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WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Unit Gen Staff HQ 3 Aust Div

Date and Time.—From 00 hrs 1 May To 2359 hrs 31 May 43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			The appreciation of the Situation as at 2300 hrs 29 April 43	
			by Maj-Gen S.G. SAVIGE, GOC 3 Aust Div is attached as Appx A1.	
BULOLO			----- 3 Aust Div Daily Intelligence Reports for May are attached as Appx 1	Appx 1
			3 Aust Div Daily ACTION Diary and message register, together	
			with all relevant messages is attached as Appx 2.	Appx 2.
	1 May	0700	17 Bde report that Japs shelled VICKERS RIDGE from 1643 -	
			1745 hrs 30 Apr.	Appx 2 Serial 420
		1051	Search party from BENA FORCE leaves to find wrecked plane	Appx 2 Serial 428
		1915	Patrol from /B Coy 2/7 Aust Inf Bn moved to WOODY ISLAND on recce	Appx 2 Serial 438
		1915	Air attack on FLEPLE area reported accurate	Appx 2 Serial 438
			G Circular No 5 ref Priority of messages issued	Att as Appx 3.

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APPX A to 3d Aust Div War Diary
 MOST SECRET.

APPRECIATION OF THE SITUATION.

B 7 GOC 3 AUST DIV at 2300 hrs 29 APR 43.

Reference Maps: HIGH GOLF (Special Ed) 4 miles to 1 inc
 Sketch Map WAI-LAE-SALAMUA area
 2 miles to 1 inch.

NOTE: To be read in conjunction with appreciation prepared by
 G1, dated 20 MAR 43.

OBJECT.

1. (a) To deny the enemy the airfields of WAI, BULOIA, BULUA
 and TITAG.
- (b) To prevent the enemy from entering the WAI-BULOIA-
 PARTER 2 area by approaches from any direction,
 especially from the EAST, NORTH and WEST, via the
 WAIOT and WAIOT RIVERS.
- (c) To deny the enemy a secure base to develop operations
 SOUTH of the MARSHAN RIVER in the NORTHERN portion
 of the divisional area.

FACTORS AFFECTING THE ATTAINMENT OF THE OBJECT.

2. RELATIVE STRENGTHS.

- (a) Our troops
 1st 5 Aust Div plus service troops.
 17 Aust Inf Bde
 24 Aust Inf Bn
 2/3 Aust Indep Coy
 2/7 Aust Indep Coy
 A Coy 2/1 Aust MG Bn
 B Coy 7 Aust MG Bn
 1 Bty 2/1 Aust Fd Regt
 1 sec 1 Aust Sqn Bty
 156 Aust Lt AA Bty (12 Bofors)
 700 US CA Bty (12 x .5 cal MGs)
 2/2 Aust Fd Coy
 2/14 Aust Fd Coy
 Sec 15 Aust Fd Coy
 4 A/c Sqn RAAF

(Detailed Order of Battle Appendix "A")

(b) Enemy Troops

Estimated 5 MAR 43.	IAT	2600
	SALAMUA-THUD	3250
		<u>5850</u>

Deductions:-

We are superior in numbers at present which will be
 increased with the advent of 15 Aust Inf Bde, less
 one bn.
 On completion of move 15 Aust Inf Bde, sufficient infantry
 will be available to meet my needs.
 I am weak in guns. Another Fd Bty is expected.
 Increase of Mountain guns to four is required.

3. TERMINI.

The general area controlled by me is bounded, on the
 NORTH by RIVER MARSHAN - MARSHAN POINT, on the SOUTH by
 track WAI - THUD, on the EAST by a line slightly WEST
 track THUD-MARSHAN-ROBBER, thence general line to
 HOTA-THUD-MARSHAN POINT, and on the WEST by generally

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the line of rivers WAMPIT - NULOLO - NITA CREEK (town). The area is mountainous and covered with jungle, less odd areas of kunai. The mountains are intersected by valleys along which the main communications run. SOUTH to NORTH, on the WESTERN limits, run the RIVERS NULOLO and WAMPIT, which join, and empty into the MANGIAN. The NULOLO runs through a wideish valley NORTH of the town of NULOLO, while the WAMPIT follows a course through steep gorges. The MANGIAN follows a wide valley, along which the river diverges into several parallel streams. The NITA RIVER flows SOUTHWEST through a valley which provides a route NORTHWEST from NULOLO towards LAM. EAST of the watershed, runs the rivers NING, NUSSEI, FRANTOSO and NITOT. The valleys of each provide track routes from WEST - EAST to the coast and vice-versa.

Reductions:-

- (a) The general area is rugged and difficult to troop movement. Time and space calculations can only be arrived at, and then as an estimate only, by a personal knowledge of the country on the part of commanders and staffs.
- (b) Tracks follow, generally, the valleys through which the main rivers flow. The numerous tributaries provide sufficient water for all requirements.
- (c) The jungle, with its heavy rainfall, plus the hard going, finds troops always wet from rain or perspiration. This necessitates an insistence on the part of commanders, down to sub-units, that troops carry a dry change of clothing, and a need for shelter at staging posts.
- (d) The high altitude creates a strain upon the troops as they carry their necessary loads.

Decisions:-

- (a) Command and staffs, Divisional HQ (as affected) will walk the country in order to familiarize themselves with the whole area. Command and staffs Brigades will cover their own front in detail, and accept opportunities to know all they can of other sectors.
- (b) The attention of commanders will be drawn to the necessity to insist on every way and means being practised to provide dry clothing in the pack. This includes the necessity for leaders of sub-units supervising troops by constant inspections and questioning.
- (c) Staging posts will be selected on all lines of Communication to forward areas. They will be at intervals of one days march. Native "type" huts with bush barks will be built by troops stationed at these posts, which will provide accommodation for one Infantry Company.
- (d) Troops in areas within valley, not on forward roles, and thereby escaping the rigours of hill climbing experienced by forward troops, will be constantly practised in hardening and hill-climbing exercises.

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4. COMMUNICATIONS

- (a) Roads WAI-SUNSHINE and WAI-EDIE CREEK are metalled but narrow. The former goes through the difficult WAI-HILOLO gorge; the latter follows steep mountain sides. Both are subject to frequent landslides.
- (b) The track SUNSHINE-KIRILANDS is generally hard going and passes through much kuni.
- (c) The tracks radiating from route BUNA-SUNSHINE-WAITIT-KIRILANDS follow a general EAST and NORTH-EAST direction.
- (d) The SUNSHINE-HISSIH, and NORTHWEST parallel track KWACHAMU-DALI-HOTI-SALAHUA are generally rough and steep.
- (e) The NORTH-EAST routes following the valley of SHANE RIVER, from DUCHATELS-HUMING, reaches the coast midway between SALAHUA and LAR. They are generally rough and steep.
- (f) The tracks EAST from WAITIT-KIRILANDS are generally poor.
- (g) The WAI-HUBO track, via WAITIT, is bench cut and well graded. The HAKI CAT track is generally rough and steep.

Deductions:-

- (a) The area bounded by roads WAI-SUNSHINE and WAI-EDIE CREEK contain the vital airfields of WAI and HILOLO. The good condition of the road surfaces facilitate quick movement, but the nature of the country through which these roads pass, require constant maintenance in dealing with landslides. The importance of this area from Operational and Administrative values causes it to be the hub from which offensive and defensive operations radiate. It provides action on Interior Lines of Communication.
- (b) The nature of the country, with its enforced layout of track communications, divides the general area of responsibility into three areas, ie. HUBO, HISSIH, and HARKHAN. They deny enemy movement of a worthwhile operational nature from his present locations. They provide me with firm bases, well forward, for offensive operations if so ordered. The retention of these bases provide adequate cover to my main task, to cover the important airfields. The vital ground to hold in order to retain these forward areas covers:-

HUBO AREA:- Vital ground - GREEN HILL - VICKERS RIDGE - HAT HAT and, in depth, TABARIA RIDGE - THE SADDLE - GUADAGASAL - WAITALI. Essential ground to cover the vital ground is BINOI RIVER - OBSERVATION HILL; and control of the track SADDLE - DIALI. GUADAGASAL provides an excellent dropping area.

HISSIH AREA. The vital ground is area HISSIH-HOTI and, in depth, WUJHUNG-DALA. Essential ground is that commanding track KOMIATUH-BORNIH.

HARKHAN AREA. Factors to be considered in selecting vital ground in this sector cover -

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- (a) The extent and nature of the area.
- (b) The slender thread of communications.
- (c) The limited forces available.
- (d) The best killing area.
- (e) The best area from which support to forward troops can be given.

PARENT 2 - PARENT 1 - thence SHAKI RIVER VALLEY (Incl) provides all requirements.

The necessity to cover enemy movement across the HARKHAM must depend on a well-organised system of patrols and ops.

The essential ground is the line of the HARKHAM with added importance to HARKHAM PT, GABEIS, MT NGANSTING, SHEDONG, KIRLANDS, KARACOMA. The pivot point for this screen is WAPIT.

Special attention must be given to obtaining information relating to any enemy moves along old trade route MADANO - LAE. The location of an officer from ANGAN at CHIVISING, employing native intelligence sources, will give ample warning of such a move towards LAE along the valley of the WAPIT.

- (a) The relative importance of the areas, the nature of the country and troops soon available compel areas of responsibilities as follows:-

1. WUO AREA: Troops - one brigade, less one battalion, plus one section Mountain Gun Battery.
2. WISSIN AREA: Troops - one independent company (supported, if necessary, by reserve battalion; SHINSHINE - KULWA area).
5. HARKHAM AREA: Troops - one brigade, less one battalion; plus one independent company (this provided by troops 15 Aust Inf Bde, on their arrival).

- (d) The importance of these areas, and the need to cover the vital area WAU-BULOLO-EDIE CREEK (which covers line of Communication to WUO CREEK) requires the undivided attention of area commanders be directed to forward operational areas.

So do this it is unprofitable to add burdens of responsibility which causes them to look back over their shoulders. This necessitates the creation of a command for local Defence at WAU, BULOLO and EDIE CREEK. I can do this at WAU and BULOLO by organising local fixed defences, supported by a battalion from forward brigades (placed in localities for a battalion rest and training area).

The defence of EDIE CREEK can be obtained by organising troops within the locality to provide the framework for a local defence scheme.

- (e) Force reserves are obtained by utilising two battalions one each at WAU and BULOLO who, while there situated, are "tagged" as Force Reserve.

Decision:-

I regard my Infantry units as the most suitable troops to hold any firm base, less WISSIN AREA in which I am forced, by other needs, to use an independent company. This must be a good one.

I will regard Independent Companies as suitable to fulfill the role of Cavalry in securing forward areas, obtaining information, harassing the enemy and retarding any advance he may make.

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I will place, when available, one Independent Company in the forward area of the MARSHAM AREA, based on WAMPIT. The nature of the country in the MISSIN AREA, and the opportunity to harass the enemy line of Communication SALAMAUVA-IBBO, urge the use of an Independent Company.

I will plan the local defence of WAU and IBBOLO on fixed defences under a named commander. In the event of a serious threat, I will superimpose on this scheme the infantry battalion resting in the area.

My success in operations, of both an offensive and defensive nature, depends on a minimum number of troops tied to a fixed role; depth in defence to cover line of Communication to forward areas; area reserves, and a Force Reserve for mobile operations.

In order to provide mobility, I must complete jeep-head from BAIJAMES to SUBBIT, and from SUNSHINE to PART 2 as a need of first priority. Later, both jeep tracks will be extended - ie. :- SUBBIT to SKINDENAI and, if possible, GUADAGASAI. PART 2 to WAMPIT, and thence towards MARSHAM RIVER.

5. FIRE SUPPORT

Difficulties, inherent in jungle fighting, affect the provisions of adequate fire support to infantry, other than that of their own arms. Mountain guns can be brought forward and used in areas such as the IBBO AREA, but the number is limited by difficulties of ammunition supply.

Field guns can be used in the line PART 2 - SHAKU RIVER VALLEY and taken forward on completion of jeep track, which will also solve ammunition supply.

It is considered possible to get guns forward to the MISSIN AREA but with difficulty. Field guns and Bofors, can be used in fixed defences WAU and IBBOLO areas. A sufficiently important reason for the employment of tanks is not evident.

Tanks may be employed in the plan for "Fixed Defence" WAU and IBBOLO, but carriers will fulfil the requirement of rapid movement of firepower etc. They can be airborne.

I am not yet sufficiently familiar with such areas as PART 1 - 2 to estimate the value of the employment of tanks.

Air support for operations and for harassing enemy activities, is therefore a vital necessity. Properly used, and with adequate technical advice available to commanders, an important solution to the very real problem of fire support to infantry is applied.

6. HEALTH OF TROOPS

WAU, IBBOLO, EAST CREEK, and certain other grounds, is comparatively free from malaria. Lower ground, such as IBBO, and the coastal area, is subject to this disease while the valley of the MARSHAM is a hotbed for flourishing malaria. Scrub Typhus is evident in many areas. Dysentery outbreak is subject to bad hygiene; beri-beri is very prevalent with forward troops and a weakened condition results from too long a period of service in forward areas. Staleness of mind is evident as a condition created by life in the jungle.

Deduction:-

Proper anti-malarial action will reduce malaria to a minimum. Strict application of hygiene precautions will prevent dysentery. Beri-beri can be eliminated by the maintenance of a balanced ration for forward troops. A well considered system of relief will overcome the debility, and a co-ordinated plan for amenities will prevent staleness of mind.

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Decision:-

All Commanders, irrespective of rank, are responsible for the maintenance of anti-malarial and hygiene precautions.

AAMS will issue helpful instructions and advice in short notes. C, through AASC, will maintain a balanced ration for forward troops, and add food values by obtaining requisite necessary items.

"A" will examine the work of Amenities Officers, and welfare officers of YBCA and SA, to provide a co-ordinated plan to serve the troops. This will be based on my Administrative Instruction on Amenities Service, issued while Administering Command 2 Aust Corps. Regular conferences will be instituted by "A" to implement the needs of this service. AC will issue the necessary instruction to cover all these decisions.

7. MORALE.

The morale of our troops who have engaged the enemy is high and untired troops 3 Aust Div are keen.

The morale of the enemy is considered to be low through defeat, short rations and sickness.

The enemy may be expected to relieve such troops with fresh men, who will be unaware of the factors reducing the morale of those relieved.

Deduction:-

The lessons learnt in overcoming the enemy should enable untired troops to defeat the enemy. These experiences should also give us superior morale to that of the enemy.

Decision:-

We are on top of the enemy at present. We must continue to remain on top. My policy will be to harass and worry him at every opportunity.

8. SUPPLIES.

The present system to supply my Force covers landing of supplies by planes at WAI and BULOLO, and dropings at GUADAGASAL and PILLUNG.

It is expected to augment, or relieve, this system by the introduction of a jeep run in mid MAY, develop to the use of normal RT in JULY, over the BULOLO track now in course of construction.

NGP plan, to cover development of reserves, is in course of implementation. Forward depots are established within the WAI and BULOLO areas. They are so planned, to facilitate enlargement to cover the needs of increased forces, and the use of BULOLO ROAD as a line of communication. Supplies to forward areas (less points of dropping) are carried forward by RT to jeep head. The forward move from BAIJANS to SUMMIT is by mule and, if needs be, forward to SKINDENAI by LINE. At present SKINDENAI is served by LINE from the dropping place at GUADAGASAL.

Supplies forward from SUMSHINE to MARJIAN AREA is by LINE; and MISSIN AREA is served by dropping at PILLUNG, augmented by LINE from SUMSHINE.

All supplies from unit bases to forward localities are carried by LINE or troops.

At present, the jeep-head, via BULAPS, is in course of construction to SUMMIT. It is expected that this will be in use within 14/21 days.

Road maintenance on roads WAI-BULOLO and WAI-EDIE CHINE, is subject to frequent interruptions caused by landslides, which close the roads for periods up to 48 hours. Much manpower, with limited resources of Engineer personnel, is wasted. Maintenance on jeep road to SUMMIT is subject to same disabilities, as is anticipated will be the case with jeep road towards MARJIAN RIVER.

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Deductions:-

- (a) To increase rapidity and ease of supplies to forward areas it is imperative, as a first step, to open a jeep track to each SUMMIT and PART 2. On completion, further extension can be planned and accomplished.
- (b) Increased road plant, covering bulldozers and power drills in particular, is essential to complete present program and to keep open the roads now used.

Decision

Jeep tracks - order of priority:-

- (a) WAU-SUMMIT. Complete work by bulldozer to SUMMIT and finish gravelling road over this section.
(NOTE:- BALLANS to SUMMIT covers steep grades. The soil is clay and the turns are sharp and frequent.)
- (b) Increase rate of progress on jeep track, SUNSHINE - PART 2, by sending bulldozer from SUMMIT to work in this sector while gravelling on WAU - SUMMIT sector is in progress.
- (c) Present strong case for increased plant for road maintenance so as to clear blocks rapidly.
- (d) Extend jeep track from each SUMMIT and PART 2.

9. GENERAL DEDUCTIONS

- (i) The framework for my plan of action must envisage such bold action as my administrative capabilities permit.
- (ii) I can and should hold all the ground in my possession at present.
- (iii) I can facilitate both my operation and administrative plan by dividing the general area into three areas of responsibility, ie. INDO, MISSIN, and MARKHAM.
- (iv) I can meet any unforeseen operational emergency, or action by paratroops, threatening the important lines of communication at WAU and WILLO, by establishing fixed defences to protect these areas. I can so arrange my general reserves to enable me to superimpose an infantry battalion on each of these defences.
- (v) I can maintain the principle of economy of force by committing the minimum number of troops in forward areas, thus obtaining maximum reserves for mobile operations.
- (vi) I can maintain the physical and mental condition of my troops by some measure of rest from forward localities. I can also provide facilities for training in rest areas.
- (vii) I can maintain and protect my lines of communication to each area.
- (viii) I can establish forward depots to cover AASC and Ordnance which can be scaled to higher requirements than needed for troops at present in the area.
- (ix) I can tie my administrative plans on the BULDOG line of communication.

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(x) The apparent needs of each area demand the following consideration.

(a) LEUBO AREA

- (i) Cover the tracks leading WEST TO WAU by securing their forward junction point in the CHADAGASAL area.
- (ii) Conform plan of dispositions to cover vital ground GREAT HILL - MUBO, and in depth, to CHADAGASAL - WAIPALI.
- (iii) Secure essential ground BITOI RIDGE - OBSERVATION HILL.
- (iv) Deny enemy use of MASSAU BAY for a base and the trails leading WEST towards my Line of Communication.

(b) MISSIM AREA.

- (i) The general requirements are to deny the enemy entering the area SUNSHINE-WILWA via tracks MISSIM-PILIMONG, and HICE-BORDUBI, or DUALI.
- (ii) I consider this area offers good opportunities to enable me to harass the enemy Line of Communication SALAMAUA-MUBO, act against SALAMAUA and relieve pressure by the enemy on the LEUBO AREA. I can attack his installations and hut rents and ambush his troops and carrier line.
- (iii) In reverse, it offers facilities to the enemy to move against BITOIA; and also my position towards the MARKHAM uncomfortable.
- (iv) It is necessary to establish a firm base, well forward, and one to which troops and material can be moved. A sound base appears to be possible in the general area MISSIM - ROBE.
- (v) From this point, pivots for patrolling and raiding the enemy Line of Communication can be found close to the track KORIATUM - BORDUBI.
- (vi) The high ground thus controlled, provides observation on the SALAMAUA area.
- (vii) Aggression in this area is considered to give good results; even to the abandonment of the LEUBO AREA by the enemy.
- (viii) The value of the country, and the general tactical employment of Independent Companies, suggests a role similar to that carried out by General STEWART, Lee's famous Cavalry exponent.

(c) MARKHAM AREA.

- (i) The first requirement is to deny the enemy a crossing of the MARKHAM and his establishment of a bridgehead on the SOUTH bank.
- (ii) The MARKHAM is a formidable barrier to operations conducted by myself and the enemy.

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- (iii) Forward of the MARKHAM, roads MADZAB - LAE are in the nature of defiles, on account of forest and the swampy nature of the country.
- (iv) Although a move on the part of the enemy to exploit the possibility of a success from the NORTH-NORTH-EAST, towards BULOLO, is considered to be remote, it would be welcomed as an opportunity to defeat him.
- (v) My best plan is to secure a firm base and a good killing ground. This is found in the general area SHANE RIVER - PART 2. This covers all airfields except inferior ones at WAMPIT, GABWISIS, and VAGU; which I can cover or command by other arrangements.
- (vi) I can complete the jeep track to this area, which will facilitate the movement of troops and material.
- (vii) A close watch on enemy movement NORTH of this point, covering the rivers MARKHAM and WAMPIT is essential. I can do this by establishing a pivot point at WAMPIT; forward of which sub-areas will be established for the employment of patrols and ~~establishment~~ *observation posts*.
- (viii) I must be prepared to raid enemy areas and to follow through any success gained locally or elsewhere. Every effort must be made to locate tracks, not shown on the map, and to map the area generally.

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COURSES OPEN TO US

There is but one policy to adopt, i.e.:-

- (a) Establish firm bases as far forward as can be maintained.
This simplifies and secures my main task to defend WAU and BULOLO airfields. It also enables me to take the offensive more readily when ordered to do so. It will give the necessary elbow room for the employment of further forces sent to this area.
- (b) Harass the enemy.
Institute vigorous patrolling to open the way for raids on enemy Line of Communications, bivouac and supply centres. If ordered to do so, or if the opportunity is presented, advance through present enemy defended localities.

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COURSES OPEN TO THE ENEMY

Present strength and morale do not support any hope for his successful operations unless we meet with some tactical reverse which he follows with good results. He can, but with great difficulty, reinforce his present force. He may land paratroops at a point to be occupied by land troops; following rapidly on the descent of paratroops.

The passage of the MARKHAM is, in itself, a difficult operation and it is rendered still more difficult by my dispositions. An advance from BULOLO or BULOLO AREAS will be denied also by my dispositions.

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It is therefore difficult to see the value of paratroop landings, followed by advance of land troops, when time and space reckonings are so complicated.

He may attempt a paratroop landing to secure, or wreck, our installations at WAI-MOLOLO. His losses would be very heavy and such an attempt would be defeated.

WAI-MOLO AREA

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If he gained control of the track to CHADAGASAL, he may force us to uncover the WAI-MOLO AREA. This is difficult to accomplish if I control the tracks from LABARIA RIDGE EAST to the coast. He may attempt to repeat his unsuccessful attack on WAI. I am in a stronger position now than then, and he would be defeated.

MARZIAN AREA.

An advance in this area is rendered well-nigh impossible by the difficult passage of troops and supplies across the river. By holding, or dominating, MARZIAN POINT, I control routes from the EAST. I reinforce this control by establishing points of resistance at GABENSIS and COLEIS. My firm base in area PARTER 1 and 2 is a formidable defence against a strong enemy advance. This is backed by mobile reserves.

MISSIN AREA.

A move to the WEST towards BULOLO is quite possible and offers the best reward of any move envisaged. If successful, it would free the whole of the area to the NORTH towards the MARZIAN, and would provide him with access to and through that area. It would enable him to bridge the MARZIAN and enable him to develop his line of communication without hindrance from other than air forces. If he cleared SUNSHINE-BULWA area, he can build up sufficient strength to develop further phases. Again, a thrust in this area would assist his operations, either across the MARZIAN, or down the valley of the RIVERS SHANE and WAPIT. This is a most feasible move and I must hold the ground controlling KONTI, LONBUNT and HITE.

PLAN.

1. The plan will provide for three operational areas and three areas with fixed defences.

2. OPERATIONAL AREAS.

WAI-MOLO
MISSIN
MARZIAN

3. BOUNDARIES.

WAI-MOLO AREA: The area SOUTH of the general line excluding LOZANU-KOHUATUN, thence including the watershed between the BUTAI and FRANCISCO RIVERS (PIONEERS RANGE).

MISSIN AREA: Southern boundary - including inter-area boundary WAI-MOLO-MISSIN.

Northern boundary - including track MISSIN POINT-MOLOLO-HITE-DOLI-KWATOMANE-BULWA.

MARZIAN AREA: Southern boundary - excluding inter area boundary MISSIN-MARZIAN.

Northern boundary - including ~~bank~~ ^{SOUTH} bank of the MARZIAN RIVER.

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TROOPS:

MUBO AREA One infantry brigade (less one battalion)
One section Mountain Gun Battery.

MISSIN AREA One Independent Company.

MARKHAM AREA. One Infantry brigade (less one battalion)
One Independent Company
One troop Field Artillery
Platoon MG Battalion

NOTES:-

- (i) One Battery, Field Regiment, expected after completion of move 15 Aust Inf Bde.
- (ii) Subject to (i) and on completion of jeep track to PARTER 2, one troop Field Regiment will be available.
- (iii) On arrival Battalions, 15 Aust Inf Bde, it is anticipated that one Independent Company will be available.
- (iv) It is contemplated that one company, MG battalion will be employed on BULOLO Fixed Defences, and one platoon will be available for PARTER 1 and 2 Defences.

5. FORCE RESERVES

One battalion from brigade in MARKHAM AREA, in area BULOLO.
One battalion from brigade in MUBO area. in area WAI.

6. DISPOSITIONS.

MUBO AREA.

- (a) Forward Area:- Troops - One infantry battalion
One section Mountain Battery.
- (b) VITAL GROUND.
GREEN HILL - VICKERS RIDGE - HOT MAT.
Depth to cover LABABIA RIDGE, THE SADDLE, GIADACASAI, WAIPALI.
- (c) ESSENTIAL GROUND.
 - (i) BITOI RIDGE-OBSERVATION HILL.
 - (ii) The area bounded generally by RIVERS EUISAVAI and BITOI. Special attention will be directed to the coastal area DUALI and NASSAU BAY, together with the tracks leading WEST from this area.

(a) LINE OF COMMUNICATIONS.

Troops - One infantry battalion.

- (i) SPINDOWAI - One infantry company
- (ii) SIFUIT - One infantry company
- (iii) BAILAMB - One infantry battalion (less 2 companies).

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7. MISSIE AREA

Troops:- One independent company

- (a) VITAL GROUND
MISSIE-HOF E. Depth to cover PILLIHUNG-BGDADU-DALI.
- (b) ESSENTIAL GROUND
HIGH GROUND overlooking BOBDEI-TONTATUM track.

8. MAKHAM AREA

Present plan based on troops available.

Troops:- One infantry battalion.

- (a) VITAL GROUND
PART 2 with outposts PART 1 and TOKAMIN covering
SHAKE VALLEY approach. One infantry company.
- (b) ESSENTIAL GROUND
 - (i) Control centre - WALPIT.
 - (ii) Forward patrol and observation control will
embrace MAKHAM POINT, GABETSIS, HT NGAROWETO,
SHELDONS, KIRKLANDS, HARAGCOMA.
One infantry company only.
- (c) RESERVES. One infantry battalion (less two companies)
in area SUNSHINE-HIDDEN CAMP.

9. MARZIAN AREA

Plan based on additional troops.

Arrival of 15 Aust Inf Bde
Arrival One battery Field Artillery.
Arrival One company MGC in BULOLO area (from WAU)
Availability one independent company (2/7 indop
coy from reserve in the WAU area).

Increase to:-

PART 2
Defences One infantry battalion
One troops Field Artillery
One platoon MGCs.

Notes:- Positions will be prepared now for additional
troops.

WALPIT
and forward. One independent company.

RESERVE One infantry battalion in BULOLO area.

10 FIXED DEFENCE AREAS:

WAU
BULOLO
EDIE CREEK.

(1) WAU FIXED DEFENCES

Commander: Maj DUNKLEY, M.C. 2/6 Aust Inf Bn.

Troops: One Field Artillery Battery
One Company MGC Battalion.
Two troops Light AA Battery,
as in area at present.
Miscellaneous troops permanently stationed
adjacent to airfield.

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Reserves: One infantry battalion in WAU area
(when emergency warrants and as
ordered by HQ 3 Aust Div)

- Note:-
- (a) On Infantry battalion being assigned to defence, CO infantry battalion will assume command of WAU area, including WAU FIXED DEFENCES.
 - (b) CO of reserve infantry battalion in WAU area will so arrange his billeting plan to fixed troops as required, in areas covering WAU from attack developed from general direction of BALLAUS.
 - (c) CO Infantry battalion will study plan for defence on arrival within WAU Defence Area.
 - (d) CO Infantry battalion will exercise his troops in occupation of positions allotted.

(11) BULOLO DEFENCE AREA.

Commander: (to be nominated)/

Troops: 156 Light AA Battery (less two troops)
702 US AA Battery (4.5 HCs)

As in area at present.

Infantry. To be determined on plan now under reconnaissance and consideration.

Reserves:- One infantry battalion in BULOLO area. (When emergency warrants and as ordered by HQ 3 Aust Div)

Note:- As applicable to WAU Defence Area.

(18)

(111) EDRE CK Defence Area:-
Commander: To be nominated.

Troops:- Those available at the time of emergency.

Note: (a) Commander appointed will recon area and submit plan.

(b) Commander will exercise troops available from time to time in their role.

11.

ADMINISTRATION

(a) Maintenance: HUBO L of C
MISSIM L of C
MARKHAM L of C

(1) Policy: To establish and maintain rear installations to tie up with

(a) Initial deliveries from WAU and BULOLO airfields.

(b) Subsequent deliveries along BULLDOG L of C supplemented by air deliveries.

(c) Air droppings at forward areas.

(11) Rear Installations

Areas: WAU
BULOLO

In each of the above areas the following will be established:-

FAD
FSD
FOD
POL Depot.

(111) Forward Installations

Areas: HUBO
MISSIM
MARKHAM

In each of the above areas the following will be established:-

(a) Forward dumps of ammunition
(b) " " " supplies

(b) Ammunition

Policy:-

(1) First Line: to be held by all units, Scale "A".

(11) Reserves:-

(a) HUBO L of C

GUADAGASAL. 5 refills (scale B) for all troops thereat and forward.

SKINDEWAI One refill for force committed.

SUMMIT One " " " "

DAJLAKE Balance at FAD WAU. " "

(14)

(b) MISSIN L of C

PILIMUNG: 3 refills for troops thereat and forward, consisting of -

one refill scale "B" complete
two refills certain named items only,
ie. TSMG, Grenades, etc.

Head of BAIUNE: One refill for force committed.

Branch Creek: One " " " "

Balance at PAD BULOLO

(c) MARKHAM L of C

WAMPIT: 5 refills for troops thereat and forward. } To be drawn from
TIMUR: One refill for troops thereat. } PART 2 reserves

PART 2: 5 refills for force committed

MUMENG: One refill for force committed.

Balance at PAD BULOLO

(c) Supplies:

Policy

(1) With the unit - 2 days Fd Operational ration.

(11) In transit - 1 days SWP ration.

(111) Reserves:-

(a) MUBO L of C

GUADAGASAL: 5 days for troops thereat and forward

SKINDEWAI: One day for force committed

SUMMIT: One day " " "
BALIAMS: One day " " "
Balance at FSD WAU

(b) MISSIN L of C

PILIMUNG: 4 days for troops thereat and forward

Head of BAIUNE: One days for force committed.

Branch Creek: One days " " "

Balance at FSD BULOLO

(c) MARKHAM L of C

WAMPIT: 5 days for force thereat and forward. } To be drawn from
TIMUR: 1 days for force thereat } PART 2 reserves

PART 2: 5 days for force committed

MUMENG: 1 days for " "

Balance at FSD BULOLO

(15)

(d) Medical:

CCS: To be sited in WAU area adjacent to
BULLDOG L of C.

Depots
Med stores: to be sited near CCS.

HDS: WAU

ADS: SKINDEJAI

" : BULOLO (later to SUNSHINE area)

Med
Posts: MANGO
SUNSHINE
MISSIM

Rest
Station: KAINDI

Con
Depot: KAINDI

(e) Ordinance:

Policy

To be drawn by all units from nearest FOD as
required.

(f) Amenities:

AQ will instruct "A" to formulate plan to cover
deductions and decisions in appreciation.

12.

COMMUNICATIONS

Permanent Lines:

(a) To GUADAGASAL

(b) To PARTER 2 (later to MARKHAM area)

(c) Restore and repair existing communications in
the BULOLO valley.

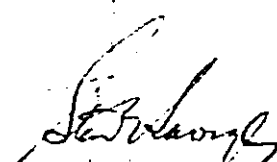
Wireless:

CO Siga 3 Aust Div will submit plan.

13.

COMMAND

3 Aust Div HQ - BULOLO W 2989

 Maj-Gen
COC 3 Aust Div

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G Circular 5.

Appendix 3 to 3 Aust Div
11th Aug 43
HQ : Aust
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SIGNAL COMMUNICATIONS - PRIORITY OF MESSAGES.

1. It is apparent that the priorities which may be given to messages are NOT understood and are being abused.
2. The various categories and degree of priorities are set out in WSPB pamphlet 2, sec 3 - "Rules for Signal Traffic", and are amplified and corrected in GRC 165 of 20 Jul 43 and GRC 190 of 5 Mar 43.
3. It should be noted that the number of officers who are authorised to frank messages IMMEDIATE or a higher priority, is severely restricted. This priority is NOT to be used unless the message is of exceptional importance, or in cases where special authority has been given for its use, such as in Sitreps.
4. Many messages are now being franked IMPORTANT which are normal routine matters and may not be franked priority. Before franking a message IMPORTANT, an officer who is authorised to do so, must consider whether or not the message is a "normal" message of a type which he sends frequently, or whether it is of such importance that it must reach the destination quicker than the normal messages.
5. Attention is directed to the use of DEFERRED. This should be used for messages of a daily routine nature. A message franked in this way has the following advantages:-
 - (a) it enables all normal messages, i.e. messages which have NOT been franked as priority messages, to be cleared before daily routine messages. This will result in a more speedy clearance of "normal" messages.
 - (b) it enables Signals to retain these messages to transmit during static periods during the night or clear them by DRLS whichever is sooner.
6. A close watch will be kept by Signals on message traffic and will report to this HQ any breaches of above instructions.

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Appendix 4

HQ 3 Aust Div

1 May 43.

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SUBJECT : LOCATION STATEMENTS

1. It is desired to clarify the procedure for the submission of location statements and the notification of change of location of units.
2. Units will submit to this HQ a statement showing the location of units under their command or control as at 2359 hrs on the 13th and 28th of each month. Statements will be set out as follows:-

UNIT LOCATION STATEMENT NO.....

As at 2359 hrs(date)

Ref Maps:-

Serial No.	Unit	Location	Map Ref.	Remarks & projected moves.
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3. Map references of units' locations are essential.
4. Changes in location of units not included in daily sitrep will be forwarded to this HQ by a non-priority signal.
5. All previous instructions on this subject are cancelled.

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1. 1943

Unit Gen Staff 3 Aust Div Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs 1 May To 2359 hrs 31 May 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BULOLO	2 May		2/3 Aust Indep Coy notify that ZERO for BOBDUBI attack will	
			be 1000 hrs 3 May	See Appx 2 Serial 461
		1035	report received that A Coy 2/7 Bn relieved C Coy on LABABTA	
			ridge on 30 Apr.	See Appx 2 Serial 469
		1240	Enemy position located at map ref 707000 SALAMAU revised	
			1 inch	See Appx 2 Serial 477
		1445	17 Bde report on attack on Green Hill in progress	See Appx 2 Serial 478
		1605	Attack on 'PIMPLE' NOT successful. 2/7 Aust Inf Bn preparing	
			for further attack	See Appx 2 Serial 482
		1955	20 Japs seen in vicinity of Hote. MALOLO OP temporarily with	
			drawn because of this.	See Appx 2 Serial 498
		2215	17 Bde request air attack on Dry Creek bed HITOI river	See Appx 2 Serial 499
		2325	Personnel of 2/5 Aust Indep Coy to commence movement to	
			MORESBY by AIR on 4 May	Appx 2 Serial 503

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Intelligence Summary No 2.

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1. 1944

Unit Gen Staff HQ 3 Aust Div Date and Time. From 0001 hrs 1 May To 2359 hrs 31 May 43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BULOLO	3 May	0020	Air attack on DRY CREEK BITOI liver approved	Appx 2 Serial 505
		0025	2/3 Indep Coy describe CISSEMBOB and jap movements in that	
			and HOTE area	Appx 2 Serial 506
		0700	17 Bde Sitrep gives detail of positions of our and enemy	
			troops in attack on PIMPLE	Serial 510
		0730	Disposition of 2/3 Indep Coy	Serial 518
		1048	5 Air Force disapprove attack on DRY CREEK	Serial 514
		1100	MOTH plane for use 3 Aust Div arrived BULOLO airfield	
			Location Statement instruction issued	Att as Appx 4
			G Circular No 6 WEEKLY LECTURE to Troops	Att as Appx 5
			Passwords list for WAU BULOLO was issued	Att as Appx 6
		1416	2/3 Indep Coy advised to place patrol at track junction	
			616026 ref TRACK MAP WAU SALAMAU LAE	Serial 521
		1545	BENA force report crashed plane located	Serial 522
		2030	BENA force report JAP party of 20 and natives moving area	Serial 522

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Unit GS HQ 3 Aust Div

Date and Time.—From 1 May 43 To 2359 hrs 31 May 43

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G CIRCULAR NO. 6

Appx 5
3 Aust Div War Diary

HQ 3 Aust Div

May 43.

WEEKLY LECTURE TO TROOPS OF HQ 3 AUST DIV
ON OP SITUATION:

1. Further to G Circular No 1.
1. On one day each week, a lecture will be given by either the GIII (O) or I to all troops of Div HQ.
2. This lecture will be incorporated in the daily parade and will be given to groups as follows:-

every FRIDAY
every SATURDAY

Groups 1,2 and 3.
Group 4.
3. The parade will be conducted in the area adjacent to Camp Comdts Office, and officers in charge of parades will ensure that their groups report to the above area prior to 0830 hrs on the day indicated in para 2.

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GS 3 Aust Div

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Wkg Diary

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HQ 3 Aust Div
3 May 43.

PASSWORDS - WAU AND BULOLO AREAS.

1. Listed hereunder are the passwords for the period 4 May to 11 May for both the WAU and BULOLO areas.

WAU AREA

1700 hrs 4 May	-	1659 hrs 5 May	OSWALD
1700 hrs 5 May	-	1659 hrs 6 May	ALICE
1700 hrs 6 May	-	1659 hrs 7 May	WELLINGTON
1700 hrs 7 May	-	1659 hrs 8 May	BULWARK
1700 hrs 8 May	-	1659 hrs 9 May	WARRNAMBOOL
1700 hrs 9 May	-	1659 hrs 10 May	WILLIS
1700 hrs 10 May	-	1659 hrs 11 May	MOLLY

BULOLO AREA

1700 hrs 4 May	-	1659 hrs 5 May	LINCOLN
1700 hrs 5 May	-	1659 hrs 6 May	LANCASHIRE
1700 hrs 6 May	-	1659 hrs 7 May	LISMORE
1700 hrs 7 May	-	1659 hrs 8 May	SELWOOD
1700 hrs 8 May	-	1659 hrs 9 May	HELEN
1700 hrs 9 May	-	1659 hrs 10 May	LADDER
1700 hrs 10 May	-	1659 hrs 11 May	DIESEL

2. HQ 3 Aust Div will be notified immediately if this document is compromised.

3. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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HQ 3 Aust Div

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Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs 1 May To 2359 hrs 31 May 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BULOLO	4 May	1235	2/3 Aust Indep Coy given details of movement of natives carrying for JAPS in DUALI S AESS area and given permission to attack this line	Appx 2 Serial 560
		1645	2/3 Indep Coy states that attack on native line can be made	" Serial 574
		1905	2/3 Indep Coy state that JAPS have withdrawn from BOBUIBI and large parties seen moving to SALAMAU	Serial 581
		2100	line of 100 native carriers from SALUS DUALI area being moved in to GUADAGASAL under arrangements by ANGAU	S erial 584
		2215	17 bde informed that further Jap withdrawals are taking place in MUBO area and told to send a further patrol to WOODY Island to obtain verification.	Serial 588
				<i>Phillips Capt</i>

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Unit GS HQ 3 Aust Div

Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs 1 May To 2359 hrs 31 May 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BULOLO	5 MAY 22 MAY	0730	2/3 Aust Indep Coy continuing action against North end of BOEDUBI ridge	Appx 2 Serial 595
		0818	NCE notified that 2/3 Aust Indep Coy action was successful and 36 Japs withdrawing to S ALAMAUA	
		1616	Information received indicates that Jap ambush is placed on KOMIATUM track	" Serial 602
		1855	Outline plan for attack on PIMPLE by 2/1 Aust Inf Bn on 7 May	" Serial 613
		1845	Request from 3 Aust Div for air attack to precede ground attack on Pimple on May 7	" Serial 614
		2100	Patrol of C coy 24 Aust Inf Bn contacted enemy ambush of 20 men DEEP CREEK and killed two, suffering one casualty	" Serial 616
		2315	Report on engagement by fire of Jap parties moving on track KOMIATUM SALAMAUA by 2/3 Aust Indep Coy	" Serial 621
			2 Aust Div AIR DEFENCE Instrn No 1 issued	Attached as Appx 7.

Attached as Appx 7.

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AIR DEFENCE INSTRUCTION NO 1

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To 3 Aust Div WARDIARY

for May 43

HQ 5 Aust Div

5 May 43.

1. OBJECT

The object of this instruction is to clarify and co-ordinate the measures taken for air raid precautions in BULOLO VALLEY.

2. REPORTING APPROACH OF HOSTILE OR UNIDENTIFIED AIRCRAFT.

A. (i)

Units at PARTER 2, SUNSHINE and BULWA will report any hostile or unidentified aircraft flying over their area.

(ii)

Reports will cover the following points:-

Time of observation.
Direction of flight.
Height (high, medium height, or low).
Number of aircraft.
Type of aircraft when known.

(iii)

Reports will be made direct to 11 FIGHTER CONTROL, SUB SECTOR and given AIRFLASH priority. They will be telephoned when possible.

B. Units in WAU AREA will make similar reports direct to 156 Lt AA Bty WAU by the same means.

3. RESPONSIBILITY FOR INITIATING AIR RAID WARNINGS.

A. 11 Fighter Sub-sector Control BULOLO have means for receiving early warnings of approaching aircraft, and filters these to prevent unnecessary warnings.

B. This means that only "Air Raid Imminent" warnings are given to units in BULOLO VALLEY.

C. It is the responsibility of Fighter Sector Control BULOLO to originate all warnings except those resulting from the sound of enemy aircraft during darkness.

D. Units hearing aircraft by night will sound their local alarms and notify 11 Fighter Control Sub-sector.

4. CHAIN OF COMMUNICATION FOR WARNINGS.

A. Warnings originated by Fighter Sector Control at BULOLO are passed immediately to AA gunsites and to Sigs 3 Aust Div, and the air raid warning is sounded for the airfield area.

B. Sigs 3 Aust Div will immediately clear the switchboard, plug in the lines to all HQ in the area, and give a series of SHORT RINGS.

C. Fighter Sector Control will then notify 156 Lt AA Bty at WAU.

D. When an air raid alarm is originated in WAU, 156 Lt AA Bty, WAU, will notify Fighter Sub Sector BULOLO by AIRFLASH priority telephone call.

E. A series of short rings on the telephone require no answer. Unit alarms will be sounded forthwith.

5. AIR RAID WARNINGS TO BE SOUNDED

- A. Units will make their own arrangements for sounding air raid warnings in their respective areas.
- B. This will result in a number of devices being employed, and the following procedure will be adopted for these -

<u>DEVICE</u>	<u>AIR RAID ALARM</u>	<u>ALL CLEAR</u>
Siren	A rising and falling wail	Continuous wail
Gongs	Rapid beating	slow beating
Horns	Short toots c	long toots
Bells	a series of short rings	a series of long rings
Whistles	a series of short blasts	a series of long blasts

The whistle artillery, or whistle infantry, on issue to NCOs will NOT be used for air raid warnings as this is the general alarm for ground attack.
The discharge of weapons will NOT be used as an alarm signal.

- C. The following will also be regarded as air raid warnings -

- (i) the sound of Pofors gun firing, unless a definite notice has been issued that firing will take place at the time.
- (ii) the sound of aircraft at night.

In either case, unit alarms will be sounded.

6. ACTION TO BE TAKEN WITHIN UNIT AREAS.

When unit alarms are sounded, domestic arrangements will apply, but these will embody the following points:-

- A. If by night, all lights will be extinguished or blacked out.
- B. Personnel will take cover, in slit trenches or sub. bomb-proof cover as is provided, when necessary.
- C. Intercommunication between HQs will be maintained by ensuring that at least one telephone is in a protected position and is manned throughout the raid.
- D. Personnel will remain in cover until the all-clear is given.
- E. Helmets steel should be worn.

7. CONDUCT DURING AIR RAIDS.

There will be no shouting of orders or blowing of whistles. Personnel will proceed to cover quickly and quietly.

8. READINESS FOR ACTION.

Paratroops are known to be in NEW GUINEA and this form of attack may develop with great rapidity.

All units will maintain a state of readiness for action and plans will be made for defence of each area and the defence of dumps and establishments by commanders concerned. These plans must be understood by all ranks concerned.

9. RESPONSIBILITY FOR DEFENCE.

The responsibilities for general defence throughout the MILLOLO VALLEY have been defined in a separate instruction.

10. OPENING OF FIRE.

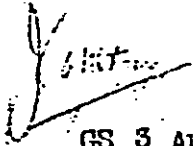
156 Lt AA Bty and 708 CA (AA) Bty will open fire at the discretion of the OC Bty.

All other troops will refrain from firing unless given a direct order to the contrary.

Orders to open fire may be given by any responsible officer or NCO in charge of a post if the aircraft are within 1500 feet and are directly attacking the area.

Fire will not be opened during darkness.

11. ACKNOWLEDGE.

 Lt-Col
GS 3 Aust Div

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- 11 Fighter Control Sub Sector
- A Flt 4 AC Sqn RAAF
- (306 RDP Unit
- (2 Adv Comm Sec
- Det 8 Aust RA Svy Sec.

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HQ 3 Aust Div
5 May 43.

3 AUST DIV DISTRIBUTION LISTS.

Reference 3 Aust Div Distribution List of 25 Apr 43.

1. The following additions and amendments are to be made:

LIST "B"

Add

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A Fl 4 AC Sqn	1
11 Fighter Control Sub-sector	1

Amend

Total to read 64

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BULOLO	6 May	1021	17 Aust Inf Bde asked to obtain appreciation of PIMPLE situation from Comd 2/7 Aust Inf Bn for G.O.C.	Appx 2 Serial 633
		1345	Reports received from BENA force on identification of aircraft, guns and personnel at scene of crash	" Serial 643
		1730	BENA FORCE reports that both aircraft search parties returned and report that plane and fittings are completely U.S.	" Serial 645
		1745	Native report indicates that two engined A/C crashed in sea off SALUS IS Two airmen swam ashore but were captured by Japs	" Serial 657
		1634	Native report indicates that large JAP party visited KOREPA and KESSAWAI on 1 May and remained at KOREPA till May 3	" Serial 668
		1700	3 Aust Div Weekly Intelligence Summary No 3 issued	Attached as Appx 9
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3 AUST DIV WEEKLY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 3.

Compiled from information received up to 1700 hrs 6 May 45.

PART I.

1. General

Enemy activity throughout the week indicates a continuance of the policy of firmly establishing his bases along the NE coast of NEW GUINEA. The volume of shipping to this area has been maintained at a high level, and patrol activity from the coast inland has increased.

Concurrent with this development RABOUL is assuming a lesser degree of importance as a forward base.

2. Operations. - Land

(a)

HUBO AREA

On 2 May our troops unsuccessfully attacked enemy positions on the PIMPLE; our casualties 4 killed 10 wounded, enemy 3 killed 3 wounded. Since 2 May our troops have been actively patrolling OBSERVATION HILL, GARRISON HILL and the WOODY ISLAND areas. Enemy on the PIMPLE is reported to be well dug in and armed with 8 IMGs 2 MMGs and some mortars.

MISSIM AREA

On 2 May our troops attacked BOBUBI forcing 36 enemy to evacuate the forward defensive position. Our troops then consolidated on the BOBUBI RIDGE. The enemy in BOBUBI actively engaged our troops with MMGs, Mortars, and grenades. On the morning 4 May our troops ambushed 134 native carriers escorted by small party of Japs, followed closely by 3 parties each of 14 armed Japs, moving from the direction KOMIATUM towards SALAMAU. Enemy casualties estimated 15 killed. The natives when MMG opened fire immediately went bush. On the afternoon same day the ambush fired on Jap party of 30 moving south towards KOMIATUM. Enemy casualties 10 killed.

DUALI - NASSAU BAY AREA

Our patrol which moved from HUBO area on the morning 3 May towards DUALI was fired upon by enemy mortars, MMGs and IMGs 4 May. Our patrol then withdrew to the BITOI - BUYAWIM river junction on the night 4/5 May.

This patrol detained two natives from the DUALI area, whom upon interrogation revealed that Japs had impressed a line of natives from their village. The impressed natives were being moved to mouth of FRANCISCO river where they would pick up cargo and carry same to MUBO area via KOMIATUM.

SALAMAU. The natives also stated that SALAMAU was visited nightly by a submarine which offloaded rice and other food commodities.

MARKHAM AREA.

Our troops carried out active patrolling period 1 May to 3 May. They made no contact with the enemy. On the morning 4 May one of our patrols moved towards MARKHAM POINT and contacted enemy on the afternoon same day area DEEP CREEK; our casualties one wounded; enemy casualties one killed.

LAE AREA.

Activity noticed in this area indicated routine maintenance of aerodrome and other permanent installations.

SAITOR.

Periodic bombing and strafing of the beaches and villages on

- 2 -

the RAI coast is thought to be causing the natives to proceed inland. Observation in this area is becoming increasingly difficult, and it is reported that the whole coast west of the NANKINA River is completely dominated by the enemy. Natives have been told by the enemy that any help given to our observer parties will result in death to the natives concerned and further reprisals against their families and villages. Enemy patrolling is becoming more active and in greater strength. Our patrols are not strong enough to deal with them, and it is possible that they may have to be temporarily withdrawn further inland.

(NCF Summary No. 120)

HADANG - RAINU RIVER

Inland penetration from HADANG and BOGADITH areas towards the RAINU by enemy patrols is being maintained and apparently increased. It would appear that the enemy is keen to reconnoitre existing tracks and routes south towards the RAINU, either for the purpose of following the river south-east towards the MARKHAM Valley or finding southerly routes across the river into the rich Mt HAGEN-BINA BINA Plateau. Natives report the presence of Japanese in the villages of KESA, MADALOI and KOBA, to which the natives have been forced to return in order to be kept under surveillance. - Reports state further that natives from this area are being employed breaking stones for a road from BOGADITH to TOBA, about six miles SE along the coast from BOGADITH.

The enemy has also been sighted in a small party, approximately twenty, at SEPU, about 40 miles west of BOGADITH on the north bank of the RAINU. They arrived on 30 Apr and departed the following day without making any attempt to cross the RAINU. Their treatment of the natives seems to have taken a turn for the better as the OC is reported to have told the natives they would not take food, but wanted it brought to them. SEPU is the furthest reported point of navigability up to RAINU.

SEPIK RIVER.

The enemy are alleged to have surveyed the airfield sites at CHIMBRIAN and KAMPRIUDO 40 and 16 miles west of ANGORAN respectively. Reports from natives considered to be reliable are that those areas were clear of enemy on 29 Apr but that a visit will soon be made to KUVIMAS Lake area. Mission sisters and priests of HARUI MISSION were interrogated by the enemy at TIMBUKE and informed that they would be collected at a later date and taken to WEWK.

(NCF Summary No. 120)

GOODENOUGH ISLAND.

A patrol to the ARAPHELET ISLANDS in search of enemy survivors has returned. No enemy were located but some Japanese equipment was found.

(NCF Summary No. 120)

(b) SEA - ENEMY

Bad weather during the week hampered our aerial reconnaissance in the NE sector and reports of shipping sightings in this region have been further than usual. It must not be forgotten however that the enemy plans his convoy movements to take full advantage of conditions of bad weather and poor visibility.

RABAUL.

Photographs of RABAUL on 1 May showed the following vessels in the harbour:-

1 light cruiser
1 destroyer
2 patrol boats
5 submarines

1 auxiliary craft
30 merchant vessels
totalling 155,600 tons

NAVIENG.

Sightings indicate that this port continues to be used on a moderate scale, chiefly as a stage on the enemy's L of C to RAHAUL or WEWAK. Two cargo vessels aggregating 7000 tons were seen SE of NAVIENG on 27 Apr and on the 3 May a 12000 ton tanker escorted by a destroyer was sighted in the same area. On 30 Apr photographs revealed a convoy of ten ships averaging about 5000 tons each moving south through STEVEN Straits.

(Adapted from NCF Summary 120)

WEWAK.

A steady stream of shipping continues to use this port, where the enemy maintains at least 30 or 40 unloading barges in order to turn ships round as quickly as possible. Photographs on 3 May revealed 75 barges, a record concentration.

At least 16 ships totalling 65000 tons visited WEWAK during the week. The only escorting vessels observed were a light cruiser and a destroyer off the port on 1 May at the same time as 5 cargo ships totalling 35,40000 tons were stationary in the roadsteads.

(Adapted from NCF Summary 120)

NW SECTOR

Reports of shipping movements since 20 Apr indicate unhurried but steady development of bases at many points in this area. Our reconnaissance revealed shipping at A'BOH, KOEPANG, MANOKWARI and at WARE 45 miles to the south of MANOKWARI, when the largest concentration of eight ships was seen. Two convoys of three ships each were also observed.

(Adapted from NCF Summary 120)

AUSTRALIA

Between 24 Apr and 4 May, five allied ships have been sunk by submarines off the east coast of AUSTRALIA.

(NCF Summary 120)

(c) AIR

(1) Own

DIRECT SUPPORT

Bostons carried out their direct support missions against the enemy ambush position on GRETT HILL. Ground forces reported the bombing to be accurate, but that the enemy avoided casualties by moving forward towards our own troops upon the approach of our aircraft.

GASIMATA

Medium bombers on 3 May heavily strafed the airfield, buildings, dumps, small boats and plantation areas in addition to attacks by single aircraft on two other occasions.

WEWAK

The following day WEWAK was heavily bombed, two or three direct hits being scored on the stern of a 5,000 ton cargo vessel which was left listing. Hits were also possibly made on a second vessel. Tracks were strafed and villages bombed along the RAI coast, while aircraft on reconnaissance strafed barges on the north coast of NEW BRITAIN. WINGCHAPPAH, LAE and MADANG were also attacked by reconnaissance bombers, some damage being inflicted.

(Adapted from NCF Summary 120)

(3) Enemy

Enemy air activity over the NEW GUINEA has been limited to possible reconnaissance over the W. - FIDIC area on 1 and 3 May.

DARWIN was raided in the early hours of 2 May by 29 medium bombers and 25/30 fighters. The target was the RAAF airfield but only slight damage to buildings resulted and the only casualty was one wounded. The enemy lost 3 fighters for certain, 5 probably and 4 fighters and one bomber damaged. Our losses were 14 aircraft, of which 4 are believed to have crashed into the sea out of fuel.

(Adapted from NCF Summary 12)

PART II

1. Enemy OOB.

Air:

The enemy air strength in the NE sector is estimated to have increased from 412 as at 26 Apr to 455 on 2 May. This is made up of an increase of 41 planes in the SOLOMONS, together with a transfer of 14 planes from RABAU to NEW GUINEA. In the NW sector, it is estimated that there has been an increase of 8 in the enemy strength.

(Adapted from NCF Summary 12)

4. Organization.

The following list has been prepared to furnish a ready guide to strengths of various units of the Japanese Forces. These totals are estimates, and as such, will need to be revised as more up to date information becomes available.

Infantry Regiment	2,306
Regimental Signals	71
Regimental Gun Company	121
Regimental Tank Attack Unit	112
Infantry Battalion	934
Infantry Rifle Company	181
Infantry Rifle platoon	56
Infantry MG/Rifle Section	14
Infantry Grenade Discharger Section	12
Infantry HQ Company	140
Infantry Battalion Gun platoon	50

(NCF Summary 119)

9. General

Extract from PW interrogation report 7 Jan 43.

"The attitude of this PW is one of constant wariness. The slightest indication of direct interrogation produces a change of expression and a cessation of information. This together with the fact that the last aerial map captured is stamped with a rubber stamp 'Secret. Not to be taken into Air', and combined with an admission by PW that he had not intended to take it with him on the flight, conveys the impression that there has been considerable improvement in security since previous PW was interrogated. When this PW was told that his map had been found, he denied that it could have been his, as he had not taken it with him. It is therefore assumed that the Japanese have become aware of the fact that prisoners are being taken and are proving a source of information to the enemy, and have tightened up security generally."

(AAF Summary 98)

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Security.

Censorship.

The following is an extract from a letter intercepted by Censorship:-

"Your last letter was somewhat mutilated which seemed to indicate a somewhat strict censorship, but here are a few things that illustrate how lax that censor was and the extent to which you perhaps unknowingly gave away vital information, or rather made available vital information to anyone trained in map reading or such. To start with you said clocks were advanced each day. That indicates easterly travel. The advance was half an hour. That indicates seven and half degrees of longitude covered each day which would mean about 500 miles travel per day easterly. You crossed the Equator on a certain day mentioned - indicates northerly as well as easterly travel, hence distance travelled per day was quite a bit more than 500 miles. You crossed the International Date Line on a Wednesday. That places you very closely on that day when used with foregoing information. The ship was sir-conditioned. Coffee was in full supply (USA?). You had some difficulty in finding your way about the ship. With no other information to go on these facts coupled with the fact that we had a letter from some port reached early in the trip, the following story can be pieced together. Large modern vessel, most likely of American registry, fast (at least 20 knots). First call NZ thence N Easterly with N. America the obvious destination. Let that be a warning to you. I wish I could warn the censor also. The information he cut out was nothing compared to that supplied by the details mentioned. Of course we are not all map readers but people selected to gather information should understand adjustments of LMT (Local Mean Time) because of change of longitude. I took the liberty of mentioning your letter and these facts to the map school when giving a lecture on time variation, at the same time making it a little lesson on security for good measure".

(H: O'land 1 of 2 Int Report No. 53.)

Comment. This extract is not only of interest as an example of deductive reasoning but is a lesson in Security. It shows just what unconsidered trifles may mean to trained minds of Enemy Intelligence.

(AMF Weekly Int Review No. 59)

Lt-col
G3 3 Aust Div

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2/6 Aust Svy Bty)	10
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Unit Gen Staff HQ 3 Aust Div Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs 1 May To 2359 hrs 31 May 1943

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BULOLO	7 May	0700	Details of patrols to each side of PIMPLE	Appx 2 Serial 674
		0700	Patrol of 2/3 Aust Indep Coy returned from Hote area reporting	
			that JAP party moved from Hote to MAIOLO village on 2 May	" Serial 677
		1045	BENA FORCE report details of movements of Japanese parties in	
			KAIGULIN BUMBUM area	" Serial 686
		1830	2/3 Aust Indep Coy attacked enemy posts and forced Japs out but	
			were themselves forced out by heavy mortar fire with fourth	
			counter attack	" Serial 694
		1885	2/3 Indep Coy require reinforcements of one Inf Coy to take over	
			L of C MISSIM - HOTE and supply of 2 3in mortars to assist	
			offensive action	" Serial 696
		2120	17 Aust Inf Bde informed that GOC regrets failure of PIMPLE	
			attack and considers the attempt should be discontinued for the	" Serial 703
			present	
		2320	24 Bn warned to send two 3 in mortar detachments with mortars	
			to MISSIM at short notice	" Serial 708

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2. INTRODUCTION

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Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs 1 May To 2359 hrs 31 May 43

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Unit Gen Staff HQ 3 Aust Div Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs 1 May To 2359 hrs 31 May 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
HULOLO	8 May	0815	2/3 Aust Indep Coy report successful ambushing of 60 enemy reinforcements. 20 killed many wounded. no casualties	Appx 2 Serial 730
		1147	17 Bde required to obtain and forward a report on the arty support given to attack on PIMPLE on 7 May	" Serial 744
		1630	NGF informed of probable unloading points for submarines	" Serial 752
		1915	30 Japs occupy track juncat night. Map ref 298506 of MUBO locality 1/25000	" Serial 762
		2000	156 Lt AA Bty given permission to fire BOFORS 9 May	" Serial 764
		1900	2/3 Aust Indep coy report Jap movements to reinforce BORDUBI area	" Serial 770
		2205	24 Aust Inf Bn warned to supply one inf pl to do duty on L of C POWER HOUSE - PIMUNG	" Serial 771

NO 10
G Circular No. 4 (a)

Apr 10
To 3 Aust Div
Hq 3 Aust Div
7 May 43.

LOCAL DEFENCE OF HQ 3 AUST DIV

Further to G Circular No. 4 of 30 Apr a practice alarm will be held for sector F at 1830 hrs 8 May. Personnel as detailed in para 6 b (i) will report with weapons and equipment for organization as a pl and allotment to tasks.

NO alarm signal will be given.

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GS 3 Aust Div.

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Unit ^{HQ} Gen Staff/3 Aust Div. Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs 1 May To 2359 hrs 31 May 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BULOLO	9 May	1520	Warning order to 24 Aust Inf Bn ref movement one Pl cancelled and one Inf Coy less one Pl ordered to move 10 May. Remaining	
			Pl to move also to come under comd of 2/3 Aust Indep Coy	Appx 2 Serial 798
		1745	17 Aust Inf Bde report that determined enemy attack launched against A coy 2/7 Bn. A Coy holding position	" Serial 809
		1610	5 BOSTONS launched heavy and accurate air attack against KOMIATUM	" Serial 810
		2220	Request to Air Support for attack against enemy positions in PIMPLE area	" Serial 920
			Appreciation of the PIMPLE situation by comd 2/7 Aust Inf Bn with comments by Comd 17 Bde received.	Retained on files
			PASSWORDS to 18 May for WAU - BULOLO area.	Att as Appx 11
			Meeting of Comds of sectors for the close defence of HQ area held at 1400 hrs	Vide Appx 10

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APPX II

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To 3 Aust Inf Bn Party
for May 4's

RA 3 Aust Div

9 May 43

G 12/7

PASSWORDS - WAI-ENLOO AREAS

1. Listed hereunder are the passwords for the period 11 May to 18 May for both the WAI and ENLOO areas.

WAI AREA

1700 hrs 11 May	-	1650 hrs 12 May	WENLEY
1700 hrs 12 May	-	1650 hrs 13 May	WENLEY
1700 hrs 13 May	-	1650 hrs 14 May	LAUREL
1700 hrs 14 May	-	1650 hrs 15 May	FLUTE
1700 hrs 15 May	-	1650 hrs 16 May	ORILLA
1700 hrs 16 May	-	1650 hrs 17 May	HELMET
1700 hrs 17 May	-	1650 hrs 18 May	REJOY

ENLOO AREA

1700 hrs 11 May	-	1650 hrs 12 May	LAUREL
1700 hrs 12 May	-	1650 hrs 13 May	LAUREL
1700 hrs 13 May	-	1650 hrs 14 May	GALAXY
1700 hrs 14 May	-	1650 hrs 15 May	HELMET
1700 hrs 15 May	-	1650 hrs 16 May	VALLEY
1700 hrs 16 May	-	1650 hrs 17 May	TELEGRAM
1700 hrs 17 May	-	1650 hrs 18 May	LORELLA

2. This HQ will be notified immediately if this document is compromised.
3. Acknowledge.

(sgd) J Wilton Lt-Col
RA 3 Aust Div

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APPX 11A
OPERATIONS DUALI AREA

TO 3 AUST DIV

WAR DIARY

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HQ 3 Aust div

9 May 43.

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17 Aust Inf Bde
2/6 Aust Inf Bn

Ref 3 Aust Div Op Instrn No 1.

1. With effect from 0600 hrs 10 May D Coy 2/6 Aust Inf Bn now at EDIE CK is placed under cmd 17 Aust Inf Bde.
2. This coy is being made available at request of 17 Aust Inf Bde for operations on the right flank of 2/7 Aust Inf Bn towards the coast in the DUALI - NASSAU BAY area.
3. Until further detailed and confirmed information is available regarding the strengths and dispositions of the enemy in the above area, this coy should be used only for reconnaissance in force by strong fighting patrols, or for raids where a favourable opportunity is presented for striking a damaging blow to the enemy with few casualties to our own troops.
4. It is appreciated that at this juncture ~~more~~ ~~would~~ be required to gain control of the coastal area immediately south of the BITOI river. Therefore until further troops become available this will not be attempted.
5. For the above reason this company should be located in an area, which will be suitable as a firm base for the operations outlined in para 3, and which will also protect the right flank of 2/7 Aust Inf Bn.
6. Ack.

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Unit Gen Staff HQ 3 Aust Div Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs 1 May To 2359 hrs 31 May 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BULOLO	10 May	0515	Air attack on PIMPLE accepted by AIRFORCE	Appx 2 Serial 826
		0700	Enemy attack on A Coy 2/7 Aust Inf Bn in PIMPLE area repulsed	" Serial 831
		0920	D Coy 2/6 Aust Inf Bn placed on 6 hrs notice to move to operational area	" Serial 838
		1715	Attempt by D coy 2/7 Aust Inf Bn to by-pass enemy failed owing to encounter with new enemy defensive position approximately 60 strong	" Serial 858
		2155	D Coy 2/5 Aust Inf Bn warned to move to GUADAGASAL and will come under command of 2/7 Aust Inf Bn after leaving SUMMIT	" Serial 877
		2 30	A Coy 2/7 Aust Inf Bn reported to be in serious position with enemy strongly entrenched on all sides. Attempts to dislodge enemy have so far failed	" Serial 878

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BULOLO	11 May	1325	NGF require advice re locati ns so that rations and water	
			can be dropped to A Coy 2/7 Bn.	Appx 2 Serial 826
		1100	Lieut COULTER L.O.3 moves to 2/3 Aust Indep Coy for temporary	
			attachment	" Serial 904
		1510	A Coy 2/7 Aust Inf Bn relieved ^{2 Coy} 2/7 Aust Inf Bn forced contact	
			and repelled determined counter attack	" Serial 913
		1910	Force from 2/7 Aust Inf Bn moved to contact A Coy and found	
			enemy positions vacated. Enemy made further attack on A Coy	
			but were forced to withdraw	" Serial 929
		2023	2/3 Aust Indep Coy found enemy positions on BOBDUBI RIDGE	
			had been abandoned	" Serial 931
			3 Aust Div TRAINING INSTRUCTION No 1 issued	Att as Appx 12
			3 Aust Div instruction issued re DAILY METEOR SIGNALS	Att as Appx 13
			17 Aust Inf Bde Operation Instruction No 9 received	Retained in files

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3 AUGST DIV TRAINING INSTRUCTION NO. 1

APPX 12

HQ 3 Aust Div

To 3 Aust Div War Diary 11 May 43.
for May

1. POLICY FOR TRAINING

This instruction is to be read in conjunction with NG FORCE Training Instruction No 2 to which this instruction is supplementary.

Within 3 Aust Div training of all units must be continuous. Units in rear areas, including those which have been moved back to rest and refit, will each prepare a syllabus of training in accordance with the provisions of this instruction.

2. OUTLINE TRAINING PROGRAMS

In order to keep this HQ informed of the training undertaken, each unit will forward a brief outline of the unit syllabus to reach this HQ by the 15th and 30th of each month through the normal channels and outline the training for the ensuing 15 days.

3. WEAPON TRAINING

A very high standard of weapon training will be reached and maintained by all units. This will receive prior consideration in all proposals for training.

4. RANGE PRACTICES

(a) Open Ranges

Open ranges are available at WAU, BULOLO and BULWA. These will be controlled as follows:-

WAU RANGE

17 Aust Inf Bde (whilst in WAU area otherwise HQ WAU Fixed Defences)

BULOLO RANGE

2/6 Aust Inf Bn.

BULWA RANGE

" " " "

These controlling HQs will be responsible for the allotment, improvement, maintenance, repair and safety precautions on their respective ranges.

Units requiring the use of any of these ranges will apply direct to the controlling HQ concerned.

(b) 30 Yard Ranges

30 yard ranges will be established in each Coy area. Safety precautions for these will be a unit responsibility.

(c) Patrol Ranges

Patrol, or Field Firing ranges, should be improvised by each unit. These are ranges where targets are partly concealed behind bushes, and in trees and are arranged to swing out from trees or stand suddenly upright when operated by a trip-wire.

Targets against which grenades may be thrown and the 2 inch mortar and rifle bomber employed, should also be prepared.

Much ingenuity can be exercised in the preparation of these ranges, and when used, they offer the best possible training for quick action, snap shooting and the rapid bringing into action of small arms generally.

5. TRAINING AMMUNITION

Training ammunition will be available.

Units and sub-units will apply, through normal channels, for allotments as required.

Application will be by signal stating the number of rounds of each type required, but will cover only those requirements for a shoot specified in the outline training programme.

6. STANDARDS OF FITNESS

Second in importance only to weapon training, will be the mental and physical state of fitness of all ranks.

Physical fitness will be assisted by daily periods of physical training, bayonet fighting, unarmed combat, route marches and patrols in hill country. These will feature prominently in all programmes.

Mental and physical fitness will be assisted by patrol exercises, as outlined in para 7 below.

7. PATROL EXERCISES

Standing and pace patrols will be prominent in the training. The greatest value will be obtained from these if every man taking part is required to make a verbal or written report of what was seen, heard, encountered and done during the patrol. The value of this type of exercise lies NOT only in the patrol, but also in the observation, thinking and memory required from each man.

8. SCOPE OF EXERCISES

It is doubtful whether exercises on a scale larger than for a coy are of any value at present. In order of importance, exercises should be designed to cover -

Section groups
Sections
Platoons
Company

9. NIGHT TRAINING

All units will embody night training in their training programmes.

10. ADMINISTRATIVE TRAINING

There is insufficient knowledge of administrative matters among all units, for example - few troops understand the ammunition and supply system. Most are very vague in answering queries on what must be done to get them, how and by whom they are brought forward, who is responsible for keeping them up and the essential points to be specified in asking for them. Junior officers and NCOs must receive special instruction in all phases of administrative training, and relevant instructions will be given also to troops with particular reference to administration within the unit.

11. SPECIAL CLASSES

Special classes will be organized for the persons and purposes shown below -

(a) Potential NCOs

Selected personnel will be trained as potential NCOs. The section commander conducts and leads the actual fighting, and is highly trained for this task. Should he become a casualty, he must be promptly replaceable by a trained man from within the section.

(b) Refresher Courses for NCOs

NCOs will be given extra instruction. Classes should be held to cover all subjects and specialisation by individuals should be avoided. Special ability of a NCO in one part of his duties is a good reason for giving him other tasks.

(c) Officers' Classes.

The unit commander is responsible for the training of his officers, and this must be continuous. Officers' classes will be conducted for training within the scope of NEW GUINEA FORCE Training Instruction No 2. If the officer does not know, he cannot instruct and explain. Thus, ignorance may be as cumulative within a unit as can knowledge.

It is realized that difficulties will be met in organizing these special classes, as seniors are required to instruct Juniors. Therefore it is suggested that one night weekly be devoted to officers' classes, with two nights for NCO and potential NCO classes run concurrently, and two nights for training as in para 9.

12. REPLACEMENTS FOR KEY PERSONNEL AND SPECIALISTS

The Adjutant, Intelligence Officer and Quartermaster and the commanders of the specialist platoons of an infantry unit are key personnel. Each of these officers will have understudies or learner officers attached to them for training in these specialised duties. 100 per cent replacements for personnel of the specialist groups - intelligence, signals, mortar, PWG and tank-attack - will be trained and available within the unit.

13. PIONEER PLATOON

Pioneers must be thoroughly trained as infantrymen, and should be engaged for this purpose in all exercises, when they can also be used for advice and execution in minor engineering matters.

Companies should arrange to do their own carpentering and digging tasks so that the pioneer platoon is released for training and employment in its correct role.

14. ALARM SCHEMES IN REAR AREAS

All HQs and installations will organize and practise alarm schemes for their own defence. This is essential if panic and confusion are to be avoided in cases of sudden attack from which no body of troops in this area can consider itself immune. These schemes will be made to fit into the framework of the larger defence plan laid down by area commanders.

15. WAR GAME.

ATM (Aust) No 18, describes a war game which "is both exciting and exhausting." This game has been proved to provide excellent training for junior commanders and men and is recommended.

Lt-Col
G3 3 Aust Div

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APPX 13

OMR DIARY

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20 3dust Rm Hq. Army 11 May 48.

10 3dust Rm

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1/6 dust Inf 3 n 00 (10)
11 Fighter Sector (50000)
5 AF Air Op Control (200) (2)
11g 3 dust Rm

for May

DAILY REPORT SUMMARY

1. Beginning 10 May 48 meteor signals will be originated at 11 3dust Inf 3 n 00 (10), 11 Fighter Sector 3 00 (10) and 5 AF Air Op Control (200), as mentioned in para 3 of this memo.
2. The purpose of these signals is to enable Air Force Command at 11 3dust Inf 3 n 00 to plot weather conditions of this locality with some degree of accuracy and in conjunction with observations reported from other sectors.
3. Signals planned by 11 3dust Inf 3 n 00 will be forwarded by the above units at the following times:

11 3dust Inf 3 n 00	11 Fighter Sector	5 AF Air Op Control
0000 hrs	0000 hrs	0000 hrs
0300 hrs	0300 hrs	0300 hrs
0600 hrs	0600 hrs	0600 hrs
0900 hrs	0900 hrs	0900 hrs
1200 hrs	1200 hrs	1200 hrs
1500 hrs	1500 hrs	1500 hrs
1800 hrs	1800 hrs	1800 hrs

4. 11 3dust Inf 3 n 00 will address messages to 11 Fighter Sector who will in turn pass this information plus that of this area by priority call at times stated to 5 AF Air Op Control for consolidation and forwarding to 11 3dust Inf 3 n 00.
5. Reports from 11 3dust Inf 3 n 00 will contain the information shown below in the order stated:
 - (i) Cloud - overcast, scattered, nil etc
 - (ii) Cloud ceiling - approx height of lowest cloud.
 - (iii) Visibility in miles.

This information is required:- 1. 11 3dust Inf 3 n 00; 2. 11 Fighter Sector; 3. 5 AF Air Op Control; 4. 11 3dust Inf 3 n 00.

A special message would read as under:-

1. overcast 400 4
2. as for 1
3. scattered 400 2.

Subbing up
4 11 3dust Inf 3 n 00
11 3dust Inf 3 n 00

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W. 1942

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BULOLO	12 May	0800	Chief of General Staff Lieut Gen NORTHCOTT with Brig THOMPSON	
			Lt-Col TAPLIN and Maj BAILLIEU arrived this HQ.	
		1240	17 Aust Inf Bde advise that total casualties inflicted on	
			enemy in action against A Coy are conservatively estimated	
			to have been 63	Appx ² Serial 961
		1900	2/3 Aust Indep Coy reports fire opened on column of 80 Japs	
			and 30 killed with many wounded.	
			Sec of 4 Pl attacked by enemy moving forward on track SALAMUA	
			BOBDUBI but attack was repulsed	Appx 2 Serial 988

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Unit Gen Staff ~~HQ 3 Aust Div~~ HQ 3 Aust Div Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs 1 May To 2359 hrs 31 May 43

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BULOLO	13 May	0835	BENA FORCE reports that enemy are very active in that area	Appx 2 Serial 1011
		1000	C.G.S. and party departed from WAU itinerary	retained on file
		1900	2/3 Aust Indep Coy report opening fire on party of 13 Japs moving along KOMIATUM track, 8 killed	Appx 2 Serial 1020
		1515	Report received from BENA FORCE that post at WEISA was surprised and overrun on 10 May. 3 Japs killed but wireless set and cypher are in Jap hands. We suffered no casualties	Appx 2 Serial 1025
		1925	17 Pl D Coy 24 Aust Inf Bn departed POWER HOUSE for BRANCH CREEK 0615 hrs and 18 Pl arrived UPPER BIAUNE 1515	" Serial 1028
		1920	Lieut COULTER arrived MISSIM 1900 hrs	" Serial 1029
		2308	24 Aust Inf Bn placed under direct command of 3 Aust Div	" Serial 1038
			3 Aust Div Operation Instruction No 2, CLOSE DEFENCE OF WAI AIRFIELD, issued	Att as Appx 14
			Lt Col BARHAM and Maj RUSHTON arrived this HQ for visit until 22 May Itinerary retained on file	

22 May Itinerary retained on file

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APPX 14

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3 AUST DIV OPERATION INSTRUCTION NO 2

13 May 45

**SCHEME FOR
CLOSE DEFENCE OF THE WAU AIRFIELD**

Ref maps: WAU LOCALITY 4 ins to 1 ml
WAU WEST 1 in to 1 ml

This instruction will be read in conjunction with 3 Aust Div Operation Instruction No 1.

OBJECT

- 1 (a) To provide a scheme for the close defence of the WAU airfield, which will ensure the adequate defence of the airfield, against surprise attack by air-borne troops or small enemy raiding parties.
- (b) Whilst ensuring the security of the airfield, to make the maximum possible number of troops available for mobile operations, and active defence in the HUEO area, thus keeping to a minimum troops committed to a static role.

INFORMATION

- 2 OWN TROOPS - The following troops are available for the close defence of the WAU airfield.
 - (a) Permanently available for Full Time Duty

WAU Fixed Defences.
 - (i) One MFG coy. (one of the two MFG coys now at WAU will be moved shortly to EUGLO)
 - (ii) two tps of 1st AA Arty (Bofors)
 - (b) Available as soon as information of impending attack is received.
 - (i) ALL units permanently located in the immediate vicinity of the airfield as per Appendix "A".
 - (c) Available if large scale attack appears imminent.
 - (i) At least one tp of fd arty.
 - (ii) one inf bn or its equivalent from divisional reserve. At present 2/7 Aust Indep Coy is located in WAU area for this purpose, until an additional inf bn becomes available. Normally one inf bn will be retained in the WAU area but may NOT be immediately available owing to the fact that it may be in process of movement to a fwd area to carry out a relief, or employed on road maintenance or other similar tasks.

INTENTION

3. To deny to the enemy the WAU airfield.

METHOD

4. Defence will be in two phases.

(a) PHASE I

The employment of troops immediately available for the close defence of the WAU airfield, at present there are as shown in sub-paras 2 (a) and 2 (b) above.

(b) PHASE II

- The employment of an inf bn from divisional reserve in addition to troops available for Phase I.

PHASE I

5. Command

Commander, WAU Fixed Defences -- Maj H. E. HUCKLEY or such other officer as may be appointed from time to time.

Troops: WAU Fixed Defences.

ALL troops as per appendix "A".

6. Areas of responsibility

WAU area will be sub-divided into areas of responsibility as allocated in appendix "A" and shown in Trace 1.

These will be amended from time to time as necessity arises, or additional troops become available.

7. Allotment of units and tasks

These are at present as shown in Appendix "A". Responsibilities of area commanders and respective tasks are as follows:

- (a) Commander of each area of responsibility will be responsible for organization of smaller units within his area, before, during and after action. He will also be responsible for maintenance of posts in his area at all times.
- (b) Responsibilities before action will include allotment down to individual positions in both phases I and II. Practice in manning posts by day and by night, signal communications within the command, command in action and all administrative matters during a state of emergency.

8. Procedure upon receipt of information of impending attack

- (a) HQ WAU Fixed Defences will signal area commanders, "EMERGENCY POSITIONS."
- (b) Area commanders will immediately assume command of sub-units as laid down in appendix "A" and order their move direct to emergency positions.
- (c) CC Transport Pool, WAU, will despatch 1 HQ and 12 ORs to ref map: WAU LOCALITY 4 ins to 1 rd - 392703 (FULLERS RIDGE) to maintain standing patrol and deny this ground to the enemy.

If reserve bn is already located in this area, this patrol will NOT be sent and will remain with mobile reserves.
- (d) HQ WAU Fixed Defences will be advised when all moves are complete.
- (e) On receipt of all reports, HQ WAU Fixed Defences will advise HQ 3 Aust Div - "Emergency positions manned."
- (f) These positions will then be held at all costs until arrival of relief or attack is defeated.

9. Reserve

Vehicles and personnel from Transport Pool, WAU, less 1 HCO and 12 ORs will report to HQ WAU Fixed Defences for mobile reserve. These personnel will be organized into 6 secs of 5 men in jeeps.

10. Fd Arty and Lt AA Arty roles.

(a) Fd Arty

- (i) This plan provides for tasks 1 - 10 as shown in trace 2.
- (ii) Gun positions have been reserved in areas shown in trace 2.

(b) Lt AA Arty

- (i) In the event of a ground attack NOT combined with an air attack, ground targets can be engaged in areas shown in trace 1.
- (ii) Only targets that can be seen will be engaged.
- (iii) Targets will be engaged as instructed by a responsible officer, or gun HCOs can engage any obvious enemy target that is favourable on his own initiative.

(c) General

- (i) Lt AA arty support is on immediate call of Fd arty
- (ii) Additional tp/may NOT be available for four hours.
- (iii) Commanders Fd Arty and Lt AA Arty will be in support of Commander, WAU Fixed Defences during Phase I, and under command of inf bn during phase II.

11. Observation posts and patrols.

Commander, WAU Fixed Defences will be responsible for establishing and maintaining Observation Posts and arranging patrols as follows:-

(a) Observation Posts.

These will be established at ref map: WAU LOCALITY 4 line to 1 ml - 367727 and 369692, with line and visual communication to HQ, WAU Fixed Defences. These will be continuously manned by ITG coy personnel.

(b) Patrols

- (i) Every second day a patrol will move from WAU to BULOLO RIVER at ref map: WAU LOCALITY 4 line to 1 ml, 404743 and examine river banks from 413727 to intersection BULOLO RIVER - BULOLO ROAD at ref map: WAU WEST 1 in to 1 ml - 370763.
- (ii) A periodic patrol will move across head-waters ITULO - BIG WAU CREEKS. The number of these patrols will be increased as operational necessity demands.

PHASE II

12. Command

Should a large scale attack appear imminent, HQ 3 Aust Div will order an inf bn or equivalent force from divisional reserve, to the close defence of the WAU airfield area. CC inf bn or equivalent force will assume command of WAU area including WAU Fixed Defences, after completion of reliefs as shown below.

13. Relief

- (a) On arrival of inf bn or equivalent force, coys of this bn will take up positions as allocated in appendix "B" and shown in trace 2, relieving emergency positions less permanent IAG and AA posts.
It will be noted that B and D Coys are in reserve and are available for mobile operations.
- (b) Personnel thus relieved will assemble in areas as shown in appendix "B" for allotment to reserve roles as in trace 2, or for return to essential duties.
- (c) Area commanders will retain command of personnel NOT released for essential duties, reporting completion of occupation of new positions to Commander, WAU Fixed Defences.
- (d) Mobile reserve will be supplemented by Station Commander, WAU, and such personnel of his command as do NOT return to essential duties.
- (e) Upon receipt of reports of completion of reliefs and occupation of new positions from respective area commanders, Commander, WAU Fixed Defences will report to Commander inf bn and hand over command.

ADMINISTRATION

14. Ammunition, Supplies and Water.

(a) PHASE I

Area commanders will be responsible for ensuring that:

- (i) Two days Field Operation Ration and 3 days reserve water is stored in all posts in advance.
- (ii) One refill scale "B" ammunition, individual emergency ration, unexpended portion of day's rations and water for 24 hours, accompanies all troops to emergency positions.

(b) PHASE II

As laid down by commander inf bn.

MEDICAL

15. (a) RAP - vicinity WAU airfield, ref map WAU LOCALITY 4 ins to 1 ml - 375710.
- (b) When "emergency positions" is ordered, 2/2 Aust Fd Amb will despatch by IT, a medical team to RAP to assist permanent staff.
- (c) RAP will be developed as ADS and evacuation of patients by IT from present MDS to new ADS will be carried out by CO 2/2 Aust Fd Amb in conjunction with commander WAU Fixed Defences if it is considered likely to fall into enemy hands.

PRISONERS OF WAR

16. Cage will be established at ref map WAU LOCALITY 4 ins to 1 ml 576712.

Station Commander, WAU, will detach two NCOs from personnel of 3 Aust Div Pro Coy, at present attached for duty as airfield guards, to take over PW cage.

INTERCOMMUNICATION

17. (a) HQ WAU Fixed Defences will be established at ref map WAU LOCALITY 4 ins to 1 ml - 373711.
- (b) Signal Communications
- Wire is laid to all observation posts and defensive posts and all permanent MFG positions.
- Area commanders will arrange that troops from sub-units report with field telephone from normal position.
- 2/35 Aust Fd Park Coy will relay messages from posts under command to HQ WAU Fixed Defences.
- In Phase II, inf bn commander will take over signal communications of WAU Fixed Defences complete. Sub-units will function on the normal system.

HANDING OVER

18. Recipients of this instruction on leaving the area or on relief by another unit, will hand over their copy to relieving unit or return same to this HQ prior to moving.

ACKNOWLEDGE

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HQ WAU Fxd Defences	5	DRLS
1 Bty 2/1 Aust Fd Regt	6	DRLS
156 Lt AA Bty	7	DRLS
RAE 3 Aust Div (one each for 2/25 Aust Fd Pk Coy 2/14 Aust Fd Coy)	8 - 10	HAND
Sigs 3 Aust Div	11	HAND
AASC 3 Aust Div	12	HAND
NGF	13	ALS SAFE HAND
15 Aust Inf Bde } for infm	14	ALS SAFE HAND
RAE 11 Aust Div	15	DRLS
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Appendix "A" to 3 Aust Div Operation Instruction 1

PHASE 1

MOVEMENT OF UNITS TO EMERGENCY POSITIONS FOR CLOSE DEFENCE OF WAU AIRFIELD

Ref Map: WAU LOCALITY - 4 ins to 1 ml.

Serial	Areas of Responsibility	Unit	Moves to	Tasks	Comes under Command of
1	A	2/25 Aust Fd Park Coy	Post 1 365705 (ROBERTS)	All round defence	Area Comd: OC 2/25 Aust Fd Park Coy
		Dets as allocated by OC	2 364713 (CONNELLY)		
			3 367720 (BOYDS)		
			4 370722 (ANGAU ENROLL)		
		15 Aust Fd Bakery)	Coy HQ 372719 (ANGAU)		
		3 Aust Div Salvage Det)	372719 (ANGAU)	As allotted by Area Comd	
		ANGAU Area HQ)			
		1 Aust Sup Depot Coy)			
2	B	2/14 Aust Fd Coy	Post 7 373725 (Coy HQ)	All round defence	Area Comd: OC 2/14 Aust Fd Coy
		Dets as allocated by OC	8 384725		
			9 385722		
			10 386717		
		2/2 Aust Graves Registration Unit)	378725	As allotted by area comd	
		Transit Camp WAU and IFO Det.)			
		27 Service Sq and)			
		842 Air Salvage Unit)			

Serial	Area of Responsibility	Unit	Moves to	Task	Comes under command of
3	C	B Ech 2/7 Aust Inf Bn	Post 11 338712 (CORDONS FARM)	All round defence	Senior officer or NCO of 2/7 Aust Inf Bn, or senior ITIG NCO
4	D	B Ech 2/5 Aust Inf Bn	Post 12 380707 (DONS)	All round defence	Senior member or ITIG NCO
5	E	Sta Comd WAU and deta Pro and Postal attached	Post 13 372701 (FREDDIES)	All round defence	Sta Comd WAU
6		Transport Pool, WAU	373711 (HQ WAU Fxd Def)	1 NCO and 12 ORs to ref map WAU LOCALITY 4 ins to 1 ml 392703 (FULLERS RIDGE). Remainder - mobile reserve	Comd WAU Fixed Defences
7		<u>MEDICAL</u> 2/2 Aust 7d Amb	375710 (Air-field RAP)		Senior MO

NOTE:- Post 5 (374723) and Post 6 (375724) will NOT be manned during PHASE I

Appendix "B" to 3 Aust Div Operation Instruction No2

PHASE IIMOVEMENT OF UNITS ON RELIEF BY INF BN

Ref map: WAU LOCALITY - 4 ins to 1 mi

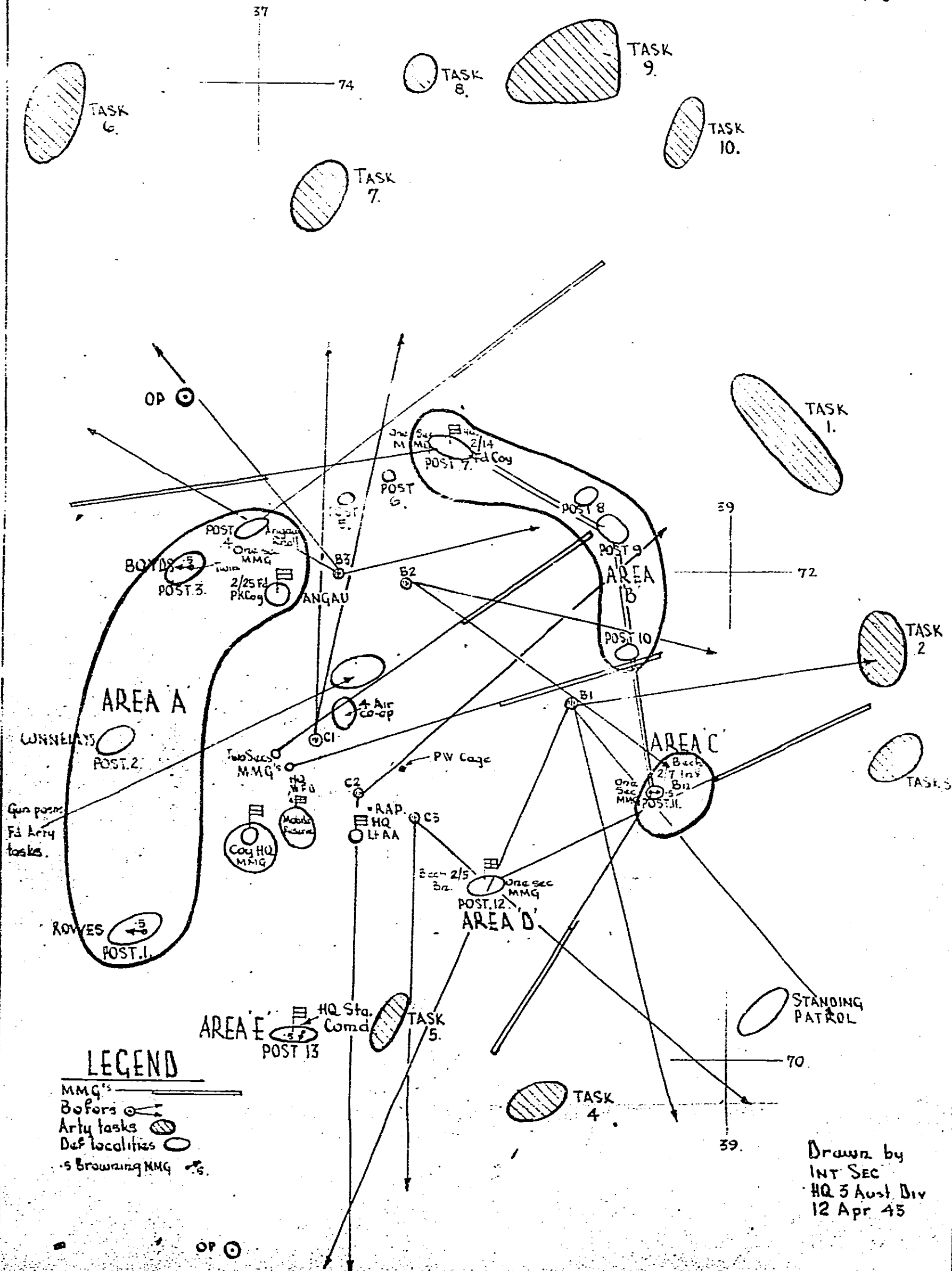
Serial	Unit	Posts occupied during Phase I	Relieved by	Assembly area after relief	Role	Under Comd
1	2/25 Aust Fd Pk Coy 13 Aust Fd Bakery 5 Aust Div Salvage Det 1 Aust Sup Depot Coy ANGAU Area HQ	Posts Nos. 1 - 4	A Coy of relieving inf bn	372719	Reserve for A Coy excl 1 Aust Sup Depot Coy who will return to normal duties.	OC 2/25 Aust Fd Pk Coy
2	2/14 Aust Fd Coy 2/2 Aust Graves Registration Unit 27 Service and 842 Air Salvage Unit Transit Camp WAU and MFODet)	Posts Nos. 7 - 10	HQ Coy of relieving inf bn.	377724	Take over Post 5 374723 Post 6 375724 balance reserve for HQ Coy	OC 2/14 Aust Fd Coy
3	B Ech 2/7 Aust Inf Bn	Post 11	HQ Coy of relieving inf bn	387712	Local defence and normal duties	Senior offr or NCO of 2/7 Aust Inf Bn
4	B Ech 2/5 Aust Inf Bn	Post 12	C Coy, less 2 pls of relieving inf bn	378718	Normal duties	
5	Sta Comd WAU and staff. Dets Provost and Postal	Post 13	One pl C Coy of relieving inf bn	374712	Normal duties or mobile reserve as required	Sta Comd

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REF - MAP - WAU LOCALITY 4 in. = 1 Mile.

TRACE I.

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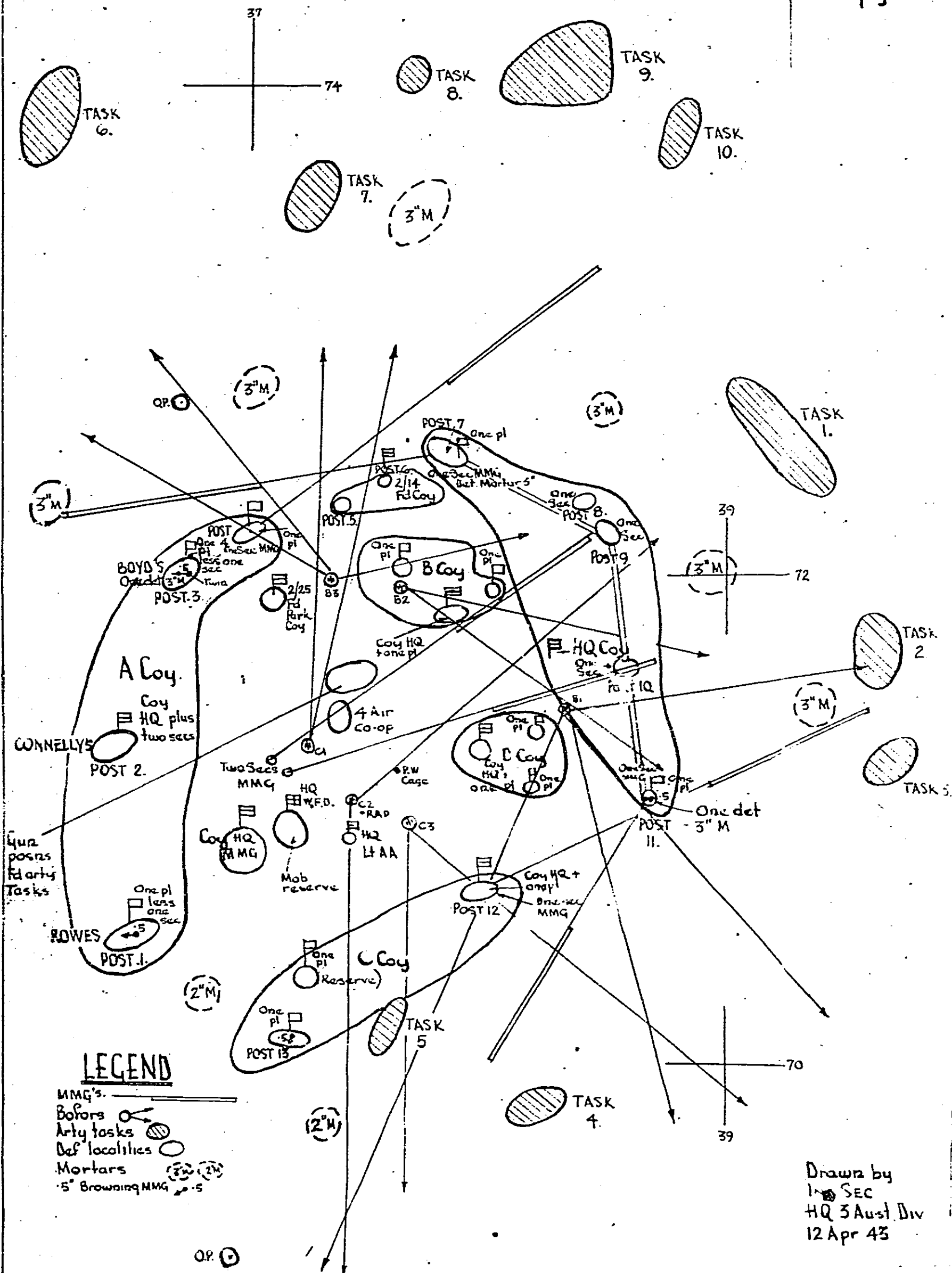


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REF MAP - WAU LOCALITY 4 Inch. = 1 Mile

TRACE 2

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Unit Gen Staff HQ 3 Aust Div

Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs 1 May To 2359 hrs 31 May 1943

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BULOLO	14 May		1 Ed Bty RAA given permission to hold practice shoot and expend 100 rounds ammunition on 19 and 20 May	Appx 2 Serial 1042
		0825	Jap recce aircraft, identified as a "VAL" made low recce of airfield areas WAU BULOLO	" Serial 1045
		0900	2/3 Aust Indep Coy report VAL recce plane flew over their position at 0725 hrs	" Serial 1050
		1125	GSO 1 and party left this HQ en route MISSIM to visit 2/3 Aust Indep Coy	" Serial 1057
		1613	NGF notified that enemy 102 Inf Regt and 115 Inf Regt identified at LABABIA RIDGE	" Serial 1062
		1750	17 Aust Inf Bde notified that all patrols must keep west of grid line 77 until incl 17 May owing to projected air operations	" Serial 1068
		1900	18 Pl 24 Aust Inf Bn arrived PILMUNG and came under command of 2/3 Aust Indep Coy	" Serial 1077

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Unit Gen Staff Hq 3 Aust Div

Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs 1 May To 2359 hrs 31 May 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BULOLO	15 May	0812	2/3 Aust Indep coy report that 4 sec and 7 sec are holding a north south line through KUNDA BR	Appx 2 Serial 1103
		0825	Jap planes bombing and strafing KUNDA BR. 2/3 Aust Indep Coy require air support	" Serial 1107
		1015	20 type SALLY and 11 type ZEKU enemy planes bombed WAI from height of 13000 ft and dropped 40 - 50 bombs. Planes later passed over BULOLO but took no hostile action	" Serial 1113
		0930	BENA FORCE report large number of enemy in WAMPUM area and at DUAMPAOR	" Serial 1114
		1143	2/3 Aust Indep coy report that enemy strength in GWAIB OLON area is estimated at 200	" Serial 1116
		1530	LAE OP reports that 30 Jap bombers and 30 fighters bombed LAE. Fires observed as a result of this raid	" Serial 1131
			3 Aust Div Intelligence Summary No 15	Appx 15

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Unit Gen Staff HQ 3 Aust Div

Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs 1 May To 2359 hrs 31 May 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BUTOLO	16 May	0705	G.S.O.I directs by message that the staging post known now as SKINDEWAI between BRANCH CK and Upper RIAUNE shall in future be known as PARTOP 4	Appx 2 Serial 1164
		1336	Suggestion made to 2/3 Aust Indep Coy that an ambush on Jap L of C to KOMIATUM would have salutary effect	" Serial 1183
		1900	2/3 Aust Indep Coy report 7 Sec were unable to penetrate heavy scrub south of FRANCISCO River and returned to MISSIM	" Serial 1190
		2325	17 Aust Inf Bde notify that Bde HQ will close 1100 hrs K17 and reopen divided at the same time. Adv HQ to be at SKINDEWAI and rear HQ at KAISINEK	" Serial 1195
			3 Aust Div instruction issued regarding Police Boy Courier Service	Att as Appx 16

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APPX 16

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HQ 3 Aust Div
16 May 43.

POLICE BOY COURIER LETTER SERVICE.

1. It has been reported by signals that the Native Police boys working on the courier service forward of Jesshead have been carrying parcels in excess of normal official correspondence.
2. This practice is causing serious delay to the time table and contravenes para 4 of G. 12/7 of 30 Apr 43, "DRLS TIME TABLE AND COURIER SERVICE".
3. In future carriage of parcels other than official correspondence will NOT be permitted unless prior approval has been obtained from HQ Sigs 3 Aust Div.
4. Officers in charge of reporting stations will ensure that this instruction is enforced. Breaches of the above will be reported directly to HQ Sigs 3 Aust Div giving full details.

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LIST "B" plus 6 for Angau offrs.

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11. 1000

Unit Gen Staff HQ, 3 Aust Div Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs 1 May To 2359 hrs 31 May 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BULOLO	17 May 17 May	0800	LABABIA OP reports approximately 70 enemy landed at DUALI	
			point from LABABIA island	Appx 2 Serial 1208
			2/7 Aust Inf Bn notified that forward patrols are to keep west	
			of grid 77 for a further 24 hours	" Serial 1213
		1100	Copy 25 of LOCATION STATEMENT for AA Defences of NEW GUINEA	
			received	Retained on files
		1250- 1317	WAU area bombed by 20 type SALLY and 21 type ZEKE. Pattern	
			bombing done from 16000 ft. Estimated 200 bombs dropped	
			including HE, AP, and incendiary. Top end of AIRFIELD hit but	Appx 2 Serials
			field is still serviceable. 1 Offr and 4 ORs wounded	1226, 1227 and 1228
		1530	G.S.O.I and party arrived at MISSIM	Appx 2 Serial 1230
			3 Aust Div LOCATION STATEMENT No 26 issued	Att as Appx 17
			Passwords list for WAU BULOLO areas to 25 May issued	Att as Appx 18
			3 Aust Div Int Circular No 1 "NOMENCLATURE of STAGING POST"	Att as Appx 19

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APPX 17

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17 Aust Div

17 May 48.

6. AUST DIV LOCATIONS SPENTHREE 1948

AS AT 2300 HRS 17 MAY 48

HQ DIVISION:	RECONnaissance Co (1st)	1 1st Lt 1st	PL
	2nd Reconnaissance Co	1 1st Lt 1st	PL
	3rd Reconnaissance Co	1 1st Lt 1st	PL
	4th Reconnaissance Co	1 1st Lt 1st	PL
	5th Reconnaissance Co	1 1st Lt 1st	PL
	6th Reconnaissance Co	1 1st Lt 1st	PL
	7th Reconnaissance Co	1 1st Lt 1st	PL
	8th Reconnaissance Co	1 1st Lt 1st	PL

SERIAL NUMBER	UNIT	LOCATION	MAP REF	RELATIONS & PROJECTIONS
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HQ and HQ TPS

1	HQ 3 Aust Div	BULCLO	B 304837	
2	13 Aust Bde and Emp PL	BULCLO	B 304838	
3	HQ ANGAU (MARITIME DISTRICT)	BULCLO	B 304838	
4	ANGAU - WAU	WAU	WL 372719	

ARTY - FD

5	One Bty 3/1 Aust FD Regt	WAU	WL 393702	
6	2 Sec 2/6 Aust Svy Coy	BULCLO	B 304838	

ARTY - LF AA

7	156 Lt AA Bty less two tps	BULCLO	B 304837	
8	Two tps 156 Lt AA Bty	WAU	WL 374710	
9	703 CA (AA) Bty W3 Army	BULCLO	B 304837	

ENGRS

10	HQ RAE 3 Aust Div (AIF)	BULCLO	B 304838	
11	HQ 2/8 Aust Fd Coy	WAU	WL 354670	
12	7 Sec 2/8 Aust Fd Coy	BALLANS CAMP	WL 375671	
13	8 Sec " " " "	MIDWAY		
		BALLANS-		
		STRAIT	WL 495097	
14	9 Sec " " " "	MIDWAY		
		BULCLO R		
		WATSONIA CR	WL 495098	
15	HQ 2/14 Aust A Fd Coy	BULCLO	B 304837	
16	4 Sec 2/14 Aust A Fd Coy	WAU	WL 374731	
17	5 " " " "	BULCLO	B 304837	
18	HQ 2/25 Aust Fd Park Coy and RAE Imp	WAU	WL 374720	
19	1 Sec 2/25 Aust Fd Park Coy	WAU	WL 374720	
20	RAE Dump 2/25 Aust Fd Park Coy	WAU	WL 374714	
21	2 sec 15 Aust Fd Coy		B 304837	

Serial Number	Unit	Location	Map Ref	Remarks & Protected Areas
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2/5 Aust Indep Coy

51	HQ 2/5 Aust Indep Coy	MIGS:1	S 603968	
52	HQ A Pl	MIGS:1	S 603968	
53	1 sec A Pl	DISSEMINOR	S 618058	
54	2 sec A Pl	KUNDA BRIDGE	S 684997	
55	One sub-sec 3 sec A Pl	KUNDA		
56		FIELD	S 680908	
57	One sub-sec 3 sec A Pl	WEAR: CK	S 675997	
58	HQ B Pl	WEAR: CK	S 700997	
59	4 sec B Pl	WEAR: CK	S 700990	At present moving to this location on Govt barge out track
60	5 sec B Pl	WEAR: CK	S 702955	
61	6 sec B Pl	WEAR: CK	S 700955	
62	HQ C Pl	WEAR: CK	S 675997	
63	7 sec C Pl	LITTLE		
64	8 sec C Pl	WEAR: CK	S 680968	
65	9 sec C Pl	WEAR: CK	S 675997	
66	18 Pl D Coy 2/5 Aust Ind Bn	DISSEMINOR	S 618058	

2/7 Aust Indep Coy

67	HQ 2/7 Aust Indep Coy	KALOLO	WF sq 3776
68	Engr sec 2/7 Aust Indep Coy	BULOLO	S 605858
69	A Pl	KALOLO	WF sq 3776
70	B Pl	KALOLO	WF sq 3776
71	C Pl	KALOLO	WF sq 3776

FIXED DEFENCES

72	HQ WAU Fixed Defences	WAU	WL 368718	
73	A Coy 2/1 Aust MG Bn	WAU	WL 374718	Moving to BULOLO
74	B Coy 7 Aust MG Bn	WAU	WL 372706	

AASC

75	HQ Comd AASC 5 Aust Div (AIF)	BULOLO	S 299858
76	HQ and one pl 1 Aust Supply	WAU	WL 359724
77	Depot Coy AASC	WAU	WL 359724
78	Composite Pl. 2/2 Aust Coy AASC	WAU	WL 373731
79	6 Pl 158 Aust Gen Tpt Coy AASC	WAU	WL 374716
80	Det 13 Aust PA Bakery	WAU	WL 373718
81	3 Aust Div Tpt Pool	WAU	WL 359706
82	3 Aust Div Dairy Farm	WAU	WL 359706
83	3 Aust Div Pack Tpt Coy	WAU	WL 359706

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One sec 10 Pl B Coy
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15 Pl C Coy

HEDGE HOP ML 1514
WALPHEE ML 2716
HINDAIDING ML 6611
HOUSE 10 COY ML 1211

150
151

D Coy less one sec
One sec D Coy

LAMBDA RIDGE ML 3937
HILL 7
HILL 7 ML 2634

152

D Coy 2/5 Aust Inf Bn

CONDAGUAL

153
154

One Pl B Coy 7 AMST ML 39
Hill and one sec 1 Pl
One sec 3 Pl

SHINNY ML 3436
HILL 7 ML 2630

AMST

155

2/46 Aust LAD

HILL 7 ML 2630

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To 3 Aust Air War Group
for May

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HQ 3 Aust Div.
17 May 43.
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PASSWORDS - WAU BULOLO AREAS.

1. Listed hereunder are the passwords for the period 18 May to 25 May for both the WAU and BULOLO areas.

WAU AREA.

1700 hrs 18 May	-	1659 hrs 19 May	LILY
1700 hrs 19 May	-	1659 hrs 20 May	PALLADIUM
1700 hrs 20 May	-	1659 hrs 21 May	TALENT
1700 hrs 21 May	-	1659 hrs 22 May	VENTILATION
1700 hrs 22 May	-	1659 hrs 23 May	DYNAMIC
1700 hrs 23 May	-	1659 hrs 24 May	POLLY
1700 hrs 24 May	-	1659 hrs 25 hrs	COLLISION

BULOLO AREA.

1700 hrs 18 May	-	1659 hrs 19 May	PLEDGE
1700 hrs 19 May	-	1659 hrs 20 May	RELATIVE
1700 hrs 20 May	-	1659 hrs 21 May	SELECTION
1700 hrs 21 May	-	1659 hrs 22 May	MALIGN
1700 hrs 22 May	-	1659 hrs 23 May	MULBERRY
1700 hrs 23 May	-	1659 hrs 24 May	FALTER
1700 hrs 24 May	-	1659 hrs 25 May	INFIDEL

2. This HQ will be notified immediately if this document is compromised.
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GS 3 Aust Div.

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CS 3 Aust Div.
17 May 43.

To 3 Aust Air War Diary
CSI 10/1547
3 AUST DIV INTELLIGENCE CIRCULAR NO 1.

NOMENCLATURE OF STAGING POST.

1. The name of the staging post between Upper BAIUNE and BRANCH CREEK at ref map MT MISSIM first edition 1 inch to 1 mile 393981 will be changed from SKINDEWAI to PARTIF IV for all future reference.

W. Hughes Maj
Lt-Col.
CS 3 Aust Div.

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List B

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1. 1953

Unit Gen Staff Hq 5 Aust Div Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs 1 May To 2359 hrs 31 May 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BULOLO	18 May	1145	23 enemy fighter aircraft type OSCAR patrolled BULOLO WAU area.	
			One OSCAR strafed WAU AIRFIELD hitting WIRRAWAY. A/C engaged	
			by Lt AA without result. WIRRAWAY suffered only minor damage	
			and temporarily U.S.	Appx 2 Serial 1267
		1400	N.G.F. require GSO I to attend that Hq for special information	
			and were informed that as he was forward he could NOT be able to	
			move until 23 May	" Serial 1281 Serial 1282
		1445	BENA FORCE report that RAMU is in flood	" Serial 1283
		1625	2/3 Aust Indep Coy asked whether they can observe effect of	
			bombing at mouth of FRANCISCO RIVER	" Serial 1291
		1700	2/3 Aust Indep Coy advise that observation of air attack can	
			be obtained from 3 points if given notice of date and time of	
			attack	" Serial 1294

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Unit Gen Staff Hq 3 Aust Div

Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs 1 May To 2359 hrs 31 May 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BUTOLO	18 May	1855	17 Aust Inf Bde report that the 2/3 Aust Indep Coy patrol moving south had NOT gained contact with 2/7 Aust Inf Bn up to 1800 hrs	Appx 2 Serial 1315
		2017	D Coy 2/6 Aust Inf Bn relieved D Coy 2/7 Bn. D Coy 2/6 Bn at BASE CAMP on LABABIA Ridge	" Serial 1318
		2050	17 Aust Inf Bde asked to indicate where they obtained knowledge of a 2/3 Aust Indep Coy patrol as this HQ is NOT aware of it	" Serial 1320
		2353	NCF. The following units are placed on 24 hour notice of movement by Air. Bde HQ and one Bn of 15 Aust Inf Bde and 15 Aust Fd Coy less one Sec	" Serial 1326
			3 Aust Div AIR DEFENCE INSTN No 1A issued	" Serial 1342

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AIR DEFENCE INSTRUCTION NO 1A

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To 3 Aust Div HQ
for May

HQ 3 Aust Div

17 May 43

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1. This instruction is in amplification of Air Defence Instruction No. 1.
2. During recent enemy air activity in 3 Aust Div area, it has become apparent that instructions as to reporting of approach of hostile or unidentified aircraft are NOT being fully complied with.
3. Commanding officers must impress on all ranks that when reporting aircraft movement, information required vide para 2 of Air Defence Instruction No 1 must be provided. If reports are NOT complete, it is most difficult for 11 Fighter Control Sub-sector to make the decision to originate an air raid warning. Incomplete information must be checked by 11 Fighter Control Sub-sector, and this causes delay and consequently results in air raid warnings not being given until aircraft are almost overhead.
4. All air flash messages, including intercepts, will be passed to 11 Fighter Control Sub-sector direct, vide para 2 of Air Defence Instruction No 1, and NOT through HQ 3 Aust Div as has occurred recently.

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Lt-Col
GS 3 Aust Div

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Unit Gen Staff Hq 5 Aust Div

Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs 1 May To 2359 hrs 31 May 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BULOLO	19 May	0930	17 Aust Inf Bde advise that their information of patrol movement of 2 Offrs 2 O.Rs and 2 natives was received from	
			2/3 Aust Indep Coy on 13 May	Appx 2 Serial 1336
		1120	12 ZEKES over WAU. No attack made	" Serial 1342
		0900	2/3 Aust Indep Coy report that their patrol to 2/7 Aust Inf Bn area was recalled owing to enemy action BOBDUBI area	" Serial 1346
		1200	TOT for air attack on SALAMAUA DUALI NASSAU BAY areas 1500 hrs 20 MAY	" Serial 1350
		1528	2/3 Aust Indep Coy message gives detailed report of enemy attack on BOBDUBI track	" Serial 1355
		1740	2/3 Indep Coy notified that an air attack on positions notified by them to be on COCOANUT ridge, plus a strafing recce from MUBO to KOMIATUM will be arranged for 21 May if 2/3 Aust Indep Coy consider this adviseable	" Serial 1362

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Unit Gen Staff HQ 3 Aust Div Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs 1 May To 2359 hrs 31 May 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BULOLO	19 MAY	1830	2/3 Indep Coy re. rpt 8 sec moved to BOBADU	Appx 2 Serial 1363
		2013	2/3 Aust Indep Coy state that ambush ^{on} KOMIATUM track will be deferred temporarily	" Serial 1373
		2015	Advice received that 18 Pl 24 Bn engaged enemy on HOTE MAIOLO track 0845 hrs and killed 2. Enemy strength estimated at 20. Enemy withdrew to MAIOLO	" Serial 1374
		1700	GSO I requests attack on HOTE VILLAGE, where 150 Japs are concentrated for the night. 2/3 Aust Indep coy troops, now in CISSEMBOB, will follow up the attack	" Serial 1380
			GSO 1 request refused by 5 AF because air photo NOT available	" Serial 1389
			3 Aust Div Distribution List issued	Att as Appx 21
				<i>Alphons East</i>

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*To 3 Aust Div War Diary
for May.*

3 AUST DIV DISTRIBUTION LISTS.

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HQ 3 Aust Div
19 May 43
G12/1

1. New Distribution Lists to be taken into operation forthwith are attached as Appendix "A".
2. These lists will be used by all branches and services of HQ 3 Aust Div when issuing orders and instructions.
3. List "A" Operational List
List "B" Full list for general instructions.
4. All previous lists are hereby cancelled and will be destroyed.

R. L. Hughes
- Lt-col
GS 3 Aust Div

Distribution:
List "B"

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Appendix "A" to 3 Aust Div Distribution List (C.2.1) dated 15 May 62.

UNIT	LIST "A"	LIST "B"
17 Aust Inf Bde.	1	4
2/5 Aust Inf Bn		
2/7 Aust Inf Bn		
Sec 1 Aust Mtn Bty		
2/6 Aust Inf Bn	1	3
A Coy 2/1 MG Bn		
24 Aust Inf Bn	1	1
HQ Fwd Def WAU	1	2
B Coy 7 MG Bn		
2/3 Aust Indep Coy	1	1
2/7 Aust Indep Coy	1	1
Bona Force		1
1 Bty 2/1 Aust Fd Regt		2
2 Sec 2/6 Aust Svy Bty		
155 Lt AA Bty (AIF)		1
708 CA (AA) Bty US Army		1
HQ RAE 3 Aust Div (AIF)	1	6
2/8 Aust Fd Coy		
2/14 Aust Fd Coy		
Sec 15 Aust Fd Coy		
2/25 Aust Fd Pl Coy		
Det 8 Aust Fd Svy Coy		
HQ Sigs 3 Aust Div	1	2
NG L of C Sigs		
HQ Comd AASC 3 Aust Div (AIF)	1	7
HQ 1 Aust Sup Depot Coy		
3 Fl 152 Aust Gen Tpt Coy		
D Fl 2/2 Aust Coy AASC		
3 Aust Div Tpt Pool		
3 Aust Div Pack Tpt Unit		
Det 13 Aust Fd Bakery		
2/2 Aust Fd Amb		2
Sec 15 Aust Fd Amb		
82 Aust FAD		1
83 Aust FAD		1
102 Aust FOD		1
2/48 Aust IAD		1
3 Aust Div Workshop Det		1
3 Aust Div Postal Unit (AIF)		1
3 Aust Div Cash Office (AIF)		1
Det 3 Aust Div Pro Coy		1
3 Aust Div Salv Unit		1
Det 28 L of C Salv Unit		
3 Aust Div Reception Camp		1
Transit Camp (WAU)		1
3 Aust Div Fd Punishment Centre		1
13 Aust Def & Emp Pl		1
2/2 Aust Graves Registration Unit		1
Det ADCS WAU		1
Det 2 AL Sec		2
A Fl 4 AC Sqn		

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LIST "A"

LIST "B"

5 AF Air Sp Control		1
11 Fighter Control Sub-sector		1
306 RDF Unit		1
HQ ANGAU (Markham District)		1
Sta Comd WAU		1
Sta Comd BULOLO		1
Comd	1	1
GSO 1	1	1
AA&QMG	3	3
ADMS	1	1
ADOS	1	1
ADME	1	1
CAMP		1
File	2	2
War Diary	1	1
New Guinea Force (for infm)	1	1
15 Aust Inf Bde " "	1	1
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Unit Gen Staff HQ 3 Aust Div Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs 1 May To 2359 hrs 31 May 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BULOLO	20 May	0834	2/5 Aust Indep Coy report that Japs attacked our position at CISSEMBOB at 0700	Appx 2 Serial 1400
		1205	HQSO 1 moved from DAHO on route to this HQ at 0800	" Serial 1408
		1343	2/3 Aust Indep Coy informed that request for attack on HOEE is now approved and 6 Beaufighters will attack at 1530	" Serial 1415
		2210	8 Pl 24 Aust Inf Bn ordered to move at first light 21 May from SUNSHINE to area YASINGLI to prepare an ambush position	" Serial 1446
		2230	18 Pl 24 Aust Inf Bn ordered to move to PILMUNG from POWER HOUSE at first light 21 May. Pl to carry pick and shovels for defensive works	" Serial 1447
		1945	2/3 Aust Indep Coy report that our troops have withdrawn from CISSEMBOB after inflicting casualties estimated at 60 Japs	" Serial 1437
			3 Aust Div G Circular No 8 issued refers to CAMOUFLAGE	Att as Appx 22

*all files
/capt.*

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To 3 Aust Div
for May 43

HQ 3 Aust Div

May 43

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G CIRCULAR NO. 8

CAMOUFLAGE.

1. Attention is directed to the lack of camouflage in Camp areas and the necessity for all units to take immediate action in this regard.
2. MTP 43 part 3 "Camouflage of Huts, Camps and Installations", has been distributed as far as stocks permit and a copy should be available to every unit. However if a copy is not held liaison with the next senior HQ will enable the unit to obtain the necessary information to carry out the work required.
3. Personnel of 3 Aust Div Camouflage Training Unit are available to give technical assistance and their services may be obtained by arrangement with CRE.
4. It will be realised that it is not desired to disclose the strength of 3 Aust Div to enemy air reconnaissance.

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Lt-col
GS 3 Aust Div.

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LIST "B"

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Unit Gen Staff Hq 3 Aust Div Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs 1 May To 2359 hrs 31 May 43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BULOLO	21 May	0903	16 enemy fighter aircraft seen high over WAU area at 0830.	
			No attack made and planes flew off to south	Appx 2 Serial 1466
		1000	17 Aust Inf Bde notify their intention to relieve 2/7 Aust Inf	
			Bn by 2/6 Bn. Relief to be completed by 1 Jun	" Serial 1471
		1138	Mr JACOBSEN and party from Intelligence 5 fighter command moving	
			to SUNSHINE arriving 1600 hrs en route to ZENAG AREA	" Serial 1474
		1110	2/3 Aust Indep coy report 4 beaufighters made 3 straffing runs	
			over HOTE 1100 hrs	" Serial 1475
		1430	Cpl DOVERS patrol from 2/3 Aust Indep Coy report CISSEMBOB	
			clear of enemy but HOTE still occupied	" Serial 1483
		1430	2/3 Aust Indep coy advised of possible plan for attack on HOTE.	
			and reply stating that recce for this attack is proceeding	" Serial 1485 Serial 1489
		1330	2/3 Aust Indep Coy forward details of plan for attack on HOTE	
			CISSEMBOB DAHO villages, which are not held in strength, on night	
			22/23 May	" Serial 1540

Stephen, Capt.

APPX 23

HQ 3 Aust Div.
21 May 43.

6 Circular No 9.

ANTI-AIRCRAFT SHOOT 22 MAY 43.

1. 156 Lt AA Bty EULOLO will conduct a ground and air shoot from 1400 hours to 1600 hours 22 May 43.
2. Shooting will take place from gun sites through arc 340 degrees to 148 degrees grid.
3. Units will ensure that all personnel are acquainted of this shoot and are warned of the danger areas.

R. H. ...
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GS 3 Aust Div.

DISTRIBUTION

2/6 Aust Inf Bn
24 Aust Inf Bn
156 Lt AA Bty (AIF) EULOLO
708 CA (AA) Bty US ARMY
2 Sec 2/6 Aust Svy Coy
HQ RAE 3 Aust Div (3)
HQ Sigs 3 Aust Div (2)
HQ Comd AASG (AIF)
83 Aust FAD
3 Aust Div Postal Unit (AIF)
3 Aust Div Fd Cash Office
Sta Comd EULOLO
Det 28 L of C Salv Unit
3 Aust Div Sec Reception Camp
A Pl 4 AC Bn
306 RDF Unit
2 Adv Comm Sec
5 AF Air Support Control
11 Fighter Control Sub Sector
13 Aust Def & Emp Pl
Fd Punishment Centre

Comd
GSO 1
AA & QMG (3)
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Camp
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War Diary (1)

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Unit Gen Staff HQ 3 Aust Div

Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs 1 May To 2359 hrs 31 May 43

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3 AUST DIV WEEKLY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 5

Compiled from information received up to 1200 hrs 22 May 43.

PART I

1. GENERAL

Documents captured in the MUBO area give conclusive evidence of the enemy's reshuffling of his forward troops. The 102 Inf Regt, reorganized after its mauling in the battle for WAU made a re-appearance in the attack against our troops on LABABIA RIDGE on 9 to 12 May.

The only fighting of any significance has taken place in the MISSIM area, where our continual harassing of the Jap I of C, SALAMAU to KOMIATUM forced him to take action by driving west with a considerable force. Our forces were withdrawn, but inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy, whilst in comparison our losses were ridiculously small. Movement in the area south-west of BOGADJIM has continued, but in the last 10 days indications have been received of increased interest in the BENA BENA plateau, in addition to the old trade route MADANG - LAE.

Enemy shipping has continued to use WEWAK, but on a slightly lower scale. There has been an increase, however, of enemy barge movement along the south coast of NEW BRITAIN.

A medium scale, but widespread aerial offensive, which is still continuing was set in motion by the enemy on 13 May. A feature of these operations was the use made of airfields on the EE coast of NEW GUINEA.

2. OPERATIONS

(a) Land

MUBO AREA

Since the enemy's withdrawal to the PIMPLE on 12 May, there has been little activity in this area. Our patrols have been active and indications are that the enemy remains in occupation of this strongpoint, with a log barricade across the frontal approach. On the south end of WOODY ISLAND the Jap is thought to have an ambush position and his previous positions on OBSERVATION HILL are still manned. In this area our artillery evidently had a success when they engaged an area from which smoke had been consistently observed. Their fourth shell resulted in a column of black smoke 400 feet high.

A patrol wide out on our left flank contacted an enemy ambush position on the northern slopes of OBSERVATION HILL, indicating the extent in depth of his prepared positions.

DUALI - NASSAU BAY

The enemy appears to be still taking an interest in this area. A launch with four ships' boats were observed bringing ashore approximately 70 men at DUALI POINT on 17 May. An outpost is evidently being constructed near the site of their position, contacted on 4 May, some two miles up the BITOI OVERFLOW. This position was reported clear on 14 May but has evidently been re-occupied.

Movement has also been observed on LABABIA ISLAND, enemy occupation of which was suspected as long ago as last December.

MISSIM AREA

To facilitate reference a sketch map is attached as Appendix. The period under review opened with our MMG overlooking the SALAMAU KOMIATUM track and continuing to harass enemy parties moving south to KOMIATUM. On 12/13 May thirty eight casualties being inflicted on the enemy.

In addition, a further force in position 200 yards west of the junction of the road to SALAMAUA, BOBIAUA and BOBIAUA was a potential danger to the security of J. The enemy, apparently motivated by their frequent harassing of his flank, and realizing that continuation of these activities would greatly affect future operations in the KUNDA area, attacked our forces on the BOBIAUA RIDGE with a force estimated at one battalion. The attack commenced at 1245 hrs on 14 May and was preceded by heavy mortar and artillery fire from positions on the SE edge of SALAMAUA airfield and KUNDA Hill. The initial thrust was along the SALAMAUA - BOBIAUA track ran into enemy traps and out in front of our position on the track, these enemy traps were covered by fire and the enemy lost heavily. However by continual strong, encircling movements the enemy forced our troops along the SALAMAUA BOBIAUA track and the north end of BOBIAUA ridge where our troops, reinforced from the KUNDA BR area, held the enemy advanced in this direction.

Having cleared the SALAMAUA BOBIAUA track, the enemy continued his drive to the west forcing our troops on the south end of BOBIAUA ridge to withdraw to the general line of MISSEB KUALI CR, where they took up a defensive position. Simultaneous attempts were made to reach the enemy's flanks without success. One attempt south down the FRANCISCO RIVER and the other north from MALING.

Late in the afternoon our troops strongly counterattacked from the north of BOBIAUA to gain the line around south of NEW BOBIAUA. This attack was met by heavy small arms fire from short range and heavy and accurate mortar fire, which pinned our troops to the ground. The enemy then attempted to advance, but were halted by heavy fire from positions on the north end of BOBIAUA RIDGE.

At 1700/15 our forces withdrew in good order from BOBIAUA RIDGE to KUNDA BR to avoid becoming isolated in the bend of the river in the north end of the ridge. Reinforcements were then moved up to the MALING area, thus providing strengthened defensive positions in this area as well as in the vicinity of KUNDA BR.

The enemy continued to consolidate on BOBIAUA RIDGE but made no attempt to exploit further west.

During the morning of 15 May KUNDA BR and FRANCISCO RIVER areas were bombed and strafed by 3 separate enemy forces. No damage or casualties resulted.

Throughout the next 4 days no forward move was attempted by the enemy, with the exception of 2 small patrols across the FRANCISCO RIVER.

His next move was in the direction of BOBIAUA with the evident intention of securing his left flank. Contact was made on the 19 May with an enemy patrol about 30 strong, 2000 yards to the east of BOBIAUA village.

After a brief engagement this patrol appeared to withdraw towards MALING. That evening however, a force of 150 Japs were observed in BOBIAUA.

At first light on 20 May this enemy attacked our troops in GISSERABA, forcing them by weight of numbers to withdraw in a running fight to the west. Casualties inflicted on the enemy were estimated at between 50 and 60 killed. That evening GISSERABA was reported clear the enemy being observed in BOBIAUA. On 21 May our patrols penetrated to eastern extremity of BOBIAUA RIDGE without making contact.

SALAMAUA

Activity observed within the SALAMAUA perimeter has been on a slightly increased scale. Movement round the ordnance store has become a daily occurrence, while further activity has been noticed along GENEVIEVE ROAD and in the vicinity of the quarry. It is possible that the enemy is preparing the peninsula as a position to be defended to the last.

MARKHAM AREA.

No contact has been made, but considerable information has been received from native sources of the enemy's activities in the MARKHAM POINT area. About ninety Japs are believed to have been on the south bank of the river between MARKHAM POINT and LAHU No. 1, for the last two months. A large proportion of this force is undoubtedly personnel manning AA guns, which have been observed in action in this area.

The remainder of the force would be accounted for by a protecting infantry force.

The placing of the AA guns here was no doubt done with the object of countering our air attacks against his barge hideouts. There is further evidence to support the belief that the enemy uses the coastal route LAHU No. 1 - SALAMABA when moving troops from LAE. A large party of Japs, including about 20 officers was reported on 13 May to have moved south by this route.

A corrected version of the native report concerning the enemy patrol in the NEASAWAMFUM - GANSONKEK area, mentioned in Summary No 4, has been received. It now appears that their itinerary was: TARARAN on the night of 4/5 May, moving to NEASAWAMFUM on 5 May and proceeding from there to LAE on 6 May.

Native talk from a different area gave the route of the patrol as GANSONKEK, up the LEROM, over to the SHAP, down to TARARAN and thence back to GANSONKEK. This activity may be connected with the movement across the SARUWAGED RANGE reported below. Natives reporting south of the MARKHAM say that the Japs at TARARAN have taken all their names and given each a number. The penalty of death is threatened for absence from roll call or aiding the Australians. The veracity of the MARKHAM boy, however is, at the best of times, doubtful. The bulk of the CHIVISING natives have expressed a desire to shift their abode to the south side of the river, away from Japanese influence.

HUON PENINSULA

Persistent native rumours state that large numbers of Japanese are based at SLO and ULAP, on the north coastal area of HUON PENINSULA. The food supply in the KOSUA district is reported to be practically depleted, and the enemy intention appears to be a move across the SARUWAGED RANGE to LAE via BUNGALUMBA (ref LAE STRAT Sheet (L)R 7425) and : 3 (ref MARKHAM STRAT Sheet (L)R 6583).

These rumours have been partially confirmed by a late report of an enemy patrol which arrived at BOANA on 15 May from BUNGALUMBA. The patrol was reported to be comprised of twenty Army personnel and seven local carriers. They were equipped with machine guns and had a wireless set.

Contact was made with one of our parties in this area and some shots were exchanged, but it is not known whether any casualties were suffered by either side.

(Ref Summary No 123)

RAMU - MARKHAM AREA

Native rumour said that there was a large body of the enemy at KESAWAI about 15 May and this was confirmed by the reappearance of the enemy at WESA on 19 May. One ANLAU sergeant was killed and the Japs apparently remain in occupation of this area. The enemy were guided by natives from WESA and WAIMERIBA, further evidence of the Japs gaining control over the natives in the areas which he has occupied.

This action, coupled with his aerial reconnaissance over BENA BENA and KAIMANTU, indicates the enemy's interest in the rich plateau stretching from KAIMANTU west to MT HAGEN. Possession of this ground would provide him with an easily defended forward base served by excellent airfields.

Attempts to explore one old trade route to LAE further SE than BOM BOM have been held up by the flooded SUSAP and RAMU rivers.

(b) SEA - ENEMY

NEWARK

A convoy of seven vessels totalling 11,000 tons arrived at NEWARK on 12 May. Bargees were essential for its unloading, and the ships remained in harbour only 24 hours. The unloading of stores in such a short time is remarkable, but may be accounted for by the Japanese method of storing provisions in drums.

On 19 May, another convoy of seven vessels, totalling 15,000 tons was sighted off this port.

HUON CHIEF

Four separate sightings made on 13 and 14 May indicate that an enemy submarine from RABAU may have reached LAE on the night of 13 May.

Two days later, a spectacular attack was made by a Seafighter 65 miles south of CASIMATA on a large west-bound submarine, on whose stern a large Japanese flag was plainly discernible. The submarine was towed four miles to starboard with long cables, and shots were fired at starboard from the waterline to the conning tower. The men running forward to a machine gun were seen to fall, and other men that fired four shots from a heavy gun before their vessel submerged.

A reliable source reported suspected submarine in LAE harbour on 16 May and at the same time there were indications of a submarine off SALAMUA.

On 15 May, a strong air attack force failed, in spite of an intensive search, to locate an enemy convoy reported earlier some 10 miles west of ARANE under conditions of poor visibility.

Approximately thirty barges, many of which contained troops and stores, were sighted at various points along the south coast of NEW BRITAIN. This movement, together with the traffic along the north coast reported in last week's Summary, indicates increased supplies, and possibly reinforcements of the CAPE HENRICH, ARANE and CASIMATA areas.

RISMARCK ARCHIPELAGO

Activity at RABAU and SAVIENG has indicated no change in enemy policy.

(Adapted from RNS Summary 12)

(c) AIR - Own.

LAE.

On 14 May, as a result of report of enemy aircraft landing on LAE airfield, B25's, B24's and A20's (Bostons) attempted to attack LAE. Bad weather prevented any of these aircraft from reaching the target.

The following day, B20's and B25's bombed and strafed the airfield. Four fighters and seven bombers were strafed on the ground. Large fires were reported at the end of the runway.

SALAMUA

Three B25's bombed the town and airfield at dusk on 19 May.

Again from 1530 - 1536 hours 20 May six A20's bombed and strafed the airfield with apparent success.

Other targets in the IE sector during the week covered NEWARK, FINSCHAFEN, RABAU and CASIMATA. Seven attacks of varying type were made on the last-named place between 12 and 21 May, while airfields at RABAU were attacked on five occasions.

CLOSE SUPPORT

From 1055 to 2215 hrs 30 May three Seafighters strafed enemy positions in villages in the MOIE - DAIU area.

INTERCEPTION

0900 HRS

On 14 May 1944, our force intercepted twenty enemy bombers and twenty five fighters over miles east of GAO BAY. Results were:

Enemy losses - destroyed 9 fighters; 7 bombers;

probable, 1 fighter; 3 bombers.

Own losses: destroyed 1 fighter; damaged 1 fighter; 1 pilot lost.

AIR - Supply.

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WAB-BULGIA

Adapted from 1945 Intelligence
Summary No 112 and Daily Information
Summary Nos 10 - 181

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1. CHINA - 1992

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1 An 102 Inf Regt
2 " " " " " 10th In Jan Pl
3rd Arty personnel
4th Div 1st Regt
One Sq 10th Sigs
Held 11

24. City of New York from letter 2/5/82.

These two batts participated in the original attack on WAI on 29 May. Their combined strength at time of attack was estimated at 800. Forward troops estimate that the strength of the force which attacked in the MISSIM area was 800. It is reasonable to assume that this force was 3 Bn 102 Inf Regt which was held in reserve during the WAI operations. At this time its strength was established from captured documents to be 800. It appears therefore, that though 102 Regt has been reorganized in LAR and strengthened by drafting to it the survivors of 115 Regt, the above estimate of 800 for 3 Bn indicates that the units are not up to full strength, which is quite probable in such a composite formation. Present estimates of strength are therefore as follows.

MUPA-KOMIATUM

Two battalions		1200
HR and administrative personnel		100
		1300
Less casualties to 22 May		
LABABIA RIDGE: Forward troops		
conservative estimate killed	71	
Estimated wounded	142	
SALAMAGA-MUPA L. of R.		
Counted	132	
Estimated unaccounted and wounded	130	175
		825

BOBBUBI:

One battalion		600
Less casualties to 22 May		
Counted	72	
Estimated unaccounted and wounded	1214	238
		312

There is a possibility that the party which was encountered at MUPA came from the forces available at SALAMAGA and has not therefore been included in the above figures. Of the 150 which are estimated to have attacked, it is thought that at least 75 have been accounted for.

ENEMY TACTICS

A comparison of Jap tactics employed on the recent engagements on LABABIA RIDGE and BOBBUBI RIDGE shows great similarity in the method of using supporting weapons. In both actions, the enemy employed his MMGs well forward, using them to supplement the supporting fire from MGs placed on the flanks. These MGs were placed so that they could lay down a belt of fire in front of the MMGs as a secondary task. In the heavy jungle, it was difficult to judge positions of these guns, owing to "echoes" caused by the trees, and even when the general direction had been judged, it was almost impossible to pinpoint their positions by the flash owing to the heavy foliage. In both attacks, attempts were made to divert the attention of our troops from the forward movement of his MMGs by intense sniping. The grenade discharger was also used by the enemy but the effectiveness of this weapon was nullified by the failure of many bombs to explode, and the fact that some bombs did not clear the trees exploding amongst troops. In the attack on LABABIA RIDGE, the use of cover prior to first contact was excellent, but in subsequent attacks no attempt was made to hinder movement, our troops obtaining early warning from loud noises and crashes. Prior to, and during one attack, loud shouting and screams were reported. When hit, the enemy gave out loud screams, and again without exception. The attack on LABABIA RIDGE was preceded by heavy mortar and mortar concentrations.

Throughout the engagement, both Arty and small arms fire was poor, but the mortar fire however, was extremely accurate. Prior to the BOBUBI RIDGE action, the enemy used a new method of orienting his troops to the ground. An aircraft flew over the whole objective, dropping flares on the main topographical features.

PART III

TOPOGRAPHICAL

1. The camp at SPINDENAI or MABAM'S on the PUSIN L of C, has been re-named PATEP IV, and will be referred to as such in the future. Track lines on this route are given below:

PATEP III to BRANCH CREEK	3 hours
BRANCH CREEK to PATEP IV	4 hours
PATEP IV to BAIUNE HEADWATERS	3 hours
BAIUNE HEADWATERS - DOUBLE MOUNTAIN	
PILIMUNG	5 hours
PILIMUNG - SELEBOB - MISSIM	3 hours
PILIMUNG - BOBADO - MISSIM	7 hours

2. A summary of weather conditions NEW GUINEA and the SOLOMONS SEA is attached as Appendix "B".

PART V

SECURITY

Japanese "Counter-Espionage" (Security)

During the last few months evidence has shown that the enemy is becoming more security-minded. This probably is a result of his realization of the vast quantities of information we have obtained from captured documents.

The Jap is now issuing "counter-espionage" instructions down to bns. These instructions contain measures to prevent leakage of information, and detect and prevent our own plans.

The responsibility for security in the unit is borne by a group of six officers, who are changed each week. Their duties are very similar to those of our own unit security officer.

A syllabus for a fourteen day unit course of instruction in security was also found.

A captured instruction not only laid emphasis on the security education of the troops, but also laid down a definite scale of penalties for the breaking of "counter-espionage" rules.

(Adapted from AMN Review No 40)

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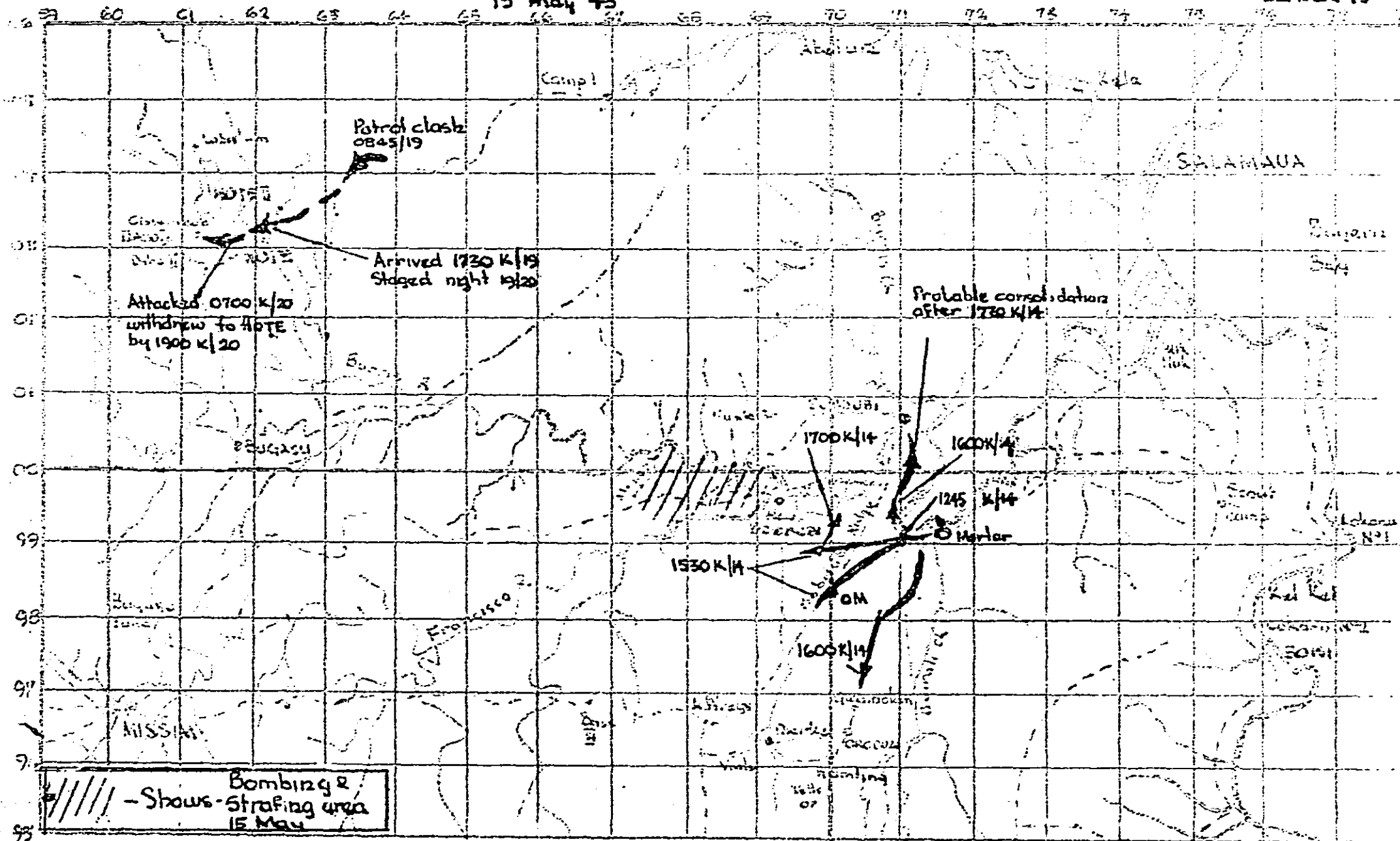
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2/3 Aust Indep Coy	8	Air Support Control 3 AF	22
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1 Bty 2/1 Aust Fd Regt)		NGF	24
2/6 Aust Svy Bty)	10	Air Sup Sec A 3 AF Sec	
156 Lt AA Bty	11	5 AF MORESET	25
SENA FORCE	12	4 Aust Inf Ede	26
11 Fighter Control Sub-Section	13	15 Aust Inf Bde	27
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Trace of SALAMAU (Revised) 1" = 1 Mile showing :-
 ENEMY MOVEMENTS 14 May 43 & AERIAL BOMBING & STRAFING

15 May 43

Appx 'A' to
 3 Aust Div
 INT SUMMARY NO 5
 22 May 43



Scale 1" = 1 Mile

Approved for use by the
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WEATHER CONDITIONS NEW GUINEA AND NE NEUTRAL AREA

The following is of interest both as an explanation of future ops and as a classification of local seasons.

The effect of weather on air sea and to a less extent land operations has been frequently demonstrated and is fully realized by the enemy High Command.

The weather conditions in the NEW GUINEA - NEUTRAL AREA fall into two seasons, the SE season (approx mid-April to end Dec) and the NW monsoon season (end of Dec to end of March).

In the SE season a bank of thick weather exists along the north coast of NEW BRITAIN, while the north coast is comparatively clear. This condition is completely reversed during the NW season.

By using the alternative sea lanes along the north or south coast of NEW BRITAIN, according to the season, the enemy may be afforded cover from observation for his convoys to this area, provided his forecasts are accurate.

SE season, mid-April to end-Dec :

The controlling influence on the weather during this season is the anti-cyclonic movement from west to east over Australia.

The development of large anti-cyclonic conditions can be easily traced in its move across the Australian continent. Usually near on the mainland these increase in energy after passing to the CORAL SEA, bringing rain squalls and deep cloud over the area. The effect of the high mountain range of NE NEW GUINEA comes into operation damping the weather and reloading it over the NE coast of NE NEW GUINEA with an effect similar to a "southerly buster" off the NW coast. Thick weather squalls and deep cloud push along the coast covering the entire NEUTRAL AREA.

The mountain ranges of NEW BRITAIN exert their influence and as a result the north coast is comparatively clear, with little cloud cover. These facts are clearly indicated by a comparison of average rainfall from May to Oct.

GABMATA 58.50 ins.

TALASEA 5.73 ins.

Associated with these conditions are severe squalls with disturbed seas through the VITIAZ STRAITS.

The forecasting of these conditions can be carried out with ample warning by our bases in Australia, but would prove most difficult for the enemy.

NW Monsoon Season end-Dec to end-March :

During this period the dominating influence on the weather is the northern anti cyclonic movements, which move East from ASIA. Reaching NEW BRITAIN as a warm moist wind the uplifting effect of the mountain ranges causes general cloudiness and rain over a wide region.

The mountain range of NEW BRITAIN has a similar damping effect extending sea-ward some fifty miles.

Disturbances coming from the NW in a SE direction have a similar effect on the north coast of NEW BRITAIN, and may develop into vigorous cyclones down the NE coast of GREENLAND.

Rainfall averages again demonstrate the conditions between
end - Dec and end - Mar :

GASIMATA 8.40 ins.
PALASIA 25.65 ins.

The Japanese have available a complete network of stations to
observe these conditions. On the other hand, Allied meteorologists
have little to assist them. Reports from reconnaissance aircraft
are of great assistance, however.

Conclusions are that, during the SE season the approaches to LAE and
BALAKAVA are frequently obscured, which coupled with the rough seas in
the VICTAL STRAITS indicates that the enemy is likely to use the approach
along the south coast of NEW BRITAIN.

Allied commanders however would have ample warning of bad weather
conditions.

During the NW season the route along the north coast of NEW BRITAIN
favours the enemy, with little warning available to the Allies.

(adopted from APPX "C" AMF Summary No 45).

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1. 1900

Unit Gen Staff HQ 3 Aust Div Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs 1 May To 2359 hrs 31 May 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BULOLO	23 May	0630	2/3 Aust Indep Coy notified that a patrol from 2/5 Aust Inf Bn leaves BLACK CAT 23 May for PILIMUMG	Appx 2 Serial 1580
		1150	2/3 Aust Indep Coy report that our troops occupied DAHO HOUE CISSEMBOB DOVERS JUNCTION without opposition	" Serial 1584
		1600	2/3 Aust Indep Coy advised that future operations will not take place before 7 Jun. Lieut COULTER to return to this HQ forthwith and meet 8 Pl 24 Aust Inf Bn en route to give instructions. COULTER also to bring detailed report of recent action at CISSEMBOB	Appx 2 Serial 1594
		1915	2/3 Aust Indep Coy and 24 Aust Inf Bn notified that 8 Pl 24 Aust Inf Bn will come under command of 2/3 Aust Indep Coy on arrival at BOBAU and will go into reserve.	" Serial 1606 <i>Alphons Capt.</i>

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Unit Gen Staff HQ 3 Aust Div Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs 1 May 1943 ²³⁵⁹ To 31 May 1943

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
<u>BULOLO</u>	<u>25 May</u>	<u>1500</u>	Natives report that 5 Japs were killed in air attack on	
			CISSEMBOB - HOTE. Japs evacuated shortly after air strike	Appx 2 Serial 1722
		<u>1600</u>	17 Bde required to state whether their MMG Pl personnel are	
			sufficiently trained for operational roles, and whether instructors	
			are required from 7 MG Bn	Appx 2 Serial 1726
		<u>1715</u>	WELLS OP reports foot bridge at mouth of FRANCISCO river being	
			extensively used by Japs. 150 Japs with packs and weapons	
			proceeded towards KOMIATUM	" Serial 1729
		<u>1810</u>	2 sec A Pl arrived BUGASU POST from HOTE. 8 Sec and 9 sec	
			C pl arrived at MISSIM from HOTE	" Serial 1739
		<u>2145</u>	Capt ROLFE EM(L) 17 Aust Inf Bde HQ arrived this HQ	

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M. 1000

Unit Gen Staff HQ 3 Aust Div Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs 1 May To 2359 hrs 31 May 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BULOLO	26 May	0600	Natives report enemy to be in NADZAB and MUNUM. Estimated strength 50 armed with LMGs and rifles. Apparent task is to patrol from MUNUM to NADZAB	Appx 2 Serial 1756
			MAJ HODGMAN TX2003 arrived this HQ and assumed duties and appointment of GSO II	
		0625	C Coy 2/6 Aust Inf Bn arrived WAU en route to relief of 2/7 Aust Inf Bn	" Serial 1757
		0850	17 Bde notified that 150 Japs moved from SALAMAUA on 22 May for KOMIATUM	Appx 2 Serial 1785.
		0945	HQ WAU Fxd. Defences closes present location and reopens at 572706 WAU LOCALITY, under comd of OC B Coy 7 MG Bn	" 2 Serial 1774
		1215	OC 2/7 Aust Indep Coy ordered to fly to MORESBY to report to NGF on 27 May	" Serial 1795
		1230	Bena force report enemy in SAWI	" Serial 1790

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1. 1000

Unit Gen Staff HQ 3 Aust Div Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs 1 May To 2359 hrs 31 May 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BULOLO	26 May	1335	Capt ROLFE departed for HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde	
			Maj JACOBS and Capt KING 5 AF report to this HQ for movement	
			in 3 Aust Div area to site an airfield	Appx 2 Serial 1786
		1825	2/7 Aust Indep Coy will move to MORESBY, commencing 27 May	" Serial 1803
		2000	2/3 Aust Indep Coy report considerable activity in both	
			directions over the footbridge out mouth of FRANCISCO RIVER	
			Both coolies and Japs appeared to be carrying stores to the	
			south bank. 150 Japs with picks and rifles were observed	
			moving towards KOMIATUM	" Serial 1804
				<i>Atkins Sept.</i>

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Unit Gen Staff HQ 3 Aust Div Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs 1 May 43 to 2359 hrs 31 May 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BULOLO	27 May	A.M.	2/7 Aust Indep Coy moved to PORT MORESBY	
	27 May	1145	Iae OP reports large scale attack on IAE airfield. Heavy but inaccurate AA fire was observed. High sheet of flame and explosions from MAYOS buildings. Fires observed Pilots quarters	Appx 2 Serial 1842
		1148	NGF advise move of 15 Aust Fd Coy now indefinite. No longer required on 24 hrs notice	" Serial 1853
		1446	2/7 Aust Inf Bn on relief will occupy reserve Bn posn in WAU area previously occupied by them prior to move to forward area. The 2/5 Aust Inf Bn coys now in WAU will then move to CRYSTAL CK area but NOT beyond BALLAMS. This will facilitate move by 2/5 Bn in accordance with plans for future ops.	" Serial 1834
		1930	Patrol from 2/7 Aust Inf Bn returned from OBSERVATION HILL report air attack on enemy ambush posn MUBO locality 2849 most accurate. Japs withdrew. Patrol attempted to drive enemy from further ambush posn but were NOT successful	" Serial 1854

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BULOLO	27 May	p.m.	Enemy ^{fired} 17 rounds onto LABABIA and VICKERS RIDGES.	Appx 2 Serial 1854
			3 Aust Div Weekly Intelligence Summary No 6 issued	Att as Appx 25
				<i>Appx 25 left.</i>
			3 Aust Div Operation Order No 1 issued	This Order covers these operations and a copy will be included in next month's WAR DIARY
				<i>Appx 25 left</i>

5 ANST DIV WEEKLY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No 6

Compiled from information received up to 1100 hrs 27 May 43

PART I

1. GENERAL

Although no major change has taken place on the HUBO - HISSIN front, there are signs that the enemy is still bringing forward troops, possibly to replace casualties.

Activity in SALAMANA indicates a strengthening of its defences and a reorganization of supply dumps.

There is further evidence that supplies and reinforcements are being brought to LAE and SALAMANA by submarine and possibly by barge, using the ports at night.

Indications of the enemy's interest in the BMA BMA plains have been strengthened by a native report of large well-armed enemy parties moving towards HUNDI, GULIHI and WESA, and by the continued enemy aerial activity over the area.

The movement of large vessels by the enemy has decreased but his coast-wise barge activity has continued and has been subject to night strafing runs by our air force.

No large scale enemy air attacks have been launched in the last week but there has been little abatement in his reconnaissance sorties. Further attempts to interfere with our supply system are indicated by a reconnaissance of the EMPPO - EUBBOG L of C followed by a bombing and strafing run of one of our small river craft.

2. OPERATIONS

(a) Land

HUBO AREA

No major activity has taken place in this area over the last few days. Our patrols have been active on all sides of the PIMPLE, and definite signs of its occupation are apparent. Tracks to the rear of the feature are used by the enemy early in the morning and late in the afternoon.

Similarly, on CERVATION HILL there is every indication that the enemy continues to hold his previous positions.

Smoke appearing regularly from the vicinity of SPONY CREEK leads to the deduction that the enemy has a camp in this area, possibly a base camp for the PIMPLE. Further fires in KITCHEN CREEK indicate that the enemy is still using this as a camp.

It is believed that the enemy's administrative offices and stores are situated in restaurants along the track north up HUIGAP CREEK.

DUALI - HASSAU BAY

Movement continues to be reported in the area round the BITOI mouths and on LABAIA ISLAND.

Small enemy working parties have been seen near the former ambush position about two miles from the mouth of the southern arm. However, a patrol on 26 May reported no enemy in occupation. As there are native gardens in this area, it is possible that the enemy working parties have been gathering food.

Further movement of sailing vessels around LABAIA ISLAND was observed on 26 May. It may be possible that the enemy is using the ISLAND as a landing point for supplies and reinforcements from submarines.

(3)

This is supported by the large number of native craft which have been sighted in the area, over the last few weeks, some of them carrying cargo. Last December, natives reported that LABABIA ISLAND was being used for this purpose.

MISSIM

Since the enemy patrol in strength to KOTE and CISEMIBOS there has been little activity in this area.

Natives reported that the Japs evacuated the villages after our air strafing attack on 21 May.

Daily patrols to the RUEDA BRIDGE area have reported that there appears to be no enemy in NEW BORDUBI; smoke was seen however, from the coconut plantation on BORDUBI RIDGE on 25 May.

GWAIBOLOM is reported to be clear, but an enemy reconnaissance patrol of six visited the village on 25 May.

The enemy still appears to be moving troops on the KOMIATUM track. On 22 May 150 enemy, carrying packs and weapons moved south. There has possibly been a lot of movement which has escaped observation during the last week.

SALAMAUA

Much activity has been observed around the mouth of the FRANCISCO RIVER.

An examination of a recent photo of this area revealed a newly constructed defence system, apparently sited to cover the airfield from a seaborne attack. The MT road from the ISTHMUS to the airfield showed signs of much use, with a burning point very evident on the north-west side of the airfield. Signs of considerable activity were noted on either side of the river mouth, indicating the possibility of dumps in these areas.

On 22, 23 and 24 May intense activity was observed between the north and south banks of the river mouth. On 22 May a party of 100 men moved from south to north across the footbridge and returned carrying loads to the south side. This operation was repeated by four more parties of approximately 200 men during the day. Three similar parties were observed on 23 May. The next day a body of 150 men made the same movement, and this was followed by intense movement of about 400 men between the mouth of the FRANCISCO and the ISTHMUS.

This movement seems to indicate the shifting of supply dumps, which may be the result of our air attacks on 19 and 20 May. On the afternoon of 24 May a working party of 30 was repairing the airfield for 4 hours.

MARKHAM AREA

A patrol down the track from OUMSIS to MARKHAM POINT found, on 23 May, that the enemy ambush position east of the latter feature had been vacated.

There has been a further native report concerning enemy patrols to MADZAB. Each Wednesday a patrol leaves HEATHS, passing through MURUM to MADZAB where the night is spent, returning to LAE the following day.

There is also a report that the role of the party is to observe NGARAGNENO. An enemy reconnaissance aircraft flew over the area north and east of WAMPIT on 22 May, circling our posts at KIRKLANDS and BENS OP.

A patrol to the mouth of the BLANG RIVER on 19 May discovered signs of Jap occupation about a week old in two native huts about a mile from the mouth. Proceeding to the coast they observed about a mile away to the south a patrol of 12 Japs moving north.

Approximately opposite the patrol a small low vessel was seen close inshore. A native reported later having observed a party of enemy near the mouth of the ENJESSI on the same day. He also said that the Japs visited ENJESSI village in search of food. A report in February stated that a patrol made a one day trip from SALAMAU to HJANG RIVER and returned each Monday or Tuesday. It is possible that this procedure is still being carried out. The vessel could have been a barge sent to carry back the foodstuffs.

Documents printed in JAPANESE, which were found in the OLD MARI area, proved to be propaganda pamphlets apparently published by the allies for dropping over enemy occupied territory.

RAI COAST.

There has been a renewal of enemy patrol activity in the SAIDOR area, and during the past twelve days patrols have penetrated as far inland as MATOKO (20 miles SW SAIDOR), SIBOG (8 miles SW SAIDOR), and GWIAACK (7 miles south of SAIDOR). Standing patrols have been stationed at SINDAMA, and another patrol covers the MATOKO - GUSAP road.

Enemy barges are reported to be continually working along the coast at night.

(NGI Weekly Intelligence Summary No. 123)

RAMU - MARKHAM

A reliable report received on 23 May states that there are now no enemy at KAICULIN, the party previously reported there having returned in the direction of LUMPU.

BENA BENA

Natives reported on 24 May that heavily equipped enemy parties were leaving MADANG in the direction of FUNDI GUREBI and WESA. It is significant that these are the three routes to the BENA BENA plateau from the North. Another report on the same day stated that the enemy were at SAWI on the RAMU ref map RAMU strat WO 32'1.

The enemy has also displayed considerable interest in this area from the air, as is reported under "operations (c) air".

(b) SEA

ENEMY

During the past week, observed shipping activity has been the lowest for many months.

EUCN GULF - GASHATA

It must be presumed that submarine reinforcement of the LAE - SALAMAU Area is continuing, since sightings of submarine off Cape ORFORD are still being regularly made. Six (three on a northerly and three on a southerly course) were reported here between 19 and 25 May. Roughly speaking, all sightings have been made at either first or last light each day, and it is stated that each submarine seen has had large white markings on the conning tower.

Vessels observed in transit include two destroyers 75 miles ESE of GASHATA at 0300 hours 24 May. They may possibly have visited GASHATA about dusk 23 May, and have left about midnight on the return journey to RABAU.

At full speed they could have reached LAE, leaving there no later than 2000 hours 23 May. It is significant that at 1500 hours 23 May LABABA CP reported a vessel in the northern waters of EUCN GULF moving West. There was no observation from LAE CP at the time. However that night a searchlight was reported from the South end of LAE dome lighting up an object in the harbour which may have been a ship's bridge. This activity occurred from 2110 hours onwards and, therefore, can hardly be associated with the sighting of the two destroyers.

A MARKHAM native reported that the enemy land reinforcements and supplies at LAE from submarines on cloudy days and at night.

BARGE ACTIVITY NE NEW GUINEA.

It has long been known that there is enemy barge traffic along the NE NEW GUINEA coast between WEWAK, MADANG and possibly LAE. Few sightings have, however, been made by our aircraft during their daylight reconnaissances.

During recent nights, advantage has been taken of moonlight conditions to conduct special air searches for this traffic. Results confirm the suspicion that these craft move during the hours of darkness, lying up camouflaged by day.

At 2032 hours 19 May, two barges loaded with square wooden boxes were strafed two miles South of Cape CREPIN (ten miles South of TINSCHHAFEN) while moving in a SW direction.

Between 1810 and 2045 hours 20 May, a total of fourteen barges, all underway, were sighted. A convoy of ten near BEK Island was attacked and five sunk, the remainder being beached. In the vicinity of the small islands off Cape CREPIN, two barges loaded with ammunition and personnel, and towed by a launch, were sunk; while, nearby, another barge was destroyed by a direct hit.

An hour before midnight on 23 May, our aircraft attacked two barges off the coast nine miles SE of SAIDOR, sinking one and leaving the other in flames. An hour and a half later, no less than fifteen of these craft were located and attacked six miles West of SAIDOR. Near misses were scored with heavy bombs.

WEWAK

A maximum of 20000 tons arrived in this harbour, compared with 44000 tons in the previous week, and 35000 tons for the week ending 5 May. Between seventy and eighty barges were revealed by photographs between 19 and 24 May.

RABAU

In the amount of shipping in a port constantly varies, but February and March it was not unusual to discover sixty to seventy vessels in RABAU totalling up to 200,000 tons of merchant shipping. Since this time the amount has steadily declined and the figures for 22 May showed only forty two vessels, with a total merchant tonnage of 97,000, including an unusually large number of small transport freighters.

(Adapted from NGE Weekly Intelligence Summary No. 123)

(c) AIR

OWN

LAE

Bostons attacked the MALAHANG wreck on 24 May scoring four direct hits. The wreck was left burning fiercely and exploding internally.

At 1145 hours 27 May the airfield and town were subjected to the heaviest attack for some time. Eighteen aircraft took part and a large sheet of flame followed by heavy explosions was observed in the transport lines. Many fires were left burning in the town building and three craters were made in the airfield.

GASHATA

The airfield here received five attacks between 19 and 25 May causing considerable damage. RABAU, MADANG and CAPE GLOUCESTER were also included in the weeks targets.

NASSAU BAY.

Boston and Seafighters bombed and strafed villages and canoes from KILBI to NASSAU BAY. LARABIA ISLAND was also attacked.

ENEMY

BULLDOG

After making reconnaissance flights over the BULLDOG-EREMA area on 18 and 19 May, the enemy on 20 May used six bombers and three fighters to attack one of our MLC in the LAKEKIT RIVER. There was no damage or casualties.

BENA BENA

It will be recalled that between 11 and 19 May, five reconnaissance flights were made over this area.

A small raid on KAINANTU 21 May was followed by a further attack next day. Between 1150 and 1205 hours eight aircraft dropped eight or nine bombs on KAINANTU and AIYURA, besides strafing these places. No direct hits were scored although minor damage resulted to some European houses and station stores.

CHIMEU was made the target on 25 May, when six twin engine aircraft strafed the area.

A report from KAINANTU states that bomb explosions and the sounds of strafing were heard over AIYURA between 0955 and 1000 hours same day.

(Adapted from NCF Weekly Intelligence Summary No 123)

PART II

2. IDENTIFICATIONS

An enormous amount of information concerning the enemy's dispositions, strength, intentions and organisations has been obtained from documents captured from the Japanese. The importance of sending back all documents, labels, diaries, notebooks etc in addition to equipment cannot be over emphasised.

Every enemy body should, whenever possible, be carefully searched for the papers which they invariably carry. The following places are frequently used for carrying papers:

- (a) stuffing pouches behind the four adjustable leather flaps of the helmet
- (b) in the folds of the abdominal wrap, or "G-string"
- (c) respirator haversacks
- (d) pouches on equipment

5. EQUIPMENT

SAFETY PRECAUTIONS WITH JAPANESE HE GRENADES

Tests recently carried out with a number of captured Japanese Type "91" hand grenades show that these weapons, so much in favour with the Japanese, might well cause more harm to the thrower than to the intended victims.

Although the delay fuse of the grenade is supposed to be four or five seconds (and is so marked), the delay train has been known to burn in much less time. All our troops, therefore, who capture these grenades and use them, should be informed that they must be thrown immediately the head of the grenade has been struck.

While the delay train is burning, a considerable quantity of black smoke is emitted from the escape hole at the base of the fuze tube. Care should be taken to keep the hand clear of this hole.

This smoke emission serves as a feature in recognising the grenade when in flight.

(AMF Weekly Intelligence Review No 42)

Identity Discs

Reliable information from an enemy prisoner, has been received concerning the use of identity discs by the Japanese Army. There is no confirmation of the system of marking and it is thought that each formation designs its own.

Brass, or possibly steel, oval discs are issued in blank, and when the recruit is assigned to a company it is the duty of his corporal to stamp the disc with:

- (a) divisional code character
- (b) regimental code number
- (c) company code number
- (d) individual's number (or officer's name)

(Adapted from NCF Weekly Intelligence Summary 122)

6. ENEMY TACTICS

MORTAR RANGING BY TRACER FIRE

Use of MG fire for indicating targets to mortars has been introduced by the Japanese in BURMA. They sight 2 MG's on the target and open up with tracer. About 30 secs later the first mortar bomb falls, being aimed at the intersection of the two tracer streams.

A similar system was frequently used by both the Italians and ourselves during the early days in the western desert and CYRENAICA.

Although a certain amount of organization and training is necessary for the operation of this system of target indication, it is considered to have the advantage of being able to spot and indicate targets which could not be observed from a static OP.

(AMF Weekly Intelligence Review 42)

PART III

TOPOGRAPHICAL

BITOI RIVER MOUTH.

Up to the present the south arm of the BITOI RIVER MOUTH has been known as the OVERFLOW. The newly printed MUBO 1/25,000 sheet has, however, designated the northern arm as the OVERFLOW.

To avoid confusion the word OVERFLOW will be discontinued and the terms NORTH ARM and SOUTH ARM used.

NEW LAEU Village.

The present site occupied by the LAEU natives is at, ref map HADZAB 1 in to 1 mile, 582425. This village will be known as NEW LAEU.

INCIDENCE OF DISEASES IN NEW GUINEA.

A survey of the figures for the various diseases over the last month shows the incidence to be as follows:

Malaria	45.5%
Skins Condition	7.5%
Dysentery	5.9%
Various infections of the limbs	4.2%
Accidental injuries	4.3%
Strains of ligaments	4.1%
Diarrhoea	4.1%
Various	22.7%

It should be noted that there are approximately 6 times as many cases of malaria as any other complaint.

PART V.

SECURITY

NATIVE MOVEMENT.

As natives in other theatres of war have been successfully used as 5th columnists by the Japanese, the possibility of the natives of this area being likewise employed either through compulsion or of their own free will should not be ignored.

Because of the epidemics now being suffered by many natives on the KOKODA TRAIL popular opinion is that all natives are pro-Allies. This is not the case and there are many who for reasons over which there can be no control would be only too willing to assist the enemy.

Natives, simply because they are natives are slow to do things which can seriously jeopardize our security.

All personnel must realize that bush natives and even mission natives who have gone bush cannot be controlled by censorship and that anything they see or hear is likely to be passed on either by word of mouth or by letter.

The average native writing to a friend in an area adjacent to the enemy may, as a piece of news for his friends, say that "PAIV PELLA WEN BAIUS I STAP LOMU LOBAMIRA NAE OL I GAT TU PELLA AYS BELONG IN", which in simple pidgin means that there are fifty Japanese lightnings at BOBOMURA. The dangers of such a leakage need no comment.

Mail can and is being forwarded between natives by such means as the crews of small ships, lakatois, etc, plying up and down the coast and by many other channels.

Although there are no definite reports that the Japanese are using natives for this type of work all troops would do well to remember that "forewarned is fore-armed" even if they are armed only with the knowledge that all natives are not necessarily "Muzzy Muzzle Angels".

(IGP Weekly Intelligence Summary No.123)

SECURITY MINDENESS.

The following extract shows the increasing security mindedness of troops in the NEW GUINEA area.

"I can't understand Joe worrying about places being cut out of his letter. If anything he ought to be pleased that the authorities look after troops as they do. If he or anybody else, both soldiers and civilians had enough common sense, they would realize that all this damn fool talk is only asking for trouble. Everybody should be made to see the picture "Next of KIN" - they'd see then how foolish all this talk is."

(IGP Weekly Intelligence Summary No.123)

Lt-col
1st 5 Aust Div.

Distribution: See attached.

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Please detach and destroy when perused

Distribution:

Copy Nos

15 Aust Inf Bde	1 - 2
17 Aust Inf Bde	3 - 5
2/6 Aust Inf Bn	6
24 Aust Inf Bn	7
2/3 Aust Indep Coy	8
1 Bty 2/1 Aust Fd Regt	
2/6 Aust Svy Bty	9
156 Aust Lt. AA Bty	10
WAU Fd Def	
Sta Comd WAU	11
11 Fighter Control Sub-sector	12
708 CA (AA) Bty US Army	13
RAT 5 Aust Div	14
SIGS 3 Aust Div	15
AASC 3 Aust Div	16
2/2 Aust Fd Amb	17
3 Aust Div Sec Reception Camp	18
ANGAU (HARKHAM District)	19
Sta Comd BULOLO	20
Air Sp Control 5 AF	21
ALO A Fl 4 AC Sqn	22
NGF	23
Air Sp Sec A 3 Adv Sch 5 AF MORESEY	24
41 US Div	25
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(adapted.)

Unit Gen Staff HQ 3 Aust Div Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs 1 May To 2359 hrs 31 May 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BULOLO	28 May	0850	1 SSF landed LAE airfield	Appx 2 Serial 1885
		0800	C Coy 2/6 Aust Inf Bn left KALBINIK for SUMMIT	Appx 2 Serial 1900
		Morning	Following arrived from PORT MORESBY	
			2/34 Aust Supply Depot Pl. Portion BHQ HQ and C Coys 58/59 Bn	Appx 2 Serial 1900
		1130	NGF advise 2/7 Aust Indep Coy will move to BENA BENA on	
			29 May. weather permitting	Appx 2 Serial 1885
		1131	NGF advise BENA FORCE removed from command 3 Aust Div.	
			Placed under command N.G.F.	Appx 2 Serial 1888
		P.M.	Brig MOTEN Comd 17 Aust Inf Bde arrived 3 Aust Div HQ	
		1700	C Coy 2/6 Aust Inf Bn arrived SUMMIT	Appx 2 Serial 1899
		1800	Dispositions 2/3 Aust Indep Coy given	Appx 2 Serial
		1900	Patrol from 2/7 Aust Inf Bn encountered strong enemy ambush	
			posn 3848, MUBO locality, south of the PIMPLE. Own casualties	
			2 OR killed 1 Offr wounded. Our patrol withdrew under cover of darkness	Appx 2 Serial 1899

Stillepeters Capt.

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Unit Gen Staff HQ 3 Aust Div Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs 1 May To 2349 hrs 31 May 43

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Unit Gen Staff HQ 3 Aust Div

Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs 1 May To 2359 hrs 31 May 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BULOLO	29 May	1000	HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde opened at BULWA ref BULOLO one inch	Appx 2 Serial 1915
		1220	N.G.F. advise that Maj Hughes is to return to N.G.F. by first available transport	262972 Appx 2 Serial 1918
		1500	A Coy 58/59 Aust Inf Bn established BULWA ref BULOLO one inch	
			260971	Appx 2 Serial 1935
		1740	N.G.F. advised that Capt RICHARDSON is detailed for liaison work with N.G.F. and Lieut McBRIDE with 41 U.S. Div	Appx 2 Serial 1922
		1900	C Coy 2/7 Aust Inf Bn arrived HOUSE BABANA.	Appx 2 Serial 1928
			3 Aust Div Distribution Lists issued	Att as Appx 26
			issued Memo on Issue of Gas Stores/(re NCF Tng Instr No 1)	Att as Appx 27

William Capt

W.D.

APPX 26

SUBJECT : 3 AUST DIV DISTRIBUTION LISTS.

HQ 3 Aust Div.
29 May 43.

G 12/1

The following amendments are to be made to 3 Aust Div
Distribution Lists G 12/1 of 19 May 43.

List "A" List "B"

DELETE

2/7 Aust Indep Coy

1

1

BEHA FORCE.

1

ADD

MFO WAU

1

MFO BULOLO

1

2/84 Supply Depot Pl.

1

AMEND

Last line to read :-

15 Aust Inf Bde

1

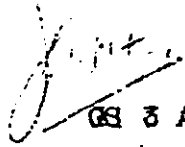
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58/89 Aust Inf Bn

TOTAL now to read

21

79

 Lt-col
G 3 Aust Div.

Distribution

List "B"

W.D.

APPX 27

ISSUE OF GAS MASKS

HQ 3 Aust Div

19 May 43.

G 14/4

1. Attention is directed to H G FORCE Training Instruction No 1, Chemical Warfare Training Policy which states that all gas equipment less ointment gas will be withdrawn from unit personnel.
2. This policy is now to be enforced, therefore units will take immediate steps to withdraw equipment and gases irrespective of condition to unit stores or unit B Echelon areas, and ensure that such equipment is carefully stored and inspected at regular intervals. U.S. gases now in forward areas beyond Japanese need not be returned.
3. All units will submit a return to reach this HQ by 14 June of unit holdings of all gas equipment, showing items under the following headings :-

ITEM OF EQPT	SERVICEABLE	REPAIRABLE BY UNIT	BEYOND LOCAL REPAIR	U.S.	PARTS REQD FOR REPAIR
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)

DISTRIBUTION.

List B

Loss

703 CA (AA: 30y US Army

5 AF Air Support Control

11 Fighter Control Sub sector

306 RDF Unit

4 AC Sqn

H G F

Lt-Col.
GS 3 Aust Div.

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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(adapted.)

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Unit Gen Staff HQ 3 Aust Div Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs 1 May 43 2359 hrs 31 May 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BULOLO	30 May	0700	2/3 Aust Indep Coy give new dispositions of 18 Pl 24 Aust Inf Bn	Appx 2 Serial 1940
		Morning	Maj HUGHES returned to NGF	
		1545	Jap 70 mm gun fired 6 rounds onto LABABIA RIDGE	Appx 2 Serial 1974
		1803	Our mtn battery fired 3 rounds into suspected gun posn of Jap 70 mm gun in KITCHEN CK area	Appx 2 Serial 1974
		1830	7 Pl A Coy 24 Aust Inf Bn arrived at POWER HOUSE from SUNSHINE	Appx 2 Serial 1969
		2148	1 7 Aust Inf Bde informed that after arrival at WAU one Coy 2/7 Aust Inf Bn will move to BULOLO area	Appx 2 Serial 1978
		2217	24 Aust Inf Bn advised that D Coy HQ are to move from MISSIM to FILMUNG and comd the three pls already in that area	Appx 2 Serial 1979
			3 Aust Div Operation Instruction No 3 issued Scheme for close defence of the Bulolo Airfield.	Att as Appx 28 <i>W. H. H. Capt.</i>

APPX 28.

MOST SECRET

Copy No

2 May 43.

3 AUST DIV OPERATION INSTRUCTION NO 3.

SCHEME FOR CLOSE DEFENCE OF THE BULOLO AIRFIELD.

Ref Maps : BULOLO : First edition : 1 in to 1 ml.
HUON GULF Special : 4 mls to 1 in.

This instruction will be read in conjunction with 3 Aust Div Operation Instruction No 4.

OBJECT

- 1 (a) To provide a scheme for the close defence of the BULOLO airfield, which will ensure the adequate defence of the airfield, against surprise attack by air-borne troops or small enemy raiding parties.
- (b) Whilst ensuring the security of the airfield, to make the maximum possible number of troops available for mobile operations, and active defence in other areas, thus keeping to a minimum troops committed to a static role.

INFORMATION

- 2 Own Troops. The following troops are available for the close defence of the BULOLO airfield.
 - (a) Permanently available for full time duty.

BULOLO Fixed Defences.

 - (i) One MMG Coy
 - (ii) One bty less three tps 1st aa Bty. (Bofors)
 - (iii) One Bty-5 MGs CA (AA) US Army.
 - (b) Available as soon as information of impending attack is received.
 - (i) All units permanently located in the immediate vicinity of the airfield as per Appx "A".
 - (c) Available if large scale attack appears imminent.
 - (i) At least one tp 1st Arty.
 - (ii) One inf bn or its equivalent from divisional reserve. Normally one inf bn will be retained in the BULOLO area but may NOT be immediately available owing to the fact that it may be in the process of movement to a forward area to carry out a relief, or employed on road maintenance or other similar tasks.

INTENTION

- 3 To deny to the enemy the BULOLO airfield.

METHOD

4 Defence will be in two phases :

(a) PHASE 1.

The employment of troops immediately available for the close defence of the EULOLO airfield, at present these are as shown in sub-paras 2(a) and 2(b) above.

(b) PHASE 11.

The employment of an inf bn from divisional reserve in addition to troops available for Phase 1.

PHASE 1.

(TRACE 1).

5. Command.

Commander EULOLA Fixed Defences : GC MC Coy.

Troops : EULOLO Fixed Defences.

All troops as per Appx "A".

6. Areas of responsibility.

Area will NOT be divided into areas of responsibility at present, but this will be done in the event of more troops moving to the EULOLO airfield area.

7. Allotment of units and tasks.

These are at present as shown in Appx "A". Responsibilities of group commanders and respective tasks are as follows :

- (a) Commander of each group shown in Appx "A" will be responsible for organisation of smaller units and his command, before, during and after action.
He will also be responsible for the maintenance of posts in his area at all times.
- (b) Responsibility before action will include allotment down to individual positions in both Phases I and II.
Practice in manning posts by day and night, signal communications within the command, command in action and all administrative matters during a state of emergency.

8. Procedure upon receipt of information of impending attack.

- (a) HQ EULOLO Fixed Defences will signal group commanders "EMERGENCY POSITIONS".
- (b) Commander of each group will immediately assume command of sub-units as laid down in Appx "A" and order their move direct to emergency stations.
- (c) HQ EULOLO Fixed Defences will be advised when all moves have been completed.
- (d) On receipt of all reports, HQ EULOLO Fixed Defences will advise HQ 3 Aust Div - "EMERGENCY POSITIONS MAINTAINED".

- (e) These positions will then be held at all costs until arrival of relief or attack is defeated.

9. Reserve

All sub-units shown in Appendix AAF, vehicles and personnel from transport pool, EULOLO, less personnel required to man posts 15 and 17 will report to CC Reception Camp for use as mobile reserve.

CC Reception Camp will organize these personnel into sections of 7 men in teams.

10. Fd Arty and Lt AA Arty Roles.

(a) Fd Arty.

(i) This plan provides for tasks 1 to 5 as shown in trace 2, and any other tasks that CC Fixed Defences may select.

(ii) Gun positions have been reserved in area rd June - ref map EULOLO, First Edition, 1 in to 1 mi - 206866.

(b) Lt AA Arty.

(i) In the event of a ground attack NOT combined with an air attack, ground targets can be engaged in areas shown in trace 1.

(ii) Only targets that can be seen will be engaged.

(iii) Targets will be engaged as instructed by a responsible officer; or gun NOCs may, on their own initiative, engage any obvious targets that are favourable.

(c) General.

(i) Lt AA Arty support is an immediate call.

(ii) One sq fd arty may NOT be available for 4 hrs.

(iii) Commanders FA Arty and Lt AA Arty will be in support of commander, EULOLO Fixed Defences during Phase I, and under command of Inf Bn during Phase II.

11. Observation Posts and Patrol.

(a) Observation Posts.

These will be established at ref map EULOLO First Edition 1 in to 1 mi 206867, 272966, 303882 and 311869, with line and visual communications to HQ EULOLO Fixed Defences. These will be continuously manned by WLF Coy personnel.

(b) Patrols.

(i) Each observation post will provide a reconnaissance patrol to examine policies and covered approaches in time to see off direct observation.

(11) A daily report will be submitted to this area by the command at 0800 hours. sq 3087

The number of personnel will be increased as operational requirements demand.

PHASE II (TRACE IN)

13. Command.

Should a large scale attack be ordered, the command will order an Inf Bn or equivalent unit to be placed in the area to the close defense of the camp. The command will order an Inf Bn or equivalent unit to be placed in the area including STAGS and other personnel as shown below:

14. Relief.

- (a) Personnel of the camp will be relieved in a systematic manner. The command will order an Inf Bn or equivalent unit to be placed in the area including STAGS and other personnel as shown below. It will be the duty of the command to be available for orders and instructions.
- (b) Personnel of the camp will be relieved in a systematic manner. The command will order an Inf Bn or equivalent unit to be placed in the area including STAGS and other personnel as shown below. It will be the duty of the command to be available for orders and instructions.
- (c) The command will order an Inf Bn or equivalent unit to be placed in the area including STAGS and other personnel as shown below. It will be the duty of the command to be available for orders and instructions.
- (d) Upon reports of completion of relief, the command will report to the command Inf Bn and hand over command.

ADMINISTRATION.

14. Ammunition. PHASE I & II.

(a) PHASE I.

Group command will be responsible for ensuring that:

- (i) The days food ration stations and three days reserve water is stored at all posts in advance.
- (ii) The days food ration stations and three days reserve water is stored at all posts in advance.

(b) PHASE II.

As laid down by command: Inf Bn.

MEDICAL

15.

(a) RAP vicinity Reception Camp ref map EUMOLO
First Edition 1 in to 1 in - 388374.

(b) ADS of ref map EUMOLO First Edition 1 in
to 1 in - 501346.

(c) Evacuation of patients to ADS will
be by 2 jeeps made available at RAP
by Transport Pool EUMOLO.

EVACUATION OF AREA

16.

Camp will be established at EUMOLO ref map EUMOLO
First Edition 1 in to 1 in 388371.

DASH will establish two HQ. from personnel to assist CIV
Provost Coy at EUMOLO to report to above location
and take over DASH.

INTERCOMMUNICATION.

17.

(a) Signal Firmed Defence will be established
at Reception Camp EUMOLO ref map EUMOLO First
Edition 1 in to 1 in.

(b) Signal Company will be.

Wire will be laid at observation posts
and defence positions and command HQ
positions.

Group commanders will arrange that troops from
sub units report via field telephone from
normal position.

In Phase II, the HQ Commander will take over
signal communications of EUMOLO Firmed Defence
complete.

Sub units will function on the normal system.

HANDING OVER.

18.

Recipients of this instruction on leaving the area,
or on relief by another unit will hand over their copy
to relieving unit or return same to this HQ prior
to moving.

ACKNOWLEDGE

TIME OF SIGNATURE 1630 hrs

DISTRIBUTION :- See 37-1

[Signature]
Lt-Col
HQ 3rd Div.

<u>Distribution</u>	<u>Copy No.</u>	<u>Method of Issue</u>
15 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)	1 - 2	DELS
17 Aust Inf Bde	3 - 4	DELS
HQ EULOLO Fxd Defs	5	DELS
1 Bty 2/1 Aust Fd Regt	6	DELS
156 Lt AA Bty (AIF)	7	DELS
708 CA (AA) Arty US Army	8	DELS
11 Fighter Control Sub Sector	9	DELS
OC Reception Sec EULOLO	10	DELS
RAE 2 Aust Div (AIF)	11	HAND
Sigs 3 Aust Div	12	HAND
HQ Comd AASC 3 Aust Div (AIF)	13	HAND
N G F (for inam)	14	AIR SAFE HAND
Comd	15	HAND
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PHASE I

MOVEMENT OF UNITS TO EMERGENCY POSITIONS FOR CLOSE DEFENCE OF THE BULOLO AIRFIELD.

Ref Map: BULOLO First Edition 1 in to 1 ml.

Serial	Unit	Moves to	Tasks	Comes under command of
1.	Transport Pool BULOLO less 14 OR personnel	Post 16 284871 and Post 17 283868	All round defence	OC Transport Pool
2.	14 OR personnel from Transport Pool, BULOLO	200 yards west RECEPTION CAMP	Transport of mobile reserve	OC Reception Camp
3.	Sta Comd BULOLO, Reception Camp, DID BULOLO, Arty Svy Sec, 28 L of C Saly Det.	Reception Camp Area	Mobile reserve or tasks allotted by OC Fixed Defences	OC Reception Camp
4.	ALL personnel NOT required for immediate technical duties from the under- mentioned units: 306 RDF Sta 2 Adv Comm Sec 11 Fighter Control Sub-sector.	200 yards west Reception Camp	Mobile reserve or as allotted by OC BULOLO FIXED DEFENCES	OC Reception Camp

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PHASE II

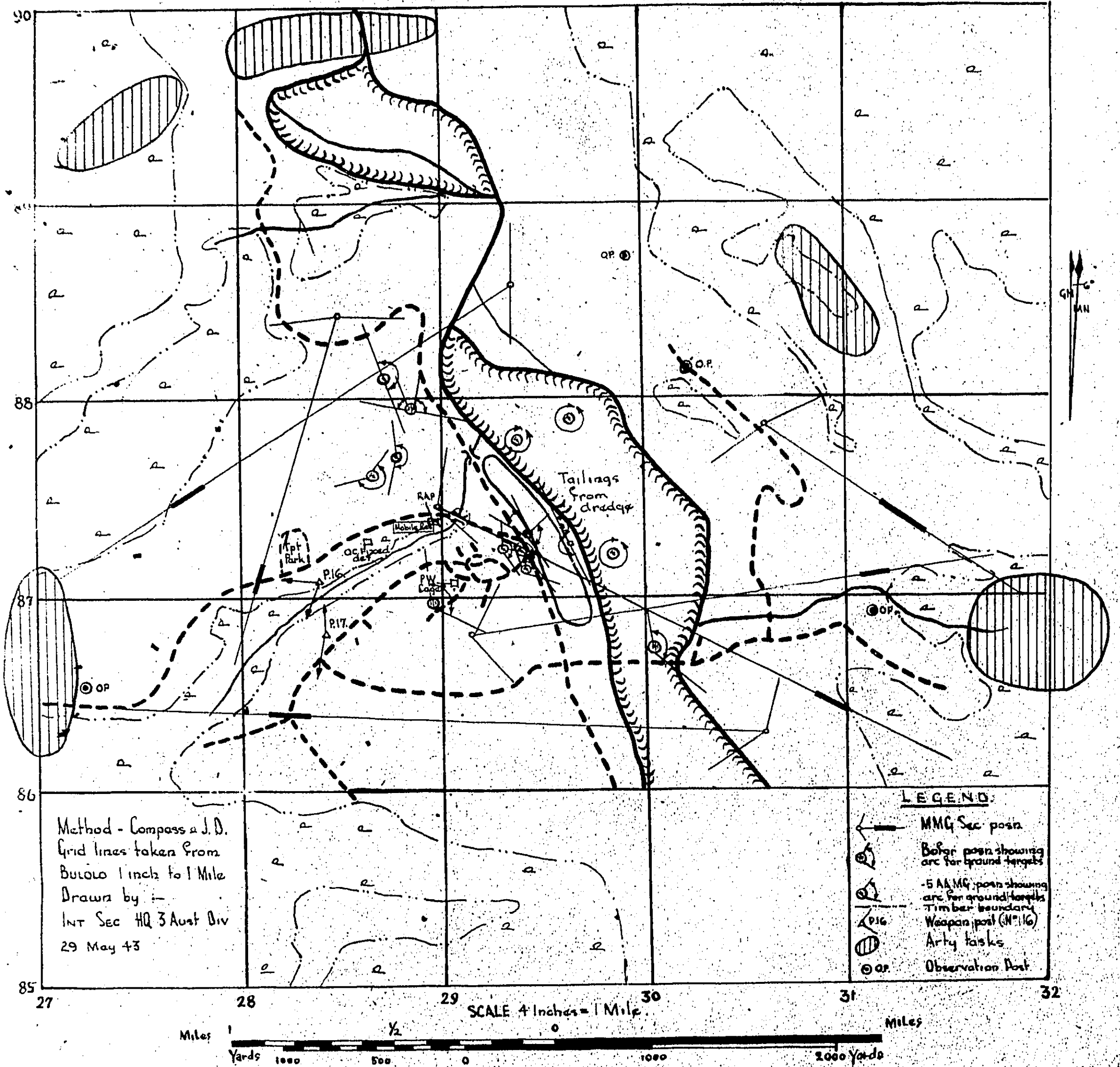
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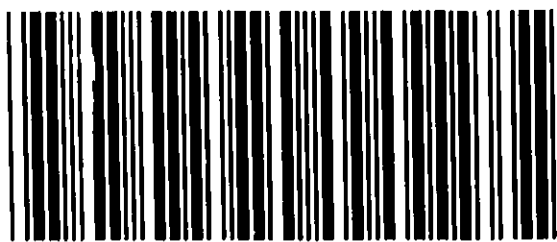
Serial	Units	Posts occupied during Phase I	Relieved by	Assembly area after action	Role	Under command of
1.	Transport Pool DTCIC less 14 ORs and jeeps	Post 16 and Post 17	Remain in these posts	-	All round defense	CG Northwest Dist
2.	14 OR and jeeps from Transport Pool	Mobile reserve	-	Reception Camp	Units allotted by CG relieving force	CG Reception Camp
3.	Sta Comd DTCIC, Reception Camp, CID. Actv Svy Sec and det 28 & of C Sely Unit	Mobile reserve or tasks allotted relieving by CG Third Defence	Sub-unit of relieving force	Reception Camp	as for serial 2.	CG Reception Camp
4.	Personnel from 306 Regt, 2 Adv Comd sec, 11 Fighter Control Sub-sector.	as for serial 3	sub-units of relieving force	Reception Camp	Medical Units	

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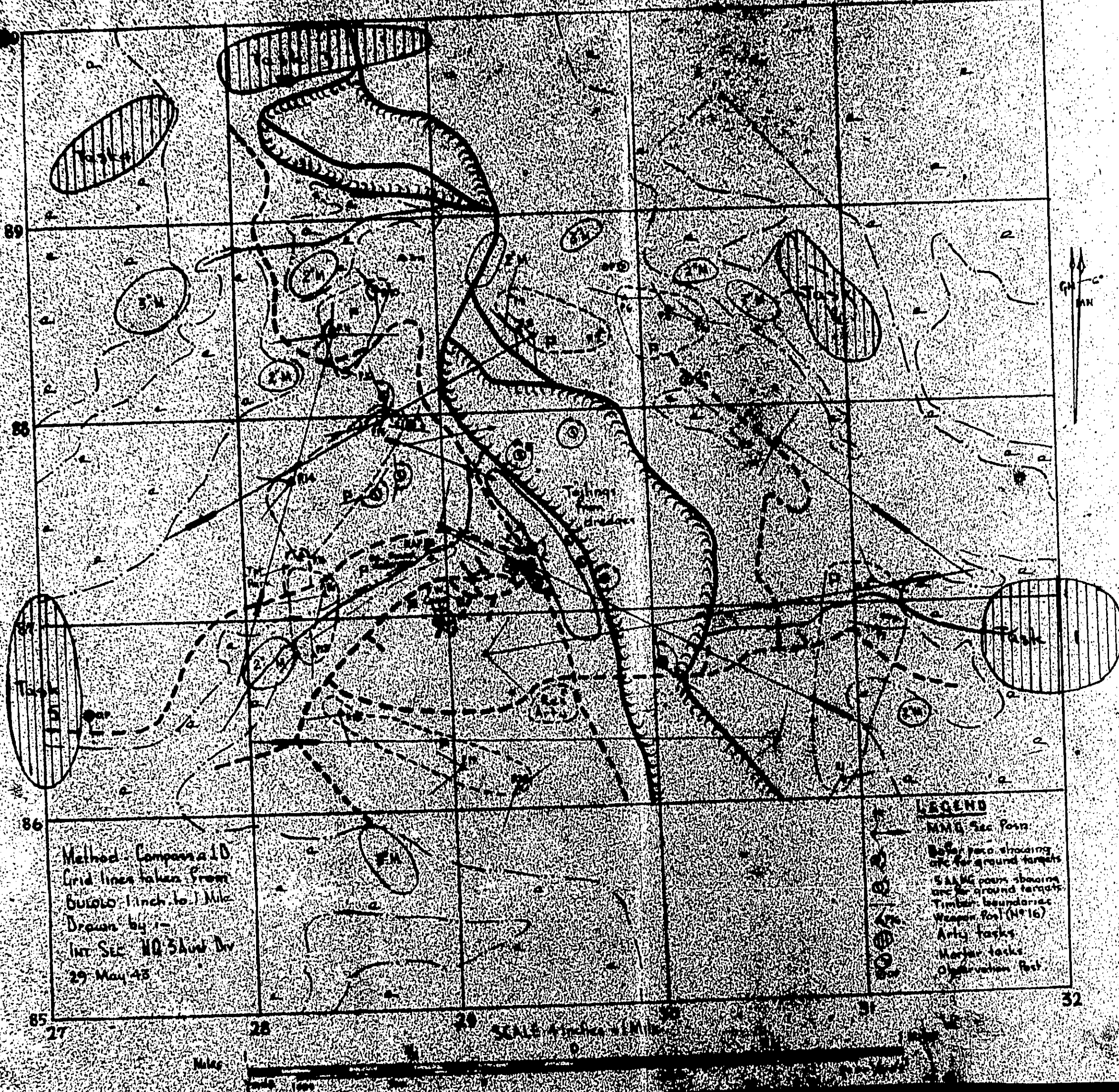


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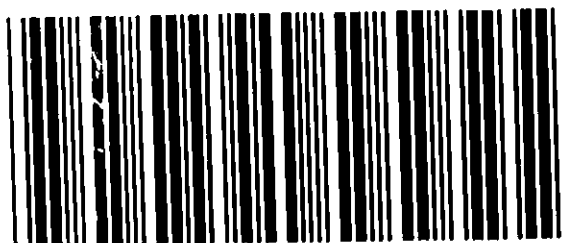
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Unit Gen Staff HQ 3 Aust Div Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs 1 May To 2359 hrs 31 May 1943

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BULOLO	31 May	0730	GOC and ADE left to visit N.G.F.	
		0930	LAE OP reports bombing raid on LAE airfield. Heavy bombs fell NE MT LUNAMAN. 4 bombs on the old wreck. 3 bombs vicinity	
			AA posms at SE end of drome	Appx 2 Serial 2002
		1028	From a date to be notified HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde will assume comd of all troops in the forward areas. Comd 15 Aust Inf Bde to notify date of change over after conferring with CO 2/3 Aust	
			Indep Coy	Appx 2 Serial 1998
		1545	17 Aust Inf Bde advise that 2/6 Aust Inf Bn will take over comd of all troops in the GUADAGASAL WAIPALI area at 1200 hrs 2 Jun 43	Appx 2 Serial 2004
		1900	C Coy 2/6 Aust Inf Bn arrived at GUADAGASAL	Appx 2 Serial 2014
			A Coy 2/6 Aust Inf Bn staging at SKINDIWAI	
			D Coy 2/7 Aust Inf Bn staging at McDUESS	
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CONTROL OF RIFLE RANGES.

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HQ 3 Aust Div
31 May 43.

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1. The control of the open ranges as set out in para 4(a) 3 Aust Div Training Instruction No 1 is now vested in the following:-

WAU RANGE

HQ WAU Fxd Def.

BULOLO RANGE

HQ BULOLO Fxd Defs

BULWA RANGE

24 Aust Inf Bn

The instructions re control and use of the ranges as in para 4(a) still apply.

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PASSWORDS - WAU - BULOLO AREAS.

1. Listed hereunder are the passwords for the period 1 JUN to 8 JUN for both the WAU and BULOLO areas.

WAU AREA.

1700 hrs	1 Jun	-	1659 hrs	2 Jun	ALPHABET
1700 hrs	2 Jun	-	1659 hrs	3 Jun	INTELLECT
1700 hrs	3 Jun	-	1659 hrs	4 Jun	HARLEQUIN
1700 hrs	4 Jun	-	1659 hrs	5 Jun	STILETTO
1700 hrs	5 Jun	-	1659 hrs	6 Jun	GLITTER
1700 hrs	6 Jun	-	1659 hrs	7 Jun	BUMBLE BEE
1700 hrs	7 Jun	-	1659 hrs	8 Jun	JAPEL

BULOLO AREA.

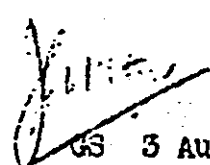
1700 hrs	1 Jun	-	1659 hrs	2 Jun	DIABOLICAL
1700 hrs	2 Jun	-	1659 hrs	3 Jun	JELLY
1700 hrs	3 Jun	-	1659 hrs	4 Jun	LOLLIPOP
1700 hrs	4 Jun	-	1659 hrs	5 Jun	THEODOLITE
1700 hrs	5 Jun	-	1659 hrs	6 Jun	TULIP
1700 hrs	6 Jun	-	1659 hrs	7 Jun	PALSY
1700 hrs	7 Jun	-	1659 hrs	8 Jun	SYLLABLE

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3 AUST DIV INTELLIGENCE REPORT 4

Information received to 2100K/1

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given in Sitreps

LAE OP

1900K/30 to 1400K/1. Nothing to report.
1630K/1 to 1830K/1. One barge LAE to MALAHANG and back.
One barge LAE to LAEI and back.

SALAMAU
OP.

0740K/1. No observation owing to heavy fog.

MARHAM
AREA.

Locations of 2/6 Aust Inf Bn Cp as at 2359 30 Apr.
Only those locations which differ from 3 Aust Div
Location Statement 25 are given.

14 Pl 24 Aust Inf Bn less one sec	- GABRISIS OP
	WSL 406404
One sec 14 Pl 24 Aust Inf Bn	- BEN
	WSL 402401
15 Pl 24 Aust Inf Bn less two secs	- BOBS
	WSL 302404
One sec 15 Pl 24 Aust Inf Bn	- KIRKLINGS
	WSL 302302
One sec 15 Pl 24 Aust Inf Bn	- 1st BATTALION
	WSL 402301
B Pl 2/5 Aust Indep Coy	- KUMING
	WSL 200106

1 May. B Coy 24 Aust Inf Bn took over command of
PATER 2 from HQ 2/5 Aust Indep Coy.
0700K/1. HQ 2/5 Aust Indep Coy and C Pl moved out from
PATER 2 en route to KUMING.
A Pl arrived PATER 2 from WAMPIT afternoon 1 May.
A patrol from B Pl 2/5 Aust Indep Coy contacted police
boy patrol on BEUSSEI track. The police boy patrols
as far as BEUSSEI village.

MISSIN
AREA.

Dispositions 2/3 Aust Indep Coy at 0800K/1. Ref map
SALAMAU revised, 1 inch to 1 mile.

Coy HQ plus HQ A pl and one sub-sec A Pl.	MISSIN AREA
One sec A Pl	BUCASU JUNG
One sec A Pl	NOTE
B Pl less two secs	WALLING
One sec B Pl	VEILS OF
One sec B Pl	700952
C	
C Pl less two secs	HEARS
	675997
One sec C Pl	691994
One sec C Pl	WALLING

1 May. One man reported killed in KUMIATUN raid ref our
Sitrep 15 is now being brought in to WALLING wounded.

was observed from fires in the same area.

Tac R 30 Apr. DUALI AREA. Tracks DUALI to NASSAU BAY to have been much used recently. Huts repaired in NASSAU VILLAGE and one new hut being erected. 8/10 canoes were observed in NASSAU BAY. There is a dirty tarpaulin on top of ridge on WEST side of LABARIA ISLAND.

REMARKS

Comment. Previous Tac R report on 27 Apr gives map ref NASSAU VILLAGE as ref map BADEH BAY one inch 836778.

WAI
ARRA

17 Aust Inf Bde reports. 0538K/1 unidentified aircraft flew over WAI. This was not confirmed from sources.

BENA-
BENA
AREA.

Further to possible ^{other} crash reported in our Intelligence Report 3. On interrogation by Lieut ROBINSON and Sgt HESSEY, natives are not sure whether plane crashed or NOT. BENA FORCE asked HQ direct whether plane was reported missing in BENA BENA area 30 Apr. A search party consisting of Lieut ROBINSON, Capt WALPOLE (RMO) and Lieut BOYAN, ANCAU, with stretchers bearers left BENA BENA at 0730K/1 in a southeasterly direction across the BENA RIVER.

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3 AUST DIV INTELLIGENCE REPORT 5.

Information received to 2100H/2.

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given in Sitreps.

LAC OF 0615H/2 one barge LAC to LAMU
Morning 3 May. 6 Japs levelling gravel on drome
vicinity No. 3 ELAND BAY
1430 to 1900H/2. Nothing to report, bad visibility.

SALAMANA 0930H/2. nothing to report
GP 1300H/2. one truck went from GRENADGE SHORE towards
LOCHU
1530H/2. Canoe sighted in vicinity WIOY ref SALAMANA
1 in to 250 yds 1279

MISSIN A patrol from 2/3 Aust Indep Coy which endeavoured to
AREA contact 2/7 Aust Inf Bn on MAT HAT was unable to do so
owing to enemy activity in RITCHIE ORCHARD area. They
returned to HAWLING 1 May. Further information will be
forwarded when received.

WING Following changes in positions have occurred following
AREA relief of C Coy 2/7 Aust Inf Bn by A Coy ref our Sitrep
16.

Ref map (WING) SECTION 4 in to 1 mile
Hq B Coy 2/7 Aust Inf Bn 625230
10 Pl less one sec 624845
One Sec 10 Pl 625246
11 Pl 627733
12 Pl 624837
Hq C Coy 641736
13 Pl 651200
14 Pl 638793
15 Pl 630776

Further information of enemy position in RITCHIE area
referred to in our Sitrep 30.
The RITCHIE feature is a definite razor back with
precipitous sides. The enemy has dug in close to some
heavy timber on the north side. Japs have been lightly
cleared to enable whole feature to be covered by fire
from both Hqs and LMGs. Our troops are compelled to move
slowly during advance owing to the nature of the country.
This prevents rush tactics and the advantageous use of
grenades.

MARSHMAN 1 May. patrol from KIRKLANDS to OLD MARIE - ST NGARINIA
AREA and return. no movements seen.
Patrol from FOB 3 to KIRKLANDS and return. No movements
seen.
1500H/1 10 Pl 24 Aust Inf Bn established PATTER II
631207201.
1900H/1 Hq B Coy 24 Aust Inf Bn established PATTER II
631207201.
1700H/1 KIRKLANDS GP report 2 empty bamboo rafts drifted
down MARSHMAN RIVER. These appeared to be native rafts.
Afternoon 1 Coy D Pl and two secs C Pl 2/5 Aust Indep Coy
arrived WING.
Afternoon 1 May C Pl less two secs arrived WING.
2 May. 0815H/2 patrol from BUI to BAKIP no movements seen
1230H/2. A Pl 2/5 Aust Indep Coy arrived PATTER II.
1600H/2. Hq 2/5 Aust Indep Coy and c pl arrived BULWA.

REF
AREA

2/45 Aust IAD moved to ref map with extent one inch to one mile 2507/34 on 2 May.

REF
AREA
AREA

Further information possible air crash referred to in Intelligence Report 4. 29451/1. Search party is being lead to the alleged site of crash by a native of BURMA (approx 17 miles NORTH of KUALA BERA). They were unable to gauge the position of plane from the native description.

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3 AUST DIV INTELLIGENCE REPORT 6

Information received to 2100K/3

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given in Sitreps

LAE OP 1900K/2 to 0700K/3. Nothing to report.
Morning 3 May. Trucks active between drone HQ and
No 3 ELAST BAY
1711K/3. One barge MALAHANG WRECK to LAE.

SALAMAUA
OP 1530K/2 to 0745K/3. Nothing to report.

MARKHAM
AREA BEN OP. 1640K/2. Fire observed on a bearing of 313°
across MARKHAM RIVER.
MT NGAROMINA OP. 1200K/2. Smoke observed north of
Junc of MARKHAM CAMPIT RIVERS.

HUBO
AREA Further information received on attack on PIMPLE area
ref our sitrep 20 - 21. It has now been established
that during the air strike on 3 May the enemy did evacuate
the PIMPLE area but advanced to ref map HUBO 4 inch to
1 mile 703852. Our troops contacted enemy in this area
and they withdrew to their original positions on the PIMPLE.
During the action our troops identified 8 LMGs and 3 MGs
firing from prepared positions on a line approx 702852
702853 703853.

The enemy contacted in the PIMPLE area 2 May (ref our sitrep
21) were wearing shorts and shirts. The enemy were in good
condition.

DEDUCTION Information contained both in above para and our
Intelligence Report No 1 28 Apr indicates, that Japs
generally in KOMIATUM - HUBO areas are well clothed and fed.
Reports over the last few days indicate movement of Jap tps
and native carriers, south along SALAMAUA - KOMIATUM track,
this together with the clothing changes mentioned above,
may well indicate either the reinforcing of HUBO area or
that the Jap supplies of food and other stores have already
been built up, to sufficient stock to allow of despatching
of new clothing to troops already in forward areas.

When B Coy patrol (ref our Sitrep 21) crossed BUIPAL CK
a shot was fired.

COMMENT. This together with information in sitrep 6 25 Apr
indicates permanent enemy observation post on OBSERVATION
HILL.

DEDUCTION. If this is so shot may indicate lack of other
means of communication.

MISSIM
AREA

2 May. ASINI OP temporary withdrawn owing to Jap patrol in
NOTE (ref our sitrep 21)

Dispositions of 2/3 Aust Indep Coy at 0700K/3
Ref map SALAMAUA revised one inch to one mile.

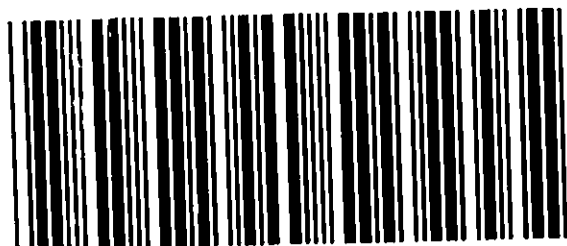
For HQ 2/3 Aust Indep Coy
Rear HQ 2/3 Aust Indep Coy
HQ A pl plus one sub sec
One Sub Sec A Pl
One Sec A Pl
One Sub Sec A Pl

One Sub Sec A Pl

One Sub Sec A Pl

HEARS CK
MISSIM AREA
MISSIM AREA
BOBAIN
HUGASI JUNG
CIBSIMROB
612030
NOTE
620032
Left NOTE first
light 3 May to
endeavour to locate
Jap patrol (Ref our
Sitrep 21)

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B Pl No change from Intelligence Report 4.

C Pl (less two secs)

One Sec C Pl

One Sec C Pl

HEARS CK
GWRIBOLCH)
704997)
691994

A track report received from 2/3 Aust Indep Coy fixes
CISSEMOB and HOTE as follows

CISSEMOB
HOTE

612030
620032

This track report will be forwarded under separate cover.

WAU
BULOLO
AREA

2 May. Two secs B Pl 2/5 Aust Indep Coy arrived BULOLO.
C Pl one Sec B Pl arrived WAU

3 May Following personnel emplaned for PT MORSEY

B Pl 2/5 Aust Indep Coy less two secs
C Pl 2/5 Aust Indep Coy less two secs.

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3 AUST DIV INTELLIGENCE REPORT 7

Information received to 2100K/4

This report excludes information previously
given in Sitreps.

LAE
OP

1711K/3 to 0730K/4 nothing to report
0925K/4 . AA observed from SOUTH end of drome when one plane
came over LAE.

SALAMAU
OP

0745K/3 to 0750K/4 nothing to report
1035K/4 . Two trucks in open at ORDNANCE store.
1040K/4 . 6 men moved ORDNANCE STORE in direction cemetery
1115K/4 . One truck moved from ORDNANCE STORE
1315K/4 . One truck from ORDNANCE STORE direction drome.
On the return of Lieut LOCKHART from SALAMAU OP today it
was found that the reference previously given in our
Intelligence Report 3 is NOT correct. Lieut LOCKHART gives
map reference as SALAMAU 250 yds to 1 inch 3871. To ORDNANCE
STORE

MARKHAM
AREA

Nothing further to report.

MISSIN
AREA

The patrol from 2/3 Aust Indep Coy which moved out from HOTE
in search of the Jap patrol (reference our sitrep 21) returned
to HOTE at 1630K/3. They did NOT contact the Japs but found
that they had camped in a bamboo clump one hours march out
along the HOTE-MALOLO track. Signs on the track indicate
that the Japs withdrew towards MALOLO 3 May.

Dispositions 2/3 Aust Indep Coy 1700K/3.

Only dispositions which differ from our Intrep 3 are given:

Ref SALAMAU revised 1 inch to 1 mile
ADV Coy HQ 2/3 Aust Indep Coy 897-38
C Pl less two secs 703993
One Sec C Pl 892997
One Sec G Pl 713901

MUBO
AREA

D Coy 2/7 Aust Inf Bn patrol (ref our sitrep 22) contacted
2 natives BITOI OVERFLOW - DRY CREEK BED area ref SALAMAU
revised 1 inch to 1 mile 810861 on 3 May.

These natives were retained for interrogation by Lieut
WATSON ANGAU

Lieut WATSON reports that 100 natives have been collected
from the DUALI - SALUS area but more are expected to come in.
Above natives report the Japs have also impressed a line of
natives from the DUALI - SALUS area. This line which moved
to LOKANU by road on 3 May is going to be used to carry stores
to the MUBO area.

Their schedule is as under:

3 May. Move by road to LOKANU from DUALI-SALUS area.

Night 3/4 May. Sleep the night at LOKANU.

4 May. Move to mouth of FRANCISCO RIVER to pick up supplies
which will be transported across the river by pinnace.

5 May. Move to KOMIATUM.

6 May. Move to junc of EUGAP CREEK and BITOI RIVER. This
is the terminal of the carry.

The line will then collect wounded Japs from this junction
and return to SALAMAU picking up further wounded at KOMIATUM
on the way back.

DEDUCTION. The area at the mouth of the FRANCISCO
RIVER including the dumps on the north and south
side of the river and the LUTHERAN CHURCH which was
reported to contain Japs in our Intelligence Report 2
is a suitable target for harassing by 5 AF.

(2)

COMMENT. Harassing attacks can be made by B pl 2/3 Aust Inf Coy from NAMLING area on to the KOMIATUM - MUBO L of C on 5 May (necessary information has been passed to 2/3 Aust Inf Coy).

The natives also report that there are a large number of dead Japs on the MUBO - KOMIATUM track only partially buried, earth having been thrown over the middle of their bodies. They state that a large number of wounded Japs have been evacuated from MUBO recently.

COMMENT. This is no doubt due to the bombing and strafing in the MUBO area over the past week.

The natives also state that a jap submarine visits SALAMUA nightly and off-loads rice and rations.

DEDUCTION. It is considered that a night recce by 5 AF to detect and destroy the submarine would be well worth while.

Natives reveal that of the Jap Force which withdrew from the WAU area, half the force remained in the MUBO area and half were withdrawn to the coast via LABABIA RIDGE. Prior to recent patrol by A Coy 2/5 Aust Inf Bn to the DUALI area early in April, the latter half of this force occupied DULAI village and a coconut plantation south along the road to NASSAU BAY, (this cannot be identified from air photos or maps held at this HQ).

When A Coy 2/5 Aust Inf Bn contacted this force, they vacated the DUALI VILLAGE and moved to huts in heavy timber ref SALAMUA revised 838823. They are also in coconut grove. The enemy in these areas are concealed from air observation by heavy timber. The Japs in the above area are short of food owing to scarcity of native foods and short supply of their own rations. They have not visited native gardens south of BITOI OVERLOOK 814885 since the contact with A Coy 2/5 Aust Inf Bn.

DEDUCTION. The Japs in the MUBO area have previously been reported to be in good condition (ref our Intelligence Report 6). Therefore if the MUBO area has been reinforced, the above information indicates that the reinforcements do not come from the DUALI area. Therefore it appears that the only workable L of C is the KOMIATUM - MUBO track. This supports our previous deduction that the mouth of the FRANCISCO RIVER should be bombed and strafed.

4 May. Patrols from B Coy 2/7 Aust Inf Bn moved out at first light to OBSERVATION HILL - KITCHEN CK. No report has yet been received

BENA
BENA
AREA.

Report received from BENA FORCE at 0100K/4 states that Lieut O'DONNELL ANGAU at BUNDI (approximately 35 miles NW of BENA) observed that Japs entered SEPU (18 miles NORTH of BUNDI) at 1700K/30. Two natives entered the village first then two Japs, followed closely by four more scouting round the houses. These were followed by another party estimated at between 15 and 20. Two were wearing pistols and wrist watches and one had a pair of field glasses. 3 fires were observed on the night 30 Apr/May. There was no permanent camp established and they had no wireless. No attempt has yet been made to cross RAMU beyond guides calling for SEPU natives who have gone bush. Native guides are believed to be from BANIM (8 miles NORTH of SEPU)

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3 AUST DIV INTELLIGENCE REPORT 8.

Information received to 2100K/5.

This excludes information previously
reported in Sitreps.

LAE OP

4 May. Smoke observed all morning from huts ref
LAE 1 inch to 200 yds 5520.
During the afternoon vehicles which appeared to be
graders were observed working on WEST RUNWAY. Gravel
heaps in front of BLAST Bay 3 have disappeared.

Freshly turned earth observed EAST side of HARBOUR
7307. Trucks were observed moving from TERRACE and
WEBBS to this area.

2000 to 2300K/4. 4 lights visible HARBOUR AREA.
4 rounds tracer were fired out to sea from vicinity
LABOUR HUTS during night 4/5 May.

0835K/5. Truck arrived DROME HQ. Later drove to
right pen BLAST BAY 2 where it was off-loaded.

0940K/5. Barge LAE to MALAMANG.

1015 to 1900K/5. Nothing to report, bad visibility.

SALAMAUA Now established that LUTHERAN CHURCH (ref our Intelligence
OP Report 2) is ref map SALAMAUA 1 inch to 250 yds 3653.

MARKHAM BEN OP. 1100K/4. Fires and smoke again observed NORTH
AREA of MARKHAM RIVER (ref our Intelligence Report 6)

MISSIN Our troops from NAMLING area observed that Jap PLANEs
AREA and LMGs fired on strafing allied A/C at 1045K/4 from
positions along track KOMIATUM to approx 3 miles SOUTH.

Comment: 1. The following information has
previously been reported in our Intelligence
Report 1 of 28 Apr.

(a) "70/80 Japs sunbathing in creek ref map
SALAMAUA revised 713977".

(b) "heavy mortar fire south of above position".

2. And in Intelligence Report 7 of
4 May that "line will then collect wounded Japs
at KOMIATUM."

Deduction: The above information indicates that
Japs are using KOMIATUM as a combined permanent
staging camp and rest area with fixed weapons
for AA and ground defence

Dispositions of our force on BOBBOBI RIDGE (ref our
Sitrep 25) at 1900K/4.

Ref map SALAMAUA revised 1 inch to 1 mile.

Adv HQ 2/3 Aust Indep Coy 706988

C pl less two secs 710985

One sec C pl 710986

One sub-section C Pl 706988

One sub-section C Pl 891998.

4 May. One sub-section A Pl moved from HOTE and established
ASINI OP at 868055

Remarks: This position is 2000 yds further up the
feature than the original position.

Native report received by 2/3 Aust Indep Coy 4 May states
that large bodies of Japs moved from HUBO to SALAMAUA
night 1/2 and 2/3 May.

Comment: This supports the DUALI-SALUS natives report that many wounded Japs have been evacuated from MUBO recently (ref our Intelligence Report 7)

MUBO
AREA

4 May. Patrol from 2/7 Aust Inf Bn reconnoitred area 703858 ref MUBO 4 inch to 1 mile. Report no movement seen.

The 100 DUALI-SALUS natives (ref our Intelligence Report 8) were being brought into ANGAU HQ GUADAGASAL area on 4 May.

5 May. On arrival at HQ 2/7 Aust Inf Bn Lieut WATSON, ANGAU reported that the Japs have prepared an ambush (strength approx 10) on the track used by 2/3 Aust Indep Coy to raid KOTIATUM.

WAD
BULOLO
AREA

4 May. 3 Aust Div Cash Office moved to 298555 ref BULOLO 1 inch to 1 mile.

BENA
BENA
AREA

Natives report that Japs are using boys from KISA-KOBA and NATALO to break stones for a road from BOGADJIM to TOBE.

Remarks: TOBO is on the coast approx 6 miles SOUTH of BOGADJIM. The natives are all drawn from the one area which is approx 20 miles SW of BOGADJIM.

Comment: From information obtained from ANGAU this appears to be a logical place to build a road as the main CHANNEL to BOGADJIM follows the SOUTH coast of ASTROLABE BAY and TOBE could possibly be developed into an anchorage. The existing coastal track between BOGADJIM and TOBO runs very close to the shore and the river crossings in this strip are not difficult.

Further information re crash (ref our Intelligence Report 5). BENA FORCE reports that search party arrived scene of crash at 1055K/3. They reinterred 10 bodies which had been roughly buried by natives. The aircraft was badly burnt. No definite location of the crash has yet been received.

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3 AUST DIV INTELLIGENCE REPORT 9

Information received to 2100Z/6

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reported in SITREPS

LAE OF

2000 to 2500Z/5 Lights observed SW of Idrome, between
Idrome and MARYHAW RIVER
0645Z/6 Large column of smoke just below OP.
Morning 6 May Estimate 12 men working WEST RUNWAY WEST
of No 2 PLAST BAY.
Trucks active to and from building ref
LAE LOCALITY 3700.

Afternoon 6 May Nothing to report, bad visibility

SALAMANA
OP

To 0811Z/6 Nothing to report.
0845Z/6 Truck from ordnance store to 0602B.
1030 to 1100Z/6 12 explosions directions SOUTH and of
0602B.
1200Z/6 Two fires LETHU GARDENS.

KISINIA
AREA

Further details of action SALAMANA - KOMIATUM track (ref
our sitrep 27)

Ref map SALAMANA revised 1 inch to 1 mile

KOMIATUM OP (701958) kept SALAMANA - KOMIATUM track under
observation throughout daylight hours.

1. 1100 to 1200Z/5. Column (comprised as under) was
observed moving NORTH from KOMIATUM.

Composition of Column

- (a) 154 natives carrying 7 stretchers escorted by
3 Japs in rear wearing leather leggings and armed
and one Jap in centre unarmed.
- (b) 3 separate parties of 14 Japs, armed and carrying
packs spread out at 20 minutes interval.
When the column reached 713964, the rear of the
carriers and the leading two Jap parties were
engaged by 6 Sec 6 11 with small arms fire from
703970. Carriers dispersed and 12 Japs were
observed killed.

2. 1400Z/5 HQ sec at 703962 observed 30 Japs wearing
pith helmets and carrying packs moving SOUTH from
713970.

1430Z/5. Party reached 713964 and HQ sec opened fire.
Japs panicked and fired on each other for 15 minutes.
12 were observed dead. The remainder were NOT seen
to move SOUTH after engagement.

COMMENT

The actions of these troops indicate that this party consisted of personnel NOT used to battle in the jungle.

DEDUCTION

Frequent moves of bodies of japs both up and down MUBO - SALAWANA track reported over the past week together with various reports of changes of clothing indicate that the Jap is relieving his troops in the MUBO area with tps.

Firing was heard by coy HQ 2/3 Aust Indep Coy in the direction of NAYLING later in the day but no reports have yet been received.

Further details C Pl 2/3 Aust Indep Coy action BOEDUBI ridge 4/5 May (ref Int Report 8)

During consolidation on BOEDUBI RIDGE 3 well sited enemy posts were contacted at 712006, 711004 and 710001. When harrassed by our troops on 5 May these posts returned fire from mortars MGs grenades and rifles.

Our troops have taken up positions (shown below) which cuts enemy off ~~away~~ from all tracks out from his position. He can only retreat by cutting through heavy jungle.

Dispositions 2/3 Aust Indep Coy on BOEDUBI RIDGE.

HQ 2/3 Aust Indep Coy	701988
HQ Details	KUFDA BR. 601907
HQ C Pl	705990
7 Sec C Pl	Astride BOEDUBI - 712002
	SALAWANA track.
8 Sec C Pl	710986
9 Sec C Pl	707997

MUBO AREA

Patrol Activity 5 May

1. Patrol from B Coy 2/7 Aust Inf Bn to OBSERVATION HILL (ref our Intelligence Report 7)

Result Inspected enemy OP ref Map MUBO 4 in 688550. No movement or sign of recent enemy occupation seen.

2. Patrol from B Coy to KITCHEN CK NOT yet returned.

3. Local patrol 300 yds in front A Coy posn

Result No movement seen.

Patrol Activity 5 May

1. 3 patrols from B Coy moved to OBSERVATIONHILL AT first light.
A further report by Lieut WATSON on the DUALI patrol is attached as Appx A.

BURA BURA AREA

Further to info contained in Intelligence 7.

Report from AKOAU District Offr MADANG area received from FENA FORCE states that the enemy left SEPUL 07057/1.

The enemy's bearing was both confident and careless after initial search of the village and its surroundings. SEPUL was left undamaged.

Natives report that the enemy came from KARE RIVER through WUCU (17 miles west of BOGADJIN) to BACASIN ref MADANG 2 inch 233607.

Japs informed natives that they were to supply party with food, they indicated that the food would not be

seized forcibly.
COMMENT

This is a departure from the usual Jap method of entering native villages and seizing everything they want without compunction.

DEDUCTION

This may well indicate a change in Jap policy re his treatment of the natives

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OBJECT Recce to NASSAU BAY and contact free natives. Ascertain if enemy in occupation villages that area.

INFORMATION Apparently gained from interrogation of Doctor Boy and TULTUL of DUALI who were detained by Lieut TROON'S patrol which moved down BITOI DELTA, towards sea.

ENEMY DISPOSITIONS

<u>Ref Photo</u>	<u>Pinpoint Refs</u>	<u>Ref Map SALAMAUA 1"</u>	<u>Remarks.</u>
834 print 4	Ta2W4 to Ta2W5. Tb2W4 to Tb5W4	Area 833836 " 834835	
WAV 24 print 11	DSU1 to SCUL		Photo not held
" " 46/46	along road D7T2, D7T5 to E5T2, E5T5 along river A6T4, A5T0 to E5S4, B6S7 to C7S3, C7S5	833777, 830778, 828779	" " " Apparently should read D5U6, D1U7 to C6T4, C4T6 to C9S3 to C4S4.
" " "	along river A0S4, A0S6 to B9S0, B9S4 to C8S4, C7S6	828779, 829779, 850779.✓	Apparently should read C3P0, C5P0, C3R7, C8 C8R7, C2S4, C4S6 photo not held.
"C " 39/40	along coast B3U2, B3U3, to B8U3, B8U1		should read A4P5, A8P5 to A5R0, A9P9
" " 35/36	A6U5, A5U3 to B1UC, B3U3	in area 846780	

The above areas are reported to have been occupied as rest areas by that portion of the retreating force (from WAV) which moved down LABABIA RIDGE to sea. They were later reinforced by pinnaces proceeding from SALAMAUA at night.

Rations in DUALI area are scarce and all gardens in this neighbourhood have been cropped. Native personnel have been completely evacuated from DUALI and SALUS (presumably by the agencies of WATSON himself). 200 natives are moving into the ANGAU area (GUADAGASAL) and more are to follow.

There is no enemy occupation of LABARIA IS. DUALI and NASSAU BAY are NOT connected by telephone.

The Boy line previously reported as moving to LOKANU night 3/4 May was intercepted and numbers broke bush. Some members have already reported in to ANGAU area (Report does NOT state whether WHOLE boyline was induced to break bush).

Natives report that carrier lines are permitted to cross FRANCISCO Mouth to a collecting point in young coconut grove at AEA437 to AEA438 (ref gridded photo 15 Series 83M. ref map 744028). All stores are delivered to the collecting point by truck from a tunnel which has been built into the eastern face of KELA PT. The opening of this tunnel, which is at road level facing the sea, is located at 732051 (ref map SALMAUA 1") and in it are stored all goods which are brought to SALMAUA by barge and submarine.

The carrier line assembles each Tuesday and Thursday at 1500 hrs in the young coconut grove (see photo ref above). The natives cross the FRANCISCO River by a water level lunda bridge at AEB238 to AEB580 (ref photo 15 series 83M. Map ref 746027). The carrier line follows old SALMAUA-KOMIATUM track with an escort of 13 japs who move with 8 rifles and one LMG in front and four rifles at rear.

<u>Timings</u>	Leave collecting point.	1500 hrs Tues & Thurs.
	Arrive KOMIATUM	2000 hrs
	Depart KOMIATUM	prior to dawn following day.
	Arrive BUIGAP terminal	0845 Wed and Fri.

After leaving KOMIATUM, the entire escort moves in rear of the boy line.

Location of storehouse and dump at KOMIATUM is ref photo 12 series 83M, AB95X3 (ref map SALMAUA 1" 708947). The terminal storehouses in the BUIGAP area are located at photoll series 85X Right A4P9 Right A7Y7 Right A8W8 Right B2W5. (maps refs of above 698264, 704073, 703872, 704871).

Shells for mountain guns have recently been included in carrier loads.

The enemy move prior to 0900 hrs and after midday, working on the assumption that Allied planes bomb and strafe only in the mornings.

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During the day Jap force at KOMIATUM moves to reentrants East and West of hut area in square AE9W (ref photo 12 series 83M) - map ref square 7195

Enemy have recently concentrated at MOLOLO map ref 669063. Further reports state that enemy is firmly emplaced with weapon pits along coast from 751061 to 736040 covering SAMOA hbr.

Natives also report that approximately two months ago one two engined aircraft with RAAF markings crashed in flames into sea off SALUS - no survivors. Natives have two wheels from the aircraft.

Approximately one month ago, another two engined aircraft crashed into sea off LOKANU. The plane sank but two tall airmen swam ashore. The airmen contacted a SAVIENG boy named KARLUS who worked as a clerk in District Office SALAMAUA. Whilst speaking with the natives, airmen were captured by Jap patrol and taken to SALAMAUA where they later embarked on a submarine destination RABAUL. The enemy are using submarines to evacuate wounded to RABAUL. Supplies are brought to SALAMAUA by submarine from RABAUL.

Subject to check;
compiled from signal in
five parts.
Original report being
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by courier.

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3 AUSTRALIAN DIV INTELLIGENCE REPORT NO

Information received to 2100K/7

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LAE OP

Night 6/7 May. Nothing to report.

SALAMAUA
OP

0955K/7. Two explosions in direction of airfield.
1040K/7. Truck at quarry.
1445 to 1800K/7. 12 men and natives working around
ORDNANCE STORES.
300 yards NORTH of STORE 20 natives with 3 overseers
widening CEMETERY ROAD.
1500K/7. Truck moved from NORTH end of ISTHEUS to
working party on CEMETERY ROAD.
1545K/7. Pinnace was loaded at GOVERNMENT Jetty and
moved towards NORTH end off ISTHEUS, with 6 white clad
figures on board. The pinnace was followed by a
motor launch.

Remarks:

This pinnace has NOT previously been reported.
It is brown, has one funnel, and is power-driven.

MARKHAM
AREA

0700K/6. 12 Pl B coy 24 Aust Inf Bn moved to PATEP I
from PATEP II.

ref MAU-SALAMAUA-LAE Track map.

Dispositions

7 Sec 12 pl MAPCS 404202
8 Sec 12 pl KHASAKO 308105
9 Sec 12 pl PATEP I 309200

Kirklands OP

1800K/6. Large fires observed NORTH side of MARKHAM
RIVER.

2030K/6. explosions heard NORTH WEST of OP. Large
glare observed after explosions.

MISSIM
AREA

NAMLING OP.

1500K/6. 10 Japs and 5 coolies moved SOUTH towards
KOMIATUM.

1500K/7. 21 Japs and 10 coolies moved SOUTH towards
KOMIATUM.

Comment:

Despite our ambushes on the KOMIATUM track and our
continuous dispersing of Jap parties moving NORTH
and SOUTH, the enemy persists in using the same
route. This indicates that the enemy is determined
to push the supplies through towards MUHO
irrespective of casualties and opposition.

1140K/7. Lieut WHITTAKER, ANGAU at PIMUNG reported Jap
plane, description twin-engined, single tail, flew twice
over PIMUNG and twice over MISSIM. Returned towards
LAE from which direction it originally came. First
run over PIMUNG height 1,000 feet. Second run over
PIMUNG much higher.

MUHO
AREA

Patrol activity 6 May.

One patrol to right flank of PIMUNG position.

Result. No movement seen.

(2)

Two patrols to left flank of PIMPLE position.
Result. Voices heard.

Patrol activity 7 May.

Patrol B coy to ARCHWAY area ref MUBO 4 inch 693853.
Result. No movement seen.

Patrol B coy to NW OBSERVATION HILL.
Result. No movement seen.

Further information on result of air strike 1000 to 1015K/7.
(ref Sitrep 30).
The bombing and strafing was NOT concentrated on PIMPLE
area. Bombs straddled the area falling EAST and as far
WEST as WOODY ISLAND.

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3 AUST DIV INTELLIGENCE REPORT 11

Information received to 2100K/8

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LAE OP

Morning 7 May.

Continued truck activity buildings ref LAE LOCALITY 3729
Trucks to and from DROME HQ
Trucks to DUMPS at SW corner of DROME
Trucks to AA position vicinity WEBBS HOUSE
Trucks to WHARF AREA.
0930K/7. Barge from WHARF to LAE LOCALITY 7307 (ref our
Intelligence Report 8). Work in progress in this area.
1100-1125K/7. Unidentified twin engined bomber circled low
over LAE DROME. No AA.

Comment

Probably Jap plane reported over PILLUNG at 1140K/7
(ref Intelligence Report 10)

Party of 20 men working on WEST RUNWAY vicinity BLAST BAY 3.
Whenever planes were heard party moved to BLAST BAY and
rear of DROME HQ. However when unidentified plane was over
1100K/7 party continued work.
Canoes active around LAEU HARBOUR.
Smoke observed from BUILDINGS 5617.
Smoke observed below LAE OP (ref Intelligence Report 9)
found to be natives gathering food.

Afternoon 7 May.

17-20 men working SOUTH end of DROME
1600K/7. Heavily laden barge moved from LAE towards LAEU
HARBOUR. Barge grounded on a reef. At 1650K/7 3 barges
left LAEU. 2 pulled stranded barge off reef and towed it
to LAE. Other barge followed them in.
1655K/7. One barge LAE to MALAHANG.
2200 to 2320K/7. Lights visible in LAE HARBOUR.
0615K/8. One plane over LAE. Following AA guns opened up:
3 heavies from WEBBS HOUSE.
2 heavies from LAE LOCALITY 5219
Bofors TYPE guns from 5405
2 mediums from SOUTH end of DROME.
0900 to 1420K/8. No visibility.

SALAHUA
OP

1730K/7. Pinnacle returned to Government Jetty later moved
to overhanging tree.
to 1700K/8. Nothing to report.

MARKHAM
AREA

8 May. One sec 13 pl 24 Aust Inf B n moved to BENS
C Coy 24 Aust Inf Bn patrol (ref Sitrep 27) established
at MARKHAM PT ref HUON GULF Special LR5942.

MISSIE
AREA

One OR reported missing on BOBDUBI RIDGE (ref Sitrep 27)
now reported killed

MUBO
AREA

Further information A Coy 2/7 Aust Inf Bn attack on PIMPLE AREA 7 May (ref our Sitrep 30). The attack was preceded by bombing, straffing and arty fire on the PIMPLE AREA. A Coy moved across the Start Line at 1100K/7. 9 Pl Right 7 Pl Left 9 Pl advanced to within 40 yds of enemy's FDL, then came under fire from SNIPERS in trees to the right preventing further advance. One Sec sent round to neutralize snipers were confronted by precipitous slopes with enemy positions covering only line of approach. They were NOT able to advance. 7 Pl advanced to within 35 yds of enemy position where they were stopped by enfilade fire from 2 MGs. 8 Pl attempted deep encircling movement round left flank but were held up by enfilade fire. At 1430K/7 heavy rain commenced and our troops withdrew. Enemy ambush positions (ref our Sitrep 30) now reported to be ref MUBO 4 inch 688855. Patrol activities 7 May Patrol B Coy watched EASTERN slopes of OBSERVATION HILL for 2 hours.

Result
No movement seen.

Patrol B Coy to area ref MUBO 4 inch 688869

Result.
No movement seen, but found unoccupied weapon pit and beds in kumsi. Also recently used track leading to KITCHEN CREEK.

Dispositions C Coy 2/5 Aust Inf Bn.
C Coy less two Pls LEAHYS FARM
One Pl C Coy BLACK CAT
One Pl less one sec KAISIMIK
One sec BLUE RESK.

BENA
BENA
AREA

Locations BENA FORCE 8 May
Ref maps 4 mile STRAT series RANU - MARKHAM - KADANG.
Fighting patrols on following tracks:
SIGORA - WESA
BENA BENA - WESA
KAINANTU - KUMIANG.
Standing patrols:
BENA BENA - RANU STRAT GO 3725 ✓
KAROPA MARKHAM STRAT LL 0408 ✓
LT WAGEPA MARKHAM STRAT LQ 0498 ✓
One patrol moving 8 May to MARKHAM STRAT LL 3515 ✓
Remainder at BENA BENA DROME.

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3 AUST DIV INTELLIGENCE REPORT 10.

Information received up to 2100Z/9

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LAE GP

1945Z/8 Lights LAE HARBOUR and vicinity CROSS HQ

0535Z/9 Lights LAE HARBOUR

COMMENT Lights in LAE HARBOUR were also reported Report 8
2000 - 2300Z/4 and Report 11 0200 - 2300Z/7.

DESCRIPTION When considered with sound of engines in
SALAMAU HARBOUR at 2400Z/8 indicates barge
movement LAE - SALAMAU and return during night
8/9 May.
These barges are probably transporting the re-in-
forcements seen moving up to KOWIATUM.

SALAMAU
GP

Nothing to report.

HARVAM
AREA

Nothing to report.

WISSIN
AREA

BOEDUBI RIDGE SOUTH OP - ref SALAMAU revised 701993

0200Z/8 Sounds of gunfire and motor engines possibly speed
boats in direction of SALAMAU.
Also sound of aircraft landing and taking off
guided by red beacon.

COMMENT "GUNFIRE" may have been back firing.

1815Z/8 3 barges towed by launches moved NORTH up coast
from ISTHUS.

COMMENT Local movement only.

BOEDUBI RIDGE NORTH OP - 712005

MIDNIGHT 8/9 MAY. Sound of motor engines SALAMAU.

HAWLING OP

1800 - 1800Z/8. 57 Japs moved SOUTH towards KOWIATUM. 67
were fully equipped with rifles and 30 were
carrying large packs but no rifles.
At both 1800Z/8 and 0600Z/9. Fires were observed
at KOWIATUM.

DEDUCTION

Party evidently staged night at KOWIATUM. It is
hardly possible that these reinforcements took
part in enemy attack 0930Z/9 on IAPATIA feature.
Probable that only 67 were actual reinforcements, the
remaining 30 being coolies or a labour unit. It is
unlikely that reinforcements to a forward area would
move up without full equipment.

MISSION
AREA
(cont)

Further report bombing and strafing YOMIATUM village and track 0840 - 0950F/9 (ref our sitrep 34).

2/3 Aust Indep Coy OP 694955

0840F/9 fog lifted and strafing commenced.

Runs from SOUTH to NORTH by 6 planes.

Straffing from 200 yds SOUTH of village to 200 yds NORTH of village.

Light AA opened fire from prepared positions 20 yds NW of NORTH HUT.

Planes then made runs NORTH to SOUTH.

Light AA opened from SOUTH HUT.

Result of bombing:

Stick 1.	100 yds EAST of track
Stick 2.	50 yds WEST of track
Stick 3.	Straddled track SOUTH of SOUTH HUT.
Stick 4.	Straddled track 100 yds NORTH of NORTH HUT
Stick 5.	Same position as stick 4.
Stick 6.	20 yds EAST of NORTH HUT
Stick 7.	100 yds SW of NORTH HUT
Stick 8.	Hit small ammunition dump at NORTH HUT

Tracer and loud explosion followed burst of bombs.

AA opened up from timber 200 yds SOUTH of SOUTH HUT.

Stick 9.	Straddled track 100 yds NORTH of NORTH HUT
Stick 10.	100 yds SE of SOUTH HUT
Stick 11.	In valley 50 yds WEST of SOUTH HUT
Stick 12.	200 yds SOUTH of SOUTH HUT
Stick 13.	50 yds EAST of SOUTH HUT
Stick 14.	Straddled track 50 yds NORTH of NORTH HUT

Straffing continued from NORTH to SOUTH covering from 600 to 800 yds of the track until 0950F/9.

During this strafing AA opened up from the following places:

- (i) 200 yds NORTH of NORTH HUT
- (ii) 20 yds WEST of NORTH HUT
- (iii) SOUTH HUT
- (iv) 200 yds SOUTH of SOUTH HUT.

The fire came from LGAs and very fast firing light guns.

Comment

Possibly 25 mm pom-pom guns manned by personnel of 29 Fd POM Coy. This unit was reported to be in SALAMUA March 43.

At 0920F/9 movement was observed in YOMIATUM.

2 men moved out from timber 20 yds WEST of SOUTH HUT.

3 men from dug out 20 yds WEST of NORTH HUT.

4 men from timber 50 yds SE of SOUTH HUT.

All these men appeared to examine damage.

Conclusion

~~This indicates that there were no wounded in YOMIATUM otherwise Japs would have attended to them before inspecting damage.~~

NORTH HUT damaged.

SOUTH HUT 2 holes in roof.

Nothing further observed owing to heavy mist.

WUBO
AREA

B Coy 2/7 Aust Inf Bn report that at night approx 30 Japs occupy track junc ref WUBO 4 inch 685869. An OP only is maintained by day.

Comment.

This position has previously been reported unoccupied (ref our Intelligence Report 11).

2/7 Aust Inf Bn reports lugger moved DUALI to LAFAPIA IS late afternoon 8 May.

Patrol Activity 8 May

0930F/9. Patrol from 2/5 Aust Inf Bn to BLACK CAT - HOUSE COPPER - SANDY AREA.

Result. No report yet received.

BENA
BENA
AREA

A NAGILA mission boy who had been to EOPANOB, ref map MADANG strat WJ 7231, informed a patrol officer that:

- (a) all the Lutheran missioneries have been segregated on RAGATI (or KRANKET) ISLAND, which is just off the coast at MADANG.
- (b) The road MADANG to SEF (or ALEXISHAFEN) is now open to WT.
- (c) the Japs said they were short of food and that if the natives did not bring food regularly, they would take it.
- (d) the Jap "Kiap" at ALEXISHAFEN controls the district of GADA (?) and AMELE WJ 5818.
- (e) There have been no enemy patrols "the other side of the GOGOL RIVER".
- (f) A patrol 26 strong arrived at MUSAF, ref map RAMU strat WJ 1213, from IGOI (probably EKOIA, WJ 1619) and left in the direction of BANAM WJ 1117 on 1 May. A second line of 55 arrived at MUSAF on 2 May from IGOI and left BANAM 3 May. The patrol to SEPU (see report 9) was part of this second party. All left BANAM for IGOI on 3 May.
- (g) There is a native rumour that enemy base camps referred are to be established at IGOI and KULAU with regular patrols to MUSAF.
- (h) The Japs stated their intention of going to GUIEBI (probably KUBEI WJ 3571) and making rafts
- (i) Natives told the Japs that there were no whites at GUIEBI or PUNDI
- (j) The Japs threatened to shoot any natives hiding whites.
- (k) The Jap parties were carrying some type of MG, sub MG and "by mouth" probably mortars. They were heavily camouflaged and mounted guards covering enemy approach. They gave no payment for food but their treatment of the natives was moderate throughout. There was an OC and a medical orderly with each party, but that there was only one fair pidgin speaker amongst the whole lot.

Comments.

- (b) Information at 21 Apr was that the main road, presumed MADANG to the mouth of the RAMU was completed, and that troops and supplies were being conveyed to MADANG daily.
- (c) A similar report was received concerning the SEPU patrol (report 9).
- (d) The Japs usually employ a half caste to act as intermediary with the natives. It is possible that his location is ALEXISHAFEN and not the operational centre at MADANG.
- (e) In view of patrols mentioned in sub para (f) this means no patrols NE of GOGOL.
- (f) The place referred to as IGOI may be EGOI, WJ 102 or EKOIA. The latter is more likely as it fits in with the route reported. When read with report 9 which stated that route was through BAGASIN WJ 3607 the route through EGOI seems more likely. Check is being obtained.
- (i) The natives would naturally give a favourable report of their own actions.
- (k) The construction placed on "by mouth" is that the description of the muzzle of the weapon indicated that it was a mortar.

The description of the Jap precautions does not fit with report 9 which stated the enemy's bearing to be confident and careless.

DEDUCTION:

- (1) The enemy is apparently interested in a patrol down the RAMU river. It cannot yet be stated as to whether for a possible L of C or merely an extension of his recce patrols.

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3 AUST DIV INTELLIGENCE REPORT 13

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From information received to 2100Z/10

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LAE OP

1610Z/9. Barge MALANANG to LAHU
1618Z/9. Barge LAE to LAHU

1630Z/9 }
1707Z/9 } Barges LAHU to LAE
1715Z/9 }

Comment: possibly for night operations.

1730-1830Z/9. Smoke observed vicinity OLD LAE OP.
1940-2350Z/9. Lights LAE HARBOUR and VICO PT.
2000Z/9 Truck from WERE to WILMING 3729.
2000Z/9 Light observed moving EAST from LR 6042 to LR 6142 then became obscured in trees.

Comment: C Coy 24 bn have been asked for an explanation

0850Z/10 Barge LAE to LAHU.
0800Z/10 Smoke from 5617 and VACHUN DISTRICTS.
0915Z/10 Trucks from 3729 to south end of drone.
0955Z/10 One barge on and bank in HARKHAM RIVER at ref map HOOK GULF Special LR 6143.

Comment: C Coy 24 bn asked for confirmation. Twelve wave men were seen moving to and from village.

HARKHAM AREA

A survey detachment in the area east of LAKE WAKUH picked up two Japanese documents at ref map HOOK GULF Special LR 4749 on a kuno spur of Mt MISANTU. Documents are forwarded herewith to HQF as appendix "C".

Comment: Movement of a Japanese patrol in this area was observed 19/20 Mar.

A preliminary translation reveals them to be:-

- (a) wrapper for a field ration.
- (b) précis of a lecture to be given to troops on battle procedure etc.

MISANTU AREA

0800Z/9 Patrol 5 sec B pl left WELLS to contact 2/7 Aust Inf Bn. Route VMAJ track.
Dispositions 2/3 Aust Indep Coy 1900Z/9.
Ref SALAMUA revised 1 in to 1 ml.

HQ 2/3 Aust Indep Coy
HQ A P 1.

1 Sec A Pl. (with det at ASITI OP)

2 Sec A Pl KANDA RIDGE 692998

3 Sec A Pl

(HQ B Pl

(OP and 1210

(WILMING POST

4 Sec B pl

(5 Sec B pl

(OP

(6 Sec B pl

(HQ C Pl

(HQ Sec

BOHNEE RIDGE 701967
MISSIN

CROSSBOW

MISANTU and KAGASH JUI
HAILING
701967

WELLS 660963
BOHNEE RIDGE (FORTH)

APPROX 712004
WELLS 700056

WELLS 694053
WELLS 700970

BOHNEE (SOUTH)
APPROX 703592

7 Sec C Pl

8 Sec C Pl

9 Sec C Pl

FORNBERG RIDGE (SOUTH)

approx

711804

703992

708953

2/3 Indep Coy CP observed bombing of SALAMUA by one B24 at 1300K/10 ref map SALAMUA revised one inch to 1 mile bombs dropped vicinity 740020. Light AA fire appeared to come from vicinity 760063. 2/3 Indep Coy report that information from casualties inflicted in raid on KOKIATUM 28 Apr, indicates that the enemy is definitely using Oriental coolies for carrying.

INFO
AREA

Ref map MUBO 4 inch to 1 mile.

2/7 Aust Inf Bn suspected position enemy 70 mm gun ref photo 78/c 64370.

0900K/10. Two rounds fired on 628043 and one round on 634835.

STONY CREEK is assembly area for Jap movement to PIRPLE.

To reach present area of operations it is reported that enemy cut fresh tracks.

Changes in dispositions 2/7 Aust Inf Bn.

One Sec 16 Pl D Coy in contact with elements plus sec of carrying group 200 yds in rear astride the track.

Two secs 16 Pl D Coy VICKERS RIDGE.

17 Pl D Coy SADDLE area

18 Pl D Coy SADDLE area

Composite Pl, Bn HQ SADDLE area

One sec carrying group SADDLE area

DUALI Patrol.

The final report on the DUALI patrol 5 May 43 has been received from Lieut WATSON of ANGAN.

Information additional to that contained in reports 7, 8 and 9, is as follows:-

Ref Map SALAMUA revised, BADEN BAY WEST Special one inch: one mile.

- (a) Enemy previously in occupation of DUALI village had evacuated after strafing by our planes.

Comment:-

Report received on 3 Apr said that DUALI village was occupied by the enemy. This area was strafed on 3 Apr 43.

- (b) Two small detachments straddle the track leading into DUALI village on the NORTH side of the HI TOI OVERFLOW at 837244 and 836845.
- (c) Another group are camped in coconut grove along the shores of HASSAN BAY near the main track at approx 834815.
- (d) The enemy are patrolling the shores of HASSAN BAY southward from DUALI POINT, their last camp being in the vicinity of CAPE BINGA on the SOUTH side of HASSAN BAY.
- (e) All natives under Japanese control were now completely opposed to the enemy for the following reasons:-
 - (i) No payment whatsoever has been granted for carrying line. (light rations of rice and biscuits given to natives only while carrying)
 - (ii) Japanese troops are interfering with native customs and women, instances of natives pregnant after intercourse with Japs.
 - (iii) Enemy are forcing natives to work under penalty of death.

- (iv) In most areas the enemy have evacuated villagers from their homes and left them to their own resources in the bush, where food is scarce, many cases of KAMAKAS dying through malnutrition.
- (v) KAMAKA gardens are being utilized by Japs for their own troops without payment being made.
- (vi) No medical treatment for natives is available.

A trace showing all enemy positions reported in this area is attached as appendix "B."

An estimate of the reinforcements to the KAMAKA area from 16 Apr to 9 May is attached at Appendix "A".

SAU # Ac Sen picked up a Japanese Wireless Station sending P/T
AREA from 1430 to 1502Z/10. Frequency was 6190 and strength R 5.
It was thought that 4 different voices spoke.

BMNA A check obtained on the location of IGOI mentioned in report 12,
BMNA indicates its position as ref map RAU Strat #3 2102.
AREA

bsBair *Wing* *Cap*
105 3 Aust Div

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Appendix "A" to 3 Aust Div
Intelligence Report 15.

SUMMARY OF JAPANESE TROOP
MOVEMENTS SALAMUA - KUMILATUM - HUBO
20 APR - 9 MAY

The following parties have been observed leaving south
towards HUBO :-

20 Apr	n/1 personnel	20
22 "	Japs	40
25 "	n/1 personnel	9
3 May	Japs carrying packs	48
5 May	30 Japs, engaged and 10 killed. (although no movement south was seen by OP, considered that party would continue later)	20
6 May	10 Japs and 5 coolies	10
7 May	21 Japs " 10 "	21
8 May	97 Japs, 67 equipped and 30 carrying packs	67
		235

From this is deducted the numbers seen moving north:-

3 May	35 Japs and 48 natives carrying 12 stretchers	47
5 "	134 carriers with 7 stretchers escorted by 4 Japs. Also 3 parties of 14 Japs each	53
		100
		155

Leaving:

25 Apr	70 - 20 Japs were seen sub- bathing north of KUMILATUM. At least 18 of these were killed. Assuming that the remainder proceeded SOUTH	50
		55

The total moved south is

190

A native report stated that on the nights 1/2 and 2/3 May large numbers of Japs moved from HUBO to SALAMUA. No doubt some such movement did occur, which would therefore reduce the above total. Judging from other movements the total moved on these two nights would not exceed 100. The possibility of further movement by night, in either direction is an unknown factor. Therefore, it is considered that at least 100 reinforcements have reached the HUBO area.