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May 1943, part 1



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WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Army Form C. 2118
(adapted.)

Unit FD-5 Aust Dev

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Date and Time.—From 000 hrs To 2359 hrs 31 May 43

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AIRINTEL SUMMARY 30/5/43.

SERVICEABILITY OF AIRCRAFT:

	<u>Serviceable</u>	<u>U/S.</u>
8 Squadron	6	1
100 Squadron	17	3

SUMMARY TO 1500K (.) NOTHING TO REPORT (.)

SUMMARY TO 2300K (.) 6 B17's THIS MORNING BOMBED MADANG AERODROME STARTING FIRES ALSO MADANG AND ALEXISHAVEN DOCK AREAS WITH UNOBSERVED RESULTS (.) B24 AT 1810K/29 SCORED 2 NEAR MISSES ON BOW OF TRANSPORT WHICH WAS LEFT SMOKING AT 0400S 14445E COURSE 140 DEG (.) TRANSPORT WAS APPARENTLY PART OF CONVOY REFERRED TO IN SUMMARY TO 2300K/28 (.)

OPERATIONS INTENDED 30/5/43 (.) 1 SQ B17 WEWAK FROM DOBODURA ETD 0100K/30 ETA 0900K/30 (.) 1 SQ B24 WEWAK FROM DOBODURA ETD 0130K/30 ETA 0800K/30 (.) STRIKE AERODROMES WEWAK BORAM AND DAGUA (.) FIGHTER COVER FOR TRANSPORTS HAULING TO FORWARD AREAS (.) RECCES (.) NORTH AND SOUTH COASTS NEW BRITAIN NORTH COAST NEW GUINEA TO HANSA BAY LORENGAU (.) PHOTO RECCO KAVIENG RABAU WEWAK MARKHAM AND RAMU VALLEY (1)

<u>TAKE OFF</u>	AREA A	ETD	0800
	AREA B1	"	0800
	AREA B2	"	0800
	AREA C	"	0800

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Subject : RETURN OF PERSONNEL FROM MAINLAND
ATTENDING SCHOOLS

HQ 5 Aust Div
24 May 43
G832

4 Aust Inf Bde
29 Aust Inf Bde
RAA 5 Aust Div
RAE 5 Aust Div
Sigs 5 Aust Div
A Sqn 2/8 Aust Armd Regt

Camp
AASC 5 Aust Div
Medical
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In some cases it has been reported that personnel have been unduly delayed when returning to NEW GUINEA after attending schools on the mainland. It is the intention to expedite this movement as much as possible.

2. The above addressees are requested to notify HQ 5 Aust Div whether or no any of their personnel have taken more than three weeks to return to the unit, as from the date of completion at the school or as from the date of conclusion of leave which may have been granted at the end of the school. Returns to reach this HQ by 7 Jun 45.

L. J. ... Capt
Lt-Col
GS 5 Aust Div

HQ.5 AUST DIV INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 136

(Based on info received from 0900 hrs 29 May 45 to
0900 hrs 30 May 45)

PART I

OPERATIONS

OWN (iii) AIR :-

B17s bombed MADANG aerodrome on morning of 29 May, starting fires.

MADANG and ALLYISHAFEN dock areas were also bombed with unobserved results.

At 1310K/29 B24s scored two near misses on the bow of a transport in position 0400S 14445E. The vessel was left smoking.

At 0800K30 Beauforts attacked GASHATA. Nil results observed. Adverse weather prevented all aircraft finding the target and one aircraft dropped bombs on ATU starting small fires.

ENEMY (ii) SEA :-

Aircraft in flight at 0610K/29 reported three 1,500 to 5,000 ton cargo vessels in position 0510S 14532E (off MADANG) course 180, speed 10 knots.

At 1045K/29 one destroyer, three medium cargo vessels and one small cargo vessel were reported stationary in HANSA BAY with twelve aircraft as top cover.

At 1740K/29 two 5,000 ton transports, three 3/5,000 ton cargo vessels and one destroyer were sighted in position 0400S 14500E, course 45 (approx 20 miles NE HANSA BAY).

(Evidently the convoy reported earlier in HANSA BAY with some additions).

ENEMY (iii) AIR :-

RABAUL area :

A new airfield, almost completed, has been constructed by the Japanese at KERAVAL on the east coast of ATALIKLIKUN Bay approx 15 miles SW of RABAUL. It was first discovered on 19 May.

Photographs taken two days later disclose that the strip is 2,000 yards long with an average width of 180 yards. At least five earth revetments are under construction, and development generally is proceeding at a rapid rate.

There is an excellent motor highway, 50 miles long, between RABAUL and KERAVAL. It runs parallel to the shore, has no steep grades, and is wide enough for two-way traffic. After crossing the KERAVAL River by a steel bridge near the old Government Experimental farm, the motor road

ends, becoming an improved track which continues on to CAPE
LISINT.

It is considered that the object of the new KERAUVE air-
field is to provide a further dispersal field for the
aircraft (approx 250 on 25 May) now operating from RABUL.
(PCF Information Summary No 19)

PART III

The Rainfall at MILNE BAY for week ending 0900 hrs 30
May is as follows :-

24 May	-	371 points
25 "	-	104 "
26 "	-	6 "
27 "	-	1 "
28 "	-	" "
29 "	-	" "
30 "	-	" "

PART IV

CHIEF FRONTS

5 AUST DIV :-

INTEC. On the afternoon of 27 May one of our patrols
encountered a strong enemy ambush just SOUTH of THE PIMPLE.
Our casualties were 2 ORs killed, 1 officer wounded. The
patrol withdrew under cover of darkness.

One of our Independent Coys arrived at BINA BINA on
the morning of 29 May.

[Signature]
Lt Col
GS 5 Aust Div

DISTRIBUTION :-

As per HQ 5 Aust Div Intelligence Summary No 58

DUTY STAFF OFFICER'S LOG

Duty Staff Officer Mr R C GIBSON

From 0830 hours on 29 May 63 0830 hours on 30 May 63

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Serial No.	Originator's number	Originator	TOO	TOR	PARTICULARS	Action	Disposition
1	12	6-02-1900 PUEB	1900	2039	31rep	Held	03(0)
2			2210		Despatched 325: Hand Bag 199 to TOR		
3	07471	REP	2130	0830	31rep 669	Held	05(0) 03(2)

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WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

Army Form C. 2118
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Unit 425 Aust Div

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Date and Time.—From 000 h h h To 2357 h 30 may 143

M. JONES

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AIRTEL SUMMARY 31/5/43

APPX 143

SERVICEABILITY OF AIRCRAFT:

	<u>Serviceable</u>	<u>U/S.</u>
8 Squadron	5	2
100 Squadron	15	5

SUMMARY TO 1500K/30 (.) AM 30 MAY BEAUFORTS DROPPED BOMBS JETTY GASMATA
NIL RESULTS OBSERVED (.) INDICATIONS ENEMY SUBS HEARD 250 MILES OF
0700S 14900E TIME 0912Z/29 (.)

SUMMARY TO 2300K/30 (.) NIL ACTIVITY (.)

PROJECTED OPERATIONS 31/5/43 (.)

RECCOS:- B24 FINSCHAFEN MADANG WILLIAUMEZ PENINSULAR CAPE GLOUCESTER
RETURN (.) B17 ARAWA SOUTH COAST NEW BRITAIN WIDE BAY OPEN BAY NORTH
COAST NEW BRITAIN CAPE GLOUCESTER CAPE PEIHO FINSCHAFEN (.) B24 TOWARDS
PALAU ISLANDS (.)

PHOTO RECCOS:- F/4 OHIOMA AREA (.) F/5 WEWAK AIRDROMES (.) F/4 RABAU
ALSO RECCO STETTIN BAY TO RABAU AND SOUTH COAST NEW BRITAIN TO CAPE
PAET (.) F/5 AIRDROMES BUKA REFUELLING FALL RIVER (.)

STRIKES:- 2 SQUADRONS B24's ON LAE (.)

TAKE OFF

AREA A	EPD	0700
" B1	"	0700
" B2	"	0700

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14 JUL 1943

AIR AND SEA SIGHTING REPORT (TELEPHONE)

Approx 142

G2 (Air)
5 Aust Div

From ALO

Date _____

Reported by A/c AREA "B1"

Time of Sighting 0946K/31

TEXT of Message :- posn 08259 15312E, sighted from 700 ft what appeared to be a periscope, circled spot, but periscope was no longer visible.

Distrib:

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G2 (Air)
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Jim. G. Lema...
TOR 1445K/31

Signature _____

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ref	359460
at	map
danger	area
yds	from
height	4000

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If liable to be intercepted or
fall into enemy hands this
message must be sent IN CIPHER

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Appendix

HQ 5 AUST DIV INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 157

(Based on infm received from 0900 hrs 30 May 43 to
0900 hrs 31 May 43)

PART I

OPERATIONS

OWN (iii) AIR :-

At 0400Z/30 the airfields at WEWAK and HORAM were
bombed. Fires were started and a probable ammunition dump
at WEWAK was hit.

GASHATA jetty was bombed.

ENEMY (ii) SEA :-

The enemy convoy reported yesterday PM of HANSA BAY
was attacked by our aircraft. Two near misses on the lead-
ing destroyer are reported, smoke and loss of speed being
observed.

RABAUL :

Although of course the tonnage in any port fluctuates
from week to week, it was not unusual during Feb - Mar 43 to
discover sixty to seventy vessels at RABAUL, totalling up to
200,000 tons of merchant shipping. On 26 Mar, for example,
the harbour contained a total of sixty six vessels, of which
thirty six (aggregating 136,000 tons) were merchant ships.
Since this time, however, the number of ships using RABAUL
has steadily declined.

The most recent photographs of RABAUL are those of 22
May and they show the following forty two vessels in the
harbour. -

1 light cruiser	2 destroyer tenders
5 destroyers	23 merchant vessels totalling
5 submarines	97,000 tons and including an
6 patrol craft	unusually large number of
	small freighter-transports.

(HQ NCF Intelligence Summary No 123)

PART II

6. EQUIPMENT

Japanese Field Rations

A Japanese PW, questioned on field rations, stated that
they fell into two classes. The contents of the rations
help to explain the Japanese ability to move almost anywhere
without appearing unwell to worry over their immediate ad-
ministrative problems. These are the rations :-

Class "A" (5 days carried on the man)
x 1 Sho 5 Go (4.77 pints) unboiled milk
10 tins Meat and Vegetables.

Powdered Soya Sauce
Powdered Miso (Soya Paste)
Dehydrated Potatoes
Dried Daikon (a large type of radish)
Umeshi (pickled plums)
Class "B" (2 days carried on the man)

The meaning of this is not quite clear. "Unboiled" may possibly refer to condensed or powdered.

(AFI Intelligence Review No 42)

PART IV

OTHER FRONTS

3 AUSTRALIAN DIV

No contact with the enemy is reported.

WAW - BULOLO area :

HQ of an Aust Inf Bde opened at BULOLO (approx 15 miles NORTH of WAW).

Ten. Lt Col
GS 5 Aust Div

DISTRIBUTION :

As per HQ 5 Aust Div Intelligence Summary No 38

DUTY STAFF CHANGES FOR

Duty Staff ~~Staff H~~ ~~1950~~

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From 08 ~~11~~ ~~1950~~ to 08 ~~11~~ ~~1950~~ on

Serial No.	Originator's number	Originator	TOO	TOR	PARTICULARS	Action	Disposal
07.86	DOF	2050 0019	31	67	Hold	03(1)	
16	GOVERNMENT FORCE	1955 2050	31	67	Hold	03(0)	

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SECRET

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AIRTEL SUMMARY 29/5/43.

SERVICEABILITY OF AIRCRAFT

	<u>Serviceable</u>	<u>U/s.</u>
6 Squadron	4	2
100 Squadron	17	3

SUMMARY TO 1500K (.) 5 B17's BOMBED WEWAK AND DAGUA 5 SEALY FIRES STARTED
OTHER RESULTS UNOBSERVED (.) 0545K/28 1 RAAF BOSTON ATTACKED SUPPLY
DUMP KELA POINT (.) BOMBS IN TARGET AREA RESULTS UNOBSERVED (.)

SUMMARY TO 2300K (.) 1730K/28 3 AKs 2 DD 1 SMALL VESSEL 0334 S 14443 E
COURSE 160 DEGS SPEED 10 KNOTS (.) 2232K/28 SWPAC AIRCRAFT REPORTS ABOVE
CONVOY PROCEEDING IN DIAMOND FORMATION (.) SMALL VESSEL PROBABLY
GUNBOAT (.) 0835K/28 B17 REPORTS 8 PROBABLE SSF ON STRIP 0350S 15250E (%)

ATTENDED OPERATIONS 29/5/43

RECCOES 1 M-RECCO MADANG HANSA BAY 0300 S 14640 E 0300S 14800E 0400S
14900E 0300S 14000E 0300S 15000E WILLAUMEZ PENINSULAR GLOUCESTER VITIAZ
PORT MORESBY OVER MADANG DAWN (.) 1 L USUAL RECCO NEW BRITAIN NORTH
COAST FIRST OVER WIDE BAY 1700K (.) PHOTOS (.) (1) WEWAK AND RECCO

REISS POINT TO WEWAK 0745K (2) STRETTON BAY TO RABAUl RETURN VIA SOUTH
COAST CAPE BALI CAPE WARD HUNT 0730K (3) MARKHAM MIROHE 0800K (4)
MAPPING NEW BRITAIN HOPOI ROOKE ISLAND 0730K (5) OHIOA MILNE BAY AREA
ETD PORT MORESBY 0815K (.) SUPPLY DROP (.) 1 M 0411S 14245E ETD EARLY
AM (.) RECCO SEARCH FOR CONVOY MADANG AREA (.)
STRIKES STRIKES WEWAK BORAN AND DAGUA CANCELLED (.) FIGHTER COVER FOR
TRANSPORTS HAULING TO FORWARD AREAS (.)

<u>TAKE OFF</u>	AREA A ETD	0730
	Area B1 "	0730
	Area B2 "	0730

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 Army Form W.3009
 (page 1)
 (Adapted)

Serial No 58

W 37 x 178

(To be furnished by all units and all Headquarter units.)

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted Strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.			
W.Os. Class II. 4	5		1
Squadron or Company 3	4	1	
Quartermaster-Serjeants 1	1 (S/Sgt)		
Staff Serjeants			
Serjeants 3	1		1
Corporals 6	14	6	
Troopers, Privates, &c. 23	30	7	
197	125		14
TOTALS			
170	170	14	14

* These totals should agree with the details shown in Part D on page 2 of Army Form W-3009.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
		1Bto	10 ACD
		1 Cpl.	104 Bds WK's shops
		2 Gurs	2/8 TR A Regt
		25 Inf Bn	25 Inf Bn
		2 Ptes	15 Ind Bn
		3 Ptes	48 Inf Bn
		1 Pte	5 Div Wkshops
		1 Pto	10 AAAD
		1 Cpl.	104 Grd Flt Par:
		1 Cpl.	COSG
		2 Ptes	47 Inf Bn
		1 Sgt.	AAAG RVG

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HQ 3 Armt Div Unit.

Army Form W. 3009
(Adapted) (May, 42)
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Notes—(a) If rank other than Private is involved give details on back.
(b) Authorized Trades or Specialists not included in list above will be added as required in spaces provided.

~~HQ 5 Armt Div~~

Unit.

Date of Despatch. **29 May 43**

Camp Commandant

Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

Form W. 3008
(Adapted)
(Rev. 2)

PART D. Detail of Strength or Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W. 3008.

DETAILS OF PERSONNEL A.I.F.

WO I	3
WO II	4
Sgts	2
Sgt	13
Opis	25
TC I Draughtsman	2
TC I Typewriter	
Mach	1
TC II Cooks	6
TC III Clerks	7
TC III Driver	
Mach	5
TC III Tech	
Storeman	1
Drivers	30
Privates	43

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Serial No. 59

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

W.E. Reference A.I.F. 22/1/5

A.M.F. Tropical Units

W.E. X 270

Attached 5 Aust Div Unit

Allowed by W.E. X

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED

1	2	3	4
Ranks and W.E.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached)	Surplus or Establishment	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment)
Brigadier	1		
Lieut. Colonels	1		
Majors	6		1
Captains	14		6
Lieutenants	19		1
Lieutenants	8	5	
Quartermasters	3		1
Totals	57	5	8

* Insert detail of higher rank as necessary

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

Officers JOINED during week

Rank	Name	Unit or Corps	Date	Cause

Officers QUITTED during week

Rank	Name	Unit or Corps	Date	Cause

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO THE UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED

Rank	Name and Initials	Unit or Corps	(Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known))

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH

(i) Officers posted to Unit (Total to agree with column 2 of Part A)

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held	Personal Number	Name and Initials	Appointment	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed
Brigadier	12015	W.H. SMITH	A/DAD Hvy	YCS	
Brigadier	1432	R.W. HENDERSON	DADOS (Costs)	YCS	
Brigadier	1456	J.B. KELLY	DADOS (PE & P)	YCS	Quartermaster
Brigadier	15707	W.C. INGLIS	DADOS (ADM)	YCS	
Brigadier	1800	J.B. STABLE	DADOS (Dental)	YCS	
Brigadier	1800	R.C. GREGORY	A/ADM	YCS	
Brigadier	1800	R.R. HAREH	A/ISO	YCS	
Brigadier	1800	A.K. SEWELL	Pathologist	YCS	
Brigadier	1800	J.D. HICKS		YCS	
Brigadier	1800	J.H.B. SHERIDAN	Public Relations Officer	YCS	
Brigadier	1800	R.S. BILLINGTON	COIC Milne Bay	YCS	
Brigadier	1800	R.M.V. BLAKEMORE	DADOS (COSC)	YCS	
Brigadier	1800	D.W. ALLAN	A/LO IX	YCS	
Brigadier	1800	J.H. EGAN	A/Asst Camp Comm	YCS	
Brigadier	1800	A. VIRTUE	A/ABC	YCS	

OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS

Major	QX.39264	W.H. SMITH	A/DAD Hvy	AAMC	31/1/43
"	VX.11227	R.W. HENDERSON	DADOS (Costs)	AAOC	23/1/43
"	VX.89050	J.B. KELLY	DADOS (PE & P)	"	22/1/43
"	VX.39789	W.C. INGLIS	DADOS (ADM)	"	24/1/43
"	QX.6528	J.B. STABLE	DADOS (Dental)	AAMC	11/3/43
"	QX.6183	R.C. GREGORY	A/ADM	2/2 Tk A Regt	27/4/43
"	VX.132680	R.R. HAREH	A/ISO	HQ 3 Aust Div	30/3/43
Capt	N.278598	A.K. SEWELL	Pathologist	AAMC	
"	VX.114197	J.D. HICKS		Att 10 Aust CCS	10/1/43
"	VX.104240	J.H.B. SHERIDAN	Public Relations Officer	2 Hob Bact Lab.	23/3/43
"	Q.183357	R.S. BILLINGTON	COIC Milne Bay	HQ HQF	8/2/43
"	VX.80937	R.M.V. BLAKEMORE	DADOS (COSC)	AAMC	4/4/43
"	VX.108115	D.W. ALLAN	A/LO IX	HQ 4 Aust Inf Bde	23/5/43
Lieut	QX.42371	J.H. EGAN	A/Asst Camp Comm	5 Fld Regt	31/12/42
"	QX.788	A. VIRTUE	A/ABC	2/2 Tk A Regt	18/5/43

TO BE MADE UP TO AND FOR SATURDAY IN EACH WEEK.

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Serial No. 59

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

W.E. Reference A.I.F. 31/1/5

W.E. Reference A.M.F. Tropical Scale

W.E. 173

Date 30 May 45

Attached Allowed by W.E. X Unit 7th 5 Aust Div

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED

1	2	3	4
Ranks and W.E.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached)	Surplus to Establishment	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment)
Brigadier	1		
Lieut. Colonels	1		1
Majors	4		4
Captains	14		14
Lieutenants	15		15
Lieutenants	8	5	
Quartermasters	3		1
Totals	37	3	3

* Insert detail of higher rank as necessary

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

Officers JOINED during week

Rank	Name	Unit or Corps	Date	Cause

Officers QUITTED during week

Rank	Name	Unit or Corps	Date	Cause

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO THE UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED

Rank	Name and Initials	Unit or Corps	(Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known))

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH

(i) Officers posted to Unit (Total to agree with column 2 of Part A)

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held	Personal Number	Name and Initials	Appointment	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed
Brigadier	12014	Brigadier	Brigadier	Yes	
Lieut. Colonel	1491	Lieut. Colonel	Lieut. Colonel	Yes	
Lieut. Colonel	1496	Lieut. Colonel	Lieut. Colonel	Yes	
Lieut. Colonel	1497	Lieut. Colonel	Lieut. Colonel	Yes	
Lieut. Colonel	1498	Lieut. Colonel	Lieut. Colonel	Yes	
Lieut. Colonel	1499	Lieut. Colonel	Lieut. Colonel	Yes	
Lieut. Colonel	1500	Lieut. Colonel	Lieut. Colonel	Yes	
Lieut. Colonel	1501	Lieut. Colonel	Lieut. Colonel	Yes	
Lieut. Colonel	1502	Lieut. Colonel	Lieut. Colonel	Yes	
Lieut. Colonel	1503	Lieut. Colonel	Lieut. Colonel	Yes	
Lieut. Colonel	1504	Lieut. Colonel	Lieut. Colonel	Yes	
Lieut. Colonel	1505	Lieut. Colonel	Lieut. Colonel	Yes	
Lieut. Colonel	1506	Lieut. Colonel	Lieut. Colonel	Yes	
Lieut. Colonel	1507	Lieut. Colonel	Lieut. Colonel	Yes	
Lieut. Colonel	1508	Lieut. Colonel	Lieut. Colonel	Yes	
Lieut. Colonel	1509	Lieut. Colonel	Lieut. Colonel	Yes	
Lieut. Colonel	1510	Lieut. Colonel	Lieut. Colonel	Yes	
Lieut. Colonel	1511	Lieut. Colonel	Lieut. Colonel	Yes	
Lieut. Colonel	1512	Lieut. Colonel	Lieut. Colonel	Yes	
Lieut. Colonel	1513	Lieut. Colonel	Lieut. Colonel	Yes	
Lieut. Colonel	1514	Lieut. Colonel	Lieut. Colonel	Yes	
Lieut. Colonel	1515	Lieut. Colonel	Lieut. Colonel	Yes	
Lieut. Colonel	1516	Lieut. Colonel	Lieut. Colonel	Yes	
Lieut. Colonel	1517	Lieut. Colonel	Lieut. Colonel	Yes	
Lieut. Colonel	1518	Lieut. Colonel	Lieut. Colonel	Yes	
Lieut. Colonel	1519	Lieut. Colonel	Lieut. Colonel	Yes	
Lieut. Colonel	1520	Lieut. Colonel	Lieut. Colonel	Yes	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held	Personal Number	Name and Initials	Unit or Corps	Date of Attachment	Nature of Attachment	Allowed by W.E. (Insert Yes or No)

7th 5 Aust Div (Unit)

30 May 45

(Date of Despatch)

655—N.G.F.P.S.—3/43—3m.

2002 Marshall (Signature of Commander)

7th 5 Aust Div

(Bde, Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving)

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HQ 5 AUSTRALIAN DIV INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 155

(Based on info received from 0900 hrs 28 May 43 to
0900 hrs 29 May 43)

PART I

OPERATIONS

OWS (iii) AIR :-

Our heavy bombers attacked MEWAK and DAGUA on 28 May. Five fires were started. Other results were not observed.

At 0545K/29 a medium bomber attacked supply dump area at BELA POBER. Bombs fell in the target area.

ENEMY (ii) SEA :-

During the afternoon of 28 May one of our recon aircraft reported three 5,000 ton cargo vessels, two destroyers or light cruisers, 1 probable gunboat in position 0340S 14430E (NE of MEWAK), course 150, speed 10 knots. At 1730K this convoy had reached position 0334S 14443E, course 160 and at 2232K was reported proceeding in diamond formation.

PART II

6. EQUIPMENT

Mortar Ranging by Tracer Fire

A novel method of ranging on, or indicating targets to mortars, has been introduced by the Japanese in BURMA. They site two LGs on the target and open up with tracer. About 30 seconds later, the first mortar bomb falls, being aimed at the intersection of the two tracer streams.

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

Safety Precautions with Japanese HE Grenades

Tests recently carried out with a number of captured Japanese Type "S1" hand grenades show that these weapons, so much in favour with the Japanese, might well cause more harm to the thrower than to the intended victims.

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

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

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

(HQ NCF Intelligence Summary No 123)

7. ENEMY TACTICS

A comparison of Japanese tactics employed on the recent engagements on LABABIA RIDGE and BOBDUBI RIDGE shows great similarity in the method of using supporting weapons.

In both actions, the enemy employed his MGs well forward, using them to supplement the supporting fire from LMGs placed so that they could lay down a belt of fire in front of the LMGs as a secondary task. In the heavy jungle, it was difficult to judge positions of these guns, owing to "echoes" caused by the trees, and even when the general direction had been judged, it was almost impossible to pinpoint their positions by the flash owing to the heavy foliage.

In both attacks, attempts were made to divert the attention of our troops from the forward movement of his MGs by intense sniping.

The grenade discharger was also used by the enemy but the effectiveness of this weapon was nullified by the failure of many bombs to explode, and the fact that some bombs did not clear the trees exploding amongst the troops.

In the attack on LABABIA RIDGE, the use of cover prior to first contact was excellent, but in subsequent attacks no attempt was made to disguise movement, our troops obtaining early warning from loud noises and crashes. Prior to, and during one attack, loud shoutings and screams were reported.

When hit, the enemy gave vent to loud screams, and squeals without exception. The attack on BOBDUBI RIDGE was preceded by heavy artillery and mortar concentrations.

Throughout the engagement, both artillery and small arms fire was poor, but the mortar fire, however, was extremely accurate.

Prior to the BOBDUBI RIDGE action, the enemy used a new method of orienting his troops to the ground. An aircraft flew over the whole objective, dropping flares on the main topographical features.

(HQ NCF Intelligence Summary No 123)

9. GENERAL

Secret and Confidential Markings

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Classified documents are stamped with red seals to indicate their restricted nature. There are four classifications for documents, as follows :-

GUNJI KIMITSU
(GUMZI)

Vital Military Secret

GUNJI HIMITSU
(GUMEI)

Military Secret

GUNJI GOKUHI
(GOKUHI)

Confidential

BUGAIHI

Restricted

The last classification restricts the circulation of the matter concerned to members of the armed services.

The following two classifications also appear :-

RIKUGUN HIMITSU

Army Secret

This appears to differ from GUNJI HIMITSU in that it is restricted solely to the Army, whereas the GUNJI HIMITSU is a secret classification for both services.

GUNJI KIMITSU - This is a general classification, referring to all documents classified higher than restricted, and is not a specific classification.

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(AMF Intelligence Review No 42)

PART III

TOPOGRAPHICAL

MAPS OF ISLANDS WEST OF NEW GUINEA

The following communication from Headquarters, USAFFE, is quoted for information and action by all concerned -

- "1. Officers of your command will be requested to submit to the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, this Headquarters, any maps possessed by them as personal property, of all or parts of the Netherlands East Indies, the Malayan Archipelago, Borneo, the Celebes, and the Islands between Celebes and Dutch New Guinea.
2. Maps with owners name placed on reverse side will be returned if desired, after the manuscript has been recorded."

Any such maps will be forwarded through DMI, Adv LHQ.
(AMF Intelligence Review No 42)

PART IV

OTHER FRONTS

ELAUST Div :-

KUBO area. Our patrol encountered enemy in position 683868 (ref KUBO 1/25000. One Jap was killed.

Survivors from BISMARCK Sea Convoy - 2/4 Mar 43

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LAE - SALAMAU area :

An observer who was in the HELDSBACH area during, and subsequent to, the BISMARCK Sea action, has just returned and given the following information.

On 3 Mar a damaged destroyer hove to off HELDSBACH and unloaded stores and personnel at great speed. On the following day it was sunk by Allied aircraft. Other landings were made from barges and small craft at various points along the coast ranging from SIG (50 miles NW of FIINSCHIEFEN) to KOPOL. Careful analysis of native reports results in an estimated total of 1200 survivors. Of these it was stated that 200 remained at FIINSCHIEFEN; 200 made their way to SAIDOR and the balance of 800 reached LAE.

Although the above does not materially affect the general estimate of 5,000 in the LAE - SALAMAU area, it does provide the first reliable basis for an estimate of the number of survivors.

(IGF Information Summary No 18)

MAIDANG - RAMU VALLEY area :

In order to approach the CHIMBU - BUNA BUNA Plateau by the GUMBI, BUNDI and WESA routes, the Japanese might normally be expected to cross the RAMU at SEFU, GUNU and KESAWAI respectively.

They would probably realise, from their recent contact with our force at WESA, that we have the above crossings watched. It would therefore be logical to expect them to try to cross elsewhere.

Information now received from natives at SINS indicates that on 24 May the enemy had reached the RAMU River at SMI. This village is roughly midway between GUNU and KESAWAI, and only eight miles from BUNDI. A native from YUMPAI was said to be acting as a guide.

Note : SINS ref map RAMU Strat NO 4575 approx
YUMPAI " " " " NO 3575 "
SMI " " " " NO 3271 "

Aerial reconnaissance on 26 May disclosed that the road west of MAIDANG (probably the road to AIME) appeared to be in first class condition. Most of the tracks in this area, including those in the vicinity of MUSAN and GUNU, appeared "Jeepable".

(IGF Information Summary No 18)

PART V

SECURITY

NATIVE MOVEMENT

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

Because of the splendid services rendered by many natives on the KOKODI Trail popular opinion is that all natives are pro-Allies. This is not the case and there are many who for

reasons over which there can be no control would be only too willing to assist the enemy.

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

All personnel must realize that bush natives and even mission natives who have gone bush cannot be controlled by censorship and that anything they see or hear is likely to be passed on either by word of mouth or by letter. The average native writing to a friend in an area adjacent to the enemy may, as a piece of news for his friends, say that "PAIV PELLA SEN BALUS I SEAP LONG DOB/DURA NAU OL I GAT TU PELLA ARS BELONG IN", which in simple pidgin means that there are fifty P38s (Lightnings) at DOBODURA. The dangers of such a leakage need no comment.

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

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

SECURITY MINDEDNESS

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

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

(HQ NCF Intelligence Summary No 123)

J. C. G. T.
Lt Col
GS 5 Aust Div

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As per HQ 5 Aust Div Intelligence Summary No 58

DUTY STAFF OFFICER'S LOG

Duty Staff Officer Lt Col G G IRATE

From 0830 hours on 28 Dec 63 to 0830 hours on 29 Dec 63

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Serial No.	Originator's number	Originator	TOO	TOR	PARTICULARS	Action	Disposal
1	0343	23 Dec	2343	0215	Act	Hold	Chief Secy
2	07161	HEP	2220	0215	Correction to Nitrop 667	Hold	CS(I)
3	07162	HEP	2025	0215	Nitrop 667	Hold	CS(I)

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Unit HL5 Aust Drw

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Date and Time.—From 0000 hrs To 2359 hrs 29 May 43

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SECRET

AIRTEL SUMMARY 28/5/43

SERVICEABILITY OF AIRCRAFT 28/5/43

	<u>Serviceable</u>	<u>W/U/S</u>
100 Squadron	17	3
6 Squadron	5	1

SUMMARY TO 2300K B-24's B-25's B-26's O1's and Beaufighters bombed and strafed ground installations township and strip LAE in co-ordinated attack at 1100K to-day. Numerous fires and explosions.

INTENDED OPERATIONS 28/5/43

RECCOS Usual reccos North and South coast of NEW BRITAIN and North coast of NEW GUINEA.

STRIKES Bostons strike KELA POINT. Photo mission. Fighter cover for transports hauling to forward areas.

TAKE OFF

Area	A	ETD	0630
"	B1	"	"
"	B2	"	"
"	C	"	"

BB

APPX 129

5 AUSTRALIAN DIVISION GENERAL INSTRUCTION NO 39

TANK ATTACK - RESPONSIBILITY FOR TRAINING OF PERSONNEL AND
COORDINATION OF DEFENCE ROLES

HQ 5 Aust Div
28 May 43

GENERAL

1. CO 2/2 Aust Tr A Regt will be responsible for the technical training and efficiency of all tank units in 5 Aust Div. This will include the tank attack platoons of infantry battalions.

TRAINING

2. CO 2/2 Aust Tr A Regt will cooperate with brigade commanders in formulating the training programmes of infantry tank attack platoons and by liaison with COs of infantry units will supervise the instruction of tank attack sub units including their technical and tactical training.

TANK ATTACK DEFENCE

3. In addition to the above tasks CO 2/2 Aust Tr A Regt will be responsible for the coordination of the tank attack plan in the MILNE BAY area and in this respect will be responsible directly to HQ 5 Aust Div.

[Signature]
Lt-Col
GS 5 Aust Div

DISTRIBUTION

1. Aust Inf Bde
2. Aust Inf Bde
RAA 5 Aust Div
2/2 Aust Tr A Regt
A Sqn 2/8 Aust Armd Regt
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War Diary (2)

Appx 128

Subject : VISIT OF HIS EXCELLENCY, THE GOVERNOR GENERAL
OF AUSTRALIA, MILNE BAY - 29-30 MAY 43

HQ 5 Aust Div
28 May 43
G827

DISTRIBUTION: Units and Officers mentioned

1. Further to 5 Aust Div GS Instruction No 38
attached find detailed itinerary of His Excellency, the
Governor General during his visit to MILNE BAY.

2. Acknowledge.

L. H. H. H. H.
Lt-Col
GS 5 Aust Div

ITINERARY HIS EXCELLENCY, THE GOVERNOR GENERAL OF AUSTRALIA

MILNE BAY - 29-30 MAY 43

Serial No	Place	Time of Arrival	Time of Departure	Vehicles	Remarks
1	GURNEY FIELD	29 May 43 1100	1120	Two cars will wait at Ops Room	(a) Met by Maj-Gen E J MILFORD, DSO Lt-Col A T McLEAN Gp-Capt I D McLAUGHLIN, DFC Comdr H H PALMER, RAN (b) With Gp-Capt McLAUGHLIN visits 77 and 100 Squadron Ops Room and meets Sqn-Ldrs R C CRESSWELL and J H SMIBERT. Visits crew rooms and meets crews. Meets F/L KEYES and inspects the works in progress of the Mobile Works Squadron
2	HQ 4 Aust Inf	1130	1140	---	Meets Brig S C BARBER, MC, VD at gate of HAGITA HOUSE Inspects platoon guard on lawn and meets HQ Staff on verandah.
3	10 Aust CCS	1155	1210	---	Met at HQ 10 Aust CCS by Col S H LOVELL and Lt-Col F L WALL. Meets CCS Staff and visits patients.
4	9 MFS	1220	1225	Cars to drive right to 9 MFS	Met by F/L W W G MEACHAM at Fighter Sector and visits Ops Room
5	HQ 5 Aust Div	1230	1345	---	Lunch with Maj-Gen E J MILFORD, DSO.
6	COSC	1400	1410	---	Met by Col E L HUBBARD and Lt-Col N A NORRIS at HQ COSC. Meets COSC Staff.

5 AUST DIV TRAINING INSTRUCTION NO 16

5 AUST DIV UMPIRING COURSES 1 - 4

HQ 5 Aust Div
28 May 43

SUBJECT

1. To train officers as Umpires of tactical Exercises.

STUDENTS

2. Vacancies will be allotted as under:

	Course 1	Course 2	Course 3	Course 4
HQ 5 Aust Div	1	2	1	1
4 Aust Inf Bde	13	13	13	12
89 Aust Inf Bde	13	13	12	13
RAA 5 Aust Div	6	5	7	7
RAE 5 Aust Div	2	2	2	2
Sigs 5 Aust Div	1	1	1	1
	36	36	36	36

DURATION

3. The Courses will be of 6 days duration commencing as under and excluding Sundays.

No 1 Course	Wed 2 June
No 2 Course	Wed 9 June
No 3 Course	Wed 16 June
No 4 Course	Wed 23 June

LOCATION

4. HQ 5 Aust Div

INSTRUCTORS

5. (a) Instructors will be supplied as under for Course No 1.

Chief Instructor	Major E G GREEN	37/52 Aust Inf Bn
Instructor	Capt F R M GREER	42 Aust Inf Bn
Instructor	Capt G W HUGHES	15 Aust Inf Bn

- (b) Instructors will not be kept away from their Units for a longer period than 14 days, provided suitable instructors are available from courses as completed.

- (c) Lecturers to deliver one address of approximately 30 minutes to students of each course, will be provided as under on the subject specified.

Problems and special aspects
to be considered on Umpiring
situations involving

Arty and Tr A	RAA 5 Aust Div
Engr	RAE 5 Aust Div
Armd Formations	A Sqn 2/8 Aust Armd Regt
Sigs	Sigs 5 Aust Div
Air Support	2 AS Control

Administration
Gas Warfare
Intelligence

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The names of the lecturers selected will be advised two days prior to the commencement of each course.

ATTENDANCE

6. Officers will report daily at 0900 hrs except on first day of each course when they will report at 0845 hrs.

MESSING

7. Messing accommodation can not be provided and whether Officers carry out lunches or return to units for midday meal will be optional when not influenced by outdoor exercises.

TRANSPORT

8. Transport will be provided by units.

REPORTS

9. Reports on students will be submitted within three days of completion of each course.

J. G. Chienai
Lt-Col
GS 5 Anst Div

DISTRIBUTION:

4 Anst Inf Bde
29 Anst Inf Bde
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2 AS Control
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Major E G Green
Capt F R M Greer
Capt C W Hughes
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War Diary (2)

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Subject: 5 AUSTRALIAN DIV UMPIRING COURSE NO 1

HQ 5 Aust Div
May 43
G822

4 Aust Inf Bde
29 Aust Inf Bde
RAA 5 Aust Div
RAE 5 Aust Div
Sigs 5 Aust Div
A Sqn 2/8 Aust Armd Regt
2 AS Control
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AQ
Camp
Major E G Green
Capt FRM Greer
Capt C W Hughes
File
War Diary (2)

1. Reference 5 Aust Div Training Instruction No 16.
2. Nominations for Course No 1 will be submitted to reach this HQ by 1800 hrs 31 May 43.

Lt-Col
GS 5 Aust Div

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GS1/944

HQ 5 AUST DIV INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 134

(Based on info received from 0900 hrs 27 May 43 to
0900 hrs 28 May 43)

PART I

OPERATIONS

OWE (iii) AIR :-

LAE. At 1000K/27 our medium bombers and Beaufighters attacked the airfield, TERRACE, EMERYS, JACOBSENS, MALAHANG and LAJU areas, bombing and strafing. Many fires and explosions occurred. Smoke was visible for 75 miles.

ENEMY (ii) SEA :-

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

Vessels observed in transit include two destroyers which may possibly have visited GASHATA about dusk 23 May, and have left about midnight on the return journey to RABAUL.

(HQ NGF Intelligence Summary No 123)

ENEMY (iii) AIR :-

At 1015K/26 seven enemy aircraft bombed DOUGLAS HARBOUR. No casualties and slight damage was caused.

At 1030K/26 thirty light bombers bombed and strafed the HAMEARE RIVER mouth. One casualty and slight damage was caused. AA claim one hit.

Jan. 1944
Lt Col
GS 5 Aust Div

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As per HQ 5 Aust Div Intelligence Summary No 58

DUTY STAFF OFFICER'S LOG

Duty Staff Officer _____

From 0830 hours on _____ to 0830 hours on _____

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Serial No.	Originator's number	Originator	TOO	TOR	PARTICULARS	Action	Disposal
1	4700	WV	2513	271	12500 40	1024	10000 141 10
2	4711		2712	411	10 10210		100

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WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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(adapted.)

Unit HQ 5 Aust Div

Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs To 2359 hrs 28 May 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
<u>Ngala Plantation</u>	<u>28 May</u>	<u>0830</u>	<u>Duty Staff Offs Log. Capt D McKean</u>	<u>(Appx 124)</u>
<u>Milne Bay</u>		<u>0900</u>	<u>HQ 5 Aust Div Intelligence Summary no 134</u>	<u>Sec 125 (Appx 125)</u>
		<u>1430</u>	<u>5 Aust Div Inspiring Course no 1</u>	<u>Sec 126 (Appx 126)</u>
		<u>1545</u>	<u>5 Aust Div Training Instructions no 16</u>	<u>(Appx 127)</u>
		<u>1700</u>	<u>Visit of His Excellency the Governor General of</u>	<u>(Appx 128)</u>
			<u>Australia - Milne Bay - 27-30 May 43</u>	
		<u>1930</u>	<u>5 Aust Div Gd Instruction no 39. Tank</u>	<u>(Appx 129)</u>
			<u>Attack</u>	
<u>rtb</u>		<u>2300</u>	<u>Arrived to 2300K/28 • intended operations 28 May</u>	<u>(Appx 130)</u>
			<u>Weather. Fine warm</u>	

SECRET

APPX DB

AIRTEL SUMMARY 27/5/45

SUMMARY TO 1500K 0900K 5 Bostons bombed and strafed Observation Hill M20. Bombs in target area, 39 strafing runs made. Nil activity seen. MADANG 0953K 7 Beaufighters jumped by 4 Zekes when about to make a run on target. Fighter cover had left area so returned without attacking.

SUMMARY TO 2300K 0955K 4 B-24's bombed MADANG 'drome with no unobserved results.

INTENDED OPERATIONS 27/5/45

RECCES Usual recces North and South coast of NEW BRITAIN AND SEVEN North coast of NEW GUINEA.

PHOTO RECCES Photo recces RABAU, MAEUS ISLAND, NEWAK, ARAWE, MILNE BAY, and RAMU VALLEY.

STRIKES Strike LAE morning of the 27th.

COVER Fighter cover for transports hauling to forwards ~~in~~ areas.

SERVICEABILITY OF AIRCRAFT 27/5/45

	<u>Serviceable</u>	<u>U/S</u>
6 Squadron	5	1
100 Squadron	17	3

TAKE OFF

Area	A	ETD	0800
"	B1	"	"
"	B2	"	"

SECRET

Subject : REGIMENTAL SIGNALLERS - MORSE CODE TRAINING

Hq 5 Aust Div
17 May 45
G820

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1. The Wireless Set 108 Mk II, is designed to provide Radio Telephony communication within infantry battalions and field regiments.
2. Recent operations in jungle warfare have established that certain modifications embodied in the set considerably improve both its range and reliability when operating under tropical conditions.
3. The modifications include the provision of facilities for establishing communication by Wireless Telegraphy (WTV), in addition to Radio Telephony, and are intended as an interim measure until such time as the Wireless Set 108 is replaced by a patrol set of different design which is now being developed.
4. It is anticipated that the modified set, which will be known as the Wireless Set 108 Mk III, will be issued to units during the latter part of Jul 45.
5. Regimental signalers have not previously been required to use morse code except to a limited extent when operating on line circuits. The introduction of the modified set and, subsequently, the new patrol set, demands a higher standard of efficiency in morse operating than that hitherto accepted.
6. Formations and units concerned will therefore take action to ensure that the standard of morse operating by regimental signal personnel is raised to a degree sufficient to ensure efficient operation of both the Wireless Set 108 Mk III and, ultimately, the patrol set mentioned above.
7. The objective to be reached by regimental signal operators is the ability to maintain communications at the rate of 12 words per minute. The telephone D Mk V has been found particularly suitable for training purposes as the buzzer note closely resembles the note characteristic of the Wireless Set 108 Mk III.
8. Copies of G8 publication "The Morse Code and How to Learn It" are available at all stationery depots and the utmost value should be made of the instructions contained therein during training.

W. H. L. L. L.
Lt-Col
G8 5 Aust Div

Appx 121

Subject: AMMUNITION HOLDINGS AND WAR USAGE RATES OPERATING IN THE MILNE
EAT AREA

HQ 5 Aust Div
27 May 43
6819

DISTRIBUTION:

List "B" less Serials 3, 12, 13, 14, 15, 24, 25 and 27.

1. 5 Aust Div G200 of 16 Feb 43 is cancelled and is replaced by this instruction.
2. 5 Aust Div Adm Instruction No 31 of 13 Apr 43 lays down scales of ammunition in terms of rounds per weapon.
3. These scales will be held by all units as follows
Scale "A" 100% plus
Scale "B" 2 days.
4. Units will take steps forthwith to either return or draw ammunition to bring their holdings in accordance with the scales as laid down above.
5. Weekly Returns of Ammunition holdings (as per 5 Aust Div Adm Instruction No 31) will in future include number of weapons on which the return is calculated.

[Signature]
Lt-Col
GS 5 Aust Div

SECRET
GSI/941

HQ 5 ACSE DIV INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 133

(Based on info received from 0900 hrs 26 May 45 to 0900 hrs 27 May 45)

PART I

OPERATIONS

ONE (iii) AIR :-

MIADANG. At 0635H/26 the airfield town and dump areas were bombed and strafed. The W/A station was probably destroyed.

MUBO. Our attack aircraft bombed and strafed OBSERVATION HILL at 0900H/26. All bombs fell in the target area. Thirty nine strafing runs were made. No activity was seen.

PART IV

OTHER TOPICS

3 ACSE DIV :-

MISSIN area. Certain locations in the 3 ACSE Div area have now been identified on the ground. Provisional map references are as follows :-

BASE 3	- 566972	JUNTERIES	PUKUN	- 739002
BUGASU	- 619004	CP	885333	CHIEF - 586044
BUGASU JUNG	- 610980	KENTEDY'S	- 731004	OLD
CISSEMOB	- 612052	CROSSING	POBUN	- 710007
DAKO 1	- 608033	MISSIN	- 508033	CHEE PREE
DAKO 2	- 612028	WILL	HILL OP	- 695066
HOPE 1	- 619052	BOBDEBI	- 692904	WIALS (or
HOPE 2	- 615037	WALLING	- 700963	VEIL) OP- 691963
			WELLS OP	- 700956

BUANG RIVER area :-

An Allied patrol on 19 May moved down a track to within a mile of the mouth of the BUANG RIVER. They discovered two huts which appeared to have been occupied by the enemy a week earlier and there were many indications that the Japanese had been looking for food. Some natives with the patrol later went forward towards the beach and sighted a party of twelve Japanese moving north. Information from other native sources and ANCAU indicates that this patrol probably moved on to LTB. Patrols in this area may account for the earlier native reports of detachments up to 40 strong at the mouth of the BUANG and BUSSI R.

SAIDOR area :-

It will be recalled that between 26 Mar and 15 Apr, enemy patrols from BOGDUM and PINSCHER were very active along the R.I coast, especially in the vicinity of SAIDOR.

During the last twelve days, enemy patrols in strength have carried out extensive patrolling in this area, penetrating as far inland as MATOKO, SILOG and GILARACK. A standing patrol was left at SINDAK and another party covers the difficult track which leads from MATOKO across the PINSCHER RANGES and along the GUSAP RIVER to the RAIN Valley.

It is further reported that barges are continually working along the coast at night.

NOTE : SINDO - 8 miles SW of SAIDOR
SINDIA - 9 " " " "
LAFONG - 20 " " " "
GWIARACK - 7 " South "

MAING - RAIU VALLEY :-

It is stated that, according to native reports, the Japanese are leaving MAING by all roads, bound for the GUMBI, BUDI, and WESA areas. They are said to be heavily equipped, but to date no indication of strength has been given.

It is significant that the places named as their destination command three of the routes from the RAIU to the WESA Plateau.

SEPIK Area :-

A report from native sources indicates that the enemy have again visited BURUI where they cleared the landing ground and departed. EOROGO, twelve miles east of BURUI, was visited by an enemy party in a small vessel. They landed and took compass bearings. The enemy were last in the BURUI area at the beginning of March when they burnt the village and then withdrew.

A further enemy party is reported to be headed towards MAIKAI from HAPRIK. MAIKAI is approximately fifty miles WSW of HAPRIK.

A later native report states that another party, consisting of 200 Japanese, is moving to BURUI via HAPRIK. (A good road joins these two places). This would be in keeping with the report of work on the strip at BURUI, but strips are plentiful along the coast and it is difficult to see what the enemy expects to gain from putting BURUI into a serviceable condition.

(Extracts from FGI Information Summaries Nos. 14, 15 and 16)

John G. T. H.
Lt Col
GS 5 Aust Div

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WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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RE: 1000000

Unit HLS Amer Div

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Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs To 2359 hrs 27 May 43

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MESSAGE FORM

4 AUST INF BDE
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HQ 5 AUST DIV INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 152

(Based on info received from 0900 hrs 25 May 43 to
0900 hrs 26 May 43)

PART I

OPERATIONS

ENEMY (ii) SEA :-

At 0959K 25 May a submarine was sighted of CAPE
ORFORD, proceeding SCUTH.

ENEMY (iii) AIR :-

At 1112K 25 May six twin engined/aircraft strafed
CHIMBU (06088 14457E - between BENA BENA and MT HAGEN).
No further details are available.

PART II

6. EQUIPMENT

Mention is made in a diary recently captured by the
British, of the arrival at SLOP STAR on Mar 11, of 3 P40s.
It is possible that the Japanese have some P40s that were
captured last year or that they have been built from parts
taken from planes shot down in enemy territory. These are
likely to be the earlier models of the P40 and should
easily be recognised upon careful observation. All pilots
and aircraft warning personnel should be particularly ob-
servant of any P40s in their vicinity, since the enemy may
use these planes to achieve a surprise attack.

Other Allied planes which are reliably believed to be
in the hands of the Japanese and which might also be used
for surprise attacks, either against ground installations
or planes in flight, include Brewster Buffaloes, Hurricanes,
B 10s, Blenheims, Hudsons and B17s.

(AAF Intelligence Summary No 104)

PART IV

OTHER FRONTS

3 AUST DIV :-

No change.

J. C. Grant Capt
per Lt Col
GS 5 Aust Div

DUTY STAFF OFFICER'S LOG

Duty Staff Officer _____

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From 0830 hours on 11 Aug 63 to 0830 hours on 12 Aug 63

Serial No.	Originator's number	Originator	TOO	TOR	PARTICULARS	Action	Disposal
1	1197	1197	1197	1197	1197	1197	1197
2	1197	1197	1197	1197	1197	1197	1197
3	1197	1197	1197	1197	1197	1197	1197

Appendix 16

Army Form C. 2118
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Date and Time.—From 0001 hs To 2359 hs 26 May 43

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AIRTEL SUMMARY 25/5/43

SUMMARY 240505K 5 RAAF Bostons bombed MALAHANG wreck. 4 direct hits causing large explosion and fire which is still burning. 240135K 4 B-24's bombed IAKUMAI 'drome starting two large fires 1 explosion dispersal area 1 large fire seaplane slipway area. 240030K 5 B-17's attacked TUNAMAU and IRAPOPO 'dromes starting 3 large and 9 small fires 2 small explosions. 3 fires were burning a/c. Pt. MORESBY raid 110 red 1118K all clear 240207K SUMMARY TO 241500K. 2 probable BETTY dropped unknown number of bombs vicinity causway FAIRFAX HR. Nil damage reported. Nil claims ACKACK. Night fighter intercepted but was outpaced. 240330K B-17 sighted 2 destroyers position 0635S 15125E course 045.

INTENDED OPERATIONS 25/5/43

Race North and South Coast of NEW BRITIAN North coast of NEW GUINEA to shipping lanes to KAVIENG.

Strike MADANG morning of 25th. Fighter cover for transports hauling to forward areas.

SERVICEABILITY OF AIRCRAFT 25/5/43

	Serviceable	U/S
6 Squadron	4	2
100 Squadron	20	1

TAKE OFF

area A	ETD	0630
" B1	"	"
" B2	"	"
" C	"	"

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Appendix

5 AUST DIV GS INSTRUCTION NUMBER 38

VISIT OF H.E.. THE GOVERNOR GENERAL

HQ 5 Aust Div
25 May 43

1. His Excellency, the Governor General of Australia, will visit MILNE BAY on 29-30 May, 43.

2. Itinerary during visit is set out in Appendix "A".

3. All Units will continue with normal operational roles and training and will be prepared to be visited even though not shown on itinerary.

V.M. Butler
Lt-Col
GS 5 Aust Div

DISTRIBUTION

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29 Aust Inf Bde
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RAE 5 Aust Div
Sigs 5 Aust Div
RAE
RAAF
9 MFS
Comd
AQ
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AASC 5 Aust Div
Medical
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ITINERARY HIS EXCELLENCY. THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL OF AUSTRALIA

MIINE BAY - 29-30 MAY 43

APPENDIX "A" to 5th Aust
Div GS Instruction No
38 of 25 May 43

Place	Date	Time of Arrival	Time of Departure	Remarks
GURNEY FIELD	29	1100 hrs	1130 hrs	Visit Crew Rooms etc 77 Sqn, 100 Sqn and Mobile Works Sqn.
Hq 4 Aust Inf Bde	29	1140 hrs	1150 hrs	Meet Brigade Commander and Staff.
2/1 Aust CCS	29	1200 hrs	1215 hrs	Meet CO 2/1 Aust CCS.
9 MFS	29	1225 hrs	1230 hrs	Visit Fighter Sector.
Hq 5 Aust Div	29	1230 hrs	1345 hrs	
COSC	29	1400 hrs	1410 hrs	Visit Hq COSC.
15 Aust Inf Bn	29	1435 hrs	1505 hrs	Commander 29 Aust Inf Bde and Unit Commanders to be at Hq 15 Aust Inf Bn.
6 Sqn and 77 Sqn Ops Room	29	1510 hrs	1520 hrs	Visits 77 Sqn Ops Room on strip then moves to 6 Sqn Ops Room.
22 Aust Inf Bn	29	1540 hrs	1550 hrs	Meets CO and Staff.
Tank Attack Range	29	1610 hrs	1625 hrs	Views new work - 6 pdr Tk A shoot conducted by 2/2 Aust Tk A Regt.
NOIC	29	1650 hrs	1700 hrs	Meet NOIC and Staff.
Hq 5 Aust Div	29	1700 hrs		
GURNEY FIELD	30	0800 hrs		Departs for Brisbane.

Appx 113

MESSAGE FORM

4 AUST INF BDE
29 AUST INF BDE
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RAE 5 AUST DIV
SIGS 5 AUST DIV
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F SQN SEC NGF AL GP
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413458	bearing	60	degrees	map	ref
431444	bearing	120	degrees	map	ref
419430	bearing	100	degrees	map	ref
410436	bearing	125	degrees	map	ref
416430	bearing	90	degrees	map	ref
424435	bearing	130	degrees	map	ref
417436	bearing	110	degrees	map	ref
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HQ 5 AUST DIV INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 151

(Based on info received from 0900 hrs 24 May 45 to
0900 hrs 25 May 43)

PART I

OPERATIONS

OWN (111) AIR :-

At 0505 hrs 24 May Bostons bombed the PALEANG wreck. Four direct hits were scored causing a large explosion and fire which was still burning some time later.

At 0135K/24 B24s bombed LAKUNAI drone, starting two large fires and one explosion in the dispersal area. A large fire was also started in the seaplane slipway area.

At 0050K/24 B17s attacked the RAPOPO and YUNAKAKAU aerodromes, starting several large and small fires. Three fires were burning aircraft.

GASIMATA airfield was bombed and strafed. Grounded aircraft were destroyed and fires were started.

Barges on the RAI coast (SAIDOR - PINSCHAPEN area) were bombed and strafed. Two were destroyed and others damaged.

ENEMY (111) AIR :-

PORT MORESBY Raid No 110 on night 23/24 May. Two probable BETTYS dropped an unknown number of bombs in the vicinity of the causeway FAIRFAX HARBOUR. Nil damage or casualties reported.

PART IV

GENERAL NOTES

3 AUST DIV :-

LUBO area. No change.

MISSIN area. At 0730K/25 our patrols occupied DAMO, CISELEBOB and HOME. No opposition was encountered.

GENERAL :-

Unconfirmed native reports indicate heavily equipped enemy force, strength unstated, is leaving ADANG bound for KUNDI, KULEBA and MESA (RAU Valley)

[Signature]
Lt Col *[Signature]*
GS 5 Aust Div

DISTRIBUTION :-

As per HQ 5 Aust Div Intelligence Summary No 58

DUTY STAFF OFFICER'S LOG

Duty Staff Officer

From 0630 hours on Capt G. E. BROWN to 0630 hours on _____

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Serial No.	Originator's number	Originator's name	TOR	P E R T I C U L A R S	Action	Disposal
1	3200	Comd GARDENHURST	1900 2200	Atrop	Held	03(0)
2	02042	AO	2200	Message for 2nd Control	Held	02(12)
3		AO	2200	Message for 1st	Held	1st
4		AO 220	2200	RAF bombing, standing demonstration	Held	02
5	07418	RAF	2000 0600	Atrop 659	Held	03(1) 05(0)
6	09107	RAF	2200 0600	Visit of Col B. BROWN (this message handed to Duty Officer by 1st)	Relayed	03-0 0600(15) 0700(15) 0710
7	Telephone	AO	0700	RAF have no advice of plane leaving 1st 1st		

Appendix

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Army Form C. 2118
(adapted.)

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Unit 445 Area Div

Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs To 2359 hrs 25 May 43

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REINTEL SUMMARY 24/5/43.

SUMMARY TO 1600K. B-17's and B-24's to-day bombed KAVIENG AERODROME
unobserved results. 8,000 ton cargo ship KAVIENG HARBOUR 15 foot miss
amidships.

GASMATA SOUTH UBILI VILLAGE small fire.

SUMMARY TO 2300K. At 1717K to-day 4 B-24's bombed GASMATA AERODROME
with unobserved results. At 230005 Catalina on recce sighted submarine
at position 0628S 14850E. No attack made.

INTENDED OPERATIONS 24/5/43.

STRIKES (1) One Squadron B-24's attack LAKUNAI Drome
(2) One Squadron B-24's attack VUNAKANAU Drome.
(3) One Squadron attack ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ a/c LAKUNAI.
(4) One Squadron B-25's attack GASMATA.
(5) One Squadron Boston's attack MALAHANG wreck.

RECCES Usual recces North and South coast NEW BRITIAN and North coast
NEW GUINEA.

PHOTO RECCES (1) RABAU, NEW BRITIAN, WEWAK, and RABU and MARKHA
valleys.

SERVICEABILITY OF AIRCRAFT

	<u>Serviceable</u>	<u>U/S</u>
6 Squadron.	3	3
100 Squadron.	18	3

TAKE OFF

AREAS	A	ETD	
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"	B2	"	0630
"		"	0630

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HQ 5 AUST DIV INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 130

(Based on info received from 0800 hrs 23 May to
0800 hrs 24 May 45)

PART I

OPERATIONS

CWE (iii) AIR -

In the early hours of 23 May 6 of our heavy bombers attacked EAVING AERODROME and LIVING HARBOUR. One bomb fell within 15 ft of an 8,000 ton vessel. Otherwise results were unobserved.

At 1717 hrs yesterday 4 B-29 Bombed GASIMA aerodrome

From 0718 to 0810 hrs 23 May Mustangs and Beaufighters bombed and strafed PASSO BAY village. DUALI village and LAFRELL ISLAND were also strafed and both destroyed.

WE (ii) SEA

At 1555H/23 a submarine was sighted off CAPE CRICHD moving SOUTH.

PART IV

OTHER EVENTS

3 AUST DIV

Patrol activity is reported in both the NISSEI and HUNG areas. In the latter place contact with the enemy was made and slight casualties inflicted.

GENERAL

Barge Activity NEAR GUINIA

- (a) It has long been known that there is enemy large traffic along the GUINIA coast between KAKI, KIDINE and possibly LAL. Few sightings have however, been made by our aircraft during their daylight reconnaissances.
- (b) During the last two nights, advantage has been taken of moonlight conditions to conduct special air searches for this traffic. Results confirm the suspicion that these craft move during the hours of darkness, lying up camouflaged by day.
- (c) At 2032 hrs 19 May, two barges loaded with square wooden boxes were strafed 20 miles south of Cape CRICHD (ten miles south of FINSCHERHOFEN) while moving in a S. direction.
- (d) Between 1310 and 2345 hrs 20 May, a total of fourteen barges, all under way, were sighted. A convoy of ten near SLE Island was attacked and five sunk, the remainder being beached. In the vicinity of the small islands off Cape CRICHD, two barges loaded with ammunition and personnel, and being towed by a launch, were sunk; while another barge received a direct hit.

(e) Sightings along the coast of IRL. BRITAIN have recently been on a larger scale than usual, a total of over fifty barges being observed between 6 and 9 May along the north coast, and over thirty between 13 and 18 May along the south coast. Activity has been especially noticeable in the vicinity of ROCKS Island. In some cases the barges were packed with troops and supplies.

(f) In the WENNE area, the enemy have well over a hundred barges, about forty of which are permanently employed around the port. The remainder are normally dispersed along the coast nearby. When a large convoy is expected, all available barges are assembled in order to unload and turn the ships around as speedily as possible. Thus when the six vessel convoy of 12 May arrived, it was attended by ninety barges, as photographs showed.

(g) There has for a long time been daily barge movement between LAM-MAZING and LAM-LRU. Eighteen barges were counted at LAM on 19 May.

(REF Information Summary No 13)

Rainfalls for week ending 0900 hrs Sun 23 May

May	17	72	Pts.
	18	27	"
	19	8	"
	20	17	"
	21	--	"
	22	--	"
	23	19	"

Total 1-3 Pts.

[Signature]
Lt Col
GS 5 Aust Div.

DUTY STAFF OFFICER'S LOG

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Duty Staff Officer SAFED D.C. ALAN

From 0830 hours on 23 MAY 43 to 0830 hours on 24 MAY 43

Serial No.	Originator's number	Originator	TOO	TOR	PARTICULARS	Action	Disposal
1	2257	Pool	2900	2235	SAFED	Hold	CHH(0) CHH(1)
2	023/72	4400 5 East Div		2345	Coordination for feeding and catering Source	"	103
3	047/79	"		"	Unit 10-23 Source	"	CHH(0)
4	07.20	02	2130	0242	Adrop 057	"	CHH(1)
5				0230 0235	Not All clear } u/i c/o		

Appendix

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

Army Form C. 2118
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Unit 4th Aus Div Date and Time.—From 000, hrs To 2359 hrs 24 May 43

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5 ANST DIV GS INSTRUCTION NO 37

MMG EMPLACEMENTS

HQ 5 Anst Div
23 May 43
Copy No.....

GENERAL

1. Attached at Appendix "A" is tracing of the type of MMG posts to be adopted in the MIINE BAY area and which is to be completed as soon as possible.

MMG POSTS

2. (a) The pit will be 6'6" x 6'6" with a coconut log freeboard surface projecting inwards 6 inches from the top.
- (b) The tripod rests on a raised platform 6 inches from the bottom of the gun pit.
- (c) Recesses for ammunition boxes etc are provided in all four walls of the gun pit and strengthened by fixed frames.
- (d) A camouflage spider is necessary for concealment.

SECTION POSTS

3. (a) Attached at Appendix "B" is a standard layout of an MMG section post.
- (b) This type of post will be adopted forthwith and will be adapted to the local conditions at each approved machine gun site.

ADVANTAGES

4. It will be seen from the tracings that the layout of each position enables all round fire to be produced. It is simple and communications are ideal.

CONSTRUCTION

5. (a) Where section posts are sited on low lying ground, it is desirable that a simple plan of drainage for the post be first considered and only when this is not practicable will the position be built above ground level.
- (b) Before the construction of the section posts a camouflage plan must be decided upon.

CAMOUFLAGE

6. It is not sufficient for the finished post to be camouflaged and plans will be made so that all works are camouflaged while in progress, and at no time visible from the air.

1/11/43
Lt-Col
GS 5 Anst Div

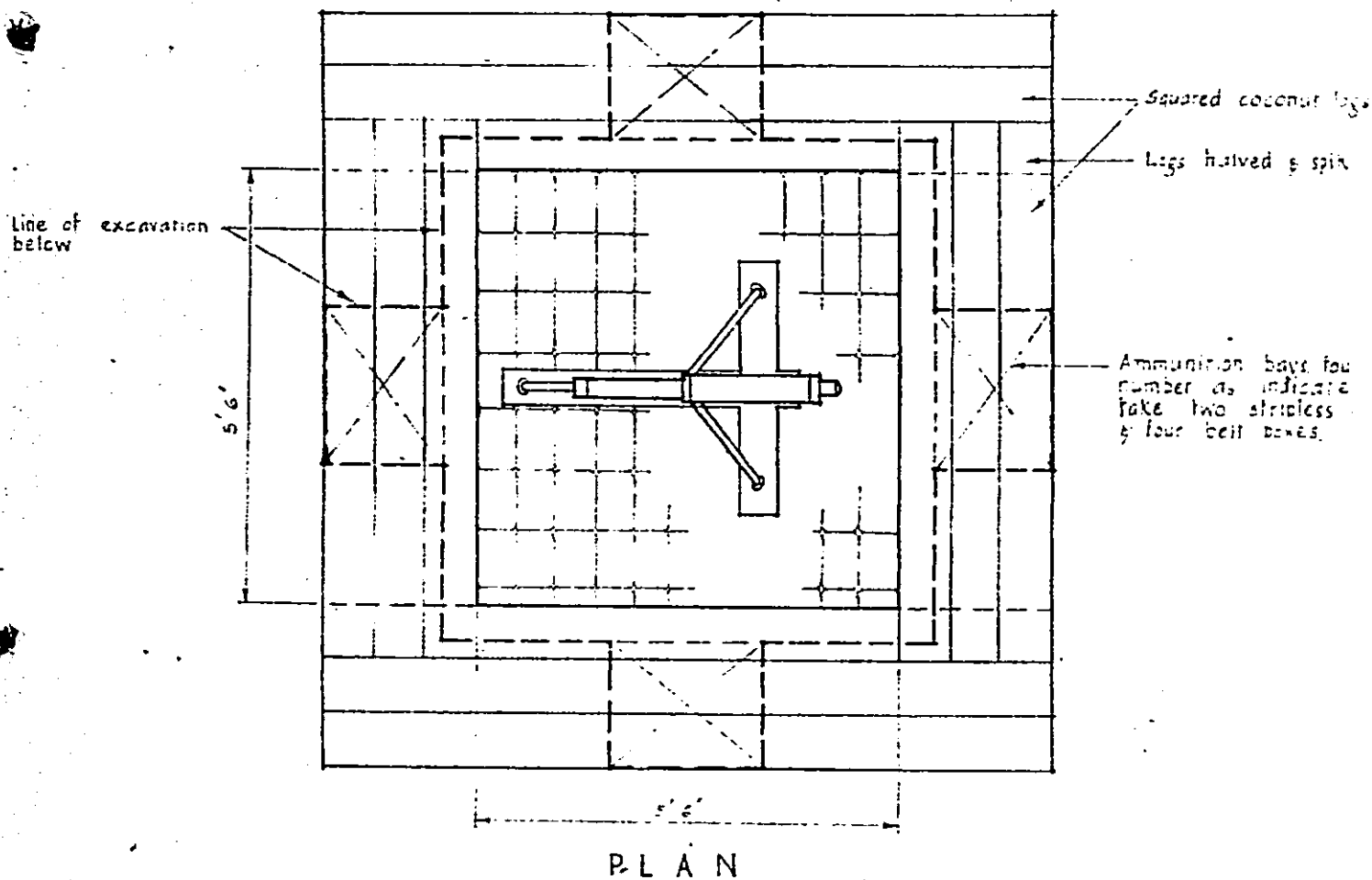
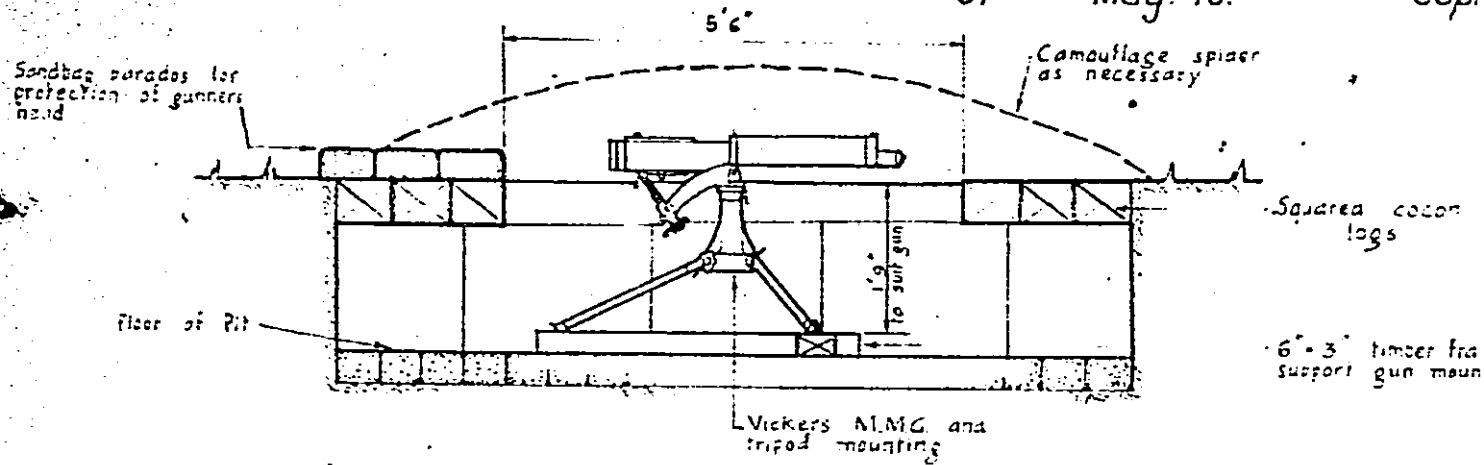
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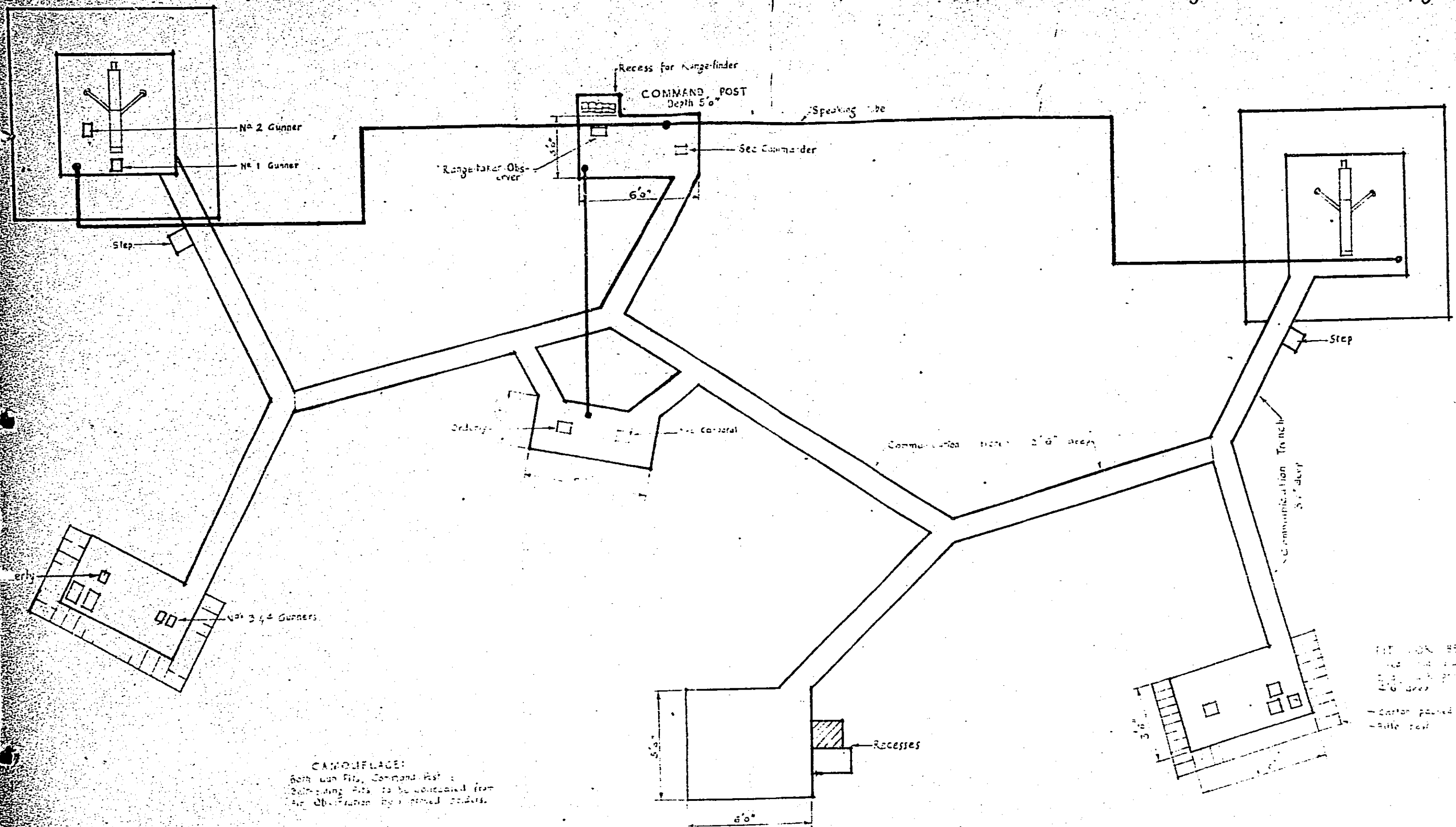
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of May. 43. Copy



SUGGESTED M.M.C. PIT

SCALE 1/2" = 1'0"

Drawn G.S. 5 Aust. Div. 17



CAMOUFLAGED:
Both Gun Pits, Command Post &
Bulldozing Pits to be camouflaged from
air observation by painted borders.

REST PIT Reserve rations, water
Ammunition, Spare Nos.
Roof flush with ground.

REST PIT BEDDING
Use sand bags for
protection
2'0" deep
-Cartridge pointed ammunition
-Bottle rest

LAYOUT MMG SECTION POST

SCALE 1" = 1'0"

Drawn 17 May 1943
G.S. 1/1

Appx 106

MESSAGE FORM

4 AUST INF BDE
29 AUST INF BDE
RAA 5 AUST DIV
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HQ 5 AUST DIV INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 129

(Based on info received from 0900 hrs 22 May 45 to
0900 hrs 25 May 45)

PART I

OPERATIONS

OWN (iii) AIR :-

At 1418K/22 one of our heavy bombers bombed buildings in the area 2 miles SW of FINSOMBAEN.

This aircraft reports sighting a possible enemy W/T station on a small island 2 miles off the SE coast of ROOKE IS.

One of our aircraft dropped 4 x 500 lb bombs on GASIMATA drone. Results were unobserved.

ENEMY (iii) AIR :-

On the morning of 22 May 21 enemy aircraft were over MAU. There was no interception. No casualties or damage is reported.

PART II

6. EQUIPMENT

Japanese Portable Range Finder Type 92 - 40 cm

Details of a new type of small light portable range finder have been received from NEW GUINEA.

This instrument, made in 1937, is considered to be both useful and efficient. It is apparently used in conjunction with close infantry weapons such as machine guns and mortars etc.

Characteristics

Official Designation - Type 92
Type - Coincidence
Overall Length - 31 11/12 ins.
Distance between objective lenses - 40 cm (15.7 ins)
Field of view - Fixed lens 11 degrees.
Adjustable lens 3 degrees.
Eyepiece - Adjustable, with diapter setting +4 to -4.
Magnification - 4X.
Range - Calibrated scale in metres from 30 to 1500, thence infinity.

Other interesting features are an adjustment for parallelism in the horizontal plane, a known-range adjustment for correction of error, and the use of hygroscopic crystals to prevent condensation under damp conditions.

Action

One image passes through a yellow filter in fixed lens

to distinguish from other image, which passes through an adjustable prism, operated by rotating range scale. Range is found in the normal manner of bringing both images into coincidence and reading off indicated figure on scale.

(HQ RCF Intelligence Summary No 120)

PART IV

OTHER TROOPS

3 AUSTR DIV :-

No change reported in all areas.

RAU Valley :-

Following on the recent reports of increased Japanese activity in this area, the following extract from HQ Information Summary No 12 is of interest.

For some time it has been evident that the natives around WALTERIA and WISA are not to be trusted. Now a report has been received that an Australian POC was killed by them on the morning of 15 May. The natives are obviously under the domination of the Japanese, who are still actively patrolling this area.

[Signature]
Lt Col
38 5 Aust Div

DISTRIBUTION

As per HQ 5 Aust Div Intelligence Summary No 58

DUTY STAFF OFFICER'S LOG

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Duty Staff Officer _____

From 0030 hrs on 22-11-43 to 0030 hrs on 23-11-43

Serial No	Originator's number	Originator	T.O.O.	T.O.R.	PARTICULARS	Action	Disposal
1	1005	37 n	100	100	17 2 1000	100	100(10 1000)
5	1005	100	100	100	17 2 1000	100	100(10 1000)

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Army Form C. 2118
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Unit 425 Area Dev

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Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs To 2359 hrs 23 May 73

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AIRINTEL SUMMARY TO 1500K/22 (.) 1418K/21 One B24 bombed building area 2 miles SW FINSCHAFEN wreck Unobserved results(.) Sighted poss W/T station on small island 2 miles off SE coast ROOKE ISLAND(.) 1656K/21 One 7 dropped four by 500 pound bombs GASHATA drone results unobserved

T00 1510K/22

AIRINTEL SUMMARY to 2300K/22 (.) 0820K/22 21 enemy aircraft over WAU nil interception ~~SAFELY DESTROYED~~ nil casualties damage reported 1956K/22 Air Raid in progress all clear 222021K (.) Results not received (.)

INTENDED OPERATIONS 23/5/45

Attack on shipping KAVIRING (.) Attack on GASHATA (.) Bostons and ~~xxxx~~ Beaufighters bomb and strafe NAUSSAU BAY area and DUKLI (.) Recce North and South coast of NEW BRITIAN (.) Photograph missions (.) Fighter cover for transports hauling to forward areas (.)

SERVICEABILITY OF A/C 23/5/45

	<u>Serviceable</u>	<u>U/S</u>
<u>100 Squadron</u>	16	25
<u>6 Squadron</u>	2	4
<u>TAKE OFF</u>		
AREA "A"	A.T.D.	0712K
AREA "B"	A.T.D.	0713K
AREA "B1"	A.T.D.	0713K

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TO BE MADE UP TO AND FOR SATURDAY IN EACH WEEK.

Army Form WM008
(Page 1.)
(Adapted.)

Army Form W.3008
(Page 2.)
(Adapted.)

Serial No. **58**

W.E. Reference A.I.F. **11/14 FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS**

A.M.F. **Tropical Scale**

W.E. **87 X 178**

Date **22 May 43**

Attached Allowed by W.E. **X** **Hq 5 Aust Div** Unit

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks and W.E.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
Maj Gen	1	1	
Colonel	1	1	
Lieut. Colonels	4	3	1
Majors	14	10	4
Captains	12	10	2
Lieutenants	2	5	3
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters	2	2	1
Totals	37	32	5

* Insert detail of higher rank as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name	Unit or Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Capt	HIGGS H.L.	17 Flt Regt	10/5/43	From V List - Course First Aust Army Junior Staff School
Major	MCCRAY A.W.	47 Inf Bn	5/5/43	Seconded 42 Aust Inf Bn and appt. DADOS (I) Aust HQ A & P List No 25

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Unit or Corps.	Date.	Cause.

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO THE UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED.

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit or Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known).

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

(i) Officers posted to Unit (Total to agree with column 2 of Part A).

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Appointment.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No.)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Maj Gen	VX.12014	H.J. MILFORD	DSO	GOO	Yes
T/Col	NX.481	S.H. LOVELL		ADMS	"
Lt Col.	ST.1438	T.J. DAILY		DSO I	"
"	VX.13787	A. MILLER		ADMS	"
"	VX.180	A.T. MC LEAN		AA & QM	"
Major	HT.12384	J.R. WATSON		Liaison Off 1	No Duty 47 Inf Bn
"	QX.34808	S.F. HODGSON	DSO	PPCM	Yes
"	HT.125001	D.C. RICE		DSO II	"
"	QX.6254	R.R. WIDSON		DADOS	"
"	QX.33587	A.G. ROWELL		DAG	"
"	HT.12520	J.G. MOPPAT		DAG	"
"	QX.40993	G.H.S. MAY		DAD Hys	NO Duty Drakeforce
"	HT.11412	V.H. BAKER		DSO II (I)	Yes
"	HT.332	J.S. GARDON		ADOS	"
"	QX.40830	A.W. MCGRAY		DAG (I)	"
Captain	QX.38487	H.L. DIXON		DSO III (OV)	"
"	QX.35564	S.E. MIDDLE		DSO III (I)	"
"	VX.14053	V. SPENCER		DADOS (O)	"
"	QX.35776	D.J. SKERRINGTON		DAPH	"
"	QX.36025	I.M. GRANT		Intell. Off	"
"	QX.40781	V.H. HOOPER		DAG (I)	"
"	QX.40830	S.M. DEURY		Plus Off	"
"	HT.129	J.C. RUSSELL		ISO	NO Duty 11 Aust Div
"	QX.42386	A.M.G. MARSHALL		Comp Comm	Yes
"	QX.38008	H.L. HIGGS		IO III	"
Lieut.	VX.40159	S.G. BRETT		DSO III (Ops I)	Yes
"	HT.137071	R.S. MC GOVERN		Ordering Off	"
"	QX.40896	V.C.E. STEVENSON		DADOS (O L)	No Carried supernumerary to Est. Duty Yorkforce
"	VX.104178	L.W. WALKLEY		ADC	Yes
Chap 3 class	QX.6293	S. COOPER		Sen Chap G of E	"
"	QX.39522	J.A. TORPES		" RO	"
Lieut	QX.35331	D.F. THOMPSON		Amputee Off	"

OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS

Major	QX.39234	W.H. SMITH		AAHC	3/1/43
"	VX.11227	R.W. HENDERSON	DADOS (Costs)	AAOC	22/1/43
"	VX.89030	J.B. KELLY	DADOS (PE & P)	AAOC	22/1/43
"	VX.59789	W.O. INGLIS	DADOS (AM)	AAOC	24/1/43
"	QX.6328	J.B. STABLE	DADOS (Dental)	AAHC	11/5/43
"	QX.6183	R.C. GREGORY	A/IO I		2/2 Hk A Regt 27/4/43
"	VX.132690	R.R. MARSH	A/ISO		Hq 11 Aust Div 30/3/43
Capt.	H.278398	A.K. SEWELL	Pathologist	AAHC	
"	VX.114197	J.D. HIGGS		Att 10 Aust CCS	10/1/43
"				2 Mob Dist Lab.	
"	VX.104240	J.H.B. SHERIDAN	Public Rel Off	Att 10 Aust CCS	23/5/43
"	Q.18537	R.S. HILLINGTON	COIC Milne Bay	HQ HRP	8/2/43
"				HQ HRP Air	
Lieut	V.54860	H.L. HENDERSON	COIC Milne Bay	Liaison Sec	4/4/43
"	QX.42371	J.H. EGAN	A/Asst Camp Comm	HQ HRP	22/1/43
Capt.	VX.108115	D.W. ALLAN	A/Liaison Off	5 Flt Regt.	31/12/42
Lieut.	QX.788	A. VIRTUE	A/ADC	Hq 4 Inf Bde	2/4/43
				2/2 Hk A Regt	19/5/43

TO BE MADE UP TO AND FOR SATURDAY IN EACH WEEK.

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Serial No. 50
W.E. Reference 11/14 **FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS**
A.M.F. Tropical Scale
W.E. 37 X 178 Date 22 May 43

Attached
Allowed by W.E. X Hq 5 Aust Div Unit

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks and W.E.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
Major Gen *	1	1	
Colonel *	1	1	
Lieut. Colonels	4	3	1
Majors	14	10	4
Captains	12	10	2
Lieutenants	2	5	3
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters	2	2	1
Totals	37	32	5

* Insert detail of higher rank as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name	Unit or Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Capt	HIGGS H.L.	17 Flt Regt	10/5/45	From V List - course First Aust Army Junior Staff School
Major	MACEY A.W.	47 Inf Bn	5/3/45	Seconded 48 Aust Inf Bn and appd. DADOS (L) Aut NOF A & P List No 25

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Unit or Corps.	Date.	Cause.

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO THE UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED.

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit or Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known).

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

(i) Officers posted to Unit (Total to agree with column 2 of Part A).

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Appointment.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No.)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Major Gen	VX.12014	E.J. MYLFORD DSO	GOC	Yes	
T/Col	MX.451	S.H. LOVELL	ADPS	"	
Lt Col.	SK.1438	T.J. DALY	GSO I	"	
"	VX.13787	A. KILGER	ADME	"	
"	VL.190	A.T. MC LEAN	AA & QM	"	
Major	HL.12384	J.R. WATON	Liaison Off 1	No	Duty 47 Inf Bn
"	QX.34508	S.F. HODGKINS DSO	PPCM	Yes	
"	HL.125001	D.C. RICE	GSO II	"	
"	QX.6254	R.R. WINTON	DAPS	"	
"	QX.35587	A.G. BAYELL	DAG	"	
"	HL.12383	J.G. HOFFART	DAPS	"	
"	QX.40893	C.H.S. MAY	DAD Hys	No	Duty Drakeforce
"	VL.11412	V.H. BARBER	GSO II(L)	Yes	
"	HL.338	J.G. GARDIN	ADCS	"	
"	QX.40810	A.W. MACEY	DAGS (L)	"	
Captain	QX.36407	E.L. DIXON	GSO III(OW)	"	
"	QX.35564	E.H. MIDDLE	GSO III(I)	"	
"	VX.14036	V. SPENCER	DADOS (O)	"	
"	QX.35776	D.J. SKINNERSON	DAPH	"	
"	QX.36025	I.H. GRANT	Intell. Off	"	
"	QX.40781	J.H. HOOPER	DAG (L)	"	
"	QX.40800	S.H. DRURY	Sign Off	"	
"	HL.129	J.O. RICHMONTH	ISO	No	Duty 11 Aust Div
"	QX.42386	A.M.G. MARSHALL	Camp Comd	Yes	
"	QX.38008	H.L. HIGGS	LO III	"	
Lieut.	VX.40159	S.G. BRETT	GSO III (Ops L)	Yes	
"	HL.137871	R.S. MC GOVERN	Ordering Off	"	
"	QX.40396	V.C.E. STEVENSON	DADOS (O L)	No	Carried supernumerary to Est. Duty Yorkforce
"	VX.104178	L.W. WALKLEY	ADO	Yes	
Chap 3 class	QX.6893	S. COYEN	Sen Chap C of E	"	
"	QX.30582	J.A. TORPTE	" RO	"	
Lieut	QX.36331	D.F. THOMPSON	Amputations Off	"	

Hq 5 AUST DIV

(Unit.)

22 May 43

(Date of Despatch.)

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Aug Marshall Capt.
(Signature of Commander.)

Camp Commandant

(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

Army Form IV.3009

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

11/1/4 (Tropical Scale) Hq 5 Aust Div (Unit) 23 May 45 19 (Date).

(To be furnished by all units and all Headquarter units.)

Detail.	1	2	3	4
	Posted Strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).		Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	4	3		1
W.Os. Class II.	3	4	1	
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	1	1 (S/sgt)		
Staff Serjeants	2	1		
Serjeants	8	14	6	1
Corporals	23	26	3	
Troopers, Privates, &c.	187	184	2	15
TOTALS				

178. These totals should agree with the details shown in Part 2 on page 2 of Army Form W-3009. 17

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
		1 Cpl.	104 Ind Bde Workshop
		1 Cpl.	COSG
		1 Pto	AAMC Dental
		1 Sgt	AAMC HYE
		1 Pts	10 AOD
		1 Pts	18 Ord Amn Coy
		1 Pts	15 Ord Store Coy
		2 Ptes	15 Inf Bn
		1 Sgt	" " "
		3 Ptes	47 Inf Bn
		3 Ptes	42 Inf Bn

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Unit.

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(Adapted) (May, 42)

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Notes—(a) If rank other than Private is involved give details on back.

(b) Authorized Trades or Specialists not included in list above will be added as required in spaces provided.

Unit.

Carro *Signature*
Coburn

Signature of Commander

Date of Despatch 22 May 43

Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

PART D. Detail of Supplies or Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3008.

DETAILS OF PERSONNEL ATTACHED

TO I	3
TO II	4
S/Sgt	8
Sgt	13
Cpls	25
TO I Typewriter	
Moch	1
TO I Draughtsman	3
TO II Cooks	6
TO III Clerks	7
TO III Driver Mechanics	5
TO III Tech Storeman	1
Drivers	31
Ptes	30

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Approved

Subject : FORM IN WHICH AIR SUPPORT REQUESTS WILL BE MADE

W 5 Aust Div
12 May 45
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4 Aust Inf Bde (4)	G Sqn Sec NGF AL Gp
29 Aust Inf Bde (4)	2 AS Control
RAA 5 Aust Div	Comd
Sigs 5 Aust Div	G
3 Comd Sec NGF AL Gp	AJ
F Sqn Sec NGF AL Gp	

1. In order that requests for Air Support may be clearly interpreted and immediate action taken, the following information will be included in requests preferably in the order listed.
 - (a) If mission is coordinated with movement of friendly troops, state so.
 - (b) Description of target and its exact location referring specifically to map or photo used.
 - (c) Disposition of friendly troops in relation to target and designation of bomblines.
 - (d) Time limits of requested support (if time of attack is immaterial state "time immaterial"). The inclusion of LTT (latest time over target) under bomblines on the Air Support pro forma message form covers this requirement, and will indicate the latest time for COMPLETION of the attack.
 - (e) Direction and rate of movement (if this is not mentioned in message target will be assumed to be stationary).
 - (f) Description, and location of secondary target (if adequate secondary target is not immediately apparent do not include this element in message as Headquarters will usually have a secondary target in mind).
 - (g) If a late intelligence summary of target and situation is to follow request should be concluded "X" follows.
2. If at any time between origin of request and the air attack, the situation is changed in any degree whatsoever, Air Support should be notified immediately.
3. A reply can be expected to requests indicating approval or disapproval and if approval the estimated time of arrival over target (ETA), and number of aircraft.
4. In a case where close, direct support is to be given to an advance, and a time limit has been set, it must be remembered that weather can prevent the aircraft getting in to the target at the last minute, and this must be provided for in any plan. In this type of support under no circumstances will air action be taken after the time laid down for the completion of the strike. Many factors can delay aircraft being made available and reaching the target so full consideration should be given to this when laying

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down a LTT. If by the time the request is received by Air Support HQ, it is obvious that the aircraft cannot reach the target in time reply "NOT approved" will be sent immediately.

5. These instructions will be promulgated down to Battalion etc Commanders so that all units may become familiar with the procedure in calling for Direct Air Support.

L. R. H. H. H.
Lt-Col
GS 5 Aust Div

HQ 5 AUST DIV INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 128

(Based on info received from 0900 hrs 21 May 43 to
0900 hrs 22 May 43)

SUMMARY OF ENEMY MOVEMENTS

LAKE

Documents captured on LABABA ridge on 11/12 May confirm the suggestion on the change over of enemy forces put forward last week.

Two battalions of the 102 Inf Regt have relieved the MAIZURU No 2 SNLP in the area KUBO - LABABA ridge. These, with some attached troops, participated in the attack of 9 May. The regrouping of enemy forces is dealt with in detail in Part II - Enemy COB Land.

RAMU Valley

From time to time attention has been directed to the growing Japanese interest in the MADANG - BOGADJIE hinterland. One obvious and immediate object would be and no doubt is, the development of the overland trade route from MADANG to LAE. However, in addition to this, during the past ten days there have been increasing pointers to an interest in the approaches to the BENA BENA - EL EAGEN Plateau. An Allied watching post at WESA (six miles SOUTH of EL EAGEN) was over-run on 10 May. The enemy are reported, through native sources, to be at a number of villages all within an eight mile radius of MAIGULI. The natives state that the Japanese patrols said that fighting troops were following behind them. Up to 19 May the enemy had made five aerial reconnaissances in the BENA BENA area, one aircraft circling four times ASALOKA and GAROKA. ASALOKA, a former mission station with an emergency landing ground, is on the track to BENA BENA from the RAMU valley via PAITA and BUNDI. The advantages to the enemy that this rich plateau would provide need no emphasis - one being the immediate acquisition of a base from which to reinforce LAE.

(HQ 5th Intelligence Summary No 122)

MARKHAM Valley

An enemy patrol of about 20 has been operating SOUTH of the MARKHAM in the vicinity of MARKHAM POINT, endeavouring to discover the routes used by our troops in reaching this area. Our forces made contact with this patrol on 5 May.

Enemy patrols are also working NORTH of the MARKHAM, between LAE and the LEROY River. Between 4 and 7 May, one officer and forty nine other ranks passed through TARARAN (ref MARKHAM Strat (L)R 0699), CHEVASING (ref MARKHAM Strat (L)R 2356) and GABONKEK. The party were armed with rifles and ten automatic weapons, and stole native foods along their route.

Native rumours previous to 12 May indicated another Japanese patrol near the headwaters of the LEROY River, on its way to LAE - possibly the patrol earlier reported to have visited BOANA 4 May.

Rumours persist of impending enemy movement southwards across the FINISTERRES.

(GCF Information Summary No 11)

PART I

OPERATIONS

OWN (iii) AIR :-

Our medium bombers strafed and bombed 10 barges NE of SEK ISLAND, near ALEXISHAPEN, at 2115Z/20. They sank 5 and thoroughly strafed the remaining 5 which were beached.

RABUL. Our heavy bombers again attacked WUAKANAU at 0400Z/21, starting large fires.

GASHATA was bombed by our heavy bombers at 1115Z/21.

Our Beaufighters strafed HCEE and CISEBOB (MISSIE area) in direct support of forward troops.

ENEMY (iii) AIR --

WAU was raided at 0900Z/21. Our P38s intercepted 15 to 20 HAPS, ZEES and OSCARS, destroying 7 certain, 5 probable.

An unknown number of enemy aircraft bombed and strafed one assault landing craft on the LAKEKANU River about 20 miles NORTH of TERAPO. No damage or casualties resulted.

PART II

1. ENEMY COB - LAND

SALAMAU - TUBO

Documents captured on LABASIA RIDGE 11/12 May included an Operation Order from which the composition of the Japanese attacking force on 9 May is seen to be as follows :-

1 Bn 102 Inf Regt
2 " " " " less Bn Gun Pl
Det Artz Personnel
Det 115 Inf Regt =
One Sec Regtl Sigs
Medical Det

= Probably survivors from Convoy 2/4 Mar.

These two battalions participated in the original attack on WAU on 29 Jan. Their combined strength at time of relief was estimated at 650. Allowing for increments, the strength of the force which carried out the attack on LABASIA RIDGE is estimated at 700. Deduction of casualties to date leaves the estimated strength in the LABASIA RIDGE - TUBO - KCHINATUM area at 600.

Forward troops estimate that the strength of the enemy force used in the attack on BOEDUBI was possibly 600. It is reasonable to assume that this attack was made by 3 Bn 102 Inf Regt, which was held in reserve during the WAU operation. Its strength was established from captured documents at 500. Assuming this as the more accurate figure, and allowing for casualties so far reported, the remaining enemy in BOEDUBI area are estimated to be in the vicinity of 400.

An adjustment of the SALAMAU total in line with the foregoing leads to the round figure of 1,000, including the

returned HAIZURU SELF; or a total of 2,000 troops in and forward of SALAMAU.

(HQ PAF Intelligence Summary No 122)

3. IDENTIFICATIONS

IDENTITY DISCS

The following information in connection with identity discs was volunteered by an enemy prisoner, who is considered to be both intelligent and reliable. There is, however, no confirmation, and in fact it is probably true to say that there are many systems of marking identification discs. Apparently each formation is empowered to adopt its own preferred method, and that shown below is probably in use in the prisoner's own formation, and may be the only one known to him.

Identification discs are issued to Japanese Infantry Troops. These discs are brass (=) ovals, issued in blank. When a Japanese Infantryman is assigned to his company, it is the function of his Corporal to stamp the disc with :-

- (a) Divisional Code Character;
- (b) Regimental Code Number
- (c) Coy Code Number
- (d) Individual's Number
(or officer's name).

The Coy code number is as follows :-

1: Regt HQ	7: 3 Coy	13: 7 Coy	19: 11 Coy
2: 1 Bn	8: 4 Coy	14: 8 Coy	20: 12 Coy
3: 2 Bn	9: HQ Coy	15: HQ Coy	21: HQ Coy
4: 3 Bn	10: Bn Gun Coy	16: Bn Gun Coy	22: Bn Gun Coy
5: 1 Coy	11: 5 Coy	17: 9 Coy	
6: 2 Coy	12: 6 Coy	18: 10 Coy	

Example :- "HQCO 2804 No 20" would indicate "HQCO 2804 (51 DIV 115 Inf Regt) 13 Coy".

- (*) Comment : Iron identity discs have been recovered in NEW GUINEA and previous information indicated that these were also issued by the Army
(HQ PAF Intelligence Summary No 122)

PACKAGE LABELS

Another fruitful source of information from which identifications may be made are Paybooks, and various labels torn from cartons and packages etc used by the enemy to contain stores of any description. One such label captured in BURMA is described as being of white cloth, 5½ inches in length, with the unit's name, code name, and code number stencilled in black ink. The importance of this information cannot be overstressed. These labels, or in fact any document or label bearing Japanese characters, should be handed promptly to the nearest Intelligence Officer.

(AMF Weekly Review No 41)

6. EQUIPMENT

JAPANESE MULTIPLE INCENDIARY BOMB (ref Summary No 119)

From the complete technical examination, three points of general interest emerge concerning the clockwork tail Fuze :-

- (a) It is considered that the clockwork mechanism is NOT of Japanese manufacture, but possibly of German origin, and that it was designed for artillery use. In order to incorporate this clockwork, the fuze body and arming arrangement have had to be specially developed, with adaptors at two points.
- (b) The whirling motion during flight of the bomb, rendered necessary by the clockwork design, adds approximately 50 per cent to the time of flight.
- (c) It is thought that the Japanese may possess a considerable number of this type of mechanism. It could be readily adapted to other fuzes, or used as an anti-handling device. Therefore, it is suggested that any new type of fuze, or what may appear to be a plug in a nose and tail fuze bomb, be regarded with the utmost suspicion.

(HQ IGF Intelligence Summary No 122)

PART IV

OTHER FRONTS

5 AUSTRALIAN DIV :-

LISSIM area :-

CISSELEBOE (ref 612032) was unsuccessfully attacked by the enemy at 0700 hrs on 20 May. However, further enemy pressure forced our troops out of the village by 1945 hours. They withdrew to a defence position at 592039. Our casualties were 2 wounded and 1 missing; the enemy casualties are estimated at 50 to 60.

A patrol reports that the enemy are occupying in strength GWABOLAM (704267).

W. C. Grant
Lt Col
G5 5 Aust Div

DISTRIBUTION :-

As per HQ 5 Aust Div Intelligence Summary No 58

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From 0030 hrs on 21 May 45 to 0030 hrs on 22 May 45

Serial No	Originator's number	Originator	T.O.C.	T.O.R.	PARTICULARS	Action	Disposal
1	2235	Genl C. J. BILAKI	2000	2230	Attrep	17-24	03(0)
2	007267	HEF	2110	0015	Attrep 655 - part 1	17-24	03(1) 03(0)
3	07267	HEF	2200	0015	Attrep 655 - part 2	18-24	03(1) 03(0)

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WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

Army Form C. 2118
(adapted.)

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Unit H&S Guest Dev

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Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs To 2359 hrs 22 May 43

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APR 97
SECRET
GSI/929

HQ 5 AUSTRALIAN DIV INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 127

(Based on info received from 0900 hrs 20 May 43 to
0900 hrs 21 May 43)

PART I

OPERATIONS

OWN (iii) AIR :-

GASMATA airfield was attacked by four heavy bombers at 1750K/19. Results were unobserved.

At 1352K/20 our heavy bombers bombed the airfield, exploding a possible ammunition dump.

At 1540K/20 a heavy bomber attacked the airfield, starting a fire.

Our medium bombers, between 2100K/20 and 0145K/21, attacked coastal dumps between the jetty and the runway. All bombs fell in the target area which was then strafed. A small 50 ton vessel ran ashore 4 miles EAST of the airfield. An enemy night fighter intercepted. One of our aircraft is missing.

CAPE GLOUCESTER new strip was bombed by a heavy bomber at 0831K/20 with unobserved results.

RABAU. Our heavy bombers attacked VUNAKANAU airfield at 0430K/20, starting a number of fires. An AA position was silenced and a searchlight destroyed. Other results were unobserved.

SALAMUA. Our Bombers bombed and strafed the FRANCISCO RIVER area at 1532K/20.

ENEMY (ii) SEA :-

One of our heavy bombers dropped 3 x 500 lb bombs on a 5,000 ton cargo vessel in position 0300S 14941E, course 280, speed 12 knots. Results were unobserved.

An enemy submarine was sighted at 0718S 15357E, course 360. Our aircraft was 40/50 miles from the submarine which appeared to be a large ocean going type. By the time the position was reached the submarine had dived and disappeared.

ENEMY (iii) AIR :-

DOUGLAS HARBOR. At 1200K/19 12 enemy aircraft strafed a 12 ton and a 50 ton supply ship. The 12 ton vessel was burnt out, beached and is a total loss. The 50 ton vessel was beached and was slightly damaged. Our casualties were 2 natives killed and 3 members of the ships' crews wounded.

Ref MILNE BAY Raid No 26. Reports from our troops at WEDAU indicate the possibility of one enemy bomber coming down in the sea at 2220K/19 off CAPE FRERE, and another going down towards GOODENOUGH. A RAAF launch searched the CAPE FRERE area but no trace was found.

An air raid was reported in progress at DOBODURA at 1440K/19.

PORT MORESBY. On the night of 19 May approximately 16 bombs were dropped at RORONA near the AROA River.

PART II

4. ORGANIZATION

Independent Wireless Unit

A PW has stated, that whilst he was training in Signal work in SHANGHAI, eleven INDEPENDENT WIRELESS UNITS were organised, numbered one to eleven. These were in reality platoons having a strength of 32, commanded by a Lieutenant, with a Sergeant Major, one Sergeant and two Corporals. Their largest set had a range from GUADALCANAL to TRUK (approximately 1,300 miles) and was probably the Model 2.

(AMF Weekly Intelligence Review No 41)

PART IV

OTHER FRONTS

3 AUST DIV :-

MISSION area :

At 0845K/19 our patrol contacted 20 enemy on track at 631040 (about 2 miles NW of BUGASU). Our casualties were 1 missing; the enemy 2 killed.

At 1755K/19 150 enemy were reported to be occupying a village at 620032 and are under observation by our troops.

J. C. T. T.
Lt Col
GS 5 Aust Div

DISTRIBUTION :-

As per HQ 5 Aust Div Intelligence Summary No 58

DUTY STAFF OFFICER'S LOG

Duty Staff Officer Capt I. J. G. W. S.

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AG
DB

From 0050 hrs on 20 May 63 to 0030 hrs on 21 May 63

Serial No	Originator's number	Originator	T.O.O.	T.O.R.	PARTICULARS	Action	Disposal
1	040 934	040	0215	0220	ack: 040 934	fold	Chief Clerk
2	0 6804	Comp	0220	0230	ack: 0701	"	Chief Clerk
3	0 235	Adm	0300	0305	ack: 0701	"	Chief Clerk
4					YELLY 00524/21		
5					ALL 00701 0123/21		
6	0 700	ICE	0150	0145	sitrep 051 to 24002/21	fold	03(1)
7	0 235	ICE	0100	0055	in reply to 01239 - re issue 04, 240 to 240	"	02(1)
8	Phone		0050		phone message from 240 at 0100Y re strike at 0400 120	Message sent 005	03(1) 02(Air)

Appendix 96

Unit AL5 Area Dev Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs To 2359 hrs 21 May #3

L. JONES

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APPX 95

Subject: 5 AUST DIV COOKING AND CATERING COURSE NO 3 26 MAY 43 to 15 JUN 43

EQ 5 Aust Div
20 May 43
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4 AUST INF BDE
29 AUST INF BDE
RAA 5 AUST DIV
RAE 5 AUST DIV
SIGS 5 AUST DIV
AASC 5 AUST DIV

MEDICAL
ORD
COSC
FILE
WAR DIARY

LOCATION

1. The above course will be held in EQ 5 Aust Div Area.

OBJECT

2. To train unit cooks in actual field cooking of HQ Force War Ration scale.

The course will embrace instruction and practical work in

- (a) Training on Army Field Cooking Equipment.
- (b) Fundamental principles of cooking, basic laws of nutrition.
- (c) Compilation of menus in conjunction with the HGF Ration.
- (d) Training in unit catering.
- (e) Training in unit kitchen hygiene.
- (f) Training in unit bread making and improvising.
- (g) Training in handling of the HQ Force War Ration Scale.

VACANCIES

3. Vacancies are allotted as follows:

4 Aust Inf Bde	5 Medical for	
29 Aust Inf Bde	6 7 Aust Fd Amb	1
RAA 5 Aust Div (1 for 11 Aust Fd Coy)	2/1 Aust CCS	1
RAA 5 Aust Div	3 2/2 Aust AAMCU	1
Sigs 5 Aust Div (1 for HGF L of C Sigs)	4 11 Aust Div Mob Laundry and Decn Unit	1
AASC 5 Aust Div	3 1 Aust Water Tpt	2
	1 2/1 Aust Fd Butchery	1

SELECTION OF STUDENTS

4. Students are to be prospective cooks who are not already trade grouped.

NOMINAL ROLLS

5. Nominal Rolls are to be forwarded to reach this EQ by 23 May 43.

REPORTING

6. Students will report to the Camp Comd's office EQ 5 Aust Div at 0900 hrs 26 May 43. Units will arrange own transport for students.

EQUIPMENT

7. Students will bring full scale equipment, including ground sheet, blankets, mosquito net and mousing gear.

STATIONERY ETC

8. Students will bring notebooks, pencils, pens and rulers.

Wm. L. May
Lt-Col
GS 5 Aust Div

APP 94

5. 1ST DIV TRAINING INSTRUCTION No 15

TRAINING OF PERSONNEL BY RMOs

HQ 5 Aust Div
10 May 43

GENERAL

The Regimental Medical Officer is responsible for the training of AAMC personnel attached, stretcher bearers, Water Duty and Hygiene personnel. He should also arrange for training of auxiliary stretcher bearers (especially batmen and general duty personnel) and elementary training in first aid and personal hygiene for all members of his unit including Officers.

STANDARDS OF TRAINING

(a) AAMC personnel

(i) Knowledge of RAP administration and general organization of Medical Services.

(ii) Sound knowledge of First Aid and minor medical and surgical treatment including:

Treatment of tinea, External Otitis, skin infections generally, management and disposal of men with diarrhoea and pyrexia.

General observations and care of the sick and wounded. Care of the feet.

Hypodermic injections and use of morphia.

(iii) Knowledge of stretcher bearer, hygiene and water duty work.

(iv) Some knowledge of cooking in the field.

(v) Appreciation of own responsibility and limitations.

(b) Stretcher bearers

(i) Simple First Aid especially:

Application of First Field and Shell Dressings, RAMC Training 603 - 607.

Control of Haemorrhage - RAMC Training 608 - 614. First Aid to the Injured pp 80 - 107.

Prevention and Treatment of Shock - RAMC Training 649 - 650. First Aid to the Injured pp 24-26, 112-114.

Immobilisation of Fractures - RAMC Training 615-630, 633-636.

Sprains and Dislocations - RAMC Training 638-643.

First Aid to Burns - RAMC Training 645.

/Management of

Management of Head Injuries and Unconscious Patients - RAMC Training 653-657. First Aid to Injured pp 128-130. DMS AIF(ME) Tech Instn No 24 Appx "A". DGMS Tec Instn No 19.

First Aid to Gas Casualties - RAMC Training 37889, 389-594, 396, 398-408. FSPB Pam 8, Sec 7 Para 2.

(ii) Stretcher Drill.

(iii) Transport of patients over all types of country.

(iv) Cross country movement and movement in jungle country by day and by night with and without compass.

(v) Elementary map reading.

(vi) Self maintenance in uninhabited and jungle country.

(vii) Camouflage and concealment.

(viii) High standard of physical fitness.

(ix) Procedure to be adopted with POWs.

(c) Hygiene details

(i) Importance of hygiene.

(ii) Principles and practices of disposal of wastes.

(iii) Control of hygiene of food and water.

(iv) Fly control.

(v) Mosquito control.

(vi) Improvisation in the field.

(d) Water Duty Details

(i) Importance of water hygiene.

(ii) Sources of water supply.

(iii) Purification of water.

(iv) Water cart.

(e) Others

One man in every gun team or small detachments and all officers should have a knowledge of elementary first aid. Material is to be drawn from following sources:

(i) RAMC Training paras: 1,2,3,284-291,429-435, (in general only), 590-3 (in general only), 605-7, 608-614, 636, 638-643, 645, 649-650, 675-679.

(ii) St Johns Manual: First Aid to Injured page 24, 25, 26, 80-104, 104-107.

/Every soldier

Every soldier should be able to

- (i) control bleeding
- (ii) apply a Field Dressing.
- (iii) realize the danger of shock and apply those simple life saving measures so essential to a wounded or sick man awaiting evacuation.

NOTES FOR RMOs

5. (a) First Aid

Make your first aid lectures to stretcher bearers and other unit personnel very simple and practical covering the essential aspects of the subject listed above. Later if you have time and they have the aptitude you can go through the more detailed material of RANC Training Chapters XIII-XXXIX.

(b) Stretcher Drill

If not confident of the ability of yourself or your RCOs to instruct in Stretcher Drill, apply for loan of a Fd. Amb NCO. Don't overdo the stretcher drill. Get them into the field or jungle.

(c) Field Work

If necessary, ask your unit for assistance in this. It is more than desirable however for RMOs to have this knowledge themselves and carry out the training.

(d) Syllabus

A concentrated syllabus may not always be possible, but a definite object and a controlled approach to that object will greatly add to the value of what may be perforce intermittent instruction. Don't overlook the value of instruction to men while they are on the job. But aim at a definite standard and programme.

(e) Record and Progress

Keep a very brief record of all essential personnel being trained, showing experience, training, progress etc.

(f) Training Ideas

Make use of the excellent material suggested from time to time in Army Training Memoranda (War) (Aust) which should be available in your unit orderly room. The following are likely to be of interest.

Instructing: No 12 Part 1 paras 5 & 6, No 13 Part 1 para 1, No 15 para 8.

Map Reading No 12 Part 1 para 4 and Appx "A". No 13: Supplement.

/Field and Jungle

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Field and Jungle Craft: No 7 para 17. No 10
(Japanese tactics) No 12 Appx "R",
No 15 para 9. No 16 Appx "B" (p 26)

Physical Fitness: No 6 Appx "C". No 7 para 16.

General No 12 Part III - RMC. No 16 Part
IV Appx "D" (p 45).

- (c) Finally, go about your training job in an efficient way so that the CO can see you have something positive to present and have the ability to train his men, not just waste their time.

W. H. J. J. J.
Lt-Col
GS 5 Aust Div

DISTRIBUTION

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Armd Regt	(1)	War Diary	(2)

AIR AND SEA SIGHTING REPORT (TELEPHONE)

1. ~~PPX~~ 93
G2 (Air)

5. Aust Div

From AIO 3 Airfield

Date 20 May 43

Reported By Recco A/c

Time of Sighting As below

TEXT of Message :-

Area "A" Nil sighting

Area B1 1 submarine posn 0718 S 15337 E course 360° -
visibility perfect. A/c was 50 miles from sub which
appeared to be large ocean going type - it took
a/c 14 minutes to reach position of sub which by
this time had dived and disappeared.

Area B2 Nil sightings.

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TOR 1345K/20

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G2 (Air)
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TOR 1354K/20

Signature

Mayes. E. J.

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HQ 5 AU-T DIV INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 126

(Based on infm received from 0900 hrs 19 May 43 to
0900 hrs 20 May 43)

PART I

OPERATIONS

OWN (iii) AIR :-

One of our heavy bombers bombed CAPE GLOUCESTER, LORINGAU and ARANG on the morning of 18 May with unobserved results.

At 0309K/18 a medium bomber attacked the jetty near GASHATA.

ENEMY (ii) SEA :-

RAEAUL. Sightings on 18 May were -

- 1 cruiser
- 2 destroyers
- 11 auxiliaries
- 22 merchant vessels.

NW area :

The only sightings were on 9 May when reconnaissance over a wide area revealed mainly small craft. A great number of barges was observed on the shore west of GESER (off the SE tip of CERAM ISLAND) and 17 landing barges and a 100 ton ship in the KAIMANA area. On the same day, seven vessels totalling approximately 13,000 tons were noticed in MANOKWARI. These probably included a 4,000 ton freighter damaged on 1 May.

Also in this connection, it should be noted that, on 6 May, six vessels were photographed there and were revealed to total not more than 2,500 tons. The only other sightings were at SORONG and BABO where 2,200 tons and 500 tons respectively were observed on 9 May.

(AMF Weekly Intelligence Review No 41)

ENEMY (iii) AIR :-

WNU. Further information on the raid at 1116K/18 disclosed that 23 OSCARS dropped approx 10 bombs, one of them straffing the airfield from 50 feet.

DOUGLAS HARBOR. At 0700K/18 this area was bombed. No damage or casualties was sustained. One enemy aircraft reported to be shot down by AA.

MILNE BAY Raid No 26. Red 2116K/19; all clear 2203K/19. Three possibly four enemy bombers at 23,000 to 26,000 feet dropped approx 10 bombs between PONTOON WHARF and TURNBULL AIRFIELD. Two parachute flares were dropped at the commencement of the run.

A dump of approx 50 drums of petrol was destroyed; a tent and a Tk/A portee were damaged. Nil casualties reported. AA engaged, firing 41 rounds of heavy and some .50 cal at flares.

Night fighters sighted but could not make contact.

PART II

6. EQUIPMENT

Japanese RDF Equipment

Photographs disclose the existence of Japanese RDF Installations on KISKA ISLAND (ALEUTIANS) and on WAKE ISLAND (PACIFIC). Evidence suggests that they conform to a standard type, which has been produced in some quantity.

On KISKA ISLAND a dual installation has been observed which permits two raids to be tracked simultaneously, or allows searching to be continued after one raid has been picked up. Each installation consists of a rotating operating hut with a 35 ft square aerial frame on one side, raised 20 feet off the ground. Two small subsidiary huts are a power house and probably a control room. The whole installation is well sited, 600/700 feet above sea level and has an estimated range in favourable conditions of up to 100 miles, over a 120 degree sector.

Another smaller, but rather similar, installation on KISKA is believed from its location to be for the purpose of detecting surface craft entering the Harbour. The importance of such equipment in a region of almost unrelieved fog and storms is obvious.

Sets found on WAKE ISLAND are credited with a 360 degree coverage.

It should be borne in mind that these installations and others of the same kind have so far been found only in regions where air operations are under the general direction of the Japanese Navy Air Force. There is, so far, no evidence that the less well developed Army Air Force makes any systematic use of RDF, though no doubt it is only a matter of time before they will.

(AMF Weekly Intelligence Review No 41)

PART V

SECURITY

CENSORSHIP

Censorship reports indicate that much of the censorable matter deleted in letters is occasioned by the soldier attempting to advise his womenfolk and friends of his location and any projected movements.

An angle, which might well be exploited in lectures to troops, is that they are causing their womenfolk unnecessary distress intelling them beforehand that the writer is leaving for NEW GUINEA, or other battle areas.

It is much better and safer to write after a safe landing and so save the recipient her natural worries concerning the dangers of the voyage.

(AMF Weekly Intelligence Review No 41)

J. G. ...
Lt Col
CS 5 Aust Div

DISTRIBUTION :-

As per HQ 5 Aust Div Intelligence Summary No 58

DUTY STAFF OFFICER'S LOG

Duty Staff Officer MAJOR B. G. GAVIN

From 0030 hrs on 19 JUL 43 to 0030 hrs on 20 JUL 43

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2	1233	COMPTON	1910	0100	SIGREP	Hold	CHI:(1) CHI:(6)
3	00114	ADOC 5 ADET DIV	-	0200	Exercise message	Hold	CHI:(1)
4	07365	HIS	1945	0035	WOM SECRET	Added and Hold	6
5	07366	HIS	1950	0300	WOM SECRET	Hold	6

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WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

Army Form C. 2118
(adopted) *if*

(Erase heading not required).

Unit 4Q5 Amer. Rev

Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs. To 2359 hrs 20 May 43

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MESSAGE FORM

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS	IN <i>War Diary</i>	No. of Groups GR.	Serial No.
	OUT		OFFICE DATE STAMP <i>Apr 90</i>

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serial	116	5	aust	div	mob
laundry	and	cccn	unit	location	354429
(.)	insert	serial	200	HQ	LINE
BAY	sub	area	0000	location	393444
(.)	amend	serial	215	to	read
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213	and	insert	serial	123	HQ
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HQ 5 JST DIV INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 125

(Based on info received from 0900 hrs 18 May 43 to
0900 hrs 19 May 43)

PART I

OPERATIONS

OWN (iii) AIR :-

Liberators bombed the VUNAKANAU airfield on early morning 18 May.

Normal recces were carried out.

ENEMY (ii) SEA :-

Sightings at 1330K/18 revealed

one 4,000 ton cargo vessel
two 2,500 ton cargo vessels
two gunboats

in position 0220S 14915E (approx 45 miles EAST of NEW HANOVER)
on course 110 degrees, speed 10 knots.

It is suspected that enemy mines have been laid off the
QUEENSLAND coast in the vicinity of FITZROY ISLAND.

ENEMY (iii) AIR :-

At 1116 hrs 18 May one enemy fighter strafed the air-
field at WAU.

PART II

1. ENEMY OOB - HUBO area

(a) Following reports that enemy troops recently encountered
in this area appeared to be fresh and in good physical condi-
tion, the suggestion was made that MAIZURU No 2 SNLP (which
had been forward since 17 Feb) had been relieved by the rested
and reformed 102 Inf Regt.

(b) Confirmation of this has now come from preliminary trans-
lations of documents captured after the Japanese attack on 9
May, which reveal the following identifications :-

1 Bn, 102 Inf Regt
5, 6, 7 & 8 Coys, 2 Bn 102 Inf Regt
2 Bn Gun Pl
38 Fd Arty
One Sec Regtl Sigs.

(c) According to "notes on the operation order", which were
signed by Major SERI, the foregoing made up the attacking force.
Another identification from a clothing tag proved to be 115
Inf Regt.

COMMENT

(1) 38 Fd Arty: It is suggested that either this repre-
sents stragglers from the BUNA - SANANANDA operations
who reached LAE via IMBARE, or reinforcements who
remained in RABAU and later proceeded to LAE.

- (ii) Since Major SERI (probably short for SERIKAWA) signed himself as Bn Comd, it would appear that various statements by PW that Col SEKI (Comd 2 Bn in the attack on WAU) was killed, can now be regarded as confirmed.
- (iii) It would seem that those members of 115 Inf Regt who were not lost in the BISMARCK Sea action have been used as reinforcements for 102 Regt.
(NGF Information Summary No 8)

PART IV

OTHER FRONTS

GENERAL :-

Increasing enemy interest in the BENA BENA - MT HAGEN area is evident.

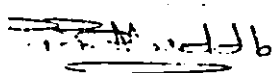
The following extracts are taken from NGF Information Summaries Nos. 5 and 6.

UPPER RAMU VALLEY

On 9 May a native police boy watching the RAMU at WAIHERIBA (on western bank of river, 15 miles NW of DUMPU) saw two Japanese cross the river. At noon the following day our watching post was surprised by a party of 15 Japs, and their supplies captured. Our troops suffered no casualties. The enemy, whose casualties were 3, were being guided by WAIHERIBA natives. The Japanese were dressed in dark green clothes and caps, and were travelling light. They had one LMG, and were armed also with rifles. After contact they returned to WAIHERIBA.

On 13 May two native constables who were about to cross the GUSAP River were beckoned to by six Japanese who made signs to be led across. When the constables later returned to our party they reported that the enemy were at DUMPU, WAIPIUN, BUM BUM and BOPIRUMPUM - all villages within an eight mile radius of KAIGULIN. The Japanese told the natives that fighting troops were following behind them.

NOTE : The GUSAP River flowing west joins the RAMU just above BUM BUM, four miles south of KAIGULIN.


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Mount S O REPORT DUTY STAFF OFFICER'S LOG

Duty Staff Officer _____

From 0030 hrs on 18 May 43

to 0030 hrs on 19 May 43

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Serial No	Originator's number	Originator	T.O.C.	T.O.R.	PARTICULARS	Action	Disposal
1	1232	47 En	1700	2215	11mer		
2	043/72	Sigs		2235	Vacancy FIA Adm HDO school	Held	03(0) 03(1)
3	RR201	RAF	1730	2230	For GOC War C correspondents visit to	Held	LOG
		GHERIDAN			GOODENOUGH IS	Passed to GOC and sent reply	GOC
	61250	5 Div	2240		Reply to serial 3 Have no objections		
	07354	RAF	2050	0115	Hitrep 647		
	REB	RAF	0500	0550	Ack	Held	03(1)
	127	4 En	0705	0800	Ack	Held	Chief Clerk
		Sigs			Ack	Held	Chief Clerk
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WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Army Form C. 2118
(adapted.)

Unit ALD Amer Div

Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs To 2359 hrs 19 May 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Hagita Plantation	19 May	0830	Duty Staff Office Reg. Lieut. J. J. Rees	(Appx 81)
Milne Bay		0900	ALD Amer Div Intelligence Summary No 125	Sum 501/926 (Appx 82)
		1000	Hy AA Gun shoots 0900-1200 hrs daily 21, 22 & 23 May	01254 (Appx 83)
		1605	Cancellation 01197—14 Amer Sta Regt will be carrying out field firing 24-28 May	01262 (Appx 84)
		1605	Black guns to fire on seaward role 0800/22-1100/22	01263 (Appx 85)
		1640	Location Report No 17	01266 (Appx 86)
		1855	Mortar practice shoot 1330K/21 to 1700K/21	01267 (Appx 87)
		2015	Amendment to G.S. Instruction No 33	01268 (Appx 88)
		2259	Ref 01267 shoot postponed until 24 May	01271 (Appx 89)
		2315	Setup No 324 to 2230K/19 to Net 7	01273 (Appx 90)
			Weather - Fine & warm	

Annex 9
SECRET
GSI/923

HQ 5 AUST DIV INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 124

(Based on info received from 0900 hrs 17 May 43 to
0900 hrs 18 May 43)

PART I

OPERATIONS

OWN (iii) AIR :-

At 1210 hrs on 17 May 7 B25s bombed the drome at GASHATA. A supply dump was hit and fires were started. Following the mission the runway was definitely unserviceable.

At 0330K/18 6 Beauforts also attacked GASHATA drome. All bombs fell in the target area but results were not observed.

ENEMY (ii) SEA :-

One enemy destroyer was sighted at 0025K/18 in position 0637S 15022E (approx 25 miles SOUTH of GASHATA) on course 90 degrees.

ENEMY (iii) AIR :-

At 1250K/17 22 bombers escorted by approx 20 fighters raided the WAU area.

Casualties reported to 1500 hrs were 1 officer and 4 ORs wounded. No damage is reported. The airfield is still serviceable.

PART IV

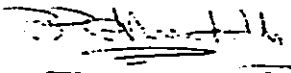
OTHER FRONTS

3 AUST DIV :-

No contact with the enemy is reported.
Local reliefs have taken place.

UPPER RAMU VALLEY :-

The enemy has made another aerial reconnaissance in the BENA BENA area, his third in four days. Four times during the morning on 14 May a single aircraft circled ASALOKA and GAROKA (12 miles NW and 7 miles WEST of BENA BENA). ASALOKA, a former mission station with an emergency landing ground is on the track from the RAMU Valley via ELITA and BUNDI.
(UGF Information Summary No 6).


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DUTY STAFF OFFICER'S LOG

Duty Staff Officer SAF J. M. GIBBS

From 0030 hrs on 17 MAY 45 to 0630 hrs on 18 MAY 45

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Serial No	Originator's number	Originator	T.O.O.	T.O.R.	PARTICULARS	Action	Disposal
1	1032	47 22	1730	2212	Stirrup	2212	2212 (1) 2212 (1)
2	1132 552	3 2212 552 of 6 2212	0100	2212	Stirrup to 2212	"	"
3	07327	2212	2100	0100	Stirrup	"	2 2212 (1)
4	2212 552 1	2212		0100	Report of 2212 552 1	"	2212 (1)

Appendix 8

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

Army Form C. 2118,
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Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs To 2359 hrs 18 May 43

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AIRINTEL SUMMARY TO 2500K/17(.) 7B25's/BFT 1210K/17 bombed GASMATA drome(.) Runway definitely unserviceable following mission(.) 1500Z Enemy air raid on WAU 22 Bombers at least 10 fighters(.) Nil injury personnel slight damage aircraft(.) Strip serviceable preliminary

AIRINTEL SUMMARY TO 1500K/17(.) Indications of enemy submarine 0900S 15400E (.) Within 250 miles(.)

PROJECTED OPERATIONS 18/5/43

~~REMARK~~ 1 Sqn B24's RABAU over target 0230K/18(.) Reccees FINSCHAFEN VITIAZ STRAITS CAPE GLOUCESTER North coast NEW BRITAIN to OPEN BAY WIDE BAY South coast NEW BRITAIN ARAWE MORESBY(.) ARAWE South coast NEW BRITAIN to WIDE BAY OPEN BAY North coast NEW BRITAIN VITIAZ STRAITS MORESBY(.) SALAMAU LAE North coast NEW GUINEA to LOGIA creeping lane search to 0430S 14950E East to CAPE GLOUCESTER to ARAWE MORESBY(.) FINSCHAFEN CAPE GLOUCESTER LORENGAU KAVIENG to 0320S 15110E East to TALESEA to CAPE WARD HUNT MORESBY(.) Photo reccees RABAU TALESEA OPEN BAY South coast NEW BRITAIN WIDE BAY GASMATA NEWAK NUBIA BOGIA WAGGA OTICMA MARKHAM RAMU VALLEYS SACHEM BAY RHISFAU?

SERVICEABILITY 18/5/43

100 Sqn	18 aircraft	4 aircraft U/S
6 "	3 "	2 "

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MESSAGE - FORM

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RAE 5 AUST DIV
SIGS 5 AUST DIV
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G SQN SEC NGF AL GP
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HQ 5 AUST DIV INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 123

(Based on infm received from 0900 hrs 16 May 43 to
0900 hrs 17 May 43)

PART I

OPERATIONS

OWN (iii) AIR :-

B24s bombed VUNAKANAU, bombs falling in the target area. Fires were started but full results could not be observed.

LAE airfield was bombed and straffed at 1120 hrs, 2030 hrs and 2200 hrs on 15 May.

PINSCHHAFEN MISSION was bombed at 0243K/16 with unobserved results.

ENEMY (ii) SEA :-

At 0400K/14 an Allied Hospital ship was sunk near NE: CAPE MORETON. So far 55 survivors are reported.

KAVIENG area. Sightings 16 May.

2 light cruisers
6 4,000 ton cargo vessels

in position 0250S 15050E, course 115 degrees.

ENEMY (iii) AIR :-

LAE 0630K/16. Twenty ZEKES and 10 BETTYS were sighted on the drome.

PART II

OTHER FRONTS

3 AUST DIV : No information received

MADANG AREA :-

It is reported that there are serviceable bridges across the GORI and MINJIN RIVERS (approx 15/20 miles SOUTH MADANG). These bridges are near the river mouth. No bridges were located on rivers within 8 miles of MARKHAM VILLAGE. NURU RIVER bridge is badly damaged and is being rebuilt.

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GS 5 Aust Div

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As per HQ 5 Aust Div Intelligence Summary No 58

DUTY STAFF OFFICER'S LOG

Duty Staff Officer Maj I O Pugh

From 0030 hrs on 16 May 43 to 0030 hrs on 17 May 43

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Serial No	Originator's number	Originator	T.O.O.	T.O.R.	PARTICULARS	Action	Disposal
1 2 3 4 5	3188 94 01 02 9737 1130	Sign OIROR OIROR HOF 47 M	2210 1900 1905 2000 1900	2250 2305 2305 2350 2355	Ack Ack Ack OIROR OIROR	Held Held Held Held Held	0 0 0 05(1) 05(0)

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WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

U.S. Army Form C. 211f
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Unit 425 Area Dev

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Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs To 2357 hrs 17 May 43

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TO AIRINTEL 71 WING
FROM AIRINTEL 9 Ops Gp AI 306 16 May

Sightings today (.) KAVIENG 2 CL 6/4000 ton AK 0250S 15050E course 115 (.)
0630K/16 LAE 20 ~~NAKAY~~ Zekes 10 Bettys (.) B24s bombed VANAKATU bombs
in target area results unobserved (.) NURU RIVER bridge badly damaged
being rebuilt (.) Serviceable bridge across GORI and MINDJIN RIVERS near
mouth (.) No bridges located on rivers within 8 miles MARKHAM VILLAGE (.)
0400K/14 Allied Hospital ship sunk near NE CAPE MOCTON 55 survivors (.)
T00 1512K/16

AI 308 16 May

0243K/16 Catalina bombed FINSCHAFEN MISSION with unobserved results (.)
2200K/15 4 B25 Cl's bombed LAE drome results unobserved due searchlight
glare
T00 2500K/16

PROJECTED OPERATIONS 17 MAY

Recces FINSCHAFEN DAMPIER STRAITS CAPE GLOUCESTER OPEN BAY WIDE BAY (.)
SALAMUA LAE FINSCHAFEN BOGIA CAPE GLOUCESTER VITIAZ (.) WARD HUNT
TALASEA KAVIENG MUSSAU LONG ISLAND VITIAZ (.) ARANE WIDE BAY OPEN BAY
VITIAZ (.) Photo recces RABUL GASMATA HEWAK BOGIA WAGGA WAGGA AHIOA
RAMU MARKHAM VALLYS
T00 2140K/16

SERVICEABILITY 17/5/43

100 Sqn	18 aircraft	4 aircraft	U/S
6 Sqn	3 "	1 "	"

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AREAS "A" "B" 0800K

Apr 73

MOST SECRET

Copy No. 24

Subject: 5 AUSTRALIAN DIV LOCATION STATEMENT NO 9
as at 2359 hrs 15 May 43

HQ 5 Aust Div
18 May 43
G766

	<u>Copy No</u>		<u>Copy No</u>
4 Aust Inf Bde	1	Adms	14
29 Aust Inf Bde	2	Bay	15
Adv party 14 Aust Inf Bde	3	Postal	16
IAA 5 Aust Div	4	Pro	17
RAE 5 Aust Div	5	NG Force	18-19
Sigs 5 Aust Div	6	NG Inf C Base Postal Unit	20
Comd	7	5 Aust Mvmt Control	21
G	8	COSC	22
AQ	9-10	File	23
AASC 5 Aust Div	11	War Diary	24-25
Medical	12		
Ord	13		

1. Attached at Appendix "A" is Location Statement of units in 5 Aust Div as at 2359 hrs 15 May 43.

2. It is requested that this HQ be advised immediately of any change of location of units.

3. Acknowledge.

[Signature]
Lt-Col
GS 5 Aust Div

Appendix "A" to
5 Aust Div G766
of 16 May 43.

5 AUST DIV LOCATION STATEMENT NO 9
as at 2359 hrs 15 May 43

Map: 1/25000 Arty Series NEW GUINEA GILL GILL

Serial No	UNIT	LOCATION	REMARKS AND PROJECTED MOVES
1	HQ 5 Aust Div	343430	
2	Q Sec FSS	343430	
3	5 Comd Sec NGF AL Gp	343432	
4	G Sqn Sec NGF AL Gp	416451	
5	F Sqn Sec NGF AL Gp	363442	
6	C Div Sec 2 Air SC	347430	
	<u>ARMED TPS</u>		
10	A Sqn 2/8 Aust Armd Regt	367461	
	<u>ARTY</u>		
15	HQ RAA 5 Aust Div	345435	
	<u>Fd</u>		
16	HQ 14 Aust Fd Regt	388448	{ In support of 29 Aust Inf Bde.
16a	53 Bty 14 Aust Fd Regt less A Tp	418453	
16b	54 Bty 14 Aust Fd Regt	361427	
16c	55 Bty 14 Aust Fd Regt	376451	
	<u>TK A</u>		
17	3 Bty 101 Aust Tk A Regt less D Tp	388448	{ Under comd 29 Aust Inf Bde
17a	D Tp 3 Bty 101 Aust Tk A Regt	417442	
18	HQ 2/2 Aust Tk A Regt	397455	
18a	5 Bty 2/2 Aust Tk A Regt	395456	
18b	7 Bty 2/2 Aust Tk A Regt	393453	
18c	8 Bty 2/2 Aust Tk A Regt	398451	
	<u>AA</u>		
19	HQ AA Gp MILNE BAY (AIF)	389443	
20	AA Ops Room MILNE BAY (AIF)	389443	
21	6 Bty 2/2 Aust Hy AA Regt	392453	
22	33 Aust Hy AA Bty	378450	
23	9 Bty 2/3 Aust Lt AA Regt	388443	
24a	Det 111 Aust Lt AA Bty	388443	Att Serial 23 Att Serial 25
24b	Det 111 Aust Lt AA Bty	387448	
25	235 Aust Lt AA Bty	387448	
	<u>Fixed Defences</u>		
26	1 Aust Fire Comd	KANA KOPA	
27	B Aust Hy Bty	433438	
28	E Aust Hy Bty	DOWA DOWA	
29	G Aust Hy Bty	KANA KOPA	
	<u>Svy</u>		
30	5 Aust Fd Svy Bty	415454	
	<u>ENGNS</u>		
36	HQ RAE 5 Aust Div	345438	
37	4 Aust Fd Coy	404445	
38	24 1 and 3 Secs 11 Aust Fd Coy	371454	
39	51 Aust Fd Pk Coy	395455	
40	2 Br Sec 51 Aust Fd Pk Coy	407447	

Serial No	UNIT	LOCATION	REMARKS AND PROJECTED MOVES
41	D Coy 2/1 Aust Pioneer Bn less 17 and 18 pls	404449	
41a	17 Pl D Coy 2/1 Aust Pioneer Bn	MAPO	
41b	18 Pl D Coy 2/1 Aust Pioneer Bn	394457	
42	3 Sec 3 Aust Fd Stry Coy	347433	
43	78 Aust AASL Coy	356428	
44a	B Hy Bty CASL Sec	433438	
44b	165 CASL Sec	DOWA DOWA	
44c	169 CASL Sec	KANA KOPA	
45	5 Aust Div CTO	371454	Att serial 38
46	2 Sec 1 Aust BD Coy	403449	
<u>SIGS</u>			
51	HQ Sigs 5 Aust Div	343431	
51a	HQ Coy 5 Aust Div Sigs	339430	
52	5 Aust Div Cipher Sec	343431	
53	2 Aust Ind Bde Cp Cipher Sec	343431	
54	LEQ Replacement Cipher Det	343431	
55	F Sec Sigs 11 Aust Div	387448	Att 14 Aust Fd Regt
56	H Sec Sigs 7 Aust Div	397455	Att 2/2 Aust Trk A Regt
57	J Sec Sigs 3 Aust Div	353433	Att 4 Aust Inf Bde
58	L Sec Sigs 5 Aust Div	394449	Att 29 Aust Inf Bde
59	C Div Sec Sigs 2 Aust Air SC	343431	
60	HQ Air Warning Wireless Coy		
	MILNE BAY sub area sec	339429	
61	HQ 3 Coy HQ L of C Sigs	348437	See serial 195
61a	W/ Switchboard Sec less det	348437	
61b	40 Lt Wireless Sec less 2 deta	348437	
61c	19 D/R Sec less det	348437	
61d	27 Lino Sec less det	348437	
62	Det Sigs 2/2 Aust Fy AA Regt	389444	
63	10 Aust Fy AA Regt Sig Sec	389444	
64	HQ 3 Aust Carrier Pigeon Sec	348437	
64a	35 Aust Carrier Pigeon Loft 8 Aust Carrier Pigeon Sec	(R)19855	Ref map SAMARAI 4 mls to 1 in.
64b	35 Aust Carrier Pigeon Loft 8 Aust Carrier Pigeon Sec	339429	
65	Det 2/2 Aust Sig Fk	942985	Att 4 AOD - Ref map GILI GILI WAICANI 1" to 1 ml
66	1 Aust Ind Sig Cp 6 Spec Task Wireless Det	339428	
67	Fortress Sigs MILNE BAY	DOWA DOWA	
<u>INF</u>			
71	HQ 4 Aust Inf Bde	353433	
72	22 Aust Inf Bn less A Coy HQ, 8 and 12 pls	427458	
72a	12 Pl 22 Aust Inf Bn	(R)14158	Returning MILNE BAY Ref map SAMARAI 4 mls to 1 in
72b	1 Coy HQ, 8 pl 22 Aust Inf Bn	(R)14158	Ref map SAMARAI sheet 4 mls to 1"
73	29/46 Aust Inf Bn less 9 pl and Composite pl	370448	
73a	9 Pl and composite pl 29/46 Aust Inf Bn	(R)10973	9 pl returning MILNE BAY Ref map SAMARAI sheet 4 mls to 1"
74	37/52 Aust Inf Bn less 9 Pl D Coy HQ 12 and 16 Pls	400453	
74a	9 Pl 37/52 Aust Inf Bn	(r)14158	Ref map SAMARAI sheet 4 mls to 1"

Serial No.	UNIT	LOCATION	REMARKS AND PROJECTED MOVES
74b	12 Pl 37/52 Aust Inf Bn	(E)41286	Ref map FERGUSSON IS 4 mls to 1 ⁿ - RADAR Protective Det
74c	D Coy HQ 37/52 Aust Inf Bn	(R)14158	(Ref map SAMARAI sheet 4
74d	16 Pl 37/52 Aust Inf Bn	(R)14158	(mls to 1 ⁿ . Returning to (MINE BAY
75	HQ 29 Aust Inf Bde	395449	
76	15 Aust Inf Bn	435453	
77	42 Aust Inf Bn	374424	
78	A Coy 7 Aust Inf Bn	393452	Under comd 29 Aust Inf Bde
79	HQ 14 Aust Inf Bde - advance party	543430	GOODENOUGH IS
	<u>AASC</u>		
84	HQ Comd AASC 5 Aust Div	347437	
85	2/6 Aust Coy AASC	322429	
86	Det 25 Aust Coy AASC	335427	PORT MORESBY
87	27 Aust Coy AASC	393441	
88	1 Pl 1 Aust Sup Depot Coy	399438	
89	2 Pl 1 Aust Sup Depot Coy	912985	Ref Map GILI GILI WAIGANI 1 ⁿ to 1 ml
90	3 Pl 3 Aust Pack Tpt Coy	323435	
	<u>MEDICAL</u>		
96	7 Aust Fd Amb (less A and B Coys)	955985	Ref Map GILI GILI WAIGANI 1 ⁿ to 1 ml
96a	A Coy 7 Aust Fd Amb (less one lt sec)	355430	
96b	One Lt Sec A Coy 7 Aust Fd Amb	399445	
96c	B Coy 7 Aust Fd Amb (less one lt sec)	389447	
96d	One Lt Sec B Coy 7 Aust Fd Amb	406434	
97	4 Aust Fd Amb (less one coy and dental sec)	908995	Ref Map GILI GILI WAIGANI 1 ⁿ to 1 ml
97a	B Coy 4 Aust Fd Amb plus dental sec		See Serial 187
98	2/1 Aust CCS	945984	(Ref Map GILI GILI
99	10 Aust CCS	950993	(WAIGANI 1 ⁿ to
100	2/2 Aust AAMCU	955985	(1 ml
101	8 Aust AAMCU	389447	Qld L of C
	<u>DENTAL</u>		
105	A Sec 2/7 Aust Dental Unit	389447	
106	B Sec 2/1 Aust Dental Unit	442453	Att 15 Aust Inf Bn
	<u>ORD</u>		
113	101 Aust Ind Bde Gp Ord Fd Pk	351435	
114	104 Sec 5 Aust Div Ord Fd Pk	362458	
115	11 Aust Div Mob Laundry and Dacn Unit	354429	
	<u>AFME</u>		
121	HQ and 104 Sec 5 Aust Div AFME Wkshop	358458	
122	101 Aust Ind Bde Gp AFME Wkshop	350434	
123	Ind Aust Armd Regt Wkshop AFME	371455	Att A Sqn 2/8 Aust Armd Regt
124	9 Lt AA Bty Sec 2/3 Aust Lt AA Regt Wkshop	399438	
125	6 Ey AA Bty Sec Aust Ey AA Regt Wkshop	350434	
126	217 Aust LAD	387448	Att 14 Aust Fd Regt
127	202 Aust LAD	339432	Att 5 Aust Div Sig
128	216 Aust LAD	395452	Att 51 Aust Fd Pk Coy
129	2/54 Aust LAD	397455	Att 2/2 Aust Tk A Regt

Serial No	UNIT	LOCATION	REMARKS AND PROJECTED MOVES
130	254 Aust LAD	352433	Attached Serial 71
131	312 Aust LAD	394447	Attached Serial 75
132	14 Aust Radio Maint Sec	350434	Attached Serial 125
133	Det 235 Lt AA Workshop Sec	399438	
	<u>PRO</u>		
138	5 Aust Div Pro Coy (less three sec8)	347438	
139	One Sec 3 Aust Div Pro Coy	347438	
	<u>PAY</u>		
144	5 Aust Div Fd Cash Office	345435	
	<u>POSTAL</u>		
150	B Sec 7 Aust Base Postal Unit	345444	
151	5 Aust Div Postal Unit	345444	
152	69 Aust Fd Post Office	396449	Att 29 Aust Inf Bde
153	180 Aust Fd Post Office	355433	Att 4 Aust Inf Bde
154	166 Aust Fd Post Office	344432	Att HQ 5 Aust Div
155	171 Aust Fd Post Office	330426	Att 7 Aust Fd Amb
156	182 Aust Fd Post Office	411433	Att 1 Aust Water Ept Gp
	<u>SALVAGE</u>		
161	11 Aust Div Salv Unit	418444	
	<u>MISC</u>		
167	COIC	343431	
168	11 Aust Div Rec Camp	393444	
169	Det HQ 2 of C Area Records Office	345424	
170	ANGAU	875961	Ref map GILI GILI WALGANA 1" to 1 ml.
171	Det ADCS	348433	
172	1 Mob Cinema Unit	343433	
173	HQ Force Concert Party	350434	
174	5 Aust Div Concert Party	350433	
175	1 Aust Fd Censorship Unit	346444	PORT MORESBY
	<u>GOODENOUGH IS</u>		
181	47 Aust Inf Bn less 3 and 9 pls	353549	Ref map GOODENOUGH IS 1" to 1 ml
181a	8 Pl 47 Aust Inf Bn	215545	" " "
181b	9 Pl 47 Aust Inf Bn	KIRIWINA IS	RADAR protective dot RADAR protective dot
182	A Tp 14 Aust Fd Regt	354550	Ref map GOODENOUGH IS 1" to 1 ml
183	B Tp 2/17 Lt AA Bty	345570	" " "
184	Ho 2 Sec 11 Aust Fd Coy	349548	" " "
185	Det Sigs 5 Aust Div	353549	" " "
186	Det 5 Aust Div Cipher Sec	353549	" " "
187	3 Coy 4 Aust Fd Amb plus dental sec	347545	" " "
	<u>GINGER</u>		
194	5 Aust Docks Op Coy (Type C)	368565	Ref map GOODENOUGH IS 1" to 1 ml
195	No 3 Coy HGF L of C Sigs Det 37 Switchboard Sec Det 40 Lt Wireless Sec Det 19 D/R Sec Det 27 Line Sec	358542	" " "

Serial No	UNIT	LOCATION	REMARKS AND PROJECTED MOVES
196	Pl 201 Aust Supply Depot	348542	Ref map GOODEYOUGH IS 1" to 1 ml
197	One Tpt pl 2/2 Aust Coy AASC	346547	" " "
198	Det 20 Aust Employment Coy	355502	" " "
199	Det 10 AAD	371494	" " "
200	Det No 9 Aust Movt Control Gp	355564	" " "

PART II - COSC

Serial No	UNIT	LOCATION	REMARKS AND PROJECTED MOVES
	<u>ENGERS</u>		
207	6 Gp 2/3 Docks Operating Coy	397435	
208	Det 1 Aust Water Tpt Gp RAE	411433	
209	73 Aust DGRE Works	913993	Ref map GILI GILI WAIGANI 1" to 1 ml
210	5 Aust Army Tps Coy	912995	" " "
211	45 Aust Works Sup Fort Engrs	KANA KOPA	
	<u>AASC</u>		
215	One Sec NG L of 3 BIPOD	327427	
216	2/2 Aust Fd Bakery		
	One Sec	354432	
	One Sec	913986	
217	One Sec 2/1 Aust Fd Butchery	925979	(Ref Map GILI GILI WAIGANI 1" to 1 ml
218	3 Aust BSD (Type C)	348438	
219	Det Farm Coy	873981	(Ref map GILI GILI WAIGANI 1" to 1 ml
	<u>ORD</u>		
225	4 Aust Adv Ord Depot	942985	(Ref map GILI GILI WAIGANI 1" to 1 ml
226	Det 15 Aust Ord Store Coy	942985	" " "
227	10 Aust Adv Arm Depot less det	942988	" " "
228	13 Aust Ord Arm Coy - No 1 Depot	942988	" " "
229	18 Aust Ord Arm Coy - No 2 Depot	920982	" " "
230	Aust Services Prov 4 Aust Adv Ord Depot	942985	" " "
231	2 Aust Mob Arm Repair Shop	942988	Att serial 227
	<u>MEDICAL</u>		
236	MILNE BAY Det NG Force Medical and Vet Stores	954987	Ref map GILI GILI WAIGANI 1" to 1 ml
237	2/3 Aust Con Depot	902984	" " "
	<u>MISC</u>		
243	20 Aust Emp Coy less det	424438	
244	32 Aust Emp Coy	395423	
245	One Pl 30 Aust Emp Coy	345435	
245	No 9 Aust Movt Control Gp less det	401438	

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PART III - RAAF

Serial No	UNIT	LOCATION	REMARKS AND PROJECTED MOVES
254	HQ 71 Wing RAAF	348437	
255	43 O3	362440	
256	5 MFS	337429	
257	6 Squadron	416452	
258	75 Squadron	417449	
259	77 Squadron	355453	
260	10 Squadron	369457	
261	2 MRS	345444	
262	Det 10 Sigs Unit	348433	
263	Det 20 Sigs Unit 5 ACS	337429	
264	37 RDF Sta	349433	
265	303 RDF Sta	EAST CAPE	
266	304 RDF Sta	NORMANBY	
267	305 RDF Sta	IS	
268	1 Mob Torpedo Unit	KIRIWINA	
269	4 Mob Works Unit	IS	
270	6 Mob Works Unit	359458	
271	10 Works Supply Unit	359440	
272	10 Repair and Salv Unit	374455	
		415444	
		363450	
	<u>GINGER</u>		
281	41 O3	337549	Ref map GOODENOUGH IS
282	5 MFS	335552	1" to 1 ml
283	7 MFS	357530	" " "
284	3 Mob Sig Sec	345553	" " "
285	Det 13 Survey and Design Unit	374570	" " "
286	9 MFS	320515	" " "
287	71 Wing RAAF	320515	(Advance parties only)
288	77 Sqn	334552	

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PART IV - US FORCES

Serial No	UNIT	LOCATION	REMARKS AND PROJECTED MOVES
292	Headquarters USASOS MILNE BAY Sub Base	393444	
293	HQ WAGA WAGA Component MILNE BAY Sub Base	455337	
	<u>ARTY</u>		
294	Btry C 101 CA(AA) Bn	415443	
	<u>ENGERS</u>		
295	D Coy 2 Bn 95 Engr Regt (GS)	455335	
296	495 Engr Coy Sep HM	470335	
	<u>SIGS</u>		
297	EQ Coy B 565 Sig 17 Bn Sep	335429	
298	10 AACG	405449	
	<u>PORT</u>		
299	2nd Port EQ (TC)	395441	
300	EQ 387 Port Bn (TC)	394443	
301	B Coy 387 Port Bn (TC)	395447	
302	D Coy 373 Port Bn (TC)	398445	
303 A &	B Coy 373 Port Bn (TC)	455336	
	<u>SUP AND TPT</u>		
309	D Coy 29 Quartermaster Truck Regt	404447	
309a	A Coy 29 Quartermaster	455334	
310	Det 360 Q&I Bakery Unit	451335	
311	Transportation Sec (COSG)	411433	
312	317 Q&I Boat Coy	409435	
	<u>MEDICAL</u>		
315	1 Fd Hospital (less 1 Pl)	909999	GILI GILI WAIGANI 1 st to 1 ml
317	3 Pl 2 Fd Hospital	334429	
318	Det 3 Medical Sup Depot	392444	
	<u>ORD</u>		
324	Det 37 Ord Coy ME	415441	
325	818 Ord Depot Coy (less det)	395448	
325a	Det 818 Ord Depot Coy	450335	
	<u>PRO</u>		
332	813 MP Coy (Less 2 and 3 Pls and Det)	400448	
332a	Det 813 MP Coy	455335	
	<u>MISC</u>		
338	Det 15 Weather Sqn	394447	
339	28 Chemical Decontamination Coy	400448	

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	<u>GINGER</u>		
346	EQ USA Sub Base	364495	Ref map GOODENOUGH IS
347	C Coy 373 Port Bn (IC)	391484	1" to 1 ml
348	B Coy Q4 Truck Regt	384495	" " "
349	Unit 3 28 Surgical Hosp	419464	" " "
350	5 and 6 Pls 555 WAF Sig	215645	GOODENOUGH IS RDF Sta
351	Port Det "B"	GOODENOUGH	
352	6 Malaria Survey Unit	IB	
353	55 Ord	"	
354	46 Engrs	"	