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**Infantry Battalion**

**December 1944**

# WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Unit 31/51 AUST INFBN (AIF) Date and Time.—From 1 Dec 44 To 3 Dec 44

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries &c
STRATHPINE	1 Dec 44		CO's CONFERENCE. Lt Col J. KELLY MID held coy comds conference this morning. He gave further details of the impending move, indicating that it may be sooner than expected. All unit stores would be transported to the ship today. Dealing with any change of policy, CO said that this would be discussed in the new area.	
	2 Dec 44		UNIT ACTIVITIES IN GENERAL. Capt B.W.Girard Adjt and Capt N.M.J.Harris OC "B" Coy 31/51 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) returned from 18 days photographic Interpretation School at SOUTHPORT. Unit engaged in final packing; transportation of unit stores to ship is proceeding.	
	3 Dec 44		CHOLERA INJECTION . The 2nd cholera injection was administered today.	

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Date and Time.—From 3 Dec 44 To \_\_\_\_\_

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries &c
STRATHPINE	3 Dec		<p>DEPARTURE OF ADV PARTY AND COMD'S RECCE GP. Maj B.J. Callinan                      MC 21/c Maj R. Penney OC HQ Coy, Lt A. Sprilyan IO and 12 OR                      31/51 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) today. The party embarked on the                      USHT "SHAWNEE" a 6,000 ton tourist vessel converted for tp tn.                      It was previously on NEW YORK - FLORIDA run.                      The ship pulled away from the wharf at BRISBANE at 1640K                      destination BOUGAINVILLE SOLOMON ISLANDS.</p>	<p><i>App 1</i></p>
	4 Dec		<p>The adv party at sea, and the main body completed loading of                      stores and equipment.</p>	<p><i>W3008-3009 App. 2</i></p>
	5 Dec		<p>The adv party's 2nd day at sea. The sea was calm but heat                      was stifling below deck. The main body now standing by                      waiting for movement.</p>	
	5 th Dec		<p>MAIN body awaiting orders to move.</p>	

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Unit 31/51 AUST INF BN (AIF)

Date and Time.—From 6 Dec 44

To 7 Dec 44

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries &c
STRATHPIEN	6 Dec		ADVANCE PARTY at sea.	
			<p>MAIN BODY. Orders were received to embark the main body.</p> <p>21 trailer trucks arrived in camp area at 1030K and tps commenced to embuss as per order of embarkation rolls.</p> <p>The convoy moved off at 1100K, arriving at the wharf at 1320K, when embarkation on to USHT "SEA SNIPE" commenced. This operation was completed by 1430K.</p> <p>"SEA SNIPE" slipped her moorings at 1600K and moved down the BRISBANE RIVER to the refuelling point. Refuelling was completed at 2230K, and the vessel got under way for BOUGANVILLE ISLAND, clearing the BRISBANE RIVER at 0230K.</p>	
	7 Dec		ADVANCE PARTY. The rugged mountains of BOUGAINVILLE ISLAND were first sighted at 0915K through a mist of purple haze.	

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Unit 31/51 AUST. INF. BN. (-AIF) Date and Time.—From 7 Dec 44 To 7 Dec 44

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c
AT SEA	7 Dec		<p>MT BALBI an active volcano 10,170 feet in height dominated the horizon whilst to the south a lesser volcano MT BGANA 8500 feet can be seen.</p> <p>At 1300K the semi-vista of EMPRESS AUGUSTA BAY unfolds itself. Many ships of all shapes and sizes are berthed in the shelter of BAY. A heavy swell combined with torrential rain commenced shortly afterwards. Winds lashed the decks as "CHAWNEE" dropped anchor at 1400K slightly north of TOROKINA ISLAND. It was decided to disembark early the following morning.</p> <p>MAIN BODY. At sea, at 1030K at a comd conference all available topographical information relative to BOUGAINVILLE ISLAND, and latest information regarding enemy strengths and dispositions, and details of our new area in the TOROKINA</p>	

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Unit 31/51 AUST INF BN (AIF) Date and Time.—From 7 Dec 44 To 7 Dec

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries &c
AT SEA	7 Dec		PERIMETER in EMPRESS AUGUSTA BAY. At a conference at 1430K the same information was given to pl comds.	
	8 Dec		<p><u>ADVANCE PARTY.</u> Disembarkation commenced at 0800K with a gale blowing and heavy seas. Scaling down nets was slow and tedious.</p> <p>Advance party landed on NO 4 Beach TOROKINA at 1000K. Waiting trucks drove party to 2 Aust Corps Transit Camp near HALSEY FIELD where the advance parties of other units of 11 Aust Inf Bde (AIF) were staged. All troops were impressed by the signs of activity both past and present by the American forces.</p> <p>In the afternoon, Maj B.J.Callinan MC 2 i/c 31/51 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) and the advance party inspect the area allotted to this BN. This is located in the 148 US Regt area No 3 Bn on NORTH end of perimeter immediately SOUTH of LARUMA RIVER .</p>	

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Unit 31/51 AUST INF BN (AIF) Date and Time.—From 8 Dec 44 To \_\_\_\_\_

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries &c
Torokina	8 Dec		Adjt 3 US Bn accompanied the party on an inspection of the area including the minefields forward of the perimeter.	
BOUGAINVILLE IS			Americans were vague as to their defences and reported that NO japs had been seen in this sector since last March. All defences and mine fields were overgrown with secondary growth.	
			The main body at sea. During the afternoon boxing bouts were arranged on the deck, and at night pictures were screened in Nos 3 and 5 hold.	
	9 Dec		<u>ADVANCE PARTY.</u> The day was spent in a recce of the bn area, allotment of coy dispositions and marshalling of stores and equipment.	
	10 Dec		<u>ADVANCE PARTY.</u> Whole prty moved to the camp area to erect tents etc for main body. This work was difficult as the tents used were salvaged U.S. pattern of doubtful utility	

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Date and Time.—From

10 Dec 44

To

11 Dec 44

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries &c
TOROKINA			but the party under WO ii COLLETON RQMS worked hard.	
BOUGAINVILLE IS	10 Dec		<u>MAIN BODY.</u> A wave of excitement passed through the ship this evening when it was learned that the morning would see us in EMPRESS AUGUSTA BAY .	
	11 Dec		<u>IMPENDING OPERATION.</u> Brig J.R. Stevenson DSO Comd 11 Aust Inf Bde (AIF) gave details of the bde's first operation on BOUGAINVILLE ISLAND. This consisted of a patrol of pl strength to proceed to the CAPE MOLTKE and KURAI0 areas. Object of the patrol is to determine if there is any exploitation by the enemy SOUTH of these areas. KURAI0 is approximately 20 miles NW of TOROKINA perimeter. Maj B.J.Callinan MC 2 l/c 31/51 AUST INF BN (AIF) selected lt H. Riley OC 18 pl to lead the patrol.	



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Date and Time.—From 10 Dec 44

To 11 Dec 44

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries &c
TOROKINA	10 Dec		<u>ADVANCE PARTY.</u> Moved out to new area today pending the arrival	
BOUGAINVILLE IS			of the main body. 26 Aust Inf Bn sent one pl of men to help	
			with the erection of tents and preparations for the arrival of	
			remainder of the bn.	
	11 Dec		<u>MAIN BODY.</u> USAT "SEA SNIPE" dropped anchor in EMPRESS AUGUSTA	
			BAY at 0700 hrs, and Lt H. Riley disembarked for preparation	
			of the forthcoming patrol to KURAI0. As there were insufficient	
			barges available for disembarkation advice was received that	
			the day would be spent aboard the ship.	
	12 Dec		<u>OPERATIONS.</u> ID Lt A. Sprilyan and Lt H. Riley visited 2/8	
			Aust Commando Sqn to gain information re patrol to KURAI0.	
			<u>MAIN BODY.</u> Merged with advance party today when bn	
			disembarked from "SEA SNIPE" and all troops were in the camp	
			area by 1400 hrs. CO Lt Col J. Kelly MID was first to arrive	
			and immediately inspected the area.	

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Unit 31/51 AUST INF BN (AIF) Date and Time.—From 13 Dec 44 To 14 Dec 44

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries &c.
TOROKINA	13 Dec		<p><u>OPERATIONS.</u> Bn patrolling areas in rear of minefields. The plan for the patrol to KURAI0 is proceeding. CO Lt Col KELLY and 2 i/c Maj B.J.Callinan visited ANGAU HQ to discuss enemy and general situation from ANGAU angle.</p>	
			<p><u>GENERAL.</u> Due to the delay in offloading stores from USAT "SEA SNIPE" erection of tents is proceeding slowly.</p>	R.O. Mpx.3.
	14 Dec		<p><u>OPERATIONS.</u> Bn first operation on BOUGAINVILLE ISLAND commenced today when 16 pl of D Coy departed via coastal track to KURAI0. Party under Lt Riley departed from bn area at 0600 hrs for start point at the mouth of the LARUMA RIVER. Weather was fine but storms were imminent. For details of the patrol See copy of Operation Instr No 1 attached.</p>	
			<p><u>RECCE OF AREA.</u> Adjt Capt B.W.Girard and IO Lt A. Sprilyan made a recce of 129 US Regt area recently vacated and taken over by 25 Aust Inf Bn.</p>	Mpx. A.

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Unit 31/51 AUST INFBN (AIF) Date and Time.—From 15 Dec 44 To 16 Dec 44

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries &c
<u>TOROKINA</u>	15 Dec		<u>OPERATIONS.</u> No W/T comn has been received from patrol proceeding to KURAI0.	
			CO Lt Col J. Kelly made a recce of possible new bn area along perimeter extending from NUMA NUMA trail west to KOROMOKINA Creek. He also visited HQ 25 Aust Inf Bn. <u>WEATHER.</u> Heavy rain fell throughout the day.	
	16 Dec		<u>OPERATIONS.</u> <u>PATROL FROM KURAI0.</u> Word was received today that the patrol had arrived at KURAI0 MISSION on night of 15 Dec. Patrol saw evidence of enemy movement in HOUSE KIARE area although NO enemy were contacted. <u>VISITORS.</u> Comd 11 Aust Inf Bde (AIF) Brig J.R. Stevenson DSO conferred with CO Lt Col J. Kelly. Capt McGaffery OC FS Sec visited the area. <u>GENERAL.</u> With most of the unit stores and equipment now discharged erection of tents has been completed and the unit is now settled in.	<u>M3008 3009 Allx 5</u> <u>R.O. Allx 6</u>

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Unit 31/51 AUST INF BN

Date and Time.—From 17 DEC 44

To 19 Dec 44

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries &c.
TOROKINA	17 Dec		<u>OPERATIONS.</u> <u>Patrol to KURAI0 MISSION.</u> A small recce party moved into the AMUN area. NO enemy were seen.	
			<u>RECCE OF TOROKINA AREA.</u> All coy comds made a recce of the area today.	
			<u>GENERAL.</u> Church parade and sports.	
	18 DEC		<u>OPERATIONS.</u> (1) <u>PATROL TO KURAI0 MISSI ON.</u> Patrol moved from KURAI0 at 0600L on return to TOROKINA and camped the night at HOUSE KIAPE.	
		(2) CO Lt Col J. Kelly negotiating for establishment of a coy gp at KURAI0 MISSION area.		
		<u>VISITORS.</u> First Aust Army Comd Lt Gen STURDEE, GOC 2 Aust Corps Lt Gen Savige and Comd 11 Aust Inf Bde visited the area today.	<i>Training syllabus appx 7 R.O. " 8</i>	
	19 DEC		<u>OPERATIONS.</u> KURAI0 patrol returned today. Penetration was to position immediately south of AMUN. NO contact was made with the enemy. See details in Patrol Report NO 1 attached.	<i>APPx 9.</i>

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Date and Time.—From 19 Dec 44

To 21 Dec 44

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c
KURAIIO	19 Dec		Preparations for patrol No 2 to proceed to KURAIIO were completed today. See patrol order NO 2.	
<u>TCR OKINA</u>				Appx. 10.
	20 Dec		<u>OPERATIONS.</u> No 2 patrol departed from Bn area at 0600 hrs bound for KURAIIO MISSION. The party consisted of:-  7 PL A Coy (LT N.J. Smith) CO Lt Col J. Kelly IO Lt A. Sprilyan Det ANGAU BN and Bde Sigs.	
			Lt Col KELLY'S object in accompanying the patrol was to select areas suitable for establishment of coy or bn gps firm base in KURAIIO area. First day saw patrol at HOUSE KLA PE	
	21 Dec		<u>OPERATIONS.</u> 2nd day of No 2 Patrol. Very difficult going over cliffs of CAPE MOLTKE with patrol arriving at KURAIIO at 1730 hrs. NO signs of the enemy.	h.o. Appx 11

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Unit 31/51 AUST INF BN (ALF) Date and Time.—From 21 Dec 44 To 23 Dec 44

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries &c
<u>TOROKINA</u>	21 Dec		<p><u>TRAINING.</u> The bn is engaged in route marching. L/sjt Maconachie Int sjt lectured all coys on intelligence and the general situation in BOUGAINVILLE.</p>	
	22 Dec 44		<p><u>OPERATIONS</u> ( 1) Firm Base maintained at KURAI0 MISSION.</p> <p>Following patrols set out :-</p> <p>(a) Patrol to AMUN under lt N.J.Smith - task - detection of enemy strength and disposns.</p> <p>(b) Patrol under cpl Anderson of A coy to SIPIKURA.</p> <p>(c) Patrol under L/Cpl Walsh to AKOPAI 9 miles EAST of KURAI0.</p> <p>In all cases duration of patrol was for two days.</p> <p>The following party arrived from TOROKINA by barge today.</p> <p>Comd 11 Aust Inf Bde Brig J.R. Stevenson, BGS 2 Aust Corps Brig Garrett, IO 11 Aust Inf Bde Capt C.B.Webb LO 11 Aust Bde LT F. Reiter and CO 19 Fd Amb Lt COL P.Hopkins.</p>	

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Unit 31/51 AUST INF BN ( AIF)

Date and Time.—From 23 Dec

To \_\_\_\_\_

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries &c
TOROKINA	<del>26</del> 22 Dec		<p>Details were given re change of plans for capture of AMUN as follows :-</p> <p>Air strike against AMUN at 0630 hrs 24 Dec.</p> <p>Assault by our tps for final mopping up and capture of PW. Party departed for TOROKINA at 1300 hrs.</p> <p>(3) Lt Col KELLY called a conference with IO and arranged for further patrol to proceed to AMUN as at 0600 hrs 23 Dec to intercept patrol under Lt Smith and then to remain in AMUN area for offensive on SUNDAY.</p> <p><u>BN area at TOROKINA.</u> Training is continuing.</p>	

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Unit 31/51 AUST INF BN (AIF) Date and Time.—From 23 Dec 44 To 24 Dec 44

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries &c
TOROKINA	25 Dec 44		<p><u>OPERATIONS.</u> Patrol including CO Lt Col J.Kelly and IO Lt A. Sprilyan departed from KURATIO at 0600 hrs and for AMUN. Lt N.J.Smith's patrol was met one mile south of AMUN and reported that enemy had cleared northwards from the area. AMUN was eventually occupied at 1300 hrs. A signal was despatched to HQ 11 Aust Inf Bde (AIF) to cancel the air strike but was NOT RECEIVED due to transmission difficulties. Patrol bivouaced for night at AMUN</p>	W.3008-3009 Appx. 12
	24 Dec 44		<p><u>OPERATIONS.</u> Anticipating an air strike against AMUN, CO ordered evacuation to mouth of TORE RIVER one mile south at 0600 hrs. Planes duly appeared at 0630 hrs, 21 in all approaching from the south. They circled AMUN and commenced bombing at 0640 hrs. On completion of bombing at 0710 hrs the area was well strafed for 10 minutes. The attack was accurate, huts and shelters being blown sky high.</p>	



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Unit 31/51 AUST INF BN (AIF) Date and Time.—From 24 Dec 44 To 26 Dec 44

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
TOROKINA.	24 Dec 44		<p>Barges arrived at mouth of TORE RIVER at 1100 hrs and party moved back to TOROKINA arriving at 1700 hrs.</p> <p><u>GENERAL.</u> Concert by "B" Coy. A Christmas concert was held in bn area. Although impromptu, "B" Coy entertainers gave an excellent programme.</p>	Patrol Report No 2 M1x13.
	25 Dec 44		<p><u>XMAS DAY</u> The day was spent quietly apart from Int sez engaged on compiling reports on mission to AMUN. A good Christmas dinner was served including turkey, ham, Christmas pudding and one bottle of beer per man.</p> <p>Visiting officers were entertained during the day. Visitors included Brig J.R. Stevenson D.S.O. Comd 11 Aust Inf Bde, Lt Col P.W.Hopkins CO 19 Aust Fd Arb Lt Col J. Abbott DSO Comd 26 Aust Inf Bn and Lt TAME of ANGAU who had just returned from a deep penetration patrol through Jap territory in the NORTH of BOUGAINVILLE.</p>	

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Unit 31/51 AUST INF BN (AIF)

Date and Time.—From 26 Dec 44

To 27 Dec 44

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries &c
TOROKINA	26 Dec 44		<p><u>OPERATIONS</u> After negotiations by CO Lt Col J. Kelly for establishment of a coy base at KURAI0, permission was received today to put this into effect.</p> <p>Operation Instruction No 3 was received from HQ 11 Aust Inf Bde (AIF) giving details for move and occupation of KURAI0. "B" Coy under Capt N.M.J. Harris was selected for the job.</p>	R.O. Appx 14
	27 Dec 44		<p><u>OPERATIONS</u>. Lt TAME of ANCAU gave interesting information to the bn on the strength of the Japanese in NORTH BOUGAINVILLE. (LT TAME has just returned from a 58 day patrol of these areas) He reported that 211 Japs were concentrated from SIPAAI to SORAKEN PLANTATION on WEST coast and 215 on NORTH coast from CHINPUTTS to INUS.</p> <p><u>GENERAL</u>. <u>Visitors</u>. Brig J.R. Stevenson DSO Comd 11 Aust Inf Bde (AIF) conferred with CO Lt Col J. Kelly reference the occupation of KURAI0.</p>	O.O. No 3. appx 15

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Unit 31/51 AUST INF BN (AIF)

Date and Time.—From 28 Dec 44

To 29 Dec 44

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c
TOROKINA	28 Dec 44		<p><u>OPERATIONS.</u> "B" Coy with attached tps departed from No 4 Beach TOROKINA at 0750 hrs for KURAI0. Movement was by barge. Tps included detachments from the following units:-</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">19 Aust Fd Amb (AIF)</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">11 Aust Inf Bn Sig Sec</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Det ANGAU</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Det 4 Aust Div Pro Sec</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">1 Det Mortars 31/51 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)</p> <p>Landing at KURAI0 at 1130 hrs was without incident. Maj B.J.Callinan 2 i/c accompanied "B" Coy.</p>	
	29 Dec 44		<p><u>OPERATIONS.</u> "B" Coy patrolling forward of KURAI0 . NO contact made.</p> <p>11 Pl under Lt E.J.Randall detached and proceeded on foot for AMUN to establish base for development of patrolling northwards.</p>	

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Unit 31/51 AUST INF BN (AIF)

Date and Time.—From 29 Dec 44

To 30 Dec 44

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries &c
TOROKINA	29 Dec 44		<p><u>CO's ACTIVITIES.</u> CO Lt Col J. Kelly inspected old 129 U.S. Regt area which extends from NUMA NUMA TRAIL westwards to KOROMOKINA RIVER, a frontage of 2,500 yards. It has been mooted that the Bn will take over the defence of this area. During the afternoon CO conferred with Coy Comds and discussed recent patrol to AMUN with particular reference to the following points:—</p> <p>(a) Necessity for strict control by NCOs to ensure that security of patrol is adequately catered for when at rest.</p> <p>(b) Comfort when at rest. Firstly the defence must be secure and then tps to prepare rain proof shelters and make themselves as comfortable as possible.</p> <p><u>TRANSFER of OC HQ COY.</u> Maj R. St J. PENNEY received notice of his transfer to comd of trg Bn in N.S.W., and departed for AUSTRALIA today.</p>	

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Unit 31/51 AUST INF BN (AIF) Date and Time.—From 30 Dec 44 To 31 Dec 44

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c
TOROKINA	30 Dec 44		<p><u>OPERATIONS.</u> (a) PATROL TO AMUN. 11 Pl "B" Coy established firm base at AMUN</p> <p>(b) PATROL INLAND. 1 Sec was sent out at 0700 hrs to recce track to TSIPAI.</p> <p>(c) <u>IMPENDING OPERATIONS.</u> Approval given for remainder of Bn to move to KURAI0 -AMUN areas to establish a base from which to extend operations against the enemy in northern areas and clear the WEST coast. CO decided to proceed to TORE RIVER to select a suitable position to accomodate the Bn.</p> <p><u>NEW OFFICERS.</u> The following officers joined the Bn on 29 Dec ex DUNTROON</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">NX 101882 Capt P.C.O. JAMES</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">NX 101649 Capt .W.J.WALSH</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">QX 17832 Lt W.P. STRATTON</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">All officers were previously stationed at GANUNGRA QUEENSLAND.</p>	<p>R.O. appx 16</p> <p>Patrol Report. Appx 17</p>

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Unit 31/51 AUST INF BN (ALF) Date and Time.—From 31 Dec 44 To 31 Dec 44

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c									
TOROKINA	31 Dec 44		<p><u>OPERATIONS.</u> CO Lt Col J. KELLY with IO Lt A. SPRIILYAN departed by barge at 0800 hrs for AMUN with a view to selecting Bn bivouac area. A call was made at KURATIO en route. AMUN was reached at 1230 hrs and CO returned to TOROKINA.</p> <p>Patrolling activities so far revealed NO signs of the enemy.</p> <p><u>STRENGTH</u></p> <table style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto; border: none;"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th style="text-align: center;"><u>OFFRS</u></th> <th style="text-align: center;"><u>ORs</u></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="text-align: left;">W.E.</td> <td style="text-align: center;">34</td> <td style="text-align: center;">832</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: left;">POSTED</td> <td style="text-align: center;">37</td> <td style="text-align: center;">760</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		<u>OFFRS</u>	<u>ORs</u>	W.E.	34	832	POSTED	37	760	
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NOMINAL ROLL ADVANCE PARTY.

STORES DETAIL - 31/51 AUST. INF. BN. (AIF)

SERIAL No.	ARMY No.	RANK.	NAME.	
691.	QX.48721.	S/Sgt.	LEEDS	F.J.
86	QX.27273	Pte	McCRAE	T.G.
87	QX.29505	Pte	SHERLEY	W.W.
165.	QX.47754	L/Cpl.	STRIKE.	H.E.
168	QX.47919	Pte	MINON.	B.E.
169	QX.47921	Pte	MARTIN.	A.R.
174	QX.49729	Pte	FORREST	C.A.
172	QX.48175	Pte	LUCAS.	L.A.
184	QX.51684	Pte	SHERIFF	F.R.
185	QX.52241.	Pte	GIBBON.	E.F.
264	Q.115283	Pte	BEAVEN.	R.
229	QX.37469	Pte	O'CONNOR.	E.P.

OFFICERS QUARTERS DETAIL - 31/51 AUST. INF. BN. (AIF)

114.	QX.35515.	Cpl.	McHUGH.	G.J.
117.	QX.35920	Pte	O'NEILL.	R.
123.	QX.37295	Cpl.	PERRON.	I.N.
142	QX.44569	Pte	SCANLAN.	C.J.
146	QX.46553	Pte	DALEY.	W.B.
127	Q. 38962	Pte	NEWELL	W.
<del>148</del>	<del>QX.46982</del>	<del>Sgt.</del>	<del>FERGUSON.</del>	<del>C.H.</del>
150	QX.49956	Pte	FRASER	A.C. ✓
188	QX.52609	Pte	WILLIS.	C.J.
203	QX.54084	Cpl.	BRACKLEY.	T.
215.	QX.55499	Pte	DIAKOS.	Z.A.
238	QX.59592	Pte	JEFFERIES.	R.
245	QX.59625	Pte	MITCHELL	B.J.
258	V.103767	Pte	PREUSKIE	A.J.
122.	QX.57292	Pte	YAPP	A.T.
246	QX.39869	Pte	GAMAGE.	E.
59	Sx.	Sgt.	Schapel.	D.R.

NOMINAL ROLL - GUIDE PARTY.

SERIAL No.	ARMY No.	RANK.	NAME.		UNIT
24.	QX.54018	Lt.	PONT.	H.	31/51 Aust. Inf. Bn. (AIF)
36	NX116685.	Lt.	DEVLIN.	S.	31/51 Aust. Inf. Bn. (AIF)
33	NX105166	Lt	ROACH	A.	31/51 Aust. Inf. Bn. (AIF)
270	NX.76528	Capt.	SLY	S.A.	55/53 Aust. Inf. Bn. (AIF)
75	NX134556	Lt.	DAVIS.	W.V.	55/53 Aust. Inf. Bn. (AIF)
149	QX.46934	Sgt.	JAMES.	T.H.	31/51 Aust. Inf. Bn. (AIF)
124	QX.37325	Sgt.	BUCHANAN	T.J.	31/51 Aust. Inf. Bn. (AIF)
144	N. 38776	Sgt.	WAGSTAFF	D.	55/53 Aust. Inf. Bn. (AIF)
188	NX.102309	Sgt.	MCDONALD.	J.W.	55/53 Aust. Inf. Bn. (AIF)
357	NX 113291	Sgt.	GREENSHIELDS	F.T.	55/53 Aust. Inf. Bn. (AIF)
72)	QX.59852	L/Cpl.	FOX.	G.E.	31/51 Aust. Inf. Bn. (AIF)
62)	R.Ps QX.54790	Pte	HARRIS.	R.F.	31/51 Aust. Inf. Bn. (AIF)

SHIPS STAFF

Adjte.	:	Lt.	MURPHY	
Q.M.	:	Capt.	COMBLEY	J.
S.Sgt/Maj.		W.O.(1)	CLARK.	H.
Ord. Room NCO		Cpl.	BRETT	J.
Ord. Room Clerk.		Pte	HOFFENSETZ.	R.S.A.
Postal NCO		Sgt.	POWER	A.P.J.

15 Lt. Hutchinson  
 682 - I. te Camp  
 770 - Casey  
 771 - Ryan  
 772 - Rayner  
 773 - Hammond.  
 774 - Griffiths.  
 473 - Gledstone



EMBARKATION ADVANCE PARTY

55/53 AUST. INF. BN. (AIF)

<u>SERIAL No.</u>	<u>ARMY No.</u>	<u>Rank.</u>	<u>Name.</u>		
2.	VX117057	Capt.	WHITE	E.	RMO.
19	N. 46502	Pte	BRUCE.	W.A.	Batman.
<u>BUTCHERS DETAIL.</u>					
153	N. 54775	Pte	FLETCHER	H.G.	
292	N. 50440	Pte	SNARE	N.C.	
502	QX. 27508	Pte	CODY	P.J.	
<u>MESSING DETAIL.</u>					
397	NX154482	Sgt.	THOMSON.	S.	Cook.
67	NX155105	Cpl.	RELPH.	W.R.	Cook.
278	N. 46727	Pte	LEVETT	V.P.	Cook.
525	N. 46644	Pte	HAYES.	J.H.	Cook.
650	N. 46373	Pte	ASHFON.	H.G.	Cook.
109	Q. 267231	Pte	TRINDER	H.J.	
160	NX. 21742	Pte	KIRBY.	W.S.	
203	N. 442534	Pte	GOLLETT	L.	
254	NX102928	Pte	MCCARTHY.	H.R.	
281.	N. 247527	Pte	TASKER	R.	
319	QX. 52101	Pte	KREIS.	B.C.	
355	WX. 41446	Pte	KEEN.	G.G.	
393	WX. 39310	Pte	HURLEY	M.J.	
441.	S. 39104	Pte	BURGESS.	R.J.	
476	T102346	Pte	LAMPKIN.	A.R.	
514	TX. 14422	Pte	GEALE.	N.L.	
515	TX. 14562	Pte	JONES.	R.J.	
547	N. 22674	Pte	SMITH.	J. St.C.	
550	N. 210040	Pte	CHERITON.	M.L.G.	
592	N. 268310	Pte	FLEMING.	D.G.	
594	N. 451698	Pte	CROCK.	C.R.	
677	N. 263785	Pte	BAIN.	S.M.	
680.	N. 445247	Pte	LOCKHART	J.	
705	N. 46748	Pte	MILES.	P.	
721.	WX. 22718	Pte	DUFFELL	D.P.	

# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Army Form W.3008  
(Adapted) (Page 1)  
(Revised Jan., 1943)

1944 41

(Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 2 / 12 / 1944 31/51 AUST INF BN (AIF) (Unit)

W.E. 11 / 120 / 3 OFFRS. 33 O.R.'s. 769 + OFFRS. 1 O.R.'s. 32 ATT. BY W.E. *APPX. 2.*

## PART A.—POSTED STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1      2      3      4				5	6      7      8      9      10									
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.					Rein'ts Required.				
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.					
	1 2	8	1 2 6 28 1	* * Lieut.-Colonels Majors Captains Lieutenants Quarter-masters A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs.	A.A.M.C.	1								
	3	8	38			1								
		DETAIL	A	A.I.F.	B	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
		A.	38	1										39
		E.(1)												
		E.(2)												

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).

\* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.  
\*\* Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Col. Particulars will be shown, e.g., 20 U.K. Forces; 10 N.Z. Forces.

## PART B.—PARTICULARS OF OFFICERS JOINED OR QUITTED DURING WEEK.

### OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit From.	Date.	CAUSE.
VX4024	Lt.	REITER F.A.	Marched In	25/11/44	From LHQ Tactical School
QX34012	Lt.	GILLMAN N.J.	" "	25/11/44	Returned from hospital
NX 12214	Lt.Col	KELLY J.	" "	30/11/44	taken on strength Comd.

### OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
VX4024	Lt.	REITER F.A.	11 Aust Inf Bde	29/11/44	Special duty & trans to X list
NX69	Lt.Col.	PARBURY P.K.	Marched Out	29/11/44	On transfer to 2/7 A.I.

## PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO.....(Unit) IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED. .... / ..... / 194.....

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 2/12/1944 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Lt. Col.	NX 12214	KELLY J.	J.	Comd	Yes		
Major	VX 50081	CALLINAN	B.J.	2 i/c	Yes		
Major	OX 40802	PENNEY	R.St.J.	OC HQ	Yes		
Capt.	WX 17165	COMBLEY	J.	2 i/c D	Yes		
Capt.	OX 33838	DOWNS	H.C.	OC A	Yes		
Capt.	OX 33699	TITLEY	T.H.A.	OC D	Yes		
Capt.	WX 29257	BENTLEY	N.H.	2ic C	Yes		
Capt.	VX 3379	SHILTON	A.L.	OC C	Yes		
Capt.	NX109005	HOWARTH	R.	-	Yes		
Capt.	OX 34014	KAHLER	B.E.	OM	Yes		
Lt.	OX 34669	RIGBY	L.	2ic B	Yes		
Lt.	OX 33098	AUMULLER	J.H.	T O	Yes		
Lt.	OX 34006	RILEY	H.M.	OC 16	Yes		
Lt.	OX 35810	SMITH	R.D.B.	A/T.O	Yes		
Lt.	OX 34012	GILLMAN	N.J.	OC 15	Yes		
Lt.	OX 40798	ROODAKOFF	A.	2ic A	Yes		
Lt.	OX 34018	PONT	H.	OC 2	Yes		
Lt.	OX 61435	BAK	C.J.	OC 3	Yes		
Lt.	OX 34016	SMITH	A.E.	AssAdj	Yes		
Lt.	OX 34015	KENNY	J.P.	OC 17	Yes		
Lt.	OX 34010	EVANS	W.F.P.	OC 8	Yes		
Lt.	OX 33702	HUTCHINSON	H.C.	-	Yes		
Lt.	OX 33843	HYDE	B.E.	-	Yes		
Lt.	OX 45093	GOULD	D.M.	OC 4	Yes		
Lt.	VX104043	HANCOCK	J.R.	OC 13	Yes		
Lt.	OX 43074	MAHON	J.L.	OC 1	Yes		
Lt.	VX 3205	KNIGHT	K.C.	OC 5	Yes		
Lt.	VX 4122	PATTERSON	G.J.	-	Yes		
Lt.	WX 26684	SPRILYAN	A.	IO	Yes		
Lt.	OX 51373	CUNNINGTON	H.C.	-	Yes		
Lt.	NX152755	DAVIDSON	C.J.	-	Yes		
Lt.	NX106142	LINDSAY	D.H.	OC 18	Yes		
Lt.	NX105166	ROACH	A.	-	Yes		
Lt.	NX116603	DEVLIN	S.V.	-	Yes		
Lt.	NX 14999	SMITH	N.J.	OC 7	Yes		
Lt.	OX 8311	RANDALL	A.J.	OC 11	Yes		
Lt.	SX 9780	EBSARY	E.J.	OC 14	Yes		
Lt.	OX 23652	COULTON	L.R.J.	OC 10	Yes		
Capt.	OX 48886	HYNES	J.V.	RMO	Yes		

PART E.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER UNITS.

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
Capt.	WX 22706	WHENT L.G.	AACHD	21/10/44	Chaplain
Welfare Officer	UZZELL J.G		Sal Army	13/3/44	Salvation Army Red Shield Representative

2 DEC 44  
Date of Despatch

*J. Kelly* Lt.Col.  
Commander 31/51 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

# FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

1944 / 41 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 2 / 12 / 1944 51/51 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

W.E. 11 / 120 / 3 OFFRS. 33 O.R's. 769 + OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 32 ATT. BY W.E.

## Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.
	1		-	W.Os. Class I.					
	2		4	W.Os. Class II.	A.A.C.G.	1			
			5	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.					
		1	1	Staff Sergeants					
	9		23	Sergeants		8		1	
	12	2	57	Corporals		7		1	
	20	17	647	Troopers, Privates, etc.		20	6		
				Civilians counting as O.R.					
32 *	52	20	737 *	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.		36 *	6	2	*

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 7 of instructions for compilation of this return will complete analysis of Part B(1) and B(2).

\*\* Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Col Particulars will be shown, e.g., 20 U.K. Forces, 10 N.Z. Forces.

Detail	A.I.F.		C.M.F.		A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
	A	B	Under 19 Years	19 Years and over.							
A	639	1	143	-							773
B(1)											
B(2)											

## Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

## Part C. Other Ranks Included in Part A Detached to Other Units.

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.
				1 Sjt.	Qlā Bch & Records Warwick		
				17	A.W.L.		

## Part D. Description of Other Ranks Whose Return To (Unit) is Particularly Requested. 25 / 11 / 1944

Army No	Rank.	Name and Initials.	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).
94132	Pte	LEES R.A.	No.5 Wing, 1 Aust MG Trg Bn Bathurst N.S.W.

**PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 2 / 12 / 1944 .**

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, R.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangefinders	4	4	-
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths	1	1	-					Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radlographers				Stevadores			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical	4	2	3
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers	27	22	-	Tailors	2	2	-
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Bollermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters				Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners	6	5	-	Wireman				<u>Non-specialists</u>			
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners				Tk/A Nos	22	21	-
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics								Gen.Duties	3	3	-
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)								MMG Nos	25	24	-
Fitters				Driver-Operator								Mortar Nos	78	78	-
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers								Pioneers	33	29	-
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians								Batmen	35	35	-
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)								Hyg.Duties	4	4	-
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors				Orderlies	32	24	-
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers	1	1	-	Regt.Police	7	7	-
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	13	11	-	S.Bearers	21	19	-
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply				Drivers MT	12	12	-
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical				Water Duties	2	2	-
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	10	7	-	Coach Trimmers				Storemen	11	11	-
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors				MG & Rflmn	415	396	32
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks					769	737	32
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies				ATTACHED BY W.E.	32	36	-
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders							
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals							
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.	-	1	-				
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics	-	8	-				
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Optn. Plant							
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.							
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers	1	-	-				
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers	-	7	-				
CARRIED FORWARD	1	1	-	CARRIED FORWARD	17	13	-	CARRIED FORWARD	59	63	-	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	801	773	32

NOTES.—(a) If rank other than private is involved give details on back.  
 (b) Authorised trades or specialists not included in list will be added as required in spaces provided.  
 (c) Where A.W.A.S. and/or A.A.M.W.S. personnel are desired show details on back.  
 (d) Where replacement not desired note accordingly on return by insertion of N.R. in col. "Reints. Required."  
 (e) Where any request or notation is made on back of form, the words "See Back" should be written in one of the blank spaces on this page.

2 DEC 44  
Date of Despatch

*J. Kelly* Lt. Col.  
Comd. 51/51 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)  
Signature of Commander

SL/51 MUST INF BN (AIF)  
 W. 3009 for week ending 2 Dec 44  
 Serial No 1944/41

MEDICAL CLASSIFICATIONS OTHER THAN CLASS A1

QX 55617      W.O. (11)    COLLETT    J.M.    B2    R.Q.M.S. (with unit)

PERSONNEL HELD SUPPLEMENTARY TO ESTABLISHMENT.

QX 47679	Cpl.	MYLNER	R.H.	A1	General Dutymen (Canteen)
QX 55712	Pte.	PICCOLI	J.A.	A1	Dr Mech T/G 111
QX 37378	Pte.	MORAN	T.G.	A1	Dr Mech T/G 111
QX 33807	1/2pl.	FELTHAM	K.	A1	Dr Mech T/G 111
Q 32955	Pte.	CHRISTIE	F.H.	A1	Dr Mech T/G 111
HX119856	Pte.	COLMAN	O.E.	A1	Dr Mech T/G 111
HX111194	Pte.	HOGGES	A.L.	A1	Dr Mech T/G 111
HX111201	Pte.	HOVING	R.G.	A1	Dr Mech T/G 111
HX 51180	Pte.	PORTER	G.	A1	Dr Mech T/G 111
HX142119	Pte.	O'CONNOR	J.P.	A1	Driver HE T/G 111
HX156500	Pte.	HANFORD	R.E.	A1	Gunlayer T/G 111
HX156583	Pte.	GARDNER	B.S.	A1	Gunlayer T/G 111
HX156935	Pte.	LING	H.B.	A1	Gunlayer T/G 111
HX156937	Pte.	LANE	J.	A1	Gunlayer T/G 111
HX156935	Pte.	GREEN	W.J.	A1	Gunlayer T/G 111
HX156939	Pte.	SLATER	H.S.	A1	Gunlayer T/G 111
TX 13072	Pte.	WRIGHT	L.	A1	Gunlayer T/G 111
HX 8908	Pte.	MAVOR	P.D.E.	A1	Tech Storeman T/G 111

SL/51 MUST INF BN (AIF)  
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DETAILS OF PERSONNEL ATTACHED BY W.E.

		<u>H.F.</u>	<u>ROTTED</u>	<u>SURPLUS</u>	<u>DEFICIENT</u>
W.O. (11)	A.A.C.G.	1	1	-	-
Sjts.	A.A.P.C.	1	1	-	-
	A.A.P.S.	1	1	-	-
	A.A.H.C.	2	2	-	-
	A.A.C.G.	5	4	-	1
Cpls.	A.A.P.C.	1	1	-	-
	A.A.C.C.	1	1	-	-
	A.A.C.G.	5	4	-	1
	A.A.H.C.	1	1	-	-
Ptes.	A.A.H.C.	1	1	-	-
	A.A.C.G.	13	10	3	-
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		32	36	4	2
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31/51-AUST INF BN (AIF)  
 W.3009 for week ending 2 Dec 44  
 Serial No. 1944/41.

DETAILS OF SURPLUSES AND DEFICIENCIES IN RANKS AND TRADES

	<u>W.E.</u>	<u>POSTED</u>	<u>SURPLUS</u>	<u>DEFICIENT</u>
<u>Blacksmith</u>	1 O/R	1 O/R	-	-
<u>Carpenters</u>	6 O/Rs	5 O/Rs	-	1 O/R
<u>Intelligence Duties</u>	1 Sjt 2 Cpls 7 O/Rs	- 2 Cpls 5 O/Rs	- - -	1 Sjt - 2 O/Rs
<u>Signallers</u>	1 Sjt 4 Cpls 22 O/Rs	- 3 Cpls 19 O/Rs	- - -	1 Sjt 1 Cpl 3 O/Rs
<u>Butcher</u>	1 O/R	1 O/R	-	-
<u>Equipment Repairer</u>	1 O/R	-	-	1 O/R
<u>Rangefinders</u>	4 O/Rs	4 O/Rs	-	-
<u>Tailors</u>	1 Sjt 1 Cpl	1 S/Sjt 1 Cpl	1 S/Sjt -	1 Sjt -
<u>Tk/A Nos</u>	3 Sjts 4 Cpls 15 O/Rs	2 Sjts 4 Cpls 15 O/Rs	- - -	1 Sjt - -
<u>General Duties</u>	3 O/Rs -	2 O/Rs 1 Cpl	- 1 Cpl	1 O/R -
<u>M.M.G. Nos.</u>	3 Sjts 2 Cpls 20 O/Rs	1 Sjt 3 Cpls 20 O/Rs	- 1 Cpl -	2 Sjts - -
<u>Mortar Nos.</u>	5 Sjts 5 Cpls 68 O/Rs	5 Sjts 5 Cpls 68 O/Rs	- - -	- - -
<u>Pioneers</u>	1 Sjt 4 Cpls 23 O/Rs	- 3 Cpls 26 O/Rs	- - -	1 Sjt 1 Cpl 2 O/Rs
<u>Batmen</u>	35 O/Rs	35 O/Rs	-	-
<u>Hygiene Duties</u>	4 O/Rs	4 O/Rs	-	-
<u>Orderlies</u>	32 O/Rs	24 O/Rs	-	8 O/Rs
<u>Regtl. Police</u>	1 Sjt 6 O/Rs	1 Sjt 6 O/Rs	- -	- -
<u>Stretcher Bearers</u>	1 Sjt 2 Cpls 18 O/Rs	1 Sjt 1 Cpl 17 O/Rs	- - -	- 1 Cpl 1 O/R
<u>Clerks</u>	1 WO(11) 2 Sjts 6 Cpls 4 O/Rs	1 WO(11) 2 Sjts 4 Cpls 4 O/Rs	- - - -	- - 2 Cpls -
<u>Drivers M.T.</u>	1 Cpl 11 O/Rs	1 Cpl 11 O/Rs	- -	- -
<u>Storemen (Tech)</u>	1 Sjt 3 O/Rs	- 3 O/Rs	- 1 O/R <sup>3</sup>	1 Sjt 1 O/R

	<u>W.E.</u>	<u>POSTED</u>	<u>SURPLUS</u>	<u>DEFICIENT</u>
<u>Water Duties</u>	2 O/Rs	2 O/Rs	-	-
<u>Storemen</u>	5 S/Sjts 6 O/Rs	5 S/Sjts 6 O/Rs	- -	- -
<u>Driver Mechanics</u>	-	8 O/Rs	8 O/Rs	-
<u>Drivers H.T.</u>	-	1 O/R	1 O/R	-
<u>Gunlayers</u>	-	7 O/Rs	7 O/Rs	-
<u>L.M.G.Nos &amp; Rflmn</u>	1 WO(1) 5 WO(11) 12 Sjts 36 Cpls 361 O/Rs	- 3 WO(11) 11 Sjts 29 Cpls 353 O/Rs	- - - - -	1 W.O. (1) 2 W.O. (11) 1 Sjt. 7 Cpls. 8 O/Rs

SUMMARY.

W. O. (1)	1	-	-	1
W.O. (11)	6	4	-	2
C.Q.M.S.	5	5	-	-
S/Sjt	-	1	1	-
Sjts.	32	23	-	9
Cpls.	67	57	2	12
O/Rs.	658	647	17	28
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	769	737	30	52
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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

Serial No. 61...

ROUTINE ORDERS - PART 1

Nos. 121/130

BY

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LT. COL. J. KELLY - COMD. - 31/51 AUST. INF. BN. (AIF)

13 DEC. 1944.

DUTIES.

<u>Date.</u>	<u>Duty Coy.</u>	<u>Orderly Officer.</u>
12/13 Dec. 44	C. Coy.	Lt. J. R. HANCOCK.
13/14 Dec. 44	D. Coy.	Lt. G. J. PATTERSON.
14/15 Dec. 44	HQ. Coy.	Lt. D. M. GOULD.
15/16 Dec. 44	A. Coy.	Lt. A. ROACH
16/17 Dec. 44	B. Coy.	Lt. E. J. RANDALL
17/18 Dec. 44	C. Coy.	Lt. E. J. EBSARY
18/19 Dec. 44	D. Coy.	Lt. S. DEVLIN.

Duty Coy will supply -

Guard of 1 Sgt, 1 Cpl and 9 O.Rs  
1 Bn. Orderly Sjt.  
1 Bn. Orderly Cpl.  
1 Bn. Runner

121 CENSORSHIP.

- Field Censorship reports that Unit Franking Officers are excising from soldiers mail matters and comments that do not constitute breaches of security.
- Letters are subject to censorship for security purposes only. Exercise of censorship for other purposes gives rise to resentment among other ranks and tends to lead to evasion of censorship.
- Franking Officers must regard as sacrosanct all information they learn from censoring soldiers letters and must not divulge such information except in the course of duty, or discuss the contents of soldiers letters amongst themselves. Breaches of this order will entail severe disciplinary action.
- Until further notice, personnel under command 2 Aust Corps or 4 Aust Base Sub Area are NOT permitted to state that they are in the SOLOMONS, or to mention change of location, or to give any indication of movement either from the mainland or NEW GUINEA.

Further, NO reference is permitted to well known topographical features in the Northern SOLOMONS, such as volcanoes, which would indicate the presence of Australian troops in this group of Islands.

122 DRESS

(a) Shirts will be worn at all times except when bathing, and in case of work parties engaged in strenuous activities, ONLY on the specific approval of the Officer Commanding. Sleeves will be rolled down and buttoned at the wrist between the hours of 1800L and 0600L.

(b) Trousers and gaiters will be worn at all times. Shorts, running trunks and swimming trunks will not be worn.

The only exception to the above provisions is when personnel may be authorized to wear recognised sports costume during daylight hours, periods for which will be laid down in Routine Orders.

(c) Boots will be worn at all times.

123. CORRESPONDENCE COURSES - SYDNEY TECHNICAL COLLEGE.

(a) The Sydney Technical College will be closed from 15 Dec. 44 to 15 Jan. 45 (inclusive)

(b) Students already enrolled should be informed that, as many tutors will be unavailable, tutorial assistance during that period will be reduced.

(c) Applications for enrolment lodged with Unit Education Officers after 7 Dec. 44 will not be acted upon until after 15 Jan. 44.

124. AMERICAN POST EXCHANGES

All Post Exchanges both Unit and Bulk Warehouses are out of bounds to all Australian Troops.

125. SECURITY

Where Army Forms provide for "Place" to be stated "In the Field" will be used.

126. BATHING.

(a) Where any bathing is indulged in, provision will be made for Life Saving and First Aid Parties.

(b) Injuries have been caused by "dumpers" and all personnel will be warned against this danger.

(c) Nude bathing is prohibited.

125 CHRISTMAS PERIOD TELEGRAMS.

(a) The EFM telegram service to the United Kingdom is suspended from 4 - 25 Dec. 44 inclusive. The service is being maintained with the Middle East, but Christmas Greetings texts are NOT available.

(b) Social Letter Telegram Service (providing texts for greetings and family news) is available to the United Kingdom and Canada. Rate 5d per word.

(c) Normal RMG Service only is available for Christmas Greetings to the mainland of Australia.

126 PACKING MATERIALS - BEER BOTTLES.

Straw and cardboard envelopes used as packing materials for bottles of beer are in very short supply. All such envelopes together with empty bottles cases and lids will be preserved for return to Salvage under arrangements by Pioneer Officer.

127. DISPOSAL OF WASTE.

(a) All waste food and tins or containers (NOT including returnable or salvagable tins) will be disposed of by incineration. Burial of Garbage is NOT permitted.

(b) Requirements of 44 Gal. Drums for construction of incinerators will be submitted to the Q.M.

(c) Liquid kitchen waste will be disposed of daily by means of properly constructed, covered and flyproof soakage pits.

(d) After incineration refuse will be dumped under arrangements by Q.M. Tins must be flattened and punctured before dumping.

(e) Water from showers and ablution benches will be directed into fly proof soakage pits.

128. WATER

Water supplied from water points is chlorinated but not detasted. Water from other sources will be superchlorinated or boiled.

129. TRAFFIC CONTROL.

Speed limit for all vehicles will not exceed 20 m.p.h.

130. SECURITY.

No documents, maps, diagrams etc relating to dispositions, or future intentions will be carried by any individual outside the TOROKINA perimeter except those which are essential to the operations or administration of the individual sub unit concerned.

Coys will keep all such documents in a locked box and have a bottle of petrol available to destroy them should the necessity arise.

Capt.  
Adj. 31/51 Aust. Inf. Bn. (AIF)

*W. Deane*

*MB-1*

31/51 AUST INF BN (AIF) OPERATION  
INSTRUCTION NO 1

SECRET

Copy No  
13 Dec 44

Ref Maps: CAPE MOLTKE 1" to 1 Mile  
ENLARGEMENT AAF CHART NO 7  
1 INCH TO 1 MILE

INFORMATION

1. Enemy

- (a) Recce patrols report NIL enemy sightings along the coast track TOROKINA- KURAI0 MISSION 306173.
- (b) 35 enemy troops occupy AMUN ref map BOUGAINVILLE NORTH 4 miles to 1 inch 2526 and arms include 1 HMG and 2 LMGs

2. Own tps

- (a) NO allied tps are at present operating on the coast NORTH of LARUMA RIVER, but two ANGAU patrols are operating NORTH of KURAI0 and may possibly use coastal route when returning to this base.
- (b) A standing Patrol of two sections occupy MARILAN OP 503947.
- (c) INDIAN ARMY ESCAPEES with or without ANGAU guides may contact patrol en route or at KURAI0 MISSION.

INTENTION

3. 31/51 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) will patrol coastal route TOROKINA - to incl KURAI0 MISSION.

METHOD

4. Composition of patrol

- (a) 16 PL D Coy 31/51 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
- (b) 1 Offr and 1 Spr 16 Aust Fd Coy RAE
- (c) 3 Sigs
- (d) 2 Int personnel
- (e) 1 Medical orderly
- (f) 1 ANGAU Offr
- (g) 2 members of RPC
- (h) 5 native bearers
- (i) 1 Int OR 11 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)

5. O.C. Party Lt. H. Riley D Coy 31/51 Aust Inf Bn

6. Tasks

- (a) Detection of any exploitation by enemy tps SOUTH of KURAI0 MISSION
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- (e) Report on areas en route suitable for establishment of a firm base to cover requirements of an inf coy gp to develop patrolling activities.
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**8. Timings**

- (A) out - 140600L
- (b) in - 192200L

**9. (c) Intermediate**

<u>DAY</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
D	biv for night HOUSE KIAPÉ
D plus 1	est base at KURAI0 MISSION
D plus 2 and 3	Patrols operate from this firm base
D plus 4 and 5	Return trip to TOROKINA

**9. Start Point** LARUMA RIVER map ref 498952

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**13.** Any documents likely to fall into enemy hands will be destroyed.

**14** Patrol will cover and conceal all traces of its activities

**ADMINISTRATION**

- 15. Amn** 100 SAA per man, 8 mags per Bren, 2 grenades p r man, 240 rds per OSMG 12 rds HE 2" mortar.
  - 16. Supply** 6 days rations plus one emergency will be supplied. In the case of native carriers ration scale NEW GUINEA will be supplied.
  - 17. Medical** Med kit will be carried by med orderly and individual first aid kit by each man
  - 18. Tpt.** MT will transport party from camp area leaving Bn HQ at 14 140530L and for return trip MT will meet patrol at SP. at 192200L
  - 19. PW** PW will be handed over to 11 Aust Inf Bde Pro det.
  - 20. IND Escapees.** Hand over to HQ 11 Aust Inf Bde.
  - 21. Natives.** In the event of action in or near native village inhabitants will be evacuated and handed over to ANGAU
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**ACKNOWLEDGE**  
Signed at 133700L

*[Signature]*  
Adjt 31/51 Aust Inf Bn

*War Diary*

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Adjt 31/51 Aust Inf Bn

# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Army Form W.3008  
(Adapted) (Page 1)  
(Revised Jan., 1943)

1944 / ..... (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 16 12/1944 31/51 AUSTINE BN (AIF) (Unit)

W.E. 11/120/3 OFFRS. 33 O.R's. 769 + OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 32 ATT. BY W.E.

## PART A.—POSTED STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.											
1	2	3	4		5	6	7	8	9	10						
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.							
	1		1	*												
	1		2	*												
	1		7	Lieut.-Colonels												
			4	Majors	AAMC											
			24	Captains		1										
			1	Lieutenants												
				Quarter-masters												
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.												
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.												
	2		35			1										
				DETAIL	A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.		
Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).				A.	36	-								36.		
				E.(1)												
				E.(2)												

\* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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## PART B.—PARTICULARS OF OFFICERS JOINED OR QUITTED DURING WEEK.

### OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit From.	Date.	CAUSE.
<del>QX34011</del>	<del>Capt.</del>	<del>GIRARD. B.W.</del>	<del>Returned from</del>	<del>LHQ School of MI</del>	<del>2/12/44.</del>
<del>VX 5200</del>	<del>Capt.</del>	<del>HARRIS. N.M.J.</del>	<del>Returned from</del>	<del>LHQ School of MI</del>	<del>2/12/44.</del>

### OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
<del>QX51373</del>	<del>Lt.</del>	<del>CUNNINGTON.</del>	<del>H.C.M/O to attend</del>	<del>course FAARTS on</del>	<del>2/12/44.</del>
<del>QX33838</del>	<del>Capt</del>	<del>DOWNS.</del>	<del>H.C.M/O to attend</del>	<del>course LHQ Tactical School</del>	
<del>NX152755.</del>	<del>Lt.</del>	<del>DAVIDSON.</del>	<del>C.J.M/O to Aust Trg Centre (JW) CANUNGRA</del>	<del>6/12/44</del>	
			<del>for duty</del>	<del>2/12/44.</del>	
<del>QX 33098</del>	<del>Lt.</del>	<del>AUMULLER.</del>	<del>J.H.M/O to GDD REDBANK</del>	<del>for disposal (B2)</del>	<del>6/12/44.</del>
<del>QX 338-3</del>	<del>Lt</del>	<del>HYDE.</del>	<del>BE. M/O to GDD REDBANK</del>	<del>FOR disposal</del>	<del>6/12/44.</del>

## PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO ..... (Unit) IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED. .... / ..... /194.....

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 16 / DEC / 1944 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
LtCol.	NX 12214	KELLY	J.	Comd.	Yes.		
Major.	VX 50081	CALLINAN.	B.J.	2 1/c	Yes.		
Major.	QX 40802	PENNEY.	R.StJ.	OC HQ	Yes.		
Capt.	WX 11165	COMBLEY.	J.	2ic D	Yes.		
Capt.	QX 33699	TITLEY.	T.H.A.	OC	D Yes.		
Capt.	QX 34011	GIRARD.	B.W.	Adjt.	Yes.		
Capt.	WX 29257	BENTLEY.	N.H.	2ic C	Yes.		
Capt.	VX 3379	SHILTON.	A.L.	OC	C Yes.		
Capt.	VX 5200	HARRIS.	N.M.J.	OC	B Yes.		
Capt.	NX109005	HOMARTH.	R.	-	Yes.		
Capt.	QX 34024	KANDER	B.E.	Q.M.	Yes.		
Lt.	QX 34669	RIGBY.	L.	2ic B	Yes.		
Lt.	QX 34006	RILEY.	H.M.	OC 16	Yes.		
Lt.	QX 35810	SMITH.	R.D.B.	T.O.	No.	Special Duty.	2/12/44.
Lt.	QX 34012	GILLMAN.	N.J.	OC 15	Yes.		
Lt.	QX 40798	ROODAKOFF.	A.	2ic A	Yes.		
Lt.	QX 34028	PONT.	H.	OC 2	Yes.		
Lt.	QX 61435	BAK.	C.J.	OC 3	Yes.		
Lt.	QX 34026	SMITH	A.E.	AssAdjt	Yes.		
Lt.	QX 34015	KENNY.	J.P.	OC 17	Yes.		
Lt.	QX 34010	EVANS.	W.F.P.	OC 8	Yes.		
Lt.	QX 33702	HUTCHINSON.	H.C.	-	Yes.		
Lt.	QX 45093	GOULD.	D.M.	OC 4	Yes.		
Lt.	VX104043	HANCOCK.	J.R.	OC 13	Yes.		
Lt.	QX 43074	MAHON.	J.L.	OC 1	Yes.		
Lt.	VX 3205	KNIGHT.	K.C.	OC 5	Yes.		
Lt.	VX 4122	PATTERSON	G.J.	-	Yes.		
Lt.	WX 26684	SPRILLYAN.	A.	I.O.	Yes.		
Lt.	NX106142	LINDSAY.	D.M.	OC 18	Yes.		
Lt.	NX105166	ROACH.	A.	-	Yes.		
Lt.	NX116603	DEVLIN.	S.V.	-	Yes.		
Lt.	NX 14999	SMITH.	N.J.	OC 7	Yes.		
Lt.	QX 8311	RANDALL.	A.J.	OC 21	Yes.		
Lt.	SX 9780	EBSARY	E.J.	OC 14	Yes.		
Lt.	QX 23652	COULTON.	L.R.J.	OC 10	Yes.		
Capt.	QX 48886	HYNES.	J.V.	R.M.O.	Yes.		

PART E.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER UNITS.

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
Capt.	WX 22706	WHEENT. L.G.	AACHD	21/10/44	Chaplain.
Welfare Officer.		UZZELL. J.G.	Sal Army.	13/3/44.	Salvation Army Red Shield Representative.

16 DEC 44.  
Date of Despatch

*J. Kelly* Lt.Col.  
Signature of Commander  
31/51 AUST INF BN (AIF)



# FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

1944 42

(Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 16/12/1944 31/51 Aust Inf Bn (Unit) (AIF)

W.E. II 120 / 3 OFFRS. 33 O.R's. 769 + OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 32 ATT. BY W.E.

## Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.
	1		-	W.Os. Class I.					
	2		4	W.Os. Class II.		1			
			5	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.					
		1	1	Staff Sergeants					
	8		24	Sergeants		8		1	
	12	2	57	Corporals		7		1	
	15	12	655	Troopers, Privates, etc.		20	7	1	
				Civilians counting as O.R.					
23*	38	15	746*	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.		36*	7	3	*

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 7 of instructions for compilation of this return will complete analysis of Part B(1) and B(2).

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Detail	C.M.P.				A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
	A.I.F.	Under 19 Years	19 Years and over								
A	631	3	148	-							782
B(1)											
B(2)											

## Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

## Part C. Other Ranks Included in Part A Detached to Other Units.

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.
1 O/R.	11 Aust Inf Bde.			1 Sjt.	Q Land Ech and Records.		
				16 A.W.L.			
				13 Special Duty.			
				14 Sick 100 ccs			

## Part D. Description of Other Ranks Whose Return To (Unit) is Particularly Requested. 16/12/1944.

31/51 AUST INF BN (AIF)

Army No	Rank.	Name and Initials.	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).
VX 94132	pte.	LEUNG. R.A.	No 3 Wing 1 Aust MG Trg Bn BATHURST. N.S.W.

**PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 16/DEC/1944.**

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, E.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Sangetakers	4	4	-
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths	1	1	-					Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevedores			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Siaty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				<b>GROUP II.</b>				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical	4	2	-
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers	27	21	-	Tailors	2	2	-
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters	6	5	-	Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners							
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics											
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)											
Fitters				Driver-Operator											
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers											
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians											
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitters (Instrument)				Flr. Control Operators				<b>GROUP III.</b>							
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors							
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers	1	1					
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	13	11					
Grinder, Precision				Helo Operator				Clerks, Supply							
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical							
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	10	8	-	Coach Trimmers							
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors							
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks							
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies							
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders							
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals							
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.							
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics							
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant							
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.							
Photewriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers	1	-	-				
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD	1	1	-	CARRIED FORWARD	17	14		CARRIED FORWARD	39	47	-	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7 and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	301	782	23

**Non-Specialists.**  
 S/A Nos. 22 21 -  
 Sea Duties 3 4 -  
 ENG Nos. 25 24 -  
 Mortar Nos 79 78 -  
 Pioneers. 33 28 -  
 Batmen. 35 35 -  
 Hvy Duties. 4 4 -  
**DETAILS OF NON-SPECIALISTS.**  
 Orderlies. 32 27 -  
 Regtl Police. 7 7 -  
 S. Bearers. 21 20 -  
 Drivers Mt. 12 12 -  
 Water Duties 2 2 -  
 Storemen 11 11 -  
 ENG & Rifle-  
 men. 415 418 23  
 759 746 23  
 ATTACHED BY W.E. 32 36 -

NOTES.—(a) If rank other than private is involved give details on back.  
 (b) Authorized trades or specialists not included in list will be added as required in spaces provided.  
 (c) Where A.W.A.S. and/or A.A.M.W.S. personnel are desired show details on back.  
 (d) Where replacement not desired note accordingly on return by insertion of N.E. in col. "Reints. Required."  
 (e) Where any request or notation is made on back of form, the words "See Back" should be written in one of the blank spaces on this page.

16 DEC 44  
Date of Despatch

*J. Kelly*  
Signature of Commander Lt. Col.  
COB. 31/51 AUST

31/51 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

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Serial No 1944/ 42.

DETAILS OF SURPLUS AND DEFICIENCIES IN RANKS AND TRADES.

<u>TR. DE.</u>	<u>W.E.</u>	<u>POSTED.</u>	<u>SURPLUS</u>	<u>DEFICIENT.</u>
<u>Blacksmith.</u>	1 O/R.	1 O/R.	0	-
<u>Carpenters.</u>	6 O/Rs.	5 O/Rs.	-	1 O/R.
<u>Intelligence Duties</u>	1 Sjt.	-	-	1 Sjt.
	2 Cpls.	2 Cpls.	-	-
	7 O/Rs.	6 O/Rs.	-	1 O/R.
<u>Signallers.</u>	1 Sjt.	-	-	1 Sjt.
	4 Cpls.	2 Cpls.	-	2 Cpls.
	22 O/Rs.	19 O/Rs.	-	3 O/Rs.
<u>Butcher.</u>	1 O/R.	1 O/R.	-	-
<u>Equipment Repairer</u>	1 O/R.	-	-	1 O/R.
<u>Rangefakers.</u>	4 O/Rs.	4 O/Rs.	-	-
<u>Tailors.</u>	1 Sjt.	1 S/Sjt.	1 S/Sjt.	1 Sjt.
	1 Cpl.	1 Cpl.	-	-
<u>Tk/A Nos.</u>	3 Sjts.	2 Sjts.	-	1 Sjt.
	4 Cpls.	4 Cpls.	-	-
	15 O/Rs.	15 O/Rs.	-	-
<u>General Duties.</u>	3 O/Rs.	3 O/Rs.	-	-
	-	1 Cpl.	1 Cpl.	-
<u>MMG Nos.</u>	3 Sjts.	1 Sjt.	-	2 Sjts.
	2 Cpls.	3 Cpls.	1 Cpl.	-
	20 O/Rs.	20 O/Rs.	-	-
<u>Mortar Nos.</u>	5 Sjts.	5 Sjts.	-	-
	5 Cpls.	5 Cpls.	-	-
	68 O/Rs.	68 O/Rs.	-	-
<u>Pioneers.</u>	1 Sjt.	-	-	1 Sjt.
	4 Cpls.	3 Cpls.	-	1 Cpl.
	28 O/Rs.	25 O/Rs.	-	3 O/Rs.

<u>Trade</u>	<u>W.E.</u>	<u>POSTED.</u>	<u>SURPLUS</u>	<u>DEFICIENT.</u>
<u>Batmen.</u>	35 O/Rs.	35 O/Rs.	-	-
<u>Hygiene Duties.</u>	4 O/Rs.	4 O/Rs.	-	-
<u>Orderlies.</u>	32 O/Rs.	27 O/Rs.	-	5 O/Rs.
<u>Regtlpolice.</u>	1 Sjt. 6 O/Rs.	1 Sjt. 6 O/Rs.	- -	- -
<u>Stretcher bearers.</u>	1 Sjt. 2 Cpls. 18 O/Rs.	1 Sjt. 1 Cpl. 18 O/Rs.	- - -	- 1 Cpl. -
<u>Clerks.</u>	1 W.O(ii) RQMS. 2 Sjts. 6 Cpls. 4 O/Rs.	1 W.O(ii) 2 Sjts. 4 Cpls. 4 O/Rs.	- - - -	- - 2 Cpls. -
<u>Drivers. M.T.</u>	1 Cpl. 11 O/Rs.	1 Cpl. 11 O/Rs.	- -	- -
<u>Storemen Technical.</u>	1 Sjt. 3 O/Rs.	2 O/Rs.	- -	1 Sjt/ 1 O/R.
<u>Water Duties.</u>	2 O/Rs.	2 O/Rs.	-	-
<u>Storemen.</u>	5 S/Sjts. 6 O/Rs.	5 S/Sjts. 6 O/Rs.	- -	- -
<u>L.M.G. Nos and Riflemen.</u>	1 W.O(i) 5 W.O(ii) 12 Sjts. 36 Cpls. 361 O/Rs.	- 3 W.O(ii) 12 Sjts. 30 Cpls. 373 O/Rs.	- - - - 12 O/Rs.	1 W.O(i) 2 W.O(ii) - 6 Cpls. -

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DETAILS OF PERSONNEL ATTACHED UNDER W.E.

Rank.	Corps.	W.E.	POSTED.	SURPLUS	DISLINET
W.O(11)	A.A.C.C.	1	1	-	-
Sjts.	A.A.P.C.	1	1	-	-
	A.A.P.S.	1	1	-	-
	A.A.M.C.	2	2	-	1
	A.A.C.C.	5	4	-	1
Cpls.	A.A.P.C.	1	1	-	-
	A.A.O.C.	1	1	-	-
	A.A.C.C.	5	4	-	1
	A.A.M.C.	1	1	-	-
ptes.	A.A.M.C.	1	-	-	1
	A.A.C.C.	13	20	7	-
		32	36	7	3

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DETAILS OF PERSONNEL WITH MEDICAL CLASSIFICATIONS OTHER  
THAN CLASS A.1.

QX 59817.	W.O(11)	COLLETON.	J.M.	B.2.	R.Q.M.S.
SX 31209.	Pte.	TILBROOK.	F?D?	B.2.	Rifleman.
QX 27079.	Pte.	BOYD.	A.W.	Tentative 'D'	Rifleman.

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ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1.

BY

LT. COL. J. KELLY. - COMD - 31/51 AUST INF BN. (AIF)

16 Dec. 44.

131. SALE OR DISPOSAL OF LIQUOR.

The sale or disposal of liquor outside the unit messes or canteens is forbidden.

132. PRIVATE COMMUNICATIONS CONCERNING CASUALTIES.

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The prohibition and restriction imposed by para 1 hereof are not applicable to communications sent by a member relative to a casualty sustained by himself.

This order has been dictated by motives of consideration for the feelings of the relatives of members of the forces, who in many instances, have been caused unnecessary suffering and suspense through information contained in private correspondence from operational areas and which, in some cases, has proved to be inaccurate.

133. INCOME TAX- ADDITIONAL REBATES TO TAXPAYERS.

General:-

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- (2) A rebate may be granted in respect of each child who :-
- (a) is not under sixteen years of age but is under eighteen years of age at the beginning of the year of income ;
  - (b) is receiving full time education at a school (including a Technical College) or a university (including a university college); and
  - (c) is wholly maintained by the taxpayer.

From the amount of the rebate will be reduced the value of any assistance (consisting of money, accomodation or sustenance) provided by the Commonwealth or a State in connection with the education of the child, but the receipt of any such assistance, or of a bursary or scholarship, will not, by virtue of sub para (c) above disqualify the child as a child wholly maintained by the taxpayer. Such child will, as from 1st Jul. 44 be regarded as a dependant for the purpose of calculating tax deductions.

3. Where the child reached the age of sixteen years or eighteen years during the taxation year, a proportionate rebate, to be determined by the Commissioner of Taxes will be allowed.

INCOME TAX- ADDITIONAL REBATES TO TAXPAYERS (contd)

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CHURCH SERVICES

SUNDAY 17 DEC. 44.

C of E	Holy Communion	0630 hrs.
R.C.	Mass	0730 Hrs.
Bn.	Church Parade.	0915 Hrs.

All services to be held in Chapel in C.Coy Area.

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4. Coys are to ensure that the minefields and gaps are patrolled and that there is a platoon in readiness at all times to meet any emergency. Furthermore not more than two rifle Coys will be absent from the Camp Area on any one occasion.

5. During this period the following subjects will be included in Coy Syllabus besides other subjects at the discretion of the Coy Comds.

- (a) Weapon Training.
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- (d) Sport (4 periods)
- (e) Map Reading.
- (f) Close Order Drill.
- (g) Route Marches.

19 Dec. - A & B Coys.  
20 Dec. - C & D Coys  
21 Dec. - HQ & B Coys.  
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23 Dec. - D & HQ Coys.

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Subject - First Aid in the Field

18 Dec. A. Coy.  
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Four (4) per Rifle Coy to report to RAP 0930 - 1030 hrs daily.

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Appx. B. missing).  
and. Sheet Coverage Report.

## PATROL REPORT NO 1

## PART 1

ANSWERS TO TASKS

(a)

Question

Detection of any enemy exploitation SOUTH of KURAIO MISSION

Answer

- (1) NO enemy were seen SOUTH of KURAIO MISSION, but signs of recent enemy activity were observed, at LOOKOUT POINT 376123, approximately 5 miles SOUTH of KURAIO MISSION, where two Japanese footprints were seen on northern side of point following along main track leading to KURAIO. The prints were seen on 15 Dec 44, and the tracks were approximately 15 hours old. It is considered the footprints belonged to Japs out on patrol from AMUN area.
- (11) Footprints were observed along KANAKA trail leading NE from KURAIO to TSHIMATU RIVER to approx map ref ref map Enlargement AAF Chart 1 Inch to 1 Mile map ref 154°50' E 6°S, about 2 miles upstream from mouth. From this point track followed due EAST to TAURI RIVER. This track is well defined on EAST side of TSHIMATU RIVER and continues to TAURI RIVER and beyond to AKOPAI with good going throughout. Patrol followed this track for approximately three miles EAST from TSHIMATU RIVER.

(b)

Question

Report on suitability or otherwise of coastal track TOROKINA- KURAIO MISSION for jeep traffic.

Answer

Track is NOT suitable for building of jeep track. Only stretch where jeep road is possible is from COMLEY LAGOON 471039 to HOUSE KIAPE approximately 5 miles. Along this stretch numerous bridges would have to be built to cope with rivers and shifting sand bars. Beyond HOUSE KIAPE building of track is impracticable. Further technical information was taken by engineer recon party that accompanied patrol..

(c)

Question

Prepare track going map of patrol route taken.

Answer

See attached Appendix "A"

(d)

Question

Reconnoitre tracks extending NORTH from KURAIO MISSION to AMUN and TAKOPAI areas, and track to TSIPAI.

Answer (1)

Track KURAIO - AMUN - this tracks follows beach throughout, but entry to AMUN was made by KANAKA track unknown to Japs, approximately half a mile SOUTH of TORE RIVER, and where a clump of coconut trees were found. This area is known to Kanakas as SIUAKI and track is four minutes NORTH of clump. Track turns eastwards and TORE RIVER is reached in 20 minutes. From here track leads NORTH to AMUN. 15 minutes due WEST of AMUN following SOUTH bank of SARAWANA RIVER ( see sketch) Jap camp is located on NORTH bank. NO enemy seen but fresh pads seen at AMUN approximately 12 hours old ( see sketch map of enemy camp Apex " "). Several tracks branched off from track SIUAKI - AMUN, but were NOT reconnoitred. ( see sketch).

(11)

Track KURAIO - TAKOPAI - the track as shown on AAF Chart Enlargement does NOT exist but tracks were found leading off to right. The first 38 minutes from KURAIO ( approximately 2½ miles ) and the second 20 minutes from last track ( approximately ½ mile further on). These were NOT reconnoitred as Police boys said 2 days were required to



reach village.

It is considered that the first track to right may lead to TSEPA and second track to /RORAI.

( 111 ) Track - KIRAO - TSEPA - see a (11) above.

(e)

Question

Report on areas en route suitable for establishment of a firm base to cover requirements of an inf coy gp to develop patrolling activities.

Answer

KIRAO MISSION. Most suitable for establishment of coy gp and could be expanded to accommodate two companies with the clearing of timber. Dimensions - 400 yds long by 350 yds deep. Stands 30 feet elevation rising sheer from the water (e edge with a gradual inland.

200 yds SOUTH of the mouth of TSEPA RIVER exists another elevation suitable to hold a further coy gp. again with clearing of timber. In all it is considered that three coys could be maintained in the KIRAO MISSION area.

Suitable offloading pt for barges exists NORTH and SOUTH of TSEPA RIVER.

No other areas en route are suitable.

(f)

Question

Report on areas suitable as staging camps to accommodate an inf coy gp.

Answer

Staging pts for coy gp available at HUSE KLAPE only.

REQUIREMENTS OF PATROL LEADER.

(a)

Extensive patrolling could be developed from KIRAO MISSION by establishment of firm base with ingress to MISSION via sea route in barges rather than use of coastal track.

(b)

Staging pts are possible in areas other than at HUSE KLAPE but require prior preparation.

PATROL REPORT NO 1

PART 2

1. TERRAIN

- (a) LARUMA RIVER - HOUSE KIAPE. Flat throughout and swampy.
- (b) HOUSE KIAPE - KURAI0. Very difficult country encountered along this sector, where three steep precipitous spurs extend from inland range and dip into sea. Going is difficult as these spurs rising from 100 feet to 300 feet have to be scaled. These features located at map refs, 407113, LOOKOUT POINT 377122, and CAPE M0LKE 356135. CAPE M0LKE as shown on the map is NOT correct.
- (c) KURAI0 MISSION - AMUN. Hilly country to water(s edge from KURAI0 NORTH 1 1/2 miles, and beyond, flat along the coastal strip with hilly country further inland.

2. TRACKS

See track going map attached

- (a) LARUMA RIVER - HOUSE KIAPE. Track follows beach up to COMLEY LAGOON 470045 (marked by diagonal signboard with figure "8" on both sides facing seaward). Country behind beach is flat and swampy throughout, so that beach track is used.

From COMLEY LAGOON track again follows beach to map ref 470045 where it turns half right into timber and carries on to HOUSE KIAPE, 20 yds inland from water(s edge.

Numerous rivers are crossed en route with water depth varying from ankle depth to 6 feet. Depths of rivers are NOT predictable due to influence tides and inland rainfall.

Track timings:-

LARUMA RIVER TO COMLEY LAGOON	3 hours
COMLEY LAGOON TO HOUSE KIAPE	2 1/2 hours

- (b) HOUSE KIAPE - KURAI0 MISSION. Track on this sector passes over difficult country mentioned in para 1 (b). These spurs are sheer cliff on water's edge with razorback tops. Apart from scaling these cliffs mentioned, track follows beach.

Track timings:-

Walking time	6 1/2 hours
Track time	10 hours

- (c) KURAI0 - AMUN. From KURAI0 MISSION track follows across hilly country in a semi-circle, approximately 600 yds inland at furthest point from ocean for 1 1/2 miles where track merges on to beach. (Walking time 1 hour 36 minutes). From here up to TORE RIVER going is heavy through soft sand. FROM TORE RIVER to AMUN track passes through flat swampy country, subject to flooding.

River crossing at TORE RIVER is NOT difficult. Several small streams are encountered from TORE RIVER to AMUN.

Several Kanaka tracks lead right and left from track TORE RIVER - but were NOT reconnoitred. Just prior to reaching AMUN, track to right is well defined and leads to KOPATI village (Location unknown) and according to native carriers is inhabited by natives.

- (d) TRACK KURAI0 - TSINIMATU RIVER. On southern side of KURAI0 MISSION track juts off to EAST and continues for 15 minutes to TSINIMATU RIVER and cut off. At NORTH of MISSION, another track leads EAST and carries on to the same river and beyond. This track eventually leads to AKOPAI and is well defined.

- (e) NOTE Track timings KURAI0 - AMUN:-

Walking time	
up	5 hours 46 minutes
back	4 hours

2.

reach the village. It is considered that first track to right  
may lead to TSIPAI, and round track

TSIPAI - (c) (e) (f) (g) (h) (i) (j) (k) (l) (m) (n) (o) (p) (q) (r) (s) (t) (u) (v) (w) (x) (y) (z) (aa) (ab) (ac) (ad) (ae) (af) (ag) (ah) (ai) (aj) (ak) (al) (am) (an) (ao) (ap) (aq) (ar) (as) (at) (au) (av) (aw) (ax) (ay) (az) (ba) (bb) (bc) (bd) (be) (bf) (bg) (bh) (bi) (bj) (bk) (bl) (bm) (bn) (bo) (bp) (bq) (br) (bs) (bt) (bu) (bv) (bw) (bx) (by) (bz) (ca) (cb) (cc) (cd) (ce) (cf) (cg) (ch) (ci) (cj) (ck) (cl) (cm) (cn) (co) (cp) (cq) (cr) (cs) (ct) (cu) (cv) (cw) (cx) (cy) (cz) (da) (db) (dc) (dd) (de) (df) (dg) (dh) (di) (dj) (dk) (dl) (dm) (dn) (do) (dp) (dq) (dr) (ds) (dt) (du) (dv) (dw) (dx) (dy) (dz) (ea) (eb) (ec) (ed) (ee) (ef) (eg) (eh) (ei) (ej) (ek) (el) (em) (en) (eo) (ep) (eq) (er) (es) (et) (eu) (ev) (ew) (ex) (ey) (ez) (fa) (fb) (fc) (fd) (fe) (ff) (fg) (fh) (fi) (fj) (fk) (fl) (fm) (fn) (fo) (fp) (fq) (fr) (fs) (ft) (fu) (fv) (fw) (fx) (fy) (fz) (ga) (gb) (gc) (gd) (ge) (gf) (gg) (gh) (gi) (gj) (gk) (gl) (gm) (gn) (go) (gp) (gq) (gr) (gs) (gt) (gu) (gv) (gw) (gx) (gy) (gz) (ha) (hb) (hc) (hd) (he) (hf) (hg) (hh) (hi) (hj) (hk) (hl) (hm) (hn) (ho) (hp) (hq) (hr) (hs) (ht) (hu) (hv) (hw) (hx) (hy) (hz) (ia) (ib) (ic) (id) (ie) (if) (ig) (ih) (ii) (ij) (ik) (il) (im) (in) (io) (ip) (iq) (ir) (is) (it) (iu) (iv) (iw) (ix) (iy) (iz) (ja) (jb) (jc) (jd) (je) (jf) (jg) (jh) (ji) (jj) (jk) (jl) (jm) (jn) (jo) (jp) (jq) (jr) (js) (jt) (ju) (jv) (jw) (jx) (jy) (jz) (ka) (kb) (kc) (kd) (ke) (kf) (kg) (kh) (ki) (kj) (kk) (kl) (km) (kn) (ko) (kp) (kq) (kr) (ks) (kt) (ku) (kv) (kw) (kx) (ky) (kz) (la) (lb) (lc) (ld) (le) (lf) (lg) (lh) (li) (lj) (lk) (ll) (lm) (ln) (lo) (lp) (lq) (lr) (ls) (lt) (lu) (lv) (lw) (lx) (ly) (lz) (ma) (mb) (mc) (md) (me) (mf) (mg) (mh) (mi) (mj) (mk) (ml) (mm) (mn) (mo) (mp) (mq) (mr) (ms) (mt) (mu) (mv) (mw) (mx) (my) (mz) (na) (nb) (nc) (nd) (ne) (nf) (ng) (nh) (ni) (nj) (nk) (nl) (nm) (nn) (no) (np) (nq) (nr) (ns) (nt) (nu) (nv) (nw) (nx) (ny) (nz) (oa) (ob) (oc) (od) (oe) (of) (og) (oh) (oi) (oj) (ok) (ol) (om) (on) (oo) (op) (oq) (or) (os) (ot) (ou) (ov) (ow) (ox) (oy) (oz) (pa) (pb) (pc) (pd) (pe) (pf) (pg) (ph) (pi) (pj) (pk) (pl) (pm) (pn) (po) (pp) (pq) (pr) (ps) (pt) (pu) (pv) (pw) (px) (py) (pz) (qa) (qb) (qc) (qd) (qe) (qf) (qg) (qh) (qi) (qj) (qk) (ql) (qm) (qn) (qo) (qp) (qq) (qr) (qs) (qt) (qu) (qv) (qw) (qx) (qy) (qz) (ra) (rb) (rc) (rd) (re) (rf) (rg) (rh) (ri) (rj) (rk) (rl) (rm) (rn) (ro) (rp) (rq) (rr) (rs) (rt) (ru) (rv) (rw) (rx) (ry) (rz) (sa) (sb) (sc) (sd) (se) (sf) (sg) (sh) (si) (sj) (sk) (sl) (sm) (sn) (so) (sp) (sq) (sr) (ss) (st) (su) (sv) (sw) (sx) (sy) (sz) (ta) (tb) (tc) (td) (te) (tf) (tg) (th) (ti) (tj) (tk) (tl) (tm) (tn) (to) (tp) (tq) (tr) (ts) (tt) (tu) (tv) (tw) (tx) (ty) (tz) (ua) (ub) (uc) (ud) (ue) (uf) (ug) (uh) (ui) (uj) (uk) (ul) (um) (un) (uo) (up) (uq) (ur) (us) (ut) (uu) (uv) (uw) (ux) (uy) (uz) (va) (vb) (vc) (vd) (ve) (vf) (vg) (vh) (vi) (vj) (vk) (vl) (vm) (vn) (vo) (vp) (vq) (vr) (vs) (vt) (vu) (vv) (vw) (vx) (vy) (vz) (wa) (wb) (wc) (wd) (we) (wf) (wg) (wh) (wi) (wj) (wk) (wl) (wm) (wn) (wo) (wp) (wq) (wr) (ws) (wt) (wu) (wv) (ww) (wx) (wy) (wz) (xa) (xb) (xc) (xd) (xe) (xf) (xg) (xh) (xi) (xj) (xk) (xl) (xm) (xn) (xo) (xp) (xq) (xr) (xs) (xt) (xu) (xv) (xw) (xx) (xy) (xz) (ya) (yb) (yc) (yd) (ye) (yf) (yg) (yh) (yi) (yj) (yk) (yl) (ym) (yn) (yo) (yp) (yq) (yr) (ys) (yt) (yu) (yv) (yw) (yx) (yy) (yz) (za) (zb) (zc) (zd) (ze) (zf) (zg) (zh) (zi) (zj) (zk) (zl) (zm) (zn) (zo) (zp) (zq) (zr) (zs) (zt) (zu) (zv) (zw) (zx) (zy) (zz)

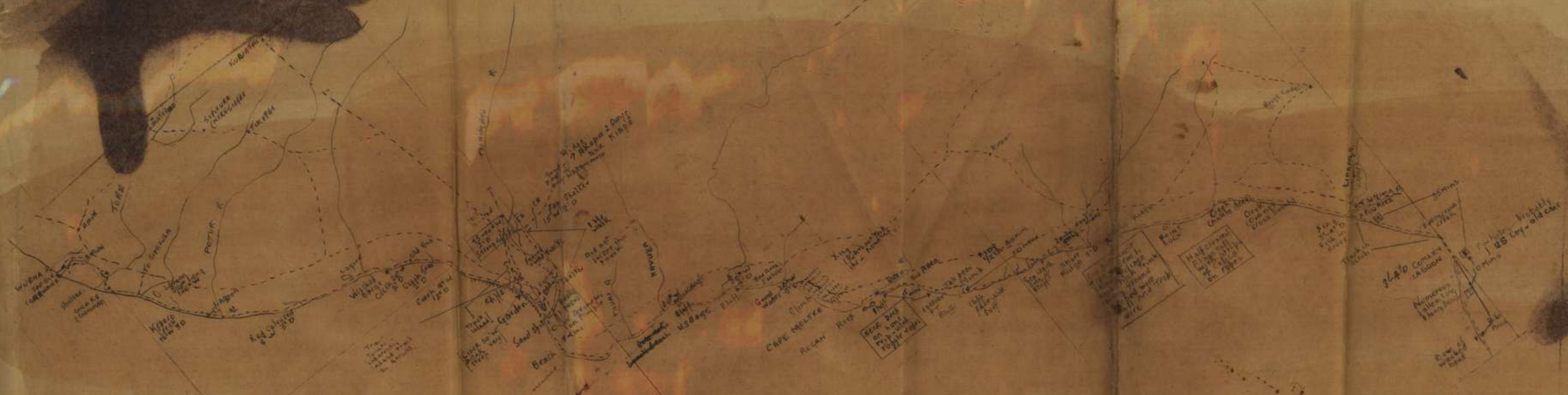
track time up 3 hours  
back 6 1/4 hours.

(e) KURAI0 MISSION - TSIPAI. NOT located, but tracks leading EAST from coastal track may lead to TSIPAI.

It is considered that track to TSIPAI  
may lead to TSIPAI.

ENLARGEMENT of AAF CHART  
Scale 1 inch to 1 mile  
COMLEY LAGOON to AMUN.

Appendix A



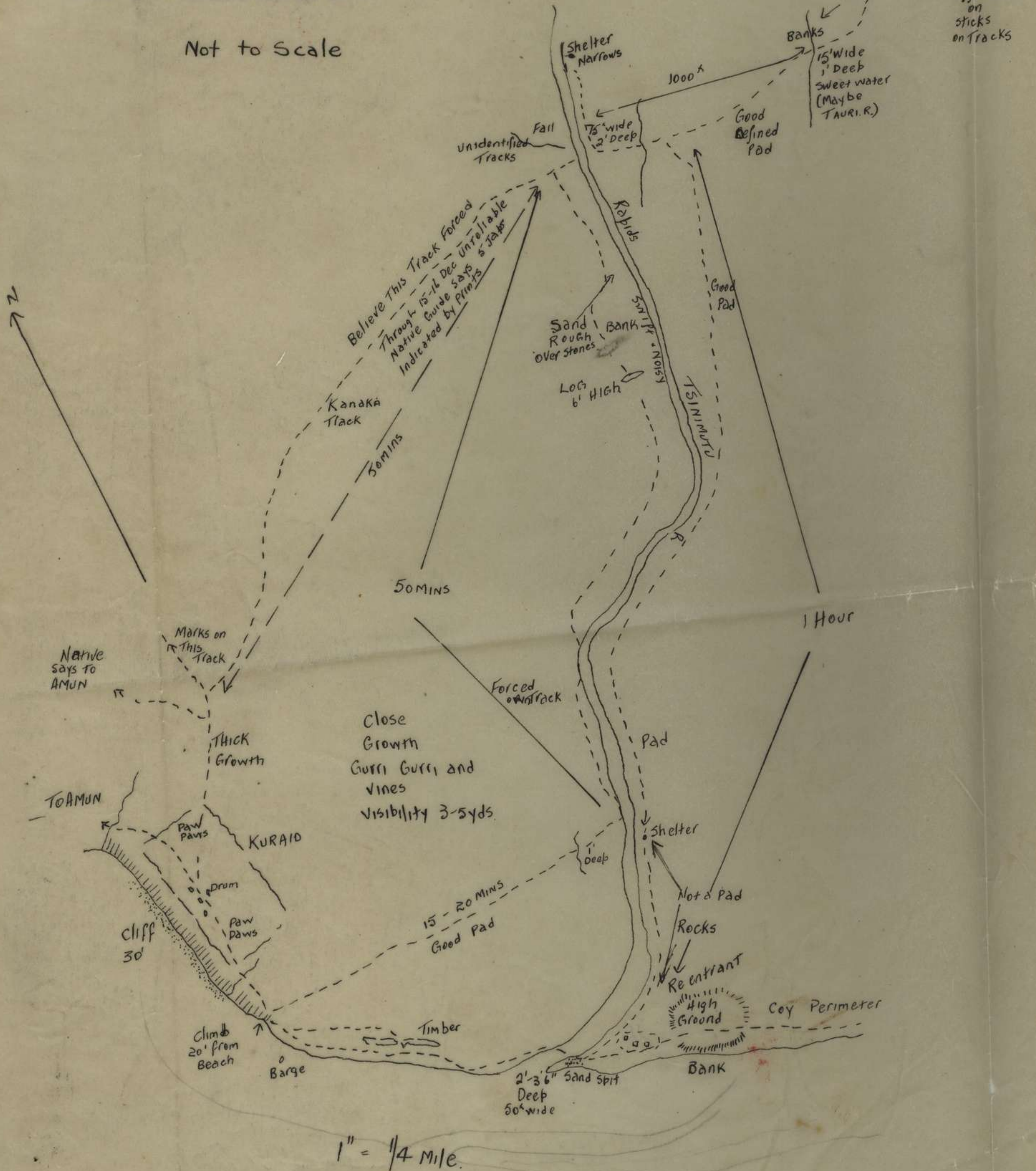
# SKETCH MAP - KURAI'D AREA

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APPX "D" to PATROL REPORT NO 1

Not to Scale



1" = 1/4 Mile

TRACK CROSSING REPORT NUMBER 20

by

Cpl Anderson B.R. 51/51 AUGUST 1945 (AIF)

TIME OUT 180930L  
 TIME IN 191345L  
 PARTY 2 HQs. 3 Ptes. 1 WO (AIF) 2 REG. 3 carriers.  
 WEATHER Fine. 5 MINS  
 GEAR CARRIED Rifle Amn and ground sheet  
 TIME REQUIRED IN MARCH 1945 6 Fine in minutes

Creek X Log crossing and a little above  
 pile of spores otherwise 30 yds W S'D  
 at low tide. Creek A 4 yds W S' D.  
 Creek B 4 yds W 1' D. Track just above  
 water's edge; in some parts in timber.  
 very heavy walking on beach

5

This stretch is fairly hilly except at  
 streams; gradients very easy. Stream banks  
 about 30 ft high steep and slippery W 5 yds  
 1' D with rocky bottom. Vegetation rain  
 forest visibility 15 yds.

R DOWN HILL  
 OLD BIV AREA  
 STREAM  
 OLD AMN CASES  
 OLD BIV AREA

4 MIN HILL

5

Dry Gully

16 Mins

Dry Gully

4 Mins

Dry Gully  
 7 Mins

4

CLIFFS

APPR

SECONDARY GROWTH

Paw  
 Paw

Crotchs

CLEARING

3

SOFT HIGH

Creek X 5 yds W 6' D. Rocky bottom good flow  
 Banks fairly steep and slippery. Track on  
 right fairly well defined goes inland.  
 Once creek is crossed at Y follows very  
 narrow ridge. Vegetation rain forest and  
 wild bananas.

4

Creek - banks precipitous about 30 ft high  
 good water although only small flow.  
 Actually stream has worn passage through  
 cliff. Numerous foxholes and barbed wire  
 fence on left. Lane way of 30 ft bordered  
 with crotchs. Whole area covered with  
 long grass. HRAIG say be possible DE

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Commencement of climb X 25 f at high fairly  
 easy climbing. Gully dry secondary growth  
 with paw paw. Once cliff is climbed flat  
 ground. Cliff on sea edge approx 30 ft  
 high ground falling away east. Track to  
 right NW well defined at junc.

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LAGOON  
 BIV AREA

1

BIV AREA on Piple approx. 30 feet high almost  
 vertical sides. Extends for approx 300 yds  
 SW. River crossing waist deep rocky bottom  
 fairly strong current. Water peculiar taste

Creek A. Log crossing. Swamp very muddy, water knee deep; overhanging branches 2' 6" above water. Water ankle deep along remainder of track. Vegetation; wild bananas. visibility 10 yds. Mosquitoes very bad.

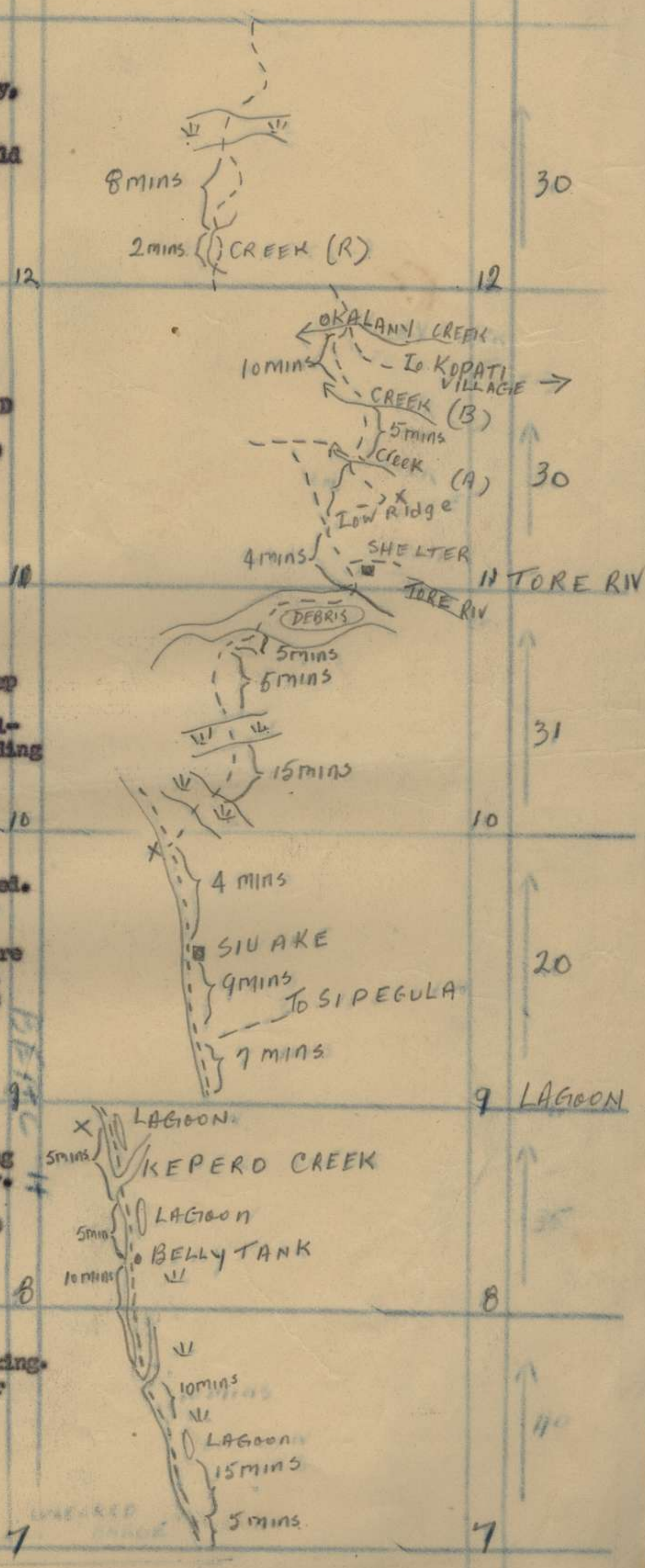
The right track is very hard to find though it follows a low ridge to X Guide necessary. Creek A 5 yds W 1' D muddy bottom. Creek B 6 yds W 1' 6" D muddy bottom. OKALANYA Ck 10 yds W 2' D very muddy bottom; visibility 10 yds

TURE RIVER 30 yds W moderate current knee deep in morning waist deep in afternoon. Swamps very muddy, knee deep Overhanging branches 2' 6" above water level. Guide necessary along this ill-defined track. Ground subject to flooding and very muddy Visibility 10 yds

SIPPEULA is a village inland - inhabited. SIUAKE is deserted but recognised by a clump of coconut trees. Track X is believed to be unknown to japs therefore extreme caution necessary to keep well off beach before reaching turn-off. Is very hard to pick up

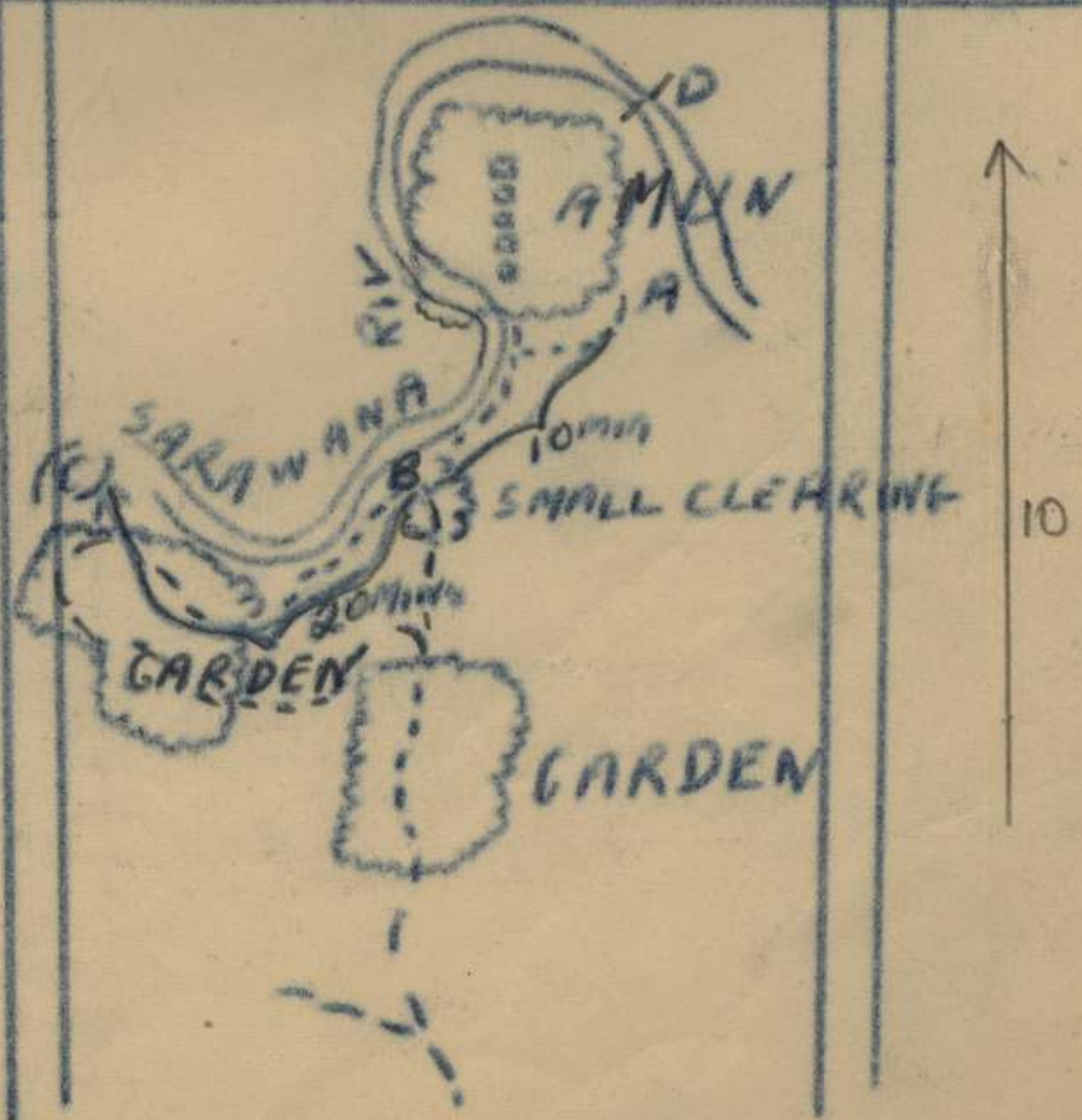
KEPERO Creek 10 yds W 5' D. Log crossing poor flow. Walking on beach very heavy. lagoon X approx. 200 yds long 120 yds wide slightly brackish; known as TOKORO

Track on water's edge; very heavy walking. Beach steep; creek of a reddish colour poor flow 8 yds W 5' D.





Both gardens in reasonable condition.  
 Taro and Kau Kau. AMUN is a deserted  
 Kanaka village though in good condition  
 Course of SARAWANA RIVER NOT accurate.  
 (a) suitable for concealing any number  
 of persons. Vegetation dense bananas  
 (b-c) 20 minutes  
 (d) Log crossing REC report.



TRACK GIVING REPORT NIRAIO

by

Cpl Anderson D.E. SL/SL AUNT INF BN (AIF)

TIME OUT 180920L  
 TIME IN 191345L  
 PARTY 8 HQs. 3 Ptes. 1 WO (ANZAC) 2 HQS. 3 carriers.  
 WEATHER Fine.  
 EQUIP CARRIED. Rifle Am and ground sheet  
 ITEMS PREPARED ON MARCH INCLUDING MAPS

6 Time in minutes

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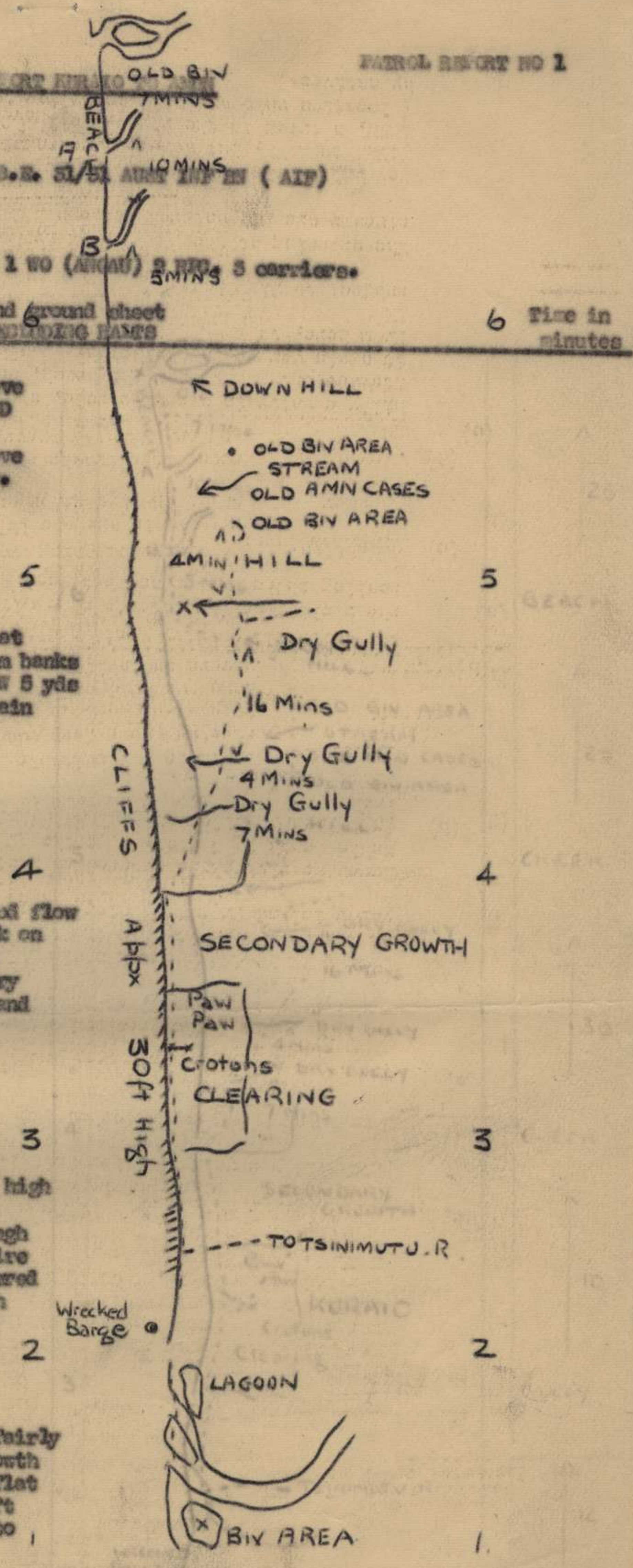
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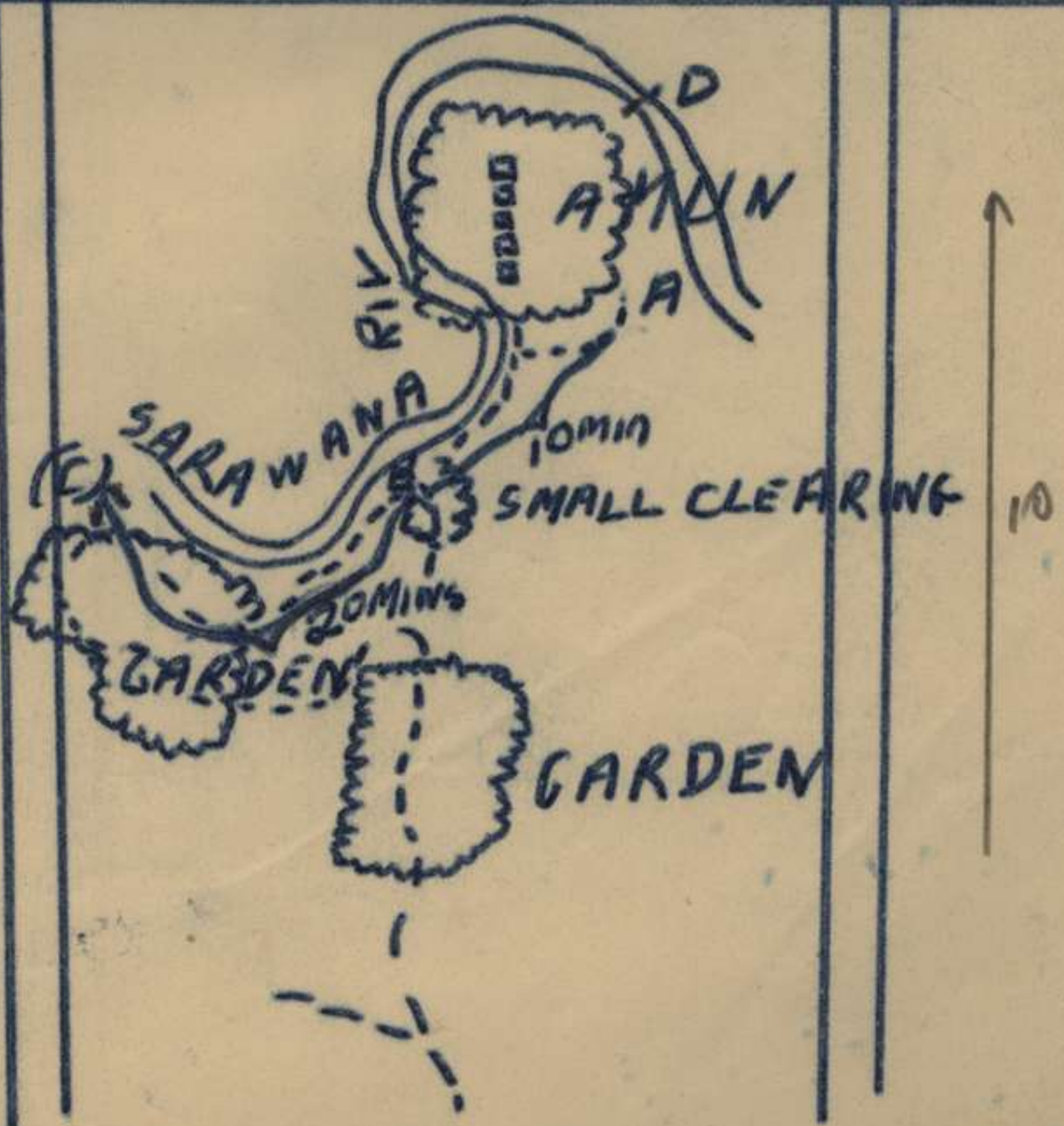
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*W. J. Dean 50.*

31/51 AUST INF BN (AIF)

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PATROL REPORT No 2.

Copy No.....<sup>14</sup>

19 Dec 44.

Ref Map:- CAPE MOLTKE 1" to 1 Mile.  
ENLARGEMENT AAF CHART NO 7.  
1" to 1 Mile.

Nature of Patrol :- RECCE

INFORMATION.

1. See Patrol Report 1 attached.

COMPOSITION OF PATROL.

2. 7 Pl. A. COY 31/51 AUST INF BN (AIF)  
C.O., I.O., and 2 O/Rs.  
5 Sigs.  
1 Int. O/R.  
1 Med. orderly.  
1 ANGAU representative.  
2 R.P.C. police boys.  
3 Native scouts.

PATROL COMD.

3. LT. N. J. SMITH.

TIME OUT.

4. 200600L

TIME IN.

5. 251500L

INTERMEDIATE TIMINGS.

- | 6. <u>DAY.</u> | <u>LOCATIONS.</u>                 |
|----------------|-----------------------------------|
| 20 DEC         | Staging for night HOUSEKIAPE.     |
| 21 DEC         | Establish base at KURAI0 MISSION. |
| 22/23 DEC      | Patrol operating from firm base.  |
| 24/25 DEC      | Return trip to TOROKINA.          |

START POINT.

7. Mouth LARUMA RIVER 498952.

TASKS.

8. (a) Detection of any enemy exploitation SOUTH of KURAI0 MISSION.  
(b) Prepare track going maps of **all** routes taken.  
(c) Recce of AMUN village for enemy defences and ascertain if occupied by enemy and if so, what strength.  
(d) Recce of routes for possible enemy movement to TAKOPAI and TSIPAI with two day patrol from base at KURAI0 MISSION.

ADM.

- 9. (a) Arm 100 SAA per man, 8 mags per Bren, 2 grenades per man, 240 rds per OSMG, 12 rds HE 2" mortar.
- 10. (b) Supply 6 days rations plus one emergency will be supplied. In the case of native carriers ration scale NEW GUINEA will be supplied.
- 11. (c) Medical Med kit will be carried by med orderly and individual first aid kit by each man
- 12. (d) PW PW will be handed over to 11 Aust Inf Bde Pro det
- 13. (e) IND Escapees. Hand over to HQ 11 Aust Inf Bde.
- 14. (f) Natives. In the event of action in or near native village inhabitants will be evacuated and handed over to ANGAU
- 15. Transport. MT will transport troops from Camp area leaving Bn.HQ at 200530L and for return trip transport will meet patrol at SP at 251500L
- 16. Anti-malarial control. Full anti-malarial precautions as laid down will be taken.
- 17. Scrub mite: Full anti-mite precautions.

SECURITY.

No documents, maps, diagrams, letters, envelopes etc., except those essential to this patrol will be taken.

Any documents likely to fall into enemy hands will be destroyed.

Patrol will cover and conceal all traces of its activities.

INTERCOMN.

- 18. W/T. 208 set. Times of reporting every four hours from 200600L

- 19. Alternate Means: Pigeon

ACKNOWLEDGE

Signed at 192200L

Method of issue: Runner

*J. J. [Signature]* Capt.  
Adj. 31/51 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

Serial 64.  
Nos 136-137

ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

BY

LT. COL. J. KELLY - CMD - 51/51 AUST INF BN (ALF)

21 Dec. 44.

136. UNATTENDED VEHICLES

Care will be taken to ensure that vehicles are not left unattended at any time.

137. TRAFFIC CONTROL - ROAD DISCIPLINE.

1. Traffic on all roads will be restricted at all times to that which is essential for operations, supply, construction and evacuation.
2. Trucks 1/4 ton (Jeep) will not carry more than four personnel including driver at any one time.
3. The use of chains is prohibited on any improved roads or airfield.
4. Pedestrian traffic will move at all times on the right hand side of the road, facing oncoming traffic and affording vehicles maximum road space. After dark torches or reflectors should be carried if possible, care being taken to ensure that torch beams are not directed towards vehicles in such a way as to blind the driver.
5. Maximum speed limits are as follows and a notice setting out speed limit applicable to particular vehicle will be displayed on the dash board :

Cars DS	20 mph.
Jeeps	20 mph
Trucks	20 mph
All vehicles in restricted zones	10 mph.
6. The above mentioned speeds are authorised only when favourable road conditions exist. When dust obscures vision all drivers will exercise due caution and reduce speed accordingly.
7. The practice of endeavouring to stop vehicles for the purpose of obtaining a ride therein is prohibited.
8. Personnel will not stand up in moving vehicles or ride on the cabin, sides or tail board.
9. Vehicles will keep to formed roads in order to prevent accumulation of water which will provide areas for mosquito breeding.

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Adj. 51/51 Aust Inf Bn. (ALF)

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ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

BY

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21 Dec. 44.

136. UNATTENDED VEHICLES

Care will be taken to ensure that vehicles are not left unattended at any time.

137. TRAFFIC CONTROL - ROAD DISCIPLINE.

1. Traffic on all roads will be restricted at all times to that which is essential for operations, supply, construction and evacuation.
2. Trucks 1/4 ton (Jeep) will not carry more than four personnel including driver at any one time.
3. The use of chains is prohibited on any improved roads or airfield.
4. Pedestrian traffic will move at all times on the right hand side of the road, facing oncoming traffic and affording vehicles maximum road space. After dark torches or reflectors should be carried if possible, care being taken to ensure that torch beams are not directed towards vehicles in such a way as to blind the driver.
5. Maximum speed limits are as follows and a notice setting out speed limit applicable to particular vehicle will be displayed on the dash board :

Cars DS	20 mph.
Jeeps	20 mph
Trucks	20 mph
All vehicles in restricted zones	10 mph.
6. The above mentioned speeds are authorised only when favourable road conditions exist. When dust obscures vision all drivers will exercise due caution and reduce speed accordingly.
7. The practice of endeavouring to stop vehicles for the purpose of obtaining a ride therein is prohibited.
8. Personnel will not stand up in moving vehicles or ride on the cabin, sides or tail boards.
9. Vehicles will keep to formed roads in order to prevent accumulation of water which will provide areas for mosquito breeding.

*Richard H. Kelly*  
Capt.  
Adj. 31/51 Aust Inf Bn. (AIF)

# FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

1944 / 43 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 23 / 12 / 1944 31/51 Aust Inf (Unit) (AIF)

W.E. 11 / 120 / 3. OFFRS. 33 O.R.'s. 739 + OFFRS. 1 O.R.'s. 32 ATT. BY W.E.

## Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

appx 12

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Reinfts. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Reinfts. Required.
	1		-	W.Os. Class I.					
	2		4	W.Os. Class II.		1			
	1		4	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.					
		1	1	Staff Sergeants					
	9		23	Sergeants		8		1	
	15	2	56	Corporals		7		1	
	31		627	Troopers, Privates, etc.		19	6	1	
				Civilians counting as O.R.					
54 *	57	5	715 *	Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.		35 *	6	3	*

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 7 of instructions for compilation of this return will complete analysis of Part B(1) and B(2).

\*\* Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Col. Particulars will be shown, e.g., 20 U.K. Forces, 10 N.Z. Forces.

Detail	A.I.F.		C.M.F.		A.W.A.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL
	A	B	Under 19 Years	19 Years and Over							
A	614	1	135	-							750
B(1)											
B(2)											

### Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

### Part C. Other Ranks Included in Part A Detached to Other Units.

Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which they belong	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached.	Number of O.Rs.	Unit to which detached
1 O/R	11 Aust Inf Bde			1 Sjt	Old. Bch and Records		
				2	A.W.L.		
				14	Special Duty		
				4	Sick		

### Part D. Description of Other Ranks Whose Return To (Unit) is Particularly Requested. 23 / 12 / 1944

31/51 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

Army No	Rank.	Name and Initials.	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).
VI 94132	Pte	LEES R.A.	No 3 Wing 1 Aust MG Trg Bn BATHURST N.S.W.



**PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 23/ 12/1944 .**

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, E.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Bangetakers	4	4	-
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths	1	1	-					Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevadores			
Computers								Biggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical	4	2	-
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers	27	21	-	Tailors	2	2	-
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Bollermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters	6	5	-	Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman				<b>Non specialists</b>			
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners				Tk/A Nos	22	21	-
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics								Gen Duties	3	3	-
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)								MMG Nos	25	24	-
Fitters				Driver-Operator								Mortar Nos	78	75	-
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers								Pioneers	35	28	-
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians								Batmen	35	35	-
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)								Hyg Duties	4	3	-
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors				Orderlies	32	27	-
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers	1	1	-	Regtl Police	7	7	-
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	13	11	-	S.Bearers	21	20	-
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply				Drivers M.T.	12	12	-
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical				Water Duties	3	3	-
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	10	8	-	Coach Trimmers				Storemen	11	10	-
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors				LMG & Rflmn	415	395	54
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks					769	715	54
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies				ATTACHED BY W.E.	32	35	
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders							
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals							
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.							
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics							
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant							
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.							
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers	1	1	-				
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD	1	1	-	CARRIED FORWARD	17	14	-	CARRIED FORWARD	59	47	-	Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	801750	54	*

NOTES.—(a) If rank other than private is involved give details on back.  
(b) Authorised trades or specialists not included in list will be added as required in spaces provided.  
(c) Where A.W.A.S. and/or A.A.M.W.S. personnel are desired show details on back.  
(d) Where replacement not desired note accordingly on return by insertion of N.R. in col. "Reints. Required."  
(e) Where any request or notation is made on back of form, the words "See Back" should be written in one of the blank spaces on this page.

23 DEC 44

Date of Despatch

*B. J. Callahan* Lt. Col.  
Signature of Commanding Officer  
4/51 AUST INF BN (AIF)

DETAILS OF SURPLUSES AND DEFICIENCIES IN RANKS AND TRADES.

TRADE.	W.E.	POSTED	SURPLUS	DEFICIENT.
<u>Blacksmith.</u>	1 O/R	1 O/R	-	-
<u>Carpenters.</u>	6 O/Rs	5 O/Rs	-	1 O/R
<u>Intelligence Duties</u>	1 Sjt. 2 Cpls 7 O/Rs	- 2 Cpls 6 O/Rs	- - -	1 Sjt - 1 O/R
<u>Signallers.</u>	1 Sjt 4 Cpls 22 O/Rs	- 2 Cpls 12 O/Rs	- - -	1 Sjt 2 Cpls 3 O/Rs
<u>Butcher.</u>	1 O/R	1 O/R	-	-
<u>Equipment Repairer</u>	1 O/R	-	-	1 O/R
<u>Rangetakers</u>	4 O/Rs	4 O/Rs	-	-
<u>Tailors</u>	1 Sjt 1 Cpl	1 S/Sjt 1 Cpl	1 S/Sjt -	1 Sjt -
<u>Tk/A Nos</u>	3 Sjts 4 Cpls 15 O/Rs	2 Sjts 4 Cpls 15 O/Rs	- - -	1 Sjt - -
<u>General Duties</u>	3 O/Rs -	2 O/Rs 1 Cpl	- 1 Cpl	1 O/R -
<u>MMG Nos.</u>	3 Sjts 2 Cpls 20 O/Rs	1 Sjt 3 Cpls 20 O/Rs	- 1 Cpl -	2 Sjts - -
<u>Mortar Nos.</u>	5 Sjts 5 Cpls 68 O/Rs	4 Sjts 5 Cpls 64 O/Rs	- - -	1 Sjt - 4 O/Rs
<u>Pioneers.</u>	1 Sjt 4 Cpls 28 O/Rs	- 3 Cpls 25 O/Rs	- - -	1 Sjt 1 Cpl 3 O/Rs
<u>Batmen</u>	35 O/Rs	35 O/Rs	-	-
<u>Hygiene Duties</u>	4 O/Rs	3 O/Rs	-	1 O/R
<u>Orderlies.</u>	32 O/Rs	27 O/Rs	-	5 O/Rs
<u>Regtl. Police</u>	1 Sjt 6 O/Rs	1 Sjt 6 O/Rs	- -	- -
<u>Stretcher Bearers</u>	1 Sjt 2 Cpls 18 O/Rs	1 Sjt 1 Cpl 18 O/Rs	- - -	- 1 Cpl -
<u>Clerks</u> R.Q.M.S.	1 W.O.(11) 2 Sjts 6 Cpls 4 O/Rs	1 W.O.(11) 2 Sjts 4 Cpls 4 O/Rs	- - - -	- - 2 Cpls -
<u>Drivers M.F.</u>	1 Cpl 11 O/Rs	1 Cpl 11 O/Rs	- -	- -

<u>TRADE</u>	<u>W.E</u>	<u>POSTED</u>	<u>SURPLUS</u>	<u>DEFICIENT</u>
<u>Storemen Technical</u>	1 Sjt 3 O/Rs	- 2 O/Rs	- -	1 Sjt 1 O/R
<u>Water Duties</u>	2 O/Rs	2 O/Rs	-	-
<u>Storemen</u>	5 S/Sjts 6 O/Rs	4 S/Sjts 6 O/Rs	- -	1 S/Sjt -
<u>L.M.G. Nos &amp; Riflemen</u>	1 W.O.(1) 5 W.O.(11) 12 Sjts. 36 Cpls. 361 O/Rs	- 3 W.O.(11) 12 Sjts 29 Cpls 351 O/Rs	- - - - -	1 W.O.(1) 2 W.O.(11) - 7 Cpls 10 O/Rs

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DETAILS OF PERSONNEL ATTACHED UNDER W.E.

Rank	Corps	W.E.	POSTED	SURPLUS	DEFICIENT
W.O. (11)	A.A.C.C.	1	1	-	-
Sjts.	A.A.P.C.	1	1	-	-
	A.A.P.S.	1	1	-	-
	A.A.M.C.	2	2	-	-
	A.A.C.C.	5	4	-	1
Cpls.	A.A.P.C.	1	1	-	-
	A.A.O.C.	1	1	-	-
	A.A.C.C.	5	4	-	1
	A.A.M.C.	1	1	-	-
Ptes.	A.A.M.C.	1	-	-	1
	A.A.C.C.	13	19	6	-
		<b>32</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>

31/51 AUSTRALIAN INF BN (AIF)

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DETAILS OF PERSONNEL WITH MEDICAL CLASSIFICATIONS OTHER THAN CLASS A1

QX 59817	W.O. (11)	COLLETON	J.M.	B.2	R.Q.M.S.
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# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Army Form W.3008  
(Adapted) (Page 1)  
(Revised Jan., 1943)

1944 / 43 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 27 12/1944 . 31/51 Aust Inf Bn. (AIF)

W.E. II / 126 / 3 OFFRS. 33 O.R.'s. 769 + OFFRS. 1 O.R.'s. 32 ATT. BY W.E.

## PART A.—POSTED STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10					
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.									
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.					
	-	-	1	*										
	1		2	Lieut.-Colonels										
	1.		7	Majors	AAMC	1.								
		4	24	Captains										
			1.	Lieutenants										
				Quarter-masters										
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.										
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.										
	2	4	35											
						1.								
				DETAIL	A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
				A.	A. B.									36
				E.(1)										
				E.(2)										

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).

\* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.  
\* \* Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Col. Particulars will be shown, e.g., 20 U.K. Forces; 10 N.Z. Forces.

## PART B.—PARTICULARS OF OFFICERS JOINED OR QUITTED DURING WEEK.

### OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit From.	Date.	CAUSE.

### OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
QX.33702	Lt.	HUTCHINSON, H.C.		21/12/44	Evacuated sick to MDS 19 Fd. Amb.

## PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO.....(Unit) IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED. .... / ..... / 194.....

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 23/12/1944 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Maj (T/Col)	NX12214	KELLY.	J.L.A.	Comd	Yes.		
Maj.	VX.50081	GALLINAN	B.J.	2 i/c	Yes.		
Maj.	QX.40802	PENNEY	R.St.	I.OC HQ	Yes.		
Capt.	NX11165	COMBLEY	J.	2ic D	Yes.		
Capt.	QX.33838	DOWNS	H.C.	OC A	No.	(X List) Attending LHQ Tactical School	6/12/44
Capt.	QX.33699	TITLEY	P.H.A.	OC D	Yes.		
Capt.	QX.34011	GIRARD	B.W.	Adjt.	Yes.		
Capt.	NX.29257	BENTLEY	H.H.	2ic C	Yes.		
Capt.	VX.3379	SHILTON.	A.L.	OC C.	Yes.		
Capt.	VX.5200	HARRIS.	N.M.J.	OC B	Yes.		
Capt.	NX109209	HOWARTH.	R.A.	-	Yes.		
Capt.	QX.34014	KAHLER	B.E.	Q.M.	Yes.		
Lt.	QX.34609	RIGBY.	L.	2ic B	Yes.		
Lt.	QX.33698	AUMULLER	J.H.	-	No.	(X List) at GDD Red-bank pending disposal B2	6/12/44
Lt.	QX.45004	ROBERTS.	G.V.	OC.10	No.	(X List) Attending course LHQ School of M.I.	13/11/44
Lt.	QX.34608	RILEY	H.M.	OC 16	Yes.		
Lt.	QX.35810	SMITH	R.D.B.	T.O.	No.	Special Duty Rear Party	2/12/44
Lt.	QX.34012	GILLMAN	N.J.	OC 15	Yes.		
Lt.	QX.40798	ROODAKOFF	A.	2ic B	Yes.		
Lt.	QX.34018	PONT.	H.	OC 2	Yes.		
Lt.	QX.61455	BAK.	C.J.	OC 3	Yes.		
Lt.	QX.34019	SMITH.	A.E.	Assadjt	Yes.		
Lt.	QX.34015	KENNY.	J.P.	OC 17	Yes.		
Lt.	NX105166	ROACH	A.	-	Yes.		
Lt.	QX.17832	STRATTON	W.P.	-	No.	En route to Unit from 1 Aust Reinf. Trg.Bn.	24/11/44
Lt.	QX.34010	EVANS.	W.F.P.	OC 8	Yes.		
Lt.	QX.33702	HUTCHINSON	H.C.	-	No.	Sick MDS 19 Fd Amb.	21/12/44
Lt.	NX101642	LINDSAY	D.M.	OC 18	Yes.		
Lt.	QX.45093	GOULD	D.M.	OC 4	Yes.		
Lt.	VX104043	HANCOCK.	J.R.	OC 15	Yes.		
Lt.	QX.45704	MAHON.	J.L.	OC 1	Yes.		
Lt.	VX.3205	KNIGHT.	K.C.	OC 5	Yes.		
Lt.	VX.4024	REITER	F.A.	-	No.	(X List) Detached as L.O.11 Aust Inf Bde	29/11/44
Lt.	VX.5122	PATTERSON.	G.J.	-	Yes.		
Lt.	NX.26684	SPRILYAN.	A.	I.O.	Yes.		
Lt.	NX.116603	DEVLIN	S.V.	-	Yes.		
Lt.	QX.51373	CUNNINGTON.	H.C.	-	No.	(X List) attending course FAA Regt. Trg School	2/12/44

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PART E.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER UNITS.

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.

Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander

**PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH**

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday ...../...../194. (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Lt.	NX152755	DAVIDSON	C.J.	-	No	(X List) pending secondment as Instr. Aust Trg Centre	2/12/44
Lt.	NX.14999	SMITH N.J.	M.Z.	OC 7	Yes		
Lt.	QX.33552	COULTON.	L.R.J.	OC 10	Yes		
Lt.	QX.8311	RANDELL	E.J.	OC 11	Yes		
Lt.	SX.9760	EBBARY	E.J.	OC 14	Yes		
Capt.	QX.48886	HYNES.	J.V.	RMO	Yes.		

**PART E.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER UNITS.**

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
Capt. Welfare Officer	EX.22706	WHEENT. L.G.	AACHD	21/10/44	Chaplain.
		UZZELL J.G.	Salv. Army.	13/3/44	Salvation Army Red Shield Representative.

23 Dec. 44.  
Date of Despatch

*[Signature]*  
Lt. Col.  
Commandant  
Signature of Commander



SECRET  
24 Dec 44

GENERAL REPORT NO 2

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OF CAMP AT CHINA VILLAGE.

24 Dec 44.

PATROL REPORT NO 2.

ACTIVITIES OF NO 2 PATROL FROM  
TOROKINA TO AMUN

PATROL BY S1/S1 AUST INF BN (AIF)

DURATION OF PATROL 200600L-241500

Answers to tasks enumerated in Patrol Order No 2

Task (a) Detection of any enemy exploitation SOUTH of KURAIQ MISSIO

Answer NIL

Task (b) Prepare track going map and report on all routes taken.

Answer

(i) Track going report TOROKINA - AMUN as per report patrol No Summary of Events in Appendix "A" substantiates previous patrol 's track going map from TOROKINA to AMUN with additional timings and going information so that route can followed without resort to map. Track going map of previous patrol was found to be accurate.

(ii) Track going map KURAIQ - TAKOPAI see Appendix "B".

(iii) Track going map KURAIQ- AKOPAI see Appendix "C".

Task (c) Recce of AMUN village for enemy defences and ascertain if occupied by the enemy, and if so, what strength?

Answer See Appendix "D"

Task (d) Recce of routes for possible enemy movement to SIPIKURA and AKOPAI with two day patrols from firm base at KURAIQ.

Answer

(i) KURAIQ - SIPIKURA. Patrol departed from KURAIQ at 220800 accompanied by native guide as far as TAKOPAI without any detection of enemy activity whatsoever. Native guide reported ignorance of the route beyond TAKOPAI so patrol bivouaced at this village on first night.

TAKOPAI is inhabited by approximately 25 Kanakas, friendly to Allied troops. They reported that NO Japanese had been in the area for some considerable time.

It was intended to proceed to SIPIKURA on the morning of 23 Dec 44, but in the meantime, an ANGAU patrol under Lt TAME reached the village. This patrol reported NO Japanese had been in this area for some months. Patrol returned AMUN at 231030L. For track going map see Appendix "B"

(ii) KURAIQ - AKOPAI. Patrol proceeded from KURAIQ at 220800 accompanied by a native guide, following a track leading EAST 200 yards SOUTH of the MISSION.

Patrol followed a well defined track throughout to AKOPAI over country generally hilly, with a steep rise to approximately 1000 feet immediately WEST of AKOPAI. The village is well organised due to the influence of mission previously centred here. Population 64 males, but only 2 females were observed.

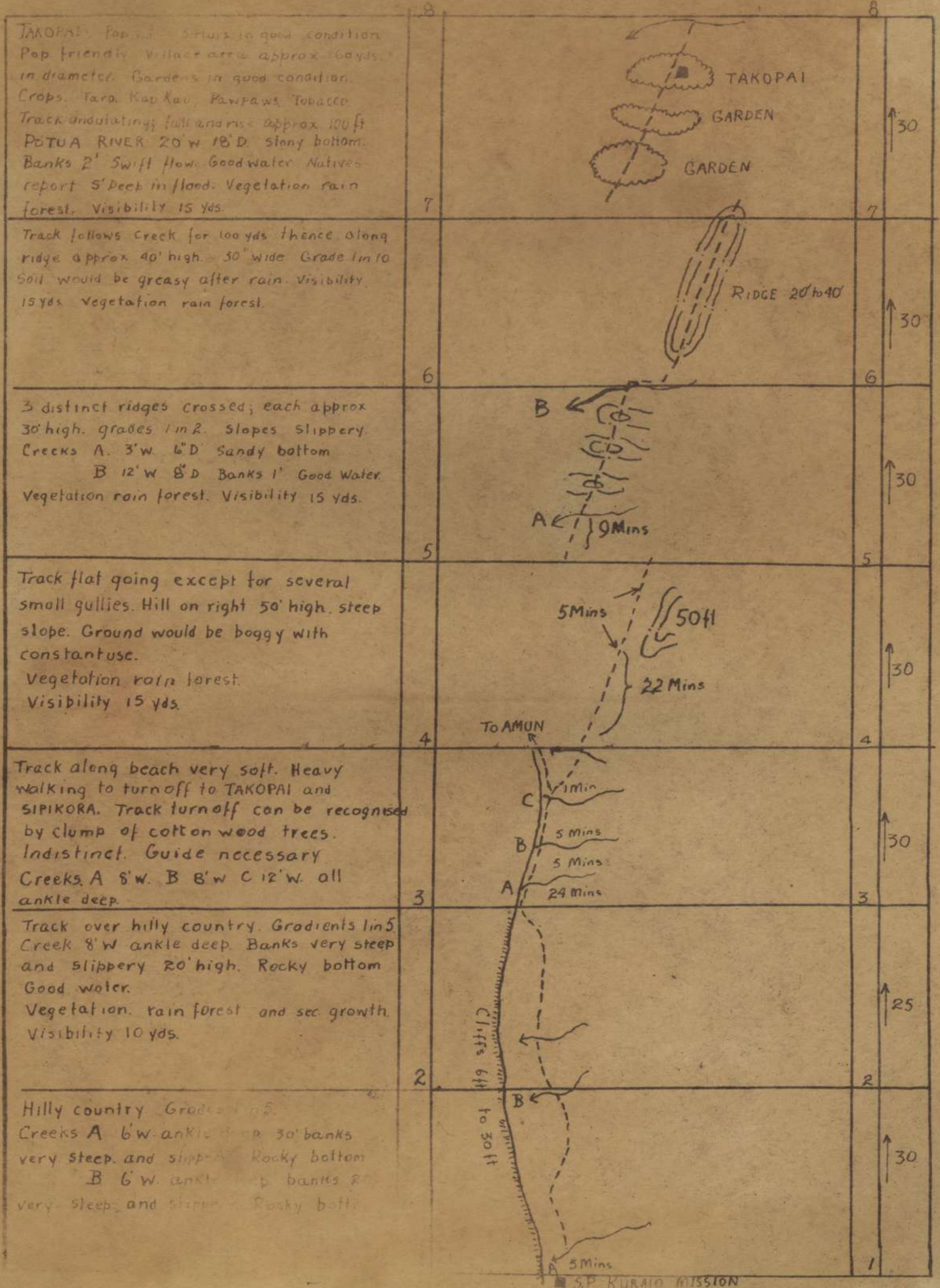
NO Japanese were found en route or at AKOPAI village. Villagers reported that NO Japanese have been seen in the area for a considerable time. This evidence was subsequently confirmed by Lt TAME of ANGAU patrol.

For track going map see Appendix "C"

In Lieu of Appendix "A"

APPENDIX "A" which was a Diary of Events of NO 2 Patrol  
is NOT included in the copies of Patrol Report No 2.  
Any topographical information in the diary is shown  
in the track going rope attached.

Equipment Web  
Sleeping Roll  
Rifles and Swords per rifle  
Rations 2 Days.



S.P. KURAI MISSION

SECRET

FIELD REPORT

TRACK CHECK REPORT

RM

MURRAY MESSAGE TO AKORAI

RM

1/11/42 WALKER B.C. AND ME

A.C.T. 21/11/42 MUST BE RM (M/P)

CHILD NATIVE POLICE B.Y.

TIME OFF

200000

TIME IN

210000

ESSENTIALS CARRIED

200 lbs  
Sleeping Roll  
3 Days rations  
Emergency ration  
First aid kit

ARMS AND AMM

2 Rifles  
2 OMSG  
50 rds per man  
6 mags per OMSG  
1 grenade per man

WEATHER

RM

by LHM WALSH NO A (ev. sub. Row Inf 8) (AIF)

Party: MCE SCR 1 RA

Time Out: 220815J

Time In: 231400L

Equipment: Carbine

Weather: Fine

Exp/ Web - Sleeping Roll

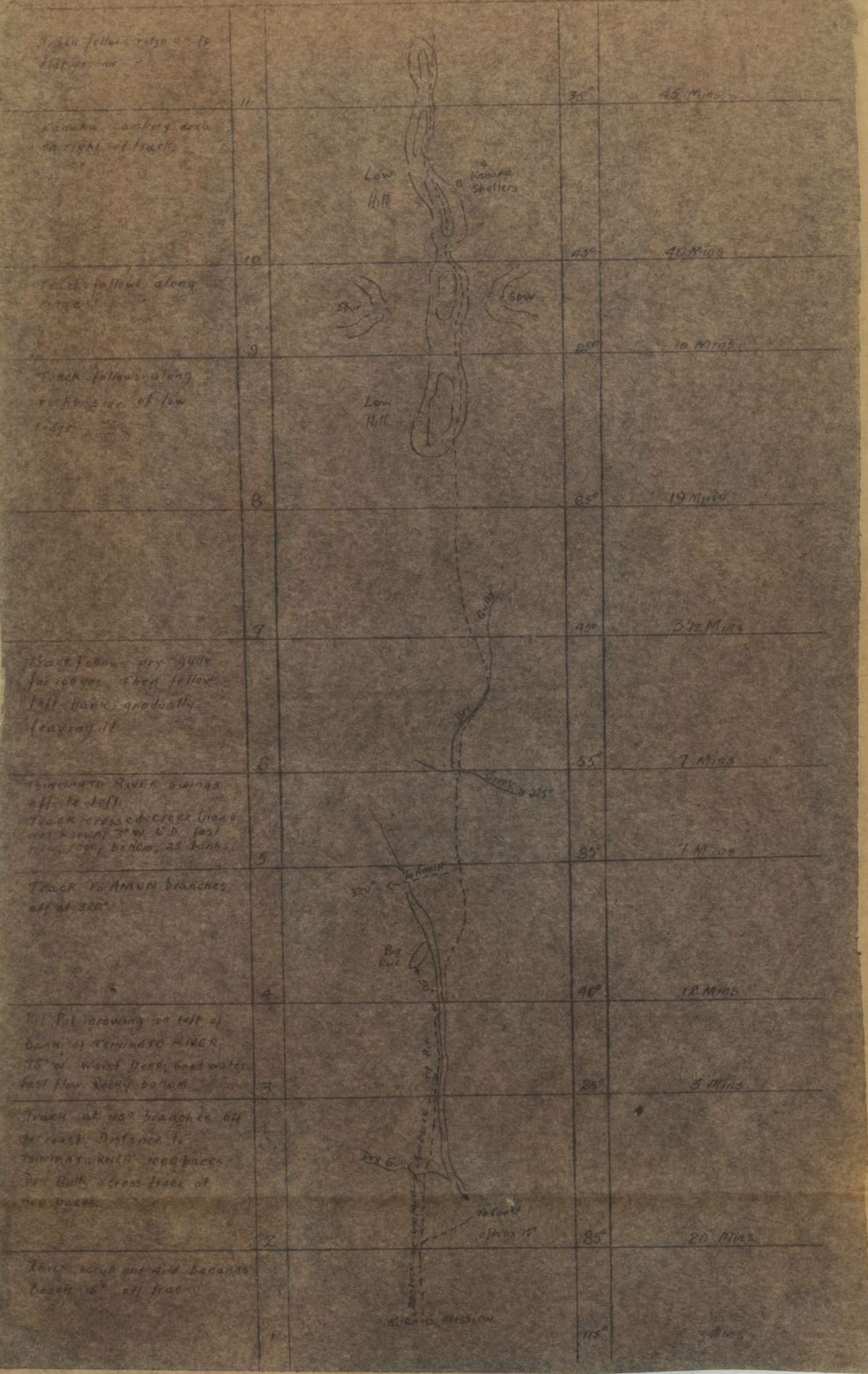
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Emergency Ration

2 Rifles 200ms

50 rds per Rifle

4 mugs per 200ms



Track follows ridge on top of hill

Koraha camping area on right of track

Track follows along edge

Track follows along right side of low ridge

Track follows dry gully for 100 yds then follows left bank gradually leaving it

TERMINATO RIVER swings off to left. Track crossed creek (near 100 yds) 3' W. & D. fast flow, rocky bottom, 25 yds

Track to AMUN branches off at 320°

Big Pit growing on left of bank of TERMINATO RIVER. 75' W. widest Deep, good water fast flow, rocky bottom

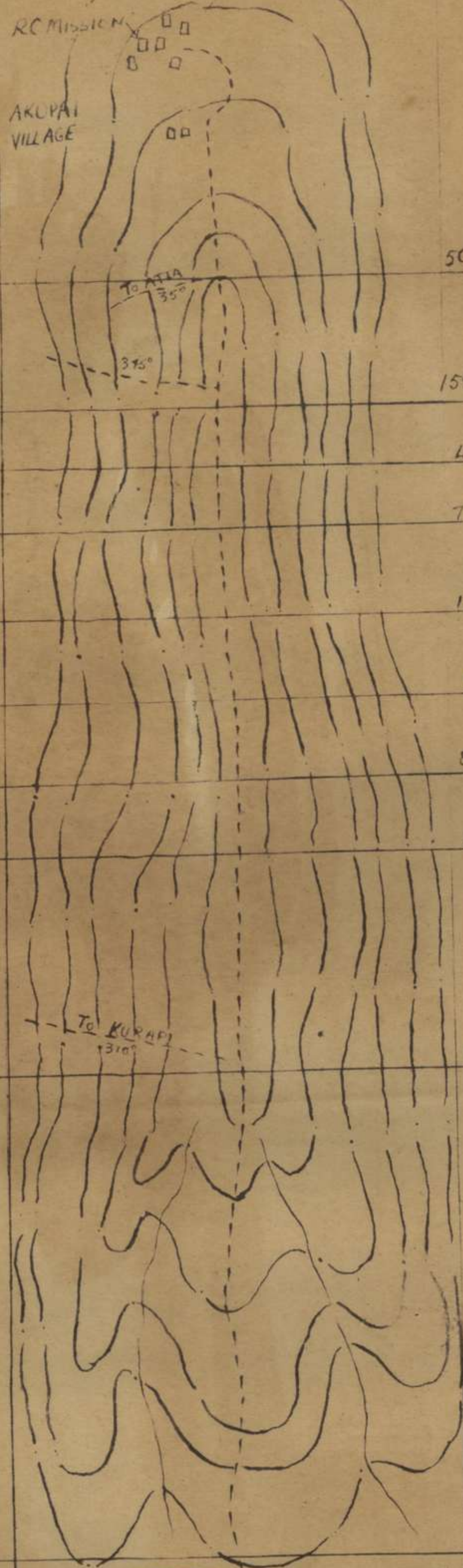
Track at 45° branches off to coast. Distance to TERMINATO RIVER 1000 paces. Dry Gully crosses track at 100 paces.

Track about and wild bananas beach 15' off track

KIRIWA MISION

PAI VILLAGE  
Mission Pop 64 males  
12 females seen  
Village on flat approx 100'  
by 75° Water from spring  
inside of hill  
17 false crests along spur

High Range



22

50°

10 Mins

21

155°

4 Mins

20

45°

4 Mins

19

75°

15 Mins

18

170°

15 Mins

Narrowest part of Ridge

17

140°

10 Mins

Track runs along top of spur, narrow at this point

16

80°

30 Mins

15

50°

5 Mins

NAT/R. Track to left leads to KURAPI

14

80°

15 Mins

Spur covered by thick scrub interspersed by bamboo and wild bananas. Grade varies. Steepest 1 in 2.

13

70°

25 Mins

KAVUBA RIVER. Natives have another name. Sandy bottom. 6" D. 20' banks; steep.

12

60°

20 Mins

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF ANUN VILLAGE

PATROL BY 51/51 AUSTRALIAN INF BN (AIF)

REF SKETCH ANUN -TORE RIVER AREA - see Annexure 1 attached

REF SKETCH COMPASS TRAVERSE COASTLINE ANUN AREA - see Annexure attached.

RECE RECCO

1. Recce patrol proceeded from KURAIO MISSION at 230600L via coastal track from ANUN. Composition of patrol as follows:-

OC Patrol            N.J. Smith A Coy 51/51 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)  
1 Sec 7 Pl  
1 Int pers  
2 ANGAU representative  
3 native boys.

2. Patrol reached the vicinity of GARINI GUTSA village at 221500L and bivouaced for the night.
3. On morning of 23 Dec 44 Lt Smith accompanied by 1 native guide proceeded in a northerly direction via track joining ANUN-MATIROIO track and then followed Kanaka trail through swamp, (See sketch) eventually arriving at Jap positions.
4. A thorough recce of the area revealed NO sign of enemy or any traces of recent activity. It was estimated that NO movement had taken place for over 12 days.

Lt Smith and guide returned to bivouac area.

OCCUPATION OF ANUN.

5. Patrol which left KURAIO MISSION at 230600L (See summary of Events) to intercept recce patrol met the latter 200 yds NORTH of TORE RIVER crossing at 231030L. Both patrols joined and proceeded to ANUN, moving by main route (ANUN-MATIROIO track) arriving at deserted Jap positions at 231500L.

RECCO OF DESERTED JAP POSNS.

6. Details as follows:- It is considered that Japanese vacated area shortly after 8 Dec 44, when the 2 Japanese were killed at GARINI GUTSA village. The evacuation appeared to have been a quick one, as the area was strewn with items of equipment, refuse and hastily dug rubbish pits.
7. Camp consisted of 4 huts and a sentry box (all well concealed) on SOUTH of position. Fox holes and weapon pits were dug along the beach. 28 graves were found in the area.
8. Many items of equipment were buried in the vicinity of each hut. The following were unearthed:-

10 .256" Meiji 38 inf rifles without bolts  
1 Nambu LMG with spare parts wallet and spare barrel.  
2 Cases .305" strip ammunition (quantity loose .256 amn also found)  
2 Pistols  
Quantity of respirators, leather amn pouches, haversacks, bayonets, documents, picks, shovels, small medical kit, water bottles, steel helmets, messing gear.

9. NO attempt had been made at hygiene.
10. It is considered that Japanese moved northwards and may be located SEPAAI area. (ref. map BOUGAINVILLE NORTH 4 Miles to 1 inch N120°) which according to Lieut. TAME of ANGAU is occupied by the



(3).

REPORT BY CAPTAIN BIRCH ON AMUN.

11. At 231800L a small patrol was sent out on reconnaissance of coastline NORTH of AMUN. Tasks were as follows:-

- (a) To penetrate 2000 yds beyond AMUN and observe if any enemy activity.
- (b) Recon for tracks.

Patrol returned at 231700L and reported no enemy for 2000 yds NORTH of AMUN. One dead Japanese was found on beach 2,400 yds. beyond AMUN. He appeared to have been dead for about one week. Torn fabric on right ankle was possibly bandage.

600 yds beyond Jap body small ledge was found in foliage off beach. Old fire place and mass tin indicates position was used for staging when Japs evacuated.

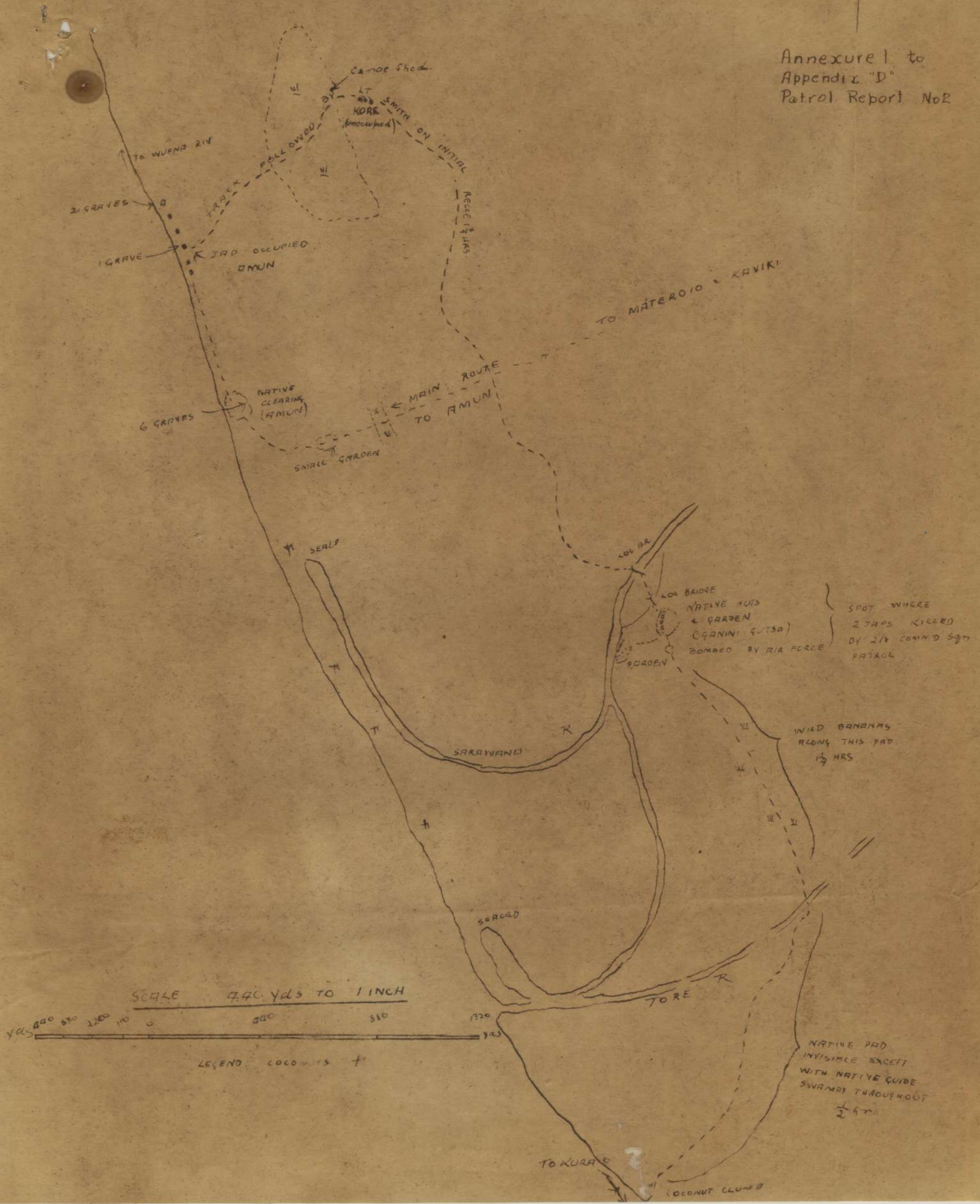
No tracks were found. A lagoon follows the coastline from AMUN and carries on beyond the point where patrol turned back.

See sketch attached annexure 2.

DIAGRAMATIC SKETCH of AMUN - TORE R. AREA

APPROX

Annexure 1 to  
Appendix "D"  
Patrol Report No 2



SCALE 740 Yds TO 1 INCH

Yds 0 100 200 300 400 500 600

LEGEND COCONUTS +

SPOT WHERE  
2 TAPS KILLED  
BY 2/4 COMND SQN  
PATROL

WILD BANANAS  
ALONG THIS PAD  
1 1/2 HRS

NATIVE PAD  
INVISIBLE EXCEPT  
WITH NATIVE GUIDE  
SWAMPY THROUGHOUT  
1/2 HRS

**SECRET.**

Copy 2 to  
Introl report No. 2.

REPORT ON EVENTS LEADING TO BOMBING OF GAMBIE GIBRA VILLAGE.

1. Immediately upon the occupation of the AMH area at 231300L, signal was sent to No. 11 ASST INF BDE (AIF) text being as follows:-

" I 67 MESSAGE. AMH captured at 231300L. No opposition. Will remain at AMH for bargains. Cancel air strikes. Will recon area. Hold enemy S.I.A. Aids."

A further signal was made out, text as follows:-

" I 68 MESSAGE. Please act I 67."

Both signals were received and transmitted by 218 sqd, 8 pigeons were released carrying the same signals.

2. Lt. Col. HENRY CP 21/51 ASST INF BDE (AIF) gave order for withdrawal from AMH at 240000L if no acknowledgment was received to I 67. Withdrawal was subsequently carried out.
3. 21 planes were observed over mouth of TORE RIVER at 240000L flying N.W. Planes headed to the EAST at 240000 L and commenced circling over AMH area at 240000L. Bombing commenced at 240000L and continued until 240700L, when strafing was carried out until 240700L. The air strike was directed on GAMBIE GIBRA village NOT AMH.
4. Observation of strike indicated complete devastation and destruction of village. Huts and debris were thrown sky high.

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ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1.

BY

LT. COL. J. KELLY - CMD - 31/51 AUST INF BN. (AIF)

20 Dec. 44.

DUTIES.

<u>Date.</u>	<u>Duty Coy.</u>	<u>Orderly Officer</u>
26/27 Dec. 44.	B. Coy.	Lt. H.M. RILEY
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Bn. Ord Sjt.  
Bn. Ord. Cpl.  
Bn. Runner.

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- (ii) Water Bottle.
- (iii) Haversack ( to hold his personal gear)
- (iv) Pack.
- (v) Clothing, necessaries, messing gear, blankets  
Mosquito Net and bottle mosquito repellent lotion.

(e) A.A. B83 and A.P. F204 will always remain in possession of soldier

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(a) All ranks will be warned that certain trees in the area contain a sap which causes burning followed by a rash.

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*W. J. ...*

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31/51 AUST INF BN (AIF) OP INSTR. NO. 3.

*MPX 15.*

Ref Maos:- BOUGAINVILLE NORTH 4 Miles to 1 Inch.  
Enlargement BOUGAINVILLE NORTH 2 Miles to 1 Inch.

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INTENTION.

3. 31/51 AUST INF BN (AIF) will establish a firm base at KURAIIO MISSION on 28 DEC 44, and from there will patrol and establish control of the area KAVRATA - AMUN - CAPE MOLTKE.

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METHOD.

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One det Mortars 3<sup>rd</sup>.

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2 Int pers.

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(e) At all times report on areas en route suitable for establishment of a firm base to cover the requirements of

- i. An Inf Coy Gp.
- ii. An Inf Bn Gp.

7. Probable future tasks - Shown in green on enlargement.

ADM.

8. Issued separately.

INTER-COM.

9. W/T. - One No. 11 Set.  
Two 208 Sets.

10. L/T. - Three D5s.  
Five miles D5 cable.  
One mile assault cable.

11. Visual. One Aldis Lamp.

12. Schedules. - Routine calls will be made every four hours commencing at 280600 L.

A 24 hr listening watch is to be maintained by control Stn at 11 AUST INF BDE.

Times for submitting sitreps will be issued separately.

13. Pigeon Service Six pigeons will be taken with the party and thereafter four birds will be supplied twice weekly under arrangements of this H.Q.

14. DRLS. DRLS courier will be maintained by barge.

ACK.

METHOD OF ISSUE. Sigs.

TIME OF SIGNATURE. 271100L

*[Signature]* Capt.  
Adj. 31/51 AUST INF BN (AIF).

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ANGAU.	8.	8.	
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SECRET.

ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION.

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TPT.

1. M.T. 12 x 3 ton trucks will report to B Coy 31/51 Aust Inf Bn at 280615L Dec to convey,-

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to BEACH No. 4.

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2. Barge.

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Daily maintenance of sups and amn will be effected by barge service.

RATIONS

3. Maintenance - 7 days maintenance rations will be taken and held at KURAI O MISSION. These will be delivered to BEACH No 4 by 223 Aust Supply Depot Pl
4. Reserve - 7 days res rations incl 1 day FOR O2 will be taken. Special attention will be given to the care and storage of reserve rations which will be available for weekly inspection by A.A.S.C. officer. These rations will be delivered to BEACH No. 4 by 223 Aust Supply Depot Pl.
5. Replenishment will be according to barge availability.

AMN.

6. First line amn will be carried

RETURNS.

7. The following returns will be furnished,-

<u>RETURN.</u>	<u>TO WHOM SUBMITTED.</u>	<u>AT</u>
AFW. 3006	HQ 11 Aust Inf Bde HQ 31/51 Aust Inf Bn	0600 hrs daily
Cas. Returns	HQ 31/51 Aust Inf Bn	Weekly each Friday
B. 2069	HQ 31/51 Aust Inf Bn	do.
Tentage Return	do.	do.
Ammunition replenishment	do. HQ 11 Aust Inf Bde	Daily
Battle Casualties	do. HQ 31/51 Aust Inf Bn	As soon as practicable Nil returns not required
W. 3809	HQ 11 Aust Inf Bde	Daily as at 0600 hrs
AB.55	do.	do. 4 days ahead
W. 3810	do.	Weekly - each Saturday

Losses of controlled stores will be immediately reported by signal to HQ 11 Aust Inf Bde and HQ 31/51 Aust Inf Bn followed by a full and complete report in writing as early as possible.

PW.

8. PW will be returned under armed escort to 11 Aust Inf Bde  
Pro.

NATIVES.

9. In the event of action in or near native villages inhabitants will be evacuated and handed over to ANGAU

PORTERAGE.

10. An allotment of 20 natives has been made. Natives will be based on KURAI0 MISSION and will be available for patrols.

CANTEEN.

11. Canteen Stores will be sent forward by the Bn. as required and as barge traffic permits.

POST.

12. Incoming and outgoing mail will be delivered and picked up daily by barge service.

PAY.

13. Acquittances will be made up by the Coy. and Pay Sjt. advised on the MONDAY prior to pay day (FRIDAY) the total amount required. Pay will be taken up by a Paying Officer. Pay must be acquitted NOT later than 1800 hrs on the SATURDAY.

MEDICAL.

14. Medical Evacuation will be by barge.
15. Medical supplies plus stretchers will be taken by Det. 19 Aust. Fd. Amb (AIF).
16. Water. Strict water discipline will be enforced and only water which has been sterilised will be used for drinking purposes.  
One Mollinate water filter will be taken by the Coy.
17. GARBAGE. Will be burnt. Tins will be burnt, punctured, crushed, and then buried.
18. HYGIENE. Strict hygiene discipline will be insisted upon and maintained at all times.

Separate latrines and showers will be provided for natives and under no circumstances will these conveniences be utilised by white troops.

19. Anti-malarial control Full anti-malarial precautions as laid down will be taken.
20. Scrub-mite. Full anti-mite precautions will be taken. Clothes will be treated before leaving the perimeter.

SECURITY.

21. No documents, maps, diagrams, letters, envelopes, etc. except those essential will be taken.

Any documents likely to fall into enemy hands will be destroyed.

Patrols will cover and conceal all traces of their activities.

*J. J. Ward* Capt.  
Adj. 31/51 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

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Tentage Return	do.	do.
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Adj. 31/51 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)



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31/51 AUST INF BN (AIF) OP INSTR. NO. 3.

Ref Maps:- BOUGAINVILLE NORTH 4 Miles to 1 Inch.  
Enlargement BOUGAINVILLE NORTH 2 Miles to 1 Inch.

INFORMATION.

1. ENEMY.

- (a) Since evacuation of AMUN it is considered that the enemy party estimated strength 35 may now be established in the SIPAAI area (NL2635)
- (b) Recent long range patrols in NORTH BOUGAINVILLE estimate that approx 211 JAPANESE occupy the coastline between PAU PLANTATION and SIPAAI.
- (c) Recent patrols inland from KURAIIO reveal NO enemy in the AKOPAI - SIPIKURA areas.

2. OWN TPS.

A An allied patrol is operating in NORTH BOUGAINVILLE. Its present location is NOT known.

INTENTION.

3. 31/51 AUST INF BN (AIF) will establish a firm base at KURAIIO MISSION on 28 DEC 44, and from there will patrol and establish control of the area KAVRATA - AMUN - CAPE MOLTKE.

Aggressive patrols will be maintained fwd of this area.

METHOD.

4. Tps - Composition of party :-

B. COY. 31/51 AUST INF BN (AIF) with under comd -

One det Mortars 3".

10 Sig pers.

det. 11 AUST INF BDE SIG SEC.

2 Int pers.

4 S.Bs.

det. 19 AUST FD AMB (AIF) -(1 Med Officer and 5 O/Rs).

One Pl. N.G.I.B.

det. ANGAU consisting of 20 porters.

5. Tn. - Tps and stores will be tptd from BEACH NO.4 to KURAIIO MISSION.

6. Tasks - (a) Prevent any exploitation by enemy SOUTH of general line KAVRATA - AMUN.

(b) Prepare track going maps of all patrol routes taken. Copy of all patrol orders will be forwarded to this H.Q.

(c) Initial patrol routes to be covered are shown in red on enlargement.

(d) All patrolling will be aggressive and special attention will be paid to SIPAAI in estimating enemy strength and approaches thereto, with a view of destroying the enemy in this area.

(e) At all times report on areas en route suitable for establishment of a firm base to cover the requirements of

- i. An Inf Coy Gp.
- ii. An Inf Bn Gp.

7. Probable future tasks - Shown in green on enlargement.

ADM.

8. Issued separately.

INTER-COM.

9. W/T. - One No. 11 Set.  
Two 208 Sets.

10. L/T. - Three D5s.  
Five miles D5 cable.  
One mile assault cable.

11. Visual. One Aldis Lamp.

12. Schedules. - Routine calls will be made every four hours commencing at 280600 L.

A 24 hr listening watch is to be maintained by control Stn at 11 AUST INF BDE.

Times for submitting sitreps will be issued separately.

13. Pigeon Service Six pigeons will be taken with the party and thereafter four birds will be supplied twice weekly under arrangements of this H.Q.

14. DRLS. DRLS courier will be maintained by barge.

ACK.

METHOD OF ISSUE. Sigs.

TIME OF SIGNATURE. 271100L

*[Signature]* Capt.  
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ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION.

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TPT.

1. M.T. 12 x 3 ton trucks will report to B Coy 31/51 Aust Inf Bn at 280615L Dec to convey,-

B Coy 31/51 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)  
 2 Sigs 11 Aust Inf Bde Sig. Sec.  
 4 Sigs 31/51 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)  
 1 det Mortar 31/51 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)  
 plus stores

to BEACH No. 4.

Balance of Party will move separately and join B Coy 31/51 AUST Inf Bn (AIF) at BEACH No. 4.

2. Barge.

The Party will move from BEACH No. 4 at 280730L Dec. Subject to availability 4 LCMS will convey personnel and stores.

LCM	Personnel	Allotment LCMS		Stores
		Offrs	O/Rs	
1	Coy HQ, 10 & 11 Pl B.Coy 31/51 Bn (AIF) less 1 Sec	4	65	
2	12 Pl B Coy 31/51 Bn S Bs Sigs Int Pers 11 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec Det 19 Aust Fd Amb	1     1 2	39 4 10 2 2 5 62	
3	1 Pl N.G.I.B.		30	Native stores and rations
4	1 Sec 11 Pl B Coy		10	Stores & rations B.Coy, 19 Fd Amb Bde Sig Sec

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Bn.Ord.Cpl.  
Bn.Runner

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*Map x 17.*

B COY PATROL NO 1 REPORT

PATROL BY 31/51 AUST INF BN (AIF)

DURATI N 290700L - INDEFINITE

ACTIVITIES OF NUMBER 1 PATROL AMUN AREA

Ref Map KONUA - AITA 1 inch to 1 mile

ANSWERS TO TASKS ENUMERATED IN B COY PATROL ORDER NO 1.

Task (a). Detection of any enemy exploitation SOUTH of AMUN (255264).

Answer Only signs of japs being in the area were footprints on the beach approx 3 miles SOUTH of AMUN; these tracks were several days old.

Task (b). Prepare track going map of all routes taken except KURAIQ - AMUN.

Answer See sketches attached ( Appx "A" and "B").

Task (c). Prepare Pl patrol base in vicinity of AMUN.

Answer This has been done at map ref 245283.

Task (d). Recce track area bounded by track KURAIQ - AMUN - BETUA - KAIKARO - track junc 257337 - River crossing 257330 - KAVIKI - OVIRI - IKUBERI - MATERIO - SIPIKURA - TAKOPAI - track junc 290227.

Answer See patrol report and track going map Appx "A".

Task (e). Capture of PW if possible.

Answer NO contact.

Task (f). Report on areas suitable for inf bn gp and inf coy gp.

Answer A coy base could be est on the SOUTH side of the KAVIKI RIVER at its mouth (255330). Good water 200 yards upstream. An alternative posn exists at map ref 245283. NO posn has been found suitable for an inf bn gp.

Task (g). Location report of all arms and eqpt captured in AMUN area.

Answer See FS Sec Report Appx "C"

SPECIAL TASKS

(1) Could an emergency landing ground be made at any part of the route.

Answer ELG could be made 1,000 yards SOUTH of KAVIKI RIVER. One inf coy could clear the area in four days.

Task (j). Could coy area be est 2,000 yards NORTH of AMUN

Answer Area unsuitable due to the lack of water.



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Appendix "A" to B Coy  
Patrol Report NO 1.

PATROL REPORT.

Ref Map KONA-AITA 1 inch to 1 mile.

ROUTE TAKEN. ABUH - MATERIO - KAVIKI - KAVIKI RIVER MOUTH

STRENGTH. 1 HQO 5 OR B Coy 31/51 AUST INF BN ( AIF)  
1 Int pers.  
1 Police Boy  
1 Native (Local).

INFORMATION.

NO contact with enemy.  
NO signs of enemy activity.  
Natives were very friendly and in good health.  
Food was plentiful in the gardens - Paspaws  
bananas, taro and coconuts.

Track was indistinct in places and a guide was  
necessary.  
The mouth of the KAVIKI RIVER may be suitable  
as a bivouac area for an inf coy gp.

Topographical details are given in track going  
map ( Appx "B" ) attached.

GENERAL

On night 30/31 Dec 44 fire was observed in the vicinity of SIPAAI at 2359L.

Aircraft passed over this base (AMUN) at 1145L heading towards SIPAAI.

The fire seemed to be caused by burning oil, although native huts would probably burn very fiercely. The fire lasted approx. three minutes and burnt out very suddenly.

Two shots were heard at 0430L approx several thousand yards SOUTH of this base.

Sgd. E.J. RANDALL lt  
0800L 31 Dec 44.

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Annexure 1 to Appx "A"  
B Coy Patrol Report No 1.

TRACK GOING REPORT

FROM

AMUN - MATRIO - KAVIKI -  
KAVIKI RIVER MOUTH

Patrol By 1 NCO, 5 OR, 1 Int pers B B Coy 51/51 Aust Inf Bn  
1 Police Boy  
1 Native (Local).

Time Out 300815L

TIME In 301900L

EQUIPMENT Equipment Web  
CARRIED 1 Day's Rations  
Emergency Ration  
First Aid Kit

ARMS AND AMM

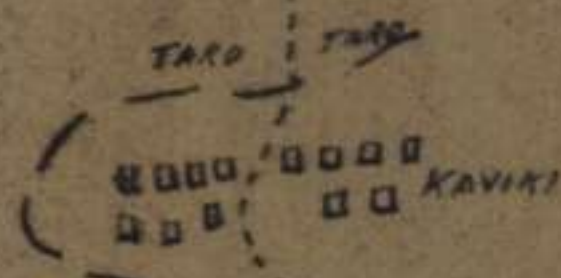
Weapons and amm.

WEATHER

FINE.

NATIVES CALL THE VILLAGE KAVIKI ALSO SAYING THAT ALL HUTS IN AREA CAME UNDER THAT NAME.

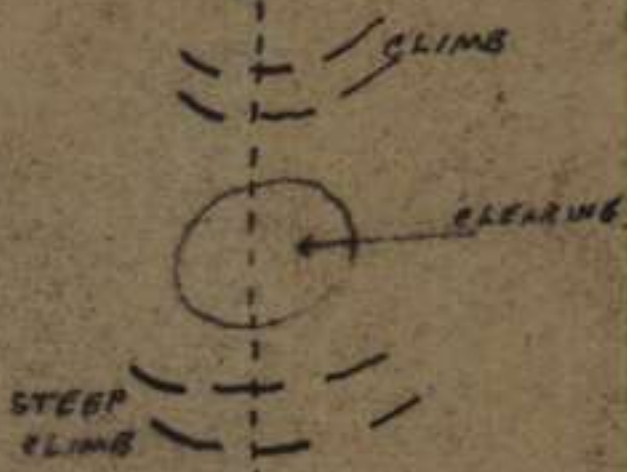
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20 MINS.

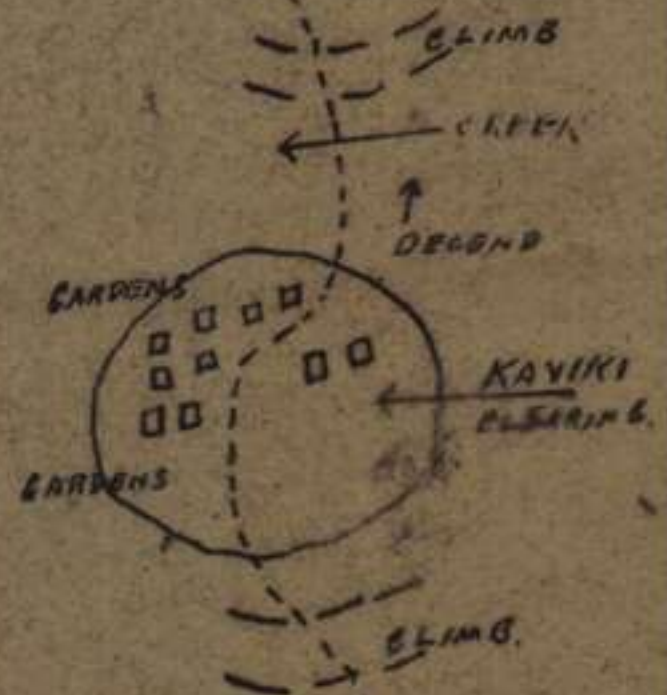
GRADES FAIRLY STEEP. TRACK DISTINCT.

HUTS UNDER CONSTRUCTION



30 MINS.

VILLAGE NATIVES CALL KAVIKI. NO BOYS LIVE HERE. LARGE AREA UNDER CULTIVATION.



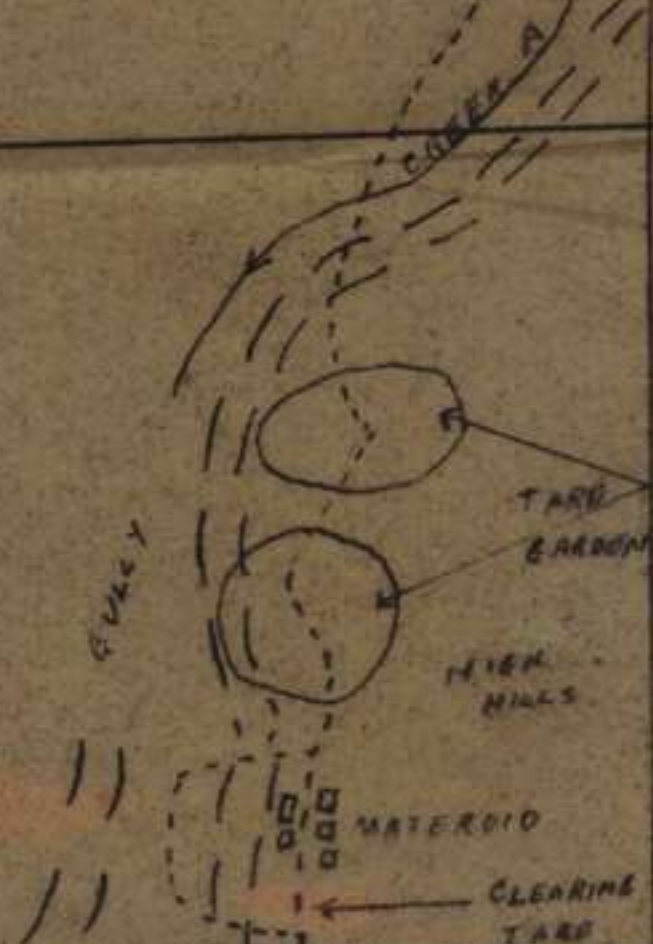
35 MINS.

"A" CREEK 6" W 2" DEEP SWIFT ROCKY BOTTOM



20 MINS.

MATEROID KANANA VILLAGE 7 PEOPLE. LARGE AREA UNDER CULTIVATION.



20 MINS.

\* VILLAGE DESERTED

x NO INFORMATION OBTAINED IN THIS BRANCH

HUTS

20 MINS.

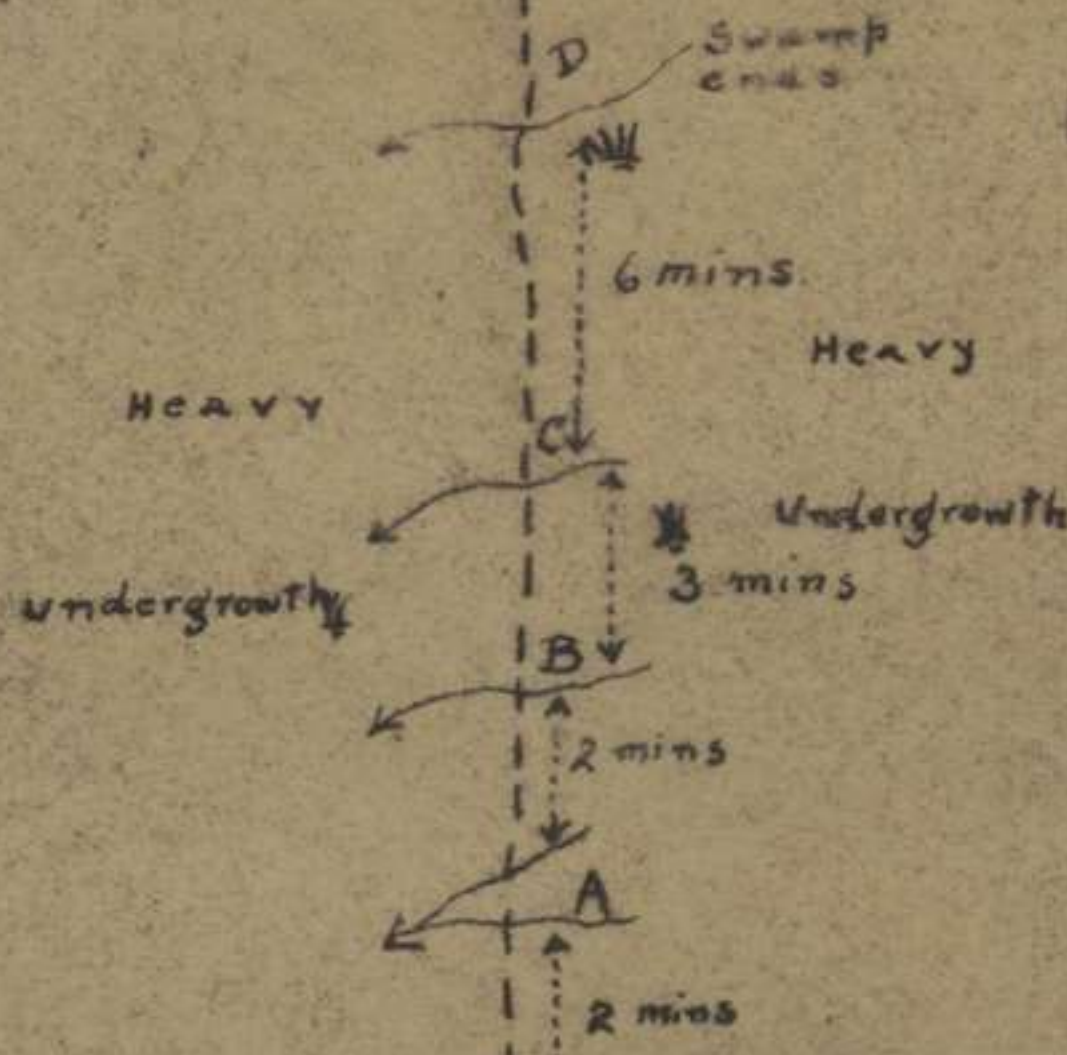
Track runs up steep grade - good footing



20 mins



A, B - small dry watercourses  
Creek C - 6 ft W and 2' D.  
Creek D - mud 3 ft D

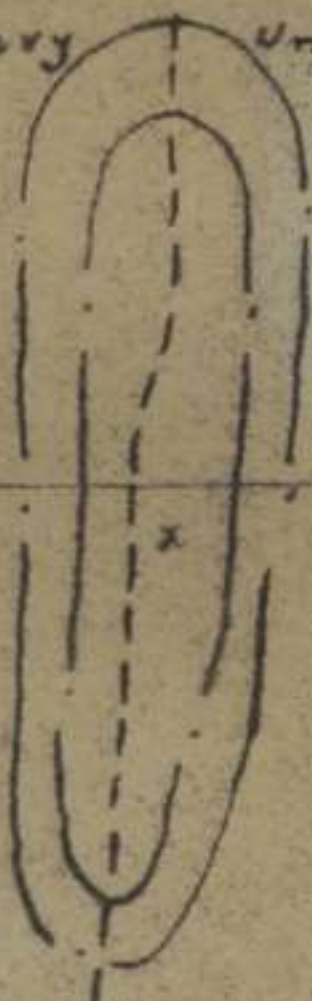


13 mins



Down grade - Slope gradual.

Heavy Undergrowth



8 mins



X Track runs along large fallen tree  
Slope - Gradual

Rain Forest  
Heavy Undergrowth



45 mins



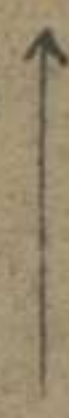
Track follows TORE R.  
Track indistinct - firm going.

Rain Forest

TORE R.

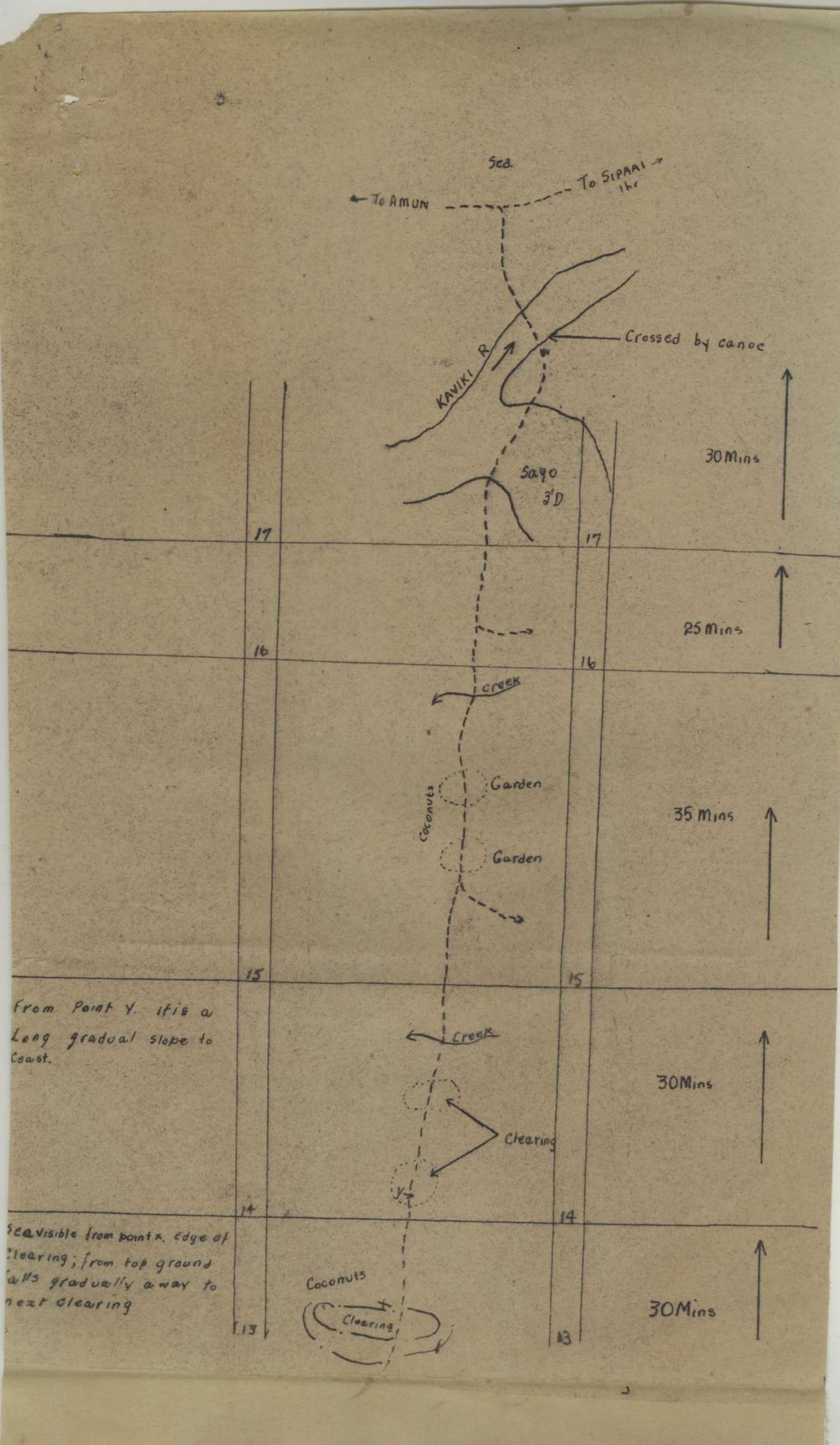


35 mins



TO KURRID

AMUN



SECRET

30 Dec 44

Appendix "C" to B Coy Patrol  
Report No 1.

PG SEC REPORT ON ENEMY EQUIPMENT AND DOCUMENTS  
AT ARON VILLAGE

Ref Map KONUA-AITA SHEET 1:63,360 - 255264

A search of the above area showed:-

1. The area had apparently been searched by a previous patrol.
2. Two of the four huts showed signs of having been occupied four to six weeks ago.
3. Approximately 30 steel helmets, 26 respirators, 200 to 300 rounds of SAA from which the bullets had been withdrawn, and one smoke bomb or flare.
4. A small quantity of documents were captured for despatch to GSI 2 ABST CORPS.
5. 21 graves were counted. The freshest appeared to be two to four weeks old.

Sgd. Maxwell

KAVIKI RIVER about  
25' W H' D Banks  
3' High. Slow flowing.

Coconuts  
KAVIKI R.  
5 Native  
Canoes  
Suitable  
Coy Area -  
Good Water.

Oak (Casuarina)  
Forest  
Patchy Undergrowth

50 mins

Track follows beach.  
Heavy going.

Oak Forest  
with Undergrowth.

40 mins

Plane Canopy

Pandanus  
Palms

23 mins

Lagoon.

15 mins

AMUN



# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Army Form W.3008  
(Adapted) (Page 1)  
(Revised Jan., 1943)  
1944 44 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 30 12/1944 31/51 Aust Inf Bn. (Unit) (AIF)

W.E. 1112G/3 OFFRS. 33 O.R's 769 + OFFRS. 1 O.R's 32 ATT. BY W.E.

## PART A.—POSTED STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10							
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.											
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.							
	2	-	1 1 9 25 1	* * Lieut.-Colonels Majors Captains Lieutenants Quarter-masters A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs.	AAMC	1										
	2	5	37		1											
				DETAIL	A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.		
Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).				A.	38									38		
				E.(1)												
				E.(2)												

\* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.  
\*\* Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Col. Particulars will be shown, e.g., 20 U.K. Forces; 10 N.Z. Forces.

## PART B.—PARTICULARS OF OFFICERS JOINED OR QUITTED DURING WEEK.

### OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit From.	Date.	CAUSE.
NX101649	Capt.	WALSH W.J.	Taken on strength	28/12/44	from Gen.Rfts (Inf) Auth: Posting order Q/438
NX101882	Capt.	JAMES. P.O.C.	Taken on strength	28/12/44	from Gen.Rfts (Inf) Auth: Posting order Q/438
QX.17832	Lt.	STRATTON W.P.	Marched In.	28/12/44	Ceases to be seconded & resumes Regtl.Duties.
QX.53792	Lt.	HUTCHINSON.H.C.		24/12/44	Returned from Hospits

### OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
QX.40802	Maj.	PENNEY R.St.J.	Marched Out		to Det NGDetails for movement t 32 Aust Inf Trg Bn. Auth: 2 Aust Corps -DAN 1242 of 24 Dec.44.

## PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO.....(Unit) IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED. .... / ..... / 194.....

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 30 12 / 1944 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
raj. (T/Lt/Col)	NX12214	KELLY.	J.L.A.	Comd.	Yes.		
raj.	VX.50081	CALLINAN.	B.J.	2 1/c	Yes		
raj.	QX.40802	PENNEY	R.St.	-	No.	X List On movement to 32 Aust Inf Trg BN (pending Secondment)	29/12/44
capt.	WX.11165	COMBLEY	J.	OC A	Yes		
capt.	QX.33838	DOWNS.	H.C.	-	No.	X List attending LHQ Tactical School.	6/12/44
capt.	QX.33699	TITLEY	T.H.A.	OC D	Yes		
capt.	QX.34011	GIRARD	B.W.	Adjt.	Yes		
capt.	WX.29257	BENTLEY	H.N.	2ic C	Yes		
capt.	NX101649	WALSH.	W.J.	-	Yes		
capt.	VX. 3579	SHILTON.	A.L.	OC C	Yes		
capt.	VX.5200	HARRIS.	N.M.J.	OC B	Yes	(Outpost Duty)	28/12/44
capt.	NX101882	JAMES.	P.O.C.	-	Yes		
capt.	NX109209	HOWARTH.	R.A.	2ic D	Yes		
capt.	QX.34014	KAHLER	B.E.	Q.M.	Yes		
lt.	QX.34609	RIGBY.	L.	2ic B.	Yes	(Outpost Duty)	28/12/44
lt.	QX.33698	AUMULLER	J.H.	-	No.	X List at GDD Redbank pending disposal.	6/12/44
lt.	QX.45094	ROBERTS.	G.V.	OC 10	No.	X List attending Course LHQ School.	13/11/44
lt.	QX.34608	RILEY	H.M.	OC 16	Yes		
lt.	QX.35810	SMITH	R.D.B.	T.O.	No.	Spec.Duty Rear Party	2/12/44
lt.	QX.34012	GILMAN.	N.J.	OC 15	Yes		
lt.	QX.40798	ROODAKOFF	A.	2ic A	Yes		
lt.	QX.34018	PONT.	H.	OC 2	Yes		
lt.	QX.61455	BAK.	C.J.	OC 3	Yes		
lt.	QX.34019	SMITH	A.E.	Ass Adjt	Yes		
lt.	QX.34015	KENNY.	J. P.	OC 17	Yes		
lt.	NX105166	ROACH	A.	-	Yes		
lt.	QX.17832	STRATTON.	W.F.	-	Yes		
lt.	QX.34010	EVANS.	W.F.P.	OC 8	Yes		
lt.	QX.33702	HUTCHINSON.	H.C.	-	Yes.	(Outpost Duty)	28/12/44
lt.	NX101642	LINDSAY	D.M.	OC 18	Yes		
lt.	QX.45093	GOULD.	D.M.	OC 4	Yes.		
lt.	VX104 043	HARCOCK.	J.R.	OC13	Yes		
lt.	QX.45704	MAHON.	J. L.	OC 1	Yes		
lt.	VX.3205	KNIGHT.	K.C.	OC 5	Yes		
lt.	VX.4024	REITER	F.A.	NA.-	No	X List Detached as LO 11 Aust Inf Bde.	29/11/44
lt.	VX.5122	PATTERSON	G.J.	-	Yes		
lt.	WX26684	SPRILYAN.	A.	I.O.	Yes.		
lt.	NX116603	DEVLIN.	S.V.	-	Yes		
lt.	QX.51373	GUNNINGTON.	H.C.	-	No.	(X List) Attending Course FAA Regt.Trng. School.	2/12/44
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PART E.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER UNITS.

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.

Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander

Unit

**PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH**

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At 0600 Hrs. Saturday ...../...../194. (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
Lt.	NX152755	DAVIDSON.	C.J.	-	No.	(X List) pending secondment as Instr. Aust Trg Centre.	2/12/44
Lt.	NX.14999	SMITH.	N.J.	OC 7	Yes		
Lt.	OX.33652	COULTON.	L.R.J.	OC 10	Yes	(Outpost Duty)	28/12/44
Lt.	OX.8311	RANDELL	E.J.	OC 11	Yes	(Outpost Duty)	28/12/44
Lt.	SX.9760	EBSARY	E.J.	OC 14	Yes		
Capt.	OX.48886	HYRES.	J.V.	RMC.	Yes.		

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Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
Capt.	WX.22706	WHEAT	L.C. AA Ch.D	21/10/44	Chaplain.
Welfare Officer		UZZELL	J.C. Salv. Army.	13/3/44	Salavation Army Red Shield Representative.

30 Dec. 44.

Date of Despatch

Comd. 31/51 Aust Inf Bn. (AIF)

Signature of Commander