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19 Infantry Battalion

March 1945, Appendices,
part 1 of 2

19 AUST INF BN (AIFP)

24 MAR 45

P A T R O L M 98

Ref Map: WAITAVALO 1:25000 and TOL 1" to 1 mile

TYPE: Fighting

STR: One Pl C Coy Lt C M Forrest and 15 Pl

TIME OUT: 240730K

TIME IN: 241500K

ROUTE OUT: 662524 through A Coy EAST to search low ground
SOUTH OF MARUPA feature

ROUTE IN: Similar

TASK:

1. Clear area of enemy
2. Locate possible barge point at mouth MOONDEI R

REPORT:

1. One Jap apparently unarmed seen approx 689517, fled to EAST when sighted. Unlikely that he was occupying OP as visibility from posn very poor. Two tunnels in very poor condition and not used recently were located at this point.
2. Good barge point at 680516 - 100 yds long, calm water sheltered by reef. Squared logs in pile indicate enemy contemplated building wharf in vic.
3. Route: 662524 EAST by track to MARUPA MISSION SOUTH approx 680516 NORTH to MISSION, EAST along track to 688515 NE up feature to 689519 SW to track 685517 and return along track to 662524.

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P A T R O L M 99

Ref Map: WAITAVALO 1:25000

TYPE: Fighting

STR: One Pl D Coy Lt W G Henderson and 16 Pl

TIME OUT: 240730 K

TIME IN: Indefinite

ROUTE OUT: EAST from 662534 to MOONDEI RIVER.

TASK

ROUTE IN: Indefinite

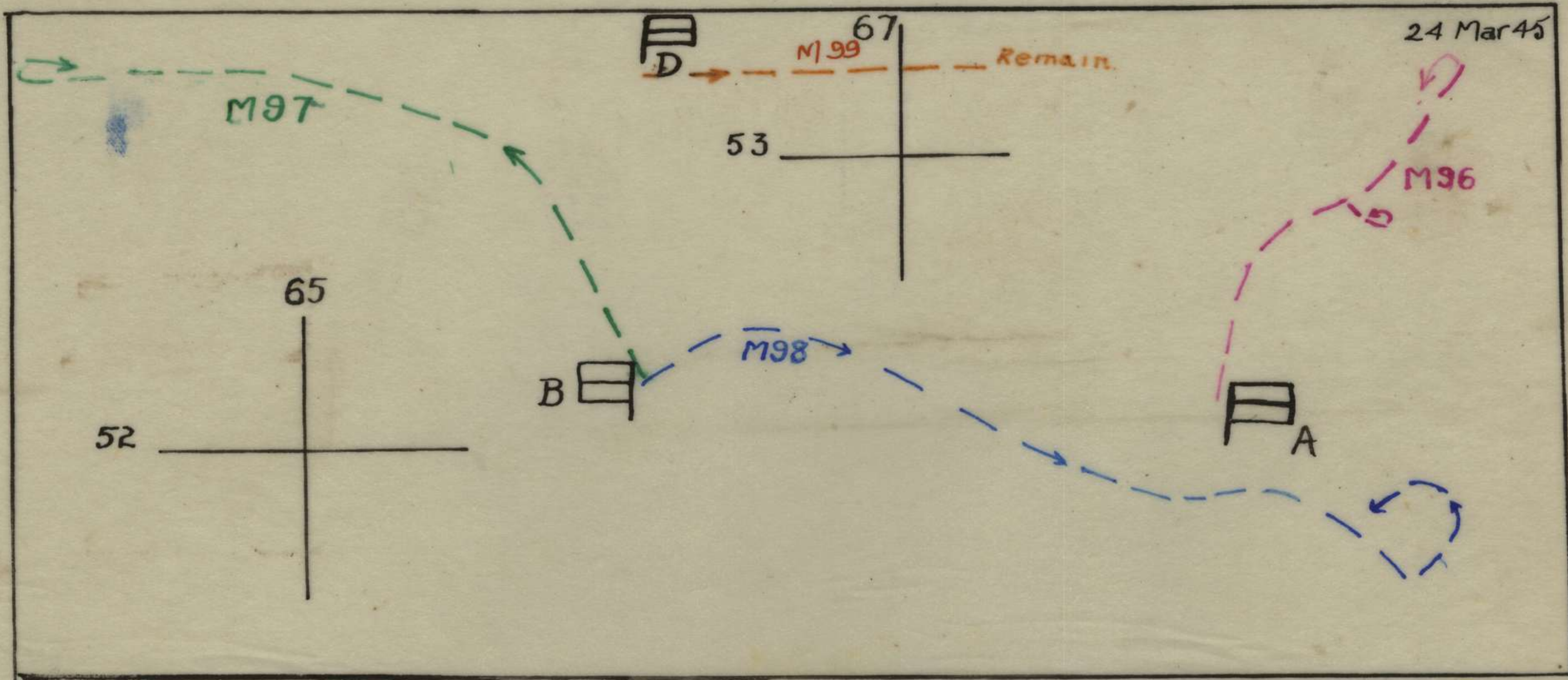
TASK¹

1. Clear enemy from area
2. Investigate JAP village 670537
3. Locate suitable coy def posn on MOONDEI RIVER

REPORT:

1. NMS and no signs movement since 23 Mar
2. Jap village 670537 clear, no signs occupation or movement since encounter by Patrol M94
3. Suitable coy def posn located at 673534.
4. Patrol remained 673534 until arrival of Coy.

PATROL OVERLAY - 19 BN.
Ref Map WAITAVALO - 1:25000



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25 MAR 45

P A T R O L M 100

Ref Map: WAITAVALO 1:25000

TYPE: Fighting

STR: One Pl A Coy Lt C A Ferndale and 7 Pl

TIME OUT: 250730K

TIME IN: 251600K

ROUTE OUT: MARUPA MISSION EAST to 690523 SOUTH to coast track

ROUTE IN: West along track to MARUPA MISSION

- TASK:
1. Clear area of enemy
 2. Left flank protection to Patrol M 103
 3. Are there any enemy approached to Bn area.

REPORT: 1. N M S.

Signs of one or two Japs having slept 693518,
~~cannot estimate time owing to hy rain~~
2 x .256 shells with lead removed to use
powder to light fire 693518.
Food can 692533.
All signs up to 24 hrs old. No tracks seen
owing to hy rain

2. Patrol in 251440K
Route; MARUPA MISSION EAST to 698520 NORTH to
~~692533~~ 698527 WEST to 693523 NORTH to
692533 NORTH along track to 694537
SE along track to MARUPA MISSION
3. Tracks: Lemingi track well defined, shows
signs of recent movement
4. Topo: Feature 695523 - consists of several
flat isolated features: SOUTHERN
and EASTERN slopes precipitous.
Heavy rain forest with little under-
growth, visibility limited.

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25 MAR 45

P A T R O L M 101

Ref Map: WAITAVALO 1:25000

TYPE: Fighting

STRP One Pl A Coy Cpl Keane and 8 Pl

TIME OUT: 250730K

TIME IN: 251600K

ROUTE OUT: MARUPA MISSION NORTH along LEMINGI track to time limit

ROUTE IN: Similar

- TASK:
1. Clear area of enemy
 2. EASTERN protection
 3. Intercept enemy as result of M 104 and M105

- REPORT:
1. N M S
 2. Patrol reached 684527 but was forced to withdraw and return to Coy on account of MOONDEI RIVER being in flood and overflowing banks - RIVER has risen 6' since 250600K

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P A T R O O L M 102

Ref Map: WAITAVALO 1:25000

TYPE: Standing

STR: One Sec A Coy Lt R K Howard and one sec 8 Pl

TIME OUT: 250900K

TIME IN: On departure of barge

ROUTE OUT: MARUPA MISSION SOUTH to 680516

ROUTE IN: Similar

TASK: Guide in barge ~~04~~ ETA barge 251000K

REPORT: Patrol returned 251100K

Pilot boat with 6 Bde comd - Brig Sandover on board
investigated barge landing point ~~680516K~~ 680516.
Beach considered suitable for barge landing.

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P A T R O L M 103

Ref Map: WAITAVALO 1:25000

TYPE: Fighting

STR: One Pl B Coy Lt M H Carlson and 12 Pl

TIME OUT: 250730K

TIME IN: 261 600K

ROUTE OUT: 661521 EAST along coastal track

ROUTE IN: Similar

TASK: 1. Locate enemy defences.
2. Enemy approaches to MARUPA MISSION
3. Track going, timings, topo, barge points, etc.

REPORT: Patrol reached MOONDEI RIVER crossing - river in
flood and not fordable. Patrol unable to
cross branch arm of river at 677519

Returned 251500K

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P A T R O L M 104

Ref Map: WAITAVALO 1:25000

TYPE: Fighting

STR: One Pl C Coy Lt D I Drinkwater and 14 Pl

TIME OUT: 250800K

TIME IN: 251600K

ROUTE OUT: 662523 EAST to MOONDEI RIVER NORTH along
WEST bank to 685533

ROUTE IN: Similar

- TASK:
1. Clear area of enemy
 2. Investigate possible jeep track NORTH along WEST BANK of MOONDEI RIVER
 3. Investigate JAP garden 685533

- REPORT:
1. N M S
 2. Jeep track could be constructed along WEST bank of MOONDEI RIVER; going similar to coast track through present Bn HQ
Much undergrowth (ginger and vines)
 3. Gardens at 685533 not reached - MOONDEI RIVER is in flood and not fordable
 4. JAP village @ 3 huts - with perimeter defs (foxholes) at 681527, showing signs of occupation 3-4 days ago.
 5. Ground rises very steeply 685535 - river runs in gorge from this vic NORTH
 6. Well defined pad from WEST at 681526 continues NORTH to village at 682527

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P A T R O L M 105

Ref Map: WAITAVALO 1:25000

TYPE: Fighting

STR: One Pl D Coy Lt W G Henderson and 16 Pl

TIME OUT: 250730 K

TIME IN: Nil

ROUTE OUT: 662534 EAST to MOONDEI RIVER 684532

ROUTE IN: Nil.

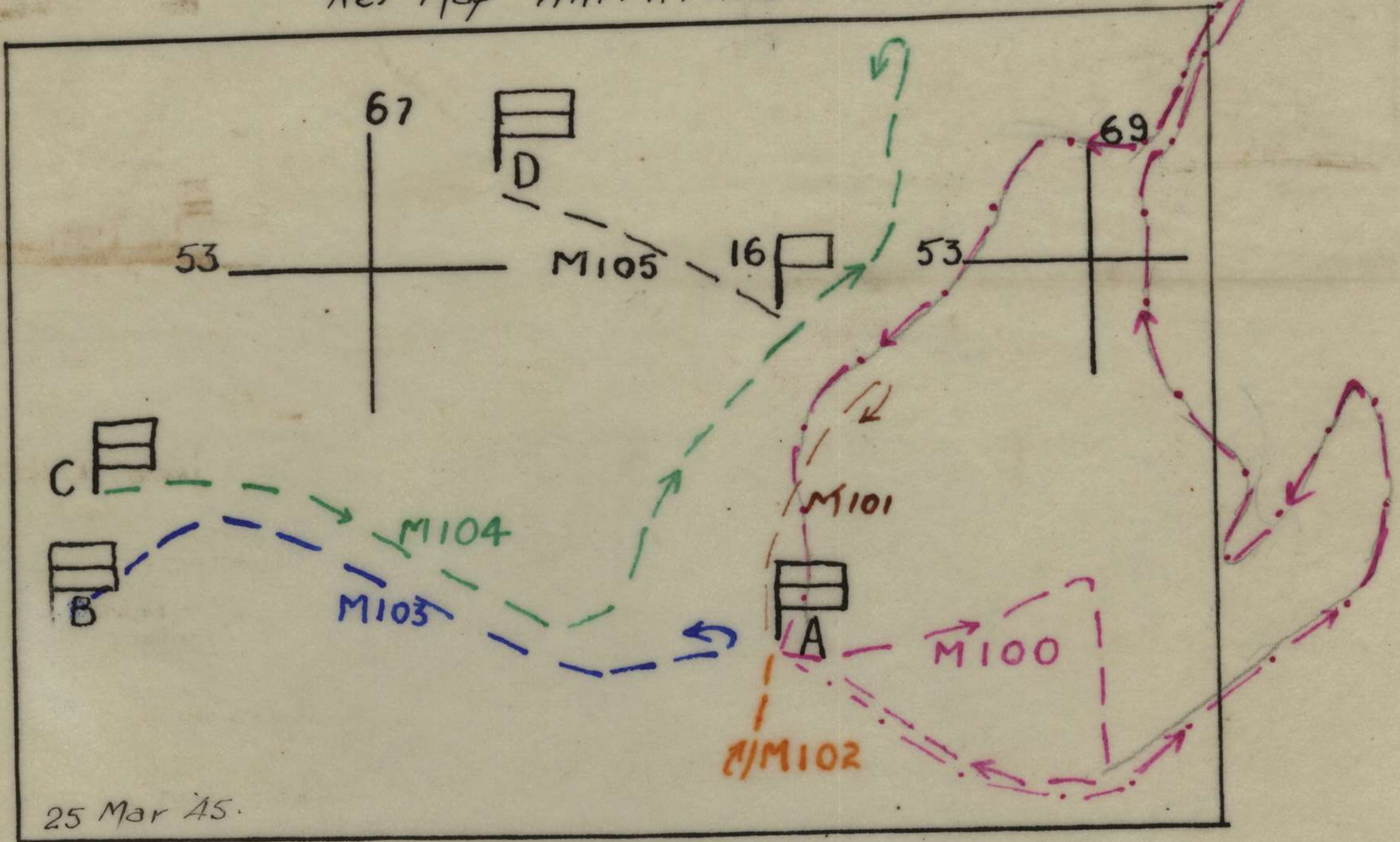
- TASK:
1. Clear area of enemy
 2. Locate suitable coy def posn between 684534 and 683529
 3. Patrol to be joined by coy at selected coy def posⁿ

- REPORT:
1. N M S
 2. Suitable coy def posn located at 684532
Patrol in posn 251130K
 3. Five well defined footpads running ~~WEST~~-EAST to MOONDEI RIVER between 685534 and 681526
No signs recent omvement owing to recent hy rain.
 4. Jap village at 681529 shows signs recent occupation (cut fresh vegetables)

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PATROL OVERLAY - 19 BN. Ref Map WAITAVALO - 1:25000.



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P A T R O L M 106

Ref Map: TOL $\frac{1}{3}$ " to 1 mile

TYPE: Fighting

STR: One Pl A Coy Lt R K Howard and 9 Pl

TIME OUT: 260730 K

TIME IN: 261600 K

ROUTE OUT: MARUPA MISSION EAST along coast track to time
limit

ROUTE IN: Similar

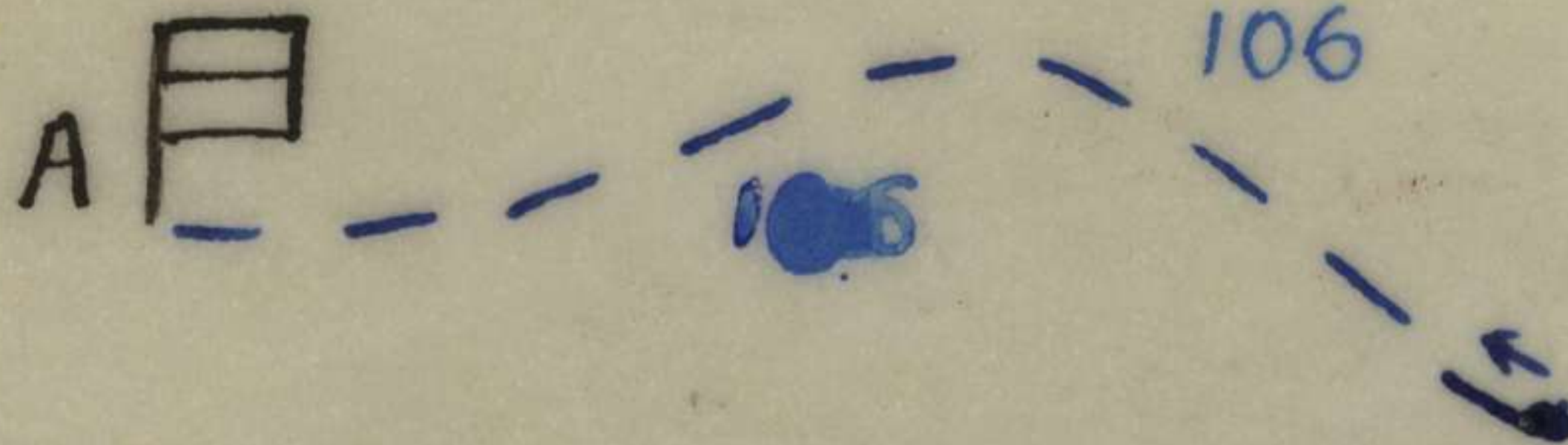
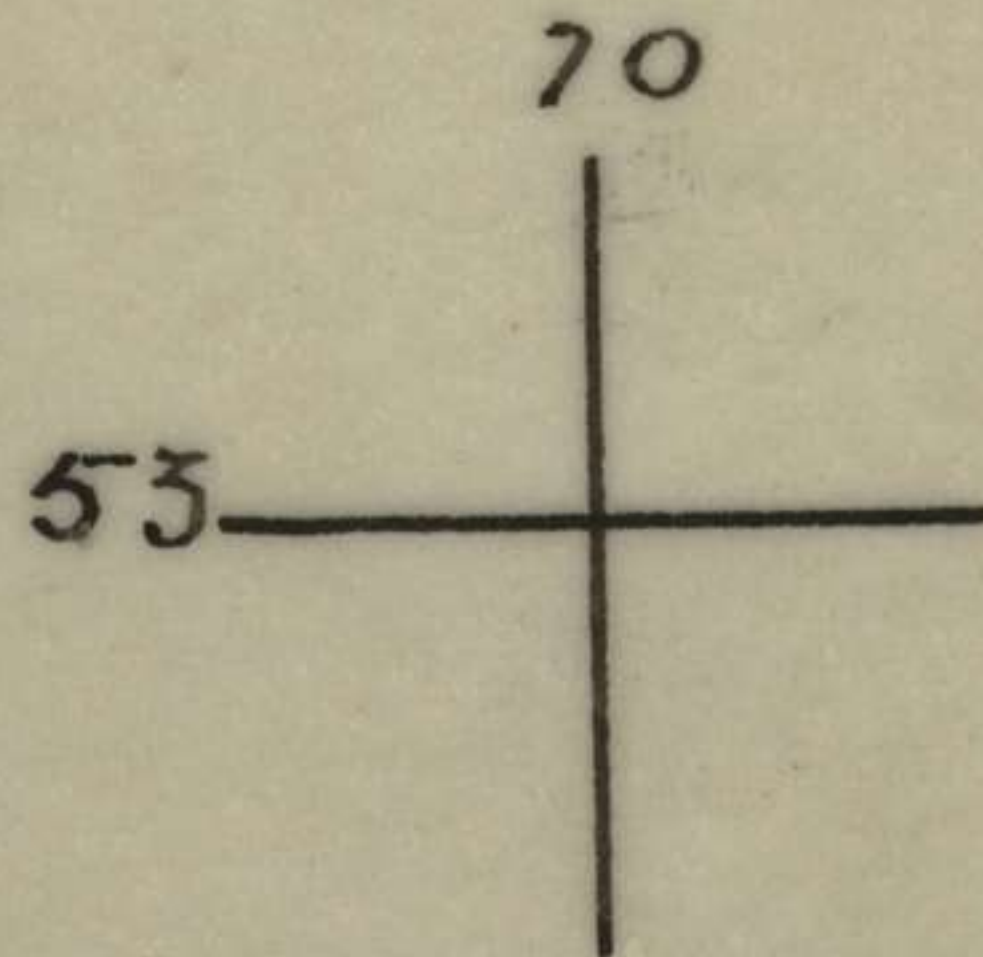
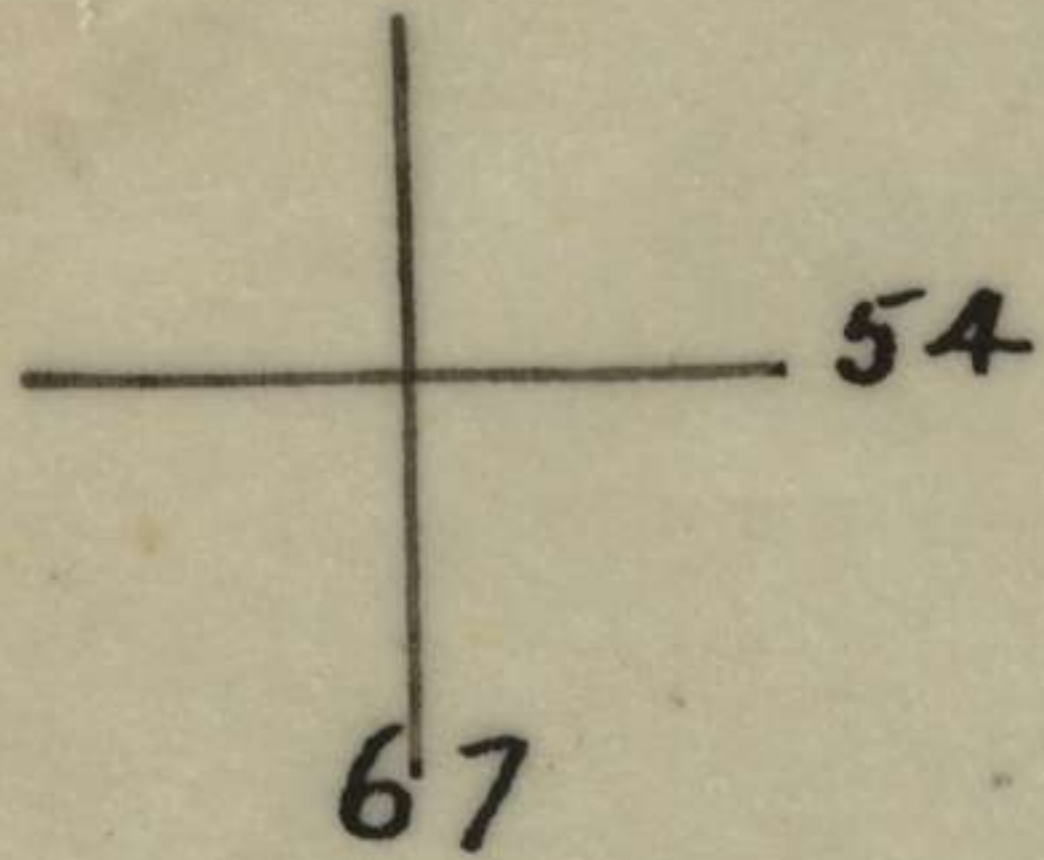
- TASK:
1. Locate enemy defs
 2. Enemy approaches to MARUPA MISSION
 3. Track going, timings etc.

INTERCOMM 108 Set 4 pigeons

- REPORT:
1. Patrol in 261500K
 2. Reached 713510 e N M S
 3. 2 footprints at 708513 heading EAST ,
estimated two days old
 4. Track well defined 3 yds - 4 yds wide,
overgrown in patches. Rain has ~~XXXXX~~
obliterated any possible signs of movement.

PATROL OVERLAY - 19 BN

Ref Map TOL 1:63,360.



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P A T R O L M 107

Ref Map WAITAVALO 1:25000

TYPE: Fighting

STR: One Pl D Coy Lt D L Bailey and 17 Pl

TIME OUT: 260730 K

TIME IN: 261200 K

ROUTE OUT: 682528 WEST to JAP village 670537

ROUTE IN: ~~Similar~~

TASK: Investigate JAP village

REPORT:

1. Patrol In 271100K
2. N M S and no sign of movement
3. ROUTE: 682528 NORTH along track parallel to MOONDEI RIVER to 684536 WEST To 680530 SOUTH to 680525 EAST to 682528.
4. Tracks: from village 682529 NORTH along river - very well defined - continues NORTH from 684536. 680533 well defined pad running WNW - ESE, apparently connecting villages at 670538 and 682529
5. Going: Razorback spur commences 684533, rises steeply to NORTH, otherwise flat and easy going
6. Observation: from top of spur at 684536 to river bend 685535 only
7. Topo: Rainforest and light advanced secondary growth with little undergrowth.
8. Creek ~~between 6794~~ 679549 - 683529 NOT located.

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P A T R O L M 108

Ref Map WAITAVALO 1:25000

TYPE: Fighting

STR: One Pl D Coy Lt H N Day and 18 Pl

TIME OUT: 260730 K

TIME IN: 261500 K

ROUTE OUT: 682528 EAST to and along LEMINGI track
via gardens at 685534

ROUTE IN: Similar.

TASK: 1. Locate enemy defences
2. Enemy approaches to Bn area
3. Track, going, timings etc.

INTERCOMN: 208 set

ALTERNATE ROUTE if MOONDEI RIVER is not fordable:

NORTH along west bank of MOONDEI RIVER to time limit.

REPORT: 1. = Route: NORTH along WEST bank of MOONDEI R
crossed arms at 684533 and 686532
SE to 688527 NW to 686529 and
685530 to 682528

2. Patrol in 261430K

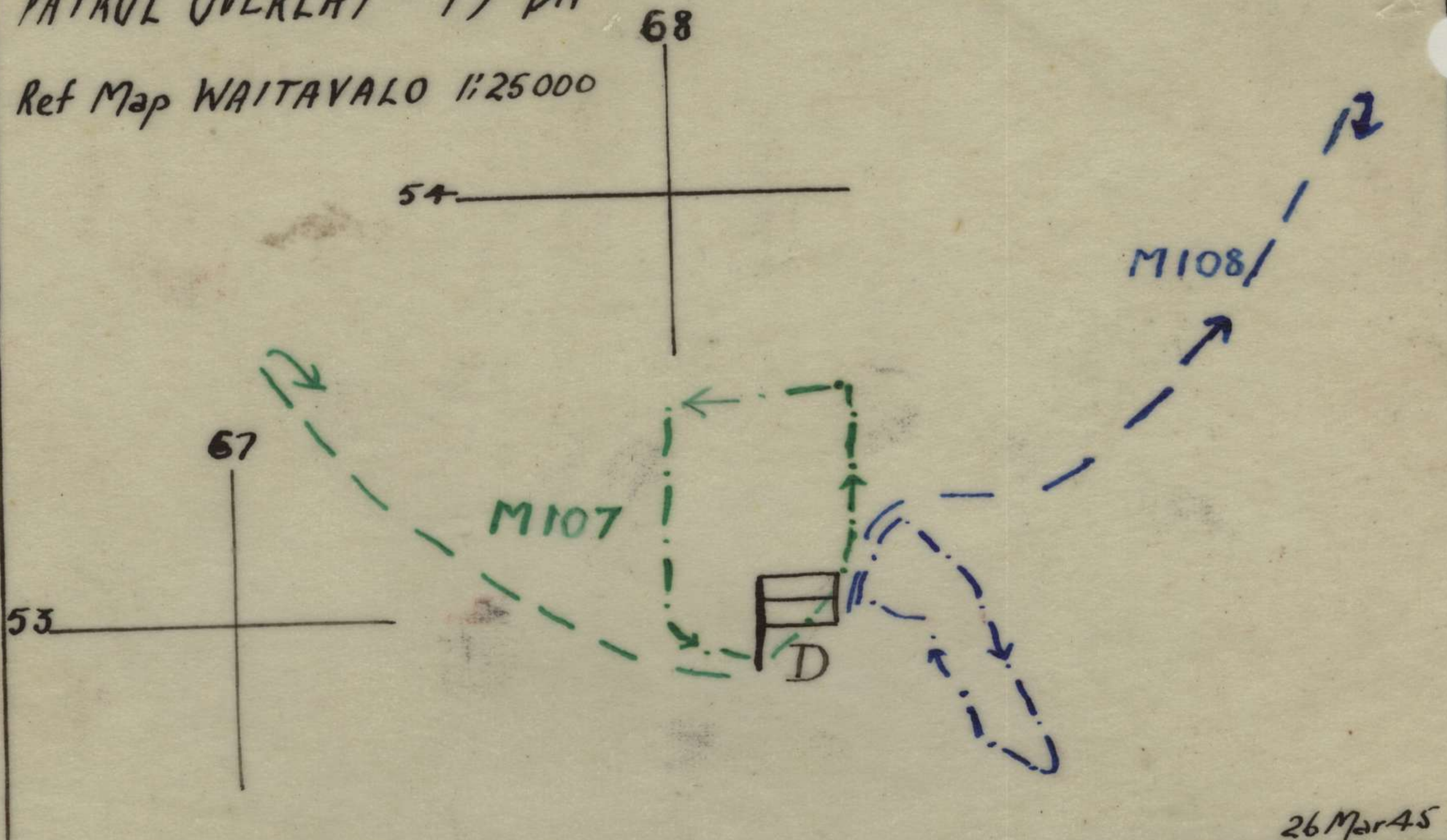
3. Contacted 3 JAPS at 686529 - fired on them,
wounded one, JAPS fled EAST up hills.
Own cas nil
2 Japs were carrying rifles and packs, one
without rifle or pack

4. Two old huts in disrepair, 8 x 44 gal drums
687532, evidence 2 JAPS having slept here
within last two nights. Fresh empty food
can found in vic

Old village (6 huts) at 685531 - no signs
recent occupation or movement.

PATROL OVERLAY - 19 BN

Ref Map WAITAVALO 1:25000



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P A T R O L M 109

Ref Map: TOL 1" to 1 mile

TYPE: Fighting

STR: One Pl A Coy Lt C A Ferndale and 7 Pl

TIME OUT: 270730 K

TIME IN: 281600K

ROUTE OUT: MARUPA MISSION EAST along track along coast

ROUTE IN: Similar

- TASK:
1. Locate enemy defs
 2. Enemy approaches to MARUPA
 3. Track going, topo etc.

Comm: Cable to be laid
108 set
4 Pigeons

REPORT: Messages:

1. 6 Bde to 19 Bn 271500K GI 1109

Pigeon message from Patrol M 109. 271120 K made contact 738502. cas own nil. enemy 1 K 3 W. apparently patrol heading WEST. broke bush to high ground and are now behind us. armed with sniper rifles and grenade cups. have new clothes new packs 3 days rations and are quite fresh. am withdrawing patrol to form base on high ground at 728503. will proceed NORTH fland and endeavour to locate village shown at 735504. C A Ferndale 271 255K

2. 6 Bde to 19 Bn 271800 K verbal

Pigeon message from patrol M 109. Second contact 739505 approx 1400 hrs engaged. damage unknown. enemy withdrew to NE. Apparently recce patrol to locate our posns. were lightly equipped. suspect enemy recce patrol mov WEST along NORTH OF track pack recovered held 3 days rations. clothing quite dry above knee. base must be on stream approx 742506. am withdrawing to suitable biv t night. will patrol NORTH at 270700K. C A Ferndale 271 635K

3. 6 Bde to 19 Bn 281115K verbal

Pigeon message from Patrol M 109. Am at 696517. have contacted A Coy (patrol M 111) and am coming in. signs small party observed at 703523 travelling EAST about 3-4 days ago. 2 lean to shelters in this area not recently used. consider it unlikely will move along main coastal track. TOR 281030K TOR logt 281100K

PATROL reported in at 281200 K

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P A T R O L M 110

Ref Map WAITAVALO 1:25000

TYPE: Fighting

STR: One Pl D Coy Lt W G Henderson and 16 Pl

TIME OUT: 270730 K

TIME IN: 271600 K

ROUTE OUT: 682528 NORTH and EAST 690535 EAST to LEMINGI track.

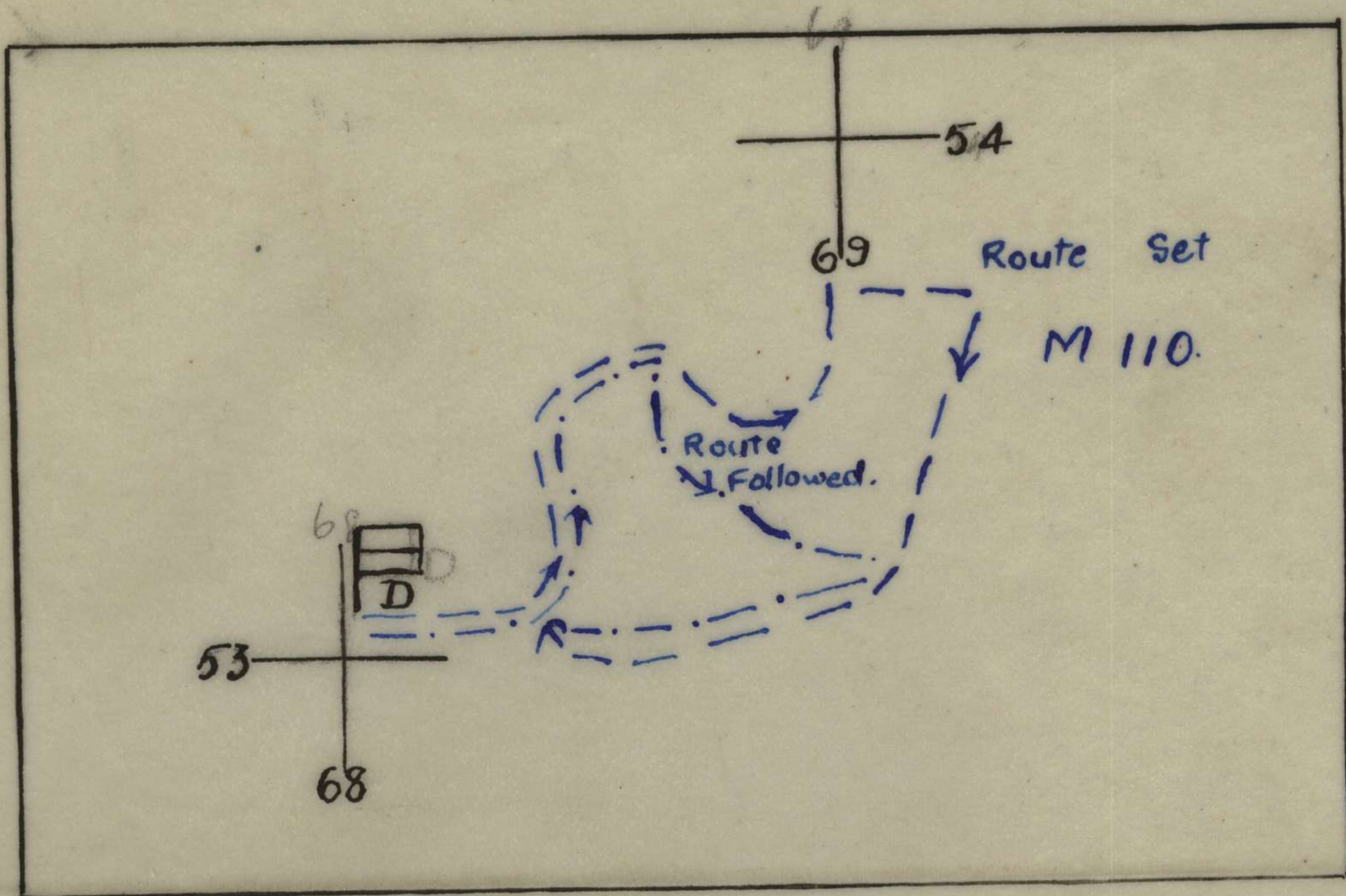
ROUTE IN: SW along LEMINGI track to 686533 SW to 682528.

- TASK:
1. Locate enemy defs
 2. Locate enemy approaches to Bn area.
 3. Intercept any enemy stragglers

INTERCOMN: 208 set

- REPORT:
1. Patrol in 271445K N M S
No signs of enemy defs.
 2. Route: 684531 NORTH along WEST bank MOONDEI RIVER to 685536 SE up spur 690531 WSW along spur to 685530 WEST 684529 NORTH to 684531.
 3. Signs enemy: 3 sets footprints on LEMINGI track at 690531 leading EAST. Estimated tracks $\frac{1}{2}$ - 1 hr old.
690531 - 3 JAP camouflaged tin hats
685530 - signs 5-6 japs slept night 26/27 Mar
685534 - 3 empty bully beef tins, one empty emergency ration tin, fresh.
 4. Tracks: Old disused track from 686534 to 690531. LEMINGI track 690531 goes due EAST and SW along small spur to RIVER AT 'E%?'
686530 - well defined, crosses 686530 and ~~686531~~ 685529
 5. Topo: Vegetation - open rainforest.
Rivers: 685535 each stream NORTH and SOUTH of island swift flowing, each stream 30 yds wide 3' - 4'6" deep.
EAST arm MOONDEI 685530 - silted bed 30 yds wide, stream 12' - 15' wide, 3"-4" deep. WEST bank 5' steep - EAST bank - steep escarpment 40' high

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P A T R O L M 111

Ref Map: WAI TAVALO ~~ixix~~ 1:25000

TYPE: Fighting

STR: One Pl A Coy Lt R K Howard and 9 Pl
 plus 2i/c A Coy

TIME OUT: 280630 K

TIME IN: 281600 K

ROUTE OUT: MARUPA MISSION EAST along coastal track

ROUTE IN: Similar

TASK: Sp Patrol M 109 returning

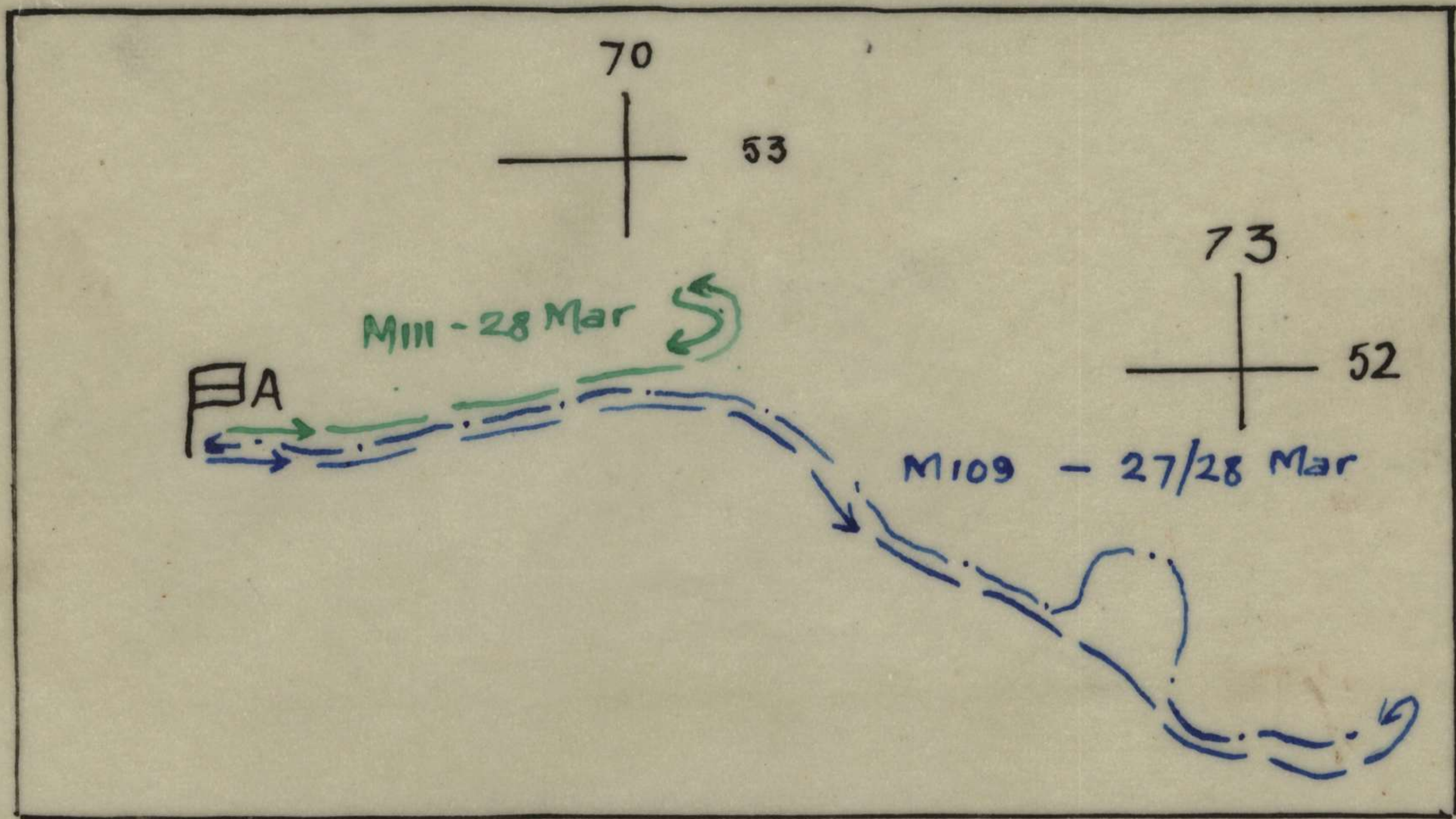
INTERCOMN: 108 set - hourly calls

REPORT: Patrol contacted Patrol M 109 at 696517 at
 281030 K N M S

Patrol returned to ~~BN~~ Coy 281300 K

PATROL OVERLAY - 19 BN.

Ref Map TO L 1163360.



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P A T R O L M 112

Ref Map: WAITAVALO 1:25000

TYPE: Fighting

STR: One Pl D Coy Lt D L Bailey and 17 Pl

TIME OUT: 280630 K

TIME IN: 281400 K

ROUTE OUT: 684531 NE across island to 686534 EAST along
old track to LEMINGI track 690531

ROUTE IN: Similar

TASK: Intercept any enemy in area.

INTERCOMN: 2 pigeons

REPORT: Patrol in 281230 K N M S

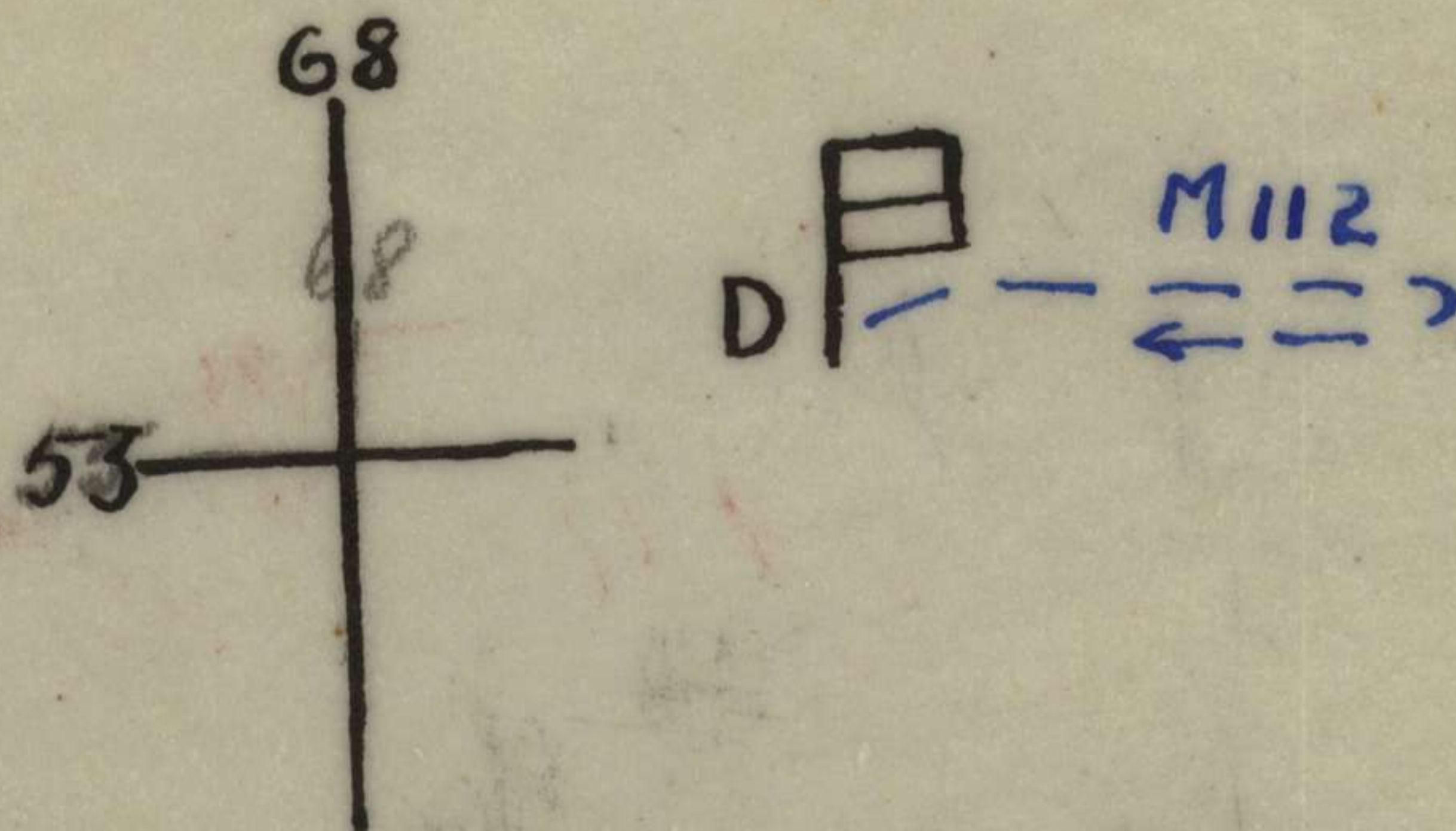
PATROL OVERLAY - 19 BN.
Ref Map WAITAVALO - 1:25000

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P A T R O L M 113

Ref Map WAITAVALO 1:20000

TYPE: Fighting

STR: One Pl B Coy Lt M H Carlson and 12 Pl

TIME OUT: 290730 K

TIME IN : 291300K

ROUTE OUT: 684531 NORTH to 684534 WEST to 670537

ROUTE IN: SE to 682529 NE to 684531

TASK: Clear area of enemy

REPORT: Route as set followed.
Time In 291245K
N M S

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PATROL M 114

Ref Map: WAITAVALO 1:25000

TYPE: Fighting

STR: One Pl B Coy Lt Hannay and 12 Pl

TIME OUT: 290730 K

TIME IN: 291500 K

ROUTE OUT: 684533 EAST across MOONDEI RIVER EAST to
LEMINGE track EAST to 687530 to 700530

ROUTE IN: Similar

TASK: Destroy enemy in area

INTERCOMN 208 set - hourly calls to Bn

REPORT: Time In 291445 K

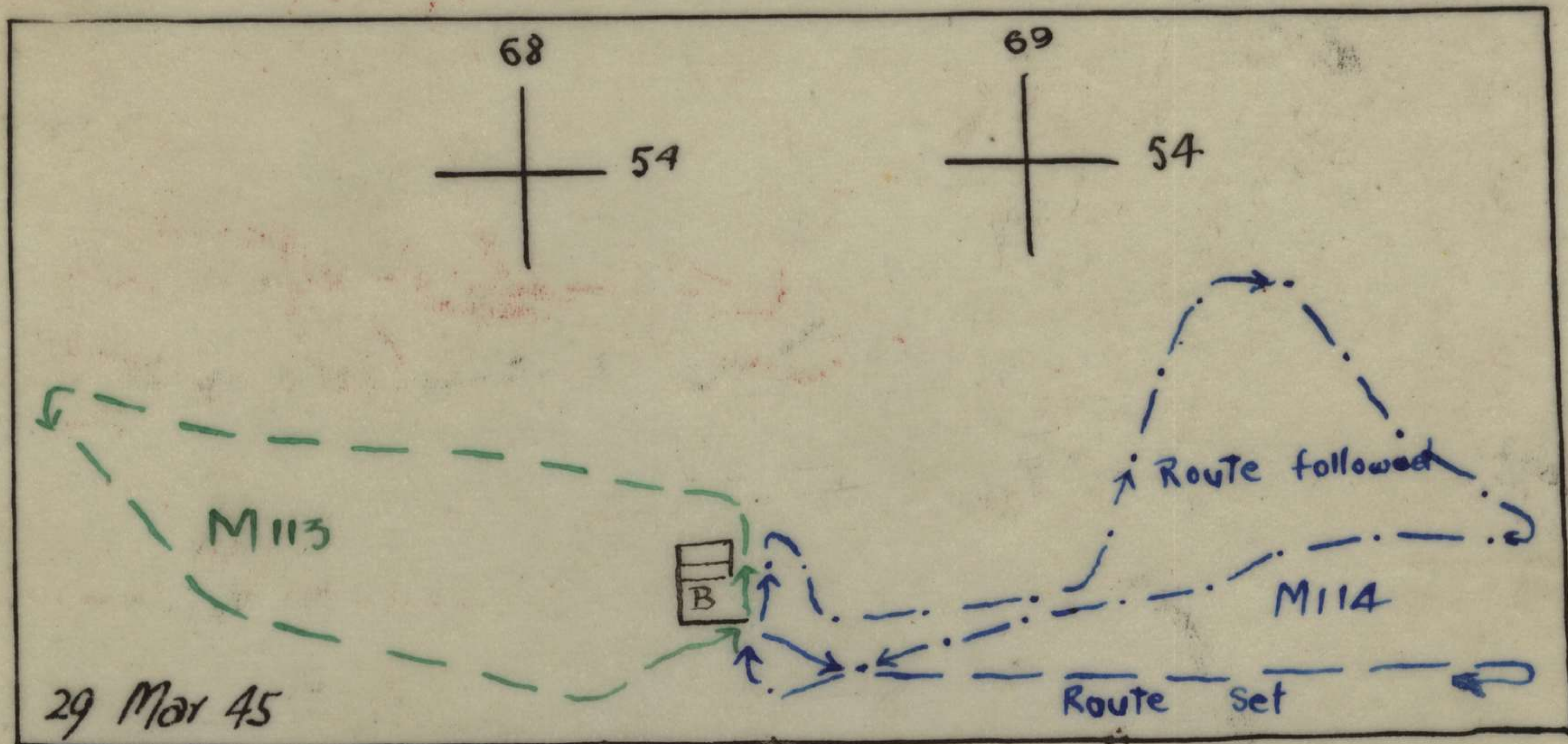
m Route: 684533 crossed MOONDEI RIVER at NORTH
end of island SOUTH on EAST bank
to village 685532 EAST then NE along
track to 694537 SE to ck junction
700534 WEST to MOONDEI RIVER and to
684533

N M S

Footprint of One Jap at 696 533 on EAST Bank
of ck - Jap moving north

Patrol contacted Pl patrol B Coy 1 NGIB at
687533 at 291010 K

PATROL OVERLAY - 19 BN.
Ref Map WAITAVALO - 1:25,000



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P A T R O L M 115

Ref Map: WIATAVALO 1:25000

TYPE: Fighting

STR: One Pl C Coy Lt L G Perry and 13 Pl

TIME OUT: 290730 K

TIME IN: 291500 K

ROUTE OUT: 683513 EAST along coast track to 695523

ROUTE IN: WEST via 684524 and SOUTH to 683513

TASK: Clear area of enemy
Left flank protection B Coy N G I B patrol EAST

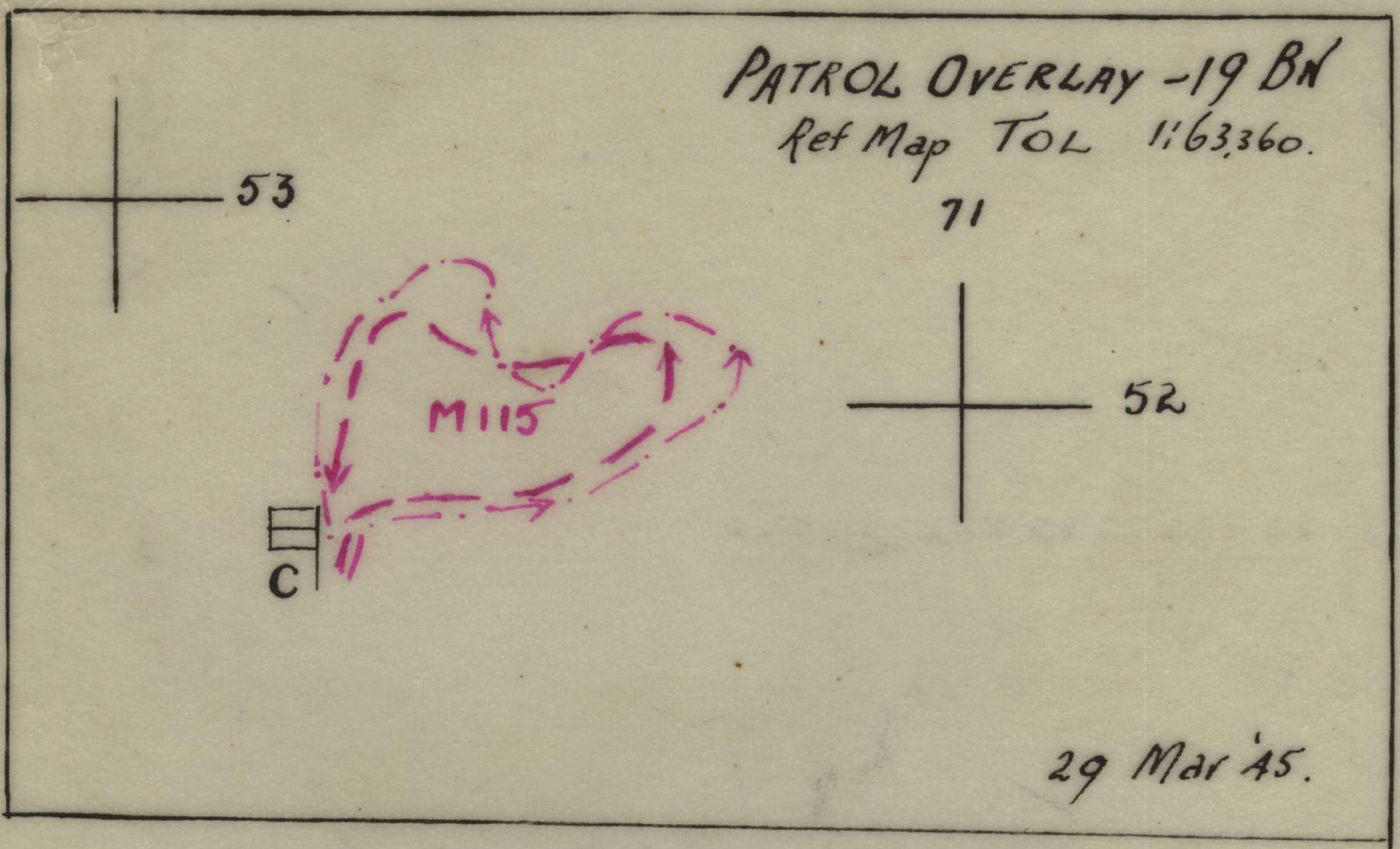
REPORT: N M S

Route: - (ref Map TOL 1" to 1 Mile)
683513 EAST by track to 699519 NORTH to
ERNS KNOLL NW to 697523 SOUTH to
(ref map 1:25000) 696524 NW to
694521 NORTH 200 yds WNW to
LEMINGI track 683528 SOUTH along
track to 683513

Topo: Gorge 697523 impassable when approached
from SOUTH
Generally razor back spurs and steep minor
features.

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1" = 1 Mile

PATROL OVERLAY - 19 BN
Ref Map TOL 1:63,360.



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P A T R O L M 116

Ref Map: WIATAVALO 1:25000

TYPE: Fighting

STR: One Pl C Coy Lt C M Forrest and 15 Pl

TIME OUT: 300730 K

TIME IN: 301500 K

ROUTE OUT: 683513 EAST along coastal track to ERNS KNOWLL

ROUTE IN: Similar

TASK¹ Destroy enemy in area;

REPORT: N M S Patrol in 301540K

701520 - caves used approx one week ago as camp for
3-5 japs

Barge point: 697516 to 702516 good barge landing
point

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PATROL M 117

Ref Map: WAITAVALO 1:25000

TYPE: Fighting

STR: One Pl D Coy Lt D L Bailey and 17 Pl

TIME OUT: 300800 K

TIME IN: 301500 K

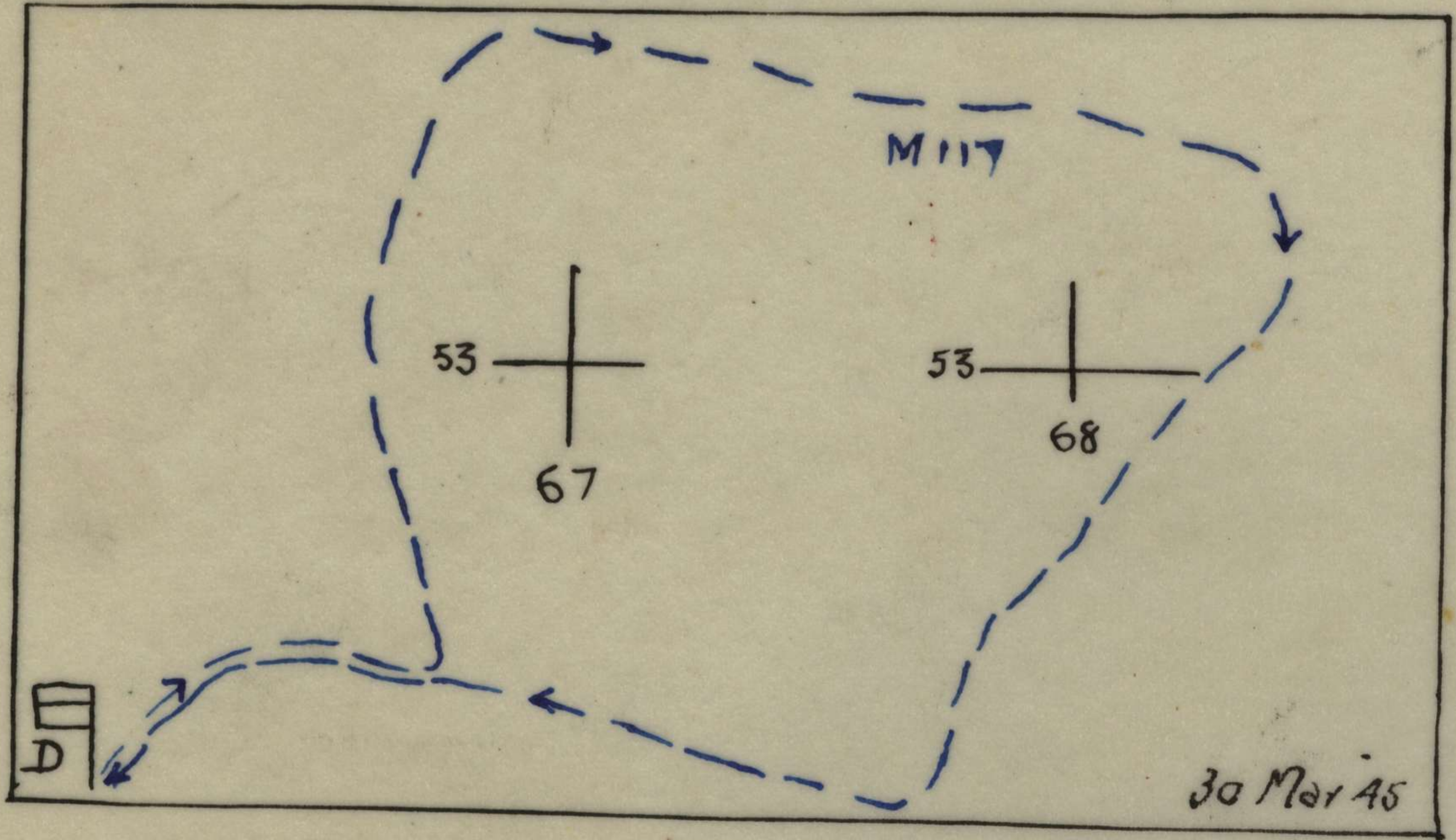
ROUTE OUT: 661521 EAST across BULUS RIVER NORTH to garden area 670537 EAST to island garden 685532.

ROUTE IN: SOUTH and EAST along track to 661521

TASK: Destroy enemy in area.

REPORT: N M S Patrol in 301515 K

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Ref Map WAITAVALO 1:25000.



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P A T R O L M 118

Ref Map: WAITAVALO 1:25000

TYPE Fighting

STR: One Pl B Coy

TIME OUT: 310730 K

TIME IN: 311200 K

ROUTE OUT: 684531 EAST to LEMINGI track and NORTH to 693535

ROUTE IN: Similar

TASK: Destroy enemy in area.

INTERCOMN¹/₂ 2 pigeons

REPORT: Time in 311205 K N M S

Route: 684531 EAST across MOONDEI RIVER and island, NE 200 yds EAST 50 yds along spur 120° M to 689533 NORTH to MOONDEI RIVER down stream along EAST bank and to 684531

687533 - three old huts bearing signs of recent occupation

Island 685535 investigated.

MOONDEI RIVER: inside bend 685534 to 689534 on EAST BANK feature rises sheer from river.

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PATROL M 119

Ref Map: WATTAVALO 1:25000

TYPE: Fighting

STR: One Pl C Coy Lt D I Drinkwater and 13 Pl

TIME OUT: 310730 K

TIME IN: 311500 K

ROUTE OUT: 683513 EAST along coastal track to ERNS KNOLL

ROUTE IN: similar

TASK: Clear area of enemy

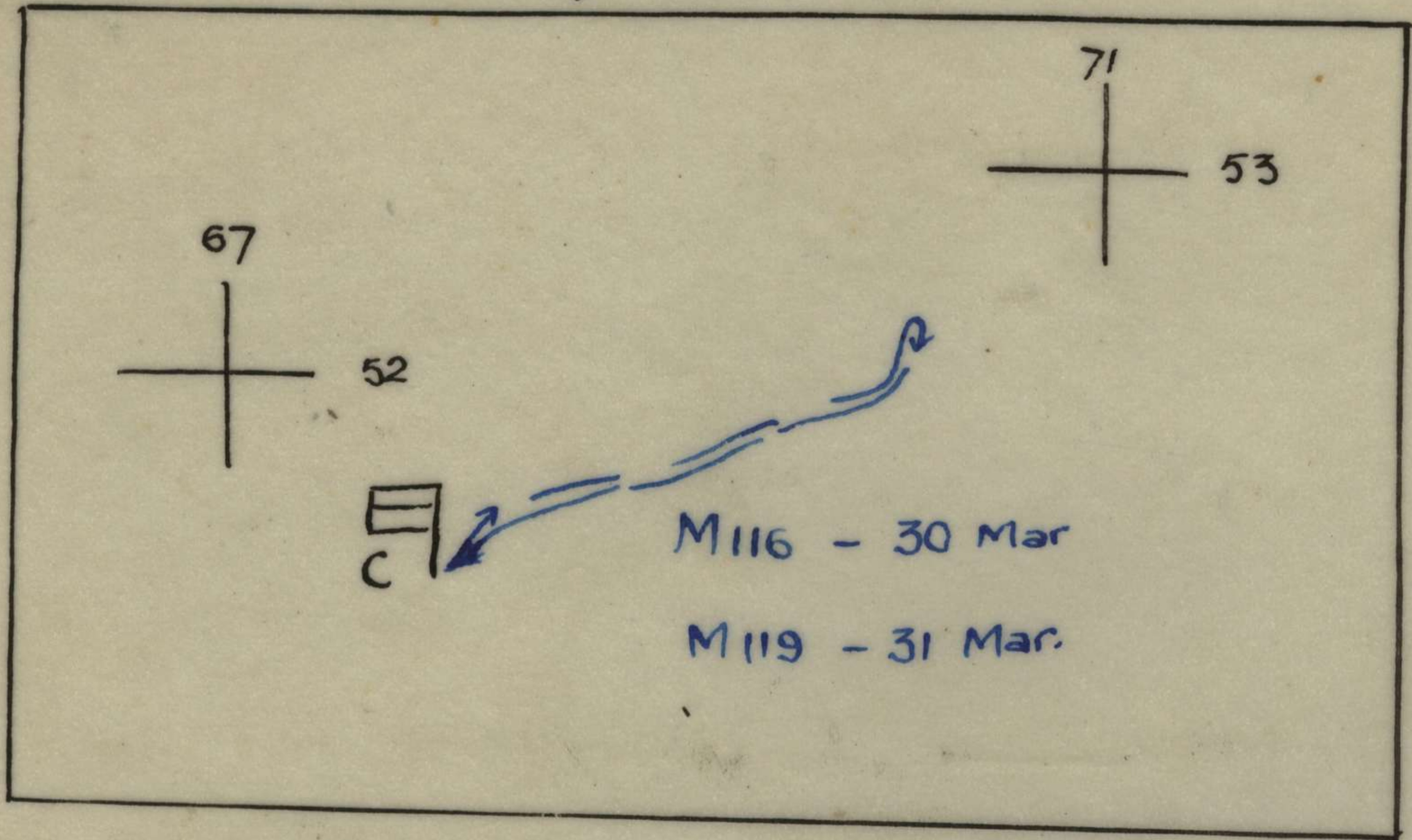
INTERCOMM: Line

REPORT: N M S

Fresh footprints of one Jap moving EAST from MOONDEI RIVER to 691513 and then continued. Set ambush at 691513 for 1½ hrs - NMS

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Ref Map TOL 1163.360.



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P A T R O L M 120

Ref Map

WAITAVALO ~~Kx~~ 1:25000

TYPE:

Fighting

STR:

One Pl D Coy Lt H N Day and 18 Pl

TIME OUT:

310800 K

TIME IN:

311500 K

ROUTE OUT:

661521 EAST across BULUS RIVER NORTH to
garden area 670537 EAST to island garden 685532

ROUTE IN:

SOUTH and EAST along track to 661521

TASK:

Destroy enemy in area.

INTERCOMN:

108 set - hourly calls

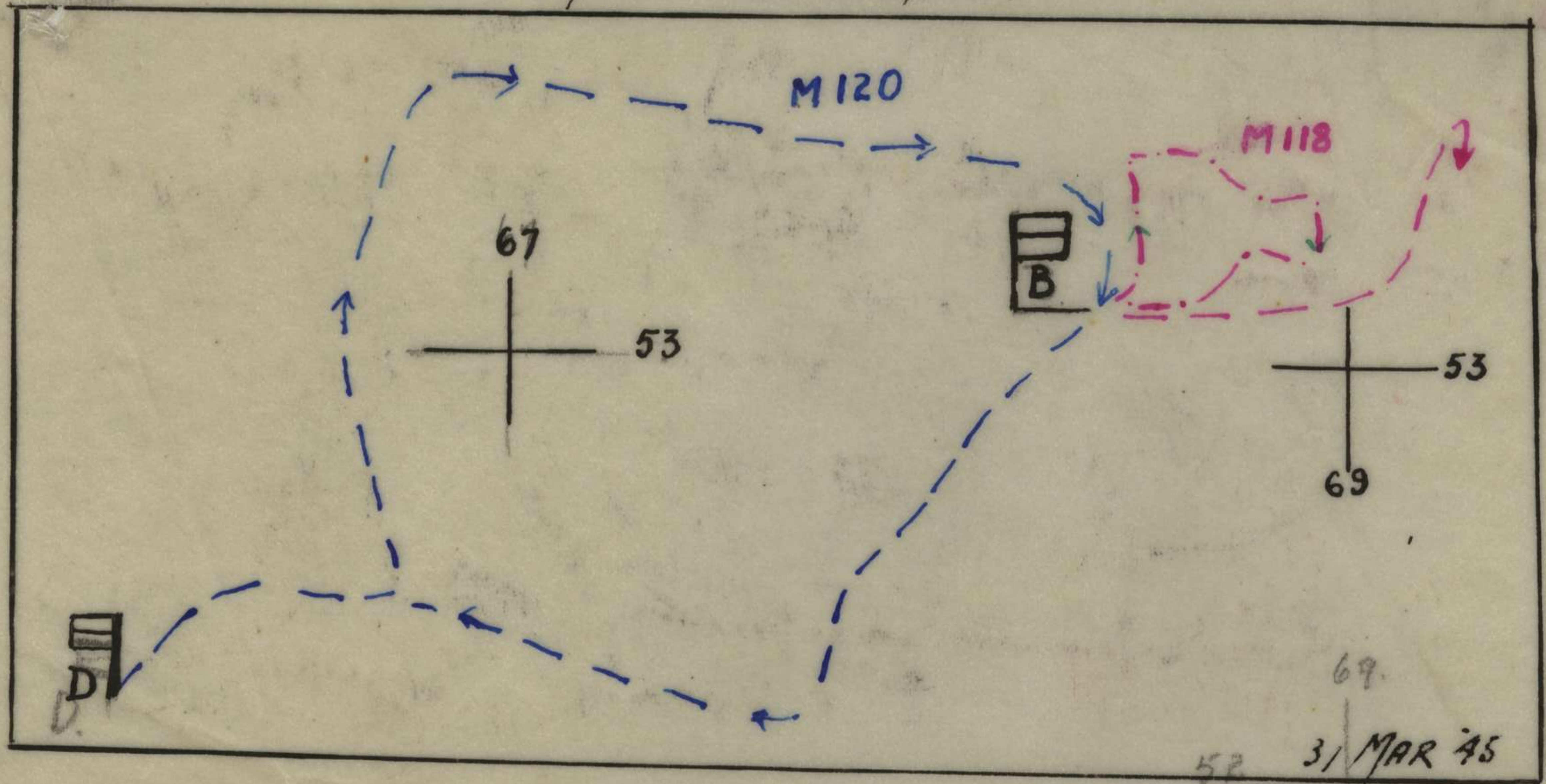
REPORT:

N M S Patrol in 311515 K

Dogs footprints at village 670537, suspected
to be Jap dog.

PATROL OVERLAY - 19 BN.

Ref Map WAITAVALO 1:25,000



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RESUME ARTY/R MARUMBA AREA 3 MAR 45

Ref Map : TOL 1" series

R/T Reception N.I. one way procedure attempted.

Target Ref 659525 - small area between two gardens.

Southerly of the 2 gardens is well cultivated.

Small clump of trees - possibly covering personnel who work garden.

No 8 fell in clump of trees and S of Southern garden.

No 9 fell 100 yds further on between Northern and Southern garden in target area.

No 10 same as above.

Group Fire No 1 - Trees S of Garden

No 2 - In garden.

All rounds fell between 2 gardens.

Target area well covered.

RESULT TAC/R Sq 6552 2 MAR 45

0915K aircraft called Divisional ground set, but received no reply.

0940K aircraft made contact with Battery Ground set, call sign ZEBRA. Gave target in the MARUMBA area; guns could not engage owing to position of own troops.

BULUS given as next target, aircraft informed that no targets could be engaged.

ZEBRA requested Tac/R east side of TOL plantation.

TAC/R
635497

Approx 200 yds east of possible observation tower, (Tac/R report serial No 2) was a small smoke fire. No other movement observed in the plantation.

652517

One large native type hut, approx 20' x 20' in a small clearing NWS.

MARUMBA - BULUS - MARUPA.

No movement observed in these villages.

635513-893550

Coastal road was searched; showed no signs of recent movement. Beach in the area is mostly rocky, in many places jungle extends to the waters edge.

J.W.H. LF
I.O 6 Bde

TAC R REPORT

19A

Duty: Tac/r Coastal track WAITAVALO
to JAMMER BAY

Time up 280915K
Time d'n 281230K

Ref Map Toll 1:63360

700521 Numerous tracks lead across the top of the knoll, ground under trees show patches of heavy recent use. On the northern slope of the hill, are two native type huts approx 15' x 10' in a clearing approx 50 yards in diameter. Approx 200 yards north east of this clearing is a smaller clearing with one native type hut.

696519 Footbridge crosses the creek, approx 15 yards long and 3 ft wide,, flanked on either side by logs, approx 18 inches in diameter, approx 3 ft from the sides of the bridge.

706516 Log crossing, single log approx 18 in in diameter.

680515-808506 Track could be observed throughout most of its length, did not run straight but conforms to the curves of the coast, considered to be Jeepable throughout; all rivers appear fordable. The track is well worn but showed no signs of recent vehicular traffic. Small footpads appear to branch off the main track.

UNAHITIKI RIVER

760496
~~670396~~

Islands as shown on the map are incorrect; actually they form the eastern bank of the river but are possibly circumflowned by the river in flood. River is approx 15 yards wide for approx 400 to 500 yards from its mouth which appears shallow and is not considered navigable.

804503 Unserviceable barge approx 30' by 12 feet, empty, one keel plate missing, aground on the beach. Inland from the barge an area approx 25 by 50 yards has been cleared of secondary growth. The general area appears recently worn.

730501
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Possible track leads in from the coast, towards the main track, undergrowth gives cover to the water's edge.

Preliminary interrogation report P W captured 29 Mar at 749508
(Ref Map TOL 1" to 1 mile) by patrol B Coy NGIB.

Prisoner in weak state from dysentery and unable to be sent on.

NAME TANAKI FUSA ldg pte

Arrived NEW BRITAIN= in GO force about 2 years ago.
Entered 2 Coy (Lt KODAMA) 1 Bn 229 Inf Regt Mixed
38 Div

Units TOL - WAITAVALO area:
2 KODAMA UNIT Coy
4 Coy (JINGUVI) mortar unit
MG Pl

Total str approx 450.

Cas TOL - WAITAVALO area ops.
150 killed in action.
50 wounded committed suicide
200 total

Of the 250 survivors 50-60 selected to form 3-man
suicide squads (KIRIKOMITAI) to operate TOL →
WAITAVALO area, to depend on sups and amm dumps at
unknown locns between LEMINGI and coast. Suicide
units told locn of dumps.

PW thought blue circles on JAP MILITARY GEOGRAPHY
Sketch of ZUNGEN areacaptured at BACON HILL 18 MAR
possibly dumps or posns.

Remaining 200 incl PW retreated disorganised in
the general direction RABAILL via track across BULUS
into hills out to coast at TOMA which is 4 hrs by
barge north of ADLER BAY and is barge hideout.

Strs: JAMMER BAY 1 Sgt 21 men 1 LMG at time of
fall of TOL
ADLER BAY no knowledge
TOMA 1 and 3 coys 1 Bn plus
2 Bn and 3 Bn 229 ~~Inf~~ mixed
Regt at time PW arrived TOL.

PW statements deemed honest.

CAPTURED WAITAVALO AREA ON 6MAR 45.

Handwritten letter to Sup Pte KURODA from 2/Lt TAKAMOTA
undated,

To Sup pte KURODA:

Today myself and 10 others with one LMG and one HMG will go to support a recce in force, Therefore Ldg Pte KIMURA wants to be off duty in order to take this good opportunity to investigate the situation thoroughly at CHUSHU (central island) so that ~~he~~ it will be useful for future reference, He will most likely go this evening so it is all right to put MAEDA and MORIKAMI in his place,

The arrangement seems to be to ford at about 1500 hrs but if fording is possible ford the river earlier, It will be all right if you leave two liason personnel at the fording point,

We plan to reach there about 1530 hrs. As for the relief of squad leader WAKEDA, liaison has been delayed today so I have told the HQ squad to come on relief by 1800 hrs tomorrow morning,

2/Lt TAKAMOTA

Handwritten letter to Sup Pte KURODA from 2/Lt ~~KURODA~~ TAKAMOTO.

To Sup pte KURODA:

In the matter of AYABE, I can hardly say anything. However squad leader TOYAMA has asked that AYABE at least be left, so in my power as platoon leader, I may release him if you say to release him. but ONOZATO has been wounded,

At present, from squad leader TOYAMA's point of view does it seem somewhat without feeling to release AYABE who is acting section leader.

Anyway, have squad leader TAKEDA go until noon tomorrow and please do it together.

I, too, am in a pitiful condition, and am in difficulty, I also do ISAJI (TN: meaning not clear). I know you are able to use the LMG so please bear it until replacements come,

Today, go to relieve him if the situation is bad, following that I intend to have an ambush patrol sent out from the company.

2/Lt TAKAMOTO

Brief handwritten diary belonging to 1st Lt Pte KATOKA
Unit not stated.

Dated 1st Jan 44 to 1 Jan 45

- 16 May 44 Last night large MLC entered. Rations etc.
Learned about the bad situation in NEW GUINEA area.
There are only enough rations up to about AUGUST
- 13-16 Dec Went to work at main ration warehouse from MG
(probably MG Coy)

Handwritten diary dated from 3 Jan to 13 Jan (presumable 45)
Owner and unit not stated.

EXTRACTS

- 3 Jan Entire personnel worked on self-sufficiency work all morning
- 4 Jan Large MLC entered port. Fatigue party - sentry Gp 2 men (Toba and FUNAZAKA)
- 6 Jan Company ration fatigue party
Sentry Gp 2 men (TOBA and FUNAZAKA)
- 9 Jan TOYAMA section will actively co-operate with the self-sufficiency squad throughout the whole area.
- 10 Jan Night 11, morning
Australians landed at TORIU and JACQUINOT BAY therefore each soldier will make ready his weapons and when 10 rounds are fired by rifle at Bn HQ, each will complete first line battle preparations
- 13 Jan For transportation of JAMMER provisions, 2 men for fatigue party from sentry gp will be sent in front of the cave at 1200 hrs today.

Handwritten diary dated 21 Nov to 4 Feb. Unit 1 sec 3 Pl
Owner not stated.

EXTRACTS

- 21 Nov Duty at KATSU MT OP Early this morning the company CO came to KATSU MT and played MAH JONG. To day squad leader SUGIMOTO FUNASAKA and MORIKAMI went to BULUS.
- 22 Nov At WULWUT. With pack and equipment had to work all day at the OP. About 1500 hrs reached 1 Sec.
- 23 Nov Dug trenches all morning with IKEDA, FUZAZAKI Sgt KIUCHI and others came to fish.
- 24 Nov Many from 2 and 3 secs came to fish.
Tomorrow 3 sec will become a commando unit. and since it will depart for MARUMBA we had fritters and other delicacies.
- 25 Nov Went to BULUS as a work for the company, the entire personnel (Sgt SOMETANI and 31 others) went to gather taro. From 0500 to 0600 hrs approx 30 men forded the river. Besides these 10 men from 4 coy escorted them, and then, together with FUNAZAKI went to BULUS to meet squad leader SUGIMOTO. 3 sec departed incl pl leader In the ~~entire~~ afternoon the entire personnel (Only FUNAZAKI remained) went for medical exam.
- 27 Nov During the morning worked alone digging the cave. In the afternoon hand grenades will be issued. Assembled at TSUKI MT (TN MOON MT) at 2200 hrs. There were no healthy ones to go so I went and left them (Presumably the hand grenades) at KATSU MT.
- 28 Nov The coy CO came down from the mountain to fish.

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- 29 Nov Sgt Maj MORIKI and 19 others went to gather taro this side of RIRIFU village
- 2 Dec 30 men went to gather taro. Also from Bn HQ 7 or 8 men 2/Lt ABE and 4 others when on terrain recce and recce for gardens
- 3 Dec When I came up after catching shrimps etc, the Bn Co Came
- 4 Dec We assembled in front of the cave at 1000 hrs. It is transportation of rations for JAMMER
- 6 Dec A large MLC is to come tonight
- 7 Dec There was a boat at the pier. I was struck with admiration ~~at~~ at its staying there splendidly during the day time. It seems that it left about 1700 hrs
- 8 Dec Received rations of the shore sentry gp.
- 10 Dec About 0730 hrs Coy CO Pl leader 2/Lt Abe, Prob Offr MIKAMI, Prob Offr ENDO and others came. About 1420 hrs a NORTH AMERICAN flew low and bombed and strafed. We were taken by surprise and had to stay under the trees.
- 12 Dec Two men went to LAMALAI
- 15 Dec At the routine meetine, we were forbidden to use hand grenades
- 16 Dec Since a large MLC is to enter tonight, two men from WULWUT and two men from the selfsufficiency squad have been ordered to fatigue duty. Fatigue party: myself and FUNASAKI. When we went to YOSHIDA sec it was already dark. We waited for the boat lying down on the shore near the sentry of the shore sentry gp. About 2200 hrs 2/Lt ABE arrived and all of us went to the pier. When, in my opinion, it was about 2330 hrs two large MLC arrived.
- 17 Dec The goods on the large MLCs were staple foods, clothing, sweets med sups, and many others. There was rice cakes in drums. There were a few comforts bags. We worked till dawn and put them temporarily in the store houses.
- 24 Dec Last night, a message came to Bn HQ from 4 Coy to come and get 3 cows which they had caught.
- 28 Dec Coy Co and two others came. They gave orders for tomorrows manoeuvre (firing ball amn) and assigned security personnel and their duties.
- 29 Dec Went to ZUNGEN Pt. About 1000 hrs, ten rounds from a rifle sounded at ZUNGEN sentry Gp. I heard that today there was an accident with a box of explosives and two personnel - 2/Lt HASHIMOTO and the NCO in charge of ordnance were killed.
- 3 Jan Entire personnel of the coy worked on self sufficiency during morning. In the afternoon, rested and all came back to WULWUT
- 4 Jan Last night large MLC entered
- 9 Jan Large MLC entered port.
- 23 Jan Dug aki raid shelters
- 26 Jan Road building towards KATSU MT
- 31 Jan A PT boat comes.
- 3 Feb Holiday due to arrival of large MLC tonight
- 4 Feb The rations allotted to the coy were transported to SUGI MT by dawn. All personnel made three trips - once to the automobile and twice to KIRI MT then SUGI MT and four trips to HQ Squad. I went to MAVELO and received a barge. By the help of the sentry gp I tied it to the dock

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Handwritten operation order. Owner and Unit not stated Undated

- (a) From 1000 to 1200 hrs mortars will fire on the central island, so with all fire power, fire from KATSU MT Position. The firing area will be near the ford and to the rear side
Leading Pte KIMURA will return to KATSU MT. Report is good. Have ISAH and the liaison men return with LMG
Since considerable shells will fly over how would it be to remove the grenade dischargers from the peak and fire them from the flat land in the rear (where road was built recently)
- (b) When the arty shelling ceases continue observation. When the enemy fords the river, fire on them and report to KURI MT
Everybody will resist strongly

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Handwritten operation order of KODAMA unit Undated

KODAMA Unit order
(Main facts of oral issue from SU Det CO)

1. I will (TN page torn) enemy of the central island sector of MAVELO R
2. 2/Lt TAKAMOTO with 9 subordinates will (TN page torn) the said enemy.
3. As for details they will be given to the responsible person.
4. I am at KIYOTAMA height HQ

Unit CO KODAMA

Details:

Organisation: Pl leader and 9 men
Armament: 1 LMG, 1 grenade discharger, 7 rifles
Rations carried "B" for two days
Commencement of action: 1600 hrs this date
Period of action: two days and the results
(TN page torn)
Period of "right" action
Sgt TOKIDA and 3 men

Undated

To Sup Pte KURODA

Finally the enemy has come. Let us be brave.
KAKO pl will attack from the upper stream of MAVELO central island, so time it correctly and fire
It seems that a few of the enemy has infiltrated on our side of the WULWUT so keep rigid guard
Leading Pte KIMURA and MURAKI will be attached to your sentry gp so please co-operate and fight bravely
Details have been given to KIMURA

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Handwritten diary belonging to MORIKAMI Shigeo of South Seas
Exp NUMA 8925 Force; JINGUJI Force; South seas Exp NUMA 8925,
NARUSE force, KODAMA Unit 3 Pl. Dated from 1 Oct ~~42~~ 43 to 17 Feb 45

EXTRACTS

Identifications: KODAMA UNIT Unit CO 1/Lt KODAMA
3 Pl 2/Lt TAKAMOTO
3 sec Cpl SUGIMOTO, KANESHICHI

- 2 Jan 44 Movement commenced at 1600 hrs to mop up the remaining American Army
- 13 Jan 44 With one weeks rations, went to ZUNGEN
- 17 Jan 44 Went to Bn HQ to receive rations.
- 19 Jan 44 Today's intelligence report:
3 transports of enemy convoy entered WIDE BAY.
- 12 Feb 44 A section arrived just after 1200 hrs. We are finally raised to coy str.
- 15 Feb 44 At 0100 hrs this morning an intelligence report came to the effect that the enemy was planning a landing with a convoy consisting of 7 cruisers, 20 destroyers, 40 transport ships
- 16 Mar 44 About 1600 hrs went into commando unit. Went to HQ
- 17 Mar 44 Departed at 0700 hrs for manoeuvre at KALAI. While crossing the MAVELO R wer were discovered by enemy planes and strafed. Strangely enough no one was injured
- 18 Mar 44 Rested from 2000 hrs in the vicinity of 3 Coy tents.
- 19 Mar 44 Headed for NUGINIKLUB at 0700 hrs
- 20 Mar 44 The manoeuvre finally ended. It seems that the commando unit will be disbanded
- 21 Mar 44 Last night there was a report that our 6 Div and KUMOMOTO Grp (HEIDAN) which landed on BOUGAINVILLE have occupied the No 1 and No 2 airfields
- 22 Mar 44 Commandi unis was disbanded. I returned to my coy
- 9 Apr Fishing with dynamite
- 15 Apr We are to go to ZUNGEN tomorrow to learn the essential pts of an assault unit.
- 16 Apr As an assault unit, we headed for ZUNGEN, arriving at 1000 hrs
- 17 Apr Assisted MIYAMAOTO's section in the morning
- 22 Apr With this afternoons manoeuvres, this weeks subject is completed. One person from 1 Coy was wounded in yesterdays bombing. We returned to the coy.
- 24 Apr Bn HQ, 1 Coy and 3 Coy may withdraw to the rear. Our 2 coy is to remain
- 25 Apr Entire personnel of sec went to GARON native village for pacification and received pawpaws, barbecued pig etc.
- 18 June KAWAKITA sec arrived about 1500 hrs
- 19 Jun KAWAKITA sec departed for ZUNGEN this morning
- 8 Jul 3 men from wireless sec departed for ZUNGEN
- 9 Jul 2 military police returning to RABAUl departed this a.m.
- 10 Jul 3 men from wireless sec returned
- 19 Jul 4 men from ZUNGEN wireless sec stayed over on their way to ADLER
- 20 Jul MP unit CO returning to RABAUl with 11 natives stayed over
- 21 Aug Naval landing party ensign (TN ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ or 2/Lt) HIGASHI and 54 others stayed over during their withdrawal.
- 23 Aug The navy (TN that is NAVAL landing party) departed this morning for RABAUl
- 11 Sep About 0900 hrs ZUNGEN MO came. MP Sgt KITAKAWA and some natives stayed over on their way home.
- 21 Sep YAMAMOTO and two men departed for ZUNGEN to receive rations.
- 24 Sep Myself and five others reported at ZUNGEN to receive rations
- 26 Sep Returned to JAMMER
- 29 Sep Prob Offr (TN name illegible) stayed over on his way back after liaison. Also 2/Lt HIBI and 13 others stayed over on their way to overtake soldiers of KANEHANA force at ZUNGEN

- 1 Nov About 1400 hrs an MP 2/Lt (TN name not given) went and returned
- 2 Nov Departed for ZUNGEN. Billeted in coconut grove
- 3 Nov Reached MARUMBA at 1300 hrs
- 4 Nov Arrived ZUNGEN. Headed for WULWUT
- 6 Nov About 0500 hrs we ~~were~~ sustained an attack by enemy ~~planes~~ planes and naval shelling but there was no damage on our side.
- 8 Nov Received ration for SAWABARI sec in the afternoon
- 10 Nov Received ration for sec.
- 12 Nov Fatigue duty on rations for coy
- 13 Nov Of late, it seems that friendly airplanes are patrolling
- 17 Nov Dug air raid shelters. In the afternoon, went to gather vegetables at NUGINIKLUB gardens.
- 18 Nov Fatigue duty for JAMMER rations. Departed at 1000 hrs, stayed at MARUMBA
- 19 Nov Returned to unit
- 24 Nov Sup Pte IKEDA went to MARUMBA to make a selfsufficiency garden
- 3 Dec Bn CO and other officers came to fish but did not catch any.
- 7 Dec Squad leader SUGIMOTO was hospitalised today.
- 9 Dec Pl leader came to fish
- 10 Dec Coy Co and Pl leader and M O came to fish
- 15 Dec Victory at LEYTE island where enemy transport ships and warships were sunk.
- 16 Dec Assisted self sufficiency squad in the morning. Tonight two large MLCs are to come.
- 20 Dec Went to HQ squad of the coy to make report.
- 27 Dec I went on fatigue duty on the barge all day
- 29 Dec 2/Lt HASHIMOTO was killed during the manoeuvre
- 30 Dec Three enemy airplanes made a heavy attack but there was no damage. It is laughable to think that they scatter surrender leaflets.
- 3 Jan 45 All personnel of the coy did farming in the morning
- 4 Jan Last night two large MLCs entered
- 9 Jan Dug air raid shelters and trenches. About 1000 hrs an air raid of 5 men of 4 Coy were wounded
- 11 Jan Heard that the Australians landed about 5th of this month
- 13 Jan Together with HIGASHIGUCHI we went on fatigue duty, transporting JAMMER rations. Owing to rain we stopped at YOSHIDA Sec
- 14 Jan Departed from YOSHIDA sec. Stayed at MARUMBA.
- 15 Jan Returned
- 17 Jan Dug air raid shelters all day
- 27 Jan KOBAYASHI TERUO died of illness
- 28 Jan HARADA KAZUICHI died of illness
- 3 Feb 45 Large MLC entered
- 5 Feb Completed digging air raid trenches. Recently, it seems, that the ground forces are engaged in battle in the TORIU area.
- 9 Feb Transportation of rations and equipment. Duty at MAVELO River ford sentry gp.
- 11 Feb Barge duty
- 12 Feb Large MLC entered
- 13 Feb TOBA and I went to rest at WULWUT. About 1300 hrs, TOBA was wounded at the fording point by sweeping fire of a machine gun. He was immediately hospitalised.
- 15 Feb Although KALAI area was bombed there was no damage
- 16 Feb Two large MLCs entered

HANDWRITTEN LETTER , undated.

To 2/Lt TAKAMOTO

Desperate fighting must indeed be a hardship.

2/Lt TAKAMOTO will combine and command the former ENDO pl nd, with SUGI MT as the origin, conduct active manoeuvring attack against the advancing enemy,

The attached MG (TW: or MGs) will be returned to the original command immediately,

As a change, 2 (TW: Grenade dischargers) will be attached to your unit (Personnel 1 man). He will ~~depart~~ depart after breakfast today.

Since there is an order from the detachment that this unit will guard SUGI MT position to the last man, and carry out manoeuvrable operation to the utmost with this same area as base. I pray that you will fight well,

2/Lt ABE

DOCUMENT CAPTURED MOOSE HILL ON 13 MAR #5.

Letter dated 16 FEB (TN Presumably 1945)

To: TSUNEMOCHI Force CO

From: Staff Officer OIWA

EXTRACTS:

The detachment CO was wounded, but he gives commands from his bedside.

I deeply think that the AUSTRALIAN soldiers are fools.

It seems that the strength (TN Enemy) is one battalion to the NORTH of KALAI and one regiment in the rear.

As in the intelligence report, 1 Commando unit is vigorously obtaining battle results. However, since yesterday, the 14th, one battalion of the enemy attacked, and fierce battle is going on.

The equipment of the AUSTRALIAN soldiers is bad, and, at times of surprise attacks, they flee without firing a shot. The soldiers are confident and pleasantly awaiting the arrival of the enemy.

P.S. Recently, 2 LMGs and 1 original mortar have been added. At present, I'm the leader of the gun unit (TN presumable mortar unit) with 5 guns.

The NCO patrol was defeated, and, at present, the situation of KASHI Pl, MP Unit, and SUZUKI Section is not clear.

(Document captured LAMSHED 24 MAR 45)

Letter dated 16 FEB (TN Presumable 45)

To: HIRATANI Unit CO.

From: 2/Lt OIWA

EXTRACTS:

The 1 Commando Unit (attached SUZUKI MG Section) surprised the enemy three times and obtained considerable success. However, enemy patrols are advancing vigorously in the area west of the MEVELO.

Yesterday, the 15th, there was an attack against the KALAI Force by one battalion of the enemy, and fighting is still going on. Up until now, either enemy mountain or field artillery are shelling ZUNGEN area from KALAI Ptn.

However, as expected, there are AUSTRALIAN troops only, and there are many slip ups where equipment, combat tactics, and other things in general are concerned. Compared with battle examples in MUNDA and GUADALCANAL, there are many differences.

(Document captured LAMSHED 24 MAR 45)

Item 1. Mimeographed form, blank except for unit identification. Dated 1944, month and date not stated. Owner not stated. Extract: 4 Coy 229 Inf Regt 38 Div Comd 1/Lt TAKAI Fujio

Item 2. Mimeographed allotment form belonging to Cpl OURA, Honei, dated 2 Jul 43
Extract 102 ~~XXX~~ Regt (MOTO 2803 Force)
(TN allotment begins - Oct 43)

- Item 3. (a) Handwritten postcard belonging to OURA, Honei dated 21 Jun 43. Extract MITO Eastern 37 force ISAKA unit
- (b) Handwritten postcard belonging to OURA, Honei dated 5 Oct 43 Extract - South Seas Expeditionary Force, KAMISAKI Unit MOTO 2803
- (c) Envelope addressed to OURA, Honei, of South Seas Expeditionary, NUMA 8925 Force, KAMISAKI Unit dated 1 Feb (T N Presumably 45)

Item 4. Handwritten diary belonging to OURA, Honei, Dated from 1 Jan 45 to 18 Feb 45

Extracts:

- 1 Jan 45 Held ceremony of congratulations at ZUNGEN HILL
- 2 Jan 45 Every one is in the New Years spirit for they had sweets, tobacco, rice cakes, meat lumps, rice wine etc.
- 3 Jan Went towards the coast to build the new self-sufficiency gardens.
- 5 Jan There was a bombing attack by a single consolidated
- 6 Jan This morning, too, a single airplane flew over low over the sea. The barracks are practically completed.
- 9 Jan While working in the garden I got wounded
Sgt Maj ONISHI and Sgt IIDA also wounded
- 13 Jan During the mornign roll call there was an instruction from His Highness the Div Commander. There was also battle instructions by the GO Force Comd. (TN presumably 8 Area Army)
- 25 Jan Probably owing to the war situation not being good vigor is not apparent among the men
- 17 Jan At Bn 1/Lt HASHIMOTO and 4 men have been already killed in action
- 18 Jan In the mountains, where we are at present, there are DA TORI (TN presumably type of bird) mountain pigs, GANGARU (TN presumably kangaroo) chameleons, mountain pigeons, parrots, long-armed monkeys, water buffaloes, etc.
- 25 Jan 45 All personnel on self sufficiency duty.
- 26 Jan At present, generally, provisions are insufficient Since there is no hope of supplies coming in the future, all companies are conscientiously carrying out self sufficiency duties.
- 28 Jan At 0630 hrs tommorrow mornin, a Sgt Maj and two others will assemble in front of the tank (TN or tanks. Military tanks are indicated)
- 29 Jan From 1330 hrs to 1430 hrs enemy plane(s) came over. only recce and strafing
- 1 Feb 45 Unit Comd and 16 men. Self sufficiency squad 5 men
- 4 Feb Sgt IIDA died at the hospital
- 5 Feb ODA officer patrol leaves to gather materials
- 6 Feb It is said that this morning at 0400 hrs an enemy PT boat has anchored at KOCHINRARE Pt (or cape)
- 7 Feb 45 Enemy advances to SHIRENU
- 8 Feb 45 Transported arms
- 9 Feb Construction of trenches for rations
Construction of new positions

- 13 Feb 45 Last night MLCs entered port
 - 14 Feb Movement preparations completed. Transported coastal rations to rear positions
 - 16 Feb First hand the documents to Capt MIZUTANI
 - 17 Feb It is quite in order as a responsibility of 1/Lt KASHI (TN meaning obscure) so complete liaison with Capt MIXUTANI concerning receipt of order to return
 - 18 Feb The mission of the patrol was completed safely by crossing the WULWUT river at 1200 hrs.
- (TN undated probably 18 Feb)
- Matter of returning to HQ the Operation Instructions, part 11 (matter of handling and returning of 2/Lt ODA's part 1 MARUMBA liaison) Handing over of documents addressed to Bn CO, Coy CO.
 1/Lt KASHI
 FUKAO

Notes on back:

Promoted to sgt	24 Jul 44
HQ	3 rifles 1
KODAMA unit	12 rifles 4
KAMIMIYADERA	8 Lg 1 rifle 2
MG	7 rifles
Lg	30 men

SARE bridge area
 Ahead of MEVELO sand area
 Do not pass after dark
 Return by concealed road
 If reached by 2300 hrs, return by coastal road
 If reached after 2300 hrs, all personnel will return by concealed road
 Carry tomorrow morning's breakfast
 If the enemy appears and you cannot go further assemble in the barracks of KANEHANA force and maintain liaison with KALAI
 Cpl IGAL will make recce of the concealed road.
 Entire personnel will carry 2 hand grenades. Men (TN characters illegible) of this order.
 Bring back 1 HYO (TN 2 bushels) of sugar from MEBURU on the return trip

Item 5. Mimeographed key to group photograph.
 Full translation:
 Inscribed: In the shade of the palm trees on NEW BRITAIN Is FURUMIZUURA
 03 9 28 (TN presumably 28 Sep 43)
 (TN in pencil at top - OURA)

SEKIMURA	IKEDA	NAKAZAWA	OUCHI	KAMIBAYASHI	ASANO		
	MIYAMOTO	WATANABE					
HIGURASHI	ONISHI	TACHIKAWA	NEMOTO	OURA	IIDA	KAMIGA	
	NAKAZAWA	HASEGAWA	NEMOTO				
YOSHIDA	KAWARAFUKU	OBA	ABE	KOTERA	OR	ONODERA	TAKEMOTO
	KAJITANI	TAKABA	KIMOTO	IRIE			
ODA	TAKAMOTO	TSURUTA	TANAKA	ISHIZUKA	TAKEUCHI	KAMISAKA	
	HASEGAWA	MORITA					

Item 6. Paybook belonging to 2nd class pte SUSUKI Michie
 Dated 1 Apr 43
 Extracts: Eastern 37 force NAGAOKA Unit
 (TN identification) Intendance 1/Lt ISHIZUKA

Item 7 Handwritten notebook belonging to SUSUKI Michei
 Extract: MITO Eastern 37 Force, NAGAOKA Unit
 Company No 297

Item 8 Postal savings book belonging to SUSUKI Michei
 Extract: MOTO 2803 force
 Last date entered 24 Nov 43

Item 9 Copy of inscription on tree in main Jap defences at
KAMANDRAN
18 Feb 45
Full translation: 19 Jan 45
KALAI Garrison Unit
KASHI Pl passing through

Item 10 Handwritten letter undated, unit not stated.
Full translation:
From 1/Lt KAMIMIYADERA
To 1/Lt KASHI
Sgt FUKAO

I am full of thanks to each and every one of you for the hard struggle... ..By the commencement of the Guerilla warfare, the(N Roughly written characters meaning probably "having a free hand") enemy finally realises the greatness of the battle.

Today, two Army staff officers and also one of the former staff arrived at this detachment. They strongly emphasised the greatness of our mission.

Postscript: A letter was sent by his Highness, the Area Army commander to the effect that the great struggle by each of you will be made known to the native land by saying each is fighting hard with his jumble loyalty. Please let this be known to each soldier.

We, Too, will utilise this position to the last, and are burning with the determination to kill even one more than many.

This letter badly written but I pray for a determined battle.

Item 11 Labels taken from blankets in KAMANDRAN area 23 Feb 45

Extracts (Unit Identifications)
KODAMA Unit 1 Pl 1 Sec
KODAMA Unit 3 Pl 3 Sec
NUMA 8924 kozaki Unit
Go 1922
ONUKE Unit (also reas OTSURA)
KAMIMIYADERA Unit
4 MG Coy
Probational Offr MORI, FUJIKI
SAWADA Unit

Item 12 Documents found at barge hideout MEVELO RIVER
(607514 ref map MEVEL 1" to 1 mile) on 21 Feb 45

Special rules of OYAMA Sentry Group

1. This sentry group is called OYAMA Sentry Group
2. Main duty is observation for surface vessels and airplanes. Also security against enemy planes near OYAMA
3. The chief direction of observation will be the mountains in the direction of MILIM and also the bay, coconut ~~xxx~~ forest, TOGO ZAN (TN presumably MT TOGO) coastline, and in the direction of =UNGEN
4. Although all reports are to depend on sound every time, decisions and reports are to be made in writing. Anything requiring speed is to be ~~made~~ made by rapid firing.
5. Enemy spying elements should be captured. If unavoidable, shoot them
6. When the enemy (Native army) advances, hold OYAMA firmly
7. When the enemy makes a frontal advance, separate orders will be issued
8. When confirmation is received of an enemy attack, the sentry group leader will signal by firing one shot, and will maintain liaison with the Det HQ

Item 13 Single sheet containing two sketch maps taken from
Japanese killed at NUGINIKLUB 18 Feb 45

TRANSLATION OF CAPTURED ENEMY DOCUMENTS

Battle casualty form captured BACON HILL 19 Mar 45

Ki (TN may mean MG or strafed)	6
Auto pistol	8
Auto Rifle	9
MG	1
Grenade	16
Mortar	7
Arty	23
Unknown	<u>9</u>
TOTAL	<u>79</u>

Captured 633523 WAITAVALO 1:25000

DIARY EXTRACTS FROM NOTEBOOK DATED FROM 1 JAN45 - 10 Mar 45

Owner and unit not stated

- 16 Feb 45 Since two large MLCs are expected to arrive tonight, a platoon of the unit and a section from 4 Coy will be placed under one command. They will take posns in OIWA area and be assigned to fire against PT boats to protect the barges. Two staff officers from the Area army will arrive by tonight's large MLC.
- 17 Feb 45 Although two mortars (HAKUGEKIHO) have been added newly to the coy and one original mortar has been sent to the detachment, no amn has arrived. From 1200 hrs, Staff Offrs observed enemy situation from the observation group and TSUKI MT hill. At 1800 hrs, large MLC (Or MLCs) left. As soon as it went into WIDE BAY, from MILIM-KALAI heavy arty shelling against WULWUT-MEVELO River delta. Corresponding to this two enemy PT boats smothered the jetty area with gunfire and also fired pertinaciously on our large MLC. We suffered no damage.
- 18 Feb 45 From today it seems that 4-7 mortars (HAKUGEKIHO) were added. Firing was in the direction of WULWUT -MEVELO
- 22 Feb 45 Concerning the battle results of the 20th, I went under the comd of 1/Lt KASHI CO of KALAI Garrison Unit. Upon discovery enemy vehicle force, ambush fire made. One armoured car was hit and 15 white men killed. At this time, a Corporal received a wound on the right arm. According to a report from MIEUTAEI UNIT, it seems that the enemy has many tanks and armoured cars, the strength seemingly one Bn.
- (Date 1 Mar) MIZUTANI Unit received a new mission and departed in the direction of KALAI early this morning. KASHI Pl returned temporarily to the detachment due to lack of food.
- 23 Feb 45 According to the report at 0730 hrs from ZUNGEN PT infiltrating patrol sent by 4 Coy, yesterday the 22nd, at 2100 hrs it seemed that approx 300 enemy landed in the vicinity of ZUNGEN PT-AKAYASE (Lt red roof) area under the protection of PT boat fire. Upon this report the detachment promptly completed combat preparations. With the 4 Coy the right first line KANI KAZE Force, the left first line (One MG sect on attached) at 0930 hrs the attack began. The enemy seemed to retreat under the protection of the PT boat. Although with pertinacious gunfire they wanted to overwhelm us, the attacking Force without withering, penetrated step by step to meet the enemy at close quarters. However, there was no sign of the enemy, and part of the strength reconnoitred in the MAARBUN-BULUS area.

- 2 Mar 45 2200 hrs Although fire in the front of our WULWUT RIVER positions came, we suffered no damage.
- 4 Mar 45 Construct flank protection positions against the rear, but, due to lack of personnel, construction does not progress. 1330 hrs. Intelligence advise of the enemy patrol advancing into BOTAN first arrives. We promptly take our positions. At first there were sounds of grenade dischargers automatic rifle and LMG but afterwards nothing unusual was recognised. An NCO patrol from 4 Coy was sent to BOTAN Flat but no sign of enemy.
Tonight at 2300 hrs large MLC is expected to arrive at BULUS, but under arty barrage unloading duties will be very difficult.
- 5 Mar 45 Approx 100 of the enemy are successively advancing in the MEVELO left flank sector. The detachment will immediately surprise and annihilate the said enemy by having all personnel of the raiding pl attacking the left rear flank of the enemy crossing the UPPER MEVELO. Main strength of the mortars will occupy posns in SUGI MT and chiefly attack the enemy of the ford point area. KATSU MT and KURI MT pl of KODAMA Unit (Incl the attached MG Sec) will cooperate with the attack of the raiding pl from left bank of WULWUT
- 6 Mar 45 Since yesterday, enemy movements have become active and part of the enemy endeavoured to cross the WULWUT and plan to advance in the line of KATSU MT-KURI MT. Against this, TAKAMOTO Pl guarding KATSU MT made ~~fire~~ fierce attack against the enemy. However, the enemy increased its strength, skillfully used signal facilities, obtained co-operation from the arty posns. From KALAI Fd Arty posns and mortar posns between WULWUT and MEVELO, with heavy concentrated fire, the enemy endeavoured to force us. Since the situation was disadvantageous KATSU MT Garrison Unit temporarily moved its posn to SUGI MT. 1530 hrs, with the aid of the raiding pl (KASHI pl) attack was made on the said enemy.
- 10 Mar 45 Today is Army Day. From early morning enemy arty shelling is heavy. It seems that the enemy on SUGI MT are successfully advancing

"SU" OP ORDER NO C - 9

"SU" Garrison Unit Order 3 Sep

1. In accordance with NUMA OP ORD No C-12 I will co-operate with KANEHAMA Force and conduct diversionary battle preparation between ZUNGEN and LEMINGI
2. For the purpose of topography recce of this mission, a Sgt-Maj and 6 men will depart for MARONBA tomorrow the 6th with the plan of stopping overnight
3. For the purpose of topography, recce between MARONBA - LEMINGI and liaison with KANEHAMA Force Technical Prob Offr ENDO and 6 men will depart for LEMINGI tomorrow 6th.
4. I will be at TSUKI MT

SU garrison Unit CO

1/Lt KODAMA

Unit identifications: NUMA 8925 Force
NASE Force
KODAMA UNIT 3 Pl 3 Secs

* Diary captured 18 Feb reads:

17 Jan 45: 1st Bn 1/Lt HASHIMOTO and 4 men have already been killed in action.

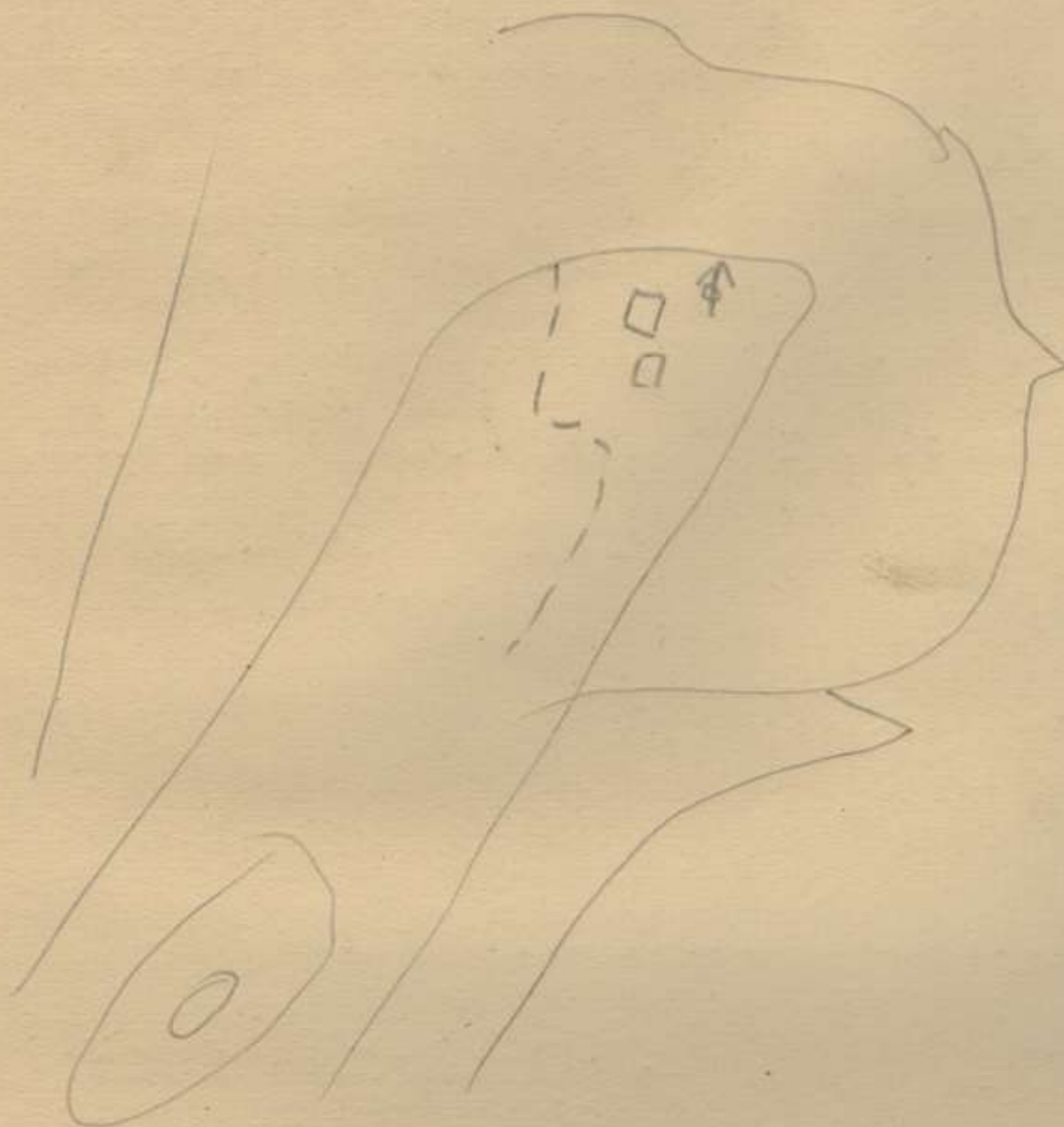
DIARY (Part translation)

25 Nov 43: Enters temporarily 229 Bn 2 Coy, 1 Pl 1 Sec
2 Dec 43 Left KOKOPO, headed towards ZUNGEN
3 Dec 43 Arrive ZUNGEN
28 Apr 44 Departed as YANMA Garrison unit.
29 Apr 44 Arrived YANMA
1 Nov 44 ZUNGEN - WULWUT Sentry Group


To: KURODA Sentry Group Leader

From: 2/Lt TAKAMOTO

1. Where did the arty fire just now?
Is there anything new?



TN sketch on sheet

TN  = MG

2. During the shelling, it is permissible to seek shelter in the caves, but ~~is is~~ possible to stand guard after the shelling ceases? If it is possible to stand guard, immediately make the dispositions
3. Endeavour to send a liaison soldier from your side. There are few personnel in the TOYAMA sentry group
4. During the night, make security especially strict.
5. During the shelling just now, what about the movement of the PT boat proceeding from ZUNGEN PT in the direction of KALAI

~~Ex~~ (TN the following presumably answers)

1. After registering, we received concentrated fire but there are no changes in personnel or other things
2. Remained at LMG positions. Others sought shelter. No change in sentry
3. When PT boat arrived MORIKIMI was sent to report but he returned saying the mountain got cloudy
4. It went toward the coconut groves in the distance and then disappeared.

Captured CAKE HILL morning 8 Mar 45

Undated

To: Lt TAKAMOTO

From: L.M Unit CO (Presumably LMG)

What is the situation?

I received your letter.

Concerning the results of the firing today of this place, details were sent to KURI MT area observation point.

As it is known, there is a lack of gunners, however, it is possible to remain here. There is no great worry. I, as a whole, had control over today's firing.

On the point of characteristics of guns, there was some irregular fire. This point lies in the hindrance from enemy fire and impossible resistance poser(?) I am sorry.

After 30-40 min we will fire again for the second time.

We pray for a brave battle.

P.S. (Not translated)

Captured CAKE HILL morning 8 Mar 45

5-6 Mar COASTAL SENTRY GROUP REPORT

SENTRY GROUP LEADER Ldg Pte MISHIMA Missuo

<u>Time</u>	<u>Matter</u>	<u>Comment</u>
1600	Shelling from CAPE TURNER - TSUKI MT and KIRI MT	50 rounds
1625	From direction of 2400 TORIU one plane passed in the direction of ZUNGEN PT	Type of plane not clear
1700	Shelling from from CAPE TURNER	From 1700-2300 hrs shelling every 10-20 mins. TSUKI MT, KIRI MT, BOTANMARU approx 500 rounds
400	Shelling from CAPE TURNER. Small mound in direction of ZUNGEN HILL	Approx 30 rounds
430	On the sea in the direction fo ZUNGEN HILL, one large type PT boat sailing toward BROWN IS	505 enters BROWN IS
500	Shelling from CAPE TURNER. Hinterland of ZUNGEN HILL	Until 600 approx 80 rounds
540	2 barges go toward MILIM from BROWN IS	

"SU" OP ORDER NO. 26 UNDATED

1. Approx 100 of the enemy are successfully infiltrating into the MEVELO RIVER left bank sector
2. I will quickly make a surprise attack and annihilate the same enemy.
3. The barge operating platoon with its full strength will ford the upper part of the WULWUT RIVER. and fire on the enemy from the left rear flank
4. The main strength of the mortar platoon will occupy positions on SUGI MT and fire chiefly in the ford point area.
5. KODAMA unit will have the KATSU MT and KURI MT pl (including one MG sec of the attached) cooperate with the firing by the barge operating platoon from the left hand of the WULWUT.
6. I will be at Detachment HQ.

Detachment CO Maj NASE

(Captured CAKE HILL morning 8 Mar 45)

UNDATED

I received your liaison message. Recce in force of WULWUT must really be a hardship.

In accordance with your third report, since an enemy patrol of approx 30-40 men have infiltrated into MEVELO, WULWUT central island sector, even at the detachment, the gravity is realised and even 4 Coy seems to have sent out an NCO patrol.

The patrol of Sgt SETSUDA and three men made a recce up to WULWUT KIPPON bridge vicinity. Furthermore, it seems that infiltration into central island has not been made even for one night. Have Ldg Pte KIMURA of the MEVELO responsibility patrol, infiltrate into and observe the central island and, at the same time have the section realise the absolute gravity of negligence of duty(?)

Ldg Pte KIMURA's duty will be without regard to whether it is night or day.

(End of sheet)

Captured CAKE HILL 8 Mar 45

COASTAL SENTRY GROUP REPORT

SENTRY GROUP LEADER Ldg Pte MISHIMA Mitsuo

Time	Matter	Comment
6.20	Shelling from CAPE TURNER mound belt	ZUNGEN small m 6.20 - 9.10 Even now continuing until now approx 500 rounds
6.50	4 barges left BROWN IS towards MILIM	
8.00	In the direction of KATSU MT and WULWUT ford point, sounds like MG and grenade discharge fire heard.	Approx 40 mins
9.00	Two barges enter MEVELO RIVER	
9.10	In the direction of KATSU MT explosions like that from granade dischargers and mortars heard.	Still continuing
8.50	Sound of plane heard from direction of TORIU Pass in direction of ZUNGEN	

(Captured CAKE HILL morning 8 Mar 45)

KODAMA UNIT

(partially translated)

TAKAMOTO Jnr

1. Method of turning combat into hand to hand combat under superior enemy arty fire:

SOLUTION: In order to turn combat into hand to hand combat, amn, rations and weapons must be secured to support hand to hand fighting power until the advancement.

1. Attack

In attack in forests, annihilation will be made by avoiding damage from enemy arty fire, approaching the enemy positions frontally, and penetrating suddenly with cold steel.

2. Defence

Concerning defences in forests, in order to turn combat into close quarter combat, the enemy will be enticed to the front of our positions. Then from very close range ambush fire combined with the use of cold steel will be used to annihilate the enemy

(Captured ~~XXXX~~ WAITAVALO 62019 - Ref Map
WAITAVALO 1:25000 8 Mar 45)

UNDATED

To: Ldg Pte KIMURA

From: KODAMA UNIT HQ

You are bravely carrying out your duty under heavy arty barrage. This is indeed a hardship.

The special sentry group will, to its utmost, occupy the key area of the whard (jetty) or three forked road area and recce enemy situation.

Depending on the possibility of movement of each member of the sentry group, realizing that it is possible to completely annihilate the enemy intending to advance on the road, carry out the important mission of enemy situation observation by displaying fiery fighting spirit.

Handwritten letter undated.

To: 2/Lt TAKAMOTO

Desperate fighting must indeed be a hardship.

2/Lt TAKAMOTO will combine and command the former ENDO pl and, with SUGI MT as the origin, conduct active manoeuvring attack against the advancing enemy.

The attached MG (TN or MGs) will be returned to the original command immediately.

As a change, 2 (TN grenade dischargers) will be attached to your unit (personnel 1 man). He will depart after breakfast today.

Since there is an order from the detachment that this Unit will guard SUGI MT position to the last man, and carry out manoeuvrable operation to the utmost with this same area as base, I pray that you will fight well.

2/Lt ABE

(Captured MOOSE HILL)

13 Mar 45)

SU GARRISON

No 2 COY, 229 INF REGT

LOCN - VIC ZUNGEN HILL

Coy Comdr: 1/Lt KODAMA, Seizon
Command Squad
Sec Leader: Sgt SOMETANI, Genkichiro
Merit Award C'tee: Sgt MORIKI, Makoto
Ordnance Sgt: KINOUCHI Yujiro
Pay Sgt: KITAGAWA, Tomizo

Ldg Pte WATANABE, Makao
Sup Pte KIMURA Koichi
" " ISO, Makoto (LMG)
" " WATANABE Masami
" " JUJITA Koichiro
" " UCHIYAMA Mitsuo
" " UNO Seiichiro
1st class Pte NUMAZAKI Yasunosuke (Hospitalised)
" " " TANIMOTO Horoshi (LMG)
" " " NAKAMURA Kameo (LMG)
" " " SAKAI Hiroshi
" " " KITA Seeichi
Med Prob Offr MIKAMI Eiro
Pte OKA Tetsuo
" KAMIYAMA Kazuo

1 Pl

Pl ldr: 2/Lt ABE Kazuo
Assist Pl Ldr: Sgt NAKAZAWA, Katsumi

1 Sec

Sec Ldr: Cpl KAWAKITA, Sakuzo
Sup Pte KOSHITSO, Koichi
" " OHASHI Iwai (LMG)
1 cl Pte KOBAYASHI Yasuzo
" " INDA Matazo (LMG)
" " FURUKAWA Tamatsu
Sup Pte OGURA Mamoru (LMG)
1 cl Pte FUJIZAWA Tamotsu

2 Sec

Sec Ldr: Ldg Pte HAYASHI Sadao
Sup Pte KODA Mistuo (LMG)
1 cl Pte MAGAYAMA Akira (LMG)
" " SATO Heitaro
Sup Pte KANAI Eikichi
1 cl Pte TANAKA Akiyoshi
" " TAKAYABU Yukichi (LMG?)
" " HARADA Masahiro
" " FUKUTEI Saburo

3 Sec

Sec Ldr: Ldg Pte MIYAMOTO Kazumichi
1 cl Pte SUSIKI Shigeichi
" " IKEDA Masanobu (LMG)
Sup Pte YOSHIDA (LMG)
Pte FURITA (LMG)
" MAEDA
" MURAYASU Taro
" HARADA Kazuichi
" HISANORI

4 Sec

4 Sec

Sec Ldr: Cpl FURUTA Ineo
1 Cl Pte ORIHARA Taichi
Sup Pte WATASE Kiichi OKAZAWA Ichiro
1 Cl Pte WATANABE Setsuo (Grenade discharger)
" " SAKAI Torakichi " "
" " IKENOBU Sadeo " "
" " OKUMA Iwao " "
" " YAZAWA Katsuichi
" " HANACHI Tsrunenari
" " MURAKI Hajime

2 Pl

Pl Ldr: (Prob Offr) ONODERO Masasi
Assist Pl Ldr: Sgt ASANO Makoto

1 Sec:

Sec Ldr: Sgt YOSHIDA Shoshi
Sup Pte KANAKO Kiyoshi (LMG)
" " TAJIMA Ko
1st Cl Pte KURIZAKI Kiyoji (LMG)
" " KOZAWA Ichitaro
" " OYA Yoshitaro
" " KANO Eisaku
" " FUJITA Seinosuke
" " TAKEYOSHI Shigeru (Hospitalised)

2 Sec

Sec Ldr: Sup Pte NOMURA Shiro
" " IIMURA Katsuo (LMG)
1 Cl " KOMATSUZAWA, Takero
Sup Pte SUZUKI Soshiro (LMG)
1 Cl Pte MAYAMA Minetaka (LMG)
" " KAGEYAMA Ise (LMG)
" " MIO Etsuji
" " IMAI Takeichi

3 Sec

Sec Ldr: Cpl SAKAIRI Maseo
Sup Pte YAMAZAKI Tomojiro (LMG)
1 Cl " KOBAYASHI Teruo (LMG)
" " TOKUDA Masao
" " IFUKU Yasuo
" " SABASHI Kaneyoshi
" " SAWADA Seishige
" " ORIHARA Taichi

4 Sec

Sec Ldr: Cpl MYIA Ichiro
Sup Pte KOYAMA Yukio (Grenade discharger)
" " MATSUO Tatsuo " "
1 Cl Pte MIYAMOTO Yoshio " "
" " ITO Kitaka " "
" " NAKASHIMA Toshio
" " TANAKA Ryokumatsu
" " AOI Senichi
" " OWAKI Ginichi
" " NAKAMORI Hachi (Grenade discharger)

3 Pl

Pl Leader: 2/Lt TAKAMOTO Mitsuri
Assist Pl Ddr: Sgt ANDO Shogo

1 Sec
Sec Ldr:

Sgt SUGIMOTO Kaneschichi
Sup Pte KIMURA Masaji
" " IKEDA Zansaburo
1 Cl Pte YAMAMOTO Tatsuo
" " HIGASHIGUCHI Morihiro
" " SHIMABA Yoshio (LMG)
" " MORIKAMI Shigeo
" " FUNASAKA Toiku (LMG)
" " MIDIRIGAWA Takeo
" KAWABE Hisakichi

2 Sec
Sec Ldr:

Cpl TOYAMA Maseo
Sup Pte KAMOKAWA Tadawata
" " ONORI Denichi (LMG)
1 Cl Pte AYABE Takeo (LMG)
" " NAGAO Minichi
" " SAKAMOTO Takeichi (LMG)
" " ISACHI Miyao
" " KAWAHASHI Kojio

3 Sec

Sec Ldr: L Ldg Pte KAMIBAYASHI Sunao
Sup Pte KURODA Masao
" " SHIMAZAKI Tamotsu (LMG)
1 Cl Pte KOFUDA Shusuke (LMG)
" " USHIRODA Masazo (LMG)
" " YAO Kotaro (LMG)
" " OZAKI Masao
Sup Pte HATANAKA Tsubara

4 Sec
Sec Ldr:

Sgt TSUCHIYA Yoshio
1 Cl Pte NAKAMURA Masazo (Grenade discharger)
Sup Pte TOMIBARI Matsujiro " "
1 Cl Pte KAWAKAMI Senjiro " "
" " MORISHIMA Kentaro " "
" " OHASHI Noboru " "
" " HORI Masao " "
" " TANIWAKI Minoru " "
" " KATAOKA Ryokuo " "
" " NOSAKA Eiichi " "

Machine Gun Pl

Pl Leader Prob Offr ENDO Koji
Assist Pl Ldr Sgt TOKIDA Seiichi

1 Sec

Sec Ldr: Ldg Pte SUDO Takeo
" " TOTSUKA Yoshinosuke (HMG)
" " OKUMURA Toshio }
" " YATABE Ginzo } HMG creww
" " YASUDA Yoshitatsu }
" " OZEKI Isao }

2 Sec

Sec Ldr: Ldg Pte KIMATA Katsumi
Sup Pte KIMURA Shisuke (HMG)
1 Cl Pte YUKIKATA Kamejiro }
" " KAKEHI Souemon } HMG crew
" " INABA Makoto }
" " YAMADA Kaichi }

3 Sec

Sec Ldr: Ldg Pte NEMOTO Tadatoshi
Sup Pte MISHIMA Mitsuo (HMG)
1 Cl Pte SUMIMI Katsumi
" " TSUJI Masao (TN also HMG Crew)
" " SUZUKI Tadashi (HMG)
" " ITO Toshihiro (TN also HMG crew)

Code squad (TN reading doubtful)

Squad leader: Ldg Pte NIWA Koichi
Sup Pte FUKUDA Chyomatsu
1 Cl Pte YASUE Masashichi
Sup Pte ITO Binji
1 Cl Pte NAGAO Sen

Attached Wireless Squad

Leader (TN sec ldr) Sgt ISUMIDA Nobunao
Cpl NIIMOTO Nobayoshi
Sup Pte TANAKA Subeo
" " AKIMOTO Chuichi
Ldg Pte NISHIYAMA Akira
1 Cl Pte MITAMURA Kanya
" " YAMAZAKI Tokuji
" " YOSHIMOTO Masao
" " MATSU Keiji

Leader (TN sec ldr) Sgt YAMAUCHI Yoshito
Ldg Pte NAKASHIMA Sojiro
Sup Pte YAMASHITA Yoshitake
" " SAKURADA Shigeru
" " YAMADA Morimasa
" " NAKAMURA Yoshimasa
1 Cl Pte ITO Yasuyoshi
" " SAITO Mamoru
" " CHIGAMI Ichijiro
" " FUNATSU Toshiharu

FIRE POWER 2 COY (SU GARRISON) 1 B 229 REGT

Command Squad - Weapons 3 LMG 19 Men

1st Platoon

1st Squad	- 3 LMG	10 men	
2nd "	3 LMG	9 men	
3rd "	2 "	9 "	
4th %	4 grenade dischargers or Grenade rifles		11 men

2nd Platoon

1st Squad	3 LMG	11 men	
2nd "	4 "	8 men	
3rd "	2 "	7 "	
4th "	4 grenade dischargers or grenade rifles		10 men

3rd Platoon

1st Squad	2 LMG	12 Men	
2nd "	3 "	8 "	
3rd "	4 "	8 "	
4th "	8 grenade dischargers or grenade rifles		10 men

Machine Gun Platoon

1st Squad	1 MG	8 men
2nd "	1 MG	6 "
3rd "	1 Mg	6 "

Presumably Code Section (Characters difficult to make out) 5 men

Wireless Section (Squad) 20 men

Note: Other than these units 20 men of wireless squad remains

Total Strength

1	1/Lt
3	2/Lt
1	Probational Officer
1	(Guard) Probational Officer
2	Sgt Majs
9	Sgts
6	Cpls
7	Leading Privates (Lance Corporal)
34	Superior Privates
92	First Class Privates
1	(Guard) Leading Private
1	(Guard) Superior Private
<u>158</u>	men

ORGANIZATION CHART

JINJUJI UNIT (TN 4 COY)

CO 1/Lt JINGUJI

HQ Squad WO TAKEMOTO Shizu
2 Sgt Majs
2 Sgts
1 Cpl
10 men

1 Pl

CO 1/Lt KAKO Fukao
1 Sec 1 Sgt and 6 men
2 Sec 1 " " 5 men
3 Sec 1 Cpl and 5 men
4 Sec 1 Cpl and 5 men

2 Pl

CO 2/Lt NAGATANIGAWA Ryobishi
1 Sec 1 Sgt and 6 men
2 Sec 1 Sgt and 5 men
3 Sec 1 Cpl and 5 men
4 Sec 1 Cpl and 5 men

3 Pl

CO 2/Lt TSURUTA Akira
1 Sec 1 Sgt and 6 men
2 Sec 1 Sgt and 5 men
3 Sec 1 Ldg Pte and 4 men
4 Sec 1 Ldg Pte and 5 men

MG Pl


CO 2/Lt ODA Masuaki
1 Sec 1 Sgt and 8 men
2 Sec 1 Sgt and 8 men

TOTAL Offrs 5
WO 1
OR 105

HQ 6 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)
25 MAR 45.

Subject: JAP MAP "A"

14/32 Aust Inf Bn
19 Aust Inf Bn
16 Aust Inf Bn
B Coy NGIB

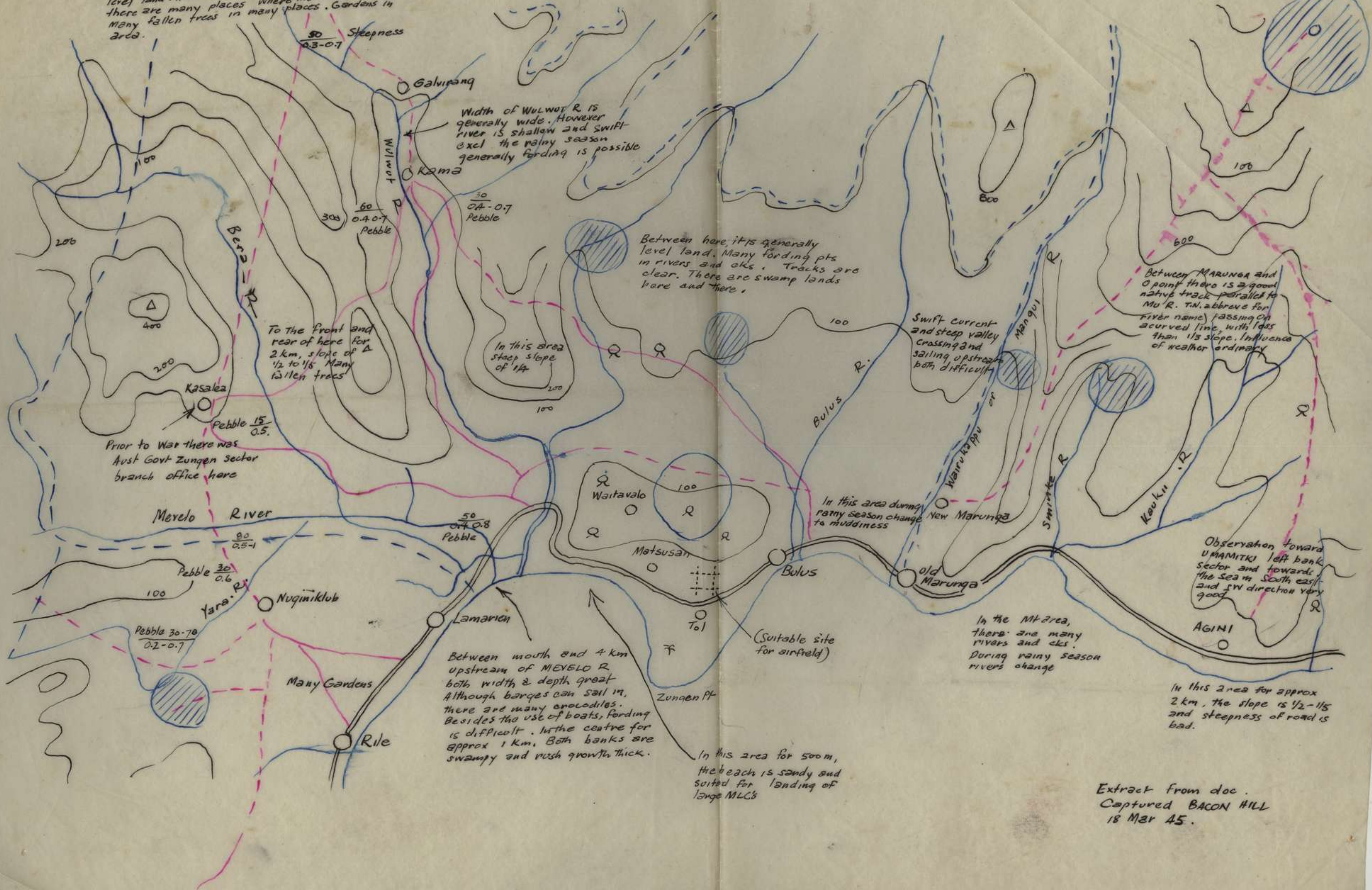
1. The above map, a trace of which is att, shows blue shaded areas -  -, the meaning of which is not indicated.
2. A possible explanation may be that these are the areas to which the enemy intended to retire in order to conduct guerilla warfare if his def of WAITAVALO feature failed.
3. The att trace is forwarded for your infm.

M. Shanahan

SM 6 Aust Inf Bde.
Maj.

JAP MAP 'A'

Between Kama and Galvirang, it is generally level land. However, during rainy season there are many places where the rivers change. There are many fallen trees in many places. Gardens in many areas.



50 Steepness
0.3-0.7

Width of Wulwot R is generally wide. However river is shallow and swift - excl the rainy season generally fording is possible

30
0.4-0.7
Pebble

Between here, it is generally level land. Many fording pts in rivers and cks. Tracks are clear. There are swamp lands here and there.

To the front and rear of here for 2 km, slope of Δ $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{1}{5}$. Many fallen trees

In this area steep slope of $\frac{1}{4}$

Swift current and steep valley crossing and sailing upstream both difficult

Between MARUNGA and O point there is a good native track parallel to Mu R. T.N. abbrev for river name passing on a curved line, with less than $\frac{1}{3}$ slope. Influence of weather ordinary

Prior to War there was Aust Govt Zungen sector branch office here

Merelo River

80
0.5-1

Pebble $\frac{30}{0.6}$

Yara R

Pebble 30-70
0.2-0.7

Many Gardens

Between mouth and 4 km upstream of MEVELO R both width & depth great. Although barges can sail in, there are many crocodiles. Besides the use of boats, fording is difficult. In the centre for approx 1 km. Both banks are swampy and rush growth thick.

In this area during rainy season change to muddiness

(Suitable site for airfield)

In the Mt area, there are many rivers and cks. During rainy season rivers change

Observation toward UMAMITKI left bank sector and towards the sea in South east and SW direction very good

In this area for approx 2 km, the slope is $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{5}$ and steepness of road is bad.

In this area for 500 m, the beach is sandy and suited for landing of large MLC's

Extract from doc.
Captured BACON HILL
18 Mar 45.

KODAMA UNIT MG PL
DISPOSITION SKETCH



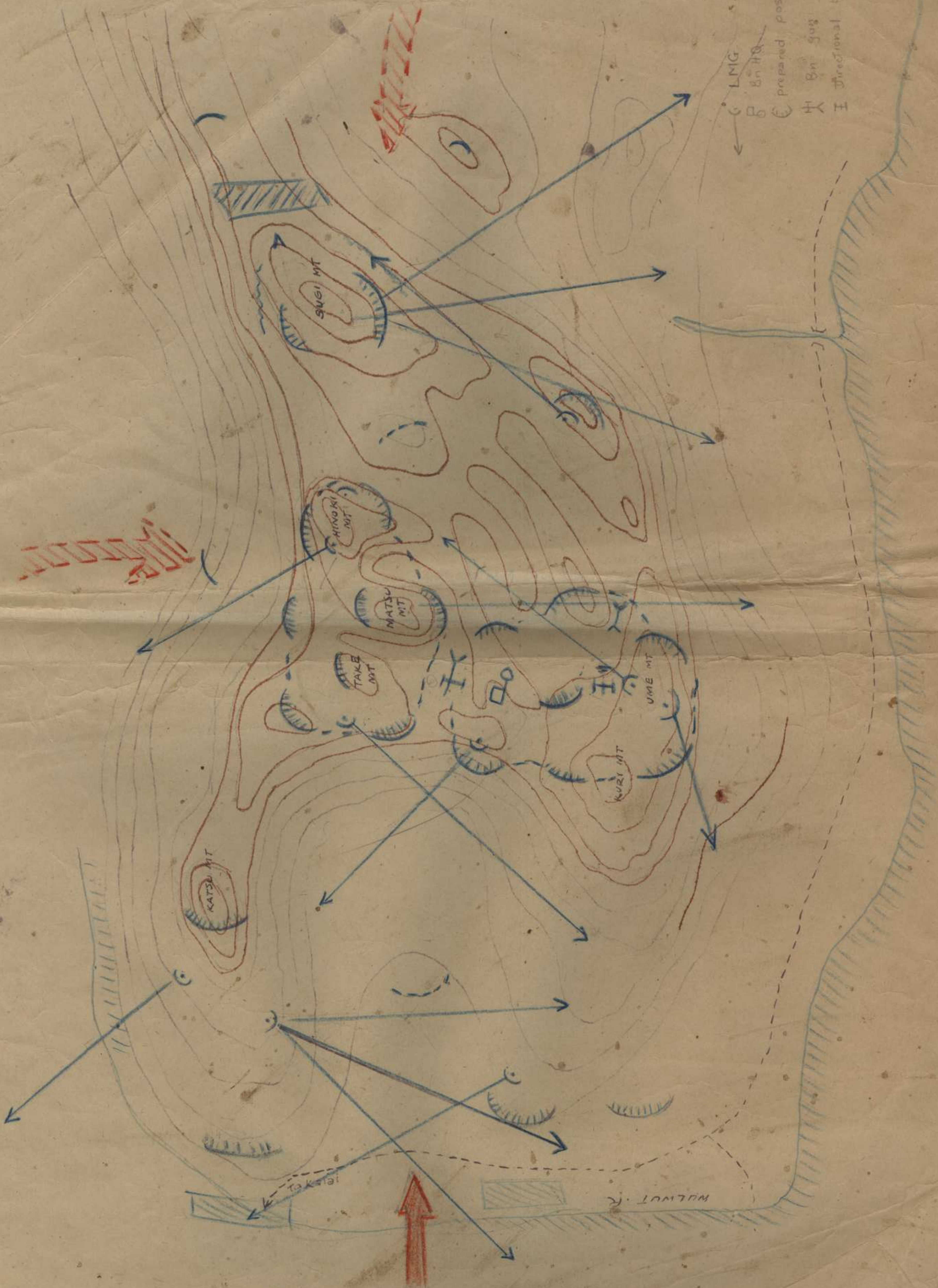
SU GARRISON UNIT
DISPOSITION OF POSNS SKETCH



←→ MG
 ○●○ Sentry Cp
 ||||| Prepared posns
 □ PI HQ

Captured 8 Mar 45
 Vicinity CALE HILL

SU DEI DISPOSITION SKETCH



Captured 8 Mar 45
VIETNAM
CHICKEN HILL

Appendix "A"
to 5 Aust Div Intelligence
Review No 6

JAPANESE IMPROVISED 105mm ARTY MORTAR

The mortar (or projector) weighs 114 lbs, made up as follows :-

Base	64½ lbs
Spigot	39½ lbs
Ground Peg	10 lbs

The projectile weighs 38½ lbs and is composed of a 105mm arty shell, to the base of which is rivetted the brass cartridge case. The cartridge case is emptied of its charge, the base cut off and 4 brass fins attached. The cartridge case is loosely fitted over the spigot until the base of the shell rests on the forward end of the spigot.

The spigot is composed of a 4" external diameter tube 17" long, welded to a 4"x4" angle, which is secured at an angle of 45 degrees to the base by means of two bolts and wing nuts. The tube is sealed by a metal disc welded 3½" from the forward end, forming the charge chamber. Threaded through the centre of the disc is the primer holder, which appears to be shaped to accommodate a rimmed-cartridge type primer.

The primer is fired by a firing pin which is set into the cocked position by a cocking handle operating against a spring. The cocking handle is held in the cocked position by a latch to which is attached a 20 ft lanyard. On releasing the cocking handle the firing pin fires the primer which in turn detonates the propellant charge, thus discharging the projectile.

The ground peg prevents the backward movement of the mortar during firing, and possibly is also used as a pivot, enabling the mortar to be directed on to previously ranged target areas.

There is no provision for elevating or traversing the mortar, and the only sighting device is a white line painted on the spigot.

No samples were captured of the charge or primer employed.

The range of the mortar is NOT known.

PROJECTILE

105mm arty shell black with yellow band

Brass shell case with base removed rivetted to shell

Brass fins

Charge chamber

SPIGOT

Cocking handle

Weld

ELEVATION
1 inch = 1 ft

2 1/2" diameter pipe

4" x 4" x 3/8" angle iron

Weld

1 1/2" by 1 1/2" angle iron

19 1/2"

Weld

1/2" rod

4 ft 1 inch PLAN

Striker pin

Striker in fwd posn

Cocking handle in fwd posn

Steel block

STRIKER HEAD AND SOCKET FOR PRIMER CHARGE
1/2 size

Rear end of striker

Sliding fit
Split pin & washer

REAR END OF STRIKER AND COCKING HANDLE - 1/2 size

4" x 4" x 3/8" angle iron

PERSPECTIVE SKETCH

APPX 'A0'

JAPANESE IMPROVISED 105mm ARTY MORTAR

Captured WAITAVALO Area 13 Mar 45

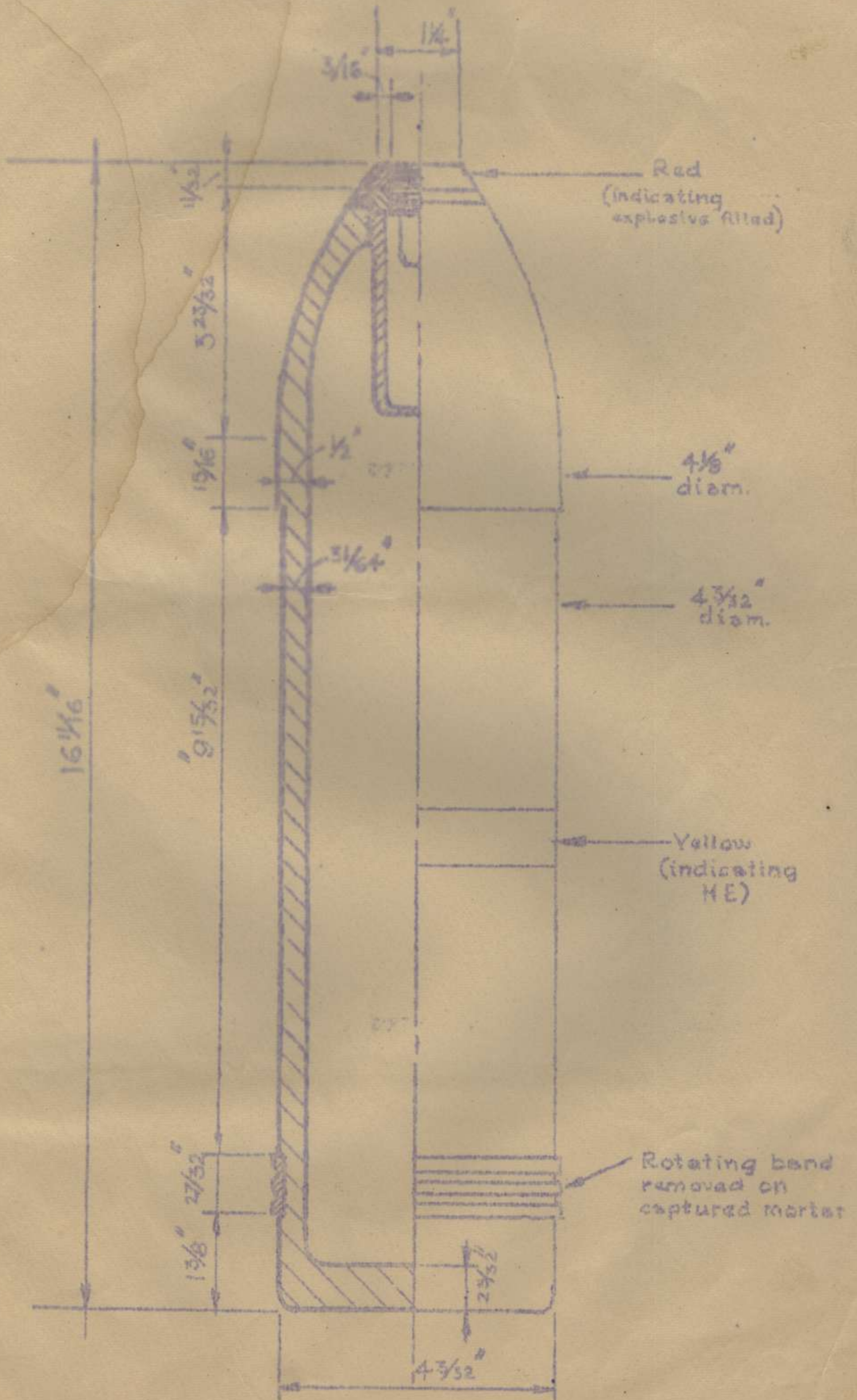
JAPANESE ARMY 103mm BLUNT NOSE (HOWITZER)

PROJECTILE

ADAPTED FOR USE WITH IMPROVISED ARTY. MORTAR

CAPTURED WAITAVAIO AREA 13 MAR 45

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Appendix "B"

to 5 Aust Div Intelligence Review
No 6

Translation of a mimeographed pamphlet giving performance data and constructional characteristics of "Improvised Arty Mortars".

Issued by 38 Div and addressed to C of S 8 Area Army.
Dated 11 Feb 45.

Captured WAITAVALO 8 Mar 45.

Note:-

1. Quantities shown in brackets are the equivalents of the metric quantities appearing in the pamphlet.
2. Mortar No 4 appears to refer to the mortar captured WAITAVALO (on 13 Mar.

Extracts:-
From: NUMA (TN. 38 Div) Staff No 672-D.
Report regarding practical test of IMPROVISED ARTILLERY MORTARS. 11 Feb 45.

To : GO (TN 8 Area Army) Chief of Staff.

Particulars regarding the above subject are submitted herewith.

1. Conclusions.

- a. Improvised Artillery Mortar No 2 can be generally used as a substitute mortar (HAKUGEKI HO) of low rate of fire. When the stability of the trajectory is improved it will be most suitable for use as a close combat weapon.
- b. Improvised Artillery Mortar No 4 can be used as a light duty artillery mortar or as a heavy grenade thrower.

3. Summary of Test Results.

Part 1. Firing.

a. Improvised Artillery Mortar No 2.

- (1) Maximum range - 650 metres (710 yds) (propellant 50 grams (elevation 43 degrees)
- (2) Rate of fire - 2 rounds per minute.
(Some improvement may be expected with fully trained personnel)
- (3) Limit for continuous fire - approximately 20 rounds. (Some increase may be expected with the installation of water cooling, etc.)
- (4) Mean deviation on average objective:-
Bearing - 5 metres (5.46 yds)
Range - 30 metres (32.79 yds)
- (5) Technical improvements in ammunition and the use thereof, together with stabilization of the trajectory (elimination of shock and tumbling of the projectile in flight) could result in increased range (about 1000 metres (1093 yds) and decreased deviation.

b. Improvised Artillery Mortar No 4.

- (1) Maximum range - 250 metres (273 yds)
(propellant 100 grams
(elevation 43 degrees
- (2) Rate of fire - 3 rounds every 2 minutes. (Some improvement can be expected with fully trained personnel)
- (3) Limit for continuous fire - approximately 40 rounds.
- (4) Mean deviation on average objective:-
Bearing - 4 metres (4.37 yds)
Range - 10 metres (10.93 yds)

Part 2. Mobility.

a. Improvised Artillery Mortar No 2.

- (1) Total weight is 80 kilograms (176 lbs), but it can be stripped into two parts; namely, barrel (25 kilograms (55 lbs) and carriage (55 kilograms (121 lbs) and can be transported by manpower.

b. Improvised Artillery Mortar No 4.

- (1) Total weight is 50 kilograms (110 lbs), but it can be stripped into two parts; namely, barrel (20 kilograms (44 lbs) and carriage (30 kilograms (66 lbs) and can be transported by manpower.
- (2) Since supply of ammunition for Improvised Artillery Mortar No 4 is not easy (one 10 centimetre shell weighs 20 kilograms (44 lbs), the mortar should be maintained in a fixed position if at all possible. In the event of a change of position being necessary the requisite amount of ammunition should first be accumulated at the new site.

4. Establishment.

a. Improvised Artillery Mortar No 2.

- (3) In the event of a division being equipped with 40 Improvised Mortars
 - (a) Arty Units (including artillery attached to Sector units) will be equipped with 24 Improvised Mortars, each Section being provided with one Improvised Mortar in addition to normal equipment.
 - (b) Divisional reserve unit will be equipped with 16 Improvised Mortars (4 under the direct control of CO Reserve Unit and 4 to each battalion). Improvised Arty Mortar platoons will be specially formed.
(Shortage of ammunition carriers will be rectified by employment of men from the Formosan Labour Group).
 - (c) In the event of establishment comprising more than 40 pieces to the division, all artillery units will be equipped with one Improvised Mortar each and AA units will be similarly equipped.

b. Improvised Artillery Mortar No 4.

- (1) With the platoon as a basis, each platoon will

consist of 2 sections, each section being equipped with one Improvised Mortar. A section will consist of section leader and 5 men (inclusive of 2 ammunition carriers).

- (2) In the event of the division being equipped with 15 mortars. (TN evidently full establishment)
 - (a) Companies occupying key points will be allocated 2 Improvised Mortars each in addition to their normal equipment.

Appendix No 1.

Instructions for handling Improvised Artillery Mortar No 2.

1. Improvised Artillery Mortar No 2 is constructed of 3 inch steel tubes and oxygen cylinders used by airplanes. It is a weapon corresponding to type 97 infantry mortar. Ammunition is remodelled mountain artillery shells with fins attached to the base. Type 88 fuze is fixed to the head of the projectile which explodes on contact (a 7 kilogram detonating charge).
2. Construction and Characteristics.
This artillery mortar is composed of barrel, carriage and accessories. Calibre - 77.3 millimetres (3 inches); length 1.18 metres (46½ inches). Firing mechanism and fuze are at the base of the barrel. Firing mechanism is composed of firing pin spring and firing pin stop and is fixed at the base of the barrel. Carriage is made of steel and is attached to the barrel by means of rivets and wing nuts. Change of elevation is made possible by means of wing nuts. (TN see attached sketch No 1).

Appendix No 2

Instructions for handling Improvised Artillery Mortar No 4.

1. Improvised Artillery Mortar No 4 is constructed of oxygen cylinders used by airplanes. It is light in weight and simply constructed. The shell is assembled from the 14 year, 10 centimetre cartridge case and 10 centimetre shell base. Remodelled type 88 fuze is attached to the head and is responsible for firing the projectile on contact.
2. Construction and characteristics.
This artillery mortar is composed of barrel and carriage. Calibre - 100 millimetres; length 45 centimetres (17¾ inches). It has firing mechanism and percussion cap in the lower part of the powder chamber. Maximum elevation is 45 degrees. Firing mechanism is composed of firing pin and percussion cap catch. Carriage is made of steel and is fixed to the barrel by means of rivets.
3. Ammunition is remodelled 10 centimetre shells and 10 centimetre cartridge cases. The outer casing of the 10 centimetre shell is used to house the fuze and propellant charge. The lower portion of the 14 year 10 centimetre cartridge case is cut off and joined to the base of the shell and 4 small fins attached thereto. Fuze is constructed by taking off the centrifugal pin of the type 88 instantaneous fuze and attaching it at a tangent (diameter 1.2 millimetres) to the percussion cap and safety catch. Powder charge is composed of 100 gram of the centre part of the charges used in mountain artillery shells and 10 grams of black powder. (TN see attached sketch No 2)

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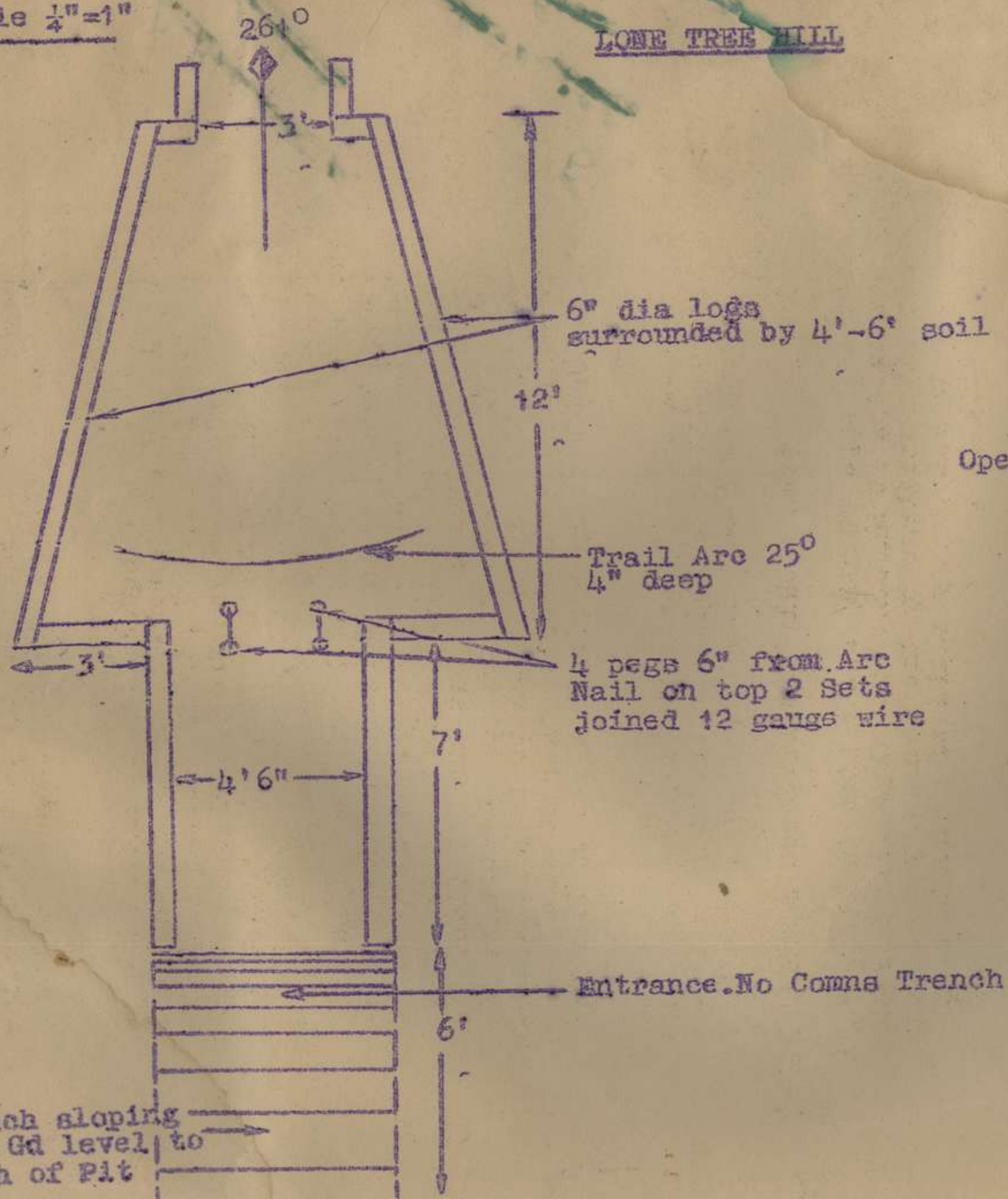
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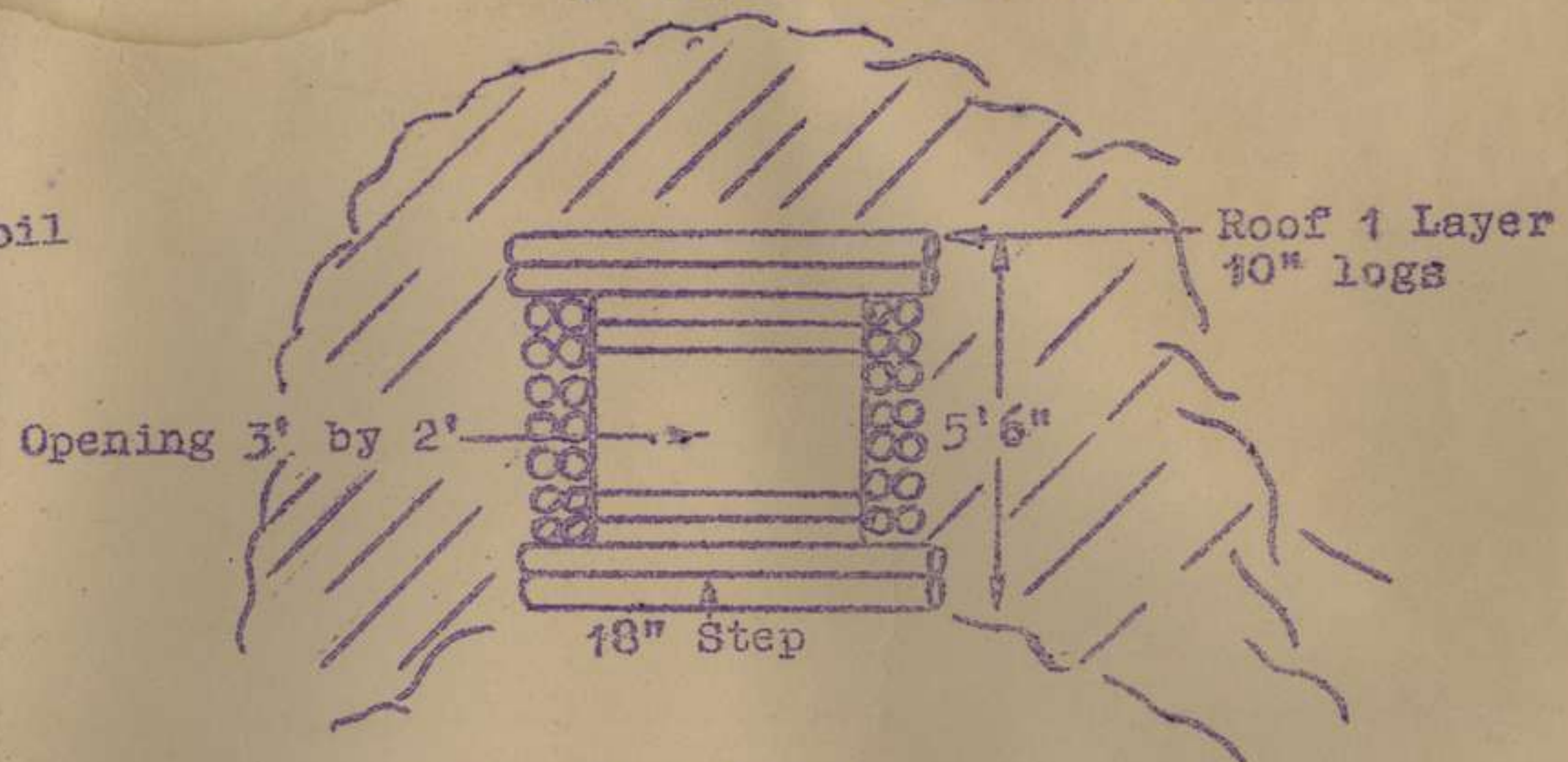
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Scale 1/4" = 1'

LONE TREE HILL



4'-6' Soil on Top and Sides



FRONT ELEVATION

All logs bound together with 12 gauge wire

Prepared by 2/14 Fd Regt.

WAITAVALO

1:20,000



Henry Reid Bay

Wide Bay

Zungen Pt.
(Tongue Pt.)

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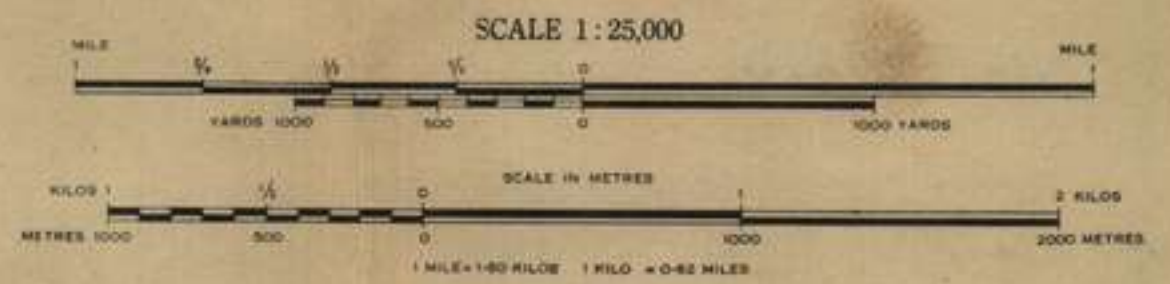
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from British Admiralty Charts Nos. 2015 and 3519

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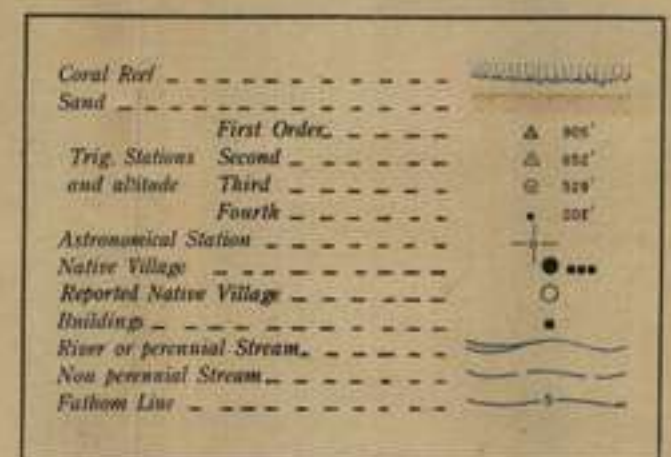
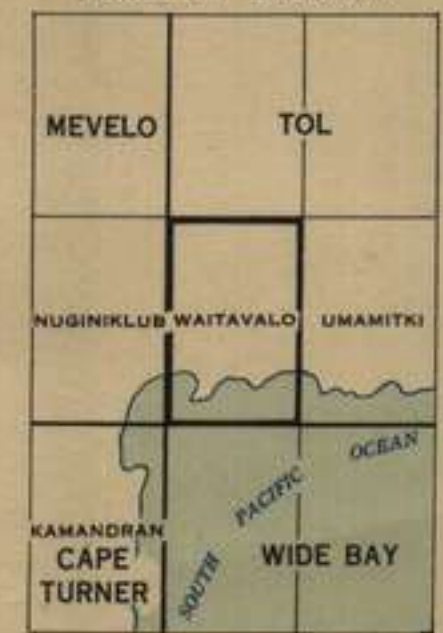
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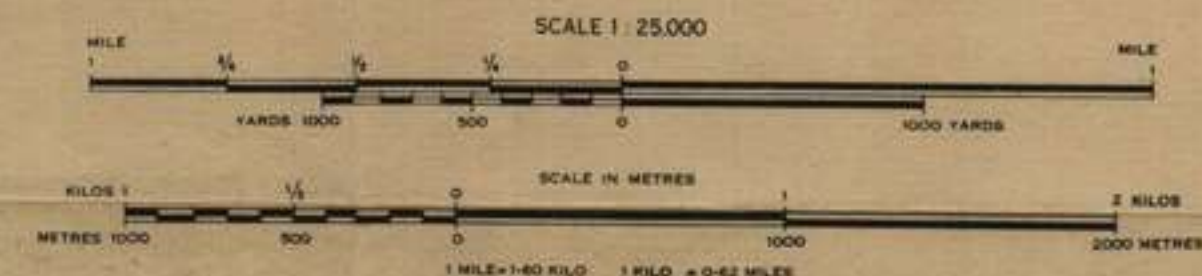
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NEW BRITAIN KAMANDRAN

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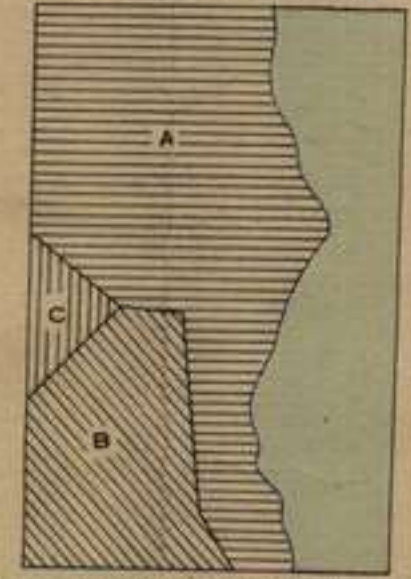


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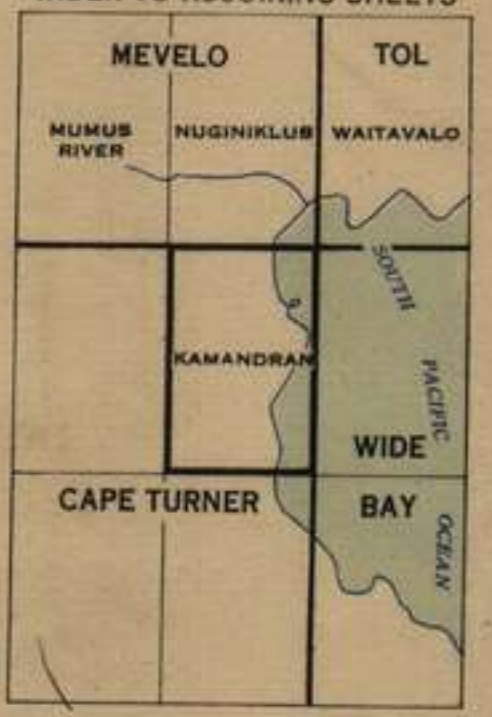
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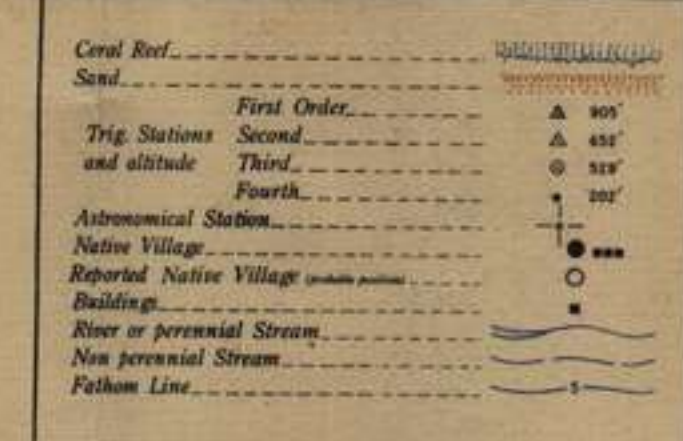
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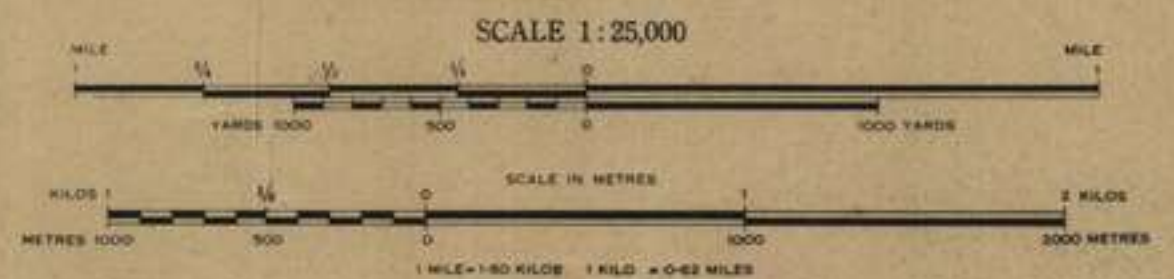
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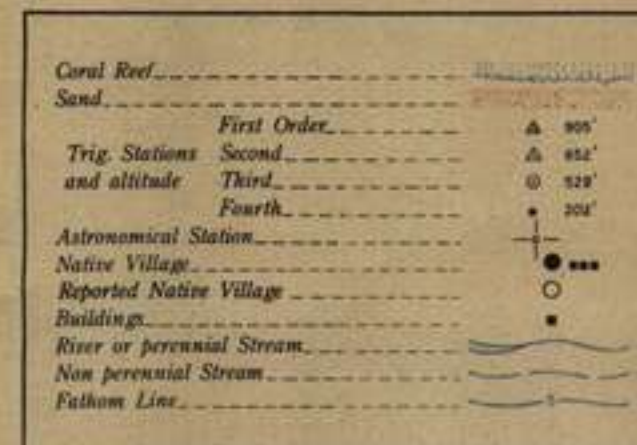
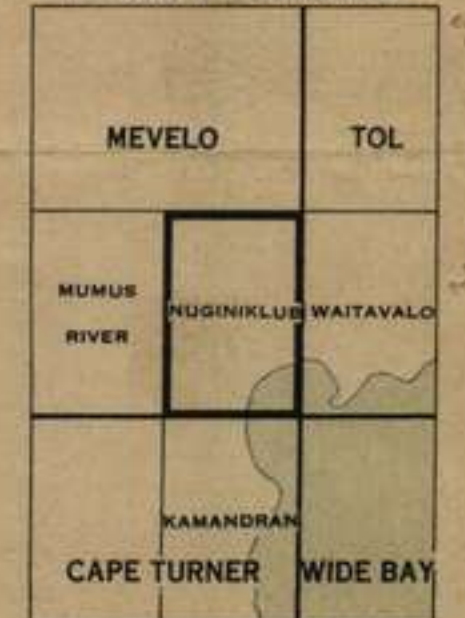
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