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37/52 Infantry Battalion

July 1945

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FROM: 1 July. TO:

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OPEN. BAY.	1 July.	0600	<p>The situation remained unchanged during the night. 9 pl NGIB moved from MAVELU via SPICER'S track to relieve 11 pl NGIB. Thirty three cases of URTI in D Coy NGIB were reported early this morning.</p>	
		0800	<p>C. Coy and 11 pl NGIB commenced movement to 285634. at 0830 hrs D Coy HQ and 16 pl departed from WATU by barge for SAI one.</p>	
		0845.	<p>The C.O. (Lt. Col F. G. Embrey) today received advice from 4 Bde HQ. that his plan to attack enemy positions on MATALAILI river is not approved and that all activity must be confined to patrolling to the SOUTH bank of the stream.</p>	
		0930.	<p>By 0930 hrs C Coy and N.G.I.B troops had reached COOPER'S clearing at 287627 where a two pl perimeter was formed while 14 pl moved to 285634. No signs of enemy or enemy movement were seen by this platoon. Meanwhile 11 pl NGIB (Lt. bush) patrolled from 287627 North East to approx 289633 where footprints of 25/30 Gaps and one KEMBI were discovered. These tracks were, when discovered, approx two hours old and lead SOUTH along the track made by our recon party on the previous day.</p>	

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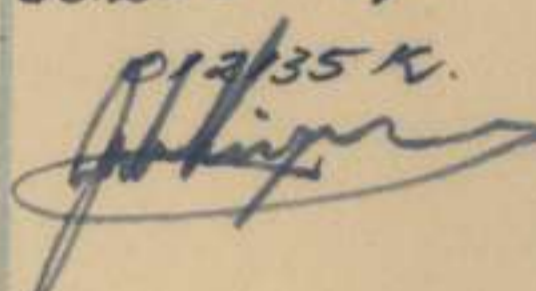
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			<p>The platoon withdrew after further scouting and reported into C. Coy perimeter at 1315 hrs and in view of this evidence of the enemy's activity Capt Clapperton, after a short telephone discussion with the C.O., decided to withdraw his force leaving 15 pl. under Capt. Tunstun, to set up an ambush position at 290 632. This was completed at 1330 hrs. Capt Tunstun whose orders were to remain in position until the ambush was 'strung' or he felt it desirable to return, rejoined C Coy at 1630 hrs having seen no enemy or enemy movement.</p>	
		1000	<p>a patrol of one officer and twenty OR's from SAI one moved via coastal track to SANGANMAGAIR CK and reported the signal line had not suffered interference. This patrol returned to SAI one at 1400 hrs.</p>	
		1120	<p>The necessary details for an independent airstrike on enemy positions on MATALAIKI River were advised by immediate signal to 4 bells today.</p>	
		1330	<p>D Coy HQ and 16 pl joined C. Coy and 17 pl. at the perimeter position (288612). 9 pl NG1B. relieved 11 pl NG1B. at 1345 hrs and 11 pl commenced movement to MAVELU intending to stage the night at SAI two.</p>	
		1400	<p>a patrol from D Coy 17 pl moved from 288612 via MAC'S</p>	

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			<p>back to the coast and on return at 1600 hrs reported the signal line secure.</p>	
		1800.	<p>Local patrols in SAI and WATU areas reported those areas clear. apart from the usual smoke signals no abnormal sightings were reported by our O.P.S.</p>	
		2145.	<p>at this time 4 bde advised that an airstrike on MATALAI river positions has been arranged for 2 Jul. use of artillery after the air-strike has also been approved.</p>	<p>see message 60.205 of 012/35 K. </p>
OPEN. BAY.	2 JUL.	0800.	<p>D Coy less 18 pl, detachment mortars, (under Lt. Tyffe) arty O.P. party (Capt Jones, Lt Mullett) and 9 pl NGIB. moved from the perimeter via SAICER'S track and NORTH along the EAST side COOPER'S clearing to 285634 where a perimeter was established.</p> <p>Booby traps were laid forward of the NGIB. screen which in turn was forward of D Coy and attachments. The Coy was in position and ready for action by 1000 hrs.</p>	
		0900.	<p>An observation party under Capt Blatherton (including Lt. Coaker & 20 OR's) moved via MAC'S track to the coast and established an O.P. at 0955 hrs.</p> <p>at the same time a signal security party moved from SAI one along the coastal track.</p>	
		1025.	<p>at 1025 hrs the mortars fired their first three</p>	

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rounds of HE followed by three rounds of smoke, but the aircraft did not appear over the target until 1045 hrs. as the planes flew over COOPER'S clearing three rounds of mortar smoke were again placed on the target while the aircraft swept out to sea, broke their formation and commenced the first bombing run.

The first bomb appeared to overshoot the target but subsequent bombs including two "duds" were dropped in the correct area and ammunition dump hit. after all bombs had been cleared the planes commenced strapping the target and reported the mission completed by 1115 hrs.

Capt B. Clafferton reported excellent observation of the target area although the actual target was obscured by intervening jungle. a running commentary of the action was kept up from this point.

at 1130 hrs artillery commenced concentrations on the target. To correct the range a number of shells were fired into the sea at a range 500 yards over the target and Capt B. Clafferton's O.P. was able to direct the fire on to the correct area. when this had been done a concentration of 150 shells per gun (600 shells) were effectively placed on the target. The range was then

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			<p>lefted to the hut area (approx 286648) where a concentration of 50 rounds per gun was placed.</p> <p>The three inch mortar commenced action against MATARILI target placing 36 bombs in the target area and after a lull of 30 minutes the '25 pounders' brought a further sturdy rounds on the target and reported guns clear at 1400 hrs. D Coy and attached troops then withdrew to the perimeter at 288612.</p> <p>bapt. Blaffertons O.P. on the coast was withdrawn at the same time. 9 pl NGIB. remained at 285634 until 1530 hrs.</p> <p>at 1030 hrs 11 pl NGIB. rejoined C Coy NGIB. at MAVELU.</p>	
		1800.	<p>Local patrols in SAI and WATU areas reported no activity. at the perimeter at 288612 heavy rain made the night unpleasant but no activity occurred.</p>	
OPEN BAY.	3 July.	0600.	<p>No activity was reported during the night.</p>	
		0800.	<p>9 pl A. Coy moved from SAI one to 288612 to occupy the position vacated by C Coy and to support 9 pl NGIB. The platoon was established by 1700 hrs.</p> <p>C. Coy, detachment mortars, arty OP party departed from 288612 and moved via SPICER'S-POWNEY'S tracks arriving at SAI one at 1230 hrs. From there the party moved by barge to WATU arriving 1400 hrs.</p>	

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16 pl D coy (Lt. Church) acted as a signal cable recovery party rolled in the line from the perimeter to SAI 2 and stayed the night there. D coy HQ and 17 pl moved from the perimeter at 1200 hrs and reached SAI one at 1630 hrs. From there this party was left by barge to WATU

1045.

18 pl D coy moved from NANTAMBU to WATU thence to SAI one. It is intended that this platoon will establish a new outpost at the junction of SAICERS - POWNEY'S tracks and 12 pl B. coy at SAI two will be withdrawn and will replace 18 pl at NANTAMBU.

Maj. G.W. MacFarlane M.C. moved to NANTAMBU to understudy Maj. J.W. Clarkson.

The visit of the G.O.C. 5 Aust. Div. (Maj. Gen. G. B. Robertson) has been postponed to 9 July.

1800.

Local patrols reported the area clear. Heavy rain during the previous night made tracks in the POTAITI area extremely muddy and the rivers were considerably swollen. Heavy mud is also noticeable around the WATU area and new corduroy tracks are being laid.

During the operations which concluded today with the return of C and D coys to WATU, many tracks found their

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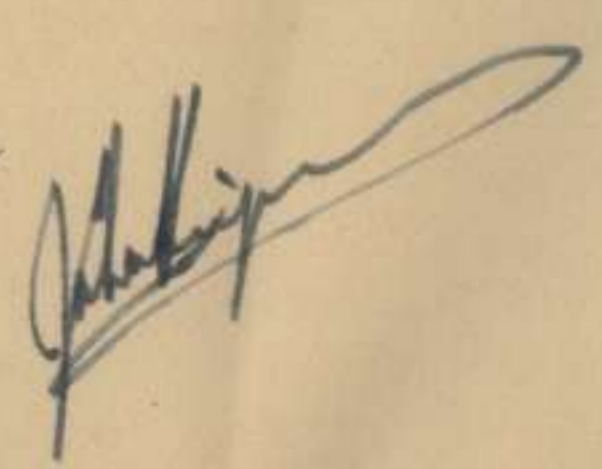
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feet had been badly affected by the damp swampy country and the many creeks and river crossings. The R.M.O. advises however that with the exception of a small number of bad cases, treatment and rest for a few days will have counter-acted this disability.

a report from Maj. Laidlaw (2/2 Cav. Bde. Sqd) states that a patrol exploited a new overland track from LAMARIEN on the east coast along POWELL river and across the hills to SAI river, but that this route will be unsuitable as a means by which linking patrols could travel.

1900.

a search-light at 40° mag. from WATU, apparently in the KABAUL area (possibly KERAVAT) was reported this evening. The arc was between 360° and 40° mag. and visible from SAI, WATU, NANTAMBU for 15 minutes. ANGAN NANTAMBU considered the light to be in the hills immediately behind PONDO. However no action was taken beyond reporting this immediately to 4 Bde.



OPEN. BAY.

4 July.

0600.

No change during the night.

0730.

9 pl N.G.I.B. moved out to recon the MATAKALI area and report on the result of our bombing and shelling on 2 July. The patrol reached the river near the

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mouth, where seven gaps (one washing at river) were observed. The patrol opened fire and it is thought accounted for all seven gaps as no fire was returned. The patrol withdrew and was returning to base when ambushed by a section of the enemy at the track junction in the vicinity MATANAKUNEI Bay. In this engagement we suffered several casualties when the pl. bomb (Lt. Sheldon) was wounded, two native soldiers killed and one native wounded. The enemy broke contact when our patrol opened fire and enemy casualties were not observed. Reaching their base at 1545 hrs the party then moved to SANGANMAGAIR creek mouth via MAC's track whence they were taken by barge to MAVELU. The patrol comd. reported that the shelling appeared to have been most effective and that bombing results could not be observed.

0730.

The A.I.B. patrol which moved from the patrol base (Mt. Givu) on 11 June for the TORIV area returned 3 July, one week overdue. This patrol was unable to reach TORIV from the NORTH and moved to the alternative target of PONDO, about which further information was obtained. A further patrol to the TORIV area departed today.

0948.

SANGA outpost (9 pl. A Coy) reported observing a suspicious

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native, on the SOUTH bank of SANGANMAGAIR creek, who fled into the jungle when observed.

1050.

Bomms. with aircraft were established today and a report received disclosed that the enemy has commenced new trenches, dugouts and clearings approx 1 1/2 miles SOUTH of LAULI (AILO).

1345.

18 pl D Coy moved from SAI one and relieved 12 pl B. Coy at the new outpost position at the junction of POWNEY-SPICER tracks. 12 pl moved to their original position to stage the night 4/5 July.

1800.

Local patrols had nothing to report this evening.

0245.

11 pl B. Coy moved via the coastal track and established an ambush position on the SOUTH bank of the SANGANMAGAIR creek. A similar patrol will act daily moving out at irregular times and under cover of darkness to escape enemy observation.

0750.

This patrol reported observing six small puffs of smoke at various points between MATALAILI River and the center of COOPERS clearing. No action was taken and no deduction made.

0745.

Capt Searle, Sgt Tuckwell and party (A.I.B.) moved from the patrol base (350615) to investigate the MATALAILI

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1200.

river area. Much information of enemy positions in that area is required and it is hoped that this patrol will be able to supply details of the enemy's positions.

Two men (Plt J.D. Forbes and Plt E.C. Dukes) were wounded at SANGA outpost this morning when one of our own booby traps exploded. The men were pulling vines from a tree to construct a fence when the trap was accidentally sprung.

after primary treatment the men were immediately evacuated via SPICER-POWNEY tracks to POTAITI two and were picked up by barge from the NORTH bank of the SAI River. The tracks were in very bad condition and nearly seven hours were taken by the stretcher party to reach the barge point.

As the barge was almost in to PALMER'S jetty it struck a reef and held up for almost an hour. When Capt. R. Hammill (R.M.O.) went aboard, Plt Forbes had been dead a few minutes. The body was moved to NANTAMBU for interment. Plt Dukes who was only slightly wounded is pronounced well and responding to treatment.

1600.

16 platoon moving to relieve SANGA outpost formed a perimeter at the junction of POWNEY and coastal tracks

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for the night 5/6 July.
 12 pl B coy arrived NATU en route for NANTAMBU at 1600 hrs. and were embarked at 2000 hrs when the barge returned from SANGA bringing the casualties from SANGA.

1800. Because of the distance of SANGA outpost from any sizable HQ and the lengthy line of communication the C.O. (Lt. Col G.J. Embrey) decided to withdraw this outpost and construct the staging area originally intended for that area at POTAITI one. This will be done tomorrow. SITNOH at all outposts and in all areas during the night 5/6 July.

1045 D coy less two platoons moved to SAI one and relieved B coy. at 1405 hrs B coy moved by barge to NATU and were established in D coy's old area by 1600 hrs. 16 pl D coy remained at POTAITI B. mouth (POTAITI two) and will continue as a standing patrol in that area.

1230. SANGA outpost (9 pl A coy) rejoined A coy at SAI one. C. Coy HQ 1B. has been withdrawn from operations for two weeks owing to the bad state of health among the native personnel.

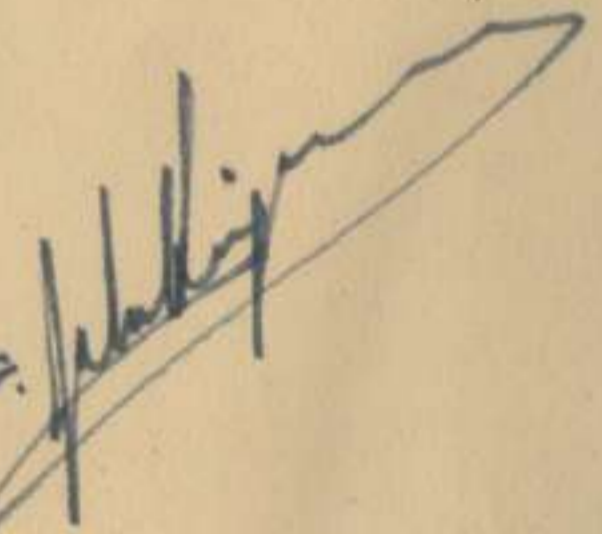
1120. Information concerning gap camps in the MT. GIVU area located by Capt. Scarle's patrol was received today. Two abandoned camps connected by a well-

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OPEN BAY.	7 Jul.	2010.	<p>used track running N.W. towards LAULT and S.W. towards MATALAIKI River were discovered on the northern slopes of the mountain. Continuing along this track our patrol came to a large gap camp on the N.W. side of the 1200 ft. feature (ref 320663) which contained 4 large thatched houses and one smaller house. Only two gaps were seen but considerable talking and noise was heard. These gaps, no doubt, are responsible for the smoke signals coming from that area and probably maintain a good O.P. giving them complete observation of our coastal activities. What was at first thought to be a flare of enemy origin, but later was decided a fireball was reported by our outpost at SAI River this evening.</p>	
		0600.	"setnor" was reported by all outposts this morning.	
		1028.	<p>from happenings during this morning it appears that our recent operations have caused the enemy to become aggressively interested in our forward positions and the position of our heavy guns. Shortly after 1030 hrs our forward outpost at the POTATI River mouth was fired on by a party of eight to ten gaps who were seen on the NORTH bank of the river. Two of the enemy worked their way</p>	

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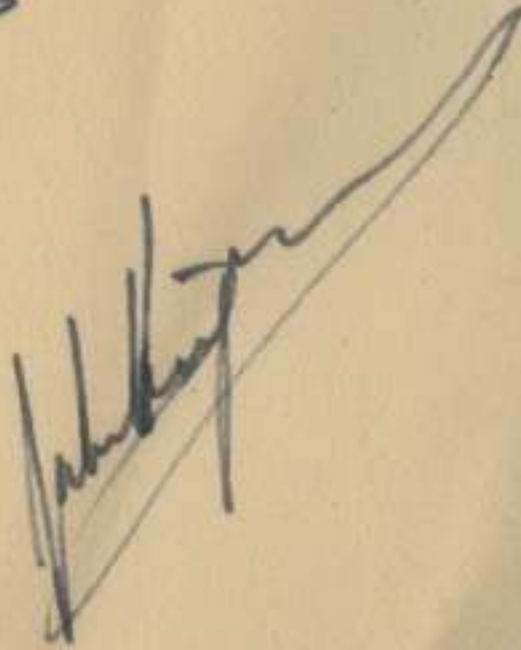
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1715.

the sandpit and attempted to outflank the sentries but when they realised that our sentries had observed them, withdrew to the NORTH bank. Before the sentry contact man could call up the remainder of the section the japs withdrew after firing a few rounds and flinging two grenades into the river. The japs seen were well built, well dressed and appeared to be in good physical condition. One of them wore a blue beret. Sentries at SAI one on two occasions after evening meal reported that sounds of movement could be heard a short distance outside the perimeter. Later on strange noises was observed and it was thought that a second native was in the vicinity although he could not be seen. On observation the native fled and investigation disclosed a footprint and signs of stealthy movement through the undergrowth. It is thought that this native (or natives) is the same as that seen near SANGANMAGAIR creek on 4 July. The fading light did not permit a more thorough search of the area.



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OPEN BAY.	8 July.	0830.	Three natives, whom it is reported from LONDO area, were apprehended by C. Coy N918. (MAVELU) this morning. undoubtedly these natives are those reported near our SAI outpost late yesterday.	
			Later at 1330 hrs a further three natives, of whose possible appearance the first three natives spoke, were apprehended in the same area. These natives were then sent to SAI one where they were held until the courier barge brought them forward to WATU for questioning by A.I.B.	
		1230.	The C.O. (Lt. Col Embrey) and asst. adjt. (Lt. Boulton) moved to SAI one to inspect the area and see how the troops are "settling in". The C.O. returned to WATU at 1615 hrs.	
		1300.	Capt. Scarle (A.I.B.) today advised that his patrol, because of bad country and evidence of many Jap native patrols, is unable to reach the NATALANI area along the ridge between the arms of that river. However this offr intends to send a patrol to approach the area by the northern approaches.	
		1800.	after the usual daily aborigin parades and church	

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			<p>service, rest periods for all but essential duties were ordered today. Competitions (volley ball & Basketball) were arranged and many troops took the opportunity to test lokators and improvised fishing tackle. Now that the YMCA hut (Capt & their Salvation Army) has been established, a Regimental library opened, an amplifier and selection of records obtained the amenities in the WATV area are the best this unit has enjoyed since the arrival on the NORTH coast.</p>	
OPEN BAY.	9 July	0600.		
		1300-1530		
		1445.		
		1620.		

The situation remained normal at all outposts during the night 8/9 July.

D Coy N G I B. conducted range practices on the 30 yd range. These practices will be held daily, concluding at 1530 hrs 14 July.

Major J.W. Clarkson (2/c 37/52 bn) who arrived from NANTAMBU this morning returned with the C.O. (Lt. Col J. Embrey) this afternoon. Lt. Col Embrey's visit to Nantambu is arranged to coincide with the visit of the G.O.C. 5 Aust Div. (Major Gen H.C.H. Robertson) and the official party on 11 July 45.


Advice was received from HQ 2/4 Bde 19th that a new overland track has been reconnoitred and is suitable for use by our patrols.

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			<p>This route is some distance NORTH of the present route and will mean that a much more vital piece of ground will be under our observation. It is possible that this unit will establish a new patrol base at 342 553 to provide the necessary link but this move depends on the decisions reached at the CO's conference with the G.O.C.</p>	
		1800.	Local patrols reported no activity and no unusual sightings were observed.	
		1840.	a heavy storm in the HOSKINS - NANTAMBU area delayed the courier barge which means that among other things, troops mail this week will be late.	
OPEN BAY.	10 July.	0600.	No activity during the night 9/10 July 45.	
		0900-1400.	Artillery D.F. tasks in the SAI - POTAITI area were registered today.	
		1400.	Identification cards found on WHELAN'S track by an ANGAU N.C.O. were disclosed as belonging to some of the party of natives apprehended at MAVERU on 8 July. These cards were in the nature of Agent's passes issued by TSUMITIKAZE unit of KAMIKAZE force Jan 45, to expire on 30 Jan. although the natives admitted that they had	

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OPEN BAY.	11 July	1800.	been forced by the japs to accompany KEMBIS on patrol, it is thought that they may be still pro-jap and a close watch will be kept	
		0600.	No activity was reported from the SAI, POTAITI, NATU areas during the day.	
		0800-1200.	No change during the night 10/11 July. A Lt 2/14 Fd. Sgt. continued registration of D.F. tasks in the MAVELU area today. This completes the registration sheet.	
		0845-1400.	at 0845 hrs Brig Gen H.C. H. Robertson (C.O.C. 5 Div.) arrived by CATALINA at NANTAMBU. Among the officers accompanying the General were: Brig. B.H.V. Edgar D.S.O (Command 4 Bde) Maj. R. Hesterson (B.M. & Lde) Capt. Currie (S/Comm & Lde) Lt Col Woods (C.R.E. 11 Aust Div.) Lt Col Chapman (A.A. & Q.M.G.) Maj. Orr (D.A.Q.M.G.). Soon after the General's visit arrival the C.O. (Lt Col J.F. Embrey) conducted the G.O.C. and party on a tour of inspection. The G.O.C. met all comds. of sub-units in the area and later met all officers and interviewed Lts Whelan and Scott of this unit. The G.O.C. then inspected the 4 Fd. Amb. and after luncheon (at 1400 hrs) the G.O.C. departed, flying over the NATU, MATALAI areas before returning to	

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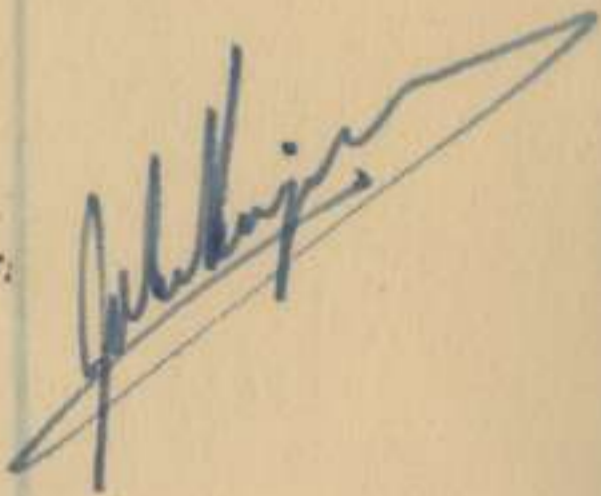
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			<p>The patrol reached the large gap camp in the LUI CK. area and was preparing to enter when the gaps approached from three directions. The patrol scattered and hid remaining in the area for 2 days before returning. It is thought the enemy followed the footprints of our patrol and it appears that enemy security patrols are particularly active, probably as a result of our recent strike against the MATALAI.</p>	
		1800.	Local patrols reported no activity this evening.	
OPEN BAY.	13 July.	0645.	<p>a patrol supplied by C. Coy HQ 18. and supported by two infantry sections of C. Coy 37/52 AU moved to a point on POWNEY'S track where gap footprints were observed yesterday. The patrol's task is to reconnoitre the area NORTH of the point and locate any tracks which lead NORTH from POWNEY'S.</p>	
		0845.	<p>Bomms were established with Tac. A. Aircraft yesterday but the result of the tasks given is not known. The aircraft was unable to locate the gap camp in the MT. GIVU area discovered by A.I.B. patrols but reported much enemy activity in the MATALAI - MATANAKUNEI areas. From this point it appears that the enemy is constructing further positions on both sides of the MATALAI and has a well developed biv area at 286694.</p>	

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		1800.	<p>The jungle between MATALAILI R. and MATANAKUNEI BAY has been cleared.</p> <p>advice regarding the strength of future patrols by this unit was received today. a minimum of one platoon has been set.</p> <p>The I.K.A. shoot at NANTAMBU was completed today.</p> <p>Local patrols reported no activity.</p>	
OPEN BAY.	14 July.	0600	<p>The situation did not change during the night 14/15 July.</p> <p>The N.G.I.B. patrol which moved from MAVELU to POWNEY'S tracks returned via SAI Awo this morning.</p> <p>This patrol left POWNEY'S tracks at the the point where the footprints were noticed and moved NORTH through the jungle for approx 1000 yards.</p> <p>Here the patrol located a lateral track from the coast to SPICER'S tracks, but no enemy had used this track for at least one week. However the patrol could report that movement through this area would not be difficult owing to the absence of undergrowth.</p> <p>Our outpost at SAI river reported 2 gaps seen in the MATANAKUNEI Bay area at 1020 hrs and later two more were seen in the same area.</p> <p>The A.A.B. patrol which moved from Capt. Leary's base</p>	

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OPEN BAY.	15 July.	0730-1920.	<p>on 9 July for MATARAIKI area returned today. The patrol reports considerable enemy activity, particularly patrolling on all tracks and a large camp behind strong defences at 290650. another large camp is situated at 316652. On the north bank of the MATARAIKI there are no enemy defences between 288640 and 298642. No indication of the number of enemy in the camps was gained.</p> <p>The vessel OLBA carrying mail and stores arrived at NANTAMBU.</p> <p>at 0730 hrs 17 pl D coy moved from SAI one for SAI three (342553) and established a patrol base there at 1530 hrs. Meanwhile at 0915 hrs 7 pl A coy moved from SAI one to POTAITI two and relieved 16 pl D coy which returned to SAI one reaching there at 1535 hrs.</p> <p>at 1605 hrs POTAITI one reported movement heard approx 100 yds NORTH of the perimeter but on investigation no signs of enemy or movement was seen.</p> <p>Rest periods for all troops except essential duties were ordered today. Mail which arrived at NANTAMBU by OLBA yesterday was brought to all forward troops today.</p>	<p><i>[Signature]</i></p>

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PLACE.	DATE.	HOUR.	INFORM.	REMARKS.
OPEN BAY.	16 July.	1900.	<p>D coy HQ and 16 pl moved from SAI one to re-open SAI two as a patrol base, arriving there at 1515 hrs. This completes the movement of D coy from the coast and gives us a series of outposts which can be used as patrol bases and lines of communication during future patrol activity. The outpost at SAI three will also become a linking point for overland patrols of 2/2 Bn. bdo sqn.</p>	<p>The enemy continues the use of smoke signals to report our barge and aircraft traffic.</p>
OPEN BAY	17 July.	1900.	<p>On occupation of our TOTAITI outpost at 269602 at 0700 hrs this morning the patrol found evidence of approx one section of the enemy having been in that area. From other evidence it was found that the enemy had upset two of our booby traps, the explosion of one of these was heard at 0602 hrs, before withdrawing. There was no sign of enemy casualties. No activity occurred in that area during the day.</p>	<p>at 0700 hrs Lt. Sheldon (D. Coy HQ 18.) and 10 natives moved as advance party to WIDE BAY. The remainder of the</p>

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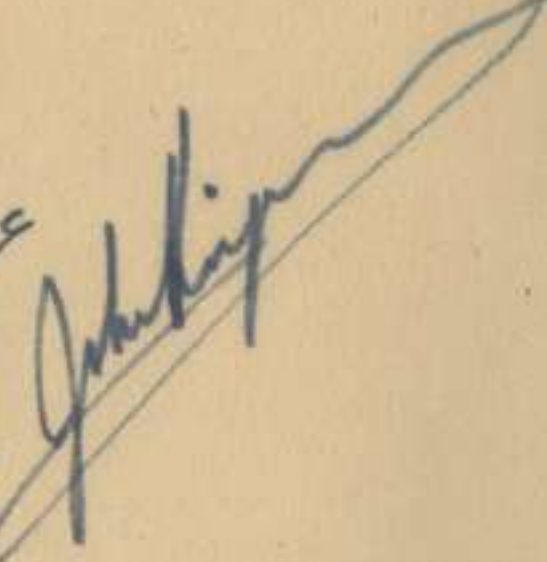
DATE & TIME: FROM: 17 July TO: 18 July.

PLACE.	DATE.	HOUR.	INFORM.	REMARKS.
OPEN BAY.	18 July.	1930.	<p>Companies were engaged on range practices.</p> <p>Security patrols in the SAI - POTAITI areas reported no movement seen. Capt. Palmer (oc. D. Coy) reported that he had found a more suitable area for his patrol base at ref 297566 and intended commencing movement at 0900 hrs 18 July.</p> <p>Small numbers of the enemy are still observed in the MATANAKUNEI bay area.</p> <p>Smoke signals were more numerous today.</p> <p>at 0930 hrs D Coy HQ and 16 pl moved to the new location between SPICER'S track and the loop of the SAI river thence via POTAITI two and POWNEY'S track to POTAITI one. This party reached POTAITI one at 1430 hrs.</p> <p>at 1415 hrs Capt. Searle (AIB) reported that a large number of the enemy had been observed at ref 323612. at the time they were seen the party was moving SOUTH.</p> <p>acting on this advice the C.O. (Lt Col V. J. Embrey) decided that A Coy (from POTAITI one) move to SAI three and form an ambush position on the track NORTH of SAI three. This move to commence at 0600 hrs 19 July.</p> <p>although it is felt that the enemy may not attempt to penetrate as far SOUTH as SAI three but may move towards the COOPER'S clearing area. It is desired to come</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><i>[Signature]</i></p>

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DATE & TIME: FROM: 18 July TO: 19 July.

PLACE.	DATE.	HOUR.	INFM.	REMARKS
OPEN BAY.	19 July.	1930.	<p>to grips with the enemy so that if nothing eventuates in the SAI three area tomorrow the A. Coy patrol will continue with its original task.</p> <p>7 pl A. Coy returned to WATU at 1625 hrs</p> <p>Security patrols from POTAITI one to POTAITI two and from SAI three to SAI two reported no movement seen. Our outpost at POTAITI River mouth reported observing a small barge in the vicinity of MATARAILI R. at 1100 hrs. Enemy troops were again observed in MATANAKUNEI Bay area.</p> <p>A. Coy patrol (under Capt. West) moved from POTAITI one outpost at 0600 hrs and reached and established an ambush position approx 2000 yds NORTH of SAI three outpost for the night. No movement or signs of enemy were seen.</p> <p>A.I.B. patrols failed to locate the enemy column reported yesterday, although a later report from Capt. Searle gave details and strength of the party which was not as large as previously supposed.</p> <p>A.I.B. patrols will continue reconnaissance tomorrow and A. Coy will remain in SAI three area pending further reports.</p> <p>Our troops at POTAITI River mouth reported a large vessel, probably a barge, off LAVALI. This was at</p>	

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FROM: 19 July TO: 20 July.

PLACE.	DATE.	HOUR.	INFM.	REMARKS.
OPEN BAY.	20 July.	1930.	<p>0940 hrs. Twenty five minutes later (1005 hrs) this vessel disappeared near the mouth of the MATAKI River.</p> <p>During the month of June a similar vessel was observed on a similar course and it was learnt later (from a native refugee) that this vessel had aboard several high ranking Jap officers visiting their forward troops.</p> <p>Perhaps this vessel reported today is clearing a similar party to inspect the new defences being constructed and the damage caused by our airstrike early this month.</p> <p>Local patrols in POTAITI, SAI, and WATU areas reported no movement seen.</p> <p>A. Coy patrol at SAI there established an ambush position on the track approx 1200-1300 yards NORTH of SAI there no movement or enemy was seen.</p> <p>A.I.B. patrols were again unable to trace the movements of the enemy party and believe that the enemy may have followed the stream in Sps 3159 & 3259 (Known to the A.I.B. as the POTAITI) to the vicinity of COOPER'S clearing</p> <p>Capt. Baulter (I.O. 11 Div) and Lt. English (Nyggeni off & bele) arrived by CATALINA aircraft at NANTAMBU this morning.</p> <p>The two officers will spend approx one week in the OPEN BAY area</p> <p>Lt. G. Ladstone (10 Pl. B Coy) departed WATU for LAE P.C.H. to be medically boarded.</p>	<p><i>[Signature]</i></p>

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DATE & TIME. FROM: 20 July. TO:

PLACE.	DATE.	HOUR.	INFORM.	REMARKS.
OPEN BAY.	21 July.	1930.	<p align="center">INFORM.</p> <p>Dissension amongst the two groups natives and those of New Britain caused a riot in C. Coy N.G. I. B. at 1600 hrs today. a number of natives attacked the native W.O. who was wounded. The riot was soon quelled and twenty natives were placed under arrest, later being removed to NANTAMBU. The Japs continue their activity in the MATANAKUNEI Bay area and make no attempt to conceal them. Explosions are often reported from the same area. Local Security patrols in WATU, SAI and POTAITI areas reported no activity.</p> <p>A Coy patrol moved from SAI three at 0730 hrs to continue their original tasks as per Patrol Instr no S.B.P. 16. The patrol arrived without incident at POTAITI one at 1125 hrs and established a perimeter in that vicinity.</p> <p>Maj. R. Curtis (acting 2/c) who arrived at NANTAMBU 15 Jul to assume the duties of 2/c of this unit reported to the C.O. (Lt. Col H. Embrey) at WATU this morning. Capt Baulker (I.O. 11 Div) also came forward to WATU.</p> <p>at 1330 hrs Lt. Col Embrey received a signal from Lt. Col H. G. advising him to report to JACQUINOT BAY by plane leaving HOSKINS 22 July 45. Lt. Col Embrey then handed over command of the unit to Maj. R. Curtis and departed for NANTAMBU at 1600 hrs. It is understood that Lt. Col H. S. Casworth (C.O. 29/46 Bn)</p>	<p align="right"><i>[Signature]</i></p>

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DATE & TIME.

FROM: 21 July

TO: 22 July

PLACE	DATE.	HOUR.	INFORM.	REMARKS.
OPEN. BAY.	22 July	1930.	<p>well arrive by plane 22 July to assume temporary command of this unit.</p> <p>11 pl B Coy relieved 10 pl B Coy at POTAITI two outposts. 10 pl returned to WATU</p> <p>A Coy patrol moved from POTAITI one at 0730 hrs via Spiers track to the junction of this track and the SANGAN MAGARA creek. From this point the patrol cut a track along the SOUTH bank of the creek for a distance of approx 600 yds where a perimeter was established. a pl ambush was established at the junction of MAC's and SPICER's track from 1330 hrs to 1600 hrs. Throughout the day the patrol saw no movement but discovered a gap 256 round on SPICER's track approx 1300 yds NORTH of POTAITI one. Between 0935 hrs and 1225 hrs a series of explosions (twelve in all) were reported by our outposts as coming from the direction of COOPER'S clearing. L.M.G. fire was also heard. at first it was thought these sounds may have been in connection with A Coy's patrol but the first report from A Coy at 1640 hrs stated that these sounds had also been heard by that party but were not caused by enemy action against them. It is thought that these explosions originate in the MATANAKUNEI bay area as enemy activity there is constantly observed.</p> <p>a patrol from the 2/2 Cav. Bde Center Post reached our SA1 three</p>	<p><i>[Signature]</i></p>

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DATE & TIME.

FROM: 22 July TO: 24 July.

PLACE.	DATE.	HOUR.	INFORM.	REMARKS.
OPEN BAY.	23 July.	1930.	<p>outpost at 1300 hrs today. No movement of enemy tracks was noticed by this patrol.</p> <p>Capt. Baulter (I.O. 11 Div.) moved to SAI one this morning. Lt. Col Busworth arrived at HOSKINS to assume temporary command of this unit.</p> <p>at 0745 hrs A. Coy patrol moved from their position on the SANGANMAGAIRI creek to the coastal track where a platoon ambush was established at 0900 hrs.</p> <p>A. Coy HQ and one platoon then moved via the coastal track to the POTAITI River clearing this track by 1200 hrs.</p> <p>at 1300 hrs the ambush platoon rejoined the main body at POTAITI two outpost and the whole party was later embarked for WATU from the NORTH bank of the SAI River.</p> <p>The patrol reported no movement seen</p> <p>Capt Bernard (C.C. D. Coy N.G.I.B.) moved to NANTAMBU to attend a court of inquiry. Three European NCO's and a number of natives concerned in the disturbances on 20 Jul also moved to NANTAMBU.</p> <p>Lt. Col K. S. Busworth moved from Hoskins to NANTAMBU.</p> <p>Local patrols reported no movement seen during the day.</p>	<p>John King</p>
OPEN BAY.	24 July	1930.	<p>Brig. G.H.V. Edgar D.S.O. (banned & held) Col Edwards (Pacific Islands Regt) Lt. Col Howe (2/4 Td Regt) Maj Hodge (29/46 Am) Maj. Tolmer (N.G.I.B.) arrived at 0814 hrs by CATALINA flying boat.</p>	<p>John King</p>

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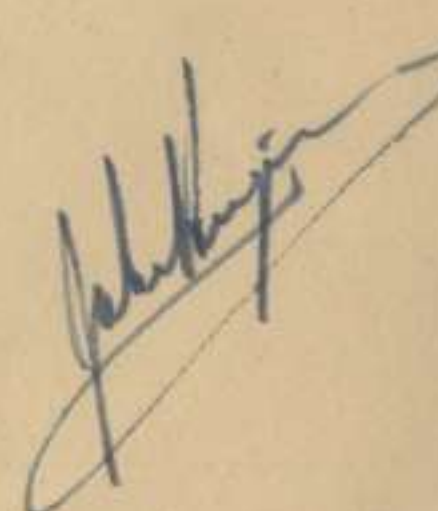
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			<p>These officers are the members of the Court of Inquiry into 1 N.G. I.B. disturbances.</p> <p>Lt-Col K. S. Cusworth (7/Comd 37/52 Bn) arrived at WATV and assumed comd from Maj. R. Curtis (2/c.)</p> <p>Capt. Keft (oc. c. Coy NG18) was called to NANTAMBU today and moved by courier barge at 1600 hrs</p> <p>at 1430 hrs 7 pl A. Coy relieved 11 pl B. Coy at POTAITI two outposts 11 pl stayed the night 24/25 Jul. at SAI one. Local patrols during the day reported no activity.</p> <p>with effect from 2400 hrs 25 Jul boumard in New Britain passes to 11 Div.</p>	<p><i>[Signature]</i></p>
OPEN BAY.	25 July.	1930	<p>at 0800 hrs the C.O. (Lt-Col K. S. Cusworth) accompanied by the I.O. (Lt. J. V. Kingman) moved to SAI one and inspected the area.</p> <p>The officers returned to WATV at 1200 hrs.</p> <p>Maj. R. Curtis (2/c.) moved from WATV to NANTAMBU to assume comd of troops in that area.</p> <p>11 pl B. Coy returned to WATV at 1200 hrs.</p> <p>at 1000 hrs our outposts at POTAITI two reported observing a small barge in the vicinity of POWELL Harbour.</p> <p>almost two hours later a large column of smoke similar to that caused when burning-off damp leaves was observed in the same area.</p>	

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DATE & TIME

FROM: 25 July TO: 26 July

PLACE.	DATE.	HOUR.	INFM.	REMARKS.
OPEN BAY.	26 July	1930.	<p>a patrol from 2/2 Bn. Bdo. Sqns reached SAI three outposts at 1500 hrs today.</p> <p>Major G.W. MacFarlane M.C. arrived at NATU from NANTAMBU. Major MacFarlane has been posted as A Coy. Capt G.H. West will now assume the duties of 2/c A Coy.</p> <p>Capt Abbott (F. Sec. 83 Aust. Dental Unit.) also arrived at NATU to inspect and give treatment to dental cases in the forward areas.</p> <p>Local patrols in the SAI, POTAITI, NATU areas report no movement seen.</p> <p>at 0730 hrs Lt. Col K.S. Busworth departed NATU and moved to NANTAMBU to confer with Brig. G.H. Edgar J.S.O. at 1130 hrs the Brigadier and party of officers departed from NANTAMBU by CATALINA flying boat. Lt. Col Busworth returned to NATU at 1600 hrs.</p> <p>Travelling with the C.O. were Brig. Tinsley J.S.O. (C.A.A. 11 Aust. Div.) Capt Hayward M.C. Selver Star (USA.) (B.M.A.A. 1100w) and Jones (oc. 7th 2/14 Ed Regt.) Capt Barnard (N.G.I.B) and Sgt Leader Howe (R.A.A.F.). The artillery officers remained at NATU while Capt Barnard continued to PAI and Sgt Leader Howe, who is conducting a recce for roads sites in the OPEN BAY area was accommodated at NATU for the night.</p>	

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DATE & TIME. FROM: 26 July TO: 27 July


PLACE.	DATE.	HOUR.	INFM.	REMARKS.
OPEN BAY.	27 July.	1930.	<p>D. Coy NGIB will remain under command 37/52 Bn at OPEN BAY. Capt Bernard is to take command of all N.G.I.B. personnel, on this side of the Island, who are to be trained in their present area. C. Coy NGIB is to be reorganised and one platoon maintained in an operational role.</p> <p>2/2 Cav. Bdo Lym patrol departed SAM three at 0700 hrs to return to LAMARIEN (Wide Bay). All local patrols reported no movement seen.</p> <p>at 1030 hrs Capt Lewis (M.O. 4 Td Amb.) arrived at WATU returning to NANTAMBU in the afternoon. Brig. Tunley D.S.O. and party also returned to NANTAMBU this afternoon as did Sgt/H Howl.</p> <p>During the afternoon Lt. Col. K.S. Busworth spoke to the troops in WATU area by company groups, telling them of the future role of this Battalion and that it is expected this Bn will be relieved by 29/46 Bn in a few weeks time. The C.O. also spoke of his requirements from each soldier while in forward or rear areas & spoke of the leave situation and the basis of, at present, works. It is expected that 70 personnel from the Bn Group will be granted leave from this area shortly.</p> <p>after the C.O.'s address each group returned to its normal tasks.</p>	<p>John King</p>

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FROM: 27 July TO: 28 July.

PLACE.	DATE.	HOUR.	INFM.	REMARKS.
OPEN BAY.	28 July.	1930.	<p>The enemy continues activity NORTH of our positions at POTAITI River, probably in the MATANAKUNEI bay area. See small explosions were heard from that area between 0915 and 0945 hrs today. Local patrols reported no activity.</p> <p>at sundown (272400K) a small party of Japs (estimated at not more than eight) attempted to cross the creek near POTAITI one outpost. Two of the enemy were already half way over when our sentry (Plt "bloom" Coffey NX. 152196) fired on them. One of the Japs fell into the stream while the other scrambled back to the north bank where the remainder of the enemy split into small groups and commenced throwing grenades into our perimeter. For a time Plt Coffey waged a one man war but when other members of the platoon opened fire many groans were heard and one of the Japs called several times "Don't fire please!" but it was "no use!" Our troops however continued firing and soon after the enemy withdrew, apparently blundering into our booby traps as they went. At first light a patrol from SAI two moved forward of the outpost area and discovered one dead KEMBI, who was later identified by N.G.I.B. boys as a Sepik Native. Amongst equipment recovered were two Jap rifles, a quantity of rice, biscuits tinned food,</p>	

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			<p>canned heat, two improvised menus and ammunition, a small scale map covering approx one-quarter of the GAZELLE peninsula and showing all of OPEN BAY from BRIA to TORIU was also recovered. Our casualty was one slightly wounded.</p> <p>at 1000 hrs 16 pl D. Coy under command Lt. Church commenced a recce of SPICER'S track to a point approx 500 yds NORTH of 60 grid line. The patrol saw no movement but located and followed a fresh trail of blood for over 2000 yds along the track. signs of recent enemy use and the footprints of four persons located and followed. The patrol recovered portion of a small gap map approx 700 yds NORTH of POTAITI one and returned to SAI two at 1600 hrs.</p> <p>15 pl C. Coy relieved 7 pl A. Coy at POTAITI two at 0920 hrs and 7 pl returned to NATU. at 1400 hrs 11 pl B. Coy moved to NANTAMBU. In future the occupation of forward areas will be rotational, the intention being to hold one company resting at NANTAMBU, one Coy at NATU for protection, patrolling and emergency and two companies forward in the SAI - POTAITI areas.</p> <p>b. Coy (now at SAI. R.) will therefore supply the POTAITI R. outpost known as POTAITI two, leaving a two</p>	

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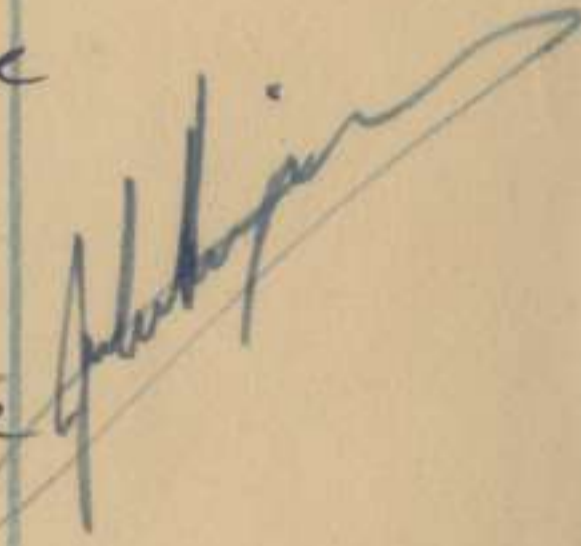
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OPEN BAY.	29 July.	1930.	<p>platoon and bay H.Q. perimeter at SAI river. a section patrol from 2/2 bay. bdo. Sqn reached SAI three at 1500 hrs today. Local patrols at SAI and NATU reported no activity between 0345 hrs and 0400 hrs this morning one of the booby traps at POTAITI one outpost exploded. Some excitement was caused and platoon 'stood to' until it was realised that the heavy rain had caused the creek, along the bank of which the traps were laid, to rise and so explode our traps. at daylight it was found that the creek had risen four feet. a job. 256 round with a long blunt nickel plated nose which was recovered by Lt. A.T. Church's patrol yesterday was forwarded to 11 Aust Div for examination It is believed this is a new type of ammunition. 10 and 11 pls C. Coy NGIB. moved from MAVELU at 1000 hrs and reached SAI two outpost at 1510 hrs, staging the night at the old SAI two staging area (295547) The 2/2 bay. bdo. patrol which arrived at SAI three yesterday departed for the return journey at 0715 hrs this morning. B. Coy (37/52) moved to Kantambu.</p>	<p><i>[Signature]</i></p> <p>see msg 03399 of 29 July (offic)</p> <p>see msg 6069 of 28 July (offic)</p>

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DATE & TIME.

FROM: 29 July. TO: 30 July.

PLACE.	DATE.	HOUR.	INFM.	REMARKS.
OPEN BAY.	30 July.	1930.	<p>Heavy rain continued during the day. For most troops today was a rest day. Despite the rain volley ball and basketball proved very popular and boating and shell searching enthusiasts remained undaunted. Church parades were conducted by Padre Ball at 0900 and 0930 hrs.</p> <p>at 0900 hrs 10 pl NGIB. moved via SPICER'S track to a point approx 300 yds NORTH of POTAITI one outpost, then across country for approx 2600 yds to ref 310615 where a patrol base was established. an old gap tractor track running due NORTH and SOUTH was located at 309613 and patrolled to 309622 where two unoccupied huts in disrepair were found. No movement was seen by this patrol.</p> <p>meanwhile 11 pl NGIB. moved to SAI. Two then patrolled along a line approx 400 yds NORTH of BROWN'S track and parallel to it reaching SAI three at 1430 hrs and returning via BROWN'S track. No movement was seen.</p> <p>During the day 17 and 18 pls D. Coy effected a change-over in locations, 17 pl. occupying POTAITI one outpost and 18 pl taking over SAI three. This movement is to</p>	

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allow 18 pl a period of comparative rest.

at 0900 hrs Lt Col N. S. Busworth (Command 37/52 Bn) accompanied by the I.O. (Lt Gen. Kingman) visited Batt. Bluffton at SA1 one outpost and inspected the new defences.

Later the C.O. spoke to all troops in that area telling them of the tasks demanded of them in the time that remains for them in OPEN BAY.

The C.O. and I.O. returned to WATU at 1600 hrs.

Heavy rain continues. Tracks in the forward areas are in reasonably good condition however. Despite drainage the main vehicle track at WATU is in bad repair owing to the rain and constant heavy use.

as a small patrol from 10 pl NGIB.

which set out at 1230 hrs yesterday to recon the COOPER'S clearing area had not returned by first light today. The platoon cmd. (Lt. Gordon) decided not to continue with reconnaissance of MATARALI area until contact with this party had been gained. Patrols which were sent out at 0800 hrs returned at 1100 hrs, having failed to find the party, and Lt. Gordon then decided to send a further patrol to COOPER'S clearing meanwhile thoroughly reconnoitering the areas 2000 yds to the EAST and 1500 yds

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SOUTH of the platoon's position. No movement was seen by these patrols. At 1245 hrs however, the "lost patrol" reached the patrol base, reporting that very thick jungle had hindered the movement of the patrol and that on returning to the patrol base, the previous evening, the party had become "bushied" and camped the night in the jungle.

at 0720 hrs 11 pl N.G.I.B. moved from SAI two via SAKERS tracks to POTATI one then across country to rise the foothills in square 3260. The patrol returned to SAI two at 1500 hrs and reported contacting an A.I.B. party in the foothills. As neither patrol was aware of the others presence in that area a small war almost developed until one of the A.I.B. boys recognized the green clothing of the Europeans with the N.G.I.B. patrol.

A discussion was held and it was decided that a rendezvous at SAI three be arranged between Capt. Searle (A.I.B.) and Sgt. Frost (acting pl comd 11 pl.) on 1 Aug. The C.O. (Lt Col. Busworth accompanied by Lt. Col. Kingman moved from WATS at 0830 hrs, passed through SAI one where a protection party was obtained

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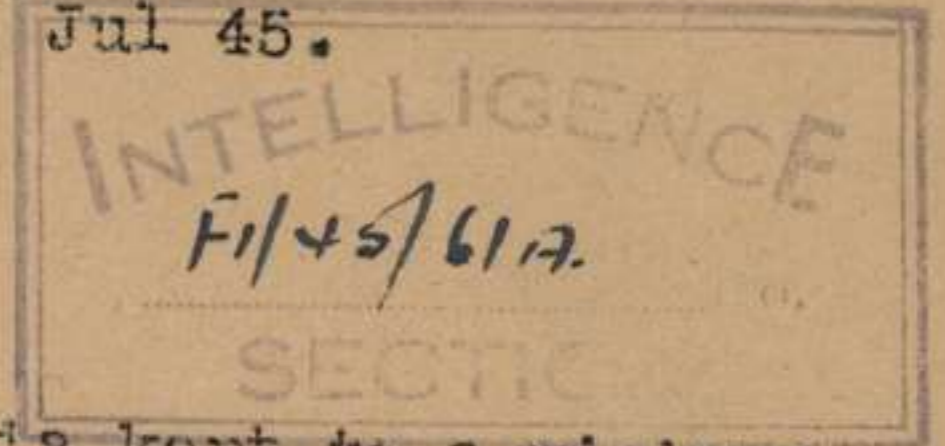
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			<p>and then, via WHELAN'S track to SAI two. After inspecting the area and making several suggestions, the party had an early lunch and moved to POTAITI one outpost where a similar inspection was carried out. Then via POWNEY'S track the C.O. and party moved to POTAITI two outpost. After inspecting the platoon and outpost areas the C.O. decided to maintain a 24 hour watch on the river mouth. Lt Scott (15 pl Coy at POTAITI two) was given the task of providing the night watch and 13 pl Coy (Lt. Sinclair) will join 15 pl to maintain the daytime watch. Reliefs will be effected at 0600 hrs and 0800 hrs daily, 15 pl will sleep in the platoon area (via POWNEY'S and coastal track during the day. a patrol from 2/2 Cav. Bde Center Post reached SAI three at 1430 hrs today. The New Britain bombline has been lowered to the north bank of the MATAKAILI River.</p>	

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MEMO NO 1 - 37/52 AUST INF BN (GROUP)

37/52 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
44/45/14
10 Jul 45.



1. SMOKE

Units will ensure that smoke from fires is kept to a minimum.

2. BARGE POINT

Barge point out of bounds to all troops other than those on duty 11 Jul 45. Provost and RPC will check European and Native traffic.

3. DRESS

Troops will be correctly dressed in shirt and trousers JG, gaiters and hats. Berets worn only by personnel not in possession of hats. NO exception will be made for working parties - shirts will NOT be removed.

4. SALUTING

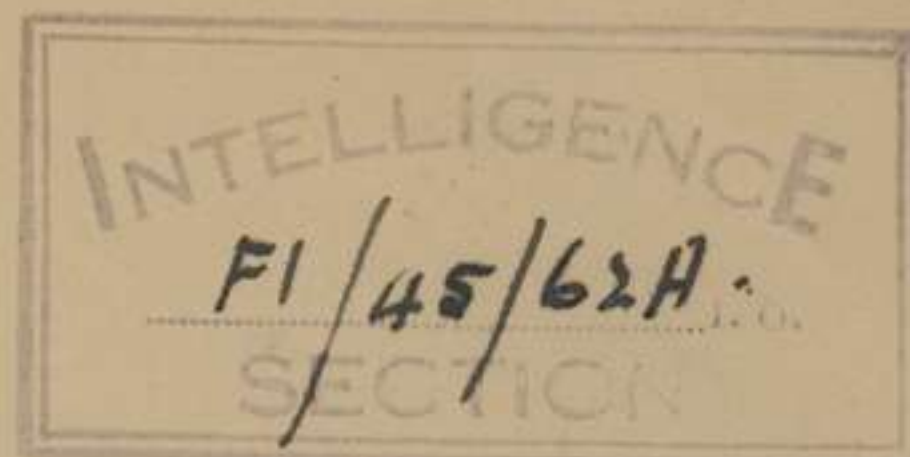
It is noticeable that saluting is becoming lax in this area. Unit commanders will ensure that troops are instructed in correct procedure and salute all officers. Work parties or parties of troops when approached by an officer or officers, will stand to attention, the senior only saluting.

5. Unit or detachment commanders will ensure that they are ready to receive GOC and party on entering any unit or detachment area.

R. Rowley C. P. S.
Adj. 37/52 Aust Inf Bn

37/52 Aust Inf Bn
14 Jul 45
---OPERATION INSTRUCTION NO 9

To: "D" Coy

Subject: OCCUPATION OF OUTPOSTS

1. Ref map 1:25,000 series
2. INFM "D" Coy comd to check with I.O.
3. INTENTION "D" Coy will occupy POTAITI 1, SAI 2 and SAI 3 outposts.
- METHOD
4. POTAITI 1 To remain as at present
5. SAI 3 To be occupied by 17 pl by 151700K
6. SA I 2 To be occupied by "D" Coy HQ and 16 pl by 161700K.
7. TASKS OF ALL OUTPOSTS
 - (a) Prevent enemy use of SPICER'S, POWNEY'S, BROWN'S tracks and track from 336558 to SAI 3.
 - (b) Report any mov of enemy and to take every opportunity to inflict casualties.
 - (c) To arrest patrols operating in area and in particular patrols from 13 Bde mov to SAI 3.
 - (d) Collection of additional track and topo infm.
8. SPECIAL TASKS
 - (a) Track from SAI 3 through 336558 to terminal will be traversed, but NOT NORTH of Grid 62
 - (b) Area vicinity 300562 will be reced with view to locating a more suitable tactical base for Coy HQ and 1 pl gp.
 - (c) Staging Camps at SAI 2 will be maintained to permit staging of patrols operating fwd of SAI River.
9. 7 pl "A" Coy will relieve 16 pl of its present responsibilities by 151700K.
10. ADM
Rations will be carried by carrier train escorted by respective pls on 15 and 16 Jul. Subsequent supplies by arrangement "C" Coy.
NOTE: Carriers will NOT be sent NORTH of SAI R unless escorted by patrol.
11. W.E. weapons, amn and tools to be carried or ferried up by arrangement with "C" Coy.
12. Medical: 1 SB at POTAITI and SAI 3 outposts.
Intelligence: 1 Int pers at SAI 2.

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13. b L/T to POTAITI 1 and SAI 3 through SA I 2 thence to SAI 1.
6 line switchboard at SAI 2.
14. W/T SAI 2 and SAI 3 as sets become available
15. 17 pl to carry pigeons for 3 days.
16. Carrying parties for cable to be drawn from "A" Coy.
17. ACK

R. Paulson Lt
for A djt 37/52 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

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"D" Coy	1, 2 & 3
"C" "	4
"A" "	5
Sig O	6
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37/52 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
16 Jul 45OPERATION INSTRUCTION No 10INTELLIGENCE
F1/45/63A. I.O.
SECTION

- To: "G" Coy NGIB
1. INPM Check with I.O. prior to departure.
 2. INTENTION "G" Coy will maintain one pl operationally for patrol duties in area NORTH of SAI R as from 222400K.
 3. METHOD
Initial pl will move via SPICER's track to general area SANGANMAGAIR Ck and locate suitable patrol base - to be est by 231700K.
 4. TASKS
 - (a) To patrol SPICER's, MAC's tracks and COOPER'S Clearing Areas.
 - (b) To patrol coastal track from MAC's track to POTAITI R.
 - (c) To inflict casualties on enemy as opportunities arise, without becoming engaged in an action against a superior force.
 5. LIMIT OF MOV No mov NORTH of MATA NAKUNEI BAY.
 6. GENERAL INSTR
 - (a) Enemy booby traps have been located in this area - caution necessary on all tracks.
 - (b) Patrols moving through POTAITI 1 & 2 outposts will warn outposts in adv and will be guided through outposts areas because of booby traps.
 - (c) Patrol base will be moved frequently, ambushes will NOT be set in same posn more than ONCE.
 - (d) Patrols will NOT move back along same route as they went out on.
 - (e) "G" Coy HQ will arrange relief of each pl after 3 - 4 days duration.
 7. ADN
RATIONS Rations will be carried.
 8. AMN Normal scale carried.
 9. CAS To POTAITI 1 or 2, as convenient; outposts to arrange further evacuation.
 10. COMNS Relieving pls will carry pigeons sufficient for duration of patrol. W/T will be used direct to "G" Coy HQ NGIB.
 11. REPORTS Patrols will report daily at 1700 hrs giving report on day's activity and intentions for following day.
 12. NOTE L/T is laid to both POTAITI outposts and line exists to SANGANMAGAIR Ck along coast.
 13. ACK

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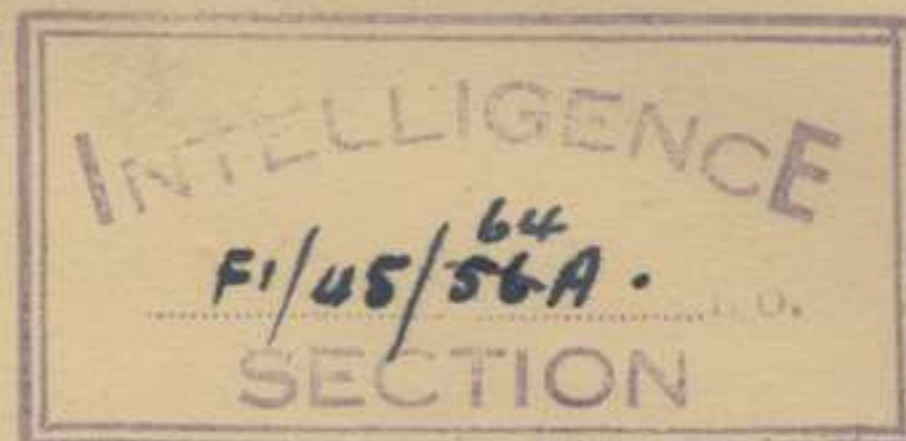
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16 Jul 45

PATROL INSTR No SBP 16

To: "A" Coy

1. INFM Patrol comd to report to I.O. 171800K.
2. INTENTION "A" Coy less 7 pl will patrol SPICER's MAC's and coastal tracks.
3. METHOD
TPS "A" Coy less 7 pl
4 SBs
1 Int pers
2 Sigs
4. ROUTE AND TIMETABLE
180900K Leave WATU proceed via POWNEY's track to POTAITI 1 for night 18/19 Jul.
190730K Leave POTAITI 1, patrol SPICER's track to MATANAKUNEI Bay.
Night 19/20 Jul Ambush posn vicinity 283613.
200700K Move via coastal track to POTAITI 2.
5. TASKS (a) Clear SPICER's track to MATANAKUNEI Bay
(b) Clear MAC's and coastal tracks.
(c) Inflict cas on enemy wherever possible but NOT to become involved against superior force.
(d) Remove and return any booby traps, documents, identifications etc.
6. POTAITI 2 Close liaison with patrol (10 pl) during 17 & 18 Jul. No booby traps in POTAITI area during 19 & 20 Jul.
ADM
7. 3 days' rations and emergency rations will be carried.
8. Shetler halves will be carried to POTAITI 1 17 Jul - shelters will be left at POTAITI 1 outpost for use of future patrols.
9. Gas and PWs evacuated to POTAITI 1 or 2 as convenient. POTAITI outposts will be responsible for further evacuation.
10. Amn - normal jungle scale to be carried.
11. Utmost attention will be given to malaria discipline, but nets need not be carried. A statement will be rendered to Fwd Bn HQ by 211000K describing supervision of atebirin discipline.
12. INTERCOMM
Pigeons for 3 days will be carried. Pigeons will NOT be released later than 1700 hrs daily.

13. W/T 208 sets will be carried. Sig 0 to arrange listening watch and call frequency.
- NOTE: L/T is laid to POTAITI outposts.
14. REPORTS Daily report at 1700 hrs giving infm to date.
Full report to I.O. by 211000K.
15. ACK

R. Pullen Lt
for Adjt 37/52 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

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22 Jul 45.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR POTAITI 2 OUTPOST.
Ref Ma p 1/25000 series.

INTELLIGENCE
F1/45/65 A
SECTION

To Pl Comd.

1. OBJECT OF OUTPOST

To hold junction of Powney's and coastal tracks. To deny the enemy use of COASTAL track SOUTH of POTAITI River.

2. INSTRUCTIONS

Pl Comd will report to O.C. SAI 1 force on day prior to taking over and to Bn I/O. on morning of departure from WATU. Pl will be under Comd SAI 1 force for adm only.

3. TASKS

- (a) To est and hold pl perimeter on track junction 265588.
- (b) To give early warning to SAI 1 of the approach of enemy from NORTH or / and EAST.
- (c) To maintain forward outpost at 272599 during hours of daylight to prevent enemy crossing POTAITI River.
- (d) To cover withdrawal if necessary of any forward patrol that may be operating down COASTAL track and assist in evacuating casualties if any.

4. METHOD

TROOPS - One rifle platoon - 1 Stretcher bearer.

5. PROCEDURE

Pl will occupy posn 265588 between 1800 hrs and 0530 hrs. Pl less 2 men per section will occupy posn 272599 between 0600 hrs and 1730 hrs. Two men per section remaining in area 265588 will act as security guard.

6. BOOBY TRAPS

Booby traps will be laid in area 272599 during hours of darkness. Posn of traps will be changed daily.

7. DURATION

Outposts will be relieved every four days.

8. GENERAL

In the event of enemy penetration platoon outpost will inflict casualties and remain in perimeter unless position becomes untenable, when they will withdraw and join force at SAI 1.

9. RATIONS

Ration for duration of patrol will be carried.

10. AMMUNITION

W.B. amm will be carried and 1st line reserve will be maintained in area.

11. COMMUNICATIONS

L/T is laid to both Pl positions - phone will be moved to forward position during occupation.

12. REPORTS

Outposts will report any signs of enemy movement immediately. A log will be maintained giving times of occupation of each position, sightings or movement reported. This will be submitted together with report of general activities on completion of task.

Richard
.....Lt.
for Adjt 37/52 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

General:

During the month of July there has been little change in dispositions forward consequently the system of supply has not altered to any degree. The proposed DID Section at WATU has not yet been established but as the building has now been completed it is anticipated that rations will be moved up during the next few weeks.

The area was visited by ADOS and DAQMG 11 Div and the opportunity was taken to acquaint them with the more pressing problems of supply.

Ordnance Stores:

Two shipments arrived during the month and it has been possible to make a full issue to the whole Bn. There is still a shortage in trousers J.G. particularly in small sizes.

It is expected that following the visit of ADOS that these will be received from Jacquinet Bay.

Rations:

Owing to the breakdown of both refrigerators no fresh meat has been available during the last three weeks. The refrigerators are now in operation and it is anticipated that the issue of fresh supplies will now be normal.

A very adequate supply of fresh apples and eggs was received and they were despatched for immediate consumption.

The bakery is now supplying rolls to the forward platoons.

J. J. [Signature]
Capt.
Q.M. 37/52 Aust Inf Bn (AIF).

During the latter half of the month the AEME checked the mechanical condition of our vehicles and an excellent report was received. The unit was fortunate to secure on loan from 1 Aust Forestry Survey Coy a 3-tons truck; it is of great use for the cartage of gravel and for other heavy work. Due to the possession of that and other heavy trucks it has been possible to restrict the use of trucks $\frac{1}{2}$ -ton to light duties only thus leaving them in very good condition for possible operational requirements.

On the visit of the GOC to this area he commented favourably on the appearance of the unit vehicles.

[Signature] Lt.
T.O. 37/52 Aust Inf Bn (AIF).

MEDICAL REPORT FOR 37/52 Aust Inf Bn
For The Month of JULY 45

During this month there has not been one case of malaria occurring in this Unit, and this I am sure is due to more rigid supervision of atebrin administration.

Total evacuations have been 31 for this Battalion and 18 from other units in this area.

One death has occurred from an accidental booby trap wound, 2 were evacuated accidentally wounded, and one wounded in action.

General health of the troops is good, but ~~all~~ seem to rapidly develop skin complaints after they have had a few weeks in forward positions, and 11 skin cases have been evacuated.

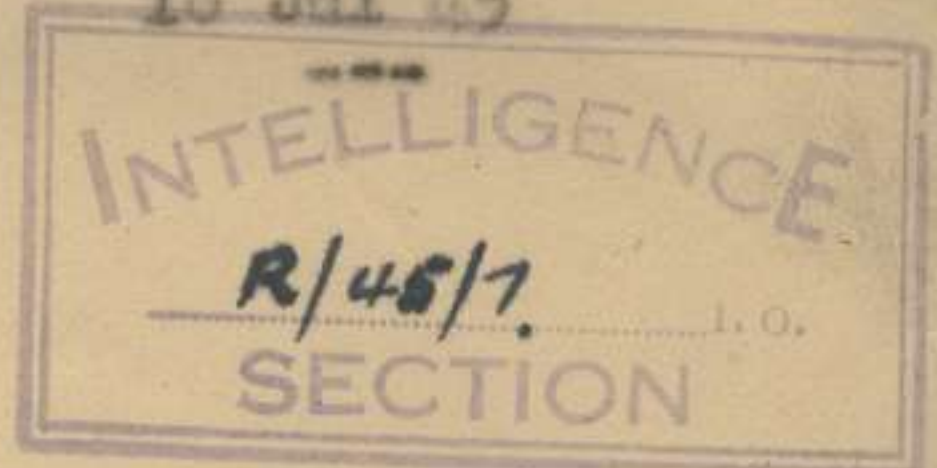
Lt ENGLISH, (Brigade Hygiene Officer) visited this area this month and, although there are still many improvements to be made, he was quite satisfied with the progress which has been made.

Rations satisfactory.

R. O. Hamme

Capt
RMO 37/52 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

WATO POINT
16 Jul 45



From: The officer in Charge,
AIB Intercept Station,
with 37/52 Aust Inf Bn Gp.

To: The Offr Comd,
37/52 Aust Inf Bn Gp

SUBMITTED: An appreciation of recent information gained
on enemy positions - north coast NEW BRITAIN

During the past month information received indicates that the enemy has doubled the strength of his fwd defensive posns north of the NATALAILI River, which guard the approaches to POWELL HARB.

Capt SHARIS, AIB fd party leader, replied in answer to a n enquiry, that the enemy had in his opinion established the recently discovered enemy encampment at map ref 320663 (Open Bay 1 in to 1 mile) in Mar or Apr of this year, and the camp at 316652 during Jun. Both these camps are on the high escarpment of the 1200 ft feature, Mt GIVU and from their timbered weapon pits the enemy control the mountain track which leads north west down to POWELL HARB.

Air reconnaissance and AIB sightings likewise have est that the enemy has constructed new defense positions recently, covering the coastal track, leading north from the NATALAILI River north to POWELL HARB. These posns being in addition to those known to have existed for some months.

This enemy movement has been caused very likely by the heavy mortaring and shelling by a company of 30 bn of his fwd posns in MAY and the heavier shelling and aerial bombardment arranged by 37/52 in during Jun leading them to believe that we intended to thrust forward.

AIB reconnaissance parties endeavouring to penetrate the area north of the NATALAILI River and around Mt GIVU report very active patrolling by both Japanese and enemy controlled natives, since the artillery bombardment, all along the north side of the river.

The positions that the enemy have taken up appear to be defensive ones to protect his fwd formation. He believed to be situated in the POWELL Harb area; but, at the same time could be used as points from which to make harassing attacks of short duration on our fwd posns. Since our tps moved up to OPEN BAY, enemy fighting patrols sent to attack our fwd perimeters have always consisted of at least 50 tps and generally were, well equipped with mortars and automatic weapons.

J. Johnson
LT RANVR

LT RANVR

20. Jul 45

Subject: REFUGEE NATIVES FROM PONDOTo: 4 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)

1. Further statements by natives.

2. BY WARUPU

I was working at PONDO when the Japs landed in 1942. I helped Mr HOLLAND to bring 22 evacuees (Europeans) from TOL to OPEN BAY and then ran away to MALILUA village on the NORTH COAST close to ULA MONA. I was then taken to RABAU by the Japs and made to work there for over a year. I then ran away to PONDO and was caught by KEMBIS and put to work in the gardens at PONDO. Later as my work improved I was made overseer of other KANAKAS working on the gardens. Sometimes I accompanied patrols to the bush but only as guide or carrier. These were the only jobs I ever carried out. A pass was given to me in Jan of this year so that we could be identified by the Japs. I left this paper at PONDO.

2. BY AMBISI

I was working at KERAVAT PTN when Japs landed. When they came to KERAVAT I was made to work in the gardens. I then ran away to PONDO because of heavy bombings at KERAVAT. The Japs made me work on the gardens at PONDO. Sometimes I was detailed to bring Jap soldiers in canoes to TORIU, but was always made to return immediately. These were the only jobs given to me by the Japs. I was given a pass by the Japs in Jan 45 for the purpose of identification. I brought the pass with me, but then I threw it away upon nearing the Australian lines.

3. BY SUBUPU

I worked at KERAVAT when Japs landed. When they came to KERAVAT I ran away and went to MALILUA village, NAKANAI where I found WARUPU. The Japs came to MALILUA and took us to RABAU. I was made to work there for one year and then I ran away to PONDO. I was caught by the Japs and made to work in gardens. I did no other work. I was issued with a pass, but when I ran away to go to the Australian lines, I left it behind at PONDO.

4. BY GUMI

I was working for W. R. CARPENTER's in RABAU when the Japs landed. I ran away to KERAVAT. The Japs caught me there and made me work in the gardens. I stayed for one year and then ran away to PONDO, was caught by KEMBIS and made to work in the gardens at PONDO. I did no other work for the Japs. I was given a pass in Jan of this year; I carried this pass with me, but tore it up and threw it into the SAI River before entering Australian lines.

5. BY GOGAN

I was working at POWELL Harbour when Japs came to RABAUL. I then ran away to MEVELU and stayed there unmolested for 13 months. A KEMBI then came from PONDO and took me back with him together with other boys. I was put to work in the gardens there. This was the only work I did for the Japs. I was given a pass in Jan 45, but left it at PONDO.

6. GUAJELU

This boy gave the same statement as that given by GOGAN. He also left his passport at PONDO before leaving for our lines.

7. KEMBIS

Infm by the above evacuees, gives names of the following KEMBIS now at PONDO.

KOM	of AIPAPE
IMAGE	" "
ULFE	" "
MURIS	" "
LAS	" "
SILAU	" "
ROSE	" MANUS
LAU-AN	" MARKHAM.

KOM is said to be the head man of these boys.

8. All of these natives swear that ALL natives are given passes by the Japanese so as to identify them from others roaming from the hills or from our lines. Natives declare that they were afraid to bring the passes to our lines in case they were thought to be KEMBIS. Natives state that they RAN away from the Japs and were NOT sent. Passes were given to them months ago.

9. COMMENT

It is thought that the passes were mixed up by the 6 refugees and that WARUPU's and GUMI's (ARUPI) passes were brought to SAI area. All native names were written in Japanese and would not be understood by natives.

10. The above Statements were obtained by Capt Reid of ANGAU, NA NTAMBU.

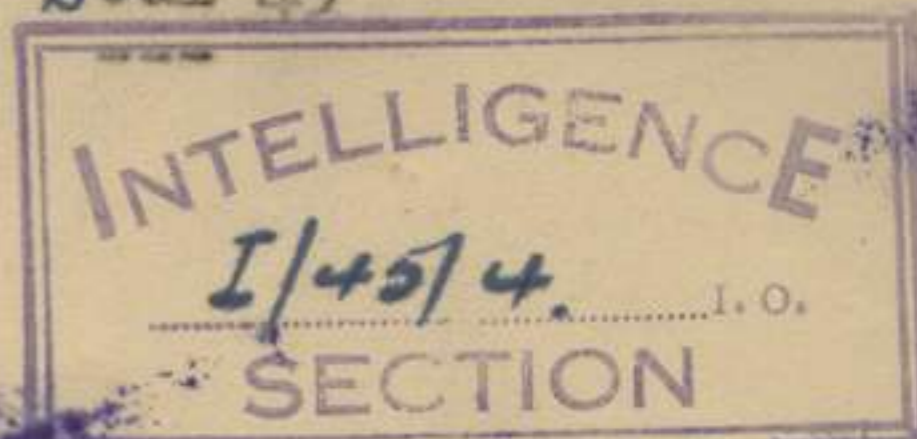
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 Lt-Col
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Subject: WEEKLY SUMMARY OF EVENTS No 4
(Infm from 290800K to 060800K)

37/52 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
6 Jul 45

To: 4 AUST INF BDE (AIF)



1. Ref Maps: 1:25,000 series

2. OPERATIONS

27 Jun "C" Coy 11 pl NGIB with 1 det mortars OP party departed as per op instr No 7 with intention of destroying enemy posns in COOPER'S CLEARING and MATALAILI BAY areas, later extended to south of MATALAILI River. 11 pl NGIB est perimeter at 298580 whilst "C" Coy and att tps mov to 298580.

28 Jun 11 pl NGIB patrolled COOPER'S CLEARING area and reported it clear of enemy. One old enemy pl posn was located at 289624 est left 4 - 6 weeks, but footprints around area were evidence of recent patrolling. Meanwhile "C" Coy mov to 390611 and est patrol base at 281600K.

29 Jun "C" Coy patrolled areas north and east of their posn to find a more suitable base but no area could be found and the coy decided to remain firm at 300611. NGIB pl patrolled fwd to MATALAILI River area and reported extensive unoccupied posns on the south bank - est one coy str (see appx E). Also reported another posn approx 200 yds north and occupied by at least 1 pl.

30 Jun NGIB pl with Bn IC were sent fwd to locate exact posn of enemy posn. Patrol left 1115 hrs and mov via coastal track. At approx 287626 fresh footprints of one Jap and one Kombi were found heading south. The area around was searched but no mov was seen. The patrol mov on to MATALAILI area to Jap posn 285630. A sec of NGIB mov fwd to the river and located Jap def on northern bank. 3 - 4 thatched huts were seen and also one iron roofed building. A shot was fired at our sec patrol from a posn in a tree. The patrol withdrew and made back towards base. On reaching LAGOON area 285627, clashed with a small enemy patrol. A sharp encounter ensued. Our patrol suffered one native wounded. Enemy cas believed three wounded. The patrol mov inland and returned to base at 1600 hrs.

1 Jul "C" Coy were sent fwd to est a firm base in vicinity lagoon while NGIB were to patrol inland to MATALAILI River with the object of locating further enemy posns. Firm base was est at 1100 hrs. At 1200 hrs NGIB pl returned to "C" Coy and reported they had found tracks of 25 - 30 Japs incl Kombis mov south. "C" Coy mov two pls back to protect Comd Post area which was est at 290607, leaving one pl at LAGOON area with instr to withdraw at 1530 hrs. No enemy were seen and "C" Coy complete was back in perimeter 290607 by 1630 hrs. 9 pl NGIB relieved 11 pl NGIB at 1530 hrs.

2 Jul "D" Coy less 18 pl plus one det mortars, OP party and NGIB mov to LAGOON area and took up perimeter at 1020 hrs. Mortars ranged with HE on enemy posn 285633.

At 1045 hrs eight CORSAIRS appeared over area and smoke was fired into enemy posn. The a/c started bombing and strafing immediately and reported at 1115 hrs that they had completed their task. Arty opened up at

1130 hrs and laid down by cone on Jap posn, later lifting to garden area at 288641.
Two secs mov fwd to area 285639 and laid booby traps along coastal track.
"D" Coy less 18 pl mov back to perimeter at 1530 hrs NMS.

3 Jul Comd Post, "C" Coy, "D" Coy less 18 pl withdrew from area at 0800 hrs and returned to WATU by 1630 hrs. 9 pl NGIB remained in area 289609 and carried out local security patrols. NMS.

4 Jul 9 pl NGIB left base at 0730 hrs with task of estimating damage done to enemy posn on MAFALAILI River during bombing etc, 2 Jul. Patrol reported back at 1500 hrs.

Reported that they had located enemy def posn on north bank of MAFALAILI River and had seen seven Japs in bunkers. Patrol opened fire with LMGs and it is believed that good effects were obtained. Area on south bank of river was well covered by arty fire, also north bank near the mouth. No signs of bomb bursts were seen.

Patrol mov back towards base and were ambushed by approx one sec enemy at 288624. Two natives were killed, one wounded, pl comd wounded. Our patrol returned their fire and the enemy withdrew, leaving one empty model 96 mag behind.

3.

ENEMY CONTACT

See para 1

4.

SIGNS OF ENEMY

Enemy have no occupied posns south of MAFALAILI River but are actively patrolling areas south as far as POTAITI River. On 30 Jun several small trees on the northern side of the POTAITI River were reported to have been sawn down within 24 hrs, apparently to assist in observation along the coastal track.

Enemy wireless eqpt (portable) was found near LAGOON area 30 Jun (one valve and two plug-in terminals), all unserviceable.

An unidentified native was observed near SANGA outpost 289608. Believed Kembu - he went bush when seen by our outpost.

Refer to para 1 and att sketch. (appx A)

5.

PATROL ACTIVITY

(a) Ref para 2

(b) Local security patrols along L/T, all reported NMS.

(c) One offr and sec from "D" Coy investigated condition of Jap barge at MATANAKUREI BAY, Jul 2, during air strike and arty action.

Report:

General

Barge is twin keel model (see appx F)

Body is practically rusted through.

Engine is rusty but apparently intact.

Gear-box, propeller and driving shaft have not been interfered with.

Helm is missing but rudder etc appear to be serviceable.

Aft winch is not damaged.

Ramp and lowering tackle appear intact.

Tank capacity of Jap barge is 30 gals, approx 15 hrs running time. Barge apparently brought to area by large ship - end of 1943 or early 1944.

(d) AIB (ref maps: 1 in to 1 mile series)
 Patrol to TORIU area 11 Jun to 3 Jul
 Patrol task: To investigate extent of enemy activity in TORIU area with alternative task at PONDO PTN.
 Report: Patrol mov via old TORIU - PONA track following south bank of the TORIU River from 361784 to 440823 (track appears to have had no recent use), thence across TORIU River at 453874. A new track seldom used parallel to the TORIU River approx $\frac{3}{4}$ miles north of it running under foothills and proceeding up the TORIU valley. Rough country to NW prevented patrol reaching TORIU from north and patrol mov to PONDO. Patrol crossed head of SAMBI River and reached coast at 250911 thence along coastal track to PONDO. One local native volunteered to accompany patrol back to base.
 This native reports:

- 5 Jap coast watches on knoll behind pt 257869
 These Japs have no radio.
- 2 Japs at 206957
- 4 Japs in cave at 215994
- 2 Japs at river mouth 211996
- 4 Japs at creek mouth 215005
- approx 20 in 5 houses at 235988 (on new rd to BAINING area following ridge 224984 to old track approx 254994) This rd is mined between Jap camp 235988 and PONDO PTN.
- 4 Japs at village 275013

There are no def in PONDO PTN except one old gun in PONDO PT. Each night, Jap assault boat with outboard engine leaves TORIU for PONDO and returns with native foods. Little rice is held by enemy in PONDO area and this is being kept for emergency. Am is in short supply. Rivers at PONDO are not suitable for barges. More infm is hoped for after further interrogation of native brought in.

6.

SIGHTINGS

During the period under review smoke signals were observed in the LAULI, TORIU, MT GIYU areas by our O.Ps. at WAFU, SAI River and POTAITI River. NO action has been taken on any of these sightings.

031900K O.Ps at WAFU and SAI One reported a searchlight apparently in the RABAUL area on a bearing of 40° mag from WAFU. The searchlight was visible from 1900 hrs to 191 hrs the arc being between 360° and 40° mag. ANGAU NANTAMBU also observed this SL and consider it may operate from hill feature behind PONDO.

041035K SAI 1 reported unidentified motor launch off BAIJA travelling approx south towards NANTAMBU. This craft was thought to be the Forest Svy launch which was known to be in the vicinity of the PANDI River but later investigation proved that at no time could Forest Svy launch have been sighted from SAI or WAFU areas.

050745K SAI 1 reported six small puffs of smoke near coast between BAPALAILI River and COOPER'S GLEA Inlet. Smoke appeared in successive puffs first near BAPALAILI River, sixth puff approx 700 yds north of SARABAGAI Crk.

7.

CHANGES IN LOCATION

4 Jul 18 pl "D" Coy from NANTAMBU to new outpost at 298577 via SAI 1 and POMBEY'S Track. This outpost to be known as POTAITI No 1.

(4)

12 pl "B" Coy from SAI 2 to new outpost 298577 relieved by 18 pl at 041345K, staged night 4/5 Jul at 293539.

5 Jul 12 pl "B" Coy mov from 293539 via SAI 1 to NANTAMBU to replace 18 pl.

NOTE: Outpost at SAI 2 (296546) now withdrawn. It was intended to withdraw the outpost at POTAITI River 265588 and est one at SANGANMAGAIR (289608) to sp NGIB patrols operating in area. However cas incurred on 4 Jul weakened 9 pl NGIB. "C" Coy NGIB has 25 natives off duty through illness (as at 060800K) and several others are suffering from colds and in addition are under str in native and European personnel. As it was not possible to replace 9 pl NGIB, SANGA outpost is not to be occupied until our patrols are again in COOPER'S CLEARING area.

8.

PROJECTED OPERATIONS

(a) Relief of force at SAI ("A" and "B" Coys) by "C" and "D" Coys is in progress and will be complete by 1630 hrs 7 Jul.

(b) Patrols operating between fwd outposts and MAFALAILI River will be supplied as far as possible from WATU area and will stage at POTAITI No 1 outpost (298577).

(c) Outposts. Outpost at POTAITI R (265588) will NOT be withdrawn as advised in op instr No 8 (para 2) To be known as POTAITI No 2.

9.

CONSTRUCTION

(a) Staging camp will be constructed at POTAITI 1 (298577) to hold 40 pers. (this staging area in lieu of task (d) para 3 of op instr No 8).

(b) Temporary mooring for GATALINA completed at NANTAMBU 300600K.

10.

AIR

(a) OWN
Satisfactory comms with PEARL a/c were est when plane flew over WATU area. On 2 Jul 8 corsairs carried out low level bombing and strafing attack on enemy posns MAFALAILI River. a/c reported probable enemy amn dump hit during strike. Mission was completed by 1115 hrs.

Contact was again est on 4 Jul, when a/c was requested to report on area bombed 2 Jul, also area north towards LAULI.

(b) ENEMY
nil

11.

TEPO

As per att overlay (appx B)

12.

COMNS

(a) During "C" Coy ops (appx C)

(b) During AIR STRIKE (appx D)

(5)

12.

CASUALTIES

(a) Enemy
30 Jun 3 probable wounded during clash (255628)
4 Jul 1 killed, 6 probably killed at
WATALAILI River (285634) NGIB.

(b) Own
30 Jun 1 native wounded (285628)
4 Jul 2 natives killed)
1 native wounded) (288623) NGIB patrol
1 European wounded)
5 Jul 1 accidentally killed) SANGA outpost
1 wounded) Beeby trap.

13.

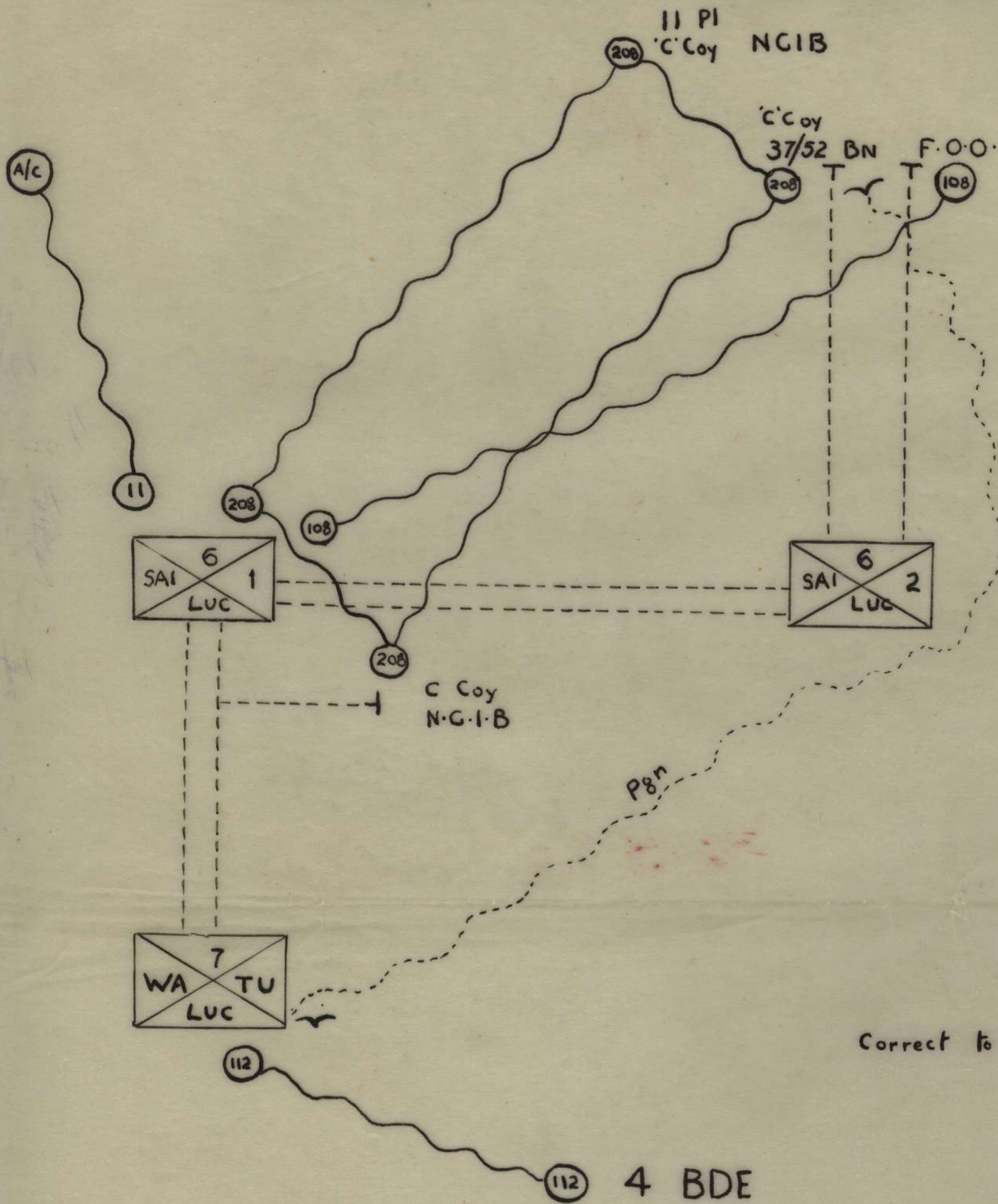
APPENDICES

(A) overlay showing ops 23 Jun - 3 Jul
(B) TOPO overlay
(C) Comms - "G" Coy ops
(D) Comms during air strike
(E) Enemy trench system (WATALAILI River area)
(F) Translation of markings on Jap barge MATANAKUNSI Bay.

Lt Col.
Comd 37/52 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

SIGNAL DIAGRAM - "C" COY OPERATIONS

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Correct to 271030K

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37/52 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
13 Jul 45

Subject: WEEKLY SUMMARY OF EVENTS No 5
(Infn from 060800K to 130800K)



To: 4 AUST INF BNS (AIF)

1. Ref Maps: 1:25,000 series
1 Inch series

2. OPERATIONS

(a) Enemy Contact: 071025K POTAITI 2 outpost ref 272597 reported 10 Japs crossing POTAITI River mouth. Enemy fired on our fwd sec outpost who returned fire and prevented enemy from getting foothold on southern bank. Enemy withdrew across river.

(b) Signs of Enemy:
071715K SAI 1 post ref 256588 reported unidentified native around perimeter. Native who was unarmed ran away when seen by our tps. Footprints were found on track leading north from our post.
121030K POTAITI 2 outpost ref 272597 observed three Japs on beach at MATANAKUNUI Bay. 121155K two Japs were seen in same area.

During the week several explosions were heard in COOPER'S CLEARING area.

(c) General:
On 10-11 Jul "A" Tp 2/14 Pd Regt registered targets in following areas:-

DF 1	2652058830	
DF 2	2562057060	
DF 3	2576056520	
DF 4	2230054200) 1 Inch series
DF 5	2210053100	

3. PATROL ACTIVITY

(a) Routine patrols only were carried out during the week - BNS.

(b) AIB (ref maps: 1 in to 1 mile series)
Patrol to LUI Ck (TORIU area) 4 Jul to 12 Jul.
Patrol task: To investigate enemy activity and positions in LUI Ck area.

Report: Patrol reached vicinity enemy camp 290786 near LUI Ck and was preparing to enter camp when patrol discovered enemy approaching from three directions. Patrol withdrew and remained in area for two days. Much talking and sounds of timber falling heard in this area. Tracks, apart from those in camp area showed little sign of use but enemy security patrols are active.

Patrol to MAPALAILI River area 5 Jul to 7 Jul.
Patrol task: To report on success of airstrike and avty conc and present activity in MAPALAILI - LAULI area.

Report: Patrol biv night 5/6 Jul at old Jap camp ref 343650. 061120K - further old camp located at 325660 where fresh bare footprints were seen. Patrol followed footprints to 321658 where they joined a well used track which leads NW towards LAULI and SW towards headwaters of MAPALAILI River.

At 061715K patrol reported large Jap camp with four large well constructed thatched huts and one small hut located at 320663; six Japs were seen and considerable talking heard. On 7 Jul patrol attempted to move down along the HAPALAILI River to 298643 but heavy going between the arms of the river prevented this. It is believed that there is a further Jap camp along the track from Mt GIVU to the HAPALAILI but the patrol was unable to locate it. Patrol returned to base 7 Jul.

(c) Contact with 2/2 Cdo tps at camp two ANGAU carrying party from SAI 1 moved to Camp two 8 Jul and returned same day. Three parties from 2/2 Cdo Sp also contacted this Bq on 30 Jun, 7 Jul and 12 Jul.

4.

NATIVES

Six refugee natives were apprehended by "C" Coy NGIB on 8 Jul. See interrogation report att.

5.

SIGHTINGS

The enemy continues to use smoke signals reporting our barge and aircraft movements. Apart from these and several small explosions at different times from the COOPER'S CLEARING area no unusual observations were made during the week.

6.

CHANGES IN LOCATION

"C" and "D" Coys relieved "A" Coy less one pl and "B" Coy at SAI 1 on 7 Jul.

7.

PROJECTED OPERATIONS

"D" Coy NGIB less approx 2 Europeans and 10 natives (now sick) will mov to TOL departing 17 Jul.

"C" Coy NGIB will occupy FALLI River area on mov of "D" Coy NGIB.

Occupation of SAI 3 (ref 339549):

It is proposed to permanently maintain one pl as standing patrol in this area.

- Tasks: 1. June with 2/2 Cdo patrols,
2. Flank protection reporting all mov seen,
3. Patrolling and traversing all tracks leading NORTH from position.

Occupation of SAI 2 (ref 298546):

It is considered that a central force is required to patrol to POPAITI 1 outpost (ref 298577) and SAI 3 outpost at ref 339549.

It is intended to occupy SAI 2 with one pl and coy Bq for which a camp area has been prepared.

This force will carry out recon of area 300962 with view to locating more suitable tactical posn.

- Tasks: 1. Control and support outposts at POPAITI 1 and SAI 3,
2. Any additional patrols as ordered by this Bq.

POPAITI 1 (ref 298577):

It is intended to maintain this post as at present.

SAI 1 (ref 256568):

This area presents the best crossing point of SAI River and is the only ground suitable for defence of SAI Rive - Therefore:- It is intended to maintain one inf coy with mortar and BGC support.

(3)

POFAITI 2 (ref 265588):

This will be maintained to give warning of enemy approach on coastal track but it is not desired to weaken force at SAI 1 therefore this post will be manned by tps from WAFU area or NGIB who will be changed frequently. Position may also be varied occasionally.

Comms:

Switchboard at SAI 1 and SAI 2 with L/T to all outposts.

W/T at SAI 2 and SAI 3.

NGIB-General:

As health and trg improve patrolling will be carried out fwd of our outposts to the NATALAILI River area.

8.

CONSTRUCTION

NIL

9.

AIR

(a) Own: Satisfactory comms were est with PEARL aircraft on 12 Jul. Task given to recce areas EAST of Mt GIVU ref 320633 (1 in series) and NATALAILI River.

Reports submitted direct to 4 Aust Inf Bde.

(b) Enemy: NIL

10.

TCPO

No further infm

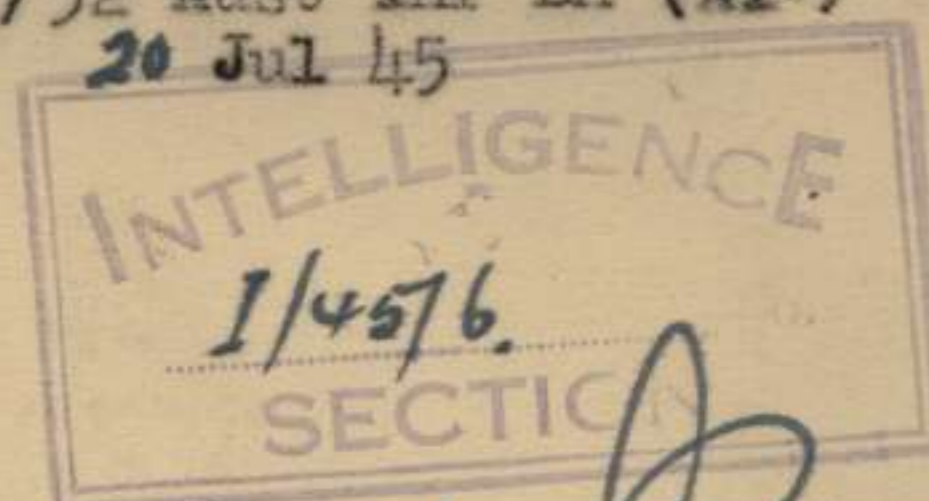
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CAS

(a) Enemy: NIL

(b) Own: NIL

Lt-col
Comd 57/52 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

37/52 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
20 Jul 45Subject: WEEKLY SUMMARY OF EVENTS No 6
(info from 130800K to 200800K)To: 4 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)1. Ref maps: 1:25,000 series
One inch series (AIB reports only)2. OPERATIONS.
(a) Enemy contact: NIL

(b) Signs of enemy:

140600K A IB base (353616) reported sounds of mortar
MG and rifle fire which lasted over half an hour.
Firing appeared to come from direction of 386478. All
posts in area (incl 2/2 Cav Gdc Sqn at Camp Two) were
checked, but the firing was heard by no other troops.
COMMENT: It is thought that the enemy may have been
clearing weapons in LAULI area and the hills which
echoed the sound of firing.

151605K 18 pl Dcoy at POTAITI one (298577) heard mov
NORTH of their posn. A patrol investigated and reported
NMS.

170602K 7 pl A coy at POTAITI two outpost (265588) re-
ported an explosion in vicinity POTAITI R mouth. On
occupation of normal outpost 272597 at 170630K section
reported two booby traps had been disturbed, one failed
to explode. Footprints of approx one section Japs were
found in the area. NMS.

181415K AIB security patrol reported large line of enemy
at 323612 moving SOUTH towards old camp sites in area
330590. At 181600K a further report stated that enemy
coln 323612 now consisted of approx 20 Japs and KEMBIES.
AIB sent out patrols to intercept and endeavour to dis-
cover enemy intentions. Area was searched 18/19 Jul but
patrols failed to find enemy party. Patrols continued
on 20 Jul.

182130 K C coy NGIB heard mov on outskirts of their
perimeter; sentries opened fire and a small patrol moved
out at dawn to investigate. NMS.

3. PATROL ACTIVITY

(A) At 130645K a patrol from C coy NGIB left MAVELU to
investigate tracks in a rea between POWNEYS track and
POTAITI R for recent signs of enemy. Patrol reached
284588 where a lateral track joining COASTAL track and
SPICERS track was located. Track followed general line
POTAITI R, was blazed but did not appear to have been
used (and then only by small parties) for at least one
week. Patrol returned 141025K NMS.

Local security patrols reported NMS.

At 180900K A coy less 7 pl departed WAFU. See
Patrol Instr SBP16. Patrol reached POTAITI one area at
181430K and est perimeter for night 18/19 Jul at 297575
Owing to report by A IB (see para 2(b)) patrol was
diverted from tasks and at 191600K departed POTAITI one
to est ambush on track NORTH of SAI three. Patrol est
ambush at 334569 from 191100K to 191540K but no mov was
seen. Patrol withdrew 1545 hrs and formed perimeter for
night 19/20 at 339548. Patrol remaining SAI three until
21 Jul.

(b) A IB advised that patrol, which left 9 Jul to recon areas Mt GIVU and MATALAILI R returned 14 Jul and reported the following:-

Many Japs encamped behind strong defences at approx 290650 on small creek. Another large enemy camp with timbered defences on one side of escarpment was located approx 316652. Sounds of rifle fire were heard towards the coast NORTH of MATALAILI R mouth. Active patrolling by enemy security patrols throughout area, made approach difficult. Track exists from LAULI to Mt GIVU but does not continue down to MATALAILI R.

4.

SIGHTINGS

Our outposts continue to report smoke signals in areas MATALAILI R, Mt GIVU, LAULI and TORIU.

Small parties of two to three enemy were observed on beach MATANAKUNEI bay area at 181020K, 181105K and 181310K.

At 181230K a possible barge was sighted approx 800 yds NORTH of MATALAILI R mouth under overhanging tree.

At 190940K a vessel giving off much smoke was seen off LAULI on course SOUTH. 191005K this vessel appeared to enter MATALAILI R.

5.

CHANGES IN LOCATION

15 Jul 17 pl D coy departed SAI one and est outpost at 339549 (known as SAI three). This post will be junct pt for 2/2 Cdo patrols, as from 22 Jul.

7 pl A coy from SAI one relieved 16 pl D coy at POTAITI two (265588). 16 pl returned to SAI one.

16 Jul D coy less 17 and 18 pls departed SAI one and est outpost at SAI two (296546).

17 Jul A dv party (one European, 10 natives) D coy NGIB departed MAVELU on overland route for TO L.

18 Jul D coy less 17 and 18 pls moved from 296546 to new posn at 299562. This post will be known as SAI two in lieu of 296546.

10 pl B coy from WATU relieved 7 pl A coy at POTAITI two.

2/2 Cav Cdo Sqn pers occupying Camp Two advised their main body departed for WIDE BAY 17 Jul. ETD rear party 23 Jul.

6.

PROJECTED OPS

A coy less 7 pl will carry out tasks as per Patrol Instr SBP 16 as from 21 Jul.

C coy NGIB will maintain one pl operational as from 22 Jul. See Op Instr No 10.

7.

CONSTRUCTION

Nil

8.

AIR

(a) OWN

No comms were est with PEARL a/c during past week. A/c have called, but did not fly over WATU area.

(b) ENEMY

Nil

9.

TCPO

No further infm.

10.

CAS

Nil

11.

APPENDICES (attached)

A. AIB Appreciation.

B. Statements by Refugee Natives.

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Comd 37/52 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) Lt-Col

WARRIAR

SECRET

37/52 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
27 Jul 45

Subject: WEEKLY SUMMARY OF EVENTS No 7
(infrm from 200800K to 270800K)



To: 4 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)

1. Ref Maps: 1:25,000 series.

2. OPERATIONS

(a) Enemy contact: NIL

(b) Signs of enemy:

22 Jul - Patrol SBP16 found one .256 Jap round at 299589. Did NOT appear to have been exposed to weather for more than 2 - 3 days.

23 Jul - Footprints of 4 - 6 enemy were observed along beach between SANGANNAGAIR Ck and POTAITI River, estimated 5 - 6 days old. Probably connected with enemy party which disturbed booby traps at outpost 273599 on morning 17 Jul.

3. PATROL ACTIVITY

18 - 23 Jul "A" Coy less 1 pl (SBP16). Patrol moved to POTAITI One by night 18/19 Jul with tasks of clearing MAC's, SPICER's and coastal tracks but owing to A I B reports of large enemy force moving SOUTH, believed toward SAI Three outpost area, our patrol was diverted to SAI Three. Patrol remained this area until 21 Jul then resumed original task. On 22 Jul patrol moved via SPICER's track NORTH to COOPER's CLEARING where ambush posn was est at 287608. Perimeter for night 22/23 Jul est at 286605. 23 Jul. Pl ambush posn was est 279607 at first light whilst remainder of patrol cleared coastal track to POTAITI R mouth. Ambush pl was withdrawn 231300K without contact with enemy and rejoined main patrol at SAI One. Patrol returned WATU 231735K and reported NMS.

20 Jul AIB patrols continued the search for signs of enemy patrol reported 18 Jul but no trace of enemy was found. AIB considered enemy moved via creek bed from 320612 toward 305597 (one inch series).

2/2 Cav Cde patrols from base 470554 contacted our SAI Three outpost 339549 on 22, 25 Jul and stayed night. Both patrols reported NMS.

4. SIGHTINGS

Smoke columns continue to be observed daily in MATALAILI, MT GIVU, LAULI and TORIU areas.

SIGHTINGS (ctd)

25 Jul A large coln of heavy blue smoke was reported in the vicinity of POWELL Hbr. Probably caused by burning off.

25 Jul Small barge observed vicinity of POWELL Hbr.

22 Jul Between 0935K and 1225K several explosions and two bursts of LMG fire were reported coming from COOPER'S CLEARING area. As our patrol SBP16 was operating in the vicinity it was thought these explosions were connected with patrol. Later our patrol reported having heard three explosions to the NORTH but no contact was made.

5.

CHANGES IN LOCATION

21 Jul 11 pl "B" Coy relieved 10 pl at POTAITI Two (265588). 10 pl returned to WATU.

24 Jul 7 pl "A" Coy relieved 11 pl "B" Coy at POTAITI Two. 11 pl staged night at SAI One and returned to WATU on 25 Jul.

Camp Two now closed. Rear party 2/2 Cdo departed 23 Jul for WIDE Bay.

6.

PROJECTED MOVES

As from 28 Jul, Coy at SAI One will maintain our pl fwd at POTAITI Two outpost (265588).

28 Jul "B" Coy less 12 pl will commence move to NANTAMBU. Move to be completed by 29 Jul.

7.

CONSTRUCTION

NIL

8.

AIR

(a) OWN - No comms were est with PEARL A/C during past week. Comms with CAPALINAS have been satisfactory.

On 24 Jul, a tac R of COOPER'S CLEARING - MT GIVU area was flown.

(b) ENEMY - NIL

9.

COMMS

22 Jul 2/2 Cdo Sqn est W/T link from SAI Three to their patrol base at 470554.

10.

GENERAL

At 1400 hrs on 20 Jul "C" Coy NGIB advised a riot occurred in coy area at 191600K, resulting in one native W.O. being injured. 20 natives were placed under arrest and later removed to NANTAMBU with 10 sympathisers (one talks) and guard of three Europeans and 12 natives.

GENERAL (ctd)

On 23 Jul, one native "D" Coy NGIB accidentally wounded by grenade.

11.

CAS

(a) OWN One native accidentally wounded

(b) ENEMY NIL

12.

TOPO

(a) AIB advise camp site at 330593 (one inch series) is known as BATES No 1 Camp.

(b) See attached overlays.

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Shaworth

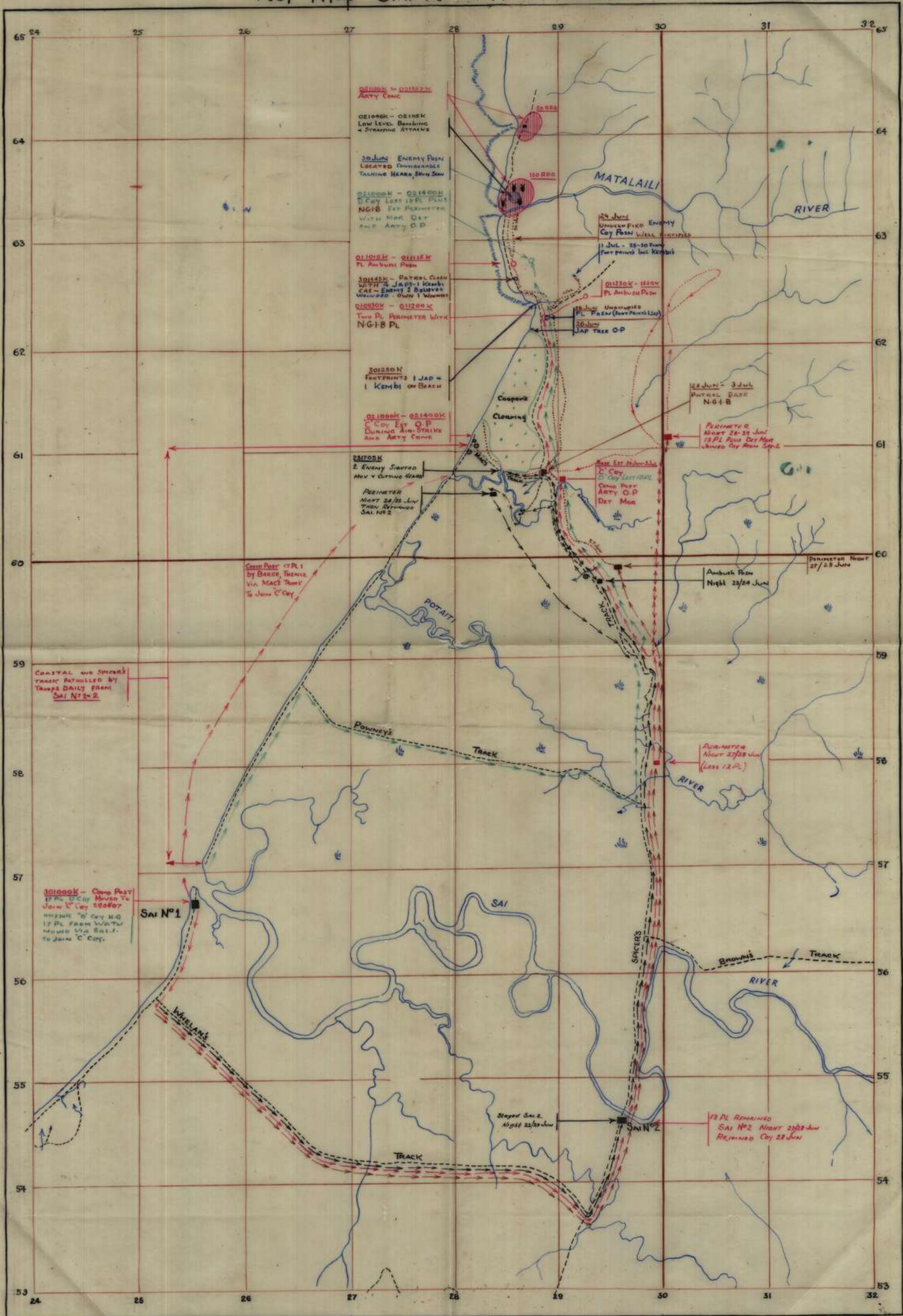
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OVERLAY SHOWING 37/52 BN OPERATIONS

Period 23 Jun to 3 Jul 45

Ref Map SAI River West 1:25000



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PATROL ROUTES PERIOD 23 JUN TO 14 JUL

REF MAPS ONE INCH SERIES OPEN BAY MAVELO

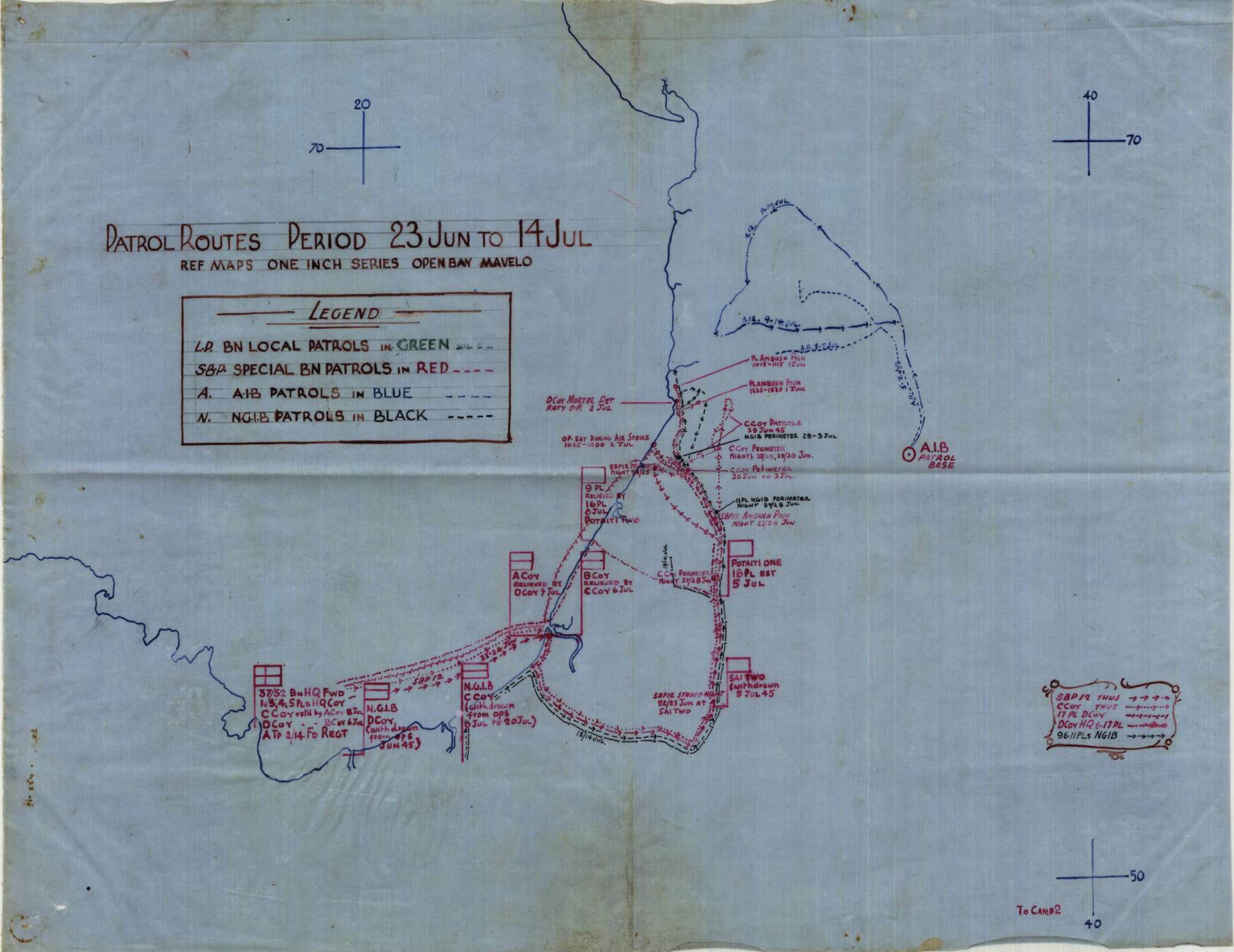
LEGEND

LB BN LOCAL PATROLS IN GREEN ---

SBP SPECIAL BN PATROLS IN RED ---

A. A.I.B PATROLS IN BLUE ---

N. N.G.I.B PATROLS IN BLACK ---



SBP 12 THUS →→→

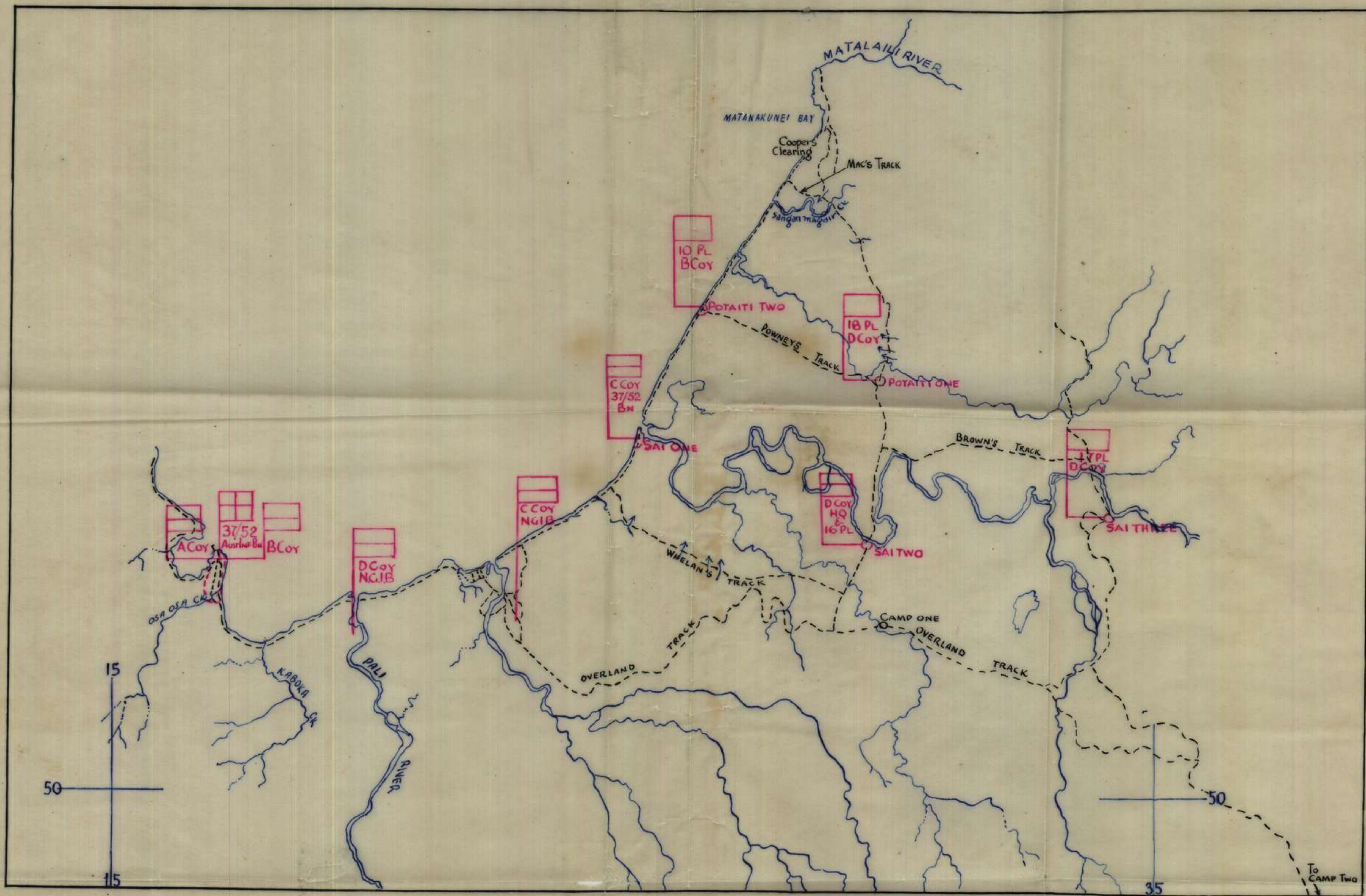
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17 PL DCoy →→→→→

DCoy HQ 6-17 PL →→→→→

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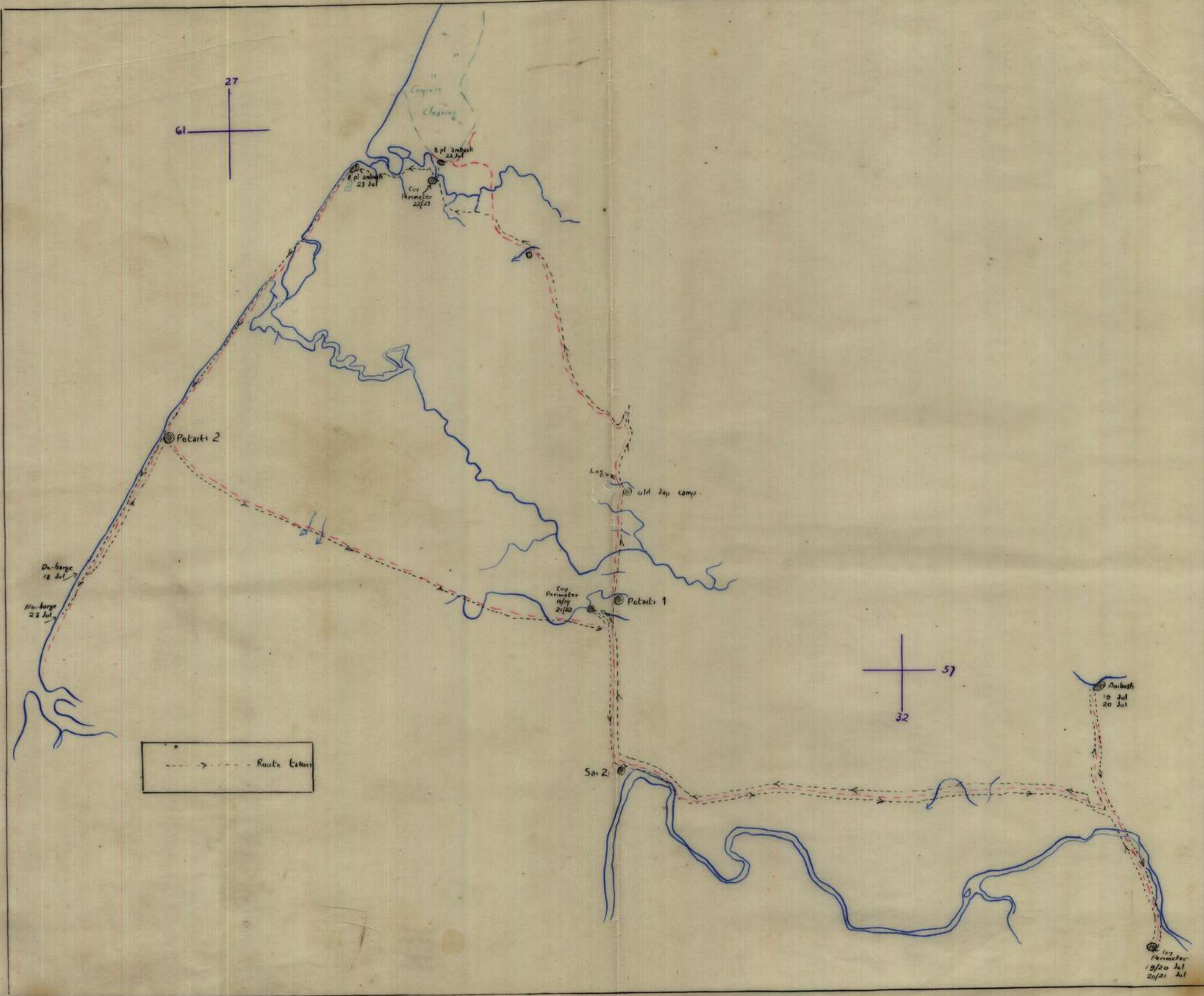
OVERLAY showing DISPOSITIONS 37/52 BN as at 18 JUL 45



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19 JUL 45

OVERLAY SHOWING "A" COY PATROL ROUTES

Ref Map. Sai R. West 1:25000

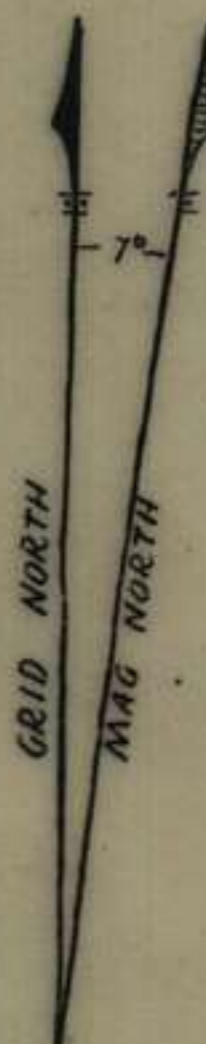
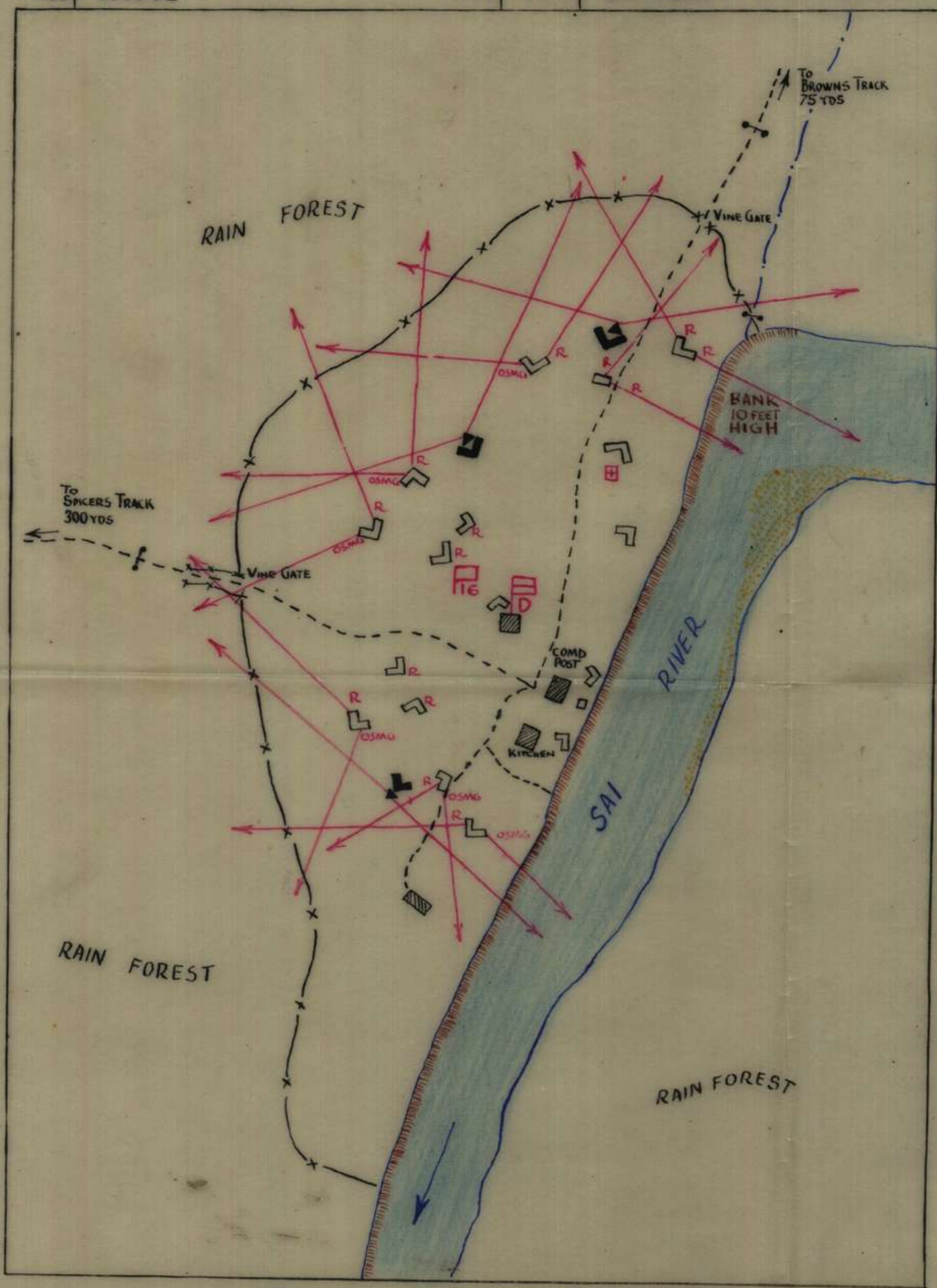


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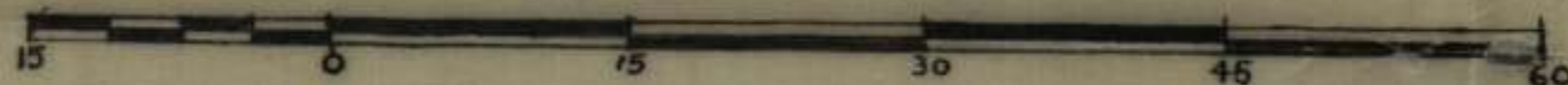
16 PL D COY FIRE PLAN

Ref 299562

Ref Map SAI RIVER WEST 1:25,000



SCALE 1 INCH = 15 YDS



LEGEND	
BOOBY TRAPS	▲
VINE FENCE	x-x-x
BREN LMG PIT	◊
ARC OF FIRE	←

COPY OF SKETCH DRAWN BY
N.C. BURN PTE
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37/52 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
31 JUL 45

4 INF BDE

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37/52 INF BN

INTELLIGENCE
020045/K.L.O.
SECTION

GO 205 SECRET @ ref your GO 18 air strike
 arranged @ eight A/c will fly over
 find the circle target from right and
 fly seawards @ ETA over target
 021030 K @ ranging commence ~~this~~ NOT
 before 021015 K three rounds HE @ as
 A/c fly seawards smoke max three
 rounds @ attack 16 bombs 16 strafing
 runs @ approach for attacking runs
 from sea up river @ indication
 attack complete one A/c will fly over
 NORTH end COOPERS clearing @ 4 A/c
 will fly over WATU point and
 communicate by HQ normal patrol freq
 advising strike complete @ request immediate
 detailed report result strike @ if necessary
 will repeat strike @ ack

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IMMEDIATE

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(A)

Originator

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4 INF BDE

010845K

INTELLIGENCE
Rud 010945K
SECTION

For Action

TO

37/52 INF BDE

(w) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions

GR

ORIGINATOR'S No.

GO 202 SECRETO ref your GO 14 0
MATALALI attack NOT approved 0
patrol only to MATALALI 0 we
can arrange indep air strike
your supply details and smoke 0
your ref army to AIB sig
NOT understood 0 limitations
our op instr 2 stands 0
ack

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031935K

For Action

TO

2/2 baw Cdo Sqd

(w) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions

GR

CAMP 2 and 13 bde

ORIGINATOR'S No.

GO 30

Secret

ref your msg of 031615K

0 request

you have prevented this unit from EAST WEST track
is arranged to appreciate your action if your patrol can
reach SAIR from WIDE BAY in 3 days consider new
track more desirable. Our prepared to maintain
standing patrol at SA1 three ref 339549 1/25000 series
we have your patrol CAMP Two

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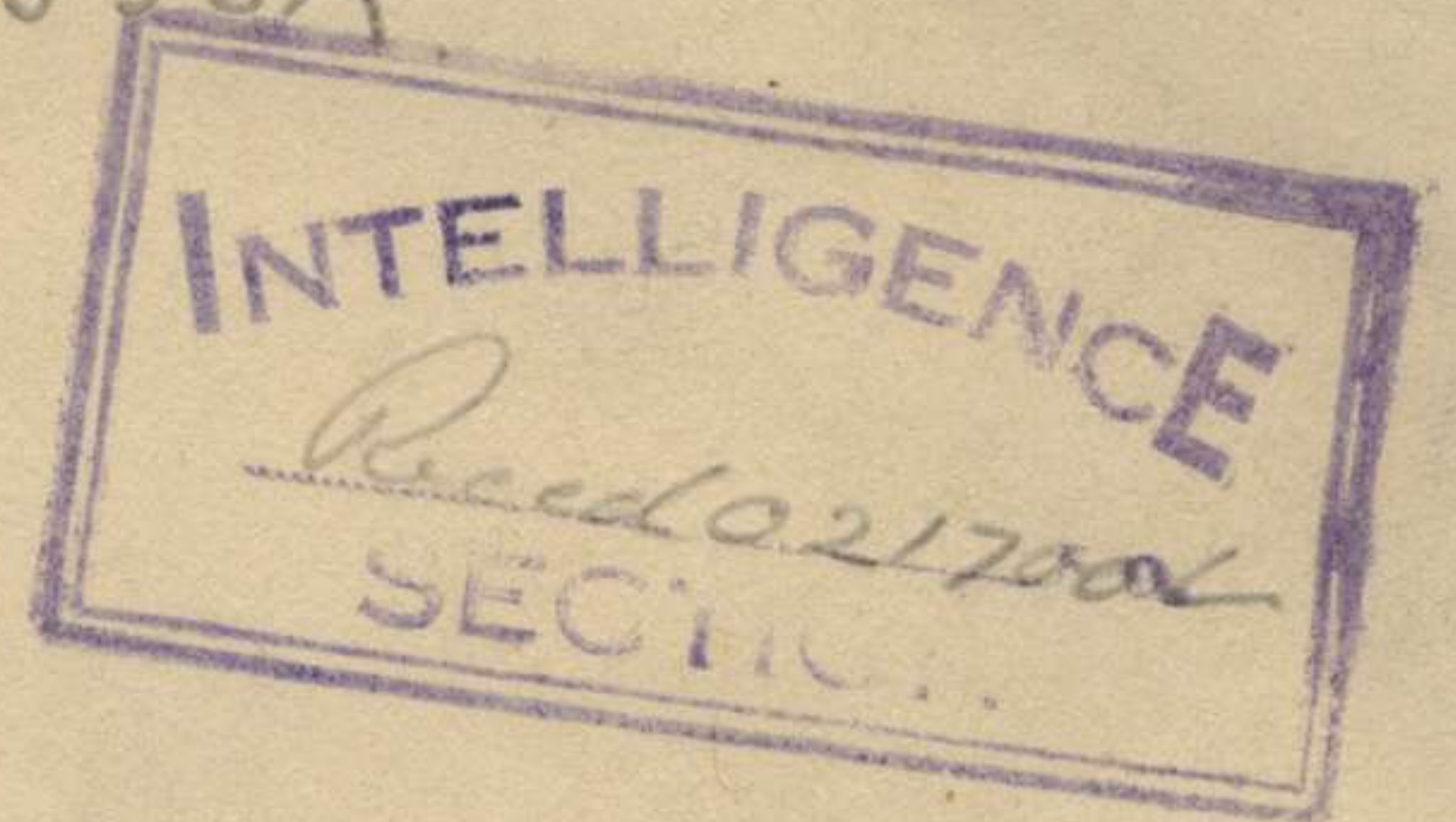
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4 INF BDE

37/52 INF BN



INFO 5 DIV

GI 574 SECRET © ref map
 OPEN bay area 1/25000 series ©
 as from 030001 K 1/25000 series
 will be used for all purposes.

Johnson

Clear 1701 0 G. H.

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TO 22 BN 29/46 BN 37 BN
(w) For Information (INFO.)

INTELLIGENCE
021335K
Message Instructions GR
SECTION

ORIGINATOR'S No.

G1 570 SECRETO AIR FORCE bomb line
from 4 jul 45 @ line from mouth UMWANIKI
955588. thence WEST to AILO island 2787030
line extends seawards EAST from 955588
and WEST from 278703

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1336 056
021000K

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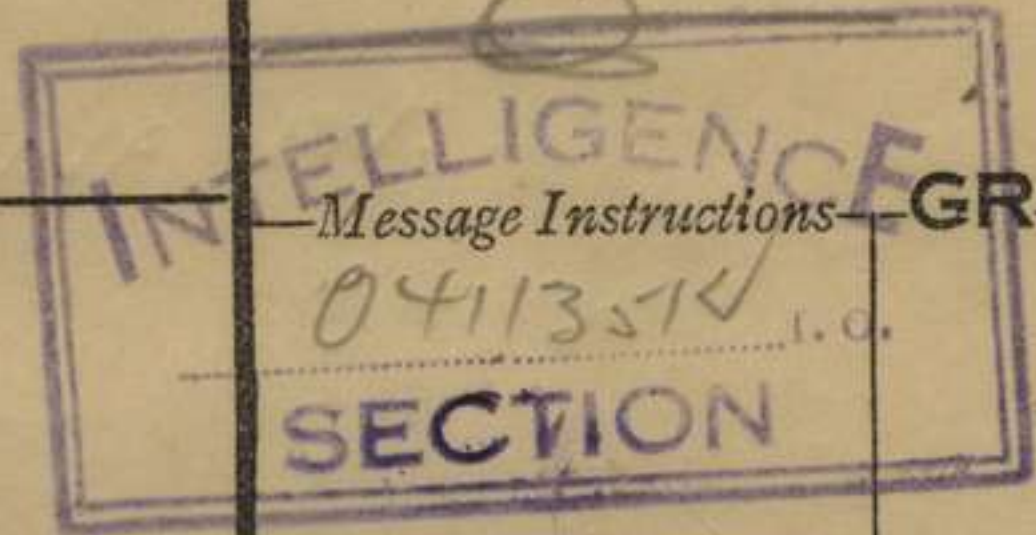
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TO *37/52 INF BN*
(w) For Information (INFO.)

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ORIGINATOR'S No.

*GI 578 RESTRICTED) 5 div G 149 of 031400K
reads quote following will take effect
forthwith in area where unit censorship applies
vide GPO 371/44 no officer of rank up to and
including major will frank own comms
franking will be done by officer senior to
rank of such comm officer in cases where
senior offr of unit or det of unit is
below rank of lt col that offr will
assume such responsibility in regards to
censorship as would apply if he held the
rank of lt col*

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FROM (A) 37/52 Rear Originator For Action	Date—Time of Origin 041915K	Office Date Stamp
TO 4 Node (w) For Information (INFO.) 37/52 Rear	Message Instructions	GR

ORIGINATOR'S No.

60330 SECRET 0 outpost changes effected 4 JUL 0 ~~one~~ ^{one} pl outpost est at 289608 and now known as SANGA outpost 0 tasks 0 to hold track junc and sp NGIB patrol in area 0 construct staging area for 40 europeans 0 two 0 pl outpost est at 298577 and now known as POTAITI outpost 0 tasks 0 to hold track junc and sp SANGA outpost 0 these posts in lieu of posts at SAI two 296546 and 265588 which were withdrawn 0 coastal track to be patrolled daily from SAI one

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MESSAGE FORM

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081755K
INTELLIGENCE SECTION

Call	Ser. No.	Priority	Transmission Instructions
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FROM (A)	Originator	Date—Time of Origin	Office Date Stamp
	RAE 5 DIV	081215K	CIPHER
TO	For Action		Message Instructions
	37/52 INF BN		GR
	(w) For Information (INFO.)		

ORIGINATOR'S No. KEY 176 SECRET @ for encls @ CRE
 11 div arriving by air early 11 Jul to inspect
 air strip @ Garbage now 4 B141 @ ack!

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 enemy hands, this message must be
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MESSAGE FORM

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FROM (A) 4 INF BDE
Originator
Date—Time of Origin 061430K
For Action

Office Date Stamp
061610K
DH77
SECRET

TO 37/52 INF BN
(w) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions GR

ORIGINATOR'S No. 60 229 SECRET 0 ref ans DO 4/45
27 June 45 stop press para 2
ML's now expected OPEN bay
early aug.

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**

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	4 INF BDE	062210K

Office Date Stamp

TO	For Action
37/52 INF BN	
	(w) For Information (INFO.)

INTELLIGENCE SECTION

070814K I.O.

Message Instructions GR

ORIGINATOR'S No. GO 221 SECRET 0 ref your GO 38 0

confirm fwd patrols to check only 0

will discuss patrol future also

early next week.

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Originator's Instructions
Degree of Priority

Signed

Signed *[Signature]*

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Time Cleared		
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Priority

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FROM

Originator

Date—Time of Origin

Office Date Stamp

(A)

37/52 *un*

061925K

For Action

TO

Acroy

(*re*) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions

GR

4 bde, near 37/52 un, A1B

ORIGINATOR'S No.

*GO 38 secrets projected ops @ Acroy
will be required to operate as fighting patches
in upper reaches MATANAWI R NOT before
12 Jul @ all info.*

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Degree of Priority

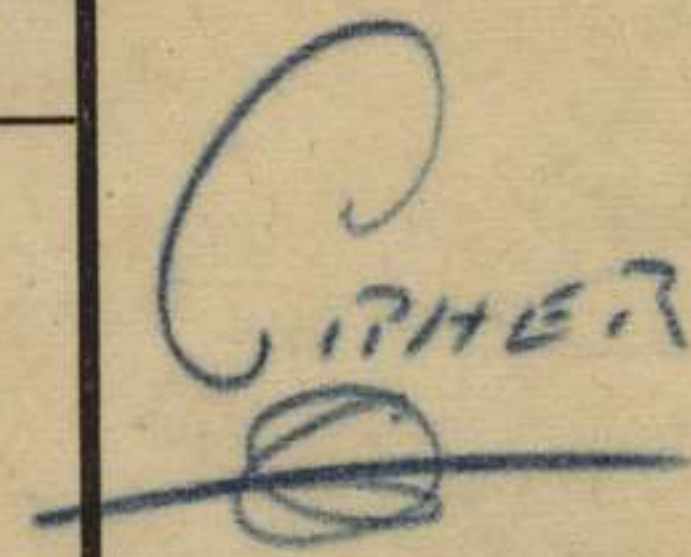
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MESSAGE FORM

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FROM (A)	Originator	Date—Time of Origin	Office Date Stamp
	2/2 CAI CDO SQM 091355		
For Action			CIPHER 
TO	37/82 INF Bn	(w) For Information (INFO.)	

ORIGINATOR'S No.

803 SECRET © ref map 1/25000 ©
patrol this year moved LAMARIN to
ford 470550 to SIA river ref
375517 to 338554 in 3 days © this
route suitable for now our patrols ©
will post at SIA ref 338554 be occupied
by your tps if not our tentative plans
we propose tps based vicinity ford
470550 with continuous patrols to
contact your tps at SIA Post © do you
concur this plan © ack

339549

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			Time	System	Op
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			Time Cleared		

MESSAGE FORM

Register No. *14*

Call	Ser. No.	Priority	Transmission Instructions
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ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

FROM (A) *4 BDE* **Originator** **Date—Time of Origin** *121905K*

TO *37/52 INF BN* **For Action**
(w) For Information (INFO.)

INTELLIGENCE
130705K
Office Date Stamp
SECTION

CIPHER
Message Instructions **GR**

ORIGINATOR'S No. *CD 239* **SECRET** *ref map up instn 2*
para 5 ref map NEW BRITAIN 1/25000 series
effective with junction point 13 bde 37/52 bn
spw 338508 instead of staging ground

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by any means { *except* } Wireless

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Originator's Instructions
Degree of Priority

<i>121905K</i>		
Time	System	Op.
THI or TOR		
Time Cleared		
<i>0700</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>96</i>

Signed

Signed *[Signature]*

MESSAGE FORM

Register No. CIPHER

Call	Ser. No.	Priority	Transmission Instructions
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ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

FROM (A)	Originator <u>4 INF BDE</u>	Date—Time of Origin <u>130945K</u>
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INTELLIGENCE
Office Date Stamp
255/5 HE
SECRETARY

TO	<u>37/52 INF BN</u> (w) For Information (INFO.)
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Message Instructions GR

ORIGINATOR'S No.

G 0 240. BECRET 0 future patrols
your unit will be minimum 20
str one pl

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Signed

Originator's Instructions
Degree of Priority

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MESSAGE FORM

529

Register No.

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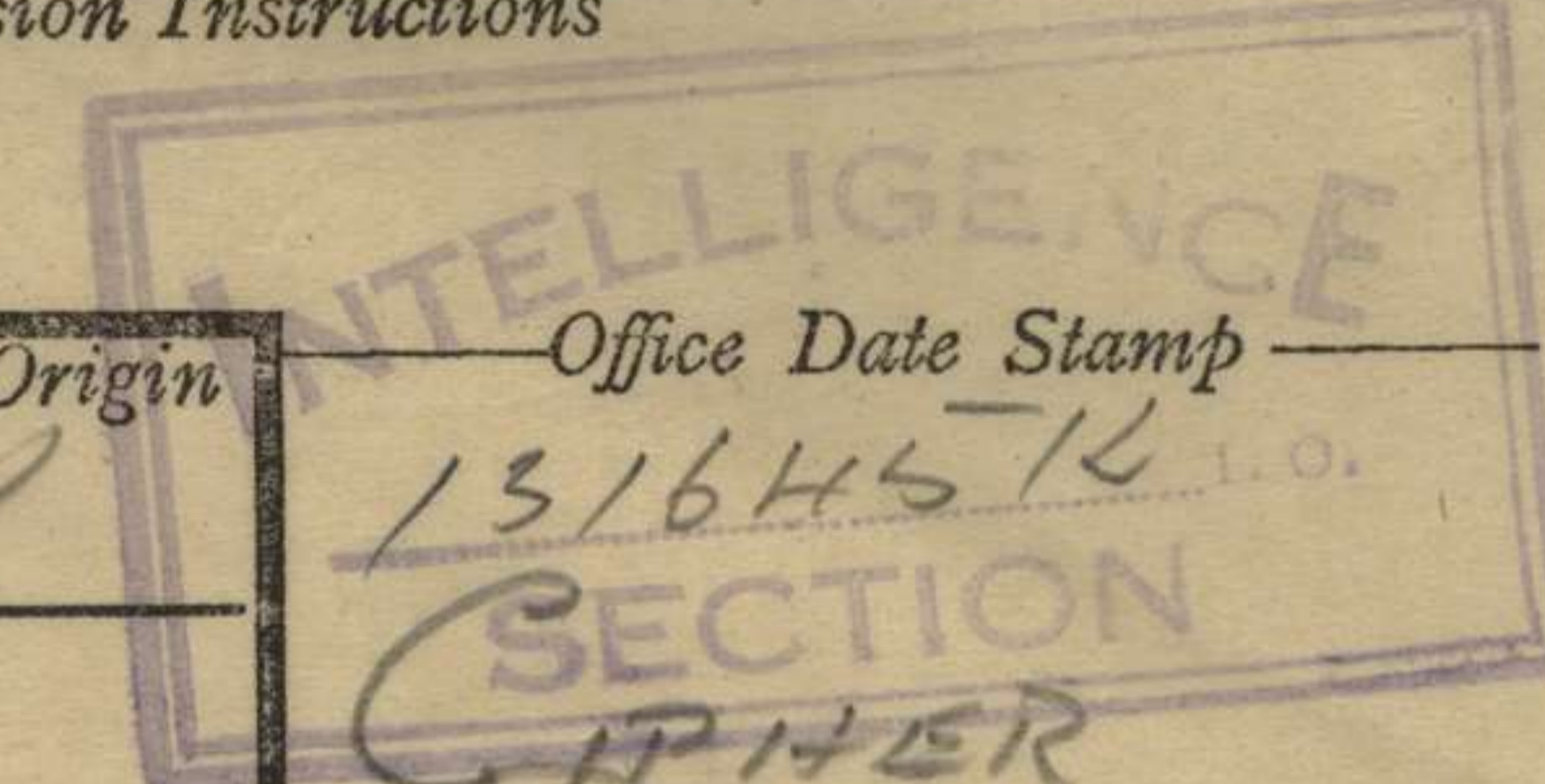
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Priority

Transmission Instructions

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FROM
(A)

43DE

Originator

Date—Time of Origin

131130R

Office Date Stamp

13164514

SECTION

CIPHER

For Action

TO

37/52 INT-BN

(w) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions

GR

ORIGINATOR'S No.

G0244 SECRET @ maj CURTIS 22 bn
arrivedy HOSKINS 15 JUL @ batt cucking 2-4/c

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by any means { except }

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enemy hands, this message must be
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Originator's Instructions
Degree of Priority

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MESSAGE FORM

D550 Register No. ~~97~~ 7

Call

Ser. No.

Priority

Transmission Instructions

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FROM

Originator

Date—Time of Origin

Office Date Stamp

(A)

2/2 CAV CDO SRN
For Action

160945K

TO

37/52 INF BN

161155K

(w) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions

GR

13 BDE

ORIGINATOR'S No.

CQ 2 SECRET @ ref you GI 350 @

small rear party only occupying post 2
as from 19 JUL @ expect rear party
will be drawn approx 25 JUL @ post 2 will
advise you direct if rations required

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by any means { except }

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enemy hands, this message must be
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Originator's Instructions
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18030K L.O.
SECTION

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FROM (A) 2/2 CAVALRY SQDN
Originator

Date—Time of Origin
171545K

Office Date Stamp

CIPHER

Message Instructions **GR**

TO 37/52 INF BN
For Action

(w) For Information (INFO.)

13 BDE

ORIGINATOR'S No. 7223 SECRET

it is estimated that B Co
complete will be est. center post vicinity 470550
by PM 19 JUL. patrol will leave here for SAI the
21 JUL. ETA PM 22 JUL. ack

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FROM (A)	Originator <u>5 DIV</u>	Date—Time of Origin <u>211310K</u>
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Office Date Stamp

CS.
21 1535
SECTION

TO	For Action <u>37 BN 4 BDE 5 DIV RECEPTION CAMP</u>
	(w) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions GR

MOVEMENT JACQUINOT

ORIGINATOR'S No. QM 300 SECRET first @ 5 DIV RECEPTION
CAMP arrange pass. air JACQUINOT HOSKINS 22 JULY
VX LT. COL K.S. CUSWORTH 29/46 BN 170/50 pounds
and NX 151156 PR. BLAKE P.I.E 29/46 BN 156/50 pounds @
2 barge request movement HOSKINS arrange pass air
HOSKINS JACQUINOT 22 JULY NX 227 LT COL F.J. EMREY
37/52 BN 150/50 pounds @ MOVEMENT this party necessity and

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Ser. No.

Priority

Transmission Instructions

211535

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FROM
(A)

Originator

Date—Time of Origin

Office Date Stamp

For Action

TO

(w) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions **GR**

ORIGINATOR'S No.

imperative personnel travel as requested herein

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MESSAGE FORM

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Transmission Instructions

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FROM

Originator

Date—Time of Origin

(A)

H DDE

21120015

For Action

37/52 BIN

(i) For Information (INFO.)

Office Date Stamp

INTELLIGENCE SECTION
211400K

CIPHER
Message Instructions GR

ORIGINATOR'S No.

G 0273 SECRETO Lt Col CURSWORTH

moving courier to OPEN BAY 22 JUL 1943
temporarily second 37 bn gtd on arrival
CURTIS hand over to CURSWORTH

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Signed

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enemy hands, this message must be
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Originator's Instructions
Degree of Priority

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211200K		
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MESSAGE FORM

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211400K
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FROM (A)	Originator 4 INF BDE	Date—Time of Origin 211150K
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CIPHER

For Action

TO	37/52 INF BIN
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Message Instructions GR

(w) For Information (INFO.)

ORIGINATOR'S No.

GO 272 SECRETO Lt col EMBREY will
report HQ 4 bde forthwith O EMBREY will
hand over maj CURTIS who will administer
comd O EMBREY will now with all
personal eqpt by courier from HOSKINS
22 sub without fail O if necessary special
badge HOSKINS O ack

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FROM

Originator

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(A)

37/52

211645K

For Action

TO

4 Bde

(w) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions

GR

ORIGINATOR'S No.

7304 Confidential on adverse Capt KEPT
20 natives under arrest plus 10 sympathizers
GORDON and 2 RIFs in charge natives to
ANGAU compound under NGBIS supervision 61
natives left in C Coy NGBIS

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FROM (A)	Originator	Date—Time of Origin
4	INF BDE	24 09 15

Office Date Stamp

CIPHER
INTELLIGENCE
24 350K D621
I.O.
SECTION
Message Instructions GR

TO	For Action
37/52 INF BN	
	(w) For Information (INFO.)

ORIGINATOR'S No. 60 283 SECRET 0 with effect from
252400K jul send NEW BRITAIN passes
from 5 div to 11 div 0 all
info ack

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enemy hands, this message must be
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Signed *[Signature]*

Log (551)

Signal

P.I.R

Time of Day		
Time of Day		
Time of Day		

Col Edward
may lodge

5/14/46

N 413

Col Edward
may lodge

29/46

Handwritten notes and bleed-through from the reverse side of the page, including the words "MEMORANDUM" and "FOR INFORMATION".

TO 3/25 11287

FROM 7 11287

Date - 11/25/46

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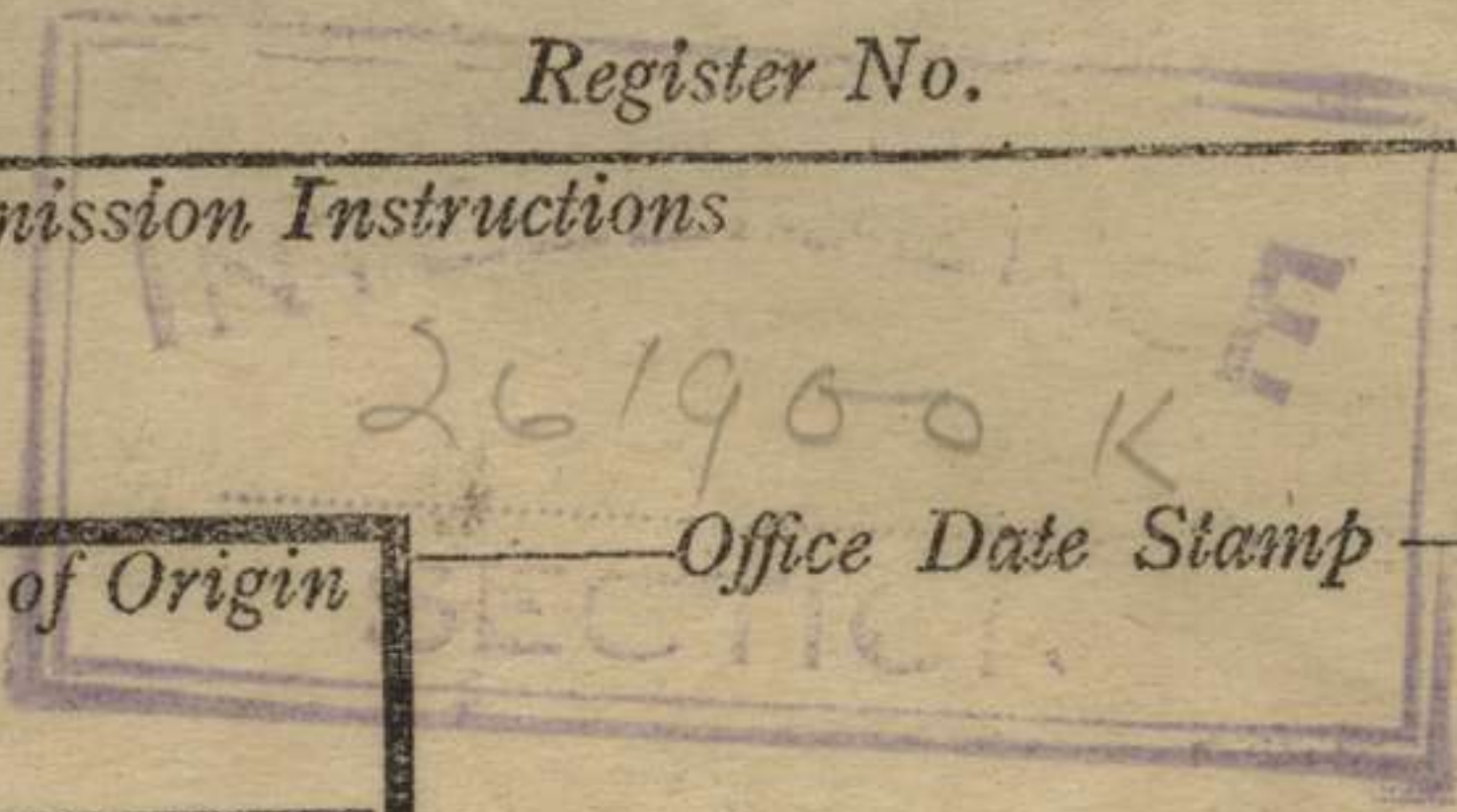
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Call <i>A</i>	Ser. No.	Priority	Transmission Instructions
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FROM (A) 1 NGIB		Originator	Date—Time of Origin 251600K
TO D Coy 1 NGIB		For Action (to) For Information (INFO.)	Message Instructions GR



ORIGINATOR'S No.

37/52 Bn Gp.

TO 7 Confidential (.) Capt BERNARD will take command of all 1 NGIB European and Native personnel in the OPEN BAY area as from 251600K (.) Capt BERNARD will (1) rest and train D coy 1 NGIB in their present area (2) Reorganise C coy 1 NGIB and maintain in an operational roll maximum number of C coy troops

G.K. Schues Maj

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MESSAGE FORM

Register No. 10

Call	Ser. No.	Priority	Transmission Instructions
			261325K/IPHER

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FROM (A)	Originator	Date—Time of Origin	Office Date Stamp
11 DIV		261045K	

TO	For Action	Message Instructions
4 BDE 13 BDE		GR
37/52 BN	INGIB	

ORIGINATOR'S No. GO 2 SECRET cancel 5 dw GO 743
 and GO 806 @ D say 1 NGIB will remain
 present area under command 37/52 bn.

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 enemy hands, this message must be
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 Degree of Priority

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Signed *[Signature]*

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FROM

Originator

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(A)

4 INF BDE

270930K

For Action

0649

TO

37/52 INF BN

(re) For Information (INFO.)

INTER
271130K
SECTION

Message Instructions

GR

ORIGINATOR'S No.

GI 668 CONFIDENTIAL @ my GI 578 of 4 Jul 45
now cancelled @ fresh instrs will be issued
placing onus on COS to ensure censorship
rules strictly observed @ COS may authorize
approved affs frank encl @
selective base censorship will continue all
info

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Signed *Fuller*

Originator's Instructions
Degree of Priority

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Signed

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FROM (A)	Originator 37/52 bw	Date—Time of Origin 281250K	Office Date Stamp
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For Action

TO	4bae	Message Instructions	GR
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(w) For Information (INFO.)

Rear 37/52 bw (SDS)

ORIGINATOR'S No.

GO 69 secret @ projected ops C Coy
 NG13 @ one @ pl patrol out 29 JUL duration
 five days @ route via SPICERS to MATANAKUNEI
 bay area @ tasks @ rear area between
 SANBANMAGAIR MATALEILI rivers for signs
 recent use and activity @ two @ pl
 patrol based vicinity SAI two from 29 JUL @
 tasks @ carry out three day rear patrols
 area NORTH and EAST of SAI two to locate
 possible enemy approaches

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J. I. O.

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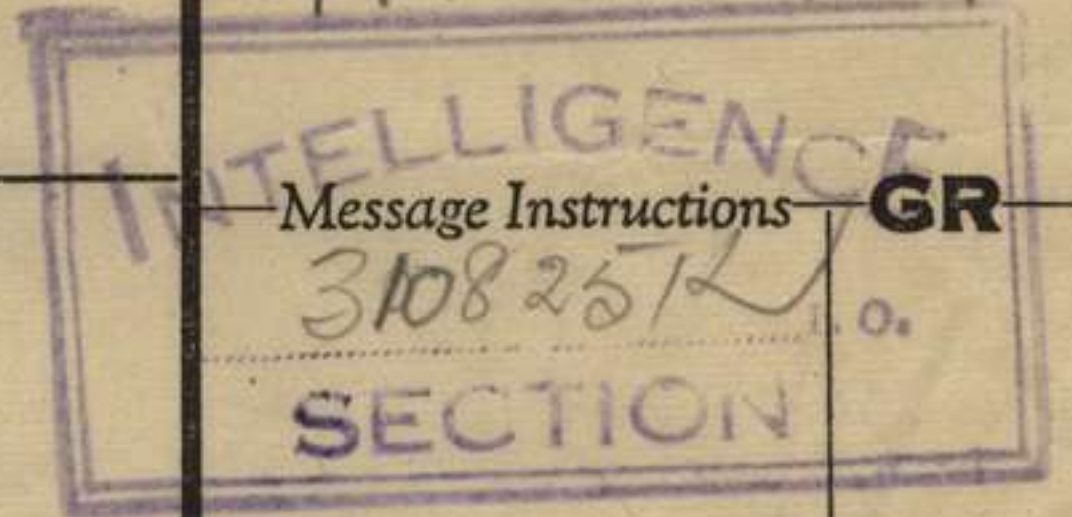
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FROM (A)	Originator 4 Bde	Date—Time of Origin 301530	Office Date Stamp CS92
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For Action

TO	37 Bn.	Message Instructions 310825/20.	GR
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(w) For Information (INFO.)



ORIGINATOR'S No.

AG 750 RESTRICTED 0

First Aust Army MS 4167 of 28 July 45 advise NX to 4672 MAJ. D. D. PITT 57/60 Bn ready appointed in rank of T/LT. COL. from date assuming appointment VICE NX127 MAJ. T/LT. COL. F. J. EMBREY to R. S. L (Medical) to date 25 July 45 0 Move being arranged for with T. H.

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MESSAGE FORM

Register No. **B**

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FROM (A)	Originator	Date—Time of Origin
4	INF BDE	311600R
For Action		

Office Date Stamp

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TO **37/52 BN**
(w) For Information (INFO.)

SECTION	GR
INTELLIGENCE	
Message Instructions	

ORIGINATOR'S No.

GO 296 SECRET ref maps one
 incl one mill NEWBRITAIN @ new
 AIR FORCE bomb line 010001 KO NO
 attack SOUTH of line from mouth
 UMWAMIKI river 946588 WEST to
 2900. feature 3761 NW to river
 June 331643 there along NORTH
 bank MATALAILI river to coast
 284639 @ water craft bombing line @
 NO attack on water craft SOUTH of
 EAST-WEST line EAST from mouth
 UMWAMIKI river 946588 WEST from
 mouth MATALAILI river 284639 ack

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1805:0 *gl.*

Basinatics for eye. 7 July 45

VX 152391 Pte Gaie W.J. evac to hospital
6 Jul. 45

N 462060 Pte Pickington R. evac to hospital
6 Jul 45

V26488 Pte Green S.W. evac to hospital
7 Jul 45

VX 144997 Pte Adams G., increase in
family - birth of son

VX 141584 Pte Gledhill returned from
hospital

Pte Reddy L. (99cc) to D Coy Sai from
Nantambui.

Pte Parsons (88 J.P.S.) relieved Ptes
Green and Harland, returned to
Nantambui.

HQ. Coy. WEEKLY REPORT.
up to 0600 hrs. 6. July 45.

1. OPERATIONS.

1, 3, 4 PL- , see PL Comds reports.

2. Morale.

Generally high throughout Coy.
No major disciplinary action
required during week.
Request hour held MANTAMBU;
requests, NIL.

3. Amenities.

Priority works are delaying
construction of rec hut.

Reasonable amenities are available,
and requests for games,
fishing tackle etc, are being
followed up.

4. Rations.

Quantity & quality adequate.

4. Rations Contd.

WO caterer has improved menu during past 14 days.

5. Personal.

Pte Adams notified by telegram from home that he has a son, born 25 Jun 45.

6. Casualties.

see attached list.

7. General.

(a) Boot maker, Armourer, equipment repairer & tailor are kept busy. Dwd corp are given priority, and Area QMS ensures that above pers are kept busy.

(b). Marine food act has been in recess during past 10 days. results to date - almost Nil.

Future prospects good.

(c). MO had body & foot inspections all pers WATU area 6 July. General health good.

Green May

Weekly Report

1 Pl. up to 8600 hrs 6 July 45

1. Inspection.

Tent and rifle inspection. Tents being rearranged to conform with bay layout. Weapons in good order and condition.

2. Operational Notes

Nil.

3. Works.

Signal office completed. Floor being milled and sand to be spread

4. Morale
Good

5. Amusements

Basketball court be built vicinity of old sig office site

6. Rations

Good. Fresh rations over last week have assisted greatly

7. Personal Notes

Nil

8. Casualties

Nil.

9. Climate

Good for bows.

[Signature]

Report Mov Sec. att. C Coy 27 June - 2 July.

Orgn

Pl conda & Batman.

See conda. Sgt -

See cpl.

10 OR's

1.	3" Mov Complete	} caused by reason	}	5	Shovels
12	Smoke Rounds			1	axe
36	H.E.	} 12 carriers	}	1	axe
				4	machetes
				12	landbags
				1	Amn colr.
					Personal gear
					upons
				4	dog rations

Beaver

Wet.

Terrain

Flat - muddy tracks

main deep streams - fair going.

Movement

(1) The sec was able to keep up to coy pace up to distance of 5000^x.

any further distances necessitated more frequent halts

approx 10000^x covered on last day

Sec 5 min behind at finish of march.

(2) When coy moved at operational or security speed, sec had no trouble in keeping place in column.

Occupation of form within Coy Perimeter.

See comd must be energetic, ~~of~~ keep in touch with coy comd, make his recd quickly of proposed area present his possible plan. to coy comd and adjust under coy comd orders. Due to heavy timber & overhead cover more forms are hard to obtain. but a quick recd. will enable slight adjustments to coy perimeter before digging commences.

Notes Points (1) Bone plate forms:

The ground in most areas was suitable, did not require a great amount of preparation -
 Carrying of sandbags was justified.
 (2) Overhead clearance:

Natural opening few, limit
 area and ranges
 clearing of area long job. on
 account of heavy & tall timber.

Ranging: Map used but not reliable
for point targets unless observation
can be obtained.

Sound ranging: rough guide
only suitable only for area targets
Smother very effective in ranging
where observation is obtainable.
Smother successful as signal to
aircraft to confirm target area

Notes

It could well NOT always ^{accompany} a Coy
as in this task, Sec could well
have to work hard to be in touch
with Coy command at all times for
information.

Lesson Need for ~~at least~~ 1 shovel per
two men. G.S. type if possible.
axe should be carried.

Sec command: must have map, compass
protractor, range tables, overhead
clearance calculator (improved)

Weapons pits: must be better constructed
use of overhead cover and
suitable for fighting from.

More initiative in construction
of shelters or doovers & beds.

Further attention to fuel & opportune
times use of powder & changing of
rocks.

Amun It was almost impossible
to keep Amun thoroughly dry
maintenance inspection must be
more thorough, particular attention
to primaries, a liberal number of
spares must be carried.

By the Lt
3 July 44

Personal notes

along with other members of the P.M.
P.M. Porky Vagg is a keen contestant
for the "mustache of the unit."

Casualties

P/O Coghlan to Nantambu for dental
treatment

Climate

as a result of the wet tracks
no member suffered bad feet.
increasing no days light
duty

Johnnie Lee

BY AIR MAIL

AIR MAIL
LETTER CARD

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Stamp
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O.C. HQ Coy

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6 July.

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Operational:

No 3 section an. to C Coy on
27 June - 2 July.

Now used as signal to aircraft.
+ to mortar enemy posts.

Morale. This generally is of a high
standard, and remained such
during conduct of C Coy patrol.

Amenities. Full use of the new library
is being made and appreciated by
the greater number.

Rations. a general improvement
during the last week.

The ration scale as used is not
very suitable for operational purposes
more initiative needed in feeding.
since rations are usually required
for a unit of 2 men. and detachments etc.

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Amenities cont'd:

The platoon and when completed should provide ample sport.

Playing cards and a set of draughts would be appreciated.

Rations: The rations over the past week have been good. The men are very satisfied and no complaints were submitted.

Casualties: The casualties for the past week are nil.

Climate:

The climate has not affected the work within the platoon.

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