4		GOC inspected 4 Aust Div HQ lines.	
	5		Advance party 159 Aust Gen Tpt Coy and 1 Pl 223 Aust Sup Depot arrived TOWNSVILLE under command YORKFORCE.	P1
			Warning Order O 2572 to 6 Aust Fd Regt plus Sig Sec and 222 Aust LAD prepare for movement to CAIRNS under command CAIRNS Fortress.	
			4 Aust Div Operation Instruction No 16 re disbandment of YORKFORCE 31 Aug 43. Amendment No 2 issued.	See Appendix "C"
			GOC interviewed ^{C.O. Sigs} Lt-Col MURRELL and CAASC Lt-Col LANE and discussed their recent visit to new location.	

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	6		First Aust Army Warning Order. 2-9-43 102 Aust CCS to prepare tropical service under command 4 Aust Div.	
			DDOS First Aust Army interviewed GOC.	
			GOC interviewed the following ^{CO Sigs} 2-9-43 (Lt-Col MURRELL) re sig plan in new area, CAASC (Lt-Col LANE) re supply problems in new area, Comd 3 Aust Inf Bde (Brig WINNING) re his recent recce in CAIRNS area, Sqn-Ldr GRAY re Combined Planning Committee agenda.	
			6 Aust Fd Regt departed for CAIRNS.	
	7		126 Aust Bde Wkshop and Ord Fd Pk pass to command 3 Aust Inf Bde 7 Sep 43. First Aust Army amendment Operation Instruction No 36.	
			CSO I (Lt-Col J.W. FLETCHER) returned from leave.	

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	8		YORKFORCE disbanded as from 0001 hrs 8 Sep, in accordance with 4 Aust Div Operation Instruction No 16 31 Aug 43.	
			Comd MERAUKE Force (Brig J.R. STEVENSON) arrived en route to MERAUKE, and discussed matters relating to MERAUKE with GOC.	
			GOC met visiting US Senators at invitation of Comd American Forces.	
	9		Comd MERAUKE Force (Brig J.R. STEVENSON) talked with officers re MERAUKE.	
			Sqn-Ldr GRAY discussed new OP's required in TORRES Strait Area with GSO I. Our O 2616 despatched to First Aust Army asking for meeting of Combined Planning Committee to discuss these.	
			GOC inspected Kit Store CHARTERS TOWERS.	
	10		First Aust Army O 2740 received fixing date of Combined Planning Committee Meeting for 15 Sep 43.	

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	11		GOC interviewed CEME (Major McKELLAR) re latter's visit to First Aust Army.	
	12		GOC visited 55/53 Aust Inf Bn and saw swimming carnival.	
	13		Warning Order TOWNSVILLE Fortress G 092. 240 Aust LAD will be attached to 4 Aust Div for road move only. No move before 16 Sep.	
			GOC attended reception to Sir Ronald and Lady CROSS at TOWNSVILLE Town Hall.	
	14		GSO I (SD) First Aust Army (Lt-Col SPEED) and GSO II (O) (Lt-Col J.H. PILCHER) arrived for Combined Planning Committee Meeting.	
	15		GSO II (L) (Capt N.S. THOMAS) returned from RAAF School Army-Air Co-operation.	

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	15		GOC visited 2/14 AGE and later interviewed AOC NEA (Air Com- modore COBBEY) and NOIC (Comd WHEATLEY) and discussed the forthcoming Combined Planning Committee Meeting with them.	
	16		GOC visited Con Camp at MAGNETIC Island and was pleased with conditions and work being done there .	
			GOC interviewed ^{C.O. Sigs} (Lt-Col MURRELL) re latter's movement to new location.	
	17		4 Aust Div Location Statement No 1 issued as at 2359 hrs 15 Sep 43. See Appendix "D"	
			Reconnaissance Group departed from TOWNSVILLE for CAPE YORK.	
			OC Major M.H.G. BECKER GSO II HQ 4 Aust Div.	See Appendix "E"
			GOC watched Recce Group cross start line at ROSS River Bridge.	
			GOC interviewed Major FINLAY who reported on his trip as far North as COEN.	
			Recce Group arrived at TULLY.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c
	18		Meeting of Combined Planning Committee held, 1000 hrs at HQ	
			NE Area RAAF to discuss additional OP's required in TORRES	
			Strait Area, and other matters including defence of airfield	
			HORN Island and HIGGINSFIELD.	
			COC interviewed Comd TORRES Force (Col R.H. LANGFORD) re matters	
			generally in TORRES area.	
			Recce group arrived at KAIRI	
	19		GSO I (SD) First Aust Army (Lt-Col SPEED) and GSO II (O)	
			(Lt-Col J.H. PILCHER) departed on return journey.	
			Recce Group staged at KAIRI	
	20		GOC's Group departed from TOWNSVILLE for CAPE YORK. Composition	
			of Group GOC, ADMS, AQ, Maj FINLAY, ADC, Lieut DONALDSON and	
			27 OR's. Arrived at TULLY River.	
			Recce Group arrived at EMU Creek waterhole.	

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	21		Group 1 departed from TOWNSVILLE for CAPE YORK.	
			OC GSO I 4 Aust Div (Lt-Col J.W. FLETCHER). Arrived at INGHAM	
			Group 1 Order No 1 issued.	See Appendix "F"
			GOC's Group arrived BEATRICE River	
			Recce Group arrived WALSH River.	
	22		GOC visited 2 Aust Corps HQ and called on Lt-Gen Sir Leslie MORSHEAD.	
			Group 1 arrived INNISFAIL	
			GOC's Group arrived KAIRI	
			Recce Group arrived PALMERVILLE	
	23		Group 1 arrived RAVENSHOE	
			GOC's Group arrived ALBION HILL	
			Recce Group arrived FAIRVIEW.	

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	24		Group 1 staged at RAVENSHOE	
			GOC's Group - WALSH River	
			Recce Group staged at FAIRVIEW	
	25		Group 1 arrived at EMU Ford plus 9 miles.	
			GOC's Group MITCHELL River	
			Recce Group MUSGRAVE.	
	26		Group 1 arrived at WALSH River	
			GOC's Group staged at MITCHELL River	
			Recce Group COEN	
	27		Group 2 departed from TOWNSVILLE for CAPE YORK.	
			OC CRA 4 Aust Div Brig H.C. de Low.	
			RAA Group plus HQ AASC 4 Aust Div.	
			Group 1 arrived at MITCHELL River	
			GOC's Group GLENROY Creek.	

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	27		RECCE Group MEIN	
			Approval given by First Aust Army to the appointment of	
			Lieut B.S. GLENNIE as LOIII 4 Aust Div.	
	28		Group 1 arrived ST GEORGES River.	
			GOC's Group HANN River	
			Recce Group staged CLAYHOLE Creek.	
	29		Group 1 arrived at HANN River	
			GOC's Group staged HANN River	
			Recce Group PALM Creek	
	30		4 Aust Div Location Statement issued as at 2359 hrs 30 Sep 43.	See Appendix "G"
			Group 1 staged at HANN River	
			GOC's Group MUSGRAVE	
			Recce Group JARDINE River	

John F. Murray
Lt. J. MURRAY) Maj-Gen,
Comd 4 Aust Div.

APPENDIX A.

AI/HG

To - 1 AUST INDEP LH SQN - 13 AUST GRN BN
'D' COY 13 AUST GRN BN - CAIRNS FRT

From- 4 AUST DIV

I 1590

1

SECRET (.)

4 Aust Div review situation 109 to 0600K/1 Sep (.)

LAND OPS (.)

NEW GUINEA (.)

SENA BENA area 28 Aug enemy attacked our outpost PATTA (35 mls NW BENA BENA) (.) our casualties 1 wounded 3 missing (.) enemy casualties unknown (.) 29 Aug allied patrol contacted enemy vicinity AROMA (.) 7 JAPS killed (.)

SANTA ISABEL (.)

30 Aug no evidence of JAPS being at RUKATA bay reported since 27 Aug (.)

ALLIED AIROPS (.)

NEW GUINEA (.)

0223Z to 0226Z/30 17 B24s bombed DAGUA strip (.) 3 grounded a/c definitely destroyed 14 others probably destroyed (.) large fires explosions (.)

0251Z/30 4 B24s bombed BWT air fd (.) results unobserved (.)

0555Z/30 6 A20s bombed barges LANGEMARK bay area (3 mls south ELNSCHAFEN) (.) 4 barges destroyed (.) 2 damaged (.)

NEW BRITAIN (.)

0435Z/30 9 B26s bombed Cape GLOUCESTER strip (.) grounded a/c 1st burning (.)

0433Z/30 9 B25s scored direct hits on barges Cape BUSHING area (.)

SOLOMON SEA (.)

0556Z/30 1 B17 bombed strafed destroyer and freighter 6 mls west BUKA passage (.)

EW AREA (.)

ARCE Is 0627Z/30 5 Beaufighters destroyed 3 F/Ps damaged. 100 ton vessel TABERFANE (.) 1 Beaufighter missing (.)

SCUPAC (.)

BUTR PAISI area 30 Aug B24s hit 1 of 5 ships (.)

ENEMY SIGHTINGS (.)

NEWAR area 0230Z/30 44 a/c 1 small freighter (.)

ST GEORGES Channel 0330Z/31 1 lt cruiser 1 destroyer 15 mls west Cape ST GEORGE (.)

ATIAPE 0226Z/30 6 barges (.)

SUBMARINE (.)

0650Z/31 allied vessel torpedoed south ESPIRITU SANTO
Is (in northern NEW HEBRIDES) (.)

CORAL Sea 1945Z/30 possible sub 60 mls NE GOGHTOWN (.)
graded D2 (.)

WIDE BAY 0315Z/31 allied a/c sighted sub (.) submerged
as bombs were released (.) no apparent damage (.)

GALE ORFORD 0110Z/31 sub going north (.) 0430Z/31 sub
going south (.)

All informed

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T.C.O. 1540

C. J. G. Aust Capt.

By THIS to:-

3 Aust Inf Bde (5)
2 Aust Cav Regt
"D" C of VMC
RMA 4 Aust Div (4)
RAE " " " (2)
AA3C " " " "
TOWNSVILLE Fm (3)
IDK TOWNSVILLE



LK/HG

To - 1 AUST INDEP LH SQN - 13 AUST GRN BN
'D' COY 13 AUST GRN BN - CAIRNS FRT

From - 4 AUST DIV

I 1592

2

SECRET (.)

4 Aust Div review situation 110 to 0600K/2 Sep (.)

LANDCEPS (.)

NEW GUINEA (.)

COASTAL AREA (.)

29 Aug allied patrol located abandoned JAP perimeter 2000 yds NW BUIAMBUN (.) one 37 mm gun quantity rifles and eqpt captured (.) Allied tps advance 1 ml west of BUIAMBUN (.)

CENTRAL AREA (.)

30 Aug allied attack on hill three quarters ml NW SCOUTS CAMP unsuccessful (.)

BOEDURI (.)

30 Aug, enemy pill box just east KOMIATUM - SALAMAU track jump captured (.) allied tps advanced to point 2000 yds east OLD VICKERS (.)

ALLIED AIRCRAFT (.)

NEW GUINEA (.)

ALEXANDRA (.)

0001Z/1 Sep 8 B24s dropped 64 1000 bombs on mission (.) one building destroyed many fires (.) 2340Z/31 Aug 6 B24s dropped 48 1000 lb bombs between town and strip (.) 3 large fires probable fuel dump (.)

NEW BRITAIN (.)

GASMATA (.)

1 Sep 1 Catalina bombed GASMATA Is causing two explosions building area (.)

NEW IRELAND (.)

PAVING (.)

1 B24 on search intercepted by 14 ZEKES (.) our a/c riddled by enemy fire took cloud cover and returned base (.)

NEW AREA (.)

PAVING (.)

31 Aug 2 B24s bombed KOKAS SORONG BOELA with unobserved results (.)

KALID (.)

1200Z/31 Aug 4 Hudsons bombed strip area LANGGOER causing 2 large explosions and fires (.)

AROE (.)

1100Z/31 Aug 4 Hudsons bombed F/P anchorage (.) hit cr. supply dump and small fires and explosions (.)

SOUPAC (.)

PAVING (.)

0520Z/30 Aug 24 B24s escorted by 44 Fs bombed strip (.) poor visibility results unobserved (.) 50 to 60 enemy a/c attempted interception 35 ZEKES destroyed our losses 1 B24 6 Fs (.)

SANTA YSABEL (.)

30 Aug 2 B24s bombed REKATA BAY (.)

ENEMY SHIP SIGHTINGS (.)

NEW GUINEA (.)

AITAPE (.)

31 Aug 2 destroyers and 5 transports 9/12000 ton
in position 66 mls NNW of AITAPE (.)

WELAK (.)

1 Sep 4 ships entering harbour (.)

NEW BRITAIN (.)

WIDE BAY (.) 30 Aug 1 submarine 1 destroyer
and 1 lt cruiser at entrance to bay (.)

31 Aug 30 barges between CAPE ST GEORGE and
40 mls west (.)

NEW HERIDES (.)

1 Sep definite attack on enemy submarine 50 mls
SW of PSPIRITU SANTO (.)

ALL INFORMED

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T.O.C. 1630

[Signature] Capt

By DMS to:-

3 Aust Inf Bde (5)
2 Aust Cav Regt
'D' Gp VDC
RAA (4)
RAE (2)
AASC
TOWNSVILLE FRT (3)
LDH TOWNSVILLE

TO - 1 AUST INDEP LH SQN - 13 AUST GRN BN - "D" COY 13 AUST GRN
BN - CAIRNS FORTRESS.

FROM - @ AUST DIV I.1594

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SECRET (.)

4 Aust Div review situation 1111 to 0600K/3 SEP (.)

LAND OPS (.)

NEW GUINEA (.)

COASTAL AREA (.) 31 AUG enemy holding out 700 yds ENE
SCOUT camp and in area 600 yds north SCOUT camp (.) fighting
continues (.) enemy contacted in area 1100 yds NW LOKANU peninsula (.)

CENTRAL AREA (.) 31 AUG 3 enemy posns located from pt two
and quarter mls west LOKANU peninsula to pt 700 yds to east (.)

BOBDUBI AREA (.) 31 AUG patrol reports enemy post located
from pt 1600 yds SE OLD BOBDUBI to 600 yds NE.

SALAMAUA AREA (.) 31 AUG enemy constructing def posns at
approx two and quarter mls NW SALAMAUA strip and from pt two mls
north OLD BOBDUBI for half ml to east (.) indications enemy rein-
forcements this area (.)

MARKHAM AREA (.) reliable report states large JAP patrol
visits GABMATZUNG area (18 mls upstream from river mouth) daily
about 1200 hrs returns towards LAE during afternoon (.) some patrols
both Navy and Army pers (.)

BENA BENA area 31 AUG patrol 16 JAPS near MARAWASA (.)

ALLIED AIROPS (.)

NEW GUINEA (.)

ALEXISHAFEN (.) 2345Z/31 5570023Z/1 11 B24s 31 B25s bombed
straffed strip township area (.) large explosions indicate fuel and
dumps destroyed (.) MG posns silenced (.) 1 B24 hit by AA (.)

MADANG (.) 2355Z/31 8 B24s bombed targets in area (.)
15 buildings completely destroyed (.) AA posns straffed (.)

WEWAK (.) 2353Z/1 8 B25s bombed straffed shipping (.)
3 freighter tpts (5500/7000 tons) (1 freighter tpt 500/1000 tons)
left in flames and sinking (.) 1 B25 destroyed 6 B25s damaged by
AA (.) 12 P38s destroyed 3 SSFs probably destroyed 3 SSFs (.)

NEW BRITAIN (.)

BORGEN BAY (.) 2310Z/31 7 B26s bombed stores (.) 2045Z/1
6 B25s destroyed 3 barges (.) 0012Z/1 12 B25s bombed straffed
barges (.)

WIDE BAY (north Cape ORFORD) 0110Z/1 12 Beaufighters
straffed 3 barges (.) barges burning (.) 1t AA posns silenced (.)

CAPE GLOUCESTER (.) 0130Z/2 14 P38s destroyed 5 T/E SSFs
probably destroyed 2 others (.)

SOUPAC (.)

KOLOMBANGARA (.) AM 31 AUG 22 B25s 16 TBFs 34 SBDs bombed
JAP def's radio sta VILA (.) direct hits on radio sta and gun posns (.)

ENEMY AIROPS (.)

SOUPAC (.)

VELLA LAVELLA 31 AUG JAP a/c made 5 attacks on our posns
(.) 6 SSFs D/Bs unsuccessfully attacked our shipping (.) 4 P40s
shot down 5 D/Bs (.)

ENEMY SIGHTINGS (.)

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KAHILI BALLAZE area 31 AUG 80 a/c (.)
TIMOEKA 2 SEP 2 small freighter tpts 1 barge (.)
ST MATTHIAS 2200Z/1 2 destroyers 2 med freighter tpts
2 small cargo vessels 60 mls west (.)
ALEXISHAFEN 2357Z/31 total 30 barges in area (.)
all informed

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[Signature]
.....Capt

By DRLS to :-

3 Aust Inf Bde	(5)
2 Aust Cav Regt	
"D" GP VDC	
RAA 4 Aust Div	(4)
RAE " " "	(2)
AASC " " "	
TOWNSVILLE Fortress	(3)
LDH TOWNSVILLE	

AB/HG

TO - 1 AUST INDEP LH SQN - 13 AUST GRN BN
101 CCY 13 AUST GRN BN - CAIRNS FRT

FROM - 4 AUST DIV 1 1596 1

SECRET (.)

4 Aust Div review situation 212 to 0600Z/4 Sep (.)

LANE OPS (.)

NEW GUINEA (.)

GOSSAL Area (.) 1 Sep reinforced allied tps 1500 yds NW
LOKANU peninsula repulsed three enemy attacks (.) allied tps operating
vicinity 1 ml WWV BUIABUN gained contact 1 Sep with allied force in
area 2 mls west LOKANU peninsula and reported inflicted 80 casualties
on JAPS in fighting 31 Aug 1 Sep (.) allied tps hold high ground main
track from pt 1000 yds WWV BUIABUN to 400 yds north and in contact with
JAPS just west this area (.) enemy pocket NW end ROOSEVELT ridge being
attacked (.)

BOEDERL MACPHER Area 1 Sep all JAP pill boxes 1500 yds SE
OLD VICKERS captured by our tps (.) direct hits by our arty destroyed
6 pill boxes (.) JAP casualties 65 (.)

SOUPAG (.)

SEMONONS (.) reported that OROUSIL Island has been evacuated (.)

ALLIED AIR OPS (.)

NEW GUINEA (.)

WEWAK night 1/2 1 Catalina bombed shipping (.)

MADANG 1200Z/2 1 Catalina strafed area (.)

12Z 0010Z/0045Z/3 81 B24 2 B17s bombed buildings other
targets hit (.) accurate observation results impossible due dust and
smoke (.)

MARKHAM Valley 0100Z/0045Z/3 9 B26s bombed strafed GABSONKER
NADZAB NARAYAN YARD (.) targets hit fires (.)

NEW BRITAIN (.)

CAMP GILCHRIST 0017Z to 0142Z/2 13 B17s 9 B26s bombed both
strips (.) results unobserved due cloud cover (.) 2 JAP SSRs destroyed
in combat (.) 1 B17 missing (.) 0014Z/3 9 B26s bombed No 1 strip (.)
fires (.) It and red AA positions destroyed (.)

SOUTH COAST 0050Z/3 4 Searchlighters strafed 7 barges between
GALARA Cape CAMP GILCHRIST (.)

WITU ISLAND (.)

2 Sep 1 Catalina bombed strafed area (.) fires (.)

0100Z/3 3 Searchlighters destroyed camp barges (.)

0541Z/3 1 BOM bombed area (.)

DUTCH NEW GUINEA (.)

WAWOKA 2 Sep 1 Hudson bombed small freighter tpt 1 barge (.)
one possible hit (.)

SOUPAG (.)

WITEL 0000Z/2 27 B24s with 90 B3s bombed str fd (.) results
NOT reported (.)

ENEMY AIR OPS (.)

DUTCH NEW GUINEA (.)

TANAMBORAN (150 mls north WEAMUKE) 0440Z/3 1/1 a/c
(possible SSP) over area (.)

ENEMY SIGHTINGS (.)

PASUAL area 2325Z/2 3 warships 14 cargo ships and
small craft in harbour (.) total 66 M/Bs 121 Fb 1 tpt a/c 7 S/Ps
1 F/AE (.)

KARILI 1 Sep 44 Fb 4Bs (.)

SUBMARINES (.)

ONE UNKNOWN 0440Z/3 1 sep 40 mls distant (.)

all informed

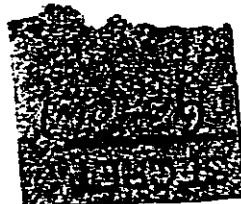
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Capt.

By DRES (.)

2 Asst Inf sdc (3)
2 Asst Cav Regt
1 D' Co VCC
FAA (4)
FAE (2)
AASC
TOWNVILLE FRT (3)
IDA TOWNVILLE



AB/JHH

To : 1 AUST INDEP LH SQN - 13 AUST GRN BN - "D" COY 13 AUST
GRN BN - CAIRNS FRT

From : 4 AUST DIV

I.1598

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SECRET (.)

4 Aust Div review situation 113 to 0600 K/5 (.)

ALLIED COMBINED OPS (.)

NEW GUINEA (.)

Allied landing HOPOI (23 mls east LAE) 2010Z to 2230Z/3
(.) under destroyer cover allied tps landed HOPOI (.) 2016Z/3 des-
troyers laid down intense barrage on beach (.) 2120Z/3 7 JAP Bs
attacked fwd landing craft which fired intense AA barrage (.) our
Fs pursued enemy Bs (.) 2145Z/3 6 B25s attacked beach head (.)
2213Z/3 3 B25s straffed 3 mls towards LAE (.) 2230Z/3 landing com-
plete and all tps moved into jungle (.) 2155Z/3 to 2230Z/3 9 B25s
bombed BUHEM river HOPOI strip HOPOI mission (.) area very heavily
straffed (.) ineffective opposition by 1 SSF (.)

LANDOPS (.)

NEW GUINEA (.)

COASTAL AREA 2 SEP allied tps cleared JAP posns slopes
SCOUT Ridge half ml NW LOKANU peninsula (.) JAP posns on high ground
to west and NW track junc 1500 yds NW LOKANU peninsula (.)

BOBDUBI 2 SEP JAP posns reported on spur one and half mls
SE OLD VICKERS and one and quarter mls WNE OLD BOBDUBI (.)

SOUPAC (.)

NEW GEORGIA (time NOT stated) allied patrols ARUNDEL Is
encountered enemy MG posns mines west coast (.)

ALLIED AIROPS (.)

NEW GUINEA (.)

LAE 2307Z to 2316Z/3 12 B24s bombed area (.) br destroyed
(.) fires in dump areas (.) 0001Z to 0400Z/4 P38s destroyed 17 SSFs
17 M/Bs (.) 1 P38 missing (.)

NEW BRITAIN (.)

RABAUL night 3/4 SEP 8 Catalinas bombed VUNAKANAU LAKUNAI
RAPOPO town area (.) fires (.) by AA gun silenced (.)

CAPE GLOUCESTER 0015Z to 0024Z/3 9 B26s 9 B25s bombed No
1 strip (.) large fires (.) AA posns silenced (.) 2335Z/3 9 B25s
bombed straffed strips (.) large fires (.)

GASMATA (.)

2148Z/3 10 Beauforts bombed air fd (.) fires (.) AA MG
silenced (.) 1 Beaufort destroyed by AA fire (.)

WESTERN NEW BRITAIN 0253Z/4 10 Beaufighters on barge
sweep destroyed 4 barges 1 launch (.)

SOLOMON SEA (.)

1320Z/3 allied a/c attacked 2 large merchant ships 3 auxiliaries 36 mls east Cape ST GEORGE (.) 1400Z/3 allied a/c damaged cargo vessel 45 mls SE Cape ST GEORGE (.) 1415Z/4 allied a/c attacked cruiser cargo vessel 38 mls NW BUKA passage (.)

NW AREA (.)

TIMOR (.)

night 3/4 2 B25s bombed KOEPANG (.) 1107Z/3 5 Hudsons bombed TENAU KOEPANG (.)

AMBON (.)

0820Z/3 8B24s bombed area (.)

SOUPAC (.)

KOLAMBANGARA (.)

2 SEP 87 TBFs B25s SBDs bombed VILA (.)

BUIN FAISI (.)

2 SEP 7 F4Us destroyed 4 grounded a/c 2 luggers (.)

ENEMY SIGHTINGS (.)

AMBON 0728Z/3 1 possible cruiser 1 large tpt 3 med tpts 5 cargo vessels several U/I ships in AMBON bay (.)

SUBMARINES (.)

SOLOMON SEA 0200Z/3 large sub 52 mls south GASMATA (.) 0215Z/4 sub going north 20 mls ENE Cape ORFORD (.)

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1540

A. G. ...

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S E C R E T

4 Aust Div review situation 114 to 0600K/6 Sep (.)

ALLIED COMBINED OPS (.)

NEW GUINEA (.)

Allied tps made unopposed landing on two beaches 15 mls east LAE under cover naval air attacks (.) air and naval bombardment caused by damage LAE Township area (.)

LANDOPS (.)

NEW GUINEA (.)

COASTAL AREA 3 Sep allied tps occupied enemy posn 700 yds north LOKANU peninsula (.)

SALAMAUVA AREA night 2/3 Sep our arty carried out harrassing fire SALAMAUVA LOKANU SCOUT BR NUK NUK (.) allied tps repulsed attack 2000 yds SSE NUK NUK fifteen enemy killed (.)

BUANG R JAP ambush contacted one and half mls north of mouth BUANG R (.) three enemy killed (.)

SOUPAC (.)

NEW GEORGIA (.) allied adv continues ARUNDEL IS against enemy delaying action (.)

ALLIED AIROPS (.)

NEW GUINEA (.)

LAE 0038Z to 0117Z/5 23 B24's 28 B25's bombed area (.) buildings destroyed gun posns silenced (.)

FINSCHAFEN 2124Z to 2205Z/4 9 B25's attacked town area (.) results unobserved (.)

CAPE GLOUCESTER 2124Z to 2205Z/4 9 B25's attacked grounded A/C AA posns sup and pers area (.) hits scored on 1 serviceable M/B and 1 other A/C leaving them burning (.) 2 AA posns silenced (.)

ENEMY AIROPS (.)

DUTCH NEW GUINEA (.)

TANAHMERAH 0025Z to 0040Z/5 9 SALLY'S approaching from NW dropped 27 bombs on township (.) nil casualties or damage (.)

MAPPI 0145Z to 0220Z/5 8 B's attacked villages area (.) huts damaged (.)

NEW GUINEA (.)

MOROBIE 0400Z/4 25 D/B's 25 F's attacked (.) results not yet reported (.)

PORT MORESBY 1042Z/5 air raid warning YELLOW (.) 1109Z/5 all clear (.)

ENEMY SIGHTINGS (.)

NEW GUINEA (.)

DAGUA 6 M/B 1 L/B 18 SSF's probably serviceable (.)

BUT 1 M/B 9 L/B's probably serviceable (.)

FINSCHAFEN 7 or 8 U/I A/C airborne (.)

NEW BRITAIN (.)

0030Z/5 1 destroyer at WIDE BAY heading towards RABOUL (.)

CAPE ST GEORGE 0100Z/5 1 destroyer 3 mls SW of cape (.)

SUBMARINES (.)

CAPE ORFORD 2232Z/4 1 sub sighted 8 mls east course north (.)
0423Z/5 1 sub reported 20 mls east by north of cape course south (.)

GASATA 0530Z/4 1 sub 32 mls south course 90 degrees (.)

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SECRET (.)

4 Aust Div review situation 115 to 0600K/7 SEP (.)

ALLIED PARATP OPS (.)

NEW GUINEA (.)

NADZAB (17 mls upstream from MARKHAM river mouth) 0016Z to 0400Z/5 (.) 0016Z 3 A20s laid smoke screen (.) 0019Z first paratps jumped landing 3 posns about air fd (.) 0200Z allied tps digging in on island in MARKHAM river 5 mls west NADZAB (.) 0400Z allied tps going down north bank river towards NADZAB (.) during ops 3 B17s dropped supplied incl amn wire tk and booby traps (.) C47s (DAKOTO tpt a/c) landed on NADZAB air fd (.)

ALLIED LANDOPS (.)

NEW GUINEA (.)

LAE area 4 SEP 2 bridge heads established area 15 mls east LAE (.) all landings made on schedule (.) snipers sole opposition (.) midday 5 SEP our fwd tps reached vicinity TALI (2 mls north BUIEM river mouth) (.) BUIEM river mouth ten and half mls east LAE (.) party 30 JAPS in area fled north on contact (.)

SALAMAUA area 4 SEP active patrolling all sectors 47 JAPS killed (.) our arty fired on concentrations 1 ml WNW BUIAMBUN and 500 yds ESE OLD BOBDUBI (.) enemy arty active no damage (.)

WAMPIT area 4 SEP enemy opposition vicinity MARKHAM PT (6 mls upstream from MARKHAM river mouth) (.) many booby traps (.)

KIRKLANDS area 5 SEP allied tps at KIRKLANDS (south bank MARKHAM river 7 mls WSW NADZAB) (.) north bank river clear enemy one and three quarters mls NE and seven and half mls west KIRKLANDS respectively (.)

SOUPAC (.)

NEW GEORGIA (.)

5 SEP allied forces continue to meet enemy resistance NE ARUNDEL Is (.)

ALLIED AIROPS (.)

NEW GUINEA (.)

NADZAB 0159Z to 0620Z/5 8 B25s bombed area (.)

LAE 2355Z/5 to 0038 Z/6 16 B24s 6 B17s 48 B25s bombed area incl MALAHANG strip (.) large fires explosions by smoke

NEW BRITAIN (.)

GASMATA 0600Z/4 3 A20s bombed air fd (.) night 4/5 one Catalina bombed area (.) 2010Z to 2126Z/4 5 A20s 10 Beauforts bombed strip (.) strip considered rendered unserviceable (.) 3 Beauforts destroyed (.)

Cape GLOUCESTER area 2350Z/4 6 Beaufighters set fire to 3 barges (.) one Beaufighter destroyed (.)

DUTCH NEW GUINEA (.)

MANOKWARI 0319Z/5 3 B24s bombed freighter tpt (.) near miss
(.) gun boat strafed (.) 1 enemy F destroyed (.)

ENEMY AIROPS (.)

HUON GULF (.)

4 SEP enemy a/c attacked allied warships L/C between
LAE MOROBE (.) our losses 2 tk landing ships 2 inf L/C damaged (.)
enemy losses 4 D/Bs 2 T/E torpedo Bs (.)

ENEMY SIGHTINGS (.)

HOLLANDIA 0015Z/6 26 M/Bs 7 L/Bs 5 Fs 4 U/1 a/c (.)
HUON GULF 4 SEP 20 barges moving LAE SALAMAU (.) unconfirmed
report states 16 sunk (.)
WISSEL LAKES 2015Z/5 29 L/C PANAI Lake (.)

SUBMARINES (.)

SOLOMON SEA 1946Z/4 sub 30 mls south GASMATA (.) 0430Z/5 sub
13 mls NE Cape ORFORD (.)

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S E C R E T

4 Aust Div review situation 116 to 0600K/8 Sep (.)

LANDOPS (.)

NEW GUINEA (.)

LAE area 0620Z/6 possible JAP concentrations west of BUIEM River (.)

SALAMAUVA area 5 Sep JAPS twice attacked our posn 600 yds LOKANU No 1 (.) both attacks repulsed (.) our tps then unsuccessfully attacked enemy on track half ml west this posn (.)

5 Sep enemy posn threequarter ml south KENNEDYS Crossing (one and quarter mls SW SALAMAUVA strip) occupied by our tps (.)

ALLIED AIROPS (.)

NEW GUINEA (.)

MARKHAM Valley 2202Z/6 8 B25's bombed targets valley rd (.) 0320Z/7 10 B25's bombed strafed targets valley rd (.)

LAE 0355Z/6 16 P38's in combat destroyed 2 SSF's 1 M/B probably destroyed 1 SSF 3 M/B's (.) 2340Z/6 to 0320Z/7 24 B24's bombed gun posns other targets (.) fires (.) results mainly unobserved due cloud cover (.)

NEW BRITAIN (.)

SOUTH COAST 0138Z/6 4 Beaufighters on barge sweep set one barge on fire (.)

GASMATA 0430Z to 0505Z/7 4 A20's bombed 100 ton vessel bombed gun posns GASMATA Is (.)

BISMARCK SEA (.)

LONG Is 0232Z/6 9 B25's bombed strafed barges 75 ft lugger (.) several hits (.)

WITU Is 0138Z/6 4 Beaufighters set on fire 5 barges (.) 0445Z/7 4 Beaufighters set 2 barges on fire (.)

NW AREA (.)

TIMOR 5 Sep 4 B24's bombed DILLI (.) 4 B25's bombed FUILORO CHATER (.) 1054Z/6 5 Hudsons bombed ATAMBOEA (.) fires (.)

SOUPAC (.)

KOLAMBANGARA 7 Sep 21 SBDs 13 TBFs bombed gun posns NE VILA VILA (.)

ENEMY AIROPS (.)

NORTHERN AUST (.)

DARWIN 0010Z/7 air raid warning red (.)

ENEMY SIGHTINGS (.)

LAE 2350Z/6 8 barges in area (.)

SUBMARINES (.)

SALAMAUVA night 5/6 1 possible sub 13 mls east NASSAU Bay (.) Cape ORFORD 0450Z/7 sub going south (.)

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SECRET (.)

4 Aust Div review situation 117 to 0600K/9 SEP (.)

LAND OPS (.)

NEW GUINEA (.)

LAE area 6 SEP slow progress by our tps SINGAUA plantation area (approx 8 mls east LAE) due rough country enemy resistance (.) one allied force approaching HOPOI mission unopposed (.)

6 SEP our fwd tps attacked party 100 JAPS which moved east across BUNGA river (6 mls east LAE) forcing enemy to withdraw (.)

0730Z/6 our fwd tps at pt on coast 1100 yds east BUNGA river mouth (.) inflicted by casualties on small JAP force vicinity SINGAUA (.) contact with enemy rearguard maintained (.)

MARKHAM VALLEY 7 SEP allied tps established rd block across valley rd three quarters ml east NADZAB (.)

SALAMAU 6 SEP further enemy attack on allied posn 600 yds north LOKANU No.1 repulsed (.)

ALLIED AIROPS (.)

NEW GUINEA (.)

LAE area 0015Z/7 9 B 26s bombed targets incl strip (.) 2 barges left burning (.)

MARKHAM Valley 0350Z/6 16 P.39s destroyed 1 SSF probably destroyed 2 SSFs over NADZAB (.)

MOROBE 0320Z/7 15 P38s forced 27 M/Bs to jettison bomb loads in sea (.) 3 JAP SSF destroyed (.)

HOPOI 0355Z/6 4 P40s intercepted 23 SSFs 1 D/B 30 M/B (.) 3 M/Bs 1 SSF destroyed (.) our losses nil (.)

ENEMY AIROPS (.)

NORTH AUST (.)

ref revsit 116 0015Z/7 1 JAP recce a/c 20Fs intercepted by 31 Spitfires (.) 5 SSFs destroyed (.) 3 SSFs probably destroyed 7 SSFs damaged (.) our losses 2 Spitfires destroyed one missing (.)

ENEMY SIGHTINGS (.)

ST MATTHIAS Gp 0015Z/8 3 merchal. vessels 3 destroyers covered by 5 Fs 132 mls east (.)

ALEXISHAFEN 0001Z/8 7 luggers (.)

HANSA Bay 2035Z/7 20 to 30 barges (.)

SUBMARINES (.)

SOLOMON SEA 0451Z/8 sub 50 mls east GASMATA (.)

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SECRET (.)

4 Aust Div review situation 118 to 0600Z/10 SEP (.)

LAND OPS (.)

NEW GUINEA (.)

LAE area 7 SEP allied tps adv NW upstream BUREP river from mouth (6mls east LAE) to pt 3 mls inland contacting small parties JAPS (.) other tps continued move along coast establishing bridgehead over BUREP river vicinity TIKERENG (half mi north mouth) (.)

0600Z/8 our fwd tps reached posns 3 mls north and three and three quarter mls NNE MALAHANG airfd (2mls NE LAE) (.)

NADZAB area 7 SEP patrols reached line NARAKAPOR (6 mls east NADZAB) OLD MUNUM (6 mls SE NADZAB) without opposition (.) allied tps continue land NADZAB (.)

BENA BENA 7 SEP patrol reached head BOGADJIM rd at MINEEN (10 mls north DUMPU) (.) approx 80 enemy visible vicinity road head (.) constant strong JAP patrols foothills near DUMU (.)

SOUPAC (.)

NEW GEORGIA Gp 6 SEP allied tps maintained contact 2 JAP gps NE coast ARUNDEL Is partially surrounding one force (.)

ALLIED AIROPS (.)

NEW GUINEA (.)

LAE area 0020Z to 0132Z/8 14 B24s 10 B17s bombed runway CHINACWU (.) targets hit (.) fires (.) 0120Z/9 7 B26s bombed targets in area (.) explosions (.)

MARKHAM Valley 0045Z/8 12 B25s bombed strafed targets valley rd (.)

SALAMUA area 0025Z/8 6 A20s bombed strafed to south track from LAUPU pt (2 mls SE isthmus) (.) MG posts silenced (.)

BISMARCK SEA (.)

0159Z/9 allied a/c bombed 4 cargo ships 71 mls west ST MATHEIAS Gp (.)

SOLOMON SEA (.)

0510Z/8 1 E 24 unsuccessfully bombed sub 50 mls east GASMATA (.)

DUTCH NEW GUINEA (.)

0320Z/8 9 B24s bombed EABE (.) several fires incl huge oil fire (.)

NW AREA (.)

1510Z/8 5 Hudsons bombed dispersal area LANGGOER strip (.) fires (.)

Night 8/9 3 Catalinas bombed AMBON (.)

ENEMY AIROPS (.)

DUTCH NEW GUINEA (.)

0050Z/8 16 M/Bs 15 SSFs dropped 91 bombs MERAUKE (.) 1 grounded GAL2 (BOOMERANG) destroyed (.) few slight casualties (.)

very little military damage (.) 14 P40Es 4 CA 12s destroyed 3 enemy Fs
(.) cur AA destroyed 1 M/E (.) air fd still serviceable (.)

TORRES STRAIT (.)

0605Z/9 air raid red HORN Is (.)

E N E M Y S I G H T I N G S (.)

KAHILI am 7 SEP 30 Fs 1 D/B (.)

LAE 0019Z/9 15 barges (.)

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11

SECRET (.)

4 Aust Div review situation 119 to 0600K/11 (.)

LANDOPS (.)

NEW GUINEA (.)

LAE area night 7/8 SEP allied arty units landed mouth BUREP river (.) 8 SEP our fwd elements reached BUSU river mouth (3 mls East LAE) (.) small parties JAPS encountered by our force in this area (.) second force our tps approaching BUSU river 4 miles north mouth (.)

NADZAB 8 SEP US tps patrolling east to NARAKAPOR and Camp DIDDY (6 mls NNE NADZAB) (.) no contact with enemy (.) allied patrols CHIVISING area (12 mls west NADZAB) (.)

BENA BENA area 8 SEP our patrol from INTOAP (17 mls SE MARAWASA) contacted our patrol from BENA at ARAU (8 mls west INTOAP) (.) reported no JAPS in area (.)

SALAMAUA area 8 SEP enemy driven from east end LOKANU spur (700 yds north LOKANU No 1) (.) our tps unsuccessfully attacked spur 1 ml SE OLD BOBDUBI (.) 17 JAPS killed (.)

ALLIED AIROPS (.)

NEW GUINEA (.)

ALEXISHAFEN 0030Z/9 12 B25s bombed strafed MT pool dump areas (.) 6 trucks destroyed (.) 20 barges in area attacked (.) majority destroyed (.) AA posn destroyed (.) 1 B25 destroyed 2 damaged by AA

HANSA Bay night 8/9 Catalina strafed 2 barges (.)

MADANG night 8/9 Catalina strafed 2 barges (.)

SOLOMON SEA (.)

night 8/9 Catalina bombed sub 47 mls SE GASMATA (.) results unobserved due bad weather (.)

1352Z/8 Catalina unsuccessfully bombed small cargo vessel 37 mls ESE Cape ST GEORGE (.)

1645Z/8 Catalina strafed 2000 ton cargo vessel 42 mls NNE Cape ST GEORGE (.) results unobserved (.)

BISMARCK SEA (.)

0456Z/9 1 B24 bombed camp area GAROVE Is (.)

NW AREA (.)

TANIMBAR Is 9 Sep 2 B25s bombed strips at LINGAT on SELAROE Is (.)

INDIAN OCEAN (.)

1000Z/9 Catalina bombed sub 30 mls north ROTTNEST Is (.) results unobserved (.)

SOUPAC (.)

KOLAMBANGARA 8 SEP 12 B25s bombed VILL strip (.) results unreported. (.)

ENEMY AIROPS (.)

(ref revsit 118) MERAUKE 0050Z/9 6 ~~army~~ pers wounded in raid (.) strip serviceable all times (.) repairs effected by 0415Z/9 (.)

SUBMARINES (.)

HUON GULF 1815Z/9 sub 28 mls ENE SALAMAU (.)

all informed

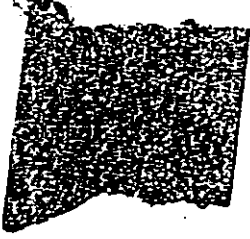
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SECRET (.)

4 Aust Div review situation 120 to 0600K/12 (.)

LAND OPS (.)

NEW GUINEA (.)

LAE area 9 Sep southern coln our tps crossed BUSU river near coast (.) some enemy fire encountered (.) our tps patrolling north along BUSU river from vicinity three quarters ml south junc BUSU and SAUKWEP rivers (11 mls from river mouth) (.) our arty engaging enemy strongpoints (.)

NADZAB 9 Sep our tps patrolling from MANUN (four and half mls east NADZAB) and to SE report no contact enemy (.) our patrols to WAWIN (12 mls NW NADZAB) report no contact with enemy (.)

SALAMAUVA 9 Sep - our tps captured CHARLEY Hill (three quarters ml south KENNEDYS crossing) (.)

SOUPAC (.)

VELLA LAVELLA 6 Sep allied tps encountered JAP resistance BOKO mission (east coast) (.)

ALLIED AIROPS (.)

BISMARCK SEA (.) 41 mls north HANSA Bay (.) 0010Z to 0350Z/11 1 B24 bombed 2 small 1 med freighter tps (.) results unobserved (.)

SOLOMON SEA (.) 48 mls ESE Cape ORFORD (.) 0030Z/11 1 Beau- fort attacked 2 freighter tpts 4 MLCs (.) 1 MLC destroyed (.)

12 mls SSW BUKA passage (.) 0030Z/11 to 0730Z/11 1 B24 bombed 2 freighter tpts (.) results NOT reported (.)

ENEMY AIROPS (.)

GOODENOUGH Is 0931Z/11 air raid warning RED (.)

ENEMY SIGHTINGS (.)

2345Z/10 3 tankers 62 mls NE WEWAK (.)

10 Sep 6 barges BUKA passage (.)

10 Sep 6 small craft 22 barges BUIN FAISI area (.)

SUBMARINES (.)

Cape ORFORD 0450Z/10 sub southbound (.)

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SECRET (.)

4 Aust Div review situation 121 to 0600K/13 (.)

LANDOPS (.)

NEW GUINEA (.)

LAE area 10 SEP by rain prevented further tps crossing BUSU river (.) br eqpt being brought fwd (.) tps holding br head on mouth river encountered opposition from JAP strong pt OLD YANGA (east bank river mouth) which was destroyed (.) JAP counter attack our left flank repulsed (.) 40 JAPS killed (.) slight enemy shell- ing from med guns located vicinity three quarters ml west OLD YANGA (.) night 10/11 further Aust tps landed BUSU river area (.)

NADZAB area 10 Sep fwd tps moving south from YALU (seven and quarter mls east NADZAB) made contact small enemy ambush party (.) our tps patrolling SE along MARKHAM river from NARAKAPOR (.) 11 SEP our patrols active (.) 30 JAPS killed at JENYNS (11 mls SE NADZAB) (.)

SALAMAUA area 10 Sep all our units made gen adv inflicting hy casualties capturing much eqpt (.)

Coastal area 10 Sep ridge from 800 yds NNE LOKANU No 1 to track junc 1 ml to west captured and allied tps now exploiting north along coastal track (.) 4 enemy guns captured on beach north LOKANU No 1 (.) allied tps adv along track parallel to coast pushed enemy back to one and quarter mls SW LAUPUI pt and 2000 yds NW LOKANU No 1 (.) tps at latter pt exploiting towards NUK NEM (.) adv continues (.)

10 Sep following capture CHARLEY'S hill our tps adv north on spur (.) 80 enemy dead counted (.)

10 Sep JAPS driven from area half ml SE KOL TUM SALAMAUA track junc (.) KENNEDY crossing captured (.) 130 enemy dead counted (.) our tps pushing towards kno 1 1000-yds NNE crossing (.)

10 Sep our tps attacking east 1 ml NE OLD BOBDUBI and north one and quarter mls west LOGUI (.) enemy counter attack failed (.) later reports stated at 0930Z/10 despite by rain our tps reached line FRANCISCO river (.) some of our tps swam river occupied SALAMAUA air fd 2230Z/10 (.)

SOUPAC (.)

NEW GEORGIA (.)

8 Sep allied tps occupied BAMBOE village (NW tip ARUNDEL Is) (.) one JAP concentration surrounded NE ARUNDEL Is (.)

ALLIED AIROPS (.)

NEW GUINEA (.)

LAE area 2358Z/11 to 0039Z/12 12 B17s 10 B24s bombed targets (.) houses br gun posns destroyed (.)

NEW BRITAIN (.)

0540Z/12 9 B25s destroyed 3 or 4 barges BORDEN Bay Cape
BUSHING area (.)

NW AREA (.)

TANIMBAR Island 0645Z/11 9 Beaufighters strafed SELAROE Is
(.) fires in dump area (.) lugger damaged (.)

CELEBES night 11 Sep 11 B24s bombed MAKASSAR (.) fires ex-
plosions (.) 1 B24 missing (.)

KAI Is 1220Z/11 5 Hudsons bombed LANGGOER strip (.) fires (.)

SOUPAC (.)

2249Z/10 18 B24s bombed KAHILI (.) many fires (.)

VELLA LAVELLA 0152Z/10 15 B25s 20 SBDs bombed bivouac area
OULA COVE (west coast) (.)

ENEMY AIROPS (.)

NEW GUINEA (.)

MOROE 0100Z/12 12 to 15 SSFs M/Bs scored 1 direct hit on
tk landing ship (.) by damage (.) another similar vessel damaged (.)
2 SSFs shot down (.) 20 pers injured (.)

ENEMY SIGHTINGS (.)

BORDEN bay 0215Z/12 12 to 15 landing barges (.)
SOLOMON SEA 0020Z/12 1 destroyer 2 merchant vessels 60 mls SE
Cape ST GEORGE (.)

SUBMARINES (.)

2120Z/11 enemy sub 120 mls SE RENDOVA Is (.)
all informed (.)

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SECRET (.)

4 Aust Div review situation 122 to 0600K/14 (.)

LANDOPS (.)

NEW GUINEA (.)

SALAMAUA area 11 Sep allied tps crossed FRANCISCO river unopposed and occupied SALAMAUA air fd (.) 0300Z/11 SALAMAUA occupied up to and incl isthmus (.) enemy still holding well prepared posns north FRANCISCO river on high ground NE to KEIA pt (.) also on gen line from one and half mls to two and half mls west isthmus (.)

LAE area 11 Sep fwd tps astride creek 600 yds west BUSU river mouth patrolling west (.) 111 enemy dead counted quantity eqpt captured (.) further tps crossing mouth river using punts (.) our attempts to cross river to north hindered by MG fire (.) patrolling continued north to KUNDA br two mls NW junc BUSU SANKWEP rivers (.) further tps landed BUSU river mouth (.)

NADZAB 11 Sep fwd tps moving south along MARKHAM valley rd contacted enemy estimated 200 vicinity JENSONS (approx 11 SE NADZAB) (.) casualties inflicted on JAP patrol north bank MARKHAM river 1 ml SW HEATHS (13 mls SE NADZAB) (.) allied arty YALU area shelled HEATHS (.)

12 Sep further tps arty landed NADZAB (.)

ALLIED AIROPS (.)

NEW GUINEA (.)

FINSCHHAFEN 0050 to 0145Z/12 9 B25s straffed u/i native village halfway between SAIDOR and IANGEMAK (.) one building set on fire (.)

DAGUA 0025 to 0055Z/13 flight of P38s made contact with 20 OSCARS (.) 3 OSCARS definitely destroyed (.) 0057Z/13 6 B24s bombed air fd (.) fires dense smoke (.)

BUT 0045Z/13 5 B24s bombed air fd (.) large fires explosions (.) 2 or 3 a/c in area hit by bombs (.)

DUTCH NEW GUINEA (.)

WISSEL LAKES 2040 to 2050Z/12 1 Catalina bombed ENAROTALI Village (.) results unobserved (.)

NEW BRITAIN (.)

0355Z/12 3 Beaufighters bombed GASMATA (.) results unobserved (.)

CAPE GLOUCESTER 0515Z/12 9 B25s destroyed or damaged 4 barges SW of cape (.)

NW AREA (.)

TANIMBAR Is 2110 to 2237Z/11 6 Beaufighters bombed straffed LARAT LINGAT and SELAROE STRIP (.)

SCJUPAG (.)

1245Z/12 allied a/c sank sub 150 mls S of CHOISEUL IS (.)

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1443Z/12 allied a/c attacked sub 89 mls W of BOUGAINVILLE IS (.)

KOLOMBANGARA 11 Sep 24 SBDs 12 TBFs 18 B25s and 4 F4Us hit installations on SE and SW of island starting fires (.)

ENEMY AIROPS (.)

NEW GUINEA (.)

BUSU R 0204Z/12 unstated number a/c bombed SINGAUA (.) no details (.)

MILNE BAY 0109Z/13 air raid warning RED (.) 0132Z/13 air raid warning WHITE (.)

DOBODURA 0946Z/13 air raid warning RED (.) 1108Z/13 all clear (.)

ENEMY SIGHTINGS (.)

WEWAK 0046Z/13 4 vessels (500/1000 tons) off MUSCHU IS (.)

BOUGAINVILLE IS 1250Z/12 6 ships 20 mls E of KIETA (.)

BUIN FAISI 2130Z/10 41 barges 3 small craft in area (.)

FINSCHHAFEN 0145Z/12 9 U/S barges along coast between SAIDOR and LANGEMAK B (.)

CAPE GLOUCESTER 0515Z/12 4 barges SW of cape (.)

WISSEL LAKES 2050Z/12 40 to 50 small craft in NE corner PANIAI LAKE (.)

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T.O.O. 1550.


Capt.

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'D' Gp VDC
RAA 4 Aust Div (4)
RAE " " " (2)
AASC " " "
TOWNSVILLE Fortress (3)
LDH Townsville

TO - 1 AUST INDEP LH SQN - 13 AUST GRE BN
1st COY 13 AUST GRE BN - CAIRNS FRT

FROM - 4 AUST DIV I 1627 15

S E C R E T (.)

4 Aust Div review situation 123 to 0600K/15 (.)

LANDOPS (.)

NEW GUINEA (.)

LAE area 12 Sep further AUST tps crossed BUSU river (.) our arty active against enemy posns at a MALAHANG and LAE air fd small JAP party at KUNDA or successfully ambushed (.)

MARKHAM Valley 13 Sep our tps attacking and adv towards WHITTAKERS and HEATHS (13 mls SE NADZAB) (.) our tps north bank river patrolling to half ml SW HEATHS (.)

SALAMAUA 12 Sep peninsula port town SALAMAUA in our hands (.) enemy routed fleeing north (.) our tps in close pursuit (.) 1000Z/12 enemy north of line east west through ASINI (two and three quarter mls NW isthmus) (.)

BENA-BENA area 12 Sep Tac R reports strip KAIAPIT (50 mls ESE BENA BENA) was recently cleared (.)

ALLIED AIROPS (.)

NEW GUINEA (.)

HANSA Bay SEPIK river area 0030Z/14 to 0059Z/14 13 B25s on barge sweep bombed strafed total 28 to 31 barges (.) several direct hits (.) buildings destroyed (.)

LAE area 0220Z to 0230Z/14 11 B25s destroyed 8 buildings EDWARD'S JACOBSENS plantations (.)

0545Z/13 12 B25s left TALI village (two and quarter mls SE HEATHS south bank MARKHAM river) (.) possible amn dump hit (.)

NW AREA (.)

1403Z/13 4 Catalinas bombed AMBON strafed F/P base HALONG (in same area) (.) several fires (.)

Night 13/14 2 Catalinas bombed BABO and LANGGOER (.) results unobserved due cloud cover (.)

SOUPAC (.)

0950Z/11 1 F4U strafed destroyer off KAHILI (.)

0330Z/12 25 B24s with Fs bombed KAHILI (.) fires (.) 20 JAPS Fs intercepted (.) 7 JAP Fs destroyed (.) 1 F4F destroyed (.)

ENEMY AIROPS (.)

NEW GUINEA (.)

MARILINAN (36 mls NW WAU) 0035Z/13 19 JAP Fs 11 Bs bombed camp area (.) tents destroyed (.) 5 P40s intercepted 12 M/Bs 25 Fs after raid (.) 1 JAP a/c damaged (.) 1 P40 missing (.) later 8 P47s intercepted 15 M/Bs 35 Fs (.) in running fight 1 M/B 1 SSF destroyed 1 SSF probably destroyed (.)

ENEMY SIGHTINGS (.)

BISMARCK Sea 0026Z/14 1 destroyer 1 tpt 85 mls NNE KAVIENG (.)

SOLOMON sea 0420Z/14 convoy 8 ships 20 mls SSE Cape ST GEORGE
(.) 1 destroyer 2 auxiliary vessels 25 mls SSE BUKA passage (.)

AMBON 1403Z/13 1 cruiser 1 other warship 1 med vessel 3 small
ships(.1

SUBMARINES (.)

CORAL Sea 2245Z/13 sub crash dived when sighted 360 mls east
BUNDABERG (.) report graded B2 (.)

Cape ORFORD 2140Z/13 sub 15 mls ESE going north (.)

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LDH TOWNSVILLE
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AB/HG

- 1 AUST INDEP LH SQ - 13 AUST GRN BN
'D' COY 13 AUST GRN BN - CAIRNS FRT

FROM - 4 AUST DIV I 1629 16

S E C R E T (.)

4 Aust Div review situation 124 to 0600K/16 (.)

LANDOPS (.)

NEW GUINEA (.)

LAE area night 12/13 Sep further arty landed (.) 13 Sep fwd tps captured 3 enemy posns coastal track 3000 yds east LAE (.) JAPS driven from NEW YANGA (1400 yds upstream BUSU riv) (.) fwd tps captured occupied NEW YANGA (.) our adv continues (.)

Night 13/14 Sep tps commenced cross BUSU three and half mls NNE mouth against opposition (.)

NADZAB area 14 Sep HEATHS WHITTAKERS occupied (.) adv continues (.) enemy casualties to 13 Sep approx 100 (.)

SALAMAUVA area 13 Sep pursuit continued against minor opposition (.) fwd tps reached riv crossing on coast 4 mls NNW ASINI (.)

BENA BENA area native reports (beleived reliable) (.) enemy at nearby villages are building br across K. KHAM vicinity YATI riv (8 mls NW KAIAPIT) (.)

ALLIED AIROPS (.)

NEW GUINEA (.)

LAE 0022Z/15 3 B17s bombed CHINATOWN (.) results unobserved (.)

FINSCHHAFEN 0438Z/15 2 B24s bombed dock area (.) fire (.)

SOLOMON SEA (.)

0303Z/15 1 B24 scored direct hit freighter tpt 30 mls WNW BUKA (.)

NW AREA (.)

TANIMBAR Is 2303Z/13 6 Beafighters bombed straffed SELAROE Is incl LINGAT strip dumps (.) 14 Sep 3 Bostons bombed straffed same area (.) 0255Z/14 1 F4Us bombed lumps same area (.)

AMBON 1315Z/14 3 Catalinas bombed town area (.) many fires explosions (.)

CELEBES 1348Z to 1515Z/14 12 B24s bombed town wharf dispersal area KENDARI (east coast) (.) large fires explosions (.)

SOUPAC (.)

0750Z/11 4 F4Us destroyed 7 u/1 grounded a/c KAHILI (.)

0145Z/12 allied a/c sank JAP sub 70 mls SW RENDOVA Is (.)

1141Z/12 allied a/c scored 1 hit on JAP sub 115 mls SW RENDOVA Is (.) sub disappeared leaving oil slick (.)

1250Z/13 allied recce a/c scored hit destroyer 15 mls east KIETA (.)

ENEMY SIGHTINGS (.)

1315Z/14 3 possible destroyers 2 merchant vessels 2 other med vessels several small ships AMBON (.)

1215Z/5 1 destroyer 1 tpt 40 mls NNE Cape ST GEORGE (.)

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0716
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AASC 4 Aust Div
Townsville Fortress (3)
LDH Townsville

AB/JHH

To : 1 AUST INDEP LH SQN, 13 AUST GRN BN, D COY 13 AUST GRN BN ,
CAIRNS FRT.
From : 4 AUST DIV I.1631 17

SECRET (.)

4 Aust Div review situation 125 to 0600K/17 SEP (.)

LANDOPS (.)

NEW GUINEA (.)

LAE area (.) 0240Z/16 LAE occupied after evacuation by JAPS (.)

NADZAB area 14 SEP EDWARDS (one and three quarter mls SE
HEATHS) captured (.)

15 SEP much equipment captured HEATHS (.)

1615Z/13 patrol BOANA track north CAMP DIDDY (five and half
mls NADZAB) encountered JAP strong pts (.)

14 SEP our tps continued harass enemy MARKHAM Pt (6 mls upstream
river mouth) (.)

SALAMAUA area 14 SEP adv north continued fwd tps reaching pt
four mls south BUANG river mouth (BUANG river mouth 10 mls south
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stores eqpt GANONGGA (.)

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AA (.)

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ed 5 barges (.)

FINSCH ALEXISHAFEN 2327Z/14 12 B25s destroyed 9 barges
AA posn possible amn dump (.)

SOLOMON SEA (.)

1355Z/16 allied a/c bombed two 500 ton ships 28 mls SE Cape
ST GEORGE (.) 1 left sinking other damaged (.)

SOUPAC (.)

14 SEP 43 H/Bs 25TBFs 34 SBDs successfully bombed KAHILI (.)

ENEMY AIROPS (.)

NORTHERN AUSTRALIA (.)

1431Z/15 12 to 15 a/c bombed FENTON area (.) slight damage
no casualties (.) no contact by our a/c (.)

WESTERN AUSTRALIA (.)

1703Z/15 2 a/c bombed ONSLOW (.) nil casualties damage (.) 4
CA 12s failed to intercept (.)

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ENEMY SIGHTINGS (.)

0215Z/15 35 M/Bs HOLLANDIA (.)

SUBMARINES (.)

0028Z/15 possible surfaced sub 18 mls north KAWIENG (.)

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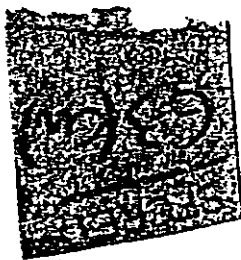
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Capt

By DRLS to :-

3 Aust Inf Bde (5)
D Gp VDC
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RAE 4 Aust Div
AASC 4 Aust Div
TOWNSVILLE Frt (3)
LDH TOWNSVILLE



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To : 1 AUST INDEP LH SQN, 13 AUST GRN BN, D COY 13 AUST GRN BN,
CAIRNS FRT.
From : 4 AUST DIV I.1633 18

SECRET (.)

4 Aust Div Review Situation 126 to 0600K/18 SEP (.)

LANDOPS (.)

NEW GUINEA (.)

LAE area 14 SEP enemy casualties vicinity VERNONS HEATHS
EDWARDS estimated 300 (.)

SOUPAC (.)

SOLOMONS night 14/15 four enemy barges landed reinforcements
SAGEKARASA Is (off NE coast ARUNDEL Is) (.)

ALLIED AIROPS (.)

NEW GUINEA (.)

ALEXISHAFEN 0001Z to 0120Z/16 17 B24s bombed both strips (.)
targets hit (.) large fires (.)

NW AREA (.)

DUTCH NEW GUINEA 0318Z/16 3 B24s destroyed 4 buildings SORONG (.)

TABERFANE 1442Z/17 5 Hudsons bombed sup dump (.) fires in other
areas (.)

SOUPAC (.)

0235Z/16 47 B24s with Fs bombed KAHILI (.) 8 intercepting Fs
destroyed (.) our losses 3 P40s 6 a/c damaged (.)

0213Z/14 61 TBFs and D/Bs with Fs bombed BALLALE (.) 2 grounded
JAP a/c 8 airborne JAP Fs destroyed (.)

ENEMY AIROPS (.)

SOUPAC (.)

night 14/15 SEP 40 to 60 JAP a/c bombed MUNDA area (.) damage
to our grounded a/c 23 casualties (.)

SUBMARINES (.)

0520Z/17 sub 3 mls off cape ORFORD (.)

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Capt.

By DRIS to: 3 Aust Inf Bde (5) RAE 4 Aust Div
D Gp VDC AASC 4 Aust Div
RAA 4 Aust Div TOWNSVILLE Fortress (3)

LDH TOWNSVILLE

APP. B

AEM/JHH

M O S T S E C R E T

Copy No.....171

3 SEP 43

4 AUST DIV OPERATION INSTRUCTION No 16

AMENDMENT No 1.

Ref 4 Aust Div Operation Instruction No 16 of 31 AUG.

1. Para 2, sub-para c(ii)

Delete "B Sec 79 Aust Dental Unit - Moving from
2 Aust Corps"

Para 2, sub-para c(iii)

Insert "B Sec 79 Aust Dental Unit - Moving from
2 Aust Corps"

2. Acknowledge.

Signed at 1220 hrs

W. M. Lucas
Lt-Col
GS 4 Aust Div

DISTRIBUTION :

3 Aust Inf Bde
TOWNSVILLE Fortress
CAIRNS Fortress
1 Aust Indep LH Sqn
9 Aust Fd Censorship Sec
HQ RAA 4 Aust Div
HQ RAE 4 Aust Div
Sigs 4 Aust Div
HQ AASC 4 Aust Div
4 Aust Div Pro Coy
2/3 Aust Dental Unit
First Aust Army PR Fd Unit
4 Aust Div Fd Punishment Centre
4 Aust Div Sec Reception Camp
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APP C
AEM/HG

M O S T S E C R E T

C O P Y No. 17

5 Sep 43.

4 AUST DIV OPERATION INSTRUCTION No 16.

Amendment No 2.

Ref 4 Aust Div Operation Instruction No 16 of
31 Aug 43.

1. Para 2 sub-para C (11)

Delete

126 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk.

126 Aust Bde Wkshop.

2. The following units will come under comd 3 Aust
Inf Bde as from 0001 hrs 7 Sep 43.

126 Aust Bde Ord Fd Fk

126 Aust Bde Wkshop

3. Acknowledge.

Signed at 1505 hrs

A. J. Lucas Maj
for Lt-Col,
GS 4 Aust Div.

Distribution:-

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3 Aust Inf Bde	1	DRLS
TOWNSVILLE Fortress	2	"
CAIRNS Fortress	3	"
1 Aust Indep LH Sqn	4	"
9 Aust Fd Censorship Sec	5	"
HQ RAA 4 Aust Div	6	"
HQ RAE " " "	7	"
Sigs " " "	8	Hand
HQ AASC " " "	9	DRLS
4 Aust Div Pro Coy	10	"
2/3 Aust Dental Unit	11	"
First Aust Army PR Fd Unit	12	"
4 Aust Div Fd Punishment Centre	13	"
4 Aust Div Sec Reception Camp	14	"
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Pay	24	"
Postal	25	"
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File	28	"
	29	"

APP. D

27

M O S T S E C R E T

HQ 4 AUST DIV (LIT)

17 SEP 43

MSL.1/2/17

4 AUST DIV LOCATION STATEMENT No 1

Attached herewith 4 Aust Div Location Statement No 1 as
at 2359 hrs 15 SEP 43

2. Acknowledge on attached slip.

3. It is requested that any errors in this statement be
notified immediately to this HQ by formations or units concerned.

W.D. Thomas
Capt
for Lt-Col
Gp 4 Aust Div

Encl : 1

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"P" Aust EC Sec	13	Base Sec USASOS	25
Comd	14	File	26
3	15 - 16	War Diary	27 - 28

Receipt to be detached and returned to this HQ promptly

SECRET

Appendix "A" to 4 Aust
Div MSL.1/2/17 of
17 SEP 43.

4 AUST DIV LOCATION STATEMENT No 1

as at 2359 hrs 15 SEP 43

Ref Map: TOWNSVILLE one inch to one mile

Serial No.	Formation or Unit	Veh No	Location	Map Ref	Projected moves and remarks
<u>HQ</u>					
A.1	HQ 4 Aust Div (AIF) 305 Aust LAD AEME (AIF)	84	DICK CREEK	947738	En Route
<u>INT</u>					
A.2	"P" Aust FSS (AIF)		" "	"	To move shortly
<u>ARTY</u>					
A.3	HQ RAA 4 Aust Div(AIF)	69	" "	"	" "
<u>ENGRS</u>					
A.4	HQ RAE 4 Aust Div(AIF)	81	" "	953738	" "
A.5	30 Aust Camflg Unit	59	" "	"	" "
A.6	55 Aust Fd Pk Coy RAE	67	CLUDEN	995793	Rear party only. To move shortly
A.7	27 Aust Fd Coy RAE	214			En route
<u>SIGS</u>					
A.8	HQ Sigs 4 Aust Div	66	DICK CREEK	947738	To move shortly
	39 Aust Cypher Sec (AIF) Type E		" "		" "
	233 Aust LAD AEME		ROSENEATH	958732	" "
	HQ 1 Coy Sigs 4 Aust Div			961739	" "
<u>AASC</u>					
A.9	HQ Comd AASC 4 Aust Div (AIF)	59	CLUDEN	947769	" "
A.10	159 Aust Gen Tpt Coy (AIF)	64	MUNTALUNGA	003753	
A.11	223 Aust Sup Depot Pl		"	"	
A.12	15 Aust Fd Bakery		"	"	
<u>PAY</u>					
A.13	4 Aust Div Fd Cash Office (AIF)	80	DICK CREEK	947738	" "
<u>POSTAL</u>					
A.14	4 Aust Div Postal Unit less dets	55	" "	"	" "
<u>PROVOST</u>					
A.15	4 Aust Div Pro Coy (AIF) (less 2 secs)	95	BROOKHILL	954723	" "

APP E

C O P YS E C R E T

COPY NO.....

15 Sep 43.

HQ 4 AUST DIV RECCE GP - CONVOY ORDER NO. 1

<u>Ref Maps:-</u> 4 mls - 1 inch 8 mls - 1 inch 1 in - 1 mile	TOWNSVILLE INGHAM INNISFAIL ATHERTON MOSSMAN COOKTOWN PALMER RIVER CAPE DIRECTION CAPE YORK TOWNSVILLE SPECIAL
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INTENTION

1. Recce Gp will move from present location on 17 Sep 43 in accordance with 4 Aust Div 00 16 of 31 Aug 43 and 4 Aust Div Adm Order 16 of 4 Sep 43.

METHOD2. Order of March

<u>Ser- ial</u>		<u>No. of Vehs.</u>	<u>Personnel</u>
1	Recce Party HQ 4 Aust Div	5	3 x 14
2	" " " RAE 4 Aust Div	1	1 x 5
3	30 Aust Camflg Unit	2	1 x 4
4	Recce Party HQ AASC 4 Aust Div	1	1 x 2
5	Det 159 Aust Gen 2pt Coy	4	10
6	Recce Party Sigs 4 Aust Div	12	2 x 43 X
7	71 Aust AASL Wkshop Sec	4	15
8	Medical Det	1	2
9	240 Aust LAD	6	1 x 15
		36	9 x 110

X incl 4 Provost personnel.

3. ROUTE

- (a) 17 Sep. Rd TOWNSVILLE - INNISFAIL to TULLY
- (b) 18 Sep. TULLY - INNISFAIL thence via PALMERSTON HIGHWAY to MILLAA MILLAA - MALANDA to bivouac site at KAIRI 003054 (Ref Map INNISFAIL 4 ml - 1)
- (c) Orders for subsequent stages will be issued en route.

/2.

4. ASSEMBLY Serials will assemble in order of march in the area on the East of and off the rd STUART - TOWNSVILLE between 924799 and 930793 (Ref Map TOWNSVILLE SPECIAL 1 in : 1 ml).

Assembly will be complete and serials ready to move by 0700 hrs 17 Sep 43.

5. S.P. rd junc 915820 TOWNSVILLE SPECIAL 1 in : 1 ml.

6. Start Time 0715 hrs.

7. Speed Stage 1 15 mih
" 2 15 "

8. Density Stage 1 10 vtm
" 2 10 "

9. Halts (a) 20 minutes every even clock hour commencing at the hour except at 1200 when halt will be one hour.

- (b) One day at KAIRI
LAURA
PLUTOVILLE

10. TRAFFIC CONTROL.

4 Aust Div Pro Coy is arranging:-

- (a) Co-ordination of moves of serials 1,2,3,6,8 & 9, to assembly area.
(b) TP's in TOWNSVILLE.

11. Rations

The unexpended portion of the rations for 17 Sep will be carried in addition to rations as laid down in para 12, 4 Aust Div Adm Order 16.

Serials will arrange that on 17 Sep and each succeeding day rations for the midday meal are carried in vehicle lots.

12. Water

Each serial comd will ensure that all cans, water bags and water bottles are full at the commencement of each days march.

Wherever possible water will be sterilized by boiling in preference to use of sterilization outfits.

13. General

Units are requested to ensure that serials are fully conversant with and have complied with the requirements of 4 Aust Div Adm Order 16.

ACK.

Signed at 1600 hrs.

(Signed) M.H. BECHER Maj
GS 4 Aust Div
OC Recce Gp

Distribution:

HQ RAE 4 Aust Div (2)
Sigs 4 Aust Div (2)
HQ AASC 4 Aust Div (2)
71 AASL Wkshop Sec
240 Aust LAD

G File
AQ Spares (3)
Q
DAPM (2)
CEME

APP F

SECRETCOPY

HQ 4 AUST DIV (AIF)

18 Sep 43.

HQ 4 AUST DIV - GROUP No.1 - ORDER NO.1

To be read in conjunction with 4 Aust Div
Adm Order 16 dated 4 Sep 43.

1. Group No.1 will move in 3 Blocks on 21 Sep 43
as set out hereunder:-

<u>Block A</u>	<u>Pers</u>	<u>Vehs</u>	<u>OC</u>
Adv Div HQ	62	15	
Det Sigs	6	2	
Det & Div Pro	10	3	
Det Postal	3	1	
Det FSS	7	3	
HQ RAE less det	18	6	
Det AASC	10	4	
	<u>116</u>	<u>34</u>	Capt FEELY

<u>Block B</u>			
Adv Sigs less det	86	31	
Cipher Sec	6	1	
Dets RAE	4	2	
Dets Medical	3	1	
Det AASC	10	4	
	<u>109</u>	<u>39</u>	Maj HART

<u>Block C</u>			
233 Aust IAD	<u>16</u>	<u>8</u>	Capt CRON

ASSEMBLY

2. Dets AASC will report at 1800 hrs 20 Sep 43 as follows:-

(i) 10 pers 4 vehs to Capt FEELY HQ 4 Aust Div
(ii) do to Maj HART Sigs 4 Aust Div

3. STARTING POINT - HOTEL STUART.

4. START TIME - Block A 0740 hrs
Block B 0800 "
Block C 0820 "

5. ROUTE - (i) ex TOWNSVILLE - as directed by Provost
(ii) Drivers MT will be issued with roneoed maps showing whole journey on morning of 21 Sep 43.

6. DENSITY. For first stages 20 VTM. This will be decreased later, on instructions from OC Convoy.

7. STAGES. First Stage TOWNSVILLE - INGHAM ± 12 miles
Second " INGHAM ± 12 miles - INNISFAIL
Third " INNISFAIL - KAIRI
later stages - orders will be issued at KAIRI.

8. TIME TABLE. The following time table will be observed.

Reveille	0600
Breakfast	0645
Move out	0730
Lunch	1200
Move Out	1300
Bivouac	1645 (approx)
Sick Parade	1830
Lights Out	2200

9.

HALTS

(i) As laid down in 4 Aust Div Adm Order 16.

(ii) At midday and evening halt, Pro Offr, after liaison with offr detailed to check Block B, will report to OC Convoy on the general condition of the convoy.

(iii) Air Sentries will be posted, AALMG will be mounted, and protection against possible attack by land troops planned.

10. RATIONS AND MESSING. Convoy will mess by blocks in manner suggested by Divisional Catering Adviser.

11. FIRE PRECAUTIONS.

(i) Smoking in vehicles will NOT be permitted.

(ii) Care must be taken in siting of fires.

12. MEDICAL. Vehicle carrying HQ RAE RAP will travel in rear of Block B in front of ambulance.

13. DAILY CONFERENCE. OC Convoy will hold a conference of all officers each night at 1900 hrs, when orders for following day's move will be issued. OSC Blocks will need to be fully acquainted with the day's performance of vehicles at this conference.

14. RD REPAIRS. An officer from HQ RAE and one vehicle with 6 pers from SIGS will travel in rear of Block B to effect such repairs to the road as the engineer officer thinks fit.

(Signed) J.W. FLETCHER Lt-Col
COMD GROUP I

DISTRIBUTION.

Comd Sigs (2)
4 Aust Div Pro Coy
4 Aust Div Postal Unit
"p" Aust FS Sec
CASC (2)
Cipher Sec
233 Aust LAD
G
Q
Camp
ADMS (2)
CEME
Spare
All offr's Adv HQ

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NOBT SECRET

HQ 4 AUST DIV (AIF)

30 SEP 43.

HSL 1/B/18

4 AUST DIV LOCATION STATEMENT No. 2

Attached herewith 4 Aust Div Location Statement No 2 as
at 2359 hrs 30 SEP 43.

2. Acknowledge on attached slip.

3. It is requested that any errors in this statement be
notified immediately to this HQ by formations or units concerned.

C. J. G. C. C.
Lt-Col,
HQ 4 Aust Div.

Encl : 1.

<u>DISTRIBUTION</u>	<u>COPY NO</u>	<u>DISTRIBUTION</u>	<u>COPY NO.</u>
First Aust Army	1 - 2	A	17
PAA 4 Aust Div	3 - 4	G	18
RAE 4 Aust Div	5 - 7	ADMS	19
Sigs 4 Aust Div	8	ADPS	20
HQ AASC	9	Comd AEME	21
2/1 Aust Hvt Control Gp		Post	22
TOWNSVILLE	10 - 11	Pay	23
Base Censor TOWNSVILLE	12	File	24
"P" Aust PS Rec	13	War Diary	25 - 26
Comd	14		
G	15 - 16		

Receipt to be detached and returned to this HQ promptly.

~~SECRET~~

Appendix "A" to 4 Aust
Div HHL 1/8/
SEP 43.

4 AUST DIV LOCATION STATEMENT No 2

as at 2359 hrs 30 SEP 43

Ref Map: TOWNVILLE one inch to one mile

Cor- rel No.	Formation or Unit	Veh No	Location	Map Ref	Projected moves and remarks
	<u>HQ</u>				
A.1	HQ 4 Aust Div (AIF) 305 Aust LAD AEME (AIF)	84	DICK CREEK	947733	En Route
	<u>INT</u>				
A.2	"p" Aust FSG (AIF)		" "	"	To move shortly
	<u>ARTY</u>				
A.3	HQ RAA 4 Aust Div (AIF)	69			En Route
	<u>ENGNS</u>				
A.4	HQ RAB 4 Aust Div (AIF)	81	DICK CREEK	953738	To move shortly
A.5	30 Aust ComfLy Unit	59	" "	"	" " "
A.6	55 Aust Fd Pk Coy RAB	67	CLUDEN	995795	Rear party only. To move short- ly
A.7	27 Aust Fd Coy RAB	214			En route
	<u>SIGS</u>				
A.8	HQ Sigs 4 Aust Div	66	DICK CREEK	947733	To move shortly
	39 Aust Cypher Sec (AIF) Type E		" "		" "
	233 Aust LAD AEME		ROSENEATH	953732	" "
	HQ 1 Coy Sigs 4 Aust Div			961739	" "
	<u>AASC</u>				
A.9	HQ Comd AASC 4 Aust Div (AIF)	59	CLUDEN	947769	" "
A.10	159 Aust Gen Tpt Coy (AIF)	64	HUNTALINGA	003733	
A.11	223 Aust Exp Depot Pl		"	"	
A.12	15 Aust Pk Bakery		"	"	
	<u>PAY</u>				
A.13	4 Aust Div Fd Cash Office (AIF)	80	DICK CREEK	947733	" "
	<u>POSTAL</u>				
A.14	4 Aust Postal Unit less detc	55	" "	"	" "
	<u>PROVOST</u>				
A.15	4 Aust Div Pro Coy (AIF) (less 2 secs)	95	BROOKHILL	954723	" "

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1 DEC 1943

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Unit HQ 4 AUST DIV (AIF)

Date and Time.—From 1 OCT To 31 OCT 43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
TOWNSVILLE	1 Oct		Group 3 departed from TOWNSVILLE for CAPE YORK. OC Group	
			DAQMG 4 Aust Div (Maj J.D.H ARNOTT)	
			Arrived INGHAM	
			Group 3 Order No 1 issued	See Appendix 'A'
			Group 1 ALCESTON	
			GOC's Group COEN	
			Recce Group staged JARDINE River	
	2 Oct		Reconnaissance Group arrived at destination.	
			Log Diary of Trip	See Appendix 'B'
			Group 3 INNISFAIL	
			Group 1 COEN	
			GOC's Group MEIN	
	3 Oct		Group 3 arrived RAVENSHOE	
			Group 1 MEIN	

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Unit..... Date and Time.—From..... To.....

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c
	3 Oct		GOC's Group MORETON Telegraph Station.	
	4 Oct		Group 3 staged RAVENSHOE	
			Group 1 MORETON Telegraph Station	
			GOC's Group SKARDON River	
	5 Oct		GOC's Group arrived at destination and was met by Comd	
			TORRES STRAIT Force (Col H.R. LANGFORD)	
			Group 3 arrived EMU Creek Waterhole	
			Group 1 SKARDON River	
	6 Oct		GOC arrived at THURSDAY Island, and was met by Comd TORRES	
			Strait Force (Col H.R. LANGFORD) and inspected the Island	
			during the afternoon.	
			Group 3 arrived at WALSH River	
			Group 1 arrived destination. Log of Trip	See Appendix 'C'

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Unit..... Date and Time.—From.....To.....

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BURSTER CREEK	7 Oct		GOC interviewed new CASC (Lt-Col J.S.KELEHER), and later	
			visited mainland and inspected progress of work proceeding on	
			new camp site at JACKY JACKY.	
			Adv HQ 4 Aust Div established in JACKY JACKY area.	
			Group 3 arrived at WROTHAM PARK.	
	8 Oct		GOC accompanied by GSO I (Lt-Col J.W. FLETCHER) and GSO II	
			(Maj M.H.G. BECHER) inspected HIGGINS FIELD and adjacent	
			camp sites. Inspected progress of work on 4 Aust Div HQ Camp.	
			Group 3 arrived at MITCHELL River.	
	9 Oct		4 Aust Div O 2691 - 8 Oct 43.	See Appendix 'D'
			TORRES STRAIT Force under command 4 Aust Div, as from 0001 hrs	
			9 Oct 43.	
			Sqn-Ldr WALKER commanding RAAF installations at HIGGINS FIELD	
			called on GOC.	

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Unit..... Date and Time.—From To.....

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	9 Oct		GSO I (Lt-Col J.W. FLETCHER) visited THURSDAY Island.	
			Group 3 arrived at GLENROY Creek plus 10 miles.	
	10 Oct		GOC accompanied by Lieut COMPTON of 26 Aust Inf Bn carried out recce of SOMERSET area. Track passable to 4 x 4 vehicles,	
			and with some work to 4 x 2 also.	
			Group 3 arrived at HANN River.	
	11 Oct		GOC accompanied by CO 26 Aust Inf Bn (Lt-Col J.N. ABBOTT) inspected HORN Island and discussed role and disposition of Bn.	
			Also visited 5 Aust MG Bn and discussed training of Bn with	
			2 i/c Maj WESTLEY, RAAF AOB and 1 Aust Camp Hospital.	
			GSO I Lt-Col J.W. FLETCHER returned from THURSDAY Island.	
			Group 3 staged at HANN River.	
	12 Oct		GOC visited the following units.	
			2 Aust Water Tpt Gp and discussed small craft operations	/5 with OO

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Unit _____ Date and Time.—From _____ To _____

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	12 Oct		with CO (Maj HART)	
			7 Aust Mvt Control Group and discussed jetty problems at	
			THURSDAY Island, HORN Island and RED Island Pt, with CO	
			(Maj McNAB).	
			GOC accompanied by Col H.R. LANGFORD made a recce of Islands	
			adjacent to THURSDAY Island.	
			Group 3 arrived at MUSGRAVE plus 12 miles.	
	13 Oct		GOC discussed future policy with Comd TORRES STRAIT Force	
			(Col H.R. LANGFORD) and local commanders.	
			Group 2 arrived at JARDINE River.	
			Composition of Group as follows:-	
			HQ RAA 4 Aust Div	
			HQ AASC 4 Aust Div	
			4 Aust Div Fd Cash Office.	

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Unit..... Date and Time.—From To.....

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	13 Oct		Det 4 Aust Div Sigs	
			HQ and 1 Pl 15 Aust Fd Bakery	
			223 Aust Sup Depot Pl (less dets)	
			Det Wkshop Pl	
			Group 3 arrived at COEN	
	14 Oct		4 Aust Div Operation Instruction No 17 issued	See Appendix 'E'
			4 Aust Div Operation Instruction No 18 issued	See Appendix 'F'
			GOC inspected RED Island Pt, DID and main water point.	
			Visited MUTEE Head and inspected camp site and work being done in that area.	
			Group 2 arrived at destination.	
			Group 3 arrived at ARCHER River.	
	15 Oct		4 Aust Div Location Statement No 3 issued.	See Appendix 'G'
			GOC accompanied by Col H.R. LANGFORD and AA & QMG	

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Unit..... Date and Time.—From..... To.....

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	15 Oct		(Lt-Col R.P.McLELLAN)inspected harbour front and wharfage facilities.	
			Comd 75 Wing RAAF(Wing Comdr E.B.COURTNEY)interviewed GOC and discuss-	
			ed future location of 75 Sqn RAAF with GOC,GSO I (Lt-Col J.W.FLETCHER)	
			and AA & QMG (Lt-Col R.P.McLELLAN). Adv HQ moved to THURSDAY Is.	
			Group 3 staged at ARCHER River.	
	16 Oct		GOC inspected 2 Aust Water Tpt Gp Maintenance Coy.	
			^{CIVIL LIAISON OFFICER.} GOC interviewed (Capt DE'ATH) re civilian properties and general	
			administration.	
			Comd THURSDAY Island (Maj FELTON) re cleanliness of Force HQ Sub-Area.	
			Group 3 arrived at MEIN.	
	17 Oct		GSO I (Lt-Col J.W. FLETCHER) and GSO II(L) (Capt N.S. THOMAS)	
			departed for MERAUKE to carry out reconnaissance of the area,	
			in order to familiarize themselves with the area and review	
			problems generally.	

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	17 Oct		GOC accompanied by Col H.R. LANGFORD carried out recce of POSSESSION Island, area.	
			Group 3 arrived at MORETON.	
	18 Oct		GOC addressed AQ conference re new system of command in area, position of LHQ units, policy regarding staff officers, discipline of troops and hygiene in the area. Present AA & QMG	
			(Lt-Col R.P. McLELLAN), GSO II (Maj M.H.G. BECHER), CO Sigs	
			(Lt-Col W.B. MURRELL), CASC (Lt-Col J.S. KELEHER), ADOS	
			(Maj R.W. MYNARD), CRE (Lt-Col D.F. WEINGARTH), from TORRES	
			STRAIT Force GSO II (Maj KENNEDY), DAQMG (Maj B. BRAIN),	
			SC (Capt T.S. FOLEY), CO 7 Aust MG Gp (Maj McNAB) and CO	
			2 Aust Water Tpt (Maj HART)	
			Group 3 arrived SKARDON River.	

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Unit..... Date and Time.—From..... To.....

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c
	19 Oct		Group 3 arrived at JARDINE River and was met by GOC who was pleased with convoy as it moved in and the spirit of the troops.	
			Daily Log of Trip.	See Appendix 'H'
	20 Oct		GSO I (Lt-Col J.W. FLETCHER) and GSO II (L) (Capt N.S. THOMAS) returned from MERAUKE.	
			GOC returned to THURSDAY Island and interviewed DDS & T First Aust Army (Col T. MILNER).	
	21 Oct		GOC interviewed DDS & T First Aust Army (Col T. MILNER) and	
			CASC 4 Aust Div (Lt-Col J.S. KELEHER) re supply problems.	
			GOCs conference with GSO I (Lt-Col J.W. FLETCHER), AA & QMG (Lt-Col R.P. McLELLAN), GSO II (Maj M.H.G. BECHER) and DAQMG	
			TORRES STRAIT Force (Maj B. BRAIN) to discuss proposed new establishments.	
			GOC interviewed CO 2 Aust Water Tpt Gp (Maj HART) re latters	

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Unit..... Date and Time.—From To.....

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	21 Oct		projected visit to LHQ, and small craft problems generally.	
	22 Oct		MERAUKE Force under Comd 4 Aust Div as from 0001 hrs 22 Oct 43.	
			4 Aust Div 0 2752.	
			Conference with GOC attended by CRA (Brig H.C. de LOW), ADMS	
			(Col G.S. ROBINSON), GSO I (Lt-Col J.W. FLETCHER) AA & QMG	
			(Lt-Col R.P. McLELLAN), GSO II TORRES STRAIT Force (Maj KENNEDY),	
			DAQMG TORRES STRAIT Force (Maj B. BRAIN) dealing with working	
			of new commands.	
			GOC accompanied by ADMS (Col G.S. ROBINSON) made sea recce	
			of THURSDAY, BANKS, GOODE and FRIDAY Islands for possible site	
			for convalescent camp.	
	23 Oct		GOC accompanied by CCA TORRES STRAIT Force (Lt-Col FORSYTHE)	
			inspected fortifications and Island defences on GOODE Island.	
			Pleased with bearing of garrison and administration generally.	

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Unit..... Date and Time.—From..... To.....

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	23 Oct		GOCs conference with Sec Commanders of THURSDAY Island.	
			Explained cleaning up programme and hygiene policy generally.	
			4 Aust Div Revsits 127/135 for period 23/31 Oct.	See Appendix 'I'
	24 Oct		4 Aust Div Intelligence Summary No 9 issued	See Appendix 'J'
			GOC inspected 102 CCS and DID.	
			GOC interviewed GSO III (O) (Capt C.I. GUEST) and OC 4 Aust	
			Div Pro Coy (Capt H. LISTER) re pilfering on wharves.	
	25 Oct		GOC interviewed Police Sgt and discussed civil affairs and	
			pilfering on wharves. Later accompanied by ADMS (Col G.S.	
			ROBINSON) inspected Camp Hospital.	
	26 Oct		GOC and ADC visited MERAUKE to carry out inspection of the area,	
			and were met by Comd MERAUKE Force (Brig J.R. STEVENSON).	
	26 Oct		GOC visited NOIC MERAUKE (Lieut Comdr LEVY), Water Tpt Sec,	
			31/51 Aust Inf Bn, 62 Aust Inf Bn, 16 Aust Fd Amb and	

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Unit..... Date and Time.—From.....To.....

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	26 Oct		RAAF hospital and sawmill. Impressed by discipline and morale of troops and work completed on drainage. Especially pleased with hospital.	
			Discussed problems of engineering and construction with Force Comd (Brig J.R. STEVENSON).	
	27 Oct		GOC continued inspection of MERAUKE area. Impressed by drainage work done in northern area, and by friendly relations established with natives by 31/51 Aust Inf Bn.	
	28 Oct		GOC and ADC returned to HORN Island.	
			GOC in C First Aust Army (Lt-Gen Sir J.D. LAVARACK) accompanied by GSO I (SD) (Lt-Col F.W. SPEED), GSO II (I) (Maj MARR), DAAG (Maj MYERS) and ADC (Capt P.M. REID) called at HORN Island en route to MERAUKE. The party was met by GOC, GSO I (Lt-Col F.W. FLETCHER), ADC and Comd 75 Wing RAAF (Wing Comdr E.B. COURTNEY).	

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Date and Time.—From _____

To _____

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	28 Oct		GOC inspected 75 Wing RAAF.	
	29 Oct		GOC accompanied by AA & QMG (Lt-Col R.P. McLELLAN) visited	
			mainland and in the afternoon met C in C General	
			Sir Thomas BLAMEY and party, who had been forced to turn back	
			from PORT MORESBY, at HIGGINSFIELD. GOC accompanied by	
			C in C and party returned to THURSDAY Island.	
	30 Oct		4 Aust Div Operation Instruction No 17 of 14 Oct 43.	
			Amendment No 1.	See Appendix 'K'
			4 Aust Div Operation Instruction No 18 of 14 Oct 43.	
			Amendment No 1.	See Appendix 'L'
			Censorship Instruction issued	See Appendix 'M'
			Instruction re Army Message Form C 2138.	See Appendix 'N'
			4 Aust Div Location Statement No 4 as at 2359 hrs 25 Oct 43.	See Appendix 'O'
			C in C and party departed for PORT MORESBY.	

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REAR HQ 4 AUST DIV (AIF)

28 SEP 43.

GROUP 3 - ORDER NO. 1

To be read in conjunction with 4 Aust Div Adm Orders Nos. 16 and 17.

DATE MOVEMENT:

- Gp 3 will move in three blocks on 1 Oct 43.

COMPOSITION OF CONVOY:

2.	<u>BLOCK "A"</u>	<u>No. of Vehs</u>	<u>CC</u>
	Rear HQ 4 Aust Div (less Maj McLUCAS (b))	20 (a)	
	Det Sigs 4 Aust Div (w/T van)(c)	1	
	4 Aust Div Pro Coy	7	Maj ARNOFT
	Det 159 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	3	
	<u>Total Block "A"</u>	<u>31</u>	

- Includes 3 trailers
- Maj McLUCAS travels with Block "C"
- Will be second veh in Block "A"

BLOCK "B"

Sigs 4 Aust Div (less 2 w/T vehs)(d)	18	
4 Aust Div Postal Unit	2	
Mob Wing FAA Weapon Trg School (e)	2	Capt SCHULTZ
YMCA Rep	1	
Det 159 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	2	
<u>Total Block "B"</u>	<u>25</u>	

- One travels with Block "A" and one with Block "C".
- Joins convoy at RAVENSHOE morning 4 Oct 43.

BLOCK "C"

116 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pl.	13	
Det 159 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	3	
HQ & Cns Sec Wkshop Pl 159 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	10	Lieut ROBERTS
Ambulance	1 (f)	
Maj McLUCAS	1	
Det Sigs 4 Aust Div	1	
"P" Aust FS Soc	2	
<u>Total Block "C"</u>	<u>31</u>	

- Driven by ASC pers provided by 159 Aust Gen Tpt Coy.

ASSEMBLY:

- (a) Dets from 159 Aust Gen Tpt Coy will report at 1700 hrs 30 Sep as follows:-

- 3 vehs & crews - to Lieut MATHESON, HQ 4 Aust Div.
- 2 vehs & crews - to Capt SCHULTZ, Sigs 4 Aust Div.
- 3 vehs & crews - as directed by CC Wkshop Pl 159 Aust Gen Tpt Coy

all loaded with POL in accordance with CASC Adm Instrn No. 5.

(c) Postal Unit will move to Sigs 4 Aust Div NOT later than 1800 hrs 30 Sep and report to Capt SCHULTZ.

(c) 116 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk will move from present location to location Workshop Pl 159 Aust Gen Tpt Coy NOT later than 1200 hrs 30 Sep and report to Lieut CONDON.

(c) 4 Aust Div Pro Coy will report at HQ 4 Aust Div NOT later than 0100 hrs 1 Oct 43.

STARTING POINT:

4. HOTEL STUART.

START TIME:

5. Block "A" 0800
" "B" 0825
" "C" 0850.

ROUTE:

6. (a) First day - Hotel STUART, ROSS RIVER Bridge, BAYSWATER Rd (as directed by Pro: GARBUTT, ROLLINGSTONE, INGHAM.

(b) Route for subsequent days will be notified daily.

MAXIMUM SPEED:

7. 20 mph, which will NOT be exceeded under any circumstances.

MIN and VTM:

8. (a) First day - 15 min, 10 vtm.

(b) Subsequent days - as notified.

HALTS:

9. All vehicles will halt for 20 minutes at the even clock hour.

(a) Even hour halts. Watches will be synchronised, and drivers will be instructed to halt at the even hour irrespective of their position relative to vehicle immediately ahead.

(b) Mid-day halt. At the midday halt the leading vehicle of block will halt at 1200 hours. Other vehicles of block will close up to 5 paces interval.

MAINTENANCE:

10. Drivers will be instructed to inspect the vehicles and carry out maintenance at every halt.

PROTECTION:

11. At all halts air sentries will be posted and AALMO will be mounted. OCs Blocks will take such steps as they consider necessary against possible attack by land troops.

ROUTINE:

12. The following routine will be observed during the first three days:-

Reveille	0530
Breakfast	0615
Move Out	0700

Halt for lunch	1200
Move Out	1330
Bivouac	1645 approx.
Tea	1730
Sick parade	1830
Lights Out	2200.

Change of routine will be notified at RAVENSHOE.

FIRE PRECAUTIONS:

13. Smoking in the rear of vehicles will NOT be permitted. At all halts care will be taken in the lighting of fires, and all fires will be carefully extinguished before convoy moves on.

RATIONS AND MESSING:

14. OCs Blocks will arrange messing for personnel in their blocks. Reference should be made to prels issued by Div Catering Adviser.

MEDICAL: (a) Vide Appendix "I" attached.

15. (b) Unit Medical orderlies will accompany each Block.

(c) Sickness will be reported to these medical orderlies in the first instance and they will advise the Medical Officer (Capt CHONG). Capt CHONG will travel with Block "C".

(d) Sick parades. Medical orderlies will conduct sick parades at 1830 hours daily and will transmit AAFs A46 for personnel treated to Capt CHONG.

WATER:

16. (a) Water carts will be refilled whenever opportunity offers.

(b) Water will be distributed at midday and evening halts.

(c) 116 Aust Bde Ord FC Pk will, if necessary, make water available to Block "A".

DAILY CONFERENCES:

17. There will be a conference of all officers each evening at 1800 hours. At this conference officers will report any difficulties encountered or unusual occurrences during the day. Orders will be issued for the next day's move, and matters of general interest discussed.

INTERCOMM:

18. Sigs 4 Aust Div will provide intercomm in accordance with detailed plan discussed.

DISCIPLINE:

19. During the move a high standard of MF discipline will be observed. Troops will be instructed that, when passing through towns, they will sit correctly in vehicles and behave in an orderly manner.

DRESS:

20. (a) By day - hat, shorts, shirt, boots, socks, hose-tops, short puttees (or anklets etc).

(b) By night - slacks, shirts (sleeves rolled down), boots.

(c) Troops will be allowed, at the discretion of OCs Blocks,

to remove shirts during movement if desired, provided that shirts are worn when passing through towns and villages.

LEAVE:

21. Leave for all ranks will be suspended after 0600 hours 1 Oct 43. Movement into, or visits to, towns en route will only be by organised parties as directed by Gp Comd.

RECOVERY:

22. Vide instructions issued by GEME.

Distribution:

All Offrs moving Gp 3
Spares (10)

(J.D.H. Aznott) ... Maj,
GF COMD.

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APPX "A" to GP 3 ORDER NO. 1

MEDICAL SET-UP FOR GP 3.

1. STICK PARADES. (a) A Medical Orderly with kit will travel in each block. If possible in the last vehicle of the block.

Block 'A' - Pte MARTIN
Block 'B' - Sgt FRANKS
Block 'C' - L/Cpl WALTON.

(b) Personnel parading sick will do so at 1830 hrs to their RAP orderly.

(c) RAP Orderly will decide if patient is to be seen by MO.

(d) MO will travel in Ambulance in rear of Block "C".

(e) RAP Orderly to provide RAP sign at halts and at night, eg, Red shaded hurricane.

2. ACCIDENTS. Should an accident occur first notify RAP Orderly of the Block, who will decide whether to get MO.

3. PREVENTIVE MEASURES.

(a) Messing. As areas recently used and fouled may be used for bivouacking strictest precautions are necessary re preventive hygiene. Before messing every man to use Gatellani bottle containing 2% Lysol (or Phenyle) for rinsing hands. Mess gear to be sterilised in boiling water immediately before meals. Personnel with diarrhoea will NOT use communal washing water to sterilise mess gear.

(b) Latrines. It is important that the men know where the latrine is, both by day and night. Therefore it is advised that a sign 'LATRINE' is placed in a definite location, e.g., the middle vehicle in each block.

(c) Personnel will be detailed and made responsible for:

- (i) Boiling water for mess gear;
- (ii) Digging latrines, filling latrines, and supplying of paper;
- (iii) Signs 'LATRINE' (Red flag);
- (iv) Garbage pit and filling in before departure.

(d) Anti Malarial. All troops will sleep under mosquito nets. Dress after dark will be slacks, gaiters, and shirts with sleeves rolled down.

(e) Skin conditions. If water is not plentiful enough for a shower, wash body daily with wet towel and dry thoroughly with dry towel.

(f) Salt. Make sure you get your regular ration of salt and prevent fatigue.

(g) Insects, Snakes etc. Be on the look-out for spiders, scorpions and snakes, in boots, clothing and bedding especially if the weather is wet.

(h) Water. Any water now taken from the water-cart will be unfit for drinking until sterilised either by tablets or boiling for five minutes.

(i) Carry your First Field Dressing.

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This area will be used by
Blocks "A" and "B" night
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MOVE OF 4 AUST DIV
TOWNSVILLE TO CAPE YORK

LOG DIARY

OF

RECONNAISSANCE GROUP

PART I - SUMMARY

1. COMPOSITION

- (a) OC Maj M.H. BECHER GSO.II HQ 4 Aust Div
- (b) 9 offrs 110 ORs 36 vehs as per Convoy Order No.1 attached appx 'A'.

2. MOVEMENT

	<u>Date</u>	<u>Departed</u>	<u>Arrived</u>	<u>Stage mileage</u>	<u>Total mileage</u>
(a)	17 Sep 43	TOWNSVILLE	TULLY	133.3	133.3
	18 "	TULLY	KAIRI	119	252.3
	19 "	Staged at KAIRI			
	20 "	KAIRI	EMU Ck		
	21 "		Water hole	75	327.3
	21 "	EMU Ck Water			
		hole	WALSH R	66	393.3
	22 "	WALSH R	PAIMERVILLE	88	481.3
	23 "	PAIMERVILLE	FAIRVIEW	54.7	536
	24 "	Staged at FAIRVIEW			
	25 "	FAIRVIEW	MUSGRAVE	78.5	614.5
	26 "	MUSGRAVE	COEN	75.6	690.1
	27 "	COEN	MEIN	63.2	753.2
	28 "	Staged at			
		CLAYHOLE Ck			
	29 "	MEIN	PAIM Ck	88	841.3
	30 "	PALM Ck	JARDINE R	66.4	907.7
	1 Oct	Convoy remained			
		JARDINE while offrs went forward on recce			
	2 "	JARDINE	BURSTER Ck	18.3	926

- (b) Daily average To JARDINE R 82.5 miles per day for 11 travelling days.

Actual time 14 days including 3 days halts.

3. FUEL Total consumption 4747 gallons.
Average over all vehicles 7 mpg.

4. CASUALTIES

(a) Personnel

- (i) NX133394 Spr RUSSELL G. of 30 Aust Camflg Unit swallowed nail at KAIRI on 19 Sep. Left with 18 Aust Fd Amb for observation and to be picked up by later convoy if OK.
- (ii) QX23307 A/Cpl WILLIAMS R.G. 71 Aust AASL Wkshop died as result of drowning or broken neck when diving in JARDINE R 1 Oct 43. Buried on THURSDAY ISLAND 2 Oct.

(b) Vehicles

- (i) Truck 3-ton 4 x 4 No.56047 broke universal joint between MUSGRAVE and COEN. As no spare available wired for same to come by air and left vehicle in charge of driver at Police Station.
- (ii) Truck 15-cwt wireless 4 x 4 broke steering column between PALM Ck and JARDINE R. Vehicle brought in by changing over part from another truck. No spare available.
- (iii) All other vehicle casualties were minor and repaired en route.


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MOVE OF 4 AUST DIV
TOWNSVILLE TO CAPE YORK
LOG DIARY
OF
RECONNAISSANCE GROUP
PART II -- DAILY LOG

17 SEP 43

Left TOWNSVILLE (assembly area South of ROSS RIVER br) at 0710 hrs, passing SP SUNSHINE HOTEL at 0715 hrs.

... Composition, strength, and order of march as per Convoy Order No 1 attached as Appx "A".

Arrived bivouac night 17/18 SEP at 028034 ref INNISFAIL SHEET 4 ml : 1 in (vicinity TULLY) 1630 hrs. Mileage for day 133.3. Average rate 14.4 mih. The sector INCHAM ± 10 mls - CARDWELL is 10 mih road. 15 mih can be maintained on remainder.

18 SEP 43

Left bivouac 0700 hrs. Arrived bivouac area KAIRI 003056 ref INNISFAIL SHEET 4 ml : 1 in at 1630 hrs. Mileage for day 119. Average rate 13.3 mih. Total mileage 252.3. Delayed in getting all vehicles to bivouac owing to misdirection by 2 Aust Corps Provost.

19 SEP 43.

Staged at KAIRI. Recced route to HERBERTON. NX133394 Spr RUSSELL G., 30 Aust Camflg Unit, swallowed a nail and in view of possible complications en route was left in care 18 Aust Fd Amb to come forward with later convoy.

20 SEP 43.

Left Bivouac 0730 hrs. Arrived 1530 hrs at EMU CK water hole (063043 ATHERTON Sheet 4 ml : 1 in). Mileage for day 75. Average rate 10.7 mih. Total 327 mls. Sector HERBERTON - IRVINEPARK is 16 mls of very steep and rough hills. Water hole 60 yards long, NCT 600 as stated in report by Engrs.

21 SEP 43.

Left bivouac 0730 hrs. Sector PETFORD - ALMADON (20 mls) steep and rough. Halted outside CHILLAGOE 1215 hrs. Pos Posted mail.

Arrived bivouac WALSH RIVER 1515 hrs. Mileage for day 66. Average rate 9.75 mih. Total mileage 393.3.

22 SEP 43.

Left Bivouac 0730 hrs. WROTHAM PARK 1125 hrs. MITCHELL River 1455 hrs - river running and good bivouac site. Arrived bivouac PALMERVILLE 1745 hrs. Mileage for day 88. Average rate 9.6 mih. Total mileage 481.3.

23 SEP 43

Left bivouac 0700 hrs. Arrived FAIRVIEW 1430 hrs - staging point. Mileage for day 54.7. Average rate 8.4 mih. Total mileage 536.

This stage very rough, particularly first 30 mls, also some stretches of sand but no serious obstacle. Bad sandy ck crossing at PALMERVILLE 146 mls. Sent party to improve this. Good bivouac area here spoilt by lack of water. Collected and posted mails at LAURA. Petrol consumption to date 7.2 mpg over all vehicles.

24 SEP 43.

Staged at FAIRVIEW.

25 SEP 43.

Left bivouac 0700 hrs. Arrived HANN River 1110 hrs; 37 mls. Long halt for tps to swim - river flowing. Arrived MUSGRAVE 1650 hrs. Mileage for day 78.5. Average rate 8.3 mih. Total mileage 614.5.

26 SEP 43.

Left bivouac 0700 hrs. Lunch halt at EBAGEELA - 15 mls; 1200 hrs. Arrived COEN 1630 hrs. Mileage for day 75.6. Average rate 8.4 mih. Total mileage 690.1.

Truck 3-ton 4x4 No 56047 of 71 AASL Wkshop broke universal joint. As no spare available wired for same to come by air and arranged truck be left in charge of driver at local police station.

27 SEP 43.

Left Bivouac 0830 hrs. Arrived MEIN 1550 hrs. Mileage for day 63.2 mls. Average rate 11.4 mih. Total mileage 753.2. No water at MEIN so bivouacked on clay hole 5 mls from MEIN on road to WENLOCK.

Met Lt-Col FOOT of HQ First Aust Army 12 mls south of MEIN going south.

28 SEP 43.

Staged at CLAYHOLE CREEK.

29 SEP 43.

Left bivouac 0645 hrs. Arrived bivouac PALM CREEK 586456 (ref CAPE DIJECTION 8 ml strat) 1745 hrs. Mileage for day 88. Average rate 8.8 mih. Total mileage 841.3.

Commencing 32 mls North of MEIN is 13 mls of very rough melon hole country.

30 SEP 43.

Left bivouac 0800 hrs. Arrived JARDINE River 1615 hrs Mileage for day 66.4. Average rate 9 mih. Total mileage 907.7.

1 OCT 43

Left convoy in bivouac on North bank JARDINE R to make and mend and rest. Following went forward in 3 jeeps to recce site for Div HQ, and unit camp sites :-

Self, Maj FARNBACH (DAD Hyg), Maj BLACKWOOD (Sigs), Capt PACKHAM (AASC), Capt TAVENER (Camp), Lieut TRAPP (RAE), Lieut GREEN (Camflg).

Called on Maj MANN, 26 Aust Inf Bn, OC MAINLAND under TORRES STRAIT Force. Met Col S. LANGFORD Comd TORRES STRAIT Force and visiting officers at RED IS PT jetty 1230 hrs.

At 1200 hrs received report from OC Bivouac, Capt W. VIDEAN that QX 23307 A/Cpl WILLIAMS R.G., 71 AASL Wkshop Sec had died from injuries sustained while swimming in JARDINE R at approx 1100 hrs. Advised HQ TORRES STRAIT Force, Rear Div HQ and Records and arranged for removal of body to THURSDAY ISLAND for burial. Selected Div HQ site at KNOLL 150 687950 ref ENDEAVOUR STRAIT 1 in 1 ml.

2 OCT 43

Convoy moved from JARDINE R to selected sites commencing 0800 hrs. Maj FARNBACH in charge. Self left by launch ex RED IS PT 1200 hrs for THURSDAY ISLAND to recce accommodation for Adv HQ at T.I.

Arranged for HQ TORRES STRAIT Force to ~~commence~~ ^{Convene} Court of Inquiry re death of WILLIAMS.

3 OCT 43

Completed recce THURSDAY ISLAND area with DAQMG TORRES STRAIT Force. Returned to Div HQ site by launch, dep 1330 hrs arr RED IS PT 1600 hrs.

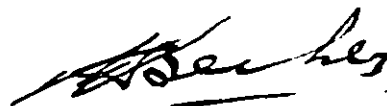
GENERAL

FUEL

Total consumption 4747 gallons.
Average over all vehicles 7 mpg.

REPAIRS

Attached as Appendix "B" is schedule of repairs carried out by 240 Aust LAD up to MEIN where LAD was left to service succeeding convoys.



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15 SEP 43.

HQ 4 AUST DIV RECCE GP. - CONVOY ORDER NO.1

Ref Maps:- 4 mls - 1 inch TOWNSVILLE
 INGHAM
 INNISFAIL
 BERTHURTON
 MOSSMAN
 COOKTOWN

8 mls - 1 inch PALMER RIVER
 CAPE DIRECTION
 CAPE YORK

1 in - 1 ml TOWNSVILLE SPECIAL

INTENTION

1. Recce Gp will move from present location on 17 Sep 43 in accordance with 4 Aust Div OO 16 : 31 Aug 43 and 4 Aust Div Adm Order 16 of 4 Sep 43.

METHOD2. Order of March

<u>Ser-</u> <u>ial</u>		<u>No of</u> <u>Vehs.</u>	<u>Personnel</u>
1	Recce Party HQ 4 Aust Div	5	3 x 14
2	" " " RAE 4 Aust Div	1	1 x 5
3	30 Aust Camflg Unit	2	1 x 4
4	Recce Party HQ AASC 4 Aust Div	1	1 x 2
5	Det 159 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	4	10
6	Recce Party Sigs 4 Aust Div	12	2 x 43 *
7	71 Aust AASL Wkshop Sec	5	15
8	Medical Det	1	2
9	240 Aust IAD	6	1 x 15
		37	9 x 110

* incl 4 Provost personnel.

3. ROUTE

- (a) 17 Sep. Rd. TOWNSVILLE - INNISFAIL to TULLY
- (b) 18 Sep. TULLY - INNISFAIL thence via PALMERSTON HIGHWAY to MILLAC MILLAC - MALANDA to bivouac site at KAIRI 003054 (Ref map INNISFAIL 4 ml - 1)
- (c) Orders for subsequent stages will be issued en route.

4. ASSEMBLY Serials will assemble in order of march in the area on the East of and off the rd STUART - TOWNSVILLE between 924799 and 930793 (Ref 12 TOWNSVILLE SPECIAL 1 in : 1 ml).

Assembly will be complete and serials ready to move by 0700 hrs 17 Sep 43.

5. S.P. rd junc 915820 TOWNSVILLE SPECIAL 1 in : 1 ml.

6. Start Time 0715 hrs.

7. Speed Stage 1 15 mph
" 2 15 "

8. Density Stage 1 10 vtm
" 2 10 "

9. Halts (a) 20 minutes every even clock hour commencing at the hour except at 1200 when halt will be one hour.

(b) One day at KAIRI
LAURA
PLUTOVILLE

10. TRAFFIC CONTROL.

4 Aust Div Pro Coy is arranging:-

(a) Co-ordination of moves of serials 1,2,3,6,8&9. to assembly area.

(b) TP's in TOWNSVILLE.

11. Rations

The unexpended portion of the rations for 17 Sep will be carried in addition to rations as laid down in para 12, 4 Aust Div Adm Order 16.

Serials will arrange that on 17 Sep and each succeeding day rations for the midday meal are carried in vehicle lots.

12. Water

Each serial cmd will ensure that all cans, water bags and water bottles are full at the commencement of each days march.

Wherever possible water will be sterilized by boiling in preference to use of sterilization outfit.

13. General

Units are requested to ensure that serials are fully conversant with and have complied with the requirements of 4 Aust Div Adm Order 16.

ACK

Signed at 1600 hrs

[Signature]
Maj.
TS 4 Aust Div.
OC Recce Gp.

Distribution:-

HQ RAE 4 Aust Div (2)
Sigs 4 Aust Div (2)
HQ AASC 4 Aust Div (2)
71 AASL Wkshop Sec
240 Aust IAD

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DAPM (2)
CEME

File
Spares (3)

APPENDIX B"B"
SCHEDULE OF REPAIRS - RECCE GP

6366 Weld engine cover, solder radiator overflow pipe, adjust steering drag link and tighten steering box. Tighten spring shackle.

63995 Repair hydraulic brake line.

28386 Repair battery cable. Repair radiator and supply and fit rear axle oil seal.

63505 Bolt front spring hanger and tighten and adjust steering knuckles.

54323 Two 9.00 x 16 tyres. Blown out.

57073 Boiling. (stopped overheating)

57578 Steering box loose.

25849 Centre bolt rear spring. Stop through overheating. Steering box tightened.

64581 Tappett cover Gasket.

21413 Straighten Tie rod, fit 2 plugs 10 mm and 1 Diaphragm.

65184 Weld tappett cover and adjust distributor.

27389 Transfer case oil seal.

27301 Vapour locks. Transfer case oil seal.

43004 Windscreen bracketed. Front spring hⁿagar repaired (rear) and C bolt. Adjust generator.

56047 Supply and fit coil assembly, fuel pump assembly, front spring assembly, rear axle shaft. Clean and adjust carburetor and distributor.

IN ADDITION:

- (i) Truck 3-ton 4 x 4 No.56047 broke universal joint between MUSGRAVE and COEN. As no spare available wired for same to come by air and left vehicle in charge of driver at Police Station.
- (ii) Truck 15-cwt wireless 4 x 4 broke steering column between PALM Ck and JARDINE R. Vehicle brought in by changing over part from another truck. No spare available.

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MOVE OF HELL GP (ADV HQ GP 4 AUST DIV)

from TOWNSVILLE to CAPE YORK

21 Sep 43 to 6 Oct 43.

1. Composition of Group: OC Lt-Col J.W. FLETCHER, GSO.I
4 Aust Div.

Unit	Offrs	ORs	Total	Vehs
HQ 4 Aust Div (less dets)	5	59	64	15
HQ RAB 4 Aust Div (less dets)	4	22	26	8
Sigs 4 Aust Div (less dets)	7	106	113	34
4 Aust Div Pro Coy (less dets)	1	9	10	3
"P" Aust PS Sec (less dets)	-	7	7	3
Det 4 Aust Div Postal Unit	-	4	4	1
Det 159 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	-	20	20	8
233 Aust LAD	1	16	17	8
Totals	18	243	261	80

2. Mileage, POL Consumption, etc.

Total mileage covered	-	929	
Average daily mileage	-	66 $\frac{1}{3}$	
Average mih	-	9	
Average mpg	-	7.11	
POL issued	-	Petrol	- 10,689 gals
		OE 30	- 644 pints
		GO 90	- 141 pints
		C grease	- 104 lbs
		HBF	- 2 pints

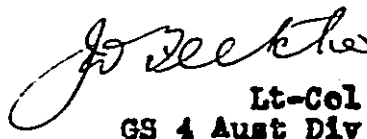
3. General Outline of Journey.

- (a) The group was at first divided into three blocks, In "A" Block were included div HQ and attached sub-units; "B" Block consisted of Sigs 4 Aust Div less dets; and "C" Block contained 233 LAD, medical detachment and road repair detachment.
- (b) Later it was found better to divide the convoy into five blocks, each block closing within itself at halts to half the vtm laid down for the day.
- (c) Although the road is bad, it is not as bad as had been expected, and little difficulty was experienced intraversing it. This was due no doubt to the fact that no rain fell during the journey, and also to the work done on the road by 27 Pd Coy and the Recce Gp.
- (d) There were quite a number of casualties to vehicles, but under the circumstances obtaining they cannot be considered excessive. One trailer carrying water tanks was left at RAVENSHOE owing to difficulty experienced in towing it, and two reconnaissance cars were left at different stages to be repaired and brought forward by later convoys: all other vehicles completed the journey. 233 LAD performed very good work, putting damaged vehicles into running order in time for them to keep up with the convoy.

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- (e) In order to minimise delays caused by vehicles needing assistance over difficult parts, 4 x 2 vehicles were placed between 4 x 4 vehicles. Additionally, each vehicle, after passing a difficult creek crossing or bad patch of road, waited until the vehicle next in rear had negotiated it. There were not many cases of vehicles needing assistance.
- (f) After passing HERBERTON, density was governed largely by the dust. 15 vtm was aimed at, but latitude was allowed to drivers.
- (g) OC Pro Coy traversed the whole convoy before each lunch and evening halt, reporting to OC Convoy on the state of the move.
- (h) A small recce party preceded the convoy each day and selected the evening bivouac site. Several times the water trucks (2) accompanied the recce party, and filled up with drinking water en route, ready for the evening halt. This was necessary, as many of the bivouac sites had water for washing only.

4. Daily log of the journey, report of OC 233 Aust LAD and Gp 1 Order No 1 are attached.


Lt-Col
GS 4 Aust Div

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MOVE OF HQ 4 AUST DIV (AIF) TOWNSVILLE to CAPE YORK

DAILY LOG of GP 1 ADV HQ.

First Day, Tues 21 Sep 43.

Passed SP, HOTEL STUART, TOWNSVILLE, 0740 hrs. Lunch 1200 hrs TOONBARRA. Bivouac INGHAM plus 9 mls, 1410 hrs. 86 mls, average 12 mih. MT repairs: one radiator and fender dented; one brakes; one new battery; three ignition. Bivouac site well timbered; mosquitoes very bad; water carried from INGHAM town supply.

Second Day, Wed 22 Sep.

Started 0700 hrs. Lunch TULLY plus 7 mls. Bivouac INNISFAIL Showgrounds 1515 hrs. 91 mls, average 13 mih. MT repairs: five brake jobs; one new radiator; one towing bar. Good bivouac; water laid on.

Third Day, Thurs 23 Sep

Started 0730 hrs. Bivouac 1330 hrs RAVENSHOE. Lunch in camp vacated by unit of 7 Aust Div. 58 mls, average 9 mih. MT repairs: one rotor; one generator; one fuel pump.

Fourth Day, Fri 24 Sep

Rest day at RAVENSHOE. MT repairs: new plugs; one new battery; new shackles; carburettor; brakes; transfer case; grind valves. POL and one day's fresh supplies drawn. Trailer and water tanks handed over to 2 Aust Corps, as being unlikely to complete journey. Maj BEAR, DAPH, left behind with diagnosed Tonsillitis.

Fifth Day, Sat 25 Sep

Started 0630 hrs. Bivouac waterhole at EXU FORD plus 9 mls 1500 hrs. 68 mls, average 9 mih. MT repairs: two fuel pumps; two axles. Water for washing only.

Sixth Day, Sun 26 Sep.

Started 0645 hrs. Bivouac WALSH River 1520 hrs. 67 mls, average $8\frac{1}{2}$ mih. MT repairs: two carburettors; two radiators; new generator; repair transfer case; new spring. Good bivouac site. River drying up. Water for washing only.

Seventh Day, Mon 27 Sep

Started 0630 hrs. Bivouac MITCHELL River 1450 hrs. 60 mls, average $9\frac{1}{2}$ mih. MT repairs: two fuel pumps; oil pump; three transfer cases; air cleaner. Good bivouac site, good water and plenty of it. Swimming and fishing.

Eighth Day, Tues 28 Sep

Started 0630 hrs. Bivouac COCKTOWN STRAT 174035. 69 mls, average $8\frac{1}{2}$ mih. MT repairs: broken springs; broken steering column; broken universal joint; new generator.

Few small pools in ST GEORGES River, washing only.

Ninth Day, Wed 29 Sep

Started 0630 hrs. Bivouac HANN River 1405 hrs. 55 mls, average 8 mih. Met Lt-Col T.H.B. FOOTT, HQ First Aust Army, 5 mls short of HANN River, on his way south. GOCs Gp at HANN River, staging a day. Flowing stream, good water, drinking and bathing. At 0830 hrs at FAIRVIEW, POL vehs diverted to LAURA to replenish.

Tenth Day, Thurs 30 Sep.

Rest Day. GOCs Gp departed. Owing to difficulty being experienced towing Wiles Cooker, Rear HQ was signalled instructing them not to bring one by road. Wiles cooker with Sigs of this gp was completely emptied, and towed much better thereafter. MT repairs: motor tune up; repair clutch; front spring; speedo cable; steering. Recce Gp now at JARDINE River; 2 Gp RAVENSHOE; 3 Gp to begin journey tomorrow.

Eleventh Day, Fri 1 Oct

Started 0630 hrs. Bivouac ALCESTON 1612 hrs. Steep and rocky climb over Divide. Delayed one hour by vehs breaking down on steep hills. 68 mls, average 7 mih. MT repairs: 2 carburettors; 1 set plugs. Bore water at bivouac.

Twelfth Day, Sat 2 Oct

Started 0630 hrs. Bivouac COEN 1400 hrs. Running water drinking and washing. 53 mls, average 9 mih. MT repairs: broken springs; brake lining; steering box assy taken out of truck left by 71 AASL Wkshop, to repair truck this convoy. Signal sent Rear HQ to bring parts required for truck left at COEN. Mail received here, and fresh bread and meat purchased.

Thirteenth Day, Sun 3 Oct.

Summer time came in at 0300 hrs. Convoy departed 0730 hrs. Bivouac CLAYHOLE CK near WEIN 1610 hrs. 66 mls, average 9 mih. Very poor water. MT repairs effected by 240 LAD stationed here for passage of convoy. POL vehs replenished here - last PP.

Fourteenth Day, Mon 4 Oct.

Started 0730 hrs. Bivouac MORETON Telegraph Station 1550 hrs. 66 mls, average 10 mih. MT repairs: change battery; radiator; nine spring jobs. Good water, drinking and bathing.

Fifteenth Day, Tues 5 Oct

Started 0730 hrs. Bivouac SKARDON River 1535 hrs, 60 mls, average 9 mih. MT repairs: broken axle; condenser; fuel line. Plenty of water, drinking and swimming.

Sixteenth Day, Wed 6 Oct:

Started 0730 hrs. Arrived JARDINE River 1200 hrs for lunch. Arrived new location div HQ 1545 hrs. 60 mls, average 8½ mih.

REPORT BY OC 233 AUST LAD ON MOVE OF GP.I

Although 11 springs, 3 rear axles and 2 steering boxes were amongst the major replacements necessary on Group I convoy, the cause could not be attributed to bad driving over such country.

The spring jobs of FWD's were in most cases heavily laden vehicles, and practically all were broken over country, previously water bogged, now hard dry holes commonly called "Melon hole country." Two of the three axle replacements were required by the FORD FWD pulling the "WILES Cooker". This fault was quickly overcome by replacing the FORD with a CVT (3 ton) and re-arranging the towing vehicles load and completely emptying the cooker.

The mechanical performance of the FORDS was not as good as that of the CVTS. The FORDS were faster on good stretches of road, but the CVTS did not give as much mechanical trouble, were as powerful, but slower. Too much praise cannot be given to the performance of the trucks $\frac{1}{4}$ -ton 'JEEP'. Not one spare part was used and not once were repairs necessary. The riding of the vehicles over this type of country was good and pulling power excellent.

It is very hard to give an exact survey of troubles caused by this trip on account of the very bad condition of the vehicles when taken over by the formation prior to the move.

Workshops and LADs made every effort to send the vehicles on the move in first class condition, in many cases new engine assemblies, gear box and transfer case replacements took place. These needed certain adjustments after a little running.

Fuel pumps were in the majority of the minor repairs. Four cases of radiator repairs and replacements took place, apparently due to vibration on rough roads.

The driving of vehicles was good and in most cases the drivers had had little experience in FWD driving prior to the move.

Maintenance of vehicles was satisfactory.

Appreciation of drivers of AASC petrol vehicles is given for their assistance. When any of their petrol vehicles had a breakdown, the drivers rapidly located the fault or repair necessary and every component part necessary to be removed was done and thoroughly cleaned awaiting the arrival of LAD mechanics, thereby saving considerable time. Other units could well take a lesson from this action.

4 x 2 vehicles did not cause trouble expected in creek crossings and mountainous country but one must take into account that the weather was dry and fine throughout the move.

(Signed) A.J. CRON Capt
OC 233 Aust LAD.

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4 AUSTRALIAN DIVISION OPERATION INSTRUCTION NO 17

DEFENCE OF TORRES STRAIT ISLANDS

To Commander TORRES STRAIT Force

COMMAND

1. With the exception noted in para 4 below, you will command all Australian land forces in the TORRES STRAIT ISLANDS. Order of battle is attached as Appendix 'A'.

TASKS

2. Your tasks are :-

- (a) Defence of HORN ISLAND airfield.
- (b) Denial to the enemy of sea channels covered by your fixed defences.
- (c) Protection of installations, including fixed defences, on THURSDAY, GOODE, HAMMOND and ENTRANCE ISLANDS.
- (d) Defence of radar stations in your area.

3. You will ensure that all troops and ground personnel of other services have a fighting role, and that a co-ordinated plan exists for their action. You will ensure by arrangement with the local commanders of the other services that personnel under their command are trained in their emergency roles.

ANTI-AIRCRAFT DEFENCES

4. Operational control of anti-aircraft defences will be exercised by the local Allied Air Force Commander in accordance with HQ Standard Operational Procedure Instruction No 6 of 11 Jul 43.

5. Anti-aircraft guns will be sited to carry out their primary role of defence against hostile aircraft; provided that this condition is satisfied, consideration in siting will be given to their use in a secondary role against land and sea attack. All anti-aircraft guns will have prepared alternative positions.

COAST DEFENCES

6. Coast defence weapons will be given secondary tasks against land attack and their tasks will be linked with those of the field troops.

DEMOLITIONS

7. Plans for operational and industrial demolitions in your area will be prepared by this HQ in consultation with you, and your responsibility for preparation and execution will be laid down in a separate instruction.

PLANS

8. You will submit your plans for the carrying out of your tasks to this HQ by 28 Oct 43.

Time of signaturehrs

J. W. H. T. C.
Lt-Col
GS 4 Aust Div

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HQ Comd AASC 4 Aust Div	6	"
First Aust Army	7	Safe hand
NOIC Thursday Island	8	DRIS
RAAF ME Area	9	Safe hand
28 OBU RAAF	10	DRIS
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Div OI 17 dated
14 Oct 43.

ORDER OF BATTLE - UNITS UNDER COMMAND
TORRES STRAIT FORCE

HQ

HQ TORRES STRAIT FORCE(AIF)

INT

Det 'O' Aust Fd Security Sec (AIF)
Det 'P' Aust Fd Security Sec (AIF)
Det 1 Aust Fd Censorship Coy

ENGRS

17 Aust A Fd Coy
One sec 57 Aust Fd Pk Coy
28 Aust Camflg Unit
2 Aust Water Tpt Gp (less dets)
Det 2/3 Aust Docks Operating Coy

SIGS

TORRES STRAIT Sigs
46 Aust Cipher Sec (Type E)
HQ 6 Aust Pigeon Sec
23 Aust Pigeon Loft
42 " " "

MG

5 Aust MG Bn (less one Coy)
265 Aust LAD (Type A) (AIF)

INF

26 Aust Inf Bn (less A & C Coys & 2 Pl)
TORRES STRAIT Lt Inf Bn
TORRES STRAIT Pioneer Coy

AASC

46 Aust Sup Depot Pl
47 " " " "
Sec 15 Aust Fd Bakery
'A' Pl 159 Aust Gen Tpt Coy

MEDICAL

1 Aust Camp Hosp (90 beds) (AIF)
6 " " " " (90 ")

DENTAL

HQ Sec 79 Aust Dental Unit (AIF)
'A' Sec " " " " "
'C' Sec " " " " "
'E' Sec " " " " "

ORD

TORRES STRAIT Ord Det

AEME

10 Aust Radio Maintenance Sec
116 Aust Bde Wkshop

PAY

15 Aust Depot Cash Office Type A.

PRO

TORRES STRAIT Pro Pl.

POSTAL

Det First Aust Army Postal Unit (AIF)

MISC

7 Aust Movement Control Group (less det RED Is Pt)
Det ADCS
28 OB REAF - Under comd for local adm only.

COAST & ANTI-AIRCRAFT DEFENCES.

COAST ARTY

HQ TORRES STRAIT CA
MILMAN Bty
GOODS Bty
TURTLE Bty (Manned by "Q" Aust Hy Bty - Coast)
ENDEAVOUR Bty
KING Sec
101 Aust CASL Sec {2 moving lights} Associated MILMAN Bty
102 " " " {2 " " } " TURTLE Bty
103 " " " {2 " " } To be associated
ENDEAVOUR Bty
104 " " " (4 " ") Associated GOODS Bty
220 Aust Shore Defence Sec - To be raised GOODE Is.
221 " " " " " " " HAMMOND Is.

ANTI-AIRCRAFT

HQ 51 Aust Comp AA Regt (LE)
51 Aust AA Regt Sig Sec
131 Aust Hy AA Bty
157 Aust Lt AA Bty
AA Ops Room (Type C)
HQ 74 Aust SL Bty RAA (Type B)
A Aust SL Tp RAA (Hy)
B " " " " "

AEME

51 Aust Comp AA Regt Wkshop Sec
74 Aust Mob SL Wkshop Sec (AIF)
Fortress " " TORRES STRAIT.

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14 OCT 43.

4 AUST DIV OPERATION INSTRUCTION No 18

DEFENCE OF MAINLAND NORTH OF 12° SOUTH LATITUDE.

TO CRA 4 AUST DIV

INFORMATION

1. HQ 4 Aust Div has taken under command TORRES STRAIT FORCE. It is intended to take under command MERAUKE Force at an early date.
2. HQ TORRES STRAIT FORCE is shortly to be disbanded, and replaced by HQ TORRES STRAIT FORTRESS, which will command all Australian Army units in the TORRES STRAIT ISLANDS. Plans must therefore be made for the defence of that portion of the mainland North of latitude 12° South which was formerly a responsibility of TORRES STRAIT FORCE.
3. Allied naval forces are taking measures to provide naval support against enemy sea-borne movement in the Western ARAFURA Sea.
4. Allied Air Forces are carrying out regular reconnaissance designed to provide a minimum of 30 minutes warning of enemy movement in the TORRES STRAIT.
5. Arrangements are being made for the movement of 3 Aust Inf Bde Group by air to the TORRES STRAIT area in emergency, and the movement of the remainder of 26 Aust Inf Bn to MERAUKE on relief by a battalion of 3 Aust Inf Bde.

COMMAND.

6. You will exercise operational command of all Australian Army units on the mainland North of latitude 12° South, listed in Appendix "A" to this instruction.

TASKS

7. Your tasks are :-
 - (a) Defence of FIGGINS FIELD (JACKY JACKY).
 - (b) Defence of all administrative installations on the mainland, set out in the trace attached as Appendix "B", and such additional installations as may be required.
 - (c) Defence of all other installations in your area.
8. You will ensure that air force ground personnel are given a fighting role, co-ordinated with that of troops under your operational command. You will arrange with the local commander that personnel under his command are trained in their emergency tasks.
9. You will make your plans in liaison with this HQ in order that they may be co-ordinated with plans for the reception and employment of 3 Aust Inf Bde Gp.

ANTI-AIRCRAFT DEFENCES.

10. Operational command of anti-aircraft defences will be exercised by the local allied Air Force Commander in accordance with LHQ Standard Operational Procedure Instruction No 6 of 11 JUL 43.

11. Anti-aircraft guns will be sited to carry out their primary role of defence against hostile aircraft. Provided that this condition is satisfied, consideration will be given in their siting to their use in a secondary role against land attack. All anti-aircraft guns will have prepared alternative positions.

PLANS

12. You will submit your plans for the carrying out of your tasks to this HQ by 28 OCT 43.

Time of signature : 1630 hrs.

John Zeecher
Lt-Col
GS 4 Aust Div

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Appx 'A' to 4 AUST DIV OI 18
Dated 14 OCT 43

ORDER OF BATTLE - UNITS UNDER OPERATIONAL
CO. AND CRA 4 AUST DIV.

Arty

HQ RAA 4 Aust Div

Anti-Aircraft

71 Aust Mob SL Bty RAA (under comd for all purposes subject
to SOPI 6)

Engns

HQ RAE 4 Aust Div
27 Aust Fd Coy
30 Aust Camflg Unit
57 Aust Fd Pk Coy (less one sec)
329 Aust LAD

Sigs

Sigs 4 Aust Div
39 Aust Cipher Sec
22 Aust Line Sec LHQ Tps

MG

"C" Coy 5 Aust LG Bn

INF

"C" Coy 26 Aust Inf Bn
Carr Pl 31 Aust Inf Bn
Carr Pl 51 Aust Inf Bn (less carrs)

AASC

HQ Comd AASC 4 Aust Div
159 Aust Gen Tpt Coy (less "A" Pl)
HQ and one pl 15 Aust "d Bakery
223 Aust Sup Depot Pl
Det 46 Aust Sup Depot Pl

ORD

15 Aust Adv Ord Depot
12 Aust Adv Amn Depot

AEME

71 Aust Mob AASL Wkshop Sec
240 Aust LAD

MISC

Det 7 Aust Movt Control Gp LHQ Tps

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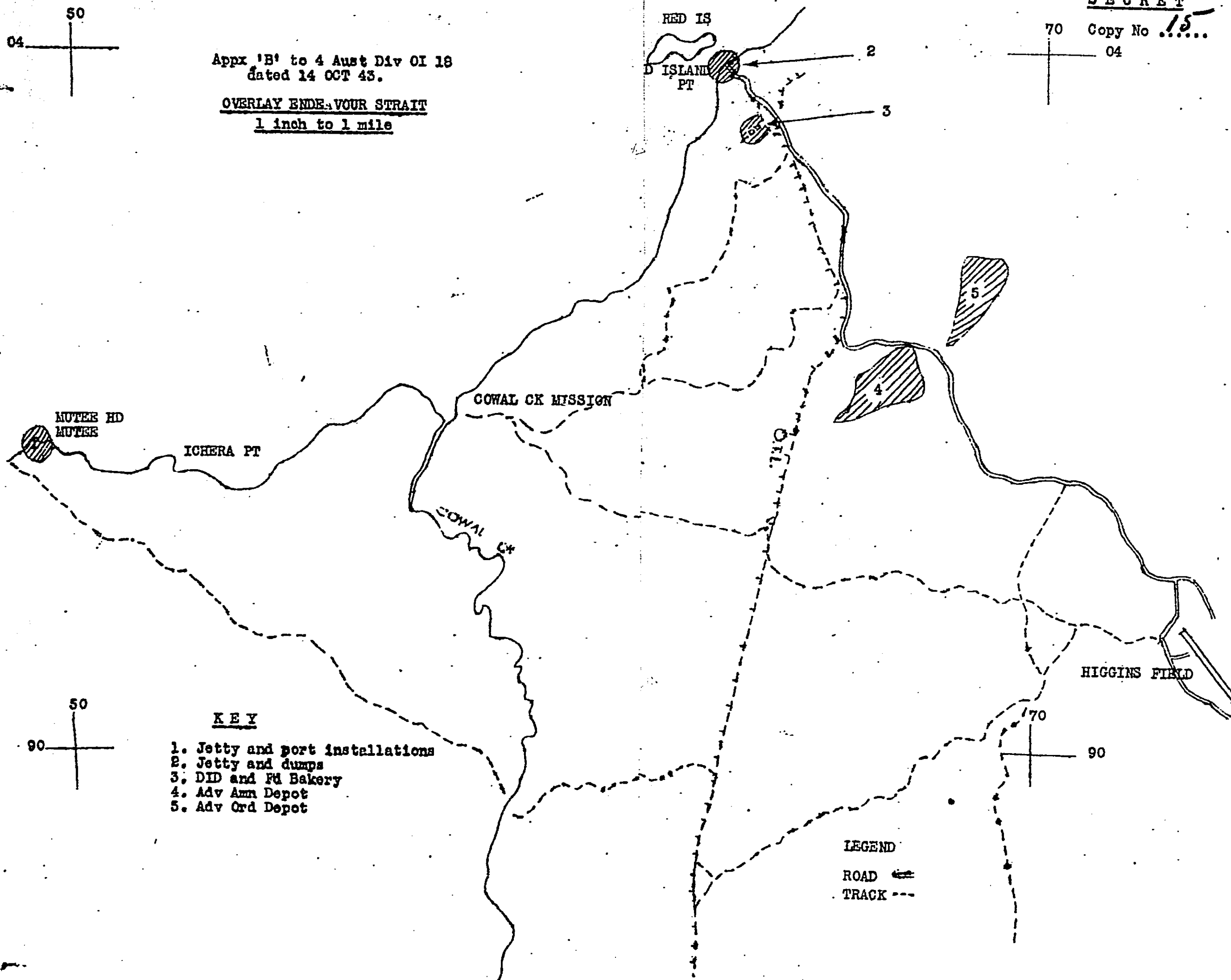
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Appx 'B' to 4 Aust Div OI 18
dated 14 OCT 43.

OVERLAY ENDEAVOUR STRAIT
1 inch to 1 mile



KEY

1. Jetty and port installations
2. Jetty and dumps
3. DID and PU Bakery
4. Adv Amn Depot
5. Adv Ord Depot

LEGEND

- ROAD ———
- TRACK - - -

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HQ 4 AUST DIV (AIF)

15 OCT 43

MSL. 1/2/19

4 AUST DIV LOCATION STATEMENT No 3.

Attached herewith 4 Aust Div Location Statement No 3 as at 2359 hrs 15 OCT 43.

2. Acknowledge on attached slip.

3. It is requested that any errors in this statement be notified immediately to this HQ by formations or units concerned.

[Signature]
Lt-Col
GS 4 Aust Div

Encl :

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RAA 4 Aust Div	3	Postal	14
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Sigs 4 Aust Div	5	Det 1 Aust Fd Gen-	
GOC	6	sorship Coy	16
G	7 - 8	7 Aust Movt Control	
AQ	9	Gp	17
Comd AASC	10	First Aust Army	18
ADMS	11	28 OB RAAF	19
ADOS	12	33 OB RAAF	20
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Receipt to be detached and returned to this HQ promptly.

Unit

Date

HQ 4 Aust Div (AIF)

1. Receipt is acknowledged of Copy No 22 of 4 Aust Div Location Statement No 3.

2. 4 Aust Div Location Statement No 2 has been destroyed by fire.

Name

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4 AUST DIV LOCATION STATEMENT No 3.

As at 2359 hrs 15 OCT 43.

Ref Maps : THURSDAY ISLAND
ENDEAVOUR STRAIT

1 inch to 1 mile
1 " " 1 "

Serial No.	Unit	Veh No.	Location	Map Ref	Projected moves and remarks
.1	<u>HQ</u>				
A.1	Adv HQ 4 Aust Div (AIF)	84	THURSDAY ISLAND	456356	
A.2	Rear HQ 4 Aust Div (AIF)	84	BURSTER CREEK.	692954	
	305 Aust LAD AEME (AIF)		" "	685954	
	<u>INT</u>				
A.3	"P" Aust FS Sec (AIF)		THURSDAY ISLAND		LHQ Tps Det en route
	<u>ARTY</u>				
A.4	HQ RAA 4 Aust Div (AIF)	69	WILSON CREEK	701927	
	<u>ENGRS</u>				
A.5	HQ RAE 4 Aust Div (AIF)	81	BURSTER CREEK	703952	
A.6	30 Aust Camflg Unit (AIF)	59	" "	703952	
	<u>SIGS</u>				
A.7	HQ Sigs 4 Aust Div	66	" "	692954	
	233 Aust LAD AEME (AIF)				
A.8	39 Aust Cipher Sec (AIF)		" "	692954	
A.9	HQ 1 Coy Sigs 4 Aust Div		WILSON CREEK	684936	
	<u>INF</u>				
A.10	Carr Pl 51 Aust Inf Bn		" "	709923	
	<u>AASC</u>				
A.11	HQ Comd AASC 4 Aust Div (AIF)	50	BURSTER CREEK	682975	
A.12	159 Aust Gen Tpt Coy (less dets)	64	" "	685970	Det en route.
A.13	223 Aust Sup Depot Pl (less det)		" "	686976	" "
A.14	15 Aust Fd Bakery (less dets)		BLACK'S CAMP CREEK	658991	
	<u>MEDICAL</u>				
A.15	Lt Set 102 Aust CCS		SKULL CREEK	649939	

Serial No.	Unit	Veh No	Location	Map Ref	Projected moves and remarks
A.16	<u>ORD</u> 116 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk		En route to CAPE YORK		
A.17	<u>AEME</u> 240 Aust LAD		" " "		
A.18	<u>PAY</u> 4 Aust Div Fd Cash Office	80	BURSTER CREEK	692954	
A.19	<u>POSTAL</u> 4 Aust Div Postal Unit (less dets)	55	En route to CAPE YORK		Adv Det at BURSTER CREEK.
A.20	<u>PROVOST</u> 4 Aust Div Pro Coy (less 5 secs)	95	BURSTER CREEK	697952	

TORRES STRAIT FORCE

Serial No.	Unit	Veh No.	Location	Projected moved and remarks
	<u>HQ</u>			
B.1	HQ TORRES STRAIT FORCE (AIF)	595	THURSDAY ISLAND	
	<u>INT</u>			
B.2	Det "O" Aust FS Sec (AIF)		" "	To move MERAUKE
B.3	Det 1 Aust Fd Censorship Coy		" "	
	<u>ENGRS</u>			
B.4	17 Aust A Fd Coy (less one Pl)	214	THURSDAY ISLAND	To move WAGGA under LHQ Arrangements. First Aust Army SD.1920 refers.
B.5	One Pl 17 Aust A Fd Coy	214	HORN ISLAND	
B.6	57 Aust Fd Pk Coy (AIF) (less one Sec) 329 Aust LAD	67	MUTEE HEAD	
B.7	One Sec 57 Aust Fd Pk Coy (less Det)	67	THURSDAY ISLAND	Det under comd MERAUKE FORCE
B.8	28 Aust Camflg Unit	--	THURSDAY ISLAND	Formerly TORRES STRAIT Camflg Unit
B.9	2 Aust Water Tpt Gp (less dets)	--	THURSDAY ISLAND	Dets TOWNSVILLE, CAIRNS, MERAUKE.
B.10	Det 2/3 Aust Docks Operating Coy	733	THURSDAY ISLAND	
B.11	27 Aust Fd Coy	--	HIGGINS FIELD	
	<u>SIGS</u>			
B.12	TORRES STRAIT Sigs	607	THURSDAY ISLAND	Dets HORN, GOOD, ENTRANCE ISLAND, HIGGINS FIELD, etc. etc.
	16 Aust Cipher Sec (Type E)		THURSDAY ISLAND	Formerly TORRES STRAIT Cipher Sec
B.14	HQ 6 Aust Pigeon Sec	337	THURSDAY ISLAND	
B.15	23 Aust Pigeon Loft		THURSDAY ISLAND	
B.16	42 Aust Pigeon Loft		DARU ISLAND	
B.17	22 Aust Line Sec		HIGGINS FIELD	

Serial No.	Unit	Veh No.	Location	Projected moves and remarks.
	<u>MG</u>			
B.18	5 Aust MG Bn (less B&C Coys) 265 Aust LAD (Type AA) (AIF)	164	HORN ISLAND	
B.19	B Coy 5 Aust MG Bn	164	PRINCE OF WALES ISLAND	Training
B.20	C Coy 5 Aust MG Bn	164	MUTL: HEAD	
	<u>INF</u>			
B.21	26 Aust Inf Bn (less A&C Coys and 2 & 18 Pls)	63	HORN ISLAND	A Coy and 2 Pl under comd MERAUKE Force.
B.22	C Coy 26 Aust Inf Bn	63	HIGGINS FIELD	
B.23	18 Pl 26 Aust Inf Bn	63	GOOD ISLAND	
B.24	Carr Pl 31 Aust Inf Bn	61	HIGGINS FIELD	
B.25	TORRES STRAIT LT Inf Bn (less B and D Coys)	597	THURSDAY ISLAND	
B.26	B & D Coys TORRES STRAIT Lt Inf Bn	597	HORN ISLAND	
B.27	TORRES STRAIT Pioneer Coy		THURSDAY ISLAND	Det HORN ISLAND
	<u>AASC</u>			
B.28	46 Aust Supply Depot Pl		HORN ISLAND	Det HIGGINS FIELD
B.29	47 Aust Supply Depot Pl		THURSDAY ISLAND	
B.30	Sec 15 Aust Fd Bakery		THURSDAY ISLAND	Det HIGGINS FIELD Formerly 8 Aust Fd Bakery.
B.31	A Pl 159 Aust Fd Coy	160	THURSDAY ISLAND	Det HIGGINS FIELD
	<u>MEDICAL</u>			
B.32	5 Aust Camp Hosp (90 beds)	592	THURSDAY ISLAND	
B.33	1 Aust Camp Hosp (90 beds) (AIF)	164	HORN ISLAND	
	<u>DENTAL</u>			
B.34	HQ Sec 79 Aust Dental Unit (AIF)		THURSDAY ISLAND	
B35	A Sec 79 Aust Dental Unit (AIF)			In transit to JACKY JACKY

Serial No.	Unit	Veh No	Location	Projected moves and remarks.
	<u>DENTAL</u> (Contd)			
B.36	C Sec 79 Aust Dental Unit (AIF)		HORN ISLAND	
B.37	E Sec 79 Aust Dental Unit (AIF)			In transit to HAMMOND ISLAND
	<u>ORD</u>			
B.38	TORRES STRAIT Crd Det		THURSDAY ISLAND	
B.39	124 Aust FOD (Service Channels ad-		THURSDAY ISLAND	Det HIGGINS FIELD
B.40	75 Aust FAD (vise these units to be known as 15 (AOD and 12 AAF))		HIGGINS FIELD	
	<u>AEME</u>			
B.41	10 Aust Radio Maintenance Sec		THURSDAY ISLAND	
B.42	116 Aust Bde Wkshop	58	THURSDAY ISLAND	
	<u>PAY</u>			
B.43	15 Aust Depot Cash Office (Type A)		THURSDAY ISLAND	
	<u>PRO</u>			
B.44	TORRES STRAIT Pro Pl	ECC	THURSDAY ISLAND	Det HORN ISLAND
	<u>POSTAL</u>			
B.45	Det First Aust Army Postal Unit (AIF)		THURSDAY ISLAND	
	<u>MISC</u>			
B.46	7 Aust Control Sq	712	THURSDAY ISLAND	Dets HORN ISLAND and RED ISLAND POINT
B.47	Det ADCS		THURSDAY ISLAND	
B.48	28 OB RAAF		HORN ISLAND	Under comd for local adm only

Ser- ial No.	Unit	Veh No.	Location	Projected moves and remarks.
<u>COAST AND ANTI-AIRCRAFT DEFENCES</u>				
<u>COAST ARTY</u>				
B.50	HQ TORRES STRAIT CA	599	THURSDAY ISLAND	
B.51	MILMAN Bty	599	" "	
B.52	GOODS Bty	599	GOOD ISLAND	
B.53	TURTLE Bty	599	HAMMOND ISLAND	
B.54	ENDEAVOUR Bty	599	ENTRANCE ISLAND	
B.55	KING Sec	599	HORN ISLAND	
B.56	101 Aust CASL Sec (2 moving lights)	599	THURSDAY ISLAND	
B.57	102 " " " " "	599	HAMMOND ISLAND	
B.58	104 " "(4 moving lights)	599	GOOD ISLAND	
B.59	220 Aust Shore Defence Sec	599	GOOD ISLAND	
<u>ANTI-AIRCRAFT</u>				
B.60	HQ 51 Aust Comp AA Regt (LE)		HORN ISLAND	
B.61	131 Aust Hy AA Bty	585	HORN ISLAND	
B.62	127 Aust Lt AA Bty		HORN ISLAND	
B.63	AA Ops Room (Type C)		HORN ISLAND	
B.64	HQ 74 Aust Mob SL Bty		HORN ISLAND	
B.65	"A" Tp (Heavy)		HORN ISLAND	
B.66	"B" Tp (Heavy)		HORN ISLAND	
B.67	HQ 71 Aust Mob SL Bty		HIGGINS FIELD	
B.68	"A" Tp (Heavy)		HIGGINS FIELD	
B.69	"B" Tp (Heavy)		HIGGINS FIELD	
B.70	"C" Tp (Medium)		HIGGINS FIELD	
B.71	135 Aust Hy AA Bty		HIGGINS FIELD	
<u>ENGRS.</u>				
B.72	HQ 1 Aust AA and Frt Coy		THURSDAY ISLAND	
B.73	21 Aust Frt Works Sec		THURSDAY ISLAND	
B.74	22 Aust Frt Works Sec		THURSDAY ISLAND	
B.75	51 Aust E & M Sec		THURSDAY ISLAND	

Serial No.	Unit	Veh No	Location	Projected moves and remarks
	<u>SIGS</u>			
B.76	51 Aust Comp AA Regt Sig Sec		HORN ISLAND	
	<u>ATWE</u>			
B.77	51 Aust Comp AA Regt Wkshop		HORN ISLAND	
B.78	74 Aust Mob SL Wkshop Sec		HORN ISLAND	
B.79	71 Aust Mob SL Wkshop Sec		HIGGINS FIELD	

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DAILY NOTES - MOVE OF GROUP 3

1 OCT 43.

Left TOWNSVILLE 1 Oct 43 at 0300.
Block 'A' (consisting of Div HQ and Pro) NOT
quite ready to move on time - this due to
inexperience with loading. This improved on
subsequent days.

Halted at ROLLINGSTONE (at old 6 Pd Regt site)
from 1048 until 1300 hrs for lunch and mainten-
ance.

Head of column bivouaced 1652 at DUGHAN plus
12 mls. Blocks 'A' and 'B' in site wide plan
attached. Slight rain during night.

Total mileage for day

87 miles

2 OCT 43.

Reveille 0530 hrs. Moved 0700. Some trucks
of Block 'A' still NOT ready to move, but im-
provement on previous morning.

Halted at CARDWELL 0925 to 1000 hrs - troops
allowed to clean and make personal possessions at
stages. Hotel placed out of bounds.

Closed convoy up to 50 yds interval at 1400 hrs. It
rains first miles. Reached DUNSPAIL Showgrounds
1550. Good bivouac area. Ample water. Poor
latrine ~~arrangements~~ arrangements. Slight rain during
day. Steady showers during night.

Total mileage for day

92 miles

3 OCT 43.

Advanced watches one hour during night on account
of daylight saving time. Reveille consequently
0600.

Fadres held Communion and Mass services 0700.

Moved out 0745 - notable improvement in readiness
to move.

On account of starting time and route for day,
halt times changed to odd hrs.

Mechanics report only minor vehicle troubles on run
up range.

Requested by Pro NOT to halt on Range rd, so ran
on until 1110 and halted 1211A 1211A minus 1 ml.

2 Corps Pro directed convoy to wrong camp site in RAVENHOLE area - consequently did NOT bivouac until 1500 hrs.

Light misty rain during most of morning.

Total mileage for day

64 miles.

NOTE:- Sqr BAILEY in charge of electric light plant - doing very good work.

YICA giving much appreciated service.

FAA Weapon Trg School (Mob Wing) under comd Lieut (strength 1 offr and 10 CR) marched in to Block 'C'. Unfortunately, necessary train 30 cut 4x2 on with Gp 3 as Capt JENNY did NOT take portion of his men in the 3 tonner provided.

4 OCT 43. Spent day in camp at RAVENHOLE - veh maintenance, washing and rest.

Made recon of route for 5 Oct as far as HENDERSON. Called on HQ 6 Div - was informed that they knew nothing of our move through their area. Made necessary arrangements. Col MURPHY (AA & QMG 6 Div), DAAG, and DAQMG all most helpful.

5 OCT 43. Revalls 0530. Moved off 0740.

First halt near WATSONVILLE (33 mls) at 1050 hrs - reason for this procedure exercises in 6 Div area.

Bivouaced PERFORO minus 4 mls 1730 hrs.

Day's run

63.3 mls

Total for trip

321 mls

NOTE: Number of vapour looks experienced during day.

6 Oct 43.

Left PREPARED 0730. Road very rough as far as ALMA DAM (20 mls). Filled water carts ALMA DAM. Water tanks at ALMA DAM plus 8 mls unfit for human consumption. Road much better from lunch halt (ALMA DAM plus 10 mls) to WALSH RIVER. Number of vapour locks, fuel pump trouble and ignition trouble during day. 3 springs broken on 3-tonners.

Bivouaccd Blocks "A" and "B" north side of WALSH RIVER; Block "C" at MUNDANA plus 1½ mls.

Decided to spend morning 7 Oct maintenance and veh repairs, also to have Lieut SANDERS (Tech Maintenance Offr Sigs) address all drivers.

Bivouac site found to be very dirty - quantity of tin, papers etc lying about in open - apparently left by previous gns.

7 Oct 43.

MORNING:

Parade of all drivers 0800. Maj KOTILLAR and Lieut SANDERS explained certain principles of maintenance and roadside repairs.

Block "C" (including workshops) moved from MUNDANA to south side of WALSH RIVER.

Repairs and additional maintenance carried out during morning.

Apparently preceding gns have NOT effected any repairs to sections of rd cut up by their vehs. This entails extra work for this gp, and impedes its progress.

To date Pro det has done excellent work.

Block "A" now picking up harbouring principle very well.

DAILY NOTES (contd)

7 OCT 43 (contd) Moved out 1415 hrs. Bivouaced
1845 hrs.

Total run for afternoon 32.7 mls

Good bathing for all troops about
1/2 mi above camp site. Mr. LAWRENCE
(owner of WROTHAM PARK Station) very
helpful. Sgt McNALLY suspended
(see separate report).

8 OCT 43

Called on Mr. LAWRENCE of WROTHAM
PARK Station, who requested that con-
voy make detour to avoid air strip
which had been cut up by previous
convoy. Mr. LAWRENCE provided
guide, and convoy detoured as requested.
and rejoined track about 3 mls from
homestead.

Bivouaced north side of MITCHELL RIVER
1100 hrs. Spent remainder of day
maintenance, washing, swimming.
Mr. REMFROY most helpful and courteous.
Pointed out best bivouac sites and
offered any assistance within his power.

Total mileage for day 25 mls.

3 shooting parties went out after game -
all unsuccessful. One party fired,
causing bullets to pass over bivouac
area. Persons responsible reprimanded.

Driving improving in Block 'A'. Drs
still inclined to rush soft patches.

9 OCT 43

moved out 0733.

Rd for first 14 mls quite good, but
experiment in greater speed unsuccessful,
as convoy developed large gaps necessi-
tating halts from 0855 to 0915.
Launch GLENROY CREEK. This area was
found to be very dirty, a great deal of
litter and tins having been left by some
previous convoy. Decided to move on.
Repaired Creek crossing at GLENROY CREEK
plus 9.4 mls.

DAILY NOTES (contd)

9 OCT 43 (contd) Bivouaced at 1605 hrs at ref
COOKTOWN 4 mls to 1 in 172018.

Capt FLETCHER shot a pig.

10 OCT 43.

Moved out from PALMER RIVER plus
21 mls at 0730 hrs.

Rd very sandy and very bad whole
distance to FAIRVIEW.

At 1100 hrs OC's veh went on
independently to FAIRVIEW.

Head of convoy passed through
FAIRVIEW at 1320 hrs.

Harboured at 1815 hrs at HANN RIVER.

Rd very sandy and very bad all day.

Mileage for day

68.7 mls

Harbour area again found to be very
dirty - great deal of litter in the
form of tins, paper, bottles etc.,
and excreta lying about the camp area.

From FAIRVIEW OC Convoy rang Capt GAZE
(Mts TOWNEVILLE) and Maj CHAPMAN (126
Bde Wkshps) and arranged despatch of
44 gal drum 80-90 oil and 1½ gross of
sparkplugs by air to COEN. Was ad-
vised would arrive COEN 11 Oct.

Also rang AA & QHQ and reported location
and plans for next two days.

Rang COEN and ordered bread and meat for
consumption on arrival - to be purchased
from regimental funds.

Wkshps rendered great service at FAIRVIEW
to PNG's Dept by removing 45 ft light
steel casing from bore.

POL vehs detached to LAURA to pick up
petrol.

Arrangements made with Mr. DEWHURST (most

co-operative PMS employee) to tap line
to FAIRVIEW for rearward comm.

11 OCT 43.

Rest day/ Reveille 0630.
Breakfast 0715. Church parades 0830.

Day spent in maintenance, washing,
fishing, rest.

Infm received at 1445 hrs that one of
POL vhs had broken rear axle at LAURA.
Despatched workshop party and 3 tonner to
carry casualty veh's load. Vhs NOT
expected to return before 1200 hrs
12 Oct at earliest.

Excellent water in HANE RIVER - still
flowing strongly.

Issue of YNUA comforts by Mr. HILL (YNUA
rep) - apparently much appreciated by tps.

12 OCT 43

Mustar parade of "Y" Block at 0730. Rifles
inspected by CEME and staff. Approx 10
rifles found in unsatisfactory condition.
Action taken - Details separately.

Moved out from HANE RIVER 0854. Very
much better rd for first 10 mls - 15 mls.
Subsequently very sandy and rough.

Bivouaced at MUSGRAVE plus 12 mls 2030 hrs.

Workshops delayed at HANE RIVER until 1400 hrs
awaiting return of detachment sent to repair
POL veh at LAURA.

Workshops bivouaced MUSGRAVE night 12/13 Oct.

Very good camp site - NOT previously used
by other tps.

Detached water vhs at MUSGRAVE to obtain
water kindly supplied by Mr. SHEPHERD, who
also gave tps large quantities of mangoes,
which were very acceptable.

Day's run

55 mls.

13 OCT 43.

Moved out from Harbour (MUSGRAVE plus 12 mls)
at 0730 hrs. Very steep pull to top of
Divide - crossed at 0755. Hold-up caused to
"X" Block by lack of experience on part of
several sign-drn, and inability to

engage low ration.

Arranged with COHN for all vabs with faulty selector blocks to be sent to wkshps and replacements effected.

Drew water from well at ALORSTAN.

Sent cooks' vabs forward from lunch-time halt to prepare evening meal. Experiment NOT successful, but worth trying again with more detailed instns.

Reached COHN village 1755 hrs. Bivouaced 1820 hrs.

Run for day

66 mls

Capt CHONG (AAMC), who had been sent forward with the ambulance to COHN on afternoon of 12 Oct, gave medical service to 13 patients in COHN.

Senr Chaplains STUART-BURNETT and ELLIS both conducted religious services for residents of COHN, who expressed appreciation for medical and spiritual assistance.

All ranks showing definite evidence of fatigue.

14 OCT 45.

Moved out 0900 hrs.

Reached COHN AOB 1050 hrs. Picked up 44 gals GO-80 oil and 1½ gross spark plugs previously ordered from TOWNESVILLE and sent to COHN by air.

Made arrangements for wkshp sec to repair two vabs for RAAF. These repairs took longer than anticipated, and Wkshps bivouaced night 14 Oct at air base.

Main body of convoy moved on to ARCHER RIVER and owing to

(a) ample sups of water for drinking, ablutions and swimming; and

(b) evidence of fatigue on the part of the men

a halt was made here for the night.

Bivouaced 1455 hrs.

Survey of mechanical position was made by
ONEE and it was found that several vehs had
defective steering and other troubles.
Therefore decided to remain in bivouac at
ARCHER RIVER 15 Oct and morning 16 Oct.

POI vehs despatched at 1500 hrs to NEIN
with instns to return empty drums and
unwanted full drums in accordance with
CASC's instns and to load supplies required
for remainder of journey.

4 vehs from "X" Gp sent forward at 1700 hrs
to receive attention from 240 LAD at NEIN.

Members whose rifles were dirty or defective
on 12 Oct ordered to parade at 0700 hrs
for further inspection. Unfortunately four
were unable to appear at parade - dealt with
by OG Block and admonished.

16 OCT 43.

Reveille 0630. Church parade 0800.

Vehs sent to workshops in morning.

Propose to start and move to NEIN 1300 hrs.

Moved out 1300 hrs.

ARCHER RIVER crossing very tortuous.
Arrived NEIN telegraph station 1630 hrs.

Bivouaced NEIN plus approx 8 mls at 1700 hrs.

Day's run

23 mls.

17 OCT 43

Moved out 0730.

First 19 mls excellent going. Rd subsequently
very bad. Many wagon hole patches and stony
outcrops.

Arrived MURFON 1700 hrs.

Day's run

59 mls.

Bivouaced south side of river.

18 OCT 43.

Having been advised by telegraph sta attendant that rd MORETON - SKARDON was very much better than MEIN to MORETON, moved out 0745.

Crossing of MORETON RIVER very slow.

Infm as to condition of rd entirely incorrect. Stretch MORETON - SKARDON probably worst of whole journey.

Creek crossings extra-ordinarily bad. Corduroy displaced.

Day's run

59 mls.

Bivouaced 1845 hrs.

Strongly recommend any other convoys divide the two stages MEIN - MORETON and MORETON - SKARDON into three, as the distance of 60 mls for day over these particular stages is too great a strain on both drs and vehs.

DELHUNTY RIVER and the two streams a mile or two north of DELHUNTY RIVER would make excellent camp sites.

Subsequent stage DELHUNTY - JARDINE would then be within the capabilities of vehs and would avoid the unpleasant bivouac site at SKARDON.

19 OCT 43.

Moved out 0745.

Sent recovery veh over crossing and all 4 x 2 vehs ahead of convoy so that they could be winched up river bank, which is very bad.

Rd during early stages of day very bad. Melon holes and rocky outcrops.

Many creeks with good water, many of which had very steep banks both in and out.

Arrived JARDINE 1600 hrs, bivouaced 1615 hrs

Block 'A' inspected and addressed by GOC.

Blocks 'A' and 'B' bivouaced south side of

river, Block 'C' north side of river.

Obtained GOC's permission to move on after lunch 20 Oct - ETA destination 1600 hrs.

Dr PUBBY charged with refusing to obey an order - admitted refusing to attend parade - fined £3.

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JJS/CD

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FROM : 4 AUST DIV

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23

SECRET (.)

4 Aust Div Revsit 127 to 1200L/23 (.)

ALLIED AIR OPS (.)

NE AREA (.)

NEW GUINEA (.)

BOGADJIM Rd attacked by 8 B25s 20 Oct (.) Buildings and bridges destroyed (.)

NEW IRELAND (.)

Cape St GEORGE one destroyer possibly sunk (.)

WTFU IS (.)

One B 24 attacked buildings (.) of intercepting enemy fighters 3 were destroyed 2 probably destroyed and 3 damaged (.)

NW AREA (.)

DUTCH NEW GUINEA (.)

MANOKWARI 20 Oct one freighter attacked by 3 B24s and left sinking (.) explosions and fires at MANOKWARI barracks (.)

TIMOR

HANSIGI 20 Oct 2 Budaohs destroyed buildings (.)

ENEMY AIROPS (.)

NEW GUINEA (.)

FINSCHAFEN 20 Oct 30 Enemy bombers dropped 83 bombs on beach area causing small damage and casualties (.)

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25

SECRET (.)

4 Aust Div Revisit No 129 to 1200L/25 (.)

ALLIED AIROPS (.)

NE AREA (.)

NEW GUINEA (.)

SATELBERG AREA 21 Oct raided by 57 B24s 19 B25s (.)
231 tons of bombs dropped and 55,000 rds fired (.)
SATELBERG Village demolished WAREO fired (.) 22 Oct B25s
bombed and strafed pers and sup areas (.)

MADANG-BOGADJIM 22 Oct 4 P39s 2 Boomerangs successfully
strafed trucks (.) 23 Oct 9 B25s destroyed many buildings
and installations (.)

DAGUA 22 Oct 8 B25s bombed and strafed dispersal area
2 Bs destroyed 3 Fs damaged (.)

BUT 22 Oct bombed and strafed by 8 B25s destroying
3 Bs (.)

LONG IS 22 Oct 1 B24 damaged F/P at LAKE WISDOM (.)

NEW BRITAIN (.)

GASMATA 22 Oct 33 P40s bombed dump area causing explosion
and fires (.)

NW AREA (.)

AMBON 22 Oct 3 Catalinas attacked LAHA starting fires (.)

CELEBES 22 Oct 11 B24s caused considerable damage (.)

POMELAA 22 Oct bombed by 12 B24s (.) fires started in
building area (.)

ENEMY AIROPS (.)

NEW GUINEA (.)

PINSCHHAFEN afternoon 20 Oct (.) 4 Zeros strafed barges (.)
night 20 Oct 60 enemy bombers attacked surface craft (.) NIL
damage (.) 21 Oct two raids on installations by 7 enemy bombers
NIL damage (.)

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26

SECRET (.)

4 Aust Div Revsit 130 to 1200hrs/ 26 (.)

ALLIED AIROPS (.)

NE AREA (.)

NEW GUINEA (.)

WEWAK 23 2 freighters 1 lugger and numerous barges destroyed by 8 B 25 using 75 mm guns (.)

SAIDOR 23 one B 25 destroyed one BETTY (.)

SIO 23 One B 24 damaged buildings (.)

NEW BRITAIN (.)

NORTH COAST 23 oct 2 BEAUFIGHTERS destroyed barges and set fire to one freighter (.)

CAPE ST GEORGE 24 oct One CATALINA attacked two warships setting one on fire (.)

CAPE JACQUINOT 24 oct 8 P40s damaged and destroyed enemy barges (.)

GASMATA 23 oct dump area successfully bombed by 3 BEAUFORTS (.)

CAPE HOSKINGS 23 oct dump area attacked by 2 BEAUFORTS (.)

RABAU 23 oct - ROPOPO revetments and supply areas attacked by 44 B 24s (.) Explosions seen and fires started and 5 enemy intercepting fighters destroyed 8 probables and 7 damaged (.) 40 P38s covering B24s destroyed 8 fighters probably destroyed 4 Our losses 1 P38 (.)

KAVIANG 23 oct bombed and strafed by one B24 (.) One freighter damaged (.)

ALLIED AIR SIGHTINGS (.)

RABAU 40 to 50 n al craft 3 merchant ships (.)

ENEMY AIROPS (.)

NE AREA (.)

NEW GUINEA (.)

FINSCHAPPEN 23 oct raided by enemy bombers dropping 66 bombs (.) Nil damage or casualties (.)

GOODENOUGH IS 23 oct Enemy a/c unsuccessfully attacked allied vessel (.)

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27

SECRET (.)

4 Aust Div Revsit 131 to 1000L/27 Aug (.)

LANDOPS (.)

NEW GUINEA (.)

FINSCHHAFEN area 24 Oct our tps repulsed 4 by enemy attacks(.)
enemy casualties hy(.)

ALLIED AIROPS (.)

NEW GUINEA (.)

ALEXISHAFEN 24 Oct B25s successfully bombed strafed installations(.)
APERON (unlocated) 25 Oct 3 Hudsons bombed strafed area incl
village (.) fires(.)

NEW BRITAIN (.)

BORGEN bay 23 Oct B24s bombed village and sup area(.)
RABAU 0012Z/24 61 B25s 84Fs attacked air fields(.) large fires
dispersal dump areas(.) RADAR sta destroyed(.) on ground 45
enemy Bs destroyed 10 probables (.) of intercepting Fs 43 Fs
destroyed 15 probables (.) large number vessels in harbour dis-
persed taking evasive action (.) our losses 2 Bs 1 F many a/c
damaged and crew casualties(.)

SOUPAC (.)

BOUGAINVILLE 220ct 202 allied a/c attacked KAHILI (.) explosions
fires at least 20 grounded a/c destroyed (.) KAHILI strip rend-
ered unserviceable (.)

DUTCH NEW GUINEA (.)

0301Z/25 3 B24s bombed MANOKWARI (.)

ENEMY AIROPS (.)

NEW GUINEA (.)

FINSCHHAFEN 23 Oct enemy Bs unsuccessfully attacked allied vessels
(.) 4 enemy a/c destroyed 6 probables (.) our losses nil(.)

ENEMY SIGHTINGS (.)

LONG Island 23 Oct two enemy camps on SW tip (.)

MANOKWARI 0301Z/25 one 500/1000 ton vessel 20 small craft (.)

ST GEORGE'S Channel 24 Oct 3 patrol boats (.)

BUKA 24 Oct 2 ships (.)

RAAF comd TORRES strait area (.)

HQ 75 wing RAAF assumed comd RAAF units HORN island THURSDAY
island HIGGINS fd 26 Oct (.) wing HQ located HORN island

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E. J. Guss
Capt

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29

SECRET (.)

4 Aust Div revsit 133 to 1200L/29 (.)

ALLIED AIROPS (.)

NE AREA (.)

NEW BRITAIN (.)

GASMATA 26 Oct runway bombed by 2 Catalinas (.)
RABAU 25 Oct (.) LAKUNI bombed by 9 B25s (.)
TALASEA 26 Oct shipping attacked by 3 B24s one M/V set on fire
and probably sunk (.)
WITU IS (.) 25 Oct AA posns PETER HBR bombed by 1 B24 (.) 26
Oct 1 B24 demolished buildings PETER HBR (.)

NEW IRELAND (.)

KAVIANG 26 Oct arome bombed by 2 Catalinas (.)

NW AREA (.)

CELEBES (.)

POMELAA attacked by 4 B24s 3 of which did not return (.)

AROE IS (.)

Air strip TRENGAN IS villages and small boats bombed and
strafed by 6 B25s and 6 Beaufighters (.)

SOUPAC AREA (.)

BUKA 26 Oct air strip bombed by one Beaufort (.)
CHOISEUL 23 Oct (.) KAKASA attacked by 6 VENTURAS (.)
TREASURY IS 22 Oct attacked by 3 VENTURAS (.)
KAHILI (.) 23 Oct 140 our a/c bombed and hit runway (knocked
out AA posns and installations (.) 24 Oct 6 our a/c attacked runway and
dispersal areas (.)

BALLALLE 25 Oct 89 our a/c attacked air strip and AA posns (.)

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RAE 4 Aust Div
Sigs 4 Aust Div
AISC 4 Aust Div
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By Hand to :- TORRES STR. Force
Comd
G
AA & QMG

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To : MERAUKE Force

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30

SECRET (.)

4 Aust Div Revsit 134 to 1200L/30 (.)

LANDOPS (.)

SOUPAC AREA (.)

TREASURY IS 26 Oct allied force landed overwhelming opposition(.)

ALLIED AIROPS (.)

NE AREA (.)

NEW GUINEA (.)

SATTELEERG (.) 8 P39s and 8 P40s intercepted enemy DINAHS and BETTYS with fighter escort dropping parachutes, destroying 6 bombers and 5 fighters and possibly destroying 4 bombers and 3 fighters (.) our losses 1 P39 and damage to some a/c (.)

NEW BRITAIN (.)

GASMATA 27 Oct bombed by 1 CATALINA (.) 27 Oct 4 Bostons bombed Dump area (.)

CAPE GLUCESTER 27 Oct bombed by 1 CATALINA (.)

UBILI 27 Oct barges destroyed and damaged by 2 BEAUFORTS (.)

WITU ISLANDS 28 Oct one B24 attacked village on UNEA IS (.)

WIDE BAY 27 Oct small craft attacked by the 4 Bostons on sweep to GASMATA (.)

NEW IRELAND (.)

KAVIANG aerodrome and dispersal areas bombed by 3 CATALINAS (.)

CAPE ST GEORGE 27 Oct near miss scored on enemy submarine by 1 CATALINA (.)

ENEMY AIROPS (.)

NE AREA (.)

KIRIWINA (TOBRIAND IS) 26 Oct raided by unknown number enemy a/c dropping 75 bombs and causing minor casualties to personnel (.)

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SECRET (.)

4 Aust Div Revsit No 135 to 1200L/43 (.)

ALLIED LANDOPS (.)

NE AREA (.)

NEW GUINEA (.)

KATIKA (.) our forces have successfully attacked forcing the enemy to withdraw to the west of KATIKA (.)

SOUPAC (.)

TREASURY IS (.) enemy forces attacked our landing parties after landing had been completed scoring hits on landing craft and inflicting some casualties (.)

ALLIED AIROPS (.)

NEW GUINEA (.)

SIO 28 Oct mission strafed and barges destroyed by 4 P47s(.)

NEW BRITAIN (.)

TALASEA-GASMATA 28 Oct bombed and strafed by 1 CATALINA (.)

NORTH COAST NEW BRITAIN 29 Oct 4 Bortons 4 P47s and 2 BEAUFIGHTERS on barge sweep destroyed and damaged barges (.)

CAPE GLOUCESTER 29 Oct 4 P47s strafed barges (.)

GASMATA 28 Oct dump areas bombed by 1 B24(.)

NEW IRELAND

KAVIANG 28 Oct 4 Catalinas started fires and observed explosions (.)

NW AREA (.)

CERAM 29 Oct three B24s scored 2 direct hits and 2 near misses on 1000 ton vessel SE PANANG Is(.)

SOUPAC (.)

BOUGAINVILLE (.)

KAHILI and KARA 26 Oct bombed and strafed by 296 Allied a/c causing great damage(.)

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4 AUST DIV INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No 9

PART I

Section 1 : OPERATIONS NORTH WESTERN AREA.

LAND:

DUTCH NEW GUINEA:

WISSEL LAKES : Photographs taken of ENARATOLI by attacking Allied aircraft on 3 Oct show that considerable damage was done to buildings in the area by Allied bombings on 13 Sep. Two damaged huts and portion of the wireless telegraph station the only installations still standing on the village site. No military activity is apparent, but approximately 200 native canoes are visible on PANIAI LAKE.

MANOKWARI: Interpretation of photographs of the MANOKWARI area reveal the construction of four large and two small huts, the preparation of two new building sites and cultivation of 380 acres near the villages of MOEMI and WAREN (45 miles south of MANOKWARI).

(FIRST AUST ARMY Intelligence Summary No 75)

AROE ISLANDS

Aerial photographs on 15 Oct reveal a new air field 13 miles north of MEROOR (South east end TRANGAN IS) consisting of two intersecting runways, one 4000ft and one 5000ft long. Both appear serviceable with graded surface and dispersal lanes prepared.

(NEA Daily Summary No 735)

AIR: OWN

DUTCH NEW GUINEA

A force of three Liberators bombed the store area at MANOKWARI on the 20th Oct and attacked one 2/4000 ton transport off Cape WAIOS (60 mls NW MANOKWARI).

A preliminary report states that on 18 Oct one Mitchell successfully attacked villages in the WISSELL LAKES area. Targets were both bombed and strafed

AMBON

Raids by CATALINAS were carried out on 16 and 17 Oct, starting fires.

TIMOR

Sweeps by HUDSONS and MITCHELLS over TIMOR caused fires at HANSISI JETTY, LAUTEM, FUILORO and DILLI.

CERAM AND AROE ISLANDS.

Liberators bombed the area SW of the hospital at BOELA on 15 Oct starting fires. On the same day three Liberators bombed the enemy float plane base at TABERFANE.

Targets on AROE Islands were attacked by 16 Beaufighters on 19 Oct and TRANGA strip strafed.

SEA:

Enemy ship sightings for the week ending 24 Oct 43 have been small. 6 small vessels were sighted in AMBON Bay on 17 Oct while a small freighter was also sighted off the northern tip of PARANG ISLAND.

There is no further evidence of any increased shipping activity in the Dutch NEW GUINEA Area.

Section 2: OTHER FRONTS.SWPALANDNEW GUINEA

FINSCHAPEN: At 19 Oct the only remaining resistance in this area was from strongly held positions in the vicinity of SATTEBERG. There are however numerous indications of the enemy's shortage of food possibly owing to the long and difficult inland line of communication from SIO to SATELBERG.

On 17 Oct the enemy had infiltrated our positions on high ground in the vicinity of KATIKA but the attack was repulsed, and the attack was again repeated on the night of 17/18 Oct.

On 17 Oct 43 the enemy were holding a general line running North and South for 1100 yds on high ground one and one half miles west of KATIKA. SATELBERG and PALANKO (three quarters of a mile NE of SATELBERG) are believed to be still strongly occupied by the enemy. It is also believed that the villages of FIOR and MASANKOO are occupied.

Three enemy barges landed in the vicinity of the SONG River on 17 Oct 43 and were engaged by our forces with BOFORS and medium machine guns. Two of the barges were disabled and 37 Japanese were killed. An additional 30 Japanese managed to get ashore but have now been mopped up and the total casualties in this engagement are now 61 enemy dead.

KAMU VALLEY

Japanese defences at present appear to be concentrated north of DUMPU and are possibly part of the main enemy line covering the approach to BOGADJIM and MADANG.

Japanese lines of communication were harassed by artillery on the night 16/17 Oct north of KESAWAI.

Activity by our forces however has been mainly patrol with minor clashes.

HUON PENINSULA

Further reports indicate that enemy forces from LAE occupied on the 12th Oct EMBANGWAWENG - GUAUZAKO - SAPANTIKI, situated 14 - 13½ and 17 miles NNE of MONGI River mouth.

LAE

Mopping up continues in this area and an enemy force in North BOANA area was attacked in which 27 Japs were killed and 2 were taken prisoner.

ROOKE ISLAND

Recent reports indicate that the enemy is making increased use of the barge hideouts in this island. Garrisons on the island are believed to have been recently strengthened, and there have been signs of increased activity at GIZARUM, HIGGINS POINT and SUMPANAM.

SOLOMONS:

It is possible that the enemy successfully evacuated the remainder of his garrison trapped at MARQUANA BAY on VELLA LAVELLA ISLAND prior to 10 Oct. Allied patrols operating throughout the NW of the island sighted no enemy, but 200 Japanese were found in this sector as a result of the recent fighting. By 13 Oct the entire island was under Allied control.

Following the general movement to the north of enemy troops on CHOISEUL ISLAND, a reliable report states that now 2000 Japanese are concentrated on the NW coast of the island, possibly awaiting a barge evacuation to BOUGAINVILLE ISLAND.

Allied patrols operating on GIZO on 12 Oct found no enemy on the island. The enemy are also reported to have evacuated ROPA, a small island east of ZOGA on CHOISEUL ISLAND.

(FIRST AUSTRALIAN ARMY Intelligence Summary No 76)

AIR:(a) OWN:NEW GUINEA

On 14 Oct and again on 16 Oct heavy raids were made on ALEXISEAFEN and AMBON MISSION. In these raids 100 and 300-lb demolition bombs were used - those with delayed fuses being dropped from tree top height. Fires were started in stores, dump and bivouac areas, and direct hits scored on anti-aircraft positions. Several explosions were also observed in the dump areas. Two grounded enemy aircraft were destroyed and of approximately 35 fighters which intercepted our planes, 15 were shot down.

Another strong force of attack bombers carried out a barge sweep from SAIDOR to SIO. Numerous fires were started in dumps along the coast and several barges were destroyed.

WEWAK town and airfield and BORAM strip were bombed and strafed on 16 Oct. Several fires were started and direct hits scored on gun emplacements at WEWAK township, and of the aircraft on the airfield, 20 were definitely, and 12 probably, destroyed. At BORAM, three anti-aircraft positions were probably put out of action, an oil dump set on fire and five aircraft destroyed on the ground. The total number of aircraft destroyed in the raid, both on the ground and in the air, was 44 definite and 25 probable.

Enemy positions at SATELBERG were attacked by both BOSTONS and MITCHELLS in separate raids on 17 Oct. Many buildings were destroyed and the area was thoroughly strafed.

Ten Vultee V geances and nine BOSTONS carried out similar raids on villages within 3 mls of SATELBERG on 19 Oct.

Four Thunderbolts on a fighter sweep over WEWAK on 19 Oct destroyed 6 PETES (recce a/c) which were airborne.

NEW BRITAIN:

The largest number of aircraft yet to be assembled for a single raid in the SWPA took to the air on 12 Oct to carry out what is now known to have been a devastating attack on the major Japanese base of RABAU, which, for the past 20 months, has been the nerve centre for enemy operations in NEW GUINEA and the SOLOMONS.

The attack was directed against airfields, harbour installations and shipping and was effected by a total of 350 aircraft, comprised of 87 Liberators, 114 Mitchells, 12 Beauforts, 12 Beaufighters and a fighter screen of 125 Lightnings. In all 350 tons of bombs were dropped and 250,000 rounds of ammunition expended.

The first phase of the operation commenced at 1015 hours when attack bombers and fighters raked the airfields for half an hour concentrating on grounded aircraft and defensive installations. So complete was the surprise and the effectiveness of the attack, that, of a total of 150 fighters (100 of which had only arrived in the previous 48 hours) only a meagre 40 were able to attempt interception, but these were hopelessly outnumbered and 26 did not return to their bases. The confusion created by this attack enabled our heavy bombers to deal with the shipping and docks with 5000-lb bombs an hour and a half later practically unmolested.

Serious consequences of the raid for the enemy lie in his shipping and aircraft losses. The large number of small ships and harbour craft sunk puts a further strain on to a class of shipping which is already overworked and is the enemy's main source of supply for the SOLOMONS and NEW GUINEA. The Jap has already been experiencing difficulty in replacing his aircraft losses to date and he can ill-afford the loss of a further 126.

Tabulated below are details of damage inflicted to shipping, airfields and harbour installations :-

SHIPPING:

Destroyed:

3 destroyers
3 merchant vessels (5000/7000 tons)
43 small sea-going ships (100/500 tons)
70 harbour craft.

Severely Damaged:

1 submarine
1 submarine tender (5000 tons)
1 cargo vessel (7000 tons)
1 destroyer tender (6800 tons)

AIRCRAFT:

Destroyed:

100 on ground
26 in combat

Damaged

51 on ground

INSTALLATIONS

- 2 wharves
 - 1 warehouse and waterfront installations wrecked and many fires in fuel and ammunition dumps.
- (FIRST AUST ARMY Intelligence Summary No 76)

SOLOMONS:

Our attacks continue on Japanese bases in the Solomons. BUKA and KAHILI were raided on 15 Oct where explosions and fires were started.

Further attacks were carried out between 16 and 17 Oct on BOUGAINVILLE, BALLALE IS, TONOLEI HARBOUR and TERNATE Town (on ENLMAHERA IS) where fires were started. Enemy a/c intercepted over BOUGAINVILLE and BALLALE and 17 to 19 Jap fighters were destroyed.

An attack was also carried out on MUNDA IS on 19 Oct by an Allied seaplane and bombs were dropped on installations.

(b) ENEMYNEW GUINEA

Two heavy bombing attacks, 15 Oct and 17 Oct, were made by the enemy on ORO BAY with very costly results, compared against the slight damage caused to our shipping and harbour installations. In the 15 Oct raid 26 enemy bombers and 18 fighters were destroyed.

NADZAB was raided by a single aeroplane on 15 Oct and again on the same day by an unstated number of enemy machines. Few casualties.

On 20 Oct 30 enemy bombers bombed our position on beach areas at FINSCHHAFEN causing little damage.

SEA.NEW GUINEA:

Shipping activity in this area for the period under review has been normal. Allied aircraft, however, sighted 2 vessels of 800 to 1000 tonnage, and several small harbour craft on 18 Oct in VICTORIA BAY.

NEW BRITAIN

No sightings have been made since the successful air attack on RABAU on 12 Oct 43, to indicate any further unusual sea activity. On 11 Oct shipping in RABAU HARBOUR was reported to be normal.

Convoy traffic between NEW BRITAIN and the SOLOMONS continues as evidenced by regular sightings off CAPE St GEORGE.

SUBMARINES:

Enemy submarine activity has continued during the past weeks. A Submarine was sighted in position 530 miles east of MACKAY whilst another was unsuccessfully attacked off NARU. An attack was also made on an enemy submarine by Allied aircraft off ONTONGJAYA and was forced to dive, losing one man overboard.

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PART II

Section 1 : O of B (a) LAND :

(i) The main strength of 122 Infantry Regiment of 65 Division is reported to be in the MARSHALLS, with elements in the PHILLIPINES in Sep.

65 Division played an active part in the PHILLIPINE operations, and it is probable that when the division moved to the SWPA, 122 Infantry Regiment went to the MARSHALLS as a garrison force leaving a proportion of troops in the PHILLIPINES. From this, it would seem that 65 Division, which had been allotted the role of defending western NEW BRITAIN, comprises a total of four infantry battalions plus divisional troops.

(ii) A Force of 500 troops has been allocated to the vicinity of NAMATANAI on the eastern coast of NEW IRELAND. These troops have probably been brought in to develop the airstrip, but no doubt the enemy is aware of the vulnerability of this coast and may have established other garrisons as protection against an outflanking seaborne landing.

NOTE: In discussing enemy O of B in future, the dividing line between the NE and NW Factors will be the 140 degree Meridian. This is the line used by the Japanese and is probably the subdivision between the command of SOUTHERN ARMY at SINGAPORE and 8 AF GROUP at RABAU.

(FIRST AUSTRALIAN ARMY Intelligence Summary 76)

Estimates of enemy land based air strength as at 15 Oct showing comparative totals (1) 8 Oct (2) one month ago, (3) three months ago, are as follows :

AREAS	S/E SSF	2/E SSF	L/B & M/B	S/EB	F/B	F/P	Trans & Obsn.	15/10	X Comparatives 1 2 3
NE AREA:									
NEW BRITAIN	149	9	146		4	12	9	329	255 353 200
NEW IRELAND	5		4	14		9		32	42 71 26
NEW GUINEA	60	6	90			3	6	165	166 186 157
SOLOMONS	40		7	15	2	32		96	103 111 108
Area Totals	254	15	247	29	6	56	15	622	566 721 491
NW AREA:									
TIMOR	22	2	18					42	42 42 49
AMBON	6		9		3	15		33	33 27 24
AROE & KAI IS	6	3	3			8		20	20 18 18
DUTCH IG	9							9	9 9 9
CELEBES			24			9	26	77	77 77 54
JAVA-BALI	47		48	12	9	24	18	158	158 158 186
Area Totals	108	5	102	12	12	56	44	339	339 331 340

X Comparative totals in last three columns may reflect previous strength at locations now unoccupied by enemy.

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Enemy Casualties:

1. Estimate of Japanese airplane casualties in all theatres resulting from Allied operations during month of Sep 43 :-

<u>Location</u>	<u>Destroyed</u>	<u>Probably Destroyed</u>	<u>Damaged</u>
SWPA	291	69	34
SOLOMONS	149	9	7
INDIA, CHINA, BURMA, to 24/9	83	58	5
TARAWA, MAKIN and NAURU	20	4	8
KURILES	10	3	-
	553	143	54
Previously estimated to 31/8/43	5810	1081	1193
TOTALS to 30/9/43	6363	1224	1247

2. Total casualties by type SWPA during Sep included in the above :

	<u>Destroyed</u>	<u>Probably Destroyed</u>	<u>Damaged</u>
Fighters	184	50	29
Bombers	58	6	2
Reconnaissance	12	2	3
Unidentified	37	11	-
	291	69	34

3. Total casualties by type SWPA 7/12/41 - 30/9/43 :-

	<u>Destroyed</u>	<u>Probably Destroyed</u>	<u>Damaged</u>
Fighters	1372	470	388
Bombers	442	87	178
Reconnaissance	88	13	49
Unidentified	132	38	55
	2034	608	670

(FIRST AUST ARMY Intelligence Summary 76)

Section 2: ORGANISATION AND IDENTIFICATIONS

- (1) Unit Strengths: The following strengths of units not operational in the SWPA have been taken from a document captured in PEKING in Apr 41. These strengths are being taken as tentative pending confirmation :-

INDEPENDENT ARMoured CAR COMPANY (17 cars)	121
FIELD METEOROLOGICAL UNIT	371
FIELD SURVEY UNIT	433
SHIPPING ARTILLERY REGIMENT	2,306
SHIPPING SIGNAL UNIT	635
RIVER CROSSING COMPANY	462
BRIDGE BUILDING COMPANY	561
INDEPENDENT MIXED BRIGADE	7,328
Headquarters	176
Infantry Regiment	3,797
Tank Unit (80 tanks)	970
Artillery (12/75mm)	638
Machine Cannon Unit (16/20mm)	287
Engineers	495
Transport (185 vehicles)	794
Medical Unit	171

CAVALRY BRIGADE

4,260

Headquarters	202
Cavalry Regiment	1,201
MMG Company (12 MGs)	409
Tk/A Unit (6/37mm)	159
Tank Unit (20 tanks)	347
Artillery (8/75mm)	544
Machine Cannon Unit (8/20mm)	152
Transport (102 trucks)	961
Medical	285

(FIRST AUST ARMY Intelligence Summary 75)

(ii) Organisation of Japanese Divisions: A folder entitled "POCKET NOTES on the JAPANESE ARMY", setting out information obtained from documents and PW captured in the SWPA, was prepared and distributed in Apr 43. This information was taken as tentative and it is the intention to revise it periodically.

A conference held recently at WASHINGTON has published the following findings which will serve as an amplification to the folder. These findings are based on information contained in an "Alphabetical List of Japanese Army Officers Sep 42".

Japanese Division :- The estimated number of Japanese Divisions is 65.

Six of these (5, 13, 18, 19, 20 and 116) are believed to retain the organisation standard prior to 1939, and to have as the Infantry component, two brigades each of two regiments.

Forty-six (1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16, 17, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 71, 104, 110, and GUARDS) are believed to have three regiments each.

Seven (61, 62, 63, 64, 65, (Note: 65 is now classified as a Division not a Brigade although its composition is unaltered), 66, 67), may still have two regiments each, being former infantry Groups.

Six (58, 59, 60, 68, 69, 70) are believed to have six, seven or eight infantry battalions each.

Components of the Divisions:

Tank Units are included as an integral part of only four divisions (1, 12, 15, 23).

Reconnaissance Regiments are assigned to only twenty-five divisions (1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 19, 20, 23, 24, 26, 27, 34, 39, 48, 51, 53, 54, 56, 57 GUARDS).

Cavalry Regiments are assigned to sixteen divisions which consequently lack Reconnaissance Regiments (3, 6, 9, 11, 13, 18, 25, 28, 29, 40, 52, 55, 71, 104, 110, 120).

Note: (i) Divisions 12, 23 and 56 have both a Tank Unit and a Reconnaissance Regiment.

(ii) Division 56 has both a Reconnaissance Regiment and an Infantry Tankette Group.

Infantry Tankette Groups: A group believed similar to No 4 Squadron of a Reconnaissance Regiment, with an estimated personnel strength of 150, is assigned as an integral part of the Infantry Group to eight divisions (17, 22, 32, 35, 36, 37, 38, 56).

(FIRST AUST ARMY Intelligence Summary No 71.)

(iii) Attached as appendix B is the Organisation of Japanese Aerodrome Battalion.

Section 3 : EQUIPMENT

(i) Photographic and diagrammatic reproduction of a Japanese Smoke Float together with a description of the float and its operation have been extracted from Technical Intelligence Summary No 3 June 1943, and are attached as Appendices "C(i)" and "C(ii)".

(ii) Explosive Floating Yellow Box: A transport plane flying between GUADALCANAL and ESPIRITU SANTO on Aug 3, 1943, sighted, from an altitude of 1500', a 'yellow box' about 2' x 3' floating on the water. The aircraft circled, dropped lower to investigate and the box exploded. A column of water was thrown 15 to 20 feet into the air. After the explosion, small pieces of wood were observed floating on the water in the vicinity. No surface craft were observed and the occurrence remains unexplained.

Comment: This is the first report of any such observations made to this Headquarters, and no explanation or information is available. In the European theatre the Germans have used a type of aerial bomb described as a 'box' with parachute attached, which is dropped from aircraft and is apparently an A/A bomb. One theory is, that the bomb is a type of sonic bomb and explodes when the engine vibrations of an approaching aircraft reach a certain intensity. Any further comment or information is desired by this Headquarters.

(FIRST AUST ARMY Intelligence Summary 69)

Further information, however, has been received as follows:-

A report from SPA: "On 10 Aug 43, an airplane flying between NEW CALEDONIA and SANTO, whilst in a position approximately 5 miles north of MALEKULA, sighted what appeared to be a flare burning on the water. While circling to investigate, a large explosion, causing a bubble approximately 30' in diameter, was observed. This explosion, while not in the exact position of the burning flare, was in its close vicinity."

Comment: This supports the theory already advanced that the explosion is actuated by sonic means when an aircraft approaches the object. It is also possible that flares are employed to act as a decoy, attracting the attention of any aircraft flying within observational distance. Although no mention of a "box" is made in the above report, it is reasonable to assume that something similar was employed, since the explosion occurred at a distance from the flare, on which all attention was naturally directed with the probability that a less evident object would be overlooked.

A report from SWPA: A pilot of a transport aircraft flying between TOWNSVILLE and NEW GUINEA on 9 Aug 43 states: "Flying at 7500' when object was sighted. Reduced altitude to observe same. A launch, which was about 15 miles away, was heading for this object, which was yellow and about 15' x 20' projecting 2 - 3' out of the water - not a raft."

(FIRST AUST ARMY Intelligence Summary No 70)

(iii) Photographic reproduction and details of the JAPANESE MODEL 99 (1939) 7.7mm (.303in) LMG are attached as Appendices D(i) and D(ii).

Although although a number of Type 99 7.7mm rifles have been captured in NEW GUINEA, no LMGs of this calibre have been captured or reported as being in use in the SWPA, nor has there been any reference in captured documents to the issue of this weapon.

However it is quite possible that this LMG may be encountered in future operations, probably being used by units coming from other theatres which have so far not been committed in NEW GUINEA. Accordingly units in this theatre have been requested to advise without delay any indications of the use of the weapon.

Rifles and LMG's of 7.7mm calibre appear to have been used exclusively on ATTU and it is likely that the Japanese intend to effect a general alteration of their basic small arms to this heavier calibre, probably in order to secure parity with our own weapons.

(FIRST AUST ARMY Intelligence Summary 75)

(iv) Sawn off Bullet: The following report has been received from PW sources:

PW was shown Japanese 6.5mm (.256") cartridge of which the projectile appeared to have had the nose sawn off. PW stated that it was used in Type 38 rifle on training ranges, mostly 15 metre ranges. Having smaller projectile and a lesser charge it caused little recoil. Therefore, trainees could shoot more accurately and their faults could be studied. Maximum range 400 metres. Makes small hole.

(v) Motor Torpedo Boats: The Japanese Motor Torpedo Boat is stated to be in almost every respect similar in design to the Dutch Torpedo Motor Boats in commission prior to the war. There are, however, several differences which indicate that this is not merely a captured Dutch Torpedo Boat. The chief points of interest are:-

- (a) The ventilators for forward quarters and engine room are exactly like the Dutch in shape.
- (b) A large anchor, thought to be aluminium, and a coil of rope are noted on the forward deck.
- (c) A radio antenna, of triangular shape, is also like the Dutch type, as are the conning tower and deck house on which it is mounted.
- (d) A 20mm machine gun, not found on the Dutch boat, was not manned or even cocked during the reported straffing raid.
- (e) Two torpedo tubes trained outboard and believed to be on stationary mounts. These are thought to carry 18" torpedoes, but it is possible that they are larger.

Due to the considerable weight of the torpedoes and tubes so near to the stern of the boat, it is necessary to have the engine extending forward in order to balance the torpedo weight.

As the Dutch boat has three engines, it is considered likely that the Japanese boat also has a similar number.

The following is some brief data on Dutch torpedo boats:-

Length	: 61'
Bear	: 12'
Displacement	: 15 tons
Engines	: 3. 1260 HP each
Speed	: 38 knots
Construction	: Steel
Torpedoes	: Two 18" tubes.

(vi) New Type Landing Barge: A large barge has been encountered for the first time in the BUIN-PAISI area. Little is known about this craft except that it is approximately 100 feet long, can do 15 knots and is heavily armed (probably 40mm or larger) and armoured. The appearance of this type of craft probably indicates that an increased number of barges will be used in coastal movements.

(FIRSTA UST ARMY Intelligence Summary 69)

(vii) Photographic and diagrammatic reproductions together with a description of a Japanese Hollow Charge Rifle-Grenade are attached as appendices "E(i)", "E(ii)" and "E(iii)" respectively, to this Summary.

A description and illustration of "The Principle of Hollow Charge Explosives" is attached as Appendix "F".

(viii) Japanese Use of Explosive Bullets: In an exchange of fire during a recent Allied patrol down the BUMBU RIVER, an American corporal was severely wounded and died almost immediately. It was found that he had been killed by a bullet which entered his back and tore a gaping hole out of his stomach approximately the size of a man's hand. A description of the bullet, which was recovered, is produced herewith for information.

The part recovered is 1-1/16" in length overall and has a steel tube 3/4" long and 7/32" in diameter at its widest part fitting longitudinally into and within 5/16" of the base.

The base of the projectile is 9/32" in diameter with a circular recess 5/32" in diameter which appears to be a percussion cap but which has not been struck and therefore may be quite solid.

The forward end of the steel cylinder is tapered 1/8" from the end and decreased from 7/32" to 5/32", forming what might have been a shelf or projection for an explosive envelope or fuze cap.

The body at the base of the projectile is neatly bevelled and the jacketting appears to be heavily gilded cupro-nickel which has peeled back on impact, leaving the steel tube exposed. The tube contained no explosive content and it is not known whether this projectile is HE or Incendiary Observing. It is thought possible, however, that the latter could cause similar wounds on impact to those caused by the HE bullet, but until a complete round and cartridge case are recovered, a full report cannot be produced.

The co-operation of all troops is requested in an effort to collect sufficient of this ammunition for examination and testing.

(FIRSTAUST ARMY Intelligence Summary 76).

Section 5 : TACTICS

(1) Allocation of Barges to Warships: According to a captured file of regulations dated Feb 43, the allocation of Japanese barges to warships is as follows :-

DESTROYER - One special large MLC
Three large MLCs
One small MLC

CRUISER - One special large MLC
Five large MLCs

This allocation gives an indication of the number of troops probably carried on warships of these classes.

The maximum capacity of MLCs for ship to shore movement is as follows :-

Small MLC	40	fully equipped men
Large MLC (type C)	70	" " "
Large MLC (type D)	90	" " "
Special large MLC	Generally used to carry tanks, heavy guns and other heavy equipment.	

From these figures it would appear likely that the maximum number of troops which can be put ashore is as follows :-

DESTROYER - 280 fully equipped men and heavy equipment.

CRUISER - 400 fully equipped men and heavy equipment.

Should, however, the Special Large MLC be employed to carry troops, the figures given above would require to be amended by the addition of a further 170 men. It is doubtful whether destroyers and cruisers could accommodate this number of troops.

(ii) Submarine Transport: It has now been established from captured documents that Japanese "I" class submarines made 18 supply trips to LAE during Aug. These vessels were sighted and reported on some 14 occasions on their journey outward from RABAU and many were sighted on their homeward run.

The document shows that seven submarines were employed in the traffic. Two submarines made four trips during the month, one made three trips, three made two trips, and the other only made one trip. It is therefore reasonable to suppose that the rate of supply could have been increased had occasion demanded.

Naval sources estimate that the carrying capacity of these vessels is between 20 and 40 tons. It has been established that when used in supply to the ALEUTIANS, each submarine carried 50 troops and 15 tons of supplies. On the much shorter RABAU - LAE trip, where deck cargo was carried, it seems probable that 30 tons per voyage would be a conservative estimate of each submarine's capacity.

It is therefore likely that 540 tons of stores were transported to LAE during Aug, and some idea of the value to the enemy of this method of supply can be gained from the fact that it would require well over two hundred full air transport loads to achieve a similar result.

There is no evidence that, during the later part of the campaign, the LAE garrison suffered any shortage of weapons, ammunition, medical supplies or food, and there seems no doubt that submarine traffic played a large part in offsetting the effects of Allied blockade directed against supply by other methods.

The success of the submarine venture and the comparative immunity from attack thus far enjoyed will doubtless result in the continued use of this method for the supply of enemy garrisons operating at the end of tenuous ocean supply lines.

(FIRST AUGUST 1942 Summary No 75)

(iii) "Booby Trapped" Documents: A considerable number of enemy documents were captured during operations in the LAE area, and whilst searching for buried documents, it was found that the enemy has evolved a type of "booby trap" for use in the holes in which the documents are buried. The following description may be of assistance to those who are required to search for documents buried by the enemy :-

"A partially filled in hole containing three haversacks full of documents were found. On one side and at the bottom of the hole was a mortar bomb, with fuse cap removed. A pin was placed so as to cause an explosion if it were struck whilst digging to remove the haversacks."

(FIRST AUST ARMY Intelligence Summary 75)

(iv) JAPANESE FLAG SIGNALS

Attention is drawn to the Japanese use of white flags as described in the following extracts from "Battalion Hand Flag Signal Regulations".

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|---------------------------|--|
| 6. Preparations completed | - Alternate short strokes of red and white flags, up and then down. |
| 7. Sudden Attack | - Wave a white flag over the head several times. |
| 8. Encirclement | - Show a white flag in such a way as to portray encirclement. |
| 9. Advance | - Spread out a white flag raising it high in the direction of advance. |
| 10. Cease | - Raise a white flag and lower it immediately. |
| 13. Commence firing | - With a white flag describe a circle above the head. |

(v) JAPANESE Land Mines: The use of mines by the Japanese has been discovered near GWAIBATOM in the KOMAITUM area. Index discs of half an inch diameter have also been found nearby and from the evidence available it would appear that they may be placed on trees to indicate the positions of the mines

(FIRST AUST ARMY Intelligence Summary 71)

(vi) Among entries in an undated captured document was a reference to "Notes on electrically charged wire entanglements 1000, 2000 volts". From the disjointed entries it would seem that the Japanese have experiments to some extent with this form of defence, and may, at some future date, employ charged lines in the field.

Technically, the idea is sound in regard to rear installations, and may even be an effective counter against wire cutting and harassing patrols - however its use against a large scale offensive is not practicable because it can be easily neutralised by shorting the circuit of power.

(FIRST AUST ARMY Intelligence Summary No 71)

Section 6 : GENERAL

(1) Last week the press gave prominence to the public execution of an Allied airman at SALAMAU as was detailed in a recently captured document. This document reveals that the airman was personally beheaded by one Sub-Lieut KOMAI of the SASERO No 5 SNLP, commanded by Lieut-Comd TSUKIOKA.

Acting on this information, the press has drawn a parallel with the execution in early 1942 of those members of Maj-Gen DOOLITTLE's squadron who were forced down in JAPAN, but there are other incidents even more closely linked with the SALAMAU atrocity.

One of these incidents occurred at BUNA, where several Australians, including a number of women and a child, were taken prisoner on 12 Aug 42. They were taken to the Headquarters of a certain unit where they were questioned and then kept under guard for the night. It may never be known whether they were tried or court-martialled but the following morning they were all, including the child, taken out and executed in the presence of the unit personnel. At this point the reports conflict and it is not certain whether they were beheaded or bayoneted.

We do not, in this case, know the name of the executioner - and, as the victims were all civilians, we can find no logical reason for their execution, other than the fact that one of the Japanese present said it was probably "the idea of the unit commander".

We do know, however, that the unit concerned was SASEBO No 5 SNLP - the unit commander TSUKIOKA, Torashige - and one of his detachment commanders a Sub-Lieut KOMAI.

(FIRST AUST ARMY Intelligence Summary 75)

Excerpts from Radio News and Propaganda:

TOKIO. 6/9 DESTRUCTION ALLIED CONVOY HUON GULF:

"It is revealed that immediately after detecting the enemy landing, Imperial Army and Navy airforces, in close co-operation attacked the enemy, bombing and strafing his convoys as well as his landing vessels and inflicting heavy damage. Simultaneously another Japanese air formation flew far out to sea and caught an enemy convoy bringing reinforcements to HOPOI. In an aerial engagement with enemy fighters escorting the convoy, our interceptors shot down 27 out of 40 enemy fighters and at the same time sank or destroyed virtually the entire enemy surface force including cruisers and destroyers which were escorting the convoy. The enemy suffered heavily in loss of personnel; it is revealed that the total enemy personnel lost is conservatively estimated at approximately 7,150, excluding the crews of fighters shot down."

TOKIO. 7/9 PARATROOP OPERATIONS FAIL AT LAE?

"The enemy's new attempt to attack the Japanese positions in the South Pacific, this time by employing paratroops, was blasted when the majority of enemy paratroops which made a landing on 6/9 in the sector along the southern bank of the MARKHAM RIVER, 30 kilometers northwest of LAE in NEW GUINEA, were annihilated by a fierce attack by Japanese land units.

The enemy paratroops, numbering approximately 1,000 under escort of several dozen bombers and fighters landed in the valley in the vicinity of MADZAB along the MARKHAM RIVER at dawn on 6/9. Japanese garrisons are now engaged in mopping up the remnants of the enemy forces."

TOKIO. 9/9 JAPS KEEP UP PRESSURE IN LAE AREA

"Since 4/9 to 7/9 the Imperial army and navy air forces sank 1 cruiser, 3 destroyers, 14 transports, 2 large sized landing vessels, 1 torpedo boat and a number of other vessels as well as shooting down 38 enemy war planes. Many other vessels have been heavily damaged or set on fire. Further more a number of munitions supply dumps were set on fire while heavy casualties were inflicted on the enemy force by low level machine gun attacks by our aircraft".

"Comment: Unfortunately for Japanese propaganda the actual damage to and casualties inflicted on our force were extremely light, whilst in the LAE area the Japanese casualties were 6000. During the landing operations few Japanese aircraft were airborne."

TOKIO. 11/9 JAP CLAIMS - RAIDE ON MERAUK.

"Swooping down on the enemy airbase of MERAUK on the south coast of NEW GUINEA in a surprise raid on the morning of 9/9 strong Japanese naval bomber-fighter formations scored direct hits on three medium sized bombers and 12 bombers on the ground, setting them afire. Four enemy interceptors were shot down in the ensuing air combat with 18 Curtiss P40's which hastily took off to intercept the Japanese formation.

The Japanese air squadron completed the raiding mission by demolishing both the main and subsidiary runways of the airfield and also AA gun positions and two enemy military installations in the vicinity were also fired. All Japanese planes returned to base safely."

(FIRST AUST ARMY Intelligence Summary No 71)

Comment: The damage was one aircraft destroyed and six personnel slightly wounded. All military damage was repaired within 3 hours of completion of raid.

TOKIO 15/10: AZORES: Japanese Official Comment

"Commenting on British aggression against the AZORES, a spokesman of the Board of Information in a foreign press conference declared that this latest British act is another addition to the infamous series of aggressions against neutral territory, which is the habitual practice of BRITAIN and AMERICA. He declared, 'These acts of aggression spell the tragedy of neutral countries at the hands of countries which, because of their moral degradation and territorial rapacity, flagrantly abuse their military and economic strength in order to promote their selfish interests.' The statement is as follows: 'Again Perfidious Albion has shown his itching hand. No sooner had an agreement been reached with PORTUGAL than British forces were already in the AZORES. In order to carry out this scheme, BRITAIN sought an excuse in an alliance treaty which she dug out of the musty and almost forgotten files of ancient history.

This is another addition to the infamous series of aggressions against neutral territory, which is the habitual practice of BRITAIN and AMERICA, witness the past cases of ICELANE, SYRIA, MADA GASCAR, FRENCH NORTH AFRICA. It is well known that prior to the British aggression against the AZORES, propaganda agencies, not only of BRITAIN, but also of her accomplice AMERICA, spread all sorts of groundless fabricated stories alleging that there was growing tension in Japanese-Portuguese relations. The trick is identical with that used prior to the aggression against JAPAN."

(FIRST AUST ARMY Intelligence Summary No 72)

PART III.

TOPOGRAPHICAL.

(a) NEW BRITAIN - NEW GUINEA L of C:

1. General: Recent Japanese reinforcement of existing bases, the installation of anti-aircraft defences, and shipping and bridge sightings in Western NEW GUINEA and adjacent islands are significant. The enemy recognises the threat to his L of C which our occupation of FINSCHAPFEN implies and is making a move to reinforce points held, as an insurance against further Allied expansion.

Further development of the islands in VITIAZ and DAMPIER STRAITS as fortified staring points may be a deciding factor in the maintenance of the enemy's supply lines to his NEW GUINEA coastal bases.

The potentialities of these islands, notably UMBOI (ROOKE) SAKAR, TOLOKIWA and LONG ISLANDS are worthy of investigation. The change from SE to NW season within the next six weeks will again render the Southern route (via south coast of NEW BRITAIN) preferable for barge traffic from RABUL to the NEW GUINEA mainland.

- (i) Suitable anchorages for MLC's with shelter from the NW may be found off UMBOI, SAKAR, TOLOKIWA and LONG ISLANDS.
- (ii) The conscription of natives with local knowledge and the provision of a few navigation marks and lights may allow a repetition of the submarine service, which proved so effective during the enemy's occupation of LAE.
- (iii) Sites suitable for landing grounds are available in the southern sector of UMBOI ISLAND and on the NW side of LONG ISLAND. Dependent on the availability of aircraft, the construction of airfields at these two points would prove a useful supplement to the enemy's CAPE GLOUCESTER staging base.

(FIRST AUST ARMY Intelligence Summary 75)

(b) The following Terrain Handbooks are held by Adv HQ 4 Aust Div and are available for perusal :

Terrain Handb	1	: WAU and Goldfields Area.
"	2	: The MARKHAM River Valley.
"	4	: LAE and the LOWER MARKHAM Valley.
"	5	: FINSCHAFEN.
"	7	: Cape GLOUCESTER.

PART IV

OTHER FRONTS.

BURMA :

As the result of the improvement in weather conditions enemy activity has increased particularly in the CHIN HILLS.

In a successful ambush by our forces one half mile north of MAUNGDAW 24 enemy were killed, whilst our casualties are reported to have been light. A patrol of nine irregulars, presumably ARAKANESE, was ambushed at MOWDOK (25 miles north of PALETWA) and all nine killed.

On 27 Sep, our patrols killed one and captured six Burmese near YAZAGYO (22 miles north of KALEMYO) in the CHIN HILLS without loss to themselves. Japanese forward elements moved into the CHIN HILLS between SIHAUNG MYAUK (20 miles south of KALEMYO) and NANSANG PU (10 miles NNW of GANGAW) intending to proceed to the GANGAW area early in October. In addition, 50 Japanese have been moving daily into NATCHAUNG (14 miles south by west of KALEMYO) and further units are moving into KALEMYO from KALEMYO from the south. Our forward troops at KEIPAW (30 miles south of KALEMYO) contacted 150 Japanese, inflicting 20 casualties. Enemy concentrations in the vicinity of WEBULA (15 miles SSW of KALEMYO) forced the Allied troops to withdraw. On 8 Oct, 400 Japanese entered PATA (two miles south of KEIPAW). A battalion patrol visited ZALANG on 10 Oct, but no enemy were observed. DOLLUM (10 miles NE of FORT WHITE) was attacked at dawn on 9 Oct by the enemy, whose estimated strength was two companies.

with mortar and artillery support. The attack was repulsed and heavy casualties were inflicted on the enemy. Further casualties were suffered in a second unsuccessful attack. Our troops had no losses. On the following day the DOLLUANG garrison withdrew owing to severed communications and transport difficulties. Japanese troops, estimated at one Rifle Company, are consolidating in the PIMPI area (six miles NNE of FORT WHITE). It is believed that one Battalion of 214 Infantry Regiment are operating south of the FORT WHITE - KALEMYO road and approximately one Battalion of 215 Infantry Regiment to the north of the road.

There have been various reports of enemy movements towards the UPPER CHINDWIN north of HOMALIN, but at present these are only on a small scale. A strong allied fighting patrol encountered a Japanese position four miles SE of MINTHAMI on 5 Oct and casualties were inflicted on the enemy.

LANGYANG (68 miles NE of MYITKYINA) and HTAWGAW (71 miles NE by north of MYITKYINA) were occupied by enemy forces on 25 Sep and 29 Sep respectively. Chinese forces in the area have withdrawn. There is no further information of any enemy advance but there have been rumours of possible Japanese moves from MYITKYINA and TENNGCHUNG (YUNNAN--CHINA) eastward. Indian native patrols have been active to the SE and SW of SUMFRABUM but little contact was made with the enemy. A village 12 miles NNW of HTAWGAW was occupied by the enemy on 3 Oct.

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PART V.

SECURITY

(a) Unit Censorship: The Unit Security Officer in a camp in northern NEW SOUTH WALES has adopted a novel method of bringing out censorship lessons to the troops. It is known as the "Censor's Diary" and consists of a board on which are posted censored portions of letters, with a brief comment from the censoring officer explaining why they have been deleted. No clue other than what might be detected in the handwriting is given as to the author of the letter, and no embarrassing passages are placed on the board.

The idea is that if one man's mistake is shown to others neither he nor they will be likely to repeat it. The men themselves are known to appreciate the 'diary' and the officers have found that it has lightened the work of censoring to a certain degree.

This idea has much to commend it in standing camps, but care must be taken to ensure that :-

- (1) Full safeguards are adopted to prevent personal or family matters being displayed on the board.
- (11) The identity of the writer is not disclosed. To this end typed copies only of the excised portions of letters should be placed on the board.
- (111) The examples of breaches of censorship displayed are carefully selected, and that the comment is short, pithy and instructive.

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(b) The Change from the Defensive to the Offensive : During the early days of the war, the vigour and enterprise with which the enemy sought to obtain information about our plans was largely tempered by his conviction that our defeat was inevitable. Moreover, since it was he who was continually on the offensive, his chief concern was to prevent leakage of information about his plans, rather than to gain information about our own.

The situation is now reversed. The Allies are on the offensive and the enemy is seeking by every means in his power to gain information - even though it be but the merest indication - about our plans and intentions. All who are responsible for security education must therefore redouble their efforts, and should continually drive home this point in all lectures and talks which they may give. All personnel must realise that the more we take the offensive, the more jealously we must protect the security of information about our intentions.

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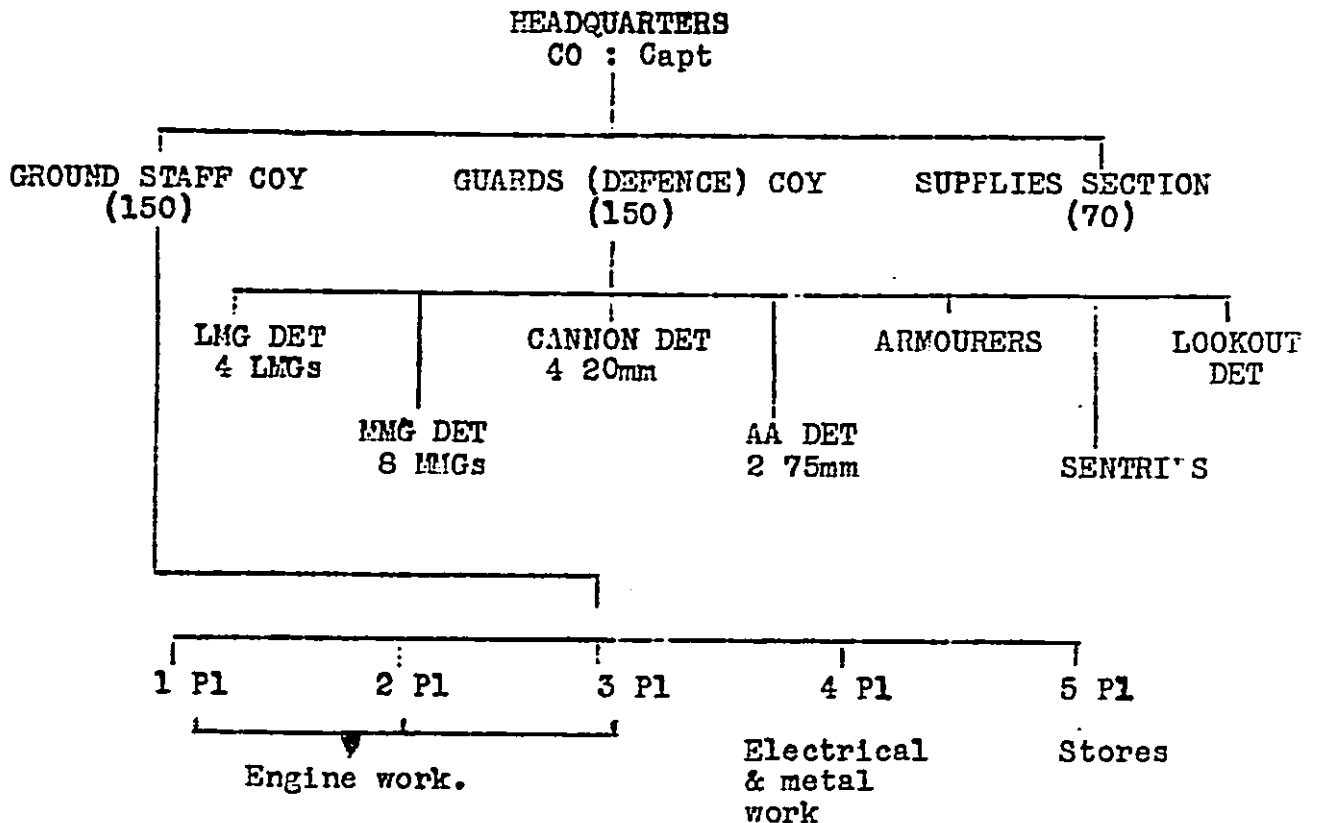
JAPANESE ARMY.

DISTRIBUTION OF FORCES BY DIVISIONS
AND INDEPENDENT MIXED BRIGADES.

LOCATION	IDENTIFICATION	No OF ACTIVE DIVS
JAPAN	2 (reforming), 4, 7 (one 1st may be at RABAU) 52 (?), 53, 62, 63, 64, 66, 67.	10
MANCHUKUO	1, 8, 9(?), 10, 11, 12, 14(?), 23, 24, 25, 28, 29, 71.	13
KOREA	19.	1
NORTH CHINA	17, 26, 27, 32, 35, 36, 37, 59, 69, 110	10
CENTRAL CHINA	3, 13, 15, 22, 34, 39, 40, 58, 60, 68, 70, 116.	12
SOUTH CHINA	104	1
F.I.C.	21	1
BURMA - YUNNAN	18, 33, 55, 56	4
MALAYA	2 Guards Div (part in SUMATRA), 16(?)	2
PHILLIPINES	1 Guards Div (?)	1
JAVA	61	1
TIMOR	48	1
NEW BRITAIN	65	1
SOLOMONS	6, 38 (probably incomplete)	2
NEW GUINEA	20, 41, 51 (remnants), 54 (?)	4
DUTCH NEW GUINEA - AMBON - KEI & AROE IS	3 (equivalent to one regt in NE Sector)	1
Unlocated	57	1
TOTAL		66
<u>INDEPENDANT MIXED BRIGADES</u>		
NORTH CHINA	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 15	10
CENTRAL CHINA	12, 13, 17	3
SOUTH CHINA	19	1
HAINAN	23 (?)	1
WAKE IS - NEW GUINEA	21 (remnants)	1
SAGHALIEN	KARAFUTU Mixed Bde	1
TOTAL		17

ORGANISATION OF JAPANESE AERODROME BATTALION.

The organisation shown in HQ First Aust Army Weekly Intelligence Summary No. 56 of 31 May 43 has been amplified by PW statements and is now believed to be as follows:



Strength: 370 all ranks. This was the strength of 221 Aerodrome Bn according to a PW but 209 Aerodrome Bn is believed to have been only 300 strong.

Equipment: Repair and refuelling trucks, tools and repair equipment and spares. Loading tables for the convoy destroyed in the BISMARCK SEA on 3 Mar 43 give the following details regarding the equipment to be taken by 209 Aerodrome Bn :

Trucks12
Fuel and Ammunition500 cubic metres
Aircraft Materials1,000 cubic metres
Detachable Belly Tanks100
Aviation Petrol1,000 Drums.

Arms : LMGs4
MMGs8
20mm Cannon4
75mm AA Guns2
Rifles and other weaponsNumber not known.

Duties: The function of an Aerodrome Battalion is the service and maintenance of aircraft and the defence of an airfield. These duties are divided amongst the companies as follows :

Ground Staff Coy : Consists of metal workers and electricians equipped with repair and refuelling trucks. Responsible for general maintenance and repair, one platoon being allotted to each flight.

Guards Coy: Formed in 1940 to take over the duty of guarding aerodromes from infantry troops. Responsible for both ground and air defence.

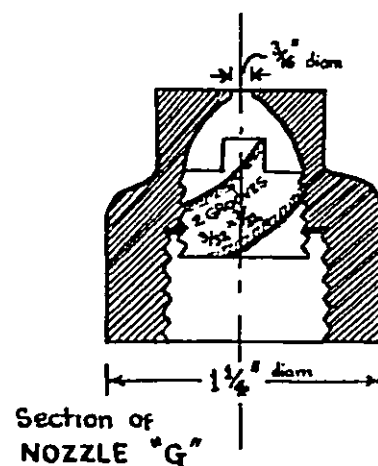
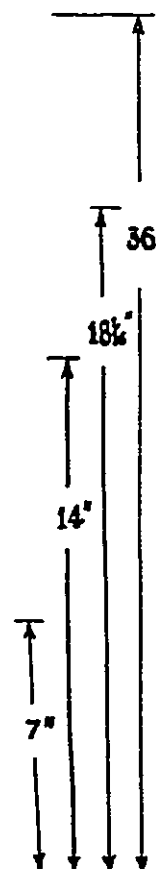
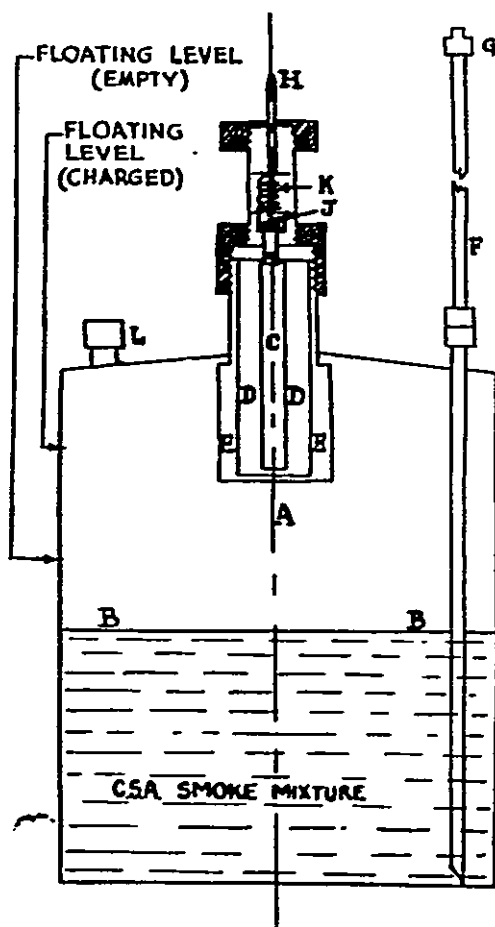
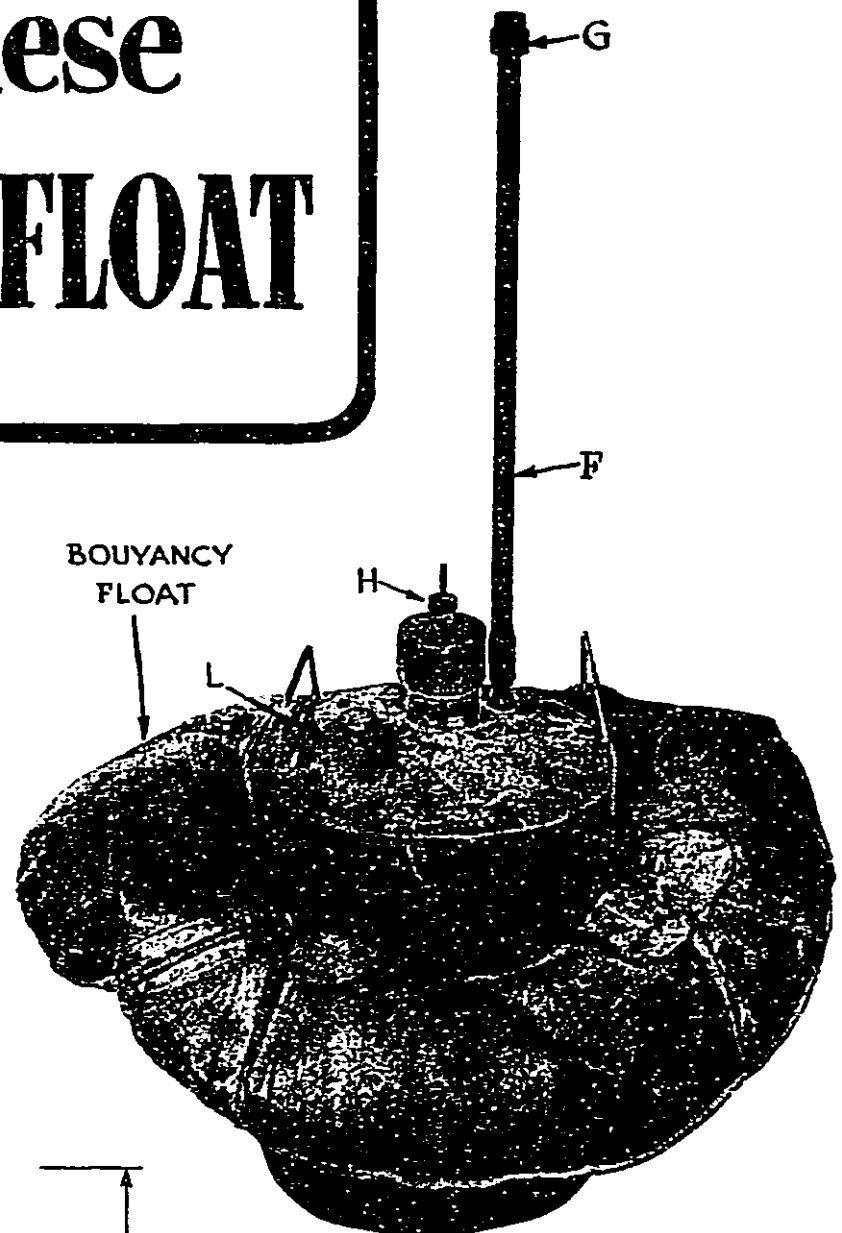
Supplies Section: Responsible for the transport of ammunition and supplies from dumps to the aerodrome.

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Japanese SMOKE FLOAT

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JAPANESE SMOKE FLOATS

The following details of this equipment have been extracted from a report made by Munitions Supply Lab Aust and produced in Technical Intelligence Summary No 3, June 1943. Photographic and diagrammatic reproductions are attached hereto.

GENERAL:

Two Japanese smoke floats were received for examination, one used and the other apparently unused. Neither was intact, but it would appear that the complete float was constructed from a welded steel drum, divided into two portions; an upper chamber and a lower one containing a CSA (Chlorosulphonic acid) mixture. This mixture was forced up a long steel tube fitted with a spraying nozzle. The necessary pressure for ejection appeared to be obtained from the ignition of a charge situated in the top of the upper chamber. This charge was ignited by a detonator. A detachable rubber buoy gave buoyancy to the drum.

CHARACTERISTICS:

Length of float	: 18 $\frac{1}{2}$ in
Length of float (incl steel tube)	: 36 in
Width of float	: 11 $\frac{3}{4}$ in
Weight of float (filled)	: 91 $\frac{1}{4}$ lb
Weight of float (empty)	: 39 $\frac{1}{2}$ lb
Capacity of liquid filling	: 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ gall
Weight of liquid filling (by difference)	: 51 $\frac{1}{4}$ lb
Diameter of buoy (inside)	: 12 in
Diameter of buoy (outside)	: 29 $\frac{3}{4}$ in
Weight of buoy (deflated)	: 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ lb

FILLING:

The filling consisted of a reddish-brown liquid composed of the following:-

Chlorosulphonic Acid	42.7%
Free SO ²	54.2%
Ash	0.3%
Sulphuric Acid (by difference)	2.8%
Total	100.0%

The liquid did not form a sediment whilst standing, but gave off dense white fumes on exposure to the atmosphere.

DESCRIPTION:

The following description refers to and should be read in conjunction with the annotated diagram shown in the Photographic Appendix:-

The welded cylindrical body is of $\frac{1}{8}$ inch mild steel plate and is divided horizontally into two approximately equal parts by a steel plate B, $\frac{1}{16}$ inch thick, fitting loosely and spot welded into position. The partition B, had three holes $\frac{1}{8}$ inch in diameter drilled through it; these were equally spaced across the diameter.

The lower chamber contains some 52 lb of a CSA smoke mixture; the upper half A, serves as a pressure chamber. A steel tube F, 7/16 inch internal diameter passes loosely through a hole in B, and projects nearly to the bottom of the lower chamber. The bottom of F, is closed over and cut off obliquely, and 12-1/16 inch diameter vertical holes are drilled through it. Parallel to and 1/2 inch above the bottom of F, another series of 15-1/16 inch diameter holes are drilled. The upper end of F, is screwed to take a 1/2 inch steel tube, 22 inches long carrying a spray nozzle G. The nozzle is manufactured from a synthetic resin. It consists of a plug in which are cut two spiral grooves 3/32 inch x 3/32 inch starting at opposite ends of the diameter. This plug screws into the nozzle body which contains a 3/16 inch diameter outlet hole. A detailed sketch is shown in the Photographic Appendix.

The domed top, and flat bottom of the drum are welded to the body. Projection L, serves as a filling plug or spout. The cylinder E is centrally placed and of hollow steel, 1/2 inch thick with 4-3/16 holes drilled in the base. Within E, is a close-fitting, thin sheet-metal casing D. Presumably the casing D, when charged, contains a slow burning charge or delay train. A central wick C, also enclosed in sheet-metal, is centrally placed within both D and E. The top of E is drilled and threaded to take either a 1/2 inch screwed plug, or the firing assembly. The firing mechanism on both floats is incomplete, but it appears to consist of a firing plunger with safety pin, a detonator, and a short length of fuze.

A rubber buoy, is attached by eight spring clips to rings welded to the body. The clips are joined to the buoy by spliced cords, which are in turn covered with sheet rubber, vulcanized on to the buoy. On inflation of the buoy to 20 lb per sq in, the float, when full, immersed to a depth of 12 inches; when empty, immersed to a depth of 9 inches. This allowed 2 inch freeboard when floating full, measured from the welded joint where the domed top is welded to the body.

On opening filling plug L, and/or tube F, no pressure could be observed either on mercury or water manometers.

OPERATION:

As neither of the floats are complete, it is considered the following description is the operation procedure -

After removal of the safety-pin, a blow on the plunger H, would explode the detonator and in turn ignite the fuze. This fires wick C, which starts combustion of the slow burning charge D, from the bottom. The discharge of the combustion gases through the holes in E, would build up pressure in pressure chamber A, to force the CSA mixture up through tube F, and spraying nozzle G. The spray so formed upon contact with moist air produces a dense white smoke of suffocating odour.

The partition B helps to prevent rolling and splashing of the liquid filling, and possibly aids in a more even production of smoke.

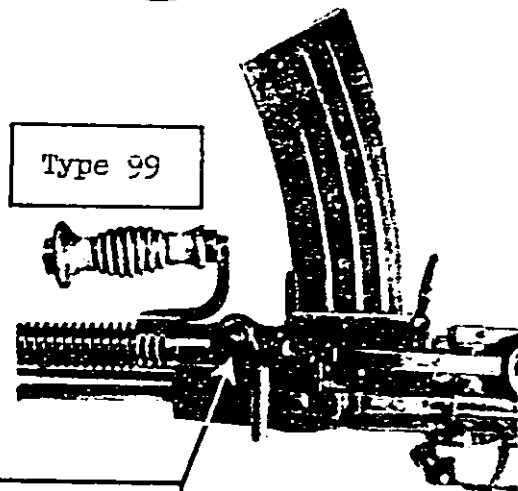
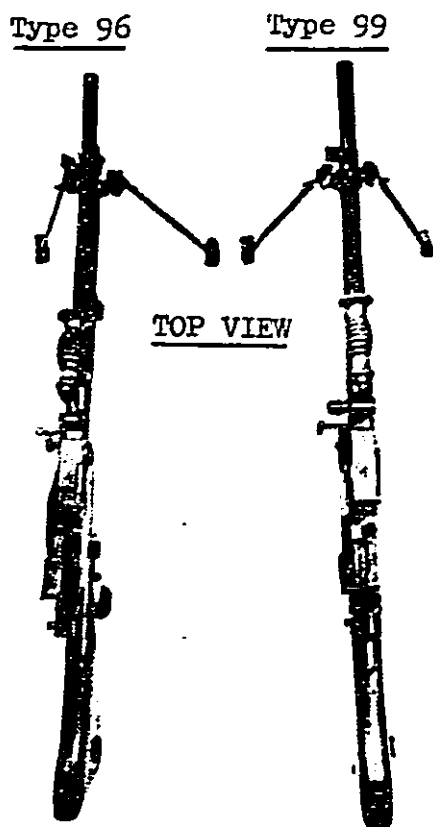
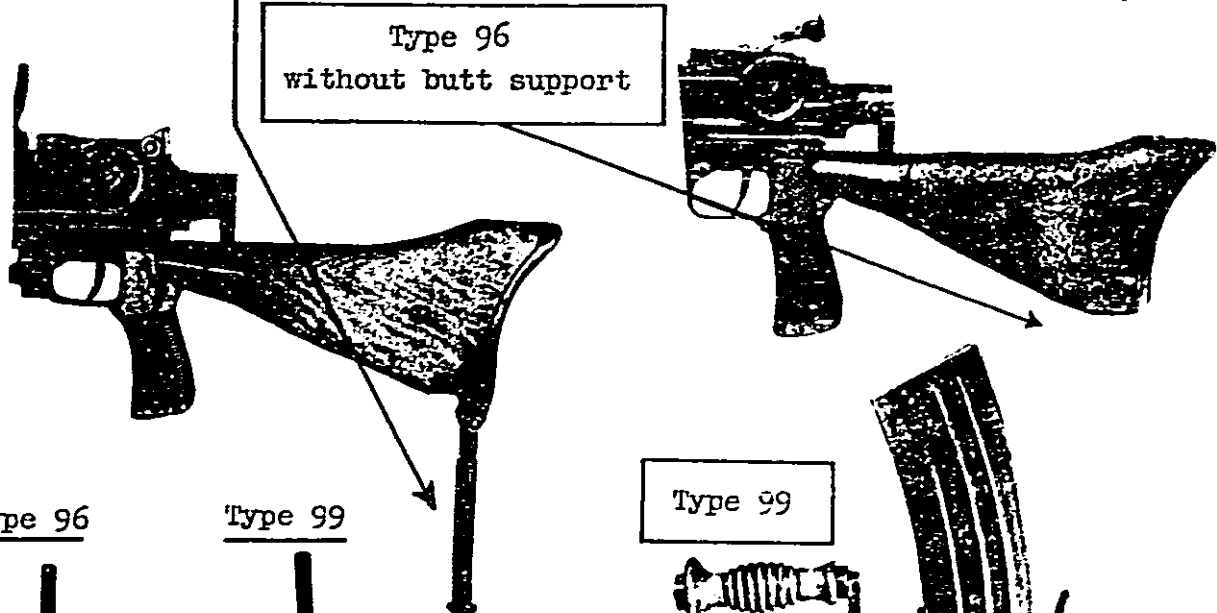
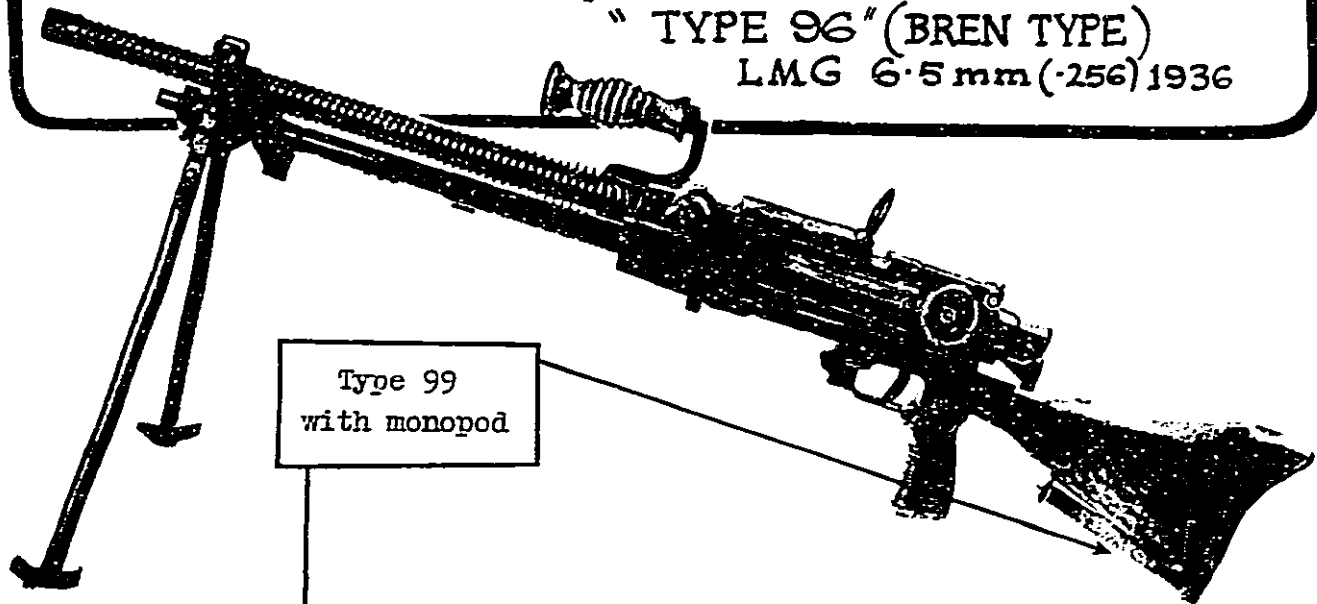
JAPANESE "TYPE 99" LMG

7.7 MM (.303") 1939

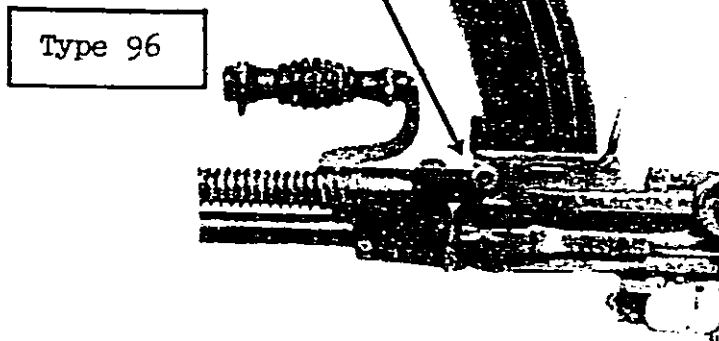
for comparison with

"TYPE 96" (BREN TYPE)

LMG 6.5 mm (.256) 1936



Difference of
Barrel Locking Catch



JAPANESE MODEL 99 (1939) 7.7mm (.303in) LMG

The following details and description of the Model 99 (1939) 7.7mm LMG are reproduced from an MI Division War Department Washington report, and photographic reproductions of this weapon, in comparison with Type 96 LMG 6.5mm, are attached hereto.

GENERAL:

The weapon is the 7.7mm version of the Model 96 (1936) 6.5mm LMG. The two weapons resemble each other very closely, and care must be taken when distinguishing one from the other.

Because of the heavier calibre ammunition fired from this weapon and the support given by the adjustable monopod, it is a more effective weapon than the Type 96.

Model 99 LMG may be distinguished from the Type 96 LMG by the following characteristics -

- (i) A heavy adjustable monopod attached to an extension at the bottom of the butt plate.
- (ii) The barrel locking catch is in the shape of a hexagonal nut marked from 1 to 8.
- (iii) The muzzle is threaded to receive a flash eliminator.
- (iv) The barrel is slightly heavier than that of the Type 96.
- (v) The magazine of Model 99 is approximately one inch longer and somewhat less curved than the Type 96 magazine.

CHARACTERISTICS:

This weapon has a cyclic rate of fire of 700 - 800 rpm and a range greater than the Type 96 by 200 yards.

AMMUNITION:

Model 99 7.7mm Rifle and Type 99 7.7mm LMG will not fire .30 US ammunition, any .303 in ammunition, or semi-rimless 7.7mm ammunition used in Model 92 "Juki" HMG 7.7mm.

The ammunition supplied for both the 7.7mm Rifle and LMG is rimless. However, Model 92 "Juki" HMG, firing semi-rimmed ammunition, has a slightly better performance with the new 7.7mm rimless ammunition due to an increase in the cyclic rate of fire.

It is reasonable to expect therefore, that troops supplied with Type 99 Rifle, Type 99 LMG and Type 92 HMG, will be able to use the same Model 99 7.7mm rimless ammunition in all three weapons.

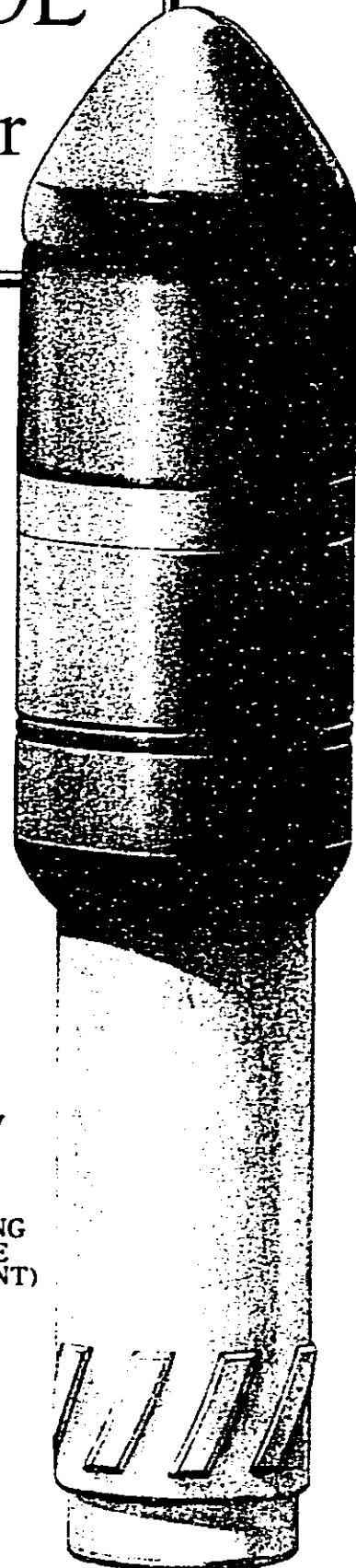
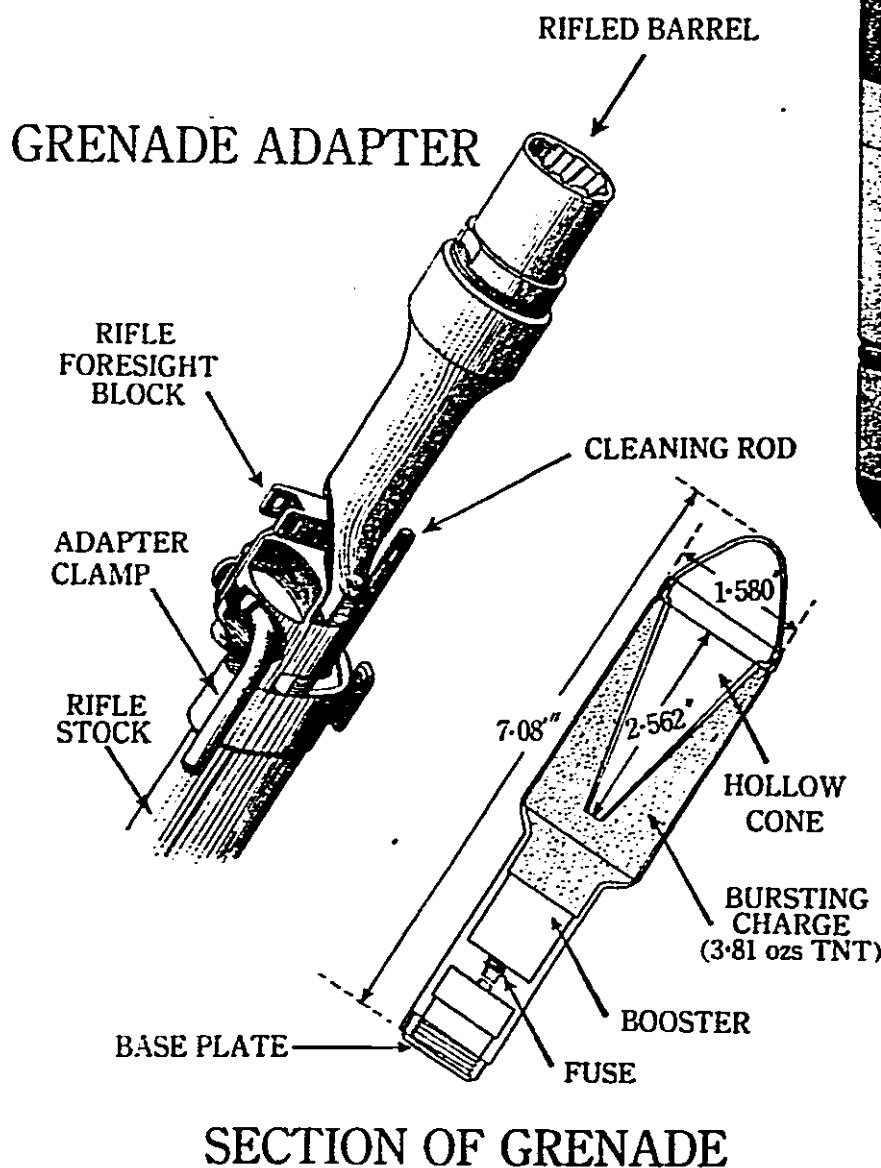
Firing the Model 99 rimless ammunition, a muzzle velocity of 2250 - 2300 fps was obtained with

- (a) Model 99 Rifle
- (b) Model 99 LMG
- (c) Model 92 HMG ("Juki")

A further report will be published in a First Aust Army Weekly Intelligence Summary when additional details come to hand.

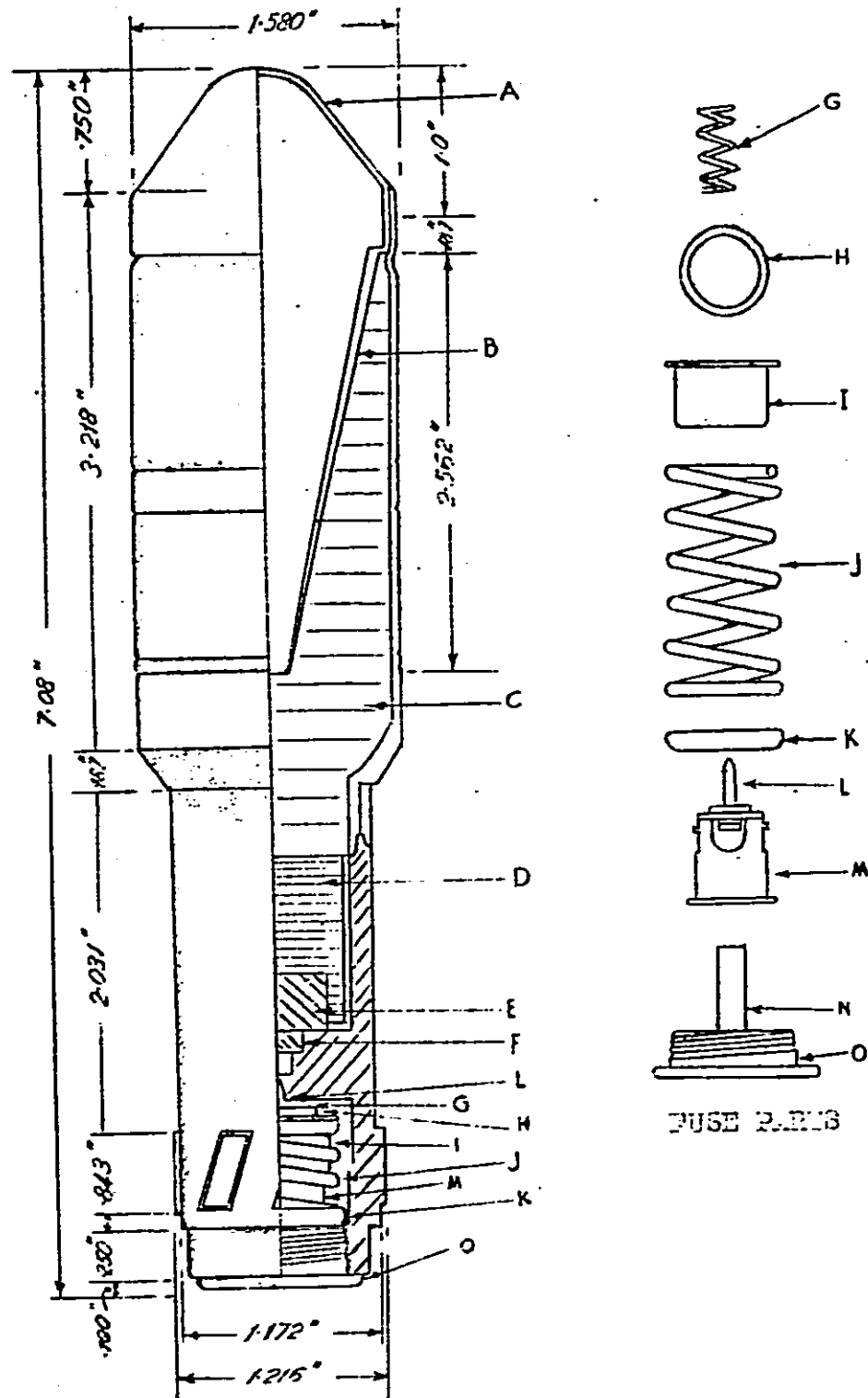
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JAPANESE HOLLOW CHARGE RIFLE-GRENADE and Grenade Discharger



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JAPANESE HOLLOW CHARGE RIFLE - GRENADE



- | | |
|---------------------|-----------------------------------|
| (A) Ballistic cap | (H) Glock spring |
| (B) Hollow cone | (I) Arming sleeve |
| (C) Bursting charge | (J) Setback spring |
| (D) Booster pellet | (K) Arming spring retainer washer |
| (E) Detonator | (L) Needle firing pin |
| (F) Flash cap | (M) Needle firing pin housing |
| (G) Creep spring | (N) Spigot |
| | (O) Base plate |

JAPANESE HOLLOW CHARGE RIFLE - GRENADEDESCRIPTION:

The Japanese Rifle Grenade is a copy of the German G Pzgr or possibly the larger GR Gpzgr. The grenade incorporates the "Munro" or hollow charge principle and is fired from an adapter which is attached to the standard 6.5mm MEIJI 38 Rifle. The body is made in two parts and is fitted with a ballistic cap and cone to form an air space in order to utilise the hollow charge principle. It contains a bursting charge of 3.81 oz TNT and a 70 grain booster of unknown composition. The lower cylindrical body contains the fuze and consists of an aluminium case fitted at its base with a rifled collar for engagement in the rifling of the adapter barrel. The grenade is inserted into the barrel with a twisting motion in order that the rifled collar engages with the rifling. A flash cap is situated immediately above the fuze, followed by the detonator and a booster pellet. No prior data was available on this projectile and for complete dimensions see Appendix "E(II)".

CHARACTERISTICS:

Weight of complete grenade	12.45 oz	Weight complete,	
Weight of explosive charge	3.81 oz	Inert	8.28 oz
Weight of booster	70 gr	Overall length	7.08 in
Weight of fuze	.71 oz	Length of body (less	
Weight of detonator	.30 oz	ballistic cap)	3.218 in
Weight of primer	6 gr	Length of fuze	
Weight of base plate and		housing	3.124 in
spigot	.65 oz	Length of cone	2.562 in
Weight of body	4.61 oz	Diameter of cone	
Weight of fuze, detonator		at top	1.516 in
and primer	4.03 oz	Diameter of cone	
		at bottom	.230 in
		Thickness of cone	
		1/4" from top	.012 in
		Thickness of cone	
		at bottom	.059 in

FUSE:

(a) The base detonating fuse is composed of the following components:-

- | | |
|-------------------------|-------------------|
| (i) Fuse base plate and | (v) Arming spring |
| spigot | (vi) Flash cap |
| (ii) Firing pin housing | (vii) Booster |
| (iii) Setback Spring | |
| (iv) Firing Pin | |

(b) The fuse base plate with a protruding spigot is screwed into the base of the grenade. The fuse and setback spring are held in position by the spigot. On top of the firing housing and encircling the firing pin, is an arming spring. Upon set back, the firing pin housing compresses the set back spring and is locked in the rear position by four stirrup-like springs which protrude from the side of the firing pin housing. Also upon setback, the arming spring reasserts itself into the circular groove provided in the fuse housing. This action clears the way between the firing pin and flash cap. A creep spring which fits over the firing pin prevents the assembly from creeping forward due

to retardation of the projectile in flight. Upon impact, the weight of the firing pin assembly compresses the spring and the firing pin penetrates the flash cap and explodes the detonator. The resultant explosion sets off the booster which in turn explodes the main bursting charge.

The grenade was fired statically against a mild steel block and a penetration of three and seven-eighth inches in length and half an inch in diameter at the top of penetration was the result. The cone appeared to have melted and fused with the mild steel block.

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Maryland USA.

TO FIRE:

(1) The grenade is loaded into the discharger barrel as described. A 6.5mm propellant cartridge (possibly ballastite) with a wooden projectile fitted instead of the usual metal projectile, is loaded into the breach of the rifle and fired in the usual manner. The grenade is safe to handle since the fuze is not armed until the grenade is in flight. The grenade is fired by impact with the target, a base detonating inertia actuated fuse, being carried in the rear of the projectile behind the bursting charge.

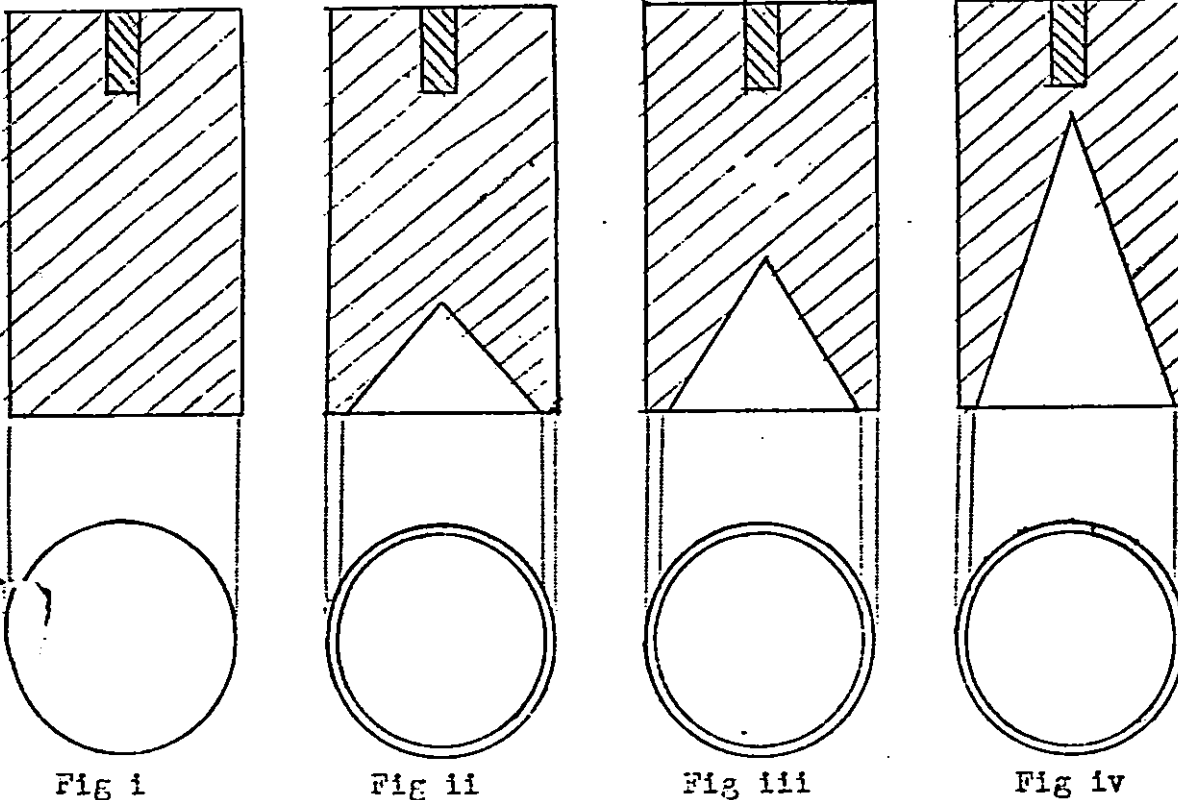
(2) While this is the only instance of use by the Japanese of the hollow charge principle that has been discovered to date, it is to be expected that they will employ it in other weapons. The penetrating effect obtained is not dependent on impact velocity and the Japanese have in quantity a variety of low velocity weapons of fairly large calibre which are suitable for firing hollow charge projectiles. Such weapons are the Type 92 (1932) 70mm Battalion Gun and the Model 41 (1908) 75mm Regimental Gun.

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PRINCIPLE OF "HOLLOW-CHARGE EXPLOSIVES"

(a) It has been found that the force of high explosives can be directed or some what focussed by properly shaping the explosive charge. In the figures below there are illustrated in plan and elevation four cylindrical charges such as might be used in demolition works. The solid charge of TNT is presumed to weigh 220 grams. The other charges weigh proportionately less.



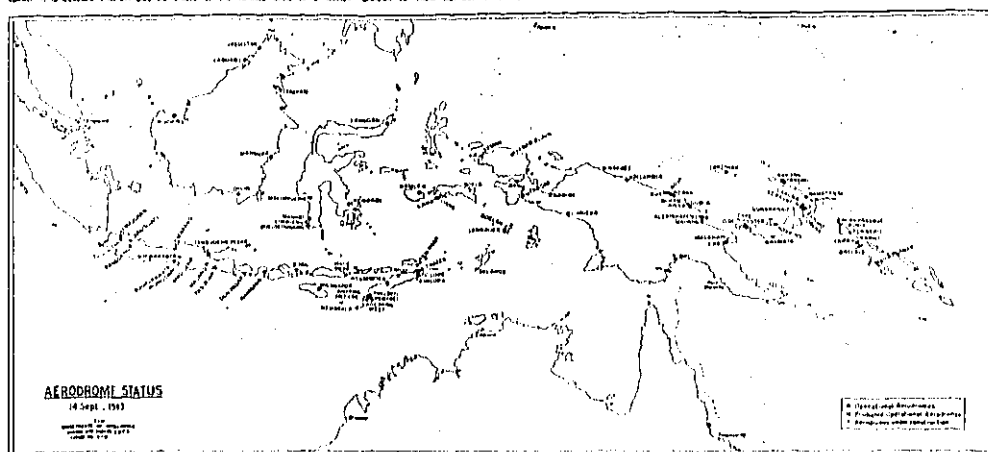
If these charges are placed on a steel plate 30mm thick and detonated, it will be found that the solid charge (Fig i) will only make a dent in the plate. The charge with a small cavity (Fig ii) will make a much deeper dent, while the other two hollow charges (Figs iii and iv) will penetrate the plate. It has been found that the performance of hollow charges is markedly affected by the size and shape of the cavity, the material and thickness of the liner, the kind of explosive and numerous other factors.

(b) The principle of the hollow charge has been known to explosive experts for many years. Many nations have applied the principle to ammunition of various types to obtain greater penetrative effect, independent of velocity impact. Two instances of this type of projectile are the explosive charge used in the American "Bazooka" and the British "68" A/Tk Grenade fired from a rifle grenade discharger.

(c) To date, the only known use by the Japanese of this principle is as illustrated by photographic Appendix "E(i)".

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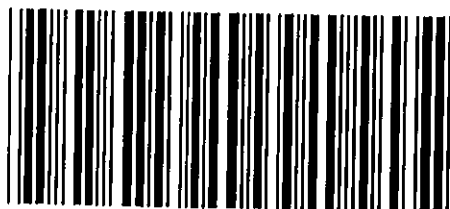
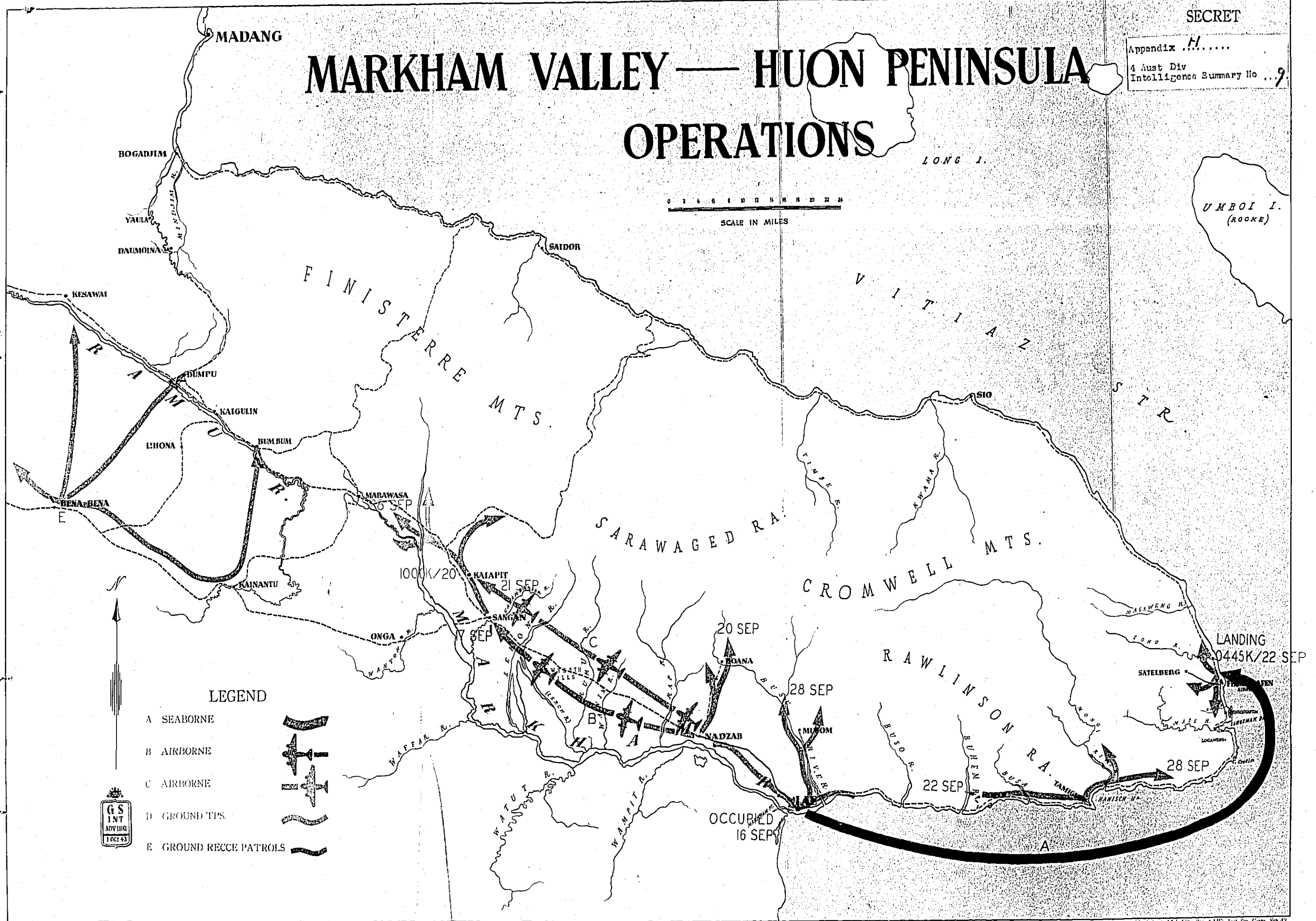
NOTE - A recent report published by Mobile Explosives Investigation Unit No 1, shows a hitherto unknown 1 KG HE Aerial Bomb employing the same principle.
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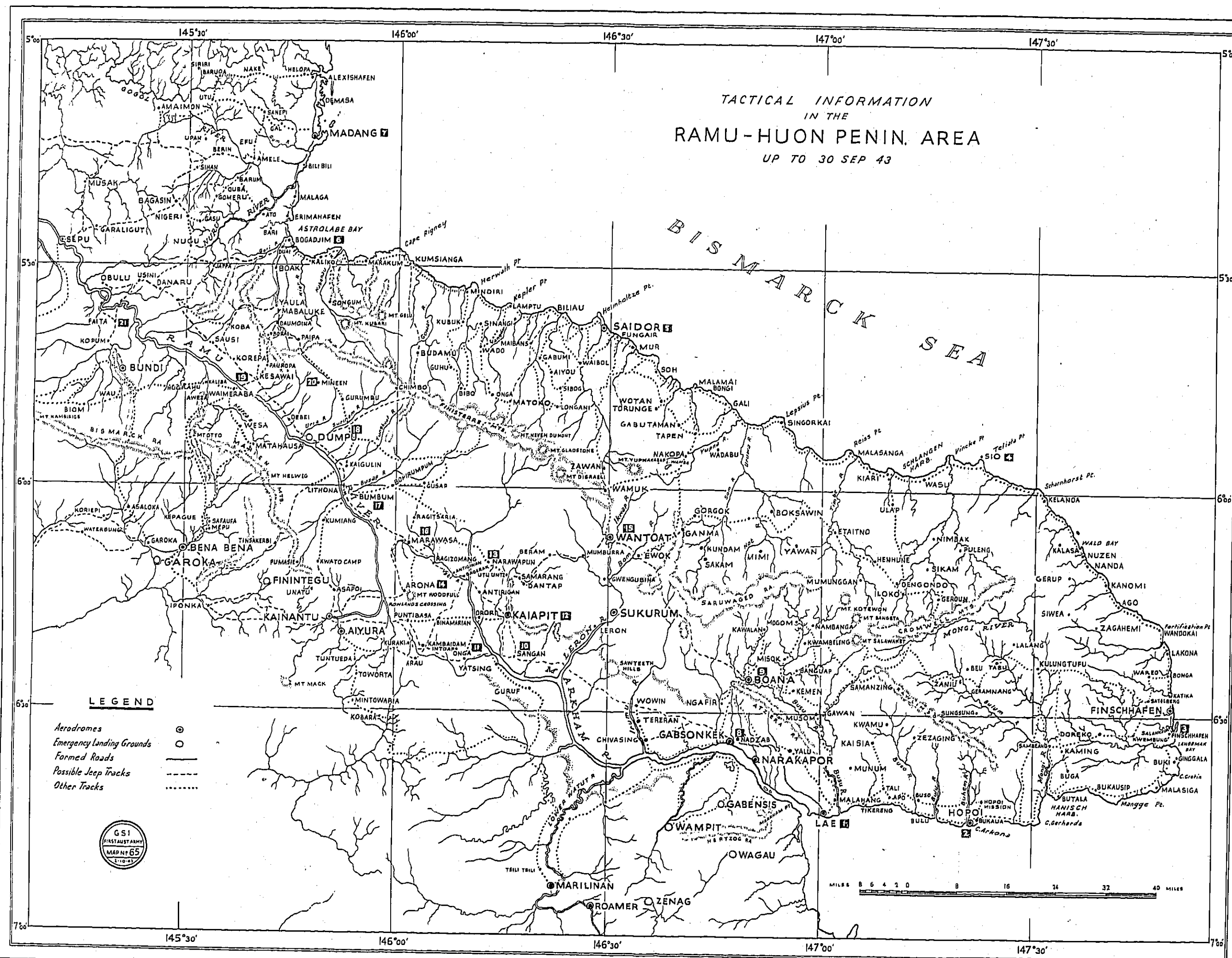
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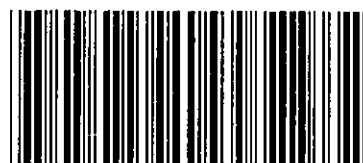
MARKHAM VALLEY — HUON PENINSULA OPERATIONS





1. **LAE:** Occupied by enemy Mar 42. Reoccupied by Aust force 16 Sep. Two main forces employed. One moved SE from MADZAB along MARKHAM VALLEY ROAD the other moved west along coast from HOPOI area.
2. **HOPOI:** Aust troops under cover naval and air bombardment landed vicinity HOPOI 1 Sep one force advanced west to occupy LAE, other force moving east were located at MAROE on 30 Sep.
3. **PINSCHAFEN:** Aust troops landed vicinity SONG RIVER 6 miles north PINSCHAFEN 22 Sep, pushing south occupied KATKA, TAREKO, KAMLOA and SALAMAU PLANTATION and by 30 Sep were located 600 yds west PINSCHAFEN township. Estimated Jap strength 30 Sep 1000 to 1800.
4. **SIO:** Enemy strength 500.
5. **SAITON:** Enemy strength 1500.
6. **BOGADJIM ROAD:** Japs commenced construction 6 May. By 1 Jun completed as far as YAUJA. By 3 Aug reached a point 31 mile from BOGADJIM and by 3 Sep only an additional 1 mile had been completed, with clearing work for a further 3 miles. Enemy still 16 mile from DUMPU and patrols estimated 6 weeks would be required to complete at the present rate. Constant allied air attacks have caused frequent land-slides.
7. **MADANG:** Adv HQ 18 Army - HQ 20 Div YAUJA. Enemy strength 11,000 includes: MADANG ALEXISHAFEN BOGADJIM.
8. **MADZAB:** Allied paratroops completed jump 5 Sep by 6 Sep airfield in allied control a strip ready for aircraft.
9. **BOANA:** Occupied by Japs 4 Jun - road capable transporting arty constructed to KAIAPIT via SEDAU and WAITOAT. Reoccupied by allied force 21 Sep.
10. **SAITON:** On 17 Sep Allied force landed by air near village. Force pushed NW to occupy KAIAPIT.
11. **OWA:** Patrols on 8 Sep report no enemy. Native report states, Jap informed them that they intended attacking INTOP when reinforced.
12. **KAIAPIT:** Japs arrived at KAIAPIT in large party between Jul-Sep. Strip cleared and bridge built across MARKHAM RIVER vicinity YATI RIVER, 19 Sep Aust troops occupy village.
13. **SAGORAN:** Occupied by Aust troops 25 Sep. **MARAWANI:** Allied patrols report 70 Japs this area 25 Sep. **ANTYOTAN:** 27 Sep Aust troops occupy village. No sign enemy occupation since 20 Sep. **ANTYOTAN:** 27 Sep Patrols report area north of village generally occupied by enemy.
14. **AROMA:** 29 Jul 100 Japs at village. Party of 30 guarding dump LAKISUA. Our patrol contacted enemy on 29 Aug inflicting casualties.
15. **WAITOAT:** Jap patrols visited village during Mar and May but no work was done on strip.
16. **MARAWANI:** Enemy activity consistently reported a series of villages or possible camp sites were seen to the SE on 30 Sep. On 23 Sep a small enemy patrol was in the area. **RAUTISARIA:** Recon reports of 28 Sep state enemy digging in this area.
17. **BUM BUN:** 8 Jul enemy in occupation. 24 Sep allied patrols reported no enemy in village. Small party are believed to have moved to KAIQUIN on 23 Sep.
18. **DUMPU:** 24 Sep 80 Japs with prepared positions.
19. **KESAWAI:** 24 Sep allied patrols report village occupied by 50 Japs. Several villages west bank STADIA RIVER also occupied by enemy strength unknown.
20. **MINEN:** On 9 Sep an allied patrol reached the head of the BOGADJIM ROAD at MINEN, reported 80 Japs visible at roadhead also enemy patrols in foothills near RAMU.
21. **YATA-YUWAI:** Two allied patrols were attacked in this area on 25 Aug.

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4 AUST DIV OPERATION INSTRUCTION 17

AMENDMENT No.1

4 Aust Div Operation Instruction 17 dated 14 Oct 43
will be amended as follows:-

1. Delete Para 1 and substitute:-

1. With the exception made in para 4 below you will
command units in the TORRES STRAIT ISLANDS listed in
Appendix 'A' attached.

In the event of any island being attacked all
other Australian Land Forces personnel on that island
will come under your operational command forthwith.

2. Delete Appx^{'A'}/dated 14 Oct 43 and

Substitute Appx 'A' issued herewith.

Appendices deleted will be destroyed by fire.

Acknowledge.

Geo Fletcher
Lt-Col
GS 4 Aust Div

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TORRES STRAIT Force
HQ RAA 4 Aust Div
HQ RAE " " "
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Appendix "A" to 4 Aust
Div Op Instn 17 issued as
amendment No 1 dated
10 Oct 43.

ORDER OF BATTLE -- UNITS UNDER COMMAND

TORRES STRAIT FORCE

GROUP 1

(Later to form TORRES STRAIT Fortress.)

Serial No	Unit	Remarks
1.	HQ HQ TORRES STRAIT Force (AIF)	
	<u>ARTY - COAST</u>	
2.	HQ TORRES STRAIT Coast Arty	
3.	MILMAN Bty	
4.	GOODS Bty	
5.	Q Aust Hy Bty	
6.	ENDEAVOUR Bty	Turtl. Bty
7.	KING Sec	
8.	101 Aust CASL Sec	
9.	102 Aust CASL Sec	
10.	103 Aust CASL Sec	
11.	104 Aust CASL Sec	On arrival
12.	220 Aust Shore Defence Sec	To be raised
13.	221 Aust Shore Defence Sec	To be raised
	<u>ARTY--ANTI-AIRCRAFT</u>	
14.	HQ 51 Aust Comp AA Regt (LE)	
15.	131 Aust Hy AA Bty	
16.	157 Aust Lt AA Bty (AIF)	
17.	AA Ops Room (Type C)	
18.	HQ 74 Aust Mob SL Bty	
19.	A Tp (Heavy)	
20.	B Tp (Heavy)	
	<u>ENGRS</u>	
21.	HQ 1 Aust AA & Frt Coy RAE	
22.	21 Aust Frt Works Sec	
23.	22 Aust Frt Works Sec	
24.	51 Aust E. and M Sec	To be absorbed by Fortress
25.	28 Aust Camflg Unit	
26.	3 Aust AA Works Sec	To be raised
	<u>SIGS</u>	
27.	Sigs TORRES STRAIT Fortress	
28.	46 Aust Cipher Sec (AIF)	To be raised from re-organised
29.	51 Aust Comp AA Regt Sig Sec	Sigs TORRES STRAIT Force.
	<u>MG</u>	
30.	5 Aust MG Bn (less one coy) and 265 Aust LAD (Type A) (AIF)	

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31. TORRES STRAIT Lt Inf Bn

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32. 51 Aust Comp AA Regt Wkshop Sec
33. 74 Aust Mob SL Bty Wkshop Sec
34. Fortress Wkshops TORRES STRAIT

To be formed.

GROUP 2 -- Mater to form TORRES STRAIT ADM UNIT

(Units marked (d) are commanded direct by 4 Aust Div pending establishment of TORRES STRAIT Administrative Unit)

Torres Strait Administrative Unit		
Serial No	Unit	Remarks
<u>ENGRS</u>		
35(d)	2 Aust Water Tpt Gp (less dets)	Being raised
36(d)	Det 2/3 Aust Locks Operating Coy 2 Aust Water & Power Supply Sec	
<u>SIGS</u>		
38	HQ 6 Aust Pigeon Sec	Being raised.
39	23 Aust Pigeon Loft	
40	42 Aust Pigeon Loft	
41	2 Aust Water Tpt Gp Sig Sec	
<u>INF</u>		
42	TORRES STRAIT Pro Coy	
<u>PAY</u>		
43	15 Aust Depot Cash Office (Type A)	
<u>PRO</u>		
44	TORRES STRAIT Pro Pl	
<u>POSTAL</u>		
45	Det First Aust Army Postal Unit (AIF)	
<u>MISC</u>		
46(d)	7 Aust Movement Control Gp	LHQ Tps
47	Det ADCS	

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4 AUST DIV OPERATION INSTRUCTION No 18, --

AMENDMENT No 1.

Ref 2 Aust Div Operation Instruction No 18, dated 14 Oct 43. -

DEFENCE OF MAINLAND NORTH OF 12° SOUTH LATITUDE.

1. Delete Appendix "A" dated 14 Oct 43.
Insert new Appendix "A" attached hereto.
2. Add new para 8(a) : "You will be responsible that such units
as parts of units listed in para 4 of
Appendix "A" as are on the Mainland are
trained in their emergency tasks.
3. Appendices deleted will be destroyed by fire.

Acknowledge.

J. Fletcher

Lt-Col
GS 4 Aust Div

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TORRES STRAIT FORCE
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Appendix A to 4 Aust Div
Operation Instruction No 18.
Issued as Amendment No 1
dated 30 Oct 43.

ORDER OF BATTLE -- UNITS UNDER OPERATIONAL
COMMAND CRA 4 AUST DIV.

1. Arty

HQ RAA 4 Aust Div (AIF)

2. Anti-aircraft

HQ 71 Aust Mob SL Bty

"A" Tp Hy

"B" Tp Hy

"C" Tp Med

Det 35 Aust Hy AA Bty.

56 Aust AA Regt (Comp)(LE)
with Sig Sec and Wkshop

137 Aust Hy AA Bty

164 Aust Lt AA Bty
(less one tp)

71 Aust Mob SL Wkshop Sec

} On arrival.

3. Inf

26 Aust Inf Bn (Less one Coy
2 Pl
and one Mortar Det)

Carr Pl 31 Aust Inf Bn) To be absorbed by 4 Aust Div
Carr Pl 51 Aust Inf Bn) Carr Coy.

4 Aust Div Carr Coy .. On arrival

4. In addition such of the following units or parts thereof
as are on the mainland will in emergency come under comd for ops:-

17 Aust A Fd Coy (to be replaced by 7 Aust Fd Coy)

57 Aust Fd Fk Coy (AIF)

239 Aust LAD

27 Aust Fd Coy

5 Aust MG Bn

159 Aust Fen Tpt Coy

15 AOD

12 AAD

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HQ 4 Aust Div (AIF)

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TORRES STRAIT Force
MERAUKE Force
RAA 4 Aust Div
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Sigs " " "
Comd AASC
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CAEME
NOIC
75 Wing RAAF
Allied Works Council
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Subject: CENSORSHIP

Hereunder for information is an extract from LHQ Field Censorship Instruction No.6 which clarifies the authority for field censorship in the TORRES STRAIT area and MERAUKE.

2. "Part B.

Censorship in Areas "Declared" under the National Security (Emergency Control) Regulations or in Theatres of Operations.

Application of Field Censorship.

- (a) The senior military officer in an area "declared" or in a theatre of operations may, if he deems it necessary, assume complete censorship control of postal and telegraph and telephone services in that area, and may impose any censorship restriction on communications of all classes which he deems necessary.

Complete Censorship Control of communications includes-

- (i) Up to 100% censorship of postal articles and telegrams (whether by landline or radio) and monitoring of all telephone calls to and from the area.
- (ii) Examination of all goods or other articles arriving in or being despatched from the area.
- (iii) Any communications may be detained, delayed, returned to sender, subjected to such process as thought fit, obliterated, excised or forwarded to destination.

(b) Field Censorship in the area embraces -

- (i) Unit Censorship.
- (ii) Base Censorship in the area to the extent determined by the senior military officer in the area.

(iii) Censorship/

- (iii) Censorship of civil communications into and out of and within the area to the extent determined by the senior military officer.

Responsibilities and functions of censorship authorities.

(a) Unit Censorship.

Regimental officers will be responsible for Unit Censorship. Their responsibilities and functions are set out in LHQ FCI No. 4.

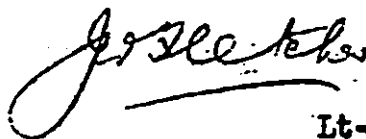
(b) Base Censorship.

Personnel of 1 Aust Fd Censorship Coy in the area will be responsible for Base Censorship and will operate under the direction of a Deputy Assistant Field Censor. Their responsibilities and functions of this company are laid down in LHQ Int. Instruction No. 34.

(c) Censorship of Civilian Communications.

Personnel of 1 Aust Fd Censorship Coy will be responsible for censorship of civilian communications into and out of the area.

- (d) Subject to LHQ Int Instruction No. 34 the senior Deputy Assistant Field Censor in the area will be responsible for the allocation of Field Censorship personnel in the area and for the supervision of their work."



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ARMY MESSAGE FORM C2136

1. Army message form C2136 (large) and C2136 (small) are being adopted in the United Kingdom for all purposes as from 1 Oct 43. A pro forma showing the ruling and wording of the new form is appended. Printed forms small and large will be of the same size as AF C2128 now in use.
2. It is intended to conform with the British procedure and Army message form C2136 is to be adopted universally throughout the Australian Military Forces as soon as arrangements can be made to effect the changeover.
3. No action will be taken to bring the new form into general use until the receipt of further instructions which are being issued by HQ.
In the meantime, however, as the Message Form C2136 is prescribed for use with combined W/T and R/T procedure in Joint or Combined Operations, it may be used for such purposes as circumstances demand.
4. The definitions of Joint and Combined Operations are:-
JOINT - Between two or more Services of one Nation
COMBINED - Between Services of two Nations.
5. In order that all officers and other personnel who have occasion to originate messages may become familiar with the new form the following instructions are issued regarding its use
6. INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE OF ARMY MESSAGE FORM C2136
 - (a) As in the old message form, that part of it lying between the thick lines is for use by the originator. The remainder of the form is for use by signals only.
 - (b) The "Originator", "For action" and "For Information" spaces.
 - (i) The originator here inserts addresses sufficient to identify the office of origin, the offices to which the message is addressed for action, and those to which it is addressed for information.
 - (ii) At a headquarters at which a signal office is established, the addresses may be written in clear. At other headquarters code-signs must be used if the message is to be signalled by a means liable to interception by an enemy.
 - (iii) It is to be noted that the "TO" and "FROM" spaces are in the reverse order to that in which they appeared on the old form.

(c) Date - Time of Origin space

In this space is written a six figure group which may be followed by a Zone Suffix letter. The first two digits express the Day of the month; 0 being used as the first digit when the number is below 10; the remaining digits express the time. The Zone Suffix letter shows the time zone in which the message was originated. e.g. For a message originated at 1625 hrs on 3 Nov 43 in "L" time zone the Date - Time of Origin group would be "031625L". The suffix is not used between addresses in the same time zone, unless GMT is used as in

(d) The Originators Number inter-service traffic.

The originator will insert an originators number at the beginning of the text

(e) Signature

The originator signs in one of the two signature spaces which indicate the system by which the message may be sent.

If the text may safely be sent in clear by wireless, he signs in the left hand space, strikes out "except" and writes "incl". In this connection originators must observe the instructions on the use of clear in the transmission of wireless messages. (See ITP 23 Part II and R/T Code No.2)

No formal message is valid without a signature. A formal message is a message normally written on a message form; this is signed by the originator, and a record of it must be kept.

(f) Originators Instructions - Degree of Priority

(i) The originator may, if authorised under Standing Orders to do so, demand a degree of priority in the handling of his message. Messages of a high degree of priority are signalled before all those of a lower priority. Messages of the same degree of priority are signalled in the order in which they were handed in to the signal office (or with through messages in the order of receipt).

(ii) If the message contains both action and information addresses, the degree of priority demanded by the originator applies only to the action addressees, unless the word "all" is inserted before the priority, e.g. "ALL IMPORTANT". Originators will frank priority messages by hand and in the case of multiple address messages will accord priority only to those addresses requiring such priority.

(iii) In the originators instructions space may also be written instructions such as "To be called for."

8. Number of copies

The originator will normally hand in one copy of the message for each address, and all addresses must appear on each copy. Where, however, it is known by the originator that the message must be enciphered for all addressees then only one copy is required by signals.

Originators are responsible for preparing and retaining such file copy or copies as they require.

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7. Steps will be taken in all HQ and units to familiarize personnel with the new message form and the foregoing instructions regarding its use, so that no disruption may be caused by its introduction when authorized. Until further instructions are issued the form will NOT be taken into use except as provided in para 3.

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Lt-Col
GS 4 Aust Div

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(Branches, units
down to Inf Bns
and Independent
units).

Army Form C2136 (Small)
(Pads of 100) (Adapted Sept. 1943)

MESSAGE FORM

Register No.

Transmission Instructions

Call

Srl No.

Priority

ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

Office Date Stamp

FROM
(A)

Originator

Date - Time of Origin

For Action

TO

(W) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions, G R-

ORIGINATOR'S No.

This message may be sent AS WRITTEN
by any means (except)
(.....) Wireless

If liable to be intercepted or fall into
enemy hands, this message must be
sent IN CIPHER

Originator's
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HQ 4 Aust Div (AIF)

30 Oct 43

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4 AUST DIV LOCATION STATEMENT No 4.

Attached herewith 4 Aust Div Location Statement No 4 as at 2359 hrs 25 Oct 43.

2. Acknowledge on attached slip.
3. It is requested that any errors in this statement be notified immediately to this HQ by formations or units concerned.

[Signature]
Lt-Col
GS 4 Aust Div

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RAE 4 Aust Div	6	ship Coy	18
Sigs 4 Aust Div	7	7 Aust Movt Control	
CIG	8	Gp	19
G	9 - 10	First Aust Army	20
AQ	11	75 Wing RAAF	21
Comd AASC	12	28 OBU RAAF	22
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Receipt to be detached and returned to this HQ promptly.

Unit

Date

HQ 4 Aust Div (AIF)

1. Receipt is acknowledged of Copy No 25 of 4 Aust Div Location Statement No 4.

2. 4 Aust Div Location Statement No 3 has been destroyed by fire.

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4 AUST DIV LOCATION STATEMENT No 4.

As at 2359 hrs 25 Oct 43.

Ref Maps : THURSDAY ISLAND 1 inch to 1 mile
 ENDEAVOUR STRAIT 1 inch to 1 mile

Serial No.	Unit	Veh No.	Location	Map Ref	Projected moves and remarks
	<u>HQ</u>				
A. 1	Adv HQ 4 Aust Div (AIF)	84	THURSDAY I.	451352	To move to BURSTER CK approx date 5 Nov 43.
A. 2	Rear HQ 4 Aust Div (AIF) 305 Aust LAD AEME (AIF)	84	BURSTER CK. " "	692954 685954	
	<u>INT</u>				
A. 3	"P" Aust FS Sec (AIF)		THURSDAY IS	451352	LHQ Tps - see serial A.1 LHQ Tps
A. 4	Det 1 Aust Fd Censorship Coy		THURSDAY IS		
	<u>ARTY</u>				
A. 5	HQ RAA 4 Aust Div (AIF)	69	WILSON CREEK	701927	
A. 6	HQ 71 Aust Mob SL Bty		BLACKS CAMP CREEK	695995	
A. 7	"A" Tp (Hy)		" " "	"	
A. 8	"B" Tp (Hy)		BIFFIN CREEK	626870	
A. 9	"C" Tp (Hy)		HIGGINS FD.	755923	
A. 10	Det 35 Aust Hy AA Bty		" "	733927	
	<u>ENGERS</u>				
A. 11	HQ RAE 4 Aust Div (AIF)	821	BURSTER CK	703952	1 & 3 Pls HORN L Unit to be re- by 7 Aust Bn Det stores sec under comd MER- AUKE Force (Det TIVILLE (CAIRNS (MERAUKE
A. 12	30 Aust Camflg Unit	59	" "	"	
A. 13	17 Aust A Fd Coy (less 1 & 3 Pls)	214	THURSDAY IS	459358	
A. 14	57 Aust Fd Pk Coy (AIF) (less one sec)	67	MUTEE HEAD	495958	
A. 15	239 Aust LAD AEME		" "	"	
A. 16	27 Aust Fd Coy		SKULL CK	662939	
A. 17	2 Aust Water Tpt Gp (less Dets)		THURSDAY IS	458355	
	Det 2/3 Docks Operating Coy	733	" "	455357	
	<u>SIGS</u>				
A. 18	Sigs 4 Aust Div (less all inf Ede and Arty Secs)	66	BURSTER CK	692954	LHQ Tps
A. 19	233 Aust LAD AEME (AIF)		" "	"	
A. 20	39 Aust Cipher Sec (AIF)		" "	"	
A. 21	22 Aust Line Sec		RED ISLAND POINT	646023	
	<u>MG.</u>				
A. 21	C Coy 5 Aust MG Bn		" "	645037	

Serial No.	Unit	Veh No.	Location	Map Ref	Projected moves and remarks.
	<u>INF</u>				
A.22	26 Aust Inf Bn (less A & C Coys and 2 & 12 Pls, det 3 Pl)	63	HORN ISLAND	509351	A Coy, 2 Pl and det 2 Pl under comd MERAUKE Force 12 H. GOODE IS
A.23	C Coy 26 Aust Inf Bn	63	WILSONS CK	697934	To be absorbed by 4 Aust Div Carr Coy
A.24	Carr Pl 31 Aust Inf Bn		" "	722925	
A.25	Carr Pl 51 Aust Inf Bn		" "	709923	
	<u>AASC</u>				
A.26	HQ Comd AASC 4 Aust Div (AIF)	59	THURSDAY IS	461359	
A.27	159 Aust Gen Tpt Coy (less 3 Pl)	64	BURSTER CK	682975	3 Pl at THURSDAY IS
A.28	223 Aust Sup Depot Pl		THURSDAY IS	459359	Det HIGGINS FIELD
A.29	46 Aust Sup Depot Pl		HORN ISLAND	503328	
A.30	47 Aust Sup Depot Pl		THURSDAY IS	461361	Dets HORN ISLAND
A.31	15 Aust Hd Bn kery (less dets)		THURSDAY IS	461359	
	<u>MEDICAL</u>				
A.32	6 Aust Camp Hospital (90 beds)	59	THURSDAY IS	456351	
A.33	1 Aust Camp Hospital (90 beds)	164	HORN ISLAND	502348	
A.34	Lt Sec 102 Aust CCS		SKULL CREEK	649939	
	<u>DENTAL</u>				
A.35	HQ Sec 79 Aust Dental Unit (AIF)		THURSDAY IS	461356	
A.36	A Sec " " " "		BURSTER CK.	694953	
A.37	C Sec " " " "		HORN ISLAND	503338	
A.38	E Sec " " " "		HAMMOND IS.	465427	
	<u>ORD</u>				
A.39	15 AOD (Less Det)		BLACKS CAMP CREEK	6899	Formerly 124 (Aust 8th Wkshp)
A.40	12 AAD		" " "	671778	Det THURSDAY ISLAND
A.41	116 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pl		" " "	6899	Formerly 75 (Aust Fd Arm depot.)
	<u>AEME</u>				
A.42	240 Aust LAD	58	BURSTER CK.	685954	To move shortly
A.43	116 Aust Bde Wkshop		THURSDAY IS	447354	
A.44	71 Aust Mob SL Wkshop Sec		BLACKS CAMP CREEK	695995	
A.45	10 Aust Radio Maintenance Sec		THURSDAY IS	433362	
	<u>PAY</u>				
A.46	4 Aust Div Fd Cash Office	80	BURSTER CK.	692954	

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Serial No.	Unit	Veh No	Location	Map Ref	Projected moves and remarks
A.47	<u>POSTAL</u> 4 Aust Div Postal Unit (less dets)	55	BURSTER CK	692954	
A.48	<u>PRO</u> 4 Aust Div Pro Coy (less five dets)	95	BURSTER CK	697952	
A.49	<u>MISC</u> 7 Aust Mvt Control Gp	712	TEURSDAY IS	458357	LHQ Tps - dets HORN IS and RED IS PT.

TORRES STRAIT FORCE

Serial No.	Unit	Vehicle No	Location	Map Ref	Projected moves and remarks
	<u>HQ</u>				
B. 1	HQ Torres Strait Force (AIF)	595	THURSDAY IS	450352	
	<u>ENGRS</u>				
B. 2	28 Aust Camflg Unit		" "	462357	
	<u>SIGS</u>				
B. 3	Torres Strait Sigs (less dets)	607	" "	452354	Dets HORN, GOOD, ENTRANCE ISLANDS & COYS
B. 4	46 Aust Cipher Sec (Type E)		" "	450353	
B. 5	HQ 6 Aust Pigeon Sec		" "	452354	
B. 6	23 Aust Pigeon Loft		" "	453355	
B. 7	42 Aust Pigeon Loft		DARU ISLAND	--	In transit to THURSDAY IS
	<u>MG.</u>				
B. 8	5 Aust MG Bn (less B & C Coys)	164	HORN ISLAND	555339	For C Coy see serial A.21
B. 9	265 Aust LAD AEME (AIF) B Coy 5 Aust MG Bn	164	" " PRINCE OF WALES IS.	557335 425305	(Training - to move shortly.
	<u>INF</u>				
B. 10	Torres Strait Lt Inf Bn (Less B & D Coys)	597	THURSDAY IS	472370	B & D Coys HORN ISLAND
B. 11	Torres Strait Pnr Coy		" "	465369	Det HORN Is.
	<u>PAY</u>				
B. 12	15 Aust Depot Cash Office (Type A)		" "	453354	
	<u>PRO</u>				
B. 13	Torres Strait Pro Pl	560	THURSDAY IS	454355	Det HORN Is.
	<u>POSTAL</u>				
B. 14	Det First Aust Army Postal Unit (AIF)		" "	462358	
	<u>MISC</u>				
B. 15	Det ADCS		" "	462356	
B. 16	28 OBU RAAF		HORN ISLAND	549342	

COAST AND ANTI-AIRCRAFT DEFENCES

COAST ARTY.

B. 17	HQ Torres Strait CA	599	THURSDAY IS	464361
B. 18	MILMAN Bty	599	" "	472366
B. 19	GOODS Bty	599	GOOD ISLAND	382374
B. 20	TURTLE Bty	599	HAMMOND Is	165427
B. 21	ENDEAVOUR Bty	599	ENTRANCE Is	560186
B. 22	KING Sec	599	HORN ISLAND	565670

Serial No.	Unit	Veh No.	Location	Map Ref	Projected moves and remarks.
	<u>COAST ARTY (contd)</u>				
B.2 3	101 Aust CASL Sec (2 moving lights)	599	THURSDAY IS	472366	
B.24	102 " " " "	599	HAMMOND IS.	465427	
B.25	104 Aust CASL Sec (4 moving lights)	599	GOOD ISLAND	382374	
	<u>ANTI-AIRCRAFT</u>				
B.26	HQ 51 Aust Comp AA Regt (LE)	585	HORN ISLAND	545334	
B.27	131 Aust Hy AA Bty		HORN ISLAND	513343	
B.28	157 Aust Lt AA Bty		HORN ISLAND	547335	
B.29	AA Ops Room (Type C)		HORN ISLAND	542331	
B.30	HQ 74 Aust Mob SL Bty		HORN ISLAND	544333	
B.31	"A" Tp (Heavy)		HORN ISLAND	505338	
B.32	"B" Tp (Heavy)		HORN ISLAND	576346	
	<u>ENGRS</u>				
B.33	HQ 1 Aust AA & Frt Coy.		THURSDAY IS	458357	
B.34	21 Aust Frt Works Sec		" "	"	
B.35	22 Aust Frt Works Sec		" "	"	
B.36	51 Aust E & M Sec		" "	"	
	<u>SIGS</u>				
B.37	51 Aust Comp AA Regt Sig Sec		HORN ISLAND	547335	
	<u>AEME</u>				
B.38	51 Aust Comp AA Regt Wkshop		HORN ISLAND	512337	
B.39	74 Aust Mob SL Wkshop		HORN ISLAND	542334	

MERAUKE FORCE

Serial No.	Unit	Veh No.	Location	Moves projected and remarks.
C 1	HQ HQ 11 Aust Inf Bde & Sig Sec & 242 Aust IAD		MERAUKE	
C 2	HQ MERAUKE Base		"	
C 3	INT C Aust Fd Security Sec (AIF)		"	LHQ Tps
C 4	ARTY 59 Bty 2/9 Aust A Fd Regt		"	
C 5	HQ 52 Aust Comp AA Regt & Sig Sec		"	
C 6	139 Aust Hy AA Bty		"	
C 7	382 Aust Hy AA Gun Sta		"	
C 8	383 Aust Hy AA Gun Sta		"	
C 9	154 Aust Lt AA Bty (less one tp)		"	
C 10	AA Ops Room (Type C)		"	
C 11	76 Aust Mobile SL Bty (AIF)		"	
C 12	ENGRS 16 Aust Fd Coy		"	
C 13	16 Aust Camflg Unit (AIF)		"	
C 14	2/31 Aust Docks Operating Det		"	
C 15	Det 2 Aust Water Tpt Gp		"	
C 16	Det 57 Aust Fd Pk Coy		"	
C 17	SVY Det 5 Aust Fd Svy Coy		"	Army Tps
C 18	SIGS 1 Aust Composite Sig Sec (AIF)		"	
C 19	24 Aust Carr Pigeon Loft		"	
C 20	105 Aust Cipher Sec		"	
C 21	Det 10 Aust Wireless Sec (Hy) (AIF)		"	
C 22	INF 62 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)		"	
C 23	A Coy 26 Aust Inf Bn		"	(understood to be at TANAUKE)
C 24	B Coy 2/3 Aust MG Bn & Det Sig Pl		"	
C 25	31/51 Aust Inf Bn (less Carr Pls 31 & 51 Aust Inf Bns)		"	
C 26	13 Pl D Coy 2/1 Aust HQ Gd Bn		"	
C 27	1 Aust Indep Carr Pl		"	
C 28	AASB HQ 157 Aust Gen Tpt Coy		"	
C 29	One Gen Tpt Pl		"	
C 30	One RDI		"	
C 31	Det Wkshop Pl		"	
C 32	222 Aust Sup Depot Pl		"	
C 33	51 Aust BIPOD Pl		"	
C 34	One Sec 15 Aust Fd Bakery		"	Army Tps
C 35	MEDICAL 12 Aust Anti Malaria Control Unit (AIF)		"	
C 36	19 Aust Fd Amb		"	
C 37	Det 104 Aust Adv Depot Base Medical Stores (AIF)		"	
C 38	DENTAL Det HQ 79 Aust Dental Unit (AIF)	284	"	Army Tps
C 39	D Sec 79 Aust Dental Unit (AIF)	284	"	"

Ser- ial No	Unit	Veh No.	Location	Projected moves and remarks.
	<u>ORD</u>			
C.40	14 Aust Adv Ord Depot		MERAUKE	
C.41	11 Aust Adv Amn Depot		"	
C.42	102 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk (AIF)		"	
C.43	10 Aust Mob Laundry		"	
	<u>AEME</u>			
C.44	102 Aust Bde Workshops (AIF)		"	
C.45	52 Aust Comp AA Regt Wkshop		"	
C.46	76 Aust Mobile SL Wkshop Sec (AIF)		"	
	<u>PAY</u>			
C.47	75 Aust Depot Cash Office		"	
	<u>PRO</u>			
C.48	Sec 5 Aust Div Pro Coy		"	
C.49	One Sec 4 Aust Div Pro Coy (AIF)		"	
	<u>POSTAL</u>			
C.50	Det 4 Aust Div Postal Unit		"	
	<u>MISC</u>			
C.51	One Pl 15 Aust Emp Coy		"	
C.52	Det 7 Aust Mvt Control Gp (Type D)		"	
C.53	Det ADCS		"	
C.54	Det Qld L of C Records Office		"	
C.55	Mob Wing First Aust Army MR & FS School		"	
	<u>NAVAL</u>			
C.56	NOIC		"	
	<u>RAAF</u>			
C.57	HQ 72 Wing		"	
C.58	HQ 12 Sqn		"	
C.59	44 OBU		"	
C.60	12 Sigs RAA F & L Wing Ops Room		"	
C.61	86 Sqn		"	
C.62	6 Medical Receiving Station		"	
C.63	316 RADAR Station		"	
C.64	322 " "		"	
C.65	323 " "		"	
C.66	13 Fighter Sector		"	
C.67	40 RADAR Station		"	
C.68	1 RSU Det		"	

LHQ Tps - To be converted to Type 1

3.

Serial No.	Unit	Veh No.	Location	Projected moves and remarks.
	<u>US UNITS</u>			
C.69	Det Port Det A		MERAUKE	
C.70	1 Bn 96 US Engr Gen Service Regt		"	
C.71	26 US Port Surgical Hospital		"	
C.72	126 Sig Radio Int Coy		"	
C.73	HQ USA Forces MERAUKE		"	
C.74	15 Weather Sqn USAF		"	
	<u>RNF</u>			
C.75	No 1 NEI Fusilier Coy		"	
C.76	Det NEI Tps		"	To move shortly.

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PART I

Section 1 : OPERATIONS NORTH WESTERN AREA.

LAND:

CELEBES

POMELAA: From aerial photographs it is evident that considerable work has been done on the airfields and other installations. At least four new heavy AA positions have been installed, a new airstrip is being prepared with AA emplacement protecting it, though at present unserviceable and a 450 foot jetty in the vicinity of this airstrip is in the course of construction.

Since the allied air operation against this base, however, photographs taken on 26 Oct reveal that as a result the main airstrip is unserviceable but work continues on dispersal areas.

SEA:

Enemy shipping continues to be sighted in this area particularly in the CELEBES where a number of freighter transports have been seen off POMELAA. Three small vessels between 500 and 1000 tons were sighted off BINONGKO Is on 22 Oct while one light cruiser was observed off SELARUI Is on 28 Oct. There has not, however, been observed any great shipping activity at MANOKWARI. Over the period, only one small vessel, 500 to 1000 tons, and a number of barges, praus and harbour craft have been observed.

AIR : OWN

Air operations in this area have been mainly directed against enemy bases generally.

DUTCH NEW GUINEA :

Three LIBERATORS on 20 Oct carried out a sweep over MANOKWARI causing explosions in the stores, barracks and shipping areas, and direct hits in the vicinity of the mission.

Direct hits were also scored on a freighter-transport NW of CAPE WAIOS which was left sinking. MANOKWARI was again raided on 26 Oct by three LIBERATORS, but reports of damage are not to hand.

AROE ISLANDS

On 26 Oct a force of MITCHELL and BOMBIGHTERS bombed and strafed the air strip on FRANGAN IS and villages and small boats in the area.

TIMOR

HANISI was raided by 4 HUDSONS on 20 Oct when numerous hits were scored on the building area which was left well ablaze.

CELEBES

Attention has been paid to POMELAA which has been twice raided by LIBERATORS. In one attack 99 x 500 lb bombs were dropped and one direct hit on a building near the jetty caused it to explode.

AMBON - CERAM

CATALINAS raided LAHA aerodrome and dispersal areas on AMBON on the night of 22 Oct, dropping fragmentation, incendiary and general purpose bombs, starting numerous fires in the dispersal areas and along the strip.

At PANANG ISLAND off CERAM LIBERATORS on 29 Oct scored two direct hits and two near misses on one 1000 ton vessel.

Section 2 : OTHER FRONTS : SWPALAND:NEW GUINEAHUON PENINSULA -- FINSCHHAFEN.

Enemy forces are stubbornly resisting in the area around KATIKA, conducting numerous strong counter attacks. On 21 Oct three strong enemy attacks were made astride the KATIKA track, all of which were repulsed with heavy enemy casualties. The following positions were evacuated by the Japs on the night of 21/22 Oct: from the mouth of SIKI River to KATIKA and from the beach north of SIKI River to astride the track 1100 yards east of KATIKA and by 22 Oct our perimeter had been extended to a point on the SIKI River 400 yards west of KATIKA. In the period 17 Oct to 22 Oct enemy dead numbering 510 were counted in this area. Arty, M.G. and mortar fire has been used extensively to engage Jap dug in positions and occupied areas.

Movement was observed on 24 Oct on the track PALANKO-ARABOY (two and one quarter miles NE of SATTELBERG) which was engaged by arty fire.

Active patrolling by both enemy forces and allied continues in the area around KATIKA with occasional clashes and with losses to the enemy.

It is reported that enemy supply points for the SATTELBERG area are NAMBARIWA and SIALUM, six and 20 miles South-east of SIO respectively.

RAMU VALLEY

Continuous patrolling with occasional contact has been carried out in the area North of DUMPU. On 22 Oct tactical recce revealed increased enemy activity on the BOGADJIM Road by M.T. and by the increased number of new staging camps in that area.

A small enemy force was driven from the position north of DUMPU and enemy standing patrols were dispersed on 25 Oct and on the same date our patrols were moving towards YOKOPI and GURUMBU.

In the Upper FARIA Valley on 25 Oct allied patrols supported by an air strike attacked an enemy position 4 mls North of KUMBARUM estimated at a strength of 2 coys, and inflicted casualties.

On 28 Oct a report was received indicating that the enemy on the WAMPUN-GURUMBU track had withdrawn towards ASTROLABE BAY.

SOLOMONS

Allied land forces have occupied further enemy Islands in the Solomons. On 26 Oct our troops overwhelmed enemy opposition and landed on TREASURY ISLAND and on the same date further reinforcements were landed.

After the landing was completed, however, the enemy attacked and damaged some landing craft and caused some casualties, but were forced to withdraw toward MALSI on the NE Coast.

At CHOISEUL Is on 28 Oct allied paratroops made an unopposed landing 12 miles from CHOISEUL Bay and the JAPANESE were reported to be withdrawing.

AIR : OWN

The air offensive against enemy bases in the NE Area continued on a large scale.

NEW GUINEA.

In the HUON PENINSULA area on 21 Oct 59 LIBERATORS dropped 405 x 1000 lb bombs on the SATELBERG area, levelling villages, causing numerous explosions amongst supply dumps and starting fires. On the same day 59 MITCHELLS also bombed and strafed the same area.

Sweeps were carried out along the coast and attacks made on SIO, BUT, DAGUA, SAIDOR and MADANG, all of which were bombed and strafed by bombers and fighters causing considerable damage and fires. In the MADANG area on 29 Oct a force of 17 MITCHELLS bombed and strafed villages and barges starting fires and destroying barges.

In the WEWAK area on 21 Oct MITCHELL bombers using 75mm guns scored direct hits on cargo vessels of 500 to 1000 tons, destroying two with gunfire and causing damage to barges. A direct bomb hit on a 1000 ton vessel west of MUNSHU Harbour was also scored.

BOGADJIM Rd was also subjected to heavy attacks, the heaviest being carried out on 20 Oct by 8 MITCHELLS and on 23 Oct by 9 MITCHELLS. Buildings and store areas were hit by bomb and 75mm gunfire and hits and near misses were obtained on GONI BRIDGE.

NEW BRITAIN

Airfields at RABAU were heavily raided by Allied bombers. On 23 Oct 44 LIBERATORS with fighter escort attacked ROPOPO aerodrome, dispersal areas and supply areas. Of the intercepting fighters 5 were destroyed by the bombers and 8 by our fighters. Again on 24 Oct 61 LIBERATORS with 84 fighters as cover attacked airfields and dispersal areas destroying a RADAR station and 45 enemy bombers on the ground and of the 60 to 70 intercepting Jap fighters 43 were destroyed and 15 were probably destroyed. A further raid was carried out by 9 LIBERATORS on 25 Oct but weather conditions prevented a force of 75 MITCHELLS from reaching the target.

On 25 Oct LAKUNI aerodrome was bombed by 9 MITCHELLS.

On 29 Oct 13 LIBERATORS in four raids dropped bombs on VONAKANAU aerodrome. In the first raid 15 enemy planes were seen burning on the ground and in the second 5 were believed to have been similarly destroyed, while fires were started in the subsequent raids. On the same day 8 BEAUFORTS attacked TOBERA, dropping bombs in dispersal and dump areas.

Numerous attacks were made on enemy barges along the coast of NEW BRITAIN, aerodromes at CAPE GLOUCESTER and CASMITA bases, barges and installations at CAPE HOTTINGS, CAPE JAQUINOT, BORGEN BAY and WITU Is, doing considerable damage.

On 23 Oct one CATALINA attacked one cruiser and one destroyer 48 miles SSE of CAPE BEECHEY scoring 2 direct hits on the destroyer and setting it on fire.

NEW IRELAND.

The main air offensive in this area has been directed against the Japanese base of KAVIANG and against shipping off CAPE ST GEORGE. KAVIANG was attacked by LIBERATORS on 21 Oct and 23 Oct and on 26 Oct one LIBERATOR attacked a 1500-2500 ton cargo vessel 300 miles North of KAVIANG, damaging the vessel by near misses and strafing. On 21 Oct 2 LIBERATORS scored near misses on one 6000 ton vessel 30 miles SW of KAVIANG. A further raid was carried out on KAVIANG by 2 CATALINAS on 26 Oct but results were unobserved.

Enemy shipping off CAPE ST GEORGE was attacked on 19 Oct and one destroyer was believed to have been sunk. On 20 Oct torpedo and bombing attacks were made against a convoy in the same area by BEAUFORTS. One ship was believed damaged but no results were observed.

SOLOMONS

Heavy attacks have been made on enemy bases. KAHILI and KARA airdromes were subjected to numerous large scale raids and in all, between 22 and 26 Oct, 848 of our a/c attacked, inflicting tremendous damage and destroying numerous planes on the ground. Even after the first raid on 22 Oct by 202 aircraft, the KAHILI air strip was reported to be unserviceable.

Other bases heavily raided were BALLALLE, which was attacked by 89 aircraft on 25 Oct, and KAKASA (CHOISEUL IS) and TREASURY Is and shipping at BUKA. Of the vessels attacked at BUKA on 25 Oct one was set on fire, two were beached and one destroyer was hit.

It is obvious that air supremacy in the SOLOMONS lies with the allies and that such a large scale softening up process has paved the way for the landings on CHOISEUL ISLANDS.

AIR : ENEMY :NEW GUINEA

Enemy bombers have been active in this area. Bombers and fighters attacked surface craft in the FINSCHHAFEN area on 20, 21 and 23 Oct, but only minor damage was caused. In one raid 4 enemy aircraft were shot down and 6 probably, without loss to our aircraft.

GOODENOUGH IS and KIRIWINI IS have also been raided. Damage was done to and casualties inflicted on personnel at KIRIWINI, but the attack on GOODENOUGH IS was unsuccessful.

SEA :NEW GUINEA

Shipping activity in this area continues to be normal, and although a number of barges were sighted at WEWAK and along the coast SE toward FINSCHHAFEN there is no indication that barge traffic has increased.

NEW BRITAIN AND NEW IRELAND

Convoys continue to be sighted off CAPE ST GEORGE and it would appear that supplies are still being sent by this route to the SOLOMONS.

A convoy of 6 freighter-transports, transports and cargo vessels with escorts was sighted on 26 Oct off NEW HANOVER and in addition vessels have been sighted off the eastern coast of NEW IRELAND, indicating that ship movement continues via this area to RABAU, but there is no recent photograph to indicate whether the shipping concentrations in RABAU remain normal or not.

Movement also continues along the north coast of NEW BRITAIN. On 24 Oct, one destroyer and 1 merchant vessel of 10,000 tons were sighted north west of UBILI and a number of sightings have been made of smaller craft apparently using the same route.

A report to hand states that four enemy vessels were sunk by naval action off PELLEHU IS (Previously reported in revsite as PALAU) which is just north of the equator and 145° E.

Submarines continue to be sighted off the South coast of NEW BRITAIN and are apparently still using the route which they pursued to supply LAE.

Sightings, however, do not appear to indicate any increased underwater activity.

PART II.Section 1 : 0 of B (a) LAND :

(i) There have been several references to 1 Bn of 11 Inf Regt and 2 Bn of 42 Inf Regt in WEWAK and MADANG respectively. These identifications, although undated, are considered definite and as there is also evidence that part of 5 Fd Arty Regt was at ERIMA in Aug, it would seem that there has been a considerable switch over of forces from the DUTCH NEW GUINEA zone. Enemy strength in DUTCH NEW GUINEA is now estimated at 6/7000 but without more detailed information it is not possible to further sub-divide this figure.

(ii) A review of the previous movements of units from 5 Div into the NE Sector shows :

- (a) 41 Inf Regt was dropped from the division and became part of the NANKAI detachment in Aug 42, taking part in the SUNA - OWEN STANLEY operations. This reduced 5 Div to a three regiment formation.
- (b) 3 Bn 21 Inf Regt moved to MADANG in Dec 42 and thence by the overland route to LAE.

Although the numbering of these "withdrawn" battalions may only be coincidental, it may indicate the formation of a mixed regiment. In the meantime, unless reinforcements have arrived, 5 Div consists of only six infantry battalions.

Latest estimates of enemy strength in places where changes have taken place are as follows :-

HANSA BAY	3,000
MADANG - RAMU VALLEY	15,000
SAIDOR - FUNGAIR	1,500
SIO	500
GASMATA	800

The estimate for FINSCHHAFEN should now be deleted.

(iii) Recent evidence suggests that HQ 20 Div was at YAULA on 6 Sep with the divisional infantry disposed as follows :-

- 78 Inf Regt Moved down the BOGADJIM ROAD on 12-13 Sep. 3 Bn was to have consolidated at KAIAPIT and launch an offensive in the MADZAB area. Latest reports show the regiment to be disposed along the RAMU VALLEY road.
- 79 Inf Regt Probably in the BOGADJIM area with elements forward to protect the SW approaches from the RAMU RIVER to the YOKOPI - MARAWASA L of C.
- 80 Inf Regt Probably spread over RAMU VALLEY - SIO - SAIDOR with some elements in the FINSCHHAFEN area.

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(iv) The distribution of Japanese Forces by Divisions and Independent Mixed Brigades is shown in the chart attached as Appendix "A".

O of B (b) AIR :

Based on information to 1000L/19 Oct 1943.

AREAS	L/B			Trans			10/10	Comparatives			
	S/E SSF	2/E SSF	& M/B	S/EB	F/B	F/P		& Obsn.	15/10	11/9	20/7
NE AREA :											
NEW BRITAIN	70	18	63		4	18	11	184	329	342	175
NEW IRELAND	5	--	4	2	-	9	--	20	32	71	37
NEW GUINEA	32	6	116	-	-	3	6	163	165	152	155
SOLOMONS	32	-	6	1	2	26	-	67	96	100	118
Area Totals	139	24	189	3	6	56	17	434	622	665	485
NW AREA :											
TIMOR	22	2	18	-	-	-	-	42	42	42	49
AMEON	6	-	9	-	3	15	-	33	33	27	24
AROE & KAI IS	6	3	3	-	-	6	-	18	20	18	16
DUTCH NG	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	9	9	9
CELEBES	18	-	24	-	-	9	26	77	77	77	54
JAVA-PALI	47	-	-	12	9	24	18	110	158	158	185
Area Totals	108	5	54	12	12	54	44	289	339	331	340
Grand Total	247	29	243	15	18	110	61	723	961	996	825

Comment:-

It is interesting to note the difference of 188 between figures for the NE Area for the four days 15 to 19 Oct over which period the allied air offensive against RABAU increased.

Section 2 : Identifications and Organization

- (i) 37 Independent Engineer Regiment. Reliable documentary evidence definitely places this unit in the WEWAK area in July.
- (ii) 5 Anti-Aircraft Butai. This unit was definitely in NEW GUINEA and probably in the MADANG area in April.
- (iii) 21 Aerodrome Battalion. This was possibly at MADANG in May.
- (iv) 2 Independent Transport Regiment. This was at RABAU in Dec 42.

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14 Sep 43).

- (v) There have been several reports, emanating from PW sources in regard to the sub-division of Japanese units into "A" and "B" classes, and although they are as yet uncorroborated, they appear to be fairly reliable.

The classification apparently commences at company level where "A" (or "KO") class refers to a unit of well-trained, fit and experienced troops, and the "B" (or "OTSU") class, a unit of trainees and reservists. Among divisions however, "A" class has been defined as a full strength, modern type, mechanised formation, having all the necessary modern equipment of a first class fighting body. On the other hand, the "B" class division is lacking in modern equipment such as tanks and artillery and reduced in numerical strength.

The fact that 51 and 54 Divisions (both referred to as "B" Divisions) have been identified in the SWPA suggests a lag in production of modern equipment, and some hesitation on the part of Japanese High Command in moving their better troops from the CHINA-MANCHOUKUO fronts.

Section 3 : Equipment

(i) Diagrammatic reproductions and description of Japanese Signal Flares used with Types "89" and "10 Year" Grenade Dischargers are attached as Appendices "B(i)" and "B(ii)" respectively to this Summary.

(ii) Photographic reproductions and description of the Japanese 50 mm Mortar Bomb : Smoke - Air Burst Type are attached as Appendices "C(i)" and "C(ii)" respectively to this summary.

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(iii) Japanese "10 Year" type Flare Discharger. Photographic reproductions and details of the above are attached as Appendices "D(i)" and "D(ii)" respectively to this Summary.

(iv) Attached as Appendices "E(i)", "E(ii)" and "E(iii)" are photographs and details of Japanese Tankettes and light and medium tanks.

(v) Photographic Reproductions and description of the 7.7 mm Tank Mounted Machine Gun and fixed focus telescopic sight are attached as Appendices "F(i)" and "F(ii)".

(vi) Further details of the Japanese Stick Grenade are attached as Appendix "G".

(vii) Japanese Flare Bomb; attached as Appendices "H(i)" and "H(ii)" are photographic reproduction and description of the above.

Section 4 : Chemical Warfare.

NIL.

Section 5 : Tactics

The following extracts from a Japanese report dated 12 Aug 43, which was captured by the Australians on 10 Sep 43, are of considerable interest :-

"Front line Unit Patrols"

- (i) Selected Platoon patrols will penetrate deep into the enemy lines and make surprise attacks and cut enemy communication lines. They should attack the Transport Section and capture material.
- (ii) More than 2 Km from our unit area, there are ideal points where we can send up smoke and endeavour to deceive the enemy artillery fire.
- (iii) Endeavour to build a false position quite some distance from the real position and decoy the artillery fire to this.

Other than Front line Unit Patrols :

(i) Patrols will endeavour to draw the enemy artillery fire by sending up smoke in the places mentioned in paragraph (ii) above.

(ii) But they must carry this out accurately according to officers' instructions and must absolutely take the necessary precautions not to draw enemy fire upon the real positions."

A report on the efficiency of dummy positions and dummy guns, dated 8 Aug 43, by MOTO SAN SHO (Translator's note: MOTO Chief of Staff, General Affairs) from the SOLOMONS indicates that these plans have met with some degree of success.

From experiments made in the fighting at MANDA area even against the enemy's tactics of relying upon the omnipotence of fire power, suitably prepared dummy positions and dummy guns were extremely effective in drawing enemy artillery fire and bombing attacks.

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PART III

TOPOGRAPHICAL : NIL

PART IV

OTHER FRONTS:

BURMA

Attached as Appendix "I" is map showing BURMA situation as at 5 Oct 43.

PART V

SECURITY:

1. Due consideration and appreciation of the role carried out by FES is not completely given by units, nor is the unfortunate impression that these personnel are policemen bent on apprehending and punishing offenders removed from people's minds.

2. The valuable and sometimes gallant work that is being done by FS personnel in the field is being hampered by the following extra factors:

"DOCUMENTS:

During recent operations around KOMIATUM, BOBDUBI, THE COCONUTS and LAVERS KNOLL large quantities of enemy documents were collected by Field Security personnel who went forward with Bn Coys. Units were most co-operative - the Commander of one Bn issued a special instruction that all documents were to be handed immediately to FS NCO, and personnel of another Bn assisted in the cleaning up of KOMIATUM RIDGE.

The largest individual collection in one day was made by an FS L/Cpl who collected over 25 lb weight of documents, including maps, operation orders, and other valuable documents at OLD VICKERS POSITION, BOBDUBI RIDGE. This was done during

and immediately after the attack. The L/Cpl was twice attacked at close quarters and had to kill three of the enemy before the completion of his task."

"PRISONERS OF WAR:

After the occupation of LAVERS KNOLL, five Japs were trapped in a pillbox, and efforts were made by PS personnel to capture them alive, but during the initial attempt, two of the PS Section were wounded by grenades. Finally, with the assistance of Battalion troops, the pillbox was blown up, and two of the enemy remaining alive were taken back for medical attention and interrogation.

Attempts to take other prisoners were frustrated by the language difficulty and the unwillingness of the Japanese to surrender unwounded."

"MATERIAL:

Large quantities of enemy weapons, ammunition and equipment were captured, especially at KO RATUM RIDGE, but, owing to the impossibility of obtaining native carriers, most of it has NOT yet been recovered. It was gathered and stored against the weather, as far as possible, to await collection at a later date."

"GENERAL :

During the operations 12 members of the Section were in action at various times with infantry companies and forward of company HQ. Only personnel not in action were those who had to be left to guard stores which became scattered at various points during transfers of HQ and the switching of Ls of C."

"CASUALTIES:

Total casualties to date :-

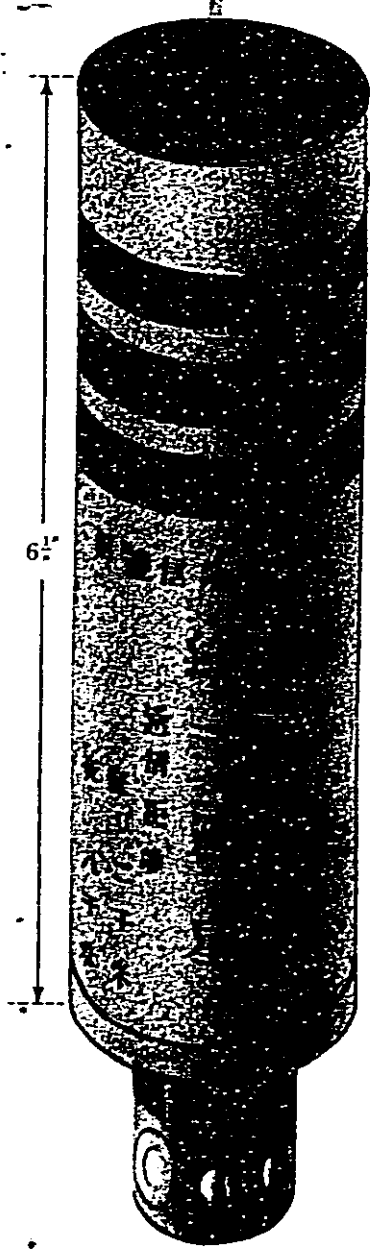
	<u>Killed</u>	<u>Prisoners</u>	<u>Wounded</u>
ENEMY	8	2	
OWN	1		2

(Reviewed from FIRST AUST ARMY Intelligence Summary No 71)

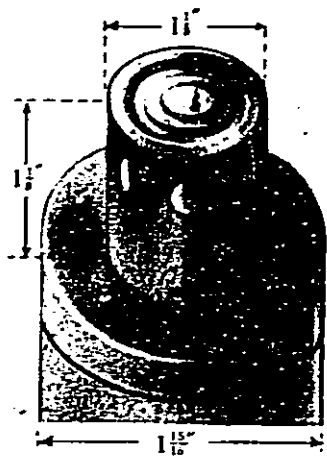
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JAPANESE SIGNAL FLARES

AS USED WITH TYPES "89"
AND "10 YEAR" GRENADE DISCHARGER



10 GREEN TRIPLE SHOOTING STAR



END VIEW SHOWING
PROPELLANT

1 "Black Dragon"	2 White Parachute Star	3 White Single Shooting Star	4 White Double Shooting Star	5 White Triple Shooting Star	6 "Yellow Dragon"

7 Green Parachute Star
8 Green Single Shooting Star
9 Green Double Shooting Star
(No 10 shown at left)

11 Red Parachute Star
12 Red Triple Shooting Star

LID SEALED WITH ADHESIVE TAPE

CONTAINER MARKED AS PROJECTILE

TRANSLATION OF CHARACTERS ON BODY OF FLARE AND FLARE CONTAINER

<p>Long range day signal Colour of smoke - black Parachute colour - black "hanging umbrella" Signalling range night 800 m TOKIO Jul 41</p>	<p>Long range night signal Colour of light - white Parachute colour - white Signalling range night 2500 m day 3000 m TOKIO Mar 37</p>	<p>Close range signal Signalling range night 800 m day 200 m TOKIO Mar 40</p>	<p>Close range signal Signalling range night 800 m day 200 m TOKIO Aug 38</p>
<p>Close range signal Signalling range night 800 m day 200 m Pyrotechnical product TOKIO Mar 40</p>	<p>Long range day signal Colour of light - bitter orange Parachute colour - bitter orange "hanging umbrella" Signalling range 800 m TOKIO Aug 41</p>	<p>Long range night signal Parachute colour - green Colour of light - green Signalling range night 2500 m day 300 m Pyrotechnical product TOKIO June 41</p>	<p>Close range signal Signalling range night 800 m day 200 m Pyrotechnical product TOKIO Mar 40</p>
<p>Close range signal Signalling range night 800 m day 200 m 1940</p>	<p>Long range signal Signalling range night 800 m day 200 m Pyrotechnical product TOKIO May 41</p>	<p>Long range night signal Parachute colour - red Colour of light - red Signalling range night 2500 m day 300 m Pyrotechnical product TOKIO Feb 40</p>	<p>Close range signal Signalling range night 800 m day 200 m Pyrotechnical product TOKIO Aug 40</p>

No other flares have been captured or reported on, but it is quite possible that other colour combinations exist.

JAPANESE SIGNAL FLARES AS USED WITH TYPES "89"
AND "10 YEAR" GRENADE DISCHARGERS

A description and diagrammatic appendix on the "Yellow Dragon", shown as serial 6, was produced in First Aust Army Weekly Intelligence Summary No 46 of 22 Mar 43, and later reported on in Allied Landforces Headquarters SWPA Technical Intelligence Summary No 2, May 43.

Chemical analysis of the other flares shown in the accompanying diagrammatic appendix has not yet been carried out but it is considered that there is little difference in structural build up and chemical content.

The "Black Dragon" is evidently a daylight counter-part to the "Yellow Dragon" and provides a thick type of smoke ball attached to a black tissue paper parachute which is slowly allowed to descend until burnt out.

White, Green and Red Parachute Stars shown as serials 2, 7 and 11 are probably somewhat the same in action and make up. The remainder are considered to be merely flares shooting out one, two or three coloured stars.

The flares are well and carefully made and originally packed in sheet metal cylinders sealed with adhesive tape. Each type of flare and its parent container bears precisely the same labels and markings which facilitates ease in recognition when packed. The lid of the container is similarly marked to the top of the flare in as much as both bear the same colour combinations and figures. The colour of the bands round the flares indicates the colour of the parachute flare or star, and the number of bands plus the markings on the top indicate whether it is a parachute star flare or a single, double or triple shooting star flare.

It will be noted also that the markings on the tops of the flares are raised and of different shape. This no doubt provides a method of identifying the number and colour of stars in the flares at night - e.g. "square" for white, "triangle" for green and "circle" for red. The number of stars contained in each flare is represented by the number of the above mentioned figures appearing on the top of each flare.

The Germans have a similar method of identification for their pyrotechnics and it is believed that the Royal Navy similarly identify their signal rockets.

It is quite possible that the Japanese have many more of these flares in different colour combinations but only those captured to date have been listed.

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JAPANESE 50mm MORTAR BOMB - SMOKE - AIR BURST TYPE

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

Nineteen of these weapons were recovered from dumps in LAE during visit of Technical Officer CW, 20 - 28 Sep 43. The bomb is identical in outward appearance to HE bomb projectile from Japanese Type 89 Grenade Discharger except for time fuze and markings on body.

CHARACTERISTICS

Weight	:	2 lbs 5 ozs
Overall length	:	5 $\frac{3}{4}$ inches
Diameter	:	1.97 inches - 50mm
Filling	:	Smoke mixture
Markings	:	Body painted black. Red ring around nose. Two white bands on body.
Copper Band	:	5/8 inches
Fuze	:	Noze time fuse - air burst.

CONSTRUCTION

The body is of steel, made up of four component parts which screw together to make one complete unit.

- (a) The shoulder, which is threaded to take nose time fuze and which is screwed into main body, does not contain normal aluminium cup but is fitted with a steel plate 3/16" thick. The plate, presumably to break the force of the explosion, has four flash ports 1/16" diameter.
- (b) The main body, to which the shoulder is screwed, contains a small smoke generator, constructed of brass. The generator 1-9/16" diameter x 2-5/16" long, is held in position by two semi-cylindrical steel sleeves. Brass lugs hold two brass plates in position in top of generator. Each plate has seven emission ports. A thin layer of black powder is packed between the plates. Beneath central port of lower plate is an aluminium cup of ignition mixture, probably composed mainly of magnesium powder. This extends half an inch into smoke mixture which appears to be a berger type.
- (c) Fitted into base of main body and held in position by four small screws, is cylindrical plug with a hemispherical aluminium cup. A piece of hempen string 19" long is attached to two brass loops, one on base of generator, the other in base of hemispherical aluminium cup. A metal disc in two segments fits against base of generator.
- (d) The base section which contains the propellant charge screws on to the base of the cylindrical plug.

FUZEDescription

The fuze consists of a conical shaped brass body segregated into nose cap (A); two powder train rings (B.C); graduated ring, magazine and ignition tube (D); housing striker assembly.

Action

It is a time fuze of powder ring variety functioning on acceleration of the projectile up the bore. The train is regulated by coordinating rings BC with graduated ring D. (23 graduations). Due to upward thrust, striker compresses creep spring sufficiently to detonate cap providing flash to ignite powder ring train. Powder train ignites explosive in gaine magazine which ignites primary and secondary burning mixtures in generator.

ACTION OF BOMB

Generally the constructional details of bomb are interesting and unusual. Presumably it is an air burst, base ejection type.

The explosive thrust from charges in gaine magazine and between the brass plates should be sufficient to eject the smoke generator by shearing the four screws which connect base of shell to main body.

The hemispherical aluminium cup and hempen string are presumably for purpose of ensuring that the generator falls with the smoke emission holes toward the ground. This would tend to accelerate the burning of the smoke mixture.

COMMENT

It is considered that this type of mortar bomb has been designed especially for ranging by Type 89 Grenade Discharger in Jungle Warfare. The air burst time fuze allows the ejected smoke generator to function above the trees.

No experiments have been carried out in the field, but initial samples have been forwarded to Allied Equipment Board for testing.

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JAPANESE 10 YEAR TYPE FLARE DISCHARGER

CHARACTERISTICS

Calibre:	50mm	: 1.97 in
Length of bore (excluding propellant chamber)		: 8.81 in
Length of bore (including propellant chamber)		: 9.91 in
Overall length (in firing position)		: 20.88 in
Overall length (in carrying position)		: 12.63 in
L Length of base		: 6.5 in
Width of base		: 1.88 in
Weight complete		: 5.5 lbs
Estimated range		: 40 to 200 metres.

DESCRIPTION:

The Japanese 50 mm Flare Discharger is a small, light, smooth bore mortar with a trigger operated firing mechanism.

The discharger is also equipped with an adjustable gas port at the base of the barrel for regulating the range. The accompanying photographic plate shows three views :-

- (a) The discharger ready for use (without gas regulator)
- (b) The discharger assembled in carrying position
- (c) Component parts.

CONSTRUCTION :

The barrel (1) is of the smooth bore type. The lower portion of the barrel is of smaller diameter than the bore and accommodates the propellant charge of the projectile. At the base of the barrel is a slot or gas port (2) opening into the barrel. A gas regulator or screw cap attaches to the threaded portion of the barrel (3). The gas regulator cap was missing from the piece examined. The stem (4) is attached to the stem by the stem coupling (5). The base of the barrel is bored and threaded to receive the stem adaptor (17) thus attaching the barrel to the stem. The barrel is locked to the stem by the loaded stem lock (16) and the spring (18) of the spring loaded stem lock (16) is recessed in the base of the barrel. The stem has a hollow recess for housing the firing mechanism and a rounded end with a spring loaded base plate base lock (19) for the purpose of attaching and locking the positioning threads (18) and the curved base plate (20) to the stem. The sear is fixed by a pin to extensions on an open slot on the stem (14). The firing handle (11) is pinned and locked to the stem by the firing handle axis pin (12) and the axis pin retaining ring (13). A pin between two of the lugs on the spring handle arm engages a notch in the sear and operates it on the final movement of the firing handle. The firing mechanism consists of a firing pin (7)

on which is assembled a firing spring collar (8), the firing spring (6), the firing spring guide (4) and finally the striker (5) is screwed to the firing pin (7) holding the spring (6) in place. A sear spring (9) is rivetted to the firing pin. The firing mechanism assembles into the cavity in the stem, and a split stop and guide bushing (10) is fitted over the smaller diameter of the striker body (5) and is held in place by the stem adaptor (17). Thus the movement of the firing mechanism is limited by the stop and guide bushing.

OPERATION AND USE :

Operating the gas regulator port cover (missing from the weapon examined) regulates the range.

Pulling the firing handle (11) downward, causes a compression of the firing spring by the lugs on the trigger pushing the firing spring collar (8) and firing spring (6) upward. The sear (14) holds the firing pin (7) to the rear by a cam engaging the sear spring (9). Upon completion of the maximum travel of the firing handle, the sear rides over the spring-positioned bent of the firing pin, thus allowing the firing pin to move forward into the barrel, firing the propellant primer of the projectile. As soon as the trigger is released, the firing spring reasserts itself and withdraws the firing pin from the barrel.

The weapon is fired with the base plate on the ground, the piece is held with the left hand and loaded and fired with the right hand. The curved base plate facilitates firing on soft ground and eliminates slipping of the weapon. A sighting line on the barrel is used for aiming.

The discharger may be prepared for the carrying position shown, by unscrewing the stem adaptor from the barrel and inserting the stem into the barrel. The threaded section of the adaptor screws into the base of the barrel from the inside; and the barrel positioning thread (18) screws into the barrel, completely enclosing the interior and protecting it from foreign material. The weapon is then in a compact assembly for carrying.

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