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ACTION DIARY

Serial No	To	From	In	Out	Orig No	Text	Remarks
1	NGF			0040	C 1	SECRET. sitrep 1 to 0015K/26	
2	NGF	..		0832	C 2	SECRET. sitrep 2 to 0800K/26	
3		162 US Regt	0800		156	sitrep 110 to 0750K/26 (.) 0600K/26 preliminary fire by 1 and 2 btys.(.) 0615K preliminary mortar fire by 3rd Bn (.) 0645K COs A and B attacked NE to Jap posn in front of Coy L (.) 2000K/25 Jap cut down large tree 80 yds to right front Coy L (.) 2115K Coy I received 15 minute barrage of grenades and knee mortars (.) 2200K 6 rounds 81 mm mortar silenced knee mortars.(.) 0400K/26 knee mortars opened up again and three mortars spotted in draw to right of Coy I (.) no casualties (.) all informed	
4		NASSAU Ders	0800		SR 16	Secret sitrep to 0700K/26 (.) SITNOR nothing to report	
5		156 AA	0815		D 197	sitrep 197 (.) sitnor	
6		17 Bde	0750		I 298	sitrep 334 to 0700K/26 Sitnor	
7		17 Bde	0845		I 298	sitrep 334 to 0700K/26 Sitnor	
8		BENA	1000		O 444	sitrep 179 to 2000K/25 no change	
9		NGF	1635		O 8512	SECRET (.) 11 AUST DIV will arrange for movement of remaining coy and details of 15 Aust Inf Bn from MOROBE to NASSAU BAY forthwith (.) under comd 3 Aust Div on arrival NASSAU BAY (.) ack	
10		NGF	1025		O 8517	All Sitreps fwd to NGF to be rptd to 1 AUST CORPS	
11	NGF	–	~~1340~~	1345	I 1	for AD Svy (.) pls fwd additional 250 copies SALAMAUA 1 in in 25000	
12	NGF			1510	O 3	SECRET (.) sitrep 3 to 1400K/26	
13		15 Bde	1530		O 1245	sitrep 304 to 1530K/26 (.) 2/3 Ind Coy (.) A pl patrol found old C pl posns at 715966 occupied by enemy at 0800K/26 (.) relief by 47 bn completed 1000K/26 and coy concentrated in BUIRALI CK at 1100K/26(.) investigations now reveal an additional 20 enemy killed 25 aug total for WAREK FORCE 25 aug now 85 killed (.) D Coy 24 Bn (.)	

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13	(contd)					18 pl still held up 685023 by enemy well dug in on razor back (.) 18 pl attacked enemy five times throughopen timber with no undergrowth offering little concealment (.) casualties now own 2 killed 2 wounded	
14		TOJO			E 575	0810 approx ten barges LAE hbr (.) from 1000 vis nil	
15		DAWN	1820		G 569	1150 arty shelled isthmus (.) shelling accurate (.) 1250 to 1600 visibility nil	
16		162 US Regt			163	sitrep 112 to 1830K/26 (.) CO A patrol at 1530K/26 reported JAPS digging in def posns facing south along ridge track at 7[illegible]2 CO K patrol returned 1700K/26 reported 2 JAPS killed observed pillboxes near crest of ridge CO I reported sniper fire exchanged all afternoon CO L reported 1 JAP straggler crossed TAMBU ridge track at 730941 headed west COs K and F reached JAPS of C ridge without opposition and are dug in at approx 740950 this crest is short of scout track (.) patrol sent SW observed fresh tracks on south track patrol CO F moving NW met enemy 200 yds from perimeter and withdrew under fire total cas 11 JAPS killed 6 wounded own cas NONE all informed	
17		RAA			RAO 18	sitrep No 8 to 1200K (.) Jap gun vicinity LOKANU fired some rounds into bay 1100K (.) C/B fire brought to bare by bty C 205 bn and gun neutralised	
18		29 Bde			I 93	SITREP 32 to 1900K/26 (.) 42 bn (.) A coy no change (.) B coy patrol to NW NO movt seen (.) L/T to C coy has been out since 1320K/26 and pre-arranged signal was not observed but coy in vicinity 727155 (.) D coy now 720956 bn HQ 720943 (.) Jap posns on feature 724957 were well covered by arty fire during the day reported japs signalling under fire (.) D coy killed 4 Japs AM 26 aug (.) 47 bn (.) A coy in perimeter 712964 B coy 708966 10 pl 708968 11 pl 709966 12 pl 709965 C coy less one pl 714962 one pl 715962 (.) fighting patrol from A coy cleared out pillbox at 710964 1230K/26 and were fired on by LMGs same area (.) enemy casualties 3 killed number wounded own NIL (.) ref 15 bde SITREP 304 to 1330K/26 (.) reported enemy posns at 715966 was examined	

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18	(contd					today by an officers patrol which found NO signs of enemy recent or otherwise (.) site at 711955 selected for ADS (.) 5 pl 47 bn working east dispn improving new L of C all informed	
19	NGF			1715	I 2	9 parcels captured documents batch numbers 33 to 41 forwarded DRLS 27 aug	
20	NGF			2045	0 6	sitrep 4 to 2000K/26 (.	
21		BENA FORCE	2100		0 445	sitrep 180 to 0800K/26 (.) NO CHANGE	
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22	NGF		~~0035~~	0035	0 7	sitrep 5 to 2345K/26	
23		15 Bde	0030		01249	after considerable day and night troop movt which has added to difficulty of pinpointing positions in rugged country encountered a thorough check by use of two inch mortar flares bearings and int sec traverses was made 26 aug (.) sgt SWAN has been sent to SWANS OP to endeavour establish exact locations of coy (.) main change is in B coy 2/7 BN which is now reported at 718983 and NOT on SAVIGE SPUR which is strongly held by enemy SOUTH to ROUGH HILL (.) check will continue (.) definite locations will be advised as soon as established	
24		15 Bde	0030		01246	sitrep 305 to 2300K/26 (.) WARFE force and PICKEN force ceased to exist at 1200K/26 (.) 2/7 BN (.) pl D coy moving area 717998 contacted 60 JAPS moving south down SANDY CK (.) Japs dug in (.) D coy complete now dug in 717998 (.) patrols recceing (.) 3 enemy killed while examining parachute (.) A coy in posn 720993 within perimeter of C coy 58/59 bn (.) B coy at 718983 heard chopping to east (.) C coy (.) patrol to 720010 contacted enemy (.) fighting patrol moved to HAND AMK/26 and returned (.) 15 pl now digging in	

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24	(contd)					717007 (.) 1430K/26 line at STEAK again cut (.) firing heard direction EDWARDS SPUR (.) 3 ORs left EDWARDS SPUR area for coy HQ now missing (.) fighting patrol to area was ambushed 1 OR killed (.) enemy strength 712069 estimated 20 (.) coy HQ moving temporarily to STEAK for night 26/27 aug (.) recce patrol from 704008 to 703017 706022 713022 could observe KELA PT or CHINATOWN from last point (.) no enemy movt seen (.) tk/a pl in posn 703004 (.) 58/59 bn (.) A coy less one pl relieved by A coy 47 BN at 1430K/25 crossed FFRANCISCO 0700K/26 and moved to CAMEL RIDGE (.) B coy relieved at 1430K/25 crossed FRANCISCO 0930K/26 arrived at posn 709997 1130K/26 (.) C coy HQ and 15 pl 717989 (.) 13 pl not yet arrived from BUIRIS CK are a (.) 9 pl 24 bn were committed with D coy 2/7 bn against enemy patrol at 717998 (.) on completion pl returned to C coy perimeter B coy (.) one sec preceding pl of C coy 2/7 BN who were carrying heavy stores while moving to HAND were fired on at 720010 by LMG and 2 rifles (.) pl C coy 2/7 then dug in at 717007 (.) BHQ 714984 (.) 2/3 indep coy (.) relief by 47 bn complete 1000K/26 (.) now in occupations HQ 703970 A pl 701964 B pl 704967 C pl 704971 (.) D coy 24 BN (.) 18 pl reports 20 JAP reinforcements arrived 1730K/25 (.) track discovered 500 yds west of enemy posn 685023 runs south down spur (.) 6 pl LESLIES patrol returned 1015K/26 (.) cut sig wire on track from 694037 to 691036 which led up open track to jap camp approx 688037 (.) patrol fired on 8 JAPS washing in ck at 691036 8 japs killed (.) returned along spur running east west along grid 04 (.) total casualties 26 aug enemy 12 killed own 2 killed all informed	
25		WAMPIT FORCE	0215		Q778	ref RQ 412 (.) essential for future OPs that 1 offr 46 ORs 24 BN arrived SUNSHINE not later than 28 aug (.) request advice as to progress mvt	
26		TOJO	0215		E374	from 1045 hrs nil fog nothing to report	
27		WAMPIT FORCE	0245		D0 8	secret (.) sitrep 20 to 2000K/26 (.) 24 bn (.) B coy 0630K/26 4 days patrol strength 18 less firm base 575225 WAGO june (.) for track LAE SALAMAUA via SUGAR LOAF (.) two days patrol strength 8 left from base to locate jap posn north BUANG MOUTH (.) 1330K/26 one det 3 pl HQ coy arrived PARTEP from SUNSHINE (.) 1730K/26 4 pl one	

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27	(contd)					det 3 pl HQ coy 13 pl C coy arrived TIMNE 279309 ROMER 1 inch en route to WAMPIT (.) all informed	
28		COMAFAD VON 5	0500		A1468	ord offr 41 US DIV contacted OC 11 Fd Coy CMA RAE re detonation of 300 lbs bombs USAC at TAMBU beach (.) ref your radio 26th AUG on this subject	
29		BENA FORCE	0500		0 448	sitrep 181 to 2000K 26th (.) pro-JAP natives report SAGERAK evacuated after bombing strafing (.) had trenches dug (.) ONGA OP report allied tps approaching from GURUF 0845K/26	
30	NGF			0822	0 8	sitrep 6 to 0800K/27	See Serial 39
31		156 AA	0923		D 198	sitrep 198 (.) SITNOR	
32		29 Bde	0923		I 95	sitrep 33 to 0700K/27 (.) mortars harassed enemy posns 711967 during night (.) sitnor all areas	
33		162 US Regt	0923		NR165	sitrep 113 to 0730K/27 no report of activity during night all informed	
34		15 Bde	0923		01250	sitrep 306 to 0700K/27 (.) 58/59 bn (.) A coy 718983 with D coy (.) B C coys nothing to report (.) D coy pl in ambush salamaua track seen no mvt 26 aug (.) 2/7 bn (.) L/T to C coy cut 1930K/26 elsewhere quiet night all informed	
35		RAA	0935		RA021	secret sitrep 10 to 0700K (.) FOO with 42 bn re ports 2/3 ind coy and A coy 2/7 bn in skirmish AM 26 killed 11 Japs (.) Japs in good condition and the remainder of their party fled abandoning new equipment (.) bty B 2/8 bn report 1740K/26 10 rds 75MM landed approx 1000 W of their gun position (.) enemy gun not located (.) 1814K/26 enemy gun vicinity LOKANU fired 4 rds into N slopes Roosevelt Ridge (.) 105 replied with 100 rds silencing gun (.) FOO with G coy in attack on C ridge reports 15 Japs found in one area all killed by arty fire (.) night 26/27 105 fired harassing fire vicinity KELA HILL	

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36	2/6 Bn 162 Lt AA Regt			203110-5 /26		ref 3 div 0350 of 19 aug NOT to all addressees (.) OC 2/6 aust inf bn will relieve maj KELLY 162 lt AA regt of resposnibility for def of NASSAU BAY from incl CAPE DINGA to incl mouth LAKE SALUS as from 1800K/27 (.) he will coordinate all land and sea defs and all AUSTRALIAN and US tps in the area will be under his operational comd (.) NASSAU BAY defs excl AA defence will be under direct comd 5 aust div	
37	15 Bn			1802 /26	0 4	coy at present patrolling TAMBU track to provide one pl to relieve 1 bn 162 US regt of responsibility of patrolling track between 732944 and 724927 and will establish standing patrol at track junction 726928 (.) relief to be completed by 1200 hrs 27 aug	
38	~~WAMPIT FORCE~~	WAMPIT FORCE	1210		I 108	sitrep 20 to 2000K/26 (.) 24 BN (.) B coy 0630K/26 4 day patrol ~~at~~ strength 18 left FIRMBANE 575225 WAGO JUNC for track LAE SALAMAUA via SUGARLOAF (.) 2 day patrol strength 8 left FIRMBANE to locate JAP positions north BUANG mouth (.) 1330K/26 1 det 3 pl HQ coy arrived PARTEP 2 from SUGARLOAF (.) 1730K/26 4 pl 1 det 3 pl HQ coy 13 pl C coy arrived GIMNE 279309 ROAMER 1 inch en route WAGO (.) all informed	
39	~~15 Bde~~	15 Bde	1210		01255	ref your sitrep 6 (.) features north to south from 725995 to 728980 are known to our units as follows (.) SAVAGE SPUR 725995 ROUGH HILL 718985 CAMEL RIDGE from rough hill SW to 715980	See serial 30
40		29 Bde			196	sitrep to 0930K/27 (.) 47 Bn (.) pl fighting patrol from A coy time out 0630K/27 to contact enemy along Spur from 710964 to 710968 (.) pln fighting patrol left B coy 0600K/27 to contact enemy area 708968 (.) another pln moved along CREEK then to move around left flank enemy posns this area (.) both patrols got within 40 yds enemy posns but were unable to proceed fwd or dig in as least mvt drew intense fire from 5 LMGs (.) patrol withdrew coy area 0755K/27 (.) all patrols now out probing defences for weak spots (.) recce patrol one pln left C coy 0745K/27 to recce area vic crk and crk junc 714968 (.) D coy left EDGARS knoll 0745K/27 moving staging camp 42 bn (.) 8 pl left Bn HQ 0840K/27 to re-establish comms with A and C coys recce patrol from B coy mvd 0900K/27 to recce features 714950 (.) patrol from D coy working round both flanks enemy posns (.) all informed	See Serial 70

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41		162 US Regt	1345		171	sitrep 114 to 1300K/27 (.) 1100K/27 two co G patrols operating on saddle 757963 and on ridge (.) 1130K/27 patrol from COs E and F in B ridge ravine fired on by MG and were forced to withdraw (.) estimated Jap cas 12 killed (.) own cas 2 minor 1 serious wounded (.) 1210K/27 CO A patrol moved out 0900 hrs contacted two cos aust at 733952 (.) aussies headed N (.) ours no contact with enemy but japs seen on ridge by pillboxes at 736951 (.) patrol posn now 734952 (.) 1120K/27 co L fired LMG and CO MM on jap posn to N (.) no return fire till 1130 with 8 rds arty fire from greater distance than any previous arty fire (.) all informed	
42		BENA FORCE	1345		0 450	SITREP 182 to 0800K/27 (.) NO change	
43		RAA	1345		RA022	secret sitrep 11 to 1200K (.) 1130K jap mtn gun 75 mm vicinity 725963 fired 12 rds on inf posns on scout ridge (.) proximity of our patrols did not allow c/b work on this gun (.) elsewhere no change	
44		29 Bde	1345		I 98	sitrep 34 to 1200K/27 (.) 42 bn (.) patrol from D coy climbed SPUR on WEST side HILL 1 to within 10 yds FEATURE then stopped by steep gully 15 ft deep (.) SA fire from top of feature enemy strength estimated at least 1 sec (.) No comn yet with A and C coy but patrol from Bn HQ with extra wire and line broken by arty fire and is laying forward to contact the coy (.) 47 Bn (.) A coy patrol returned 1200K/27 having established 7 LMG posts (.) during skirmishes AM 27 B coy fighting patrols killed 3 enemy in pillbox with LMG fire pillboxes NOT destroyed our cas 1 offr 1 OR wounded (.) C coy patrol arrived 714965 0955K/27 NNS patrol proceeding (.) OP estab vic coy HQ (.) D coy HQ 17 pl and pl 2/5 Bn now staging camp 707963 18 pl standing patrol 705956 16 pl TAMBU BAY (.) Pioneer pl 15 Bn arrived this HQ 1100K/27 all informed	
45		15 Bde	1345		01257	sitrep 307 to 1300K/27 (.) 58/59 bn (.) A coy moved to 711991 0800K/27 (.) recce party moved 1015K/27 to recce track up spur from 712982 (.) B coy carrier line ambushed 708992 0900K/27 (.) C coy (.) 1130K/27 fighting patrol moved out for ARNOLDS CREST (.) 1125K/27 fighting patrol 1 offr 11 ORs from BHQ left to clear track to B coy (.) 2/3 ind coy (.) sitnor (.) D coy 24 bn (.) sitnor all informed	

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46		15 Bde	1345		01256	ref conversation TRAVERS SCARLETT (.) request arty LO be attached this HQ (.) this LO would be in addition to two FOOs now with bde (.) consider three arty offrs essential (.) please advise (.) my 01131 of 16 aug refers	See Serial 84
47	NGF			1431	0 10	sitrep 7 to 1400K/27	
48		Tojo			E 373	0620 1 barge from along east coast to ref LAE provence 842429 0643 and 0653 1 u/i a/c over LAE sporadic A/A heard vis NIL	
49		29 Bde			I 269	WELLS OP reports to 1200K/29 (.) 0230 light seen on SCOUT ridge immediately followed by two mortar bomb explosions in that region (.) 0720 smoke vic aerodrome (.) 0825 shells bursting vic mouth FRANCISCO river (.) 0857 smoke on arty hill 0900 arty firing on arty hill 0937 smoke on KELA HILL 0940 smoke shells between arty hill and SCOUT ridge (.) 0945 arty ranging on PENINSULAR 1125 MG fire vic arty hill	
50		DAWN			G 571	1600 to 1800 sitnor	
51		DAWN		2010	G 572	0800 to 1600 signalling from ISTHMUS and peninsular BY LAMP otherwise sitnor	
52		Tojo		2010	E 376	0800 to 1220 slight truck activity webbs echoffs vacuum 1250 to 1325 approx 40 u/i a/c patrolling in area vis nil	
53		47 Bn			I 329	WELLS OP reports 1135 S arty ranging on ISTHMUS 1200 three little boats on left of perimeter 1250 arty firing in region of SCOUT HILL	
54		162 US Regt			175	sitrep 115 to 1830K/27 (.) I and R and george patrols saw 6 japs moving up track vicinity 736954 NW and SE (.) ambush on same track killed 8 to 10 more of japs on same track (.) Japs fresh and fully equipped with new equipment (.) track 2 ft wide steep cut 306 yds from top ridge where new defence positions apparently located (.) 3 small patrols from G coy operating N and W up E ridge reported slight enemy activity not deduced as digging in operations (.) arty arranged for fire on posn observed (.) CO L observed considerable	

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54	(contd)					movement (.) 6 japs on ridge N of L COY in area masked from I COY (.) Noted improvement of camouflage on jap pillboxes (.) at 1300 1 man slightly wounded by jap shell (.) K COY patrol of 16 men afternoon 27 aug on B ridge moved up to jap posns observed or encountered 48 japs (.) Jap cas (.) 24 killed (.) Our cas (.) 1 killed (.) Patrol returned 1540 (.) all informed
55	NGF			2040	0 14	sitrep 8 to 2000K/27
56	RAA	RAA	2120		RA025	Secret sitrep 12 to 1900K (.) FDC 205 FA bn reports A coy 162 and two coys 42 bn have cut track from scout ridge 737954 (.) Coy F also reported as cutting track E of this position at 1625K (.) A coy will endeavour to link with F coy in am 28 (.) Wells OP reports (.) activity on well used road N of airfield and parallel to field (.) observed 3 different parties each of 3 men at irreg intervals (.) approx 500 ft between parties (.) troops appeared and disappeared into wooded area bordering north side of road (.) Troops never crossed road into open round airfield (.) registered 218 FA bn on road and harassed movement of troops with 44 rds 75 MM 1538K (.) Fired 163 rds 75 MM into wooded area 1651K (.) observation from Wells OP suggest possible defence line in this area controlling open ground vicinity airfield (.) also appears to command approaches to FRANCISCO possibly KOMIATUM trail vicinity river and foothills of scout ridge particularly patches cleared by bombers (.) WELLS OP engaged AA posn salamaua 752018 and isthmus at 0950 and 1110 respectively with 92 and 72 rds 105 MM (.) 218 FA bn fired 560 rds 75 MM harassing and neutralisation at call of FOO G coy scout ridge during day (.) No results known (.) 1130K FOO with coy L reports 8 rds jap 75 MM fell coy area no damage (.) gun was firing at greater range than experienced to date (.) Possible gun shown on captured as vicinity ASINI 698043 has come into action (.) 1315K WELLS OP reported u/i aircraft approaching from NE flying high in scattered cbuds (.) Turned away north not identified (.) Ref sitrep 11 of 1200K (.) Jap gun located in pillbox (.) Will engage with bofors on ROOSEVELT RIDGE am 28 (.) DAWSON OP now 718991 reports (.) dispositions 2/7 bn (.) B coy 719984 (.) C coy 706006 (.) D coy 717996 (.) A coy 718991 (.) 58/59 bn (.) B coy 709996 (.) C coy 716996 (.) patrosl penetrated squares 7001 and 7010 (.) B coy 27 were attacked 1600K (.) No

56	(contd)			details (.) enemy resistance this area stiffening (.) LORD OP reports no change situation (.) engaged targets W/T mast area (.) Enemy gun SCOUT HILL (.) Area 5 on airfield (.) KEIAHILL (.) enemy gun 727916 (.) NUK NUK (.) KNOLL 719002 (.) SAVIGE SPUR 721999 (.) All opportunity tgts (.) Results not known (.) 1600K enemy gun 727766 fired 6 rds into BHQ area (.) effectively neutralised (.) McELROY FOO 42 bn reports (.) 3 patrols 42 bn D coy reached 10 20 and 30 ft from top feature I 725963 on EW and S sides (.) Held up by enemy fire (.) 100 rds 105 MM placed on feature (.) All rds in tgt area (.) All informed
57		Tojo 2240	E 77	1430 1 liberator over LAE bombs dropped sporadic A/A (.) vis NIL ~~xx~~ 1545 number u/i a/c patrolling (.) received 24 gallons petrol (.) lt TUCKERMAN arrived
58		15 Bde 2240	O 1259	MOST SECRET (.) GEN MILFORD from HAMMER (.) enemy attacking strongly ARNOLDS CREST area defences penetrated several places today (.) this area part of his SALAMAUA defs as shown captured documents (.) feel that enemy has strongly reinforced possibly with troops BUSAMA area and elsewhere (.) unreliability 58/59 bn tps has forced me to withdraw to hold a tighter line BUIRIS CK ARNOLDS CREST 715995 719993 716994 (.) am holding 2/3 ind coy present area as backstop to 57 bn and protection OLD VICKERS COCONUTS area and to rest (.) all tps very tired and strengths low the three units total 1100 not all fighting tps (.) 28 aug will cut his L of C within our defs and clean out pockets and endeavour to occupy the best ground
59		15 Bde 2240	O 1258	sitrep 308 to 2100K/27 (.) 2/7 Bn (.) 1200K/27 D coy reported party 14 enemy moved south towards posn (.) engaged enemy killed 1 fire returned from east and west flanks (.) 1640K/27 D coy heavily attacked by strong enemy force (.) enemy observed in first contact wore new eqpt new uniforms and appeared fresh (.) Comment (.) these are either reinfts from OUTSIDE area or tps brought south from BUANG river or MALAGOWAN (.) patrol from A coy to contact B coy 58/59 bn ambushed area 711994 our casualties 2 killed 3 wounded (.) B coy (.) report enemy digging in and extending defs (.) C coy (.) No L/T comm since 1700K/26 (.) runner

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59	(contd)					arrived. BENA HQ amK/27 reported BUIRIS CK clear (.) patrol from tk/a pl was ambushed earlier amK/27 at 705000 and patrol from BENA HQ north along BUIRIS CK also contacted this party enemy (.) further patrol was then sent to clear ck (.) standing patrol now est in enemy ambush posn (.) locations 1200K/27 (.) A coy 719993 B coy 718983 (.) C coy HQ and 14 pl 703007 13 pl 706007 15 pl 717008 EDWARDS pl 709010 (.) D coy 717991 (.) BENA HQ 706987 BENA PL 695005 (.) Carr pl 695997 tk/a pl 703004 (.) Bn HQ 710977 (.) 58/59 BN (.) A coy (.) 1700K/27 occupied posn on spur 717984 (.) B coy runner via BUIRIS CK reports coy being pressed from 3 sides (.) C coy (.) 1500K/27 patrol to ARNOLDS CREST ambushed approx 709993 our casualties 1 wounded (.) Estimated 30 Japs with LMGs and estimated 10 Dogs heard when withdrawing B coy (.) patrol from 718983 moved west to river then to 17 pl NMS (.) BHQ fighting patrol returned 1615K/27 contacted enemy ambush posn 708992 our casualties 1 killed 2 wounded (.) enemy dug in astride track (.) 1 offr 16 ORs from BHQ moved out 1655K/27 to est standing patrol at 704989 (.) 2/3 indep coy (.) amended locations (.) HQ ~~704989~~ 704972 A pl 704965 B pl 704966 C pl 705973 (.) one lone Jap shot at 704968 PL K/26 (.) D coy 24 Bn (.) 1400K/27 MALOLOOP reported 2 small fishing craft west of MISSION PT at 713046 (.) 13 pl (.) 2 Japs observed crawling along side of track 1 killed 1 wounded (.) Recce of track running south showed no signs recent use all informed.	
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60		29 Bde	2330		I 99	sitrep 35 to 2100K/27 (.) 42 bn (.) A and C coys arrived 728955 1600K/27 and dug in on reverse slope astride track (.) Japs very close both NORTH and SOUTH (.) 1715K/27 two shells or mortar bombs landed in perimeter our casualties 1 killed 4 wounded (.) posn and direction of fire could not be judged (.) 1500K/27 8 pl following A and C coys contacted US party which ~~had~~ had laid line from KITCHEN coy to our C coy (.) B coy patrol to 713952 approached from NORTH found footprints one Jap (.) Arty fired 60 rds on Jap posns HILL 1 1300 to 1400 hrs fire very accurate (.) Patrol from D coy investiagted target area approaching from NW and killing 1 Jap (.) Japs active in area (.) Arty fire again brought down 1655K/27 (.) During day 7 Jap positions located south and SW sides HILL 1 (.) 47 bn (.) Recce patrol from B coy located	

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60	(contd)					pillboxes vicinity 711968 (.) open country with scattered bamboos between jap positions and RIVER (.) patrol reports No activity along track 709968 and 713968 (.) Further patrol to recce EAST of RIDGE 711966 fired on by MMGs and mortars and forced withdraw (.) C coy patrol returned 1400K/27 (.) patrol was ambushed at 713967 our casualties 1 OR killed 1 wounded (.) TRACK discovered running down SPUR to main SALAMAUA TRACK (.) Two secs D coy ADS 711955 as protective det (.) 16 pl moved from TAMBU BAY to join D coy AM 27 all informed	
61		BENA FORCE	0650		0 456	sitrep 183 to 2000K/27 (.) NO CHANGE (.) active patrolling all areas	
62		WAMPIT FORCE	0650		I 110	SECRET (.) sitrep 22 to 2000K/27 (.) 24 bn (.) natives report no Japs BUSSI 597165 WAGO 1 inch in last month (.) located native now friendly but neutral 1245K/27 13 men road 1540K/27 4 men unarmed wearing shirt trousers entered MARKHAM RIVER (.) 588433 NHDZAB 1 inch and swam towards SOUTH bank (.) 1250-1545K/26 2 rafts carried 16 persons from 587433 to SOUTH bank ~~carried~~ 4 persons SOUTH to NORTH bank MARKHAM RIVER (.) 1530K/27 recce patrol to 562431 NADZAB 1 inch heard japs voices in ambush posn no observation possible (.) track DEEP CREEK to MARKHAM POINT not used for approx one month (.) 1100K/27 13 pl C coy plus det mor arrived WAMPIT 306382 WAIME 1 inch (.) 1255K/27 postn 4 pl HQ coy arrived WAMPIT (.) 1730K/27 det mor arrived DEX 310372 WAIME 1 inch (.) all infmd	
63		47 Bn	0755		I 333	WELLS OP reports (.) 1520 MG fire on SCOUT ~~XXXX~~ HILL (.) 1545 3 Japs walked along road to north of wireless stn fired on by US arty (.) 1640 2 shells burst on airdrome (.) 1703 4 japs on road NTH WIRELESS STN (.) 1706 fired on by US arty	
64		162 US Regt	0755		176	sitrep 116 to 0730 hrs K/28 (.) At 0300K/28 one enemy shell landed on ROOSEVELT RIDGE (.) one man killed (.) otherwise no change (.) all informed	
64(A)		~~XXXX~~ 29 Bde	0755		I 100	sitrep 36 to 0700K/28 (.) SITNOR	

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64 B		15 Bde	0840		01261	sitrep 309 to 0730K/28 (.) 2/7 bn (.) L/T re-established with C coy (.) C coy patrol 26 aug located enemy L of C SW to NE 705000 716007 717014 (.) patrol from EDWARDS SPUR counted 57 enemy moving SW on this L of C carrying picks shovels (.) later party 20 moved NE returning after 30 mins with picks shovels (.) patrol from 15 pl to EDWARDS SPUR killed 4 enemy (.) BENA fighting patrol reported BUIRIS CK clear at 1800K/27 but 5 recently dug enemy weapon pits 400 yds NE of 705000 (.) B coy harassed enemy to north with mortar during night (.) D coy withdrawn to 717987 now moving to occupy west SANDY CK (.) C coy reports spasmodic firing at B coy 58/59 bn during night (.) 58/59 bn (.) nothing to report (.) 2/3 indep coy sitnor al informed	
65		RAA			RA026	Secret sitrep 13 to 0700K (.) harassing fire night 27/28 on targets scout ridge (.) Feature 1 in front of 42 BN (.) Bivouac area ~~x~~ in SALAMAUA (.) From RAA	
66	15Bde 17Bde 28Bde 162 US Regt RAA		1940/27		I 6	high feature in square 7295 will ~~xxx~~ be referred to as CHARLIE HILL	
~~67~~		~~47 Bn~~	~~0940~~		~~I 333~~	~~WEEKS OF RESPONSIBILITY TO 1528 X2 FIRE~~	
67	15 Bde			0946	0 17	in reply to 01259 - concur in your plan (.) shorten your line as you consider necessary while maintaining a firm hold on tactical ground essential for future ~~xxxxx~~ advance (.) report on situation in CAMEL RIDGE SAVIGE SPUR area	See serial 58 and 74
68		17 Bde	1455		A 120	approx 50 pers under s/sgt RIDGE who have been manning MUBO L of C will arrive NASSAU BAY PM 28	
69	NGF			0950	0 16	sitrep 9 to 0800K/28	
70	29 Bde			1D01	I 7	ref I96 of 27 (.) No record of EDGARS KNOLL referred to (.) our list shows EDWARDS KNOLL at 708937 (.) advise	See Serial 40

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71		29 Bde	1155		H 500	SITREP to 1030K/28 (.) 42 bn (.) A and C coys report 5 Japs killed by our grenades night 27/28 (.) coys aptrolling to test Japs positions (.) coys have L/T comm with KITCHEN (.) coy two pls B coy carrying party to A and C coys (.) D coy patrols working from NORTH to top of CHARLIE HILL (.) 47 bn (.) recce patrol left A coy 0615K/28 moved down left of SPUR to within 30 yds jap posns saw two japs killed by mortar fire 710962 (.) second patrol proceeding down right of SPUR to 711966 (.) D coy recce patrol proceeding along east bank BUIRALI CK to B coy area task locate enemy posns (.) patrols left B coy 0600K/28 proceeding along BUIRALI CK to FRANCISCO RIVER to establish listening posts (.) 0845K/28 A coy reported shells passing over bursting vicinity OLD BOBDUBI (.) C coy estimates enemy gun 1000 yards to east of coy all informed	
72	NGF			1205	O 19	arty OPs sighted small vessel approaching SAMOA HARBOUR 1145 hrs (.) at present out of range our arty	
73		47 Bn	1245		I 333	WELLS OP reports 1750 mortar fire in NUK NUK gorge region 0100 aircraft passed overhead 0545 heavt arty fire in direction of ISTHMUS (.) Intermittent MMG and arty fire throughout night	
74		15 Bde	1110		01264	in reply to 017 - ref my 01259 amend map ref 716994 to read 716984 (.) present situation CAMEL RIDGE SAVIGE ~~XXXXX~~ SPUR area enemy holds ROUGH HILL and SAVIGE SPUR our disposns B coy 2/7 Bn 718983 A coy 58/59 Bn 717984 D coy 58/59 Bn 718983	See Serial 67 and 58
75		DAWN	1310		G 573	1600 to 0800 NOTHING TO REPORT	
76		TOJO	1310		E 378	NIGHT of 27/28 vis NIL 0625 1 barge entered harbour from E coast	
77		WAMPIT FORCE	1310		I 112	Secret Sitrep 24 to 0800K/28 (.) 24 BN (.) 1235K/27 5 shots heard NORTH of MARKHAM vic 305508 WAIME 1 inch (.) 1305K/27 AWW Station NGARAN EN0 409510 NADZAB 1 INCH est comm with AWW BULOLO (.) All Infmd	

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78		29 Bde	1325		I 501	SITREP 37 to 1230K/28 (.) 47 bn (.) C coy patrols (.) 1 NCO 5 ORs left 0900K/28 proceeding down SPUR through OLD AMBUSH posn 716964 to CK JUNC 714967 thence east along SALAMAUA track to GOOD XING (.) 1 NCO 5 ORs left 0900K/28 proceeding NORTH along CREEK to SALAMAUA track thence WEST to 712967 task recce enemy posns and L of C (.) one sec C coy standing patrol OLD AMBUSH POSN 716964 (.) ref shelling OLD BOBDUBI flash of gun observed from estimated position 726961 all informed	
79		~~RA028~~ RAA	1455		RA028	secret sitrep 14 to 1200K (.) WELLS OP reports 3 large fires in LAE following air strike (.) numerous small objects floating in water NW of SALAMAUA (.) Jap gun engaged TAMBU BAY area 1030K (.) some rds landed in water others vicinity A bty 218 FA bn (.) No damage (.) not observed but known gun posns taken under C/B fire by 105 MM gun (.) 1040K blunt bow craft observed BG 20 from STH TAMBU BAY at extreme range (.) 1130 piper cub arty OP reports large VESSEL approaching SAMOA harbour (.) 105's 25 pdr standing by to engage all informed	
80		15 Bde	1455		O 1265	sitrep 310 to 1300K/28 (.) 58/59 bn (.) a coy patrol at 717971 ambushed party 40 japs moving west along SALAMAUA track 0730K/28 killing 15 (.) japs appeared very tired and carrying packs and what appeared bundles of rice (.) D coy reports 1 bn gun 2 hy mortars firing from vic 723968 shells landed vic 713973 (.) patrol from 17 pl 714973 moved north along FRANCISCO 1000 yds enemy movt observed south side of river near ambush posn (.) B coy (.) heavily engaged with enemy all night withdrew from ARNOLDS CREST to 704999 at 0800K/28 our cas 3 killed 4 wounded 5 missing (.) 2/7 bn (.) D coy in posn 713993 0930K/28 (.) patrolling to gain contact with enemy (.) runners from 15 pl on HAND moved south contacted Japs north of D coy moved west to ARNOLDS CREST contacted B coy 58/59 bn 0200K/28 then down BUIRIS CK to BENA HQ reported 15 pl strongly attacked PM K/27 by enemy attack repulsed EDWARDS pl now on STEAK (.) fighting patrol moved to 15 pl to ASSIST their withdrawal to within coy perimeter (.) ambush posn est along jap track at 706003 (.) D coy 24 bn to 0600K/28 sitmor (.) 2/3 indep coy (.) area shelled by enemy during morning (.) patrols out to contact 29 bde and recce parties liaising with 2/7 bn learning terrain all infmd	

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81		NR 162 US Regt	~~NR184~~ 1455		NR184	sitrep 117 to 1300K/28 (.) 0915 jap arty shelled between L coy and C coy (.) mortar and MG fire of C coy on jap posns 738947 drew no fire (.) C coy patrol sent to posn 731952 (.) no report (.) 1140 MG fire on occupied pillboxes clover leaf at 737948 (.) japs still occupy pillboxes at 734948 (.) 0300 1 man killed at posn ROOSEVELT RIDGE by arty shell (.) 1000-1040K/28 jap mortar fire laid on 2nd bn CP and ROOSEVELT RIDGE (.) 1 offr wounded (.) mortar silenced 1040 (.) am 28 aug 12 japs killed on B ridge by MUNKRES force (.) HVY MORTAR fire placed on jap posns ASP41 on D 2 58 0645 0700K/28 (.) fire very effective and confusion seen (.) 1 offr 1 b em (.) 1 PIB sgt 5 PIB moved to G coy posn 753955 to remain and from there recce LOKANU RIDGE and D ridge and precedes movement of BN (.) 0915 to 1110 3rd bn 4 man patrol recce creek and draw toward junc SCOUT track and ROOSEVELT RIDGE (.) forward OP est and future patrols planned (.) all informed	
82	NGF			1457	0 23	sitrep 10 to 1400K/28	
83	17 Bde			1505	0 26	advise designation/allotted coy to foster 15 bn into action (.) not possible to use coy 2/7 bn under present circumstances	See Serial 87
84	15 Bde			1455	0 25	in reply to 01256 - one additional FOO being allotted 15 bde (.) suggest LORD be used as arty LO in addition to normal OP duties	See Serial 46
85	15 Bde			1456	0 24	one pl 15 fd coy now at TAMBU BAY allotted in support of 15 bde (.) advise where to report	See Serial 99
86		29 Bde	1550		I 502	KNOLL at 708937 is known as EDGARS KNOLL from name of coy comd 2/6 bn (.) name definitely EDGARS not EDWARDS	
87		17 Bde	1710		0 37	in reply to 026 - coy will be C coy 2/5 aust inf bn (.) 29 bde advise that this coy is NOT required for 47 bn after 29 aug	See Serial 83
88		1 Aust Corps	1745		0 4	please advise through ASP channel present desired bomb line SALAMAUA area (.) also advise desired changes as ops progress	Bombline advised through MOHLERS 28 Aug - MISSION PT to ASP 33 206 BB D071 to FRANCISCO - along FRANCISCO to mouth

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89		47 Bn	1930		I 342	WELLS OP reports (.) 0850 mortar fire on SCOUT RIDGE 093o MG and arty fire on SCOUT RIDGE 0940 bombs dropped on LAE 1000 arty fire on SCOUT RIDGE 1005 bombs on LAE 1012 smoke rising from NUK NUK RIDGE 1100 arty fire on SCOUT RIDGE 1440 smoke left PENISUSLAR 1545 smoke rising from SCOUT RIDGE 1555 arty fire on NUK NUK 1610 small vessel off end PENINSULAR 1650 MG fire SOUTH end arty hill 1715 small boat off end PENINSUALR	
90		162 US Regt	1940		189	sitrep 118 to 1830K/28 (.) A coy moved 28 aug astride TRACK near 736954 (.) B coy sent patrol toward jap posn at 732952 to reveal posns (.) new jap perimeter seen at 740955 (.) Aust Coys contacted at 736954 (.) Japs wire found laid NS 300 400 yds W of 1 bn and appears to be newly laid and in use (.) new locations (.) Cannon coy in old G coy area at 749954 (.) G coy at 752946 (.) 2 bn HQ at 753947 (.) L coy and I coy patrols each reported observing 4 japs (.) no further contact	
91		WAMPIT FORCE	1940		I 112	SECRET (.) SITREP 23 to 0800K/28 (.) 24 BN (.) 1235K/27 5 shots heard N of MARKHAM vicinity 305508 WAIME i inch (.) 1350K/27 1 shot heard same direction (.) 1800K/27 AWW station NGARANENO 409510 NADZAB 1 in established comn with AWW BULOLO (.) all informed	
92		15 Bde	2105		0 1270	sitrep 311 to 1930K/28 (.) 2/7 BN (.) B coy contacted patrol west to A coy 58/59 BN NMS (.) A coy patrol moved to ridge NE of posn found track with one set enemy footprints heading towards SAVIGE SPUR (.) 15 pl returned to C coy posn in BUIRIS CK (.) B coy harassed enemy on ROUGH HILL during day (.) 58/59 BN (.) A coy (.) contact patrols to BHQ and B coy 2/7 BN am /28 reported tracks clear (.) B coy (.) total cas 27/28 aug now 2 killed 2 missing believed killed 1 wounded (.) C coy (.) 9 pl 24 Bn under comd left 1500K/28 for new posn (.) D coy (.) patrol to BHQ reported track clear (.) B coy estimated 100 japs attacked during night 27/28 aug (.) 25 killed probably many more (.) D coy 24 BN (.) enemy posn 685023 is on razor back 30 ft wide running east west (.) track from east and west well covered with LMGs steep sides north and south also covered (.) 18 pl posn 80 yds west of enemy with razor back in between only 5 ft wide for 50 yds (.) Track from coy HQ 672032 to 18 pl SE along narrow spur to approximately 674027	

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92	(contd)					then east to 685023. very rough (.) 1655K/28 one barge moved from 740026 to 737017 (.) 0950K/28 jap gun fired 12 sheals into NTH COCONUTS (.) another gun fired into area 705973 (.) both guns firing from 723964 (.) 0835K/28 and 0855K/28 jap gun from area 722963 fired 20 rds into HQ area 2/3 indep coy 1 OR wounded (.) amended location D coy 58/59 BN 714973 all informed	
93		29 Bde	2105		I 504	SITREP 38 to 1900K/28 (.) 42 bn (.) A and C coys contacted by capt GEORGE of coy A 1 bn AM/28 who states coys A and B are at 728948 (.) liaison established A and C coys and coys A and B (.) patrol located track JUNC 731955 and cut jap sig wire running along track to west (.) jap posns located 200 yds south TRACK JUNC and occupied by three pls during day ambushes also laid (.) NO contact made (.) jap posn located 200 yds south A and C perimeter in high ground contains at least one LMG (.) D coy patrol up north slopes CHARLIE HILL came under hy fire but were unable see enemy (.) our casualties one offr killed (.) PART 2 this sitrep follows all informed	
94	NGF			2135	0 29	sitrep 11 to 2000K/28	
95		29 Bde	2220		I 505	PART 2 of sitrep 38 to 2030K/28 (.) 47 Bn (.) Two pls A coy assaulted enemy pillboxes areas late PM/28 (.) 7 pl proceeded along right side RIDGE climbed over ridge and got amongst pillboxes (.) Japs swarmed out from all sides yelling (.) hand to hand fighting resulted at least 31 Japs killed estimated 20 wounded (.) one offr killed 6 clubbing last 2 with grenade (.) pl eventually withdrew after cleaning weapon pits destroying two pillboxes and throwing automatic weapons over precipitous edge RIDGE (.) 9 pl attacked from left side RIDGE but were unable cover bracken covered CLIFF (.) enemy MMGs from further along RIDGE firing through bracken (.) Our casualties these attacks 1 kil killed 7 wounded 4 missing (.) during day mortar OP got to 20 yds pillbox area (.) one pillbox knocked out by direct hit killing 2 japs several near hits others (.) all informed	
96		15 Bde	2140		0 1269	infm received recce and further check reveals (.) one (.) feature KELA HILL runs to HAND then continues generally WEST through	

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96	(contd)					EDWARDS SPUR 714009 to KIDNEY (.) many tracks had general southerly direction to SANDY CK and ARNOLDS CREST (.) KIDNEY is easily accessible from ARNOLDS CREST (.) The tracks apparently Jap L of C to area SAVIGE SPUR ROUGH HILL ARNOLDS CREST (.) two (.) SWANS OP as shown on map is not correct (.) confirmed by sgt SWAN who states OP in area HAND (.) three (.) C coy 2/7 bn report k/27 dogs heard jap ambush area 709993 (.) Dogs were seen by our patrols at 690044 ~~xx~~ 19 aug (.) consider therefore Japs may have reinforced from that area (.) Comment (.) one (.) From ease with which we occupied areas ARNOLDS CREST CAMEL RIDGE KIDNEY 23/24 aug consider few troops in area (.) also Japs fled when attacked leaving eqpt leading to belief disorganised or badly trained inf tps (.) Two (.) From efforts made by Japs this area 26/27 aug obvious he considers control river of SANDY CK basin vital to his SALAMAUA defs (.) Consider our threat from WEST to EAST that is along ridge from KIDNEY to HAND and occupation of area 720000 has caused Japs to reinforce strongly from KELA direction (.) Reinft confirmed by fact that Japs met 26/27 aug wore new clothing new arms(.) Well clothed Japs were seen K/28 escorting wounded NOT so well clothed in general direction of KELA (.) Three (.) During attack on ROUGH HILL 26 aug fwd tps fought whilst in rear large body enemy dug defs and were not committed by enemy at all (.) This strength reveals how much he values ROUGH HILL (.) Four (.) Therefore after being chased from area consider Jap has re-organised reinforced and launched a ~~xxx~~ determined attack to regain control of river of rim of SANDY CK basin (.) This further confirmed by fact that in area ROUGH HILL enemy holding best ground is content to sit quiet (.) Consider (.) Jap will be content to hold line ROUGH HILL SAVIGE SPUR 720000 HAND KIDNEY ARNOLDS CREST	
97		RAA	2245		RAO 30	secret sitrep 15 to 1900K (.) ref sitrep 14 enemy shelling (.) 0912K 6 shells on beach south west end of BAY (.) 0935K 5 shells area bty A 218 bn 746936 (.) 0935 3 shells in bay east bty A (.) unknown number of rds in area bty B 218 bn 744935 (.) 0940K 5 shells area bty C ~~xx~~ 218 bn 743933 (.) 1010K 2 shells saddle ROOSEVELT RIDGE and 3 in bay east of bty A (.) infantry report portion of shell found ROOSEVELT RIDGE being forwarded this HQ (.) may provide confirmation of suspected hvy calibre guns (.)	

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97	(contd)					OPO with L coy 162 US regt reports 1345K observed smoke from jap gun on north side FRANCISCO 718976 (.) 1400K attempt to engage jap gun 725963 brought results from infantry to stop because of proximity of our patrols (.) this gun has been very active in past 48 hrs and each c/b mission has been terminated ineffectively due to proximity of our patrols (.) 1410K 75 (unfinished - all lines out)	
98		TOJC	2315		E 381	1400 to 1500 vis nil bomb holes visible from morning raids three on drome between hillside avenu and district office 1600 3 bostons bombed and strafed LABU and coast line at 500 to 1000 feet MG AA only 1624 to 1705 slight truck mvt WELLS VACCUUM	
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99		15 Bde	0015		A 1372	in reply to 024 - please arrange forward movement of pl 15 aust fd coy to this area (.) We will arrange guide to meet party at 29 bde	See Serial 85
100		47 Bn	0015		I 344	WELLS OP reports (.) MG and MORTAR fire region ARTY HILL (.) 1405 smoke rising SOUTH end ARTY HILL (.) 1405 smoke rising from LAE side KELA HILL (.) 1426 arty firing region SCOUT HILL	
101		15 Bde	0500		I 543	air photo demand (.) serial one (.) area bounds by line from river junc 688976 to MISSION POINT 715046 (.) coast to footbridge 745997 (.) line to island 719972 (.) line to 688976 all incl (.) low level obliques facing from SW to coast (.) serial 2 (.) area bounded by line from high feature square 6702 to KELA POINT 737026 (.) coast to footbridge 745997 (.) line to 688976 (.) line to high feature sq 6702 all incl (.) low level obliques facing from WEST to coast (.) scale both serials low level (.) 4 copies each required for planning future ops (.) suggest 1200 hrs be time taken (.) request copies urgently (.) please advise	
102	ALO 4 AC SQN WAU			2246	I 8	following aerial photos urgently required by 28 bde (.) ref map KOMIATUM 1 in 25000 (.) large scale pinpoints of following 707969 714967 714963 707963 (.) obliques of same area from SOUTH to NORTH from NE to SW from West to East (.) Can these be dropped on LAVERS KNOLL 707926 by 1400K/30 please	

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103		29 Bde	0815		I 507	sitrep 39 to 0700K/29 (.) nothing to report during night (.) A coy 47 BN casualties reported 2 ORs killed 1 offr 4 ORs wounded 1 OR missing all informed	
104		15 Bde	0815		O 1275	sitrep 312 to 0700K/29 (.) 2/7 BN (.) A coy reports two cooking fires area 718999 early AM/29 (.) B coy harassed enemy to NORTH with mortar (.),elsewhere quiet (.) D coy 24 BN (.) 1645K/28 chopping from enemy posn 685023 heard by 18 pl (.) 1535K/28 MADLO OP small fishing craft observed on beach 713045 but NO mvt nearby (.) 2/3 IND COY (.) carrying out recces of SANDY CK BASIN with view to future ops (.) 1525K/28 to 1543K/28 MTA gun fired 51 rds into area NW of coy all informed	
105	NGF			0931	O 32	sitrep 12 to 0800K/29	
106	RAE 15 Bde AQ			0916	O 33	arrange fwd movt pl 15 fd coy to 15 bde earliest (.) 15 bde will send guide to 29 bde to contact	
107		47 Bn	1015		I 348	WELLS OP report (.) 0650 smoke SCOUT HILL and south slopes KELA HILL (.) 0708 one jap walking on ridge north wireless station to left aerodrome (.) 0815 fog obscured flat region of aerodrome	
108		TOJO	1030		E 382	from 1800 vis nilrain and fog nil report	
109		SALA-MAUA OP	1055		G 575	1600 to 0800 nothing to report	
110		11 Div	1055		O 302	observer party 6 offrs of 7 Aust Inf Bde arrived this area 28 aug (.) desire move your area period approx 7 days (.) 1 Aust Corps advise may do so providing 5 Aust Div are of opinion no interference operations (.) request advise 11 Aust Div if agreeable	See Serial 148
111		15 Bde	1200		O 1280	sitrep 313 to 1100K/29 (.) 58/59 bn (.) B coy (.) ref enemy attack night 27/28 aug estimated one coy fresh cleanly dressed attacked with 5 LMG 1 S 1 MMG (.) check reveals 40 enemy killed probably 20 more (.) 5 enemy walking wounded were observed moving direction	

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111	(contd)					SALAMAUA together with one stretcher case escorted by 9 men cleanly dressed extremely alert (.) D coy (.) ref our sitrep 311 amended location should read 714978 (.) D coy 24 bn (.) 0603K/29 16 pl moved from HOTE to relieve 8 pl at 672032 (.) 18 pl (.) 0520K/29 one sec advanced 5 yds but unable to proceed further dug in (.) recce patrol 6 ORs moved from 684023 to recce track running south (.) small craft 713045 reported our sitrep 312 had disappeared 0600K/29 (.) 2/3 indep coy (.) sitnor all informed	
112		15 Bde	1210		0 1278	A coy 2/7 aust inf bn will be relieved by C coy 58/59 bn (.) B coy 2/7 aust inf bn will be relieved by B coy 58/59 aust inf bn (.) relief to commence 29 aug (.) areas of responsibility then become (.) 58/59 aust inf bn (.) excl FRANCISCO RIVER to excl SANDY CREEK (.) 2/7 aust inf bn (.) incl SANDY CREEK to incl BUIRIS CREEK with protective patrolling WEST to 68 easting grid line (.) active patrolling to locate enemy posns and L of C will be carried out (.) 2/3 aust indep coy (.) task recce to area ARNOLDS crest ROUGH HILL with a view to carrying out a section raid in each of these areas (.) op instn follows (.) ack	
113		29 Bde	1325		I 508	sitrep 40 to 1200K/29 (.) 42 bn (.) 14 pl occupied ambush position TRACK JUNC 731955 early AM/29 (.) 15 japs approached shots exchanged 1 jap killed remainder dispersed (.) 1130K/29 arty programme CHARLIE HILL commenced followed by mortar and MMG 1140K/29 (.) 47 bn (.) C coy moved out 0810K/29 to cut SALAMAUA TRACK fwd flat 1115K/29 was at 716965 (.) 8 pl occupied C coy area 9 pl now now 713961 A coy HQ and 7 pl NO change (.) patrols left 0930K/29 to recce ridge assaulted PM/28 (.) patrol along east side reports observed 10 japs carrying stores moving up re-entrant from SALAMAUA TRACK (.) patrol withdrew (.) mortar OP being established same place (.) B coy patrol moving NORTH of RIDGE to locate enemy L of C (.) 17 pl relieved 18 pl STANDING PATROL 708957 all informed	
114		2/6 Bn				2/6 Aust Inf Bn Op Instn No 3 - Defence of NASSAU BAY Copy No 7	
115		29 Bde	1325		0 895	C coy 2/5 bn will be relieved from 0930K/30 (.) the present employment will in no way be affected by this order before 0930K/30 (.) coy will assemble 29 BDE staging camp 708969 for bivouac	See Serial 129

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115	(contd)					night 30/31 AUG and rearward movement on 31 AUG (.) from time of assembly staging ca mp this coy will come u/c 29 BDE (.) all informed	
116		162 US Regt	1525		201	sitrep 120 to 1300K/29 to jap cas add 3 Japs killed 2 by 2 bn 28 aug 1 jap killed by B coy 28 aug (.) 1130K/29 (.) KITCHEN coy occupied jap perimeter in front of L coy very little opposition (.) main force believed to have been gone 2 days as area well cleared (.) second perimeter covered by KITCHEN from 736947 to 300 yds N grids not accurate evacuated hurriedly (.) Est of 100 to 150 japs moved out leaving much eqpt (.) such as rifles packs ammo (.) details later (.) Patrol from I coy still out received knee mortar fire from Jap posns and suffered 3 wounded (.) no further report (.) all informed	
117		15 Bde	1525		0 1282	sitrep 314 to 1330K/29 (.) 2/7 Bn (.) B coy (.) recce party out to area 704994 (.) C coy (.) 13 pl patrol moved NE on enemy track from 705000 for 50 yds then north into high ~~grix~~ ground for 250 yds to jap ambush track (.) 10 unoccupied weapon pits found here (.) short distance further along track junc observed covered by enemy posns (.) engaged enemy sharp encounter killing 1 jap before retiring same route (.) from pl area 704001 track runs NE across slopes KIDNEY feature (.) enemy has double bamboo barricade and added wire defs recently (.) enemy sentry allays at this point (.) 200 yds further north enemy OP with observation areas to south incl OLD VICKERS POSN COCONUTS rough hill (.) 58/59 Bn (.) B coy moved from BUIRIS CK 0630K/29 arrived BHQ 0745K/29 left 1115K/29 en route for D coy posn (.) 2/5 indep coy (.) sitnor all informed	
118		47 Bn	1625		I 351	WELLS OP report to 1200K/29 (.) 0915 ARTY fire on SCOUT HILL (.) 0930 SMOKE ON KELA HILL (.) 0940 FIRE on SCOUT RIDGE (.) 1030 MG fire SCOUT RIDGE	
119		47 Bn	1635		I 352	WELLS OP report (.) 1140 mortar and MG fire on SCOUT HILL (.) 1200 smoke rising from other side ARTILLERY HILL (.) 1210 arty fire from SCOTT RIDGE (.) 1330 smoke rising from ARTILLERY HILL (.) 1340 arty firing from SCOUT HILL	

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120	NGF			1500	O 37	sitrep 13 to 1400K/29	
121		Sal Op	1800		G 577	0800 to 1600 (.) nothing to report	
122		TOJO	1800		E 383	0700 to 1150 vis nil 1200 to 1230 slight truck activity WEBBS ECHOFFS Carpenters House LAE LOC 106 destroyed aug 28	
123		BENA FORCE	1800		O 460	SITREP 185 to 0900K/29 (.) NO CHANGE	
124		162 US Regt	1030		193	sitrep 119 to 0730K/29 (.) several duds from Jap gun fell at N base of ROOSEVELT RIDGE during night (.) Numerous Jap shells landed on BALDWIN ARTY positions during night (.) one man killed (.) damage unknown (.) otherwise no change (.)	
~~125~~		~~XXX~~	~~XXXX~~		~~XXXXXX~~	~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~	
125		15 Bn	1855		I 116	Sitrep to 1800 hrs 29 Aug (.) map ref for BN HQ HQ Coy B Echelon C coy D coy 738923 (.) B coy less 12 pl 734914 (.) 12 pl standing patrol 726928 (.) A coy biv tonight at posn approx 2 miles SOUTH TAMBU BAY (.) otherwise sitnor	
126		162 US Regt	1940		13	sitrep 121 to 1630K/29 (.) ref sitrep 120 of 1300K/29 (.) B coy captured many rifles MGs 1 70 mm mtn gun (.) evidence indicated perimeter 736947 was a HQ supply base and aid station (.) captured documents now at 162 HQ (.) it is possible that the party which evacuated the area N of L coy had moved to this perimeter one or two days ago as constructions were still going on at departure and other perimeter evacuated one or two days ago except for small force which offered slight opposition to L coy (.) Arty and mortar fire had demolished L coy perimeter of japs (.) est japs killed 125 (.) est forces at either perimeter was 100 to 150 (.) after secured both perimeters B coy patrol moved NW to contact A coy patrol no contact made at latest report (.) aust coys had more recent contact (.) 1300-1600K/29 (.) small coy patrol left coy post to high feature to NW and were fired on by japs (.) 3 men wounded (.) K coy patrol to spur between A and B ridge observed	

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126	(contd)			slight jap activity on B ridge AM 29 aug (.) K coy suffered 2 wounded by mortar fire 1200K/29 (.) add to C coy patrol casualties by mortar fire AM 1 killed K coy 1 wounded (.) all informed
127		15 Bde	2050	0 1283 sitrep 315 to 1930K/29 (.) 2/7 Bn (.) New disposns (.) B coy less 12 pl 705994 12 pl 703994 (.) C coy HQ plus EDWARDS pl area 705998 13 pl plus sec 14 pl 704999/15 pl plus sec 14 pl 706998 tk/a pl plus sec 14 pl 705997 (.) contact patrol 12 pl to C coy NMS (.) A coy observed smoke 718999 arty engaged (.) 58/59 bn (.) 1100K/29 sounds and traces of enemy at 712988 (.) 1150K/29 12 enemy fired on 714985 ran east along ck towards pl of A coy at 718986 (.) routine patrol report tracks clear (.) 1200K/29 B coy arrived at 716981 (.) D coy now at 719983 (.) composite pl at 709992 (.) D coy 24 Bn (.) 16 pl now at 672032 8 pl moving to HOTE 1500K/29 recce patrol left 672032 for MALAGONAN area (.) 2/3 Ind Coy routine patrol only all informed
128		1 Aust Corps	2052	0 9 all comms incl sitreps will be despatched direct 1 CORPS from 2359 hrs 29 AUG
129		29 Bde	2130	0 899 further to this HQ 0895 of 29 AUG 13 pl C coy 2/5 bn will remain with C coy 47 bn until completion present allotted task (.) ack
130	NGF		2200	0 41 sitrep 14 to 2000K/29
131		RAE	1805	CRE/ T86 report result recce to SCOUT RIDGE early as possible (.) Most Important (.) Do you estimate your three PLS plus available Pioneer assistance can complete track from 720953 to 736947 in 4 days (.) Maintain close touch to dispose PLS along task at earliest moment track-line is secure (.) Most Important that no time is lost on work once SCOUT CAMP area clear of enemy (.) Maintain security precaution (.) In meantime do all possible improvements to EAST of 720953 as far as possible (.) Can you report on condition on WEST end of this track from KOMIATUM track to 720953 (.) Impress on all ranks great urgency of task and high responsibility upon Engrs to get it through

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132		RAA	2235		RA032	Secret sitrep 17 to 1900K (.) 0635 - 0840K 205 BN btys A B C registered on target area 725957 (.) 0930 11 bty report blind fired last night landed 742925 (.) Groove marked line to gun 24 dig 30 2 (.) 1010K btys B and C 218 BN registered target 725957 (.) 1130K infantry support CONC fired on schedule (.) Bde comd reported accurate and on time (.) 1200K HQ RAA closed at old site and reopened 738926 at same time (.) 1515K FOO with F coy 162 reports L coy occupied Jap perimeter SCOUT RIDGE finding it unoccupied found 70 MM gun amn and 60 rifles abandoned (.) WELLS OP reports 1600 to 1700 engaged ISTHMUS and AA posns 752018 (.) Two direct hits on last standing building on ISTHMUS (.) started fire vicinity AA (.) still smoking 1820K (.) located 2 Jap pillboxes on coast east of airfield (.) too dark to engage (.) FOO with forward coy 162 Regt has located echelon OP with comd over SALAMAUA 731956 approx (.) Will occupy tomorrow (.) FOO 42 bn reports CONCS fired on time (.) believed attack by 42 bn not successful (.) DAWSON OP observed fires 717997 at first light and 716994 at 1530K (.) engaged with harassing fire result unknown (.) LORD OP reports effective engagement of two opportunity targets FRANCISCO RIVER area during day (.) All informed	
133		29 Bde	2255		I 509	SITREP 41 to 1900K/29 (.) 15 bn (.) BN HQ closed 738922 reopened 738923 1000K/29 (.) HQ coy C and D coys vicinity 738923 (.) B coy less 12 pl 734914 12 pl standing patrol 726928 A coy biv for night approx 2 miles SOUTH TAMBU BAY (.) 42 bn (.) C coy reports 6 JAPS killed by 14 pl in ambush posn 731955 enemy reported carrying new eqpt our cas 2 killed (.) investigation Jap LMG position cleared by C coy 200 yds SOUTH coy perimeter showed 2 Japs dead inside near LMG 6 GRAVES outside (.) preceded by arty MMG and mortar concentrations D coy moved 1520K/29 to attack perimeter on CHARLIE HILL (.) after advancing up steep spur coy was held up by 1 hy LMG and rifle fire on edge of clearing 50 yds wide (.) coy front 30 yards wide with gorge either side visibility practically NIL owing fern and vine undergrowth (.) pl worked to left flank made small advance but eventually held up owing steepness of gorge (.) coy eventually withdrew original posn for night our casualties 2 killed 3 wounded (.) 9 pl A coy working up SE slopes CHARLIE HILL report	

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133	(contd)					NOT yet received (.) 47 bn (.) mortar shoot controlled from arty OP vicinity OLD VICKERS posn effectively covered area NORTH end Jap posn NOT before touched by mortars (.) direct hits 2 pillboxes 3 in comm trench (.) recce patrol from 13 pl located enemy 715971 opened fire enemy scattered and did NOT return fire (.) C coy HQ with 14 and 15 pls 715963 13 pl 716965 (.) recce patrol from B coy reached 716967 on RIDGE discovered well used TRACK running NS (.) D coy HQ and 16 pl now 608954 18 pl 707954 (.) B coy (.) 10 pl 708967 11 pl 707966 all informed
134		162 US Regt	2312		205	review activities 162 regt 29 aug (.) If coys area referred to by the following (.) equivalent is appended (.) first bn (.) A coy GEORGE (.) B coy KITCHEN (.) C coy NEWMAN (.) D coy FAGUE (.) Second bn (.) E coy COUGHLIN (.) F coy RATLIFF (.) G coy TOWNSEN (.) H coy HEISER (.) third bn (.) I coy COLVERT (.) K coy GEHRING (.) L coy KINDT (.) M coy GRAUERHOLZ (.) cannon coy NESS (.) A/T KING (.) AA WEBB (.) first bn (.) first light B coy sent fighting patrol from B coy HQ 200 yds east and struck jap perimeter vacacted (.) perimeter followed ridge to SE and joins large jap perimeter on SCOUT RIDGE opposite C coy (.) approx 200 yds NE of L coy this perimeter was vacated (.) L cou patrol met patrol from B coy on high ground735947 (.) general Jap perimeter extended NW from 735947 to 733947 (.) track shown on KORIATUM 3539 1/25000 this area exists and runs between the points referred to above (.) Jap perimeter ran generally south of TRACK (.) the defences to north were not as strong as south defences (.) posns had been systematically evacuated little equipment was left (.) artillery and mortar fire had demolished perimeter (.) three or four posn (.) facing L coy appeared to be recently occupied (.) remainder of this sector appeared not for three or four days (.) this perimeter was capable of holding force approx 150 men (.) perimeter facing B coy capable of holding 150 men (.) BOTH perimeters well situated and dug in (.) perimeter at 733947 appeared to be under construction at time of evac (.) and contained much eqpt including gas masks (.) both perimeters are now occupied by our troops (.) B coy now patrolling to north on west slopes of SCOUT RIDGE to contact A coy (.) activities of second bn (.) has bn gun captured area 733947 (.) 70

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134	(contd)					cannon coy (.) patrol to LOCANU RIDGE general area 762963 then worked west 250 yards (.) heard talking and yelling south side of ridge to immediate north slope LOCANU RIDGE (.) observed new pill-box 100 yards east of saddle (.) on working round further west located Jap perimeter 500 west of saddle perimeter extends 100 yds down side of LOCANU RIDGE apparently on forward slope (.) correct map refs as follows second bn plus Coy H less detach 748953 (.) G coy 749954 (.)	
135		15 Bde	2312		0 1284	sitrep 316 to 2130K/29 (.) 58/59 bn (.) 1220K/29 fighting patrol moved out to intercept enemy seen at 714985 no contact made (.) dispositions (.) B coy less two pls 715981 (.) one pl 715974 ~~(.)~~ standing patrol (.) one pl with A coy (.) 2/3 indep coy (.) one sec C pl moved to HQ 2/7 bn one sec B pl to 58/59 bn object recce for future tasks (.) D coy 24 bn (.) 1545K/29 8 pl in posn HOTE area (.) 18 pl (.) harassing fire whilst fwd sec relieved drew no enemy fire but voices and movt heard	
136		WAMPIT FORCE	2255		I 123	SECRET SITREP (.) 26 to 2000K/29 (.) 24 bn (.) 1030K/29 14 pl HQ est new GABENSIS ~~###~~ 429414 NADZAB 1 sec 15 pl arrived WAMPIT 307491 WAGO 1 in (.) 1315K/29 1 sec 15 pl arrived WAMPIT (.) 1655K/29 1 sec 11 pl arrived TARTEP 2 272212 ROAMER 1 inch (.) 1330K/29 recce patrol left FIRM BASE 554217 WAGO 1 inch to recce track south bank BUANG river to coast (.) all informed	
137		15 Bde	0045		0 1286	consider problems of maintenance of wireless equipt L/T comd supplying of rations patrol oil etc and expenditure of manpower are now NOT in proportion to the value of SALAMAUA op (.) recommend it cease to function please advise	see Serials 151 and 161
138		47 Bn	0045		I 353	WELLS OP reports (.) 1415 arty and mortar fire on SCOUT RIDGE 1525 hvy arty fire on SCOUT RIDGE 1620 MG fire on ARTY HILL 1640 ARTY fire on ack ack positions SALAMAUA 1700 arty fire on ISTHMUS	
139		24 Bn	0230		I 115	SECRET SITREP 24 to 2000K/28 (.) 24 BN (.) K26/27 patrol searched area NORTH from ANGAU river 62 52 21 WAGA 1 inch to 620242 and WEST to 60 grid no enemy seen (.) 0920K/28 number unidentified a/c	

NO.	TO	FROM	TIME	DATE	DETAIL	MESSAGE
139	(contd)					circled NGARANENO OP 417517 NADZAB 1 inch then flew east to sea (.) 0925 and 1100K 28th LAE (.) MT LUNKMAN obscured until 1200K 28th by heavy smoke ~~xx~~ from fire started vicinity mountain (.) 1200K 28th patrol to 553424 (.) observed NEW LABU island for 30 mins NO rpt NO movt seen (.) 1230-1400K 28th 5 large fires burned in radius 2 miles CHIVISING 215554 WAIME 1 inch (.) 1735K 28th 4 P47 made strafing runs at 508971 GABMATSUNG mission 415545 starting fires which were still burning 1855K 28th (.) 1100K 28th 14 pl C coy arrived BEN 399411 (.) all informed
140		BENA FORCE	0512		O 462	SITREP 186 to 2000K/29 (.) recce patrol 2/7 indep coy contacted party of JAPS vicinity ARONA area killing 7 wounding 1 (.) our casualties NIL (.) no change other areas (.) active patrols continue (.) ref attack FAITA OP 3 estimated casualties no established killed
141		WAMPIT FORCE	0512		I 116	SECRET (.) SITREP 25 to 0800K/29 (.) 24 BN (.) night 28/29 (.) following strafing attack GABMATSUNG MISSION HUT completely destroyed fire (.) all informed
142		15 Bde	0755		O 1287	sitrep 317 to 0700K/30 (.) 2/7 bn numerous patrols 29 aug west of BURIS CK reports area clear south of 00 grid (.) C coy patrol moved 300 yds up spur from 705998 then 100 yds north returned via 15 pl NMS (.) recce patrol 2 offrs 2 ORs same route fired on by 2 LMGs 1 rifle when on spur recced by previous patrol (.) 1 offr wounded (.) B coy 24 bn (.) disposns 8 pl (.) HQ plus one sec 613015 one sec 621018 one sec 616013 all informed
143		29 Bde	0755		I 510	sitrep 42 to 0700K/30 (.) sitnor
144		15 Bn	0755		I 119	Sitrep to 0600 hrs 30 Aug (.) Sitnor no change in situation as at 1800 hsr 29 aug
145		162 Regt	0827		206	SITREP 122 to 0730K/30 (.) NO change all informed

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146		RAA	0900		RAZ 33	Secret Sitrep 18 to 0700K (.) 105 and 75 fired concentration to cover supply landing DOT ISLET (.) 1935K enemy guns LOKANU fired 35 rounds into area 218 Fd Arty Bn (.) no damage (.) C/3 task fired and enemy guns neutralised (.) all informed	
147		TOJO	2235/29		E 384	from 1400 vis nil (.) nil report	
X 148	11 Div			2252/29	0 43	agreeable (.) advise ETA	See Serial 110
149	1 Aust Corps	-		0915	0 45	sitrep 15 to 0800K/30	
150		DAWN	1025		G 578	0600 to 0800 hrs (.) Nothing to report	
Y 151		15 Bde	1105		0 1288	further to our 0 1286 ref SALAMAUA OP (.) suggest WELIS OP would be suitable alternative.	See Serials 137 and 161
152		Capt ROFF (US)	1015			enemy vessel in vicinity of KELA POINT - this information received from the forward observer with L coy	RAA advise one bty employed on target
153		IORA 3 Div	1045			IORA 3 Aust Div stated at 1100K/30 that this vessel was abarge Telephone message to effect that G coy 162 US Regt is advancing along main track LOKANU towards SCOUT HILL. Clearing up small pockets, own infantry shooting good, JAPS leaving equipment	
154	17 Bde			1107	0 47	Warning order (.) 2/6 aust inf bn placed on 12 hrs notice to move to TAMBU BAY where it will come into div res (.) 17 bde will arrange for col WOOD to be relieved of responsibility for NASSAU defences	
155	17 Bde			1107	0 46	Not considered advisable coy 2/5 bn now with 47 bn should be used again (.) this coy returning NASSAU in next 48 hrs (.) please detail 5 offrs and 40 ORs 2/6 bn to foster 15 bn (.) fwd movt will be arranged immediately	

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156		RAA			RAO 34	SECRET SITREP 19 to 1100K (.) 105s and 75s engaged Jap troops vicinity Southwest end SALAMAUA airstrip (.) effect good (.) 1015 FO GALBRAITH and ROSS reports barge off KELA POINT (.) 1015 (.) engaged by VIKI (.) barge destroyed	
157		29 Bde	1315		I 511	SITREP 43 to 1200K/30 (.) 42 BN (.) 8 pl encountered accurate fire from Jap position on high ground 100 yards NORTH TRACK JUNC 731955 0800K/30 (.) pl holding TK JUNC preparatory to fwd move by A and C coys (.) NO report yet from 9 pl (.) 0745K/30 jap soldier exhausted surrendered without resistance 730953 (.) patrol left D coy 1000K/30 to work round to NORTH of CHARLIE HILL and cut track (.) recce patrol probing jap positions (.) 47 BN (.) A and B coys actively patrolling (.) 13 and 14 pls C coy now astride TRACK WEST of TK JUNC 715971 (.) arty registering jap positions vicinity 709966 (.) 15 BN (.) A coy arrived BN area 0800K/30 now at 738924 all informed	
158		47 Bn	1320		I 358	WELIS OP report (.) 0900 mortar fire on SCOUT RIDGE 0930 MG fire region MT TAMBU 0955 US regt fire on hangars on DROME 1005 TRANSPORT PLANES ~~xxxx~~ overhead 1020 US ARMY fire on PILLBOX on BEACH beyond DROME	
159		15 Bde	1340		O 1290	SITREP 318 to 1300K/30 (.) 58/59 BN (.) routine patrols report NMS (.) B coy patrol moved to 716972 at 0615K/30 to contact coy 47 bn no report to hand (.) Recce patrol 2/3 IND COY moved NORTH along SANDY CK at 0830K/30 to A coy 2/7 BN then 300 yds EAST observed enemy sentry withdrew to make another approach from SOUTH (.) 2/7 BN (.) A coy recce party moved to area 708990 (.) A coy now in process of relieving 58/59 BN pls this area B coy recce patrol moved along spur NE to approx 708995 heard enemy digging (.) standing patrol 16 men BENA FORCE est 704991 (.) 2/3 IND COY SITNOR ALL INFORMED	
160		162 UD Regt	1415		214	Sitrep 123 to 1300K/30 1030K/30 A coy force contacted by telephone and are on top of ridge in area undetermined accurately by co-ordinates but between 741959 and 747965 (.) killed 8 japs sure 29 aug (.) report small parties japs moving through their rear possibly evacuating (.) 2 patrols to NE along track have encountered Japs	

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160	(contd)					but no further report (.) other patrols out to contact E coy and F coy no report (.) signals arranged (.) A coy cas (.) aug 30 3 officers 5 EM wounded (.) L coy laid heavy fire MG onto jap perimeter opposed I coy (.) Patrol of both coys no report yet (.) other patrols of 2nd bn and K coy active no reports	
161	1 Aust Corps			1432	O 48	in view of progress of ops this area it is proposed to withdraw AWW SALAMAUA OP now operating in vicinity PILMUNG (.) considered difficulties of supply and maintenance outweigh present value of site (.) please advise	See Serials 137 and 151
162		TOJO	1516		E 385	rain and fog vis nil report nil	
163	1 Aust Corps			1545	O 50	sitrep 16 to 1400K/30	
164		47 BN	1620		I 362	WELLS OP report to 1430K/30 (.) 1135 enemy movement on beach beyond AIRFIELD (.) 1310 mortar fire NUK NUK ridge (.) 1315 enemy seen moving on road from ISTHMUS to AIRFIELD	
165		15 BN	1840		I 123	Sitrep to 1800 hrs 30 aug (.) D coy plus 15 pl C coy moved to 749943 intended move to 752954 at first light 31 aug	
166	29 Bde			1912	O 53	15 aust inf bn will come directly under comd HQ 5 Aust Div as from 0600 hrs 31 aug	
167	A Coy PIB 15 BN			1915	O 54	A coy PIB will provide det to relieve B coy 15 bn (.) task (.) A (.) to patrol L of C between jeephead and MT TAMBU (.) B (.) to patrol SCOUT RIDGE between 726929 and 735946 (.) standing patrols to be maintained at COFFEE STALL and 726929 (.) relief to be completed by 1200K/31	
168	~~162xUS Rgt~~	162 US Regt	1945		217	sitrep 124 to 1830K/30 (.) at 1315K/30 I coy and L coy made contact after taking Jap perimeter at junc ROOSEVELT RIDGE and SCOUT RIDGE (.) only resistance sporadic and from rear guard suicide force (.) other japs leaving area in small groups with part of their equipment were shot during withdrawal (.) est 80 killed mostly buried	

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168	(contd)					probably by arty and mortar fire (.) complete perimeter estimated to have held 200 japs (.) perimeter now secured to 200 yds to north to junc B ridge (.) A coy now on ridge at approx 738959 (.) japs occupy posn 200 yds to north (.) crest of main scout ridge believed to be approx 350 yds east (.) A coy has killed est 20 japs in last 24 hours (.) japs were moving to north without packs (.) vacated perimeter seen 29 aug contained 15 dead japs as result of arty fire (.) 0900 to 1500K/30 small recce patrols moved to high ground on D ridge and up creek to 750946 (.) reports of activity on junc D and E ridges and up E ridge including chopping (.) C coy moved to relieve aust coys and go into posn at 735955 (.) patrols of coys E and F advanced up ridge 200 yds to near 740955 (.) encountered jap resistance to 20 yds of their posns (.) est japs killed 6 our cas 1 killed 2 wounded (.) patrols withdrew slightly and dug in for night (.) regtl OP moved from 747944 to 752944 (.) all informed
169		TOJO	2010		E 387	0831 one canoe from LABU up MARKHAM RIVER past TARI 0950 to 1009 five explosions from LAE suspect naval gun voco vis obscure 1320 to 1400 truck mvt WEBBS VACUUM ECHOFFS
170		15 Bde	2010		01293	sitrep 319 to 1930K/30 (.) 58/59 Bn (.) B coy patrol left 716982 at 1430K/30 for 721977 A C D coys nothing to report (.) D coy 24 Bn (.) 18 pl reports Japs felled 6 trees but chopping ceased 0715K/30 (.) MALOLO OP 672032 observed smoke at 687036 684034 at 1700K/30 and smoke from four fires approx 724026 at 1745K/30 all informed
171	1 Aust Corps			1956	0 58	forward OP reports considerable noise of motors SAMOA HARBOUR about 1830K/30 (.) unable to obtain more complete infm
172		DAWN	2045		G 580	0800 to 1600 nothing to report
173	1 Aust Corps		2125		0 56	sitrep 17 to 2000K/30
174		29 Bde	2130		I 511	sitrep 44 to 1930K/30 (.) 42 Bn (.) 9 pl returned A coy 1340K/30 having been unable contact D coy (.) C coy moved from 731933 1215K/30 followed by A coy (.) finding opposition on WEST TRACK at

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174	(contd)					728955 C coy moved NW from TK JUNC 731955 to by pass (.) going very rough opposition again struck 738957 (.) C coy attacked and silenced several positions (.) A and C coys now in perimeter for night vicinity 738956 (.) D coy patrol worked round NORTH of CHARLIE HILL and cut TRACK at 726959 then moved 100 yards south REPORTS track little used recently heard Japs chattering to south and on perimeter (.) second patrol moved to ~~XXXX~~ SOUTH of CHARLEY HILL but struck opposition 726956 (.) Jap prisoner attempted to escape while being escorted BN HQ and shot (.) 47 Bn A coy patrolled actively today making recces for attack arty preparation also made (.) Patrol from B coy also attacked pillbox 710967 with grenades killing 5 Japs (.) C coy during the day tried to secure TK JUNC 716971 but after reaching 716968 found strong Jap positions NORTH EAST and WEST (.) five LMGs and one HMG located 712968 (.) several attempts made to contact patrol from 58/59 bn without success (.) coy withdrew to perimeter 715956 for night (.) our casualties during actions today coy comd MAJ BEACH killed 1 OR killed 4 OR wounded (.) one offr accidently wounded (.) 15 Bn (.) D coy 15 Bn and 15 pl now at 749943 (.) Bde HQ (.) Jap captured this area 1630K/30 being held for examination by interpreter from 15 bde A/31 all informed .	
175		29 Bde	2145		0 902	your O 53 is acked but NOT understood (.) 15 Bn has NOT been under any cond since approx 28 jul 43	See Serial 166
176		TOJO	2225		E 388	1800 hrs 2 barges from NW 1 from LABU arrived LAE 1900 4 aircraft landed LAE drome floodlit in quarters (.) 1915 1 light flashing 1 side third lagoon ref MAGO prov 632555 approx	
177		15 Bde	2315		01294	sitrep 320 to 2130K/30 (.) 2/7 bn (.) A coy now in posn 708993 (.) C coy (.) patrol NE along spur from 705998 fired on 200 yds along ~~spur~~ spur search failed to locate enemy (.) patrol 1 offr 6 ORs NE along spur from 703986 (.) located tree barricade and 1 Jap 600/700 yds along spur (.) fired on Jap (.) fire returned by enemy LMG offr and 1 OR wounded (.) D coy patrols north and east also contact patrols to A coy and HQ 58/59 Bn MMS (.) BLIA pl patrol moved from	

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177	(contd)					695005 down track east to LESLIES track then north 100 yds where patrol was ambushed 1 OR ~~wounded~~ killed 2 wounded (.) patrol withdrew all informed	
178		47 Bn	2315		I 365	WELLS OP (.) 1530 MG fire on HELA HILL 1540 P38 overhead 1555 transport planes overhead 1610 smoke on arty hill 1640 arty fire on HANGARS 1650 full japs observed region MACDONALD JUNCT 1658 US arty fired on MACDONALD JUNCT	
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179		WAMPIT FORCE	0330		A 797	MOST SECRET (.) plan for OPS under direct order from NGF was based on availability of 1 offr and 46 ORs X list and rear detail personnel sent fwd to 24 BN special request to NGF (.) this unit responsible for huge area (.) L of C extremely vulnerable without these reinforcements cannot accept state (.) NGF OP instns 89 allotted 1 bn less 1 coy for OPS from BUANG to WATUT RIVER (.) ~~offrs~~ includes defence several times 7 offrs 300 ORs being average strength 2 coys in your area (.) only 9 offrs 221 ORs rifle coys ~~remain with~~ remain with unit (.) as it appears to late to extricate 22 ORs already moved to D coy 24 BN under comd 15 aust inf bde request 1 offr 24 ORs be returned to this unit as soon as possible	
180		WAMPIT FORCE	0330		E 138	secret sitrep 29 to 2145K/30 (.) 24 BN (.) GABENSIS native reports unknown number japs seen GABENSIS TRACK 429414 NADZAB 1 inch (.) no report 2 TBS guarding ration line at camp (.) phone lines not yet cut all positions including GABENSIS air strip guards standing to (.) 14 pl C coy at OOMSIS 459455 moving to cut BWARIP GABENSIS track (.) B coy PIB MARKHAMS from KIRKS to NGARAMENO 13 pl moving BENS GARDENS to close track (.) all informed	
181		WAMPIT FORCE	0630		I 123	SITREP 26 to 2000K/29 (.) 24 BN (.) 1030K/29 14 pl HQ established new GABENSIS 429414 NADZAB 1 section 15 pl arrived WAMPIT 967391 WAIRE 1 in (.) 1315K/29 1 section 15 pl arrived WAMPIT (.) 1655K/29 1 section 11 pl arrived PARTEP TWO 272225 ROAMER 1 in (.) 1330K/29 ref our patrol, left firm base 554217 WAGO 1 in to recce track S bank BUANG RIVER to coast (.) all informed	

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182		15 Bn	0700		I 124	Sitrep to 0600 hrs 31 aug (.) D coy plus 15 pl C coy moved at first light to 752954 (.) otherwise no change	
183	15 Bde			2130 /30	O 59	MOST SECRET present bombline 5 AF for unrequested and unwarned bombing line MISSION POINT to FRANCISCO at 728989 along FRANCISCO to mouth (.) advise immediately your current or projected operations make this line unsafe	
184		15 Bde	0840		O 1295	sitrep 321 to 0700K/31 (.) D coy 24 BN (.) 18 pl patrol reported in 1950K/30 reported track south from 685023 finished at creek 69017 (½) recced along creek and then east to 695019 from 691017 (.) route in west to 682017 then north no other tracks found (.) 2/7 Bn 58/59 Bn 2/3 indep coy (.) SITNOR (.) arty harassing fire on ARNOLDS CREST during night all informed	
185		162 US Regt	0845		218	sitrep 125 to 0730K/31 (.) sporadic enemy movement near coy H perimeter during night silenced by grenades (.) result not known (.) otherwise no change (.) all informed	
186		29 Bde	0845		I 513	SITREP 45 to 0700K/31 (.) line to 42 bn out (.) 47 BN (.) one JAP sgt armed with grenade killed 0530K/31 D coy area (.) Standing patrol B coy mouth BUIRALI CK (.) A coy patrols investigating chopping heard in enemy posns all informed	
187		RAA	2000 /30		RAC/B1	C/B and hostile shelling 1900K/29 to 1900K/30 (.) 1935K enemy gun LOKANU 762963 fired 35 rds 75 mm into area 746935 (.) no damage (.) C/B task in gun area by three btys and hostile gun silenced no other action	
188		RAA	2000 /30		RAO 35	SECRET sitrep 20 to 1900K (.) 1145K/31 105s engaged JAP movt near AA site peninsular with effective neutralisation (.) FOO with L coy 162 Regt reports 1845K/30 L coy at 739947 will halt for night 105s engaged JAP tp movt vicinity MADDONALDS JUNCTION 1657K with harassing fire effectively (.) FOO with 42 Bn reports 1800K (.) A and C coys area 731955 moved half way to track junction 725961 and 729962 respectively (.) D coy at 724955 (.) patrols on CHARLIE	

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188	(contd)					HILL experiencing very difficult country (.) DAWSON OP reports 2/7 bn A coy 709977 (.) 58/59 bn C coy 717991 (.) LORDS OP reg area 710968 for future engagement observed JAP movt apparently constructing pillbox this area all informed	
189		RAA	0845		RA036	SECRET sitrep 21 to 0700K (.) 2010K/30 NORTH BEACH SALAMAUA ehgaged by 2 btys 105s and 1 Tp 25~~xxx~~ pdrs (.) harassing fire continued intermittently through night (.) all informed	
190	1 Aust Corps			0905	0 62) 0 61)	sitrep 18 to 0800K/31	See serials 174 and 204
191		WAMPIT FORCE	~~1x13~~ 0907		I 138	Secret sitrep 29 to 2145K/30 (.) 24 BN (.) GABENSIS natives report unknown number JAPS seen GABENSIS CAMP 429414 NADZAB 1 inch (.) no report 2 TBS guarding ration line at camp (.) phone lines not yet cut all positions including GABENSIS air strip guards standing to (.) 14 pl C coy at OOMSIS 459455 moving to cut BWARIP and GABENSIS track (.) B coy PIB MARKHAMS from KIRKS to NGARANENO 13 pl moving BENS GABENSIS to close track (.) all informed	
192		29 Bde	0925		I 514	Sitrep 46 to 0830K/31 (.) L/T comm 42 BN restored (.) SITNOR (.) all informed	
193		15 Bde	0955		01296	present bombline safe	
194		WAMPIT FORCE	0955		I 128	Secret (.) sitrep 30 to 0800K/31 (.) 24 BN (.) NO further report from patrols which left BENS 399411 NADZAB 1 inch and OOMSIS 459455 night k/30 to contact japs reported by natives to be at NEW GABENSIS 429414 NADZAB 1 inch at 1800K/30 (.) 0655K/31 recce patrol strength 7 left WAMPIT 306362 WAIME 1 inch to recce track to BENS (.) 1730K/30 11 pl B coy came under comd C coy (.) BUANG area (.) whilst patrol was on SUGARLOAF 612258 WAGO 1 inch considerable barge mvt LAE-SALAMAUA was heard close to coast through out night 27/28 all informed	
195	162 US Regt 15 BN			1011	0 63	SECRET (.) 15 aust inf bn will be operating in the area between excl C ridge and incl LOKANU ridge and WEST as far as SCOUT RIDGE	

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195	(contd)					as from 0600K/31 (.) this movement will in no way be allowed to effect your plans or alter your objective (.) CO 15 bn has been instructed to maintain close liaison with CO 2/162 bn with a view to providing mutual assistance	
196		47 BN	1035		I 368	WELLS OP (.) 0645 ARTY fire KELA HILL 0730 four japs observed on MACDONALD JUNCT 0820 three japs observed MACDONALD JUNCT	
197		NGF	1035		08521	NGF sitrep 845 to 2000K/25	
198		NGF	1025		08505	NGF sitrep 844 to 1000K/25	
199		ALO WAU	1140		L 367	ref photo mission low cloud prevented first attempt second being made approx 1200 request arty support	
200		0 Aust Corps	1140		O 28	sitrep 2 to 2000K/30	
201		NGF	0935		I 2818	reported through naval intell that enemy RADAR eqpt captured your area (.) if this is so please ensure utmost care to prevent damage (.) LIEUT ROUCULT US army air corps on way your area to investigate (.) please give every assistance (.) please advise	See serial 202 NOT ATT
202	NGF			1031		SECRET (.) ref NGF I2818 of 31 aug (.) lieut BROMLEY naval intell advised this HQ that enemy radar eqpt existed near SALAMAUA airfield and requested that a RDF expert be permitted to join fwd tps this area in order to examine any eqpt captured as soon as possible (.) this agreed to and suggestion made to BROMLEY that expert be brought to NASSAU immediately to be on hand (.) no radar eqpt has yet been captured and our tps are still some distance from SALAMAUA airfield	See serial 201 NOT ATT
203		15 Bn	1200		I 125	Sitrep to 1100K/31 (.) 15 BN (.) B coy relieved by PIB now concentrated at 738923 (.) C coy less 15 pl moved forward at 0930 hrs to assembly area 751954 (.) D coy recce parties 3 hrs into foothills approaching junct D and E ridges SCOUT RIDGE 746965 (.) no details yet received	

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204		29 Bde	1200		I 80	ref our sitrep 44 to 1900K/30 and 5 div SITREP 18 to 0800K/31 (.) location C coy 47 BN night 30/31 aug should read 715965 NOT 715956 (.) all informed	See serials 174 and 190
205		RAA	1400		RA037	SECRET SITREP 22 to 1200K (.) 0900 105s engaged enemy vicinity CHARLIES HILL with 2 btys effectively (.) 0946K 105s engaged enemy barges SALAMAUA HARBOUR with harassing fire (.) 1120-1140 btys B and C 205 BN engaged JAP mvt MCDONALDS JUNCT causing casualties (.) all informed	
206		1 Aust Corps	1400		O 19	SITREP 1 to 1000K/30	
207		SALA-MAUA OP	1440		G 581	1600 to 0800 Sitnor	
208		15 Bde	1440		01298	sitrep 322 to 1330K/31 (.) 58/59 Bn (.) patrol from 716974 along track to 713970 through bush to 708972 then along track to BHQ (.) killed 1 jap at 709974 stated to be observing west side of river towards 2/7 Bn HQ and 2/3 ind coy area (.) jap had no rifle (.) D coy 24 Bn (.) 18 pl report further chopping and tree felling be enemy (.) 2/7 Bn (.) C coy patrol moved 40 yds INE along spur from 703996 found large boulders on track but no evidence enemy mvt (.) D coy patrol to area 708995 report enemy still in occupation (.) 2/3 ind coy sitnor all informed	
209		162 US Regt	1440		224	SITREP 126 to 1300K/31 (.) coy B now moving north on west flank coy A position coy I plus 1 pl coy K moved passed vacated perimeter at junc B ridge and SCOUT track and are at present facing opposition from north coy L less one pl moving back to 3 BN area (.) coy K less one pl occupying area left by coy L two recce patrols followed by stronger combat patrols from E and F coys deployed in a position to cover gully and ridges at junc C and B ridges and have observed pillboxes and drawn fire (.) no late report (.) 2 patrols are out from 2 Bn and combat and PIB to investigate enemy party after wire cut from F coy to 2 Bn during night evidence of several japs at garden between D and C ridges other patrol active towards lower LOKAHU ridge all informed	

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SERIAL NO.	TO	FROM	IN	OUT	ORIG NO	TEXT
210		BENA FORCE	1455		O 466	SITREP 188 to 2000 30th (.) no change active patrolling all area
211		29 Bde	1455		I 515	SITREP 47 to 1200K/31 (.) 42 BN (.) A coy patrolling NORTH along track to 729959 (.) A coy casualties from mortar and LMG fire 1800K/30 6 wounded 4 of whom remained on duty (.) one pl B coy moved to D coy posn to reinforce D coy (.) C coy patrol 71 fwd to recce enemy posns (.) patrol 72 track running NORTH from CHARLIE HILL to contact patrol 74 from D coy (.) D coy patrol 74 around CHARLIE HILL to NE and N to ambush track CHARLIE HILL to NUK NUK (.) C coy clashed with enemy 0740K/31 our casualties 1 believed killed (.) 47 bn (.) patrol of one sec left B coy 1145/31 to contact standing patrol 58/59 bn at 716971 by route along NORTH bank FRANCISCO R (.) patrols from C coy recce enemy posns to NE (.) C coy amended casualties 30 aug killed in action 1 offr 1 OR wounded 4 ORs accidentally wounded 1 offr 3 ORs (.) arty registered on spur 711967 0830K/31 (.) two ORs slightly wounded by arty registration (.) all informed
212		BENA FORCE	1510		O 469	SITREP 189 to 0800K/31 (.) no change all areas
213		15 Bde	1510		O 1299	sitrep 323 to 1430K/31 (.) 58/59 bn (.) A coy moved fwd and occupied following posns 1130K/31 (.) Coy HQ 7 pl 9 pl 719986 (.) D coy ~~xxx~~ recce patrol time out 0830K/31 time in 1130K/31 moved north 20 yds from coy HQ then east 250 yds heard voices but could not distinguish if enemy (.) all informed
214	1 Aust Corps	~~XXXXXX~~		1523	O 72) O 73)	sitrep 19 to 1400K/31
215		WALPIT	1615		I 041	SECRET SITREP 41 to 1300K/31 (.) 24 Bn (.) 0953K/31 patrol searched area vic track sq 4242 NADZAB 1 inch NO signs of footprints or mvt (.) 0845K/31 3 bursts LMG fire heard direction HALFWAY HUTS 372393 (.) 3 patrols not yet returned (.) all informed

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SERIAL NO.	TO	FROM	IN	OUT	ORIG NO	TEXT	Remarks & Action
216		WAMPIT FORCE	1615		I 133	SITREP 28 to 2000K/30 (.) 24 bn (.) 1730K/30 two sec 11 platoon arrived WAMPIT 307381 WAIKE 1" (.) 1530/30 14 pl now OGMSIS 459455 NADZAB 1" (.) 0810/30 one det 488 of mor left PARTEP II for LEGI 521210 ~~xxxxx~~ WAGO 1" (.) 1825 to 1840 30 barges moving LAE SALAMAUA heard (.) LEGI number NOT known (.) all informed	
217		AMIES	1615		I 1	remainder C coy reached assembly area 751955 at 1230 hrs (.) adv battle HQs establsihed same area 1500 hrs (.) D coy fwd pl at junc ridges D and E pushing on with recce against light opposition (.) our cas 2 wounded (.) advance by D coy continuing with objective tonight crest of ridge	
218		SAL OP	1735		G 582	0800 to 1600 sitnor	
219		47 Bn	1850		I 371	WELLS OP (.) 0840 5 japs on road to WIRELESS stn 0900 fired on by US arty 0929 6 japs on south end of DROME 1005 MG fire on MELA HILL 1030 2 japs on beach at end of DROME 1035 3 small boat on left of ISTHMUS 1105 20 japs moving towards ISTHMUS 1110 fired on by US arty 1115 US arty fired on ISTHMUS 1120 MG fire on SCOUT HILL	
219A		AMIES	1936		I 3	ref sitrep to 1800 (.) wounded man reported missing rescued by one sec D coy under cover arty fire at dusk tonight	
220		15 Bde	1936		O 1300	SITREP 324 to 1900K/31 (.) 58/59 bn (.) A coy recce patrol to 718986 found 2 enemy pillboxes and several weapons pits unoccupied (.) 8 pl now occupying posn (.) B C D coys nothing to report (.) 2/7 bn (.) B coy reports chopping heard in enemy posn on spur to ME (.) D coy local patrols NLS (.) 2/3 Indep Coy (.) LMG at 713972 engaged 3 japs at DAMAGED PILLBOXES 710964 results unobserved all informed	
221		AMIES	2023		I 2	Sitrep to 1800K/31 (.) D coy digging in perimeter for night between junc D and E ridge and crest of SCOUT RIDGE 748965 (.) further recce later this afternoon revealed enemy with LMG on high ground above coy (.) arty giving coy close support for night perimeter and have registered on enemy posns (.) our casualties in todays ops 1 killed 1 officer and 9 ORs wounded (.) one det mortars and one sec LMG will move to coy first light 1 sep to support further	

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NO	TO	FROM	IN	OUT	GRID NO	TEXT
221	(contd)					activity by D coy tomorrow with C coy ready to support
222		47 Bn	2023		I 375	WELLS OP (.) 1445 smoke NORTH of WIRELESS stn 1500 MG fire on ARTY hill 1510 2 JAPS walking towards KELA HILL 1515 unidentified plane approaching from NW 1530 ~~xxxx~~ small boat off NORTH tip of peninsular 1550 smoke rising from SCOUT HILL 1555 2 JAPS on MACDONALD JUNCT 1733 2 JAPS MACDONALD JUNC 1750 arty HEAVILY shelled whole area centering WIRELESS stn
223		~~Trkust~~ ~~Gerps~~ RAA			PA038	Secret sitrep 23 to 1900K (.) enemy activity SALAMAUA (.) WELLS OP reports 0930K 10 Japs in area SW end airfield engaged by 105 results not observed (.) 0940K 6 Japs NORTH of airfield moving into wooded area (.) 1030K 2 Japs on north beach NO packs did not appear in open (.) 1130K 30 Japs full packs moving east to MACDONALS JUNCTION (.) engaged with 2 batteries and caught in open (.) believed heavy casualties (.) 1530K 2 Japs seen vicinity MACDONALDS JUNCTION entering possible pillbox (.) 1615K 1 Jap seen in COCONUT GROVE along east beach (.) 1800K considerable mvt SW corner of airfield (.) engaged with 6 battery (.) area heavily shelled with considerable effect this mvt by daylight is areas which the enemy must know as registered targets indictaes the work being conducted as of considerable importance ~~at~~ to him (.) 0700K small proceeded north across DOT INLET waw fired on by varied Jap weapons including field piece (.) returned and repeated try with artillery OPs and W/T set (.) registered Jap gun position and likely supply dump (.) 1300 air OP engaged same area firing 300 rounds concentration (.) reported considerable activity and likely supply dump (.) one barge destroyed 4 others observed (.) B coy 162 at junction D and E ridges and FOO engaged jap positions in this area (.) C coy 162 at 730952 (.) I coy 738949 (.) 1615K 1 Jap fired AT party vicinity 11 bty B tp (.) fire returned wounded Jap later captured this vicinity by PIB (.) FOO 42 BN reports A and C coys not yet to objectives (.) enemy holding strongly defended line 725958 east to SCOUT HILL (.) B coy moving west round CHARLIE HILL 1/9 (.) LORD OP fired infantry support 1130 to 1430K good effect (.) DAWSON OP sitnor (.) inf report 25 pdr fire this area caused enemy heavy casualties and damage all informed

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224		29 Bde			I 516	SITREP 48 to 1930K/31 (.) 42 bn (.) from action by A and C coys today established japs have line of mutually supporting LMG posts from 725957 to 728958 thence 730957 (.) sounds of firing heard from ring contour 733956 (.) A and C coys now perimeter 728956 (.) pl from D coy moved WEST thence NORTH of CHARLIE HILL to jap occupied positions 723958 thence to bracken patch 723961 (.) patrol on return located two parallel tracks NOT recently used running NNW from 723961 (.) lookout observed at 723957 (.) second patrol moved east cut track at 727955 thence north 300 yds (.) japs held to WEST chopping (.) 10 pl B coy 720951 11 pl with D coy (.) casualties 42 bn today 1 OR killed 1 offr 9 ORs wounded of whom 1 offr 4 ORs remaining on duty (.) 47 bn (.) patrols from C coy have established line of jap LMG posts running from 713967 to 718969 (.) from 718965 track RUNS south along spur towards CHARLIE HILL (.) patrol to 718965 killed 5 japs (.) C coy and det PIB now firm base 715964 (.) patrol 3 men 10 pl located pillbox 710967 threw two grenades into pillbox killing 3 japs (.) B coy patrol crossed FRANCISCO 80 yds EAST mouth of BUIRALI CK moved NORTH 150 yds but did NOT locate TRACK nor make contact standing patrol 58/59 bn (.) arty fired 300 rounds SOUTH end KUNAI PATCH 713966 (.) 3 direct hits top and entrance dugout (.) locations six pillboxes can now be spotted all informed	
225		162 US Regt			233	sitrep 126 to 1830K/31 (.) 1500K/31 4 man party from G coy ambushed near JUNC of JAP posns south of A coy but accomplished contact mission (.) A coy now astride track running EAST and WEST at approx 737954 on hogbank ridge (.) about 20 Japs area about 100 yds EAST well organised posn and with at least 1 knee mortar and MG (.) another est 20 Japs on saddle to west at 734956 (.) also known to be some on A KNOLL near 734954 (.) The track to this feature is also covered (.) C coy is near 730952 with aust troops near the track JUNC to WEST and north of C coy (.) C coy killed 2 Japs in posn near saddle (.) B coy still active no late report (.) Coy F combat patrol deployed along ridges to front F Coy perimeter to deny ste to JAPS of saddle and ridges C and D and also can cover SCOUT trail (.) Coy E 12 man patrol moved to contact I coy (.) had killed 2 Japs (.) our cas (.) 1 wounded (.) Wires cut and	

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225	(contd)					patrol out of contact for time but I coy patrol sudceeded in contact (.) other E coy force proposed to coordinate at track with I coy on Jap posn (.) I coy and patrol A coy occupied high country between B and C ~~xxxxxxxx~~ ridges near 738950 (.) area approx 75 yds NORTH EAST JUNC B ridge and SCOUT RIDGE (.) E coy established 200 yds distance from I coy with JAPS perimeter on high ground between them (.) JAP posn estimated lightly held and are to be attacked following mortar barrage (.) NO late reports (.) Total JAPS killed 15 by 3rd BN operations (.) our cas 3 wounded 2 PIB wounded (.) one JAP he met found wich had marine signia (.) K coy plus attached weapons less 1 patrol occupying JAP perimeters ~~x~~ opposite old I and K coy posns (.) late reports from 1 BN (.) COULSEN party from B coy to A coy approached to within 150 yds of track to A coy (.) and were stopped by approach of 30 Japs moving to Jap perimeter est 100 yds east of A coy with full packs and rifles with bayonets fixed (.) report from arty and boat recce reports 5 JAPS barges definitely seen on beach area 763967 to 600 yds NORTH (.) barges beached under overhanging trees on shore line in groups of two (.) it could not be ascertained whether or not troop movements (.) 10 to 15 JAPS were observed working around closest barge 0930K/31 (.) engaged by arty concentration 100 rds in general area	
226		15 Bde	2310		0 1301	SITREP 325 to 2100K/31 (.) 2/7 bn (.) report of 3 ORs C coy reported missing when returning from EDWARDS SPUR to C coy area now returned 1130K/31 after absence 6 days (.) from EDWARDS SPUR followed known trail then lost on enemy track NOT previously reported (.) cut off by enemy who permitted party move through before firing own casualties 1 wounded (.) party familiar with area but movt hampered by contact with many large gps enemy hence long absence (.) continual enemy mvt SW direction area north of ARNOLDS CREST (.) estimate area north of ARNOLDS CREST heavily reinforced and enemy constructing strong defs on high grd (.) 1800K/29 8 shells from arty landed among large gp enemy area 710003 from screams and sounds digging later considered many casualties (.) enemy defs 2/300 yds (.) SE this point (.) from interrogation party enemy forces located as follows (.) 712012	

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226	(contd)					(.) 706007 in force 710009 and east to 714007 (.) party killed 10 enemy while absent wounded others (.) A coy (.) corrected location 709995 (.) recce patrol north along track ambushed 70 yards fwd of FDL fired on by 2 LMGs own casualties 1 killed 4 wounded (.) B coy 12 pl 707994 (.) standing patrol 708993 (.) contact patrols between A B D coys NIL (.) C coy report fires observed 704006 (.) 58/59 bn (.) recce patrol found enemy digging in 722962 on spur running NW (.) unoccupied enemy huts at 721988 (.) C coy dispositions (.) HQ 717991 13 pl 717992 14 pl 717990 and with under cond 9 pl 24 bn 715988 comp pl 24 bn 717988 all informed	
227	1 Aust Corps			2211	0 76	sitrep 20 to 2000K/31 part I	
228	1 Aust Corps			2350	077) 080)	sitrep 20 to 2000K/31 part II	

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[illegible] will [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] (a) [illegible] will [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] will be held in [illegible] for [illegible] [illegible] (b) In the event of strong enemy resistance being encountered a policy of [illegible] will be adopted and under no circumstances will [illegible] be committed to a frontal attack on prepared positions (c) 15 Bde will be under Cdn 5 Ade div until further notice but 00 15 will maintain closest touch with 00 2 Bde Bde with a view to mutual support (d) [illegible] arrangements separately all informed

If liable to be intercepted or fall into enemy hands this message [illegible] be [illegible]

Originators Instns
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WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Unit HQ Quar Div Date and Time.—From 000 1 Aug To 2359 hrs 31 August 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Tamlen Bay	31 Aug	1125	15 Bde to seize track junction on Scaur Ridge	083 (Appx 36)
			Weather. Cool Showery	
			Action Diary from 000 1 26 Aug 43 to 2400 31 Aug 43 attached	
			W D Brown Capt	

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Unit HQ 5 Aust Div Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs To 2359 hrs 30 August 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Tamlen Bay			Weather - Cool Showery at night	
				J. Wheeler Capt.

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WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Unit Hdq Aust Div Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs To 2359 hrs 29 August 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Tamber Bay	29		Weather - Fine & Cool	
			A. Whittle Capt	

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HQ 29 Aust Inf Bde
28 Aug 43

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PROGRAMME FOR ATTACK ON CHARLIES KNOLL 29 AUG 43

Serial No	Time From	Time To	Objective or Target	Unit or Weapons	Number of Rounds	Remarks
1	1130	1135	CHARLIES KNOLL	Arty	360	1. No troops NORTH of a line East West through highest point CHARLIES KNOLL
2	1140 1140	1210 1210	" "	MMG Mortars	2000 150	2. Serial 8 ceases at exactly 5 minutes after commencement
3	1220 1226	1224 1228	" "	Arty "	288 144	3. Synchronization at 1100 hrs
4	1235 1235	1300 1300	"	MMG Mortars	2000 [illegible]	4. During period 1330-1443 the following troops will move by limited objectives as under: D coy to approximately 724957. One pl from C or A Coys to 725957. Both to assault with rifle grenade, LMG and hand grenade at 1520 hrs.
5	1345	1350	"	Arty	360	
6	1400 1400	1420 1420	" "	MMG Mortars	2000 150	
7	1435 1441	1439 1443	"	Arty	288	5. One pl B coy will occupy firm base evacuated by D coy not after 1400 hrs
8	1515	1520	"	Arty	360	

DISTRIBUTION

42 Aust Inf Bn	1 - 3		LO
Arty LO (Capt Cunningham)	4		Hand
Comd	5		"
LO	6		"
9 Aust Div (for infm)	7	Safe Hand (Lt-Col McLean)	
File	8		
War Diary	9 - 10		

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WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Unit HQs Amat Div Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs To 2359 hrs 28 Aug 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Tambu Bay	28 Aug	0900	GOC LO visited 42 Bn area	
		0900	ADC rec to Komiatum	
			Weather - Fine & Cool.	
			Ref sitrep 15 to 0800 H/30 programme for	(Appx 35)
			attack on Charlies Knoll - attached 29 Aug	

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HQ 5 AUST DIV INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 223

(Based on information received to 0900 hrs 27 Aug 43)

SUMMARY OF ENEMY MOVEMENTS

AND

SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN STRENGTHS

LAND

The enemy's position around SALAMAUA has further deteriorated during the past week and a measure of enemy embarrassment was the very half hearted resistance against our move to gain the high ground running NE from BOBIUBI towards KELA POINT. The loss of some of this vital ground, however, is unlikely to mean that tnemy troops will not put up stiff resistance to the end. There is ample evidence that in mid-July at least he intended to hold out until reinforced. This apparently has not occurred on any appreciable scale, and his heavy losses may force him to withdraw what troops he can save for the defence of LAE.

An identification of part of a battalion of 238 Regt of 41 Div in the SALAMAUA area was made during the week. Although it arrived on 8 Aug, it is thought that no considerable number of troops from this regt are at SALAMAUA since they would have been used to bolster up the already depleted front line troops and there is no evidence to this effect. Whilst strength of identified units at LAE-SALAMAUA after allowing for casualties has been lowered and assessed at 13,500, the actual figure may well be higher if all of 238 Regt has arrived in the area. An estimate of 15,000 for the area is therefore reasonable.

Building activity at FINSCHHAFEN suggests the increased use of this place as a staging point. Movement of troops down the RAI coast still continues.

SEA

Submarines sighted off NEW BRITAIN going south, probably to LAE, have increased during the past week, when six were observed. Little barge activity has been observed but activity probably continues, though on a reduced scale.

AIR

Heavy attacks have been continued on WEWAK airfields and the enemy has had additional heavy losses. The effect of these losses is probably reflected in the lack of effective enemy interception during a heavy attack on 24 Aug.

(NG FORCE INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 136)

OPERATIONS

OWN & ENEMY (1) LAND

COASTAL AREA

HQ of an Aust Div took over command from another Aust Div at 734918.

On 25 Aug attacks by an Aust Inf Bn made no progress on enemy posns at 725958 (about 2,000 yds SE of the elbow of the FRANCISCO RIVER). Patrols are attempting to locate the flanks of the enemy posn.

A US Inf Regt patrol engaged enemy in dug out posns north of ROOSEVELT RIDGE. Six Japs were killed.

BOBDUBI Area

A composite force attacked enemy posns on KUNAI SPUR 710965 (about 800 yds SE of the elbow of the FRANCISCO RIVER) from the north. They encountered 2 parties of Japs, each about 50 strong, and inflicted heavy casualties. Another party is attacking the enemy from the west.

Another Aust Inf Bn took over responsibility for KUNAI SPUR area.

Our tps are now disposed East, South and West of enemy posns 710964 (about 900 yards SW of the elbow of the FRANCISCO RIVER).

Three organised attacks on enemy posns 300 yards north of this point were made. A party from an Aust Inf Bn attacked South across the river but were held at the SALAMAUA track by LMG fire from wired pillboxes. The Japs counterattacked westward but were repulsed with 47 killed for certain.

A n Aust Indep Coy andpart of an Aust Inf Bn attacked SE but made no progress.

SALAMAUA Area

Ambush posns at 704004 (1,500 yards West of SWAN'S OP) and 713008 (500 yards North of SWAN'S OP) were cleared.

Part of an Aust Inf Bn were attacking enemy in posns at 724994 (about 1,500 yds West of the south end of SALAMAUA drome. The posn is being attacked from the South and also harassed from the north by a fighting patrol.

A party of 10/15 Japs who met an Aust Inf patrol at 720008 (about 500 yards north of SWAN'S OP) broke and fled.

A further patrol crossed the river in the vicinity of 728988 (approx 1,200 yds SE of SWAN'S OP) and set an ambush posn on the main SALAMAUA track.

ENEMY (ii) SEA

At 0637K/26 a sub was sighted off CAPE CENCUND north bound zigzagging.

Two gunboats, 2 freighter tpts 5,500/7,000 tons, 1 freighter 1,500/2,500 tons, were sighted at 1320K/25 58 miles WNW MUSSAU IS, course east.

At 1425K/25, 1 freighter tpt 2/4,800 tons, was sighted 43 miles north by west of MUSSAU IS course ESE.

At 1740K/25 7 barges were stationary near the BUMI River (3 miles South of FINSCHHAFEN) and 2 entering the mouth of MAPE River (6 miles South of FINSCHHAFEN).

SUBMARINE ACTIVITY

On 19 Aug an enemy submarine ineffectively shelled and strafed Allied surface craft in NASSAU BAY.

Four North bound and six South bound submarines were sighted off the South coast of NEW BRITAIN during the week, and are considered to have been engaged in continuing supply to NEW GUINEA area. This is an increase on previous sightings.

BARGE ACTIVITY

Aircraft made a thorough search of hideout areas from WALD BAY to LANGEMAK BAY and from LANGEMAK BAY to SALDOR and made no sightings of barges. This may point either to a falling off of Japanese barge traffic following heavy losses, or the transport of some Japanese reinforcements and supplies by alternative overland routes, or more effective camouflage measures when barges are in hiding.

Evidence that barge traffic continues in some measure isgiven by the fact that four barges were sunk, and five damaged by our surface craft operating at night in the FINSCHHAFEN area.

OWN (iii) AIR

On 25 Aug GASMATA dump area was bombed and strafed, and landing craft and barges strafed at GAROVE IS.

One 5,500/7,000 ton vessel was bombed approx 60 miles NW of MUSSAU IS. Two direct hits were scored.

ENEMY (iii) AIR

A steady flow of aircraft reinforcements and a conservative use of available air strength, brought the Japanese airforces in NE NEW GUINEA to a high numerical strength by mid-August. The building-up process had continued uninterrupted from May this year.

During the past week, however, Allied air attacks by day and night, have caused considerable damage to grounded aircraft on the WEWAK airfields, and although reinforcements are reaching the area, their numbers are insufficient to compensate for losses. Current enemy air strength in NEW GUINEA is considered to be less than at any time since May last.

Our bombers during daylight raids were accompanied by fighters, for the first time in the WEWAK area, and the Japanese interceptors suffered heavy and disproportionate losses in combat. These losses are further reflected in the lack of enemy interception when WEWAK was again heavily raided on 24 Aug. It is possible that the provision of fighter cover for Allied bombers over WEWAK will eventually force upon the enemy some modification of the disposition of his air forces in NEW GUINEA.

DEVELOPMENT

There are indications of a possible float-plane base in course of construction in the WITU ISLANDS, off the North coast of NEW BRITAIN.

Air crews also report a possible landing strip near ANNENBERG (between KERAM and RAMU Rivers) forty miles South of NUBIA.

The CAPE GLOUCESTER strip shows signs of still further development.

(NG FORCE WEEKLY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 136)

PART II

ENEMY (v) TACTICS

The Japanese admit that Allied artillery is a grave source of concern to them and in the NEW GUINEA operations, there have been three occasions when they have sent out patrols, not only to annihilate the crews, but to effectively put our guns out of action. Previously, during the SANANANDA operations, a forward gun position of an Australian troop was attacked on the night of 29 Dec, at 0415 hours by a party of 40 Japanese.

This technique has been again repeated on the other occasions recently. At 0400 hrs on the 16 Aug, a party of 30 Japanese attacked the gun positions of an Australian battery one and three quarter miles NW of LAKE SALUS and explosive charges were placed under the guns. Our troops, after driving off the enemy, were able to remove the explosives before any damage was done to the guns. However, three of our men were killed and seven others wounded in this encounter. The other instance occurred at 1100 hours on the same morning, presumably by the same patrol. This time a gun position of an American regiment was selected. However, the Americans were able to drive off the patrol without loss or damage to the guns. This Japanese patrol has been again sighted on the 19 Aug by a party of our Native Infantry, still in the same area. It can be expected that the enemy will continue to neutralize our artillery by direct patrol attack methods.

(ANF WEEKLY INTELLIGENCE REVIEW NO 55)

PART V

SECURITY

GREEN ENVELOPES

The standard of Unit Censorship is normally reflected in the use or misuse of Green Envelopes within that unit. If Franking Officers are conversant with their duties troops will usually prefer to have their mail franked, rather than suffer the small delay caused by treatment of Green Envelopes by the Base Censor.

The unit, whose officers are ignorant or careless of the regulations, presents a different picture. If the troops believe that their mail is unduly delayed, or that officers discuss its contents, they will go to great pains to avoid such Censorship. Green Envelopes will then be in great demand, and may even attain a monetary or barter value in the eyes of some men.

Many troops using green Envelopes seem to be ignorant of the fact that the declaration on the envelope certifying the contents to consist of personal or family matter only, is as binding as a legal oath. Many recent cases show the open discussion of military matters that would not be passed if the letter was franked by an officer in the writer's unit. Applications for transfer to other units, requests to members of Parliament, "exposures" of grievances intended to be conveyed to the press, are some of the subjects seen in recent weeks.

Some cases have been noticed of officers using Green Envelopes, and not only is this an infringement of NGF HO 527/42, but it is unnecary and further reduces the strictly limited supply available to the troops.

The recent improvement in Unit Censorship has been offset by the increase in censorable matter contained in Green Envelopes.

Whenever any considerable number of breaches of censorship recur in a unit, itis desirable for an investigation to be made, not only into the breach itself, but also the circumstances that lead to its commitment. It may then be found that an overhaul of franking arrangements in the unit will provide a permanent cure for the complaint.

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Unit HQ 5 Aust Div Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs To 2359 hrs 27 Aug 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Tamben Bay	27 Aug	0900	G1 went on recce forward positions	
			Weather - fine & cool	
Mung Ranacho		0900	Rear HQ 5 Aust Div Intelligence Summary No 223	See [illegible] (Appx 24 I)
Moresby				
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HQ 5 AUST DIV INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 222

(Based on information received to 0900 hrs
26 Aug 43)

OPERATIONS

OWN & ENEMY (i) LAND

COASTAL AREA

On Aug 23 and 24 the Japs attacked Allied positions on the NW end of ROOSEVELT RIDGE. The attacks were repulsed.

Fwd troops of a US Regt are now at 745957 (about 1200 yds NW of BUIAMBUN) and are making an attack on enemy posns at the NW end of ROOSEVELT RIDGE.

Jap guns in area 752958 (about 1,500 yds NW of LOKANU PEN) fired intermittently into area 745943 (about 1,000 yds SW of BUIAMBUN) during 23 and 24 Aug.

On PM 24 Aug our arty fired 1,000 rds into enemy posns on the NW end of ROOSEVELT RIDGE.

There are no Japs, except possible stragglers, south of a line from enemy posns on the NW end of ROOSEVELT RIDGE, at 748949, to the KOMIATUM track area 710965 (about 800 yds SE of the elbow of the FRANCISCO RIVER).

An Aust Inf Bn left TAMBU BAY and another Aust Inf Bn is concentrating at TAMBU BAY.

Ref map 1/25,000 KOMIATUM 3539. Form lines of feature sq 7295 are inaccurate. An Aust Inf Bn area has been amended to 723956 - 719942 - 720926.

This Bn is attacking enemy posns 724956 (about 2 miles W of LOKANU Pen) with arty support.

Rear HQ of an Aust Div has opened up at NASSAU BAY.

BOBLUBI AREA

Thirty Japs moving NE from contained enemy posns at 710965 (800 yds SE of the elbow of the FRANCISCO RIVER) were dis persed by part of an Aust Indep Coy on track 800 yds to the NE. The emeny attempted to encircle our posns but were deiven back.

HQ of an Aust Inf Bn is complete at 708964 (about 500 yds SE of the elbow of the FRANCISCO RIVER).

Enemy were engaged at 710965 by portion of two Aust Inf Bns with harassing fire during night 23/24 Aug.

Elements of an Aust Inf Bn are at 708952 and 709937 along the KOMIATUM track; the remainder are at 707919 (rear MT TAMBU).

SALAMAUA AREA

A party from an Aust Inf Bn crossed to the South of the FRANCISCO River at 728988 (about 800 yds WSW of the South end of SALAMAUA drome) and patrolled to 1,000 yds north.

Enemy posns to the North of 725995 (about 2,000 yds West of LOGUI) were engaged by mortar fire.

A det of an Aust Inf Bn were forced to withdraw from 707007 (3,000 yds North of OLD BOBDUBI) where the Japs are digging in.

A det at 717007 (1,000 yds East of previous posn) report no contact but found 36 huts completed and under construction in the area.

BENA BENA AREA

A recce patrol at USINI (ref STRAT MAP RAMU WO 2588) was attacked by Japs and withdrew.

ENEMY (ii) SEA

At 1045K/24 one 1,500 ton, and one 500 ton vessel, also several small luggers and barges were sighted at WEWAK Harbour.

At 1240K/24 several small harbour craft were stationary off MUSCHU IS (10 miles NW of WEWAK), and 3 cargo vessels 500/1,000 tons, and three small vessels were sighted proceeding on a course of 120 degrees in MUSCHU STRAITS.

At 0900K/25 three vessels of 80/90 ft, heavily laden, left SALAMAUA towards LAE apparently towing barges.

OWN & ENEMY (iii) AIR

On 25 Aug 48 heavy and 53 medium bombers bombed and strafed the HANSA BAY area, first, bivouac areas in AWAR and NUBIA plantations, second, AA emplacements and dumps in vicinity CONDON PT NUBIA, third, shipping and barges in HANSA BAY. Two vessels , one 1,000/1,500 tons, and the other 500/1,000 tons, many barges, and several luggers were destroyed.

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Unit HQ 5 Aust Div Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs To 2359 hrs 26 Aug 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Lemlem Bay	26 Aug	0001	HQ 5 Aust Div opened up map Abiriatina 1/25000 & assumed command all troops as from 0001 hrs 26 Aug Dispositions at time of taking over are shown on attached trace.	
			Weather - fine clear	
Murray Ranges Moresby		0900	Rear HQ 5 Aust Div Intelligence Summary No 222	See Gen 071 (Appx WH)
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HQ 5 AUST DIV INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 221

(Based on information received to 0900 hrs 25 Aug 43)

OPERATIONS

OWN & ENEMY (i) LAND

COASTAL Areas

An Aust Inf Bn has arrived at TAMBU BAY from area693903.

A patrol from a US Regt reports 6 Jap pillboxes extending from 744962 to 746958, (about 1,000 yards W of LOKANU Pen.)

GWAIBALON Area

An Aust Inf Bde HQ has been established at 708948(about 1,000 yards East of GWAIBALON).

An Aust Inf Bn is in area 705913-707926 (South of KOMIATUM).

OSBORNE CK Area

An attack was made on Jap posns at 711913 (about 500 yards SE of the elbow of the FRANCISCO River). The ehemy was attacked from 3 sides by portions of two Aust Inf Bns on the afternoon of 23 Aug. A footing was obtained in enemy posns but our tps were forced to withdraw. The attack is continuing.

A portion of an Aust Indep Coy moved to and held track 714968 (about 1,000 yds East of the elbow of the FRANCIS CO R), and pushed back a party of 30 Japs moving from NE along the SALAMAUA track.

SALAMAUA Area

On the morning of 23 Aug a portion of an Aust Inf Bn gained an objective at 725994 (about 1,200 yds West of the South end of SALAMAUA drome) and consolidated their position. Patrols are now operating to the NE and West. The Japs fled down the track to the East, abandoning all their equipment.

A party moving North to 722007 (about 2,500 yards SE of CHINATOWN) repulsed an attack by Japs and are now clearing a pocket to the East.

A party at 705006 (about a mile West of previous posns) dispersed a party of Japs, capturing a MMG. The enemy are reported to be digging in in the vicinity.

All equipment captured in both actions appeared new.

A standing patrol from an Aust Inf Bn has been established at 680030 (about 1,000 yards South of OLD WAMASA).

WAMPIT Area

During 23 Aug an enemy motor launch made 28 crossings carrying 105 personnel to the South, and 156 personnel to the North Bank of the MARKHAM River, in the vicibity of NEW LABU IS (about 6 miles from the mouth.

BENA BENA Area

A recce patrol to BOROAI (about 15 miles South of BOGAJIM) was forced to return to RAMU River.

ENEMY (ii) SEA

At 0015K/22 one merchant vessel of approx 2,500 tons was sighted 42 miles East by South of WEWAK on a course of 130°.

On 23 Aug numerous wrecked barges, some repairable, were sighted in MAPLE River and off the coast of LANGEMAK BAY (about 5 miles South of ALEXISHAVEN).

One destroyer and one 7,000 ton merchant vessel were sighted 61 miles WSW of Cape MATANALEM (Western point of NEW HANOVER IS) proceeding on a course SE.

At 0819K/23 a sub was sighted going North off Cape ORFORD, and at 1440K/24 another sub was seen going South with deck cargo.

OWN & ENEMY (iii) AIR

Six aircraft bombed dumps and strafed AA posns in the GASMATA area on 23 Aug.

One MITCHELL strafed a surfaced sub at approx 56 miles ESE of SALAMAUA. Nil hits registered.

In the FINSCHHAFEN area six MITCHELLS bombed a wooden wharf and strafed two houses.

WEWAK town area and airfield was bombed on 23 Aug by 37 LIBERATORS. Many buildings were destroyed, but observation of r results was limited owing to clouds. One LIBERATOR crash landed at BULOLO strip but the crew are safe. One enemy fighter is believed to have been destroyed.

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Unit HQ 5 Aust Div Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs To 2359 hrs 25 Aug 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Nassau Bay	25 Aug		Div Adv HQ embarked on barges &	
			arrived Tambu Bay approx 1000 hrs	
Tambu Bay			Party marched to Adv HQ 3 Div	
			Rained during night 25/26 Aug	
Munay Barracks		0900	Rear HQ 5 Aust Div Intelligence Summary 221	Secret GS/070 (Appx 3 to G)
Moresby				
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HQ 5 AUST DIV INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 220

(Based on information received to 0900 hrs
24 Aug 43)

OPERATIONS

OWN & ENEMY (i) LAND

COASTAL AREAS

An Aust Inf Bn encountered LMG fire 728962.

An Aust Inf Bn HQ, and B and C Coys are in vicinity 732917 (about 1 mile SW of TAMBU BAY). D znd HQ Coy of same Bn is at NASSAU BAY.

A US Inf Regt found wired Jap posns at 760964 (North of KOKANU Peninsula), and a well-used Jap track and signal wire leading South at 748964.

Sounds of defensive positions being prepared were heard at 763968.

Troops of an Aust Inf Bde found eleven pillboxes in the perimeter of the defence posn recently vacated at 725958 (about 2,000 yards West of DOT INLET).

KOMIATUM AREA

An Aust Inf Bn are continuing to mop up stragglers in this area.

HQ of an Aust Inf Bde and an Aust Inf Bn moved to MT TAMBU area.

BOHDUBI AREA

Part of two Aust Inf Bns and an Indep Coy are heavily engaged with the enemy in strong positions at the junction of the KOMIATUM-SALAMAUA tracks and KUNAI SPUR 710964 (about ½ mile SE elbow of the FRANCISCO RIVER).

An Aust Inf Bn HQ has been established at 708964 (about 500 yards S of the elbow of the FRANCISCO River).

NE BOHDUBI AREA

The remainder of the two Aust Inf Bns mentioned above are establishing a firm base on high ground at 718986 (on the ridge overlooking SALAMAUA) and 708994 (on the feature about 2 miles West of SALAMAUA drome), and have established outposts at 729990 (1,000 yards West of SALAMAUA drome) and 705000.

ENEMY (ii) SEA

At 1559K/22 a submarine was sighted about 7 miles SE of CAPE ORFORD.

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OWN & ENEMY (iii) AIR

A Catalina attacked a 300 foot vessel and two 50 foot barges. One barge is believed to have been sunk.

One 5,500/7,000 ton vessel was bombed approx 370 miles North of MUSSAU IS. Nil hits scored.

KELA village was bombed on 23 Aug.

MARAWASA area (near headwaters of MARKHAM and RAMU rivers) was bombed and strafed and incendiary bombs dropped on 23 Aug. Many fires were started and one village was destroyed.

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WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Unit HQ 5 Aust Div Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs To 2359 hrs 24 Aug 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Nassau Bay	24 Aug		Day spent tidying area & washing clothes	
			Party split into two. Det Adv HQ moved	
			back along beach to loading area	
			approx 1900 hrs. Spent night on beach	
			Loaded on barge following morning	
			Det Rear HQ remained with Rear HQ	
			3 Div	
			Weather Showery during night	
			Adv Party consisted of Capt Meelich (GSO)	
			Maj Barker (GS) Capt Muddle (GSO) Capt Allan (AO)	
			Capt Grant (10) & 22 ORs.	
Murray Barracks Moresby		0900	Rear HQ 5 Aust Div Intelligence Summary 220	Secret Cdd/069 (Appx 34 E)

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HQ 5 AUST DIV INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 219

(Based on infm received to 0900 hrs 23 Aug 43)

OPERATIONS

OWN & ENEMY (i) LAND

COASTAL AREAS

An Australian Advance Div HQ are at 735919 about 1 mile SW of Tambu Bay.

An Inf Battalion of a U.S. Regt. destroyed small JAP dump at 747949 near Dot Inlet.

Arty of an Aus Division are being concentrated Tambu Bay. During night 20/21 Aug they fired 900 rds harrassing fire into Salamaua.

An Inf Battalion of U.S. Regt are now concentrated area 730945 on west portion of ROOSEVELT RIDGE.

An Australian Battalion on 21 Aug concentrated in area 724957 - 713951 - 723934, and C Coy less pl have reached 724961.

We now hold the ridge from 723958 to 725964 (2 miles W of Lokanu Pen.)

KOMIATUM

An Aust Inf Bn was relieved and are now concentrated in area 693909 - 690903 (about 1½ miles SW of Mt Tambu.)

The relieving battalion are continuing mopping up in Komiatum Area.

At 0800 K/22 the battle for KOMIATUM RIDGE has now been decisively won and the enemy driveh from his carefully prepared jungle strongholds guarding his main supply line. He has now been forced back to his inner defence line. His lossoe have been heavy in meh and equipment. His tps in their favourite jungle country have been outfought at every turn.

BOBDUBI AREA

A patrol from an Aus Inf Bn has occupied 704968 (near elbow of Francisco River)

We now have a firm footing on the ridge overlooking SALAMAUA DROME, our fwd tps being established at 715984 (about 1000 yds NE of OLD BOBDUBI)

BENA AREA

On morning 21 Aug recce patrol left WESA for BOROAI.

ENEMY (ii) SEA

At 1010 K/21 possible freighter offshore BUT.

On 20 Aug 40 Barges, 2 luggers, and two 500 ton vessels at WEWAK.

Nine stationary barges sighted HANSA BAY at 1035 K/21.

On 21 Aug possible corvette off shore KAIRIRU IS.

A sub with deck cargo going south was sighted 1422 K/20 at 05 degrees 29 min south 152 degrees 10 min east.

OWN & ENEMY (iii) AIR

One 5500/7000 ton transport was bombed and strafed approx 270 miles N of MUSSAU IS. (60 miles NW new Hanover) Nil hits scored.

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Unit HQ 5 Aust Div Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs To 2359 hrs 23 August 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Nassau Bay	23 Aug	0300	Jap plane dropped two bombs	
			During morning tents pulled down	
			Personnel & stores moved along beach.	
			to Rear HQ 3 Aust Div during afternoon	
			Tents erected.	
			Rained night 23/24 August.	
Munay Ganacho		0900	Rear HQ 5 Aust Div Intelligence Summary 219	See RAA/1068 (Appx 3 WE)
Moresby				
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REAR HQ 5 AUST DIV INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 218

(Based on infm received to 0900 hrs 22 Aug 43)

OPERATIONS

OWN & ENEMY (i) LAND

COASTAL Area

Coy I of a US Regt on 20 Aug attacked 737948 (W end of ROOSEVELT RIDGE) and later Coy L attacked the same posn. No progress has been made.

AA guns at SALAMAUA were neutralized by our arty during an air attack on the morning of 20 Aug.

HQ of a US Regt is at 744937 (TAMBU BAY).

KOMIATUM Area

Strong enemy positions have been located at the junction of the ORODUBI-KOMIATUM tracks.

A Jap mountain gun was found scattered in pieces along the KOMIATUM track.

B Coy of an Aust Inf Bn and C Coy of another Aust Inf Bn are at 704958 (about 1,000 yards NE of GWAIBALON).

C Coy of an Aust Inf Bn occupied an enemy position about 800 yards E of ORODUBI at 707944. HQ of this Bn is at 705915, about 1 mile W of MT TAMBU.

The BENCHCUT TRACK between ERSKINE CK at 706950 and NEWMANS JUNC (703958) has been cleared of enemy by an Aust Inf Bn, who are now established at MACNABS JUNC at 705965.

B pl of an Aust Indep coy are on the track at 702959.

BOBDUBI Area

The area between 701964 and 702951 is now occupied by our troops.

After heavy fighting on 20 Aug an Aust Inf Bn took 25 weapon pits in the area 704968, on the other of the FRANCISCO RIVER. The enemy is still in strength [illegible] parallel to the BOBDUBI track.

BUANG Area

A patrol from an Aust Inf Bn on 20 Aug heard enemy in the vicinity of 6126 (map WAGO 1 inch). Contact was not made.

A motor launch was observed to be active across the MARKHAM River in the vicinity of new TABU Is.

TSILI TSILI Area (map ROAMER 1 inch 266975).

On 20 Aug members of an Aust Inf Bn captured a Jap airman at PESEN.

BENA Area

Natives report enemy at [illegible] (map [illegible] 1 inch 738947)

ENEMY (ii) SEA

At 2345K/19 four barges were sunk north of FORTIFICATION PT (15 miles N of FINSCHHAFEN).

At 2400K/19 a possible sub was sighted signalling in this area.

On 20 Aug a burning ship was observed off CAPE BORAM (WEWAK).

Between 11 and 20 barges were sighted at 1043K/20 off shore at EITEL FREIDRICH Harbour (midway between BOGIA and MADANG).

At 1045 K/20 thirteen small craft were observed in the harbour at HANSA BAY.

Three motor vessels were seen at III5K/20 proceeding from MUSHU IS towards WEWAK.

A submarine was sighted at 0935K/21 off CAPE ORFORD. Course not stated.

At 1115K/20 a hospital ship was observed 60 miles NW of MUSSAU IS, course 290°.

OWN & ENEMY (iii) AIR

On the night 19/20 Aug 7 enemy barges were strafed at CAPE BUSCHNING, CAPE NEUMAYER and REIN BAY (NEW BRITAIN). One barge is believed sunk.

Four unserviceable barges were strafed on 20 Aug south of GRASS POINT (near SAG SAG).

On 21 Aug the airfields at BUT and DAGUA were bombed and strafed by 18 medium bombers, and fires started.

Ten to fifteen enemy fighters attempted interception, and three were shot down.

Bridges on the BOGADJIM-RAMU road were bombed by 11 heavy bombers. Nil hits scored.

A preliminary report of interception by our escorting aircraft over the WEWAK area gives 30 enemy fighters destroyed, 3 probably destroyed. Three Allied fighters are missing. Another crashed on returning to base, but the pilot is safe.

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Unit HQ 5 Aust Div Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs To 2359 hrs 22 Aug 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Nassau Bay	22 Aug		Spent day at Reception Camp drying gear & resting. Erected tents during day.	
			Weather. Fine & warm	
Murray Barracks Moresby		0900	Rear HQ 5 Aust Div Intelligence Summary No. 218	Secret Diy. 003 (Appendix)

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REAR HQ 5 AUST DIV INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 217

(Based on information received to 0900 hrs
21 Aug 43)

OPERATIONS

OWN & ENEMY (1) LAND

COASTAL Area

On 19 Aug a PIB patrol at 773898 reported a well used Jap track to the beach north of feature 1500 square 7889.

On 20 Aug a patrol from a US Regt demolished a large enemy amn dump in the LOKANU peninsula.

A Jap cemetery found at BUIAMBUN contained at least 100 jap graves.

A patrol from this regt located an enemy posn of unknown strength at 735955 (1½ miles W of DOT INLET).

MT TAMBU Area

Coy C of 1 Bn of a US Regt occupied MT TAMBU on 20 Aug. Enemy resistance in this area is broken and only a few stragglers remain.

Approx 250 Japs were found buried in this area. It is believed that these casualties are the result of our arty and mortar fire.

B Coy of an Aust Inf Bn occupied the track at 722922 (600 yards North of MT TAMBU). This coy is in contact with 1 Bn of the US Regt mentioned above.

At 718927 (1,000 yards east of KOMIATUM) the same coy ambushed 12 Japs, killing all.

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On the morning of 19 Aug B coy of an Aust Inf Bn found an unoccupied Jap posn at 701911 (1½ miles SW of MT TAMBU). The coy moved to the track junction at 707919 where much equipment was found.

A Coy of this Bn passed through to contact another Aust Inf Bn. Two HMG and one mountain gun were captured. A Coy of the latter Bn reached 707939 (1 mile east of ORODUBI) without opposition, and is patrolling to 706946.

One of these patrols discovered a six foot track east of KOMIATUM which appeared to be well-used on the night of 17/18 Aug.

The patrol engaged approx 50 Japs, inflicting some casualties.

KOMIATUM-ORODUBI Area

After 30 minutes mortar and LMG fire C Coy of an Aust Inf Bn attacked the village of ORODUBI, and by 1430K/19 completed its capture.

On the morning of 19 Aug D Coy of this Bn established ambush positions on the main KOMIATUM track at 706957.

On 20 Aug A Coy of an Aust Inf Bn contacted D Coy of another Aust Inf Bn at 707926.

Mopping up proceeds east of KOMIATUM RIDGE.

C Coy of an Aust Inf Bn on 20 Aug occupied a knoll at 694937(near NAMLING). No opposition was encountered.

At 1730K/19 a patrol from A Coy of an Aust Inf Bn reported 697943 (500 yards N of ORODUBI) to be clear of enemy.

B Coy of this Bn at 1400K/19 occupied 702946 (approx 800 yards NE of ORODUBI).

C Coy of an Aust Inf Bn was held up at 706947. Despite arty support they were forced to withdraw, and dug in at 706943 (about 1 mile NE of ORODUBI).

BOBDUBI Area

Ref Rear HQ 5 Aust Div Intelligence Summary No 216.

All members of the isolated party, with the exception of three men, have now been accounted for.

D Coy of an Aust Inf Bn who were in contact with the enemy on 18 Aug report no further contact up to 0900K/19.

ASINI CREEK Area

A patrol from D Coy of another Aust Inf Bn contacted an enemy ambush at 682035.

ENEMY (ii) SEA

At 0925K/20 nine enemy barges were sighted in LAE Harbour.

OWN & ENEMY (iii) AIR

On 19 Aug 3 Jap barges were strafed at BROWN IS (WIDE BAY). Two were left burning.

On the same day allied aircraft bombed the dump area at the ANWEK River mouth.

In the WEWAK area on 20 Aug 20 of our heavy bombers attacked BORAM airfield. Five grounded aircraft were destroyed. Further results were not observed.

Of the intercepting enemy fighters, our bombers destroyed seven, and six probables.

CAPE BORAM was also bombed on 20 Aug and one large explosion was observed.

A preliminary report by escorting fighters over BORAM gives enemy losses as 13 fighters destroyed, 1 probably destroyed. One Allied fighter is unaccounted for.

In the SALAMAUA area dumps at KENNEDY'S CROSSING and LOGU NO 2 were bombed and strafed.

Geo E Blight Lieut
For Brig Adm Comd
Rear HQ 5 Aust Div

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Unit HQ 5 Aust Div Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs To 2359 hrs 21 Aug 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Morobe	21 Aug	Appx 1100	Arrived Morobe	
			Ship unloaded stores loaded on	
			barges & left	
			Lunch at Reception Camp	
		Appx 1600	Departed Morobe for Nassau Bay	
Nassau Bay		Appx 2100	Unloaded stores & moved to Reception	
			Camp	
			Rained night 21/22 August	
Munay Barracks		0900	HQ 5 Aust Div Intelligence Summary No 217	Sent 28/1066 (Appx 3 to C)
Moresby				
				J K Thelin Capt

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REAR HQ 5 AUST DIV INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 216

(Infm received to 0900 hrs 20 Aug 45)

OPERATIONS

OWN & ENEMY (i) LAND

BOBUBI Area

On the night I7/I8 Aug the enemy unsuccessfully counter attacked our positions in the OSBORNE CK Area. Patrolling continues.

During this action portion of D Coy of an Aust Inf Bn became isolated. Patrol action on the I8 Aug contacted some but I7 personnel are still missing.

At 1145R/I8 the enemy unsuccessfully attacked our positions about 400 yards north of OSBORNE CK, at 704967.

On the same day a patrol from an Aust Indep Coy was engaged by 70 Japs in the same area, at 706967. The patrol withdrew south.

KOMIATUM Area

On the evening of I7 Aug the enemy made five more attacks against our positions south of KOMIATUM RIDGE. All were repulsed.

Advanced HQ of an Aust Inf Bn was established at HODGES KNOLL on the morning of I8 Aug.

Our patrols have made contact with an Aust Inf Bn at KOMIATUM.

Patrolling in this area continues.

COASTAL Area

On the morning of I8 Aug Coys I and K of a US Inf Regt attacked enemy positions on the NW end of ROOSEVELT RIDGE, but heavy MMG and mortar fire prevented any gain.

HQ D Coy of an Aust Inf Bn is at 793888 (about I mile N along the track from SALUS).

A PIB patrol reports enemy at 770895 on a saddle a mile NW of LAKE SALUS.

On I8 Aug a patrol from a US Regt destroyed 87 rounds of Jap mortar amn at 748955 (DOT INLET).

A composite party from HQ Coy of this Regt has relieved Coy G at the eastern end of ROOSEVELT RIDGE. Coy G is now at 745955, (TAMBU BAY).

Two of our guns at 788900 are temporarily out of action, due to enemy 75 mm shelling.

HQ NASSAU BAY defence has been established at 833798 BADEN BAY.

GOODVIEW JUNCTION Area

An Aust Inf Bn unsuccessfully attacked Jap posns NE of GOODVIEW JUNCTION.

B Coy of this Bn is in close contact astride the main KOMLATUM track at 701910.

O/N (iii) AIR

On 18 Aug one 2,000/4,500 ton tpt was bombed 6 miles SE of CAPE ST GEORGE. Nil hits reported.

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Brig Adm Comd
Rear HQ 5 Aust Div

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Unit HQ 5 Aust Div Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs To 2359 hrs 20 Aug 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Dobodura	20 Aug	Approx 1000	Departed Reception Camp	
		Approx 1100	Arrived Buna Wharf	
			Loaded ship at wharf	
		Approx 1800	Departed Buna for Morobe	
			Rained night 20/21 August	
Menay Ranacho Moresby		0900 hrs	HQ 5 Aust Div Intelligence Summary No 216	Sum CSS/065 (Appx 34B)
			A R Thelander Capt	

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HQ 5 AUST DIV INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 215

(Information received to 0900 hrs 19 Aug 43)

SUMMARY OF ENEMY MOVEMENTS

AND

SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN STRENGTHS

LAND

It is becoming evident that Japanese military responsibilities in the NE Sector are undergoing a large scale re-organisation, and as previously suggested, it is possible that WEWAK is destined to become the "RABAUL" of NEW GUINEA.

It is probable that, to meet increasing commitments in the SOLOMONS and NEW BRITAIN, the enemy may relieve HQ 8 Army Group at RABAUL of that area ~~in NEW GUINEA~~ which was previously a part of their responsibility. As it is possible that additional troops will be moved into NEW GUINEA in the near future, it is likely that a HQ similar to 8 Army Group will be established - perhaps at WEWAK. Known moves of senior officers, the recent strengthening of air power in this region and the considerable shipping coming into this area all point to this conclusion.

There are indications that Japanese resources at SALAMAUA and in forward areas are being rapidly depleted and no doubt the timely interception of barge traffice by Allied aircraft has aggravated this position. The continuous use of badly depleted units suggests that fresh troops are not available.

An identification of KAWA 3565 - SUZUKI TAI - has been received from ROOSEVELT RIDGE. It is thought that KAWA 3565 refers to 41 Div Cavalry Regiment. A Major SUZUKI of this unit was known to be attached to 41 Div staffin Apr 42.

As there is no other evidence of fresh troops in this area and as the enemy has failed to hold ROOSEVELT RIDGE, it is considered that this identification should be taken to indicate possible future arrival rather than the presence now of any large number of troops from this division.

SEA

Sightings have disclosed increased shipping movement in the direction of RABAUL from the north. Over 100,000 tons of merchant shipping was included in the reports.

AIR

The reinforcement of enemy air strength in the SWPA still continues. For the first time it is estimated that the enemy had over 1,000 aircraft in this area.

On 17 Aug Allied air attacks against the four airfields near WEWAK are reported to have destroyed between eighty and ninety enemy aircraft.

(NGF Weekly Intelligence Summary No 135)

OWN & ENEMY (i) LAND :-

COASTAL AREA

On the morning of 16 Aug one of our patrols found unoccupied enemy positions and a well used Japanese track on the high feature at 720948 (west of ROOSEVELT RIDGE).

BOBDUBI AREA

On the morning of 17 Aug the enemy abandoned the SOUTH COCONUTS which is now occupied by A Coy of an Aust Inf Bn.

On the morning of 17 Aug an attack was made by an Aust Independent Coy against Japanese positions in the OSBORNE CREEK SALAMAUA-BOBDUBI track area. As a result this Coy now commands the Japanese L of C to the middle spur 699966.
This Coy, assisted by D Coy of an Aust Inf Bn, is continuing operations in this area.

On the afternoon of 17 Aug the enemy unsuccessfully attacked B Coy of an Aust Inf Bn in position at 704958 (about 2 miles south of OLD BOBDUBI).

As a result of these operations we now control all the high ground from OLD BOBDUBI to NAMLING, including all the high tactical ground of the COCONUTS and OLD VICKERS positions.

GOODVIEW JUNC - KOMIATUM AREA

On the afternoon of 17 Aug a portion of an Aust Inf Bn occupied HODGES KNOLL at 693906 and pillboxes at 698907.

At 1800K/17 14 pl of this Bn occupied a position at the junction of STEPHENS and MULE tracks at 700913.

An Aust Inf Bn continued patrolling north along KOMIATUM RIDGE, supported by artillery and MMG fire from another Aust Inf Bn.

In the ORODUBI - ERSKINE CREEK area patrolling is being carried out by an Aust Inf Bn.

ENEMY (ii) SEA :-

At 0856K/18 a submarine was sighted going north at 0530S 15215E (off CAPE ORFORD) and at 1305K/18 another submarine carrying deck cargo was sighted in the same position.

At 1033K/18 four destroyers or light cruisers were sighted approx ninety miles SE of RABAUL on a course of 207 degrees and speed 12 knots.

OWN (iii) AIR :-

On 17 Aug six barges at DOVE POINT (on mainland west of KARKAR ISLAND) were bombed and strafed, three being destroyed.

On 18 Aug WEWAK area was again heavily attacked by our aircraft. The MISSION and TOWN areas and five 500/1,000 ton vessels in the harbour were the main targets.

BUT airfield and dumps at BORAM and MUSCHU IS were also attacked.

At WEWAK fires were started in all the target areas. One vessel was directly hit, two barges were destroyed and buildings demolished.

Large numbers of enemy fighters intercepted this attacking force. Our bombers claim fifteen fighters shot down and seven probables. Our escort of ninety nine fighters destroyed fourteen enemy fighters and three probables.

Allied losses were one bomber destroyed, one missing and five damaged and one fighter missing.

Three 5,500/7,000 ton transports and two torpedo boats were bombed approx 20 miles north HUSSAU IS with nil results.

Twenty empty barges near the MALAHANG wreck were bombed. Nil hits obtained.

PART II

GENERAL

Japanese Morale

In the past three months there has been ample evidence that the legend of "invincibility" and "fanatical sacrifice" that the Japanese have so painstakingly tried to build up has cracked badly under the strain of battle reverses.

On 17 May, Lt-Gen NAKANO, comd 51 DIV, expressed his disgust at the total lack of martial spirit displayed by both officers and men of his comd. He enjoined all concerned to remember that "the safety of the nation depended on 51 DIV" and to "strive to raise the fighting spirit of the division".

A distribution of "bowler hats" of all comds of 102 Inf Regt on 22 May lent emphasis to his "profound concern" over the situation.

The hoped-for effect failed to materialize. A fortnight later, the comd 66 Inf Regt gave an extraordinary demonstration of panic at MUBO. An order issued by him was rescinded an hour later only to be put into effect within the next 48 hours. He was obviously incapable of deciding whether to hold his position at MUBO or retreat to KOMIATUM.

The DIV comd himself appears to have been affected by the general inability to reach a clear-cut decision.

His removal of 1 Bn 66 Inf Regt to attack BOBDUBI assisted in the loss of MUBO, and this unit had to be hurriedly returned to assist 2 Bn at MT TAMBU. His misplaced appreciation of our intentions caused him to scatter 115 Inf Regt to provide a force in MARKHAM VALLEY. The arrival of a small patrol at BUANG RIVER mouth caused immediate apprehension of a full scale threat, and a sizeable force was despatched.

As a result of changing plans before they could be fully implemented, small detachments were scattered about the area, with no unit complete.

Under the circumstances the morale of the rank and file could hardly be expected to be at its best; nevertheless, it is

surprising to find such phrases as "the garrison is in the depths of misery" emanating from the supposedly dauntless sons of NIPPON, whose desire to die for the Emperor does not appear to be quite as bou[illegible]sness as the Japanese would have us believe.

(NGF Weekly Intelligence Summary No 135)

Ian Grant for Lt Col
GS 5 Aust Div AIF

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Unit HQ 5 Aust Div Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs To 2359 hrs 19 Aug 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Moresby	19 Aug	Approx 1400	HQ 5 Aust Div (less Rear Details) emplaned	
			Moresby.	
Dobodura		Approx 1530	Arrived Dobodura, spending night at	
			Reception Camp	
			Wacker Inn swamp	
			Party consisted of Maj Barker (G2) Maj McMahon	
			(DAPM) Maj Smith (AADStgs) Capt Murrich (G3(O))	
			Capt Mudale (G3(O)) Capt Allan (LO) Capt Grant (LO)	
			Capt Hooper (DAAG) & 38 ORs forming nucleus	
			G Staff AA Staff & Camp Personnel	
Murray Barracks Moresby		0900 Rear	HQ 5 Aust Div Intelligence Summary No 215	See Appendix (Appx 3 A)
			J.D. Mullins Capt	

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HQ 5 AUST DIV INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 214

(Information received to 0900 hrs 18 Aug 43)

OPERATIONS

OWN & ENEMY (i) LAND :-

COASTAL AREA

On 16/17 Aug patrols from 2 Bn of a US Regt were operating north and west of DOT INLET. These patrols, moving north from BULAMBUN, reported no enemy in the re-entrants at 749954 and 751958.

At 0400K/16 approx thirty Japanese with explosives attacked a gun position at 788900. Although charges were placed under the guns the enemy were driven off before the charges exploded. Two Japanese officers were killed. Our casualties were three killed, seven wounded.

At 1000K/16 a Japanese patrol attacked a US artillery position at 795895 but were driven off. Our casualties were nil.

At 1700K/16 the enemy unsuccessfully attacked I Coy of a US Regt on the NW end of ROOSEVELT RIDGE. Twenty one Japanese were killed.

Other small enemy attacks on this area were all driven off.

KOMLATUM AREA

On the afternoon of 16 Aug the enemy twice counter attacked A and D Coys of an Aust Inf Bn. Both attacks were repulsed.

At 0400K/17 the enemy advanced to attack our position at 707924 from the south. The attack was broken up.

BOBDUBI AREA

A patrol from an Aust Inf Coy, moving north of 701958, overran an enemy post, killing five Japanese. Further north the patrol came under fire from enemy at 706967. The patrol then returned to 701958 (about 1½ miles south of OLD BOBDUBI).

OWN (iii) AIR :-

On the early morning of 17 Aug the airfields at BORAM, DAGUA, WEWAK and BUT were bombed by B24s and B17s. Following this attack B25s bombed and strafed the same areas.

Preliminary reports of this attack indicate that a minimum of 80/90 enemy aircraft were destroyed or damaged beyond repair on the ground. One enemy fighter was also shot down. Fuel and other stores were set on fire.

Our losses were two B24s which collided over the target and one B24 which force-landed but has since been located.

On 17 Aug four to five wrecked barges were destroyed between KELA and MISSION POINTS.

On the same day KELA POINT, QUARRY on the ISTHMUS and LEITU village were bombed and strafed.

ODEA's and MACDONALD's JUNCTIONS were also strafed. One Allied aircraft was lost but the crew is safe.

Lt Col
GS 5 Aust Div AIF

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Unit HQ 5 Aust Div Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs To 2359 hrs 18 Aug 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Murray Barracks Moresby	18 Aug	0900	HQ 5 Aust Div Intelligence Summary No 214	Secret ~~GSI~~/1063 (Appx 34)
			Weather - Fine overcast	
			Maj Gen E J Milford (GSO) Col A J McLean (AQ)	
			Maj J G Moffatt (DAQMG) & Lieut A Vertue (ADC)	
			& 20 Rs departed Moresby for Tamrau Bay.	
			J R Thecker Capt	

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HQ 5 AUST DIV INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 213

(Information received to 0900 hrs 17 Aug 43)

OPERATIONS

OWN & ENEMY (i) LAND

KOMIATUM AREA

At 0725K/16 A and D Coys of an Aust Inf Bn moved forward and occupied posns astride the western end of KOMIATUM RIDGE in the general area of 707926 to 707922. C Coy of this Bn less one pl are in a position from astride the MULE TRACK to the WEST of this area.

Another Aust Inf Bn is in position on the ridge parallel to and east of KOMIATUM RIDGE, thus encircling approximately 700 Japanese in the MT TAMBU - GOODVIEW JUNC area.

No reports have been received as to the activity in other areas.

ENEMY (ii) SEA

An aircraft in flight sighted at 0820K/16 three freighters and two destroyers in posn 0130N 14915E (approx 200 miles north of MUSSAU IS) on a course of 180 degrees.

OWN (iii) AIR

On 15 Aug the GASMATA and WIDE BAY areas were attacked by our aircraft. A dump area on the AWIT R was bombed and explosions resulted. A 150 ton vessel was attacked and left awash off MALMAL plantation. A thirty foot barge was attacked in WIDE BAY.

A 5,500/7,000 ton transport was bombed by our aircraft approx 30 miles NW of MUSSAU IS. Nil hits were observed.

ENEMY (iii) AIR

At 0050K/16 one unidentified aircraft flew south over TSILI TSILI and at 0130K/16 an unidentified aircraft circled this area for 10 minutes.

At 0055K/16 eight unidentified aircraft flew west over SALAMAUA.

An unidentified aircraft was over BULOLO at 0138K/16.

On 16 Aug our fighters again intercepted a force of enemy dive bombers and fighters over the MARILIMAN area. Twelve enemy aircraft were destroyed and two probably destroyed with the loss of only one Allied aircraft.

One enemy aircraft was over GAROKA at 1126K/16.

At 1340K/16 one enemy aircraft was over KAINANTU.

Ian Grant Capt
for Lt Col
GS 5 Aust Div AIF

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Unit HQ 5 Aust Div Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs To 2359 hrs 17 Aug 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Murray Barracks Moresby	17 Aug	0900	HQ 5 Aust Div Intelligence Summary No 213	Secret GSI/061 (Appx 33)
			Weather - Fine & warm	
			Coe Daly (G1) & batman departed Moresby	
			for Jamieson Bay to discharge duties of	
			G1 3 Aust Div	
				W. O'Neill Capt

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Subject : 5 AUST DIV ORDER OF BATTLE AND LOCATION STATEMENT as at 2359 hrs 15 Aug 43.

HQ 5 Aust Div (AIF)
16 Aug 43
G104

	Copy No		Copy No
7 Aust Inf Bde	1	AASC 5 Aust Div	12
2/8 Aust Armd Regt	2	Medical	13
RAA 5 Aust Div	3	Ord	14
HQ RAE 1 Aust Corps Tps (Rear)	4	AEME	15
Sigs 5 Aust Div	5	Pro	16
NGF	6- 7	Postal	17
Comd.	8	File	18
G	9	War Diary	19-20
AQ	10-11		

1. Attached at Appendix "A" is 5 Aust Div Location Statement and Order of Battle No 15 as at 2359 hrs 15 Aug 43.

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

3. Acknowledge.

Lt-Col
GS 5 Aust Div (AIF)

Appendix "A"
to 5 Aust Div
G104 of 17 Aug 43.

5 AUST DIV ORDER OF BATTLE AND LOCATION STATEMENT No 15
as at 2359 hrs 15 Aug 43

Serial No	UNIT	LOCATION	REMARKS
1	HQ 5 Aust Div	904367	Murray Barracks
	ARMD TPS		
2	2/8 Aust Armd Regt (less A & C Sqns)	908432	
3	HQ Sqn 2/8 Aust Armd Regt	908432	
4	HQ B Sqn 2/8 Aust Armd Regt	910430	
	ARTY		
5	HQ RAA 5 Aust Div	897367	
6	HQ RAA 11 Aust Div (less adv party)	897367	Awaiting movement
	Fd		
7	HQ 2/5 Aust Fd Regt	966417	Awaiting movement. Under comd HQ RAA 11 Aust Div
8	HQ 13 Aust Fd Regt	906370	
9	1 Aust Mtn Bty (less one sec)	966485	
	Tk A		
10	HQ 2/1 Aust Tk A Regt (less one tp)	971412	
	Svy		
11	2/7 Aust Svy Bty	934377	
	FIXED DEFENCES MORESBY		
12	HQ MORESBY Fixed Def (Hy Arty)	860351	
13	PAGA Bty	862349	
14	"C" Aust Hy Bty (Coast) AIF	976301	
15	"R" Aust Hy Bty (Coast) AIF	721448	
16	1 Aust Special Radio Det	962289	
17	156 CASL Sec	862349	Att Serial 13
18	157 " "	976301	Att Serial 14
19	168 " "	721448	Att Serial 15
20	184 " "	862349	Att Serial 13
21	185 " "	976301	Att Serial 14
	AA DEF MORESBY		
22	AA Gp HQ (LE) PORT MORESBY (AIF)	941427	
23	AA Ops Room (Type "A") PORT MORESBY (AIF)	945439	
24	AA Ops Room (Type "C")	945439	
25	HQ 2/4 Aust Hy AA Bty	942433	
26	HQ 23 " " " "	943439	
27	HQ 32 " " " " (AIF)	939427	

Serial No	UNIT	LOCATION	REMARKS
28	432 Aust Hy AA Gun Sta (Type A) H1	871357	(23 Aust Hy AA Bty
29	433 " " " " " " "H4	964478	(
30	435 " " " " " (AIF) H8	928336	(32 Aust Hy AA Bty
31	436 " " " " " " H3	964372	(
32	437 " " " " " " H7	874460	(
33	438 " " " " " H2	846406	23 Aust Hy AA Bty
34	489 " " " " " H6	965414	32 " " " "
35	Gun Site H5	784416	(2/4 Aust Hy AA Bty
36	" " H6	965414	(
37	" " H10	904497	23 Aust Hy AA Bty
38	HQ 163 Aust Lt AA Bty	947417	
39	HQ 234 " " " "	946418	
40	HQ 67 Aust Mobile S/L Bty (less det)	947417	
41	Det 67 Aust Mobile S/L Bty	751771	Ref map KALO 4 mls to 1"
42	HQ 73 Aust Mobile S/L Bty	875428	
	ENGRS		
43	24 Aust Fd Coy	933348	
44	5 Aust Div Engr Dump	954376	Manned by LOB pers of 2/14 Aust A Fd Coy
45	25 Aust Camflg Trg Unit	933348	
46	31 " " " "	901355	Awaiting movement
47	Fortress Engrs MORESBY (Type "C")	860351	
48	82 Aust Water Tpt Sec (Type "B")	860351	
49	44 Aust Wks Sec (RAE)	860351	
	SIGS		
50	HQ Sigs 5 Aust Div	892371	
51	HQ Coy 1 & 2 Coys Sigs 5 Aust Div	893371	
52	HQ Coy 1 Coy Sigs 11 Aust Div	893371	Awaiting movement
53	40 Aust Cipher Sec (Type "E")	892371	
54	2/8 Aust Armd Regt Sig Sec	907344	Att Serial 2
55	13 Aust Fd Regt Sig Sec	906370	Att Serial 8
56	2/5 Aust Fd Regt Sig Sec	966417	Awaiting movement. Att Serial 7
57	2/1 Aust Tk A Regt Sig Sec	968416	Att Serial 10
58	7 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec	174399	Att Serial 60. DONEDABU
59	Fortress Sigs MORESBY	860351	
	INF		
60	HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde	174396	DONEDABU
61	HQ 9 Aust Inf Bn	173398	"
62	HQ 25 Aust Inf Bn	174405	"
63	HQ 61 Aust Inf Bn	175398	"
64	7 Aust Inf Bde Def Pl	174396	"
65	HQ 2/1 Aust MG Bn (less one coy)	966395	Awaiting movement
66	6 Aust Div Carr Gp	888376	" "
67	11 Aust Div Carr Gp	953330	" "
	AASC		
68	HQ Comd AASC 5 Aust Div	903369	
69	HQ Comd AASC 11 Aust Div (less adv party)	882383	Awaiting movement
70	Det 152 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	877408	
71	Det 2/155 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	907359	
72	2/34 Aust Sup Depot	959426	

Serial No	UNIT	LOCATION	REMARKS
	MEDICAL		
73	1 Aust Lt Fd Amb	894383	
74	11 Aust Fd Amb (less B Coy)	175393	DONEDABU
75	B Coy 11 Aust Fd Amb	145415	"
	ORD		
76	2/124 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk	932347	
77	109 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk	885426	Awaiting movement
78	113 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk (AIF)	962370	
	AEHE		
79	2/48 Aust LAD	964396	Att Serial 65
80	2/49 " "	976411	" " 10
81	2/52 " "	964416	" " 7.
82	2/53 " "	973442	Awaiting movement Att Serial 102
83	202 " "	890369	Awaiting movement Att Serial 50
84	219 " "	907372	" " 8
85	241 " "	174399	" " 60 DONEDABU
86	266 " "	877403	" " 108
87	284 " "	938344	" " 107
88	292 " "	895370	" " 52
89	295 " "	956343	
90	306 " "	895372	
91	1 Aust Indep Armd Regt Wkshop	910426	Att Serial 2
92	2/124 Aust Bde Wkshop	938344	
93	113 Aust Bde Wkshop	963380	
94	129 " " "	885426	
	PAY		
95	5 Aust Div Fd Cash Office	904367	
	PRO		
96	11 Aust Div Pro Coy (less dets)	901370	Awaiting movement
	POSTAL		
97	5 Aust Div Postal Unit	904367	
	MISC		
98	5 Aust Div Reception Camp	955346	
99	11 Aust Div Concert Party	904365	Awaiting movement

PART II - REAR DETAILS

Serial No	UNIT	LOCATION	REMARKS
100	HQ 3 Aust Div	888378	
101	HQ 11 Aust Div	904367	Murray Barracks. Awaiting movement
102	2/6 Aust Fd Regt	976438	Under comd RAA 11 Aust Div. Awaiting movement
103	HQ RAE 1 Aust Corps Tps	901355	Awaiting movement.
104	2/8 Aust Fd Coy	891376	
105	2/14 Aust A Fd Coy	954376	Awaiting movement
106	2/21 Aust Corps Camflg Trg Unit	901355	" "
107	55 Aust Fd Pk Coy	938344	" "
108	HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde	888378	
109	24 Aust Inf Bn	888378	
110	58/59 " " "	888378	
111	57/60 " " " Less Adv HQ & 2 Coys	882399	" "
112	HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde	891376	
113	2/5 Aust Inf Bn	891376	
114	2/6 " " "	891376	
115	2/7 " " "	891376	
116	13 Aust D & E Pl	888378	
117	2/3 Aust Ind Coy	891376	
118	2/2 Aust Fd Amb	889276	
119	15 Aust Fd Amb	895383	
120	3 Aust Div Postal Unit	888378	

PART III - US UNITS

Serial No	UNIT	LOCATION	REMARKS
121	98 Fd Arty Bn	010420	
122	HQ & HQ Bty 41 US Div Arty	961363	
123	146 US Arty Bn	961363	
124	16 Vet Evac Hospital	961363	

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HQ 5 AUST DIV INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 212

(Information received to 0900 hrs 16 Aug 43)

OPERATIONS

OWN & ENEMY (i) LAND :-

COASTAL AREA

On the night 12/13 Aug and on the morning of 14 Aug enemy artillery shelled the TAMBU BAY area. One 25 pdr was damaged and there were no casualties.

The attack on ROOSEVELT RIDGE was continued on 14 Aug. Our troops now occupy this ridge from 738946 to the coast.

As a result of recent air and ground attacks on ROOSEVELT RIDGE Japanese casualties are known to exceed 200.

KOMIATUM - MT TAMBU AREA

At 1900K/14 HQ of an Aust Inf Bn was reported about 2 miles east of MT TAMBU at 736919.
A company of this Bn was in position 724917.
One platoon of A Coy of another Aust Inf Bn has moved to a knoll about 1½ miles NE of KOMIATUM at 720942.

C Coy of the same Bn is approx ¾ miles north of MT TAMBU at 718929.

On 13 Aug C Coy of another Aust Inf Bn was in position in the valley about ¾ miles east of MT TAMBU at 733917 not at 715930 as reported in Intelligence Summary No 211.

On 14 Aug portion of this Coy was reported at the junction of the track BOISI - MT TAMBU at 727936.

BOBDUBI AREA

Following a successful night attack B Coy of an Aust Inf Bn had, by 1450K/14, occupied the NORTH and CENTRE of the COCONUTS position. No estimate of enemy casualties have yet been received. The enemy still hold pillbox positions in the SOUTH COCONUTS.

A platoon of an Aust Indep Coy in an ambush position 704970 on the track south of OLD BOBDUBI killed 5 Japanese.

MARKHAM AREA

At 1300K/14 a PIB OP was established about 3 miles south of NADZAB.
Nine Japanese were observed about ½ mile east of NADZAB.

ENEMY (ii) SEA :-

At 1316K/15 an aircraft in flight sighted a seven ship convoy about 90 miles SE of RABAUL. The course was not stated.

OWN (iii) AIR :-

On 15 Aug KOMIATUM was bombed by two of our aircraft.

At SALAMAUA on the same day the ISTHMUS, KELA town, MACDONALDS JUNC and the airfield were bombed.

On 14 Aug PALMALMAL plantation (in the vicinity of JAQUINOT BAY) and a small barge in VAHSEL Harbour were bombed.

A preliminary report of interception on 15 Aug in the MARILIMAN area (ref MARKHAM Strat LR 0322) indicates the enemy losses to be eleven bombers and three fighters destroyed. Four Allied aircraft were lost but two of the pilots are safe.

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Unit HQ 5 Aust Div Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs To 2359 hrs 16 Aug 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Murray Barracks Moresby	16 Aug.	0900	HQ 5 Aust Div Intelligence Summary No 242	Secret G/1059 (Appn 31)
			Weather - Fine & warm	
		1630	5 Aust Div Order of Battle & Location Statement	Most Secret G104
			No 15 as at 2359 hrs 15 Aug 43	(Appn 32)
				R.K. Mellie Capt

War Diary

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HQ 5 AUST DIV INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 211

(Information received to 0900 hrs 15 Aug 43)

OPERATIONS

OWN & ENEMY (i) LAND :-

COASTAL AREA

On the night 12/13 Aug an enemy attack from the west on a US coy position on ROOSEVELT RIDGE 739946 was repulsed.

On 13 Aug a bn of a US regt successfully attacked the western end of ROOSEVELT RIDGE. High knolls at 744944 and 739946 were occupied commanding enemy positions in pill boxes and dugouts along the crest of the RIDGE. Combat engineers demolished seven of these pillboxes.

The enemy still occupies the NW portion of the RIDGE from 739946 to 738949.

Excluding the occupants of the demolished pillboxes enemy casualties in this action were thirty eight. Our casualties were five killed and twenty wounded.

MT TAMBU - KOMIATUM AREA

On 13 Aug the enemy was contacted at 723920 by a patrol from an Aust Inf Bn.

One company of an Aust Inf Bn is at 715930.

BUANG RIVER

At 174CK/12 a fighting patrol from LEGA (210520) reached the coast where it was engaged by the enemy. No details.

MARKHAM RIVER

A patrol from a coy of the PIB moving west in canoes along the river were fired on in the vicinity of NARAKAPOR.

ENEMY (ii) SEA :-

At 1457K/14 an unidentified enemy vessel was sighted proceeding south about 160 miles south of RABAUL.

At 0730K/14 an aircraft in flight sighted one destroyer, one 5,500/7,000 ton transport, two 2,000/4,500 ton transports proceeding on a course of 110 degrees about 187 miles NW of KAVIENG.

OWN (iii) AIR :-

Enemy positions on ROOSEVELT RIDGE were accurately bombed and strafed on 14 Aug.

On the same day enemy positions in the COCONUTS (BOBDUBI RIDGE) were heavily bombed.

SALAMAUA AREA

The airfield, targets on the Isthmus, KELA village and LOGUI NO 1 were bombed and fires started.

Eleven barges were attacked at TALASEA and REIN BAY. Seven were destroyed.

A submarine 20 miles SE of CAPE GLOUCESTER was bombed with nil hits.

ENEMY (iii) AIR :

From 1900 to 1915K/13 six enemy aircraft bombed 3,000 yards SW of one of our artillery positions in the SALUS area.

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Unit Hd's Aust Div Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs To 2359 hrs 15 Aug 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Murray Barracks Moresby	15 Aug	0900	Hd's Aust Div Intelligence Summary No 211	Secret Cd/1058 (Appx 30)
			Weather. Fine & warm	
				A Wheeler Capt

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HQ 5 AUST DIV INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 210

(Information received to 0900 hrs 14 Aug 43)

OPERATIONS

OWN & ENEMY (i) LAND

COASTAL AREA

Another US Coy has moved into positions on ROOSEVELT RIDGE at 739946 (1 ml NW of BOISI).

The enemy positions were found at 735945.

MT TAMBU AREA

At 1200K/12 a US patrol located an enemy patrol moving SE along the re-entrant at 732910. Later an ambush party killed 2 and wounded 1 Jap at 727912.

On the night 11/12 Aug our arty continued harassing fire on SALAMAUA, KONIATUM and GOODVIEW JUNCTION areas, and on the night 12/13 Aug on SALAMAUA and MT TAMBU.

On 12 Aug active patrolling continued in all areas.

BENA FORCE

Our troops at WESA (20 miles NE of BENA BENA) were attacked at 0230K/12 by enemy of strength estimated at one platoon. This attack, and five other attacks from 1130K/12 onward, were repulsed with heavy casualties inflicted on the enemy. Our casualties were one killed and one wounded.

ENEMY (ii) SEA

At 0613K/13 a submarine was sighted moving NORTH at 0530S 15215E (off CAPE ORFORD).

OWN (iii) AIR

On 12 Aug the dump area at GASMATA was bombed and strafed by our aircraft. One barge was damaged.

On 13 Aug our aircraft heavily bombed the SALAMAUA airfield and Isthmus, the KELA and CHINATOWN areas. Fires were started and buildings were destroyed.

ENEMY (iii) AIR

From 1340 to 1350K/12 one enemy aircraft recced the WAU-BULOLO area at 20,000 feet.

For. Lt Col
GS 5 Aust Div AIF

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DUTY STAFF OFFICERS LOG SHEET

DUTY OFFICER: Capt E S MURRAY

From 2200 hrs 13 Aug 43 to 0800 hrs 14 Aug 43

Serial No	Originator	TOO	TOR	Subject	Action	Disposal
1	S.O. RAA	1045	-	Telephoned no tentage for preparing camp for 2/2 Aust Fd Regt	Contacted Capt PALMER Reception Camp and advised S.O. tentage in short supply but all possible would be supplied.	
2		1150		Per Rear Details 3 Div. One A/C load personnel and stores to be at DURAND Strip not later than 0730/14, and to report to Air Tpt Control	3 Div Rear Details advised and one 3-ton truck ordered from 152 Gen Tpt to report to them 0530/14	
3		1150		Maj STRONG 13 Aust Fd Regt to report DURAND 0615/14 for air movement DOBODURA.	Maj STRONG advised by phone. Has own tpt.	

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WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Unit HQ 5 Aust Div Date and Time.—From 000 1 hrs To 2359 hrs 14 Aug 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Murray Barracks	14 Aug	0800	Duty Staff Offs Log. Capt E E Mudale	(Appx 28)
Moresby		0900	HQ 5 Aust Div Intelligence Summary No 210	Issued 5 Sig Div (Appx 29)
			Weather. Fine & warm	
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HQ 5 AUST DIV INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 209

(Information received to 0900 hrs 13 Aug 43)

SUMMARY OF ENEMY MOVEMENTS

AND

SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN STRENGTH

LAND

From evidence available it appears that, during the past two months, troops reaching SALAMAUA have been moved quickly to forward areas.

Although these arrivals have at least maintained the enemy's numerical strength in each area, the fact that some units have been committed piece-meal may indicate that no reserve for offensive operations is at present available.

SEA

Reconnaissance north of ADMIRALTY ISLANDS on 7 and 8 Aug disclosed large scale shipping movement in the direction of RABAUL. It comprised at least 40,000 tons of merchant shipping, together with a force of escorting warships.

Under cover of the bad weather conditions prevailing it may be that shipping also reached the NE coast of NEW GUINEA.

AIR

Anxiety over recent losses coupled with apprehension as to future Allied moves, appears to be causing the enemy to husband his resources of aircraft.

Although his air strength continues to be built up, activity has been on a negligible scale.

(NGF Weekly Intelligence Summary No 134)

PART I

OPERATIONS

OWN & ENEMY (i) LAND :-

COASTAL AREA

The HQ of the Aust Inf Bde which landed at NASSAU BAY has now moved to DUALI. One of the bns of this Bde has also moved from TAMBU BAY and is now at 724926.

BOBDUBI AREA

At 1020K/11 an Aust coy attacked enemy positions SE of the OLD VICKERS posn. As a result of the enemy counter attack, this coy is now at 701959.

During 11 Aug our artillery continued harassing fire in the vicinity of MT TAMBU, ORODUBI and SALAMAUA. One of our 25 pdr guns was put out of action by heavy enemy counter battery fire.

BENA BENA AREA

No further report has been received of the personnel at WH 5917 to where they moved after the enemy overran the OP at ATEMBLE.

MT HAGEN

Native rumours that a party of "different type Europeans" was located approximately twenty miles south of MT HAGEN are being investigated. Results to date indicate that an area in the vicinity had been cleared of bush and that burning off was in progress.

(NGF Weekly Intelligence Summary No 134)

ENEMY (ii) SEA :-

There are indications that the enemy is sending reinforcements and supplies to RABAUL on a considerable scale.

A convoy apparently heading for RABAUL was reported one hundred miles NNW of MUSSAU ISLAND at 1240 hrs 7 Aug. It consisted of six merchant vessels totalling approximately 22,000 tons and was accompanied by a covering force of two heavy and three light cruisers.

On 8 Aug at 0905 hrs another convoy was sighted further east (212 miles NNE of MUSSAU ISLAND). Visual sightings gave the composition as three merchant vessels (totalling 14,000 tons) and three escort vessels. Photographs showed the total tonnage of the merchant vessels to have been 17,500 tons. The vessels were on a southerly course.

On destroyer and one merchant vessel of approximately 5,000 tons were twice sighted on the morning of 7 Aug. The second sighting, which was made some miles south of the first, was at a point forty miles NE of TABAR ISLAND.

A six ship convoy was sighted 15 miles south of MUSSAU ISLAND at 1220K/11. This convoy was attacked by our aircraft and one transport was sunk.

This convoy apparently turned west and at 0750K/12 an aircraft in flight sighted in position 0122S 14825E (approx 90 miles west of MUSSAU ISLAND) a convoy reported as two destroyers, two 7,000/10,300 ton transports, two 7,000/8,500 ton transports and one 1,500/2,500 ton transport.

At 0959K/12 our aircraft attacked a 7,000/8,500 ton transport approximately 90 miles NNE of LORENGAU with nil results.

Barge and Submarine Supply

There is evidence that the supply of LAE - SALAMAUA by barge and submarine continues.

Development of barge hide-outs and work on the coastal road in the CAPE CUNNINGHAM and CAPE BEECHY areas is in progress.

It is unlikely that the barge route along the south coast of NEW BRITAIN is in general use at this period of the year. It is quite feasible that the enemy contemplates use of this route during the NW season from Nov to Feb

(NGF Weekly Intelligence Summary No 134)

OWN (iii) AIR :-

BOGADJIM

On 12 Aug bridges over the KOFEBI RIVER and nearby camps were attacked by our aircraft. Hits were obtained on the road.

ENEMY (iii) AIR :-

One enemy aircraft was over the MILNE BAY area at 1100K/11.

At 0856K/12 one unidentified aircraft was over MT HAGEN.

PART II

1. ENEMY OOB - LAND

SALAMAUA

Confirmation of the presence of elements 20 DIV has been obtained. A preliminary examination of available information reveals that between 2 and 6 Jul portion of 1 Bn 80 Inf Regt arrived from LAE. Although not decisive, the presence of B echelon and some regimental troops suggest that 1 Battalion was complete and that the remainder of the regiment may have been en route at that time.

In anticipation of its arrival, enemy strength estimate at SALAMAUA has been increased by 1,000.

One company of 1 Bn 80 Inf Regt was sent to BOBDUBI on 5 Jul and later portion left to join 3 Bn 102 Inf Regt retreating from NASSAU BAY. These are considered to represent the force now holding ROOSEVELT RIDGE.

It is believed that 29 Fd Pom Pom Coy has moved from LAE to SALAMAUA; also that 3 Bn 14 Fd Arty is now in the same area. Strength estimates have been adjusted accordingly.

KOMIATUM

In the light of the above, it is thought unlikely that three coys of 80 Inf Regt, 20 DIV, were committed at KOMIATUM on the date suggested last week. On the other hand, portion of 80 Inf Regt may be expected to appear in this area. It is considered that the enemy strenth for the time being remains around 1,600.

BOBDUBI

It is estimated that enemy strength does not exceed 300. The responsibility for a perimeter extending from here northwards across the FRANCISCO RIVER to MALOLO probably rests with 115 Inf Regt, reinforced from 1 Bn 80 Inf Regt.

LAE

Additional small miscellaneous units are now known to be in the LAE area, but no further information has been obtained regarding either a HQ or field troops. The figure of 2,500 placed at LAE to meet tactical requirements therefore remains unaltered.

Revised estimates are as follows :-

LOKANU - BOISI	450
KOMIATUM	1,600
BOBLUBI	300
SALAMAUA	6,920
LAE	5,730
	15,000

(NGF Weekly Intelligence Summary No 134)

Dan Grant Capt
for Lt Col
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Murray Barracks Moresby	13 Aug	0900	Hd's Quar Div Intelligence Summary No 209	Appx GSI/053 (Appx 27)
			Weather. Fine & warm.	
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HQ 5 AUST DIV INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 208

(Information received to 0900 hrs 12 Aug 43)

OPERATIONS

OWN & ENEMY (i) LAND :-

COASTAL AREA

HQ COANE FORCE is now at 738925.

MT TAMBU AREA

The enemy is still in occupation of the pill boxes at 698906.

Considerable enemy activity is reported on the southern slopes of the spur at 701911.

A standing patrol has been established at 719908.

BOBDUBI AREA

On 9 Aug standing patrols were established at 704984 and 702994. On the morning of 10 Aug the latter of these patrols established an ambush at 701993 from which it attacked a party of Japanese, killing three.

Japanese positions are located at 702968 and 703964.

On the afternoon 10 Aug our artillery effectively engaged pill boxes in the COCONUTS area.

ASINI

It is reported that, on 10 Aug, following our bombing attacks, the enemy left ASINI and were not in strength at HALOLO. There is a camp along the foreshore from BUSAMA to CHINATOWN.

ENEMY (ii) SEA :-

Photographs reveal three unidentified merchant vessels and one destroyer thirty miles north by west of CAPE MATANALEM, course 200 degrees, at 0720K/10.

One 4,000/5,000 ton transport, two 500/1,000 ton transports and one destroyer were sighted off CAPE ST GEORGE at 1023K/11.

A submarine was sighted off the south coast of NEW BRITAIN on a northerly course at 0812K/11.

At 1220K/11 a six ship convoy was sighted fifteen miles south of MUSSAU Island, course 120 degrees, by an aircraft in flight. This convoy was bombed and preliminary reports indicate that one 1,000/1,500 ton transport was sunk.

OWN (iii) AIR :-

On 10 Aug 12 B25s and six A20s attacked barges in the MAPE RIVER mouth and LABU area. One barge was destroyed. A square sterned boat off STATION POINT and machine gun positions in BORGEN BAY were attacked.

On 11 Aug six A20s searched for barges from HOPOI to LANGEMAK BAY. No barges were located, but one aircraft strafed a red roofed building at FINSCHHAFEN.

On 10 Aug a B24 bombed and strafed a lugger in KAMBOTOROSCH Harbour, also a 500/1,000 and a 1,500/2,000 ton transport one mile west of LAMASSA Island (fifteen miles NW of CAPE ST GEORGE).

A light enemy cruiser was bombed 20 miles west of NEW HANOVER with nil results.

ENEMY (iii) AIR :-

A twin-engined bomber was over GAROKA at 1315K/11.

Ian Grant
for Lt Col
GS 5 Aust Div AIF

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DUTY STAFF OFFICERS LOG SHEET

DUTY OFFICER: Capt I M GRANT

From 2200 hrs 11 Aug 43 to 0800 hrs 12 Aug 43

Serial No	Originator	TOO	TOR	Subject	Action	Disposal
1	[redacted]	2100	0715	Sitrep 017	Held	GSX

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Unit HQ5 Aust Div Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs To 2359 hrs 12 Aug 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Murray Barracks	12 Aug	0800	Duty Staff Offs Log - Capt D McGrath	(Appx 25)
Moresby		0900	HQ5 Aust Div Intelligence Summary no 208	Secret Cdn/26 (Appx 26)
			Weather - fine & warm	
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HQ 5 AUST DIV INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 207

(Infromation received to 0900 hrs 11 Aug 43)

OPERATIONS

OWN & ENEMY (i) LAND :-

COASTAL AREA

The HQ of an Aust Inf Bde and one bn have landed at NASSAU BAY and are dispersed in this area.

At 1800K/10 one of the bns of this Bde was dispersed in the TAMBU BAY area with one coy of another bn along the track from 727934 to 725925.

Two US Bns are regrouping in this area. One US coy is in position at 736947.

NAMLING AREA

An enemy position on PRICES KNOLL was engaged by our mortars on the morning of 9 Aug. A patrol from an Aust coy engaged this position and caused some casualties.

SALAMAUA AREA

A new Japanese gun position was observed at 743012.

ASINI

Photo interpretation reveals probable dump areas between ASINI and GUAD0518124.

RAMU AREA

On 8 Aug our watching posts at ATEMBLE (Ref map MARKHAM Strat WH 5939) and APANAN (ref map MARKHAM Strat WH 5938) were overrun by an enemy patrol estimated strength twenty. Our casualties are one believed killed. Our personnel are now at WH 5917.

Another of our patrols reports 50 enemy at MARAWASA and 100 at LAKISSUA, 4 miles east of MARAWASA.

ENEMY (ii) SEA :-

Submarines were sighted at 0530S 15215E, one proceeding north at 1025K/10, another proceeding south at 1522K/10.

OWN (iii) AIR :-

On 9 Aug thirty B25s took off to carry out a search for barges along the RAI coast, and from HOPOI - WALD BAY to BORGEN BAY. A total of six barges were located and attacked near NATAMO and on the beach 40 miles SE of SAIDOR. Two bridges over the KOFEBI River, nearby camps and four to six AA machine gun positions at BORGEN BAY were also attacked. Reports indicate that the bridges were damaged and several huts were destroyed or set on fire in the camp areas. One machine gun position was destroyed.

On 10 Aug twenty-five B24s attacked ASINI and KELA villages and O'DEA's house on the SALAMAUA ISTHMUS. O'DEA's and several huts and buildings at ASINI and KELA villages were destroyed.

On 9 Aug one B24 on recce bombed the TERRACE area at LAE.

On 10 Aug a B25 on recce bombed and strafed a barge at SIASSI Is.

ENEMY (iii) AIR :-

Sixteen enemy aircraft flew over 306482 (MARKHAM RIVER area) on 9 Aug.

On 10 Aug one unidentified aircraft passed over BENA BENA, GAROKA and MATAHAUSA.

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DUTY STAFF OFFICERS LOG SHEET

DUTY OFFICER: Maj V H BARKER

From 2200 hrs 10 Aug 43 to 0800 hrs 11 Aug 43

Serial No	Originator	TOO	TOR	Subject	Action	Disposal
Phone	Harrison Base APOS	-	-	Cannot supply anyone for MI schools	LO3 advised	
	Q Branch HQF	-	-	For Capt STUBBS and Capt BAISLEY 2/5 Aust Armd Regt to report to Capt LOWIE at WARDS DROME not later than 1130 hrs for mvt to DOBODURA	Passed to	2/5 Aust Armd Regt by SDR
	Q Branch HQF	-	-	For Lieut WINTER 14/32 Aust Inf Bn. report same place same time for same mvt.	Phoned to	Rear Details 5 Bde
0117	5 Aust Div	0005		Capt STUBBS and Capt BAISLEY to report Capt LOWIE WARDS DROME at 0700 hrs		A4
0319A	Mvts TOWNSVILLE	2015/9	0730	Ref movement of Units	Held	A4
0584B	HQF	2130	0730	Inspection Air Maintenance Installations by Mbrs 7 Bde.	Held	A4
SD3873	HQF	1727	0730	Ref my SD3730 of 5 Aug (.) may advice be given please	Held	G
SD3860	HQF	2350	0730	Approval given 7 Aust MG Bn firing practice 12 Aug 43 (.) location BOTTLEBOG INLET 1/25000 ref 9539 (.) 7 Aust MG Bn responsible all safety precautions	Held	G
SD3878	HQF	2300	0730	Add to 0113	Held	G
A6939	A Branch HQF	0045	0730	1 offr 40 ORs of 1 Mtn Bty to move tomorrow by air not before 1100 hrs to DOBODURA	Hang Bty & RAA	AQ

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Unit HQ 5 Aust Div   Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs To 2359 hrs 11 Aug 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Murray Barracks Moresby	11 Aug	0830	Duty Staff Offrs Log - Maj V M Barker	(Appx 23)
		0900	HQ 5 Aust Div Intelligence Summary No 207	Secret [illegible]/25 (Appx 24)
			Weather - fine & warm	

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HQ 5 AUST DIV INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 207

(Information received to 0900 hrs 10 Aug 43)

OPERATIONS

OWN & ENEMY (i) LAND :-

COASTAL AREA

On 7 Aug a US patrol found the enemy to be constructing a line of defences from 739955 to 734960. Two bunkers have been constructed.

Other activity in this area was confined to active patrolling and artillery fire on ROOSEVELT RIDGE and SALAMAUA on night 7/8 Aug and again on night 8/9 Aug.

An enemy gun in the vicinity of KELA fired twenty five rounds into the area 756924 (south end TAMBU BAY) on 8 Aug.

At 1130K/8 ten shells landed in area 702946. No damage was sustained.

Patrolling was continued in the BOBDJBI area while, on night 7/8 Aug, our artillery harassed targets on KOMIATUM RIDGE and, on night 8/9 Aug, harassed targets in the vicinity of KOMIATUM RIDGE, MT TAMBU and GOODVIEW JUNC.

SALAMAUA

It appears from photographs that the beach track from LABU to SALAMAUA is in use again.

OWN (iii) AIR :-

On 9 Aug, forty heavy bombers bombed NUK NUK and KELA Villages and a dump area just east of KENNEDY'S CROSSING. Results were largely unobserved but three fires were seen after the attack.

During the afternoon of 9 Aug, two squadrons of B25s carried out a large sweep from FINSCHHAFEN to BOGADJIM. Bridges over the KOFEBI RIVER and a nearby camp were bombed. Huts were destroyed.

On 9 Aug one B25 on weather recce bombed and strafed the south shore of SAMOA Harbour and the bridge over the FRANCISCO RIVER at SALAMAUA .

On 9 Aug a B24 was intercepted by nine enemy fighters two miles east of TALASEA. One enemy fighter was destroyed and three were damaged. Our aircraft was slightly damaged.

ENEMY (iii) AIR :-

A twin-engined enemy bomber passed over MT HAGEN on 9 Aug, flying south.

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Unit HQs Aust Div Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs To 2359 hrs 10 Aug 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Menzies Barracks Moresby	10 Aug	0900	HQs Aust Div Intelligence Summary No 207	See Appx 24 (Appx D)
			Weather - Fine & warm	
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HQ 5 AUST DIV INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 206

(Information received to 0900 hrs 9 Aug 43)

OPERATIONS

OWN & ENEMY (i) LAND :-

COASTAL AREA

Our artillery, on night 6/7 Aug, destroyed portion of the footbridge across the mouth of the FRANCISCO RIVER and, on 7 Aug, fires were started in the vicinity of the airfield.

Six large calibre enemy shells, believed 155 mm, landed at 755925 and 762923 on 6 Aug. Several others fell in the sea.

MT TAMBU AREA

On 5 Aug a US patrol contacted another US coy at 725926 and, on 6 Aug, moved to 719935 without seeing any enemy.

GOODVIEW JUNC AREA

An enemy attack at 0605K/7 forced one of our platoons to withdraw from its position at 697905 but the position was regained by a counter attack later in the morning.

BOBDUBI AREA

During the afternoon of 7 Aug, an Aust company unsuccessfully attacked an enemy position at 697966 and returned to its original position.

A platoon of an Independent Coy is now at NEWMA JUNCTION - 704958.

At 1500K/8 the Adv HQ of an Aust Inf Bn opened at 696945.

NEW WAMABU

Fifteen Japanese and ten well constructed huts are reported at 679049.

BENA BENA AREA

Ref Intelligence Summary No 201. A patrol reports that the enemy have left SNOOKS HOUSE, a large party returning to ARONA and a small party proceeding SW.

Seven enemy are reported to be at MAMARAIN 612882.

ENEMY (ii) SEA :-

The following shipping has been sighted :

Four large and one medium merchant ships, five cruisers and two destroyers, course 130 degrees, 185 miles NW of NEW HANOVER at 1310K/7.

Three large and one small merchant ships, one light cruiser and one destroyer, course 180 degrees, 250 miles north of NEW HANOVER at 1030K/8.

One 500 ton freighter, course 240 degrees, 105 miles WNW of NEW HANOVER at 1325K/8.

One probable cruiser, three merchant ships and two gunboats course 360 degrees, 300 miles north of NEW HANOVER at 1515K/8.

At 0826K/8 a submarine was sighted at 0530S 15215E, proceeding north.

OWN(iii) AIR :-

Nothing to report due to adverse weather conditions.

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DUTY STAFF OFFICERS LOG SHEET

DUTY OFFICER: Capt D W ALLAN

From 2200 hrs 8 Aug 43 to 0800 hrs 9 Aug 43

Serial No	Originator	TOO	TOR	Subject	Action	Disposal
1	NGF		2330	24 x 3 ton vehs to be at call from 0800K/10 for tpt of 3 Div	Rang RAA 12 2/3 Regt 8 7 MG Bn 4 AASC -	
2	11 Aust Div AQ84	1055	0350	For Lt-Col MONTGOMERY - leave NOT approved	Held	Rear 11 Div
3	MILNE BAY Base Sub Area Q29	1015	0350	From McLEAN - sailing 1200 hrs (.) ETA now 1700/9	Held	DA&MG
4	NGF Q5804	0230	0350	Re transport of 3 Aust Div to 1 Aust Corps Rec Camp (refers to serial 1)	Held	DA&MG

Appx 20.

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

(Erase heading not required).

Army Form C. 2118 (adapted)

Unit HQ 5 Aust Div Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs To 2359 hrs 9 Aug 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Murray Ranacho	9 Aug	0830	Daily Staff Offrs Log - Capt Dwallan	(Appx 20)
Moresby		0900	HQ 5 Aust Div Intelligence Summary No 206	Secret 23 (Appx 21)
			~~Main~~ Rear Party HQ 5 Aust Div arrives	
			evening today	
			Weather: Fine & warm	
				A D Reccir Capt

Appx 19A

MOST SECRET.

HQ 5 Aust Div
8 Aug 43
ME/2225/56.

COMD AEME -- NOTES FOR WAR DIARY.

PLACE: Port Moresby, map ref 904367 PM 1-in to 1-mile.

DATE: 8 Aug 43.

TIME: As at 2359 hours.

1. MT: During the past week eighty-two (82) vehs passed through 2nd Ech Wkshops.

2. ARTILLERY: Three (3) Ord QF.18-pr MK.II eqpts issued by 10 Aust Adv Ord Depot as replacements for coastal defence guns have been completed at 129 Aust Bde Wkshop and installed. The eqpts replaced have been evacuated to 129 Aust Bde Wkshop AEME for inspection and sentencing prior to return to 10 Aust Adv Ord Depot. During the week the following number of eqpts were serviced:-

Ord QF 2-pr	3
Ord QF 18-pr MK.II.	1
Ord QF 25-pr	5
Ord QF 3.7 How.	1

3. WIRELESS & SIG EQPT: During the past week nineteen (19) sets of various types passed through 2nd Ech Wkshops. Modifications to No.11 Sets to prevent action of fungus have been carried out.

4. ARMOURY: Due to the work carried out recently by the Mobile Armourers' Wkshop (now disbanded) when all small arms in the formation were inspected and overhauled, armoury work at present is not heavy. During the past week sixteen (16) various small arms were repaired and returned by 2nd Ech Wkshops; a number of rifles was also serviced for RSD which holds a large number of arms in a bad state of repair.

5. INSTRUMENTS: A great many fungused insts within the formation require attention and a recent report (Appx "A") is attached covering this matter. During the past week twenty-four (24) insts of various types passed through 2nd Ech Wkshops.

6. AFVs: Four (4) General Stuart M3 Light Tanks were inspected and repairs carried out where necessary.

7. MOVED INTO COMD: 202 Aust LAD att Sigs 5 Aust Div as from 5 Aug 43.

8. WARNING ORDER FOR MOVEMENT: 2/43 Aust LAD att 2/1 Aust Fd Regt was placed on twelve (12) hours notice for movement as from 0600 hrs 5 Aug 43.

9. VISIT OF DME: Brig.F.FIELD, DME (LHQ), is at present in this area, carrying out an inspection of AEME units.

H.O. Brain Major.
Comd AEME 5 Aust Div.

Appendix A.

HQ 5 Aust Div
7 Aug 43
ME/2209/90.

Subject: Inst Mechs -- AEME Units in New Guinea.

DDME
NG Force.

1. Ref your office ME/146/1/27 dated 9 Jul 43.

2. Though the instrument mechanics in this formation are not good, a good deal of time has been spent by them now on treatment of fungus infected instruments; their replacement would not be acceptable unless fully skilled men of indubitable capacity could be found to take their place. Binoculars and telescopes sighting can be dealt with fairly quickly by them now; it would be a long time before they would however be capable of quick stripping of say dial-sights.

3. An increase of a third instrument mechanic in 2nd Ech Wkshops is advisable, but to cover this increase men should first be carefully selected, trained, and given at least three (3) months experience on instruments in Australian L of C Wkshops before being allowed into the field.

4. Comments on each man working on instruments (~~inclusive of 109~~ Aust Eds Wkshop) are att.

5. It appears preferable to handle the large number of insts affected by returning most of them to Australia for repair, keeping a certain number coming fwd each week for replacement purposes. In this way the very serious outstanding work position could be overtaken, the men in 2nd Ech Wkshops being reserved more for urgent work and for emergencies.

6. Insts awaiting repairs now, as against Apr estimate, are as follows:-

File

SHEET TWO.

Present Position:-

Binoculars	145	Man hours to repair	1450
Rangefinders	14	" " " "	420
Directors	12	" " " "	180
Dialsights	19	" " " "	570
Telescopes	20	" " " "	80
Watches	30	" " " "	---
Compasses	50	" " " "	200
Clinometers	5	" " " "	40
Barometers	2	" " " "	---
	297		2940

Position as reported (from HQ 11 Aust Div) Apr 43:-

Total	789	Total man hours (estimated)	6000

Instruments (miscellaneous) repaired in 2nd Echn (11 Div) Wkshops Apr to present date:- 317

SHEET THREE.

INSTRUMENT PERSONNEL.

NX 85696 Sgt.PEARSON.K.C.

Unit: 113 Aust Bde Wkshop.

Civilian Trade & Training: Tool Maker (Foreman), Oliver Manuf Coy. Sydney, 7 yrs (inc apprenticeship)

Army Training: Schools -- Fitters Inst (Fd) Nov-Dec 43, 23 days. Royal Park Melbourne, qual with distinction -- 80%.

Inst.Mech.TG.I.

CO's Comments: Good fitter, not competent on optical work through lack of confidence.

NX 85069 L/Cpl OPITZ.L.

Unit: 113 Aust Bde Wkshop

Civilian Trade & Training: Own Business -- Motor Service (general)
" " Pawnbroker.
Valuator for Public Trustee.

Army Training: ECO School -- Goulburn.
Inst work with own unit since Feb 43.

Dvr Mech TG.III.

CO's Comments: Good fitter. Has had experience in civil life in optical and watchmaking business. Very keen and should be upgraded to Inst Mech TG.I.

Q 122394 Cfn.HUTPAL.S.

Unit: 266 Aust LAD(att for duty)

Civilian Trade & Training: Own business -- grocer -- 10 years.

Army Training: (Schools) -- Electricians' School -- AATD Woolloongabba, Brisbane 6 mths duration Mar-Sep 42.
Fitters Inst (Fd) -- Barracks, Brisbane 4 weeks Nov 42. Inst Mech.TG.I.

INSTRUMENT PERSONNEL.

CO's Comments on Q 122394 Cfn.NUTTAL.S.

Good all round instrument mechanic.

QX 29814 L/Cpl.DUKE.P.

Unit: 2/124 Aust Bde Wkshop.

Civilian Trade & Training: MT Mechanic and Transport Driver 7 yrs

Army Training:

Schools - Inst Mech Course No.35 Central College, Brisbane, 16 weeks, May-Aug 42. Qualified 86%.

No.1 Eqpt Course (Fd) Q'ld L of C Area AAOCTD, 4 weeks, Sep-Oct 42. Qual 82%

No.1 AA Inst Course Q'ld L of C AAOCTD, 8 Weeks, Dec 42 - Jan 43, Qual 82%

Instrument Mechanic TG.I.

CO's Comments:

Good capable fitter; very slow. Has no optical experience and displays little optical experience.

NX 116647 A/Sgt HARTLEY.H.J.

Unit: 129 Aust Bde Wkshop

Civilian Trade & Training: Trained as Watchmaker B.F.Hartley, Lidcombe. Has owned own business since Jul 36.

Army Training:

Served as Inst Mech 1 Aust Div Wkshop. Schools - No.10 Course Fitters (Fd) Qual 78%.

SHEET FIVE.

CO's Comments on NX 116647 A/Sgt.HARTLEY.H.J.

This NCO has demonstrated a high standard of ability on watches. he takes meticulous care in the execution of his work and spends a great deal of his "off duty" time in technical study. He is alert, clean and soldierly in bearing; he has proved himself to be an efficient NCO.

H.B. Crain. Major.
Comd AEME 5 Aust Div.

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HQ 5 AUST DIV INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 205

(Information received to 0900 hrs 8 Aug 43)

OPERATIONS

OWN & ENEMY (i) LAND :-

Adv HQ 3 Aust Div opened at HOUSE MANGO 668807 at 2400K/6.

COASTAL AREA

The enemy were observed constructing defences at 744955 on 6 Aug and were engaged by our artillery. Casualties sustained by the enemy are believed to be heavy.

Our artillery and mortars also fired on Japanese positions on ROOSEVELT RIDGE

BOBDUBI AREA

The enemy position at 696969 (ref Intelligence Summary No 204), estimated to have held 200, contained a quantity of equipment, ammunition and documents.

Patrolling still continues from OLD VICKERS position towards the COCONUTS area. A standing patrol is now located at 701971. The enemy are still in position on the spur at 699965.

The total Japanese casualties suffered in the OLD VICKERS posn area since 1 Aug are reported to be 62.

SALAMAUA

It is known that elements of a bn (probably 3 Bn) 80 Inf Regt 20 DIV arrived at SALAMAUA between 2 and 6 Jul. The Bn Comdr Capt KANNO and one company moved to BOBDUBI. Portion of the bn went to join 3 Bn 102 Inf Regt retreating from NASSAU BAY and is considered part of the force now on ROOSEVELT RIDGE.

ENEMY (ii) SEA :-

At 1515K/7 a submarine, with deck cargo, was sighted at 0530S 15215E (off CAPE ORFORD) proceeding south.

OWN (iii) AIR :-

On 7 Aug twenty five B24s attacked SALAMAUA - LOGUI No 1, KELA town area, McDONALD's JUNCTION and personnel and dump areas on the bank of the FRANCISCO River were bombed. A large storehouse and two other buildings were destroyed at KELA; bombs fell on McDONALD's JUNCTION and hits were claimed on AA positions. A fire was started at LOGUI and a large, possibly fuel, fire started on the FRANCISCO River bank.

On 7 Aug nine B25s attacked two barges at LAGUNEN POINT (10 miles SW of CAPE GLOUCESTER).

An unknown number of enemy fighters intercepted, and one was shot down without loss to our aircraft. One B25 on weather reconnaissance strafed four barges in the MAPE RIVER.

Lt Col
GS 5 Aust Div AIF

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WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Army Form C 2118 (adapted)

Unit HQ 5 Quar Div Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs To 2359 hrs 8 Aug 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Mungy Barracks Moresby	8 Aug	0900	HQ 5 Quar Div Intelligence Summary No. 205	Secret Int/19 (Appx 19)
			Weather. Cool Showery during afternoon & evening	
		1800	Cond AEME - Notes for War Diary	Most Secret ME 6225/56 (Appx 19A)
				J. Thurlin Capt

W Diary

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HQ 5 AUST DIV INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 204

(Information received to 0900 hrs 7 Aug 43)

OPERATIONS

OWN & ENEMY (i) LAND :-

COASTAL AREA :

Increased artillery and patrol activity continues in all areas.

BOBDUBI AREA :

All enemy attempts to regain the OLD VICKERS position on 4 Aug were unsuccessful. Our troops are now occupying knoll 696969 where the Japanese had been constructing positions. Patrols of an Aust Bn operated from this position during 5 Aug to the east and in the COCONUTS area.

Troops report that the knoll at 696969 evacuated by the enemy was supplied by an L of C via centre COCONUTS and along north slopes of the feature.

A patrol in this area saw evidence of enemy casualties from our mortars and found eleven enemy rifles and a quantity of equipment.

SALAMAUA AREA :

The section of the footbridge across the mouth of the FRANCISCO RIVER destroyed on 1 Aug was repaired on the night of 4/5 Aug.

ENEMY (ii) SEA :-

At 1535K/6 a large submarine with deck cargo was sighted off the south coast of NEW BRITAIN, course south.

OWN (iii) AIR :-

At 1000 hrs 5 Aug one B24 bombed and strafed a 500/1000 ton cargo vessel approximately 100 miles WNW of KAVIENG.

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GS 5 Aust Div AIF

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DUTY STAFF OFFICERS LOG SHEET

DUTY OFFICER: Capt W R MOOPER

From 2200 hrs 6 Aug 43 to 0800 hrs 7 Aug 43

Serial No	Originator	TOO	TOR	Subject	Action	Disposal
1	413838	MAIbase MEM	1700A	0535	MOOPER O R awaiting report DEMARPER. Will expedite	Held	AQ
2	912	Rear H Q 5 Amrt Div	2215	0535	Tpe due embark MELBOURNE 7 Aug. Col MOLRAN and 2 Offs depart by plane 1400 hrs 7 Aug	Held	AQ

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Army Form C. 2118
(adapted)

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Unit HQ 5 Aust Div Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs To 2359 hrs 7 Aug 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Murray Barracks	7 Aug	0830	Duty Staff Offs Log as Capt W H Hooper	(Appx 17)
Moresby		0900	HQ 5 Aust Div Intelligence Summary No 204	Secret Cipher (Appx 18)
			Weather - fine & warm	
				A D Thelwie Capt

W Diary

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HQ 5 AUST DIV INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 203

(Information received to 0900 hrs 6 Aug 43)

SUMMARY OF ENEMY MOVEMENTS

AND

SIGNIFICANT CHANGES OF STRENGTH

LAND

With the enemy in strongly defended positions, which have been well chosen to make best use of natural features, progress by our troops has been negligible during the week. This, despite increased use of artillery and attention by our bombers, shows that the Japanese has lost none of his tenacity or ingenuity in the construction of earth and log defences.

Enemy positions on MOUNT TAMBU are particularly strong and are occupied by at least two companies, thought to be at full strength, with more than twenty machine guns. Pillboxes and weapon pits, joined by crawl trenches, have been constructed and approaches are covered by well concealed MMGs and by mobile LMGs and rifles on the flank. On the steep slopes of the ridges which they occupy the enemy have adopted the novel procedure of creating a false crest by piling up cut branches, foliage and earth.

Use of artillery on a scale not previously possible in NEW GUINEA has been a feature of operations in this sector as well as in the MOUNT TAMBU area. On 31 Jul alone more than 1,500 rounds were fired by our guns in the coastal sector in supporting, harassing and counter-battery fire. Enemy guns to the north of DOT INLET, the footbridge over the mouth of the FRANCISCO , the SALAMAUA strip and positions on the ISTHMUS were among targets successfully engaged.

Meanwhile the Japanese have made more use of artillery, shelling our troops and gun positions. A direct hit was scored on one of our guns on the morning of 30 Jul and five of the crew were killed.

Our repeated efforts to dislodge the enemy from the strongly defended OLD VICKERS position at last met with success on the afternoon of 28 Jul after a company attack. The position was found to consist of a network of pillboxes, foxholes and trenches with three feet thick cover overhead. Equipment captured included four MGs, many rifles and a 70 mm gun, while twenty Japanese were killed.

There had been signs that the enemy had withdrawn some of his troops north towards the COCONUTS, and all attacks on this position proved unsuccessful.

The development of WEWAK and MADANG as main bases in NE NEW GUINEA continues. Present indications suggest that they are incorporated in the planning for future large scale operations. It is possible therefore that, to facilitate control, 18 Army HQ or an equivalent formation may soon be located in NEW GUINEA.

Reports indicate that one object of the Japanese activity inland between MADANG and LAE has been to prevent our patrols reaching the coast and gaining information concerning this barge traffic. It is important to determine how much of this traffic is required for supplies and how much therefore is

available for the carrying of reinforcements. It is believed that the enemy garrison at LAE and SALAMAUA is approximately 12,000. This garrison would require for its maintenance between a quarter and half a ton per man per month, i.e., between 3,000 and 6,000 tons. Probably 600 tons per month is still brought in by submarine, leaving a considerable tonnage to be carried by barge. Most of the barges sighted are undoubtedly required for the transport of this tonnage, but it must be assumed that there is space for carrying several hundred troops per week into LAE. Our light surface craft and aircraft are making numerous attacks on the enemy barges with some success.

The overland route from MADANG to LAE has also been used for reinforcing the HUON GULF area. A document recently captured indicates that, in May, a battalion of the 21 Regt moved by this route, taking some 30 days for the journey.

SEA

The first photographic reconnaissance of RABAUL Harbour since 25 Jun was made on 2 Aug. Comparison of sightings is given below :-

2 Aug	25 Jun
2 heavy cruisers	2 heavy cruisers
1 light cruiser	1 converted aircraft carrier
3 destroyers	1 light cruiser
3 submarines	13 destroyers
10 auxiliary warships	5 submarines
15 merchant vessels (69,600 tons)	9 auxiliary warships
17 coasters and sea-trucks (1,000 tons and under)	28 merchant vessels (131,000 tons)
280 barges and small craft	Number of barges in Harbour was not stated.

Convoys of small vessels and sea-going barges have been noted moving to the SOLOMONS area and the coasters and sea-trucks photographed at RABAUL are possibly engaged in this work.

SOLOMONS

No further naval engagement has taken place between Allied and enemy units in the SOLOMONS. However, Allied aircraft have attacked with success, a force of four destroyers and a seaplane tender which was observed off CAPE FRIENDSHIP on 22 Jul. The seaplane tender was sunk and a destroyer hit. At approximately the same time, a cruiser or destroyer leader and two destroyers were sighted and attacked in the vicinity of OEMA ISLAND. Results were unobserved.

The enemy has continued to use destroyers extensively to bring supplies and reinforcements to his forces at MUNDA. Daily sightings have been made of vessels plying between BUIN FAISI and KOLOMBANGARA (from whence supplies are taken to the MUNDA area by barge) whilst information has been received which indicates that some supplies and reinforcements have been shipped direct from RABAUL to KOLOMBANGARA and NEW GEORGIA.

The enemy has also been more active in the REKATA BAY area. Two vessels (alternatively reported as three probably destroyers) were reported to have visited this bay during the night of 26 Jul whilst vessels have been observed in BART SOUND (opposite REKATA BAY).

The greatest number of units in the BUIN FAISI area during the week was noted on 26 Jul when photographs revealed the following :-

2 large ships off MOILA POINT
5 cargo vessels 20 small vessels KAHILI - ERVENTA ISLAND area
1 cargo vessel several barges off PUPUKUNA POINT
19 boats (40 feet long) heading towards BALLALE.

AIR

SOUPAC estimates that 350 Japanese aircraft have been destroyed in the SOLOMONS during Jul.

GENERAL

It is becomingly increasingly evident that the enemy has not available here the resources in air and shipping, and possibly in certain vital supplies to stage an offensive in this area; but it is equally evident that he is becoming more and more determined to resist our advance both in the SOLOMONS and NEW GUINEA.

SICILY

Two interesting points arise from a report received on the German Order of Battle in SICILY.

At the commencement of operations, they had two Divisions with about 200 tanks. However, what is most interesting, from a point of view of morale, is that these divisions were the 15 Panzer Division and the "Hermann Goering" Division, both of which had been seriously mauled in TUNISIA. War Officer considers their revival was mainly for reasons of prestige.

(NGF Weekly Intelligence Summary No 133 and AMF Weekly Intelligence Review No 52)

PART I

OPERATIONS

OWN & ENEMY (i) LAND :-

COASTAL AREA :

On 4 Aug a US patrol raided the enemy position at 740954 killing seven Japanese, destroying two HMGs and capturing a third.

MT TAMBU AREA :

The enemy are reported to be constructing pillboxes and defences in the area of 726927.

GOODVIEW JUNC AREA :

On the morning of 4 Aug portion of one of our bns commenced an attack just south of GOODVIEW JUNC. Small gains were made. HQ of a company were at 699905, one platoon at 699907 with two platoons endeavouring to link up with this platoon. The enemy were in position on the southern slopes of the knoll at 699906. At 1800K/4 the enemy counter-attacked the platoon at 699907, forcing it to withdraw. Our three platoons are now in position at 692909.

BOBDUBI AREA :

During 4 Aug the enemy made further determined efforts to regain the OLD VICKERS position. All attacks were repulsed with heavy losses to the enemy.

As a result of our attack, the enemy was driven from his position on the knoll at 696969. Our troops are now in occupation and are mopping up the remnants of the enemy force in this area.

On the morning of 4 Aug one of our platoons reached a position between NORTH and CENTRE COCONUTS but were forced to withdraw owing to MG and mortar fire.
Other patrols are active in this area.

At 1630K/4 one of our companies attacked and succeeded in driving the enemy from his position along the kunai spur from 698964 to 698967, killing twenty.

OWN (iii) AIR :-

Attacks on Barges 5 Aug

Eleven B25s bombed and strafed suspected barge hideouts and islands in the MADANG area. Of seven barges seen, two were destroyed. Concentrated AA fire was encountered and one B25 was lost.

Nine B25s took off to attack barges in the BOGADJIM area. No barges were sighted but BOGADJIM Village, the bridge over the NURU River and a jetty at BALAMA were attacked. A direct hit was scored on the jetty.

Twelve B25s attacked fifteen to twenty barges and three picket boats in BOSTREM Bay and along the west coast of ADMOSIN Island (vicinity of ALEXISHAFEN). A small boat in an inlet one mile east of AMRON Inlet was set on fire.

On 4 Aug one Catalina bombed GASMATA.

On 5 Aug aircraft on recce bombed FINSCHHAFEN, destroying a building, and buildings on KARRA-MATTA Island (not shown on aeronautical map), one of the VITU Islands.

ENEMY (iii) AIR :-

At 1535K/4 twelve Japanese aircraft patrolled LAE and south to the BUANG River.

PART II

1. ENEMY OOB - LAND

LAE - SALAMAUA

Further evidence of the presence of "Regt Reinforcement TAIS" in SALAMAUA area is provided by a native statement that a party of forty Japanese who reached SALAMAUA during the night 25/26 Jul were "66 Regt Reinforcements", also references to the "Reinforced 115 Infantry", and the fact that 115 Inf Regt has apparently been strengthened.

During Jan 43, 3 Bn 21 Inf Regt moved from MADANG via the RAMU and MARKHAM Valleys to LAE area, where it was engaged on road construction during Feb. It is now known that in May it was carrying supplies in KOMLATUM area, and is considered to be still under command 51 DIV.

Since the establishement of 51 DIV in SALAMAUA it has been

evident that LAE was lacking in both a HQ and field troops. The presence of two or three companies of 20 DIV at KOMIATUM on 4 Jul suggests that the gap may have been filled by 20 DIV. In this regard, a mention of anticipated relief for 51 DIV in Aug 43 possibly has significance.

The estimate of enemy strengths and locations for LAE - SALAMAUA area is dealt with in detail in Appendix "A".

From present enemy barge activity, it is known that troop movment into the area continues.

HANSA BAY

It has not been possible to determine the number of troops possibly disembarked from the convoy on 25 Jul. The estimated tonnage could have transported a regiment. This would offset the possible movement of a regiment of 20 DIV out of the area, leaving strength unchanged.

(NGF Weekly Intelligence Summary No 133)

4. ORGANIZATION

115 Inf Regt

Further details regarding this formation make it apparent that identifications from all three bns may be encountered. The assumption that 115 Inf Regt survivors from the BISMARCK SEA action were allocated to 102 Inf Regt appears to be correct.

Latest information is that 115 Inf Regt at BOBDUBI Ridge was under comd of Col MATSUI, while 9 Coy was commanded by Lieut OGAWA. Both of these officers are from 102 Inf Regt.

There has been a reference to "the reinforced 115 Inf". This appears to be borne out by the fact that it was apparently 831 strong at the end of Jun, whereas estimated casualties would have reduced the original 800 to 435 at that time. It is possible that the addition may be explained by the balance of the 1,200 survivors, but it is hardly probable that these would be first line troops. The more likely inference would be the inclusion of 115 Regt Reinft TAI.

(NGF Weekly Intelligence Summary No 133)

Ian Grant
for Lt Col
GS 5 Aust Div AIF

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APPENDIX "A"

HQ 5 AUST DIV INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 203

OF 6 AUG 43

ENEMY STRENGTHS BY AREAS - 27 JUL 43

(Compiled by deducting reported killed from original strength)

AREA	UNIT	STRENGTH	
LAE	BASE TROOPS		
	3 COY 51 TPT REGT	250	
	2 FD HOSP (LESS 9 COY)	140	
	47 AERODROME BN	200 *	
	29 FD POM POM	130	
	22 AA (SEC ?)	100 *	
	1 PL 3 TELE REGT	40	
	WATER PURIFYING UNIT	40	
	1 PL 40 SEA DUTY COY	40	
	1 PL 105 SEA DUTY COY	40	
	3 DEBARKATION UNIT	100	
	7 BASE HQ	100 *	
	81 GUARD UNIT	150 *	
	82 " "	150 *	
	85 NAVAL SIG TAI (PL?)	40	
	YOSHIMOTO AA UNIT	100	
	2 AIR DEFENCE UNIT	330	
	TOTAL BASE TROOPS		1950
	FIELD TROOPS		
	1 BN 14 FD ARTY	390 *	
	IKEDA UNIT (ARTY)	500	
	14 PNR UNIT (PART)	130 *	
	(?) 20 DIV (TEMPORARY ESTIMATE)	2500	
	TOTAL FIELD TROOPS		3520
	TOTAL TROOPS LAE		5470
SALAMAUA	BASE TROOPS		
	51 DIV HQ	125	
	9 COY 2 FD HOSP	60	
	TSUKIOKA ARTY UNIT	700	
	3 COY 51 DIV SIGS	60 *	
	2 COY 50 FD AA BN	180 *	
	CAS COLLECTING UNIT	120	
	CONVOY REMNANTS	400	
	TOTAL BASE TROOPS		1645
	FIELD TROOPS		
	1 & 2 BNS 102 INF REGT	450	
	2 BN 14 FD ARTY	370	
	3 COY 51 ENGR REGT (?)	200	
	5 IND ENGR COY	200 *	
	6 " " "	200 *	
	EX-MAMBARE FORCE	150 *	
	7 IND ENGR COY	230	
	SASEBO 5 SNLP)	1000	
	MAIZURU 2 SNLP)	800 *	
	3 BN 21 INF REGT		
	TOTAL FIELD TROOPS		3600
	TOTAL TROOPS SALAMAUA		5245

			(B/F)	10715
KOMIATUM	51 INF GP HQ 66 INF REGT 3 COYS 20 DIV	160 948 600 *	1708 (300 possibly being used on supply lines)	
BOBDUBI	115 INF REGT	385 *	385	
LOKANU-BOISI	3 BN 102 INF REGT SNLP	267 200		
	TOTAL		467	
BUANG RIVER	SNLP	190	190	
	TOTAL TROOPS FORWARD OF SALAMAUA			2750
	TOTAL ALL TROOPS LAE-SALAMAUA AREA			13465

(* Estimate)

NOTE (1) It is possible that 41, 66, 102, 115 and 144 "Regiment Reinforcement Units" may have arrived in the SALAMAUA and forward area.

(2) Their respective strengths are not known but a tentative estimate of 600 each gives a total of 3,000 troops available for replacements.

(3) In the compilation of the above figures no allowance has been made for casualties other than reported killed. It is certain that other battle casualties and sickness wastage has considerably depleted the strength shown against units.

(4) It is estimated that this depletion would have absorbed the greater part of the 3,000 replacements.

(5) On the other hand if the five Reinforcement Units mentioned in Para 1 have not arrived at SALAMAUA it is possible that the greater part of one Regt of 20 DIV has been moved in.

(NGF Weekly Intelligence Summary No 137.

DUTY STAFF OFFICERS LOG SHEET

DUTY OFFICER: Maj C F McYARCH

From 2200 hrs 5 Aug to 0800 hrs 6 Aug 43

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Serial No	Originator	TOO	TOR	Subject	Action	Disposal
1.	X	Telephone from EDF	1030	For Capt HOOKER. Booking Col CARO Courier Plane on 7 Aug. Require him report Corps Reception Camp night of 6 Aug.	Capt HOOKER, Col CARO advised.	
2.	SD 3765	NOF	2140	Ref SD3603 units on Warning Order will return controlled stores other than personal asap to 10 AOD	Held	G, AQ.
3.	SD 3770	NOF	2333	SECRET. Warning Order - one tp 2/1 Aust Bk A Regt on 1 hr notice as from 1200z/6	Held	G, AQ
4.	SD 3769	NOF	2338	SECRET. Warning order - F Tce Sigs 7 Aust Div on 1 hour as from 1200z/6 to [illegible] DUNDURA	Held	G, AQ
5	Q10	Rear HQ 5 Aust Div	2008	SECRET - Tps embarking BYLANDER on 6 Aug - time of sailing not known - AQ and 2 OMs departing by plane 1130/6	Held	AQ.

Appx 15

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(adapted)

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

(Erase heading not required).

Unit HQ 5 Aust Div Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs To 2359 hrs 6 Aug 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Murray Barracks	6 Aug	0830	Duty Staff Offs Log - Maj G W McMahon	(Appx 15)
Moresby		0900	HQ 5 Aust Div Intelligence Summary No 203	Secret G.S.I/16 (Appx 16)
			Weather - Fine & warm	
				J H Theeis Capt

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Anex 14

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HQ 5 AUST DIV INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 202

(Information received to 0900 hrs 5 Aug 43)

PART I

OPERATIONS

OWN & ENEMY (i) LAND :-

BOBDUBI AREA :

An Aust patrol moving towards the COCONUTS discovered a newly constructed but unoccupied position 300 yards from the OLD VICKERS position.

After making an unsuccessful attack on the OLD VICKERS position at 2115K/3 the enemy moved into positions at 698967. Our counter attack at 0615K/4 was also unsuccessful. The enemy were found to be dug in also at 696969.

Other operations have been mainly confined to increased artillery activity over the whole area.

MT TAMBU AREA :

The enemy is engaged in building defensive positions from GOODVIEW JUNCTION to 711917 and on the southern FDLs of MT TAMBU area.

SEPIK AREA :

The patrol of 83 which occupied YESCHAN on 27 Jul have transport canoes and are well armed with rifles and MGs. They are constructing air raid shelters.

ENEMY (ii) SEA :-

At 1432K/4 a submarine carrying deck cargo was sighted at 0530S 15215E (off the south east coast of NEW BRITAIN), course south.

OWN (iii) AIR :-

On 4 Aug nine B25s carried out a search for barges between LANGEMAK Bay - BORGEN Bay and Cape BUSHING. No serviceable barges were located but a row of drums on the east bank of the ITNI River was bombed.

At 2255K/2 a Catalina bombed a destroyer approx 60 miles SE of GASMATA. Hits were scored. A second vessel, sighted at the same time, escaped.

On early morning of 4 Aug one Catalina bombed one of two unidentified vessels approx 20 miles west of CAPE GLOUCESTER. Two large explosions were observed after the attack.

On 4 Aug one B24 bombed CAPE GLOUCESTER. Four fires and one explosion were observed west of the airfield.

ENEMY (iii) AIR :-

One aircraft made a reconnaissance of the BENA BENA - GAROKA area.

PART V

SECURITY

FIELD SECURITY IN OPERATIONS

For the period ending 23 Mar 43, 2,100 prisoners, both German and Italians, were searched and identified for intelligence purposes by FS personnel. The officers were first separated from the men and then the senior NCOs were requested to reform the rank into their various units. By convincing the prisoners that this course was necessary in the ordinary sequence in passing them through, they gave every assistance. The proceedings were conducted in drill formation, and correct orders for marching and counting were insisted upon. Each separate unit fell in on its own marker in order before counting. The result was complete identification being ensured for the Intelligence Officer's information. A further precaution to avoid mistakes was to request the senior enemy NCOs to write down the numbers with the correct name, number, etc of units concerned, plus branch of service.

In this way the prisoners, particularly the GERMANS, gave all necessary information as a matter of routine without their suspicions being aroused as to the subsequent intelligence value of their co-operation.

(NGF Weekly Intelligence Summary No 133)

Ian Grant Capt
for Lt Col
GS 5 Aust Div

DISTRIBUTION :

As per Adv Hq 5 Aust Div Intelligence Summary No 2

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

(Erase heading not required).

Army Form C. 2118 (adapted)

Unit HQ 5 Aust Div Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs To 2359 hrs 5 Aug 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Murray Ranch Moresby	5 Aug	0900	HQ 5 Aust Div Intelligence Summary No 202	See Appx 15 (Appx 15)
			Weather - Fine & Warm	
				G.K. Freeman Capt

Appx 13

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Rear HQ 5 Aust Div
Copy No 3 4
4 Aug 43

AMENDMENT NO 2
to
5 AUST DIV ADMIN INSTN NO Q35 of 19 JUL 43

(1) Cancel appx "A" as shown in Amendment No 1 of 1 Aug 43 and substitute

"Appx A (issued with 5 Aust Div Admin Instn No Q35 of 19 Jul 43) - units to move by sea

Serial	Unit	Approx Strength Offrs	ORs	Total	Remarks
1	HQ 5 Aust Div	7	82	89	1 Trailer
2	HQ RAA 5 Aust Div	2	22	24	
3	5 Aust Div Camflg Trg Unit	1	5	6	
4	Sigs 5 Aust Div	3	136	139	
5	5 Aust Div Cipher	1	7	8	
6	HQ Comd 5 Aust Div ASC	6	30	36	
7	202 Aust LAD (Sig)	1	14	15	
8	5 Aust Div Fd Cash Office (less Det)		1	1	
9	5 Aust Div Postal Unit (less Det)	1	13	14	
10	5 Aust Div Salv Unit	1	28	29	
		23	338	361	

(2) Units as set out above will be on 6 hours to move as from 1200 hrs 4 Aug '43.

Lt-Col
AQ 5 Aust Div

DISTRIBUTION	Copy No
4 Aust Inf Bde	1
HQ RAA 5 Aust Div	2
HQ RAE 5 Aust Div	3-4
HQ Sigs 5 Aust Div	5-6
HQ Comd 5 Aust Div ASC	7-8
9 Aust Movt Control Gp	9-10
NGF	11
11 Aust Div	12
Adv HQ 5 Aust Div	13-14
AQ	15
Camp	16-17
Med	18
Ord	19
ASME	20
5 Aust Div Pro Coy	21
5 Aust Div Fd Cash Office	22
5 Aust Div Postal Unit	23
5 Aust Div Salvage Unit	24
5 Aust Div Sea Recept Camp	25
Milne Bay Fortress Comd	26
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HQ 5 AUST DIV INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 201

(Information received to 0900 hrs 4 Aug 43)

OPERATIONS

OWN & ENEMY (i) LAND :-

COASTAL AREA :

At 0630K/2 one of our US bns, supported by artillery, made a further attack on the western end of ROOSEVELT RIDGE, destroyed some MG positions and withdrew to original positions.
The enemy occupies a position at 730947.

On 2 Aug our artillery continued its activity on targets on MT TAMBU, and neutralized enemy AA guns at the SW end of the ISTHMUS during our air attack on SALAMAUA.

On 3 Aug an enemy gun in the vicinity of NUK NUK was observed firing towards TAMBU BAY.

One coy of an Aust inf bn has landed at NASSAU BAY.

BOBDUBI AREA :

A party of Japs at 698967 was engaged with two inch mortar fire on the afternoon of 2 Aug and twenty five were killed. Our casualties were 2 wounded.

One of our coys has reached a point just north of OLD VICKERS position.

Our patrols on the north and south banks of the FRANCISCO RIVER at 702976 and 703980 were fired on.

Patrolling continues in other areas.

BENA BENA AREA :

It is now estimated that there are thirty Japs at SNOOKS HOUSE while, at 1200K/2, a further ninety enemy moved down the RAMU RIVER to join them.

ENEMY (ii) SEA :-

A submarine was sighted off the SE coast of NEW BRITAIN at 1522K/2 headed south. Another was seen going north at 0915K/3.

Ref Intelligence Summary No 200, the sighting at RABAUL is cancelled. Photo interpretation of the Sightings there on 2 Aug reveals :-

	2	heavy cruisers
	1	light cruiser
	3	destroyers
	6	light craft
	13	merchant vessels totalling 62,00 tons
and	1	merchant vessel of 2,500 tons at RAPOPO.

Thirty two barges or harbour craft were sighted at HANSA BAY on 3 Aug.

OWN (iii) AIR :-

On 2 Aug 6 A20s and five Beaufighters, with eighteen Kittyhawks, attacked GASMATA area and MONTAGU Harbour, RANO Plantation and CAPE DAMPIER, and a barge in ATU BAY. One barge was destroyed and the jetty was hit in MONTAGU Harbour while barges were damaged at CAPE DAMPIER and ATU BAY.

Further information of the attack by our medium bombers on barges between LAE and FINSCHHAFEN reveals that thirteen barges and one picket boat were destroyed or probably destroyed. Two of our bombers collided and one crashed while one enemy fighter was shot down.

Preliminary reports on a search made by eighteen B25s on 3 Aug indicate that twenty-eight barges and one launch were destroyed in the MAPE River, MASAWENG River, MARIEN Harbour, REIN BAY, BORGEN BAY and at CAPE BUSCHING.

On 3 Aug nine B25s bombed buildings on SALAMAUA ISTHMUS.

On 3 Aug twenty three heavy bombers attacked enemy road and bridge constructions and nearby camps in the DAUMOINA area. Bombing is reported accurate and two buildings were destroyed. Three enemy fighters intercepted, two fighters being destroyed and one B17 crashed in the sea.

On 3 Aug a small village in MARIEN Harbour was bombed by an aircraft on recce.

Reports from ground troops confirm the success of our air attack on LAE Harbour and installations (Ref Summary No 200).

ENEMY (iii) AIR :-

At 1135K/2 one enemy DINAH was over TIAORA (ref MARKHAM Strat LQ 4082), flying south.

At 1057K/3 an enemy aircraft was over GAROKA.

J. Grant Lt Col
for Lt Col
GS 5 Aust Div AIF

DISTRIBUTION :

As per Adv HQ 5 Aust Div Intelligence Summary No 2

DUTY STAFF OFFICERS LOG SHEET

DUTY OFFICER: Capt J S D MELLICK

From 2200 hrs 3 Aug 43 to 0800 hrs 4 Aug 43

Serial No	Originator	TOO	TOR	Subject	Action	Disposal
1	Mvts T'VILLE	1620	2230	F/B 2or PORT MORESBY RTD TOWNSVILLE 1030 hrs 3 Aug - QM4459 of 2 Aug refers	Held	AQ
2	Rear HQ 5 Amst Div	2143	0220	13 personnel 1930 lbs RTD MILNE BAY 0900 hrs 4 Aug	Held	AQ Comp

(Appx 11)

Army Form C. 2118
(adapted.)

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

(Erase heading not required).

Unit HQ 5 Aust Div Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs To 2359 hrs 4 Aug 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Murray Barracks Mosbley	4 Aug	0830	Duty Staff Offs Log - Capt J D Meelick	(Appx 11)
		0900	HQ 5 Aust Div Intelligence Summary No 201	Secret (Appx 12)
		1415	Amdt No 2 5 Aust Div Adm Instr No Q35 19 Jul	Secret (Appx 13)
			Weather - Fine & Warm	
				A D Meelick Capt

Appx 10

MESSAGE FORM

7 AUST INF BDE	NOF
2/8 AUST ARMD REGT	COND
6 AUST DIV CARR GP	G
11 AUST DIV CARR GP	AQ
2/1 AUST MG BN	AASC 5 AUST DIV
7 AUST MG BN	MEDICAL
RAA 5 AUST DIV	ORD
RAA 11 AUST DIV	AEME
HQ MORESBY FXD DEF	PRO
HQ AUST AA GP MORESBY	PAY
HQ RAE 1 AUST CORPS TPS (REAR)	POSTAL
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HQ 5 AUST DIV INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 292

(Information received to 0900 hrs 3 Aug 43)

OPERATIONS

OWN & ENEMY (i) LAND :-

COASTAL AREA :

With reference to the attack on the western end of ROOSEVELT RIDGE on 31 Jul, it is now reported that this attack was made by two coys which, at 1800 hrs, returned to their position at 742944. Six Japs were killed.

Our artillery increased its activity on 1 Aug on targets at DOT INLET, LOKANU and ridges to the north of ROOSEVELT RIDGE. Twenty yards of the footbridge at the mouth of the FRANCISCO RIVER were destroyed. A direct hit was scored on a Jap aircraft on SALAMAUA airfield.

KOMIATUM AND MT TAMBU AREA :

A patrol discovered a track branching SW from MULE track at 702915. Defensive positions had been cleared and booby traps laid along the track.

~~Enemy guns~~ shelled SUGARCANE RIDGE area three times on 1 Aug.

On 1 Aug the mountain bty scored direct hits on Jap pill boxes on MT TAMBU.

One of our platoons occupied positions vacated by the enemy at 724926. The enemy are in position at 723921.

Further patrolling continues at GOODVIEW JUNC.

BOBDUBI AREA :

On the morning 1 Aug two of our secs were attacked in the vicinity of 705962 and withdrew. Two pls are now in position at 704958. At 1530 hrs 1 Aug seven of a party of 20 Japs ambushed on KOMIATUM track were killed. One of our coys is now occupying a position near the junction of GRIFFS and bench cut tracks. An enemy attack on OLD VICKERS position was repulsed on morning 1 Aug and again on the morning 2 Aug.

BENA BENA AREA :

Our detachment at MATAHAUSA was again fired on by hostile natives on 31 Jul.

On 1 Aug a Jap armed patrol visited WOKANTINO (approx 5 miles NE of KAINANTU) and a party of 20 Japs moved towards SNOOKS HOUSE (approx 7 miles NE by E of KAINANTU).

ENEMY (ii) SEA :-

At 1030K/2 aircraft in flight reported 6 to 8 cruisers or destroyers manoeuvering in ST GEORGE CHANNEL and one probable battleship and one probable aircraft carrier in the vicinity of RABAUL.

A submarine was sighted off CAPE ORFORD at 1522K/2, course south.

OWN (iii) AIR :-

Nine A20s bombed and strafed LOKANU No 1 and BUIAMBUN and one barge SE of LAE. Several huts were destroyed at LOKANU; the barge was damaged.

Twenty five of our heavy bombers bombed NUK NUK and LOGUI villages in the SALAMAUA area. Several buildings at NUK NUK were destroyed, and many small fires were started.

Eleven B24s bombed VOCO PT and the harbour area at LAE. There was one large explosion and many fires were started.

Our medium bombers attacked barges between LAE and FINSCHHAFEN. Seven barges and one picket boat were destroyed.

Four B17s bombed dump areas at HANSA BAY.

Sixteen P38s intercepted fourteen enemy fighters over SAIDOR area. Preliminary reports indicate eleven fighters destroyed and one probably destroyed. One Allied aircraft crashed on landing.

An aircraft on recce bombed FINSCHHAFEN airfield.

A/Lt Col
GS 5 Aust Div AIF

DISTRIBUTION :-

As per Adv HQ 5 Aust Div Intelligence Summary No 2

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7 AUST INF BDE
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7 AUST MG BN
RAA 11 AUST DIV
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HQ AUST AA GP MORESBY
HQ RAE 1 AUST CORPS TROOPS (REAR)
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DUTY STAFF OFFICERS LOG SHEET

DUTY OFFICER: CAPT I M GRANT

From 2200 hrs 2 Aug 43 to 0800 hrs 3 Aug 43

Serial No	Originator	TOO	TOR	Subject	Action	Disposal
1	RAA 11336	2145	2230	Re Shoot 2/5 Aust Fd Regt	Held	GII
2	152 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	1015		Ref possible move in morning	Advised that now unlikely.	
3	NGF	1035		One plane load 152 Aust Gen Tpt arrived DOBODURA today. Remaining 10 plane loads to be on immediate notice as from 0800K/3.	Advised Lieut GREEN 152 Aust Gen Tpt Coy.	
4	NGF	1045		8 vehs (plane loads) to report to Corp Reception Camp 0745K/	Arranged with RAA to provide vehs.	
5	AQ NGF	1115		Requesting itinerary for GOCs visit field units	BG. Gave tentative itinerary over phone.	
6	Q NGF	1200		Requesting stock of boot studs	Rang DO at 0030 and advised NO boot studs.	
7	NGF	0715	2332	Ref 048. Agreed request keep us informed as to details of co-op arranged	Held	GII
8	MILRAGE BRIS	1035	0715	Ref Q107143 Pte DAGSTER A 15 Aust Inf Bn - leave recommended	Held	AQ
9	" STD	1736	0715	Ref AL. Manpower report not yet received on N155571 VOGELE C A	"	"

Appx 8

DUTY STAFF OFFICERS LOG SHEET

DUTY OFFICER: CAPT I M GRANT

From 2200 hrs 2 AUG 43 to 0800 hrs 3 AUG 43

Serial No	Originator	TCO	TOR	Subject	Action	Disposal
10	Milbase MRIB	1445	0715	VX9640 GALLAGHER. 7 days leave extended without pay	Held	AQ
11	" MRIB	1100K/29	0715	Ref A3. Awaiting report from DEMANDER re FISHER JEG	Held	AQ
12	" "	1155K/29	0715	Ref A1149. Relative leave QX16642 MAKER faded NGF 12 Jul referred MBA by NGF 21 Jul. Soldiers presence desired at home business reasons	Held	AQ
13	" SYD		0715	Ref A4509 - NX135857 Gnr MORGAN F S 2/2 Aust Hy AA Regt. Leave not recommended	Held	AQ
14	RAA 11 Div	2145	2230	Ref RA11222 30 Jul. Amend gun area to read second day SQ 7344 third day SQ7545	Held	GII

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

(Erase heading not required).

Army Form C. 2118 (adapted.)

Unit HQ 5 Aust Div Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs To 2359 hrs 3 Aug 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Murray Barracks	3 Aug	0830	Daily Staff Offrs Log - Capt J M Grant	(Appx 8)
Moresby		0900	HQ 5 Aust Div Intelligence Summary No 200	Secret Staff/12 (Appx 9)
		1715	2/1 Aust Fd Regt will remain under comd	055 (Appx 10)
			7 Aust Inf Bde	
			Weather - Fine & Warm.	
				J H Theccier Capt

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HQ 5 AUST DIV INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 199

(Information received to 0900 hrs 2 Aug 43)

OPERATIONS

OWN & ENEMY (i) LAND :-

COASTAL AREA :

On the morning of 31 Jul a US coy moved through and attacked ROOSEVELT RIDGE from the WEST. The result of this attack is not yet reported.

MT TAMBU AREA :

It is estimated that 20 Japs were killed during the attack on MT TAMBU on 30 Jul. This does not include the casualties caused by our arty. Our casualties were 8 killed and 35 wounded.

GOODVIEW JUNC :

Strong enemy positions are reported to extend along the spur 707918 to GOODVIEW JUNC and along the ridge from 705914 to 707914.

The Jap mountain gun at 706936 is believed to have been destroyed on 31 Jul.

Patrolling by our troops is continuing in this area and also in the NAMLING-ORODUBI area.

BOBDUBI AREA :

An enemy attack on 31 Jul caused an Aust inf coy to withdraw to a position 150 yards south of SOUTH COCONUTS (ref Intelligence Summary 198).

An Aust pl ambushed a party of 40 Japs at 708959 at 1645K/1 killing 8.

At 1630K/1 our platoon at 704958 was attacked. No details are reported.

WATUT AREA :

One Aust inf section and two PIB sections are now at PESEN (LR 0345) while another PIB section is on the WAFFAR RIVER, NW of PESEN.

SALAMAUA AREA :

On 31 Jul 210 Japs moved south and 185 moved north along the SALAMAUA - KOMIATUM track.

RAMU AREA :

One of our patrols was fired on by hostile natives on 30 Jul at MATAHAUSA (ref map MADANG Strat WO 5848).

A section of an Independent Coy arrived at BENA BENA from MATAHAUSA on 31 Jul.

Hostile natives also destroyed a patrol base building and a store in the SIRINIBU area (WH 4639).

ENEMY (ii) SEA :-

A submarine was sighted at 2320K/31 twenty miles ESE of GASMATA, course west.

Another submarine was sighted 70 miles SW of CAPE ST GEORGE course south, at 1540K/1.

At 0641K/1 nine barges were sighted in LAE Harbour.

OWN (iii) AIR :-

On 31 Jul seven A20s attacked seven barges at CAPE GLOUCESTER. Five were destroyed.

These aircraft also bombed and strafed ANGALA and ULAMAINGA villages (about 4 miles WSW of CAPE GLOUCESTER).

On 1 Aug GASMATA IS government station was bombed.

Ian Grant for/Lt Col
GS 5 Aust Div AIF

DISTRIBUTION :

As per Adv HQ 5 Aust Div Intelligence Summary No 2

DUTY STAFF OFFICERS LOG SHEET

DUTY OFFICER: Maj McKAY

From 2200 hrs 4 Aug 43 to 0800 hrs 5 Aug 43

Serial No	Originator	TOO	TOR	Subject	Action	Disposal
	Phone A Branch HQ		0045	Working party 25 required 0930K/2 ATO	Arrange 3 Div LOB to supply providing own tpt	
GM3652	MOP	2345	~~[illegible]~~ 0730	Approval given Maj McINTYRE to be observer 4 Aust Armd Bde. Move LANDON by air	Held	
	7 Aust Inf Bde		0730	Location Statement	Held	

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Unit HQ 5 Aust Div Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs To 2359 hrs 2 Aug 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Murray Barracks	2 Aug	0830	Duty Staff Offs Log is Maj Mackay	(Appx 5)
Moresby		0900	HQ 5 Aust Div Intelligence Summary 199	Sum Ell/10 (Appx 6)
		1300	Brig Moriarty adm cond 5 Aust Div as from	041 (Appx 7)
			0800 hrs in absence Maj. Gen Milford	
			Weather. Fine & Warm	
				J.A. Thoccie Capt

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Appx "A"

Secret

HQ 5 Aust Div (AIF)
1 Aug 43.
Q. 29021

5 AUST DIV ADMN INSTN NO. Q.35 OF 19 JUL 43

AMENDMENT NO. 1

1. Para 6 -

Amend sub-para (c) to read

"(c) Tents will be struck and returned to ADOS Dump HQ 5 Aust Div immediately orders are received for embarkation."

2. Cancel Appx "A" and substitute -

"Appx "A" (issued with 5 Aust Div Admn Instn No. Q35 of 19 Jul 43) - Units to move by sea.

Serial	Unit	Approx Strength			Remarks
		Offrs	ORs	Total	
1	HQ 5 Aust Div	14	104	118	1 Trailer
2	HQ RAA 5 Aust Div	2	22	24	
3	5 Aust Div Camflg Trg Unit	1	5	6	
4	Sigs 5 Aust Div	10	158	168	
5	5 Aust Div Cipher Dec	1	7	8	
6	HQ Comd AASD 5 Aust Div	7	31	38	Incls unabsorbed personnel AASC 5 Aust Div
7	HQ 154 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	2	41	43	
8	202 Aust LAD (Sigs)	1	14	15	
9	5 Aust Div Fd Cash Office (less dets)		1	1	
10	5 Aust Div Postal Unit (less dets)	1	13	14	
11	5 Aust Div Salv Unit	1	28	29	
	Total	43	454	497	

A.H. McCrae Lt-Col
AA & QMG 5 Aust Div

DISTRIBUTION

As per Admn Instn No. Q35
less Comd Goodenough
plus HQ Milne Bay Fortress

Appx 4.

MOST SECRET.

HQ 5 Aust Div
1 Aug 43
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Comd AEME -- Notes for War Diary.

PLACE: Port Moresby, Map Ref 904367 PM. 1-in to 1 mile.

DATE: 1 Aug 43.

TIME: as at 2359 hrs.

1. MT. During the past week one hundred and twenty-eight (128) vehs passed through 2nd echelon wkshops. Small supplies of welding gases have been made available enabling AEME units to carry out some body repairs. The monthly inspection of MT has been completed, and reports indicate that vehs in general throughout the Division have been slightly better amintained, and are in better mechanical condition than last month.

2. ARTILLERY. 2nd echelon wkshops have a considerable amount of work in view, due to overhauling of Ord QF 2-pr Eqpts on charge to 6 and 25 Aust Inf Bdes, and also Ord QF 25-pr eqpts which have been on the range and now have reached the end of their series and require examination. During the past week the following number of eqpts were serviced:-

Ord QF 2-pr	2
Ord QF 18-pr MK.II.	3
Ord QF 25-pr.	3

3. WIRELESS & SIG EQPT. Modifications to sets of various types to prevent action of fungus have been carried out. Altogether sixteen (16) sets of various types passed through 2nd Ech Wkshops during the week.

4. ARMOURY. During the past week the following number of small arms was serviced:-

Rifles SMLE	162
SMGs	1

5. INSTRUMENTS. The instrument room at 129 Aust Bde Wkshop continues to clean fungused insts of all types. During the past week twenty-two (22) insts of various types passed through the a/n wkshop.

6. AFVs. Four (4) General Stuart M3 Light Tanks have been inspected and repairs carried out where necessary. A test was made by using aeroplane oil 1120 for 25 hrs; while the result appeared in favour of 1120 as against DD60, the used oils will have to be tested at Maribyrnong before a definite conclusion can be drawn.

7. CHANGE OF LOCATION. 295 Aust LAD moved to Map Ref 956343 PM 1-in to 1 mile.

SHEET TWO.

8. WARNING ORDER FOR MOVEMENT. 266 Aust LAD att 15 Aust Inf Bde were placed on four (4) hours notice for movement to WAU as from 0001 hrs 28 Jul 43.

9. CHANGE OF COMD. Major.BRAIN, Comd AEME formerly of HQ 11 Aust Div, has been transferred and takes over the same position on HQ 5 Aust Div as from 31 Jul 43. AEME units which are not warned for movement with 11 Aust Div have come under comd 5 Aust Div as from 1 Aug 43. 2/48, 2/52, 2/53 and 292 Aust LADs, the units warned for movement to DOBODURA will be administered by Comd AEME 5 Aust Div until movement is affected.

104 and 137 Aust Bde Wkshops at DOBODURA area, were temporarily under comd this office during the previous week; but now have passed Comd AEME 11 Aust Div (Lt-Col.MILLER).

Major.
Comd AEME 5 Aust Div.

Appx 3

MOST SECRET

Subject : 5 AUST DIV ORDER OF BATTLE AND LOCATION STATEMENT as at 2359 hrs 31 Jul 43

HQ 5 Aust Div (AIF)
1 Aug 43
G25

	Copy No		Copy No
7 Aust Inf Bde	1	MASC 11 Aust Div	12
2/8 Aust Armd Regt	2	Medical	13
RAA 11 Aust Div	3	Ord	14
HQ RAE 1 Aust Corps Tps (Rear)	4	AEME	15
Adv Sigs 5 Aust Div	5	Pro	16
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1. Attached at Appendix "A" is 5 Aust Div Location Statement and Order of Battle No 14 as at 2359 hrs 31 Jul 43.

2. All previous copies issued by HQ 11 Aust Div will be destroyed.

3. Acknowledge.

Lt-Col
GS 5 Aust Div (AIF)

Appendix "A"
to 5 Aust Div
G25 of 1 Aug 43

5 AUST DIV ORDER OF BATTLE AND LOCATION STATEMENT No 14
as at 2359 hrs Aug 43

Serial No	UNIT	LOCATION	REMARKS
1	HQ 5 Aust Div	904367	Murray Barracks
2	HQ 3 Aust Div (Rear details)	888378	
3	HQ 11 Aust Div (less Adv Party)	904367	
	ARMD TPS		
4	2/8 AustArmd Regt	908432	
5	HQ Sqn 2/8 Aust Armd Regt	908432	
6	HQ B Sqn 2/8 Aust Armd Regt	910430	
	ARTY		
7	HQ RAA 11 Aust Div	897367	
	Fd		
8	2/1 Aust Fd Regt (less one bty)	961402	
9	2/5 Aust Fd Regt	966417	
10	Rear Det 2/6 Aust Fd Regt	976438	
11	13 Aust Fd Regt	906370	
12	1 Aust Htn Bty (less one sec)	966485	
	Tk A		
13	2/1 Aust Tk A Regt	971412	
	Svy		
14	2/7 Aust Svy Bty	934377	
	FIXED DEFENCES		
15	HQ MORESBY Fxd Def (Hy Arty)	860351	
16	Paga Bty	862349	
17	Bootless Bty	976301	
18	Boera Bty	721448	
19	1 Aust Special Radio Det	962289	
20	156 CASL Sec	PAGA BTY	
21	157 CASL Sec	BOOTLESS BTY	
22	168 CASL Sec	BOERA BTY	
23	184 CASL Sec	PAGA BTY	
24	185 CASL Sec	BOOTLESS BTY	
	AA		
25	HQ AA Gp MORESBY	941427	
26	AA Ops Room (Type A)	945439	
27	AA Ops Room (Type C)	945439	
28	2/2 Aust AA Regt	942433	
29	23 Aust Hy AA Bty	943439	
30	32 Aust Hy AA Bty (Type B)	939427	
31	HQ 234 Aust Lt AA Bty	946418	Awaiting movement
32	2/11 Aust Lt AA Bty	947416	
33	Details 156 Aust Lt AA Bty	946418	
34	67 Aust AASL Coy (less det)	947417	
35	Det 67 Aust AASL Coy	751771	Ref Map KALO 4 mls 1"
36	73 Aust AASL Coy	875428	

Ser Ial No	UNIT	LOCATION	REMARKS
	ENGRS		
37	HQ RAE 1 Aust Corps Tpt - rear details	901355	
38	2/4 Aust Corps Camflg Trg Unit - rear details	901353	
39	11 Aust Div Camflg Trg Unit	901357	
40	24 Aust Fd Coy	933348	
41	Fortress Engrs MORESBY (Type C)	860351	
42	Det 2/14 Aust A Fd Coy	954376	
	SIGS		
43	HQ Adv Sigs 5 Aust Div	904365	
44	HQ Coy 1 Coy Sigs 5 Aust Div	890370	
45	HQ Coy 1 Coy Sigs 11 Aust Div	890370	
46	11 Aust Div Cipher Sec	904367	
47	Indep Aust Armd Corps Sig Sec	907344	Att 2/8 Aust Armd Regt
48	13 Aust Fd Regt Sig Sec	906370	Att 13 Aust Fd Regt
49	"F" Sec Sigs 7 Aust Div (less dets)	DONEDABU	Att 2/5 Aust Fd Regt
50	2/4 Aust Fd Regt Sig Sec	961403	Att 2/1 Aust Fd Regt
51	"H" Sec Sigs 6 Aust Div	968416	Att 2/1 Aust Fd Regt
52	"J" Sec Sigs 5 Aust Div	174399	Att 7 Aust Inf Bde
53	Det "L" Sec Sigs 3 Aust Div	893376	
54	Fortress Sigs MORESBY	860351	
	INF		
55	HQ 7 Aust Inf Bde	174399	DONEDABU
56	9 Aust Inf Bn	173399	"
57	25 Aust Inf Bn	175405	"
58	61 Aust Inf Bn	175399	"
59	7 Aust Inf Bde Defence Pl	174399	"
60	57/60 Aust Inf Bn less Adv HQ and two coys	882399	
61	2/1 Aust Pnr Bn (less D Coy)	DONEDABU	
62	Rear Det 17 Aust Inf Bde	891376	
63	Rear Det 2/3 Aust Ind Coy	892376	
64	7 Aust MG Bn (less two coys)	959404	
65	2/1 Aust MG Bn (less one coy)	966395	
66	2/2 Aust Ind Coy (less one pl.)	886385	
67	6 Aust Div Carrier Gp	888376	
	AASC		
68	HQ Comd AASC 11 Aust Div	903369	
69	152 Aust Gen Tpt Coy AASC (less two pls)	877408	
70	HQ Comd AASC 3 Aust Div (Rear Details)	902369	
70a	H Q 34 Aust Supply Depot AASC	959426	
	MEDICAL		
71	1 Aust Lt Fd Amb	894383	
72	11 Aust Fd Amb (less A Coy)	175393	DONEDABU
73	A Coy 11 Aust Fd Amb	144414	
74	15 Aust Fd Amb (rear det)	893383	
	ORD		
75	21 Aust Inf Bde Sec Ord Fd Pk	932347	
76	109 Aust Indep Bde Gp Ord Fd Pk	885426	
77	113 Aust Inf Bde Gp Ord Fd Pk	962376	

Serial No	UNIT	LOCATION	REMARKS
	ARMD		
78	2/43 Aust LAD	962400	Att 2/1 Aust Fd Regt
79	2/48 Aust LAD	964396	Att 2/1 Aust MG Bn
80	2/52 Aust LAD	967416	Att 2/5 Aust Fd Regt
81	2/53 Aust LAD	973442	Att 2/6 Aust Fd Regt
82	219 Aust LAD	907372	Att 13 Aust Fd Regt
83	241 Aust LAD	174399	Att 7 Aust Inf Bdc
84	266 Aust LAD	877403	
85	292 Aust LAD	895370	Att Sigs 11 Aust Div
86	306 Aust LAD	895372	
87	316 Aust LAD	955404	Att 7 Aust MG Bn
88	2/1 Aust Indep Armd Regt Wkshop	910426	Under cond 2/8 Aust Armd Regt
89	113 Aust Ind Bdc Gp Wkshops	963380	
90	109 Aust Ind Bdc Gp Wkshops	885426	
91	2/49 Aust LAD	976411	Att 2/1 Aust Tk A Regt
92	284 Aust LAD	938344	
93	295 Aust LAD	956343	
	PAY		
94	11 Aust Div Fd Cash Office	905366	
	PRO		
95	11 Aust Div Pro Coy (less dets)	901370	
	POSTAL		
96	11 Aust Div Postal Unit	907364	
	MESS		
97	11 Aust Div Concert Party	904365	

PART II - US UNITS

Serial No	UNIT	LOCATION	REMARKS
98	98 Fd Arty Bn	010420	
99	HQ & HQ Bty 41 US Div Arty	961363	
100	146 US Arty Bn	961363	
101	16 Vet Evac Hospital	010420	

W Diary

SECRET Appx 2

HQ 5 AUST DIV INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 198

(Information received to 0900 hrs 1 Aug 43)

HQ 5 Aust Div opened MURRAY BARRACKS at 1300K/31.

OPERATIONS

OWN & ENEMY (1) LAND :-

COASTAL AREA :

During the night 30/31 Jul a US coy moved from NASSAU BAY to TAMBU BAY.

At 0630K/31 US arty neutralized a Japanese mountain gun at 703940. Our arty registered three heavy AA guns reported at 745012; and also on heavy AA guns at 753018. Between 1500 and 1700 hrs a party of Japanese crossing the footbridge at the mouth of the FRANCISCO RIVER was engaged and scattered.

BOBDUBI AREA :-

During 30 Jul, an Aust Inf coy cut the main KOMIATUM track where it crosses OSBORNE CREEK. Another coy occupied positions on BENCH cut track up to its junction with BOBDUBI-SALAMAUA track. At 1430 hrs a third coy attacked COCONUTS from OLD VICKERS position but, owing to heavy opposition in SOUTH COCONUTS, were unable to make any further progress along the narrow track on the razorback. The coy was reported to be in vacated Japanese positions within twenty yards of the enemy posts.

Enemy attacks from SOUTH COCONUTS at 0200 and 0430K/30 caused a slight withdrawal of the forward troops of this coy.

It is estimated that 60 Japs hold the SOUTH COCONUTS.

On 30 Jul Jap guns were reported to have fired from the vicinity of SCOUT HILL, Square 7296.

Confirmation has been received that part of 115 Inf Regt is in this area.

KOMIATUM AREA :

The enemy strength in position at 693935 is reported to be 40/50.

On 29 Jul a mountain gun fired 6 rounds into our positions at AMBUSH KNOLL and a further 26 on 30 Jul.

GOODVIEW JUNC AREA :

Active patrolling by our troops continues in this area. An Aust patrol now holds an unoccupied enemy position at 698907.

NAMLING AREA :

Our arty registered targets on SUGARCANE RIDGE.

MISSIM AREA :

At 1230 hrs an Aust patrol engaged a party of seven Japs at 552212.

SALAMAUA AREA :

During 30 Jul 181 Japanese were observed moving north across the footbridge at the mouth of the FRANCISCO RIVER.

BENA BENA AREA :

A sec of an Aust Indep Coy has established a patrol base at KUMAKA (LQ 2794).

ENEMY (ii) SEA :-

Between HANISCH HARBOUR and LANGEMAK BAY a total of 47 barges was sighted on 30 Jul.
Twelve barges were in LAE HARBOUR at 1630 hrs 29 Jul.
At 1812 hrs 30 Jul a large submarine with deck cargo was sighted in position 0530S 15215E (off south coast of NEW BRITAIN) on a southerly course.

At 1040K/31 three unidentified ships were sighted 23 miles SW of CAPE ST GEORGE, course North.

OWN (iii) AIR :-

On 30 Jul 6 B24s bombed MACDONALD's JUNC area and the SALAMAUA ISTHMUS.

On 30 Jul 6 B25s and 13 A20s attacked 22 to 24 barges at HANISCH HARBOUR, TIGEDU PT, MAPE R (LANGEMAK BAY) and CAPE DAMPIER. Six were destroyed.

RING RING Plantation (GASMATA) was bombed and two villages on ROOKE IS were strafed.

Ian Grant Capt
for Lt Col
GS 5 Aust Div

DISTRIBUTION

As per Adv HQ 5 Aust Div Intelligence Summary No 2

DUTY STAFF OFFICERS LOG SHEET

DUTY OFFICER: Maj V M BARKER

From 2200 hrs 31 Jul to 0800 hrs 1 Aug 43

Serial No	Originator	TOO	TOR	Subject	Action	Disposal
1	Phone HQF		1130	Request for 2 x 3 ton vehicles for ADOS MCRESSY at 0800 hrs 1 Aug.	Arranged with 152 Gen Tpt Coy	
2836&4	HQF	2140	0004	Approval B Bty 101 GA Bn AA Trial Shoot 2 Aug - location KILA drome - 3 AF to determine time of firing.	Held	G
05582	HQF	0915	0220	7 Bde will draw 8 Jeeps from 10 AOD for issue 841 LAD	"	AQ
05592	HQF	1305	0229	Arrange concentration at 961376, 964370 and 957366 of rear details and by capt 146 US Arty Bn	"	AQ
0916	RearHQ 5 Div	2130	0705	BAGSO and party of 12 departing MILNE BAY by air 1000 hrs 1 Aug - approx 2000 lbs stores including lighting plant.	"	AQ
GS 03599	1 Aust GS Workshop	1755	0705	For Engr stores - clutch shaft for T4 tractor, despatched air priority.	"	AQ
03	Adv HQ 11 Aust Div	1000	0705	Arrange Air movt DOBODURA Capt HUGHES, electricity plant, typewriter, Capt RYDER, Sgt WEBSTER, 2 ADOS clerks, census clerks	"	AQ
AH 337	6 Bde	0756	0705	Concurrence AQ 7896 of 27 Jul	"	AQ
05555	HQF	1950	0705	Ack to adm instn Q37.copies 13 & 24.	"	AQ
0 8160	HQF	2345	0800	Sitrep 795 to 2000K/31	"	G
-	HQF	2030	0800	HQF Intn Summary No 83 to 1800 hrs 31 Jul	"	G

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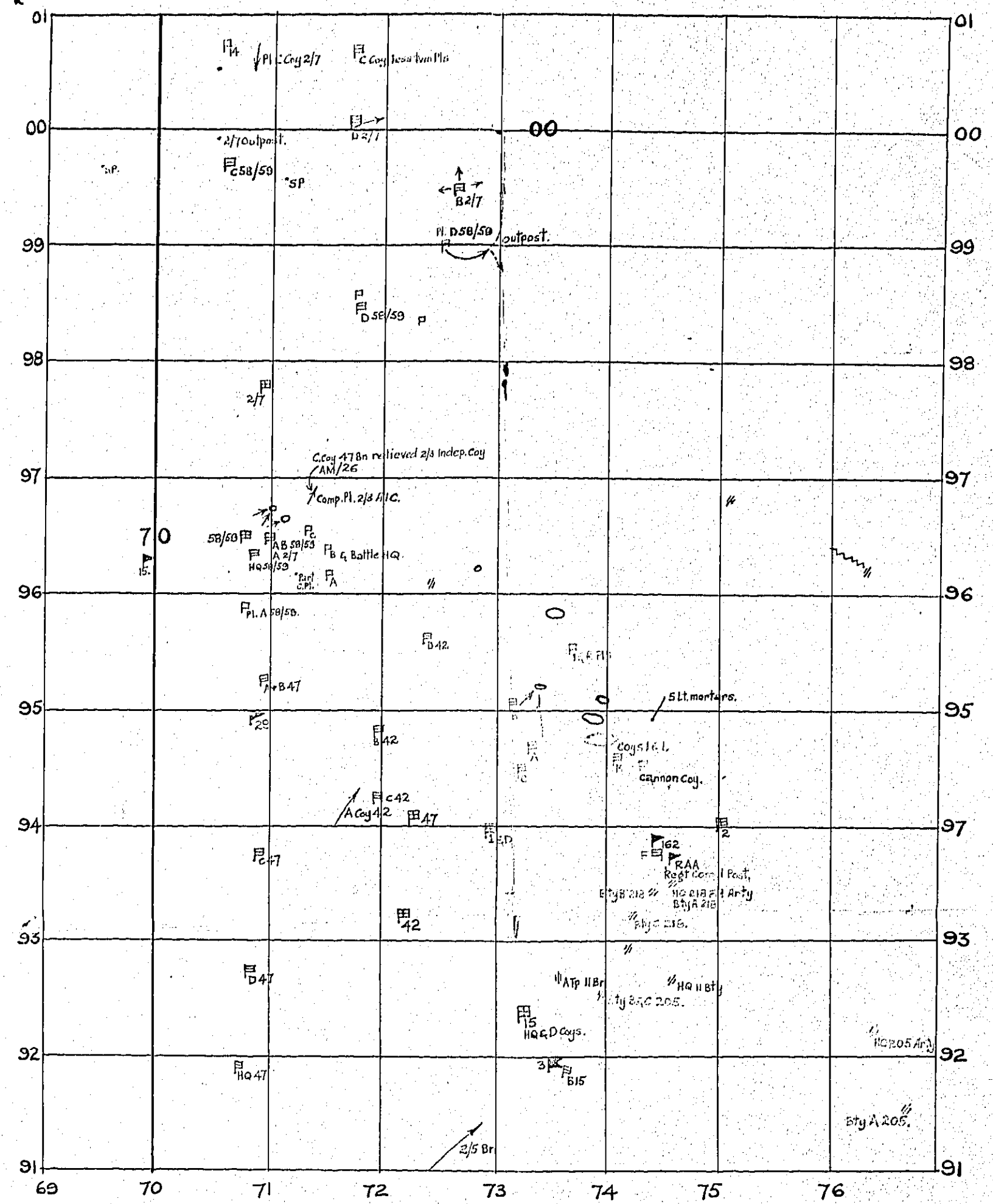
WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

(Erase heading not required).

Unit HQ 5 Aust Div Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs To 2359 hrs 1 Aug 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Murray Barracks Moresby	1 Aug	0830	Daily Staff Offs Log – Maj V M Barker	(Appx 1)
		0900	HQ 5 Aust Div Intelligence Summary 198	Secret Cipher (Appx 2)
		1400	5 Aust Div Order of Battle & Location Statement	G25 (Appx 3) Mor
			No 14 as at 2359 hrs 31 Jul 43	Secret
		1500	Comd AE&ME Notes for War Diary	Mor Secret 2186/56 (Appx 4)
			Weather - Fine & warm.	
		1600	5 Aust Div Adm Instr No Q35 of 19 Jul 43 –	Secret Q.2902 (Appx 4A)
			Amendment No 1	
				J A Theeler Capt



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ENEMY " " " BLUE.

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· DISPOSITION · OF · FORCES · AT · 0001K/26 AUG. 1943 ·

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TO 5 DIV MAIN 15 BDE 17 BDE 162 REGT NASSAU DET 15 BN 42 BN

FROM 29 BDE | Originator's Number 1511 | Date 30 | In Reply to Number

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SITREP	43	40	1200K/30	⊙	5
42	BN	⊙	8	pl	10
encountered	accurate	fire	from	jap	15
position	on	high	ground	100	20
yards	NORTH	TRACK	JUNC	731951	25
0800K/30	⊙	pl	holding	TK	30
JUNC	preparatory	to	push	move	35
Coy	A	and	C	Coys	40
⊙	NO	report	yet	from	45
9	pl	⊙	0745K/30	jap	50
soldiers	exhausted	surrendered	without	resistance	55
730953	⊙	patrol	left	D	60
Coy	1000K/30	to	clear	round	65
to	NORTH	of	CHARLIE	HILL	70
and	left	TRACK	⊙	recce	75
patrol	probing	jap	positions	⊙	80
47	Bn	⊙	A	and	85
B	Coys	actively	patrolling	⊙	90
B	and	left	flank	C	95
Coy	now	astride	TRACK	WEST	100
of	TK	JUNC	715971	⊙	105
adv	registering	jap	positions	vicinity	110
709966	⊙	1st	Bn	⊙	115
A	Coy	arrived	Bn	area	120
0800K/30	now	at	738924	all	125
informed	C.O.C.				130

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TO ADV 5 AUST DIV KIT 17 BDE 29 BDE RAA 5 D

FROM 15 AUST INF BDE | Originator's Number 01290 | Date 30 | In Reply to Number

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SITREP	318	do	1300K/30	O	5
58/59	BN	O	Routine	patrol	10
report	NMS	O	B	coy	15
patrol	moved	do	716972	at	20
0615K/30	do	contact	coy	47	25
BN	no	report	do	land	30
O	Recce	patrol	2/3	IND	35
COY	moved	NORTH	along	SANDY	40
CK	at	0830K/30	do	B	45
coy	2/7	BN	then	300	50
pos	EAST	observed	enemy	sentry	55
with	drew	do	make	another	60
approach	from	SOUTH	O	2/7	65
BN	O	B	coy	recce	70
partly	moved	do	area	708990	75
O	B	coy	Now	on	80
proceeds	of	following	58/59	BN	85
pls	this	area	B	coy	90
recce	patrol	moved	along	gully	95
NE	do	approx	708995	heard	100
enemy	digging	O	standing	patrol	105
16	men	BENN	force	coy	110
704991	O	2/3	IND	coy	115
SITNOR	ALL	INFORMED			120
	GOC		G2 + L		125
	G1		AD+BB =		130

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TO HQ 45 Div Inf Bde RAA Capt FULLER

FROM 162 US Regt | Originator's Number 214 | Date 30 | In Reply to Number

(Write horizontally)

Ref	128	30	1300 K/30	1030 K/30	5
A	CO	force	contacted	by	10
telephone	and	are	on	foot	15
of	large	and	area	unknown	20
which	accurately	by	coordinates	out	25
between	741959	and	747965	O	30
killed	2	Japs	dead	29	35
and	6	Repeat	small	parties	40
of	Japs	moving	through	their	45
rear	probably	evacuating	O	2	50
patrols	to	ME	along	track	55
Rear	[illegible]	Japs	[illegible]	[illegible]	60
further	report	O	Attn	patrol	65
out	90	contact	E	CO	70
and	F	CO	mor	report	75
O	signals	arranged	O	A	80
CO	each	O Aug	30	3 officers	85
57	FA	wounded	O	L	90
[illegible]	bad	heavy	fire	ing	95
[illegible]	infantry	effected	1	CO O	100
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	report	yet O	105
[illegible]	patrols	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	110
OC	[illegible]	report	O		115
			GOC		120
			GI		125
			GII		130
			AD		
			BB		

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be	returned	to	this	unit	as
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TO Adv 5 Div Pass RAA Rgt Fuller

FROM 16 US Regt | Originator's Number 211 | Date 30 | In Reply to Number

(Write horizontally)

Dump	1x	40	1830K/30	⊙	5
at	1315K/30	I	Co.	and	10
I	Co.	made	contact	after	15
taking	Jap	perimeter	at	junc.	20
Moresville	Ridge	and	scout	Ridge	25
⊙	only	resistance	sporadic	and	30
Moresville	main	guard	suicide	force	35
10 ⊙	other	Japs	leaving	area	40
in	small	groups	with	part	45
of	their	equipment	were	shot	50
during	their	withdrawal	⊙	est.	55
80	killed	mostly	buried	probably	60
by	arty	and	mortar	fire	65
10 ⊙	complete	perimeter	estimated	40	70
have	killed	200	Japs	⊙	75
perimeter	now	~~[illegible]~~	secured	40 200	80
yds	to	north	toward	junc.	85
B	ridge	⊙	a	Co.	90
now	on	ridge	at	approx.	95
738959	⊙	Japs	occupy	posn	100
200	yds	to	north	⊙	105
crest	of	main	scout	ridge	110
achieved	400	yd	approx.	350	115
yds	east	⊙	A	Co.	120
Japs	killed	est.	20	Japs	125
in	last	24	hours	⊙	130

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TO

FROM	Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
	217	30	

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Japs	were	moving	to	north
without	packs	⊙	vacated	perimeter
perm	129	aug	contained	5
dead	Japs	as	result	of
arty	fire	⊙	0900	to
1500/K/30	small	recce	patrols	moved
to	high	ground	on	a
ridge	land	up	creek	to
750696	⊙	reports	of	activity
on	prime	D	and	E
ridges	and	up	e	ridge
including	chopping	⊙	c	co
moved	to	relieve	aust	cos
and	go	into	perm	at
735955	⊙	patrols	of	cos
E	and	F	advanced up	
ridge	200	yds	to	near
740955	⊙	encountered	jap	resistance
to	20	yds	of	their
posns	⊙	est	japs	killed
6	our	cas		killed
2	wounded	⊙	patrols	withdrew
slightly	and	dug	in	for
night	⊙	regtl	cp	moved
from	747944	to	752944	⊙
all	unformed			

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GOC = Zulu
GIC =

Time of origin 1830K

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CALL AND DISTRIBUTION SIGNS	IN	Z XOI M OP	No. of Groups GR. 40	OFFICE DATE STAMP 1 30 AIC
	OUT			

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TO 3 DIV info 24 Bn

FROM	Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
TOJO	E387	30	

0831 one canoe from LABU up MARKHAM RIVER past TARI 0950 to 1000 five explosions from LAE suspect naval gun shelling via Tobrine 1320 to 1400 struck mvt WEBBS VACUUM ECHAFFS

GOC = [illegible]
GI = [illegible]
GII [illegible]
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LB.

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Immediate

TIME OF ORIGIN 1420K/30

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CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS.	IN	-Z2-T-X0124 — OP	No of Groups GR.	OFFICE DATE STAMP
	OUT		62.	

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TO Aus 5 Div. 1st Aa 17 Bde 29 Bde Kaa 3 Div.

FROM 15 Bde | Originator's Number 01293 | Date 30 | In Reply to Number

(Write horizontally)

Situat	319	to	1930	K/30
O	58/59	Bn	O	B
Coy	patrol	left	716982	at
1830	K/30	for	721977	A C D
Coys	nothing	to	report	O
D	Coy	24	Bn	O
18th	report to	Jap	killed	6
trees	but	chopping	ceased	0715
K/30	O	MALOKA	OP	B72032
observed	smoke	at	687036	684034
at	1700	K/30	and	smoke
from	4	fires	approx	724026
at	1745	K/30	all	informed

GOC =
G1
G11
AD =
BB

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TIME OF ORIGIN 1940

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OUT

No. of Groups GR.

OFFICE DATE STAMP 30 AUG.

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TO 1 AUST CORPS

FROM 5 AUST DIV | Originator's Number 056 | Date 30 | In Reply to Number

(Write horizontally)

SECRET	⊙	Intrep	17	to	5
2000K/30	⊙	15	bde	to	10
1930K/30	⊙	patrol	activity	continues	15
⊙	29	bde	to	1800K/30	20
⊙	47	bn	⊙	B	25
Coy	patrols	active	one	enemy	30
pillbox	710967	attacked	and	cleared	35
5	JAPS	killed	⊙	A	40
Coy	carried	out	recce	for	45
attack	1430K/31	⊙	C	Coy	50
did	NOT	reach	track	junc	55
716971	as	heavy	opposition	encountered	60
714968	⊙	slight	casualties	Coy	65
now	at	716968	⊙	42	70
bn	⊙	~~pl~~ D	coy	vicinity	75
722956	patrol	sent	726959	then	80
726958	⊙	pl	ambush	set	85
On	track	to	north	CHARLEY	90
HILL	⊙	A	and	C	95
Coys	moved	from	731953	north	100
along	two	tracks	⊙	A coy	105
on	right	encountered	opposition	730956	110
and	C	coy	726955	⊙	115
C	Coy	moved	to	728957	120
and	attacked	enemy	posns	whilst	125
A	coy	prepared	firm	base	130

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TO

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FROM

Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
056	30	

(Write horizontally)

100yds	to	SE	for	both	5
Coys	night	30/31	dug	⊙	10
162	LS	regt	to	1830K/30	15
⊙	I	and	L	Coys	20
made	contact	after	taking	JAP	25
perimeter	approx	737948	⊙	~~count~~	30
~~Sepeals~~,	estimated	80	JAPS	killed	35
in	area	over	period	by	40
arty	and	mortar	fire	⊙	45
posn	now	secured	to	200	50
yds	to	north	towards	approx	55
741951	⊙	JAPS	occupy	posn	60
200	yds	to	north	⊙	65
20	JAPS	estimated	killed	by	70
4	Coy	in	last	24	75
hrs	⊙	C	Coy	moving	80
to	736955	⊙	patrols	E	85
and	F	Coy	advanced	to	90
approx	740955	encountered	opposition	estimated	95
6	JAPS	killed	⊙	patrols	100
withdrew	slightly	and	dug	in	105
⊙	RAA	3	aust	div	110
to	1900K/30	⊙	1145K/30	105	115
MMs	engaged	JAP	movt	vicinity	120
AA	posns	on	peninsular	with	125
good	results				130

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TIME OF ORIGIN 2115

T.H.I. 2125

T.O.R.

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MESSAGE FORM

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CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS. IN: G1 G2 Z — X01 — T — X03456 OP

OUT: AD+BB. =

No of Groups GR. 280

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TO 5 Div. 15 Bde 17 Bde 162 US Regt NASSAU DEF 15 Bn 42 Bn 47 Bn

FROM 29 Bde | Originator's Number i 511 | Date 30 | In Reply to Number

(Write horizontally)

Sitrep 44 to 1930 K/30 ⊙ 42 Bn ⊙ 9 Pl returned A Coy 1340 K/30 having been unable contact D Coy ⊙ C Coy moved from 731953 1215 K/30 followed by A Coy ⊙ finding opposition on WEST TRACK at 728955 C Coy moved NW from TK JUNC 731955 to by pass ⊙ going very rough opposition again struck 738955 ⊙ C Coy attacked and silenced several positions ⊙ A and C Coys now in perimeter for night vicinity 738956 ⊙ D Coy patrol worked round NORTH of CHARLEY HILL and Cut TRACK at 726959 then moved 100 yards south REPORTS track lit the used recently heard Japs chattering to SOUTH and on perimeter ⊙ Second patrol moved to SOUTH of CHARLEY HILL but struck opposition 726956 ⊙ Jap prisoner attempted escape while being escorted by HQ and shot ⊙ 47 Bn A Coy patrolled actively today making recces for attack. every preparation also made ⊙ Patrol from B Coy attacked Pill Box 710967 with grenades killing 5 Japs ⊙ C Coy during the day tried to secure TK JUNC 716971 but after reaching 716968 found strong Jap positions NORTH east and WEST ⊙ five LMG's and one HMG located 712968 ⊙ Several attempts made to contact patrol from 58/59 Bn without success ⊙ Coy withdrew to Perimeter 715956 for night ⊙ our casualties during actions today Coy Comd MAJ LEACH killed 10 OR killed 4 ORS wounded ⊙ one off accidentally wounded ⊙ 15 Bn ⊙ D Coy and 15 Pl now at 749943 ⊙ Bde HQ ⊙ Jap captured this area 1630 K/30 being held for examination by interpreter from 15 Bde. AM/31 all informed

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TELEPHONE MESSAGE FROM BDE COMD 29 AUST INF BDE

SUMMARY OF TODAY'S OPERATIONS

47 BN

B Coy - Active patrolling - one patrol attacked pillbox at 710967 killing 5 JAPS and clearing pillbox.

A Coy - A Coy carried out recce for attack 1430K/31 to pinch out positions to the NORTH. Arty programme is being arranged.

C Coy - C Coy making for track junction 716971 and due to bad leadership remained stagnant. Coy Comd was relieved of his comd and Maj LEITCH sent to assume comd. The Coy then moved WEST to 714968 where it struck opposition suffering a few casualties, including Maj LEITCH who was killed. Capt PASCOE is now in comd and Coy is at 716968. No contact has been made with 58/59 Bn. Fire from 5 LMGs 1 Hy MMG and rifles was encountered ~~by patrol~~ at 712968.

42 BN - D Coy is facing CHARLEYS HILL. Sent a patrol to 726959 and then SOUTH to 726958. They found the track to be little used and heard usual JAP chattering to the SOUTH. A pl ambush has been set along the track to the NORTH of CHARLEYS KNOLL. The patrol sent to the SOUTH and EAST did not reach the track owing to enemy opposition at 726956.

A and C Coys:

A and C Coys moved out from 731953 and northwards up the two tracks. The right coy encountered opposition at 730956 and left Coy at 726955. Officer in comd decided to bypass and moved both Coys. C Coy at 728957 is attacking enemy positions to the NORTH. A Coy 100 yds SE is preparing firm base for the night. Contact was made with B Coy 162 US Regt at 731953 and Bde Comd is enquiring about possibility of supplying our two coys through American L of C.

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GOC
G1
G2
AD
BB

J.H. Sherrin Capt
30 Aug.

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OFFICE DATE STAMP

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS. IN: 2 - T2 - X0124 - OP

OUT:

No of Groups GR. 140.

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TO Ado 5 Div. Rptd 17 Bde 29 Bde Rua 5 Div.

FROM 15 Bde | Originator's Number 01294 | Date 30 | In Reply to Number

(Write horizontally)

Sitrep	320	to	2180 K/30	⊙
2/7	Bn	⊙	a	Coy.
now	in	posn	708993	@
C	Coy	⊙	Patrol	NE
along	Spur	from	705998	fired
on	200	yds	along	spur
attack	failed	to	locate	enemy
⊙	Patrol	1	offr	6
ors	NE	along	Spur	from
703986	⊙	Located	Area	barricade
and	1	fall	600/700	yds
along	Spur	⊙	fired	on
fall	⊙	fire	resumed	by
Enemy	LMG	offr	and	a
on	wounded	⊙	D	Coy
patrols	north	and	cleared	also
contact	patrols	to	A	Coy
and	HQ 58/59	Bn	mms	@
BENA	pl	patrol	removed	from
695005	down	track	cleared	to
LESLIES	track	then	north	100
yds	where	patrol	was	ambushed
1	or	killed	2	wounded
⊙	patrol	withdrew	all	informed
	GOC	G2 - VMB		
	G1	AQ + BB		

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T.O.R. 2315

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MESSAGE FORM

Serial No. 178

CALLS AND INSTRUCTIONS.	IN	2-X01 -T- X04	No of Groups GR.	OFFICE DATE STAMP
	OUT		56.	30 AUG.

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TO 3 Div. pft 29 15 Bde 162 US Regt. 42 Bn

FROM 47 Aust Inf Bn | Originator's Number i 365 | Date 30 | In Reply to Number

(Write horizontally)

WELLS	OP	O	1530	MG	5
fire	on	KELA	HILL	1540	10
P 38	overhead	1555	Transport	planes	15
overhead	1610	smoke	~~[illegible]~~ on	ARTY	20
HILL	1640	arty	fire	on	25
HANGARS	1650	fall	Japs	observed	30
region	MACDONALD	JUNCT	1658	US	35
arty	fired	on	MACDONALD	JUNCT	40
					45
					50
					55
					60
					65
					70
	GOC	G2			75
	G1	ADVBR			80
					85
					90
					95
					100
					105
					110
					115
					120
					125
					130

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L	2315										

T.H.I. 1815

T.O.R. 2315

AD+BB

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MESSAGE FORM

Serial No.

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS. IN: NP-2-X01-T-X02-OP

OUT

No. of Groups: 167

OFFICE DATE STAMP: 31 AUG.

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TO: 5 Aust Div 1 Aust Corps 15 Aust Inf Bde

FROM: Wampit Force | Originator's Number: 8799 | Date: 30 | In Reply to Number: 8781

(Write horizontally)

most	secret	⊙	plan	for
OPS.	under	direct	order	from
NGF	was	based	on	availability
of	1	offr	and	46
ORS	X	list	and	rear
detail	personnel	sent	first	to
24	BN	special	request	to
NGF	⊙	this	unit	responsible
for	huge	area	⊙	L
of	C	extremely	vulnerable	without
there	re	inforcements	cannot	accept
state	⊙	NGF	OP.	indns
89	allotted	1	bn	less
1	coy	for	OPS.	from
BUANG	to	WATUT	RIVER	⊙
includes	defence	several	times	7
offrs	300	ORS	being	average
strength	2	coys	in	your
area	⊙	only	9	offrs
221	ORS	rifle	coys	~~[illegible]~~
remain	with	unit ⊙	as	it
appears	to	late	to	extricate
22	ORS	already	moved	to
D	coy	24	BN	under
comd	15	aust	inf	Bde
request	1	offr	24	ORS

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OFFICE DATE STAMP 31 AUG

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS. IN NP - 2 - 402 - 7-X012 (OP) OUT

No. of Groups GR. 115

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TO NGF 1 Aust Corps 5 Aust Div 2 Coy 2/4 Bn

FROM WAMPIT FORCE | Originator's Number 758 | Date 30 | In Reply to Number

(Write horizontally)

secret	sitrep	29	40	2/4 S.F. 30
O	2/4	Bn	O	GABENSIS
native	reports	unknown	number	japs
seen	GABENSIS	TRACK	42944	NADZAP
1	inch	O	no	report
2	TBS	guarding	nation	line
at	camp	O	phone	lines
not	yet	cut	all	positions
including	GABENSIS	air	strip	guards
standing	40	O	14	JL
C	coy	at	OOMSIS	42944
moving	40	cut	BWARIP	GABENSIS
back	O	B	coy	P.A.B.
MARKHAMS	from	KIRKS	TO	NGARANENO
B	BL	moving	BENS.	GABENSIS
40	close	track	O	all
confirmed				

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G1 =

G2 - [illegible]

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TO NGF RPTD IAUST CORPS 5 AUST DIV 24 BN

FROM WAMPIT FORCE | Originator's Number I 123 | Date 29 | In Reply to Number

(Write horizontally)

SITREP	26	to	2000K/29	O	5
24	BN	O	1030K/29	14	10
pl	HQ	established	new	GABENSIS	15
429414	NADZAB	1	section	15	20
pl	arrived	WAMPIT	967391	WAIME	25
1 in	O	1315K/29	1	section	30
15	pl	arrived	WAMPIT	O	35
1655K/29	1	section	11	pl	40
arrived	PARTEP	TWO	272225	ROAMER	45
1 in	O	1330K/29	reg	our	50
patrol	left	Jimi	base	554217	55
WAGO	1	to	recce	track	60
5	bank	BUANG	RIVER	to	65
count	O	all	informed		70
					75
					80
GOC					85
G1					90
G2					95
AQ&B					100
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2025K/29

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TO Rear 5 Div

FROM 162 US REGT | Originator's Number 224 | Date 31 | In Reply to Number

SITREP 126 to 1300K/31C Coy B now moving north on west flank Coy A possession Coy I plus 1 pl Coy K moved passed evacated perimeter at junc B ridge and Scout track and are at present facing opposition from north Coy L less one pl moving back to 3 Bn area (D) Coy K less one pl occupying

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FROM | Originator's Number | Date | In Reply to Number

area left by Coy L two recce patrols followed by stronger combat patrols from E and F Coys deployed in a possession to cover gully and ridges at junc C and B ridges and have observed hill bosco and dawn fire. no late report. 2 patrols are out from 2 Bn and combat and PIB to investigate enemy

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TO

FROM

Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number

party after wire cut from F Coy to 2 Bn during night evidence of several japs at garden between D and C ridges other patrol active toward lower LOKANU Ridge all infmd

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Signed

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T.O.R. 1440

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MESSAGE FORM

Serial No. 210

CALL FOR INSTRUCTIONS	IN	After [illegible]	No. of Groups CR	OFFICE DATE STAMP
	OUT	/		R241

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TO NGF 4th Inf 3 AWST DIV

FROM	Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
BENA FORCE	0466	30	

SITREP	188	to	2000	30 M	0
100	change	active	fighting	all	area

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MESSAGE FORM

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No of Groups GR. 88 | OFFICE DATE STAMP 31 AUG.

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS. IN: HP-Z-T2-X0184-(OP)46 | OUT:

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TO Adv 5 Aust Div rpt 17 Bde 29 Bde RAA 5 Div

FROM 5 Aust Inf Bde | Originator's Number 01295 | Date 31 | In Reply to Number

(Write horizontally)

Patrol	32	Inf	0700 K/31	⊙
D	Coy	24	Bn	⊙
18	bl	patrol	reported	in
1950 K/30	reported	tracks	south	from
685023	finished	at	creek	691017
⊙	proceed	along	creek	and
then	east	to	695019	from
691017	⊙	route	in	west
to	682017	then	north	no
other	tracks	found	⊙	21/7
bn	58/59	Bn	2/3	indep
coy	⊙	5 Tnk	⊙	arty
harassing	fire	on	ARNOLDS	CREST
during	night	all	informed	
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TO 162 (B) REGT 15 BE

FROM ADV 5 AUST DIV | Originator's Number 0 63 | Date 31 | In Reply to Number

(Write horizontally)

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be	will	be	operating	in
the	area	between	excl	C
ridge	and	incl	LOKANU	ridge
and	WEST	as	for	as
SCOUT	RIDGE	as	from	0600K/31
(.)	this	movement	will	in
to	way	be	allowed	to
affect	your	plans	or	alter
your	objective	(.)	CO	15
to	has	been	instructed	to
maintain	close	liaison	with	CO
2/162	to	with	a	view
to	providing	mutual	assistance	

G2 - [illegible]

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Serial No.			
IN	KP 2 X0134	No. of Groups GR. 39	OFFICE DATE STAMP 1945 AUG 31
OUT			

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TO 3 DIV MT 29 Bde 15 Bde 162 regt 42 BN

FROM	Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
42 BN	1368	31	

WEKS	OP O	0615	ARTY	fire	KELH
hill	0730	four	jap	observed	on
macdonald	junct	0820	three	Japs	observed
MACDONALD JUNCT					
			G2 - Yus		
			AD 88		
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MESSAGE FORM

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FROM NG FORCE 08521 25

SITREP 845 to 2000K/25 (.)

FIRST (.) 3 DIV to 1400K/25 (.) ref sitrep 844 for map ref enemy posn ROOSEVELT RIDGE read 748949 (.)

COASTAL area (.) fwd tps 162 REGT now at 745957 (.) attack in progress against enemy posns at NW end ROOSEVELT ridge (.) jap gun reported firing from 750968 (.)

29 BDE (.) ref map KOMIATUM 3539 1/25000 sheet form lines feature sq 7295 inaccurate (.) 42 BN amended area 723956 - 719942 - 720926 (.) are attacking enemy at 724956 with arty support (.) 2/5 BN moving TAMBU BAY (.)

BOBDUBI area (.) 30 japs moving NE from contained enemy posns at 710965 dispersed by part 2/3 INDEP COY on track 714968 (.) attempted encircle our posns but driven back (.)

SALAMAUA area (.) party 58/59 BN crossed to south of FRANCISCO river at 728988 (.) patrol to 729990 and 1000 yds north (.) enemy position to north of 725995 engaged with mortar fire (.) enemy digging in vicinity det 2/7 BN at 707007 were forced to withdraw (.) dets 2/7 BN at 717007 report no contact but found 36 huts completed and under construction in area (.)

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SECOND (.) BENA FORCE to 0800K/25 (.) recce patrol USINI ref WO 2588 attacked by japs and withdrew (.)

THIRD (.) AIROPS 25 aug (.) HANSA BAY area (.) 48 hy and 53 med bombers bombed and strafed first bivouac areas in AWAR and NUBIA plantations second AA emplacements and dumps in vicinity CONDON PT NUBIA third shipping and barges in HANSA BAY (.) two vessels 1000/1500 and 500/1000 tons many barges and several luggers destroyed (.)

FOURTH (.) SHIPPING SIGHTINGS (.) 0900K/25 three vessels 80/90 ft heavily laden left SALAMAUA towards LAE apparently towing barges all informed

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TOO 2955 K/25

Heliustin Maj for Lt Col G.S.

1035

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BENA FORCE		IMMEDIATE
WAMPIT FORCE	DRLS	
TSILI TSILI FORCE	DRLS	
MORESBY BASE AREA	DRLS	
ANGAU	DRLS	
COMP AA DEFS	DRLS	
NAVAL COMD NGF	DRLS	
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USN MORODE (through No	3 Base Sub Area)	IMMEDIATE
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ADDRESSEES : SEE OVER

FROM : NGF 0 8505 25

SITREP 844 to 1000K/25 (.)

FIRST (.) 3 DIV to 2000K/24 (.)

NO japs except possible stragglers south of line from enemy posns NW end ROOSEVELT RIDGE 750948 to KONIATUM track area 710965 (.)

COASTAL area (.) 162 REGT (.) 1900K/23 and 0400K/24 JAPS attacked on NW end ROOSEVELT RIDGE (.) attacks repulsed (.) JAP gun area 752968 fired intermittantly into area 745943 during 23 and 24 aug (.)

RAA 3 DIV (.) PM 24 aug 1000 rds fired into enemy posn on NW end ROOSEVELT RIDGE (.) 2 type 97 dive bombers dropped 2 bombs harmlessly at 745938 (.) one A/C hit engine and tail by AA departed losing height. (.)

0600K/24 REAR HQ 3 DIV opened NASSAU BAY 826817 (.) morning 24 aug 2/6 BN less one coy left TAMBU BAY for NASSAU BAY (.)

KONIATUM track (.) 1530K/24 29 BDE assumed comd 17 BDE ops area (.) elements 47 BN at 708952 and 709937 (.) remainder bivouac area 707919 (.)

BOBDUBI area (.) HQ 58/59 BN complete at 708964 (.) portions 2/7 BN and 58/59 BN engaged enemy posns 710965 harassing fire during night 23/24 aug (.)

SECOND (.) SHIPPING SIGHTINGS (.) 1045K/24 one 1500 one 500 ton vessel several small luggers and barges WEWAK HARBOUR (.) 1240K/24 several small harbour craft stationary off MUSCHU IS three cargo vessels 500/1000 tons three small boats course 120 degrees in MUSCHU STRAIT

all informed

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Originator's Instructions
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TOO
1200 K/25

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1045

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TSILI TSILI FORCE	DRLS	
MORESBY BASE AREA	DRLS	
ANGAU	DRLS	
COMP AA DEFS	DRLS	
NAVAL COMD NGF	DRLS	
COMTASKFORCE 76 (through US NAVCOM MORESBY)		IMMEDIATE
USN MORODE (through No 3 Base Sub-Area)		IMMEDIATE
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MESSAGE FORM

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS	IN: Z OP	No. of Groups GR. 24	Serial No. 3073 OFFICE DATE STAMP 31 AUG 199
	OUT:		

TO: Adv 5 Div (ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

FROM	Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
Alor Star	4367	31	

All	photo	mission	town	cloud	prevented
first	attempt	second	being	made	approx
1200	request	arty	support		
		RAA advised by phone 1145/31			
ADCB					CIA

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MESSAGE FORM

Serial No. 20994 300

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS.	IN 936-744 Cipher Secret RV39	No of Groups GR.	OFFICE DATE STAMP
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TO NGF. 5 AUST DIV. 9 AUST DIV. 9 AUST DIV. WAMPIT. FORCE

FROM 1 AUST. CORPS. | Originator's Number C/28. | Date 30 | In Reply to Number

(Write horizontally)

SITREP. 2 60 2000 K/30 O 1 O

5 AUST. DIV. 6 2000 K/19 O Contact reported O

patrols from B. 162 regds. Crocker

abandoned JAP Armoured car 73693 O enemy

70 MM. gun 60 mins and equipt

captured O Coy. L moved 300

south North 0 Rem 73646 overcoming

slight enemy resistance O patrol engagement O

5 O WAMPIT. FORCE No further report

received O 30 air observation 29th AUG. O

GASMATA bombed O 2 bases damaged

2 miles WEST of CAPE. BEECHEY O 30"

AUG. O WEWAK area incomplete report O

17 liberators bombed DAGUA drome 14

gunned and destroyed O 9 MARAUDERS

bombed CAPE GLOUCESTER running damaging

barge O 9 MITCHELS attacked 5 to 9 barges

BORGEN BAY 4 to 5 destroyed or

damaged O 6 BOSTONS attacked 5 to 6

barges MAPE ruins 3 destroyed 2.

badly damaged O air surveyed

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	OUT	G11	HD+13B	R231

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TO 5th AUST DIV 7 AUST DIV 9 AUST DIV NANPIT FORCE

FROM 1 AUST CORPS | Originator's Number 019 | Date 30 | In Reply to Number

(Write horizontally)

SITREP	1	to	1800 K/30	
⊙	NANPIT	FORCE	to	2800 K/29
⊙	NO	change	⊙	AIR
OPS	2.5	AUG	⊙	4
Hundreds	shaped	GARMATZING	Russian	⊙
hut	completely	destroyed	by fire	⊙
29th	AUG	⊙	45	ATTACKS
bombed	and	strafed	shipping	shunts
and	Komsoshl	ALEXINAFEN	⊙	12
forces	destroyed	fires	started	⊙
BORATIN	village	and	road	bombed
and	strafed	buildings	destroyed	fires
started	⊙	35	LIBERATORS	OVER
WEWAK	and	BORAM	airfields	several
grounded	a/c	destroyed	fires	started
⊙	enemy	fighters	intercepted	18
destroyed	9	probable	⊙	one
allied	a/c	missing	⊙	preliminary
report	Zero	fighters	escort	7
enemy	fighters	destroyed	3	probable
⊙	bus	surface	AEN	vessel
bombed	and	attacked	approx	75
miles	north	DAGRA	Vil	Lae
⊙	all	informed		

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	OUT			

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TO 3 Div

FROM DA-W+ SHIMAU CM | Originator's Number G881 | Date 31 | In Reply to Number —

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1600	Ao	0800	Sidmon	
	Dtd 31 Aug		Immediate	
	AD			0800
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MESSAGE FORM

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CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS.

IN 611 2 T2 X0124 GP

OUT

No of Groups GR. 132

OFFICE DATE STAMP

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TO Cdr 5 Chst Div HQ 17 Bde 29 Bde RHA 5 Chst Div

FROM 15 Chst Inf Bde | Originator's Number C1298 | Date 31 | In Reply to Number

(Write horizontally)

Patrol 322 to 1336K/31 O 58/59 Bn O
patrol from 716974 along track to
713970 through Bual to 708972
then along track to BHQ
O killed 1 jap at 709974
started to be observing west
side of river towards 2/7 Bn
HQ and 2/3 Ind Coy area O
jap had no rifle O ~~of~~ D Coy 24 Bn
O 18 pl report further chopping
and tree felling by enemy O
2/7 Bn O O Coy patrol moved up
Yelo NE along spur from
703966 found large boulders on
track but no evidence enemy mvt
O B Coy patrol to area 708955 report
enemy still in occupation O 2/3 Ind
Coy & other all informed

708994

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TIME OF ORIGIN 1350

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TO 5 Div 15 Bde 17 Bde 162 US Regt NASSAU DEF 42 Bn 47 Bn

FROM 29 Aust Inf Bde | Originator's Number 1515 | Date 31 | In Reply to Number

(Write horizontally)

SITREP 47 to 1200K/31 ⊙ 42 Bn ⊙ A Coy patrol line NORTH along track to 729959 ⊙ A Coy casualties from mortar and LMG fire 1800K/30 6 wounded 4 of whom remained on duty ⊙ one pl B Coy moving to A Coy area to reinforce D Coy ⊙ C Coy patrol 71 patrol to reduce enemy posns ⊙ patrol 72 track running NORTH from Charles Hill to contact patrol 74 from D Coy ⊙ D Coy patrol 74 around CHARLES HILL to NE end & to ambush track CHARLES HILL to NEK-NIK ⊙ C Coy clashed with enemy 0740K/31 our casualties 1 believed killed ⊙ 47 Bn ⊙ patrol of one sec left B Coy 1145/31 to contact standing patrol 58/59 bn at 716971 by route along NORTH bank FRANSISCO R ⊙ patrols from C Coy reduce enemy posns to NE ⊙ C Coy amended casualties 30 Aug killed in action 1 offr 10 OR wounded 4 ORs accidentally wounded 1 offr 3 ORs ⊙ arty registered on BRUR 711967 0830K/31 ⊙ two ORs slightly wounded by arty registration ⊙ All informed

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TO NGF Cipher 3 DIV

FROM	Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
BENA FORCE.	O 469	31	

SITREP	189	to	0860/31 O	No	change
all	areas				
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MESSAGE FORM

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CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS.

IN: Z T2 x024 OP UC

OUT:

No of Groups GR. 80

OFFICE DATE STAMP

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TO: Adv 5 Armd Div Spd 17 Bde 29 Bde RAA 5 Div

FROM: 15 Armd Inf Bde

Originator's Number: O1299

Date: 31

In Reply to Number:

(Write horizontally)

Subject 323 to 1430K/31 O

48/59 Bn O A Coy moved fwd and occupied following posns 1130K/31 O Coy HQ [illegible] 7/C 9/C 7189985 O D Coy recce patrol time out 0830K/31 time in 1130K/31 moved north 20 yds from coy HQ then east 250 yds heard voices but could not distinguish if enemy O all informed

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CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS. IN

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TO 1 AUST CORPS rpt 11 AUSD DIV TSILI TSILI FORCE

FROM ADV 5 AUST DIV | Originator's Number 0 72 | Date 31 | In Reply to Number

(Write horizontally)

SECRET	O	patrols	19	to	5
1400 K/31	O	15	bde	to	10
1300K/31	O	active	patrolling	continues	15
O	29	bde	to	1040K/31	20
O	47	bn	C	coy	25
bivouaced	night	30/31	aug	at	30
715965	NOT	715956	as	previously	35
reported	O	162	US	sent	40
to	1300K/31	O	locations	coy	45
A	738959	coy	B	737955	50
coy	D	731944	O	coy	55
B	now	moving	north	of	60
coy	I	vicinity	740952	and	65
encountering	opposition	O	coy	L	70
moving	to	3	bn	area	75
O	coy	K	moving	to	80
area	vacated	by	coy	L	85
O	fighting	patrols	from	E	90
and	F	coys	vicinity	744949	95
and	745957	of	other	patrols	100
active	O	15	bn	to	105
1100K/31	O	B	coy	relieved	110
by	A	coy	PIB	and	115
now	at	738923	O	C	120
coy	less	one	pl	751954	125
of	RAA	3	aircft	dw	130

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FROM	Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
	0 72	31	

(Write horizontally)

to	1200K/31	O	night	30/31
and	harassing	fire	on	beach
738013	do	744012	O	0900K/31
two	bty	105	mm	engaged
enemy	vicinity	CHARLEY	HILL	O
0946K/31	105	mm	engaged	enemy
Barges	SAMOA	HARBOUR	O	1120K/31
two	bty	205	US	on
engaged	JAP	most	track	June
744812	causing	casualties	all	informed

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T.H.I. 1523

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MESSAGE FORM

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CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS.

IN DIV: Z: X01 · T: X05

OUT

No of Groups GR. 91

OFFICE DATE STAMP 1 AUG.

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TO 5 Aust Div 29 Bde 15 Bde Hq Bn 162 US regt

FROM 47 Aust Inf Bn | Originator's Number I 371 | Date 31/7 | In Reply to Number ——

(Write horizontally)

WELLS OP C 0840 5 japs on road to WIRELESS
stn 0900 fired on by US arty 0929 6 japs
~~[illegible]~~ on south end of DROME 1005 MG
fire on KELA HILL 1030 2 japs on beach at
end of DROME 1035 3 small boats on left
of ISTHMUS 1105 20 japs moving towards
ISTHMUS 1110 fired on by US arty 1115
US arty fired on isthmus 1120 mg fire
on SCOUT HILL

Gee
G1
G2 - Villis
AD-88.

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		L [illegible]		1850							

T.H.I. 1325

T.O.R. 1850

To 5 DIV. rptd 29 Bde
From Omaha

23 31

31 AUG 1944

ref sitrep to 1800 ⊙ wounded man reported missing rescued by one Sec D Coy under cover arty fire at dusk tonight

T.O.O. 1905
T.H.I. 1906

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(Pads of 100)
S.W. 12th pads

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MESSAGE FORM

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CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS.

IN: DIV Z : X01 : T : X024 : OP

OUT

No of Groups GR. 95

OFFICE DATE STAMP 31 AUG

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TO: adv 5 aust Div rpt 17 Bde 39 Bde KAR 5 Div

FROM: 15 aust Inf Bde

Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
01300	31	

(Write horizontally)

SITREP 324 Ar 1900K/31 O 58/59 Inf O A Coy recd patrol Ar 718986 found 2 enemy killed and several weapons pits unoccupied O 5 pl now occupying pos O E B CD coys nothing to report CD bn/7 Inf O B coy reports clearing dead in enemy pos on Aspin Ar NEO D Coy local patrols NMS O 1/3 Gurkas Coy O MMG Ar 713972 engaged 3 Japs Ar DAMAGED PILLBOXES 716964 rebuilt unobserved all informed

Gee
GIII
GI-Ops
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T.O.R. 1936

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MESSAGE FORM.

Serial No. 2720

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS.			No. of Groups	OFFICE DATE STAMP
	IN	GOC G1 ADABB.	GR.	31 AUG.
	OUT	G2 VUB		

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TO 5 DIV. Hd 29 BDE.

FROM AMIFS. | Originator's Number. I.2 | Date. 31. | In Reply to Number.

(Write horizontally)

Patrol	to	180K/31.	O	D. Bty.
digging	in	perimeter	for	night
between	line	D and E	ridge	and
inct.	of	SCOUT	RIDGE.	748965.
O	further	recce	later	this
afternoon	revealed.	enemy.	with	L.M.G.
on	high	ground.	above	Bty.
O	Arty.	giving	cov.	close
support	for	night	perimeter	and
have	registered	on	enemy	troops
O	Our	casualties	in	today
are.	1 Killed	1 other	and	9 OKs
wounded	O	one	Lt.	officers
and	one	rec.	m. m.G.	will
send	to	cay.	first	light.

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			T.O.R.

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TO

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FROM

Originator's Number.

Date.

In Reply to Number

(Write horizontally)

1 Sep.	to	cohort	further	activity.
by	D. bay.	tomorrow	with	C. bay.
ready	to	cohort.		

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CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS.	IN	Z: X01: T: X05	No of Groups GR. 79	OFFICE DATE STAMP 31 AUG
	OUT			

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TO 5 Div rptd 39 Bde 15 Bde 47 Bn 16 US Regt

FROM 47 Anti Tank Bn	Originator's Number 2375	Date 31	In Reply to Number —

(Write horizontally)

WELLS OP O 1415 smoke NORTH of WIRELESS stn 1500 mg fire on ARTY hill 1510 x JAPS walking towards HELA HILL 1515 unidentified plane attacking from NW 1530 smoke both side NORTH tip of peninsula 1550 smoke RISING from south hill 1555 x ~~PA~~ JAPS on MACDONALD JUNCT 1733 x JAPS macdonald junc 1750 arty ~~PA~~ HEAVILY shelled whole area centering WIRELESS stn

GOC
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G2 - VMB
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(Form of [illegible])
(Reprinted [illegible] 1940.)

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Serial No. 223

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS.	IN	No. of Groups GR.	OFFICE DATE STAMP
	OUT GOC G1 RAA G2 - VIKI HOBB O.P		31 AUG. 43

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TO 5 AUSTDIV. RPT. BALDWIN VIKI WEBB.

FROM	Originator's Number.	Date.	In Reply to Number.
~~5 AUST DIV.~~ R.A.A.	RAC38	31	

(Write horizontally)

Secret Sitrep 23 to 1900K (.)
enemy activity Salamaua (.) Wells
O.P reports 0930K 10 Japs in area
S.W. end airfield engaged by 105 results
not observed (.) 0940K 6 Japs NORTH
of airfield moving into wooded area
(.) 1030K 2 Japs on north beach NO
jacks did not appear in open (.) 1130K
30 Japs full packs moving east to
MacDonalds Junction (.) Engaged with 2
platoons and caught in open (.) believed
heavy casualties (.) 1530K 2 Japs seen visiting
MacDonalds Junction entering possible billet
(.) 1615K 1 Jap seen in Coconut Grove also
east beach (.) 1810K considerable mort. S.W.

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OUT 2

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TO

FROM

Originator's Number. Date. In Reply to Number.

(Write horizontally)

corner of airfield ⊙ engaged with 6 Arty Bns
⊙ area heavily shelled with considerable
effect this mor by daylight in areas which
the enemy must know are registered. Air
indicates the work being conducted is of
considerable importance. At 1m ⊙ 0200 A
small proceeded north across Ind Field was
fired on by varied Jap weapons including
field fire ⊙ returned and repeated fire
with artillery OBS and w/T Sec ⊙. Registered Jap
gun position and lobbed shells in
1300 air OP engaged same area firing
300 rounds concentration ⊙ reported considerable
activity and lobbed shells during ⊙ one large
destroyed 4 others observed ⊙. (B Coy 162) at

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	IN	No. of Groups GR.	OFFICE DATE STAMP
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TO

FROM	Originator's Number.	Date.	In Reply to Number.

(Write horizontally)

junction D and E ridges and ~~[illegible]~~
~~Gen.~~ ~~[illegible]~~ F00 engaged Jap positions in this
area (.) C Coy 162 at 730952 (.) 1 Coy 738949
(.) 1615K 1 Pl fired AT hard vicinity 11
Bty B TP (.) fire returned withdrawn A Jap later captured
this vicinity by P.I.B. (.) F00 42 Bn right
A and C Coy now 3rd to objectives (.) [illegible]
holding strongly defended line 725958 east
to Scout Hill (.) B Coy moving west along
Charlie Hill 1/9 (.) Lord co fired [illegible]
support 1130 to 1430K good effect
Dawson CP Sitnor (.) Situation as for this
this area caused many heavy casualties and danger
all informed

5	10	15	20	25
30	35	40	45	50
55	60	65	70	75

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MESSAGE FORM

Serial No. 224

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS.			No of Groups	OFFICE DATE STAMP
	IN	DIV: Z; XOI: T3456 OP	GR.	31 AUG
	OUT	GOC G1 G2-Ops 30 + 28	278	

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TO 5 Corps 15 Bde 17 Bde 16 Regt Nassau Dept 15 Bn 47 Bn

FROM 29 Bde. | Originator's Number Z516 | Date 31 | In Reply to Number ------

(Write horizontally)

SITREP 48 hrs 19 C.K/31 O 47 bn O from action by A and C coys today established gap. Line of mutually supporting LMG posts from 725957 to 728958 thence 736957 O rounds of firing land from ring contour 733956 O A and C coys move forward 728956 O pl from D coy moved WEST thence NORTH up CHARLIE HILL O to gap occupied previous 728958 thence to track patrol 723961 O patrol on return located two parallel tracks NOT recently used running NNW from 723961 O dotted observed at 723957 O second patrol moved east on track at 727955 thence north 300 yds O gap held to WEST stopping O 10 pl B coy O 720951 11 pl with D coy O casualties O/R bn today 1 OR killed 61 offr 9 OR wounded 6 offr and 1 offr 40 OR remaining on duty O 47 bn O patrols from C coy have established line of gap LMG posts running from 713967 to 718969 O from 718965 track RUNS south along SPUR towards CHARLIE HILL O patrol to 718965 killed 5 Japs O C coy and DET pile more fire base 715967 O patrol 3 men 10 pl located pillbox 710967 threw 2 grenades into pillbox killing 3 Japs O B coy patrol crossed FRANCISCO 800 yds EAST south of BURALI CK moved NORTH 150 yds but did NOT locate TRACK NOR make contact standing patrol 58/59 bn O only fired 300

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TO

FROM	Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number

(Write horizontally)

rounds SOUTH end KUNAI PATCH 713966 O
3 direct hits stop and entrance dugouts O
locating disc fillbucks can now be opened
all informed

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MESSAGE FORM

Serial No. 225

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS.	IN	G.O.C. HQ 4 CB G1 G3 — X01	No of Groups GR.	OFFICE DATE STAMP 1 AUG
	OUT	G2-WNB		

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TO: ADV 5 DIV from 4th Cdn Div

FROM: 22nd Bde

Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
225	31	

(Write horizontally)

22nd Bde 126 So 1500 hrs 31 Boarded 4 man patrol from
6 Coy ambushed near JUNC of Trap Dyke and
Hog Back ambushed enemy patrol ⊙ 4 coy out
advance track junction EAST and WEST of Officer
93 & 94 on Hogback Ridge ⊙ about 20 Japs are about
100 yds EAST with argument from and south of track
some wounded and left ⊙ another est 20 Japs in
So forward as 93 & 56 ⊙ also known No. 1 Platoon
A Platoon area 93 & 94 ⊙ the track to the East
to the Bamboo ⊙ 6 coy in area 7009 & with out
posts in area the track JUNC to WEST and north of C
Coy to 6 Coy Ridge 2 Japs in area south of C
B coy still active in Bde reserve ⊙ coy F combed
parallel ridges along Mdow to front F coy remained
to dress the 20 Japs killed and wounded C and D
and also our casualties. Had ⊙ coy E 12 men patrol
moved to support 1 coy ⊙ had killed 2 Japs ⊙ down
cas ⊙ 1 wounded ⊙ Have cut and killed out of
the time but 1 coy patrol unconscious on contact
⊙ the E coy force pushed to coordinate at the
JUNC with 6 coy on the hill ⊙ 4 coy and patrol
K coy a complete high point including B and C
area 7009 ⊙ the officer 75 Japs Nor plus of
JUNC & ridge and Head Trap ⊙ 6 coy Sepunna
200 yds distance from 6 coy Bde Japs
and high ground between them ⊙ Japs

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TO

FROM

Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number

(Write horizontally)

Estimated Lightly held and can be be attacked following morning range ⊙ No hate reports ⊙ Total TMs during 15 May I not BN Ephemeris ⊙ our coy I assumed of feels calculation ⊙ Air TMP relaxed found attack had unless signal ⊙ K coy flies attached aeroplane see 1 [illegible] accepting TMP forwards aeroplane see 1 and K coy fixing ⊙ can refuse from 1 BN ⊙ Cadence Early from R coy No B coy approached No [illegible] 15 yds of neck No H coy ⊙ [illegible] Hold up approach of 30 TMs moving [illegible] TMP forwards call ⊙ 155 yds [illegible] of [illegible] coy with [illegible] heavy and fighting with [illegible] fusion ⊙ Report from Early and [illegible] [illegible] I TMs [illegible] [illegible] area 76595 No 600 yds North ⊙ [illegible] under [illegible] shell and [illegible] line of groups of [illegible] ⊙ [illegible] coy NOT be occupied [illegible] or [illegible] [illegible] ⊙ 10 to 15 TMs [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] range 0936 4/31 ⊙ [illegible] [illegible] concentration 150 yds in general [illegible] ⊙

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Gr - Team
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MESSAGE FORM

Serial No. 226

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS.	IN DIV : Z : X01 : T : X024 -OP	No of Groups GR. 292	OFFICE DATE STAMP 31 AUG
	OUT G		

(ABOVE THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

TO adv 5 Aust Div 4th 17 Bde 29 Bde 2nd Div

FROM 15 Aust Inf Bde | Originator's Number 01301 | Date 31 | In Reply to Number

(Write horizontally)

SMKER 325 At 2100K/31 O 2/7 bn O report of 3 one C coy reported missing when returning from EDWARDS SPUR Gte C coy area not returned 1130K/31 after absence 6 days O from EDWARDS SPUR followed known trail NW lost on enemy track NOT previously reported O and off by enemy who permitted party move through depth firing own casualties 1 wounded O party familiar with area but movement hampered by contact with many large gps enemy knowledge absence O Continual enemy movement SW direction area north of arnolds crest O estimate area north of DRONCHI CREST heavily reinforced and enemy constructing strong defs on high gd O 1800K/29 8 shells from arty O landed among large gp enemy area 710003 from screams and sounds digging later considered many casualties O enemy defs 2/300 yds O SE this point fresh intelligence of party enemy forces located as follows O 712012 O 706007 infdce 710009 and area 714007 O party killed 10 enemy while absent wounded others O A coy O contacted location 709995 O recce patrol north along track ambushed 70 yards land ch FDL fired on by 2 LMG's own casualties 4 killed 4 wounded O B coy O 1 pl 707994 O standing patrol 708993 O contact ~~party~~ patrols between A & D cys rms O C coy report fire observed 704008 O 58/59 bn O recce patrol found enemy digging

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TO

FROM

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one 717987 on spur running NW ⊙ unoccupied
enemy hut to at 717988 ⊙ C enf disposition ⊙ HQ
717991 13 pl 717992 14 pl 0717990 and with under
cmd 9 pl 2-4 bn 715988 comp pl 2-4 bn
717988 all informed

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THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT AS WRITTEN BY ANY MEANS: ("(EXCEPT) ", WITHOUT)

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* ORIGINATOR MAY DELETE "EXCEPT" AND INSERT "INCLUDING."

THIS MESSAGE MUST BE SENT IN CYPHER IF LIABLE TO INTERCEPTION OR TO FALL INTO ENEMY HANDS.

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ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS
DEGREE OF PRIORITY
Immediate

TIME OF ORIGIN
2120

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