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Unit 58/59 Aust Inf Bn Date and Time.—From 1 May 45 To 1 May 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
ref maps BARARA HIRUHIRU Dyeline RUMIKI Dyeline 1/25000	1 May 45	0400	Enemy fired 30 x 75mm rounds into general area 901460 nil cas or damage.	
		0530	Stand to	
		0630	Stand down	
		0645	Bn tpt used to ferry amm and stores from SINDOU CREEK to 24 Aust Inf Bn BnHQ at 910446. Amm and sup were portion of 24 Aust Inf Bn reserve.	
		0700	Orderly returning from BnHQ at 899454 to A Coy 904458 fired on by one enemy at 900456 and wounded in leg. Orderly VX115974 Pte McLEES, L, returned fire and threw a grenade then returned in direction of BnHQ and was met at 899455 by QM Capt N.A. DEMPSTER and patrol which he organised to investigate firing.	
		0830	One pl from each of A B D Coys worked on corduroying of HATAI RD. One pl of C Coy and HQ Coy and pnr pl engaged in constr of BUIN RD. Seven patrols moved out to recce for signs of enemy mov within bn area of responsibility.	
		0900.	B Ech moved portion of stores to fwd LOB at HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde 873486. Lt A. BALL finalized canteen account and regimental funds.	
		1130	Lt K.I. ROBERTSON patrol of 1 offr 8 ORs fired on by enemy at 915465. Leading scout was allowed to pass and second scout fired on. First scout went to ground and stayed there for five minutes when Jap dressed in Aust clothes moved out of cover towards second scout who was believed wounded badly. First scout killed enemy and was then hit with a hand grenade and withdrew and contacted standing patrol of 57/60 Aust Inf Bn at 908472 who escorted him into their HQ. Scout was	

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SINDOU CREEK ref maps BARARA HIRUHIRU Dyeline RUMIKI Dyeline 1/25000	1 May 45	1130	wounded over eye and evacuated to hospital. When contact was made offr and 1 OR moved fwd to investigate. Lt K.I.ROBERTSON was killed by LMG fire and after ascertaining him to be dead OR returned to patrol. It was then established that 1 OR was missing. Patrol then withdrew to A Coy standing patrol 914456. OWN CAS:- VX113048 Lt K.I.ROBERTSON KILLED VX113026 Pte.I.R.W.DUNCAN WOUNDED QX 56004 " S.SALOMON MISSING NX176681 " P.WPHAYES MISSING		
		1400	15 Aust Inf Bde advised that bn would send out patrols to attempt to intercept party of enemy known to have camped in area of sq 8747 night 30 Apr/1 May.		
		1530	Lt L.S.PROBY MC and patrol of 22 ORs moved out via OLD TOKINOTU 896455 SW along track to MOMUKO RIVER to establish ambushes at 878426 and 881432.		
		1600	Comd 15 Aust Inf Bde Brig H.H.HAMMER DSO visited CO Lt-Col W.M.MAYBERRY. Comd 15 Aust Inf Bde Brig H.H.HAMMER DSO, BM 15 Aust Inf Bde Maj H.G.ROBSON, CO Lt-Col W.M.MAYBERRY moved fwd to HQ 24 Aust Inf Bn 910446 for conference.		
		1930	Stand to		
		2000	Stand down		
		2 May 45	0530	Stand to	
			0630	Stand down	
			0700	Breakfast	
			0830	B Coy commenced move to new posn at 917452. 16 pl of D Coy moved to occupy posn vacated by B Coy at 895464. C Coy and HQ Coy worked on constr of BUIN RD. Patrols out as follows:-	Appx MA 11

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
SINDOU CREEK ref maps BARARA HIRUHIRU Dyeline RUMIKI Dyeline 1/25000	2 May 45	0830	Lt B. EWART AND 8 ORs out at 907447 on bearing of 220 degrees for 2000 yds to recce for lateral tracks and thence to MOMOKU RIVER track 884443 and return to C Coy.	
			Lt D. BREWSTER MC and 9 ORs from A Coy out from 914456 on bearing of 45 degrees for 2000 yds to recce for enemy foot tracks and activity.	
			Ten other patrols covered the Bn's flanks searching for signs of enemy activity.	
		1000	CO Lt-Col W.M. MAYBERRY and Adjt Capt R.L. MATHEWS visited C Coy 901453 and B Coy 917452 and discussed patrolling methods with offrs and NCOs of C Coy.	
		1200	SC 15 Aust Inf Bde Capt F. WRAY, DAQMG 3 Aust Div Capt GIDDINGS visited Adjt Capt R.L. MATHEWS	
		1500	Senior Chaplain Smith visited CO Lt-Col W.M. MAYBERRY. OC 3 Aust Div Sigs Maj LITTLE and Maj MURPHY visited Adjt Capt R.L. MATHEWS re 3 Aust Div Sigs attached to Bn on 1 May.	
		1600	Burial party sent out to 917471 to recover and bury bodies found by 57/60 Aust Inf Bn 1 May. Bodies presumed to be those of Lt K.I. ROBERTSON, Pte HAYES, Pte SALOMON from action 1 May	
			Chief Instructor LHQ School of MI, Col MANDER-JONES, IO 15 Aust Inf Bde Capt N. DUN visited IO Lt A.B. WHEELER and discussed intelligence matters.	
		1630	CO's Orderly Room.	
		1800	All patrols reported in. No sightings of enemy or enemy activities.	
		Lt L.S. PROBY MC patrol ambush party returned from 878427 and reported no signs of recent enemy activity in area.		
		Burial party returned from 917471. Unable to locate bodies.		

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.	
SINDOU CREEK ref maps BARARA HIRUHIRU Dyeline RUMIKI Dyeline 1/25000	2 May 45	1800	Audit of canteen account was completed.		
		1830	American pattern gaiters issued.		
		1930	Stand to		
		2000	Stand down		
	3 May 45	0400	Enemy fired 150 shells of 75mm and 150mm calibre into general areas squares 9045 9044 9145 9144. No damage or cas resulted.		
		0600	Burial party moved out with patrol from 47 Aust Inf Bn to search for bodies of Lt K.I.ROBERTSON, Pte HAYES and Pte SALOMON presumed killed in action 1 May at 916471		
		0830	B Coy continued mov of stores to new area at 917452. A B D HQ Coys each one pl engaged on road constr BUIN RD. Patrolling to the Bn flanks again carried out with patrols moving out as follows:- C Coy NCO 8 ORs to 879436 return via OLD TOKINOTU and BUIN RD. C Coy NCO 8 ORs to 915452 to A Coy ambush 914456 to A Coy 904458 return to C Coy. C Coy NCO 8 ORs to 890450 to 894464 thence to garden 904465 to BUIN RD to C Coy. B Coy Lt P.PUTNAM 18 ORs to 915465 to HATAI Rdat 905475 due South to A and B Coys. D Coy establish an ambush of 1 NCO 8 ORs at 915465.		
		1100	ADOS 3 Aust Div visited QM Capt N.A.DEMPSTER and then visited CO Lt-Col W.M.MAYBERRY.		
		1115	CO 2/4 Aust Armd Regt Maj ARNOTT visited CO Lt-Col W.M.MAYBERRY LO 15 Aust Inf Bde Lt J.NORRIE MC visited Adjnt Capt R.L.MATHEWS		
		1400	CO Lt-Col W.M.MAYBERRY visited tps working on BUIN RD.		
		15000	GI 3 Aust Div Lt-Col HASSETT, LO15 Aust Inf Bde visited CO Lt-Col W.M.MAYBERRY and gave details of new patrol boundaries.		

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
SINDOU CREEK ref maps BARARA HIRUHIRU Dyeline RUMIKI Dyeline 1/25000	3 May 45	1600	Lt R.ROLFE and 6 ORs moved out to flamethrower pl school HQ 15 Aust Inf bde. Lt R.ROLFE as instructor.	
		1730	All patrols reported in. No contact made with enemy and no signs of enemy activity seen.	
	4 May 45	1930	Stand to	
		2000	Stand down	
		0530	Stand to	
		0630	Stand down	
		0700	Breakfast	
		0730	Two guides moved out to HQ 47 Aust Inf Bn 907478 to act as guides for patrolling in areas recently vacated by 58/59 Aust Inf Bn.	
		0830	Patrols moved out as follows:- Lt R.FARRELLY 8 ORs A Coy to 915465 thence to recce track leading to East for 2000 yds. Lt A.BALL 8 ORs B Coy moved to 926465 thence North to HATAI RD. Lt H.J.WALKER 8 ORs to 915465 thence NW to HATAI RD. All three patrols were to traverse the route taken plot side tracks and recce for signs of enemy mov.	
			Two routine patrols operated in area South of BUIN RD searching for signs of enemy activity.	
	All coys provided a working party of one pl each to carry out further constr and maintenance on the BUIN RD.			
	1000	DAQMG 3 Aust Div Capt GIDDINGS and SC 15 Aust Inf Bde Capt. F.WRAY visited Adjut Capt R.L.MATHEWS. Lt.D.HOGAN visited HQ 3 Aust Div to confer with Legal Offr.		
	1200	CO Lt-Col W.M.MAYBERRY visited HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde and conferred with Comd Brig H.H.HAMMER DSO.		
	1330	4 pl returned to Bn from 883467 where it was engaged on a		

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
SINDOU CREEK ref maps BARARA HIRUHIRU Dyeline RUMIKI Dyeline 1/25000	4 May 45	1330	protective role to MDS 11 Fd Amb. 4 pl took up def posn with B Ech at 898455	
		1700	Lt FARRELLY patrol returned reporting a freshly dug enemy posn capable of holding 8 men on track at 920465. Patrol reced track and surrounding terrain for 1000 yds and returned South to BUIN RD. No further signs of enemy activity were seen. Lt H.J.WALKER patrol returned and reported carrying out their task in full. No signs of enemy mov were seen.	
		1730	Lt A.BALL patrol returned and reported no signs of enemy mov in area through which patrol passed	
		1930	Two routine patrols South of BUIN RD reported. Nil sightings. Adjnt Capt R.L.MATHEWS issued warning order to D Coy to move to new posn 907448 on 5 May.	Appx MA 1
		2000	Stand to	
	5 May 45	0530	Stand down.	
		0630	Stand to	
		0800	Stand down	
		0830	6 Tp 2/4 Aust Armd Regt ceased to be in sp D Coy and moved fwd in sp 24 Aust Inf Bn.	
			Patrols moved out as follows:- Lt.P.PUTNAM, Lt J.LYLE, 8 ORs, 1 sig, 2 native guides moved out to recce the HONGORAI RIVER from 934400 to 946414. Route out and in via gardens in squares 9041,9141. Task recce for crossings, recce terrain for jeepability, tankability, complete report on HONGORAI RIVER enemy disposns, tracks and recce gardens at 943398 to ascertain suitability as a dropping ground. Duration 4 - 5 days. Lt H.J.WALKER and 12 ORs from C Coy moved out with Lt P.PUTNAM	

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Unit 58/59 Aust Inf Bn Date and Time.—From 5 May 45 To 6 May 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.	
SINDOU CREEK ref maps BARARA HIRUHIRU Dyeline RUMIKI Dyeline 1/25000	5 May 45	0830	patrol to thoroughly recce squares 9041 9141 and to make a thorough report on terrain covered duration 3 days. A and D Coys relieved their ambushes at 914455 and 915456 respectively. Four routine patrols to recce to Bn flanks for signs of enemy infiltration or activity.		
		1100	A B HQ Coys each supplied one pl to work on road. CO Lt-Col W.M.MAYBERRY, Lt D.HOGAN visited HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde re DCMs. D Coy commenced mov to new posn at 907448.		
		1600	Lt PUTNAM and Lt WALKER patrols reached 897442 and reported terrain swampy and NOT suitable for jeeps or tanks. W/T failed to work and message was sent by pigeon. Two routine patrols one Sjt JOHNSON 8 ORs of A Coy; other Sjt HICKS 8 ORs B Coy moving together to 915465 contacted enemy at 920464. Enemy were constructing an ambush posn on track which runs East from 915465 and were completely surprised when three fwd scouts appeared within 5 yds of their posn. Fire fight ensued and three scouts withdrew under covering fire from remainder of patrols. Own cas nil enemy unknown. A D Coy ambushes reported no enemy mov seen.		
		1700	Issue of Tobacco shaving soap, toilet soap for all ranks received from ACF and distributed.		
		1900	Motion pictures were screened at LONGHURST Dropping Zone. Film- TOGETHER AGAIN.		
		1930	Stand to		
		2000	Stand down		
		0530	Stand to		
		6 May 45			

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SINDOU CREEK ref maps BARARA HIRUHIRU Dyeline RUMIKI Dyeline 1/25000	6 May 45	0630	Stand down	
		0700	Breakfast	
		0800	C Coy moved to relieve A Coy 24 Aust Inf Bn at 912445. A D Coys 24 Aust Inf Bn attacked by enemy. A B Coys were placed on ½ hr notice to move and relieve B C Coys 24 Aust Inf Bn	Appx MA 2
		0830	Lt P.PUTNAM reported that his patrol and Lt H.J.WALKER's spent the night at 908416. Gardens at 905416 907416 clear of enemy. Patrols were parting to carry out further objects of their respective patrols. Patrols moved out as follows:- Lt D.BEALE 8 ORs of A Coy to recce squares 9246 9247 for signs of enemy activity. 1 NCO 8 ORs of A Coy to recce square 9145 for signs of enemy activity. 1 NCO 8 ORs D Coy to MOMOKU RIVER track at 883442.	
		0900	Lt J.R.ROE moved fwd to 24 Aust Inf Bn to act as IO Work parties from 6 Bty 2 Aust Fd Arty reported to B and A Coy posns 917452 and 904458 to prepare areas for bty sites to be occupied as soon as A and B Coys move fwd.	
		1400	BM 15 Aust Inf Bde Maj H.G.ROBSON, 4 pilots RNZAF piloting CORSAIRS in close sp of 15 Aust Inf Bde ops visited CO Lt-Col W.M.MAYBERRY.	
		1430	Mov of A B Coys cancelled. 24 Aust Inf Bn reported that attack on A D Coys had been repulsed enemy cas 58 killed.	
		1515	Lt P.PUTNAM patrol reached HONGORAI RIVER at 934396. Report banks 8 feet high average depth 10 ft with thick pitpit along banks. Lt J.LYLE had moved North with small recce party to further recce river.	

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
SINDOU CREEK ref maps BARARA HIRUHIRU Dyeline RUMIKI Dyeline 1/25000	6 May 45	1600	Lt H.WALKER patrol searched squares 9041 9042 without sighting enemy mov. Patrol moving to 910416 for night.	
		1730	Lt D.BEALE patrol returned and reported extensive vacated Jap posn at 920453. Not occupied for at least one week. Sig line 50 yds North of posn was cut. Main east west track showed no signs of enemy mov. All other patrols returned reporting no enemy mov seen.	
		1930	Stand to	
		2000	Stand down Night fine and quiet.	
	7 May 45	0530	Stand to	
		0630	Stand down	
		0730	A Coy commenced mov to new posn 919442	Appx MA 3
		0830	B C D HQ Coys supplied work parties of one pl each to work on BUIN RD. Sjt W.LAWRY 8 ORs of D Coy moved out to est an ambush on the secret HATAI track 927463. 1 NCO 8 ORs of B Coy moved out to patrol to squares 9246 9247 searching for signs of enemy activity. 1 NCO 8 ORs of D Coy moved out to patrol square 9145 for signs of enemy activity. 1 NCO 8 ORs of C Coy moved out on patrol to MOMUKO RIVER track at 883442	
			Capt C.C.CUTHBERTSON, Lt G.WILLIAMS attended DCM at HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde.	
			CO Lt-Col W.M.MAYBERRY visited A Coy in new posn at 919442.	
	BML 15 Aust Inf Bde Lt N.ANDERSON and LO's 15 Aust Inf Bde Lt J.NORRIE MC and Lt R.MATHAMS visited Adjut Capt R.L.MATHEWS.			
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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.	
SINDOU CREEK ref maps BARARA HIRUHIRU Dyeline RUMIKI Dyeline 1/25000	7 May 45	1100	OC 266 Aust LAD Capt BRENCHLY visited Adjt Capt R.L.MATHEWS re silencers for Sten submachine guns.		
		1200	Amenities Offr 15 Aust Inf Bde Lt D.WHITE visited Adjt Capt R.L.MATHEWS re purchase of amenities.		
		1330	Recce parties from BnHQ HQ Coy B Ech with 2 IC Maj H.G.SWEET moved fwd to recce new site at 924440. Adjt Capt R.L.MATHEWS issued warning order to A Coy to move coy less 8 pl to 930437.		
		1430	CO Lt-Col W.M.MAYBERRY inspected C Coy area.		
		1700	Lt H.WALKER and 12 ORs of C Coy returned from patrol to gardens in squares 9041 9042 reporting gardens overgrown and not recently cultivated. No signs of enemy activity in area. Sjt W.LAWRY reported that he had cut an enemy sig line on secret HATAI track and est an ambush at 927463. All other patrols returned and reported having seen no signs of recent enemy activity.		
		1900	A Coy mov cancelled by message from HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde.		
		1930	Stand to		
		2000	Stand down		
		8 May 45	0530	Stand to	
			0630	Stand down	
0700	Breakfast				
0830	Work parties of one pl from each of A B C D Coys worked on BUIN RD.				
	Work parties from BnHQ HQ Coy B Ech moved fwd to prepare new site 924440. Routine protective patrols moved out as follows:- B Coy 1 NCO 8 ORs due North from B Coy 917452 1500 yds East 500 yds North 500 yds due South 2000 yds and thence to B Coy.				

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
SINDOU CREEK ref maps BARARA HIRUHIRU Dyeline RUMIKI Dyeline MONOITU Dyeline 1/25000	8 May 45	0830	A Coy Lt D.BEALE 8 ORs out A Coy 920442 North 1500 yds thence West to BUIN RD.	
			D Coy Lt L.S.PROBY MC 8 ORs out D Coy 907448 to B Coy 917452 thence North 1500 yds West 1500 yds South to BUIN RD to D Coy.	
			C Coy Lt B.EWART 8 ORs out C Coy to KEKRO CREEK thence South 1000 yds West 2000 yds and North to BUIN RD to C Coy.	
			C Coy 1 NCO 8 ORs out C Coy to SINDOU CREEK 908447 thence South 1500 yds thence West to MOMOKU RIVER track at 882440 NE along track to BUIN RD to C Coy.	
			1100	All patrols to traverse routes and all side tracks and recce for signs of enemy mov. Comd 15 Aust Inf Bde Brig H.H.HAMMER DSO visited CO Lt-Col W.M. MAYBERRY. BnHQ work party at new site 924440 observed one enemy who fled. Canteen supplies drawn from bulk canteen.
		1330	CO Lt-Col W.M.MAYBERRY visited A Coy at 919442 new BnHQ site 924440 and D Coy at 908448.	
		1400	24 Aust Inf Bn jeep ambushed 915440 driver wounded and died on way back to 58/59 Aust Inf Bn RAP. Buried in Bn area.SINDOU CREEK 1630 hrs.	
		1515	Lt P.PUTNAM returned from patrol to HONGORAI RIVER at 934396 to 946415. Patrol crossed river at 935405 and located AITARA track 943397. Track clearly defined 6 yds wide considered jeepable with corduroy in short wet patches. Track had sig line on West side and had been used as a foot track only. Footprints of 4 enemy having moved both North and South estimated 4 hrs previously were observed. From 911416 to 934396 terrain was boggy NOT jeepable or tankable.	

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SINDOU CREEK ref maps BARARA HIRUHIRU Dyeline RUMIKI Dyeline MONCITU Dyeline 1/25000	8 May 45	15151	Track 946402 running East on map and garden 943398 NOT located. Terrain from 935416 to 907445 heavy with undergrowth and swampy.	
		1730	Considered NOT tankable. No enemy sighted during patrol. All routine patrols reported no signs of recent enemy activity	
		1930	Stand to	
		2000	Stand down	
	9 May 45	2000	Orders received from HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde to move BnHQ HQ Coy B Ech A Coy fwd to new sites 9 May 45.	Appx MA 4
		0530	Stand to	
		0630	Stand down	
		0630	Mov of BnHQ stores fwd to new site 924440. Jeep train ambushed by 3 enemy at 918442. Our escort returned fire and enemy fled. One of our STEN submachine ^{guns} jammed. Nil cas.	
		0800	A Coy less 8 pl moved to new posn 930437. 8 pl, 2 dets TKA PL, 1 sec MMG, 1 det MOR remained in A Coy posn at 920442 protecting DIDat KEKRO CREEK.	
		0830	The following routine patrols moved out:- Lt H. WALKER 8 ORs C Coy to 945410 to recce a pl patrol base in that area with view to patrolling East of the HONGORAI RIVER. C Coy 1 NCO 6 ORs out C Coy South 1500 yds East 1500 yds North to BUIN RD to C Coy. Lt R. FARRELLY 8 ORs out 924449 North 1500 yds West 1500 yds South to BUIN RD to A Coy. D Coy NCO 8 ORs out D Coy South 1500 yds West 1500 yds thence NE to D Coy. D Coy NCO 8 ORs out D Coy bearing 230 degrees for 2000 yds thence NW to MOMUKO RIVER river track to D Coy.	

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
SINDOU CREEK ref maps BARARA HIRUHIRU Dyeline RUMIKI Dyeline MONGITU Dyeline 1/25000(3 Apr). <u>map ref 925440</u>	9 May 45	0830	B Coy NCO 8 ORs out to est ambush at 924464 B Coy NCO 8 ORs out B Coy North 1000 yds thence West to ANDERSON'S JUNC to B Coy.	
		0900	Task of patrols traverse routes and recce for signs of enemy mov. Orders given by CO Lt-Col W.M.MAYBERRY for D Coy ambush at 924464 to return 1200 hrs.	
		0900	BnHQ HQ Coy B Ech moved to new site 925440. Pers immediately on arrival set up camp and dug-in. Mov of stores continued throughout the day.	
		1130	CO Lt-Col W.M.MAYBERRY moved fwd to 24 BnHQ and conferred with CO 24 Aust Inf Bn Lt-Col A.J.ANDERSON and inspected A Coy new area at 930437.	
		1200	LO3 15 Aust Inf Bde Lt J.NORRIE MC visited Adjt Capt R.L.MATHEWS. CO 15 Aust Inf and Lt-Col BRUMMETT visited Adjt Capt R.L.MATHEWS and RMO Capt L.MIDDLETON.	
		1500	Mov of B Ech fwd to 924440 commenced.	
		1600	CO Lt-Col W.M.MAYBERRY returned from HQ 24 Aust Inf Bn and A Coy.	
		1700	Chaplain H.SHOTTON returned from visiting Bn wounded pers at 2/1 A.G.H. TOROKINA.	
		1715	Lt H.WALKER patrol returned from 945410 and reported area suitable for est of pl patrolling base.	
		1730	All routine patrols returned and reported footprints of small enemy party of 4 having moved along tracks both North and South of the BUIN RD. No enemy were sighted.	
		1800	Mov of B Ech stores not completed owing to quantity of traffic on BUIN RD and not sufficient passing places.	
		1930	BnHQ HQ Coy sites well developed. Stand to for 1/2-hr.	

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.	
<u>map ref 925440</u> ref maps BARARA HIRUHIRU Dyeline (3Apr RUMIKI Dyeline " MONOITU Dyeline " 1/25000	10 May 45	0530	Stand to		
		0630	Stand down		
		0700	Breakfast		
		0830	Mov of B Ech stores fwd continued. One pl from each of B C D Coys worked on BUIN RD.		
				Three routine patrols from B Coy moved out to recce areas North and South of the BUIN RD along the Bn area flanks to a depth of 1000 yds for signs of enemy mov.	
		0900	Lt N.BIDGOOD 14 ORs D Coy moved out to est ambush at MAMOGATA RD between refs 994385 and 982350. Task to ambush enemy parties of 20 or less and to capture PW if possible. Duration 6 days but return immediately if PW was obtained.		
				Lt D.BEALE 8 ORs 1 sig A Coy moved out to traverse from HONGORAI RIVER 928390 thence East to BUIN RD at 986390 South 1000 yds thence West to HONGORAI RIVER at 919380 return to Bn area. Intercomm 208 set. Duration 5 days.	
				Lt F.O.SMITH 14 pl C Coy 3. Int pers 1 sig moved out to est patrol base vic 940408. Lt J.LYLE moved with patrol as guide. 40 native carriers accompanied patrol carrying barbed wire, rations and extra amm. Task of patrol to thoroughly map area bounded on West by HONGORAI RIVER from 946414 South to 935400 East to 946400 NE to 960414 to 946414. Patrol to avoid contact with enemy at all costs. Duration of patrol 3 days.	
			1100	OC B Coy Capt L.HOCKING visited CO Lt-Col W.M.MAYBERRY and was given an outline of proposed future role of Bn and his coy's part in patrol plan.	
			1200	SC 15 Aust Inf Bde Capt HOSKING visited Adjut Capt R.L.MATHEWS.	
	1400	CO Lt-Col W.M.MAYBERRY held conference with 2 IC Maj H.G.SWEET			

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Unit 58/59 Aust Inf Bn Date and Time.—From 10 May 45 To 11 May 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Map ref 925440 Ref Maps BARARA	10 May	1400	all coy comds RMO Capt L.W. MIDDLETON, Adjt Capt R.L. MATHEWS, QM Capt N.A. DEMPSTER, IO Lt A.B. WHEELER and RSM WO 1 N.F. PIGOT.	
HIRU HIRU Dyeline 3 Apr. RUMIKI Dyeline 3 Apr MONOITU Dyeline 3 Apr . 1/25000				CO explained probable future role of Bn, patrol plan for following 2 weeks, method of laying ambush. to be adopted by this Bn. The CO Lt Col W.M. MAYBERRY stated that infm that he had given would be passed on to all tps of the Bn as soon as possible. Native carriers and escort for Lt F. SMITHS patrol returned to camp. Lt SMITH established base at 945414. Lt BIDGOODS patrol, Lt BEALES patrol stayed night with Lt SMITH. Lt J.L. LYLE returned with escort. Cpl REED of B Coy discovered enemy 37 mm gun minus barrel and breech block at 904450. 3 routine patrols from B Coy returned reporting their tasks completed. No enemy or movement seen. Movement of B Ech stores fwd completed. Stand to. Stand to. Stand to Stand down Breakfast Advice received from Lt SMITH base that his patrol, Lt N. BIDGOODS and Lt BEALES patrols had departed to their respective tasks. Lt J.H. PIMM and 12 ORs B Coy moved out from B Coy East for 2500 yds thence South 500 yds thence SW to BUIN RD to B Coy. Task recce fpr signs enemy movement, destroy enemy parties of six or less and capture PW if possible. Three routine patrols moved out to recce Bn flank for signs of enemy movement.
	11 May	0900	CO Lt Col W.M. MAYBERRY visited HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde 873485 thence	

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Map ref 925440 Ref Maps BARARA	11 May	0900	to OXLEY FIELD 868405 for flight in Auster a/c over HONGORAI - HARI RIVERS and AITARA.	
HIRU HIRU Dyeline 3 Apr. RUMIKI Dyeline 3 Apr. MONOITU Dyeline 1/25000		1100	20 ORs moved out to 15 Aust Inf Bde Rest Camp 827443. All coys provided one ply to corduroy BUIN RD vicinity KEKRO CREEK 907448.	
		1330	LO 3 15 Aust Inf Bde Lt J. NORRIE MC visited Adjut Capt R.L. MATHEWS.	
		1400	2 IC Major H.G. SWEET tested new Mk v and Mk lll star rifles.	
		1500	HQ Coy patrol 1 NCO 6 ORs moved out to recce to South of BUIN RD depth 500 yds and 1000 yds to West. Task recce for signs of enemy movement. Bn received large quantity of second class mail, parcels and newspapers.	
		1630	3 morning routine patrols reported in no signs of enemy activity seen.	
		1640	Lt J.H. PIMM returned with his patrol and reported located Jap bivouac area 924452. Not used recently. 7 boxes HMG JUKI .30 calibre amm. found was destroyed. 40 men had occupied posn when constructed. Located vacated enemy ambush posn at 934452 capable of holding 8 men. Had been occupied in last 12 hours. At 936452 patrol located an extensive enemy defensive and bivouac area with 50 weapon pits and numerous shelters. There were many footprints in the area indicating movement during past 24 hrs but no enemy were sighted.	
		1700	Message received from Lt F. SMITHS patrol base at 945414 that Lt N. BIDGOODS patrol had arrived at Base with a prisoner of war. PW was captured on AITARA Track at 934390 whilst moving along track from AITARA North to wards MONOITU. PW was unarmed and was carrying a pack containing beans and maize. Lt F. SMITH reported sighting 7 enemy on AITARA Track at 957413. In accordance with orders he did not engage enemy.	
		1830	Lt N. BIDGOODS patrol arrived Bn HQ with PW .	

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Unit 58/59 Aust Inf Bn Date and Time.—From 11 May 45 To 12 May 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Map Ref 925440 Ref Maps BARARA HIRU HIRU Dyeline RUMIKI Dyeline MONIOTU Dyeline all 3 Apr. 1/25000	11 May	1830	PW was given meal and escorted to HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde.	
		1930	Stand to	
		2000	Advice received from HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde that PW stated that AITARA ref 899362 was occupied by 7 men only and that 4 sigs occupied a hut 942389. Enemy post at AITARA manned one sentry. Sigs at 942389 did not man a sentry.	
	12 May	2000	Stand down.	
		0530	Stand to	
		0630	Stand down	
		0700	Breakfast.	
		0800	Acting on infm received from PW captured by Lt BIDGOOD patrol at 934390. Lt Col W.M. MAYBERRY gave Lt D.J. BREWSTER MC A Coy 24 ORs, the task of attacking enemy party of 7 at AITARA 899362 and 4 enemy sigs at 942389. Both attacks to be carried out simultaneously, AITARA by Lt D.J. BREWSTER MC 14 ORs and sigs at 899362 by Sjt J. BUSH 8 ORs. Lt D.J. BREWSTER'S Patrol moved out 0845.	MA 5
		0830	Lt A. DAVEY 15 ORs D Coy moved out to set ambush on MAMAGOTA track between refs 994384 and 989366. Task ambush enemy parties of 20 or under and capture PW if possible.	
			Lt J.H. PIMM 12 ORs moved out to recce 2500 yds East of B Coy posn at 913451 for signs of enemy activity. 4 routine patrols moved out to recce North and South of BUIN RD to depth of 1500 yds along Bn locality flanks.	
			Lt F.O. SMITHS patrol continued with task of mapping East of HONGORAI RIVER.	
			Lt D. BEALES patrol reported good progress on his traverse along 39 grid line East of HONGORAI RIVER to the MAMAGOTA Track.	

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Unit 58/59 Aust Inf Bn Date and Time.—From 12 May 45 To 13 May 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Map Ref 925440 Ref Maps BARARA HIRU HIRU Dyeline RUMIKI " " MONOITU " " all 3 Apr. 1/25000	12 May 13 May	0830	Work parties continued with task of construction and corduroy of BUIN RD. Work party cleared washing hole in creek 100 yds fwd of Bn HQ posn.	
		0900	2 IC Major H.G. SWEET visited A Coy.	
		1200	7 May series HIRU HIRU, RUMIKI, MONOITU dyeline 1/25000 maps came into operation.	
		1230	Midday meal.	
		1300	Lt J.H. PIMMS patrol reported in bringing with them Pte McLENNAN of 24 Aust Inf Bn who was wounded in action vicinity 935445 on 8 May. Pte McLENNAN was found ref 934450 having crawled away from enemy posn after engagement. Wounded through left thigh he was carried in on a stretcher and treated at Bn RAP before proceeding to MDS.	
		1315	Lt A. DAVEYS patrol departed Lt SMITHS patrol base 941410 en route to MAMAGOTA Track. Lt D. BREWSTER patrol enroute AITARA departed Lt F.O. SMITH patrol base.	
		1630	Routine patrols reported in sighting no signs of enemy mov.	
		1730	Evening meal	
		1930	Stand to	
		2000	Stand down	
		0530	Stand to	
		0630	Stand down	
		0700	Breakfast.	
		0830	Lt A. BALL 11 pl B Coy moved out to relieve Lt F.O. SMITHS patrol at base 942410. Task to thoroughly map area in triangle bound on NE by BUIN RD NW by AITARA track and South by the 40 grid. CO Lt-Col W.M. MAYBERRY, OC B Coy Capt L. HOCKING, OC D Coy	

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Unit 58/59 Aust Inf Bn Date and Time.—From 13 May 45 To 13 May 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.	
map ref 925440 ref maps BARARA HIRUHIRU Dyeline RUMIKI Dyeline MONOITU Dyeline all 7 May - 1/25000	13 May	0830	Capt E.GRIFF, Lt J.YOUNG 2/4 Aust Armd Regt, Adjt Capt R.L. MATHEWS accompanied Lt A.BALLS patrol to base.		
				Patrol 1 NCO 8 ORs of C Coy moved out to recce MARTINS CROSSING 941445 to determine extent of enemy defs in area.	
				Three routine patrols moved out from C D and HQ Coys to recce Bn flanks for signs of enemy mov.	
			1000	A B D HQ Coys supplied work parties to cordouroy BUIB RD. C Coy reported routine patrol to gardens 903416 had encountered an enemy booby-trap on track at 913438 wounding 2 ORs, NX165503 Pte ROLLO, F. QX 60918 " SMITH, R. PR.	
				Booby-trap suspected of being improvised from 75mm shell did not explode instantaneously but delayed 1 to 2 secs. Trap was buried in ground and had pressure detonation. Four men passed over trap, fifth man detonating it. Patrol carried wounded men back to coy area and continued with their task.	
			1200	Lt F.O.SMITHS patrol returned to Bn area accompanied by CO Lt-Col W.M.MAYBERRY and Adjt Capt R.L.MATHEWS.	
			1230	Midday meal	
			1400	SC 15 Aust Inf Bde Capt F.WRAY visited CO Lt-Col W.M.MAYBERRY. OC 15 Aust Fd Coy Maj J.NEEDHAM visited CO Lt-Col W.M.MAYBERRY re constr of jeep track to patrol base at 942410.	
			1630	Adjt Capt R.L.MATHEWS issued op instrs 10, 11, 12.	
			1700	Routine patrols reported in. No mov seen.	
			1715	C Coy patrol to MARTINS CROSSING reported in and stated that there were no enemy defs on West bank of HONGORAI RIVER at crossing. Patrol did not sight any enemy or enemy footprints. Report from Lt DAVEYS patrol enroute to MAMAGATA track stated	

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.	
map ref 925440 ref maps BARARA HIRUHIRU Dyeline RUMIKI Dyeline MONOITU Dyeline all 7 May - 1/25000	13 May 45	1715	that patrol had reached 978370 without sighting enemy mov.		
			Lt D.J.BREWSTERS patrol reported recce of crossing at 924386 in progress.		
		1900	Motion pictures were screened at JOYCE Dropping Zone 919439.		
			Film - THE WAY AHEAD. 33% of each sub-unit were permitted to attend.	Appx MA 6	
			One pl C Coy provided protection during screening.		
			1930 Stand to		
			2000 Stand down		
	14 May 45		0530 Stand to		
			0630 Stand down		
				2 IC Maj H.G.SWEET and Lt WILLIS 15 Aust Fd Coy moved out to patrol base 942410 to recce terrain for jeepability and tank-ability and bn bivouac area.	
		0800	D Coy relieved D Coy 24 Aust Inf Bn at 933432.	Appx MA 7	
		0830	Three work parties engaged in cordouroying BUIN RD. 20 pers from bn departed for 15 Aust Inf Bde Rest Camp at 826444.		
			Five routine patrols, each 1 NCO 8 ORs moved out to recce tracks and terrain North and South of BUIN RD for 2000 yds along bn localities for signs of enemy activity.		
		0900	CO Lt-Col W.M.MAYBERRY departed for HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde for Comd conference.		
		1000	2 IC Maj H.G.SWEET and Capt E.GRIFF with patrol moved across HONGORAI RIVER. Lt D.J.BREWSTERS patrol to AITARA spent night at 916380 and at 0700 continued with his task.		
	1300	C Coy patrol sighted 4 fresh enemy weapon pits and heard enemy talking at 938422.			
	1400	2 IC Maj H.G.SWEET reported 5 enemy armd with rifles moving South			

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
map ref 925440 ref maps BARARA HIRUHIRU Dyeline RUMIKI " MONOITU " all 7 May - 1/25000	14 May 45	1400	on AITARA track 945402. Terrain vic 945405 high jungle suitable for bn def area.	
		1700	Chaplain McCLUSKY visited Bn and held RC service for Bn HQ, HQ Coy in HQ Coy area.	
		1730	CO Lt-Col W.M.MAYBERRY returned from HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde and conferred with Adjt Capt R.L.MATHEWS, QM Capt N.A.DEMPSTER, IO Lt A.B.WHEELER re future ops Routine patrols reported no contact with enemy.	
		1800	Patrol 1 NCO 6 ORs of BnHQ moved out to investigate report by OR that 3 enemy were in area 300 yds South of BnHQ area.	
		1830	Patrol returned. NMS.	
		1930	Stand to	
		2000	Stand down	
	15 May 45	0530	Stand to	
		0630	Stand down	
		0800	CO Lt-Col W.M.MAYBERRY, OC B Sqn 2/4 Aust Armd Regt Maj H.K. ARNOTT moved out on recce to patrol base track from 930434 to 942410 and HONGORAI RIVER Pnr pl, work parties and engr gp worked on constr of patrol base track	
		0830	Five routine patrols to recce Bn flanks and provide protection for tps working on constr of patrol base track from 930434 to 942410.	
		0900	Comd 15 Aust Inf Bde Brig H.H.HAMMER DSQ, GOC 3 Aust Div Maj-Gen BRIDGEFORD CBE MC, Comd 29 Aust Inf Bde Brig SIMPSON passed through area. Conferred with CO Lt-Col W.M.MAYBERRY at A Coy posn 923434.	
		1100	S/Sjt WILCOX of Salvage Unit visited IO Lt A.B.WHEELER and made	

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
mapref 925440 ref maps BARARA HIRUHIRU Dyeline RUMIKI " MONOITU " all 7 May- 1/25000	15 May 45	1100	arrangements to destroy enemy 75mm amm 914448.	
		1120	Sig Offr 15 Aust Inf Bde Capt R.BOWDEN visited Adjnt Capt R.L. MATHEWS, Sig Offr Lt E.ZERNER re comms for future ops.	
		1130	Advice received from Lt D.J.BREWSTER patrol that he reached AITARA, searched area and 1500 yds NW up coast but was unable to contact enemy coast watching party as reported by PW. Sjt J.BUSH 8 ORs of B Coy were ordered by Lt D.BREWSTER MC to attack enemy sig hut 932389 and attack was launched at 1700 hrs 14 May. After crawling through wire party killed all three enemy capturing three rifles, 1 JUKI HMG, 1 telephone and a quantity of documents.	
		1400	OC 15 Aust Fd Coy Maj J.NEEDHAM visited Adjnt Capt R.L.MATHEWS re constr of jeep track to patrol base 942410. Det 15 Aust Fd Coy with bull-dozer arrived Bn area to assist in jeep-track constr to patrol base.	
		1500	Lt D.J.BREWSTERs patrol returned bringing in captured weapons, three rifles, 1 JUKI HMG, 1 telephone and 75mm gun-sight. Gun sight was captured at AITARA.	
		1600	Capt L.HOCKING and patrol mapping area East of HONGORAI RIVER encountered 2 enemy at 954410, killing 1 enemy, wounding 2, own cas nil.	
		1900	CO Lt-Col W.M.MAYBERRY briefed patrols as follows:- Lt H.WALKER and 13 pl less 1 NCO 8 ORs to est standing patrol at enemy sig hut 932389 moving out 0600 16 May. Lt C.HANNA with 1 NCO 8 ORs 14 pl, 2 ORs TKA PL, 1 engr, 1 sig to patrol to AITARA via 932389 and thence to locate and destroy enemy coast watching gp now reported by PW to be at mouth of AITARA RIVER 888375. PW had stated that enemy were located 1700 metres up coast from AITARA.	

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
map ref 925440 ref maps BARARA HIRUHIRU Dyeline RUMIKI " MONOITU " all 7 May- 1/25000	15 May 45	1900	IO 15 Aust Inf Bde Capt N.DUN advised CO Lt-Col W.M.MAYBERRY who decided to send Lt C.HANNAS patrol to destroy the enemy.	
		2100	Advice received from IO 15 Aust Inf Bde Capt N.DUN that documents captured by Capt L.HOCKINGs patrol at 953406 revealed the presence of 5 enemy land-mines on left bank of AITARA RIVER near mouth. Lt C.HANNA advised.	
	16 May 45		Night fine and quiet.	
		0530	Stand to	
		0630	Stand down	
		0730	Lt H.WALKERS patrol moved out to est standing patrol 932389. Lt C.HANNAS patrol moved out with Lt WALKER and on reaching 932389 to continue to AITARA to mouth of AITARA RIVER 888374.	
		0830	LtP.PUTNAM 12 pl B Coy moved out to relieve Lt A.BALL 11pl at base 942410. Four routine patrols moved out to recce bn flanks and afford protection to tps working on patrol base jeep-track from 930434 to 942410. A B C HQ Coys each provided one pl who with 5 pl and engr det worked on patrol base jeep-track. Engr det had bull-dozer engaged in constr of track.	
		1000	Capt L.HOCKING returned from patrol base 942410 and gave CO Lt-Col W.M.MAYBERRY his recce report on country East of HONGORAI RIVER and AITARA track.	
		1100	7 Tp, 2/4 Aust Armd Regt came in sp of bn and moved into BnHQ area. CO Lt-Col W.M.MAYBERRY conferred with WO MOSMAN of ANGAU re native guides for forthcoming ops.	
		1400	CO Lt-Col W.M.MAYBERRY briefed OCS A and C Coys Capt A.C.JACKSON and Maj W.A.PIKE respectively for patrols to be carried out by	

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Unit 58/59 Aust Inf Bn Date and Time.—From 16 May 45 To 17 May 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.		
map ref 925440	16 May 45	1400	them from patrol base 942410 to BUIN RD at 955420 to 926410 on 17 May.			
ref maps BARARA		1500		Capt A.C.JACKSON, MAJ W.A.PIKE moved out to patrol base 942410.		
HIRUHIRU Dyeline				BML 15 Aust Inf Bde Lt N.ANDERSON visited Adjt Capt R.L.MATHEWS		
RUMIKI "				and CO Lt-Col W.M.MAYBERRY.		
MONOITU "				Sig Offr 15 Aust Inf Bde Capt R.BOWDEN visited Adjt Capt R.L.		
all 7 May- 1/25000				MATHEWS re comms for forthcoming ops.		
			1510		CO Lt-Col W.M.MAYBERRY and OC 15 Aust Fd Coy Maj J.NEEDHAM inspected progress of constr of jeep-track to patrol base 942410.	
			1600		Lt A.DAVEYS patrol to MAMAGATA track did not accomplish task and returned to camp.	
			1700		Evening meal	
			1930		Stand to	
	2000		Stand down.			
	17 May 45	0530	Stand to			
		0630	Stand down			
		0730		C Coy less 13 pl moved to patrol base 942410, Coy HQ 14 pl to move to AITARA track and reinforce Lt H.WALKER and 13 pl in contact with enemy 942397.	Appx MA 8	
				15 pl to move down West side of HONGORAI RIVER to crossing 925385, there detach pl sjt with remainder of pl and Lt B.EWART and 14 ORs continue on down coast to AITARA and move NW along coast to mouth of the AITARA RIVER 888374 to investigate enemy pw report of listening post in vicinity.		
			Remainder of pl under pl sjt to move NE up AITARA track and Contact C Coy 942397.			
		0800	B Coy less 11 pl to move into area vacated by C Coy 916443. Coy work parties and pnr pl worked on patrol base track.			

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Unit 58/59 Aust Inf Bn Date and Time.—From 17 May 45 To 18 May 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.	
map ref 925440 ref maps BARARA HIRUHIRU Dyeline RUMIKI " MONOITU " all 7 May- 1/25000.	17 May 45	0830	Three routine patrols each of 1 NCO 8 ORs moved out to recce Bn flanks for enemy mov and afford protection for pers working on patrol base track.		
		1100	8 Tp 2/4 Aust Armd Regt arrived in Bn area in sp of Bn for future ops.		
		1130	Sig Offr 15 Aust Inf Bde Capt R.BOWDEN visited Adjt Capt R.L. MATHEWS and Sig Offr Lt E.ZERNER re comms for future ops.		
		1300	Comd 15 Aust Inf Bde Brig H.H.HAMMER DSO visited Bn area and conferred with CO, Lt-Col W.M.MAYBERRY.		
		1400	Mov of Bn stores to patrol base area 942410 commenced.		
		1330	C Coy less 14, 15 pls enroute to join 13 pl contacted enemy str 5 948404 and inflicted cas 3 killed 1 wounded on enemy without loss to coy.		
		1800	13pl at 942397 ambushed small enemy party killing 2 and capturing LMG and rifle.		
		1900	Work parties from coys and pnr pl completed patrolbase road.		
		1930	Pictures were screened vic KEKRO CREEK 918442. Third of each sub-unit was permitted to attend.		
		2000	Stand to		
		18 May 45	0530	Stand down	
			0630	Stand to	
			0700	Stand down.	
			0830	Bn prepared to move to biv area on West bank of HONGORAI RIVER at 942407.	Appx MA 9
	0830	B Coy moved to bivouac area 942407.			
	0900	HQ Coy patrol 1 NCO 8 ORs moved out to recce DICKIES CLEARING 917452 for signs of enemy mov.			
	0930	A Coy moved to bivouac area 942407.			

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Unit 58/59 Aust Inf Bn Date and Time.—From 18 May 45 To 19 May 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.	
map ref 925440	18 May 45	1030	Bn HQ HQ Coy moved to bivouac site 942407		
ref maps MAMAGATA		1300	A Coy escorting 9 Tp 2/4 Aust Armd Regt and bull-dozer to bivouac area 942407. Mov of stores to bivouac area continued throughout the day.		
HIRUHIRU Dyeline (7 May)					
MONOITU Dyeline "					
RUMIKI " "					
All 1/25000			1400	Bn all at bivouac area 942407. Coy areas allocated and def posn for night developed	
map ref 942407			1500	C Coy 15 pl contacted enemy in def posn 932388. 12 enemy were observed in posn. 200 mortar bombs were fired on enemy posn from mortar situated 944407 15 pl less 1 offr 14 ORs est ambush posn at 926387. Further one enemy dead located 942397 result of ambush 17 May. C Coy est ambush of 1 NCO 8 ORs at 947404.	
			1700	C Coy ambush 947404 fired on one enemy who escaped. Capt A. ROBY 6 ORs of C Coy who were at bivouac area in charge of stores moved out to reinforce ambush.	
			1900	CO Lt-Col W.M. MAYBERRY issued orders to OCs A B D Coys re their move to East side of HONGORAI RIVER on morning 19 May. Ferrying fwd of stores by jeeps continued until failing light.	
			1930	Stand to	
		2000	Stand down.		
	19 May 45	0530	Stand to		
		0630	Stand down		
		0700	C Coy ambush 947404 killed one enemy moving South along AITARA track.		
				D Coy est bridgehead over HONGORAI RIVER and moved to take up def posn at 948407.	
			0800	A Coy crossed HONGORAI RIVER and took up def posn 947406.	
		0830	B Coy crossed HONGORAI RIVER and took up def posn 947405.		

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Unit 58/59 Aust Inf Bn Date and Time.—From 19 May 45 To 19 May 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
map ref <u>942407</u> MONOTTU Dyeline (7May) HIRUHIRU " (7May) MAMAGOTA	19 May 45	1000	C Coy less 15 pl moved to outflank enemy posn 932388 from South and in moving in were fired on by enemy str 30 with 2 LMGs at 929387. <u>Own cas:-</u> VX102232 Pte HENSHAW, R.J. KILLED TX 9082 " SMITH, A.C. MISSING Coy moved back to 940395 when comm failed and arty fire was impossible to obtain. Coy re-established for night.	
		1015	D Coy ambush at 951406 fired on one enemy killing him and capturing rifle and bayonet. C Coy ambush at 947404 fired on 5 enemy moving South killing one. Capt A.C.JACKSON 6 ORs out A Coy to recce to BUIN RD at 960415 Stores were moved across the HONGORAI RIVER and dump est at 946406. Bull-dozer cleared the way for dump to be est and then continued to make a tractor road from crossing pt at 944406 to AITARA track at 950405. Stores were ferried across HONGORAI RIVER by tractor and jeep trailers, jeep ferry and 50 native carriers. CO Lt-Col W.M.MAYBERRY visited A B Coys across HONGORAI RIVER.	
		1100	CO 2/11 Aust Fd Regt Lt-Col PARKER visited CO Lt-Col W.M.MAYBERRY.	
		1130	Comd 15 Aust Inf Bde Brig H.H.HAMMER DSO, BM 15 Aust Inf Bde, Maj H.G.ROBSON, LO3 Lt J.NORRIE MC visited Bn area.	
		1400	Lt F.SMITH 14 pl of C Coy, arty FOO of 2/11 Aust Fd Regt moved from C Coy to regain contact with enemy at 929387.	
		1700	Lt P.PUTNAMs patrol returned and reported BUIN RD vic 960415 clear of enemy on South side. Road had been heavily shelled but was considered tankable and jeepable. Capt A.C.JACKSONs patrol returned reporting BUIN RD on South side from 957417 to 954420 clear of enemy and road tankable and	

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
map ref 942407 MONOITU Dyeline (7 May)	19 May 45	1700	jeepable. Three enemy walked up to patrol two were killed one wounded without loss to patrol.	
HIRUHIRU " " MAMAGOTA	" "		Two War Correspondents visited CO Lt-Col W.M.MAYBERRY and received infm of some incidents in ops.	
		1830	CO Lt-Col W.M.MAYBERRY held conference with QM Capt N.A.DEMPSTER, TO Lt R.MARSH, Pnr Offr Lt R.BALZER and Lt WILLIS of 15 Aust Fd Coy.	
		1900	Small enemy party attempted to crawl down AITARA track past D Coy ambush at 954407. Enemy opened fire on ambush with LMG and when fire was returned broke contact. Own cas nil enemy unknown.	
		1930	Stand to	
		2000	Stand down	
	20 May 45	0530	Stand to	
		0630	Stand down Pnr pl and bulldozer moved to repair track from 946406 to 950405. Heavy rain during the night had made repair work on the road necessary.	
		0730	Mortar Offr Lt G.WILLIAMS visited HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde and later registered mortar targets along BUIN RD from 956418 to 962412. Lt G.WILLIAMS registered the targets from an AUSTER aircraft.	
		0800	CO Lt-Col W.M.MAYBERRY visited A B Coys and store dump area 946406.	
		0830	C Coy returned from posn 940395 and est coy locality at 948404. Six patrols each of 1 NCO 8 ORs moved out to recce to flanks and fwd of coy localities to ensure enemy were not active in area.	
		0900	CO Lt-Col W.M.MAYBERRY held conference with all coy comds re the move fwd of Bn on morning 21 May to secure BUIN RD from 956428 to culvert at 962411.	
		1030	CO Lt-Col W.M.MAYBERRY held conference with offrs of 2/4 Aust Armd Regt Lt G.SCOTT and Lt L.YORETH, MMG Offr Lt D.HOGAN, Sig	

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.	
map ref 942407 ref map MONOITU Dyeline (7 May) MAMAGOTA 1/25000	20 May 45	1030	Offr Lt E.ZERNER, QM Capt N.A.DEMPSTER, Pnr Offr Lt R.BALZER and Lt WILLIS of 15 Aust Fd Coy, and Capt PARBURY 2 Aust Fd Regt re forthcoming Bn adv to BUIN RD.		
		1300	Bull-dozer completed track from dump area 946406 to AITARA track 950405.		
		1600	CO Lt-Col W.M.MAYBERRY held conference with Bn O Gp and Comds sp arms; 8 and 9 Tps 2/4 Aust Armd Regt Lt L.YORETH and Lt G. SCOTT, LO 2 Aust Fd Regt Capt PARBURY and Lt WILLIS 15 Aust Fd Coy and issued orders for bn adv to secure BUIN RD from 956428 to 962411		
		1730	All protective patrols reported having completed task without sightings of the enemy.		
		1800	Loading of tractor trains for following days mov was commenced and continued until all possible stores were ready for mov.		
		1930	Stand to		
		2000	Stand down		
		21 May 45	0330	Reveille	
			0430	Breakfast	
			0530	Bn commenced move to assembly areas	See Appx; Op Order MA 10
0630	Adv commenced up AITARA track with C Coy fwd followed by tks and bull-dozer; B Coy BnHQ, A Coy, D Coy.				
0830	C Coy contacted enemy str 30 at 957409 and engaged in a fierce fire fight; own cas:- <p style="text-align: center;">WX 42403 Pte SPRIGG, K.M. WOUNDED</p>				
		Tks were held up 300 yds to rear by deep creek. Bull-dozer worked to clear rd for tks to go fwd.			
		15 pl C Coy attempted to outflank enemy posn to left but were held up by fire. Own cas:-			

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
AITARA TRACK ref maps MONOITU 7 May 1/25000	21 May 45	0830	SX 19740 Pte WYTBE, R.J. KILLED V 155187 " McALLEN, K.F. WOUNDED.	
		1000	7 Tp tks moved fwd to C Coy and engaged enemy posn with MG and 2 pr fire. A Coy moved via left flank to FUP. D Coy moved 100 yds in rear of A Coy to their FUP. Enemy fired 10x75mm shells on D Coy coln as they moved fwd. Own cas:- <u>KILLED</u> V 225151 Pte PETSCHER A.C. <u>WOUNDED</u> SX 39910 Ep1 REED G.A. NX153308 Sjt LAWRY W. VX144773 Pte JOHNSON C. Q 6280 " FULLER L. Q1130393 " SMITH A.F. V 170337 " ROBB P.R.	
		1040	C Coy captured objective 958411 and commenced to dig in. Enemy cas seven known killed incl two tree-snipers; 1 LMG, 8 rifles, 2 swords, 1 pistol and very large quantity of maps and documents captured. H-Hour was delayed because of failing comms, sig lines to arty HQ and HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde had been severed by vehicles, and 208 sets did not function satisfactorily. Arty fire was not possible owing to failing comms. GSO 1 3 Aust Div Lt-Col HASSETT and LO3 15 Aust Inf Bde Lt J. NORRIE MC visited Bn to view ops.	
		1100	B Coy commenced moving through C Coy to their objective at 962411.	
		1200	D Coy reached objective without further opposition and commenced digging in on BUIN RD at 956417.	

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
AITARA TRACK ref map MONOITU 7May 1/25000	21 May 45	1200	A Coy reached objective on BUIN RD at 960415 and commenced digging in. Coy was fired on intermittently by party of enemy 200 yds NW from objective. Own cas nil. BnHQ and HQ Coy est 955408.	
		1315	Message received from B Coy stating that coy had captured objective 962411 without opposition and were digging in. 4 dets of mortars and 5 pl remained at 943407 to give mortar sp if required.	
		1400	A and D Coys est comms and registered arty DF tasks with assistance of FOO who moved fwd with coys. Tractor trains moved up behind BnHQ on AITARA track and fwd to C Coy when coy captured objective.	
		1415	Tractor trains arrived C Coy area.	
		1430	A B D Coys tractor trains arrived at B Coy.	
		1500	A and D Coys tractor trains arrived A Coy. Enemy posn between A and D Coys on North side BUIN RD prevented D Coy tractor trains taking D Coy stores fwd.	
		1500	Escorting tp of tks 8 pl of A Coy moved NW along BUIN RD towards D Coy. When 150 yds from A Coy posn pl was pinned down by very heavy fire from opposite side of rd. Tks gave sp fire and patrol withdrew. Tks were unable to proceed owing to bomb craters in rd. Pl outflanked enemy posn and attacked from West and enemy fled. Eqpt captured included 70mm gun 100 rds amm, twin-barrelled HMG, 6 rifles, 2 swords, 2 pistols and very large quantity of documents.	
		1600	One pl of A Coy carried stores to D Coy after D Coy patrol on South side of rd reached A Coy and reported track clear of enemy. Tks escorted tractor trains back to C Coy and trains returned	

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.	
AITARA TRACK ref map MONOITU 7 May- 1/25000	21 May 45	1600	Down AITARA track to B Ech dump area		
		1800	All coys BnHQ well dug in and ready for any enemy counter-attack.		
		1900	Stand to		
		2000	Stand down		
		2330	One enemy crept up to wire protecting BnHQ locality and threw grenade. Our cas:- KILLED V 44203 Cpl HOUNSLOW, K.A. WOUNDED QX 62017 Pte JAMES, A.J. Enemy was killed by SMG fire.		
	22 May 45	0530	Stand to	Advice received that V 155187 Pte McALLEN K.F. wounded in action this morning at 957409 died of wounds at 15 Aust Fd Amb.	
		0630	Stand down		
		0700	Breakfast		
		0800	D8 tractor moving fwd from B Ech along AITARA track with escort of 1 NCO 8 ORs from 4pl was ambushed at 950405 by enemy party estimated str 20 with 2 LMGs and 47mm tk A gun. D8 tractor was damaged and escort withdrew, obtained reinforcements and attacked. Enemy fled without exchanging fire and escort captured 47mm tk A gun. 4 pl moved fwd and dug in around tractor to prevent enemy causing further damage to it. Enemy fired occasional shots from 200 yds south of 4 pl posn.		
		0830	Patrols as follows moved out:- D Coy 1 offr 8 ORs along West side of BUIN RD to contact A Coy 24 Aust Inf Bn at 955419. A Coy 1 offr 12 ORs out to enemy posn 960416 to occupy posn and deny enemy use of road and to offer protection to bull-dozer		

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
AITARA TRACK Ref map MONOTTU-7 May 1/25000	22 May 45	1045	Armd patrol 1 pl 9 tp 2/4 Aust Armd Regt moved from C coy fwd to D coy Patrol was accompanied by bulldozer to effect repairs to rd	
		1100	Lt H WALKER C coy captured enemy corporal in foxhole 100 yds East of C coy locality at 957408. PW was escorted back to HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde. 4 Pl contacted enemy party who ambushed D8 tractor and escort at 0800L at a point 100 yds SOUTH of previous ambush. Gas enemy one killed one wounded Own nil.	
		1200	B coy patrol reported in and stated that 967413 and 964417 were both suitable areas for coy localities. No signs of enemy or enemy movt were sighted.	
		1215	Armd patrol departed D coy to open rd to A coy 24 Aust inf bn and POROREI ford at 954420	
		1315	Armd patrol reached objective NMS	
		1355	Armd patrol departed A coy 24 Aust Inf Bn 955419 for D coy. 2 Enemy dead were located 958416 killed by D coy contact patrol to A coy	
		1430	Enemy 2nd Lt surrendered to Sgt LEAR at 948405	
		1530	Enemy commenced shelling A and B coy areas with 155 mm gun	
		1610	Enemy shelling ceased. Gas A coy 1 wounded B coy 1 killed 5 wounded	
		1730	Armd patrol and bulldozer reached C coy. Patrol reported sighting enemy booby trap on BUIN RD at 956418 consisting of 3 land mines and 9 75 mm shells constructed to detonate by pressure from vehicle trap was covered by a 4 ft length of board. MG fire uncovered trap and engr det deloused mine. Patrol reported that at ref 957418 enemy 75 mm gun was discovered in wrecked condition probably hit by our arty fire 21 May. A coy patrol to SUNUN RIVER area failed to find garden shown at 961421 but reported area 963423 suitable for coy locality Fwd of this point terrain falls 70 ft to SUNIN RIVER.	

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
AITARA TRACK Ref Map MONOITU 7May.1:25000	22 May	1900	Enemy again commenced shelling A B D Coy areas with 75 mm and 155 mm guns. Shelling continued throughout night, 200 rds being fired.	
		1930	No damage or cas Stand to	
		2030	Stand down. Cas for day. N10166 Pte STEELE R. NX203326 Pte DARGAN J.F.N. Killed in Action. VX94617 Pte BUCHANAN J.S. VX148201 Pte ARNEY H.R. NX154184 Pte REYNOLDS D.G. V44291 Pte WHITEHEAD J.E. VX93575 Pte JENKINS R.C. NX202054 Pte NEWTON K.C. VX113047 Pte RILEY J.A. NX192460 L/Cpl WEEKS J.T. Wounded in action.	
	23 May	0530	Stand to	
		0630	Stand down	
		0700	Breakfast	
		0800	8 pl A Coy moved out to secure new coy locality at 963423.13 pl	
		0830	C coy moved out to secure new C coy locality at 964416	
			Four patrols each of 1 NCO 8 ors moved out from B and D coys to recce both sides of BUIN RD to 962408 and AITARA TRACK to BnHQ for signs of enemy movt.	
		0955	13 Pl C coy in dug in posn at 962418 and remainder of C coy moved fwd to occupy posn.	
			8 Pl A Coy in posn 963423 and remainder of A coy moved fwd to set up def locality	
			Each coy were provided with 116 native carriers to carry fwd stores amm barb wire.	
			Lt PROBY MC 8 ors D Coy patrolled track from BUIN RD 957417 to A Coy posn 963423 and reported track 10 ft wide jeepable and tkable as far as A coy posn Bulldozer sent fwd to widen track.	
		1300	CO Lt Col W M MAYBERRY OC 2/4 Aust Armd Regt BSqn, Maj K. ARNOTT	

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.	
AITARA TRACK Ref Map MONOITU 7 May 1/25000	23 May	1300	and Lt WILLIS of 15 Aust Bn Coy made recce of rd down embankment to SUNIN RIVER 75 yds fwd of A coy's new posn at 963423 with a view to making embankment tkable to enable armd patrol to push fwd NE up OSO RD.		
		1430	BM 15 Aust Inf Bde Maj H.G.ROBSON and LO3 Lt J. NORRIE MC visited BnHQ.		
		1500	CO Lt Col W.M.MAYBERRY issued orders for one pl C Coy to move to area 964416 remainder of coy to move to area at 0630L 24 May.		
		1630	13 Pl commenced move to 964416		
		1700	13 Pl in posn 964416 and digging in.		
		1730	A coy recce patrol fwd of SUNIN RIVER reported coconut plantation at 964424 300 yds by 300 yds. Lt Willis of 15 Aust Fd Coy reported embankment would need one days work with bulldozer to be made tkble Rd fwd of embankment reported by A coy to be tkable.		
		1930	A coy reported enemy vacated posn at 963418 to contain 60 75 MM shells Stand to		
		2000	Stand down.		
		24 May	0530	Stand to	
			0630	Stand down. C Coy moved to new posn. During night enemy fired 15x155 mm shells into area 963412 cutting all comms with A C D coys	
			0700	Breakfast. IO Lt A B WHEELER moved out to A B C D Coys to brief patrols.	
			0830	Patrols moved out as follows. Lt R FARRELLY 20 ors Arty FOO Acoy to patrol to coconuts 964424 to 974428 thence NW to gardens at 970433 to POROREI RIVER at 961433 to A coy.	
				Lt D. BEALE 12 ors A coy to recce jap track leading EAST FROM A coy posn for 1500 yds	
	Lt NBIDGOOD 20 ors D coy and Arty FOO to C coy EAST to garden 967416 to garden 972416 to track junc 963421 to D coy.				

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Unit 58/59 Aust Inf Bn Date and Time.—From 24 May 45 To 24 May 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.		
AITARA TRACK ref map MONOITU 7 May 4/25000	24 may	0830	Lt J PIMM 20 ors B coy Arty FOO to clearing 965415 to creek 969408 to garden 974401 to garden 972402 to garden 969400 thence NW along BUIN RD to B Coy. Lt A DAVEY 20 ors D Coy arty FOO to B Coy down creek 1100 yds due SOUTH to RUNAI TRACK at 953399 EAST along track to garden at 964401 thence NW to D Coy Lt P PUTNAM 12 ors B Coy down AITARA TRACK SW to log crossing 925385 Task to investigate enemy posn 933389 and search for bodies of two of our dead Pte HENSHAW Pte SMITH in area. Tasks of all patrols to ambush and harass enemy locate his def posns and where Arty FOO are present to engage with arty fire. All patrols to capture PW if possible.			
		0830	Two tractor trains moved fwd stores from B Ech to BnHQ new site 960411			
		0900	BnHQ HQ coy moved to new site 960411 and immediately set to task of preparing and wiring new def locality.			
		1030	Lt DAVEYS patrol contacted 6 enemy at 961409. Fire was exchanged and Sjt V ROBERTS was wounded. Enemy cas 1 killed one wounded taken PW. Weapons captured one Czech type LMG 1 rifle. Patrol bought PW in on improvised stretcher and then moved out to complete tasks.	425?		
		1100	Lt R FARRELLY contacted enemy at 966475 in unknown str and withdrew to engage posn with arty.			
		1210	Lt J PIMM patrol contacted small force of enemy at 968409 killing one. Buin rd was opened to jeep traffic and unit jeeps moved along it.			
		1500	FELO unit arrived BnHQ in sp of bn for operations.			
		1600	BASCO 15 Aust Inf Bde visited QM Capt N.A. DEMPSTER re supply of of stores.			

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
AITARA TRACK Ref Map MONOITU 7 May 1/25000	24 May	1630	Lt N BIDGOODS patrol returned to area and reported contacting 3 enemy at 977416 killing 2 wounding one. Gardens at 967416 972418 972416 overgrown and not in use.	
		1700	Lt R FARRELLYS patrol returned from contacting enemy at 966475. The posn was shelled and thoroughly reced to both flanks. Two enemy sighted were killed.	
			Lt DAVEY'S patrol returned and reported that they were unable to locate RUNAI track. No further enemy movt was seen.	
		1730	Lt J PIMM'S patrol returned and reported contacting further small enemy party 967407 but no fire was exchanged. A recently reaped rice field was located at 971409. Lt PIMM engaged the enemy posn at 968409 with arty fire.	
			No report was received from Lt PUTNAMS patrol. The patrol carried eqpt and apparently were unable to complete task in one day.	
		1800	Movt fwd of Bn HQ stores completed and some stores from B Ech were moved fwd to BnHQ site.	
		1930	Stand to	
		2030	Stand down	
			NIGHT FINE.	
			25 May	0530
		0630	Stand down.	
		0900	Movt of B Ech fwd from 946406 to rear of BnHQ at 960412 commenced. CO LtCol W.M. MAYBERRY briefed patrols moving out as follows:— Lt A BALL Lt C HANNA 11 pl 4 native runners 1 offr 1 sec PIB arty FOO with 208 set and pigeons for comms, down AITARA TRACK to 933388 EAST to 965390 SE to 975372 to 987382 to 989376 and attempt to locate two enemy arty pieces reported by PW to be in vicinity thence SW to 972366 to 972356 EAST to MAMAGATA track 988378 to BUIN ROAD 983385 and up WEST side of BUIN ROAD to B Coy	

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
AITARA TRACK Ref Map MONOITU 7 May 1/25000	25 may	0900	Taskrece reported tracks for tkability and jeepability ambush and harass enemy and capture PW. Duration of patrol 5 days. Lt B EWART Lt GOODWIN 15 Pl 1 offr 1 sec PIB arty FOO 4 native runners 4 carrier pigeons 208 set down EAST side of BUIN RD to 968398 to 974394 to MAMAGOTA TRACK 994390 to 997397 to 985414 thence SW to 972404 NW to C Coy. Task harass and ambush enemy recce terrain for tkability and engage enemy posns with arty fire. Capture PW if possible. Duration of patrol 4 days. Lt N BIDGOOD Lt J LYLE 18 Pl 1 offr 1 sec PIB arty FOO 208 set 4 native runners SE to 973404 thence NE to 985414 to 900419 to MAMAGOTA TRACK 006407 thence to search for enemy gun reported in vicinity of 002414 thence NW to OSO RD 974429 SW to 962421 to D Coy. Taskrece for enemy disposns and engage with arty fire Harass and ambush enemy and capture PW if possible.	
		1030	Bulldozer assisted tractor trains through to BnHQ and moved with FELO UNIT to A Coy	
		1100	8 Pl A coy plus 2 sec one tp tks and bulldozer moved out on armd recce patrol NE up OSO RD. FELO UNIT at A Coy stood by in readiness to broadcast surrender propoganda to enemy if contacted. CO Lt Col W.M. MAYBERRY visited TOKO for AUSTER A/c flight over bn front.	
		1115	A Coy armd patrol struck 30ft embankment at 964425 necessitating 3 hrs work with bulldozer before tks could move fwd. Leaving 2 secs to guard bulldozer and tks 8 Pl pushed fwd to contact the enemy. Capt L HOCKING and recce patrol 6 ors fired on by enemy snipers in garden at 962407. Later area was engaged with 3 inch mortar fire. F2 stores were ferried fwd from old BnHQ site KEKRO CREEK during morning and continued throughout day.	
		1400	Lt P. PUTNAMS patrol returned from patrolling AITARA TRACK to log xing at 925385 and reported enemy posns at 932389 vacated.	

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.	
AITARA TRACK Ref Map MONOITU 7 May 1/25000	25 May	1400	No signs of enemy movement on AITARA Track. Patrol was unsuccessful in search for bodies of Pte HENSHAW and Pte SMITH killed in action vicinity 931388 May 19.		
		1415	8 pl A Coy sighted one enemy at 967426 - enemy fled.		
		1500	Tanks moved fwd and rejoined 8 pl investigating area 967426 and advanced NE up OSO RD was continued.		
		1730	Armoured patrol reached 970427 without making further contact with enemy, 8 pl dug in for night remaining 2 secs escorted tp of tks back to A Coy posn. FELO broadcasting unit with patrol because of delay in tks moving fwd and the excessive man loads necessary to carry eqpt. When tks moved fwd it was considered too late for unit to proceed with patrol. Unit returned to Bn HQ.		
		1815	Pigeon messages from Lt R.B. EWARTS patrol stating that patrol had ambushed party of 11 enemy at 973400 killing 5 and wounding 1.		
		1830	4 PIB natives from Lt R.B. EWARTS patrol returned to Bn HQ and reported that after contact with enemy 1630 hrs at 973400 they moved ahead of patrol as fwd scouts and in endeavouring to maintain contact with enemy became detached from remainder of patrol. They reported that 9 enemy were ambushed and that 7 were killed, 1 wounded, one escaped.		
		1930	Stand to		
		2000	Stand down.		
		26 May	0530	Stand to	
			0630	Stand down	
0700	Breakfast . Lt A.B. WHEELER and 7 ORs moved out to 15 Bde Rest Camp.				
		0830	GOC 3 Aust Div Maj Gen C.W. BRIDGEFORD DSO MC and Bde Comd		

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
AITARA Track Ref Map MONOITU 7 May 1/25000	26 May	0830	Brig H.H. HAMMER DSO visited A Coy with CO Lt Col W.M. MAYBERRY. Hostile shelling of area in rear of D Coy prevented their moving to Bn HQ. Lt D.J. BREWSTER MC with 8 pl A Coy plus tp of tanks moved to rd junc 966426 and established defensive posn. Lt R. ROLFES patrol contacted enemy 964419 - own cas 1 wounded NX 198307 Pte BELL D.V. Patrol brought down arty concentration on posn and forced Japs to withdraw. Bulldozer assisted in movement of B Ech stores from MAYBERRYS XING completed mov of stores except for 3 inch mortar bombs and fuel.	
		0900	Lt BIDGOOD patrol contacted enemy approx 150 yds past track junc 963408 - 1 native killed 1 wounded. Patrol returned to Bn HQ and moved out again 1330L. 1 OR accidentally wounded, patrol returned.	
		1030	Snipers from trees fired on Bn HQ - 1 enemy killed, own cas nil. B Coy commenced advance from old posn fwd along BUIN RD - objective fwd edge L shaped garden 963408. Contacted 20 enemy 100 yds South of creek 913410 with LMGs and rifles - own cas 1 killed 1 wounded. Called fwd tks which reached culvert now reported unsafe. Bulldozer commenced tk crossing - completed 1330L, but too boggy. Corduroying commenced, expected to be completed 1600L.	
		1100	Major ARNOTT OC B Sqn 2/4 Armd Regt visited CO Lt Col W.M. MAYBERRY.	
		1530	B Coy commenced advance without tanks but mortar and arty support and drove Japs from posn but suffered 1 offr killed Lt P.E. PUTNAM. and 11 OR wounded.	
		1100-1330	2 x 75 mm shells and 8 x 150 mm shells fell 100 yds in rear of Bn HQ. Total B Coy cas for day - 2 killed 11 wounded. VX 32458 Lt P.E. PUTNAM . Q 132216 Pte HUSBAND killed in action.	

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
AITARA Track Ref Map MONOITU 7 May 1/25000	26 May		B Coy pers wounded - Pte QX 61372 Pte OWEN E.J., NX 164921 L/Cpl Mc AULEY K.R., TX 15789 Pte JOHNSON F.H., V 165569	
			WILLIAMS K.A., V 180346 Pte DRYBURGH G.G., VX 137955 L/Sjt STONE AT., SX 37267 Pte PATE D.W., V 65620 Pte HIGGINS A.R., NX 192492 B/Cpl ROSS J., SX 33125 Pte BRADLEY E.J.F., NX 177338 Pte MORTON G.S., v 94700 Pte LILLFORD C.W.A., QX 22122 Pte TULLIPAN D.W.	
			All casualties except Pte HUSBAND D. were caused by 75 mm booby traps. 1 x 3 ton vehicle captured.	
			Coy dug in for night on right of rd of rd 963407. During advance 3 enemy killed.	
			1700 Consolidation stores plus ² secs 4 pl arrived in area.	
			1800 Tks moved through to B Coy after bridge strengthened. Lt R. ROLFES patrol returned. Fleeing enemy engaged but no no known casualties.	
			1900 Bn HQ and HQ Coy redisp osed to take in old B Coy posn. Lt R.B. EWARTS patrol returned - contacted enemy on North bank TOMOI RIVER vicinity 976376. Patrol endeavoured to outflank enemy but came under enemy arty fire which attempted to drive patrol back to enemy posn. Patrol then returned to Bn HQ.	
			2000 Night 26/27 May harassing mortar fire 300 yds fwd of B Coy posn. Stray Japs approaching A Coy were fired on - results unknown.	
			27 May 0530 Stand to	
			0630 Stand down	
	0730 Breakfast			
	0800 A Coy moved and joined 8 pl at 974429 where coy defensive locality was dug.			
	0830 C and D Coy provided work parties to work on OSO TRACK from 957417.			

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AITARA TRACK Ref Map MONOITU 7 May 1/25000	27 May	0830	Two secs pnrns worked on Bn HQ road. Movement of B Ech to vicinity Bn HQ 959403 continued.	
		0900	Tac R reported heavy enemy movement and digging garden area 969398 - arty concentration brought down and arrangements made for an airstrike 28 May. Lt L.S. PROBY MC with patrol moved out. Lt MURPHY and 1 OR Bomb Disposal Pl deloused 4 x 150 mm and 12 x 75 mm shell booby traps on East of Rd and B Coy posn 963407.	
		0930	B Coy redispersed astride rd at at 963407. Lt N.C. BIDGOOD with 6 ORs and 1 sec PIB left on 5 day patrol AITARA thence along beach rd to within 1000 yds of MAMAGATA. Task to recce for signs of enemy movement and secure prisoner.	
		1030	2 offrs from 5 Tac R Sqn visited the Bn with LO 3 15 Aust Inf Bde Lt J.F. NORRIE MC . CO Lt Col W.M. MAYBERRY presented them with twin barrelled JUKI captured by Bn on 22 May.	
		1100	CO, Lt Col W.M. MAYBERRY inspected C Coy area.	
		1200	Midday meal	
		1400	CO inspected A Coy area.	
		1500	Lt MURPHY of 7 Bomb Disposal Pl visited CO and Adjut Capt R.L. MATHEWS ref booby traps.	
		2100	12 rounds of enemy arty fell in B Ech area causing no cas and only slight damage. Immediately following this 20 Japs with 1 JUKI HMG and 2 LMGs attacked B Coy area. Japs were driven off by BESA fire from tanks and grenades - cas own nil enemy 3 killed 7 wounded. These figures from body found and PW infm.. Throught days all patrols NMS.	
			Night 27/28 May - harassing arty and mortar fire on enemy posns. Lt BALL patrol bivouaced night 27/28 May at 966393.	

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AITARA TRACK Ref Map MONOITU 7 May 1/25000	28 May	0530	Stand to	
		0630	Stand down	
		0730	Breakfast	
		0830	8 pl with tp of tks moved along OSO TRACK from coy area 974429 to contact 57/60 Aust Inf Bn. 2 RAAF pilots and 2 IC A Coy Lt H.J. SHROSBREE accompanied patrol. FELO unit which had been in support of Bn moved 57/60 Aust Inf Bn. Ambush patrols duration 1 day moved out from HQ and C Coys. A and C Coys worked on HAMMER RD (Old OSO TRACK). B Coy and Pnrs worked on Bn HQ road.	
		0845	12 Corsairs bombed and strafed garden area 968399 after preliminary arty concentration.	
		0900	New YMCA Representative GILMORE joined Bn in place of Rep WHARTON. Rep LORD visited Lt Col W.M. MAYBERRY.	
		0930	CO Orderlys Room. Capt L.W. MIDDLETON, unit RMO visited C Coy.	
		1000	Col DAWKIN ADMS 3 Aust Div accompanied by CO 15 Aust Fd Amb Lt Col BRUMMETT visited CO.	
		1100	Lt DOVERG RAE 3 Aust Div visited Adjt Capt R.L. MATHEWS re booby traps. 1 offr and 1 OR 7 Bomb Disposal Pl came in support of unit. 15 Aust Inf Bde Flamethrower Pl came in support of unit and moved to B Coy.	
			Armoured patrol to contact 57/60 Aust Inf Bn halted 2 hours while graded escarpment at xing 984437. Throughout morning fwd movement of B Ech stores continued. Canteen moved up to B Ech. 44 gallon drums issued to coys.	
		1400	Lt BIDGOODS patrol lost approx 1/2 day while standing by mouth of HONGORAI RIVER observing Corsair pilot who had been forced down into sea.	

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AITARA TRACK Ref Map MONOITU 7 May 1/250000	28 May	1400	Pilot eventually picked up by barge, and patrol continued on journey.	
		1500	Lt BALL long range patrol brought arty concentration on an enemy posn. Lt PROBY's patrol returned to A Coy with captured whilst sleeping in hut 985422. One rifle also captured. PW sent back to 15 Aust Inf Bde. C Coy patrol (Lt SMITH) out 0830L - route - 963419 SE to 970417 North to track 970418. NW to track junc 965423. On track leading North to SUNIN RIVER 50 yds from track junc patrol fired on by 7 Japs with rifles. Own cas nil. Enemy 1 killed. HQ Coy ambushed and all other patrols reported NMS. Bde Sig Offr Capt BOWDEN visited Sig Offr Lt E. ZERNER and Adjt Capt R.L. MATHEWS. AUSTER ac ranged mortar bty.	
		1600	8 Pl armoured patrol contacted 57/60 Aust Inf Bn 996446 and returned to A Coy 1800L. NMS. At 988441 4 x 75mm booby traps located and blown up. These booby traps were worked vine extending 40 yds on side of track. Airstrike on garden area 969398. This strike was preceded by arty concentration.	
		1630	COs orderly Room.	
		1700	BIDGOOD MAMAGATA patrol reached 910354 NMS. RD	
	29 May		Night 28/29 May arty and mortar fire on BUIN/fwd of B Coy.	
		0530	Stand to	
		0630	Stand down.	
		0830	Following patrols moved out. Patrol 248 C Coy str 1 offr 18 ORs, arty offr and sigs. Route - 964423 - 968417 - 971417 - 965423. Task - destroy by SAA and arty fire Jap posn est str 1 LMG 7 rifles East end of garden 968417. Lt SMITH and escort moved out to RV patrol 247 old A Coy posn SUNIN RIVER.	

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AITARA TRACK Ref Map MONOITU 7 May 1/25000	29 May	1000	of 25 huts in dilapidated condition. Patrol cut Jap sig wire along track, then proceeded along track 300 yds North and South of posn NMS. Returned to hospital area 984383 then moved NW to 972385 - natives fired on 1 Jap who escaped. Patrol then returned to Bn HQ via 965394 thence to AITARA TRACK.	along
		1800	BIDGOOD MAMAGOTA Patrol reached 925385 NMS.	
	30 May	AM	CO Lt Col W.M. MAYBERRY made flight in Tac R ac over Bn area	Appx MA 11
		0530	Stand to	
		0630	Stand down	
		0730	Breakfast	
			Following patrols moved out. 250 consisting of OC C Coy Major W.A. PIKE, tk offr, engr offr, 2 BD personnel, 1 NCO 6 ORs. Route C Coy - Jap track at 965409 - 967407 - 971403. Task recce route for tks and amount of work required to make tankable.	
			Recce coy locality 971403 at KIRIMAI Track junc. Patrol 251 - str, OC D Coy Capt E.M. GRIFF, 1 NCO 6 ORs. Route - C Coy - Jap track 965409 - 967407. Task recce coy locality.	
			Patrol 252. Str OC A Coy Capt A.C. JACKSON, 2 BD pers, 1 NCO 6 ORs reported to CO Lt Col W.M. MAYBERRY for briefing. Task - recce route for future operations.	
			Patrol 253. B Coy str 1 offr 12 ORs, 2 bomb dispoal personnel, Route - B Coy - SW 500 yds - parallel with BUIN RD to garden 964402 and recce same for enemy posns.	
		0900	Patrol 254 - follows route of patrol 248 (29 May). C Coy - 967419 to North of enemy posn. Corsairs on first bombing mission evidently mistaking target dropped 6 bombs in general area B Coy and stafd Bn HQ. Own cas 1 offr killed Lt A.B. WHEELER. 1 offr wounded VX 106327 Capt R.L. MATHEWS and 3 ORs VX 106268 Sjt MITCHELL J.M.	

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AITARA TRACK Ref Map MONOITU 7 May 1/25000	30 May	0900	VX 137518 Cpl CAVANAGH J.H., VX 148811 Pte PEARCE D.J. WOUNDED. aircraft did not circle area to locate target prior to commencement of bombing. AC came straight down BUIN RD - first bomb fell 300 yds fwd of B Coy.	
		1100	Patrol 238 returned to Bn HQ. Moved via AITARA TRACK and coast to 964336. NMS. Returned by same route. At 0815L when 100 yds NE of WILLIS TRACK patrol was fired on by enemy on East side of AITARA TRACK. Patrol engaged enemy who withdrew. Cas enemy unknown own 1 PIB OR wounded.	
		1145	During second bombing mission 1 enemy walked into B Coy area and surrendered.	
		1230	Patrol 253 moved from B Coy - to creek 963401. Moved North and sighted 1 Jap who fled. Continued 100 yds up creek thence 1000 yds West. Located Jap posn with vines and rattle traps attached. One Jap hut seen, and sounds of chopping and talking heard. Patrol returned by same route.	
			Patrol 250 - scrub bashed to 967407. Came to track and scrub bashed to 971403 which is suitable for coy area.	
		1245	D Coy patrol moved out from Bn HQ to establish contact with enemy on AITARRA TRACK (reported by patrol 238). Proceeded down WILLIS TRACK to store dump and investigated for signs recent enemy movement. Reported NMS, stores untouched.	
			Patrol 251 reced area and track 300 yds NW of posn - NMS. Reported at least one days work to make route tankable.	
	1400	Patrol 254 returned to Bn HQ. Reached objective 964398 at 1100L NMS. Patrol 249 D Coy out 29 May. Established ambush posn and pulled back for night 963396. 30 May established ambush vicinity 963397 NMS. Patrol 247 out A Coy 290930L. Reached 971417 and observed 1 Jap		

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AITARA TRACK Ref Map MONOITU 7 May 1/25000	30 May	1400	who fled. Patrol established ambush on East side creek 978417. 291715L 3 Japs moved along track - patrol killed 2 and wounded 1 who	1 who	
			who escaped. Patrol bivouaced night 29/30 May 974419.		
			30 May patrol established ambush on West bank of creek from first light to 1230L.NMS. After patrol had commenced return to camp West along track were fired on by 1 LMG and rifles from their front. Patrol withdrew to creek and were fired on from West bank. Patrol moved North along creek to ref 979418 thence NW to track junc 972417 along track and USO RD to A Coy. Gas own 1 offr VX 111772 Lt FARELLY R.P. killed, 1 OR wounded 1 OR missing. Enemy cas unknown.		
			Stand to		
			0530	Stand down	
			0630	Jeep train moving to A Coy posn 975429 ambushed at 970427 by Jap with 75 mm booby trap on side of rd with trip wire into bush. Own cas 1 OR VX 148833 L/Cpl COLLINS J.R. died of wounds. 2 ORs wounded. Jeep damaged but repairable.	
			0700	Breakfast	
			0730	D Coy occupied n w posn 967411.	
			0830	A Coy occupied old D Coy posn 957417. En route to new posn coy discovered land mine (1 x 75 mm shell) at 970427.	
			0845	OR reported missing from patrol 247 on 30 May reported to D Coy PIB.	
			0900	Patrol 255 str 1 offr 12 ORs moved out from A Coy. Route - same as patrol 252. Task. Cut and improve track for future operations.	
			1000	Patrol 256. Task to establish ambush at track and creek crossing 978416 and to recover body of Lt FARELLY. St 2 sec PIB, 1 OR A Coy.	
				Patrol 257 str 2 secs PIB. Route 975430- 985423-990418- 983414 - 978416 to 972417 and return to coy.	

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AITARA TRACK	31 May		Patrol 258 str 1 sec PIB. Route along AITARA TRACK to log crossing 925385 and return same route.	
Ref Map MONOITU 7 May 1/25000			C Coy patrol reported that it moved from 973407 to 972406 - 967403. In this area Jap posn capable of holding 50-60 men was observed. Posn occupied within last 2-3 days. Track unused for 2 days. Moved on brg for extensive Jap posn 963407 - posn vacated 2 days.	
		1400	Patrol 256 (to recover body Lt FARELLY) reached objective but unable to find body. Patrol 257 reported in - NMS. Patrol 258 reached 936393 - NMS. Lt H.J. SHROSBREE took over duties Adjt vice Capt MATHEWS. Lt J.R. ROE appointed IO. Lt L.S. PROBY MC took over duties as 2 IC A Coy. Lt G.H. WILLIAMS moved to D Coy. Lt J.L. LYLE to 7 pl A Coy. Lt C. HANNA appointed OC 3 pl. Night 31 May - 1 Jun harassing mortar fire on enemy posns.	
		1500	D Coy patrol located enemy posn 964407 - posn capable of holding 100 men and vacated during last 36 hrs. Area heavilly boobytrapped. Prime mover, slightly damaged but in working condition, also booby trapped. A and B Coy provided continual patrols along L of C to C and D Coys until all stores moved forward. B, C and D Coys, local protective patrols and protective ambushes. Military Secretary Brig BAXTER-COX, Bde Comd Brig H.H. HAMMER DSO, BM Major ROBSON, Bde IO Capt N.S. DUN, LO 1 Capt V. PASSLOW MC, LO 3 Lt J. NORRIE MC visited CO Lt Col W.M. MAYBERRY.	
			<i>H.P. Sweet</i> Major for Lt Col COMD 58/59 Aust Inf Bn	

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 to bomb and strafe incl 50 yds on either side of BUIW rd from 500
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58/59 AUST INF BN AIM INSTR NO 24 (III)

HQ 58/59 Aust Inf Bn
5 May 45.

APPOINTMENT, PROMOTION, REVERSION AND REDUCTION
OF WOs AND NCOs.

1. Authorities empowered to promote :-

- (a) Subject to there being a vacancy on Unit WE,
- (i) Appointment to acting, warrant, or non-commissioned rank or to a lance appointment and promotion to substantive non-commissioned rank may be made by a CO.
 - (ii) Promotion to substantive warrant rank may be effected by a formation commander.

2. Authorities empowered to revert or reduce -

- (a) (i) An acting WO or NCO or lance NCO may be reverted by his CO to his substantive rank for any reason. A member so reverted may be appointed at the time of such reversion to any intermediate acting rank in which a vacancy exists in the WE.
- (ii) Apart from reduction by sentence of court-martial or summary award, reduction of a WO or NCO holding substantive rank to any inferior rank or grade, or to the ranks, or in seniority of rank, can be made by formation commander.
- (iii) Reversion or reduction of a WO or NCO from his acting or substantive rank will take effect either on the day on which he is notified of such reversion or reduction or from some subsequent date on which the reversion or reduction is ordered to take effect.

3. Effective date of Promotion.

- (a) The appointment or promotion of a WO or NCO takes effect from the date notified in ROs Part II.
- (b) Except in cases of operational necessity when the promotion has been approved by the formation commander, rank will NOT be assumed or badges worn until the promotion has been promulgated in ROs Part II.

4. Allotments.

A member appointed to acting rank will NOT be permitted to increase his allotment beyond the maximum applicable to his substantive rank.

5. Appointment to Acting Rank.

- (a) Where a vacancy occurs due to a WO or NCO being posted to "X" List, that vacancy may be filled, for a period of 3 months, by an appointment to acting rank.
- (b) At the termination of 3 months from the date of appointment, acting rank will either be confirmed or the member reverted to his substantive rank.

6. Automatic Reversion.

- (a) A member holding acting rank will be automatically reverted in any of the following events :-
- (i) If he is declared an Illegal Absentee,
 - (ii) If he is sentenced to imprisonment, etc, by a civil or military court.

- (iii) If he is evacuated on medical grounds beyond (or held in) a field ambulance or camp hospital for a period exceeding 7 days. This does NOT apply to a Battle Casualty who will retain his acting rank until he returns to his unit or is posted to a new unit. On returning to his unit or being posted to a new unit a Battle Casualty may be permitted to retain his rank for a period of 3 months, after which time the rank will be either confirmed or the member reverted to substantive rank.

7. Retention of Acting Rank.

- (a) A member holding acting rank will retain that rank whilst he is :-
 - (i) Posted as missing,
 - (ii) P.O.W.,
 - (iii) In hospital as a Battle Casualty,
 - (iv) Attending a school or course,
 - (v) On leave which does not involve posting to "X" list,
- (b) A member MAY be permitted to retain acting rank when :-
 - (i) Temporarily attached to another unit,
 - (ii) Transferred in his acting rank to another unit where a vacancy exists on WE,
- (c) Except as provided in sub paras (a) and (b), a WO or NCO will be reverted to substantive rank before marching out to another unit.

8. Retention of Substantive Rank.

A substantive WO or NCO will not be deprived of his rank solely in consequence of :-

- (a) The re-organization of his unit rendering him surplus to WE,
- (b) His transfer to another unit to meet requirements of the service,
- (c) His return from "X" list.

9. Voluntary Relinquishment of Substantive Rank.

The provisions of para 8 do NOT apply to an inter-unit transfer made at a members own request. In such a case voluntary relinquishment may be a condition of transfer.

R. Mather Capt.
Adjt 58/59 Aust Inf Bn.

DISTRIBUTION.

List "A".

War diary

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

58/59 Aus Inf Bn
4 Nov 45

TO ALL NCOs and OFFICERS. (To be read to ALL troops)

1. (a) It is now one month since we concluded our training at TOROPINA and moved forward. During this month we have carried out a great deal of hard work, but so far NOT much fighting.
(b) I am very pleased indeed with the cheerfulness with which all ranks have carried out their tasks, be it roadwork, patrolling, carrying stores or routine work around bivouac areas.
(c) You have trained well and have applied this training well too. The principles and technique of establishing, quickly, Coys defensive localities, well sited and constructed and capable of withstanding any attack which the enemy could bring against us, you have learnt to apply really well, and the team work shown by ALL in carrying out this arduous duty has impressed me a great deal and given me much satisfaction.
(d) However, there is one very important phase of these operations, the technique of which, we definitely have NOT yet acquired, I mean the technique of patrolling.
2. (a) During the past four weeks, this unit has killed, for certain, 16 Japs and wounded 8, against which we, ourselves, have suffered the following casualties:-
6 killed
12 wounded.
Our total casualties are therefore almost the same in number as those we have inflicted on the enemy, and all this is patrolling, during the approach march to battle, and not in the battle itself.
(b) There are 680 odd fighting troops in this Battalion, and it must be obvious to everyone that if we continue to fritter away two or three men a day in patrol casualties, that when the battle is really joined the unit will be too weak to carry out its role successfully. We must, therefore, devise a technique in patrolling which while giving us the same results will save us casualties when humanly possible.
3. During the past weeks the tendency of all patrols has been to move too fast and in nearly all cases in which casualties have occurred the patrol has been moving on, or on the edge of the track. The speed at which patrols have travelled can, I think, be blamed on two factors; first, the route given the patrol has been too long and second, the natural desire of members of the patrol to get the job done as quickly as possible and get back to camp. Both these factors can be overcome; the first by me, in only setting a patrol route which can be covered, taking all necessary precautions, in the allotted time, the second by you yourselves, particularly patrol commanders.
4. The Jap is a cunning enemy who has the advantage of us, in that he knows the ground over which he is operating. That however is his only advantage. His rations are poor compared with ours and his weapons far more so. His cunning we must meet with even greater cunning of our own. In plain language we must go back 20 years and again play the old game of "Cowboys and Indians" in a far more serious manner, with survival the reward.

5. The following technique has only been decided upon after much thought and discussions with many of you, both officers, NCOs and men.

6. (a) We know that the Jap. now, seldom sits on the track, but 15 - 30 yds off it and covering it. Therefore to counter this we must move off the track.

(b) We know that in all his ambushes he digs in and camouflages his diggings and only cuts very slight fields of view, which all make him difficult to see. Therefore, to counter this, we must move quietly and slowly searching every inch of the ground as we advance and keep well dispersed to deny him the opportunity of catching more than one man with a burst from his automatic weapons.

SO 1. MOVE WELL OFF TRACKS
2. MOVE QUIETLY AND SLOWLY.

(c) (i) How to move quietly will naturally involve no talking except in whispers - all control to be done by hand, and if and when talking is essential the patrol to halt and patrol leader to move quietly around and pass or receive whispered information or orders.

(ii) It will also involve no smoking as cigarette smoke shows at considerable distance and striking matches makes much noise.

(iii) To further deny enemy the opportunity of seeing you first, keep your sleeves rolled down and rub dirt on your hands and faces.

(d) New experiments have been carried out by several patrols, with the object of ascertaining at what speed a patrol can move whilst conforming to the above principles; as a result of which I consider that now a patrol can or should travel at a greater speed than 100 yds in 10 minutes or 600 yds in the hour. Let us consider the worst case of the longest patrol which can be carried out in a day -

Patrol out 0800 hrs
" " in 1700 "

Total - 9 hrs.

Some rest is however essential as whilst NOT arduous moving at this speed constant attention to stealth and observation, together with no talking or smoking impose a strain on the patrol. I consider, therefore that the patrol schedule for the patrol under review should be:-

0800-1030 Patrolling
1030-1100 Rest
1100-1330 Patrolling
1330-1400 Rest
1400-1700 Patrolling.

This will NOT be a hard and fast rule but is given as a guide to patrol leaders. Of course adequate and alert sentries must be posted during rest periods. This means 8 hours actual patrolling at 600 yds in the hour, equals 4800 yds per day. Now this routine may appear arduous, but remember you only go on patrol one day in three and by being patient, careful and painstaking you will definitely avoid unnecessary casualties.

SO - let your catch words for patrolling be -

1. MOVE WELL OFF TRACKS.
2. MOVE QUIETLY AND SLOWLY.
3. TALK ONLY WHEN ESSENTIAL AND THEN IN WHISPERS.
4. CONTROL BY HAND SIGNALS.
5. NO SMOKING.
6. SLEEVES DOWN.
7. CAMOUFLAGE HANDS AND FACES.

- (e) (1) I WILL ENSURE THAT ADEQUATE TIME IS GIVEN FOR YOU TO CARRY OUT YOUR TASK USING THESE PRINCIPLES.
(11) IT IS UP TO YOU TO SEE THAT YOU AND ALL WITH YOU CARRY OUT THESE INSTRUCTIONS.

(f) Attached as Appendix "A" are suggested patrol formations for patrols of various sizes. Again I am not laying down a hard and fast rule - it would be foolish to do so without knowing in detail all the facts of the case and seeing the ground.

7. (a) The second point I want to bring out is the question of weapons. All recent PW interrogations stress that the main object of the present harassing tactics on this side of the HONGORAI, particularly in the area SOUTH and SW of the HATAI track is to obtain our automatic weapons and ammunition for them. To date this unit has lost to the enemy, one Bren LMG and 3 OSMGs. We are doubly the losers in this, in that NOT only have we lost valuable weapons ourselves, but have given the enemy the means to continue fighting back at us. Therefore where humanly possible we must prevent any more weapons from falling into enemy hands. This means that every effort must be made by other members of a patrol to recover NOT only our own dead and wounded but ALSO the weapons they carried.

(b) During discussions among you, the point has been raised that a patrol strength NCO and 6 is insufficient to do this if it receives two or more casualties. I consider that by using the technique of patrolling laid down in this letter, that never should more than one casualty be received in one contact. However I concede that NCO and 6 is possibly on the weak side and in all future patrols, except on certain special reconce patrols, strength will NOT be less than NCO and 8.
SO - MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO RECOVER WEAPONS.

8. (a) And finally I want you all to ^{hear} view the following in mind - It is NOT possible in jungle country for commanders to reconce all the country personally, therefore they must rely on their patrol reports to give them the information they need for planning, about topography and enemy dispositions. Remember always "patrols are the CO's eyes", the information you give if detailed and accurate will result in good planning and a successful battle, if only general and inaccurate, such information can only result in disaster.
SO - CAREFUL DETAILED ACCURATE PATROLLING - YOU ARE THE CO'S EYES.

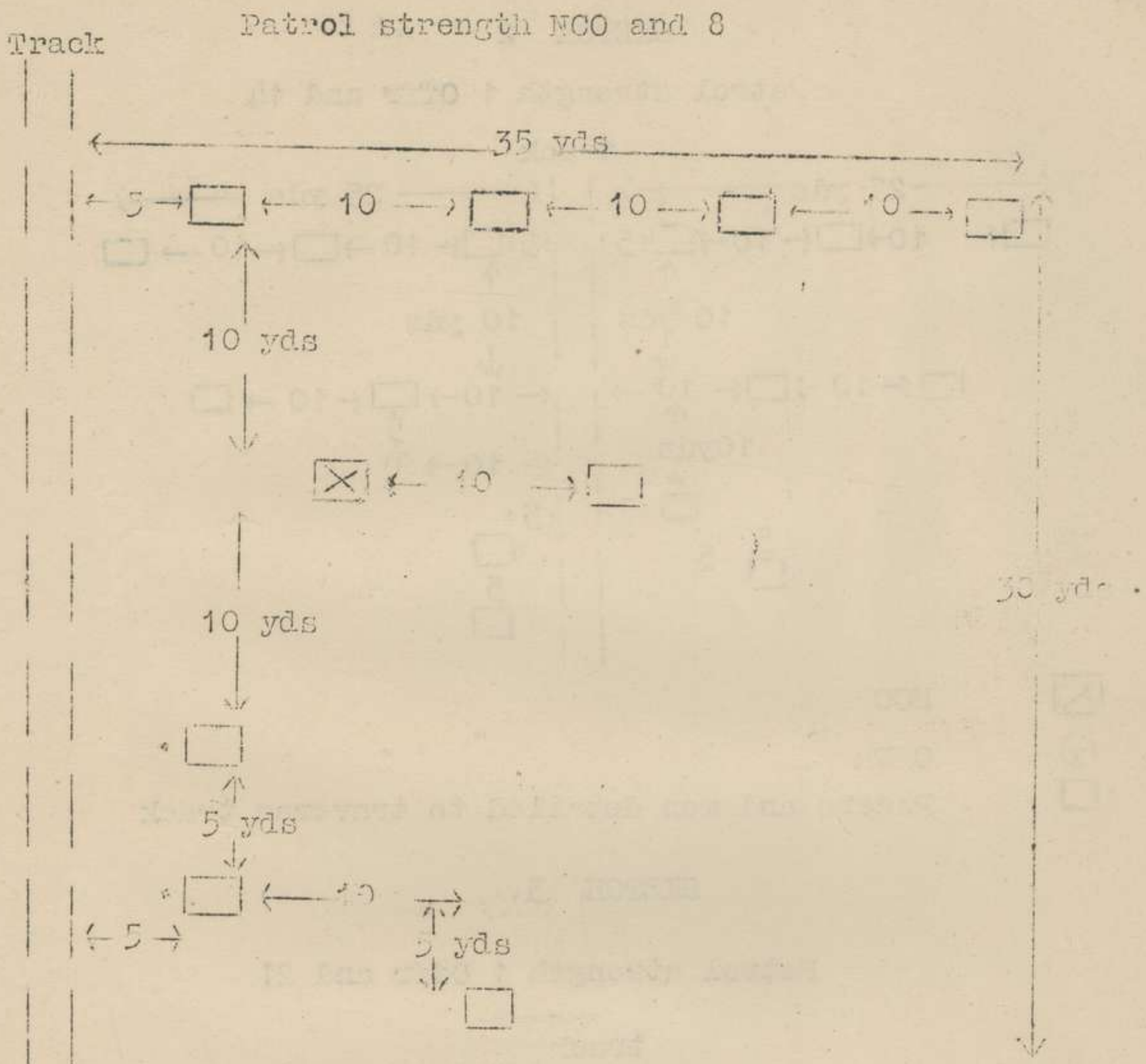
(b) Attached as Appendix "B" are brief notes on some of the detail required in patrol reports, any other points of interest should also be included. The I.O. is the man to sift the wheat from the chaff in patrol reports what you must do is to give him ALL you can.

SO - RATHER TOO MUCH INFORMATION THAN TOO LITTLE.

9. And finally when setting out on patrol remember these slogans and how to apply them and our reward will be success in battle.

- (a) MOVE WELL OFF TRACKS.
- (b) MOVE QUIETLY AND SLOWLY.
- (c) TALK ONLY WHEN ESSENTIAL AND THEN IN WHISPERS.
- (d) CONTROL BY HAND SIGNAL.
- (e) NO SMOKING.
- (f) ELBOWS DOWN.
- (g) CAMOUFLAGE HANDS AND FACES.
- (h) MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO RECOVER WEAPONS.
- (i) CAREFUL DETAILED ACCURATE PATROLLING - YOU ARE THE CO'S EYES.
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W. W. ... Lt-col's
Comd 53/59 Aust Inf Bn.



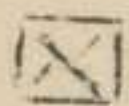
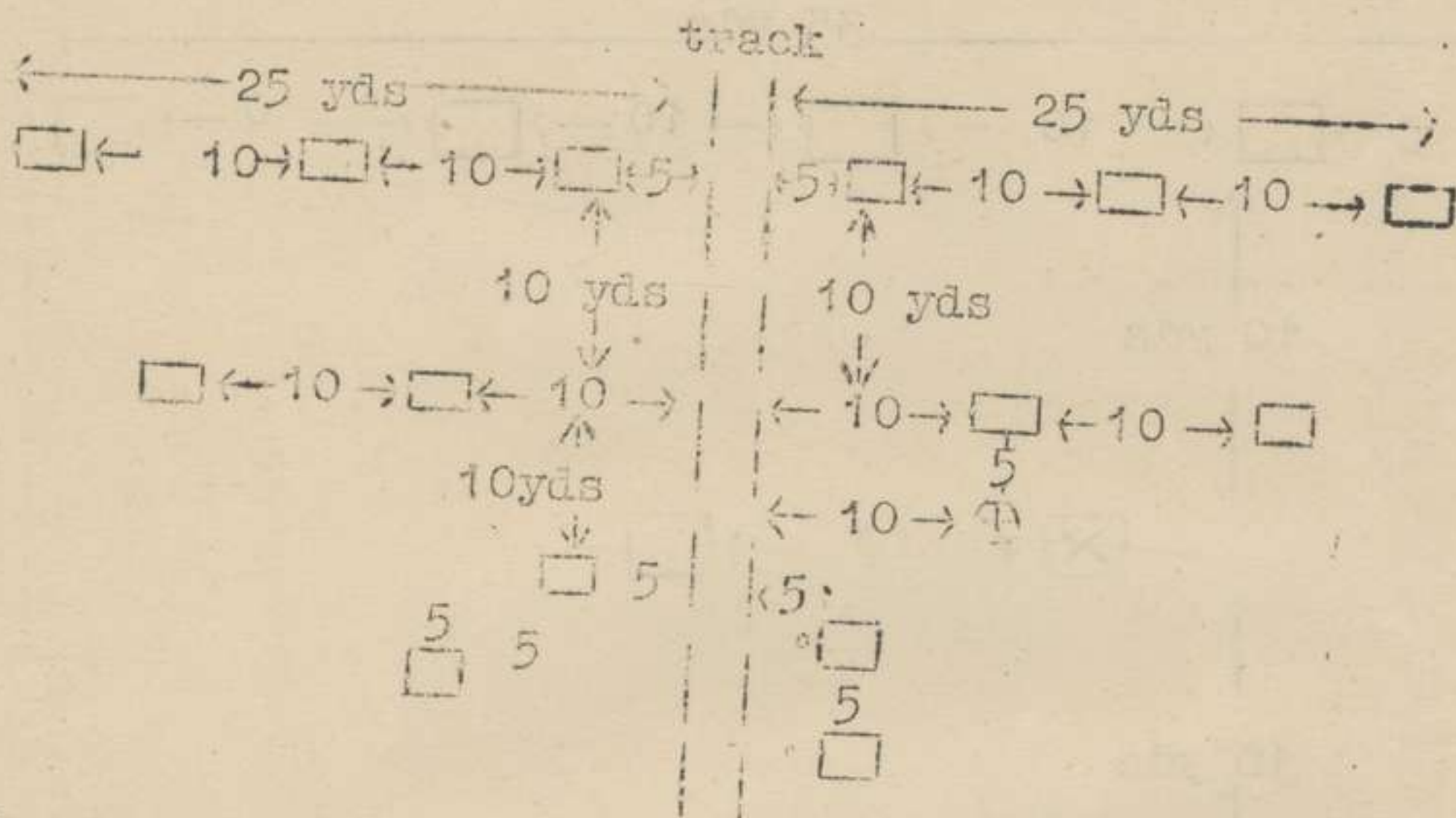
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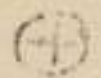
All members of patrol to be intervisible to members on their immediate flanks and front and rear. Contact by hand signal.

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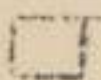
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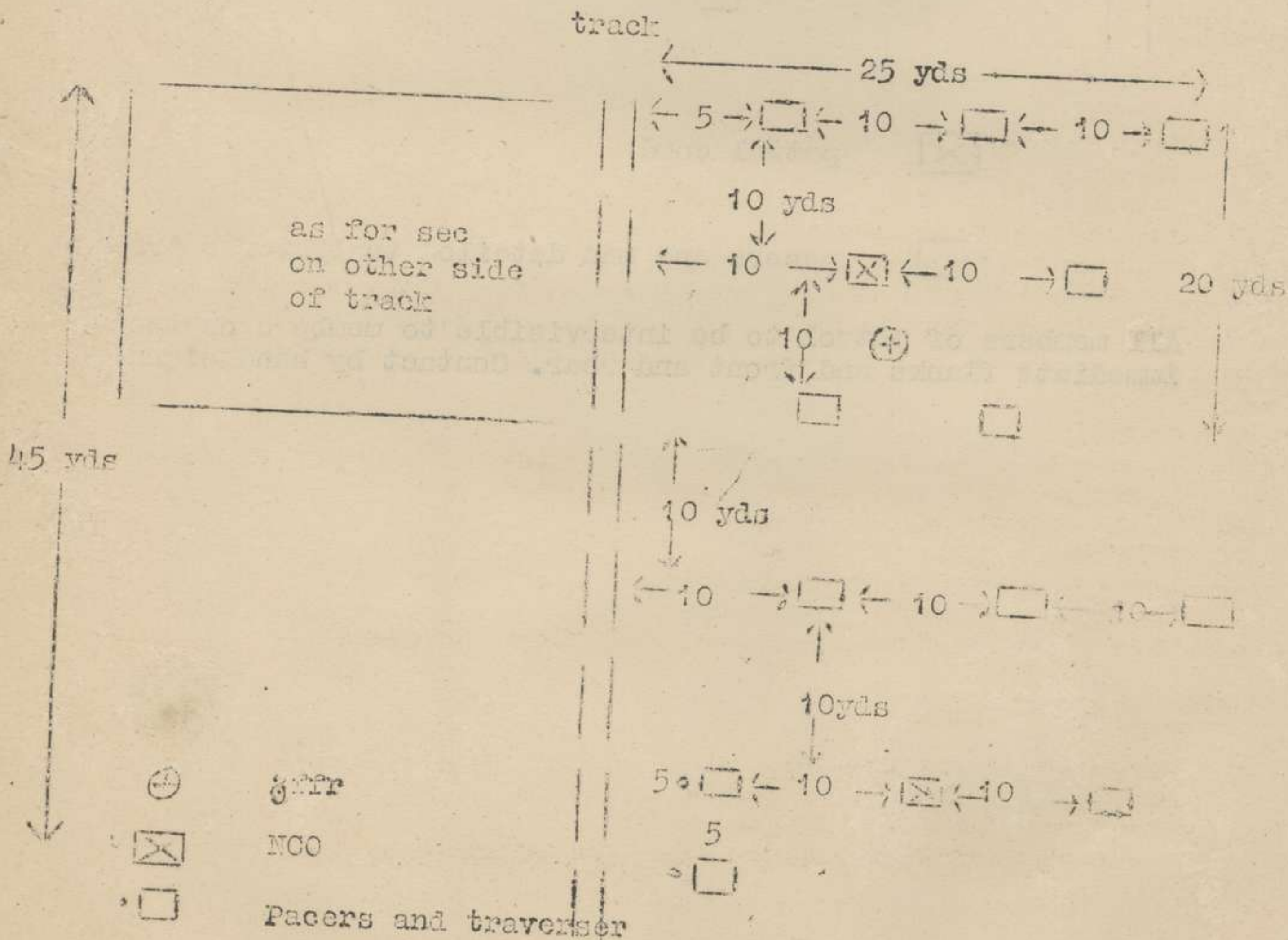
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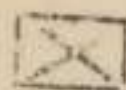
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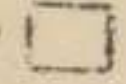
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NCO



Pacers and traverser

SOME OF DETAIL REQUIRED IN PATROL REPORTS.1. JAP Footprints.

- (a) How many
- (b) How old
- (c) Going in which direction.

2. DEAD both Own and Enemy.

- (a) How long dead
- (b) Condition of clothing
- (c) Killed by Arty? Bombs? or Inf weapons.
- (d) Anything of value found.

3. STREAMS.

- (a) Width between banks
- (b) Width of water
- (c) Depth of water
- (d) FAST or SLOW flowing - flows which way
- (e) Nature and height of banks - sloping gradually or sheer
- (f) Fordable to (i) Tps
(ii) Jeeps
(iii) Tanks.
- (g) Any log crossings
- (h) Any bridges (i) Condition
(ii) Take Jeeps
(iii) Take Tanks.
- (i) Any stream junctions and details as above.

4. TRACKS

- (a) Condition generally
- (b) Width
- (c) Used recently, if so how long ago.
- (d) Jeepable without work
- (e) Jeepable with work - how much
- (f) Tankable without work
- (g) Tankable with work - how much
- (h) Any track junctions - direction in which cross tracks run, also all details as in (a) to (g).

5. CONTACT.

In detail :-

- (a) What was enemy doing moving or static - if static what type of defences and where (on or off track).
- (b) What action did enemy take.
- (c) What action did we take.
- (d) Size of enemy party or position
- (e) Weapons with which enemy was armed
- (f) Casualties to both sides and how they occurred.

6. ENEMY BIVOUAC AREAS.

- (a) Occupied or unoccupied.
- (b) Size - to accommodate how many.
- (c) Nature of huts and defences.
- (d) If unoccupied how old and how long since occupied.

7. ARTY and AIR.

When passing through country which has been shelled or bombed by our forces -

- (a) What damage done to jungle, to any enemy positions.
- (b) Has area been cleared by our fire, if so to what extent.
- (c) Was our fire or bombing accurate.

8. GENERAL.

- (a) Visibility - how far can you see.
- (b) Nature of country.
- (c) Is country tankable and jeepable with or without clearing.
- (d) Gardens - extent, recently used.

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D HQ Coy 58 TO Sig Offr RSM			
TO	<i>(w) For Information (INFO.)</i>		Message Instructions GR
A C B Coys 19 RMO 15 Inf Bde 24 Inf Bn 57/60 Inf Bn B Sqn 2/4 Armd Regt			

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05 05 (.) CONFIDENTIAL (.) Warning order (.) INFO (.) first (.)
 0000 no change from sitrep (.) second (.) own tps (.) 24 inf bn is
 pushing out AMB patrol from B Coy 926430 AM 5 May with a view to
 remainder of coy making a further adv along the HUIH rd if patrol
 successful (.) if B Coy 24 inf bn moves C Coy 24 inf bn is relieving
 B Coy 24 inf bn in present location (.) third (.) tps leaving sp (.)
 6 to 2/4 armd regt leaves sp 58/59 inf bn comes in sp 24 inf bn
 050000L (.) INTENTION (.) fourth (.) D Coy 58/59 inf bn will move
 from present posn and relieve C Coy 24 inf bn 907448 (.) METHOD (.)
 fifth (.) route (.) main HUIH rd (.) sixth (.) start time (.) coy will
 be on half hours warning to move from 051000L (.) seventh (.) recee
 parties (.) 06 D Coy may carry out further recee of area prior to
 move of coy if so desired (.) eighth (.) patrols (.) pl D Coy
 supplying patrols and ambush will NOT move from present posn until
 return of patrols and relieved ambush party (.) ninth (.) inf weapons
 (.) NO change in tps in sp or under comd (.) ADM (.) tenth (.) sun (.)
 move with present holdings (.) eleventh (.) sups (.) move with 3 days
 SUP 2 days FOR reserve plus daily maintenance rations (.) twelfth (.)
 wire (.) All wire at present posns B Coy will be recovered commencing

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<p>FROM <i>Originator</i></p> <p>(A) <i>RSM 58/59 Inf Bn</i></p> <p><i>1.0.</i></p> <p><i>B D HQ Coys CM IO RSM TO 1 pl</i></p> <p><i>NOTE under ref RPS</i></p> <p>TO <i>(w) For Information (INFO.)</i></p> <p><i>A C Coys RMO 15 inf bde 24 inf bn</i> <i>57/60 inf bn B Sqn 2/4 Armd Regt</i></p>	<p><i>Date—Time of Origin</i></p> <p><i>012140L</i></p>	<p><i>Office Date Stamp</i></p> <hr/> <p><i>Message Instructions</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">GR</p>
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08 21 (.) CONFIDENTIAL (.) ref maps 1/25000 series (.) Op instr 6 (.)
 INFM (.) first (.) enemy NO change from sitreps (.) second (.)
 own tps (.) 24 inf bn (.) C Coy moving 2 May to vic 930437 (.)
 A Coy relieving C Coy 907442 2 May (.) third (.) dir (.) ENZAF is
 to bomb and strafe incl 50 yds on either side of BUIN rd from 500
 yds west HONGORAI river to HONGORAI river and crossings at 945421
 and 943453 (.) INTENTION (.) fourth (.) 58/59 inf bn will adv to
 conform with mov 24 inf bn (.) METHOD (.) fifth (.) mov (.) B Coy
 will mov from present posn and relieve A Coy 24 inf bn 917452 by
 021000L (.) one pl D Coy will mov to present B Coy posn 894464 and
 relieve B Coy by 020900L (.) sixth (.) route B Coy (.) main BUIN rd
 to vic 24 inf bn HQ thence foot track to new posn (.) seventh (.)
 recon party (.) report 24 inf bn HQ 020830L (.) eighth (.) main
 body (.) report 24 inf bn HQ 020915L (.) ninth (.) guides (.) two
 guides being made available 24 inf bn HQ from 020800L (.) one for
 recon party one for main body (.) tenth (.) inf weapons (.) no
 change in weapons in sp or under comd (.) ADM (.) eleventh (.)
 am (.) B Coy moves with present holdings less all 3 in mortar am
 in excess of 45 bombs RE 5 bombs each (.) excess mortar am will be
 returned to be res (.) 21 D Coy mov with present holdings (.)

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twelfth (.) sups (.) B Coy and pl D Coy will carry 3 days SWP 2 days
 FOR res plus daily maintenance rations (.) thirteenth (.) wire (.)
 B Coy will take over existing wire A Coy 24 inf bn under arrange
 ments respective (.) fourteenth (.) stores (.) all P1 PB stores
 will be carried (.) fifteenth (.) tpt (.) 5 jeeps and trailers will
 report B Coy 020830Z and ferry fwd stores to June foot track and
 main BUN rd (.) NO mov jeeps from B Coy before 021000Z (.) jeeps
 will remain under comd B Coy until all stores lifted (.) TO will
 supervise tpt (.) sixteenth (.) cars (.) B Coy will carry own
 stores from main rd to new posn (.) NOT more than 2 pls will be
 employed on this task at one time (.) D Coy responsible for own mov
 pl stores to new posn (.) seventeenth (.) TC (.) 2 RPs will join
 recee party at BnHQ on moving through and est TCP at June foot track
 and main rd (.) task (.) ensure all jeeps clear of main rd whilst
 unloading (.) two sec pers will join recee party at BnHQ on moving
 through and mov to June foot track and main BUN rd (.) task (.)
 est turnaround sufficient for 5 jeeps to unload simultaneously
 clear of main rd (.) to be completed by 021000Z thence pers revert
 5 pl for work on BUN rd (.) INTERCOMN (.) eighteenth (.) BnHQ
 receive message pers (.) nineteenth (.) signals will establish

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WEEKLY RETURN BY RMO

UNIT 88/59 AUST INF BN

Week Ending 4/5/45

Diseases or Injury	Total new cases reported for treatment	Number evacuated to Medical Units
Diarrhoea & Dysentery	1	
U.R.T.I.		
P.U.O. (incl Clinical Malaria & Dengue)	1	
Skin	3	
All Other Diseases	1	
Non-battle Injuries	2	2
Battle Casualties	3	3
TOTAL	11	5
Daily rate per cent of strength incl attached	0.20%	0.09%

Average daily strength 88/710 - 748
 To: Senior Adm Medical Officer,
 HQ.....

REPORT BY R.M.O.

1. HEALTH OF UNIT

GOOD

(a) General Physical condition of personnel.....

NIL

(b) General Standard of Reinforcements received.....

MODERATE

(c) Severity of Work or Training.....

NIL

(d) General Remarks.....

2. STORES- Details of stores requisitioned for, but not yet received.

NIL

(a) Medical.....

NIL

(b) Expense Stores.....

NIL

(c) Malaria Control Stores (i) Ordnance.....

NIL

(ii) AASC.....

3. MALARIA CONTROL

(a) Measures of personal protection (good, fair, bad) GOOD
Nets..... Fair Atebrin..... Clothing.....

Repellent..... NIL

(b) Larvae Control..... OCCASIONAL SPRAYING OF TENTS

(c) Adult Destruction..... NIL

(d) General Comments.....

6 CASES OF BAD MEAT CONDEMNED. OCCASIONAL TINS OF MEAT

4. RATIONS NOT FIT FOR USE AFTER AIR DROPPING

SATISFACTORY

5. HYGIENE

ROUTINE

6. TRAINING CARRIED OUT BY R.M.O.

(Signed) *[Signature]*

1. Attach as Appx "A" any special report exceeding the scope of pro forma.

ii. When applicable.

110.

PRO FORMA - SKIN DISEASES

Unit 58/59 Aust Inf Bn

Week Ending : 2359 hrs
5/5/45 Saturday

TYPE	NEW CASES	TOTAL TREATED	NO EVACUATED
Tinea Circinata	2	4	
" Cruris	1	2	
" Pedis	4	9	
" Of Beard Region	-	-	
Trichomycosis	4	4	
Cheilopomphlyx	-	-	
Discoid Eczema of feet	1	1	
Dermatitis from overtreatment of tinea	-	-	
Intertrigo	5	6	
Impetigo Contagiosa	-	1	
Bullous Impetigo	4	15	
Secondary infected bites & scratches	1	1	
Furunculosis	2	2	
Acne (of degree to cause disability)	-	-	
Dermatitis	2	4	
Prickly Heat	-	-	
TOTAL	28	49	

Remarks : 500 troops inspected which include all Rifle Coys personnel

- 1. Total No Duties 3
- 2. Increase in new cases Nil
- " " total " Nil
- " " evacuations Nil
- 3. Decrease in new cases 21
- " " total " 19
- " " evacuations Nil

W. H. ... Capt
RMO 58/59 Aust Inf Bn

MESSAGE FORM

Register No. **APPX MA 2**

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FROM (A) <i>W</i> 88/59 Inf Bn <i>Originator</i>	Date—Time of Origin 051955Z	Office Date Stamp
<i>For Action</i>		
C HQ Coy ON HQ IO HQ TO Sig Offr		
TO <i>(w) For Information (INFO.)</i> A B D Coys 15 Inf Bde 24 Inf Bn 57/60 Inf Bn B Sqn 2/4 Armd Regt		Message Instructions GR

ORIGINATOR'S No.

08 88 (.) CONFIDENTIAL (.) Op instr 7 (.) INFM (.) first (.) enemy
 HQ change from sitreps (.) second (.) own tps (.) A Coy 24 inf bn
 continuing adv with air tk arty sp to HONGORAI Xing 941433 6 May (.)
 INTENTION (.) third (.) C Coy 58/59 inf bn will relieve A Coy 24 inf
 bn in present posn 912446 by 060830L (.) METHOD (.) fourth (.)
 groupings (.) C Coy will mov with all tps now under cmd (.) fifth
 (.) route (.) march via main BUTH rd (.) ADM (.) sixth (.) gun (.)
 mov with present holdings (.) seventh (.) sups (.) mov with 3 days
 SWP 2 days FOR res and daily maintenance rations (.) eighth (.) wire
 (.) C Coy will take over existing wire 24 inf bn under arrangements
 respective CMC and draw additional requirements from bn res (.)
 ninth (.) tpt (.) 5 jeeps and trailers will report C Coy 060800L and
 remain under cmd until mov completed (.) tenth (.) TG (.) 1 RP will
 est TCP present C Coy posn 060800L and 1 RP will est TCP new posn
 060830L (.) task (.) ensure rd kept clear of jeeps loading and
 unloading stores (.) eleventh (.) work parties (.) one pl A Coy one
 pl less one sec B Coy one offr 25 ORs HQ Coy plus par pl will report
 par offr at 24 inf bnHQ 060830L with all available axes and shovels
 for work on main BUTH rd (.) offr in charge parties will report par
 offr 58/59 inf bnHQ 060800L (.) one sec B Coy plus

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TO <i>(w) For Information (INFO.)</i>	<i>Message Instructions</i> GR	

ORIGINATOR'S No.

2 para will complete construction jeep track to B Coy (.)
 INTERCOMB (.) twelfth (.) bnHQ remains present posn (.) thirteenth
 (.) sig offr will lay line to new C Coy posn by 060830L (.)
 ACK all info

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FROM (A)	Originator 50/59 Inf Bn	Date—Time of Origin 062015L	Office Date Stamp
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For Action

A HQ Coy of 1st Bn 1st Div to sig off

TO	(w) For Information (INFO.)	Message Instructions
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B C D Coys 1st Inf Bde 24 Inf Bn
57/59 Inf Bn

GR

ORIGINATOR'S No.

08 57 (.) CONFIDENTIAL (.) op instr 8 (.) INFM (.) first (.) enemy
no change from 1st step (.) second (.) 075 775 (.) A Coy 24 Inf Bn
is to adv on 7 May to the HONGKAI river ford 942433 C Coy 24 Inf Bn
is to relieve A Coy 24 Inf Bn in its present posn (.) INTENTION (.)
third (.) A Coy 50/59 Inf Bn will move from present posn and occupy
cog locality vacated by C Coy 24 Inf Bn map ref 920442 on 7 May (.)
METHOD (.) fourth (.) no change in the under cord (.) fifth (.)
route (.) A Coy track thence main BUN rd 27 at cog ends
discretion marching the to be in new posn 0830L (.) 1st (.) sixth (.)
am (.) move with present holdings plus 3 inch mortar to bring total
3 inch mortar holding to 50 IN 10 each (.) seventh (.) sups (.)
3 days SUP 2 days FOR will accompany cog (.) eighth (.) wire (.)
cog will take over wire from C Coy 24 Inf Bn 08 will arrange for
equivalent amount of wire to be handed to 24 Inf Bn in lieu (.) A Coy
will leave one rifle sec in old site to recover wire erected there
to remain until all wire rec but not later than 1600L (.) ninth (.)
tpt (.) 3 jeeps and trailers will report A Coy 0730L remain under
cord until all stores can be ferried fwd (.) tenth (.) 1 jeep and
trailer will report A Coy old site 1400L to lift recovered wire to be
reserve will continue ferrying until all wire rec and lifted in (.)

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(w) For Information (INFO.)			

ORIGINATOR'S No.

eleventh (...) 11 (...) one sec party will move to A Coy new site and
construct turnout for vehs clear of rd by 0900Z (...) one then
reports to work on BUIS rd (...) 1200Z (...) one 12 present A Coy turnout
one 12 new A Coy pass from 0830Z back across rd kept clear of vehs
loading and unloading stores (...) health (...) work parties (...) one
pl each B C D Coye one offer 15 08Z 12 Coy plus one pl last one sec
will report C Coy 12 at 010445 at 0845Z (...) office in charge parties
will report one offer C Coy 12 010445 at 0830Z (...) 120000Z (...)
thirteenth (...) 13 (...) remains present post (...) fourteenth (...) 14 (...)
sig offer will lay line to A Coy pass by 0830Z (...) ACK all info

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Signed	Signed <i>R. Macken</i> <i>Capt</i>											

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

by

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL W.M. MAYBERRY

COMMANDING 58/59 AUST INF BN

HQ 58/59 Aust Inf Bn
7 May 45.

116. SELF-INFLICTED WOUNDS.

1. Wounds or injuries received in action are not normally the subject of investigation by an investigating officer. However, special care must be taken to ensure that members suffering from self-inflicted wounds are not classified as battle casualties, and are dealt with disciplinarily as their action warrants.

2. Where a wound or injury which is suffered by a member at a time when he is in action is of such a nature that it could have been self-inflicted, it will be treated as a suspected self-inflicted wound or injury and the following action will be taken:-

- (a) The Medical Officer who first treats a patient suffering from such a wound or injury will promptly complete a D11 and pass the same to the CO of the patient's unit.
- (b) In addition he will endorse AF W3118 that the particular case is a possible self-inflicted wound, and that a D11 has been initiated.
- (c) If a medical officer subsequently treating a patient is of the opinion that the wound may be self-inflicted he will check whether the AF W3118 is so endorsed and if there is no endorsement will initiate the above action.
- (d) As soon as the unit comes out of action (or at such earlier time as is convenient), the CO will appoint an Investigating Officer under GRO 348/44 to investigate and report upon the wound or injury.
- (e) The CO will forward the Investigating Officer's report to his next superior authority, and comply with the relevant provisions of GRO 348/44 para 20 and 21 (see para 38).
- (f) Such superior authority will consider each Investigating Officer's report and give a direction regarding any disciplinary action which he considers should be taken.
- (g) If such superior authority is of opinion that no disciplinary action should be taken he will so advise Formation HQ giving his reasons. Notwithstanding such opinion the Formation Comd may direct the taking of disciplinary action.

3. Every case of a wound or injury sustained by a member at a time when he is not in action will be the subject of an investigation by an Investigating Officer under GRO 348/44, except where the injury is of a minor nature, and is unlikely to cause permanent ill-effects, and the CO considers that compensation is unlikely to be entailed (para 36(2) of the GRO).

4. Any Officer, WO or NCO who suspects that a member is suffering from a self-inflicted wound will immediately report his suspicion to his CO who will ensure that the matter is investigated.

5. A member who is charged with an offence in connection with a wound or injury suffered by him will not be dealt with summarily by his Commanding Officer, but an application will be made to the appropriate authority for the case to be tried by Court Martial.

6. When a wound or injury is self-inflicted :-

- (a) The member concerned will be charged with an offence under AA 18(2), and on conviction by District Court Martial is liable to be imprisoned with hard labour for two years;
- (b) The member is disentitled to pension and repatriation benefits, (Australian Soldiers Repatriation Act 1920 - 1943 Section 101);
- (c) The member on being convicted by Court Martial or his CO shall, by order of his CO, forfeit all pay and allowances for the period of his absence from duty (such as his period in hospital) due to the wound or injury, (War Financial (Military Forces) Reg 27).

117. PROMOTION AND REVERSION OF ACTING WOs and NCOs.

1. Appointment to Acting Rank.

- (a) Where a vacancy occurs due to a WO or NCO being posted to "Y" List, that vacancy may be filled, for a period of 3 months, by an appointment to acting rank.
- (b) At the termination of 3 months from the date of appointment, acting rank will either be confirmed or the member reverted to his substantive rank.

2. Automatic Reversion.

- (a) A member holding acting rank will be automatically reverted in any of the following events:-
 - (i) if he is declared an Illegal Absentee,
 - (ii) if he is sentenced to imprisonment, etc, by a civil or military court;
 - (iii) If he is evacuated on medical ground beyond (or held in) a field ambulance or camp hospital for a period exceeding 7 days. This does NOT apply to a Battle Casualty who will retain his acting rank until he returns to his unit or is posted to a new unit. On returning to his unit or being posted to a new unit a Battle Casualty may be permitted to retain his rank for a period of 3 months, after which time the rank will be either confirmed or the member reverted to substantive rank.

3. Retention of Acting Rank.

- (a) A member holding acting rank will retain that rank whilst he is:-
 - (i) posted as missing;
 - (ii) P.O.W.;
 - (iii) in hospital as a Battle Casualty;
 - (iv) attending a school or course;
 - (v) on leave which does not involve posting to "X" List.
- (b) A member MAY be permitted to retain acting rank when:-
 - (i) temporarily attached to another unit;
 - (ii) transferred in his acting rank to another unit where a vacancy exists on WE;
- (c) Except as provided in sub paras (a) and (b), a WO or NCO will be reverted to substantive rank before marching out to another unit.

113. CANTEEN PAYMENTS.

The following procedure will be observed when Canteen Orders, Postal Notes or Bank Notes are handed in to the Canteen:-

(a) CANTEEN ORDERS.

Must be signed in space provided on face.

(b) POSTAL NOTES.

Must be signed in space after "received the above named sum", such signature to correspond with name of Payee. In addition number name and rank of holder must be endorsed on back of note.

(c) BANK NOTES.

If either signature or either number is torn off the note and missing, the owner must fill in a statutory declaration stating the circumstances of the damage. The note and declaration must then be handed to Pay Serjeant. As the note is then forwarded to the Commonwealth Bank it will take some time to be ~~finished~~ *finalized*.

Unit Canteen will not accept notes from which either number or signature is missing.

P. Mathew Capt.
Adjt 58/59 Aust Inf Bn.

NOTICES.

Comforts Fund Issue.

Receipt is acknowledged of the undermentioned articles from ACP:-

Toothpaste	735 tubes.
Tobacco	735 tins.
Writing Paper	5000 sheets,
Envelopes	2000
P.Ks.	5 gross.
Toilet Soap	735 cakes.
Shaving "	735 "

Canteen and Regimental Funds Statements are attached as Appendix "A" and "B" respectively.

58/59 Aust Inf Bn UNIT CANTEN.

Appendix "A"

Trading Transactions for the period 31 MAR to 30 APR 45.

Stock at beginning of period	492-11- 6	Cash Sales for period	154-14- 2
Purchase for period	604-18- 4	Cash Sales for period	580-15- 0
Profit for period	40-19- 3	Stock at end of period	402-19-11
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	£1138- 9- 1		£1138- 9- 1

Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 30 APR 45.

Liabilities

Sundry creditors for Canteen Cards	530- 5- 1
Excess of Assets over Liabilities:-	
Balance as at 31 MAR	495-16-11
Plus Profit for period	40-19- 3
	<hr/>
	£1067- 1- 3

Assets

Cash on hand	164- 1- 4
Balance as per Trust Book A/C No F.1598	500- 0- 0
Stock on hand	402-19-11
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	£1067- 1- 3

Certified that there are no outstanding debits, that receipted vouchers for all purchases are held, and that all purchases and cash sales have been brought to account in the Cash Trading Book.

(Signed) A. BALL Lt Unit Canteen Offr.

(Signed) J. McDONALD Pte " " NCO.

Certified that all accounting records and vouchers of the Unit Canteen have been audited for the month of APRIL 1945, and that the above Trading Transactions and Statement of Assets and Liabilities reveal the true and accurate financial position of the Canteen as at 30 APR 45.

(Signed) A. C. JACKSON Capt) Unit
D. A. HOGAN Lt) Audit
Board.

32/59. 1st Inf Bn REGIMENTAL FUND.

Appendix "B".

Income and Expenditure Account for the period 31 MAR 45 to 30 APR 45.

To Print	16- 0- 0	By AACS Distribution (FEB)	51- 9- 2
" Stencils	5- 5- 0	" Excess of Expenditure over	
" Brasso for band	2- 0- 6	Income for the period	79-19- 3
" Mantles for lamps	3- 6- 0		
" Library books	11- 4		
" 3 Gramophones, records, needles	36-10- 7		
" 1 Saxophone	22-10- 0		
" 1 Drum Outfit	45- 0- 0		
	<u>£131- 8- 5</u>		<u>£131- 8- 5</u>

Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 30 APR 45.

<u>Liabilities</u>		<u>Assets</u>	
Sundry creditors for Beer Loans	674-10- 0	Beer Trust A/ C No F.1731	674-10- 0
Accumulated funds:-		Balance as per Trust A/C	
Balance as at 31 MAR	357- 5- 5	No F.460	257- 6- 2
Less Excess of Expenditure		Advance to Unit Postal Sjt	20- 0- 0
over Income for the			
period	79-19- 3		
	<u>277- 6- 2</u>		
	<u>£951-16- 2</u>		<u>£951- 16- 2</u>

Certified that all accounting records and vouchers of the Regimental Fund have been audited for the month of APRIL 1945, and that the above Income and Expenditure Account and Statement of Assets and Liabilities reveal the true and accurate financial position of Regimental Funds as at 30 APR 45.

(Signed) A.C. JACKSON Capt } Unit Audit
D.A. HOGAN Lt } Board.

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FROM (A) 58/59 Inf Bn <i>Originator</i>	Date—Time of Origin 060325L	Office Date Stamp
For Action A B HQ Coys 08 RMO IO RSM TO Sig Offr		
TO (w) For Information (INFO.) B C Coys 18 Inf Bde 24 Inf Bn 57/60 Inf Bn		Message Instructions GR

ORIGINATOR'S No.

0639 (.) CONFIDENTIAL (.) Op instr 9 (.) INTENT (.) first (.) enemy
 no change from sitreps (.) second (.) own tps (.) B Coy 24 inf Bn is
 moving from present posn 926439 to 944430 9 May (.) INTENTION (.)
 third (.) 58/59 inf bn will regroup in rear 24 inf bn (.) METHOD (.)
 fourth (.) grouping (.) A Coy less one pl with under comd det mortars
 now under comd plus two dets tk/a will move from present posn and
 relieve B Coy 24 inf bn 926439 by 060330L (.) one pl A Coy with
 under comd one sec MGs one det mortars two dets tk/a will
 redispense in present A Coy area for def that area (.) Bn HQ HQ Coy
 less dets plus B Ech will move to new posn 925440 commencing 060300L
 (.) other coys will remain present posn (.) fifth (.) inf weapons
 (.) 2 pl (.) one sec ceases to be under comd D Coy comes under comd
 A Coy 060300L (.) one sec remains under comd HQ Coy (.) 3 pl (.)
 one det ceases to be under comd HQ Coy comes under comd detached
 pl A Coy in present A Coy site 060300L (.) no change in allotment
 remaining dets (.) 4 pl (.) ceases to be under comd HQ Coy comes
 under comd A Coy 060300L (.) ADM (.) sixth (.) unit (.) mov with
 present holdings (.) seventh (.) sup (.) 3 days 24 Hrs 2 days FOR
 res rations will be carried (.) HQ Coy date changing comd will mov
 with unexpended portion days ration (.) CW will arrange for res

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<p>TO</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(w) For Information (INFO.)</p>	<p>Message Instructions</p>	<p>GR</p>

ORIGINATOR'S No.

with vehs to present Bn HQ (.) escort for 6 jeeps will return with vehs to present A Coy posn mess with A Coy escort jeeps during mov A Coy stores and HQ dets changing command until jeeps return Bn HQ when relieved by escorts HQ Coy (.) HQ Coy will provide one escort for each of above vehs on return Bn HQ and one for each of AASC jeeps reporting Bn HQ 090800L (.) relief these escorts under arrangements HQ Coy (.) at least one escort must be with each jeep at all times (.) A Coy will provide sec 090645L to mov fwd with amn jeep train (.) task assist unloading and guard amn until arrival Bn HQ pers (.) relief for breakfast under arrangements A Coy (.) A Coy will provide escort one sec to mov on foot fwd of jeeps during mov A Coy stores to new posn and assist unloading new posn (.) twelfth (.) work parties (.) B C D Coys will each supply one pl for work on BUIN rd (.) tasks (.) construct passing points at 150 yds intervals between old 24 inf bn HQ site 910448 and new 58/59 inf bn HQ site 925440 (.) continue corduroying main rd (.) offrs in charge parties will report pnr offr present A Coy posn 090830L (.) tps will report same RV 090645L (.) all available tools required (.) INTERCOMN (.) thirteenth (.) Bn HQ closes present posn 091000L opens new posn 925440 same time (.) L/T all coys and detached pl A Coy (.) W/T no change in allotment (.) OK all info

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BUT IF COY COMD LEAVES COY LOCALITY HE WILL HAND INSTR TO
COY 2 i/c FOR SAFE CUSTODY. INSTR WILL BE RETURNED
PERSONALLY BY COY COMD OR 2 i/c TO I.O. BY ¹⁷¹⁸⁰⁰²~~161800~~, TOGETHER
WITH CERTIFICATE THAT INFM CONTAINED THEREIN HAS BEEN
PROMULGATED TO ALL TROOPS UNDER COMD.

HQ 58/59 Aust Inf Bn
 9 May 45.

Ref Maps 1/25000 series.

INFORMATION.

1. Enemy.

(a) BUIN rd area.

PW reports indicate that the enemy is established in depth astride the BUIN rd EAST of the HONGORAI King. 6 Fd Arty (str 300) is located generally along the BUIN rd between the HONGORAI and POROREI rivers, whilst 1 and 2 Bns 13 Inf Regt (str 120) are astride the BUIN rd EAST of the POROREI River. 6 Engr Regt (str unknown) is located at RUNAI.

(b) EAST of POROREI.

HQ 6 Div was at OSO 30 Apr, whilst 23 Inf Regt, much depleted after the SLATER'S KNOLL action, is reorganizing in RUSEI area.

(c) No 2 Govt Rd area.

HQ and 3 Bn 13 Inf Regt (str 120) are located south of No 2 Govt Rd east of the HONGORAI King, whilst portion of the 6 Fd Arty are located west of the HONGORAI River in general area 9447.

(d) SOUTH of BUIN rd.

Between the Coast and the 41 grid there are few enemy, with the exception of small forces at the mouths of the HONGORAI and HARI Rivers.

(e) The enemy forces are therefore deployed so as to protect their main garden areas at MOINOTU Mission, TAITAI and KINDO.

2. Own Tps.

(a) 15 Aust Inf Bde is to force the enemy back from his outer defences into the MOINOTU Mission, TAITAI and KINDO areas with a view to destroying him there, and ultimately establishing a bridgehead across the HARI River.

(b) 24 Aust Inf Bn is to continue operations along the BUIN rd until relieved by 58/59 Aust Inf Bn, patrolling north of the 42 grid.

(c) 57/60 Aust Inf Bn's role is to protect the left flank of the adv and create diversions by sending strong fighting patrols fwd of the HONGORAI. It is unlikely that 57/60 Aust Inf Bn will make any large scale adv or coy attack until a later stage in the ops, when the bn may adv to the TONU-KINDO areas.

(d) COB of units under comd or in sp 15 Aust Inf Bde is attached (Appx "C").

INTENTION.

3. 58/59 Aust Inf Bn will patrol EAST of the HONGORAI River with a view to taking over from 24 Aust Inf Bn and continuing the adv along the BUIN rd.

METHOD.

4. Summary.

During a preparatory stage patrols operating from a strong base vicinity 943410 will thoroughly map the area east of the HONGORAI River in which future ops may take place, avoiding contact at all costs, whilst long range patrols will est ambushes on the HANAGOTA track with a view to taking PW and killing as many enemy as possible. These patrols will be made with a view to the Bn continuing the adv along the BUIN rd by means of flanking movement to the South, crossing the HONGORAI River south of junc 947415, and securing a series of strong coy localities in a bn def area NORTH WEST of RUNAI.

5. Mapping Patrols.

(a) Detailed mapping of area.

(i) A strong patrol base will be est 13 May vicinity 943410, and will be fully developed with earthworks and wire. Pls carrying out detailed mapping will occ the base whilst carrying out its tasks.

(ii) The following area will be thoroughly mapped by patrols operating from patrol base 943410 :-
Area 935400-947415-975415-975400-935400 (vide appx "A").

Priority 1.

Str - one pl C Coy plus 3 int pers, 1 Sig.

Tasks- (A) Thoroughly and accurately map area 935400-947415-961415- thence incl 300 yds EAST of and parallel to AITARA track to 946400 - thence WEST to HONGORAI River 935400. (vide Appx "A"). Show all enemy posns.

(B) Avoid contact with enemy at all costs.

Time Out - 100830L May, thence operate daily from patrol base.

Task completed by - 13 May.

Priority 2.

Str - one pl B Coy plus 3 int pers, 1 Sig.

Tasks- (A) Thoroughly map area 961415-964415-975398-946398. BUIN rd incl to this patrol (vide Appx "A"). Show all enemy posns.

(B) Avoid contact with enemy at all costs.

Time Out - 130830L May, thence operate daily from patrol base.

Task completed by - 16 May.

Priority 3.

Str - one pl D Coy plus 3 int pers, 1 Sig.

Tasks- (A) Thoroughly and accurately map area 964415-975400-975415-964415. BUIN rd incl to this patrol. Show all enemy posns.

(B) Avoid contact with enemy at all costs.

Time Out - 160830L May, thence operate daily from patrol base.

Task completed by - 19 May.

(b) General mapping of area.

The following areas will be generally mapped by long range patrols:-
The area bounded by the 40 grid, BUIN rd, MAMAGOTA Track, 37 grid HONGORAI River, plus the AITARA track SOUTH to AITARA.

(i) Priority 1.

Str - 1 offr 8 ORs A Coy plus 1 Sig.

Tasks- (A) Traverse along route laid down and all tracks and streams Xing route for a distance of 300 yds on either side of route. Obtain topographical and enemy infm but -

(B) Avoid contact at all costs.

Route - SOUTH from 935400 along HONGORAI River to 928390 thence EAST to BUIN Rd 988390, thence SOUTH to 988380, thence west to HONGORAI River 920380.

Time Out - 100830L May.

Time In - 14 May.

(ii) Priority 2.

Str - 1 offr 8 ORs Coy plus 1 Sig.

Tasks- (A) Traverse along route laid down and all tracks and streams Xing route for a distance of 300 yds on either side of route.

(B) Obtain topographical and enemy infm but avoid contact at all costs.

Route - 920380 SOUTH along HONGORAI River to 917370, thence EAST to COCONUTS 987370, thence return same route.

Time Out - 140830L May.

Time In - 18 May.

(iii) Priority 3.

Str - 1 offr 8 ORs HQ Coy plus 1 Sig.

Tasks- (A) Traverse along route laid down and all tracks and streams crossing route for a distance of 300 yds on either side of route.
(B) Obtain topographical and enemy infm but avoid contact at all costs.

Route - Via AITARA Track from 945400 to HONGORAI Xing 923388 to AITARA 898362, thence SE to mouth of HONGORAI River 904355, thence NORTH along River to 916370.

Time Out - 140830L May.

Time In - 18 May.

6. Fighting Patrols.

During the above period of recce NO aggressive patrolling will be carried out EAST of the HONGORAI River except on the MANAGOTA Track between rd junc 994485 huts 985348 where ambushes will be laid in accordance with Appx "B" with a view to destroying small enemy parties and taking PW.

ADM.

7. Medical.

- (a) RAP remains with BnHQ.
- (b) CAP with Patrol Base.
- (c) One CAP orderly will accompany each fighting patrol.

8. Amn.

- (a) Recce Patrols - normal on the man.
- (b) Patrol Base - Res 1500 rds .303, 1200 rds 9 mm, 60 Grenades.
- (c) Fighting Patrols - normal on the man, incl 3 grenades per man.

9. Sups.

- (a) Patrol Base - 4 days SWPA will be carried.
- (b) Long range patrolling and ambushes - 6 days FOR will be carried.

10. Eqpt.

- (a) Patrol Base - standard Battle Order.
- (b) All other Patrols - Pack containing Gas Cape, Toilet Gear, Messing Gear, two pair socks.

11. PW.

Patrols return BnHQ immediately PW taken.

12. Native Carriers.

- (a) 40 natives will carry rations, res amn, wire and cooking gear for patrol base 10 May.
- (b) 20 natives will carry 4 days rations to patrol base 13 May and 16 May.
- (c) NCO and 6 ORs HQ Coy will act as escorts for all carrier parties.

13. Malaria Precautions.

All pers on long range patrols will take two atebirin per day whilst out on patrol and for two weeks thereafter.

INTERCONN.

3. BnHQ. - Remains present posn 923440.

4. L/T - (a) L/T will be est with patrol base.
(b) 3 phones and 1000 yds Assault Cable will accompany each fighting patrol.

15. W/T. - 208 sets will accompany all patrols.

ACK.

R. Anderson Capt.
Adjt 58/59 Aust Inf Bn.

Issued by • *safe hand*

Signed at • *092100L*

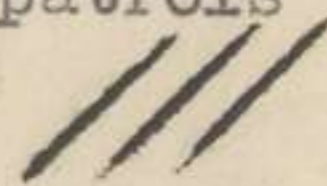
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C Coy	3	3	3	3
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Detailed mapping patrols

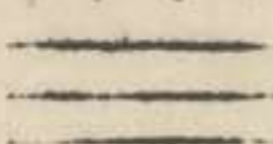
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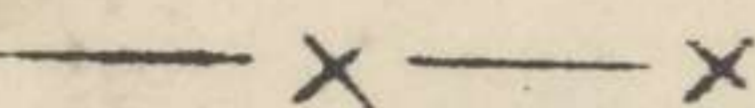


General mapping patrols

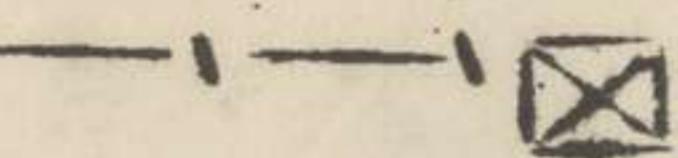
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PATROL BASE

RIVER

HONGWAI

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To 58/59 AUST INF BN OP INSTR 10.
of 9 MAY 45.

Copy No. 4

008 - 15 AUST INF BDE.

<u>Unit.</u>	<u>Location.</u>	<u>Strength.</u>
(a) <u>Under Comd</u>		
HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde:		250
24 AUST INF BN (AIF)		620
BnHQ	936432)	
HQ Coy	936432)	
A Coy	936433)	
B Coy	939432)	
C Coy	938431)	
D Coy	940430)	
57/60 AUST INF BN		700
BnHQ	966484)	
HQ Coy & B Ech	950485)	
A Coy	968482)	
B Coy	964485)	
C Coy	958489)	
D Coy	973487)	
58/59 AUST INF BN		700
BnHQ	925436)	
HQ Coy	924437)	
A Coy	928434)	
B Coy	913451)	
C Coy	916443)	
D Coy	934443)	
"B" Sqn 2/4 AUST ARMD REGT		150
Adv HQ	928438)	
6 Tp	939424)	
7 Tp	906474)	
8 Tp	871487)	
9 Tp	871487)	
10 Tp	968483)	
15 Aust Fd Coy RAE	869487	240
15 Aust Inf Bde Flamethrower Pl	936432	30
15 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec	871487	-
14 Pl D Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt	871487	-
266 Aust LAD	871487	-
Det 3 Aust Div Pro Coy	871487	20
Det 3 Aust Div Postal Unit	871487	-
E Sec 63 A.D.U.	871487	-
Det ANGAU	936432	-
<u>In Sp.</u>		
2 Aust Fd Regt	844482)	
4 Bty	904458)	
5 Bty	893468)	
6 Bty	875476)	
		700

Unit
U Aust Hy Bty
15 Aust Fd Amb

Location
883469
884467

Strength
200
240

TOTAL 3850

(c) 29 AUST INF BDE GROUP.

HQ 29 Aust Inf Bde
47 Aust Inf Bn
42 Aust Inf Bn

250
700
700

1650

Total strength Engaged (Approx)

5500

RESTRICTED.

53/59 AUST INF BN ADM INSTR 25

HQ 53/59 Aust Inf Bn
11 May 45.

ESCORTING OF VEHICLES.

1. All jeeps must be escorted at all times. TC will co-ordinate tpt requirements to ensure that as far as possible jeeps travel in convoys, with TC or Tpt NCO in charge of each convoy.
2. Escorts will be provided on the following basis :-
 - (a) 1 jeep - 3 escorts, 2 walking 30 yds ahead of jeeps, 1 30 yds behind.
 - (b) 2 jeeps - 4 escorts, 2 walking 30 yds ahead, 2 30 yds behind.
 - (c) thence an additional escort for each additional jeep.
 - (d) In case of convoy of 5 jeeps or over, escorts will be divided into three groups, one walking ahead, one riding on jeeps, one walking behind.
3. Escorts will walk in accordance with para 2 from HONGORAI river to SINDOU creek, but all escorts may ride on jeeps west of SINDOU ck.
4. At least one in each three escorts will be armed with an automatic weapon.
5. Applications for Escorts.

To avoid placing responsibility for escorts on one company only, the following system will operate :-

 - (a) TC will advise A/Adjt when escorts are required, giving following information:-
 - No of Jeeps,
 - Time and place of departure,
 - Destination and time away.
 - (b) A/Adjt will arrange necessary escorts from HQ Coy or band, and advise other coys concerned that escorts are required, giving info as for para (a) above. HQ Coy or band escorts will then escort vehicle to next coy locality on the rd, where escort from that coy will take over and escort vehicles to next coy, and so on.
 - (c) To avoid unnecessary delay in handover of escorts, maximum warning will be given when escorts are required, and coys must ensure that escorts are standing by ready to take over when the vehicles arrive.
 - (d) In special cases Adjt may arrange for escorts from HQ Coy or band to escort vehicles right through to destination and return.

EVACUATION OF CASUALTIES.

6. A similar system to that outlined above will operate for evacuation of casualties.

7. On receipt of advice that casualties are to be evacuated A/Adjt will advise details of parties and escorts to all coys on the L of C concerned, and each coy will be responsible for carrying and/or escorting to the next coy locality along the L of C.
8. It is essential that all sentries be warned when advice is received that stretcher parties will be moving along the L of C at night.

M. H. ...
Adj't 58/59 Aust Inf Bn.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

HQ 58/59 Aust Inf Bn
45/84
11 May 45.

Subject: REPORT ON OPERATIONS - WEEK ENDING 6 MAY.

15 AUST INF BDE (AIF).

PART I.

RECORD OF EVENTS

1. CHANGE IN DISPOSITIONS.

At the commencement of the week the Battalion occupied localities astride the main BUIN road as follows :-

BnHQ	SINDOU CREEK	899454
HQ Coy (less dets)	SINDOU CREEK	899454
A Coy	Gardens	904458
B Coy (less Pl)	LONGHURST DZ	895463
10 Pl		898464
C Coy	SINDOU CREEK	901453
D Coy	DANE CREEK	894453

Conforming with the move of 24 Aust Inf Bn, B C D Companies moved during the week as follows :-

B Coy	Gardens	914452
C Coy	BUIN Road	910446
D Coy	UNANU Creek	907447

2. NATURE OF OPERATIONS.

Operations were confined to routine patrols, a long range recon patrol to the HONGORAI river, and development of main BUIN road. Few contacts were made with the enemy during the period.

PART II.

LESSONS AND OPERATIONS.

3. TERRAIN.

The long range recon patrol to the HONGORAI river 934397 reported that the terrain south of the BUIN road would be tankable and jeepable only if tracks are corduroyed. The area generally is swamp forest but has some low ridges which would provide the best route for tracks.

4. PATROLS.

- (a) Since the adoption of the new patrolling tactics referred to in our previous report, no patrols have been surprised by the enemy.
- (b) It is considered, however, that fighting patrols moving through enemy territory have the best chance of success if they choose a suitable position on an enemy track and establish an ambush, rather than move along or close to tracks, when the enemy almost invariably has the element of surprise.

5. SPECIAL METHODS EMPLOYED - AMBUSHES.

In the past many ambushes have been surprised by the enemy, due to the fact that either ambushes have had insufficient warning of the enemy's approach, or the party has become careless in its actions and disclosed its position by means of movement, talking, smoking, etc. Other ambushes have failed to achieve maximum results by firing prematurely. To overcome these tendencies a special ambush technique, designated the MULBERRY ambush, has been devised, of which the following is an example :-

(a) Strength: 1 officer 14 ORs.

(b) Weapons and Equipment:

2 LMGs
2 OSMGs
10 Rifles
3 grenades per man
3 telephones
1000 yards Assault Cable.

(c) Selection of Ambush Position.

The patrol selects a position for the ambush sited so that an OP can be established on either side of the ambush approximately 300 yards from the position and parallel to the track. These OPs will be sited 40-50 yards from the track in such a manner that any movement along the track can be clearly observed, (see appendix "A").

(d) Layout of Ambush (see appx "A").

The ambush party will then be disposed as follows :-

- (i) Ambush party - officer and 6 ORs select a position extending 30-40 yards along track. LMG sited at either end of position, and two rifles and two OSMGs alternating in between. Once positions selected party moves back 30-40 yards to await information from OPs.
- (ii) Two ORs with telephones will take up a position 40 yards from the track and behind the ambush party. This phone will be connected with phones at each of the OPs.
- (iii) Three ORs will man each OP, one of whom will be continually watching the track.

(e) Action on Approach of Enemy.

- (i) If OP reports an enemy party of more than 20 moving along the track, the ambush party moves back to an RV approximately 250 yards off the track.
- (ii) If OP reports an enemy party of less than 20, the ambush party moves to its position on the track, the officer being with the LMG nearest to the approaching enemy. The officer will wait until the leading enemy has reached the other end of the ambush position before giving the signal to open fire to the LMG. All weapons will then open fire. If the ambush is completely successful sentries will be posted whilst bodies are searched, and wounded enemy will be taken PW. The patrol will then disconnect phones and return to the RV. If PW has been taken the patrol will return to BnHQ immediately otherwise a new position on similar lines will be taken up NOT less than 2000 yards from the first position.
- (iii) If OP reports one or two enemy only moving along the track, the following action will be taken:-
Two men will be detailed to cover each Jap, aiming at groin or below, and two men armed with improvised blackjacks will attack the enemy from either side of track and capture them. Enemy will only be shot if they attempt to escape. If PW is taken the patrol will return to BnHQ immediately.

(f) Incentive to capture PW.

As an added incentive to capture PW, ambush parties are told prior to departure that if they capture and bring in a PW their task is finished, and that during the time between their actual return and the time scheduled for their return they will be completely free of all duties.

So far the above technique has NOT been tested in action, but an ambush being established on the MANAGOTA track during the current week is adopting the plan and further information will be available in our next report.

6. MORALE AND DISCIPLINE.

(a) Although morale generally is very high, there have been one or two instances of personnel refusing to go out on patrol. These personnel have been remanded for trial by Court Martial, and it is considered that unless such personnel are being very severely dealt with, discipline will be seriously affected.

(b) Men-management, as evidenced by low sickness figures, remains good.

7. GENERAL.

Frequent ambushing or attempted ambushing of jeeps along the main L of C have indicated the necessity for a strict escort policy. The attached instruction (Appendix "B") gives details of method of escorting vehicles laid down in this Battalion.

PART III.

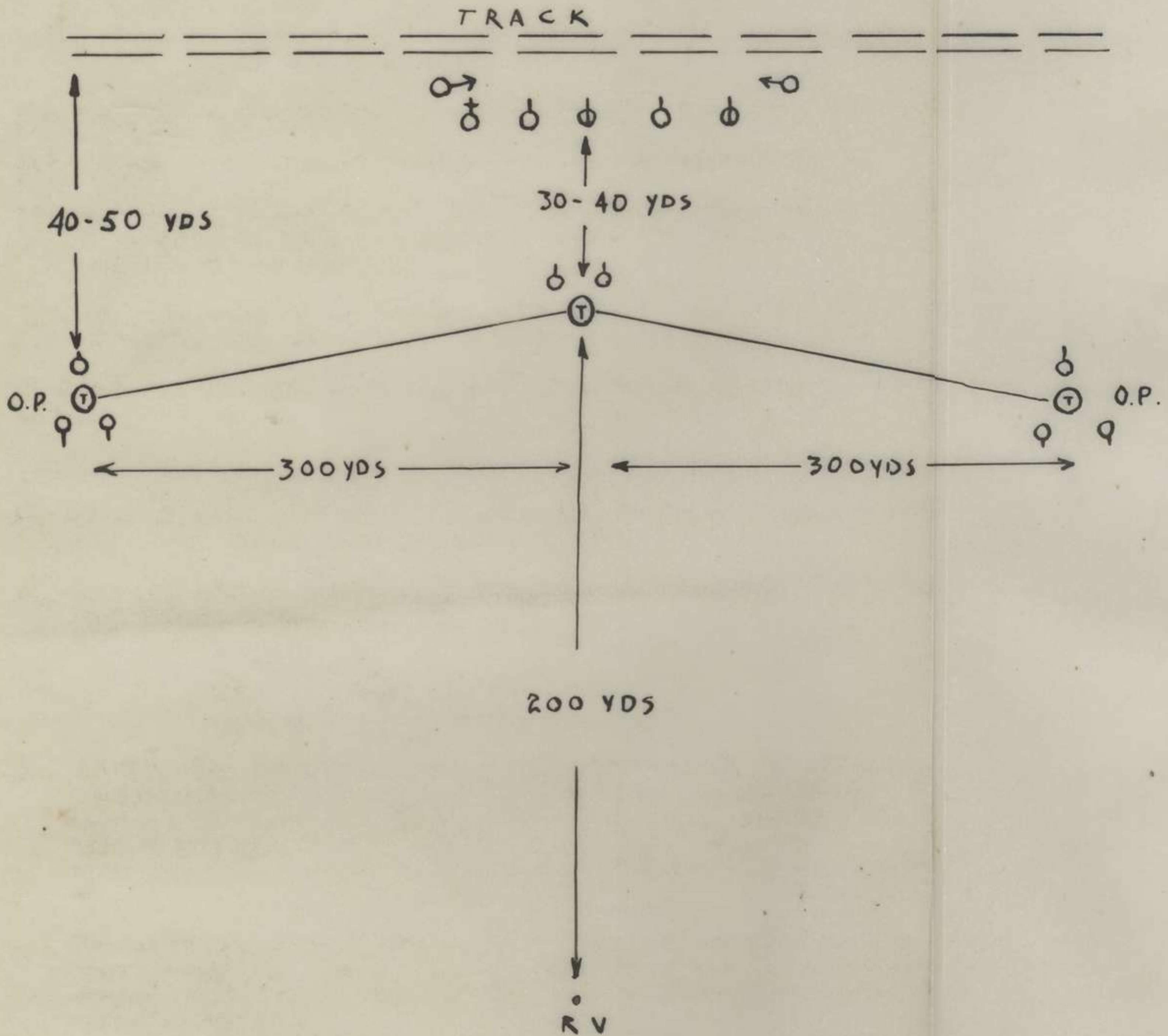
EQUIPMENT AND WEAPONS.

8. NOTHING to report.

W. L. Mayberry
Lt-col.
Comd 58/59 Aust Inf Bn.

THE MULBERRY AMBUSH

DIAGRAMMATIC PLAN



LEGEND

- ♂ — OFFR
- ♂ — LMG
- ♀ — RIFLE
- ♀ — OSMG
- Ⓣ — TELEPHONE
- Ⓞ — OBSERVATION POST

NOT DRAWN TO SCALE

Alpha B

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58/59 AUST INF BN ADM INSTR 25

HQ 58/59 Aust Inf Bn
11 May 45.

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R. Mearns Capt.
Adjt 58/59 Aust Inf Bn.

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10.

WEEKLY RETURN BY RMO

UNIT....58/59 Aust. Inf. Bn.....

Week Ending...11/5/45.....

Diseases or Injury	Total new cases reported for treatment	Number evacuated to Medical Units
Diarrhoea & Dysentery		
U.R.T.I.		
P.U.O. (incl Clinical Malaria & Dengue)	2	-
Skin	1	-
All Other Diseases	1	-
Non-battle Injuries	3	1
Battle Casualties		
TOTAL	7	1
Daily rate per cent of strength incl attached	0.13%	0.02%

Average daily strength37/792...7...739...
 To: Senior Adm Medical Officer,
 HQ.....

REPORT BY R.M.O.

1. HEALTH OF UNIT

- (a) General Physical condition of personnel... Good
-
-
- (b) General Standard of Reinforcements received... Good
-
-
- (c) Severity of Work or Training... Moderate
-
-
- (d) General Remarks... Nil
-

2. STORES- Details of stores requisitioned for, but not yet received.

- (a) Medical... Shortage of adhesive plaster
-
- (b) Expense Stores... No Anti-Mite oil or Ascarbic acid tablets available
-
- (c) Malaria Control Stores (i) Ordnance... Nil
-
- (ii) AASC... Satisfactory

3. MALARIA CONTROL

- (a) Measures of personal protection (good, fair, bad)
 Nets... Good Atebrin... Good Clothing... Good
 Repellent... Fair
- (b) Larvae Control... Nil
- (c) Adult Destruction... Occasional spraying
- (d) General Comments... No anopheline mosquitoes in the area

4. RATIONS... Good

5. HYGIENE... Satisfactory

6. TRAINING CARRIED OUT BY RMO... Routine

(Signed)

[Signature] Capt
RMO 53/50 Aust Inf Bn

1. Attach as Appx "A" any special report exceeding the scope of pro forma.

ii. When applicable.

PRO FORMA - SKIN DISEASES

Unit 58/59 Aust Inf Bn

Week Ending : 2359 hrs
Saturday

12 May 59

Type	New Cases	Total Treated	No Evacuated
Tinea Circinata	7	7	-
" Cruris	3	3	-
" Pedis	1	3	-
" of Beard Region	1	1	-
Trichomycosis	5	5	-
Cheilopomphlzx	-	-	-
Discoid Eczema of feet	1	2	-
Dermatitis from overtreatment of tinea	-	-	-
Intertrigo	3	3	-
Impetigo Contagiosa	1	1	-
Bullous Impetigo	2	9	-
Secondary infected bites & scratches	-	-	-
Furunculosis	-	-	-
Acne (of degree to cause disability)	-	-	-
Dermatitis	2	2	-
Prickly heat	-	-	-
TOTAL	26	36	-

Remarks :

1. Total no duties 1
2. Increase in new cases nil
- " " total " nil
- " " evacuations nil
3. Decrease in new cases nil
- " " total " 13
- " " evacuations nil

[Signature] Capt
RMO 58/59 Aust Inf Bn

Appx MA 5

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THIS INSTR CANCELS PARA 5 b (iii) OF OP

INSTR 10

SECRET

58/59 AUST INF BN OP INSTR #1

HQ 58/59 Aust Inf Bn
13 May 45

Ref Maps : 1/25000 Series

To Lt D.J. BREWSTER

Copies to A B C D HQ Coys for Info

INFM

1. Enemy

PW captured 11 May gave the following info, which is considered reliable:-

- (a) Enemy coast watching station str 7 is located at AITARA vicinity. Post consists of 3 huts near the beach approx 50 metres west of track, and maintains one sentry.
- (b) Enemy sig office str 4 is located vicinity AITARA track 935390. Post comprises 1 hut approx 50 metres west of track and maintains NO sentry.
- (c) Posts have I/T com with ^{*known on Beach Rd*} ~~NOISES Mission~~ and with each other.
- (d) ^{*known*} NO other enemy are located in the area.

2. Own Tps

As per Op Instr 10.

OBJECT

- 3. You will destroy or capture all enemy at AITARA coast - watching station and at sig office 935390.

METHOD

- 4. Force

Comd	Lt D.J. BREWSTER
Tps	14 ORs A Coy
	Sjt and 8 ORs B Coy
	1 Sig
	1 SB

5. Route

Via Patrol Base 942409 thence at discretion force comd.

6. Task

The two enemy posts will be attacked and destroyed simultaneously so as NOT to alarm one post through its being unable to communicate with the other.

- 7. Time Out 180830L May

8. Action on Success

- (a) Thoroughly search AITARA area for enemy documents and eqpt. Documents and eqpt of a portable nature will be brought back to Bn when patrol returns whilst non-portable eqpt will be destroyed by throwing into lagoons or river.

8. Action on Success (cont)

- (b) PWs captured will be returned under escort to Bn HQ immediately.
- (c) The following action will then be taken:-
est ambush on AITARA track approx 940395 and remain in occ until AM 17 May when return via patrol base to Bn.

ADM

- 9. Med One SB from A Coy will accompany patrol.
- 10. Arm (a) normal on man
(b) 3 grenades per man.
- 11. Weapons and Equip
As for long range patrols Op Instr 10.
- 12. Supp
5 days SWPA, 1 day FOR rations, 6 tins canned heat, will be carried on men.
- 13. Malaria Precautions
Each member of patrol will take 2 atabrin tablets daily during duration of patrol and for two weeks thereafter.

INTERCOMM

- 14. L/T 2 phones and 5000 yds assault cable will accompany patrol for communication between two groups, thus enabling co-ordination of the two attacks.
- 15. R/T One 908 set will accompany patrol.

ACK

R. H. ... Capt
Adjt 58/59 Aust Inf Bn

58/59 AUSTRALIAN INF BN OP INSTR 12.

Ref Maps: HIRU HIRU 1/25000.

HQ 58/59 Aust Inf Bn
13 May 45.INFORM.

1. A picture theatre has been sited vicinity KEKRO DE 920440. Films will be shown 131900L and at other times as advised.

INTENTION.

2. 58/59 Aust Inf Bn will prevent enemy infiltration into theatre area.

MEASURE.3. Summary.

Picquet provided by Coys (as advised) will occupy twelve posts around theatre area and approaches.

4. Str. - One offr, one Sjt, Two Cpls, 24 ORs.

5. Disposition of Tps. - As per Appx "A".

6. Task.

Prevent enemy infiltration of theatre area.

7. Time of Occ.

1330L until 15 minutes after conclusion of show.

8. Action on Alarm.

- (a) Picquet will take necessary action to delay enemy until area clear of tps, thence will withdraw to B Pl locality on succession of short whistle blasts from picquet comd.
- (b) All pers attending show will move quickly and quietly to Coy RVs under own ofrs.

ADDITIONAL.

9. Med. - RAF with BnHQ 924440.

10. Weapons

12 OSMGs, 16 rifles will be carried by picquet.

11. Amns

8 mags per OSMG.
50 rounds per rifle.
2 grenades per man.

12. Dress. - Drill Order.

13. Attendance of Audience.

- (a) One third of pers remaining in each sub-unit area (after picquets have been provided, and excl of pers out on patrol) will be the maximum number permitted to attend.
- (b) At least two ofrs will remain in each coy locality.

14. Move of Audience to Theatre Area.

- (a) Pers will march to theatre area along main tracks in pl groups each group being responsible for its own protection on all sides.
- (b) All pers will carry arms.
- (c) On arrival at theatre area, pls or equivalent sub-units will sit together, ofrs and NCOs remaining with their pls.

15. Move of Audience from Theatre Area.

- (a) On completion of show or on alarm being given pers will move their sub-units to Coy RVs as follows :-

- A Coy - on BUIN rd 100 paces SE of junc with DZ track
- B Coy - on BUIN rd 100 paces NW of junc with DZ track
- C Coy - junc BUIN rd and DZ track.
- D Coy - on BUIN rd 50 paces NW of junc with DZ track.
- HC Coy } - on BUIN rd 50 paces SE of junc with DZ track.
- BnHQ }
- B Ech }

- (b) Coys will march from COY RVs to Coy localities with an offr in front of and an offr in rear of each Coy group. On arrival wire each man will be checked by an offr before being allowed to enter locality. Coys are responsible for protection of party during period pers are being checked.

INTERCOMN.

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17. Password - as advised daily.

18. Alarm Signal

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R. [Signature] Capt.
Adjt 53/59 Aust Inf Bn

ACK.

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58/59 AUST INF BN OP INSTR 12.

Ref Maps: HIRU HIRU 1/25000.

To 58/59 Aust Inf Bn
13 May 45.INT.

1. A picture theatre has been sited vicinity KEKRO DE 920440. Films will be shown 131900L and at other times as advised.

INTENTION.

2. 58/59 Aust Inf Bn will prevent enemy infiltration into theatre area.

METHOD.

3. Summary.
Picquet provided by Coys (as advised) will occ twelve posts cond theatre area and approaches.
4. Str. - One offr, one Sjt, Two Cpls, 24 ORs.
5. Disposition of Tps. - As per Appx "A".
6. Task.
Prevent enemy infiltration of theatre area.
7. Time of Occ.
1330L until 15 minutes after conclusion of show.
8. Action on Alarm.
 - (a) Picquet will take necessary action to delay enemy until area clear of tps, thence will withdraw to 8 Pl locality on succession of short whistle blasts from picquet comd.
 - (b) All pers attending show will move quickly and quietly to Coy RVs under own offr.

ADM.

9. Med. - RAP with BnHQ 921440.
10. Weapons
12 OSMGs, 16 rifles will be carried by picquet.
11. Arm.
6 mags per OSMG.
50 rounds per rifle.
2 grenades per man.
12. Dress. - Drill Orders.
13. Attendance of Audience.
 - (a) One third of pers remaining in each sub-unit area (after picquets have been provided, and excl of pers out on patrol) will be the maximum number permitted to attend.
 - (b) At least two offr will remain in each coy locality.

14. Move of Audience to Theatre Area.

- (a) Pers will march to theatre area along main tracks in pl groups, each group being responsible for its own protection on all side
- (b) All pers will carry arms.
- (c) On arrival at theatre area, pls or equivalent sub-units will sit together, offrs and NCOs remaining with their pls.

15. Move of Audience from Theatre Area.

- (a) On completion of show or on alarm being given pers will move in their sub-units to Coy RVs as follows :-

- A Coy - on BUIN rd 100 paces SE of junc with DZ track.
- B Coy - on BUIN rd 100 paces NW of junc with DZ track.
- C Coy - junc BUIN rd and DZ track.
- D Coy - on BUIN rd 50 paces NW of junc with DZ track.
- HQ Coy) - on BUIN rd 50 paces SE of junc with DZ track.
- BnHQ)
- B Ech)

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D Coy OM TO IO Sig Offr RSN

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A B C HQ Coys 15 Inf Bde

ORIGINATOR'S No.

96 (1) CONFIDENTIAL (.) op instr 15 (.) INFO (.) first (.)
 enemy NO change from sitreps (.) second (.) own tps (.) D Coy 24 inf
 bn is moving from present posn 934453 to *4040* 14 May (.) one coy
 42 inf bn is taking over D Coy 58/59 inf bn locality 903447 at time
 to be advised (.) INTENTION (.) third (.) one coy 58/59 inf bn will
 relieve D Coy 24 inf bn 934453 (.) METHOD (.) fourth (.) groupings
 and task (.) D Coy with under comd one det mortars will move from
 present posn and relieve D Coy 24 inf bn 934453 by 140000L (.) bn
 less D Coy remains present posn (.) fifth (.) route (.) via main
 BUTH rd (.) *Push* (.) start time (.) sixth (.) coy less one pl 140630L (.)
 seventh (.) recon parties and one pl will depart old posn 140600L (.)
 eighth (.) inf weapons (.) NO change in tps under comd or in sp (.)
 ninth (.) tenth (.) move with present holdings (.) tenth (.)
 sups (.) move with 3 days SWP 2 days FOR res rations (.) eleventh (.)
 wire (.) D Coy will take over existing wire D Coy 24 inf bn posn
 under arrangements OMs (.) existing wire present B Coy posn will be
 handed over to relieving coy 42 inf bn under arrangements OMs (.)
 twelfth (.) tpt (.) 3 jeeps and trailers will report D Coy 140645L
 and remain under comd until mov stores and com completed (.)
 thirteenth (.) reports (.) 5 OMs hand pl will report to 140615L to

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~~escort jeeps to D Coy (.) D Coy then responsible for own escorts (.)
fourteenth (.) TC (.) one RP will report old D Coy posn 140845L and
one RP will report new posn 140806L (.) task ensure rd clear of
vehicles loading and unloading stores (.) INTERCOMM (.) fifteenth (.)
bnHQ remains present posn (.) sixteenth (.) L/T (.) sig offr will est
comm new posn by 140830L (.) ACK all info~~

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ROUTINE ORDERS PART 6

by

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL W.M. MAYBERRY

COMMANDING 53/59 AUST INF BN

HQ 53/59 Aust Inf Bn
14 May 45.

119. PRESS CUTTINGS.

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120. BATHING - MOUTUPENA POINT.

1. Owing to the arrival of Nursing Sisters at 105 Aust Coy MOUTUPENA PT, it is now necessary to prohibit nude bathing in MOUTUPENA PT area.
2. Bathing trunks or underpants suitably sewn will be worn.
3. 109 Aust Coy and its environs are out of bounds to all ranks other than those whose duty requires them to be in the area.

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1. It is emphasised that the correct fitting procedure of US M9A1 grenades to the projector must be carried out.
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Nature and Date of Trial DCM 8 MAY 45.
 Accused - VX249938 Pte Frank Burton BAILEY - 58/59 AUST INF BN
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 Sentence - Six (6) months DETENTION.
 Confirmation - Confirmed by GOC 3 Aust Div on 10 May 45.

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 Charge - Deserting His Majesty's Service Finding - GUILTY.
 Sentence - Nine (9) months DETENTION.
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 Accused - Q138566 Pte Ivan Colin Vivian WALKER - 58/59 AUST INF BN.
 Charge - DESERTING HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE Finding - NOT GUILTY of
 DESERTION but
 GUILTY OF AWL.
 Sentence - 90 days FIELD PUNISHMENT and 90 days Forfeiture of Pay.
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B D Coyo HQ 15 Inf Bn 24 Inf Bn
57/60 Inf Bn

ORIGINATOR'S No.

0833 (.) CONFIDENTIAL (.) on night 14 (.) JUKI (.) signal (.) enemy (.)
at 141700L a wired enemy post for approx str 20 with 37 mm M/A
gun and JUKI HQ was located outside track 933388 1000 yards NW
of log King (.) post was attacked by one of our patrols enemy one
3 killed enemy capt 3 rifles 1 JUKI HQ 1 telephone captured (.)
SOUTH from that post to Coast at AITARA HQ mov was seen 13 May
or 14 May (.) at AITARA approx 898362 track turns NW along Coast
approx 40 yds from beach (.) info from NW states enemy out str 7
armed with rifles are located in three huts approx 50 yds on right
of track on bank AITARA river 889375 (.) enemy estimated str 9
were contacted dug in outside AITARA track 943398 at 164530 L (.)
NO other known enemy between 943398 and Coast (.) second (.) own too (.)
one pl C Coy and det HQ Coy are in contact with enemy 943398 (.)
INTERSECTION (.) third (.) C Coy loss 13 pl and rear Coy HQ will mov
from present post to PATROL BASE with view to clearing enemy from
AITARA track SW of 943398 to AITARA and NW along beach to 889375 (.)
REMARKS (.) fourth (.) groupings and tanks (.) phase 1 (.) C Coy loss
13 pl rear Coy HQ will depart present post 170745L and report back
for full orders by 0730L (.) route (.) BUZIN rd and PATROL BASE TRACK
(.) arrive PATROL BASE NOT later than 0930L (.)

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phase 2(.) C Coy less two pls rear Coy HQ will depart PATROL BASE NOT later than 0745L and will join 15 pl 943390(.) route(.) KING 942406 thence bearing 106 degrees magnetic to AITARA track thence SW along track(.) one pl C Coy will depart PATROL BASE NOT later than 0945L and will clear King 925305 on WEST bank of river(.) route(.) via BRUNNERS TRACK on WEST side of HONGORAI river to King(.)

phase 3(.) C Coy less 1 pl and rear Coy HQ will adv SW along AITARA track from 943390 and clear track to log King 925305(.) 1 off 14 ORG from pl on WEST bank HONGORAI will adv SW along axis AITARA track to coast thence NW to enemy poen 889375(.) tanks(.) destroy enemy poen and on return recon beach via AITARA 892362 seaward as to suitability for Aust LC og sandbars reefs depth of water and inland for 300 yds as to suitability for base installations(.) thence return PATROL BASE via AITARA track and BRUNNERS track reporting in detail on creek kings and nature of bns on AITARA track(.) after departure off 14 ORG pl on WEST bank HONGORAI river will cross river at King 925305 and will adv NE along AITARA track to contact C Coy(.) if enemy poen 935308 NOT see patrol will see and await arrival C Coy(.) if poen see by enemy patrol will encircle poen and continue adv to contact C Coy taking similar action with other enemy poens contacted(.)

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ADN(.) fifth(.) am(.) moved on main Coy road with P1 stores(.) sixth(.) exp(.) all pers mov with unconsolidated portion days ration on main(.) two days SUP for C Coy less one pl will be carried by natives and pl A Coy to 943590(.) pl C Coy moving down BREWSTER track will carry 4 days SUPA 2 tins canned heat from PATROL BASE GI will arrange for stores to mov with C Coy to split rations at PATROL BASE(.) seventh(.) exp(.) 40 natives reporting GI 170730L to carry 2 days SUP from PATROL BASE to 943590(.) pl will mov in rear of C Coy until junc with 13 pl when will hand rations over to C Coy and return to PATROL BASE(.) pl will then escort natives from PATROL BASE back to BUN rd(.) Lt HANNA 5 ORs tk/a pl plus sapper will return back with this pl(.) eighth(.) exp(.) C Coy less pl moving down WEST bank of HONGORAI will carry all pers exp(.) remaining pl will carry all exp to PATROL BASE thence carry gear moving gear only(.) GI will arrange for additional prime stove to mov with C Coy rations(.) C Coy will drop 1 boyload cooking gear B Ech by 170730L to also accompany ration(.) ninth(.) stores(.) rear Coy will remain present area until area clear thence mov P1 and P2 stores to separate dumps in B Ech to await movement under bc arrangements(.) rear Coy will then remain back area until further orders(.) INTERCOM(.) tenth(.) 1/2(.) C Coy

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will send line from PATROL BASE to 243300 during adv(,) one mile
 D3 cable will accompany G Coy for extension of line to new post(,)
 when returning AITARA patrol will recover assault cable laid by
 BREWSTER's patrol 30 yds west of AITARA track(,) eleventh(,) w/r(,)
 one 200 set will accompany AITARA patrol(,) 200 set now with Lt HATHAN
 patrol will be returned during with A Coy carrying par ty(,) 200 set
 now with WALKER's patrol will remain with G Coy (,) AGX all inch

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ORDER OF THE DAY

by

BRIGADIER H H HAMMER

HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)
16 May 45

TO ALL RANKS
15 AUST INF BDE GROUP

Thursday, 17 May 45, marks the opening of the Brigade offensive against the Japs between the HONGORAI and HARI rivers. It is the second phase of our attack to destroy the enemy. Already you have inflicted very heavy casualties against the Jap with more effect than most of you realise. You have won the patrol battle and you have herded the enemy into areas where our firepower - tanks, bombers and artillery - can do most damage and we must continue to do this to achieve the best and quickest results.

Your fighting to date has been marked with great gallantry courage and determination. I have never before, in this war, seen such comradeship and the spirit of self-sacrifice to help one another as you have displayed. Not only have you my undying admiration and praise but you have the admiration of everyone who has worked with you, seen you and heard of you.

Such a spirit marks you as men of character and quality who, as well as being a dominant factor in war, will be a great influence on the Australian community in peace.

The whole Brigade will play its part in the forthcoming battle. The next few weeks may see the major defeat of the Japs in SOUTH BOUGAINVILLE and the next few days will be the real testing time. It will be hard but your determination, courage and comradeship will carry you through most successfully.

The Air Force, Artillery, Tanks, . . . Engineers and Supply units are supporting you to the utmost limit and you can be sure I will leave nothing undone to ensure that every support possible is given to you.

You are all now experienced soldiers. Fight wisely; use all your ingenuity in battle; strike hard when you get the opportunity; resist together when things are tough and follow up every advantage you gain. My extreme confidence in you is based on my intimate knowledge of your character, your training and your fighting ability to defeat the Japanese.

Go to battle as you have done in the last month and no enemy can withstand you.

H. H. Hammer
Brig
Comd 15 Aust Inf Bde

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08 99 (.) CONFIDENTIAL (.) Op instr 15 (.) INEW (.) first (.) NO
change from sitreps (.) INTENTION (.) second (.) 58/59 Inf Bn with
in sp 2 tps B Sqn 2/4 armd regt det 15 fd coy will move to bn bivouac
area vicinity west bank HONGORAI King 944407 (.) METHOD (.) third (.)
mov (.) coys will move from present posns and march to bn bivouac
area at King 944407 via BUIH rd and PATROL BASE as follows (.) B Coy
with under comd 1 det mortars less 2 pls depart 180830L (.) D Coy
with under comd 1 det mortars depart 180930L (.) A Coy less 1 pl with
under comd 1 sec MGs two dets mortars 181030L (.) bHQ HQ Coy rear
C Coy HQ engr det 181300L (.) 2 tps B Sqn 2/4 armd regt plus 1 pl
A Coy 181400L (.) fourth (.) action on arrival (.) bn 2 i/c will
allocate coy areas (.) D Coy will be prepared to cross HONGORAI
River at first light 19 May to cover NORTH flank of bridgehead (.)
further orders issued later (.) fifth (.) inf weapons (.) 2 pl (.)
sec MGs now under comd A Coy will revert comd HQ Coy after arrival
bivouac area (.) 3 pl (.) one det mortars now under comd A Coy
will revert comd HQ Coy after arrival bivouac area one det now under
comd HQ Coy comes in sp C Coy 180830L (.) 4 pl (.) ceases to be under
comd A Coy and comes under comd B Ech 181030L (.) moves to B Ech area
under arrangements CM and TO PW 18 May (.) AMI (.) sixth (.) move of

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stores (.) minimum P1 stores only will be carried as follows (.) res
 can 3 days SWP 2 days PCR res plus maintenance rations res wire res
 tools 1 fly 1 hydro burner 6 dioxies 2 steamers 2 baking dishes 2 brass
 burner fuel (.) remaining P1 stores and P2 stores will be stacked on
 rd ready for mov to present B Ech under arrangements CM PM 18 May (.)
 stores will be securely tied and clearly labelled (.) seventh (.)
 tpt (.) 3 jeeps and trailers will report each coy and bnHQ 180730Z (.)
 after loading will RV June BUIH rd and PATROL BASE track 180800Z for
 mov in convoy under TO to new posn (.) all stores will be unloaded new
 posn under direction CM (.) immediately after loading first 3 vehicles
 coys will advise adjt number of jeeps required to complete mov of P1
 stores (.) ETA vehicles at old coy areas for second load 181100Z (.)
 allotment of vehicles for second load under arrangements adjt and TO
 (.) eighth (.) escorts (.) 4 Cns A B D Coye will report TO 180715Z
 and escort vehicles to respective coy areas (.) coys responsible for
 escorting own vehicles to bivouac posn and return (.) one pl A Coy will
 report bnHQ after departure A Coy (.) task (.) escort two tps 2/4 Armd
 Regt to new posn leaving 181400Z (.) HQ Coy will provide midday meal
 for this pl (.) ninth (.) vaccation of areas (.) weapon pits will be
 filled in prior to mov (.) on departure present posns coys will leave

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 balance F1 stores (.) thence load F2 stores and escort to present
 B Ech area where unload under directions HQS (.) thence join coys
 at new posns (.) tenth (.) adv B Ech and bnHQ F2 stores will move to
 bn bivouac area AB 10 May (.) rear B Ech and coy F2 stores will
 remain present B Ech area until further orders (.) INTERCOM (.)
 eleventh (.) bnHQ closes present posn IS1300L opens 04407 same time
 (.) twelfth (.) I/T (.) sig offcr will est I/T com with coys
 immediately on arrival new areas (.) thirteenth (.) W/T allotment
 to change (.) ACE all info

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

HQ 58/59 Aust Inf Bn
45/84
18 May 45.

Subject; REPORT ON OPERATIONS - WEEK ENDING 13 MAY.

15 AUST INF BDE (AIF).

PART I

RECORD OF EVENTS

1. Changes in Dispositions.

At the commencement of the week the Battalion occupied localities astride the main BUIN road as follows :-

BnHQ	SINDOU CREEK	899454
HQ Coy (less dets)	SINDOU CREEK	899454
A Coy	Gardens	904453
B Coy	Gardens	914452
C Coy	BUIN road	910446
D Coy	UMAMU CREEK	907447

During the week the battalion advanced to the following positions :-

BnHQ	BUIN Road	925436
HQ Coy (less dets)	BUIN Road	924437
A Coy (less 3 pl)	BUIN Road	928434
3 pl	KIKRO IZ	920441
B Coy	Gardens	914452
C Coy	BUIN Road	916443
D Coy	BUIN Road	907447

2. Nature of Operations.

- (a) During the week the battalion commenced patrolling EAST of the HONGORAI River with a view to subsequently taking over from 24 Aust Inf Bn and continuing the advance along the BUIN Road. A strong patrol base was established vicinity 943407, from which patrols operated daily to map in detail the area 935400-947415-975415-975400-935400 (vide appendix "A"). At the same time long range patrols were sent out to generally map the area bounded by the 39 grid, 96 grid, 33 grid and HONGORAI River, plus the AITARA track SOUTH to AITARA.
- (b) The above mapping patrols were instructed to avoid enemy at all costs, in order to prevent the enemy from learning that we were interested in the area. In order to capture PW and kill enemy, long range patrols were sent to establish ambushes in the MARAGOTA track.

PART II

LESSONS AND OPERATIONS.

3. Terrain.

- (a) WEST of HONGORAI River. - The area south of BUIN Road to Patrol Base 943407 is both tankable and jeepable, and it was estimated that with the aid of a bulldozer 100 men could construct a fair weather jeep track in 8-12 hours (this has since been completed 16-17 May).
- (b) HONGORAI Xing. - Jeeps assisted by a tractor and tanks can cross HONGORAI River vicinity 944407.

- (c) EAST of HONGORAI River. - The country and vegetation is similar to the WEST bank of the river and a fair weather jeep track can be quickly constructed to AITARA track, which, with some assistance from a bulldozer, can be made tankable and passable to tractor trains.
- (d) Area between AITARA track and MANAGOTA track.
Few tracks run through this area and the country generally tends towards swamp in the vicinity of the 39 grid and 38 grid lines.

4. Patrols.

- (a) The predominant feature about the week's patrolling was that, although the enemy were contacted on many occasions, often in well prepared or ambush positions, our patrols, using the methods outlined in our report of 4 May, were never once surprised and suffered NO casualties, and in all cases when contact was made casualties were inflicted on the enemy.
- (b) The value of PW was forcibly demonstrated by the information supplied by PW captured on May 11. As a result of this further casualties were inflicted on the enemy by a later patrol without loss to ourselves.

5. Morale and Man Management.

Successes by all companies during patrolling have had the effect of raising morale even higher than before, whilst sickness rates are so low as to have NO effect on the effective fighting strength of the battalion.

PART III

EQUIPMENT AND WEAPONS.

6. Lightened Rifles.

UK Number 5 Rifles (ROF) were issued to the unit during the week and were tested on miniature range and in active operations. The need for a lightened rifle in an Infantry Battalion (Tropical Scale) is apparent and results obtained from tests were highly satisfactory. Full reports on the new rifles were submitted in our 45/20 of 11 and 17 May 45.

W. M. Mayberry Lt-col.
Comd 58/59 Aust Inf Bn.

WEEKLY RETURN BY RMO

UNIT 22/52 1941. 1st Bn
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Week Ending... 22/8/41.....

Diseases or Injury	Total new cases reported for treatment	Number evacuated to Medical Units
Diarrhoea & Dysentery		
U.R.T.I.		
P.U.O. (incl Clinical Malaria & Dongue)	1	
Skin	3	
All Other Diseases	2	1
Non-battle Injuries		
Battle Casualties	8	2
TOTAL	14	3
Daily rate per cent of strength incl attached	0.14	0.03

Average daily strength 753
 To: Senior Adm Medical Officer,
 HQ.....

REPORT BY R.M.O.

1. HEALTH OF UNIT

- (a) General Physical condition of personnel.....
-
-
- (b) General Standard of Reinforcements received.....
-
-
- (c) Severity of Work or Training.....
-
-
- (d) General Remarks.....
-

2. STORES- Details of stores requisitioned for, but not yet received.

- (a) Medical.....
-
- (b) Expense Stores.....
-
- (c) Malaria Control Stores (i) Ordnance.....
-
- (ii) AASC.....

3. MALARIA CONTROL

- (a) Measures of personal protection (good, fair, bad)
- Nets.....Atabrin.....Clothing.....
- Repellent.....
- (b) Larvae Control.....
- (c) Adult Destruction.....
- (d) General Comments.....
-

4. RATIONS.....

5. HYGIENE.....

6. TRAINING CARRIED OUT BY R.M.O......

(Signed).....

1. Attach as Appx "A" any special report exceeding the scope of pro forma.

ii. When applicable.

PRO FORMA - SKIN DISEASES

Unit 58/59 Aust Inf Bn

Week Ending : 2359 hrs
Saturday

19 May 45

Type	New Cases	Total Treated	No Evacuated
Tinea Circinata	4	5	-
" Cruris	-	-	-
" Pedis	2	4	-
" of Beard Region	-	-	-
Trichomycosis	-	-	-
Cheilopomphlyx	-	-	-
Discoid Eczema of feet	-	-	-
Dermatitis from overtreatment of tinea	-	-	-
Intertrigo	4	4	-
Impetigo Contagiosa	1	1	-
Bullous Impetigo	6	6	-
Secondary infected bites & scratches	1	1	-
Furunculosis	1	1	-
Acne (of degree to cause disability)	-	-	-
Dermatitis	1	1	-
Prickly heat	-	-	-
TOTAL	20	28	

Remarks :

1. Total NO duties - 3
2. Increase in New Cases Nil
 " " Total Cases Nil
 " " Evacuatiöns Nil
3. Decrease in New Cases 6
 " " Total Cases 8
 " " Evacuatiöns Nil

J. M. ... Capt
RMO 58/59 Aust Inf Bn

SECRET

Copy No.....

20 May 45.

58/59 AUST INF BN O.C. 3.

APPX MA 10

Ref Map 1:25000 Series.

TOPOGRAPHY.

1. AITARA track corrected position is shown on Trace A.

INF.

2. Enemy.

(a) Strength and Dispositions.

COMMANDO rd between HONGORAI and POROREI rivers approx 150.
HONGORAI River between MARTINS crossing and COMMANDO rd approx 100.
HONGORAI - POROREI river from incl TIGER rd to incl BUIN rd and incl TOHU approx 700.
BUIN rd from incl RUNAI to incl MONOITU and MANAGATA track approx 550.
USO - USO track from incl USO to incl KOPINKO approx 250.
TAITAI - KAPANA area approx 300.
RUSEI area approx 500.
MANAGATA area approx 50.
Total str HONGORAI - HARI river areas 2100.
Rfts at RUSEI 500.
Enemy ambush estimated str one sec with LMG was contacted astride AITARA track 954406 20 May 45.
Enemy estimated str 2 LMGs 15 rifles 929397 are occ def posn astride AITARA track.

3. Own Tps.

- (a) 15 Aust Inf Bde is continuing the adv in the direction of the HARI river.
- (b) 24 Aust Inf Bn is attacking and capturing the area BUIN rd from excl ARNOTTS Xing 938430 to incl POROREI ford 955420 20 May. On capture of objectives by 58/59 Aust Inf Bn 21 May 24 Aust Inf Bn has open sup route along BUIN rd to junc with 58/59 Aust Inf Bn, and is to sp 58/59 Aust Inf Bn ops 21 May by patrolling to NORTH and SOUTH flanks.
- (c) 57/60 Aust Inf Bn has adv along COMMANDO rd to 300 yds fwd of TORIBIRU river and is exploiting to USO - USO track 20 May.
- (d) Additional tps in Sp.
Following additional tps are now in sp 58/59 Aust Inf Bn :-

7 & 8 Tps 2/4 Aust Arm'd Regt
61 Bty 2/11 Aust Fd Regt
2 Aust Fd Regt
Sec 15 Aust Fd Coy.

4. Air.

60 Corsairs are to bomb and strafe BUIN rd excl ford 955420 to incl culvert 962410 from H - 60 to H hr. Thence they are to bomb a line parallel to and 600 yds east of BUIN rd between POROREI river and creek 972404 from H to H plus 180.

INTENTION.

5. 58/59 Aust Inf Bn and attached tps will attack and capture the area BUIN rd from excl POROREI ford to incl BUIN rd river Xing at 962410.

METHOD.

6. Summary. The operation will be carried out in two phases :-

Phase 1: The securing of track june 958411 by one rifle coy as a firm base for the forming up of three rifle coys for Phase 2.

Phase 2: The capture of three coy localities astride the BUIN rd.

7. PHASE 1.

Fwd Tps.

(a) C Coy. - with under comd one det mortars, in sp 61 bty, 2/11 Aust Fd Regt, 7 Tp 2/4 Aust Armd Regt, one sec 15 Aust Fd Coy.

(b) Objective - Track june 958411.

(c) Task. - Consolidate on objective prepare for immediate enemy counter-attack and est firm base for deployment of bn.

8. Assembly Area. - Present C Coy area.

9. Start Time. - 210630L.

10. Route. - via AITARA track.

11. Rate of Adv. - 100 yds in 10 minutes.

12. Res.

(a) Composition. - B - A - D Coys.

(b) Mov. - Move in that order in rear of C Coy, 100 yds between C and B Coys and A and D Coys, 300 yds between B and A Coys.

(c) Role. - Deploy in accordance with Phase 2 of ops after capture of objective by C Coy.

PHASE 2.

13. Fwd Tps.

(a) RIGHT - B Coy - with under comd one sec MMGs, one det mortar in sp 8 Tp 2/4 Aust Armd Regt, one sec 15 Aust Fd Coy one bty 2 Aust Fd Regt.

Objective - incl june AITARA track and BUIN rd 962413, astride BUIN rd to incl creek 962410.

Task. - Consolidate on objective, prepare for immediate enemy counter-attack, and deny enemy use of BUIN rd and 60 yds either side.

Limit of Exploitation. - 50 yds SOUTH of creek 963410.

(b) CENTRE - D Coy - with under comd one det mortars, one bty 2 Aust Fd Regt.

Objective. - june BUIN rd and track 960415.

Task. - consolidate on objective, prepare for immediate enemy counter-attack.

Limit of Exploitation. - 100 yds on either side of BUIN rd, and to flanking coys.

(c) LEFT - A Coy - with under comd one det mortars, in sp one bty 2 Aust Fd Regt.

Objective. - area astride BUIN rd from exel track june 957418 200 yds SE along rd.

Task. - consolidate on objective prepare for immediate enemy counter-attack.

Limit of Exploitation. - on 7 Tp 2/4 Aust Armd Regt coming in sp (at time to be advised) exploit NW with armd patrol and est contact with 24 Aust Inf Bn.

14. Assembly Areas.

(a) Location.

A Coy. - Present area.

B Coy. - On WILLIS tr WEST of C Coy.

D Coy. - WEST side of AITARA track vicinity 17 Pl posn 949804.

(b) Route to FUP. - A, D Coys - via AITARA track to C Coy posn 958411, thence NW along Jap track to FUP.
B Coy. - via AITARA track.

15. FUPs.

(a) Location.

A Coy. - WEST of BUIN rd 350 yds from objective - at 956415.

B Coy. - Immediately SW of C Coy on AITARA track- at 957411.

D Coy. - WEST of BUIN rd 350 yds from objective - at 957413.

(b) Action to be Taken.

On arrival all tps lie flat on ground until completion of bombing along BUIN rd.

16. SL. Same as FUP.

17. H Hr. 210900L.

18. Route. A Coy - bearing of 44 degrees magnetic.
B Coy - bearing of 62 degrees magnetic.
D Coy - bearing of 44 degrees magnetic.

19. Rate of Adv. - 100 yds in 4 minutes.

20. Res.

(a) C Coy.

(b) Location. - track junc 958411.

(c) Hole. - (i) consolidate and prepare for immediate enemy counter-attack.
(ii) provide patrol str one pl to patrol with tp tks to A Coy posn after arrival A Coy on objective - on orders BnHQ.

Route. - AITARA track and BUIN rd.

21. Inf Weapons.

(a) MNGs. (i) one sec under comd B Coy.
Task. - SE and EAST covering heavily bombed area at creek 962410 and SE along BUIN rd.
(ii) one sec remains under comd HQ Coy.

(b) Mortars.

(i) Allotment.
one det under comd A Coy.
one det under comd B Coy.
one det under comd C Coy.
one det under comd D Coy.
Bty four dets MAYBERRY's Xing 943406.

(ii) Task Table. See appx "A".

(c) Tk/A.

(a) Guns remain rear B Ech.
(b) Pl remains under comd B Ech. Task. - protection B Ech provision of escorts for trailers.

22. Prns.

(a) Provide protection for and assist in digging in of BnHQ.
(b) Assist engrs in improving and maintaining AITARA track as required.

23. Arty.

(a) Allotment.

PHASE 1. - one bty in sp C Coy.

PHASE 2. - one bty in sp each A B D Coys.

(b) Task Table. - See Appx "A".

Thereafter on call from FOO - limit of amm 20 rds per gun, without reference this HQ.

(e) FOOs.

(1) Allotment.

PHASE 1. - one each C A D Coys.

PHASE 2. - one each B A D Coys.

(11) Times of Reporting.

A D C Coys - 201200L.

B Coy - H - 15.

24. Engrs.

(a) PHASE 1. - Engr det will move with tp tks behind C Coy.

(b) PHASE 2. - Remain C Coy on call B Coy.

(c) Tasks. - Priority 1. - assist tks in reaching objectives.
Priority 2. - improve AITARA track for tractor trains.

25. Flank Protection.

Coys will provide own flank protection 100 yds on either flank during Phase 1, and 100 yds on left flank during Phase 2.

26. Mopping Up.

Coys will specifically detail certain secs for mopping up in rear of final adv to objective.

27. Patrols.

(a) Immediately on capture of objectives coys will send out protective patrols to cover consolidation.

(b) Patrols will be briefed for following tasks but will not be dispatched until orders from BnHQ.

Patrol 1. - Armd patrol str 1 pl A Coy 1 tp tks and arty FOO.
Task. - open up rd NW between A Coy and A Coy 24 Bn.

Patrol 2. - Str - one offr 8 ORs A Coy.
Route - due north to gardens.
Areas - 958421, 961421.

Patrol 3. - Str - one offr 8 ORs D Coy.
Route - NE along track from 960415 to track junc 964419 thence SE to garden 968417 to clearing 965414 SW along creek to B Coy.

Patrol 4. - Str - one offr 8 ORs B Coy.
Route - SE along EAST side BUIN rd to garden 964409 thence NE to creek 967410 NE along creek to track 968412 to clearing 965414 thence SW along track to B Coy.

Patrol 5. - Str - one offr 8 ORs C Coy.
Route - SOUTH to creek 959408 thence SW 400 yds to garden 956406 due SOUTH to RUNAI track vicinity 957401 to garden 963401 thence NW on west side BUIN rd to B Coy.

Tasks - Patrols 2, 3, 4, 5, report on tankability of country and location and str of enemy posns.

Contact Patrols.

D Coy - str - one sec patrol hourly to A Coy.

B Coy - str - one sec patrol hourly to D Coy.

C Coy - str - one sec patrol hourly to B Coy thence to BnHQ.

AIM.

28. Med.

(a) RAP with BnHQ 300 yds SW along AITARA track from C Coy.

(b) WWCP - C Coy.

(c) line of evac - C Coy, RAP, AITARA track, WILLIS track to car post west side of MAYBERRY's Xing.

- (d) SBs - (i) normal allotment to coys.
(ii) 32 natives available at RAP from 210800L.

29. Ann.

- (a) On man - 100 rds 1303.
10 mags OSMG.
8 mags LMG.
(b) Coy res- brought fwd in first tractor train.
(c) Bn res - DUMP area WILLIS track, moved to BnHQ as soon as possible.

30. Supp.

- (a) On man unconsumed portion of days rations, one FOR, one emerg.
(b) One days SWPA will be brought fwd on first tractor train.

31. Tools. - Normal.

32. Expt. - Normal battle order.

33. Ppt.

- (a) 8 jeeps and 3 trailers will remain WEST bank MAYBERRY's Xing for evac of cas and maintenance of force.
(b) 3 tractors and 15 trailers will form 3 tractor trains to ferry stores fwd from dump area to coy localities in following priority.-

Lift 1.

- | | |
|---------------------------------|---------------|
| 1. One tractor (DB) 5 trailers. | C Coy. |
| 2. One tractor 5 trailers. | D Coy. |
| 3. One tractor 5 trailers. | BnHQ, HQ Coy. |

Lift 2.

- | | |
|----------------------------|--------|
| 1. One tractor 5 trailers. | B Coy. |
| 2. One tractor 5 trailers. | A Coy. |
- thence move BnHQ stores until all stores fwd.

(c) Loading of Vehs.

All trailers in 1st lift will be loaded in dump area by 201800L.

Loads. - (i) Rifle Coys.

- 1 trailer kitchen and res amm.
- 1 trailer 3 inch mortars and 80 rds HE.
- 1 trailer maintenance rations.
- 2 trailers wire.

(ii) BnHQ, HQ Coy.

- 1 trailer Arty.
- 1 trailer engrs.
- 2 trailers sigs and HQ Coy kitchen.
- 1 trailer BnHQ stores and kitchens.

(d) Order of Mov of Tractor Trains.

- (i) C Coy train towed by DB tractor will move in rear of tks and bulldozer.
Escorts. - 2 dets Tk/A escort to C Coy and back to dump.
- (ii) D Coy train will move in rear D Coy, on arrival D Coy will provide 2 secs to escort back to BnHQ, band will provide NCO and 8 to escort back to dump area.
- (iii) BnHQ train will move in rear of BnHQ.
Escorts. - On arrival BnHQ NCO and 10 ORs pnr pl will escort train back to dump area.
- (iv) After 1st lift all tractor trains will report TGP BnHQ on both up and down journeys to arrange escorts.
- (v) TO will co-ordinate mov of tractor trains.

34. Native Carrs.

60 natives will carry 60 six coils of wire for BnHQ, move in rear BnHQ tractor train.

35. TC. - RP Sjt will est TGP at BnHQ.

- 36. Stragglers Post. - At TGP BnHQ.
- 37. FW. - Will be escorted by coy capturing to C Coy and thence by C Coy to TGP BnHQ. Thence responsibility RPs/
- 38. SAL. All captured enemy eqpt will be backloaded on tractor trains to B Ech.
- 39. REQ. Requests for D3 tractor to BnHQ.
- 40. WPs. Wells will be dug in coy areas.
- 41. B ECH. Will be est in DUMP area by 201800L and on completion of mov of all stores from BnHQ will mov to junc AITARA and WILLIS tracks.

INTERCOMM.

- 42. BnHQ. Closes present posn 210530L reopens en route to new posn, 300 yds SW along AITARA track from C Coy posn vicinity 958408.
- 43. L/T. All coys.
- 44. W/T. One 208 sets each rifle coy and BnHQ.
- 45. R/T. One 108 set Mk III each rifle coy and BnHQ.
- 46. Wireless silence. Nil.
- 47. Success Sigs. Report success by all available means.
- 48. Code Word. As advised.
- 49. Synchronization.

ACK.

R. Blenkins Capt.
Adjt 58/59 Aust Inf Bn.

Issued by - runner.

Signed at - 201900L

DISTRIBUTION.

Copy No.

A Coy	1
B Coy	2
C Coy	3
D Coy	4
B Sqn 2/4 Aust Armd Regt.	5
L.O. 2/11 Aust Fd Regt.	6
15 Aust Fd Coy	7
Comd	8
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1. MORTAR TASK TABLE.

To 56/59 AUST INF BN O.C. 3.

UNIT	AREA	TASK	TARGET	TIMINGS	AMW	RATE	REMARKS
Bty 4 Mortars		Task 7	B Coy. Objective 962413	H to H plus 6	HE	10 RPM	
		Task 10	D Coy. Objective 960415	H to H plus 6	HE	10 RPM	
		Task 4) Task 5)	A Coy. Objective 957418	H to H plus 6	HE	10 RPM	
		Task 8	Garden. 961408	H plus 7 to H plus 20.	HE	5 RPM	

2. ARTY TASK TABLE.

61 Bty		In sp B Coy	Cone 962413	H to H plus 1	HE	Rapid	
6 Bty		In sp D Coy	Cone 960415	H plus 1 to H plus 2.	HE	Normal	
				H plus 2 to H plus 9.	HE	Slow	
5 Bty		In sp A Coy	Cone 957418	H plus 9 to H plus 10	HE	Normal	
				H plus 10 to H plus 11.	HE	Rapid.	

T.O.

58/59 Aust Inf Bn

WEEKLY RETURN BY RMO

25/3/48

UNIT.....

Week Ending.....

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Skin	1	1
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All Other Diseases	3	3
Non-battle Injuries	5	5
Battle Casualties	30	21
TOTAL	42	32
Daily rate per cent of strength incl attached	0.79%	.60%

48 officers 712 ORs Total - 760.

Average daily strength
To: Senior Adm Medical Officer,
HQ.....

1. HEALTH OF UNIT

- (a) General Physical condition of personnel.....
.....
..... **Good**
- (b) General Standard of Reinforcements received.....
.....
..... **Nil**
- (c) Severity of Work or Training.....
.....
..... **Moderate**
- (d) General Remarks.....
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- (c) Malaria Control Stores (i) Ordnance.....
.....
..... (ii) AASC..... **Nil**

3. MALARIA CONTROL

- (a) Measures of personal protection (good, fair, bad)
Nets.....Atebrin.....Clothing.....
Repellent.....
- (b) Larvae Control.....
- (c) Adult Destruction..... **Good** **Fair**
- (d) General Comments..... **Nil**

4. RATIONS **Nil** **Little control of larvae or adult using**

5. HYGIENE..... **Good**

6. TRAINING CARRIED OUT BY RMO.....
..... (Signed).....

[Handwritten Signature]

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Impetigo Contagiosa	-	-	-
Bullous Impetigo	15	16	-
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Furunculosis	-	-	-
Acne (of degree to cause disability)	-	-	-
Dermatitis	-	1	1
Prickly heat	-	-	-
TOTAL	37	42	1

Remarks :

1. Total NO Duties Nil
2. Increase in New cases 11.
- " " Total " 6
- " " Evacuations 1
3. Decrease in New cases Nil
- " " Total " Nil
- " " Evacuations Nil.

[Signature] Capt
RMO 58/59 Aust Inf Bn

war diary

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY RECORD

NO 58/59 Aust Inf Bn
45/84
28 May 45.

Subject: REPORT ON OPERATIONS - WEEK ENDING 20 MAY.

15 AUST INF BDN (AIF).

PART I

RECORD OF EVENTS.

1. Changes in Dispositions.

Dispositions as at 13 May :-

HQ Coy (less deta)	BUN Rd	922439
A Coy (less 8 pl)	" "	922437
8 Pl	HEHO Rd	922441
B Coy	Gardens	914452
C Coy	BUN Rd	916443
D Coy	" "	907447

During the week the battalion moved to a bivouac area vicinity PATROL BASE 943407 in preparation for a Battalion attack on 21 May, and by 19 May had established a bridgehead across the HUNGORAI River with coys located as follows :-

A Coy ~~Less 9 PL~~ ~~942406~~ 947406; 9 PL 945406
 B Coy ~~less 11 pl~~ ~~941407~~ 11 pl 942407. 947405
 C Coy ~~940395~~
 D Coy ~~Less 16, 17 PLS~~ ~~947407~~ 16 PL 946407
 Bull and HQ Coy less deta remained in their position WEST of the HUNGORAI River at 942409.

952407

2. Nature of Operations.

Patrolling EAST of the HUNGORAI River and SOUTH of the BUN Rd was continued throughout the week, Coy Comds personally reconnoitring and selecting objectives, PUPs, and routes for the attack on 21 May. To cover the move of the battalion to the bivouac area and the est of a bridgehead across the HUNGORAI River C Coy, during the period 13-20 May, patrolled SOUTH along the ALTARA track to the sea. During this period the battalion, with essential stores, amm, wire and reserve rations, moved to a bivouac area WEST of HUNGORAI King vicinity 942409, and on 19 May est a bridgehead across the HUNGORAI River to cover movement of stores across the river. By 1800 hrs on 20 May all preparations for the attack had been made and the battalion was poised for the final assault.

PART II.

LESSONS AND OPERATIONS.

3. Terrain.

The most important feature about the terrain EAST of the FORBES King in the vicinity of the BUN Rd is the impossibility of obtaining water from wells - as streams in this area are some hundreds of yards apart, special provision must be made for water supply when considering any arrangements for an advance or attack.

4. Patrols.

The patrolling policy as previ usly laid down continued to show good results, our patrols accounting for 16 enemy killed, and 7 enemy wounded without loss to themselves.

5. Mortars.

AN sustair A/C was successfully used by the Mortar Officer for ranging, and it is considered that this is a very satisfactory substitute for OPs in this country which is so flat.

6. Reorganisation Methods.

To enable adequate reserve of am, rations and wire to be moved into coy localities immediately after success it was considered that each rifle coy required five trailer loads of stores, on the following basis :-

Essential cooking gear, and res am
3 inch Mortar (one det) and 60 rds HB
Res rations (3 days SWP, 1 day FOR)
Wire (60 coils)

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These stores, (which can be moved by one tractor) when added to res am and rations carried on the men, would be sufficient to maintain a coy for a considerable period in the event of the L of C being cut. Wire was placed on highest priority in view of the fact that some reserve rations and am can be carried on the men. Alternative means of getting consolidation stores forward must also be provided for. In case tractor trains can NOT get through either natives or reserve troops should be standing by ready to carry stores forward.

7. Transport.

The weeks' operations brought out most forcibly the need for a tractor on W.E.F. of an Inf Bn. Once operations develop away from corduroyed roads, even apparently good tracks soon deteriorate and become ~~im~~passable to jeep traffic. As a result the unit is forced to rely on assistance from other arms in the way of tractors to get supplies and am forward. As heavy demands from other arms are likely to be concurrent with demands by infantry it is considered that each infantry unit should be in a position to maintain itself by having at least one tractor on strength, or alternatively, that a pool of one or two tractors be held with Brigade HQ transport.

PART III.

WEAPONS AND EQUIPMENT.

8. Web Equipment.

Web equipment very quickly deteriorates (by rotting) under present climatic conditions, and it is recommended that all web equipment prior to issue be treated with a water - proofing substance.

9. Magazine Pouches GMSG.

To fulfill the insistent demands for magazine pouches GMSG unit tailors are manufacturing them from canvas. It is recommended the ordnance issue pouch be again included on unit W.E.F. on a scale of one per GMSG.

10. Tents Shelter Half.

The acute shortage of tents shelter half persists, and replacements for losses by enemy action (mainly shell splinters) and other causes are most difficult to obtain.

W. W. Mayberry Lt-col
Comd Coy/55 Bn Inf

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ENEMY DEFENCES

31 MAY 1944

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— LEGEND —

- RIVERS
- ANTI-SLIP TRENCHES
- CLAW TRENCH
- LEAK TO
- BOMBED AREA

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15 AUST INF BDE

War diary

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

HQ 58/59 Aust Inf Bn
45/8
28 May 45.

Subject: MONTHLY AMENITIES REPORT - MAY 1945.

15 AUST INF BDE (AIF).

1. Financial Reconciliation Statement.

Cash on hand at 1 May 45		£716
Cash received during month:-		
AACS Distribution		9
		<u> £725</u>
Cash expended during month:-		
Comforts parcels for Hospital		
patients	£ 30	
Musical Instruments	£104	134
		<u> £591</u>
Funds required for Special ^{PURPOSES} Purchases (Boxing prizes)		<u> £160</u>

2. Sports.

Nil.

3. Entertainments.

(a) <u>Films.</u>	<u>Number of screenings.</u>	<u>Number of sites.</u>	<u>Estimated Audience.</u>
Mobile Cinema AAAS	2	2	1000 (total)

(b) Other Entertainments.

Nil.

4. Distribution of Amenities.

10 Twin Frigus burners were purchased from AAAS during the month.

5. Philanthropic Activities.

(a) AGF. - A Comforts Issue of Toilet gear, tobacco and writing materials was made to all troops during the month.

- (b) YMCA.
- (i) Coffee Stalls were maintained throughout the month, at least one being in operation at all times.
 - (ii) Supplies of reading and writing materials were issued to troops.
 - (iii) One jeep and trailer fitted as Mobile Canteen was in continual operation during the month.

W. H. Mayberry Lt-col.
Comd 58/59 Aust Inf Bn.

SPORTING MATERIAL ON HAND AT 1 MAY 45.

<u>CHECKED.</u>	<u>Owned by Unit</u>	<u>On Loan</u>
<u>CRICKET.</u>		
Bats	2	0
Pads	12 prs	-
Balls - leather	-	4
" - compe	-	4
Stumps and Balls	24	-
W/K Gloves	6	-
Batting "	-	1 pr
Inner "	-	1 pr
Score Book	-	-
<u>FOOTBALL.</u>		
Aust Rules Balls	4	4
Boots	-	12 prs
Jerseys	-	12
Soccer Balls	7	2
Pump Adeptor	-	1
<u>BOXING.</u>		
Gloves	10 prs	2 prs
" sparring	2 pr	-
Bags punching	1	1
Skipping ropes	-	-
<u>DECK TENNIS.</u>		
Nets	2	-
Balls	4	-
<u>MEDICINE BALLS.</u>	6	-
<u>SOFTBALL.</u>		
Bats	7	2
Gloves	7	-
Balls	12	2
Knee guards	2	-
<u>TABLE TENNIS.</u>		
Bats	-	-
Balls	-	-
Nets	-	-
<u>BADMINTON.</u>	-	1 set
<u>VOLLEY BALL.</u>		
Nets	-	3
Balls	-	4
<u>PRISM STOVES.</u>	-	12
<u>RADIOS.</u>	1	1
<u>CHOIRS.</u>	5 sets	3 sets
<u>HOCKEY.</u>		
Sticks	-	9
Balls	-	5

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APPENDIX "B"

AMENITIES AND SPORTING MATERIAL REQUIRED,
(To be held at LCB)

Softball.

Gloves 18

Football.

Aust Rules	6	
Rugby	3	
Basket Balls	6	
Sandshoes	150	
Darts	12	sets
Mouthorgans	24	
Boxing Gloves	6	prs.

APP X MA II

1 JUN 1945

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T.U. 1012

T.D. 1212

Vis: fine & clear

TACTICAL RECONNAISSANCE REPORT

Unit: 5 Tac/R Sqn

NO. 1017

Date: 30 May 45

Pilot: F/O. REYNOLDS - W'WAY

Observer: Lt.Col. MAYBERRY - 58/59 Bn.

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Reconnaissance MONOITU-TAI TAI-MAMAGOTA areas.
Satisfactorily completed.

B. J. D. C. ...
46 Aust Air Liaison Sec *L.O.*

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WEEKLY RETURN BY RMO

UNIT 58/59 Aust. Inf. Bn.

Week Ending 31/3/45

Diseases or Injury	Total new cases reported for treatment	Number evacuated to Medical Units
Diarrhoea & Dysentery		
U.R.T.I.		
P.U.O. (incl Clinical Malaria & Dengue)	3	-
Skin	1	1
All Other Diseases	6	4
Non-battle Injuries	3	2
Battle Casualties	21	20
TOTAL	34	27

Daily rate per cent of strength incl attached

0.63

0.5

Average daily strength 45/717 = 762

To: Senior Adm Medical Officer,

HQ

REPORT BY R.M.O.

1. HEALTH OF UNIT

- (a) General Physical condition of personnel... **Good**
- (b) General Standard of Reinforcements received... **Nil**
- (c) Severity of Work or Training... **Moderate**
- (d) General Remarks... **Nil**

2. STORES- Details of stores requisitioned for, but not yet received:

- (a) Medical... **Satisfactory**
- (b) Expense Stores... **Satisfactory**
- (c) Malaria Control Stores (i) Ordnance... **Nil**
(ii) AASC... **Satisfactory**

3. MALARIA CONTROL

- (a) Measures of personal protection (good, fair, bad)
Nets... **Fair** Atabrin... **Good** Clothing... **Fair**
Repellent... **Fair**
- (b) Larvae Control... **Nil**
- (c) Adult Destruction... **Occasional spraying of tents**
- (d) General Comments... **Few adult anopheline mosquitoes in the area**

4. RATIONS... **Good**

5. HYGIENE... **Satisfactory. Area sprayed with D.D.T.**

6. TRAINING CARRIED OUT BY RMO... **Nil**

(Signed) *[Signature]* Capt
RMO 58/59 Aust Inf Bn

i. Attach as Appx "A" any special report exceeding the scope of pro forma.

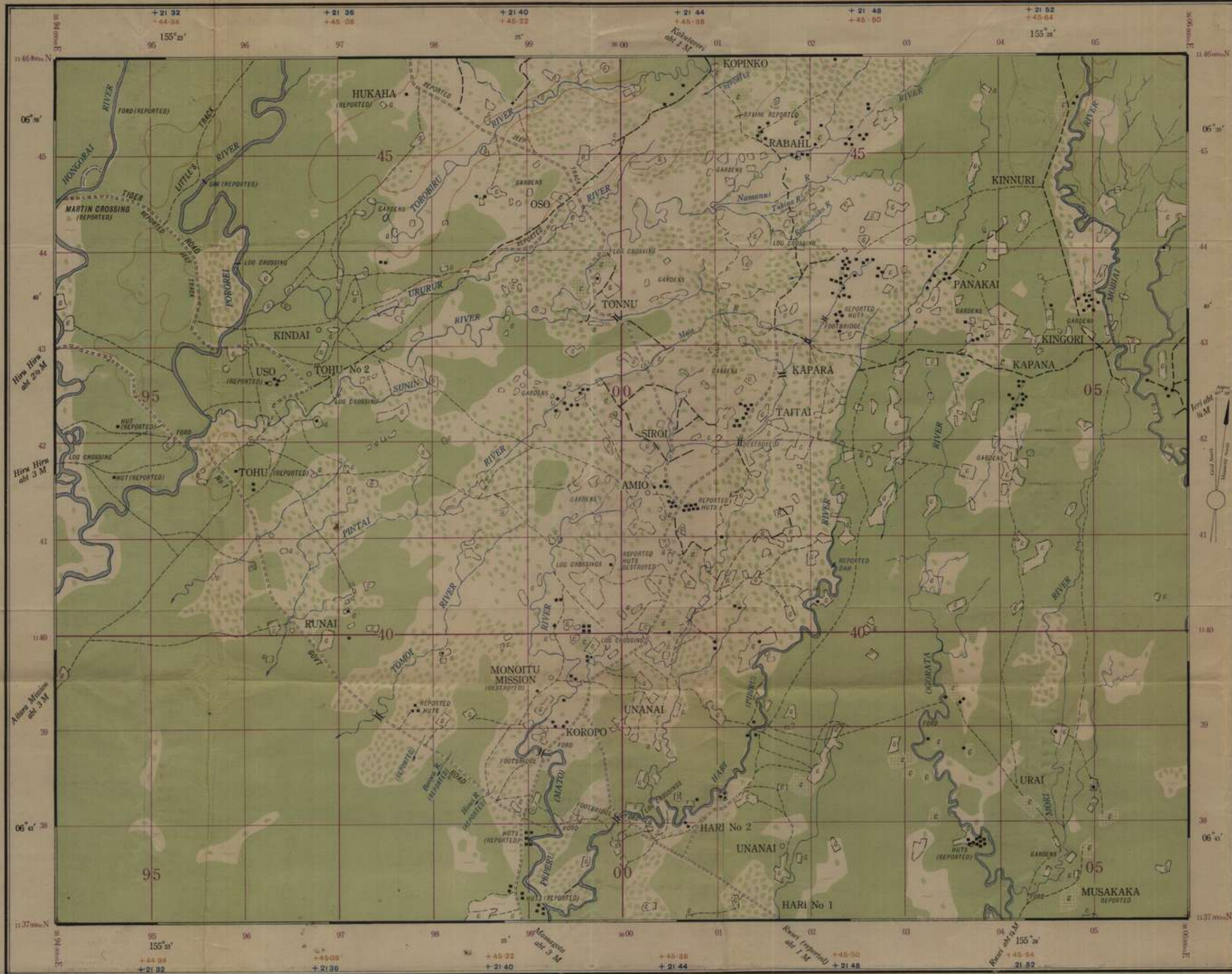
ii. When applicable.

BOUGAINVILLE ISLAND MONOITU

REFER TO THIS MAP AS
No. 3334 MONOITU 1:25,000 SERIES
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NETHERLANDS EAST INDIES GRID
SOUTHERN NEW GUINEA ZONE



CONTROL:

Triangulation by 2 Fd Svy Coy (AIF), Aust Svy Corps and Traverses by 3 Aust Svy Bty (AIF), based on Astronomical Station at TOROKINA.

Lat $06^{\circ} 12' 18''$ S
Long $155^{\circ} 02' 02.5''$ E

AIR PHOTOGRAPHY:

17th Photo Squadron, 13th Air Force and 5 Sqn RAAF. Missions 4B231E, 172B, PIV 20, PIV 83, PIV 105.

COMPILATION & DETAIL:

2 Fd Svy Coy (AIF), Aust Svy Corps, May 45.

DRAWING:

2 Fd Svy Coy (AIF), & LHQ Cartographic Coy, Aust Svy Corps, May 45.

PROJECTION:

Lambert Conical Orthomorphic.

ELEVATIONS:

Feet Datum Mean Sea Level.

REPRODUCTION:

LHQ Cartographic Coy, Aust Svy Corps, May 45.

Bridge (road, except where shown otherwise)	
Motor Road	
Jeep Track	
Impassable in wet weather	
Embankment Cutting	
Identified Track	
Reported Track	
Triangular Line	
Airfield	
Anchor	
Cemetery	
Mission Station	
Spot Height	

RELIABILITY DIAGRAM



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Coral Reef	
Sand	
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Astronomical Station	
Native Village	
Reported Native Village (probable position)	
Buildings	
River or permanent Stream	
Non permanent Stream	
Fallen Line	

Swamp (shrub or unshrub)	
Open Forest to	
Scattered Timber	
Handmade tracks, commonly	
Scrub (shrub or light)	
Secondary Growth	
Contours - Form Lines (numbers not being omitted)	
Cliff	

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POINT UNANAI (VILLAGE)			
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01	37	01	37
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UNIT METRE SQUARE METRE REFERENCE TO NEAREST METRE

58/59 Aust Inf Bn

app to May 45

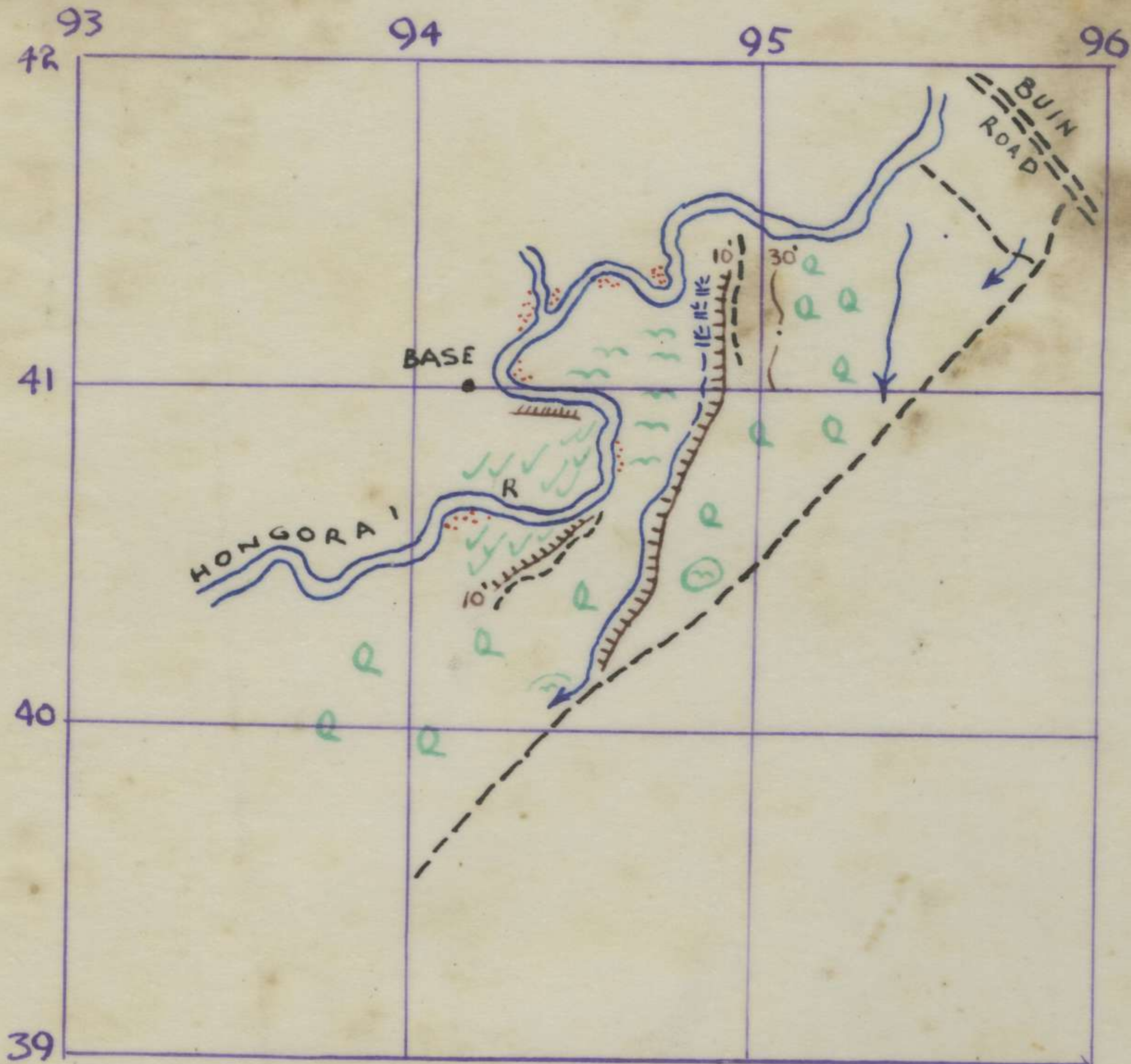
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ADDITIONAL INFM.

SUPERIMPOSE OVER MONOITU DYELINE

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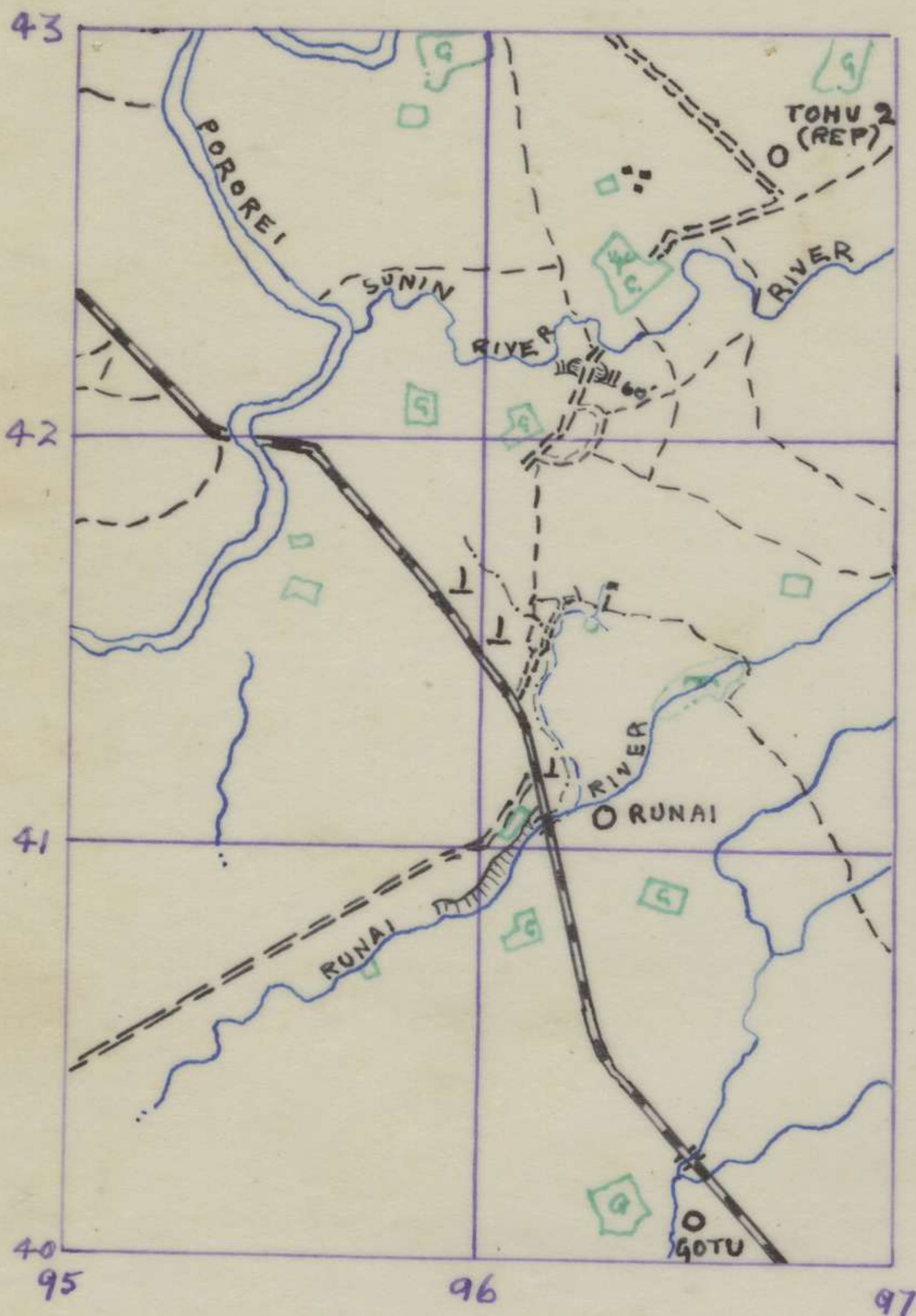
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Overlay covering RUNAI area. This overlay has been made up from ariel photographs.

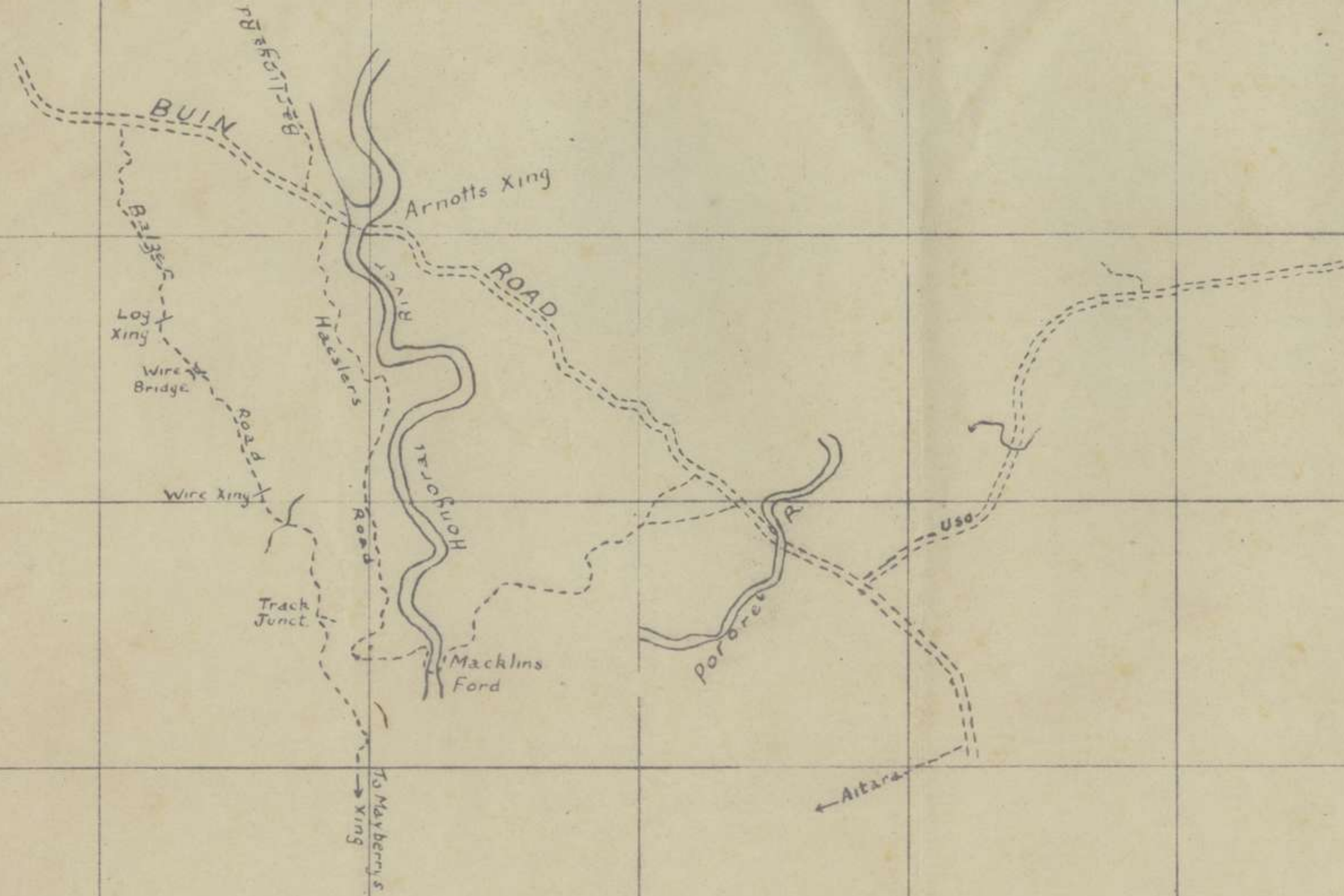
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PLAN OF SURVEY
BUIN Road Area
 METHOD - Checked Theodolite
Traverse
3 AUST. SVY. BTY. R.A.A.
31 May 45

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